

Question for lecture 18

Problem 30-1 on p. 844

Divide-and-conquer multiplication

- a. Show how to multiply two linear polynomials $ax + b$ and $cx + d$ using only three multiplications.

Answer: First let's consider the naïve method of multiplying polynomials. We would do the operations as follow:

$$\begin{aligned}(a \cdot x + b)(c \cdot x + d) \\ = ac \cdot x^2 + (bc + ad) \cdot x + bd\end{aligned}$$

Multiplication #: 4
Operations: ac, bc, ad, bd

Now, let's consider the modified method of doing the same polynomial multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned}(a \cdot x + b)(c \cdot x + d) \\ = ac \cdot x^2 + [(a + b)(c + d) - ac - db] \cdot x + bd \\ = ac \cdot x^2 + (bc + ad) \cdot x + bd\end{aligned}$$

Multiplication #: 3
Operations: $(a + b)(c + d), ac, bd$

This way we converted the calculation of looking for the coefficients for the output polynomial into three times of multiplications and a bunch of summations and subtraction. As we know the summation and subtraction operations are considerably cheaper than multiplications. For polynomial summation or

subtraction, it takes $O(n)$, which would always be the lower term in comparison with polynomial multiplication. Let's write the equation above more clear:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{If} \\
 \\
 \text{Then}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 A = (a+b)(c+d) \\
 B = ac \\
 C = ad \\
 \\
 (a \cdot x + b)(c \cdot x + d) \\
 = B \cdot x^2 + (A - B - C) \cdot x + C
 \end{array}$$

Multiplication operations: A, B, C

- b. Give two divide-and-conquer algorithms for multiplying two polynomials of degree-bound n that run in time $O(n^{\lg 3})$. The first algorithm should divide the input polynomial coefficients into a high half and a low half, and the second algorithm should divide them according to whether their index is odd or even.

Answer: First let's consider the naïve method of multiplying polynomials. We would do the operations as follow:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(x) &= a_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + a_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1} \cdot x + a_n \\
 B(x) &= b_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + b_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + b_{n-1} \cdot x + b_n \\
 A(x) \cdot B(x) &= (a_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + a_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1} \cdot x + a_n) \cdot (b_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + b_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + b_{n-1} \cdot x + b_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplication #: n^2
 Operations: $a_i \cdot b_j$ while $i, j = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Algorithm 1:

Now, let's consider the modified method of doing the same polynomial multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(x) \cdot B(x) &= (a_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + a_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1} \cdot x + a_n) \cdot (b_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + b_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + b_{n-1} \cdot x + b_n) \\
 &= \left[(a_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + a_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n/2} \cdot x^{n/2}) + (a_{n/2+1} \cdot x^{n/2-1} + a_{n/2+2} \cdot x^{n/2-2} + \dots + a_n) \right] \times \\
 &\quad \left[(b_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + b_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + b_{n/2} \cdot x^{n/2}) + (b_{n/2+1} \cdot x^{n/2-1} + b_{n/2+2} \cdot x^{n/2-2} + \dots + b_n) \right] \\
 &= \left[x^{n/2} \cdot (a_1 \cdot x^{n/2-1} + a_2 \cdot x^{n/2-2} + \dots + a_{n/2}) + (a_{n/2+1} \cdot x^{n/2-1} + a_{n/2+2} \cdot x^{n/2-2} + \dots + a_n) \right] \times \\
 &\quad \left[x^{n/2} \cdot (b_1 \cdot x^{n/2-1} + b_2 \cdot x^{n/2-2} + \dots + b_{n/2}) + (b_{n/2+1} \cdot x^{n/2-1} + b_{n/2+2} \cdot x^{n/2-2} + \dots + b_n) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

If

$$f_1(x) = a_1 \cdot x^{n/2-1} + a_2 \cdot x^{n/2-2} + \dots + a_{n/2}$$

$$f_2(x) = a_{n/2+1} \cdot x^{n/2-1} + a_{n/2+2} \cdot x^{n/2-2} + \dots + a_n$$

$$f_3(x) = b_1 \cdot x^{n/2-1} + b_2 \cdot x^{n/2-2} + \dots + b_{n/2}$$

$$f_4(x) = b_{n/2+1} \cdot x^{n/2-1} + b_{n/2+2} \cdot x^{n/2-2} + \dots + b_n$$

Then

$$A(x) = x^{n/2} \cdot f_1(x) + f_2(x)$$

$$B(x) = x^{n/2} \cdot f_3(x) + f_4(x)$$

The objective function: $A(x) \cdot B(x) = [x^{n/2} \cdot f_1(x) + f_2(x)] \times [x^{n/2} \cdot f_3(x) + f_4(x)]$

By looking at the last equation, if we consider $f_1(x), f_2(x), f_3(x), f_4(x)$ as coefficients, we see that the problem is turned into a $(a \cdot x + b)(c \cdot x + d)$ form, which was discussed in part 1 of this paper. The conclusion was polynomial multiplication of this form can be accomplished with 3 operations.

If we look at the form of $A(x)$ and $B(x)$, we divide the problem by half of its size and added a summation operation. As we discussed, the polynomial summation and subtraction takes $O(n)$ time to compute. Therefore, we have a recurrence solution for our problem:

$$T[n] = 3 \cdot T\left[\frac{n}{2}\right] + O(n)$$

We apply the master method to solve this recurrence. We obtain the final run time of the polynomial multiplication using this method. Since $O(n^{\lg_2 3})$ is the higher term than $O(n)$. Algorithm runs in $O(n^{\lg_2 3})$ time.

Algorithm 2:

Let's divide the objective function in a different way. Instead of a higher half and a lower half, we can also do odd index half and the even index half:

$$A(x) \cdot B(x) = (a_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + a_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1} \cdot x + a_n) \cdot (b_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + b_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + b_{n-1} \cdot x + b_n)$$

$$= [(a_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + a_3 \cdot x^{n-3} + \dots + a_{n-1} \cdot x) + (a_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + a_4 \cdot x^{n-4} + \dots + a_n)] \times$$

$$[(b_1 \cdot x^{n-1} + b_3 \cdot x^{n-3} + \dots + b_{n-1} \cdot x) + (b_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + b_4 \cdot x^{n-4} + \dots + b_n)]$$

$$= [x \cdot (a_1 \cdot x^{n-2} + a_3 \cdot x^{n-4} + \dots + a_{n-1}) + (a_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + a_4 \cdot x^{n-4} + \dots + a_n)] \times$$

$$[x \cdot (b_1 \cdot x^{n-2} + b_3 \cdot x^{n-4} + \dots + b_{n-1}) + (b_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + b_4 \cdot x^{n-4} + \dots + b_n)]$$

If

$$g_1(x) = a_1 \cdot x^{n-2} + a_3 \cdot x^{n-4} + \dots + a_{n-1}$$

$$g_2(x) = a_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + a_4 \cdot x^{n-4} + \dots + a_n$$

$$g_3(x) = b_1 \cdot x^{n-2} + b_3 \cdot x^{n-4} + \dots + b_{n-1}$$

$$g_4(x) = b_2 \cdot x^{n-2} + b_4 \cdot x^{n-4} + \dots + b_n$$

Then

$$A(x) = x \cdot g_1(x) + g_2(x)$$

$$B(x) = x \cdot g_3(x) + g_4(x)$$

The objective function: $A(x) \cdot B(x) = [x \cdot g_1(x) + g_2(x)] \times [x \cdot g_3(x) + g_4(x)]$

As we see, we again converted the objective function into a $(a \cdot x + b)(c \cdot x + d)$ form. The run time analysis for this algorithm, therefore, is also $O(n^{\lg_2 3})$

- c. Show that two n -bit integers can be multiplied in $O(n^{\lg_2 3})$ steps, where each step operates on at most a constant number of 1-bit values.

Answer: We have two n -bit integers, $k_n k_{n-1} \dots k_2 k_1$ and $l_n l_{n-1} \dots l_2 l_1$, where $0 \leq k_i \leq 10$ and $0 \leq l_i \leq 10$, k_i , l_i represent the number on every digit, $i = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Obviously, we can also write them as:

$$k_n \cdot 10^{n-1} + k_{n-1} \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + k_2 \cdot 10 + k_1$$

$$l_n \cdot 10^{n-1} + l_{n-1} \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + l_2 \cdot 10 + l_1$$

Therefore the multiplication of these two integers is turned into a polynomial multiplication problem. As we discussed above, by using divide-and-conquer, we designed two algorithms to solve the polynomial multiplication problem of degree-bound n with a run time $O(n^{\lg_2 3})$. For each operation here, we only deal with either k or l . They are integers with only 1-bit values. Therefore we can multiply two n -bit integers with $O(n^{\lg_2 3})$ steps, where each step operates on at most a constant number of 1-bit values.