

Merging and Sparse Polynomial Addition

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Assignment #4 posted. Due next Tuesday @ 11pm.

Computing with Multivariate Polynomials.

Sparse polynomial addition using merging.

In $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ consider $h=f+g$. e.g.

$$\begin{array}{r} f = 7x^{10} - 3x^8 + 6x^3 + 4 \\ + g = 3x^8 + 6x^3 + 5x^2 \\ \hline h = 7x^{10} + 12x^3 + 5x^2 + 4 \end{array}$$

Assume terms are sorted by degree in x in descending order.

Assume a sparse representation.

$$\begin{array}{l} f = [[7, 10], [-3, 8], [6, 3], [4, 0]] \\ \quad \quad \quad \begin{array}{cccc} i=1 \rightarrow & i=2 \rightarrow & i=3 \rightarrow & i=4 \downarrow \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 7x^{10} & -3x^8 & 6x^3 & 4 \cdot x^0 \end{array} \\ g = [[3, 8], [6, 3], [5, 2]] \\ \quad \quad \quad \begin{array}{cccc} j=1 \uparrow & j=2 \rightarrow & j=3 \uparrow & j=4 \text{ STOP} \\ \uparrow & \rightarrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{copy} & & & \end{array} \\ h = [[7, 10], [12, 3], [5, 2], [4, 0]] \\ \quad \quad \quad \begin{array}{cccc} k=0 \rightarrow & k=1 \uparrow & k=2 \rightarrow & k=3 \rightarrow & k=4 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ n_k = f_i & n_k \leftarrow [12, 3] & & & \end{array} \end{array}$$

Compare f_i with g_j

$$x^{10} > x^8$$

$$x^8 = x^8$$

$$3 + (-3) = 0.$$

$$x^3 = x^3$$

$$6 + 6 = 12.$$

$$x^0 < x^2$$

How many comparisons x_i^i with x_j^j did we do?

Let $\#f$ be the number of terms in f .

After every comparison we advance i or j or both.

The worst case is when we never advance both i and j .

$\#f + \#g - 1$ comparisons. Which is linear.

How can we multiply $f \times g$.

$$x^1 \cdot (3x^2 + 5x + 2) = 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x$$

Let $f = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i$ where $m = \#f$ and $g = \sum_{i=1}^n g_i$ with $n = \#g$.

$$f \times g = \left(\dots \left(\left(f_1 \cdot g + f_2 \cdot g \right) + f_3 \cdot g \right) \dots \right) + f_m \cdot g = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i \cdot g$$

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