Sequential Nonrecursive Fast Fourier Transform (PSC §3.3)



# Pros and cons of recursive computations

#### Pros:

- display a natural splitting into subproblems, thus pointing to possible parallelism
- provide a concise formulation of the algorithm
- reduce the amount of bookkeeping

#### Cons:

- the corresponding computational tree is traversed sequentially, thus making parallelisation more difficult
- the corresponding tree may obscure potential shortcuts to parallelisation



## Matrix decompositions

If we decompose the matrix F<sub>n</sub> into F<sub>n</sub> = A<sub>r-1</sub> · · · A<sub>1</sub>A<sub>0</sub>, where each factor A<sub>k</sub> is an n × n matrix, we can obtain F<sub>n</sub>x by repeatedly multiplying a matrix A<sub>k</sub> and a vector:

$$F_n \mathbf{x} = A_{r-1} \cdots A_1 A_0 \mathbf{x}.$$

- Different decompositions represent different algorithms.
- Can the FFT be formulated as a matrix decomposition?
- Yes! Van Loan (Computational Frameworks for the FFT, SIAM, 1992) has formulated many variants of the FFT in terms of matrix decompositions.



Matrix and vector language for the FFT

• Define the  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix

$$\Omega_n = \operatorname{diag}(1, \omega_{2n}, \omega_{2n}^2, \ldots, \omega_{2n}^{n-1}),$$

so that

$$\Omega_{n/2} = \operatorname{diag}(1, \omega_n, \omega_n^2, \dots, \omega_n^{n/2-1}).$$

 $\Omega_{n/2}$  contains exactly the powers of  $\omega_n$  needed in the FFT. • The recursive algorithm can now neatly be expressed by

$$F_{n}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{n/2} & \Omega_{n/2} \\ I_{n/2} & -\Omega_{n/2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_{n/2}x(0:2:n-1) \\ F_{n/2}x(1:2:n-1) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} I_{n/2} & \Omega_{n/2} \\ I_{n/2} & -\Omega_{n/2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_{n/2} & 0 \\ 0 & F_{n/2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(0:2:n-1) \\ x(1:2:n-1) \end{bmatrix}.$$

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### Even-odd sort matrix

The even-odd sort matrix  $S_n$  is the  $n \times n$  permutation matrix containing rows 0, 2, ..., n-2 of  $I_n$  followed by rows 1, 3, ..., n-1,

$$S_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$
Thus,  $S_{n}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x(0:2:n-1) \\ x(1:2:n-1) \end{bmatrix}.$ 

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#### Kronecker matrix product

Let A be a q × r matrix and B an m × n matrix. The Kronecker product (or tensor product, or direct product) of A and B is the qm × rn matrix

$$A \otimes B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00}B & \cdots & a_{0,r-1}B \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{q-1,0}B & \cdots & a_{q-1,r-1}B \end{bmatrix}.$$
  
• Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  

$$A \otimes B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ 2B & 4B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
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#### Useful properties

▶ Lemma 3.3 (Associativity) Let A, B, C be matrices. Then

$$(A \otimes B) \otimes C = A \otimes (B \otimes C).$$

Lemma 3.4 Let A, B, C, D be matrices such that AC and BD are defined. Then

$$(A \otimes B)(C \otimes D) = (AC) \otimes (BD).$$

▶ Lemma 3.5 Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$I_m \otimes I_n = I_{mn}.$$

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This lemma is not very useful, because it is false.

► Let 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  
 $A \otimes B = \begin{bmatrix} 2B & 4B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
 $B \otimes A = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Thus,

$$A \otimes B \neq B \otimes A$$

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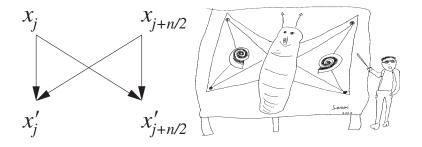
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# Use of Kronecker product for FFT

- Matrix notation and Kronecker products are powerful tools in modern Fourier transform research.
- Here, we use these tools to derive a nonrecursive variant of the FFT.
- Concise notation:

$$I_2 \otimes F_{n/2} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} F_{n/2} & 0\\ 0 & F_{n/2} \end{array} \right].$$

# Butterfly operation



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$$egin{array}{rcl} x'_{j} & := & x_{j} + \omega^{j}_{n} x_{j+n/2}; \ x'_{j+n/2} & := & x_{j} - \omega^{j}_{n} x_{j+n/2}; \end{array}$$

## Butterfly matrix

• The  $n \times n$  butterfly matrix is

$$B_n = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} I_{n/2} & \Omega_{n/2} \\ I_{n/2} & -\Omega_{n/2} \end{array} \right].$$

•  $B_4$  involves  $\Omega_2$ , which contains powers of  $\omega_4 = e^{-2\pi i/4} = -i$ :

$$B_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -i \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

The butterfly matrix is sparse since it has only 2n nonzeros out of n<sup>2</sup> elements.

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## T-shirt formula

Using the new notation gives

$$F_n \mathbf{x} = B_n (I_2 \otimes F_{n/2}) S_n \mathbf{x}.$$

Since this holds for all vectors  $\mathbf{x}$ , we obtain an important T-shirt formula:

$$F_n = B_n(I_2 \otimes F_{n/2})S_n$$



## Size reduction of the Fourier matrix

We try to reduce the size of the remaining Fourier matrix  $F_{n/2}$ . Thus we manipulate the factor  $I_2 \otimes F_{n/2}$ , or more in general,  $I_k \otimes F_{n/k}$ .

$$\begin{split} I_k \otimes F_{n/k} &= [I_k I_k I_k] \otimes \left[ B_{n/k} (I_2 \otimes F_{n/(2k)}) S_{n/k} \right] \\ &= (I_k \otimes B_{n/k}) ([I_k I_k] \otimes \left[ (I_2 \otimes F_{n/(2k)}) S_{n/k} \right]) \\ &= (I_k \otimes B_{n/k}) (I_k \otimes I_2 \otimes F_{n/(2k)}) (I_k \otimes S_{n/k}) \\ &= (I_k \otimes B_{n/k}) (I_{2k} \otimes F_{n/(2k)}) (I_k \otimes S_{n/k}). \end{split}$$

#### Burn at both ends

Repeatedly applying the factorisation of  $I_k \otimes F_{n/k}$ :

 $I_k \otimes F_{n/k} = (I_k \otimes B_{n/k})(I_{2k} \otimes F_{n/(2k)})(I_k \otimes S_{n/k}) =$ 

 $(I_k \otimes B_{n/k})(I_{2k} \otimes B_{n/(2k)})(I_{4k} \otimes F_{n/(4k)})(I_{2k} \otimes S_{n/(2k)})(I_k \otimes S_{n/k}) = \cdots$ This ends when  $I_n \otimes F_{n/n} = I_n \otimes F_1 = I_n \otimes I_1 = I_n$  is reached.

Starting with  $F_n = I_1 \otimes F_n$  gives the Cooley-Tukey theorem (1965):

$$F_n = (I_1 \otimes B_n)(I_2 \otimes B_{n/2})(I_4 \otimes B_{n/4}) \cdots (I_{n/2} \otimes B_2)R_n,$$

where

$$R_n = (I_{n/2} \otimes S_2) \cdots (I_4 \otimes S_{n/4}) (I_2 \otimes S_{n/2}) (I_1 \otimes S_n).$$

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# **Binary digits**

• We can write an index j,  $0 \le j < n$ , as

$$j=\sum_{k=0}^{m-1}b_k2^k,$$

where  $b_k \in \{0, 1\}$  is the *k*th bit and  $n = 2^m$ .

- ▶  $b_0$  is the least significant bit;  $b_{m-1}$  the most significant bit.
- We use the notation

$$(b_{m-1}\cdots b_1b_0)_2 = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} b_k 2^k.$$

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• Example:  $(10100101)_2 = 2^7 + 2^5 + 2^2 + 2^0 = 165$ .

#### Bit-reversal permutation

Let  $n = 2^m$ , with  $m \ge 1$ . The bit-reversal permutation  $\rho_n : \{0, \dots, n-1\} \rightarrow \{0, \dots, n-1\}$  is defined by

$$\rho_n((b_{m-1}\cdots b_0)_2) = (b_0\cdots b_{m-1})_2.$$

For *n* = 8:

j	$(b_2b_1b_0)_2$	$(b_0b_1b_2)_2$	$\rho_8(j)$
0	000	000	0
1	001	100	4
2	010	010	2
3	011	110	6
4	100	001	1
5	101	101	5
6	110	011	3
7	111	111	7

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#### Bit-reversal algorithm

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*input:* **x** : vector of length  $n = 2^m$ ,  $m \ge 1$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0$ . *output:* **x** : vector of length n, such that  $\mathbf{x} = R_n \mathbf{x}_0$ . *call:* bitrev( $\mathbf{x}, n$ ).

for 
$$j := 0$$
 to  $n - 1$  do  
{ Compute  $r := \rho_n(j)$  }  
 $q := j;$   
 $r := 0;$   
for  $k := 0$  to  $\log_2 n - 1$  do  
 $b_k := q \mod 2;$   
 $q := q \dim 2;$   
 $r := 2r + b_k;$   
if  $j < r$  then  $swap(x_j, x_r);$ 

Based on Theorem 3.10:  $R_n = P_{\rho_n}$  = permutation matrix corresponding to  $\rho_n$ . For a proof, see pp. 110–111 Sequential nonrecursive FFT

# Unordered FFT

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textit{input:} & \textbf{x}: \textit{vector of length } n = 2^m, \ m \geq 1, \ \textbf{x} = \textbf{x}_0.\\ \textit{output:} & \textbf{x}: \textit{vector of length } n, \textit{such that } \textbf{x} = F_n R_n \textbf{x}_0.\\ \textit{call:} & \textit{UFFT}(\textbf{x}, n). \end{array}$ 

$$k := 2;$$
while  $k \le n$  do
$$\{ \text{ Compute } \mathbf{x} := (I_{n/k} \otimes B_k)\mathbf{x} \}$$
for  $r := 0$  to  $\frac{n}{k} - 1$  do
$$\{ \text{ Compute } x(rk: rk + k - 1) := B_k x(rk: rk + k - 1) \}$$
for  $j := 0$  to  $\frac{k}{2} - 1$  do
$$\{ \text{ Compute } x_{rk+j} \pm \omega_k^j x_{rk+j+k/2} \}$$

$$\tau := \omega_k^j x_{rk+j+k/2};$$

$$x_{rk+j+k/2} := x_{rk+j} - \tau;$$

$$k := 2k;$$
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# Summary

- We have derived a nonrecursive fast Fourier transform (FFT) by using matrix notation and the Kronecker matrix product.
- The result is the Cooley-Tukey Decimation In Time (DIT) formula

 $F_n = (I_1 \otimes B_n)(I_2 \otimes B_{n/2})(I_4 \otimes B_{n/4}) \cdots (I_{n/2} \otimes B_2)R_n.$ 

- *R<sub>n</sub>* is the permutation matrix that corresponds to the bit-reversal permutation *ρ<sub>n</sub>*.
- ► Each of the log<sub>2</sub> n matrix factors I<sub>k</sub> ⊗ B<sub>n/k</sub> has 2n nonzero elements, and each corresponding matrix-vector multiplication requires 5n flops. Total number of flops: 5n log<sub>2</sub> n. Same as for the recursive FFT.
- The nonrecursive variant is a good basis for parallelisation.



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