

# FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM AND MULTIPLICATION OF POLYNOMIALS

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Let  $f, g$  be univariate polynomials of degree  $\leq n-1$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} \\ g(x) &= b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

HOW FAST CAN WE COMPUTE THE POLYNOMIAL  $f \cdot g$  ?

→ STANDARD APPROACH

$$h = f \cdot g = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_{2(n-1)} x^{2(n-1)}, \text{ where}$$

$$c_i = \sum_{0 \leq l, k: l+k=i} a_l b_k \quad \Theta(i) \text{ PRODUCTS AND } \Theta(i) \text{ SUMS FOR } (i \leq n-1)$$

IN TOTAL  $\geq 1+2+\dots+n-1 = \Theta(n^2)$  MULTIPLICATIONS AND ADDITIONS

CAN WE DO BETTER? YES, UNDER REASONABLE ALGEBRAIC ASSUMPTIONS

IDEA: INSTEAD OF USING THE COEFFICIENTS REPRESENTATION  $(a)$ , WE USE THE POINT-VALUE REPRESENTATION

$$(x_0, f(x_0)), (x_1, f(x_1)), \dots, (x_{n-1}, f(x_{n-1}))$$

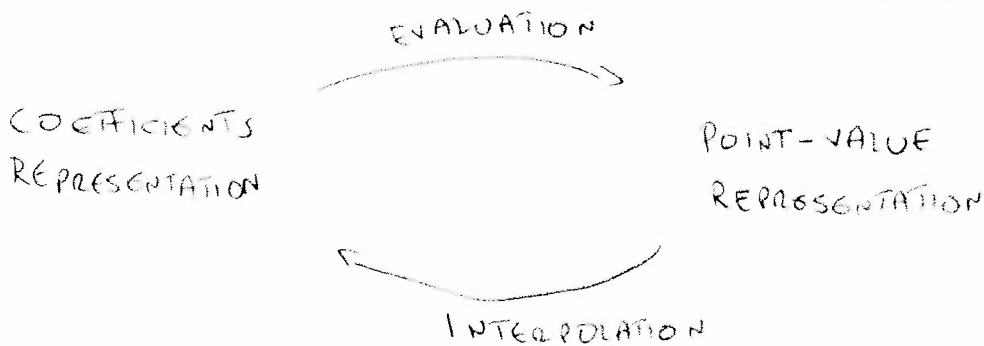
THE [ YOU SHOULD REMEMBER FROM ALGEBRA COURSES ]

GIVEN PAIRS  $(u_0, v_0), (u_1, v_1), \dots, (u_{n-1}, v_{n-1})$ , WITH  $u_i, v_i \in \text{FIELD } F \forall i$   
 $u_i \neq u_j$  FOR  $i \neq j$

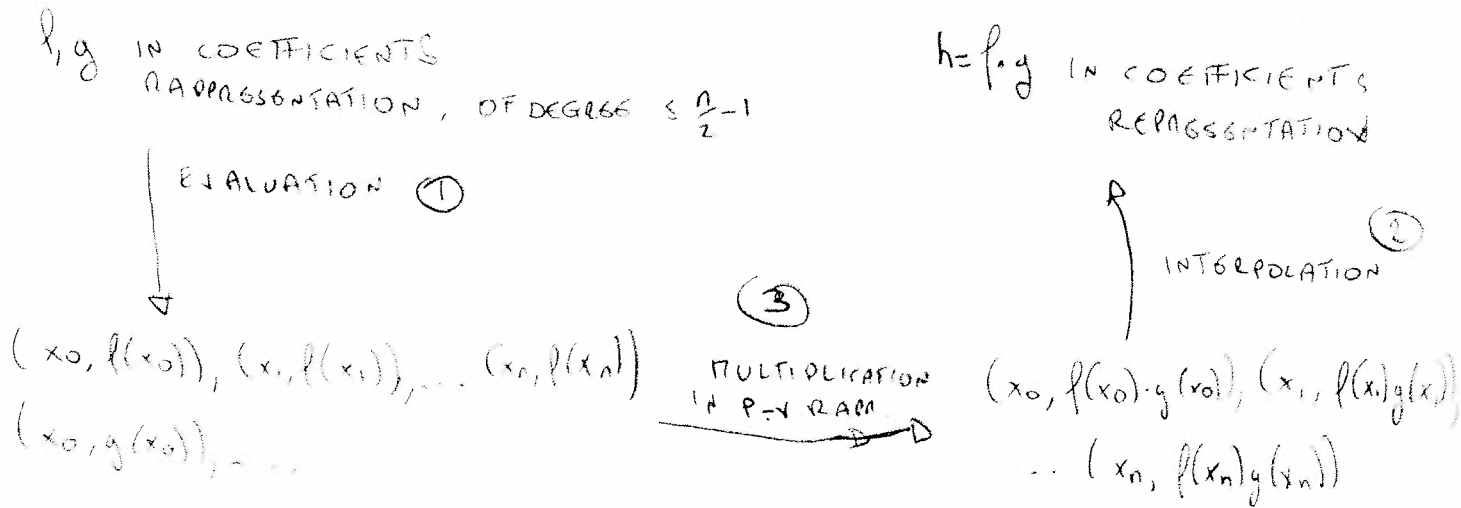
THERE EXISTS EXACTLY ONE POLYNOMIAL OVER  $F$

SUCH THAT  $f(u_i) = v_i \quad \forall i$

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ALTERNATIVE ALGORITHM FOR MULTIPLICATION OF POLYNOMIALS:



COMPLEXITY

①

$$\begin{bmatrix} f(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$n \times n$  INVERTIBLE MATRIX  $A$

$\Theta(n^2)$  MULTIPLICATIONS AND SUMS

②  $a = A^{-1} \cdot f$   $\Theta(n^2)$  MULTIPLICATIONS AND SUMS

③  $\Theta(n)$  MULTIPLICATIONS

IDEA OF A FASTER ALGORITHM FOR POLYNOMIAL MULTIPLICATION:

DO ①, ② FASTER BY CHOOSING  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  CAREFULLY  $\Rightarrow O(n \log n)$  ALGORITHM

IN THE FOLLOWING, WE WILL ASSUME THAT THE COEFFICIENTS OF  $f$  BELONG TO A RING  $R$  THAT IS COMMUTATIVE WRT MULTIPLICATION

RECALL: RING  $(R, +, *)$ 

- ABELIAN GROUP WRT  $+$
- HAS "1"
- $*$  IS ASSOCIATIVE
- $*$  DISTRIBUTES OVER  $+$

RINGS COMMUTATIVE WRT MULTIPLICATIONS ARE MORE GENERAL THAN FIELDS

↳ EX.  $\mathbb{Z}_N$

EX:  $\mathbb{C}$  ↖

RINGS HAVE ZERO DIVISORS

DEF.  $a \in R$  IS A Z.D. IF  $\exists b \in R \setminus \{0\}$ :  $ab=0$

RECALL  $a \in R$  IS INVERTIBLE IF  $\exists a^{-1} \in R$ :  $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$

1.  $a$  IS A Z.D.  $\Rightarrow a$  IS NOT INVERTIBLE

PF LET  $b \neq 0$ :  $ab=0$ , and suppose by contradiction  $a^{-1} \exists$ .

Then  $0 = a^{-1} \cdot 0 = a^{-1} \cdot ab = b \quad \nabla \quad \square$

SO A FIELD HAS NO ZERO DIVISORS (EVERY ELEMENT IS INVERTIBLE) BUT  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  HAS.

E.G. 3 IS A ZERO DIVISOR IN  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  [ $3 \cdot 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$ ]

MOST CRUCIAL FOR US IS:

DEF.  $\omega \in R$  IS A PRIMITIVE  $n$ -TH ROOT OF UNITY IN  $R$  IF:

(I)  $\omega^n = 1$

(II)  $\omega$  IS INVERTIBLE IN  $R$  [ $n = \overbrace{1+1+\dots+1}^n$ ]

(III)  $\omega^{n/d} \neq 1$  IS NOT A ZERO DIVISOR IN  $R \quad \forall d$  PRIMES DIVIDING  $n$

## EXAMPLES

\*  $e^{2\pi i/8}$  IS A PRIMITIVE 8-TH ROOT IN  $\mathbb{C}$

• CLEARLY 8 IS INVERTIBLE IN  $\mathbb{C}$  [ $\mathbb{C}$  IS A FIELD]  $\Rightarrow$  ii)  $\checkmark$

•  $e^{2\pi i/8} \neq 1 \Rightarrow$  i)  $\checkmark$

•  $e^{2\pi i/8} \neq 1$  IS NOT A 0 DIVISOR [ $\mathbb{C}$  IS A FIELD]  $\Rightarrow$  iii)  $\checkmark$

\* 3 IS A PRIMITIVE 16-TH ROOT OF UNITY IN  $\mathbb{Z}_{17}$

•  $3^{16} \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$  [FERMAT'S LITTLE THM.]  $\Rightarrow$  i)  $\checkmark$

• 16 IS INVERTIBLE IN  $\mathbb{Z}_{17}$  [ $\text{GCD}(16, 17) = 1$ ]  $\Rightarrow$  ii)  $\checkmark$

•  $3^{-1}$  IS INVERTIBLE IN  $\mathbb{Z}_{17}$  [DO THE MATH]  
 $\Rightarrow$  IS NOT A 0 DIVISOR  $\Rightarrow$  iii)  $\checkmark$

FOR A PRIMITIVE  $n$ -TH ROOT OF UNITY,  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ , DEFINE THE VANDERMONDE MATRIX

$$V_{\omega} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega^{0 \cdot 0} = 1 & \omega^{0 \cdot 1} = 1 & \omega^{0 \cdot 2} = 1 & \dots & \omega^{0 \cdot (n-1)} = 1 \\ \omega^{1 \cdot 0} = 1 & \omega^{1 \cdot 1} = \omega & \omega^{1 \cdot 2} = \omega^2 & \dots & \omega^{1 \cdot (n-1)} \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \dots & \omega^{2(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega^{n-1} & \omega^{2(n-1)} & \dots & \omega^{(n-1)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

## DEF.

GIVEN  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\omega$  AS ABOVE, WE LET THE DISCRETE FOURIER TRANSFORM BE THE MAPPING

$$\text{DFT} : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ a \longrightarrow V_{\omega} \cdot a = \begin{bmatrix} f(\omega^0) \\ f(\omega^1) \\ \vdots \\ f(\omega^{n-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

[DFT COMPUTES THE EVALUATION OF  $f$  AT  $\omega^0, \omega^1, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$ ]

[2] Let  $k, m \in \mathbb{N}, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(1) = (c^k - 1) \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} c^{jk} = c^{mk} - 1 \quad (1)$$

PF

$$(1) = c^k - 1 + c^{k+1} - c^k + c^{k+2} - c^{k+1} + \dots + c^{mk} - c^{(m-1)k} = c^{mk} - 1$$

[3] Let  $\omega$  be a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity. Then,  $\forall l \in \{2, \dots, n-1\}$

(1)  $\omega^l - 1$  is NOT A ZERO DIVISOR OF  $\mathbb{R}$

(II)  $\sum_{0 \leq j \leq n-1} \omega^{lj} = 0$

PF.

(1) Let  $l \mid n, l < n \Rightarrow \exists g \in \mathbb{P}: l \mid \frac{n}{g}, \text{ let } l \cdot m = \frac{n}{g}. \text{ Then}$

$$\underbrace{\omega^{\frac{n}{g}} - 1}_{\text{NOT A ZERO DIVISOR}} = \underbrace{(\omega^l - 1)}_{\text{NOT A ZERO DIVISOR}} \cdot \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m-1} \omega^{lj}$$

$\Rightarrow$  NOT A ZERO DIVISOR

IF  $l \nmid n$ , Let  $g = \gcd(l, n) = a \cdot l + b \cdot n$  For some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then  $\omega^{2l} - 1 = \omega^{a \cdot l - b \cdot n} - 1 = \omega^g - 1$  WHICH IS NOT A ZERO DIVISOR (FROM ABOVE)

AS  $\omega^{2l} - 1 = (\omega^l - 1) \sum_{0 \leq j \leq 2-1} \omega^{lj} \Rightarrow \omega^l - 1$  IS NOT A ZD

(II)  $0 = \omega^n - 1 = \omega^{ln} - 1 = (\omega^l - 1) \sum_{0 \leq j \leq n-1} \omega^{jl} = 0$  □

NOT A ZD  $\Rightarrow$  0

[4] Let  $\omega$  be a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\omega^2$  is an  $\frac{n}{2}$ -th root of unity in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

PF · exercise

We can now define the algorithm for computing DFT.

IT IS CALLED FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM (FFT)

WLOG  $n$  POWER OF 2. SUPPOSE WE HAVE  $n$ -TH ROOTS OF UNITY,  $\omega$

IDEA: WE WANT TO COMPUTE  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$

OBSERVE:  $f(x) = f^{\text{EVEN}}(x^2) + x f^{\text{ODD}}(x^2)$

$$f^{\text{EVEN}}(x) = a_0 + a_2x + a_4x^2 + \dots + a_n x^{\frac{n}{2}-1}$$

$$f^{\text{ODD}}(x) = a_1 + a_3x + a_5x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{\frac{n}{2}-1}$$

OF DEGREE  $\leq \frac{n}{2}-1$

WE HAVE:

$$f(\omega^0) = f^{\text{E}}(\omega^{0.2}) + f^{\text{O}}(\omega^{0.2})$$

$$f(\omega) = f^{\text{E}}(\omega^2) + \omega f^{\text{O}}(\omega^2)$$

$$f(\omega^2) = f^{\text{E}}(\omega^4) + \omega^2 f^{\text{O}}(\omega^4)$$

$$(\omega^{\frac{n}{2}-1})(\omega^{\frac{n}{2}+1}) = \omega^n - 1 = 0 \quad \text{BUT } \omega^{\frac{n}{2}} \neq 1 \text{ (PRIMITIVES)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^{\frac{n}{2}} = -1 = -\omega^0$$

$$f(\omega^{\frac{n}{2}}) = f^{\text{E}}(\omega^{2n}) + \omega^{\frac{n}{2}} f^{\text{O}}(\omega^{2n}) = f^{\text{E}}(\omega^0) - \omega^0 f^{\text{O}}(\omega^0)$$

$\omega^0$  (BECAUSE  $\omega^n = 1$ )       $\omega^0$

SO IN ORDER TO COMPUTE THE VALUES  $f(\omega^0), \dots, f(\omega^{\frac{n}{2}-1})$  I ONLY NEED TO COMPUTE  $f^{\text{E}}(\omega^0), \dots, f^{\text{E}}(\omega^{\frac{n}{2}-1}), f^{\text{O}}(\omega^0), \dots, f^{\text{O}}(\omega^{\frac{n}{2}-1})$

WHICH AGAIN I CAN DO RECURSIVELY, BECAUSE FROM [3],  $\omega^2$  IS AN  $(\frac{n}{2})$ -TH ROOT OF UNITY IN  $\mathbb{R}$ .

## ALGORITHM

INPUT:  $f(x) = [a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}]$ ,  $w$  primitive  $n$ -TH ROOT OF UNITY WITH  $n$  POWER OF 2.

OUTPUT:  $\text{DFT}_w(a) = [y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}]$ .

- SPLIT  $f$  INTO "EVEN" AND "ODD":  $f(x) = f^E(x^2) + x f^O(x^2)$
- RECURSIVELY COMPUTE  $y^E = \text{DFT}_{w^2}(f^E)$ ;  $y^O = \text{DFT}_{w^2}(f^O)$
- SET  $h = 1$
- FOR  $k = 0$  TO  $\frac{n}{2} - 1$  DO:
  - $y_k = y_k^E + h \cdot y_k^O$
  - $y_{k+\frac{n}{2}} = y_k^E - h \cdot y_k^O$
  - $h = h \cdot w$
- return  $[y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}]$

## COMPLEXITY

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \overset{\text{CONSTANT}}{c}n \leq 4T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2c(n) \leq \dots \\ &\leq n \cdot \underbrace{T(2)}_{\text{CONSTANT}} + \log n \cdot c \cdot n = O(n \log n) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

THIS SOLVES THE EVALUATION. HOW ABOUT THE INTERPOLATION?  
THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO COMPUTE THE INVERSE OF DFT.

IN FACT,

$$\text{WE NOW SHOW } \boxed{5} \left( \text{DFT}_w \right)^{-1} = n^{-1} \text{DFT}_{w^{-1}}$$

HENCE, COMPUTING THE INVERSE IS AGAIN A DFT  
→ CAN ALSO BE DONE IN TIME  $O(n \log n)$  ④

[6]  $\omega$  IS A PRIMITIVE  $n$ -TH ROOT OF A RING  
 $\Rightarrow \omega^{-1}$  " " "

[PF] (i)  $(\omega^{-1})^n = (\omega^n)^{-1} = 1^{-1} = 1$   
 (ii) OBVIOUS  
 (iii)  $(\omega^{-1})^{\frac{n}{2}-1}$  IS NOT A ZERO DIVISOR

[7]  $R, \omega, n$  AS ALWAYS. THEN  $\sqrt{\omega} \cdot \sqrt{\omega^{-1}} = nI$  FOR  $(2-1) = (2^{-1}-1)(-2)$

[OBS: THIS IMMEDIATELY IMPLIES [5]]

PF

$$(\sqrt{\omega} \sqrt{\omega^{-1}})_{je} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (\sqrt{\omega})_{jk} (\sqrt{\omega^{-1}})_{ke} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \omega^{jk} \cdot \omega^{-ke}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \omega^{k(j-e)}$$

IF  $j=e \Rightarrow (\sqrt{\omega} \sqrt{\omega^{-1}})_{je} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \omega^0 = 1+1+\dots+1 = n \quad \checkmark$

IF  $j \neq e \Rightarrow (\sqrt{\omega} \sqrt{\omega^{-1}})_{je} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \omega^{kt} = 0 \quad \checkmark$  [USING [3].(ii)]

IN ORDER TO APPLY FFT, WE NEED  $R$  TO HAVE  $n$ -TH ROOTS OF UNITY, WITH  $n$  POWERS OF 2.

Let  $M = 2^L + 1$ . Let us show that  $\mathbb{Z}_M$  HAS THIS PROPERTY.

[8] Let  $2^k \mid L; k, L \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\omega = 2^{L/2^k} \in \mathbb{Z}_M$  and is a primitive  $2^{k+1}$ -th root of unity.

PF

(i)  $(2^{L/2^k})^{2^{k+1}} = 2^{2L} = 2^L \cdot 2^L = (-1)(-1) = 1 \quad \checkmark$

(ii)  $2 \nmid M = 2^L + 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(2^{k+1}, M) = 1 \Rightarrow 2^{k+1} \in \mathbb{Z}_M^* \quad \checkmark$

(iii)  $2^{2L/2} - 1 = 2^L - 1 = -2 = 2^L - 1$ . CLEARLY  $\gcd(2^L - 1, 2^L + 1) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow 2^L - 1$  IS INVERTIBLE IN  $\mathbb{Z}_M$   
 $\Rightarrow$  IT IS NOT A ZD  $\square$

( $L=2$  IS THE ONLY PRIMS DIVIDING  $2^k$ ) (WE OBSERVED ABOVE  $2^L = -1$ )