

# POLYNOMIAL MULTIPLICATION

USING THE FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM

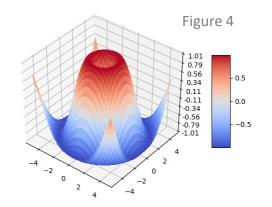
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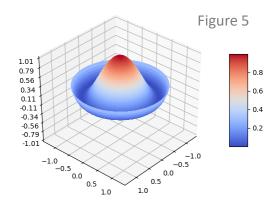
### Motivation

- Polynomials model real world objects on paper
- Faster multiplication leads to improvement in wide variety of fields, such as
  - Image processing
  - Compression
  - Cryptography

#### **Dramatic performance improvement with Fast Fourier Transform(FFT)**

- Traditional approach of multiplying two polynomials:  $O(n^2)$
- Polynomial multiplication using FFT:  $O(n \cdot log(n))$





### Preliminaries

• Polynomials usually appear in form  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \cdot x^i$  and have degree(f) = n-1

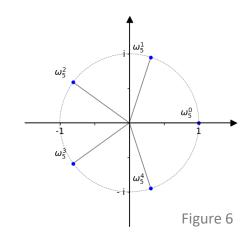
Representation	Definition
Coefficient matrices	$(a_0, a_1,, a_{n-1})$
Roots	$\{x \mid f(x) = 0\}$
Values at random points	$\{f(x_k) \mid x_k \in \{x_k \mid x_k \text{ chosen arbitrarily }\}\}$
Values at $n^{\text{th}}$ roots of unity	$\{f\left(\omega_{n}^{j}\right)\mid \text{with }\omega_{n}=e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}forallj\in\{0,1,\ldots,n-1\}\}$

### **Complex n<sup>th</sup> roots of unity:**

$$\omega_n^0, \omega_n^1, \dots, \omega_n^{n-1}$$

**Halving Lemma:** If n>0 is even, then the squares of the n complex  $n^{\rm th}$  roots of unity are the  $\frac{n}{2}$  complex  $\frac{n^{\rm th}}{2}$  roots of unity.

**Euler's formula:**  $e^{iu} = \cos(u) + i \cdot \sin(u)$ 



### **Example:**

Let f(x) = x + 1.

- 1. (1,1)
- $2. \{-1\}$
- 3.  $\{1,2,3\}$  at x = 0,1,2
- 4.  $\{2,0\}$  at  $x = \omega_2^0, \omega_2^1$

# Fast Fourier Transform(FFT)

### **Discrete Fourier Transform(DFT)**

- Input:  $A(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j x^j$  in coefficient form as a vector  $(a_0, a_1, ..., a_{\{n-1\}})$
- **Result:** Vector  $(y_0, y_1, ..., y_{n-1})$  with  $y_k = A(\omega_n^k) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \omega_n^{k \cdot j}$
- Calculation takes  $O(n^2)$  time(n times evaluating in O(n) time)

#### Fast Fourier Transform(FFT)

- Divide and conquer approach to computing the Discrete Fourier transform
- Let  $n = 2^r$  for some n. We get:

$$A(\omega_n^k) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j \cdot \omega_n^{kj} = \sum_{j=0}^{2^{r-1}} a_j \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i k j}{2^r}} = \sum_{m=0}^{2^{r-1}-1} a_{2m} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i k m}{2^{r-1}}} + \sum_{m=0}^{2^{r-1}-1} a_{2m+1} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i k (2m+1)}{2^r}}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{2^{r-1}-1} a_{2m} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i k m}{2^{r-1}}} + \sum_{m=0}^{2\pi i k m} a_{2m+1} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i k m}{2^{r-1}}}$$

$$With:$$

$$A^{[0]}(x) = a_0 + a_2 \cdot x + \dots + a_{n-2} x^{\frac{n}{2}-1}$$

$$A(\omega_n^k) = A^{[0]}(\omega_n^{2k}) + \omega_n^k \cdot A^{[1]}(\omega_n^{2k})$$

Horner's rule:  $A(x) = a_0 + x(a_1 + \dots + x(a_{n-1} + xa_n) \dots)$ 

$$A[0](x) = a + a \cdot x + \dots + a \cdot x$$

$$A^{[1]}(x) = a_1 + a_3 \cdot x + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{\frac{n}{2} - 1}$$

# Fast Fourier Transform(FFT)

Calculating the FFTs of the vectors with entries of even indexes and odd indexes makes it
possible to calculate the FFT of the original vector

#### **Pseudocode**

Pseudocode adapted from Wilf, H. (1994). *Algorithms and Complexity*. Internet Edition. https://www.math.upenn.edu/~wilf/AlgoComp.pdf

### **Complexity:**

$$T(n) = 2 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

Applying the master theorem yields:

$$O(n \cdot \log(n))$$

## Polynomial multiplication using FFT

- **Goal:** Computing  $fg(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x) \ \forall x$
- **Input:** Two polynomials p, q in coefficient representation with degree m, n respectively
- Output: Coefficient representation of product fg

#### Algorithm

- 1. Double the degree of input to smallest power of two that is greater than m + n + 1
- 2. Extend input vectors with zero's
- 3. Compute the **FFT** of both vectors
- 4. Pointwise multiply  $f(\omega_n^k) \cdot g(\omega_n^k)$  for each  $k \in \{0,1,...,n-1\}$  to obtain **FFT** vector of fg
- 5. Use **IFFT** to convert from **FFT** of the product back to the coefficient representation of fg

Complexity: 
$$3 \cdot O(n \cdot log(n)) + O(n) = O(n \cdot log(n))$$

#### **Inverse Fourier Transform(IFFT)**

Obtained by applying simple modifications to the FFT algorithm

From 
$$A(\omega_n^k) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i j k}{n}}$$
 we get  $a_j = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} A(\omega_n^k) \cdot e^{\frac{-2\pi i j k}{n}}$ 

degree(fg)
= degree(f) + degree(g)

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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