



# **Chapter 1**

# **Divide and Conquer**

**Algorithm Theory**  
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# Operations on Polynomials

$$\forall x \in X : p(x)$$

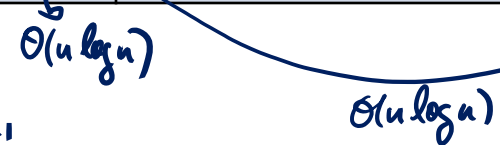


Cost depending on representation:

$$|X| = n$$

$$p(x) \cdot q(x)$$

	<u>Coefficient</u>	Roots	<u>Point-Value</u>
<u>Evaluation</u>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$
Addition	$O(n)$	$\infty$	$O(n)$
Multiplication	$O(n^{1.58})$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$



$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$$

$$q(x) = b_0 + \dots + b_{n-1} x^{n-1}$$

# Coefficients to Point-Value Representation

**Goal:** Compute  $p(x)$  for all  $x$  in a given set  $X$  of size  $|X| = N$

- Divide  $p(x)$  of degr.  $N - 1$  into 2 polynomials of degr.  $N/2 - 1$

$$\rightarrow \underline{p_0}(y) = \underline{a_0} + \underline{a_2}y + \underline{a_4}y^2 + \dots + \underline{a_{N-2}}y^{N/2-1} \quad (\text{even coeff.})$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{p_1}(y) = \underline{a_1} + \underline{a_3}y + \underline{a_5}y^2 + \dots + \underline{a_{N-1}}y^{N/2-1} \quad (\text{odd coeff.})$$

Let's first look at the "combine" step:

$$\forall x \in X : \underline{p(x)} = \underline{p_0(x^2)} + \underline{x} \cdot \underline{p_1(x^2)}$$

- Recursively compute  $p_0(y)$  and  $p_1(y)$  for all  $y \in X^2$ 
  - Where  $X^2 := \{x^2 : x \in X\}$

- Generally, we have  $|X^2| = |X|$

*initially*  
 $|X| = N$

$\{-1, 1\}$

*$O(N^2)$*

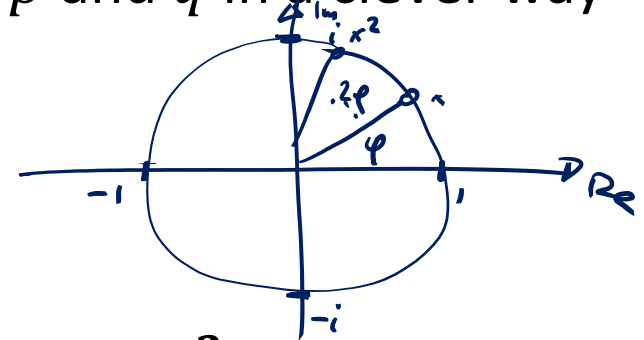
*$O(N \log N)$*

# Choice of $X$

$$(e^{ip})^2 = e^{i2p}$$

- Select points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{N-1}$  to evaluate  $p$  and  $q$  in a clever way

Consider the  $N$  complex roots of unity:

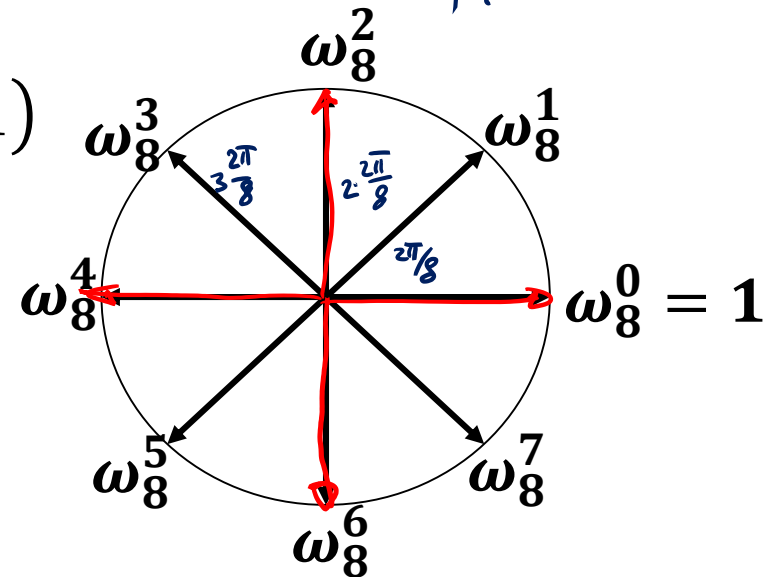


**Principle root of unity:**  $\omega_N = e^{2\pi i/N}$

$$(i = \sqrt{-1}, \quad e^{2\pi i} = 1)$$

**Powers of  $\omega_n$  (roots of unity):**

$$1 = \omega_N^0, \omega_N^1, \dots, \omega_N^{N-1}$$



Note:  $\omega_N^k = e^{2\pi i k/N} = \cos \frac{2\pi k}{N} + i \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi k}{N}$

$$X = \left\{ e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot j} : j \in \{0, \dots, N-1\} \right\}$$

# Properties of the Roots of Unity

- Cancellation Lemma:**

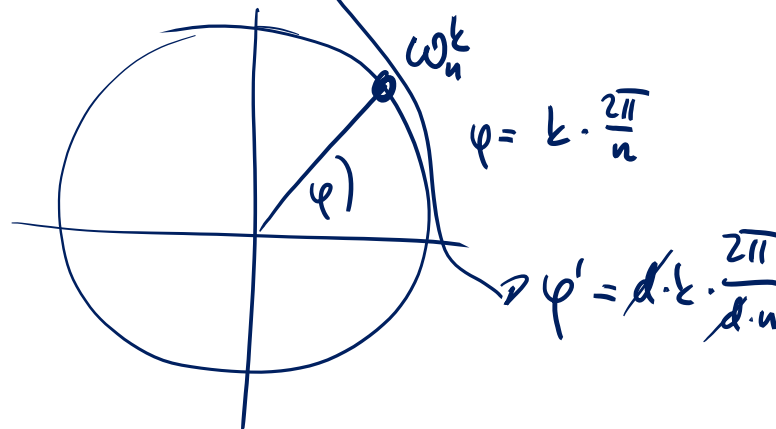
For all integers  $n > 0$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , and  $d > 0$ , we have:

$$\omega_n^{dk} = \omega_n^k,$$

$$\omega_n^{k+n} = \omega_n^k$$

• **Proof**  $\omega_n = e^{i \frac{2\pi}{n}}$

$\omega_n^n = 1$  roots of unity



# Properties of the Roots of Unity

**Claim:** If  $X = \{\omega_{2k}^i : i \in \{0, \dots, 2k - 1\}\}$ , we have

$$X^2 = \{\omega_k^i : i \in \{0, \dots, k - 1\}\}, \quad |X^2| = \frac{|X|}{2}$$

$$|X| = 2k$$

$$|X^2| = k$$

$$x \in X \rightarrow x^2 \in X^2$$

$$(\omega_{2k}^i)^2 = \omega_{2k}^{2i} = \omega_k^i$$

New recurrence formula:

$$T(N, |X|) \leq 2T\left(N/2, |X|/2\right) + O(N + |X|)$$

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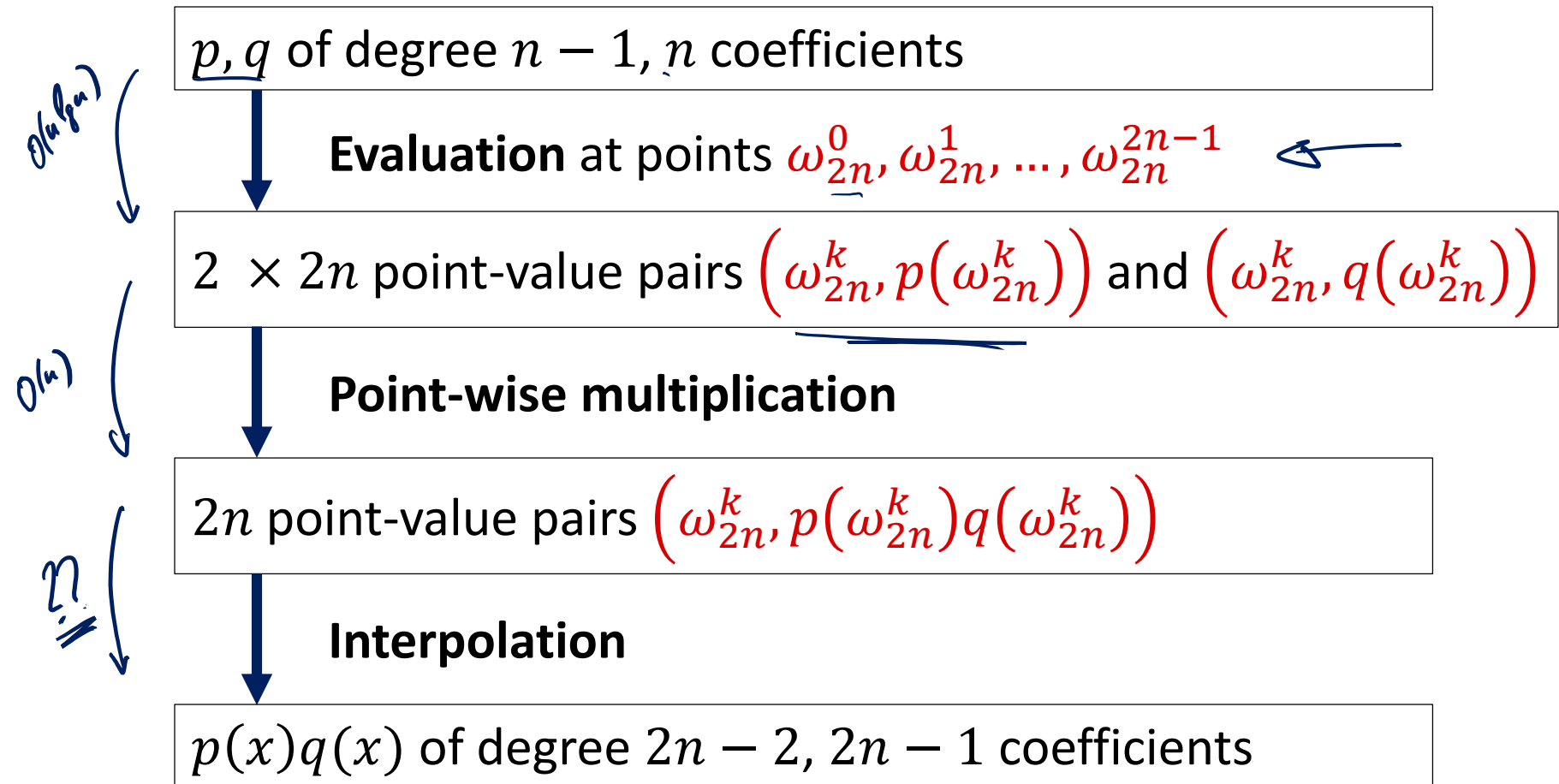
$$= 2T\left(N/2, |X|/2\right) + O(N + |X|)$$

initially:  $|X| = N$

$$T(N) \leq 2T(N/2) + O(N) \quad \implies T(N) = O(N \log N)$$

# Faster Polynomial Multiplication?

Idea to compute  $p(x) \cdot q(x)$  (for polynomials of degree  $< n$ ):





# Discrete Fourier Transform

- The values  $p(\omega_N^i)$  for  $i = 0, \dots, N - 1$  uniquely define a polynomial  $p$  of degree  $< N$ .

## Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT):

- Assume  $a = (a_0, \dots, a_{N-1})$  is the coefficient vector of poly.  $p$

$$\underline{p(x)} = a_{N-1}x^{N-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$$

$$\underline{\text{DFT}}_N(a) := \left( \underline{p(\omega_N^0)}, \underline{p(\omega_N^1)}, \dots, \underline{p(\omega_N^{N-1})} \right)$$

Algorithm:  $\overline{\text{FFT}}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 fast

# Example

$$a = (0, 18, -15, 3)$$

- Consider polynomial  $p(x) = 3x^3 - 15x^2 + 18x$
- $N = 4$ , roots of unity:  $\omega_4^0 = 1$ ,  $\omega_4^1 = i$ ,  $\omega_4^2 = -1$ ,  $\omega_4^3 = -i$
- Evaluate  $p(x)$  at  $\omega_4^k$ :

$$\left(\omega_4^0, p(\omega_4^0)\right) = (1, p(1)) = (1, 6)$$

$$\left(\omega_4^1, p(\omega_4^1)\right) = (i, p(i)) = (i, 15 + 15i)$$

$$\left(\omega_4^2, p(\omega_4^2)\right) = (-1, p(-1)) = (-1, -36)$$

$$\left(\omega_4^3, p(\omega_4^3)\right) = (-i, p(-i)) = (-i, 15 - 15i)$$

- For  $a = (0, 18, -15, 3)$ :

$$\mathbf{DFT}_4(a) = (6, 15 + 15i, -36, 15 - 15i)$$

# DFT: Recursive Structure

Evaluation for  $k = 0, \dots, N - 1$ :

$$(\omega_N^k)^2 = \omega_{N/2}^k$$

$$\underline{p(\omega_N^k)} = p_0((\omega_N^k)^2) + \omega_N^k \cdot p_1((\omega_N^k)^2)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \underline{p_0(\omega_{N/2}^k)} + \omega_N^k \cdot \underline{p_1(\omega_{N/2}^k)} & \text{if } k < N/2 \\ p_0(\omega_{N/2}^{k-N/2}) + \omega_N^k \cdot p_1(\omega_{N/2}^{k-N/2}) & \text{if } k \geq \underline{N/2} \end{cases}$$

For the coefficient vector  $a$  of  $p(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DFT}_N(a) = & \left( p_0(\omega_{N/2}^0), \dots, p_0(\omega_{N/2}^{N/2-1}), p_0(\omega_{N/2}^0), \dots, p_0(\omega_{N/2}^{N/2-1}) \right) \\ & + \left( \omega_N^0 p_0(\omega_{N/2}^0), \dots, \omega_N^{N/2-1} p_0(\omega_{N/2}^{N/2-1}), \omega_N^{N/2} p_0(\omega_{N/2}^0), \dots, \omega_N^{N-1} p_0(\omega_{N/2}^{N/2-1}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Example

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$N = 4$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} p(\omega_4^0) = p_0(\omega_2^0) + \omega_4^0 p_1(\omega_2^0) \\ p(\omega_4^1) = p_0(\omega_2^1) + \omega_4^1 p_1(\omega_2^1) \\ p(\omega_4^2) = p_0(\omega_2^0) + \omega_4^2 p_1(\omega_2^0) \\ p(\omega_4^3) = p_0(\omega_2^1) + \omega_4^3 p_1(\omega_2^1) \end{array} \right.$$

Need:  $(p_0(\omega_2^0), p_0(\omega_2^1))$  and  $(p_1(\omega_2^0), p_1(\omega_2^1))$

(DFTs of coefficient vectors of  $p_0$  and  $p_1$ )

# Summary: Computation of $\text{DFT}_N$

- Divide-and-conquer algorithm for  $\text{DFT}_N(p)$ :

## 1. Divide

$$N \leq 1: \text{DFT}_1(p) = a_0$$

$N > 1$ : Divide  $p$  into  $p_0$  (even coeff.) and  $p_1$  (odd coeff.).

## 2. Conquer

Solve  $\text{DFT}_{N/2}(p_0)$  and  $\text{DFT}_{N/2}(p_1)$  recursively

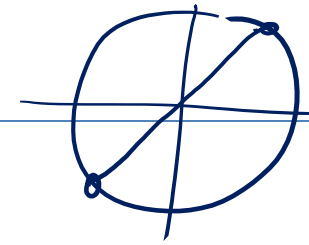
## 3. Combine

Compute  $\text{DFT}_N(p)$  based on  $\text{DFT}_{N/2}(p_0)$  and  $\text{DFT}_{N/2}(p_1)$

# Small Improvement

$$\omega_N^k =$$

$$\omega_N^{k-N/2} = -\omega_N^k$$



Polynomial  $p$  of degree  $N - 1$ :

$$p(\omega_N^k) = \begin{cases} p_0(\omega_{N/2}^k) + \omega_N^k \cdot p_1(\omega_{N/2}^k) & \text{if } k < N/2 \\ p_0(\omega_{N/2}^{k-N/2}) + \omega_N^k \cdot p_1(\omega_{N/2}^{k-N/2}) & \text{if } k \geq N/2 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} p_0(\omega_{N/2}^k) + \omega_N^k \cdot p_1(\omega_{N/2}^k) & \text{if } k < N/2 \\ p_0(\omega_{N/2}^{k-N/2}) - \omega_N^{k-N/2} \cdot p_1(\omega_{N/2}^{k-N/2}) & \text{if } k \geq N/2 \end{cases}$$

Need to compute  $p_0(\omega_{N/2}^k)$  and  $\omega_N^k \cdot p_1(\omega_{N/2}^k)$  for  $0 \leq k < N/2$ .

# Example $N = 8$

$$P(\omega_8^j) = P_0(\omega_4^j) + \omega_8^j P_1(\omega_4^j)$$



$$p(\omega_8^0) = p_0(\omega_4^0) + \omega_8^0 \cdot p_1(\omega_4^0)$$

$$p(\omega_8^1) = p_0(\omega_4^1) + \omega_8^1 \cdot p_1(\omega_4^1)$$

$$p(\omega_8^2) = p_0(\omega_4^2) + \omega_8^2 \cdot p_1(\omega_4^2)$$

$$p(\omega_8^3) = p_0(\omega_4^3) + \omega_8^3 \cdot p_1(\omega_4^3)$$

$$p(\omega_8^4) = p_0(\omega_4^0) - \omega_8^0 \cdot p_1(\omega_4^0)$$

$$p(\omega_8^5) = p_0(\omega_4^1) - \omega_8^1 \cdot p_1(\omega_4^1)$$

$$p(\omega_8^6) = p_0(\omega_4^2) - \omega_8^2 \cdot p_1(\omega_4^2)$$

$$p(\omega_8^7) = p_0(\omega_4^3) - \omega_8^3 \cdot p_1(\omega_4^3)$$

# Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) Algorithm

## Algorithm FFT(a)

- Input: Array  $a$  of length  $N$ , where  $N$  is a power of 2
- Output:  $\text{DFT}_N(a)$

**if**  $n = 1$  **then return**  $a_0$ ; //  $a = [a_0]$

$d^{[0]} := \text{FFT}([a_0, a_2, \dots, a_{N-2}]);$

$d^{[1]} := \text{FFT}([a_1, a_3, \dots, a_{N-1}]);$

$\omega_N := e^{2\pi i/N}$ ;  $\omega := 1$ ;

**for**  $k = 0$  **to**  $N/2 - 1$  **do** //  $\omega = \omega_N^k$

$x := \omega \cdot d_k^{[1]}$ ;

$d_k := d_k^{[0]} + x$ ;  $d_{k+N/2} := d_k^{[0]} - x$ ;

$\omega := \omega \cdot \omega_N$

**end**;

**return**  $d = [d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{N-1}]$ ;



# Example

$$p(x) = \underline{3}x^3 - \underline{15}x^2 + \underline{18}x + \underline{0}, \quad a = [0, 18, -15, 3]$$



$$P_0(\omega_2^0) = P_{00}(\omega_1^0) + \omega_2^0 P_{01}(\omega_1^0) = \underline{-15}$$

$$P_0(\omega_2^1) = P_{00}(\omega_1^1) - \omega_2^0 P_{01}(\omega_1^1) = \underline{+15}$$

$$P_1(\omega_2^0) = P_{10}(\omega_1^0) + \omega_2^0 P_{11}(\omega_1^0) = \underline{21}$$

$$P_1(\omega_2^1) = P_{10}(\omega_1^1) - \omega_2^0 P_{11}(\omega_1^1) = \underline{15}$$

$$P(\omega_4^0) = \underline{P_0(\omega_2^0)} + \omega_4^0 \underline{P_1(\omega_2^0)} = -15 + 21 = \underline{6}$$

$$P(\omega_4^1) = P_0(\omega_2^1) + \omega_4^1 P_1(\omega_2^1) = \underline{+15 + i \cdot 15}$$

$$P(\omega_4^2) = P_0(\omega_2^0) - \omega_4^0 P_1(\omega_2^0) = -15 - 21 = \underline{-36}$$

$$P(\omega_4^3) = P_0(\omega_2^1) - \omega_4^1 P_1(\omega_2^1) = \underline{15 - 15i}$$

# Faster Polynomial Multiplication?

Idea to compute  $p(x) \cdot q(x)$  (for polynomials of degree  $< n$ ):

$p, q$  of degree  $n - 1$ ,  $n$  coefficients



**Evaluation** at  $\omega_{2n}^0, \omega_{2n}^1, \dots, \omega_{2n}^{2n-1}$  using **FFT**  $O(n \log n)$

$2 \times 2n$  point-value pairs  $(\omega_{2n}^k, p(\omega_{2n}^k))$  and  $(\omega_{2n}^k, q(\omega_{2n}^k))$



**Point-wise multiplication**  $O(n)$

$2n$  point-value pairs  $(\omega_{2n}^k, \underline{p(\omega_{2n}^k)q(\omega_{2n}^k)})$



**Interpolation**

$p(x)q(x)$  of degree  $2n - 2$ ,  $2n - 1$  coefficients

# Interpolation

Convert point-value representation into coefficient representation

$$\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} = X$$

**Input:**  $(\underline{x_0}, \underline{y_0}), \dots, (\underline{x_{n-1}}, \underline{y_{n-1}})$  with  $\underline{x_i} \neq \underline{x_j}$  for  $i \neq j$

**Output:**

Degree- $(n - 1)$  polynomial with coefficients  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}$  such that

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} p(x_0) = \underline{a_0} + \underline{a_1}x_0 + \underline{a_2}x_0^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_0^{n-1} = \underline{y_0} \\ p(x_1) = \underline{a_0} + \underline{a_1}x_1 + \underline{a_2}x_1^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_1^{n-1} = \underline{y_1} \\ \vdots \\ p(x_{n-1}) = a_0 + a_1x_{n-1} + a_2x_{n-1}^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_{n-1}^{n-1} = y_{n-1} \end{array} \right.$$

→ linear system of equations for  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}$

# Interpolation

 $x_i$ 

Matrix Notation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_0 & \cdots & x_0^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_1 & \cdots & x_1^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n-1} & \cdots & x_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

- System of equations solvable iff  $x_i \neq x_j$  for all  $i \neq j$

Special Case  $x_i = \underline{\omega_n^i}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_n & \omega_n^2 & \cdots & \omega_n^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega_n^2 & \omega_n^4 & \cdots & \omega_n^{2(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega_n^{n-1} & \omega_n^{2(n-1)} & \cdots & \omega_n^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\omega$

# Interpolation

- Linear system:

$$\underline{W \cdot \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{y}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{a} = \underline{W^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{y}}$$

$$\underline{W_{i,j} = \omega_n^{ij}}, \quad \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Claim:**

$$\underline{\underline{W_{ij}^{-1}}} = \underline{\underline{\frac{\omega_n^{-ij}}{n}}}$$

Proof: Need to show that  $\underline{\underline{W^{-1}W}} = I_n$

# DFT Matrix Inverse

$$\omega_{ij}^{-1} = \frac{\omega_n^{-ij}}{n}$$

$$\omega_{ij} = \omega_n^{ij}$$



$$W^{-1}W = \begin{matrix} \text{row } i \rightarrow \\ \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \omega_n^{-i} & \dots & \omega_n^{-(n-1)i} \\ \frac{1}{n} & \frac{\omega_n^{-i}}{n} & \dots & \frac{\omega_n^{-(n-1)i}}{n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{array} \right) \cdot \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \dots & 1 & \dots \\ \dots & \omega_n^j & \dots \\ \dots & \omega_n^{2j} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \omega_n^{(n-1)j} & \dots \end{array} \right) \end{matrix}$$

$$(W^{-1}W)_{ij} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \omega_n^{-i\ell} \cdot \omega_n^{j\ell} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \omega_n^{\ell(j-i)}$$

# DFT Matrix Inverse

$$(W^{-1}W)_{i,j} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \frac{\omega_n^{\ell(j-i)}}{n}$$


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Need to show  $(W^{-1}W)_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \underline{1} & \text{if } i = j \\ \underline{0} & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$

**Case  $i = j$ :**

$$(W^{-1}W)_{i,i} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \underbrace{\omega_n^{\ell \cdot 0}}_{=1} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

# DFT Matrix Inverse

$$(W^{-1}W)_{i,j} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \frac{\omega_n^{\ell(j-i)}}{n}$$

Case  $i \neq j$ :

$$(W^{-1}W)_{i,j} = \frac{1}{n} \underbrace{\sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} (\omega_n^{j-i})^\ell}_{\text{geometric series}} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{(\omega_n^{j-i})^n - 1}{\omega_n^{j-i} - 1} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} q^\ell = \frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1}$$



# Inverse DFT

- $$W^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n} & \frac{\omega_n^{-k}}{n} & \dots & \frac{\omega_n^{-(n-1)k}}{n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad (W^{-1})_{ij} = \frac{\omega_n^{-ij}}{n}$$

- We get  $\underline{a}$  =  $\underline{W}^{-1}$  ·  $\underline{y}$  and therefore

$$\underline{a}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n} & \frac{\omega_n^{-k}}{n} & \dots & \frac{\omega_n^{-(n-1)k}}{n} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \omega_n^{-kj} \cdot y_j$$

# DFT and Inverse DFT

Inverse DFT:

$$\underline{a_k} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \underbrace{(\omega_n^{-kj})}_{= (\omega_n^{-k})^j} \cdot \underline{y_j} \quad z = \omega_n^{-k}$$

- Define polynomial  $\underline{q(x)} = \underline{y_0} + \underline{y_1}x + \dots + \underline{y_{n-1}}x^{n-1}$ :

$$\underline{a_k} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \underline{q(\omega_n^{-k})} \quad \omega_n^{-k} = \omega_n^{n-k}$$

DFT:

- Polynomial  $\underline{p(x)} = \underline{a_0} + \underline{a_1}x + \dots + \underline{a_{n-1}}x^{n-1}$ :

$$\underline{y_k} = \underline{p(\omega_n^k)}$$

$y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}$

# DFT and Inverse DFT

$$q(x) = y_0 + y_1x + \dots + y_{n-1}x^{n-1}, \quad a_k = \frac{1}{n} \cdot q(\omega_n^{-k}):$$

- Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \left( \underline{q(\omega_n^{-0})}, q(\omega_n^{-1}), q(\omega_n^{-2}), \dots, q(\omega_n^{-(n-1)}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \left( \underline{q(\omega_n^0)}, \underbrace{q(\omega_n^{n-1}), q(\omega_n^{n-2}), \dots, q(\omega_n^1)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Recall:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{\text{DFT}_n(\mathbf{y})}} &= \underline{\underline{(q(\omega_n^0), q(\omega_n^1), q(\omega_n^2), \dots, q(\omega_n^{n-1}))}} \\ &= \underline{\underline{n \cdot (a_0, a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, \dots, a_2, a_1)}} \end{aligned}$$

# DFT and Inverse DFT

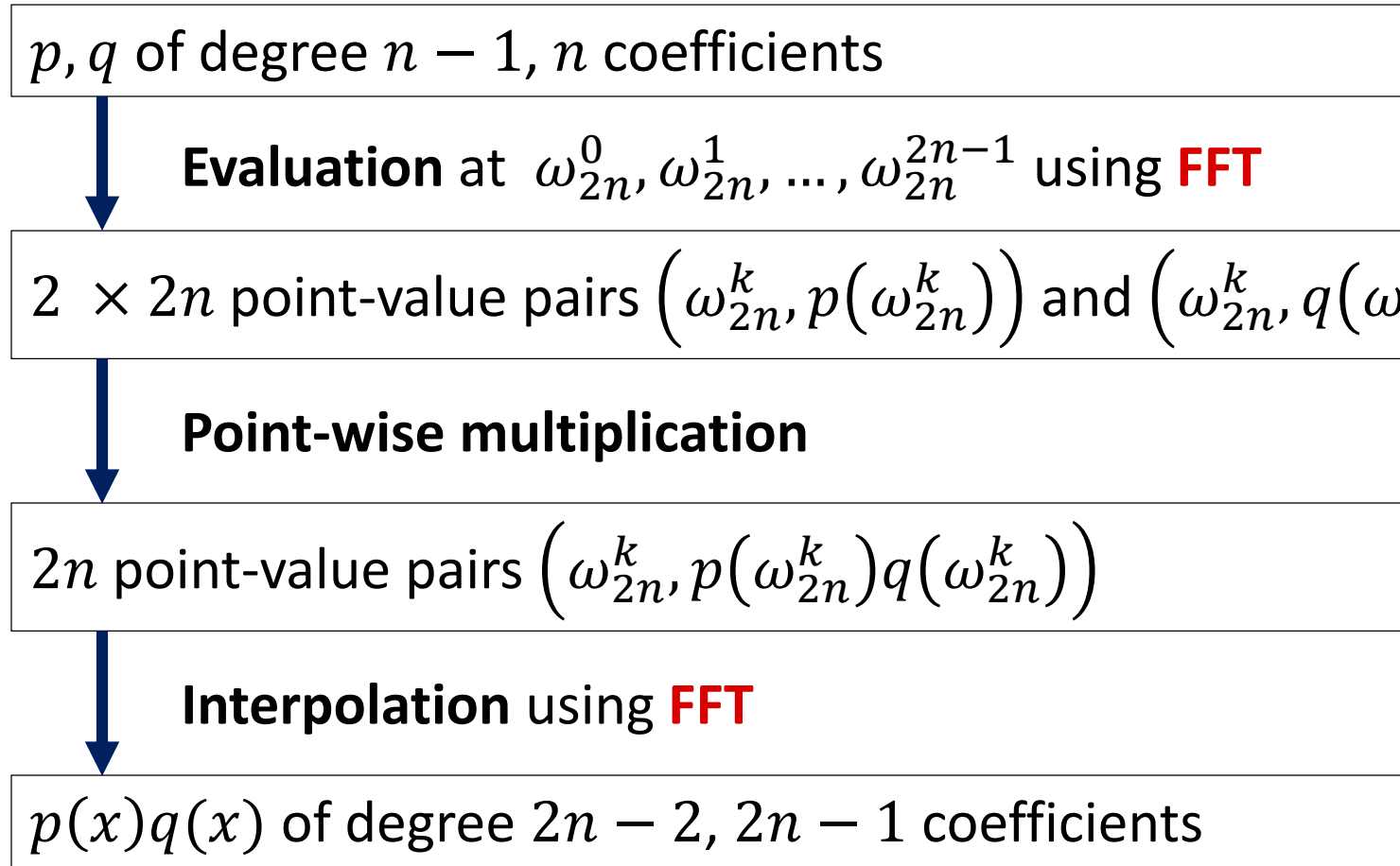
- We have  $\text{DFT}_n(\mathbf{y}) = n \cdot (a_0, a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, \dots, a_2, a_1)$ :

$$\underset{\approx}{a_i} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} \cdot (\text{DFT}_n(\mathbf{y}))_0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \frac{1}{n} \cdot (\text{DFT}_n(\mathbf{y}))_{n-i} & \text{if } i \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- DFT and inverse DFT can both be computed using FFT algorithm in  $O(n \log n)$  time.
- 2 polynomials of  $\text{degr.} < n$  can be multiplied in time  $O(n \log n)$ .

# Faster Polynomial Multiplication?

Idea to compute  $p(x) \cdot q(x)$  (for polynomials of degree  $< n$ ):



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

# Convolution

- More generally, the polynomial multiplication algorithm computes the convolution of two vectors:

$$\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1})$$

$$\mathbf{b} = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1})$$

$$\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m+n-2}),$$

$$\text{where } \underline{c_k} = \sum_{\substack{(i,j):i+j=k \\ i < m, j < n}} \underline{a_i b_j}$$

- $c_k$  is exactly the coefficient of  $x^k$  in the product polynomial of the polynomials defined by the coefficient vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$

# More Applications of Convolutions

## Signal Processing Example:

- Assume  $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})$  represents a sequence of measurements over time
- Measurements might be noisy and have to be smoothed out
- Replace  $a_i$  by weighted average of nearby last  $m$  and next  $m$  measurements (e.g., Gaussian smoothing):

$$\underline{a'_i} = \frac{1}{Z} \cdot \sum_{j=i-m}^{i+m} a_j e^{-(i-j)^2}$$

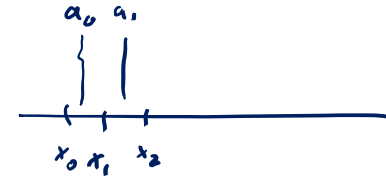


- New vector  $\mathbf{a}'$  is the convolution of  $\mathbf{a}$  and the weight vector  $\frac{1}{Z} \cdot (e^{-m^2}, e^{-(m-1)^2}, \dots, e^{-1}, 1, e^{-1}, \dots, e^{-(m-1)^2}, e^{-m^2})$
- Might need to take care of boundary points...

# More Applications of Convolutions

## Combining Histograms:

- Vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  represent two histograms
- E.g., annual income of all men & annual income of all women
- Goal: Get new histogram  $\mathbf{c}$  representing combined income of all possible pairs of men and women:



$$\underline{\underline{c = a * b}}$$

**Also, the DFT (and thus the FFT alg.) has many other applications!**



$$e^{i\varphi} = \cos(\varphi) + i\sin(\varphi)$$

Assume that  $y(0), y(1), y(2), \dots, y(T-1)$  are measurements of a time-dependent signal.

Inverse DFT<sub>N</sub> of  $(y(0), \dots, y(T-1))$  is a vector  $(c_0, \dots, c_{N-1})$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{y(t)} &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} c_k \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot k}{N} \cdot t} \quad \left( \omega_N^t \right)^k \quad N=T \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} c_k \cdot \left( \cos\left(\frac{2\pi \cdot k}{N} \cdot t\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi \cdot k}{N} \cdot t\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Converts signal from time domain to frequency domain
- Signal can then be edited in the frequency domain
  - e.g., setting some  $c_k = 0$  filters out some frequencies