

# Fast multiplication

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## Part 1: polynomial multiplication

Commutative ring  $A$ .

Given coefficients of  $f, g \in A[x]$ .

Want coefficients of  $h = fg$ .

e.g.  $f = f_0 + f_1x$ ,  $g = g_0 + g_1x$ :

$h = h_0 + h_1x + h_2x^2$  where

$$h_0 = f_0g_0,$$

$$h_1 = f_0g_1 + f_1g_0,$$

$$h_2 = f_1g_1.$$

4 mults in  $A$ . 1 add in  $A$ .

Or:  $h_0 = f_0g_0$ ,  $h_2 = f_1g_1$ ,  
 $h_1 = (f_0 + f_1)(g_0 + g_1) - h_0 - h_2$ .  
3 mults, 2 adds, 2 subs.

Proof of the formula for  $h_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} h_0 + h_1 + h_2 &= h(1) \\ &= f(1)g(1) = (f_0 + f_1)(g_0 + g_1). \end{aligned}$$

$p \mapsto p(1)$  is a ring morphism  
 $A[x] \rightarrow A$ .

## **Algebraic algorithm:**

Start from  $f_0, \dots, f_d, g_0, \dots, g_d$

and some constants in  $A$ .

Obtain new elements of  $A$

by a constant sequence of

adds, subs, mults.

Eventually obtain  $h_0, \dots, h_{2d}$ .

## **Total $A$ -complexity:**

number of adds, subs, mults.

## Karatsuba's method

Assume  $\deg f < 2n$ ,  $\deg g < 2n$ .

Write  $f$  as  $p_0 + p_1 x^n$

with  $\deg p_0 < n$ ,  $\deg p_1 < n$ .

Similarly  $g$  as  $q_0 + q_1 x^n$ .

Then  $h = (p_0 + p_1)(q_0 + q_1)x^n$   
+  $(p_0 q_0 - p_1 q_1 x^n)(1 - x^n)$ .

(Karatsuba 1963)

$y \mapsto x^n$  is a ring morphism  
 $A[x][y] \rightarrow A[x]$ .

$p_0 + p_1y \mapsto f$  and  
 $q_0 + q_1y \mapsto g$  so  
 $(p_0 + p_1y)(q_0 + q_1y) \mapsto h.$

Multiply  $p_0 + p_1y$  by  $q_0 + q_1y$   
in  $A[x][y]$ .

Substitute  $y \mapsto x^n$  to get  $h$ .

Complexity of Karatsuba's method:  
Three products with  $\deg < n$ .  
 $7n - 3$  extra adds/subs.

10111100110101100000101100011110 0011101011101001010100100011101  
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For  $n = 2^k$ ,  $k \geq 2$ : Complexity  
 $(103/18) \cdot 3^k - 7 \cdot 2^k + 3/2$   
if  $\deg f < n$ ,  $\deg g < n$ .

$$3^k = n^{\lg 3} < n^{1.585}$$

where  $\lg = \log_2$ .

# The fast Fourier transform

To multiply in  $\mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{64} - 1)$ :

$$\mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{64} - 1)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{32} - 1) \times \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{32} + 1).$$

$$\mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{32} + 1)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{16} - i) \times \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{16} + i).$$

Continue to  $\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C} \times \cdots \times \mathbf{C}$ .

(Gauss 1805)

$\leq 3$  operations in  $\mathbf{C}$  for

$$ax^j + bx^{n+j}$$

$$\mapsto (a + b\zeta)x^j, (a - b\zeta)x^j$$

$$\text{under } \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{2n} - \zeta^2)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^n - \zeta) \times \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^n + \zeta).$$

$\mathbf{C}$ -complexity  $(3/2)n \lg n - n + 1$

for  $\mathbf{C}[x]/(x^n - 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$

when  $n = 2^k$ ,  $k \geq 0$ .

$\mathbf{C}$ -complexity  $(9/2)n \lg n - n + 3$

to multiply in  $\mathbf{C}[x]/(x^n - 1)$ .

Represent  $\mathbf{C}$  as  $\mathbf{R}[i]/(i^2 + 1)$ .

$(a, b) \mapsto (a + b\zeta, a - b\zeta)$

takes 10 operations in  $\mathbf{R}$ .

Only 4 operations if  $\zeta^2 = -1$ .

Only 8 operations if  $\zeta^4 = -1$ .

$\mathbf{R}$ -complexity  $15n \lg n - 22n + 48$

to multiply in  $\mathbf{C}[x]/(x^n - 1)$

when  $n = 2^k$ ,  $k \geq 3$ .

## Split-radix FFT

$$\mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{64} - 1)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{32} - 1) \times \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{32} + 1)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{32} - 1) \times$$

$$\mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{16} - i) \times \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{16} + i)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{32} - 1) \times$$

$$\mathbf{C}[y]/(y^{16} - 1) \times \mathbf{C}[z]/(z^{16} - 1)$$

$$\text{by } x \mapsto \zeta y, \quad x \mapsto \zeta^{-1} z$$

$$\text{where } \zeta^{16} = i.$$

$\mathbf{R}$ -complexity  $12n \lg n - 10n + 24$   
to multiply in  $\mathbf{C}[x]/(x^n - 1)$   
when  $n = 2^k$ ,  $k \geq 3$ .  
(Yavne 1968; Duhamel;  
Hollmann; Martens; Stasinski;  
Vetterli; Nussbaumer)

Arbitrary  $n$ :  $(12 + o(1))n \lg n$ .  
(reduction to power-of-2 case:  
Gauss 1805; Good 1951; better  
reduction: Crandall, Fagin 1994)

## Real FFT

$$\mathbf{R}[x]/(x^{64} - 1)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{R}[x]/(x^{32} - 1) \times \mathbf{R}[x]/(x^{32} + 1)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{R}[x]/(x^{32} - 1) \times \mathbf{C}[x]/(x^{16} - i)$$

(Gauss 1805; Bergland 1968)

$\mathbf{R}$ -complexity  $(12 + o(1))n \lg n$

to multiply in  $\mathbf{R}[x]/(x^{2n} - 1)$ ;

e.g. to multiply  $f, g \in \mathbf{R}[x]$

if  $\deg fg < 2n$ .

## Part 2: integer multiplication

Given  $f, g \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Want  $h = fg$ .

$f$  represented as  $(f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots)$

with  $f_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $|f_j| \leq 2^{53}$ ,

$$f = f_0 + 2^{48}f_1 + 2^{96}f_2 + \dots$$

Not unique. Similarly  $g, h$ .

**Use floating-point algorithms.**

Try to minimize number of  
floating-point operations.

A **floating-point number**  
is a real number  $2^a b$   
with  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $|b| \leq 2^{53}$ .

Floating-point operations:

$$u, v \mapsto \text{fp}_{53}(u + v)$$

$$u, v \mapsto \text{fp}_{53}(u - v)$$

$$u, v \mapsto \text{fp}_{53} uv$$

For each  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$\text{fp}_{53} z$  is a floating-point number.

$$|z - \text{fp}_{53} z| \leq 2^{a-1} \text{ if } |z| \leq 2^{a+53}.$$

If  $u$  is a floating-point number  
and  $|u| \leq 2^{75}$ :

Define  $\alpha = 3 \cdot 2^{75}$ ,

$$u_1 = \text{fp}_{53}(\text{fp}_{53}(u + \alpha) - \alpha),$$
$$u_0 = \text{fp}_{53}(u - u_1).$$

Then  $u_1 \in 2^{24}\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $|u_0| \leq 2^{23}$ ,  
and  $u = u_0 + u_1$ .

(Kahan 1965; et al.)

Can build big-integer arithmetic  
using floating-point operations.  
(Veltkamp 1968; Dekker 1971)

Carry  $f = f_0 + 2^{48}f_1 + \dots$   
into  $f = s_0 + 2^{24}s_1 + 2^{48}s_2 + \dots$   
with  $s_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $|s_j| \leq 2^{23}$ .  
Similarly  $g = t_0 + 2^{24}t_1 + \dots$ .

Then  $s_0 t_1 + s_1 t_0$   
 $= \text{fp}_{53}(\text{fp}_{53} s_0 t_1 + \text{fp}_{53} s_1 t_0)$ ,  
etc. Be careful past 127.

## The Schönhage-Strassen method

Define  $A = \mathbb{Z}/(2^{1536} + 1)$ .

$A$  has a 1024th root of  $-1$ ,  
namely  $\zeta = 2^{1153} - 2^{385}$ .

Can multiply in  $A[x]/(x^{2048} - 1)$   
using FFT over  $A$ .

Easy to multiply by powers of  $\zeta$ .

Powers of  $\zeta^{32} = 2^{48}$  are easiest.

Can eliminate most other powers  
as in split-radix FFT.

$x \mapsto 2^{768}$  is a ring morphism

$$\mathbf{Z}[x]/(x^{2048} - 1)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/(2^{1572864} - 1).$$

Lift elements of  $\mathbf{Z}/(2^{1572864} - 1)$

to elements of  $\mathbf{Z}[x]/(x^{2048} - 1)$

with coefficients under  $2^{768}$ .

Product in  $\mathbf{Z}[x]/(x^{2048} - 1)$

is determined by images

in  $A[x]/(x^{2048} - 1)$

and  $(\mathbf{Z}/2^{11})[x]/(x^{2048} - 1)$ .

Can multiply  $f, g \in \mathbf{Z}$  with  
a circuit of size  $O(n \lg n \lg \lg n)$   
if  $|f| < 2^n$ ,  $|g| < 2^n$ .  
(Schönhage, Strassen 1971)

For any ring  $A$ :  
Can multiply  $f, g \in A[x]$  with  
 $O(n \lg n \lg \lg n)$  operations in  $A$   
if  $\deg f < n$ ,  $\deg g < n$ .  
(Cantor, Kaltofen 1991)