

# Lecture 5: Univariate Polynomial Division & Newton Iteration

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# Overview

- Formal Power Series Ring & Reversal
- Newton Iteration & Inversion
- Division via Newton Iteration
- Conclusion
- Acknowledgements

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(leading monomial is a unit  
 $\therefore$  leading monomial is 1)

$$b(x) = \underline{1} \cdot x^2 + x + 2 \quad \text{is monic}$$

$$c(x) = \underline{3}x^3 - x + \underline{1} \quad \text{is not monic}$$

$\uparrow$   
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because every nonzero element  
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- in 70s, Borodin and Moenck; Strassen; Sieveking and Kung; derived a division algorithm with  $O(d \log^2 d \log \log d)$  operations



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$$(p_k)_{k \geq 0} \iff p_0 + p_1x + p_2x^2 + \cdots + p_nx^n + \cdots$$

$$\mathbb{F}[x] \subset \mathbb{F}[[x]]$$

↑  
sequences with finitely many  
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Component-wise addition

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- We don't care about convergence of power series, as we will not evaluate them.

$$p(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots$$

$$p(1) = \infty \quad \text{not defined}$$

## Property of Power Series Rings

- Now more elements have inverses in the ring:
- $p(x) = p_0 + p_1x + \dots \in \mathbb{F}[[x]]$  has an inverse in  $\mathbb{F}[[x]]$  iff  $p_0 \neq 0$ .

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$$

$$\in \mathbb{F}[[x]]$$

$$1-x \in \mathbb{F}[[x]]$$

Constant term  
non zero

$$p \cdot q = 1 + 0 \cdot x + \dots$$

$$p \cdot q = 1$$

$$q(x) = q_0 + q_1x + \dots$$

defined by

$$q_0 = p_0^{-1} \text{ (exists because } p_0 \neq 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{F})$$

$$0 = q_0 \cdot p_1 + q_1 \cdot p_0 \rightarrow q_1 = -\frac{q_0 p_1}{p_0} = -q_0^2 p_1$$

$$0 = q_0 \cdot p_n + q_1 \cdot p_{n-1} + \dots + q_n \cdot p_0 \rightarrow q_n = -q_0 (q_0 p_n + \dots + q_{n-1} p_1)$$

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Computationally this is easy

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$$p(x) = 3x^2 + x + 2$$

$$p(1/x) = \frac{3}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} + 2$$

$$x^2 \cdot p(1/x) = 3 + x + 2x^2 = \text{rev}_2(p)$$

$$x^3 \cdot p(1/x) = 3x + x^2 + 2x^3 = x \cdot \text{rev}_2(p)$$



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$$\text{rev}_d(p) = \underbrace{p_d}_{1} + p_{d-1}x + \dots + p_0 \cdot x^d$$

$\Rightarrow \text{rev}_d(p)$  is invertible over  $\mathbb{F}[[x]]$ .

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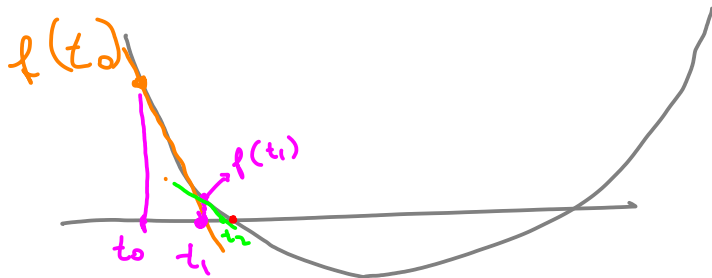
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so long as  
 $f$  is differentiable

$$\Phi(p^{-1}) = \frac{1}{p^{-1}} - p = p - p = 0$$

$p^{-1}$  is root of  $\Phi(y)$

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$$p(x)^{-1} = \underline{f_0} + (\dots x + x^2 + \dots)$$

$$f_0 = p_0^{-1} \quad p(x) \cdot p^{-1}(x) = 1 + 0 \cdot x + 0x^2 + \dots$$

$$f_0 \cdot p_0 = 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= 2f_0 - f_0^2 (p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2 + \dots) \\ &= \underline{f_0} - f_0^2 p_1 x - f_0^2 p_2 x^2 - f_0^2 (\dots) \end{aligned}$$

$$f_1 \cdot p = (f_0 p_0) + (f_0 \cdot p_1 + (-f_0^2 p_1) \cdot p_0) x + \dots$$

$$= 1 + (f_0 p_1 - f_0 p_1) x + \dots = 1 + 0 \cdot x + \dots$$

*other stuff*

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Right up to linear term...

$$p \cdot f_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{x^2}$$

$P \cdot f_1 = 1 + 0 \cdot x + x^2 \cdot (\text{something})$   
formal power series

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$i^{\text{th}}$  guess from Newton iteration

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constant term of

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- Assume  $p \cdot f_i \equiv 1 \pmod{x^{2^i}}$ :  $(1 - p f_i)^2 = x^{2^{i+1}}$  (polynomial)  $\equiv 0 \pmod{x^{2^{i+1}}}$

$$\underline{1 - p \cdot f_{i+1}} \equiv 1 - p \cdot (2f_i - p f_i^2) \pmod{x^{2^{i+1}}}$$

$$\equiv 1 - 2 \cdot p \cdot f_i + p^2 \cdot f_i^2 \pmod{x^{2^{i+1}}} \text{ expand}$$

$$\equiv (1 - p \cdot f_i)^2 \pmod{x^{2^{i+1}}} \text{ perfect square}$$

$$\equiv 0 \pmod{x^{2^{i+1}}} \text{ induction}$$

$$f_{i+1} = 2f_i - p f_i^2$$

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Compute  $f_{i+1} = 2f_i - p \cdot f_i^2 \pmod{x^{2^{i+1}}}$  *Newton iteration*
- Return  $f_t$

*previous slide gives us  
correctness of this algorithm*

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*addition* (green) *squaring (multiplication)* (pink)  
*multiplication* (pink) *i<sup>th</sup> step deg 2<sup>i</sup>* (red)

Assumptions on polynomial multiplication

- 1  $M(d) := \#$  field operations to multiply two degree  $\leq d$  polynomials
- 2  $d \leq M(d)$  and  $M(2d) \geq 2 \cdot M(d)$

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*precision*

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- Using  $2 \cdot M(2^i) \leq M(2^{i+1})$  and  $2^i \leq M(2^i)$ , we get:

$$\sum_{i=1}^t (2 \cdot M(2^i) + 2^{i+1}) = 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^t M(2^i) + \sum_{i=1}^t 2^{i+1} \leq \sum_{i=1}^t M(2^{i+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^t M(2^i)$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=2}^{t+1} M(2^i) + \sum_{i=2}^{t+1} M(2^i) \leq 4 \cdot M(2^{t+1})$$

$$2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^t M(2^i) \leq M(2^{t+1}) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots\right)$$

## ~~Analysis~~ Punch line

We showed that we  
can invert element

$$p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x] \quad p_0 = 1 \quad \text{up to precision } d$$

in "same # operations" it takes

to multiply two polynomials  
of degree  $2d$ .

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$$q \quad \leftarrow \text{linear time}$$

$$r = a - b \cdot q \quad O(\mathcal{M}(d))$$

$$O(\mathcal{M}(2d))$$

# Analysis

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# Conclusion

In today's lecture, we learned

- Properties of Ring of Power Series
- Newton iteration
- How to use Newton Iteration to compute inverses in ring of power series
- How to use reversal and Newton iteration to perform fast polynomial division with remainder
- Division with remainder in  $O(d \log d)$  field operations

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