

# A primer on computer algebra

Or: Faster than expected

Accept **Change** what you cannot change **accept**

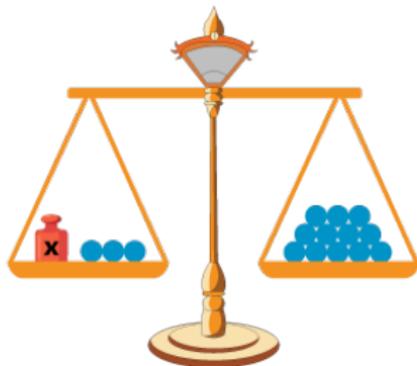
HOW LONG CAN YOU WORK ON MAKING A ROUTINE TASK MORE EFFICIENT BEFORE YOU'RE SPENDING MORE TIME THAN YOU SAVE?  
(ACROSS FIVE YEARS)

HOW OFTEN YOU DO THE TASK

	50/DAY	5/DAY	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	YEARLY
1 SECOND	1 DAY	2 HOURS	30 MINUTES	4 MINUTES	1 MINUTE	5 SECONDS
5 SECONDS	5 DAYS	12 HOURS	2 HOURS	21 MINUTES	5 MINUTES	25 SECONDS
30 SECONDS	4 WEEKS	3 DAYS	12 HOURS	2 HOURS	30 MINUTES	2 MINUTES
1 MINUTE	8 WEEKS	6 DAYS	1 DAY	4 HOURS	1 HOUR	5 MINUTES
5 MINUTES	9 MONTHS	4 WEEKS	6 DAYS	21 HOURS	5 HOURS	25 MINUTES
30 MINUTES		6 MONTHS	5 WEEKS	5 DAYS	1 DAY	2 HOURS
1 HOUR		10 MONTHS	2 MONTHS	10 DAYS	2 DAYS	5 HOURS
6 HOURS				2 MONTHS	2 WEEKS	1 DAY
1 DAY					8 WEEKS	5 DAYS

HOW MUCH TIME YOU SHAVE OFF

$$? + 3 = 12$$



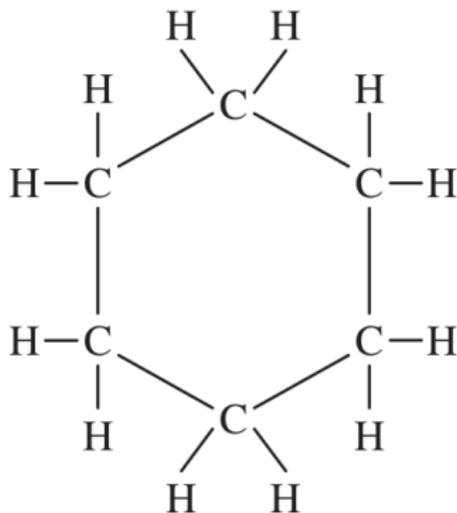
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- ▶ Equations are everywhere: differential equations, linear or polynomial equations or inequalities, recurrences, equations in groups, algebras or categories, tensor equations etc.
  - ▶ There are two ways of solving such equations: approximately or exactly
  - ▶ Oversimplified, numerical analysis studies efficient ways to get approximate solutions; computer algebra wants exact solutions

To get started, an example from chemistry  
Watch out for three (very typical but usually highly nontrivial) steps:

- ▶ create a mathematical model
- ▶ “solve” the model (enter e.g. computer algebra)
- ▶ interpret the solution

We will see  $C_6H_{12}$  next, so here it is:

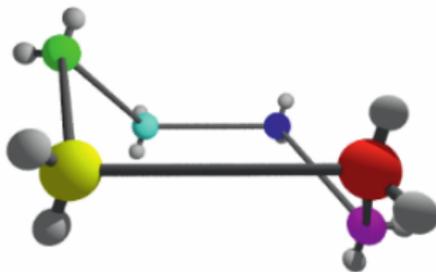
Based on a conjecture of **Sachse** ~1890  
and a solution by **Levelt** ~1997



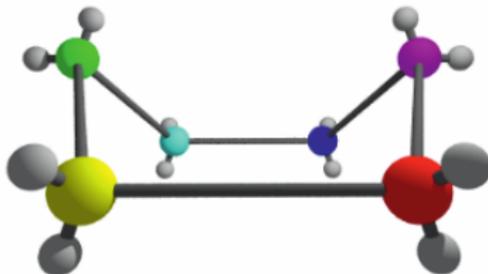
# Computer algebra

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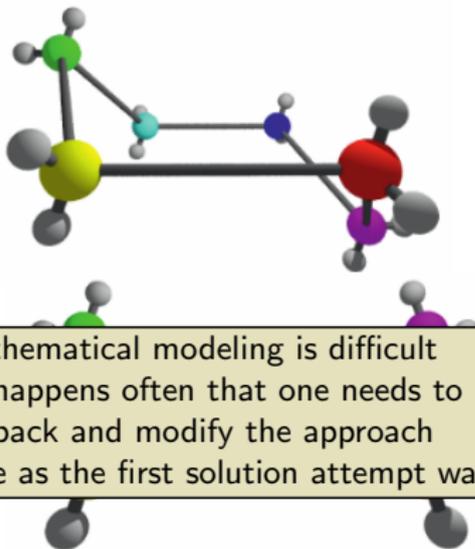


one boat:



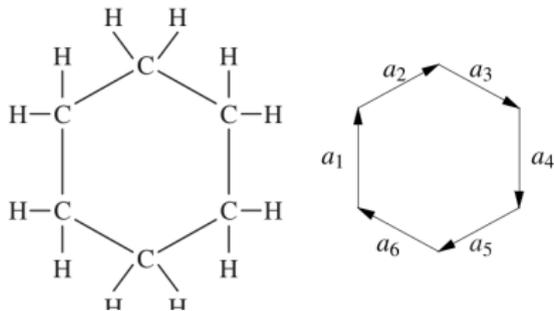
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  - ▶ Chair occurs far more frequently than the boats
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Mathematical modeling is difficult  
so it happens often that one needs to  
go back and modify the approach  
This happened here as the first solution attempt was not helpful

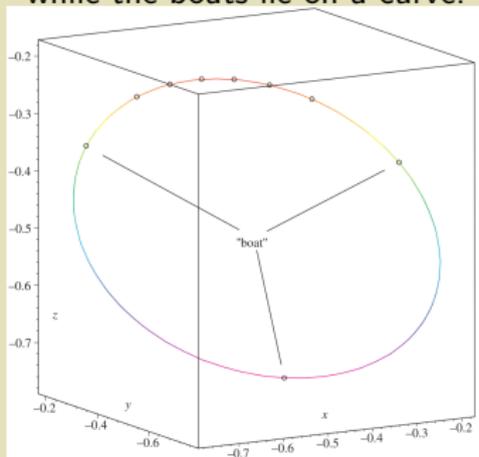
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$$\begin{aligned} a_1 \star a_1 &= a_2 \star a_2 = \dots = a_6 \star a_6 = 1, && \text{Length between bonds} \\ a_1 \star a_2 &= a_2 \star a_3 = \dots = a_6 \star a_1 = \frac{1}{3}, && \text{Angle} \approx 109^\circ \\ a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_6 &= 0. && \text{Cyclic} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ They then modeled the bonds as vectors  $a_i$  and  $a_i \star a_j = \text{inner product}$
- ▶ Model  $S_{ij} = a_i \star a_j$  as variables
- ▶ One gets polynomial variables subject to the relations above  $\Rightarrow$  get solution via Gröbner bases

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while the boats lie on a curve:



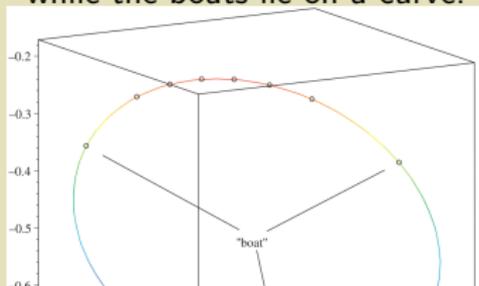
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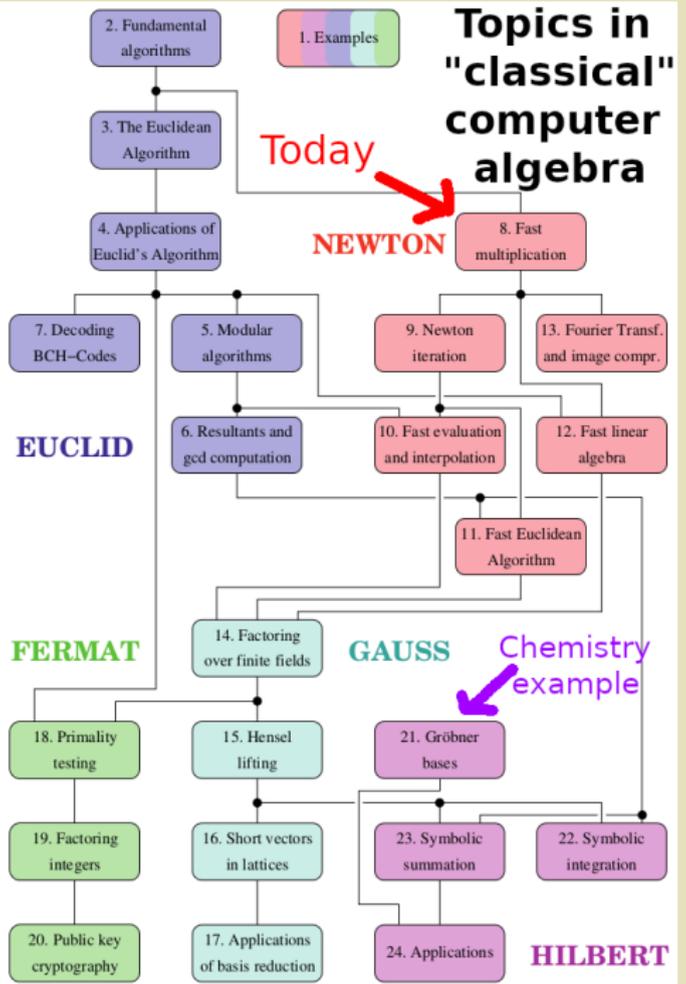
Gröbner bases are an essential part of computer algebra  
so this is a fabulous example  
of the usage of computer algebra

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# Topics in "classical" computer algebra



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Chemistry example

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- ▶ Model  $S_{ij} = a$
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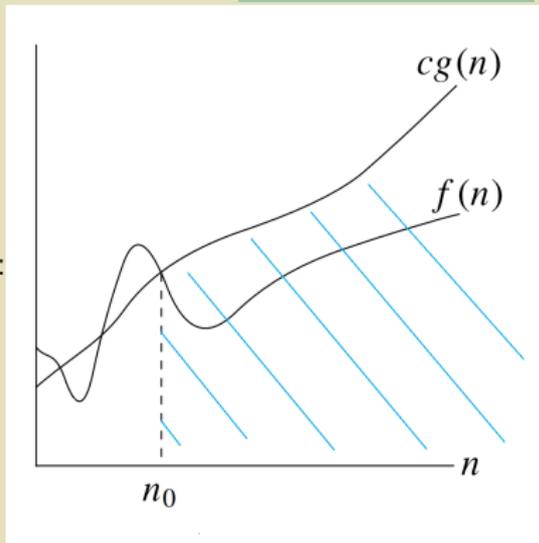
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What we are using throughout is **worst-case-analysis** using:

$f \in O(g)$  :



**Careful** This is different from:

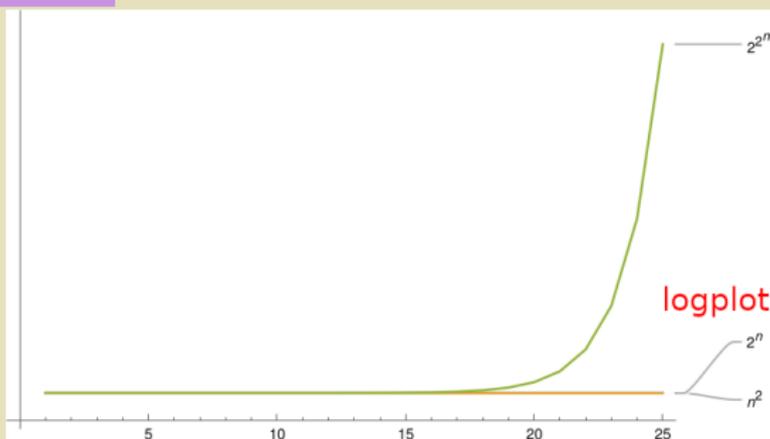
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- ▶ Computational implications due to overhead ( $\approx$  the part before  $n_0$ ) solution via Grobner bases

A Gröbner basis of an ideal  $I \subset R[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and a monomial order is a set  $G \subset I$  such that  $\langle lt(G) \rangle = \langle lt(I) \rangle$ ;  $lt$ =leading term

**Theorem (Buchberger ~1965)** Gröbner bases exist  
 can be computed algorithmically  
 and can be used to solve:

- ▶ ideal membership
- ▶ ideal containment
- ▶ properties of  $V(I)$ , e.g.  $V(I) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow G = \{1\}$

**Problem** Gröbner  $\in O(\text{poly in } d^{2^n})$  for  $d$ =largest degree

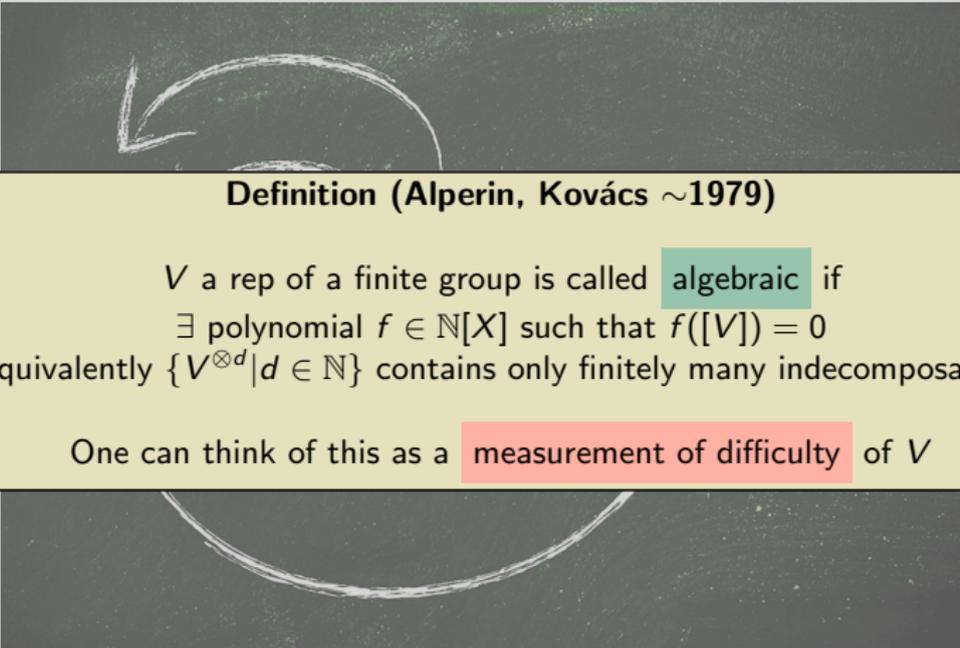


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- via G

solution



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- ▶ Now two more examples from representation theory that I recently learned
  - ▶ Watch out for **success and failure** of experimenting with computer algebra



## Definition (Alperin, Kovács ~1979)

$V$  a rep of a finite group is called **algebraic** if  
 $\exists$  polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{N}[X]$  such that  $f([V]) = 0$   
equivalently  $\{V^{\otimes d} \mid d \in \mathbb{N}\}$  contains only finitely many indecomposables

One can think of this as a **measurement of difficulty** of  $V$

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$V$  any simple of  $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})$  over characteristic  $p$  is algebraic

e.g.  $p = 5$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{F}_5$ ,  $k = 2$ ,  $V = (\mathbb{F}_{25})^2$ :

simples in  $\mathcal{R}\mathrm{ep}(G, \mathbb{K})$ :

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GModule of dimension 30 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 40 over GF(5)
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indecomposables in  $\mathcal{R}\mathrm{ep}(G, \mathbb{K})$ :

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G:=SpecialLinearGroup(2,5^2);
IsCyclic(SylowSubgroup(G,5));
false
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indecomposables in  $\{V^{\otimes d} \mid d \in \mathbb{N}\}$ :

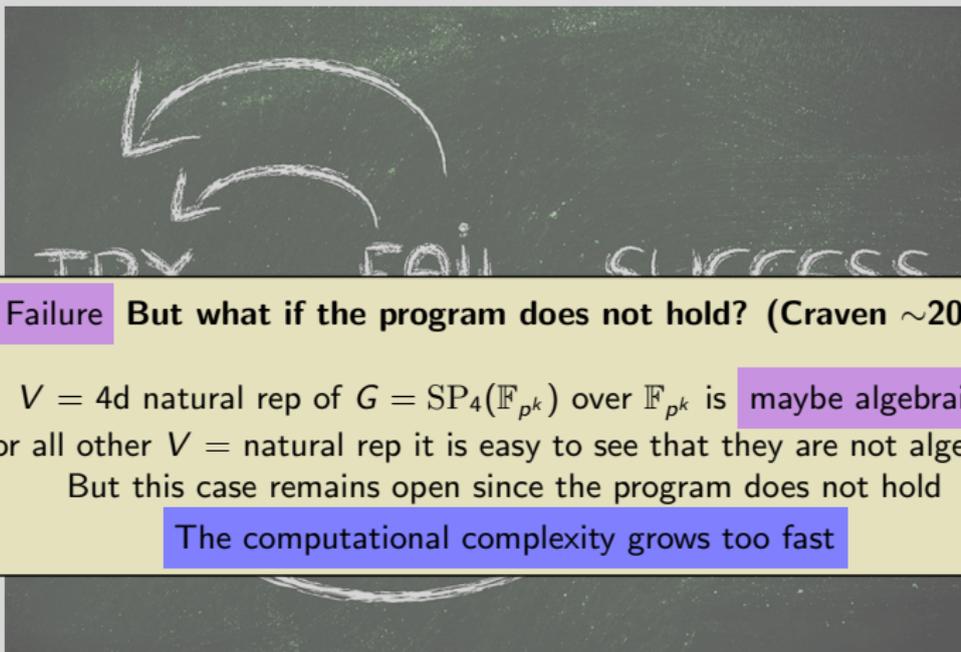
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GModule of dimension 16 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 30 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 20 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 40 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 20 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 40 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 60 over GF(5),
+a few more (45 in total)
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► Now

► Watch

learned

algebra



**Failure** But what if the program does not hold? (Craven ~2015)

$V = 4d$  natural rep of  $G = \mathrm{SP}_4(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})$  over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$  is maybe algebraic  
For all other  $V =$  natural rep it is easy to see that they are not algebraic  
But this case remains open since the program does not hold  
The computational complexity grows too fast

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char table of  $M_{11}$ :

Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Size	1	165	440	990	1584	1320	990	990	720	720
Order	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	8	11	11
$p = 2$	1	1	3	2	5	3	4	4	10	9
$p = 3$	1	2	1	4	5	2	7	8	9	10
$p = 5$	1	2	3	4	1	6	8	7	9	10
$p = 11$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	1
X.1	+	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
X.2	+	10	2	1	2	0	-1	0	0	-1
X.3	0	10	-2	1	0	0	1	Z1	-Z1	-1
X.4	0	10	-2	1	0	0	1	-Z1	Z1	-1
X.5	+	11	3	2	-1	1	0	-1	-1	0
X.6	0	16	0	-2	0	1	0	0	0	Z2 Z2#2
X.7	0	16	0	-2	0	1	0	0	0	Z2#2 Z2
X.8	+	44	4	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0
X.9	+	45	-3	0	1	0	0	-1	-1	1
X.10	+	55	-1	1	-1	0	-1	1	1	0

► We now discuss finite groups  $G$  with fd reps over  $\mathbb{C}$

► **Burnside** ~1911 Every  $>1d$  simple character has zeros

► **Question** Determine where the zeros are

► Watch out for success and failure of experimenting with computer algebra

## Computer algebra

char table of  $S_4$ :

Class		1	2	3	4	5
Size		1	3	6	8	6
Order		1	2	2	3	4
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p =		2	1	1	1	4
p =		3	1	2	3	1
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X.1	+	1	1	1	1	1
X.2	+	1	1	-1	1	-1
X.3	+	2	2	0	-1	0
X.4	+	3	-1	-1	0	1
X.5	+	3	-1	1	0	-1

$$P(\chi(g) = 0) = 24/120 \approx 0.194, \quad P(\chi(C) = 0) = 4/25 = 0.16$$

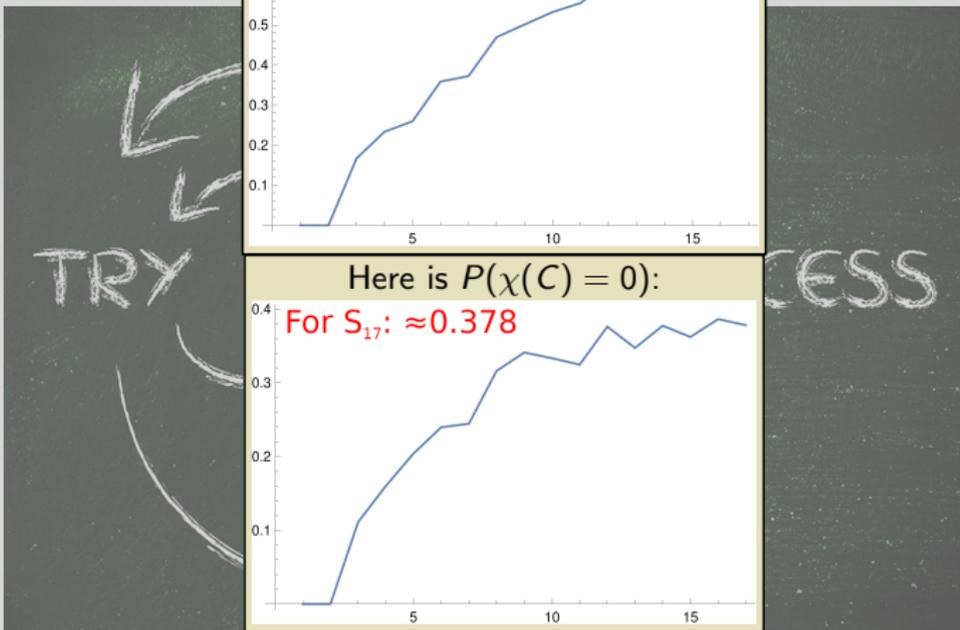
- ▶ **Problem** Determine for which  $g \in G$  we have  $\chi(g) = 0$  **Too hard!**
- ▶ **Better(?) problem**  $P(\chi(g) = 0)$  or  $P(\chi(C) = 0)$  (probability) for randomly chosen  $g \in G$  or conjugacy class  $C$
- ▶ Watch out for **success and failure** of experimenting with computer algebra

char table of  $S_7$ :

Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Size	1	21	105	105	70	280	210	630	504	210	420	840	720	504	420
Order	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	6	6	6	7	10	12
$p = 2$	1	1	1	1	5	6	4	4	9	5	5	6	13	9	10
$p = 3$	1	2	3	4	1	1	7	8	9	4	2	3	13	14	7
$p = 5$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	10	11	12	13	2	15
$p = 7$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	14	15
X.1	+	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
X.2	+	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1
X.3	+	6	-4	0	2	3	0	-2	0	1	-1	-1	0	-1	1
X.4	+	6	4	0	2	3	0	2	0	1	-1	1	0	-1	-1
X.5	+	14	6	2	2	2	-1	0	0	-1	2	0	-1	0	1
X.6	+	14	-6	-2	2	2	-1	0	0	-1	2	0	1	0	-1
X.7	+	14	-4	0	2	-1	2	2	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1
X.8	+	14	4	0	2	-1	2	-2	0	-1	-1	1	0	0	-1
X.9	+	15	5	-3	-1	3	0	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	1	0
X.10	+	15	-5	3	-1	3	0	-1	-1	0	-1	1	0	1	0
X.11	+	20	0	0	-4	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	-1	0
X.12	+	21	1	-3	1	-3	0	-1	-1	1	1	1	0	0	1
X.13	+	21	-1	3	1	-3	0	1	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	-1
X.14	+	35	-5	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	0	-1	1	-1	0	0
X.15	+	35	5	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1	1	0	0

$$P(\chi(g) = 0) = 28146/75600 \approx 0.372, \quad P(\chi(C) = 0) = 55/225 \approx 0.24$$

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My silly 10-min-code only made it to  $S_{17}$ , pathetic, sorry for that!

Alexander Miller computed these up to  $S_{38}$

Anyway, we can guess from here for  $P(\chi(g) = 0)$

but the data is not good enough for  $P(\chi(C) = 0)$

- ▶ Now
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algebra

## Fast multiplication

$$(x - 3)(4x - 5)$$

	$x$	$-3$
$4x$	$4x^2$	$-12x$
$-5$	$-5x$	$15$

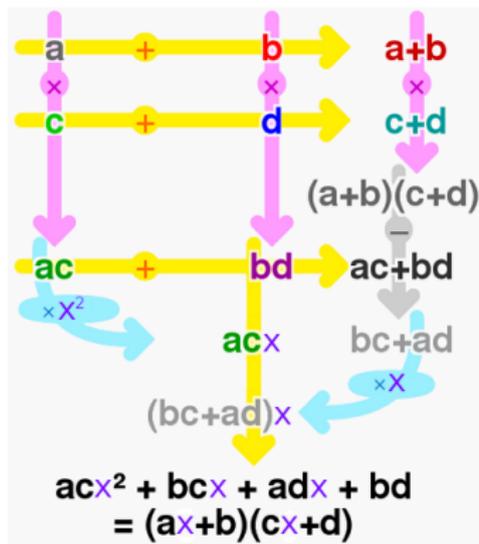
$$4x^2 - 12x - 5x + 15$$

$$4x^2 - 17x + 15$$

	$x^2$	$-4x$	$-2$
$2x^2$	$2x^4$	$-8x^3$	$-4x^2$
$-x$	$-x^3$	$4x^2$	$2x$
$-1$	$-x^2$	$4x$	$2$

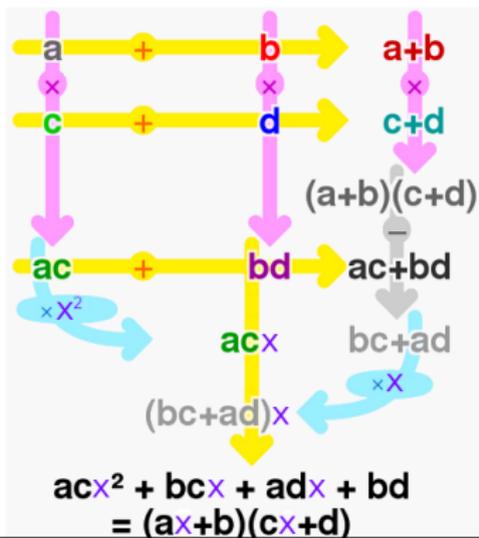
- ▶ Given two polynomials  $f$  and  $g$  of degree  $< n$ ; we want  $fg$
- ▶ Classical polynomial multiplication needs  $n^2$  multiplications and  $(n - 1)^2$  additions; thus  $mult(poly) \in O(n^2)$
- ▶ It doesn't appear that we can do faster

# Fast multiplication



- ▶ **Karatsuba ~1960** It gets faster!
- ▶ Reduce multiplication cost even when potentially increasing addition cost
- ▶ Second, apply divide-and-conquer

# Fast multiplication



We compute  $ac$ ,  $bd$ ,  $u = (a+b)(c+d)$ ,  $v = ac + bd$ ,  $u - v$  with 3 multiplications and 4 additions = 7 operations

The total has increased, but a recursive application will drastically reduce the overall cost

**Upshot** We only have 3 multiplications not 4

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## Fast multiplication

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Input:  $f, g \in R[x]$  of degrees less than  $n$ , where  $R$  is a ring (commutative, with 1) and  $n$  a power of 2.

Output:  $fg \in R[x]$ .

1. **if**  $n = 1$  **then return**  $f \cdot g \in R$
2. let  $f = F_1x^{n/2} + F_0$  and  $g = G_1x^{n/2} + G_0$ , with  $F_0, F_1, G_0, G_1 \in R[x]$  of degrees less than  $n/2$
3. compute  $F_0G_0$ ,  $F_1G_1$ , and  $(F_0 + F_1)(G_0 + G_1)$  by a recursive call
4. **return**  $F_1G_1x^n + ((F_0 + F_1)(G_0 + G_1) - F_0G_0 - F_1G_1)x^{n/2} + F_0G_0$  —

### Example

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To get  $fg$  we then need two more ops = 23 ops

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This applies recursively, so we actually save a lot:

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3. compute  $F_2 = F_1 G_1$

4. return  $F_2$

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$$f = g = x^3 + x^2$$

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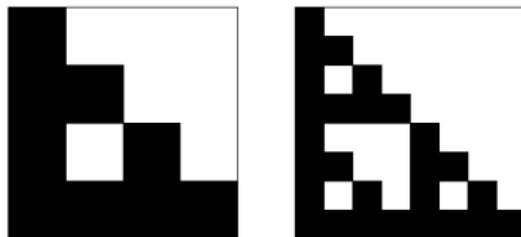
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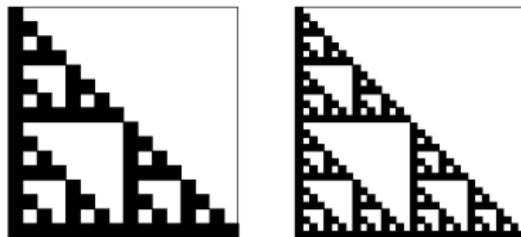
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1 iteration



2 iterations

3 iterations



4 iterations

5 iterations

Figure 8.2: Cost (= black area) of Karatsuba's algorithm for increasing recursion depths. The black area approaches a fractal of dimension  $\log_2 3 \approx 1.59$ .

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### Theorem (Karatsuba ~1960)

For  $n = 2^k$  we have  $\text{mult}(\text{poly}) \in O(n^{1.59})$  ( $1.59 \approx \log(3)$ ; always:  $\log = \log_2$ )

There is also a version for general  $n$  but the analysis is somewhat more involved

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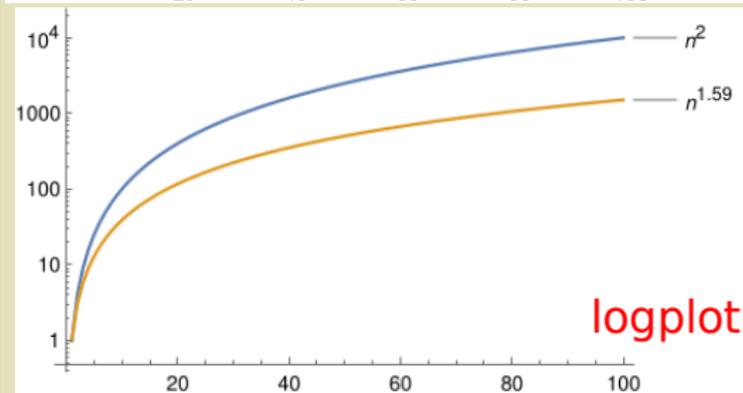
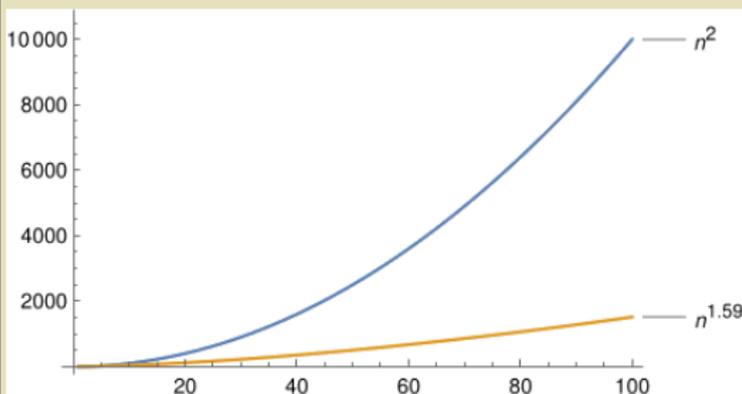
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This is much faster than before:



logplot

## Example

 $f = g = x^3 + x^2$  $F_0^2 = F_1^2 = (x + 1)^2$ To get  $fg$  we the

Classical we need

Binary system

$k = 2$ :

0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1

$\frac{128}{2^7}$   $\frac{64}{2^6}$   $\frac{32}{2^5}$   $\frac{16}{2^4}$   $\frac{8}{2^3}$   $\frac{4}{2^2}$   $\frac{2}{2^1}$   $\frac{1}{2^0}$

Replace  $x^k$  by e.g.  $2^k$  and do the same as before

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- ▶ **Karatsuba ~1960** Using  $k$ -adic expansion, this works for numbers as well
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# Fast multiplication

My silly 5 minute Python code:

```
1 from math import ceil, floor
2 #math.ceil(x) Return the ceiling of x as a float, the smallest integer value greater than or equal to x.
3 #math.floor(x) Return the floor of x as a float, the largest integer value less than or equal to x.
4
5 def karatsuba(x,y):
6     #base case
7     if x < 10 and y < 10: # in other words, if x and y are single digits
8         return x*y
9
10    n = max(len(str(x)), len(str(y)))
11    m = ceil(n/2) #Cast n into a float because n might lie outside the representable range of integers.
12
13    x_H = floor(x / 10**m)
14    x_L = x % (10**m)
15
16    y_H = floor(y / 10**m)
17    y_L = y % (10**m)
18
19    #recursive steps
20    a = karatsuba(x_H,y_H)
21    d = karatsuba(x_L,y_L)
22    e = karatsuba(x_H + x_L, y_H + y_L) - a - d
23
24    return int(a*(10**(m*2)) + e*(10**m) + d)
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Evaluate

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CPU times: user 10.3 ms, sys: 412 µs, total: 10.7 ms
Wall time: 10.8 ms ←
```

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CPU times: user 55 µs, sys: 22 µs, total: 77 µs
Wall time: 82.5 µs ←
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Why is that? Well: (1) I am stupid  $\Rightarrow$  too much overhead

(2) Nowadays computer algebra systems have beefed-up versions of Karatsuba's algorithm build in

Actually in use today:

Toom–Cook algorithm ~1963 with  $O(n^{1.46})$  ( $1.46 \approx \log(5/3)$ )

Schönhage–Strassen algorithm ~1971 with  $O(n \log n \log \log n)$

Toom–Cook generalizes Karatsuba; Schönhage–Strassen is based on FFT

Maybe in use soon (?):

Harvey–van der Hoeven algorithm ~2019 with  $O(n \log n)$

[Annals of Mathematics](https://doi.org/10.4007/annals.2021.193.2.4) **193** (2021), 563–617  
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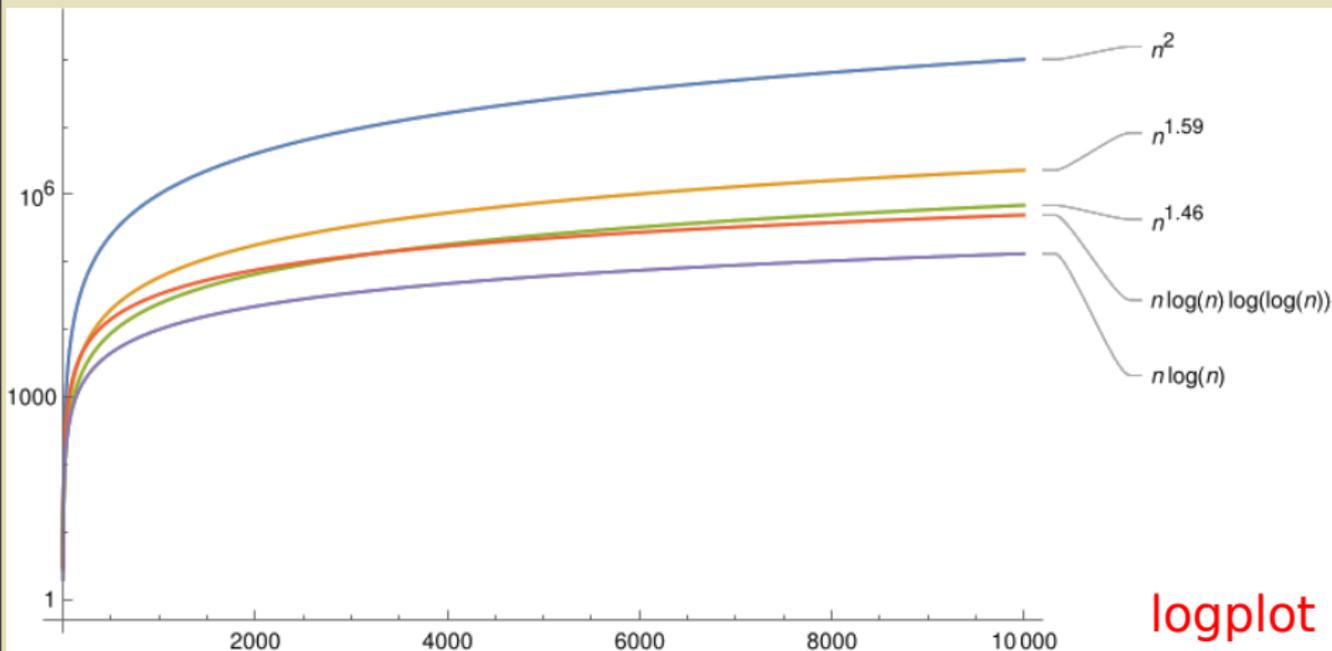
# Integer multiplication in time $O(n \log n)$

By DAVID HARVEY and JORIS VAN DER HOEVEN

**Conjecture (Schönhage–Strassen ~1971)**  $O(n \log n)$  is the best possible  
So maybe that's it!

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This is fantastic for large numbers:



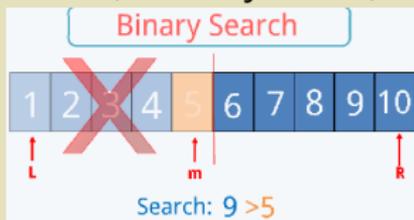
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Honorable mentions These also run on divide-and-conquer

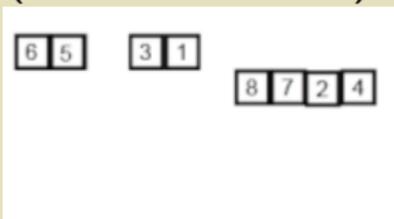
Binary search (**Babylonians** ~200BCE, **Mauchly** ~1946, many others as well)  $\in O(\log n)$



Euclidean algorithm (**Euclid** ~300BCE)  $\in O(\log \min(a, b))$

Fast Fourier transform (**Gauss** ~1805, **Cooley–Tukey** ~1965)  $\in O(n \log n)$

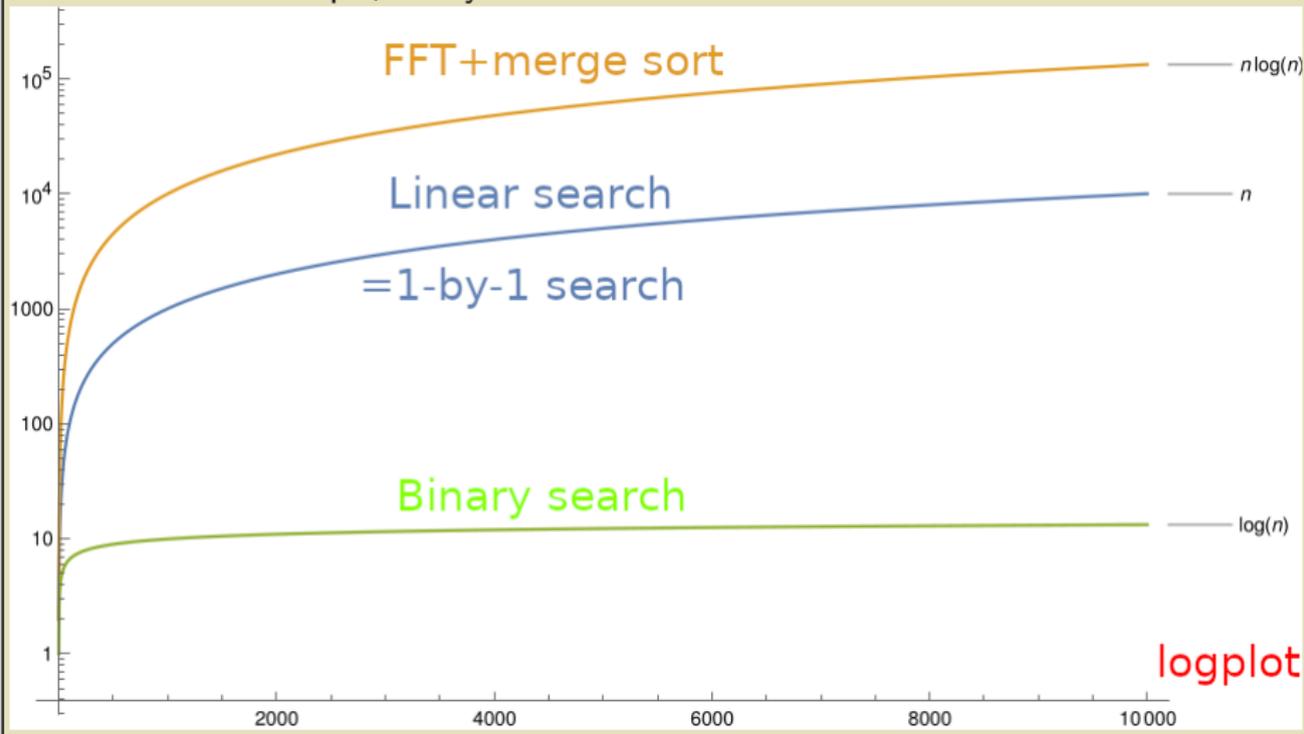
Merge sort (**von Neumann** ~1945)  $\in O(n \log n)$



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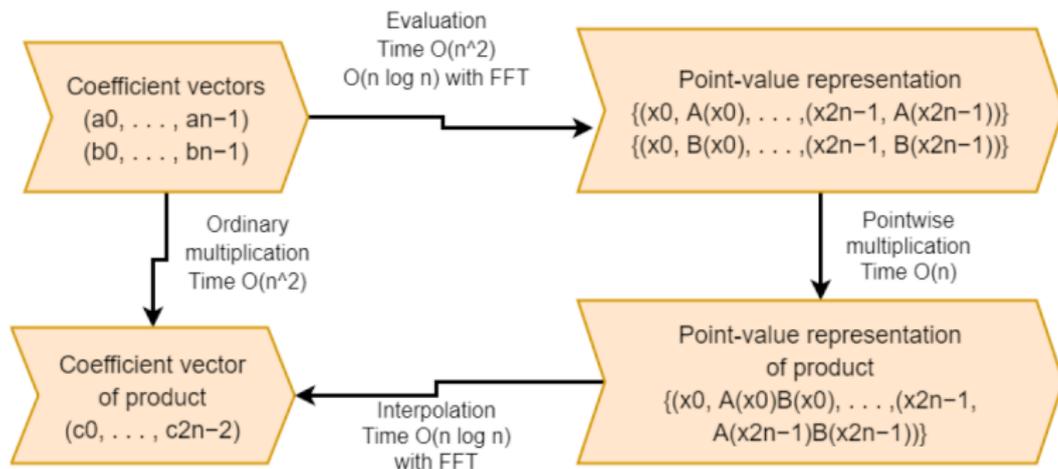
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For example, binary search does much better than linear search



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## Discrete and fast Fourier transform



- Assume that there is an operation  $DFT_\omega$  such that:

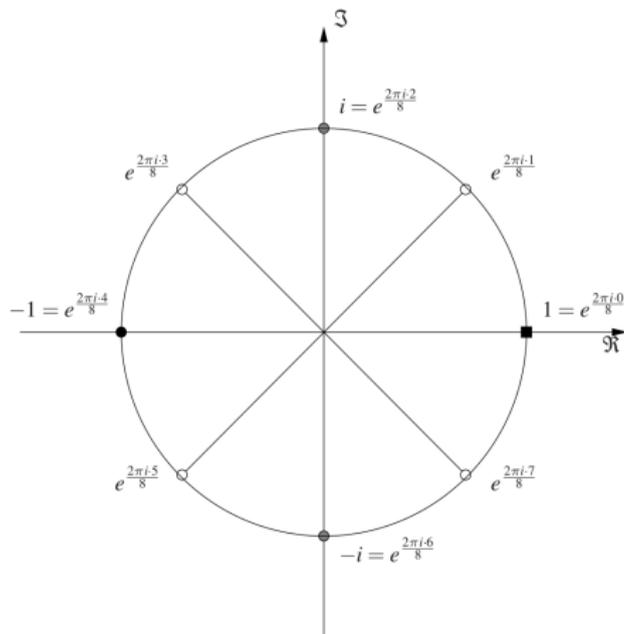
$$fg = DFT_\omega^{-1}(DFT_\omega(f)DFT_\omega(g))$$

with  $DFT_\omega$  and  $DFT_\omega^{-1}$  and  $DFT_\omega(f)DFT_\omega(g)$  being cheap

- Then compute  $fg$  for polynomials  $f$  and  $g$  is “cheap”

# Discrete and fast Fourier transform

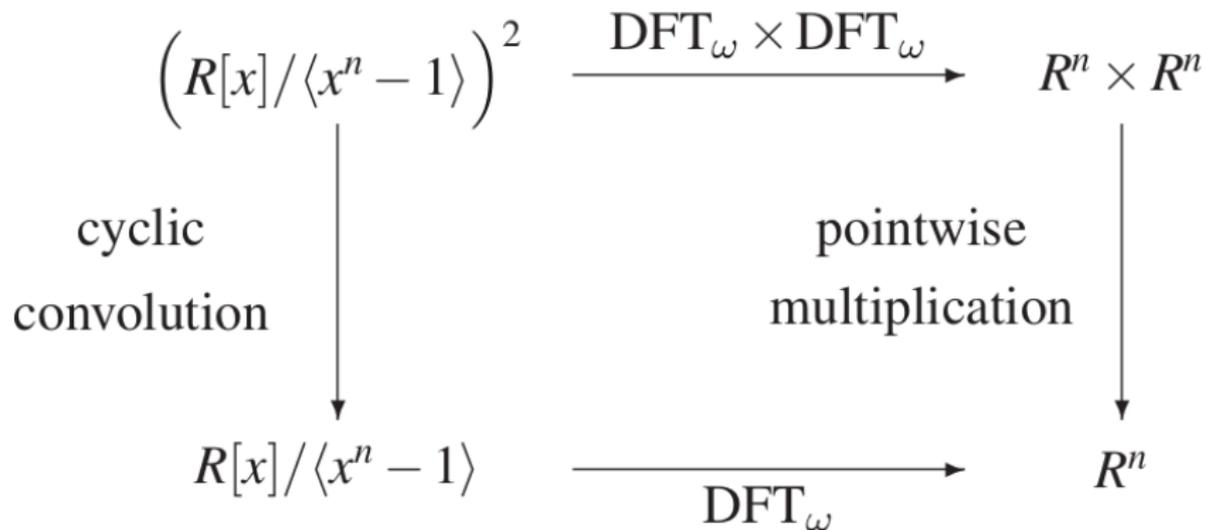
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- ▶ In the following we need primitive roots of unity  $\omega$  in some field  $R$
- ▶ You can always assume  $R = \mathbb{C}$  and  $\omega = \exp(2\pi k/n)$

## Discrete and fast Fourier transform

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The  $R$ -linear map

$$\text{DFT}_\omega(f) = (1, f(\omega), f(\omega^2), \dots, f(\omega^{n-1}))$$

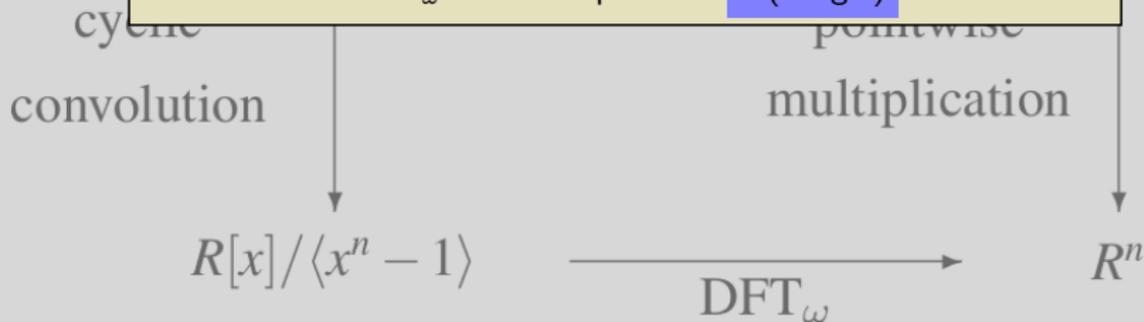
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CYCLE

POINTWISE

 $R^n$ 

The Vandermonde matrix, matrix of the multipoint evaluation map  $DFT_{\omega}$ ,

$$V_{\omega} = \text{VDM}(1, \omega, \dots, \omega^{n-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 & \dots & \omega^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \dots & \omega^{2(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega^{n-1} & \omega^{2(n-1)} & \dots & \omega^{(n-1)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

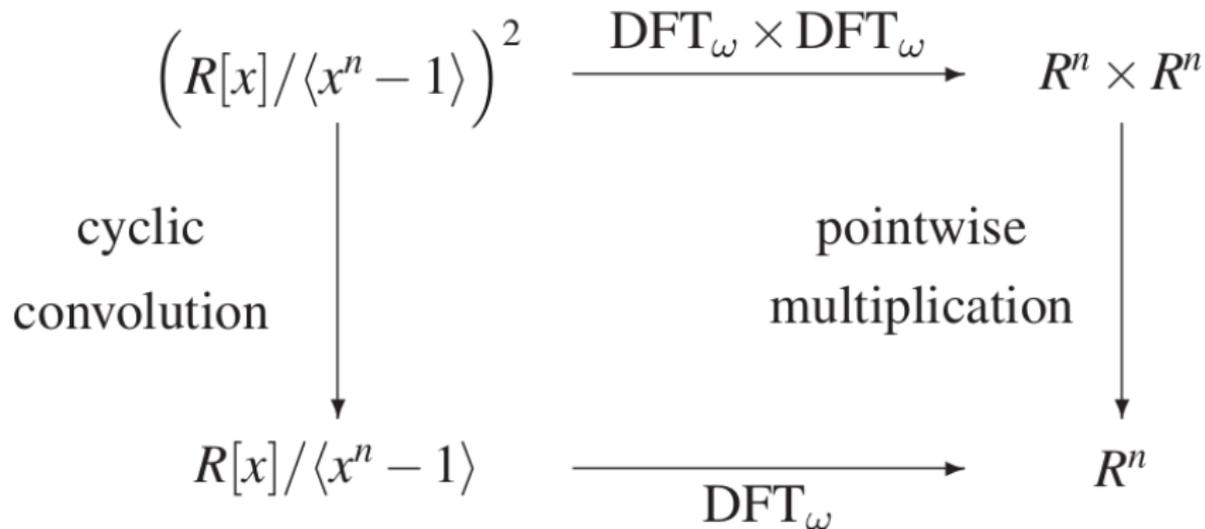
is easy to invert  $V_{\omega} V_{\omega^{-1}} = nI$

$$V_i = \text{VDM}(1, i, -1, -i) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \end{pmatrix} \quad V_i^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

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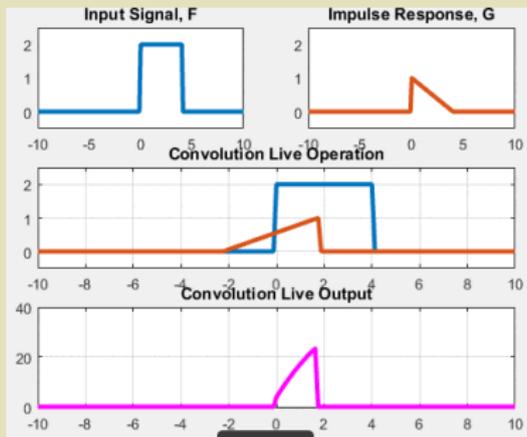
Cyclic convolution of  $f = f_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots$  and  $g = g_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots$  is

$$h = f *_n g = \sum_{0 \leq l < n} h_l x^l, \quad h_l = \sum_{j+k \equiv l \pmod n} f_j g_k$$

We see in a second why this is cyclic

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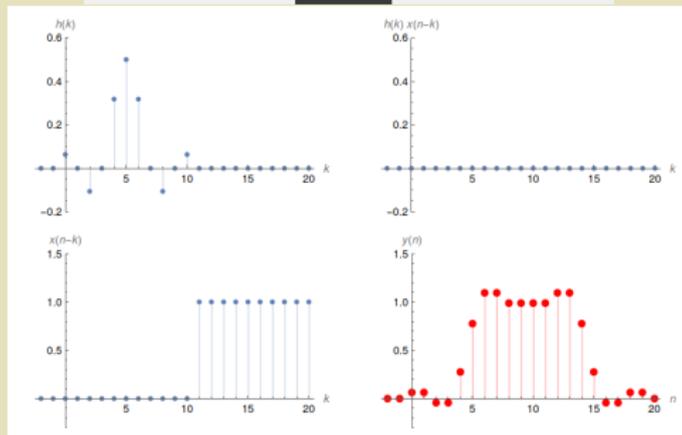
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$$1 \times R^n$$



$$R^n$$



We have a cyclic version of this

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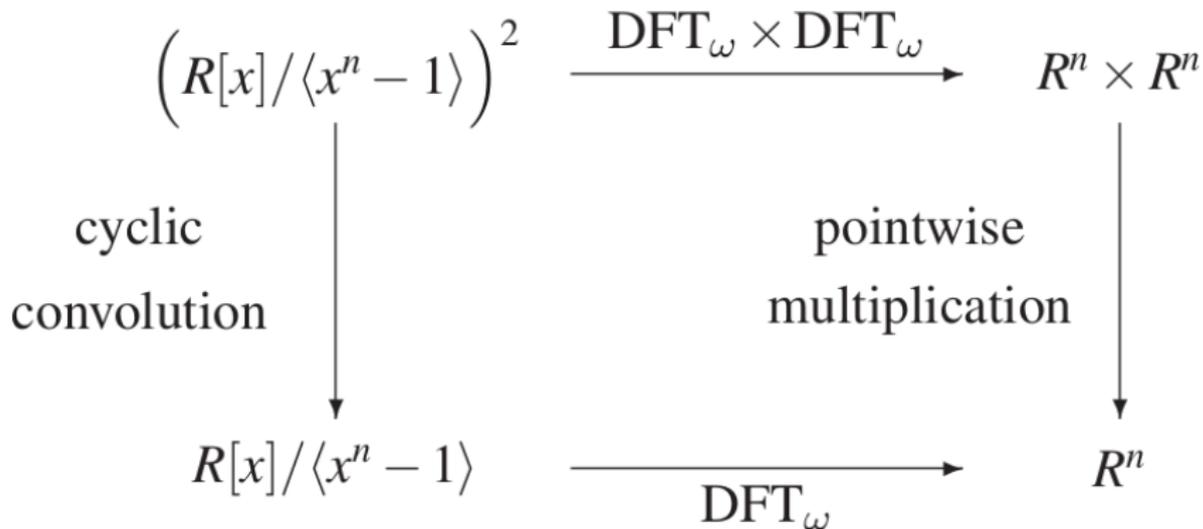
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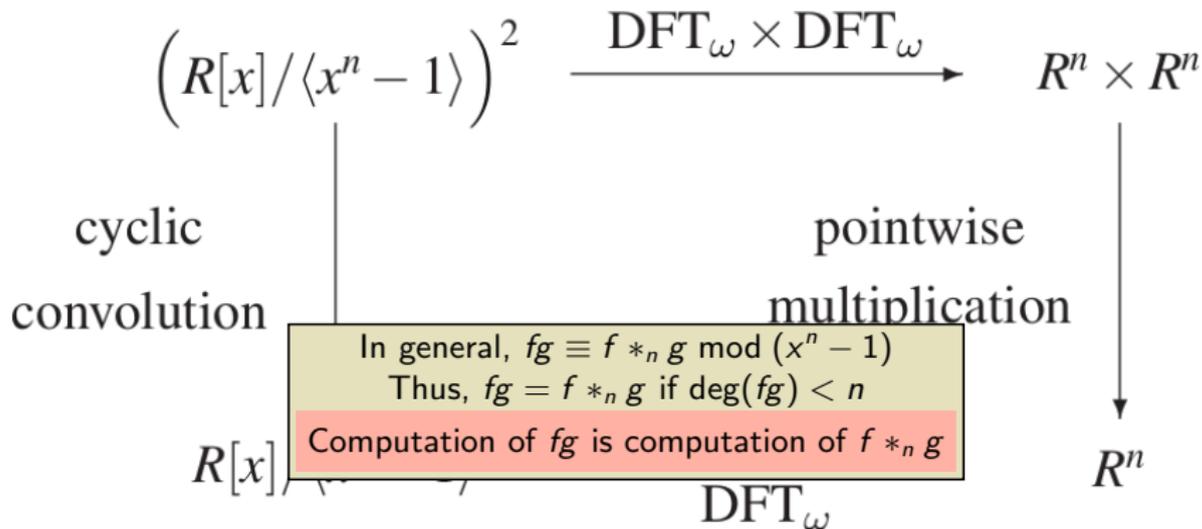


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$$fg = 2x^6 + 3x^5 + x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 1$$

$$= (2x^2 + 3x + 1)(x^4 - 1) + 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 4x + 2 \equiv f *_4 g \pmod{(x^4 - 1)}$$

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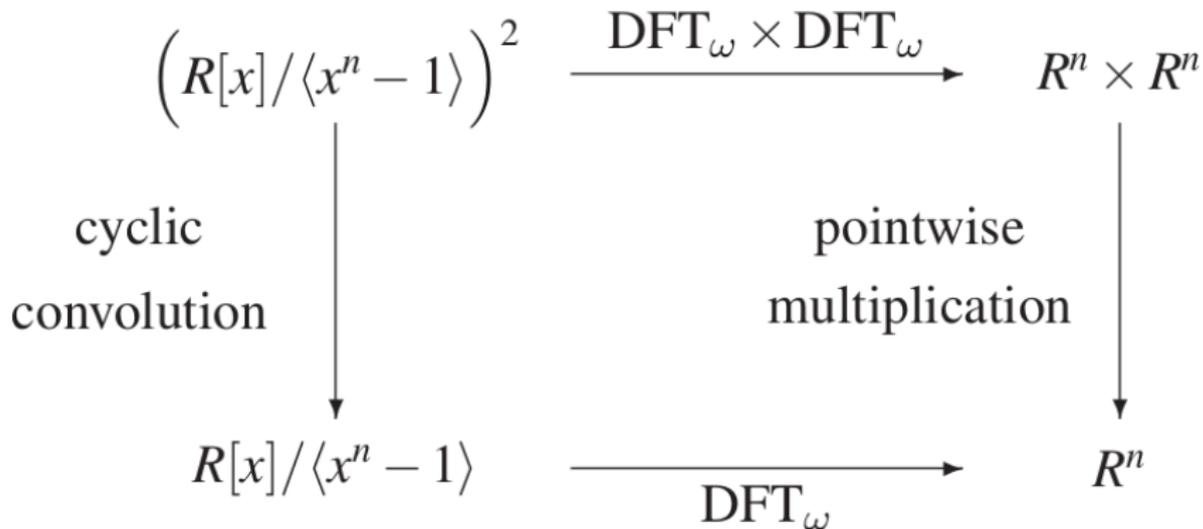
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Final lemma we need

$$DFT_\omega(f *_n g) = DFT_\omega(f) \cdot_{\text{pointwise}} DFT_\omega(g)$$

$$\left( R[x] / \langle x^n - 1 \rangle \right)^2 \xrightarrow{\text{DFT}_\omega \times \text{DFT}_\omega} R^n \times R^n$$

## Theorem (Cooley–Tukey ~1965)

Computing  $fg$  is in  $O(n \log n)$  for  $\deg(fg) > n$

“Proof”

Take  $n$  so that  $\deg(fg) > n$

Then  $fg = f *_n g$ , so it remains to show that computing  $f *_n g$  is in  $O(n \log n)$

But  $f *_n g = \text{DFT}_\omega^{-1}(\text{DFT}_\omega(f) \cdot_{\text{pointwise}} \text{DFT}_\omega(g))$

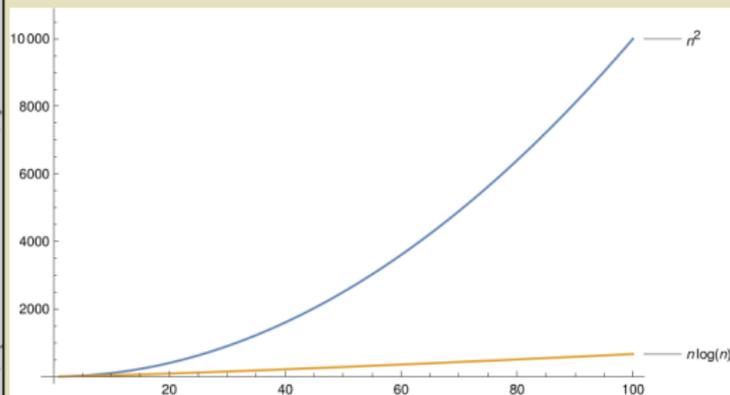
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Discrete and fast

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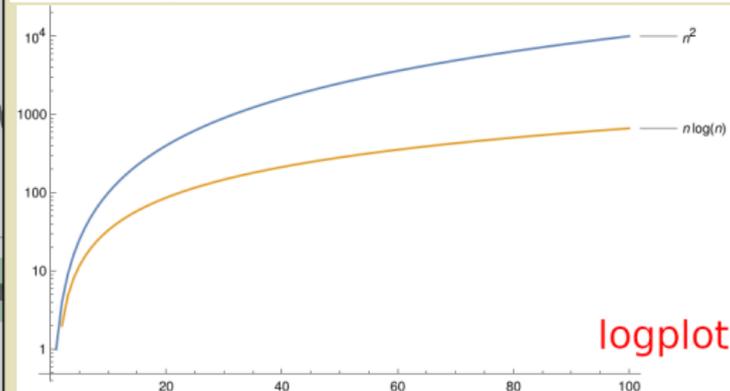
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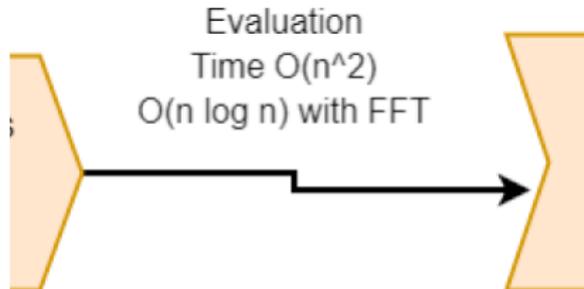


The overhead is however pretty large

Final lemma we

## Discrete and fast Fourier transform

What is FFT in this context?



- ▶ Assume  $n = 2^k$  and note that, using Euclid's algorithm, writing

$$f = q_0(x^{n/2} - 1) + r_0 = q_1(x^{n/2} + 1) + r_1 \text{ gives}$$

$$f(\omega^{\text{even}}) = r_0(\omega^{\text{even}}), \quad f(\omega^{\text{odd}}) = r_1(\omega^{\text{odd}})$$

- ▶ Writing  $r_1(\_)^* = r_1(\omega\_)$  we can use divide-and-conquer since  $\omega^2$  is a primitive  $(n/2)$ th root of unity:

$r_0(\omega^{\text{even}})$  and  $r_1^*(\omega^{\text{even}})$  are DFTs of order  $n/2 \Rightarrow$  make recursive call

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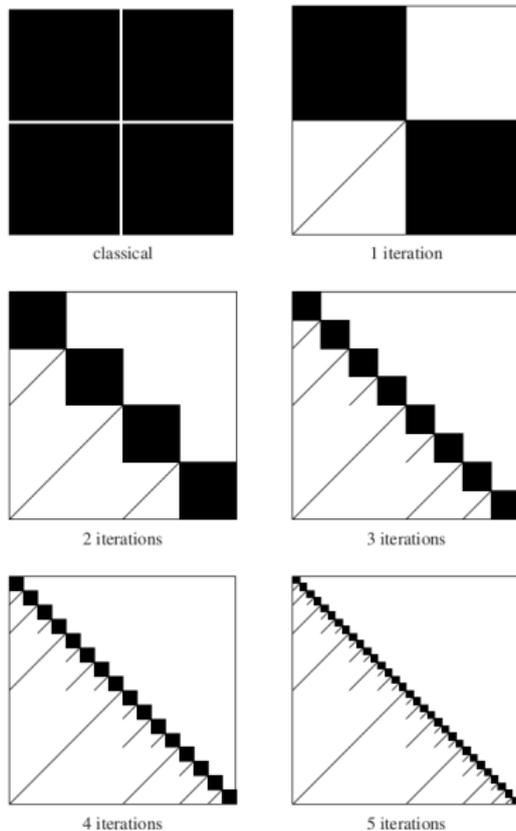


FIGURE 8.5: Cost of the FFT for increasing recursion depths. The black area is proportional to the total work.

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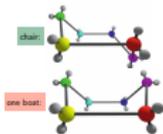
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primitive call

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3. compute

4. return  $f$

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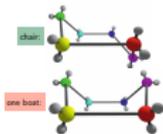
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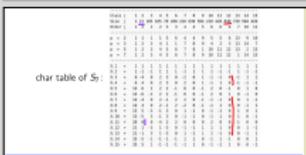
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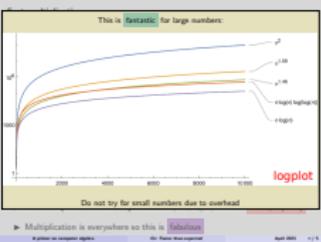
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