

Exercise to prepare for 2023-09-28

The Toom–Cook Algorithm

Let \mathbb{A} be a ring (for simplicity, it can be assumed to be commutative).

1. Estimate the number of multiplications in \mathbb{A} needed by Karatsuba's algorithm to compute the product AB of any two polynomials A and B of degree at most 3 in $\mathbb{A}[X]$.
2. Let us assume that 2, 3, and 5 are invertible in \mathbb{A} and that the divisions of elements of \mathbb{A} by 2, 3, and 5 are free. Describe an algorithm that multiplies A and B of degree at most 3 using at most 7 multiplications in \mathbb{A} .
Hint: get inspiration from Karatsuba's algorithm.
3. Let us assume that 2, 3, and 5 are invertible in \mathbb{A} . Describe an algorithm which computes the multiplication of two polynomials of degree at most n in $\mathbb{A}[X]$ using $O(n^{\log_4(7)}) \subset O(n^{1.41})$ operations in \mathbb{A} (additions and multiplications in \mathbb{A}).

In what follows, we assume that the ring \mathbb{A} has characteristic zero.

4. Show that, for any integer $\alpha \geq 2$, there exists an algorithm for polynomial multiplication in $\mathbb{A}[X]$ whose arithmetic complexity is $O(n^{\log_\alpha(2\alpha-1)})$.
5. Show that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists an algorithm for polynomial multiplication in $\mathbb{A}[X]$ whose arithmetic complexity is $O(n^{1+\varepsilon})$, where the implied constant in the $O(\cdot)$ depends on ε but not on n .