

Modification of a Two-Dimensional Fast Fourier Transform Algorithm by the Analog of the Cooley–Tukey Algorithm for a Rectangular Signal¹

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Abstract—One-dimensional fast Fourier transform (FFT) is the most popular tool for computing the two-dimensional Fourier transform. As a rule, a standard method of combination of one-dimensional FFTs—the so-called algorithm “by rows and columns” [1]—is used in the literature. In [2, 3], the authors showed how to compute the FFT for a signal with the number of samples $2^s \times 2^s$ with the use of an analog of the Cooley–Tukey algorithm. In the present paper, a two-dimensional analog of the Cooley–Tukey algorithm is constructed for a rectangular signal with the number of samples $2^s \times 2^{s+9}$. The number of operations in this algorithm is much less than that in the successive application of a one dimensional FFT by rows and columns. The testing of the algorithm on image-type signals shows that the speed of computation of the FFT by the algorithm proposed is about 1.7 times higher than that of the algorithm by rows and columns.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ALGORITHM

Consider a signal f that represents a two-dimensional periodic signal with period 2^s in the first and 2^{s+9} in the second coordinates. Samples are defined as $f_{k,t}$, where $k = 0 : 2^s - 1$ and $t = 0 : 2^{s+9} - 1$. A discrete Fourier transform (DFT) for the signal f is defined by the formula

$$F_{l,m} = \sum_{k=0}^{2^s-1} \sum_{t=0}^{2^{s+9}-1} f_{k,t} e^{\frac{2\pi i l k}{2^s}} e^{\frac{2\pi i m t}{2^{s+9}}}. \quad (1)$$

A two-dimensional DFT can be computed by a combination of one-dimensional DFTs. To this end, one computes F in the following form:

$$F_{l,m} = \sum_{k=0}^{2^s-1} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{2^{s+9}-1} f_{k,t} e^{\frac{2\pi i l k}{2^s}} \right] e^{\frac{2\pi i m t}{2^{s+9}}}. \quad (2)$$

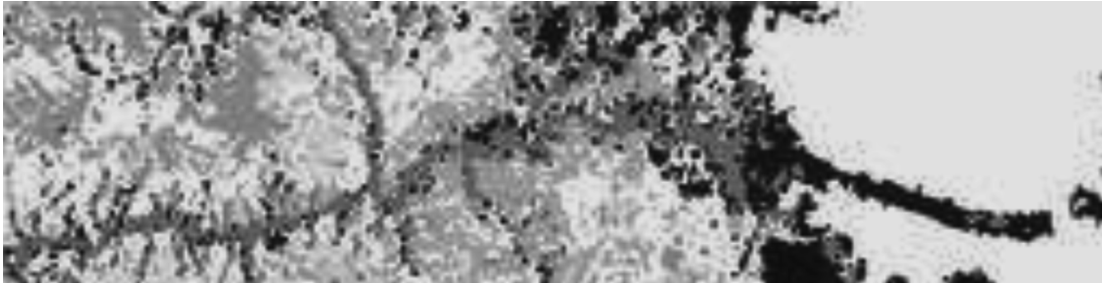
The sum in square brackets in (2) represents the computation of a one-dimensional DFT, for example, by rows; then the outer sum represents the computation of a one-dimensional DFT by columns. Let us transform this formula by dividing the second coordinate into even and odd components:

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$$\begin{aligned} F_{l,m} &= \sum_{t=0}^{2^{s+9}-1} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{2^s-1} f_{k,t} e^{\frac{2\pi i l k}{2^s}} \right] e^{\frac{2\pi i m t}{2^{s+9}}} \\ &= \sum_{t_1=0}^{2^{s+9}-1} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{2^s-1} f_{k,2t_1} e^{\frac{2\pi i l k}{2^s}} \right] e^{\frac{2\pi i m 2t_1}{2^{s+9}}} \\ &\quad + \sum_{t_1=0}^{2^{s+9}-1} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{2^s-1} f_{k,2t_1+1} e^{\frac{2\pi i l k}{2^s}} \right] e^{\frac{2\pi i m (2t_1+1)}{2^{s+9}}} \\ &= \sum_{t_1=0}^{2^{s+9}-1} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{2^s-1} f_{k,2t_1} e^{\frac{2\pi i l k}{2^s}} \right] e^{\frac{2\pi i m t_1}{2^{s+9}-1}} \\ &\quad + \sum_{t_1=0}^{2^{s+9}-1} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{2^s-1} f_{k,2t_1+1} e^{\frac{2\pi i l k}{2^s}} \right] e^{\frac{2\pi i m t_1}{2^{s+9}-1}} e^{\frac{2\pi i m}{2^{s+9}}} \\ &= g_{0,0}^1(l, m) + e^{\frac{2\pi i m}{2^{s+9}}} g_{0,1}^1(l, m), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where $f_{k,2t_1}$ and $f_{k,2t_1+1}$ are two-dimensional subsignals of the signal $f_{k,t}$ that contain the components of the signal $f_{k,t}$ with even and odd indexes in the second coordinate, respectively. It is clear that the dimension of these signals is $2^s \times 2^{s+9-1}$. Notice that $g_{0,0}^1(l, m)$



Example of a source signal with the number of samples 1024×4096 .

and $g_{0,1}^1(l, m)$ are two-dimensional DFTs for the sub-signals $f_{k, 2t_1}$ and $f_{k, 2t_1+1}$, respectively.

One can show that the multiplier $e^{\frac{2\pi i m}{2^{s+9}}}$ in formula (3) possesses the property of symmetry with respect to 2^{s+9-1} ; i.e., for $m_1 = 0 : 2^{s+9-1}$ and $m = m_1 + 2^{s+9-1}$, we have

$$e^{\frac{\pi i (2^{s+9-1} + m_1)}{2^{s+9}}} = e^{\frac{\pi i 2^{s+9-1}}{2^{s+9}}} e^{\frac{\pi i m_1}{2^{s+9}}} = e^{\frac{\pi i}{2}} e^{\frac{\pi i m_1}{2^{s+9}}} = -e^{\frac{\pi i m_1}{2^{s+9}}}. \quad (4)$$

For convenience, denote

$$F_{l,m}^0 = F_{l,m}. \quad (5)$$

Then formulas (3) and (4) with regard to the notations (5) yield

$$\begin{aligned} F_{l,m_1}^0 &= g_{0,0}^1(l, m_1) + e^{\frac{\pi i m_1}{2^{s+9}}} g_{0,1}^1(l, m_1), \\ F_{l,m_1+2^{s+9-1}}^0 &= g_{0,0}^1(l, m_1 + 2^{s+9-1}) \\ &\quad - e^{\frac{\pi i m_1}{2^{s+9}}} g_{0,1}^1(l, m_1 + 2^{s+9-1}), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where $l = 0 : 2^s - 1$ and $m_1 = 0 : 2^{s+9-1} - 1$.

For each of the sums $g_{0,0}^1(l, m_1)$ and $g_{0,1}^1(l, m_1)$, we can continue the procedure of division of the second coordinate into even and odd components similar to (3). We obtain four sums

$$g_{0,0}^2(l, m_1), \quad g_{0,1}^2(l, m_1), \quad g_{0,0}^2(l, m'_1), \quad g_{0,1}^2(l, m'_1), \quad (7)$$

where $l = 0 : 2^s - 1$, $m_1, m'_1 = 0 : 2^{s+9-1} - 1$, m_1 are even components, and m'_1 are odd components.

Next, applying procedure (3) to formulas (7), at step 9 we obtain 2^9 sums of the form

$$\begin{aligned} g_{0,0}^9(l, m_{9-1}) &= \sum_{t_1=0}^{2^s-1} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{2^s-1} f_{k, 2t_1}^{\frac{9-1}{2}} e^{\frac{2\pi i l k}{2^s}} \right] e^{\frac{2\pi i m_{9-1} t_1}{2^s}}, \\ g_{0,1}^9(l, m_{9-1}) &= \sum_{t_1=0}^{2^s-1} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{2^s-1} f_{k, 2t_1+1}^{\frac{9-1}{2}} e^{\frac{2\pi i l k}{2^s}} \right] e^{\frac{2\pi i m_{9-1} t_1}{2^s}}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where $l = 0 : 2^s - 1$ and $m_{9-1} = 0 : 2^{s+1} - 1$. The sums (8) differ by the set of input samples m_{9-1} obtained by the division of the set m_{9-2} into even and odd components at the previous step.

Hence, after 9 steps, we arrive at signals of dimension $2^s \times 2^s$ of the form

$$F_{l, m_9}^{\frac{9-1}{2}} = g_{0,0}^9(l, m_9) + e^{\frac{\pi i m_9}{2^{s+1}}} g_{0,1}^9(l, m_9), \quad (9)$$

$$F_{l, m_9+2^s}^{\frac{9-1}{2}} = g_{0,0}^9(l, m_9 + 2^s) + e^{\frac{\pi i m_9}{2^{s+1}}} g_{0,1}^9(l, m_9 + 2^s),$$

where $l, m_9 = 0 : 2^s - 1$.

Let us apply a two-dimensional FFT algorithm by the analog of the Cooley–Tukey algorithm described in [3] to each of 2^s signals (9). Population of the spectra of these signals is the discrete Fourier transform of the signal f .

Let us calculate the number of operations. Procedure (3) takes $2^{9-1}9$ operations of complex multiplications and $2^{9+1}9$ complex additions. The two-dimensional FFT by the analog of the Cooley–Tukey algorithm applied to finite signal (9) of dimension $2^s : 2^s$ takes $3 \cdot 2^{2s-s} s$ operations of complex multiplications and 2^{2s+1} operations of complex additions [3]. Then the total number of operations for processing the source signal $f_{k,t}$, where $k = 0 : 2^s - 1$ and $t = 0 : 2^{s+9-1}$, is $3 \cdot 2^{2s+9-3}(s+9)$ operations of complex multiplications and $2^{2s+9+1}(s+9)$ operations of complex additions. The computation of the FFT of the source signal $f_{k,t}$ by division into rows and columns takes $2^{2s+9-1}(2s+9)$ operations of complex multiplication and $2^{2s+9-3}(2s+9)$ operations of complex addition.

2. THE RESULTS OBTAINED

To test the algorithm, we wrote a program in the C++ language with the use of the message passing interface (MPI) library. The testing was carried out on a personal computer with the following characteristics:

- Processor: Intel Core 2 Duo CPU T8100 2.1 GHz;
- Main memory: 2 Gb;
- Operating system: Windows XP Service Pack 3.

Table. Running time of a two-dimensional FFT algorithm for a rectangular signal (in seconds)

Height	Width	Number of processes	FFT by rows and columns		FFT by the analog of the Cooley–Tukey algorithm	
			2 processors	4 processors	2 processors	4 processors
1024	2048	1	1.105	1.081	0.666	0.645
		2	1.356	1.345	2.441	2.421
		4	0.986	1.123	2.121	1.903
		8	0.768	1.233	1.757	2.566
		16	11.322	1.101	11.900	71.360
		1	2.414	2.392	1.413	1.410
	4096	2	2.377	2.355	4.132	4.097
		4	1.686	2.556	3.111	7.130
		8	1.319	2.467	8.976	32.455
		16	—	4.414	—	51.223
	8192	1	6.057	5.970	3.312	3.848
		2	5.179	4.812	7.110	7.505
		4	3.671	4.677	6.500	13.001
		8	2.938	3.833	5.990	25.020
		16	—	7.600	—	—

The running time of the algorithms is presented in the table. An example of the source signal is shown in the figure.

3. CONCLUSIONS

A modified two-dimensional FFT algorithm by the analog of the Cooley–Tukey algorithm for a rectangular signal takes a smaller number of complex operations of addition and multiplication and runs faster than the analog of the two-dimensional FFT algorithm by rows and columns.

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