

# Chapter 5

## Divide and Conquer



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# Divide-and-Conquer

## Divide-and-conquer.

- Break up problem into several parts.
- Solve each part recursively.
- Combine solutions to sub-problems into overall solution.

## Most common usage.

- Break up problem of size  $n$  into **two** equal parts of size  $\frac{1}{2}n$ .
- Solve two parts recursively.
- Combine two solutions into overall solution in **linear time**.

## Typical consequence.

- Brute force:  $n^2$ .
- Divide-and-conquer:  $n \log n$ .

Divide et impera.  
Veni, vidi, vici.  
- *Julius Caesar*

## 5.1 Mergesort

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# Sorting

**Sorting.** Given  $n$  elements, rearrange in ascending order.

Obvious sorting applications.

- List files in a directory.
- Organize an MP3 library.
- List names in a phone book.
- Display Google PageRank results.

Problems become easier once sorted.

- Find the median.
- Find the closest pair.
- Binary search in a database.
- Identify statistical outliers.
- Find duplicates in a mailing list.

Non-obvious sorting applications.

- Data compression.
- Computer graphics.
- Interval scheduling.
- Computational biology.
- Minimum spanning tree.
- Supply chain management.
- Simulate a system of particles.
- Book recommendations on Amazon.
- Load balancing on a parallel computer.
- ...

# Mergesort

## Mergesort.

- Divide array into two halves.
- Recursively sort each half.
- Merge two halves to make sorted whole.



Jon von Neumann (1945)

A	L	G	O	R	I	T	H	M	S
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A	L	G	O	R
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I	T	H	M	S
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divide  $O(1)$

A	G	L	O	R
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H	I	M	S	T
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sort  $2T(n/2)$

A	G	H	I	L	M	O	R	S	T
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merge  $O(n)$

# Merging

**Merging.** Combine two pre-sorted lists into a sorted whole.

**How to merge efficiently?**



- Linear number of comparisons.
- Use temporary array.



**Challenge for the bored.** In-place merge. [Kronrod, 1969]



using only a constant amount of extra storage

## A Recurrence Relation

Def.  $T(n)$  = number of comparisons to mergesort an input of size  $n$ .

Mergesort recurrence.

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \underbrace{T(\lceil n/2 \rceil)}_{\text{solve left half}} + \underbrace{T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)}_{\text{solve right half}} + \underbrace{n}_{\text{merging}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Solution.  $T(n) = O(n \log_2 n)$ .

There are several ways to prove this recurrence. Initially we assume  $n$  is a power of 2 and replace  $\leq$  with  $=$ .

## Proof by Induction

**Claim.** If  $T(n)$  satisfies this recurrence, then  $T(n) = n \log_2 n$ .

↑  
assumes  $n$  is a power of 2

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \underbrace{2T(n/2)}_{\text{sorting both halves}} + \underbrace{n}_{\text{merging}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Pf.** (by induction on  $n$ )

- Base case:  $n = 1$ .
- Inductive hypothesis:  $T(n) = n \log_2 n$ .
- Goal: show that  $T(2n) = 2n \log_2 (2n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(2n) &= 2T(n) + 2n \\ &= 2n \log_2 n + 2n \\ &= 2n(\log_2(2n) - 1) + 2n \\ &= 2n \log_2(2n) \end{aligned}$$



# Analysis of Mergesort Recurrence

**Claim.** If  $T(n)$  satisfies the following recurrence, then  $T(n) \leq n \lceil \lg n \rceil$ .

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \underbrace{T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)}_{\text{solve left half}} + \underbrace{T(\lceil n/2 \rceil)}_{\text{solve right half}} + \underbrace{n}_{\text{merging}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\log_2 n$

**Pf.** (by induction on  $n$ )

- Base case:  $n = 1$ .
- Define  $n_1 = \lfloor n / 2 \rfloor$ ,  $n_2 = \lceil n / 2 \rceil$ .
- Induction step: assume true for  $1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq T(n_1) + T(n_2) + n \\ &\leq n_1 \lceil \lg n_1 \rceil + n_2 \lceil \lg n_2 \rceil + n \\ &\leq n_1 \lceil \lg n_2 \rceil + n_2 \lceil \lg n_2 \rceil + n \\ &= n \lceil \lg n_2 \rceil + n \\ &\leq n(\lceil \lg n \rceil - 1) + n \\ &= n \lceil \lg n \rceil \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_2 &= \lceil n/2 \rceil \\ &\leq \left\lceil 2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil} / 2 \right\rceil \\ &= 2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil} / 2 \\ \Rightarrow \lg n_2 &\leq \lceil \lg n \rceil - 1 \end{aligned}$$

## 5.3 Counting Inversions

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# Counting Inversions

Music site tries to match your song preferences with others.

- You rank  $n$  songs.
- Music site consults database to find people with **similar** tastes.

**Similarity metric:** number of inversions between two rankings.

- My rank:  $1, 2, \dots, n$ .
- Your rank:  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ .
- Songs  $i$  and  $j$  **inverted** if  $i < j$ , but  $a_i > a_j$ .

<i>Songs</i>					
	A	B	C	D	E
Me	1	2	3	4	5
You	1	3	4	2	5

Inversions  
3-2, 4-2

**Brute force:** check all  $\Theta(n^2)$  pairs  $i$  and  $j$ .

# Applications

## Applications.

- Voting theory.
- Collaborative filtering.
- Measuring the "sortedness" of an array.
- Sensitivity analysis of *Google's* ranking function.
- Rank aggregation for meta-searching on the Web.
- Nonparametric statistics (e.g., Kendall's Tau distance).

# Counting Inversions: Divide-and-Conquer

Divide-and-conquer.

- **Divide**: separate list into two pieces.

1	5	4	8	10	2	6	9	12	11	3	7
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Divide:  $O(1)$ .

1	5	4	8	10	2	6	9	12	11	3	7
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# Counting Inversions: Divide-and-Conquer

## Divide-and-conquer.

- Divide: separate list into two pieces.
- **Conquer**: recursively count inversions in each half.

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Divide:  $O(1)$ .

1	5	4	8	10	2	6	9	12	11	3	7
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Conquer:  $2T(n / 2)$

5 blue-blue inversions

8 green-green inversions

5-4, 5-2, 4-2, 8-2, 10-2

6-3, 9-3, 9-7, 12-3, 12-7, 12-11, 11-3, 11-7

# Counting Inversions: Divide-and-Conquer

## Divide-and-conquer.

- Divide: separate list into two pieces.
- Conquer: recursively count inversions in each half.
- **Combine**: count inversions where  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  are in different halves, and return sum of three quantities.

1	5	4	8	10	2	6	9	12	11	3	7
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Divide:  $O(1)$ .

1	5	4	8	10	2	6	9	12	11	3	7
---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	----	----	---	---

5 blue-blue inversions

8 green-green inversions

Conquer:  $2T(n / 2)$

9 blue-green inversions

5-3, 4-3, 8-6, 8-3, 8-7, 10-6, 10-9, 10-3, 10-7

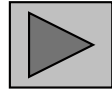
**Combine:** ???

Total =  $5 + 8 + 9 = 22$ .

## Counting Inversions: Combine

**Combine:** count blue-green inversions

- Assume each half is **sorted**.
- Count inversions where  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  are in different halves.
- **Merge** two sorted halves into sorted whole.



↖ to maintain sorted invariant

3	7	10	14	18	19
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2	11	16	17	23	25
6	3	2	2	0	0

13 blue-green inversions:  $6 + 3 + 2 + 2 + 0 + 0$

Count:  $O(n)$

2	3	7	10	11	14	16	17	18	19	23	25
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Merge:  $O(n)$

$$T(n) \leq T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$



## 5.4 Closest Pair of Points

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# Closest Pair of Points

**Closest pair.** Given  $n$  points in the plane, find a pair with smallest Euclidean distance between them.

**Fundamental geometric primitive.**

- Graphics, computer vision, geographic information systems, molecular modeling, air traffic control.
- Special case of nearest neighbor, Euclidean MST, Voronoi.

↑  
fast closest pair inspired fast algorithms for these problems

**Brute force.** Check all pairs of points  $p$  and  $q$  with  $\Theta(n^2)$  comparisons.

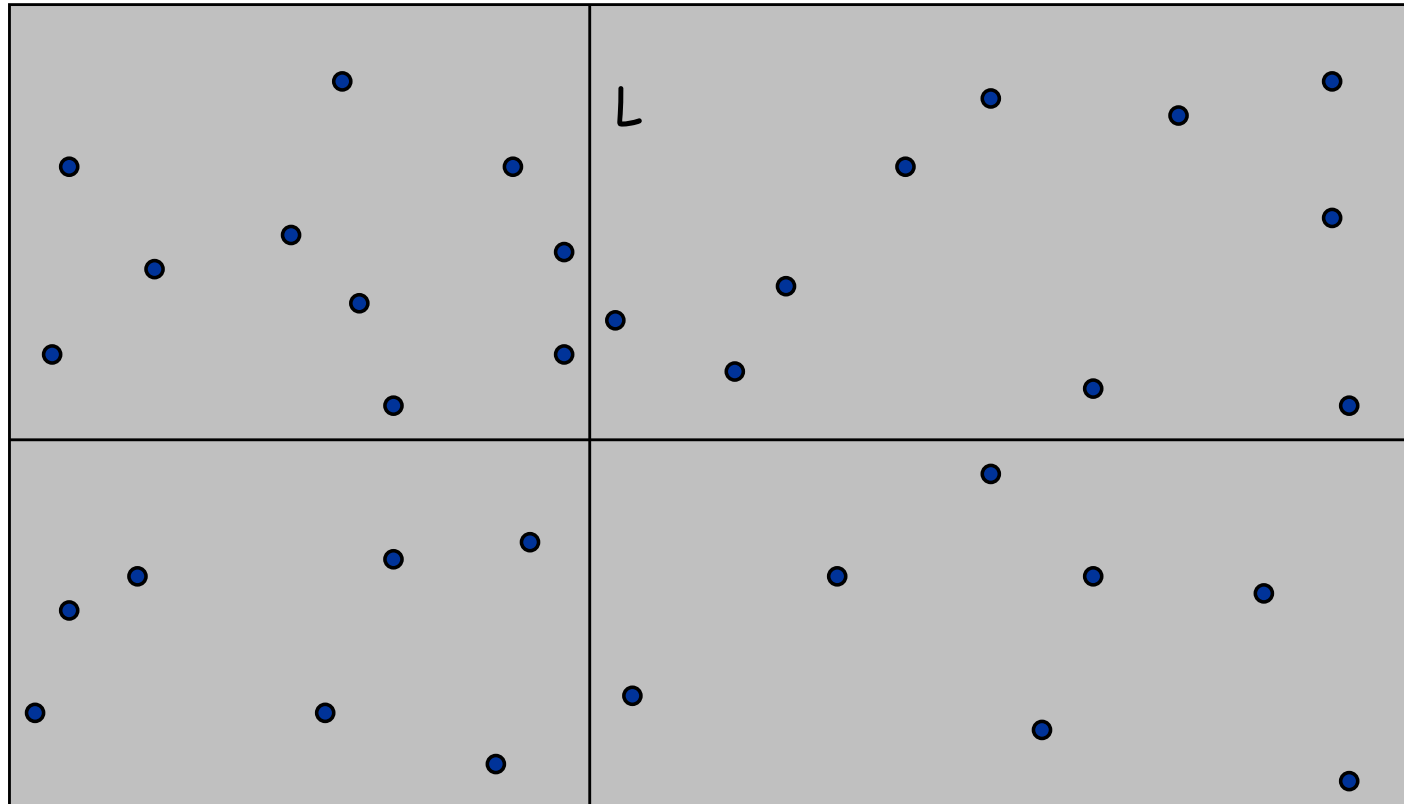
**1-D version.**  $O(n \log n)$  easy if points are on a line.

**Assumption.** No two points have same  $x$  coordinate.

↑  
to make presentation cleaner

## Closest Pair of Points: First Attempt

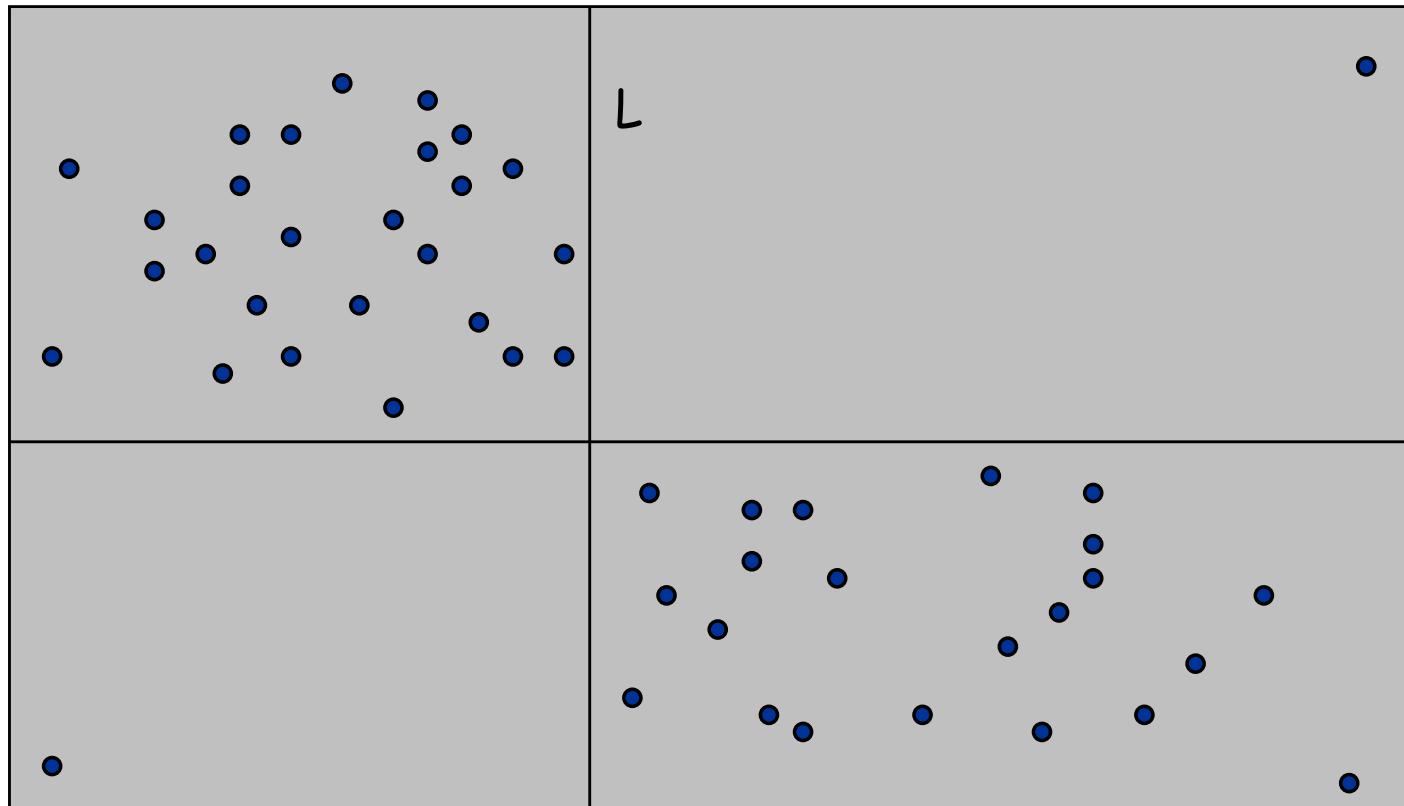
**Divide.** Sub-divide region into 4 quadrants.



## Closest Pair of Points: First Attempt

**Divide.** Sub-divide region into 4 quadrants.

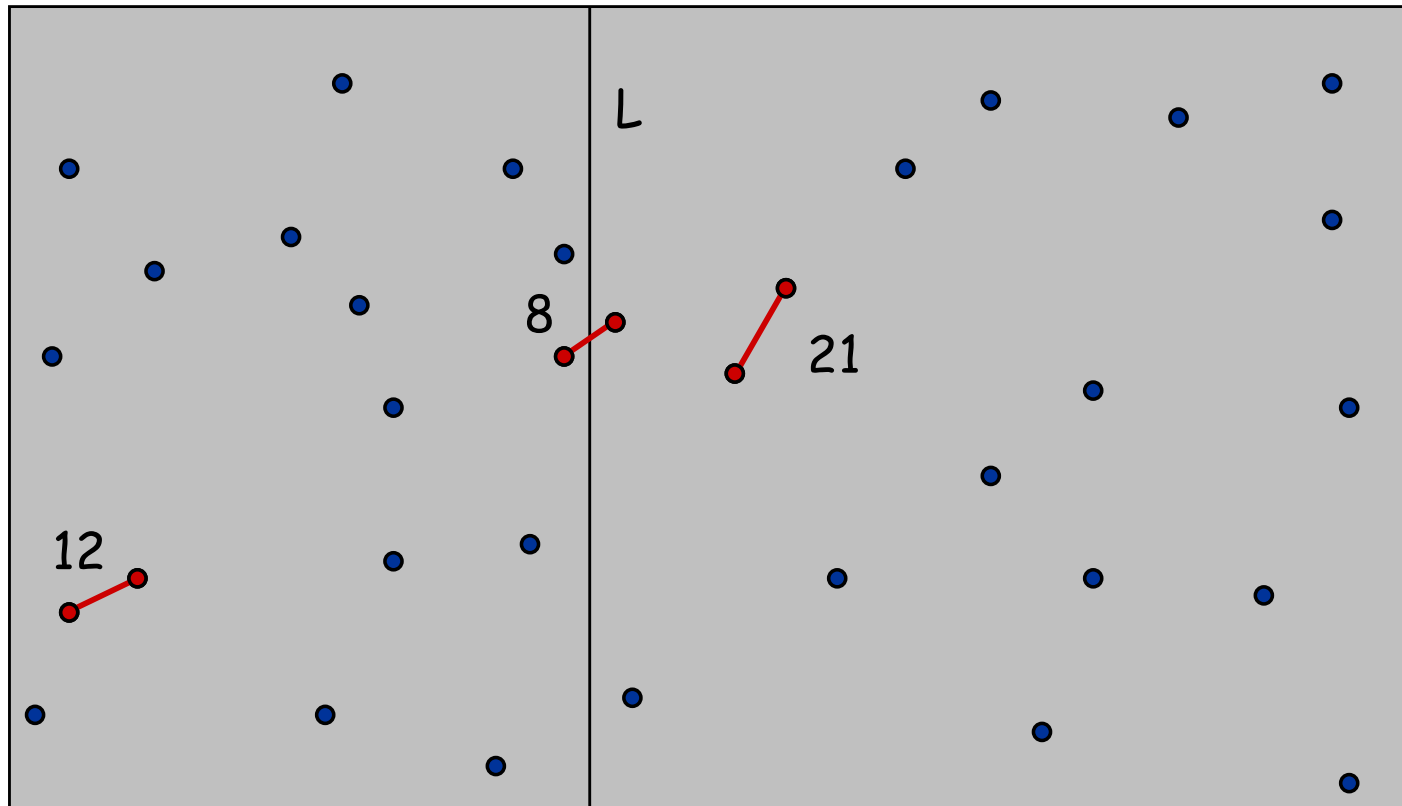
**Obstacle.** Impossible to ensure  $n/4$  points in each piece.



# Closest Pair of Points

## Algorithm.

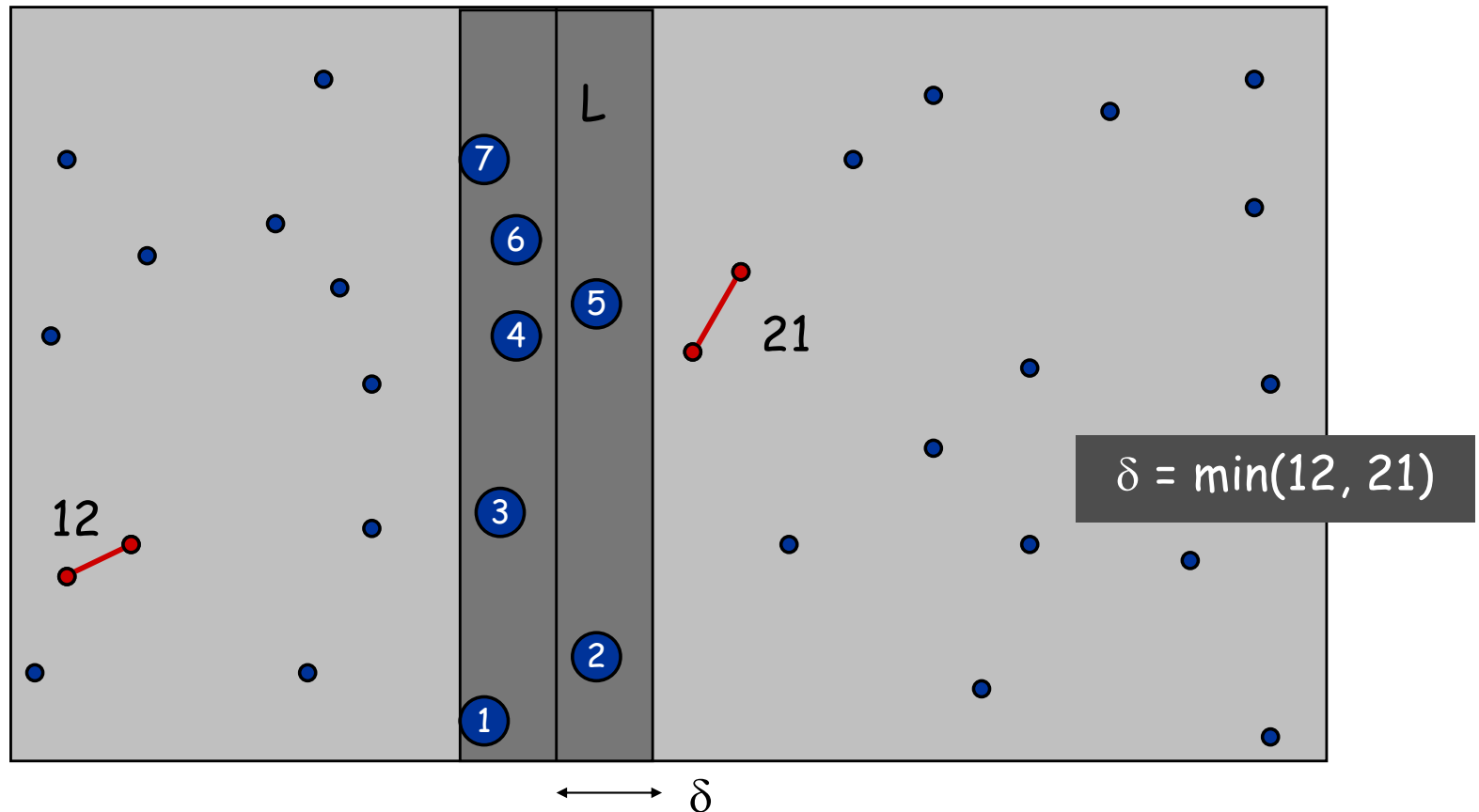
- Divide: draw vertical line  $L$  so that roughly  $\frac{1}{2}n$  points on each side.
- Conquer: find closest pair in each side recursively.
- **Combine**: find closest pair with one point in each side. ← seems like  $\Theta(n^2)$
- Return best of 3 solutions.



## Closest Pair of Points

Find closest pair with one point in each side, **assuming that distance  $< \delta$** .

- Observation: only need to consider points within  $\delta$  of line  $L$ .
- Sort points in  $2\delta$ -strip by their  $y$  coordinate.
- Only check distances of those within 11 positions in sorted list!



## Closest Pair of Points

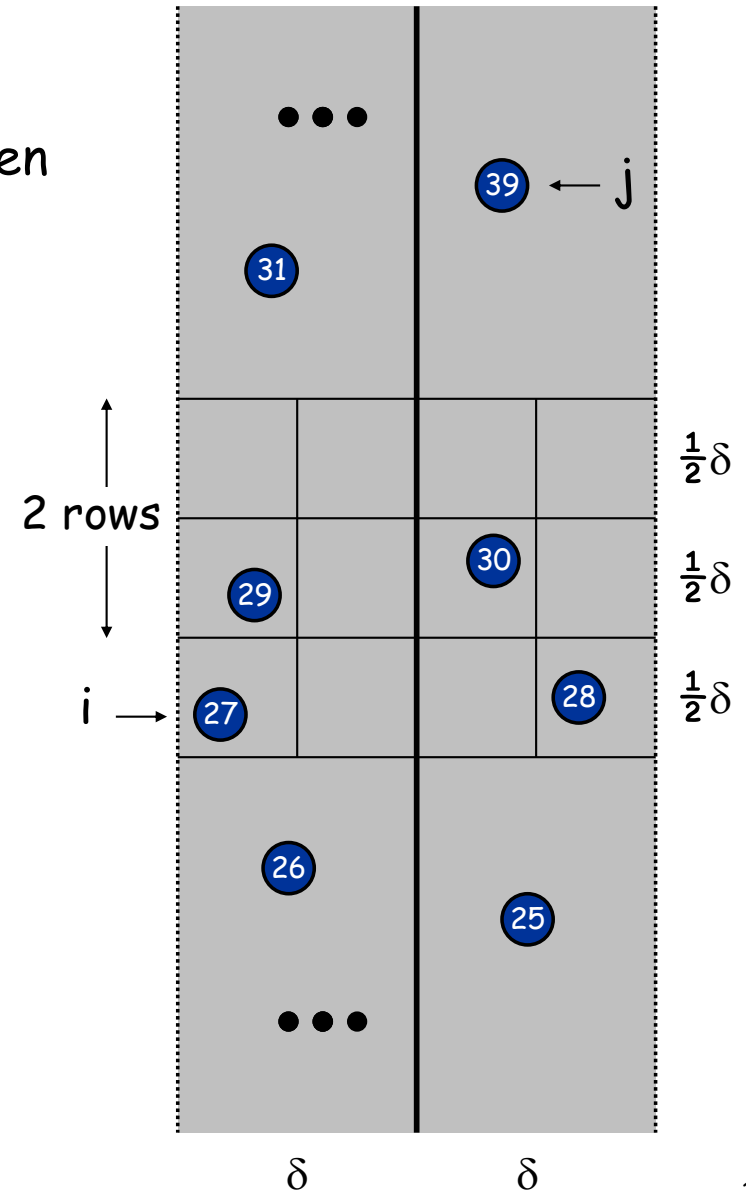
**Def.** Let  $s_i$  be the point in the  $2\delta$ -strip, with the  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest  $y$ -coordinate.

**Claim.** If  $|i - j| \geq 12$ , then the distance between  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  is at least  $\delta$ .

**Pf.**

- No two points lie in same  $\frac{1}{2}\delta$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}\delta$  box.
- Two points at least 2 rows apart have distance  $\geq 2(\frac{1}{2}\delta)$ . ▪

**Fact.** Still true if we replace 12 with 7.



# Closest Pair Algorithm

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Closest-Pair( $p_1, \dots, p_n$ ) {  
    Compute separation line  $L$  such that half the points  
    are on one side and half on the other side.  $O(n \log n)$   
  
     $\delta_1 = \text{Closest-Pair}(\text{left half})$   
     $\delta_2 = \text{Closest-Pair}(\text{right half})$   $2T(n / 2)$   
     $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$   
  
    Let  $S$  be the set of points at distance at most  $\delta$  from  
    separation line  $L$ .  $O(n)$   
  
    Sort  $S$  by  $y$ -coordinate.  $O(n \log n)$   
  
    Scan points in  $y$ -order and compare distance between  
    each point and next 11 neighbors. If any of these  
    distances is less than  $\delta$ , update  $\delta$ .  $O(n)$   
  
    return  $\delta$ .  
}
```



## Closest Pair of Points: Analysis

Running time.

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n \log n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log^2 n)$$

Q. Can we achieve  $O(n \log n)$ ?

- Yes. Always keep two sorted lists of a set of points  $P$ ,  $P_x$  and  $P_y$ , sorted by  $x$ - and  $y$ -coordinates resp.
- Before each recursive call, precompute  $R_x$ ,  $R_y$ ,  $L_x$ , and  $L_y$  (where  $L$  and  $R$  are the points to the left and to the right of the separation line, resp.) in  $O(n)$  time. How?
- Also compute  $S_y$  in  $O(n)$  time. How?

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

## 5.5 Integer Multiplication

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# Integer Arithmetic

**Add.** Given two  $n$ -digit integers  $a$  and  $b$ , compute  $a + b$ .

- $O(n)$  bit operations.

**Multiply.** Given two  $n$ -digit integers  $a$  and  $b$ , compute  $a \times b$ .

- Brute force solution:  $\Theta(n^2)$  bit operations.

1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	
	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
+	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

Add

Multiply

[illegible]

## Divide-and-Conquer Multiplication: Warmup

To multiply two  $n$ -digit integers:

- Multiply four  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -digit integers.
- Add two  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -digit integers, and shift to obtain result.

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0 \\y &= 2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0 \\xy &= (2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0)(2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0) = 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0\end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = \underbrace{4T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{add, shift}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

↑  
assumes  $n$  is a power of 2

# Karatsuba Multiplication

To multiply two  $n$ -digit integers:

- Add two  $\frac{1}{2}n$  digit integers.
- Multiply **three**  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -digit integers.
- Add, subtract, and shift  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -digit integers to obtain result.

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0 \\y &= 2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0 \\xy &= 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0 \\&= \underbrace{2^n \cdot x_1 y_1}_A + 2^{n/2} \cdot \underbrace{(x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0)}_B - \underbrace{x_1 y_1}_A - \underbrace{x_0 y_0}_C + \underbrace{x_0 y_0}_C\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem.** [Karatsuba-Ofman, 1962] Can multiply two  $n$ -digit integers in  $O(n^{1.585})$  bit operations.

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &\leq \underbrace{T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(1 + \lfloor n/2 \rfloor)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{add, subtract, shift}} \\ \Rightarrow T(n) &= O(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.585})\end{aligned}$$

# Matrix Multiplication

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# Matrix Multiplication

**Matrix multiplication.** Given two  $n$ -by- $n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , compute  $C = AB$ .

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \cdots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Brute force.**  $\Theta(n^3)$  arithmetic operations.

**Fundamental question.** Can we improve upon brute force?

## Matrix Multiplication: Warmup

### Divide-and-conquer.

- Divide: partition  $A$  and  $B$  into  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$  blocks.
- Conquer: multiply 8  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$  recursively.
- Combine: add appropriate products using 4 matrix additions.

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= (A_{11} \times B_{11}) + (A_{12} \times B_{21}) \\ C_{12} &= (A_{11} \times B_{12}) + (A_{12} \times B_{22}) \\ C_{21} &= (A_{21} \times B_{11}) + (A_{22} \times B_{21}) \\ C_{22} &= (A_{21} \times B_{12}) + (A_{22} \times B_{22}) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = \underbrace{8T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n^2)}_{\text{add, form submatrices}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$$



## Matrix Multiplication: Key Idea

**Key idea.** multiply 2-by-2 block matrices with only **7** multiplications.

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6$$

$$C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$$

$$C_{21} = P_3 + P_4$$

$$C_{22} = P_5 + P_1 - P_3 - P_7$$

$$P_1 = A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$P_2 = (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22}$$

$$P_3 = (A_{21} + A_{22}) \times B_{11}$$

$$P_4 = A_{22} \times (B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$P_5 = (A_{11} + A_{22}) \times (B_{11} + B_{22})$$

$$P_6 = (A_{12} - A_{22}) \times (B_{21} + B_{22})$$

$$P_7 = (A_{11} - A_{21}) \times (B_{11} + B_{12})$$

- 7 multiplications.
- 18 = 10 + 8 additions (or subtractions).

# Fast Matrix Multiplication

Fast matrix multiplication. (Strassen, 1969)

- Divide: partition  $A$  and  $B$  into  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$  blocks.
- Compute: 14  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$  matrices via 10 matrix additions.
- Conquer: multiply 7  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$  matrices recursively.
- Combine: 7 products into 4 terms using 8 matrix additions.

Analysis.

- Assume  $n$  is a power of 2.
- $T(n)$  = # arithmetic operations.

$$T(n) = \underbrace{7T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n^2)}_{\text{add, subtract}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.81})$$

# Fast Matrix Multiplication in Practice

## Implementation issues.

- Sparsity.
- Caching effects.
- Numerical stability.
- Odd matrix dimensions.
- Crossover to classical algorithm around  $n = 128$ .

## Common misperception: "Strassen is only a theoretical curiosity."

- Advanced Computation Group at Apple Computer reports 8x speedup on G4 Velocity Engine when  $n \sim 2,500$ .
- Range of instances where it's useful is a subject of controversy.

**Remark.** Can "Strassenize"  $Ax=b$ , determinant, eigenvalues, and other matrix ops.

## Fast Matrix Multiplication in Theory

Q. Multiply two 2-by-2 matrices with only 7 scalar multiplications?

A. Yes! [Strassen, 1969]  $\Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.81})$

Q. Multiply two 2-by-2 matrices with only 6 scalar multiplications?

A. Impossible. [Hopcroft and Kerr, 1971]  $\Theta(n^{\log_2 6}) = O(n^{2.59})$

Q. Two 3-by-3 matrices with only 21 scalar multiplications?

A. Also impossible.  $\Theta(n^{\log_3 21}) = O(n^{2.77})$

Q. Two 70-by-70 matrices with only 143,640 scalar multiplications?

A. Yes! [Pan, 1980]  $\Theta(n^{\log_{70} 143640}) = O(n^{2.80})$

### Decimal wars.

- December, 1979:  $O(n^{2.521813})$ .
- January, 1980:  $O(n^{2.521801})$ .

# Fast Matrix Multiplication in Theory

**Best known.**  $O(n^{2.376})$  [Coppersmith-Winograd, 1987.]

**Conjecture.**  $O(n^{2+\varepsilon})$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Caveat.** Theoretical improvements to Strassen are progressively less practical.

## 5.6 Convolution and FFT

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# Fast Fourier Transform: Applications

## Applications.

- Optics, acoustics, quantum physics, telecommunications, control systems, signal processing, speech recognition, data compression, image processing.
- DVD, JPEG, MP3, MRI, CAT scan.
- Numerical solutions to Poisson's equation.

The FFT is one of the truly great computational developments of this [20th] century. It has changed the face of science and engineering so much that it is not an exaggeration to say that life as we know it would be very different without the FFT. *-Charles van Loan*

## Fast Fourier Transform: Brief History

Gauss (1805, 1866). Analyzed periodic motion of asteroid Ceres.

Runge-König (1924). Laid theoretical groundwork.

Danielson-Lanczos (1942). Efficient algorithm.

Cooley-Tukey (1965). Monitoring nuclear tests in Soviet Union and tracking submarines. Rediscovered and popularized FFT.

Importance not fully realized until advent of digital computers.



# Polynomials: Coefficient Representation

**Polynomial.** [coefficient representation]

$$A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

$$B(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \cdots + b_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

**Add:**  $O(n)$  arithmetic operations.

$$A(x) + B(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \cdots + (a_{n-1} + b_{n-1})x^{n-1}$$

**Evaluate:**  $O(n)$  using Horner's method.

$$A(x) = a_0 + (x(a_1 + x(a_2 + \cdots + x(a_{n-2} + x(a_{n-1})))) \cdots))$$

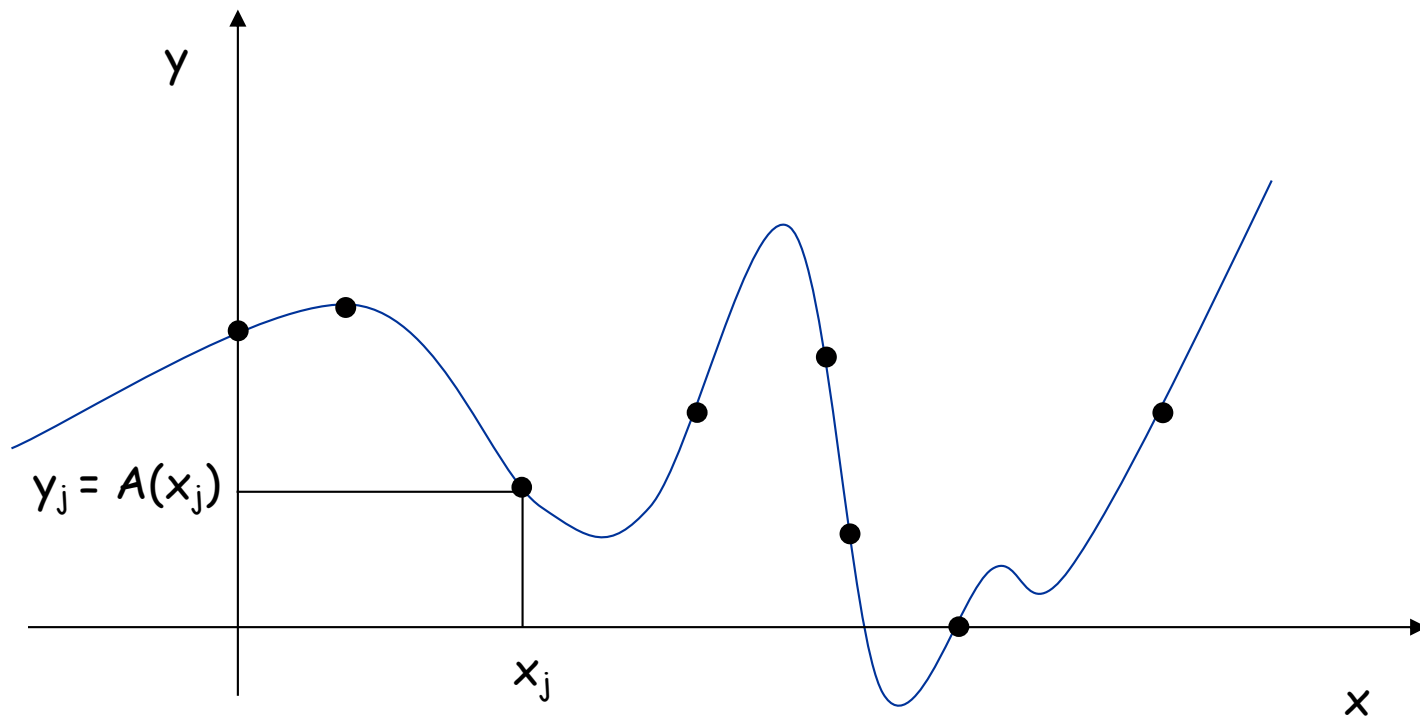
**Multiply (convolve):**  $O(n^2)$  using brute force.

$$A(x) \times B(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{2n-2} c_i x^i, \text{ where } c_i = \sum_{j=0}^i a_j b_{i-j}$$

## Polynomials: Point-Value Representation

**Fundamental theorem of algebra.** [Gauss, PhD thesis] A degree  $n$  polynomial with complex coefficients has  $n$  complex roots.

**Corollary.** A degree  $n-1$  polynomial  $A(x)$  is uniquely specified by its evaluation at  $n$  distinct values of  $x$ .



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**Polynomial.** [point-value representation]

$$A(x): (x_0, y_0), \dots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$$

$$B(x): (x_0, z_0), \dots, (x_{n-1}, z_{n-1})$$

**Add:**  $O(n)$  arithmetic operations.

$$A(x) + B(x): (x_0, y_0 + z_0), \dots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1} + z_{n-1})$$

**Multiply:**  $O(n)$ , but need  $2n-1$  points.

$$A(x) \times B(x): (x_0, y_0 \times z_0), \dots, (x_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1} \times z_{2n-1})$$

**Evaluate:**  $O(n^2)$  using Lagrange's formula.

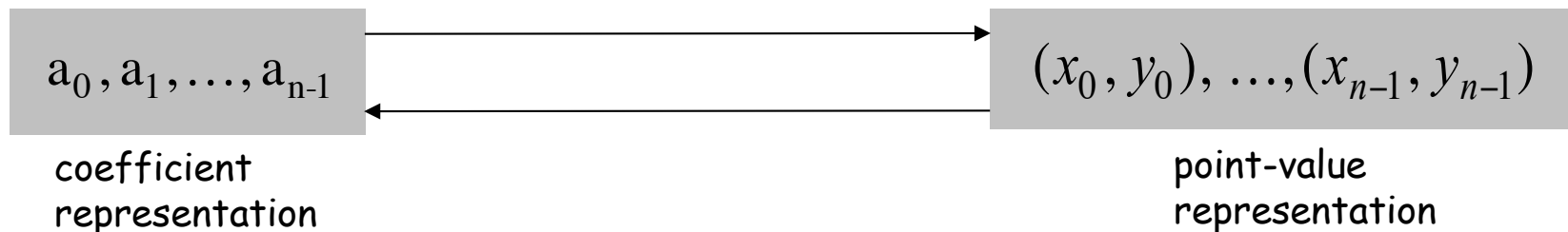
$$A(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} y_k \frac{\prod_{j \neq k} (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq k} (x_k - x_j)}$$

# Converting Between Two Polynomial Representations

**Tradeoff.** Fast evaluation or fast multiplication. We want both!

Representation	Multiply	Evaluate
Coefficient	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$
Point-value	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$

**Goal.** Make all ops fast by efficiently converting between two representations.



# Converting Between Two Polynomial Representations: Brute Force

**Coefficient to point-value.** Given a polynomial  $a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$ , evaluate it at  $n$  distinct points  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \cdots & x_0^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n-1} & x_{n-1}^2 & \cdots & x_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$O(n^2)$  for matrix-vector multiply

$O(n^3)$  for Gaussian elimination

↑  
Vandermonde matrix is invertible iff  $x_i$  distinct

**Point-value to coefficient.** Given  $n$  distinct points  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$  and values  $y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}$ , find unique polynomial  $a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$  that has given values at given points.

## Coefficient to Point-Value Representation: Intuition

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**Divide.** Break polynomial up into even and odd powers.

- $A(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + a_6 x^6 + a_7 x^7.$
- $A_{\text{even}}(x) = a_0 + a_2 x + a_4 x^2 + a_6 x^3.$
- $A_{\text{odd}}(x) = a_1 + a_3 x + a_5 x^2 + a_7 x^3.$
- $A(x) = A_{\text{even}}(x^2) + x A_{\text{odd}}(x^2).$
- $A(-x) = A_{\text{even}}(x^2) - x A_{\text{odd}}(x^2).$

**Intuition.** Choose two points to be  $\pm 1$ .

- $A(1) = A_{\text{even}}(1) + 1 A_{\text{odd}}(1).$
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**Intuition.** Choose four points to be  $\pm 1, \pm i$ .

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- $A(-1) = A_{\text{even}}(1) - 1 A_{\text{odd}}(1).$
- $A(i) = A_{\text{even}}(-1) + i A_{\text{odd}}(-1).$
- $A(-i) = A_{\text{even}}(-1) - i A_{\text{odd}}(-1).$

Can evaluate polynomial of degree  $\leq n$  at 4 points by evaluating two polynomials of degree  $\leq \frac{1}{2}n$  at 2 points.

# Discrete Fourier Transform

**Coefficient to point-value.** Given a polynomial  $a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$ , evaluate it at  $n$  distinct points  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$ .

**Key idea:** choose  $x_k = \omega^k$  where  $\omega$  is principal  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity.

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^1 & \omega^2 & \omega^3 & \dots & \omega^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \omega^6 & \dots & \omega^{2(n-1)} \\ 1 & \omega^3 & \omega^6 & \omega^9 & \dots & \omega^{3(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega^{n-1} & \omega^{2(n-1)} & \omega^{3(n-1)} & \dots & \omega^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

↑  
Discrete Fourier transform

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Fourier matrix  $F_n$



# Roots of Unity

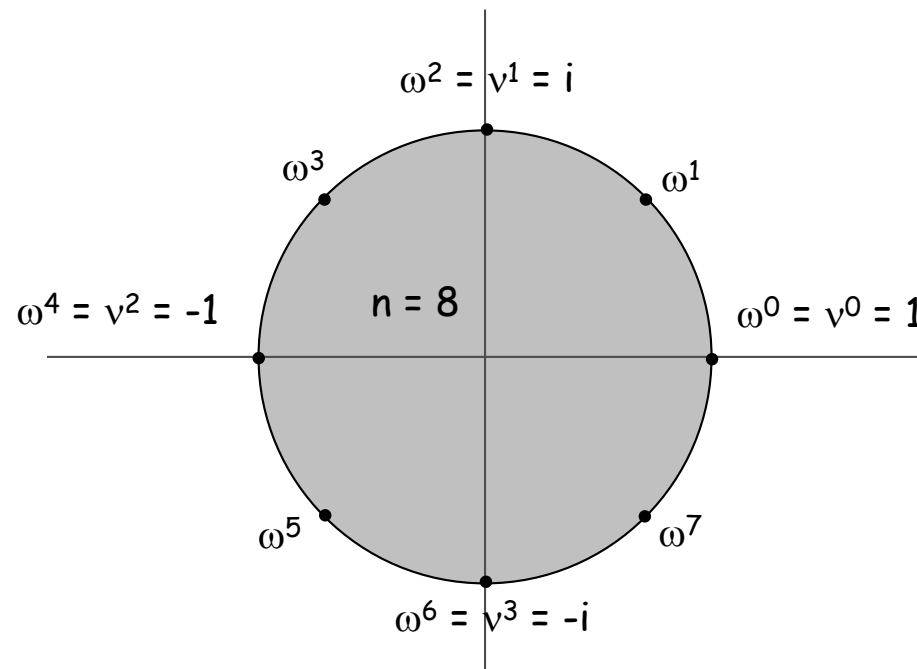
**Def.** An  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity is a complex number  $x$  such that  $x^n = 1$ .

**Fact.** The  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity are:  $\omega^0, \omega^1, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$  where  $\omega = e^{2\pi i / n}$ .

**Pf.**  $(\omega^k)^n = (e^{2\pi i k / n})^n = (e^{2\pi i})^k = 1^k = 1$ .

**Fact.** The  $\frac{1}{2}n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity are:  $v^0, v^1, \dots, v^{n/2-1}$  where  $v = e^{4\pi i / n}$ .

**Fact.**  $\omega^2 = v$  and  $(\omega^2)^k = v^k$ .



# Fast Fourier Transform

**Goal.** Evaluate a degree  $n-1$  polynomial  $A(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$  at its  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity:  $\omega^0, \omega^1, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$ .

**Divide.** Break polynomial up into even and odd powers.

- $A_{\text{even}}(x) = a_0 + a_2x + a_4x^2 + \dots + a_{n/2-2} x^{(n-1)/2}.$
- $A_{\text{odd}}(x) = a_1 + a_3x + a_5x^2 + \dots + a_{n/2-1} x^{(n-1)/2}.$
- $A(x) = A_{\text{even}}(x^2) + x A_{\text{odd}}(x^2).$

**Conquer.** Evaluate degree  $A_{\text{even}}(x)$  and  $A_{\text{odd}}(x)$  at the  $\frac{1}{2}n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity:  $v^0, v^1, \dots, v^{n/2-1}$ .

**Combine.**

- $A(\omega^k) = A_{\text{even}}(v^k) + \omega^k A_{\text{odd}}(v^k), \quad 0 \leq k < n/2$
- $A(\omega^{k+n/2}) = A_{\text{even}}(v^k) - \omega^k A_{\text{odd}}(v^k), \quad 0 \leq k < n/2$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \omega^{k+n/2} = -\omega^k \end{array}$$

$$v^k = (\omega^k)^2 = (\omega^{k+n/2})^2$$

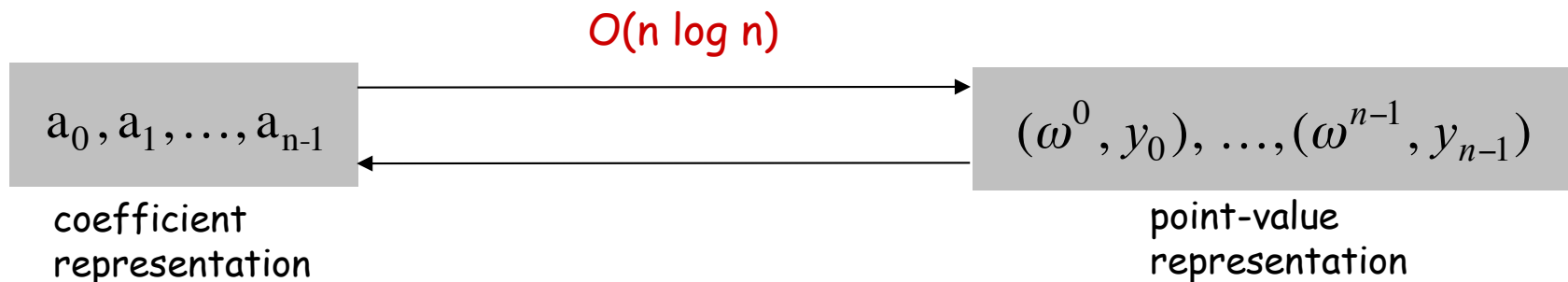
# FFT Algorithm

```
fft(n, a0, a1, ..., an-1) {  
    if (n == 1) return a0  
  
    (e0, e1, ..., en/2-1) ← FFT(n/2, a0, a2, a4, ..., an-2)  
    (d0, d1, ..., dn/2-1) ← FFT(n/2, a1, a3, a5, ..., an-1)  
  
    for k = 0 to n/2 - 1 {  
        ωk ← e2πik/n  
        yk ← ek + ωk dk  
        yk+n/2 ← ek - ωk dk  
    }  
  
    return (y0, y1, ..., yn-1)  
}
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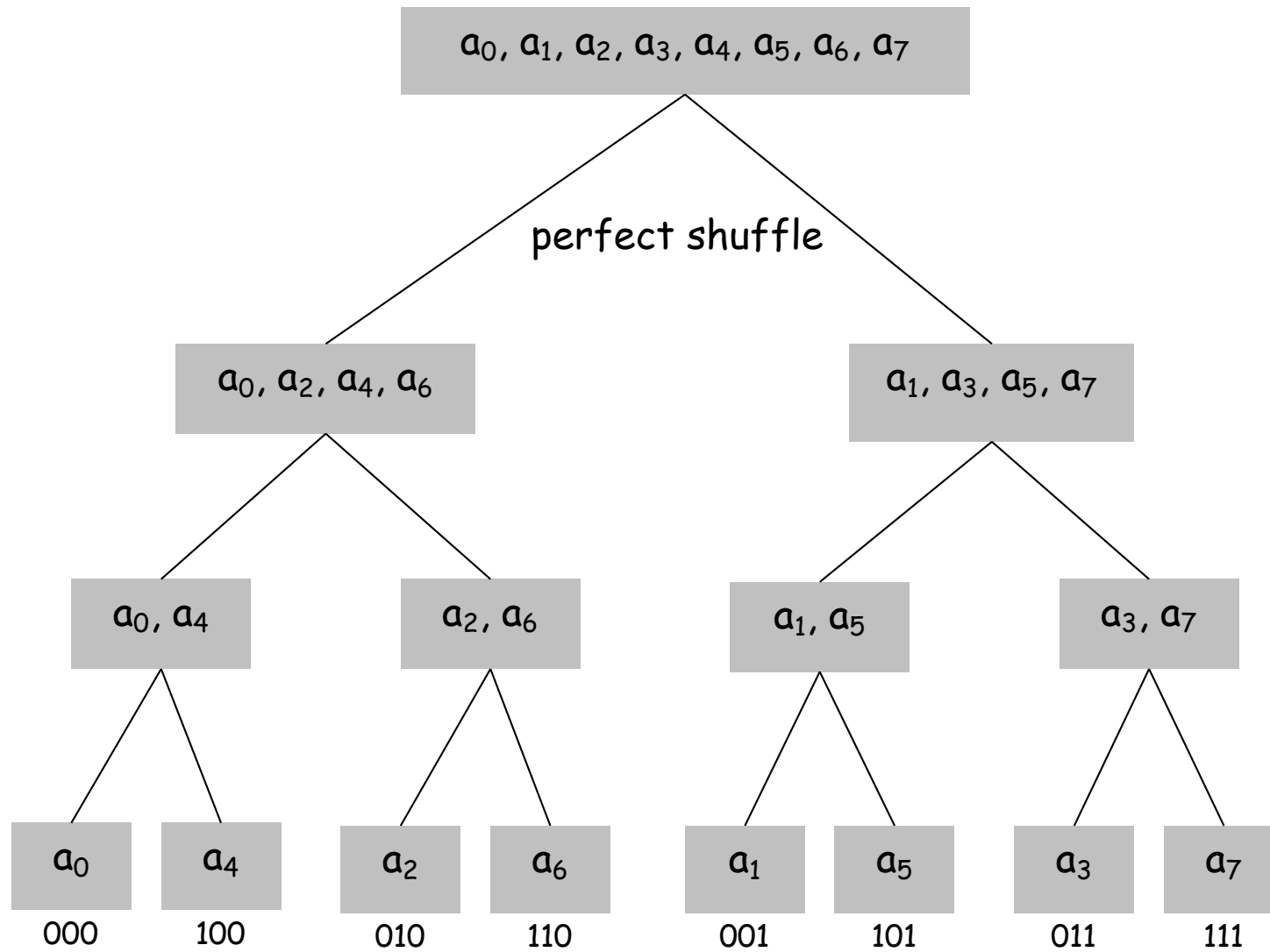
## FFT Summary

**Theorem.** FFT algorithm evaluates a degree  $n-1$  polynomial at each of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity in  $O(n \log n)$  steps. ↑  
assumes  $n$  is a power of 2

**Running time.**  $T(2n) = 2T(n) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$ .



# Recursion Tree



"bit-reversed" order

## Point-Value to Coefficient Representation: Inverse DFT

**Goal.** Given the values  $y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}$  of a degree  $n-1$  polynomial at the  $n$  points  $\omega^0, \omega^1, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$ , find unique polynomial  $a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$  that has given values at given points.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^1 & \omega^2 & \omega^3 & \dots & \omega^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \omega^6 & \dots & \omega^{2(n-1)} \\ 1 & \omega^3 & \omega^6 & \omega^9 & \dots & \omega^{3(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega^{n-1} & \omega^{2(n-1)} & \omega^{3(n-1)} & \dots & \omega^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{Inverse DFT} & & \text{Fourier matrix inverse } (F_n)^{-1} \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

## Inverse FFT

**Claim.** Inverse of Fourier matrix is given by following formula.

$$G_n = \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^{-1} & \omega^{-2} & \omega^{-3} & \dots & \omega^{-(n-1)} \\ 1 & \omega^{-2} & \omega^{-4} & \omega^{-6} & \dots & \omega^{-2(n-1)} \\ 1 & \omega^{-3} & \omega^{-6} & \omega^{-9} & \dots & \omega^{-3(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega^{-(n-1)} & \omega^{-2(n-1)} & \omega^{-3(n-1)} & \dots & \omega^{-(n-1)(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Consequence.** To compute inverse FFT, apply same algorithm but use  $\omega^{-1} = e^{-2\pi i / n}$  as principal  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity (and divide by  $n$ ).

## Inverse FFT: Proof of Correctness

**Claim.**  $F_n$  and  $G_n$  are inverses.

**Pf.**

$$\left(F_n G_n\right)_{kk'} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \omega^{kj} \omega^{-jk'} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \omega^{(k-k')j} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{summation lemma}}}{=} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = k' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Summation lemma.** Let  $\omega$  be a principal  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity. Then

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \omega^{kj} = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } k \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Pf.**

- If  $k$  is a multiple of  $n$  then  $\omega^k = 1 \Rightarrow$  sums to  $n$ .
- Each  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity  $\omega^k$  is a root of  $x^n - 1 = (x - 1)(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{n-1})$ .
- if  $\omega^k \neq 1$  we have:  $1 + \omega^k + \omega^{k(2)} + \dots + \omega^{k(n-1)} = 0 \Rightarrow$  sums to 0. ▪



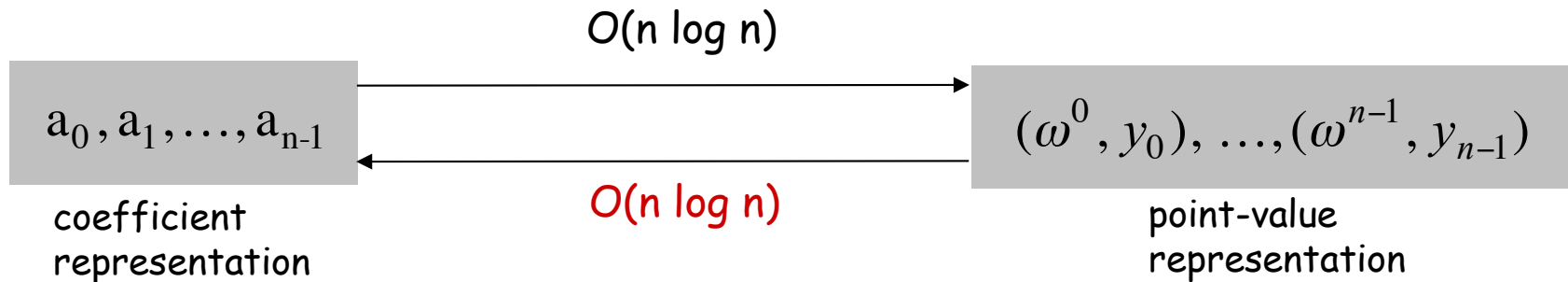
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## Inverse FFT Summary

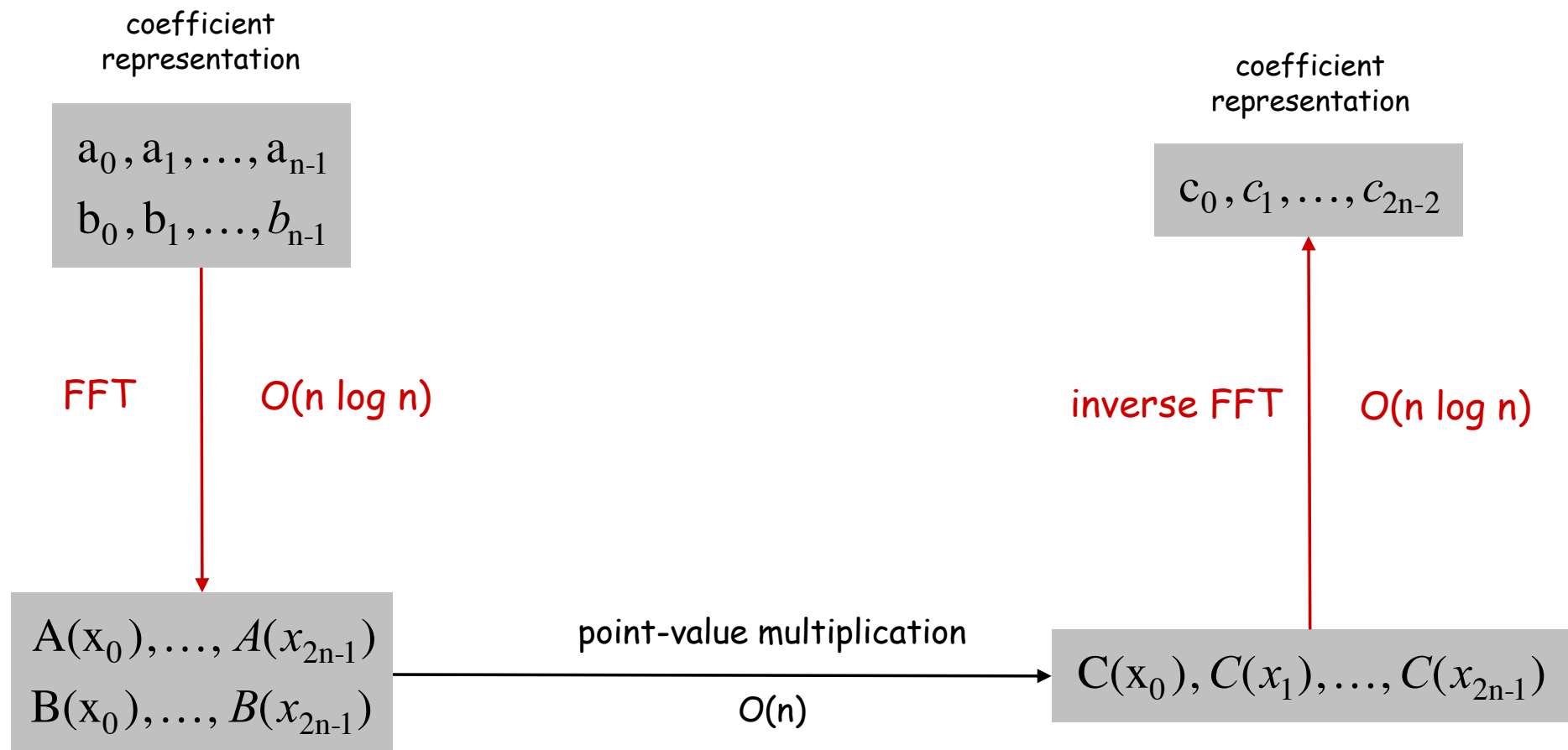
**Theorem.** Inverse FFT algorithm interpolates a degree  $n-1$  polynomial given values at each of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity in  $O(n \log n)$  steps.

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assumes  $n$  is a power of 2



# Polynomial Multiplication

**Theorem.** Can multiply two degree  $n-1$  polynomials in  $O(n \log n)$  steps.



# FFT in Practice

## Fastest Fourier transform in the West. [Frigo and Johnson]

- Optimized C library.
- Features: DFT, DCT, real, complex, any size, any dimension.
- Won 1999 Wilkinson Prize for Numerical Software.
- Portable, competitive with vendor-tuned code.

## Implementation details.

- Instead of executing predetermined algorithm, it evaluates your hardware and uses a special-purpose compiler to generate an optimized algorithm catered to "shape" of the problem.
- Core algorithm is nonrecursive version of Cooley-Tukey radix 2 FFT.
- $O(n \log n)$ , even for prime sizes.

Reference: <http://www.fftw.org>

# Integer Multiplication

**Integer multiplication.** Given two  $n$  bit integers  $a = a_{n-1} \dots a_1 a_0$  and  $b = b_{n-1} \dots b_1 b_0$ , compute their product  $c = a \times b$ .

**Convolution algorithm.**

- Form two polynomials.
- Note:  $a = A(2)$ ,  $b = B(2)$ .
- Compute  $C(x) = A(x) \times B(x)$ .
- Evaluate  $C(2) = a \times b$ .
- Running time:  $O(n \log n)$  complex arithmetic steps.

$$A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

$$B(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

**Theory.** [Schönhage-Strassen 1971]  $O(n \log n \log \log n)$  bit operations.

**Practice.** [GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library] GMP proclaims to be "the fastest bignum library on the planet." It uses brute force, Karatsuba, and FFT, depending on the size of  $n$ .