

Lecture 10: September 08

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10.1 Computing values of functions efficiently

Aside: Today we need to work over \mathbb{Q} , not over \mathbb{R} - we need division.

How to compute values of $f(x)^n$ assuming they exist? In fact for each of the following functions how do we compute them:

1. $f(x)^n$: f arbitrary, $n \in \mathbb{N}$
2. $f(x)^a$: $f(0) = 1$
3. $e^{f(x)}$, $f(0) = 0$
4. $\log(1 + f(x))$: $f(0) = 0$

10.2 Computing $g(x) = f(x)^n$

Last time we saw that we can compute $f(x)^n$ via iterated squaring:

Compute $f(x)^2, f(x)^{2^2}, f(x)^{2^3}, \dots$ and multiply appropriate ones to get $f(x)^n$. How long will this take to compute coefficients up to x^N , $N = 2^k$ say?

Assume $g(a)$ is defined over a ring. Multiplication takes time m . Then computing $g(x)^2$ up to x^N requires computing

$$\sum_{l=0}^j g_l g_{j-l} \quad 0 \leq j \leq N$$

$$n + 1 \text{ multiplications} \quad 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (N + 1) = \binom{N + 2}{2} \text{ total multiplications}$$

$$n \text{ additions} \quad 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + N = \binom{N + 1}{2} \text{ total additions}$$

We need to compute $f(x)^{2^j}$ for all j with $2^j \leq n$.

So $j \leq \log_2 n$.

So we need to do $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$ squarings. So:

$$2 \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor \binom{N + 2}{2} \text{ multiplications in } \mathbb{R}$$

$$2 \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor \binom{N + 1}{2} \text{ additions in } \mathbb{R}$$

For now we will skip the question of the possibility of doing these operations

10.3 Computing $g(x) = e^{f(x)}$

Aside: From here on we are assuming working in \mathbb{Q} . How to compute coefficient of $g(x) = e^{f(x)}$, $f(0) = 0$ for terms up to x^N ? Differentiate and multiply by x :

$$\begin{aligned} x \frac{d}{dx} g(x) &= x g'(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} n x^n g_n = \sum_{n \geq 1} n g_n x^n \\ x \frac{d}{dx} e^{f(x)} &= x f'(x) e^{f(x)} \\ &= x f'(x) g(x) \\ &= \left(\sum_{s \geq 0} s f_s x^s \right) \left(\sum_{r=0} g_r x^r \right) \end{aligned}$$

So extracting the coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned} [x^n] g'(x) &= n g_n \\ &= \sum_{s=0} s f_s g_{n-s} \\ &= \sum_{s=1} s f_s g_{n-s} \qquad g_0, g_1, \dots, g_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Perhaps we can improve things a little:

Let $g(x) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} h_s \frac{x^s}{s!}$ instead. So, $g'(x) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} h_{s+1} \frac{x^s}{s!}$

Then, $\frac{h_n}{(n-1)!} = [x^{n-1}] g'(x)$ and, as before, $g'(x) = f'(x) g(x)$.

exercise NTBHI: Find the recurrence for h_n in terms of h_0, h_1, \dots, h_{n-1} that this gives.

Computing g_n once g_0, \dots, g_{n-1} are computed takes $2n$ multiplications, $n-1$ additions, and 1 division. So computing g_N takes $2 \binom{N+1}{2}$ multiplications, $\binom{N}{2}$ additions, and N divisions. So this is quadratic in N .

$g(x) = \log(1 + f(x))$:

$$x \frac{d}{dx} \log(1 + f(x)) = \frac{x f'(x)}{1 + f(x)} \text{ so, } x g'(x) (1 + f(x)) = x f'(x) \quad (10.1)$$

exercise: Determine the recurrence you get in the form $n g_n = \sum \dots$. Using this find terms up to x^{10} in $\log(\cos(x))$. (Use Sage/Maple to compare with Taylor series of $\log(\cos(x))$)

10.4 Back to $g(x) = f(x)^a$

Differentiating:

$$xg'(x) = xaf(x)^{a-1}f'(x)$$

$$\text{so } xg'(x)f(x) = xaf'(x)g(x)$$

$$\text{so } [x^n]xg'(x)f(x) = [x^n]xaf'(x)g(x)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n kg_k f_{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n ag_k(n-k)f_{n-k}$$

$$ng_n = -\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} kg_k f_{n-k} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a(n-k)g_k f_{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (a_n - (a+1)k)g_k f_{n-k}$$

exercise: By hand, compute terms up to x^8 of $(1 + 2x + 4x^2 + 7x^3)^8$ and $(1 + 2x + 4x^2 + 7x^3)^7$ using

1. Iterated squaring
2. The method above.