

## Fast Fourier Transform



Gauss  
(1777 - 1855)



Lagrange  
(1736 -1813)



Fourier  
(1768 -1830)

## High Level Idea

- To compute the product  $A(x)B(x)$  of polynomials  $O(n \log n)$
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## Computing Polynomials

Given a polynomial of degree  $n$ .

$$A(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$$

What is the complexity of computing its value at a single point,  $A(x_0)$ ?

Horner's Rule:

$O(n)$

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

## Computing Polynomials

So we compute the single value in linear time.

Therefore, it takes  $O(n^2)$  to compute a polynomial of degree  $n$  at  $n$  points.

In the next slides we will develop a new method that gives  $O(n \log n)$  runtime complexity.

## Computing Polynomials

The key idea is to use the divide-and-conquer algorithm. We split a polynomial into two parts: with even and odd degree terms.

$$A(x) = A_0(x^2) + x A_1(x^2)$$

For example,

$$1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+5x^4+6x^5=(1+3x^2+5x^4)+x(2+4x^2+6x^4)$$

$$A_0(x) = 1+3x+5x^2 \quad A_1(x) = 2+4x+6x^2$$

Observe, computing  $A(-x)$  takes  $O(1)$ . Thus, our special points are half pos and half neg.

## Worst-time Complexity

Let  $T(n)$  be the complexity of computing a degree- $n$  polynomial at  $2n$  points. Thus

$$T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + O(n)$$

This solves to  $O(n \log n)$ .

The only problem is that the algorithm requires of having half positive and half negative points on each iteration.

## Very special points

$$A(x) = A_0(x^2) + x A_1(x^2)$$

So, we need to find such a set of points that

- 1) half of points are negative and the second half is positive
- 2) this property holds after squaring (on each iteration)

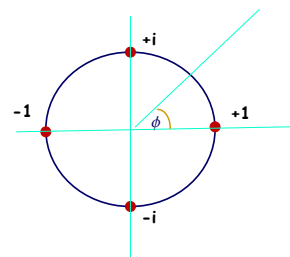
## Roots of Unity

They are defined as solutions to  $z^n = 1$ .

The  $n$ -th roots of unity are points on the complex unit circle every  $2\pi/n$  radians apart

$$z = e^{i 2\pi k/n}$$

$$k=0,1,\dots,n-1$$

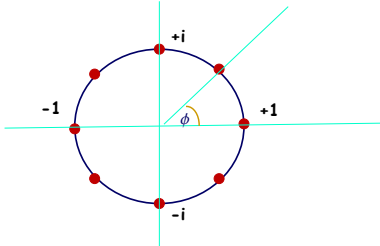


The angle  $\phi = 2\pi/n$

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Here is  $n = 8$



Complex numbers on a unit circle are represented by  $z = e^{i\phi} = \cos(\phi) + i \sin(\phi)$

## Roots of Unity: $n = 8$

Let  $w = \sqrt[4]{i}$ , then roots of  $z^8 = 1$  can be written as

$$1, w, w^2, w^3, w^4, w^5, w^6, w^7$$

Since  $i^2 = -1$ , and thus  $w^4 = -1$ , they can also be written as

$$1, w, w^2, w^3, -1, -w, -w^2, -w^3$$

Let us take a half and square them

$$(1, w, w^2, w^3)^2 = (1, w^2, w^4, w^6) = (1, w^2, -1, -w^2)$$

Do it again

$$(1, w^2)^2 = (1, w^4) = (1, -1)$$

## Computing Polynomials

Given a polynomial

$$A(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k x^k$$

Our task to compute a polynomial at n points:

$$A(1), A(w), A(w^2), \dots, A(w^{n-1})$$

where  $w^n = 1$ .

We can write these computations in a matrix form!  
And thus compute all of them at once!

## Computing Polynomials

$$A(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k x^k$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A(1) \\ A(w) \\ \dots \\ A(w^{n-1}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 & \dots & w^n \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & w^{n-1} & w^{2n-2} & \dots & w^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the Vandermonde matrix (with  $x_0=1$ ).

We will prove that the above matrix multiplication can be done in  $O(n \log n)$

Lagrange's Interpolation formula can be represented via the Vandermonde Matrix.

Polynomial evaluation is also computed via the Vandermonde Matrix.



## Primitive Roots of Unity

Definition: A complex number  $w$  is called a  $n$ -th primitive root of unity if

- 1)  $w^n = 1$
- 2)  $w^p \neq 1$ , for  $p = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

## Roots of Unity

Claim 1: Let  $w$  be a primitive root of  $z^n = 1$  then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w^k = 0 \quad \text{since } w^n = 1$$

Proof. Multiply it by  $w$

$$\begin{aligned} w \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w^k &= w(1 + w + \dots + w^{n-1}) = \\ &= w + w^2 + \dots + w^{n-1} + w^n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w^k \end{aligned}$$

## Roots of Unity

Claim 2: Let  $w$  be a primitive root of  $z^n = 1$  and  $p = 1, \dots, n-1$  then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w^{kp} = 0$$

Proof.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w^{kp} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w^{p \cdot k} = \frac{w^{p \cdot n} - 1}{w^p - 1} = \frac{1^p - 1}{w^p - 1} = 0$$

## Modular Arithmetic

Consider a set of powers of 2

$$1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128$$

modulo 17

$$1, 2, 4, 8, -1, -2, -4, -8$$

Square and then do mod 17 again

$$\{1, 2, 4, 8\}^2 = \{1, 4, 16, 64\} = \{1, 4, -1, -4\}$$

## Computing Polynomials

$$A(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k x^k$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A(1) \\ A(w) \\ \dots \\ A(w^{n-1}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 & \dots & w^{n-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & w^{n-1} & w^{2(n-1)} & \dots & w^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider  $n = 4$  (intuition)

## Computing Polynomials, $n = 4$

$$V_4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -i \\ 1 & -i & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{even} \\ \\ \text{odd} \end{matrix}$$

swap

$$= \begin{pmatrix} V_2 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} V_2 \\ V_2 & -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} V_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Computing Polynomials

In general case, that can be written as a block matrix

$$V_{2n} = \begin{pmatrix} V_n & D_n V_n \\ V_n & -D_n V_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{\text{even}} \\ a_{\text{odd}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_n a_{\text{even}} + D_n V_n a_{\text{odd}} \\ V_n a_{\text{even}} - D_n V_n a_{\text{odd}} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $D_n$  is a diagonal matrix

$$D_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & w & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & w^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

### Proof

$$A(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k x^k$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A(1) \\ A(w) \\ \dots \\ A(w^{n-1}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 & \dots & w^{n-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & w^{n-1} & w^{2(n-1)} & \dots & w^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider j-th row

$$A(w^j) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w^{jk} a_k = \sum_{k \text{ is even}} + \sum_{k \text{ is odd}}$$

### Computing Polynomials

$$A(w^j) = \sum_{k=0}^{n/2-1} w^{j2k} a_{2k} + \sum_{k=0}^{n/2-1} w^{j(2k+1)} a_{2k+1}$$

Let  $w_n$  denote a root of  $z^n = 1$ .

Since  $w_n^2 = w_{n/2}$ , (it follows from  $(z^2)^{n/2} = z^n$ )

$$A(w^j) = \sum_{k=0}^{n/2-1} w_{n/2}^{jk} a_{2k} + w_n^j \sum_{k=0}^{n/2-1} w_{n/2}^{jk} a_{2k+1} = F_1(j) + w_n^j F_2(j)$$

here  $F_j$  is a  $n/2$  size problem.

### Computing Polynomials

$$A(w^j) = \sum_{k=0}^{n/2-1} w_{n/2}^{jk} a_{2k} + w_n^j \sum_{k=0}^{n/2-1} w_{n/2}^{jk} a_{2k+1}$$

Let us compute  $A(w^{j+n/2})$

$$A(w^{j+n/2}) = \sum_{k=0}^{n/2-1} w_{n/2}^{(j+n/2)k} a_{2k} + w_n^{j+n/2} \sum_{k=0}^{n/2-1} w_{n/2}^{(j+n/2)k} a_{2k+1}$$

Observe  $w_{n/2}^{j+n/2} = w_{n/2}^j$  and  $w_n^{n/2} = -1$  for even  $n$

Periodic  
property

Symmetry  
property

### Computing Polynomials

$$A(w^j) = F_1(j) + w_n^j F_2(j), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n/2-1$$

$$A(w^{j+n/2}) = F_1(j) - w_n^j F_2(j), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n/2-1$$

This outlines the divide and conquer algorithm.

Therefore,  $V.a$  can be computed in  $O(n \log n)$

## Computing Polynomials

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FFT(A, m, w) {
  if (m==1) return vector (a_0)
  else {
    A_even = (a_0, a_2, ..., a_{m-2})
    A_odd = (a_1, a_3, ..., a_{m-1})
    F_even = FFT(A_even, m/2, w^2)
    F_odd = FFT(A_odd, m/2, w^2)
    x = 1
    for (j=0; j < m/2; ++j) {
      F[j] = F_even[j] + x*F_odd[j]
      F[j+m/2] = F_even[j] - x*F_odd[j]
      x = x * w
    }
  }
  return F }

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## Complexity of Interpolation

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & x_{n-1} & x_{n-1}^2 & \dots & x_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

We know that the complexity of interpolation depends on how fast can we inverse the Vandermonde matrix.

We will show that this step is also  $O(n \log n)$

Note, each  $x_k$  is a primitive root of unity

## Inverse Vandermonde

Theorem.

$$V^{-1}(w) = \frac{1}{n} V\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$$

where  $w^n = 1$ .

### Inverse Vandermonde

$$V(w) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 & \dots & w^{n-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & w^{n-1} & w^{2(n-1)} & \dots & w^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $V^*$  be  $V$  where  $w \rightarrow 1/w$ .

Compute  $V^*.V$  Each element of the product is

$$\{1, w^{-i}, w^{-2i}, \dots, w^{-i(n-1)}\} \cdot \{1, w^j, w^{2j}, \dots, w^{j(n-1)}\}$$

$$= 1 + w^{j-i} + w^{2(j-i)} + \dots + w^{(n-1)(j-i)}$$

### Inverse Vandermonde

$$(V^*.V)(i, j) = 1 + w^{j-i} + w^{2(j-i)} + \dots + w^{(n-1)(j-i)}$$

Recall

$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{n-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x^k = \frac{1-x^n}{1-x}$$

It follows, that

$$(V^*.V)(i, i) = n$$

$$V^*.V = n I$$

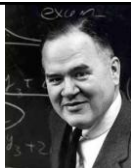
$$(V^*.V)(i, j \neq i) = 0$$

$$V(1/w).V(w) = n I$$



### FFT History

Cooley and Tukey's paper 1965  
It was known to Gauss, 1805.



Tukey derived the basic reduction while in a meeting of President Kennedy's Science Advisory Committee for off-shore detection of nuclear tests in the Soviet Union.

The idea was to analyze time series obtained from seismometers. Other possible applications to national security included the long-range acoustic detection of nuclear submarines.

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## Polynomial multiplication

$$a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$$

$$b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}$$

FFT

$$A(1), A(w), A(w^2), \dots, A(w^{2^{n-1}})$$

$$B(1), B(w), B(w^2), \dots, B(w^{2^{n-1}})$$

Point-value multiplication

$$A(1)B(1), A(w)B(w), \dots, A(w^{2^{n-1}})B(w^{2^{n-1}})$$

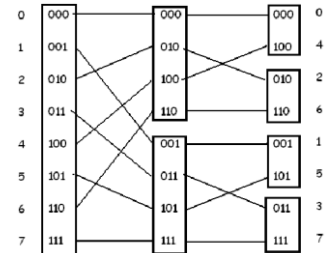
Inverse FFT

$$C(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} c_k x^k$$

## FFT in place

Let  $n = 8$

The right column is a bit reversal.



The recursive algorithm can simply call on the left and right halves, rather than on the odd and even indices.

All DSP processors include a hardware bit reversal capability

## Discrete Fourier Transform

DFT converts a set of sample points into another set ordered by frequencies. It reveals periodicities in input data.

A DFT of  $\{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$  is defined by

$$b_j = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k w^{kj}$$

where  $w^n = 1$ . In a matrix form  $V \cdot a = b$

FFT is an algorithm for computing DFT.

## Convolution

The convolution of two vectors  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  is a third vector  $c = a \otimes b$  which represents an overlap between the two vectors.

$$c_j = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k b_{j-k} \quad c_j = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k b_{j-k}$$

The Convolution Theorem says that the DFT of a convolution of two vectors is the point-wise product of the DFT of the two vectors

$$\text{DFT}(a \otimes b) = \text{DFT}(a) \text{DFT}(b)$$

### Convolution

$$\text{DFT}(a \oplus b) = \text{DFT}(a) \text{DFT}(b)$$

$$a \oplus b = \text{DFT}^{-1}(\text{DFT}(a) \text{DFT}(b))$$

It follows, using FFT we can compute convolution in  $O(n \log n)$ .

Note that *inverse DFT* is just a regular DFT with  $w$  replaced by  $w^{-1}$ .

### Polynomial multiplication

$$A(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k x^k \quad B(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b_k x^k$$

$$A(x)B(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n-2} c_k x^k \quad c_k = \sum_{j=0}^k a_j b_{k-j}$$

this is just a convolution of two vectors  $a$  and  $b$

### Finite Fields (mod prime $p$ )

Consider a set of powers of 2

1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128

modulo  $p=17$

How do we find such prime  $p$ ?