

# Fundamental Algorithms

## Chapter 7: Matrices and Scientific Computing

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## Note:

- Throughout these notes, we assume all operations are done over the field of real numbers,  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- We ignore issues of precision (which is an important topic).

# Basics

Recall a  $2 \times 3$  matrix  $M$  is given (e.g.) by:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The *transpose* of  $M$  is

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The inner product “measures” the overlap between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .  
When  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$ , we say  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are *orthogonal*.

Ex. For  $\mathbf{v} = (1 \ 0)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (0 \ 1)^T$ , what is  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ ?  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ ? Draw  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  on the 2D Euclidean plane to visualize the dot product.

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**Q:** In 2D plane, what operation does last equation encode?

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## Life lesson

That matrix multiplication is non-commutative is *not* just an academic question! The structure of the world around us depends on this property — it gives rise to the *uncertainty principle* in quantum mechanics, which in turn is used<sup>2</sup> to explain why matter is stable (i.e. why doesn't an electron just crash into the nucleus of the atom?).

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Can also do “low-level” analysis by factoring in cost of each field op:

- E.g. How many steps to actually implement  $n$ -bit addition of integers on a Turing machine? (Answer:  $O(n)$ .)
- This cost model is called *bit complexity*.

Here, **we focus** on operation complexity, i.e. we will not worry about the low-level details of implementing addition, multiplication etc over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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## Strassen's Algorithm

- Strassen, Volker. Gaussian Elimination is not Optimal, *Numer. Math.* 13, p. 354–356, 1969.
- Requires  $O(n^{2.808})$  operations.
- Recursive, divide-and-conquer approach.
- Quite a surprise to the research community!

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# Goals of section

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- Practice working with randomization
- Study a mix of classic and modern algorithms

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- We hence get runtime  $\Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) \in \Theta(n^{2.808})$ , as claimed.
- Ok, so how do we do it?

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## Upper bounds

- Strassen (1969):  $O(n^{2.808})$ .
- Pan (1978):  $o(n^{2.796})$
- Bini, Capovani, Romani, Lotti using *border rank* (1979):  $o(n^{2.78})$
- Schönhage via  $\tau$ -theorem (1981):  $o(n^{2.548})$
- Romani (1982):  $o(n^{2.517})$
- Coppersmith, Winograd (1981):  $o(n^{2.496})$
- Strassen via *laser method* (1986):  $o(n^{2.479})$
- Coppersmith, Winograd (1989):  $o(n^{2.376})$
- V. V. Williams (2013):  $O(n^{2.3729})$
- Le Gall (2014):  $O(n^{2.3728639})$

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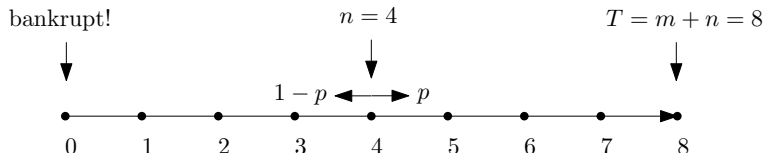
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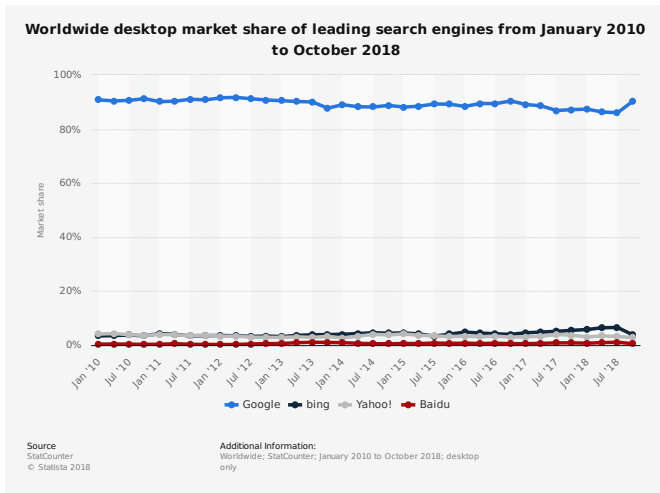


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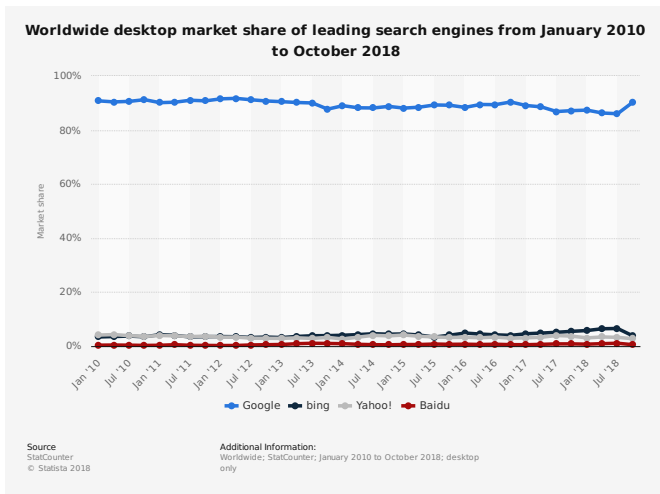
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- Named after Larry Page (together with Sergey Brin, founded Google)
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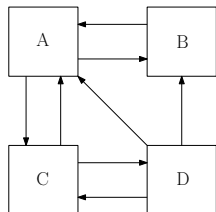
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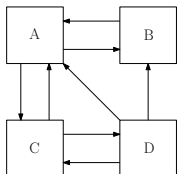
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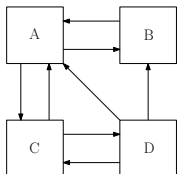
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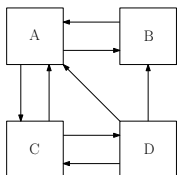


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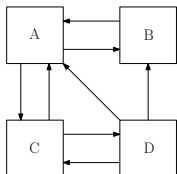
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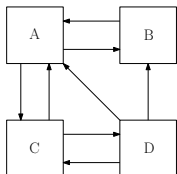
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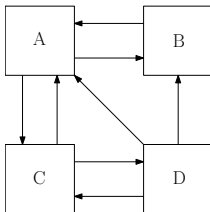
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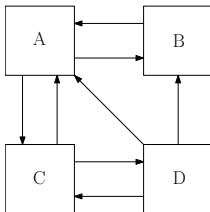
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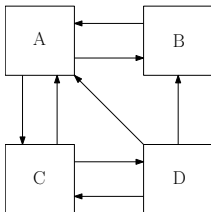
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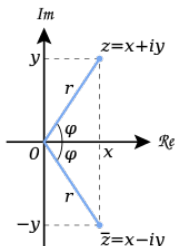
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- 5 Show that for any  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z + z^* \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- 6 Rewrite the formula  $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  in terms of the product of  $zz^*$ .
- 7 What are  $\pm 1, \pm i$  in polar form?
- 8 Using the 2D complex plane, derive the formula  $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .
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With  $\mathbb{C}$  in hand, can now define polynomials with coefficients from  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Later, we will use  $\mathbb{C}$  for the Fourier transform as well.

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- 1 What is the degree of  $f(x) = -7x^3 + 4x + \sqrt{2}$ ?  $f(x) = 4$ ?
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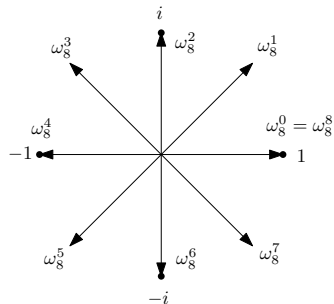
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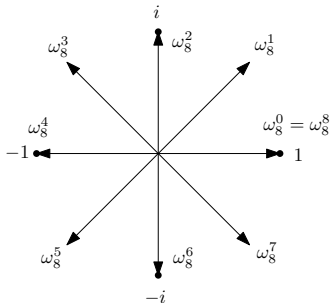
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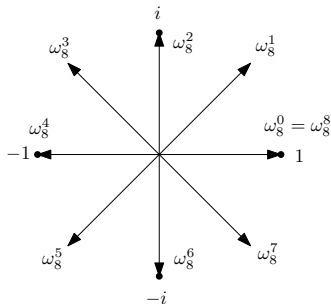
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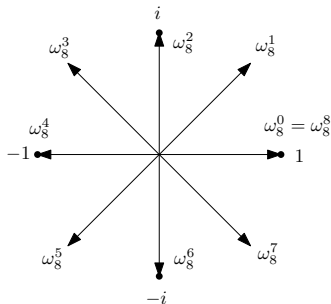


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# Breathe in, breathe out

We can't stop now... Let's remind ourselves why it really is important to find a clever implementation of the DFT.

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(Click on link in pdf to follow link)

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