

Key recurrences for divide-and-conquer algorithms:

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1) = O(\log n) \quad (\text{binary search})$$

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

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1) = O(n)$$

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) = O(n \log n) \quad (\text{merge Sort})$$

From the desired recurrence we get a high level idea of the algorithm.

Divide & conquer approach:

- 1) Break into subproblems of the same type
Typically problems of half the size.
- 2) Recursively solve these subproblems
- 3) Combine/merge solutions to subproblems to get solution to whole problem.

Multiplying Polynomials:

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Example: 2 polynomials of degree $d=2$:

$$A(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

$$B(x) = 2 - x + 4x^2 = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$$

Goal: compute their ~~for~~ product:

$$C(x) = A(x)B(x) = (1 + 2x + 3x^2)(2 - x + 4x^2)$$

$$= 2 + 3x + 8x^2 + 5x^3 + 12x^4$$

$$= c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + c_4x^4$$

$$c_0 = a_0b_0, c_1 = a_0b_1 + a_1b_0, \dots$$

In general, given the coefficients:

$$a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_d) \text{ \& } b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_d)$$

$$\text{for polynomials } A(x) = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i x^i \text{ \& } B(x) = \sum_{i=0}^d b_i x^i$$

we want to compute the coefficients

$$c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{2d}) \text{ for } C(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{2d} c_i x^i = A(x)B(x),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c_k &= a_0 b_k + a_1 b_{k-1} + \dots + a_k b_0 \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k a_i b_{k-i} \end{aligned}$$

Vector c is called the convolution of vectors a & b . ⁽²⁾

Naive approach: $O(k)$ time for c_k & then $O(d^2)$ total time.

Using FFT: $O(d \log d)$ total time.

Two ways to represent a polynomial $A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_dx^d$

1) Coefficients: $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_d$
or 2) Values: $A(x_0), A(x_1), \dots, A(x_d)$

Lemma: A degree d polynomial is uniquely characterized by its values at any $d+1$ distinct points

(example: line has $d=1$ & is defined by 2 points)

We assume input/output is in coefficients representation
but the values representation is more useful
for multiplying polynomials.

Given $A(x_0), \dots, A(x_{2d})$ & $B(x_0), \dots, B(x_{2d})$

then $C(x_i) = A(x_i)B(x_i)$

takes $O(1)$ time per i , $O(d)$ choices of i

$\Rightarrow O(d)$ total time.

& $C(x_0), \dots, C(x_{2d})$ defines $C(x)$.

FFT: converts between coefficients $\leftrightarrow$ values
in $O(n \log n)$ time
does it for carefully chosen set of points

Consider Polynomial $A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$
where n is a power of 2

Given $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$
we want to output $A(x_1), \dots, A(x_{2n})$
for $2n$ points that we choose.

How should we choose these points?

Key idea: Suppose we have n points $x_1, \dots, x_n$

& the other n points are $x_{n+1} = -x_1, \dots, x_{2n} = -x_n$

So the $2n$ points are $\pm x_1, \pm x_2, \dots, \pm x_n$

Note $A(x_i)$ & $A(-x_i)$ are the same for the even terms
and opposite for odd terms

So let's split $A(x)$ into
even and odd terms.

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For $A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$

let $A_{\text{even}}(y) = a_0 + a_2y + a_4y^2 + \dots + a_{n-2}y^{(n-2)/2}$

So $a_{\text{even}} = (a_0, a_2, a_4, \dots, a_{n-2})$

and $A_{\text{odd}}(y) = a_1 + a_3y + a_5y^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}y^{(n-2)/2}$

So $a_{\text{odd}} = (a_1, a_3, a_5, \dots, a_{n-1})$

Notice that: $A(x) = A_{\text{even}}(x^2) + xA_{\text{odd}}(x^2)$

Hence, $A(x_i) = A_{\text{even}}(x_i^2) + x_i A_{\text{odd}}(x_i^2)$

and $A(x_{n+i}) = A(-x_i) = A_{\text{even}}(x_i^2) - x_i A_{\text{odd}}(x_i^2)$

So given $A_{\text{even}}(y_1), \dots, A_{\text{even}}(y_n)$ & $A_{\text{odd}}(y_1), \dots, A_{\text{odd}}(y_n)$

for $y_1 = x_1^2, \dots, y_n = x_n^2$

Then we get in $O(n)$ time

$$A(x_1), \dots, A(x_n), \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ A(-x_1)}}{A(x_{n+1})}, \dots, \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ A(-x_n)}}{A(x_{2n})}$$

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$A_{\text{even}}(y)$ & $A_{\text{odd}}(y)$ are of degree $\frac{n-2}{2} = \frac{n}{2} - 1$

Whereas $A(x)$ has degree $n-1$.

So to solve the problem of evaluating $A(x)$ of degree $n-1$ at $2n$ points

We need to know $A_{\text{even}}(y)$ and $A_{\text{odd}}(y)$ which are of degree $\frac{n}{2} - 1$ at n points

$\Rightarrow$ Divide & conquer

to solve the problem for size n

need to solve 2 subproblems of size $\frac{n}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) = O(n \log n).$$

What about the next round?

Need that $x_1^2, x_2^2, \dots, x_n^2$ are $\pm$ pairs so:

$$x_1^2 = -\left(x_{\frac{n}{2}+1}^2\right)$$

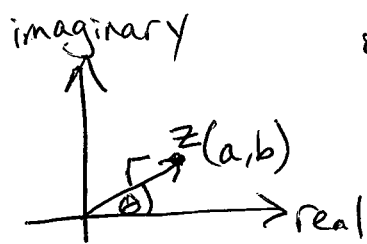
$$x_2^2 = -\left(x_{\frac{n}{2}+2}^2\right)$$

$$x_{\frac{n}{2}}^2 = -\left(x_n^2\right)$$

but these are both ≥ 0
So it's impossible unless we use Complex numbers.

Review of complex numbers:

$a+bi$ represented as (a,b) in the complex plane
or (r,θ) in polar coordinates



for polar (r,θ) : $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = r e^{i\theta}$
↑
Euler's formula

Polar is convenient:

Multiplying: $(r_1, \theta_1) \times (r_2, \theta_2) = (r_1 r_2, \theta_1 + \theta_2)$

So if $r=1$, for $z=(1,\theta)$

then $z^n = (1, n\theta)$

Since $-1 = (1, \pi)$

then if $z=(r,\theta)$ then $-z=(r, \theta+\pi)$

n^{th} complex roots of unity are those z

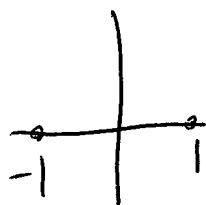
where $z^n = 1$

Thus, they are $z=(1,\theta)$ where $z^n = (1, 2\pi)$

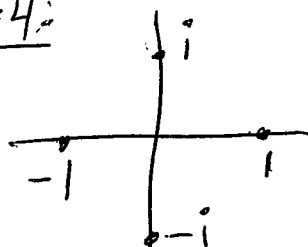
thus $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{n}j$ where $j=0, 1, \dots, n-1$.

Let's look at the n^{th} complex roots of unity -
 for n which is a power of 2 so $n=2^k$
 for some k . (7)

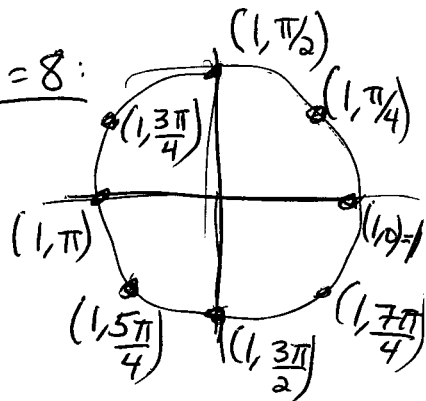
$n=2$:



$n=4$:



$n=8$:



$$\text{Let } \omega = \left(1, \frac{2\pi}{n}\right) = e^{2\pi i/n}$$

Then the n^{th} roots of unity are

$$1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$$

Note: $\omega^j = \left(1, \frac{2\pi}{n}j\right) = e^{2\pi i j/n}$

for $j=0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

Two key Properties:

1) Satisfy $\pm$ property

$$\omega^j = -\omega^{\frac{n}{2}+j} \text{ for } j=0, 1, \dots, \frac{n}{2}-1$$

So the $1^{\text{st}} \frac{n}{2}$ of the n^{th} roots = - last $\frac{n}{2}$ of the n^{th} roots

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

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

$\vdots$

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

2) Look at the square of the n^{th} roots:

$$(1)^2, (\omega)^2, (\omega^2)^2, (\omega^3)^2, \dots, (\omega^{n-1})^2$$

$$(\omega^j)^2 = (1, \frac{2\pi j}{n}) \times (1, \frac{2\pi j}{n}) = (1, \frac{2\pi j}{n/2}) = j^{\text{th}} \text{ of the } \frac{n}{2} \text{ root}$$

$$\& (\omega^{\frac{n}{2}+j})^2 = (\omega^j)^2 = (\omega^j)^2 \Rightarrow$$

So if we square the n^{th} roots we get the $(\frac{n}{2})^{\text{th}}$ roots

If we want to evaluate a polynomial

$$A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

at the n^{th} roots of unity

$$\text{then let } A_{\text{even}}(y) = a_0 + a_2y + a_4y^2 + \dots + a_{n-2}y^{(\frac{n-2}{2})}$$

$$A_{\text{odd}}(y) = a_1 + a_3y + a_5y^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}y^{(\frac{n-2}{2})}$$

$$\text{Note: } A(x) = A_{\text{even}}(x^2) + x A_{\text{odd}}(x^2)$$

Degree of $A(x)$ is $n-1$ & degrees of $A_{\text{even}}(y)$ & $A_{\text{odd}}(y)$ is $\frac{n}{2}-1$

To get $A(x)$ at n^{th} roots, need $A_{\text{even}}(y)$ & $A_{\text{odd}}(y)$ at $\frac{n}{2}^{\text{th}}$ roots

So 2 subproblems of half the size

FFT: takes coefficients of poly $A(x)$ & outputs the value of $A(x)$ at the n^{th} roots.

FFT algorithm:

Let $w = e^{2\pi i/n}$

FFT(a, w):

input: vector $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ which are coefficients for polynomial $A(x)$ of degree $\leq n-1$ where n is a power of 2, & w is a n^{th} root of unity

output: $A(w^0), A(w), A(w^2), \dots, A(w^{n-1})$

if $n=1$, return $(A(1))$

let $a_{\text{even}} = (a_0, a_2, \dots, a_{n-2})$ & $a_{\text{odd}} = (a_1, a_3, \dots, a_{n-1})$

$(s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{\frac{n}{2}-1}) = \text{FFT}(a_{\text{even}}, w^2)$

$(t_0, t_1, \dots, t_{\frac{n}{2}-1}) = \text{FFT}(a_{\text{odd}}, w^2)$

For $j = 0 \rightarrow \frac{n}{2} - 1$:

$$r_j = s_j + w^j t_j$$

$$r_{\frac{n}{2}+j} = s_j - w^j t_j$$

Return $(r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{n-1})$

Running time: $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n)$
 $= O(n \log n)$

Original Problem:

Given $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ & $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1})$ which are coefficients for poly $A(x)$ & $B(x)$,
 Compute coefficients $c = (c_0, \dots, c_{2n-2})$ for $C(x) = A(x)B(x)$.

So we run $\text{FFT}(a, \omega)$ & $\text{FFT}(b, \omega)$

for $\omega = e^{2\pi i / 2n} = 2n^{\text{th}}$ root of unity
 to get $A(x)$ & $B(x)$ at $x = \omega^j$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, 2n-1$

Then $C(\omega^j) = A(\omega^j)B(\omega^j)$

So we have $C(x)$ at $2n$ points

But then we need to interpolate
 to get the coefficients for $C(x)$.

To do that we do a reverse FFT,
 which is just another FFT.

For points $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$ notice that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(x_0) \\ A(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ A(x_{n-1}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n-1} & x_{n-1}^2 & \dots & x_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

for FFT we have $x_j = \omega^j$ so:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(1) \\ A(\omega) \\ A(\omega^2) \\ \vdots \\ A(\omega^{n-1}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 & \dots & \omega^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \dots & \omega^{2(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega^{n-1} & \omega^{2(n-1)} & \dots & \omega^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

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A

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$M_n(\omega)$

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a

So: $A = M_n(\omega)a$

Multiplying a by $M_n(\omega)$ gives A

But we want to go from A to a

So we need $M_n(\omega)^{-1}$

Lemma: $M_n(\omega)^{-1} = \frac{1}{n} M_n(\omega^{-1})$

What's ω^{-1} ? $\omega^{-1} = \omega^{n-1}$ because:

$$\omega^{n-1} \times \omega = \omega^n = 1$$

Then to compute $M_n(\omega)^{-1}A$ we just run $\text{FFT}(A, \omega^{n-1})$ this gives:

$$M_n(\omega^{-1})A = M_n(\omega)^{-1}A \text{ which is what we want.}$$