

Multiplication in $F[x]$ using the FFT

Input $a, b \in F[x]$ where $a = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i x^i$ and $b = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^i$.
Output $c = a \times b = \sum_{i=0}^{d+m} c_i x^i \in F[x]$.

1 Pick smallest $n = 2^k > d + m$.

Find $\omega \in F$ with $\omega^n = 1$ and $\omega^i \neq 1$ for $1 \leq i < n$.

Idea: interpolate $c(x)$ from $[c(\omega^i) = a(\omega^i)b(\omega^i) : 0 \leq i < n]$.

2 Compute $W = [\omega^i : 0 \leq i < n/2]$.

3 FFT ($n, W, A = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_d, 0, \dots, 0]$) $\# A = [a(1), a(\omega), \dots, a(\omega^{n-1})]$

FFT ($n, W, B = [b_0, b_1, \dots, b_m, 0, \dots, 0]$) $\# B = [b(1), b(\omega), \dots, b(\omega^{n-1})]$

4 Compute $C = [A_i \times B_i : 0 \leq i < n]$ $\# C = [c(1), c(\omega), \dots, c(\omega^{n-1})]$

5 Compute $W = [\omega^{-i} : 0 \leq i < n/2]$.

FFT (n, W, C) $\# C = n[c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{d+m}, 0, \dots, 0]$

6 Return $\sum_{i=0}^{d+m} \frac{1}{n} C_i x^i \in F[x]$

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