

Group-theoretical Method of Matrix Multiplication

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Matrix multiplication exponent ω

Definition (matrix multiplication exponent ω)

The matrix multiplication exponent ω is the smallest real number ω for which $n \times n$ matrix multiplication can be performed in $O(n^{\omega+\varepsilon})$ operations for each $\varepsilon > 0$.

It is clear: $2 \leq \omega \leq 3$

A Major Conjecture: $\omega = 2$.

Strassen's algorithm

Let $A, B, C \in R^{2^n \times 2^n}$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &:= (A_{11} + A_{22})(B_{11} + B_{22}) \\ M_2 &:= (A_{21} + A_{22})B_{11} \\ M_3 &:= A_{11}(B_{12} - B_{22}) \\ M_4 &:= A_{22}(B_{21} - B_{11}) \\ M_5 &:= (A_{11} + A_{12})B_{22} \\ M_6 &:= (A_{21} - A_{11})(B_{11} + B_{12}) \\ M_7 &:= (A_{12} - A_{22})(B_{21} + B_{22}) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Strassen's algorithm

$C_{11}, C_{12}, C_{21}, C_{22}$ can be obtained from M_i by additions.
Then we only need 7 multiplication operations in each step!
We repeat this step n times till the sub-matrix becomes number.

Denote $f(n)$ as the total number of calculations for multiplying two $2^n \times 2^n$ matrices.

$$f(n+1) = 7f(n) + l \cdot 4^n,$$

where l is the number of additions in one step of the algorithm.
Thus,

$$f(n) = (7 + o(1))^n,$$

then for two $N = 2^n$ matrices, the asymptotic complexity of Strassen's algorithm is:

$$O([7 + o(1)]^n) = O(N^{\log_2 7 + o(1)}) \approx O(N^{2.8074}).$$

History of the complexity of matrix multiplication

- Volker Strassen, 1969, $\omega \leq 2.8074$.
- Don Coppersmith, Shmuel Winograd, 1990, tensor algorithm $\omega \leq 2.375477$. (CW1990)
- Andrew Stothers, 2010, improve CW90 algorithm, $\omega \leq 2.374$.
- Virginia Williams, 2011, $\omega \leq 2.3728642$.
- Francois Le Gall, 2014, simplify Williams' algorithm, $\omega \leq 2.3728639$.

History of the complexity of matrix multiplication

- Henry Cohn, Robert Kleinberg, Balazs Szegedy, Chris Umans, 2005, the Group-theoretical Method of Matrix Multiplication, two conjectures $\implies \omega = 2$, best bound: $\omega \leq 2.41$.
- Andris Ambainis, Yuval Filmus, Francois Le Gall, 2015, "the framework of analyzing higher and higher tensor powers of a certain identity of Coppersmith and Winograd cannot result in an algorithm within running time $O(n^{2.3725})$ thus cannot prove $\omega = 2$ ".
- Hence the main topic of this thesis is the group-theoretical method of matrix multiplication.

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Group Method of Matrix Multiplication: Notions

\mathbb{C} : the field of complex numbers.

- The group algebra $\mathbb{C}[G]$ of a finite group G decomposes as the direct product $\mathbb{C}[G] \cong \mathbb{C}^{d_1 \times d_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{C}^{d_k \times d_k}$ of matrix algebras of orders d_1, \dots, d_k . These orders are the character degrees of G .
- If we compute the dimensions of both sides, we have $|G| = \sum_i d_i^2$.
- If G has an abelian subgroup A , then all the character degrees of G are less than or equal to the index $[G : A]$.

Group Method of Matrix Multiplication: Notions

- If S is a subset of a group, let $Q(S)$ denote the right quotient set of S , i.e., $Q(S) = s_1 s_2^{-1} : s_1, s_2 \in S$.

Definition (*double product property*)

We say that subsets S_1, S_2 of a group H satisfy the *double product property* if

$q_1 q_2 = 1$ implies $q_1 = q_2 = 1$, where $q_i \in Q(S_i)$.

Definition

A group realizes $\langle n_1, n_2, n_3 \rangle$ if there are subsets $S_1, S_2, S_3 \subseteq G$ such that $|S_i| = n_i$, and for $q_i \in Q(S_i)$, if $q_1 q_2 q_3 = 1$ then $q_1 = q_2 = q_3 = 1$. We call this condition on S_1, S_2, S_3 the **triple product property**.

Group-theoretical Method of Matrix Multiplication

Suppose G realizes $\langle n, m, p \rangle$ and has character degrees $\{d_i\}$.

Theorem (CU03)

Suppose G realizes $\langle n, m, p \rangle$ and the character degrees of G are $\{d_i\}$. Then $(nmp)^{\omega/3} \leq \sum_i d_i^\omega$.

Theorem (CU03)

Suppose G realizes $\langle n, m, p \rangle$ and has largest character degree d . Then $(nmp)^{\omega/3} \leq d^{\omega-2}|G|$.

Beating the sum of the cubes

Since $\omega \leq 3$, by ruling out the possibility of $\omega = 3$, Thm1.8[CU03] yields a nontrivial bound on ω if and only if $nmp > \sum_i d_i^3$.

Triple product property of Sylow subgroups

Theorem (TPP)

Suppose group G has Sylow p -subgroup P , Sylow q -subgroup Q and Sylow r -subgroup R , p, q, r are pairwise coprime. Then G realizes $\langle |P|, |Q|, |R| \rangle$ via P, Q, R .

Corollary (DPP)

Group G has Sylow p -subgroup P and Sylow q -subgroup Q , $|P|, |Q|$ coprime. Then $P, Q \subset G$ satisfy double product property.

The simultaneous double product property

Definition (CKSU05)

We say that n pairs of subsets A_i, B_i (for $1 \leq i \leq n$) of a group H satisfy the *simultaneous double product property* if

- for all i , the pair A_i, B_i satisfies the double product property, and
- for all i, j, k , $a_i(a'_j)^{-1}b_j(b'_k)^{-1} = 1$ implies $i = k$, where $a_i \in A_i, a'_j \in A_j, b_j \in B_j$, and $b'_k \in B_k$.

The simultaneous double product property

Theorem (CKSU05)

If n pairs of subsets $A_i, B_i \subseteq H$ (with $0 \leq i \leq n-1$) satisfy the simultaneous double product property, then the following subsets S_1, S_2, S_3 of $G = (H^3)^{\Delta_n} \rtimes \text{Sym}(\Delta_n)$ satisfy the triple product property:

$$S_1 = \widehat{a}\pi : \pi \in \text{Sym}(\Delta_n), \widehat{a}_v \in \widehat{A}_v \text{ for all } v$$

$$S_2 = \widehat{b}\pi : \pi \in \text{Sym}(\Delta_n), \widehat{b}_v \in \widehat{B}_v \text{ for all } v$$

$$S_3 = \widehat{c}\pi : \pi \in \text{Sym}(\Delta_n), \widehat{c}_v \in \widehat{C}_v \text{ for all } v$$

An example: a nontrivial bound for ω

Example

$H = \text{Cyc}_n^k \times \text{Cyc}_n$, $A_i = \{(x, i) : x \in \text{Cyc}_n^k\}$, $B_i = \{(0, i)\}$, then for $i \in \text{Cyc}_n$, A_i, B_i satisfy the The simultaneous double product property.

Let $G = (H^3)^{\Delta_n} \rtimes \text{Sym}(\Delta_n)$

$$S_1 = \{\widehat{a}\pi : \pi \in \text{Sym}(\Delta_n), \widehat{a}_v \in \widehat{A}_v \text{ for all } v\}$$

$$S_2 = \{\widehat{b}\pi : \pi \in \text{Sym}(\Delta_n), \widehat{b}_v \in \widehat{B}_v \text{ for all } v\}$$

$$S_3 = \{\widehat{c}\pi : \pi \in \text{Sym}(\Delta_n), \widehat{c}_v \in \widehat{C}_v \text{ for all } v\}$$

where $\Delta_n = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : a + b + c = n - 1 \text{ and } a, b, c \geq 0\}$ for n pairs subsets A_i, B_i of H , $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$, we define subset triples in H^3 , $v = (v_1, v_2, v_3) \in \Delta_n$ is the index set:

$$\widehat{A}_v = A_{v_1} \times \{1\} \times B_{v_3}$$

$$\widehat{B}_v = B_{v_1} \times A_{v_2} \times \{1\}$$

$$\widehat{C}_v = \{1\} \times B_{v_2} \times A_{v_3}$$

An example

Example

from CKSU05 theorem 4.3(as showed above)we know that $S_1, S_2, S_3 \subset G$ satisfy the triple product property. From CKSU05 thm1.8 and cor1.9, we have $(|S_1||S_2||S_3|)^{\omega/3} \leq \sum_i d_i^\omega$, denote as equation (1)

$$|S_1| = (|\Delta_n|!)(n^k)^{|\Delta_n|} = |S_2| = |S_3|,$$

$$|\Delta_n| = \binom{n+1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1).$$

$$|G| = |\Delta_n|! \cdot (n^{k+1})^{3|\Delta_n|}, \text{ substitute into (1), } d_G \leq |\Delta_n|!$$

\implies

$$\omega \leq 3 + \frac{6}{k \cdot n \cdot (n+1)} - \frac{2 \cdot \log_n\left(\left(\frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2}\right)!\right)}{k \cdot n(n+1)},$$

By calculation we know when $n = 4, k = 3$ ω has a best bound $\omega \leq 2.63682$.

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Small matrix multiplication—background

The famous result $O(n^{2.81})$ is based on an algorithm that can compute the product of two 2×2 matrices with only 7 multiplications.

- Winograd: cannot produce better results with 2×2 matrices.
- Hedtke and Murthy: the group-theoretic framework is not able to produce better bounds for 3×3 and 4×4 matrices.
- Sarah Hart, Ivo Hedtke, Matthias Müller-Hannemann and Sandeep Murthy in 2013: the group-theoretic framework is not able to produce better bounds for 5×5 matrices.

We consider the case for 6×6 matrices multiplication and to see whether this particular TPP approach can give us a better bound.

Definition (BCS1997 chap 14, def14.7)

Let k be a field and U, V, W finite dimensional k -vector space. Let $\eta : U \times V \rightarrow W$ be a k -bilinear map. For $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ let $f_i \in U^*$, $g_i \in V^*$ (dual spaces of U and V resp. over k) and $w_i \in W$ such that $\eta(u, v) = \sum_{i=1}^r f_i(u)g_i(v)w_i$ for all $u \in U, v \in V$. Then $\{f_1, g_1, w_1; \dots; f_r, g_r, w_r\}$ is called a *k -bilinear algorithm of length r for η* , or simply a *bilinear algorithm* when k is fixed. The minimal length of all bilinear algorithms for η is called the *rank* $R(\eta)$ of η . Let A be a k -algebra. The *rank* $R(A)$ of A is defined as the rank of its bilinear multiplication map.

6×6 small matrix multiplication

Problem Statement: Is there a group with order less than 90 that can realize $\langle 6, 6, 6 \rangle$ TPP property and have multiplication rank less than 161[DIStable]?

Since the search space is too large, my main thinking is to reduce the search space by lots of necessary conditions.

Theorem

If G is an abelian group realizing $\langle 6, 6, 6 \rangle$, then $R(G) \geq 216$.

So we only need to consider non-abelian groups from now on.

Necessary conditions for 6×6 small matrix multiplication

For a finite group G , let $T(G)$ be the number of irreducible complex characters of G and $b(G)$ the largest degree of an irreducible character of G .

Theorem (APlowerbounds, Theorem 6)

Let G be a group.

(1) If $b(G) = 1$, then $R(G) = |G|$.

(2) If $b(G) = 2$, then $R(G) = 2|G| - T(G)$.

(3) If $b(G) \geq 3$, then $R(G) \geq 2|G| + b(G) - T(G) - 1$.

Remark

We write $\bar{R}(G) := \sum_i R(d_i)$ for the best known upper bound and $\underline{R}(G)$ for the best known upper bound (can be the theorem above sometimes) for $R(G)$.

Necessary conditions for 6×6 small matrix multiplication

Theorem (HHMM555, lemma3.3)

If G is non-abelian, then $T(G) \leq \frac{5}{8}|G|$. Equality implies that $|G : Z(G)| = 4$.

we have:

$$R(G) \geq 2|G| - T(G) \geq (11/8)|G|$$

Since we want $R(G) < 161$, then we have:

$$(11/8)|G| < 161$$

$$|G| \leq 117.$$

Necessary conditions for 6×6 small matrix multiplication

Definition ($\langle 6, 6, 6 \rangle$ C1 candidate)

If a group G realizes $\langle 6, 6, 6 \rangle$ and has $\underline{R}[G] < 161$, we call this group a $\langle 6, 6, 6 \rangle$ C1 candidate.

Proposition

If group G is a $\langle 6, 6, 6 \rangle$ C1 candidate, then $66 \leq |G| \leq 117$.

Necessary conditions for 6×6 small matrix multiplication

Definition (HHMM555, definition3.4)

Let G be a group with a TPP triple (S, T, U) , and suppose H is a subgroup of index 2 in G . We define

$S_0 = S \cap H, T_0 = T \cap H, U_0 = U \cap H, S_1 = S \setminus H, T_1 = T \setminus H$
and $U_1 = U \setminus H$.

Theorem (generalized)

If group G realizes $\langle n, n, n \rangle$. When n is odd, if G has a subgroup H of index 2, then H realizes $\langle \frac{n+1}{2}, \frac{n+1}{2}, \frac{n+1}{2} \rangle$; When n is even, if G has a subgroup H of index 2, then H realizes $\langle \frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2} \rangle$.

Lemma

Suppose G realizes $\langle 6, 6, 6 \rangle$. If G has a subgroup H of index 2, then H realizes $\langle 3, 3, 3 \rangle$.

Necessary conditions for 6×6 small matrix multiplication

Lemma

If G realizes $\langle 6, 6, 6 \rangle$ and $|G| < 90$, then G has no abelian subgroups of index 2.

6×6 small matrix multiplication—result

Remark

After all these necessary conditions and GAP calculations on the bound of $R(G)$ (rule out those groups G with $R(G) \geq 161$).

Among all the groups of order less than 90, possible C1 candidates are listed as below by their GAP ID (56 groups in total):

*(68,3), (72,3), (72,15), (72,16), (72,19), (72,20), (72,21), (72,22),
(72,23), (72,24), (72,25), (72,39), (72,40), (72,41), (72,42), (72,43),
(72,44), (72,45), (72,46), (72,47), (75,2), (78,1), (78,2), (80,3),
(80,15), (80,18), (80,28), (80,29), (80,30), (80,31), (80,32), (80,33),
(80,34), (80,39), (80,40), (80,41), (80,42), (80,49), (80,50), (81,3),
(81,4), (81,6), (81,7), (81,8), (81,9), (81,10), (81,12), (81,13),
(81,14), (84,1), (84,2), (84,7), (84,8), (84,9), (84,10), (84,11).*

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Constructing TPP triples

Definition (IHupgrade2015, TPP capacity)

Denote the *TPP capacity* of group G as $\beta(G)$,
 $\beta(G) := \max\{npm, \text{where } G \text{ realize } \langle n, p, m \rangle\}$.

Theorem

A_4 realizes $\langle 3, 3, 2 \rangle$, $\beta(A_4) = 18$.

TPP triples $S : \{(1), (13)(24)\}$; $T : \{(1), (243), (234)\}$;
 $U : \{(1), (124), (142)\}$.

constructing TPP triples

Denote $G := C_6 \times A_4$.

Proposition

G realizes $\langle 6, 6, 3 \rangle$ via S_1, T_1, U_1 :

$S_1 :=$

$\{(1, 1), (1, (13)(24)), (\bar{3}^{(1)}, 1), (\bar{3}^{(1)}, (13)(24)), (\bar{3}^{(2)}, 1), (\bar{3}^{(2)}, (13)(24))\};$

$T_1 :=$

$\{(1, 1), (1, (243)), (1, (234)), (\bar{2}^{(1)}, 1), (\bar{2}^{(1)}, (243)), (\bar{2}^{(1)}, (234))\};$

$U_1 := \{(1, 1), (1, (124)), (1, (142))\}.$

Constructing TPP triples

Denote $H := C_3 \times A_4$.

Proposition

H realizes $\langle 6, 4, 3 \rangle$ via S, T, U :

$S :=$

$\{(1, 1), (1, (13)(24)), (\bar{3}^{(1)}, (13)(24)), (\bar{3}^{(2)}, (13)(24)), (\bar{3}^{(1)}, 1), (\bar{3}^{(2)}, 1)\};$

$T := \{(1, 1), (1, (14)(23)), (1, (143)), (1, (134))\};$

$U := \{(1, 1), (1, (123)), (1, (132))\}.$

constructing TPP triples—some principles

First explain $S_2, T_2, U_2, X, Y, Z, S, T, U, D, S_3, T_3, U_3, Q!$

Theorem

If $S_2, T_2, U_2 \subset D$ satisfy TPP and $S \cap X \neq \phi$, then $Y \cap T = \phi$ and $Z \cap U = \phi$ must hold.

Theorem (generalized)

If $S_3, T_3, U_3 \subset Q$ satisfy TPP and $S \cap X \neq \phi$, then we have $Y \cap T = \phi$ and $Z \cap U = \phi$.

Constructing TPP triples—some principles

Proposition

If $S_2, T_2, U_2 \subset D$ satisfy TPP, then the subset triples (S, Y, U) , (S, Y, Z) , (S, T, Z) , (X, T, U) , (X, T, Z) , (X, Y, U) , (X, Y, Z) of B all satisfy TPP.

Theorem

If $S_2, T_2, U_2 \subset D$ satisfy TPP, and $S_2|_B$ contains some repeated elements, then B realizes $\langle a, b, c \rangle$, where $a = r + 1$ (r is the number of elements that has more than one occurrence), $b = |T_2|$, $c = |U_2|$.

Constructing TPP triples—some principles

Theorem (generalized)

If $S', T', U' \subset F$ satisfy TPP and $S_i|_B$ contains some repeated elements, then B realizes $\langle a, b, c \rangle$, where $a = \max\{r + 1, |S_i|\}$ (r is the number of elements that has more than one occurrence), $b = \max\{|T_i|\}$, $c = \max\{|U_i|\}$. (explain S_i, T_i, U_i , division of $S'|_B, T'|_B, U'|_B$)

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Main results

- An example leading to a non-trivial bound: $\omega \leq 2.63682$
- TPP and DPP property of Sylow subgroups of a given group.
- 6×6 small matrix multiplication: Reduces to 56 candidates for groups of order < 90 .
- Relations between the TPP of an abstract group B and the group $C_n \times B$.

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