

CS 473ug: Algorithms

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Part I

Polynomials, Convolutions and FFT

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Horner's rule can be used to cut the multiplications in half

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Size of x^n in terms of bits is $n \log x$ while size of x is only $\log x$. Thus, need to pay attention to size of numbers and multiplication complexity.

Ignore this issue for now. Can get around it for applications of interest.

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- Taking $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{2k})$ to be $b_j = w_{k-j}$, $a' = a * b$

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Many Applications

To mention a few:

- Signal and image processing (radar, MRI, astronomy, compression, ...)
- Statistics
- Multiplication of numbers
- Pattern matching

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Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra)

Every polynomial $p(x)$ of degree d has exactly d roots r_1, r_2, \dots, r_d where the roots can be complex numbers and can be repeated.

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- Given coefficient representation, how do we go to root representation?? No finite algorithm because of potential for irrational roots.

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Lagrange interpolation formula: Given $(x_0, y_0), \dots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$ the following polynomial p satisfies $p(x_j) = y_j$ for $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$.

$$p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{y_j}{\prod_{k \neq j} (x_j - x_k)} \prod_{k \neq j} (x - x_k) \right)$$

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But what if p, q are given in coefficient form? Convolution requires p, q to be in coefficient form.

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- Suppose we choose x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} arbitrarily.
- Take $O(n)$ time to evaluate $y_j = p(x_j)$ given (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) .
- Total time is $\Omega(n^2)$!
- Inversion via Lagrange interpolation also $\Omega(n^2)$.

Key Idea

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If we have $a(x)$ then easy to also compute $a(-x)$!

Odd and Even Decomposition

- Let $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ be a polynomial.
- Let $a_{\text{odd}} = (a_1, a_3, a_5, \dots)$ be the $n/2$ degree polynomial defined by the odd coefficients; so

$$a_{\text{odd}}(x) = a_1 + a_3x + a_5x^2 + \dots$$

- Let $a_{\text{even}} = (a_0, a_2, a_4, \dots)$ be the $n/2$ degree polynomial defined by the even coefficients.
- Observe

$$a(x) = a_{\text{even}}(x^2) + xa_{\text{odd}}(x^2)$$

- Thus, evaluating a at x can be reduced to evaluating lower degree polynomials plus constantly many arithmetic operations.

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- Suppose we can make this work recursively. Then

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) \text{ which implies } T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

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- To continue recursion, we need

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Compute $a(\omega_n^j)$ as $a_{\text{even}}(\omega_{n/2}^j) + \omega_n^j a_{\text{odd}}(\omega_{n/2}^j)$

Let $T(n)$ denote the running time of evaluating an $n - 1$ -degree polynomial on the n th roots of unity. Then,

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

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Given a polynomial $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ the *Discrete Fourier Transform* of a is the vector $a' = (a'_0, a'_1, \dots, a'_{n-1})$ where $a'_j = a(\omega_n^j)$ for $0 \leq j < n$.

a' is a sample representation of a for n 'th roots of unity.

We have shown that a' can be computed from a in $O(n \log n)$ time. This divide and conquer *algorithm* is called the *Fast Fourier Transform* (FFT).

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Replace ω by ω^{-1} which is also a root of unity!

Inverse matrix is simply a permutation of the original matrix modulo scale factor $1/n$.

Why does it work?

Can check using simple algebra $VV^{-1} = I$ where V is the original matrix and I is the $n \times n$ identity matrix.

$$(1, \omega^j, \omega^{2j}, \dots, \omega^{j(n-1)}) \cdot (1, \omega^{-k}, \omega^{-2k}, \dots, \omega^{-k(n-1)}) = \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \omega^{(j-k)s}$$

Note that ω^{j-k} is a n 'th root of unity. If $j = k$ then sum is n , otherwise by previous observation sum is 0.

Rows of matrix V (and hence also those of V^{-1}) are *orthogonal*. Thus $a' = Va$ can be thought of a transforming the vector a into a new Fourier basis with basis vectors corresponding to rows of V .

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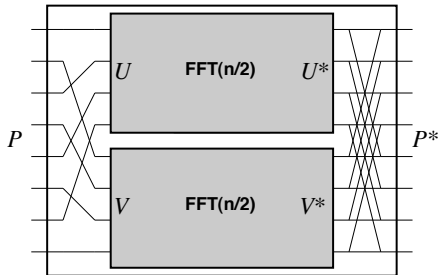
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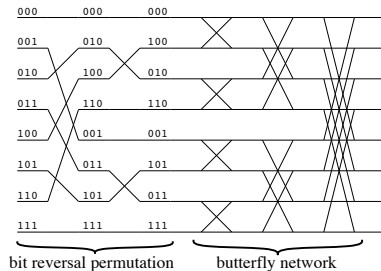
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FFT Circuit



The recursive structure of the FFT algorithm.



Numerical Issues

- As noted earlier evaluating a polynomial a at a point x makes numbers big
- Are we cheating when we say $O(n \log n)$ algorithm for convolution?
- Can get around numerical issues — work in finite fields and avoid numbers growing too big.
- Outside the scope of class.