

Parallel Numerical Algorithms

Chapter 13 – Fast Fourier Transform

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Roots of Unity

- For given integer n , we use notation

$$\omega_n = \cos(2\pi/n) - i \sin(2\pi/n) = e^{-2\pi i/n}$$

for primitive n th root of unity, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$

- n th roots of unity, sometimes called *twiddle factors* in this context, are then given by ω_n^k or by ω_n^{-k} , $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$
- For convenience, we will assume that n is power of two, and all logarithms used will be base two
- We will also index sequences (components of vectors) starting from 0 rather than 1



Discrete Fourier Transform

- *Discrete Fourier Transform*, or *DFT*, of sequence $\mathbf{x} = [x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]^T$ is sequence $\mathbf{y} = [y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}]^T$ given by

$$y_m = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x_k \omega_n^{mk}, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

or

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{F}_n \mathbf{x}$$

where entries of Fourier matrix \mathbf{F}_n are given by

$$\{\mathbf{F}_n\}_{mk} = \omega_n^{mk}$$



Inverse DFT

- It is easily seen that

$$\mathbf{F}_n^{-1} = (1/n)\mathbf{F}_n^H$$

- So *inverse DFT* is given by

$$x_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} y_m \omega_n^{-mk} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$



Example

$$\mathbf{F}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^1 & \omega^2 & \omega^3 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \omega^6 \\ 1 & \omega^3 & \omega^6 & \omega^9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4 \mathbf{F}_4^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^{-1} & \omega^{-2} & \omega^{-3} \\ 1 & \omega^{-2} & \omega^{-4} & \omega^{-6} \\ 1 & \omega^{-3} & \omega^{-6} & \omega^{-9} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \end{bmatrix}$$



Computing DFT

- To illustrate, consider computing DFT for $n = 4$,

$$y_m = \sum_{k=0}^3 x_k \omega_n^{mk}, \quad m = 0, \dots, 3$$

- Writing out equations in full,

$$\begin{aligned}y_0 &= x_0\omega_n^0 + x_1\omega_n^0 + x_2\omega_n^0 + x_3\omega_n^0 \\y_1 &= x_0\omega_n^0 + x_1\omega_n^1 + x_2\omega_n^2 + x_3\omega_n^3 \\y_2 &= x_0\omega_n^0 + x_1\omega_n^2 + x_2\omega_n^4 + x_3\omega_n^6 \\y_3 &= x_0\omega_n^0 + x_1\omega_n^3 + x_2\omega_n^6 + x_3\omega_n^9\end{aligned}$$



Computing DFT

- Noting that

$$\omega_n^0 = \omega_n^4 = 1, \quad \omega_n^2 = \omega_n^6 = -1, \quad \omega_n^9 = \omega_n^1$$

and regrouping, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}y_0 &= (x_0 + \omega_n^0 x_2) + \omega_n^0 (x_1 + \omega_n^0 x_3) \\y_1 &= (x_0 - \omega_n^0 x_2) + \omega_n^1 (x_1 - \omega_n^0 x_3) \\y_2 &= (x_0 + \omega_n^0 x_2) + \omega_n^2 (x_1 + \omega_n^0 x_3) \\y_3 &= (x_0 - \omega_n^0 x_2) + \omega_n^3 (x_1 - \omega_n^0 x_3)\end{aligned}$$

- DFT can now be computed with only 8 additions and 6 multiplications, instead of expected $(4 - 1) * 4 = 12$ additions and $4^2 = 16$ multiplications



Computing DFT

- Actually, even fewer multiplications are required for this small case, since $\omega_n^0 = 1$, but we have tried to illustrate how algorithm works in general
- Main point is that computing DFT of original 4-point sequence has been reduced to computing DFT of its two 2-point even and odd subsequences
- This property holds in general: DFT of n -point sequence can be computed by breaking it into two DFTs of half length, provided n is even



Computing DFT

- General pattern becomes clearer when viewed in terms of first few Fourier matrices

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = 1, \quad \mathbf{F}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \end{bmatrix}$$

- Let \mathbf{P}_4 be permutation matrix

$$\mathbf{P}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Computing DFT

- Let D_2 be diagonal matrix

$$D_2 = \text{diag}(1, \omega_4) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}$$

- Then we have

$$F_4 P_4 = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -i & i \\ \hline 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & i & -i \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} F_2 & D_2 F_2 \\ F_2 & -D_2 F_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Thus, F_4 can be rearranged so that each block is diagonally scaled version of F_2
- Such hierarchical splitting can be carried out at each level, provided number of points is even



Computing DFT

- In general, P_n is permutation that groups even-numbered columns of F_n before odd-numbered columns, and

$$D_{n/2} = \text{diag} \left(1, \omega_n, \dots, \omega_n^{(n/2)-1} \right)$$

- To apply F_n to sequence of length n , we need merely apply $F_{n/2}$ to its even and odd subsequences and scale results, where necessary, by $\pm D_{n/2}$
- Resulting recursive divide-and-conquer algorithm for computing DFT is called *Fast Fourier Transform*, or *FFT*
- FFT is particular way of computing DFT efficiently



FFT Algorithm

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procedure  $\text{fft}(x, y, n, \omega)$   
if  $n = 1$  then  
     $y[0] = x[0]$   
else  
    for  $k = 0$  to  $(n/2) - 1$   
         $p[k] = x[2k]$   
         $s[k] = x[2k + 1]$   
    end  
     $\text{fft}(p, q, n/2, \omega^2)$   
     $\text{fft}(s, t, n/2, \omega^2)$   
    for  $k = 0$  to  $n - 1$   
         $y[k] = q[k \bmod (n/2)] + \omega^k t[k \bmod (n/2)]$   
    end  
end
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Complexity of FFT Algorithm

- There are $\log n$ levels of recursion, each of which involves $\Theta(n)$ arithmetic operations, so total cost is $\Theta(n \log n)$
- By contrast, straightforward evaluation of matrix-vector product defining DFT requires $\Theta(n^2)$ arithmetic operations, which is enormously greater for long sequences

n	$n \log n$	n^2
64	384	4096
128	896	16384
256	2048	65536
512	4608	262144
1024	10240	1048576



FFT Algorithm

- For clarity, separate arrays were used for subsequences, but transform can be computed in place using no additional storage
- Input sequence is assumed complex; if input sequence is real, then additional symmetries in DFT can be exploited to reduce storage and operation count by half
- Output sequence is not produced in natural order, but either input or output sequence can be rearranged at cost of $\Theta(n \log n)$, analogous to sorting
- FFT algorithm can be formulated using iteration rather than recursion, which is often desirable for greater efficiency or when programming language does not support recursion



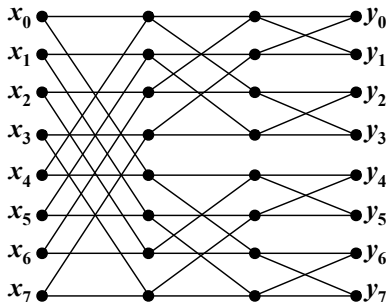
Computing Inverse DFT

- Because of similar form of DFT and its inverse, FFT algorithm can also be used to compute inverse DFT efficiently
- Ability to transform back and forth quickly between time and frequency domains makes it practical to perform any computations or analysis that may be required in whichever domain is more convenient and efficient



Binary Exchange Parallel FFT

- To obtain fine-grain decomposition of FFT, we assign input data x_k to task k , which also computes result y_k



- At stage m of algorithm, tasks k and j exchange data, where k and j differ only in their m th bits



Binary Exchange Parallel FFT

- There are n tasks and $\log n$ stages, so parallel time required to compute FFT is

$$T_n = (t_c + t_s + t_w) \log n$$

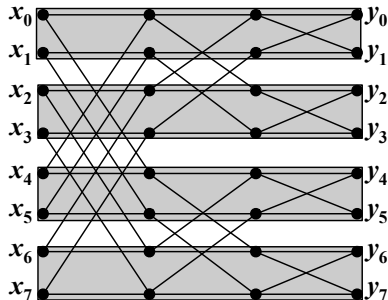
where t_c is cost of multiply-add, and $t_s + t_w$ is cost of exchanging one number between pair of tasks at each stage

- Hypercube is natural network for FFT algorithm



Binary Exchange Parallel FFT

- To obtain smaller number of coarse-grain tasks, agglomerate sets of n/p components of input and output vectors x and y , where we assume p is also power of two



Binary Exchange Parallel FFT

- Components having their $\log p$ most significant bits in common are assigned to same task
- Thus, exchanges are required in binary exchange algorithm only for first $\log p$ stages, since data are local for remaining $\log(n/p)$ stages



Binary Exchange Parallel FFT

- Each stage involves updating of n/p components by each task, and exchange of n/p components for each of first $\log p$ stages
- Thus, total time required using hypercube network is

$$T_p = t_c n (\log n)/p + t_s (\log p) + t_w n (\log p)/p$$

- To determine isoefficiency function, set

$$t_c n \log n \approx E (t_c n \log n + t_s p \log p + t_w n \log p)$$

which holds if $n = \Theta(p)$, so isoefficiency function is $\Theta(p \log p)$, since $T_1 = \Theta(n \log n)$

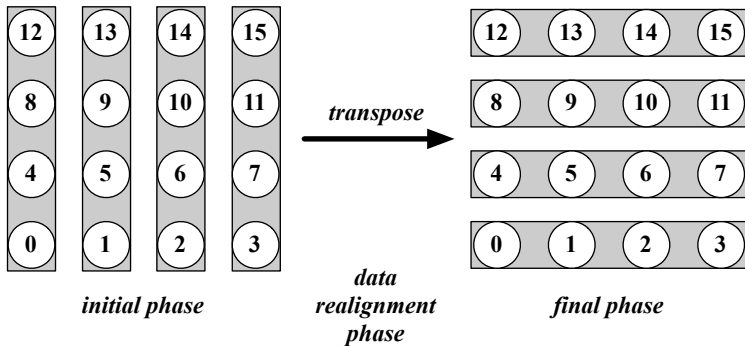


Transpose Parallel FFT

- Binary exchange algorithm has one phase that is communication free and another phase that requires communication at each stage
- Another approach is to realign data so that both computational phases are communication free, and only communication is for data realignment phase between computational phases
- To accomplish this, data can be organized in $\sqrt{n} \times \sqrt{n}$ array, as illustrated next for $n = 16$



Transpose Parallel FFT



Transpose Parallel FFT

- If array is partitioned by columns, which are assigned to $p \leq \sqrt{n}$ tasks, then no communication is required for first $\log(\sqrt{n})$ stages
- Data are then transposed using all-to-all personalized collective communication, so that each *row* of data array is now stored in single task
- Thus, final $\log(\sqrt{n})$ stages now require no communication
- Overall performance of transpose algorithm depends on particular implementation of all-to-all personalized collective communication



Transpose Parallel FFT

- Straightforward approach yields total parallel time

$$T_p = t_c n (\log n) / p + t_s p + t_w n / p$$

- Compared with binary exchange algorithm, transpose algorithm has higher cost due to message start-up but lower cost due to per-word transfer time
- Thus, choice of algorithm depends on relative values of t_s and t_w for given parallel system



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