

LARGE INTEGER MULTIPLICATION WITH FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM & SCHÖNHAGE-STRASSEN

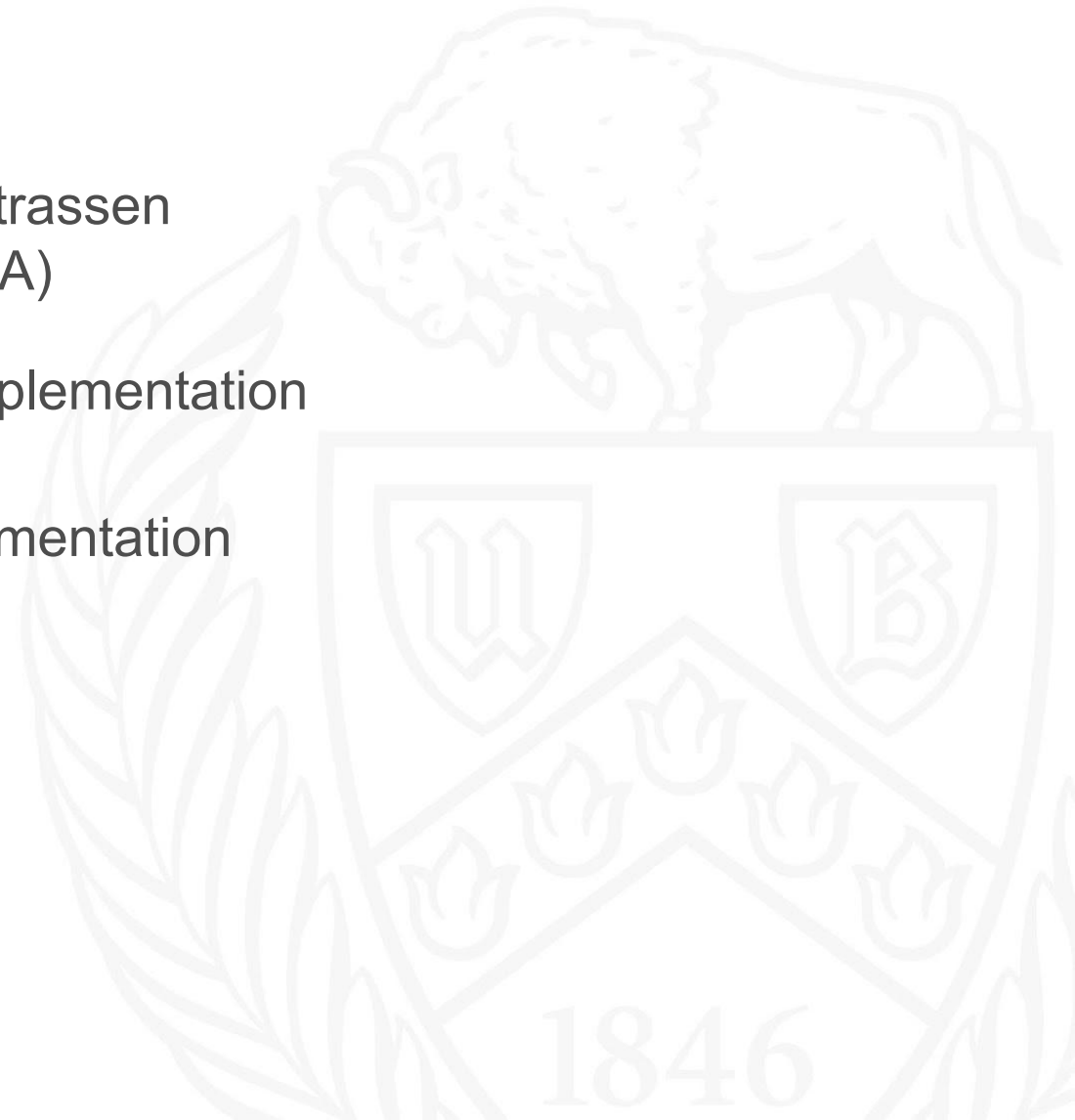
Peyton Joyce

CSE 633 · Parallel Algorithms



Overview

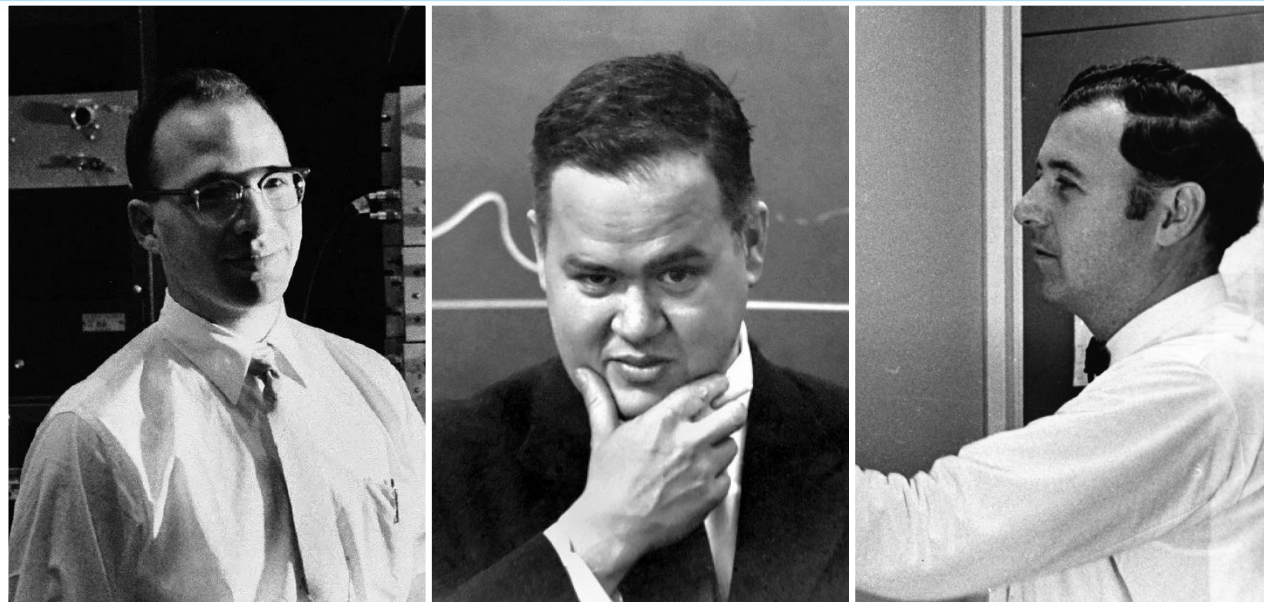
- 1 History & Applications
 - A *Fourier Transform*
 - B *Schönhage & Strassen*
- 2 The Four Fourieriers
 - A *Fourier Transform*
 - B *Discrete Fourier Transform*
 - C *Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform*
 - D *Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)*
- 3 Integer Multiplication with FFT
- 4 Schönhage-Strassen Algorithm (SSA)
- 5 Sequential Implementation
- 6 Parallel Implementation
- 7 Results
- 8 Future Work



Joseph Fourier

- French mathematician, physicist, governor, Egyptologist
- Scientific advisor to Napoleon
- Contributions:
 - Fourier series
 - Law of heat conduction
 - Heat equation
 - Greenhouse effect
- Namesakes:
 - Fourier method for separation of variables
 - Fourier-transform spectroscopy
 - **Fourier transform**
- Buried in Père Lachaise Cemetery





IEEE MILESTONE

First Demonstration of the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), 1964

In 1964, a computer program implementing a highly efficient Fourier analysis algorithm was demonstrated at IBM Research. Jointly developed by Princeton University and IBM collaborators, the Cooley-Tukey technique calculated discrete Fourier transforms orders of magnitude faster than had been previously demonstrated. Known as the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), its speed impacted numerous applications including computerized tomography, audio and video compression, signal processing, scientific computing, and real-time data streaming.

May 2025



Garwin, Tukey, Cooley, and the Cold War

- **Dr. Richard Garwin (IBM)**
 - First hydrogen bomb design, first spy satellites, foundations of MRI, catalyst of FFT
- **Prof. John Tukey (Princeton)**
 - FFT, box plot, the words “bit” and “software”, pioneer of data science
- **Dr. James Cooley (IBM)**
 - FFT, early quantum computing, programming
- Devised to reliably detect underground nuclear testing by planting sensors and analyzing explosive vibrations

Originally discovered by Gauss in 1805!

Schönhage & Strassen

- **Dr. Arnold Schönhage**
 - German mathematician & computer scientist
 - SSA, multitape Turing machine
- **Dr. Volker Strassen**
 - German mathematician & statistician
 - Probability, complexity bounds, matrix multiplication
- **1971:** Schönhage & Strassen co-author asymptotically-fastest-known algorithm for large integer multiplication
 - Unbeaten until **2007**, and still widely used
 - GMP, NTL, MapReduce, OpenSSL & BIGNUM
 - Often slower than FFT in practice, but more accurate at large values



1979: Strassen (left) and Schönhage (right) play a game of chess.

Modern Applications

FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM

- Signal processing
- Digital recording
- Spectral analysis
- Audio/speech processing
- Image processing
- Communications
- Data compression/convolution
- MRI, CT, EEG, ECG
- 5G, Bluetooth, broadband internet

It's everywhere!

LARGE INTEGER MULTIPLICATION

- Cryptography
 - RSA primes
 - Diffie–Hellman key exchange
 - Elliptic-curve cryptography
 - Fully Homomorphic Encryption (FHE)
 - Zero-knowledge proofs
- High-precision arithmetic
 - Computational physics, engineering
 - Big data analysis

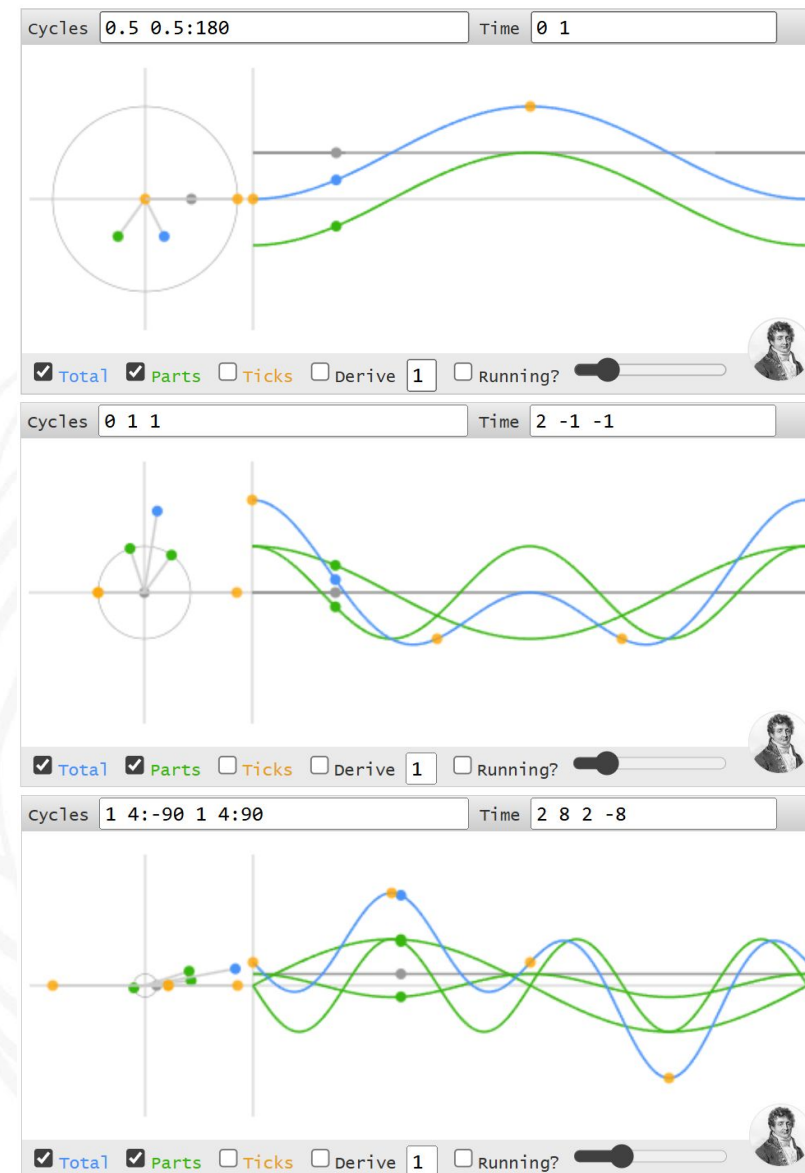
Fourier Transform

An integral transform that maps a function $f(\mathbf{x})$ from one domain to another (ξ):

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}$$

Often, we map from time (t) to frequency (f):

$$F(\omega) = \hat{f}\left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$



Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

Fourier transform applied to discrete waves (data points at specific instances in time):

$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \cdot e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{N} n}$$

- $k \in [N]$ frequency bins, evaluated at n samples
- More applicable to real-world data
- $O(N^2)$ runtime

SOLVING THE DFT

1. Convert the exponential term using Euler's formula:

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

2. Calculate the summation. Each term will be a complex number of form $X_k = a_k + b_k i$
3. Plot (a_k, b_k) vectors on the complex plane. Calculate:
 - a. *Amplitude* of k^{th} bin as the vector's magnitude (Pythagorean theorem)
 - b. *Phase* of k^{th} bin as the vector's angle (arctan)
4. Apply final steps (Nyquist frequency rule, averaging by n , plotting & phase-shifting)
5. Et Voilà

Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform (IDFT)

Exactly the reverse of the DFT:

$$x_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_k \cdot e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} n}$$

- Converts from frequency domain back to time
- Only need to flip the sign of the imaginary number and divide by N when complete

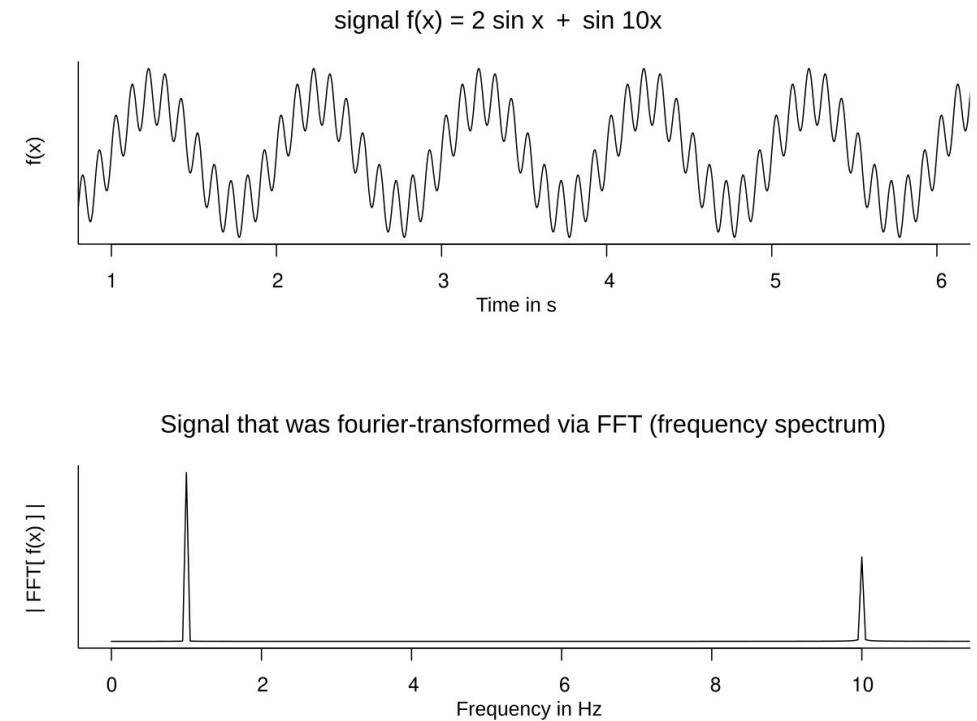


Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

Any *algorithm* that solves the DFT in $O(n \log n)$ time.

COOLEY-TUKEY ALGORITHM (RADIX-2 DIT)

- **Split in half:** even-indexed & odd-indexed inputs
- Recursively solve on each half, then combine
- Use N as a power of 2 for easy dividing
- Use **roots of unity** to reduce computations



Integer Multiplication with FFT

PROBLEM

- **Input:** Two large integers, **a** and **b**
- **Output:** The product **$c = a \times b$**

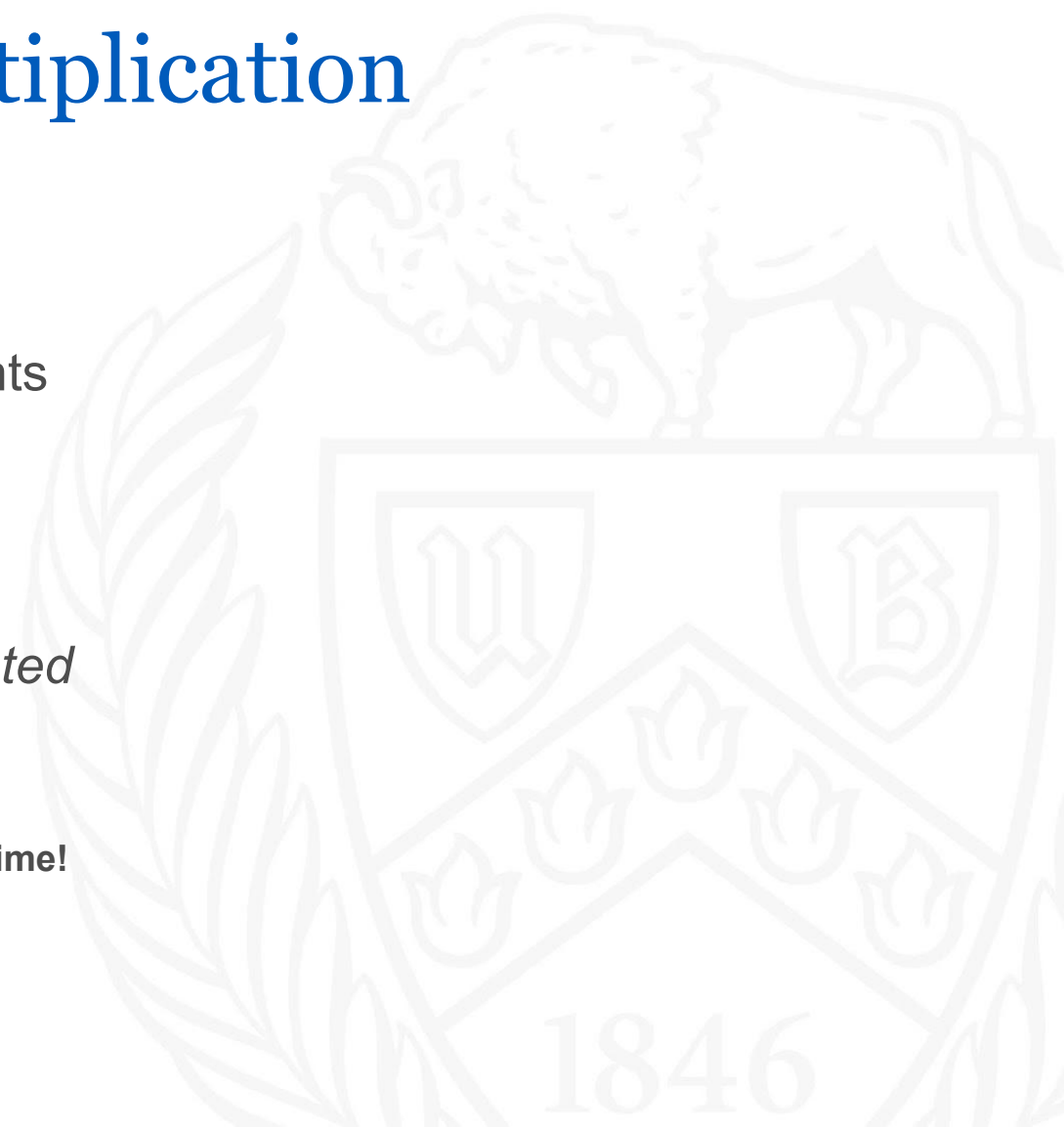
SOLUTIONS

- **Naive Algorithm:** $O(n^2)$
- **DFT Algorithm:** $O(n^2)$
- **FFT Algorithm:** $O(n \log n)$



Generalizing to Polynomial Multiplication

- Any integer can be written as a polynomial
 - ex. $4321 \Rightarrow 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1$, where $x = 10$
- Any polynomial can be written as a list of its coefficients (“coefficient form”)
 - ex. $4x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1 \Rightarrow [1, 2, 3, 4]$,
where the index of each term corresponds to its degree
- Any polynomial of degree d can be *uniquely represented* by $N \geq d + 1$ points (“value form”)
 - Choose N to be a power of 2 for convenience
 - Pointwise multiplication of two polynomials in value form takes **linear time!**
 - Need a way to cut our calculations of N points in half at each step



Choosing N Points

- For any polynomial $P(x)$ with only *even* terms, $P(-x) = P(x)$
- For any polynomial $P(x)$ with only *odd* terms, $P(-x) = -P(x)$

If we split our polynomial into even ($P_e(x)$) and odd ($P_o(x)$) terms, and factor one x from $P_o(x)$, we can use the same calculation to get two points from one x (+/- point pairs).

PROBLEM: In $P(x)$, we have positive *and* negative x terms. When these terms are squared in $P_e(x)$ and $P_o(x)$, they become exclusively positive, and we no longer have point pairs.

SOLUTION: Use **complex numbers** and **roots of unity**.

Roots of Unity

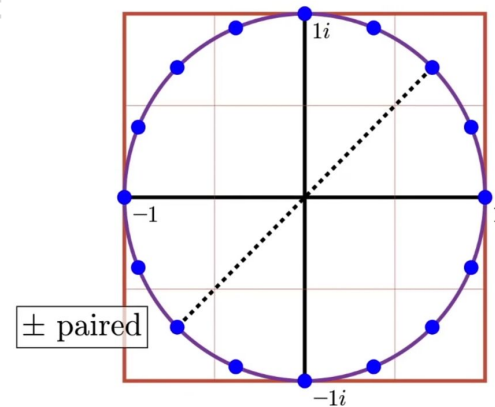
For a positive integer n , an n^{th} root of unity is any number z such that $z^n = 1$.

If we include complex numbers, by Euler's formula, we have roots of unity ω :

$$\omega^k = e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{n}} = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{n}\right) \quad \forall k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$$

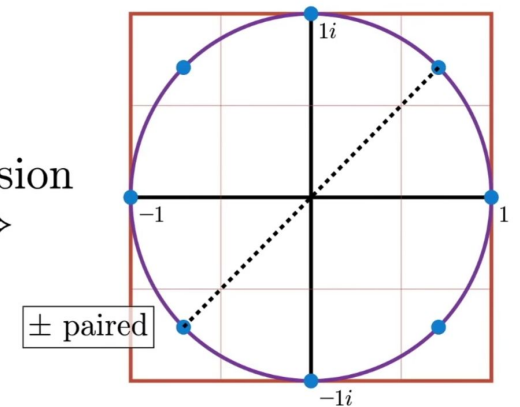
- For any ω^j , $\omega^{j + N/2} = -\omega^j$ is exactly 180° opposite on the unit circle (+/- point pairs)
- During recursion, ω^j and $\omega^{j + N/2}$ are squared, effectively becoming the same value and giving us the $N/2^{\text{th}}$ roots of unity, or $N/2$ points (cut the problem in half)

$$\omega^{j+n/2} = -\omega^j \rightarrow (\omega^j, \omega^{j+n/2}) \text{ are } \pm \text{ paired}$$



Evaluate $P(x)$ at $[1, \omega^1, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1}]$
 n roots of unity

Recursion \Rightarrow



Evaluate $P_e(x^2)$ and $P_o(x^2)$ at $[1, \omega^2, \omega^4, \dots, \omega^{2(n/2-1)}]$
 $(n/2)$ roots of unity

Recursive Pseudocode

```

func multiply_with_fft(a, b):
    convert a into  $a_{\text{coeff}}$ 
    convert b into  $b_{\text{coeff}}$ 
    // where  $N = 2^k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ :
    define  $N \geq (\text{len}(a_{\text{coeff}}) + \text{len}(b_{\text{coeff}}) + 1)$ 
     $a_{\text{value}} = \text{FFT}(a_{\text{coeff}}, N)$ 
     $b_{\text{value}} = \text{FFT}(b_{\text{coeff}}, N)$ 
     $c_{\text{value}} = \text{pointwise multiply } a_{\text{value}} \times b_{\text{value}}$ 
    conjugate each complex number in  $c_{\text{value}}$ 
     $c_{\text{coeff}} = \text{FFT}(c_{\text{value}}, N)$ 
    divide all values in  $c_{\text{coeff}}$  by N
    propagate carry over  $c_{\text{coeff}}$ 
    convert  $c_{\text{coeff}}$  into c
    return c
    
```

```

func FFT(P, N):
    if N == 1:
        return P
     $P_e = P[::2]$  // even-degree indices
     $P_o = P[1::2]$  // odd-degree indices
     $y_e = \text{FFT}(P_e, N/2)$ 
     $y_o = \text{FFT}(P_o, N/2)$ 
     $y = [0] \times N$ 
    for j in range(N/2): // get +/- point pairs
         $y[j] = y_e[j] + \omega^j \times y_o[j]$ 
         $y[j + n/2] = y_e[j] - \omega^j \times y_o[j]$ 
    return y
    
```

Iterative Pseudocode

```

func multiply_with_fft(a, b, N):
    shuffle(a) // Bit-reversed indices
    FFT(a, N) // In-place butterfly
    shuffle(b)
    FFT(b, N)
    c = pointwise multiply a × b
    conjugate each complex number in c
    shuffle(c)
    FFT(c, N)
    divide all values in c by N
    round to int, propagate carry
    return c
    
```

```

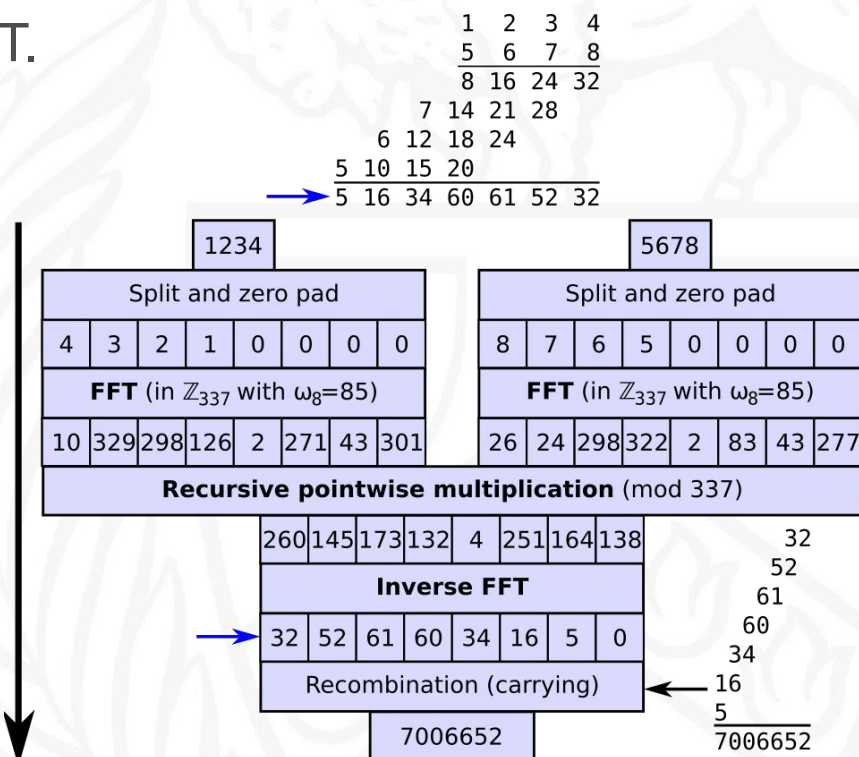
func FFT(P, N):
    for (size = 2; size ≤ N; size *= 2):
        calculate ω-base
        for (sub = 0; sub < N; sub += size):
            ω = 1.0 + 0.0i
            for (i = 0; i < (size/2); i++):
                ye = P[i + sub]
                yo = P[i + sub + (size/2)]

                P[i + sub] = ye + ω × yo
                P[i + sub + (size/2)] = ye - ω × yo
            ω *= ω-base
    
```

Schönhage-Strassen & Modular Rings

SSA replaces **complex** roots of unity with **modular arithmetic** using a **Number Theoretic Transform (NTT)**, a specialized DFT.

- **Modular Ring:** A finite set of integers $\{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\}$ where addition & multiplication are performed modulo n
- **Modulo:** Define $M = 2^{2^k} + 1$, where k represents the “size” of numbers being handled at a level of recursion



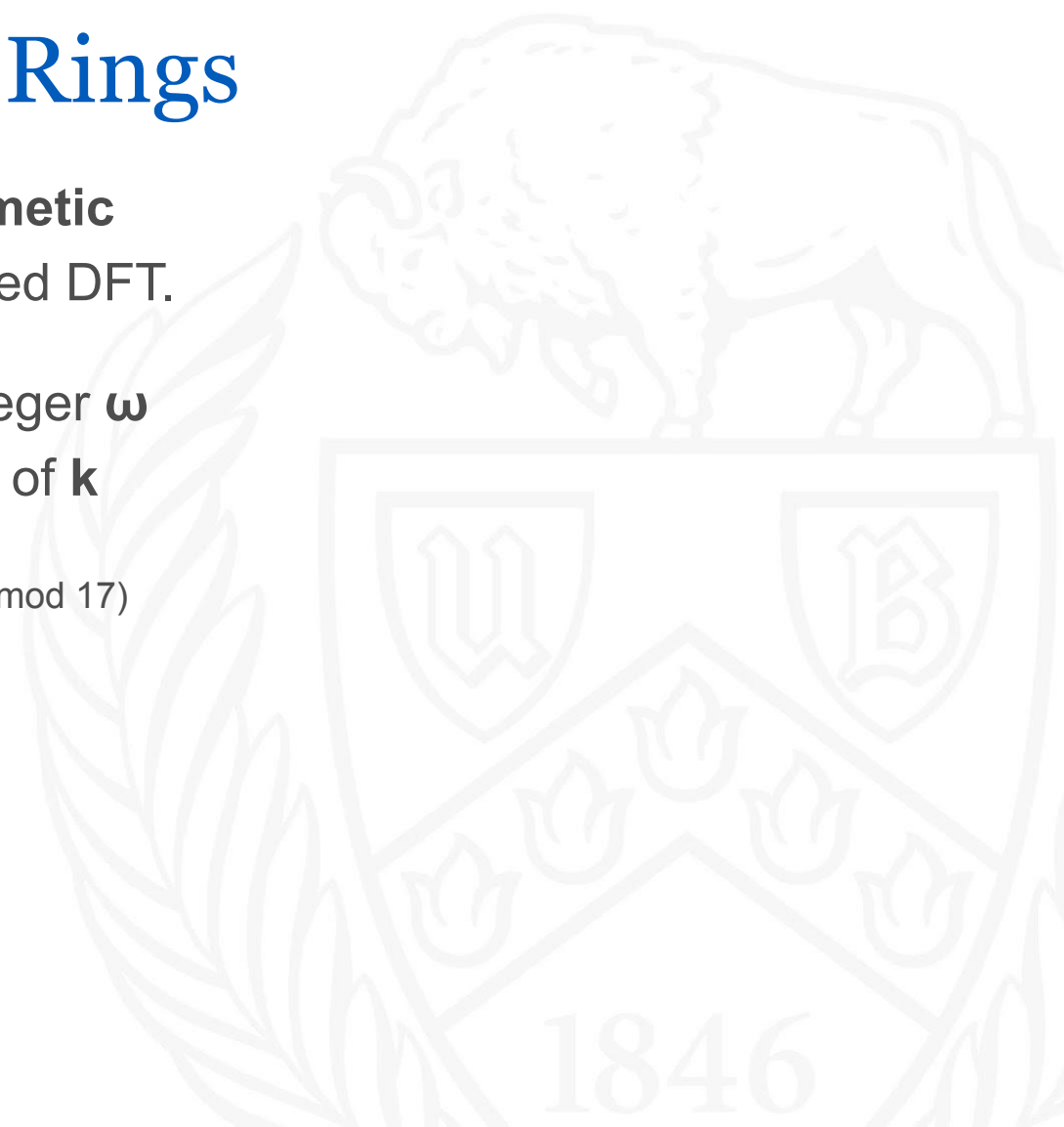
Schönhage-Strassen & Modular Rings

SSA replaces **complex** roots of unity with **modular arithmetic** using a **Number Theoretic Transform** (NTT), a specialized DFT.

- **Root of Unity:** An n^{th} root of unity modulo M is an integer ω s.t. $\omega^n \equiv 1 \pmod{M}$, but $\omega^k \not\equiv 1$ for any smaller values of k
 - When we define $M = 2^{2^k} + 1$, powers of 2 act as roots of unity
 - ex. to get a 4th RoU, $M = 17$. $4^2 = 16 \equiv -1 \pmod{17}$, and $4^4 = 256 \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$

Runtime: $O(n \times \log n \times \log \log n)$

- Often slower than FFT
- No floating-point precision errors!

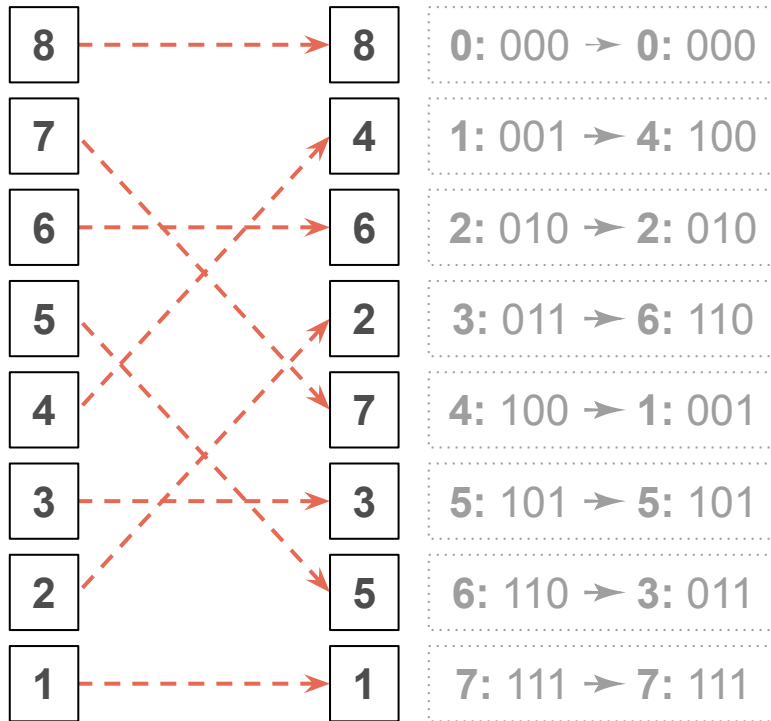


Illustrative Example

- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1

Let's run FFT on the integer:
12345678

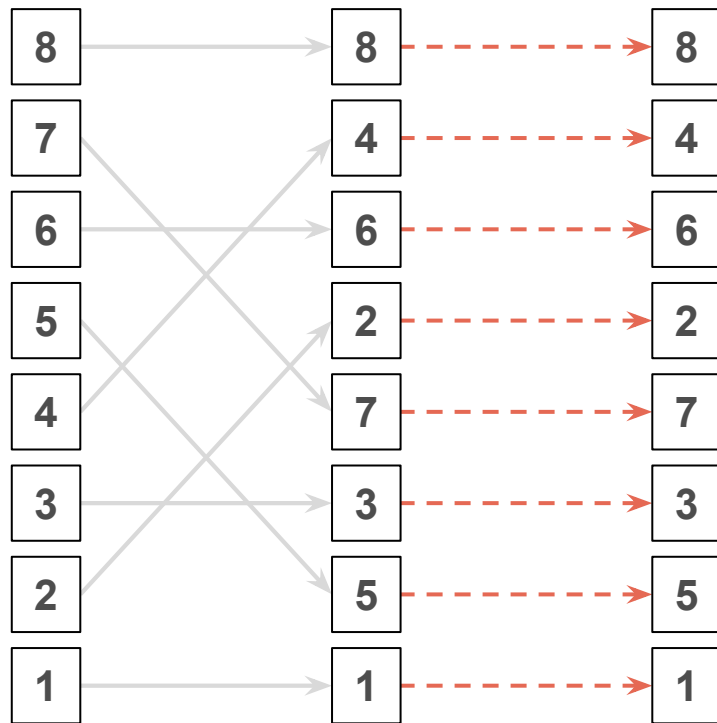
Illustrative Example



**bit-reversal
 shuffling**

- 1) Shuffle the array based on *bit-reversed* indices

Illustrative Example

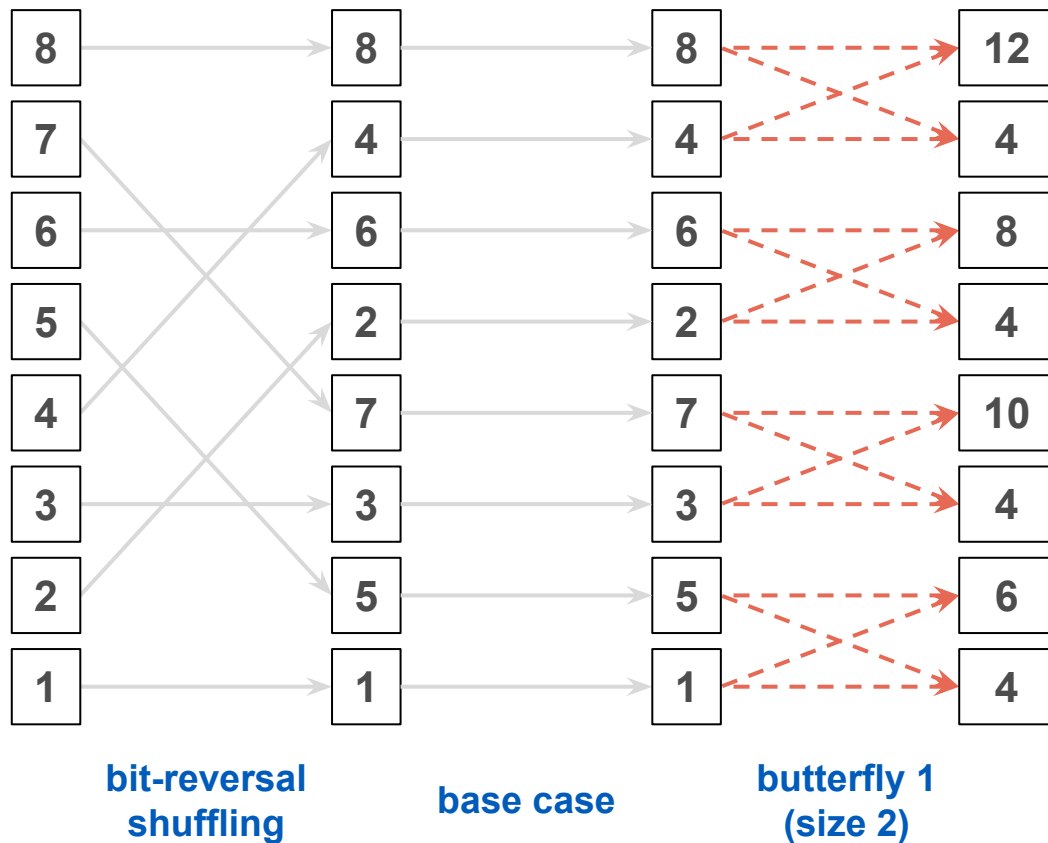


2) Base case,
values carry over

bit-reversal
shuffling

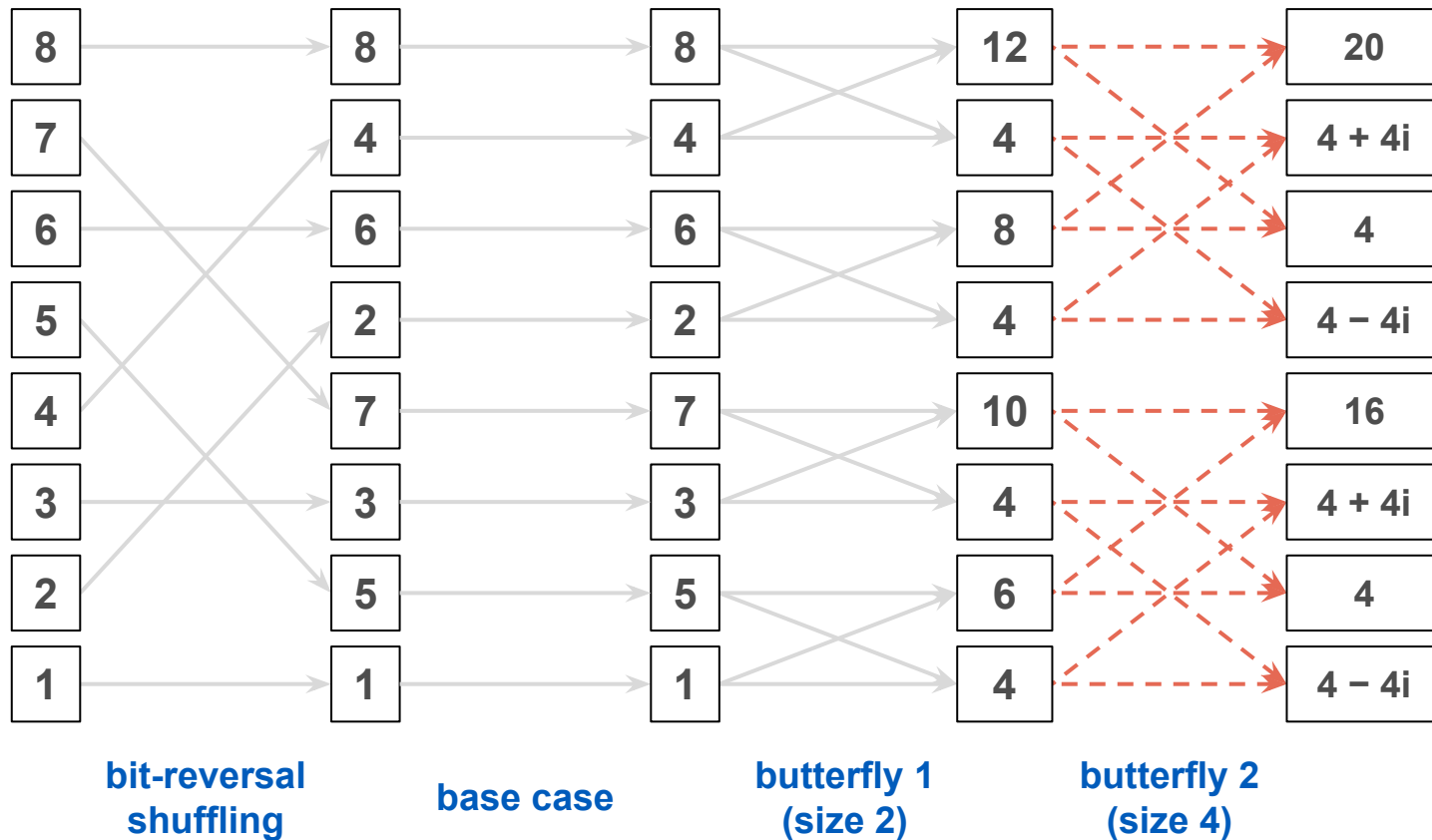
base case

Illustrative Example



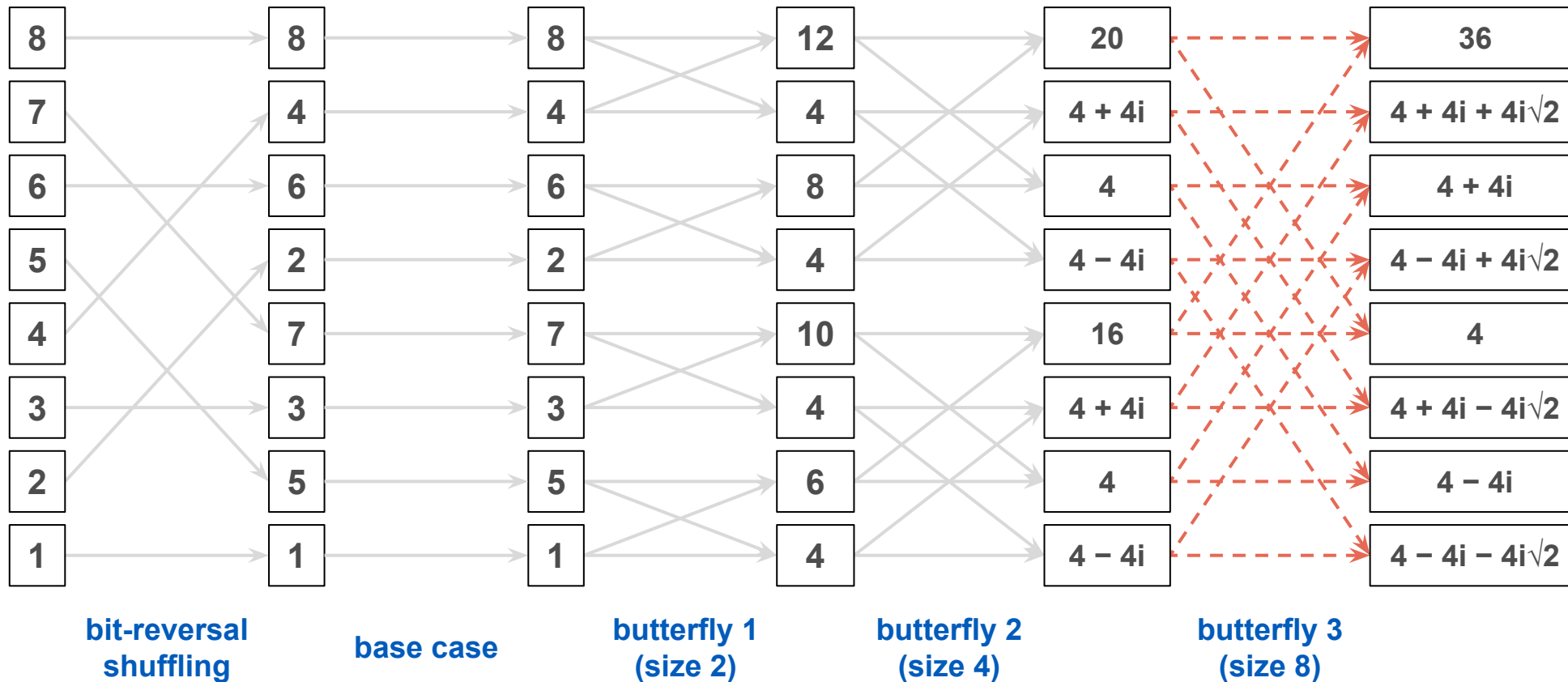
3) First butterfly,
 values *one space apart*

Illustrative Example



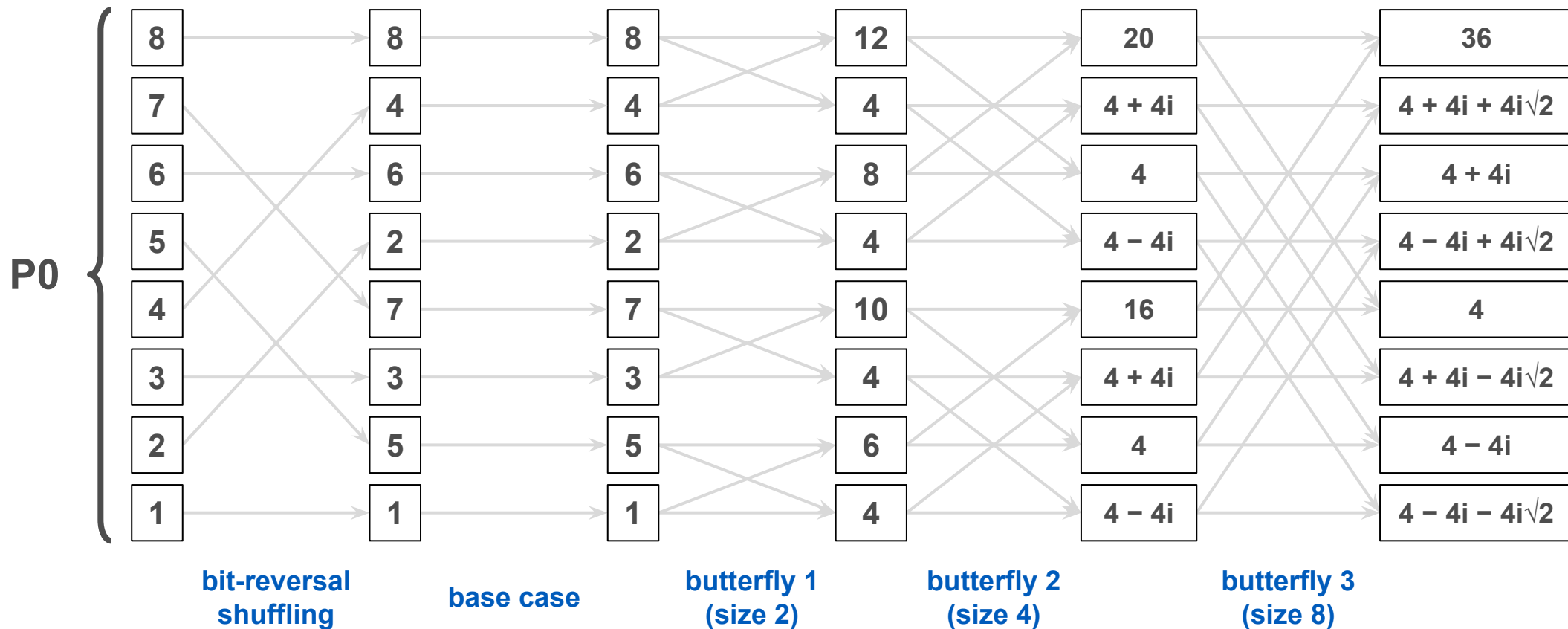
4) Second butterfly,
 values *two spaces* apart

Illustrative Example

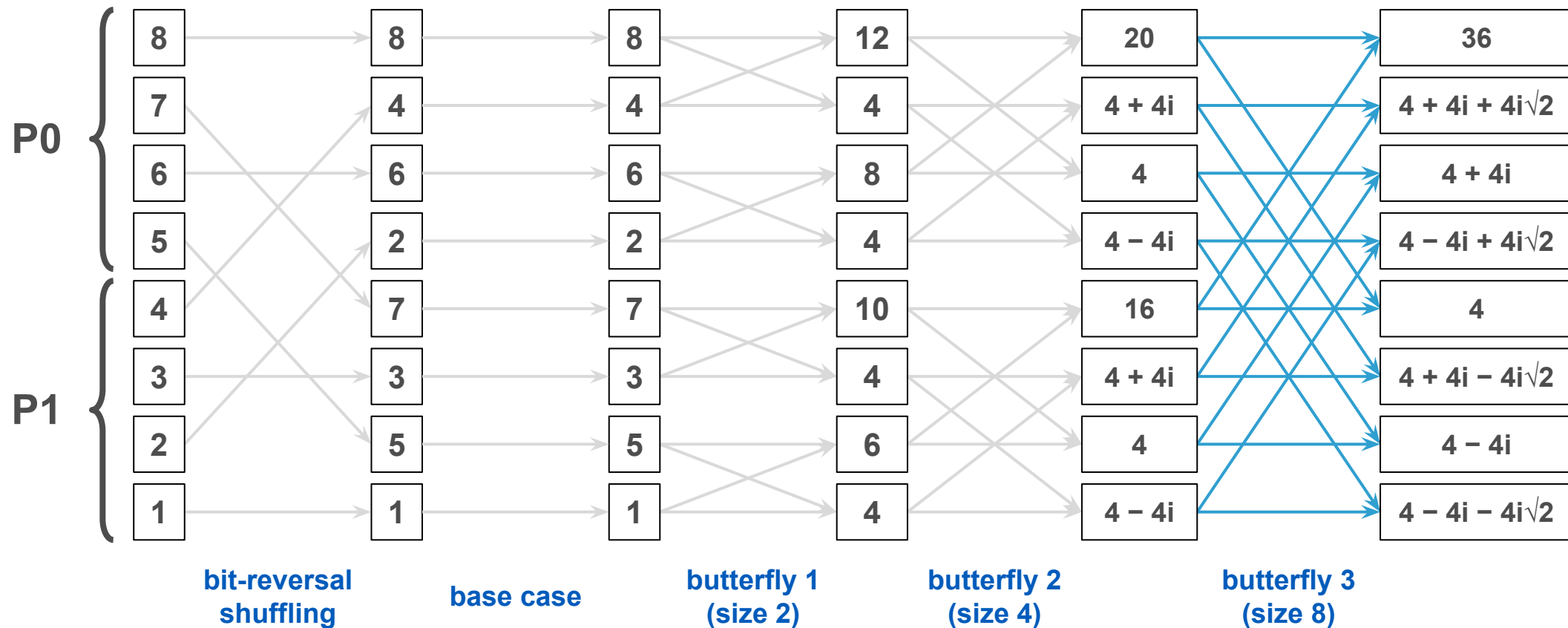


5) Third butterfly, values *four* spaces apart

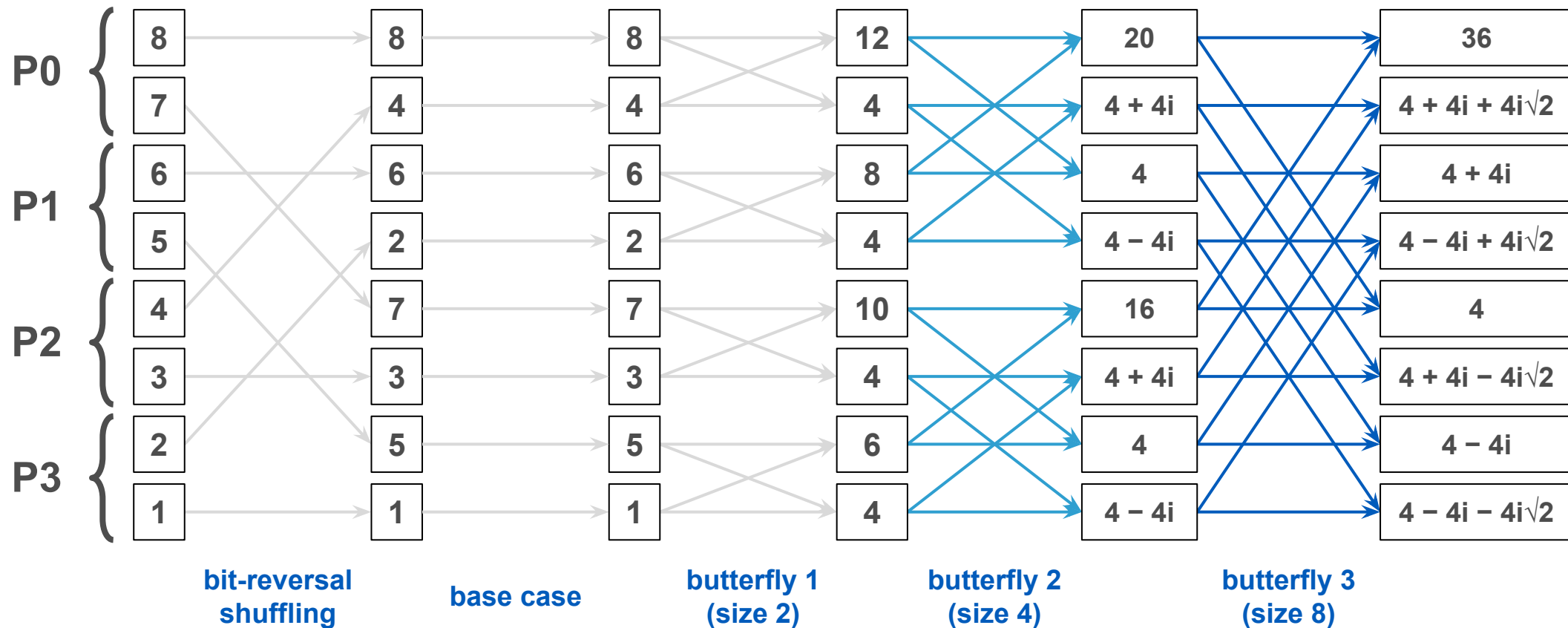
Sequential Implementation



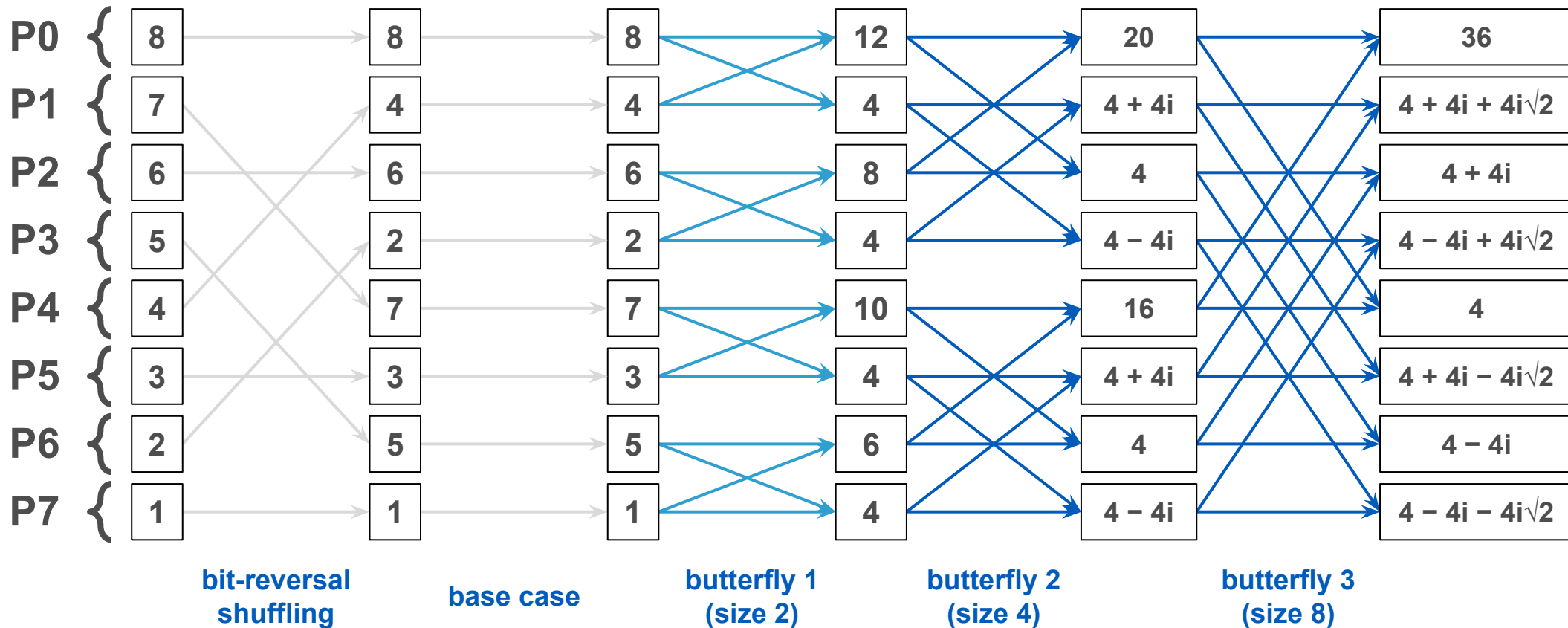
Parallel Implementation · 2P



Parallel Implementation · 4P



Parallel Implementation · 8P



Parallel Details

Each processor performs a **local** shuffle & butterfly, then a **parallel** butterfly.

BUDDY SYSTEM

In each parallel butterfly, P_i and P_j ($i < j$) must trade data. For a processor P_x and size k :

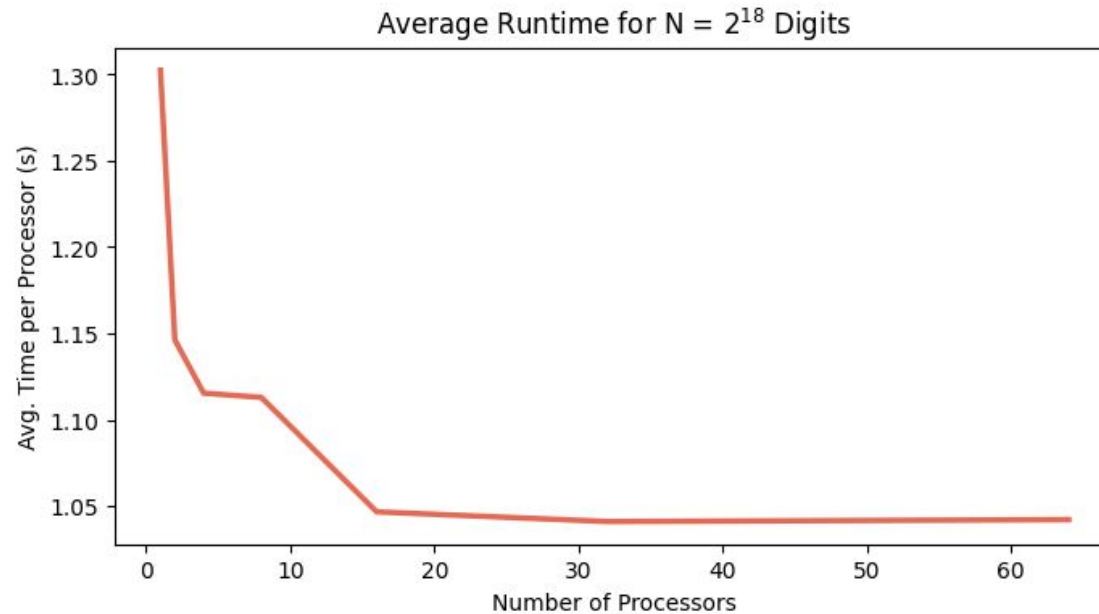
- **Find Type:** If $(x \% k) < (k/2)$, P_x is i-type. Else, j-type
- **Find Buddy:** If i-type, $j = i + (k/2)$. If j-type, $i = j - (k/2)$

PARALLEL EXCHANGE

Each processor uses `MPI_Sendrecv` to send and receive adjacent data into the same array.

FFT Results · Scaling with Processors

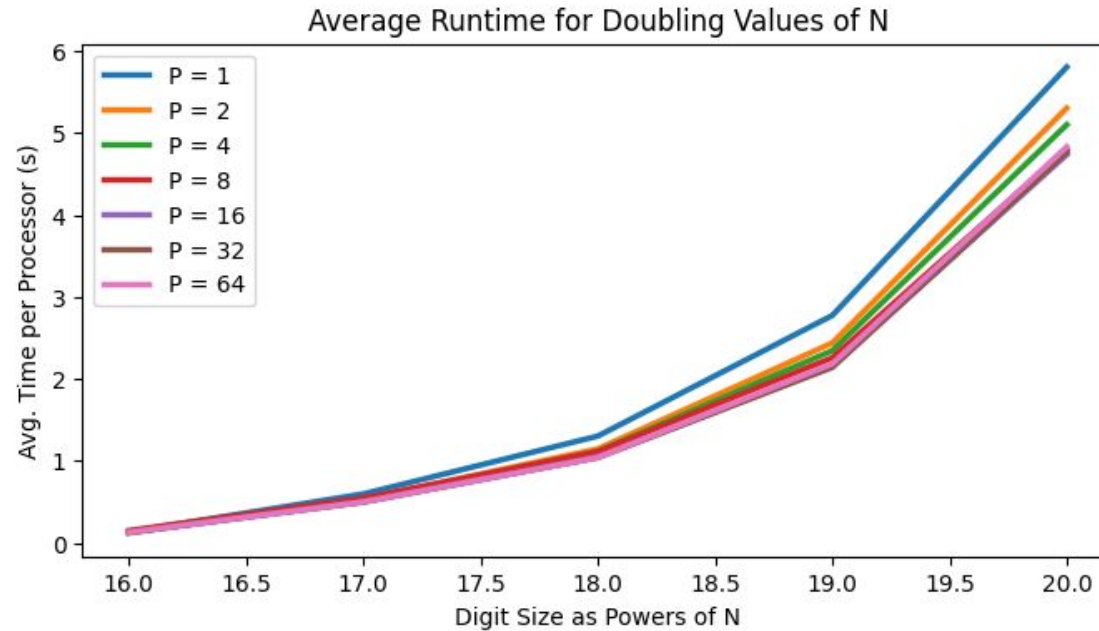
PROCESSORS	AVG. TIME	SPEEDUP
1	1.302s	
2	1.146s	×1.13
4	1.115s	×1.16
8	1.113s	×1.17
16	1.047s	×1.24
32	1.041s	×1.25
64	1.042s	×1.25



10 test cycles, local & parallel computations

FFT Results · Scaling with Data Size

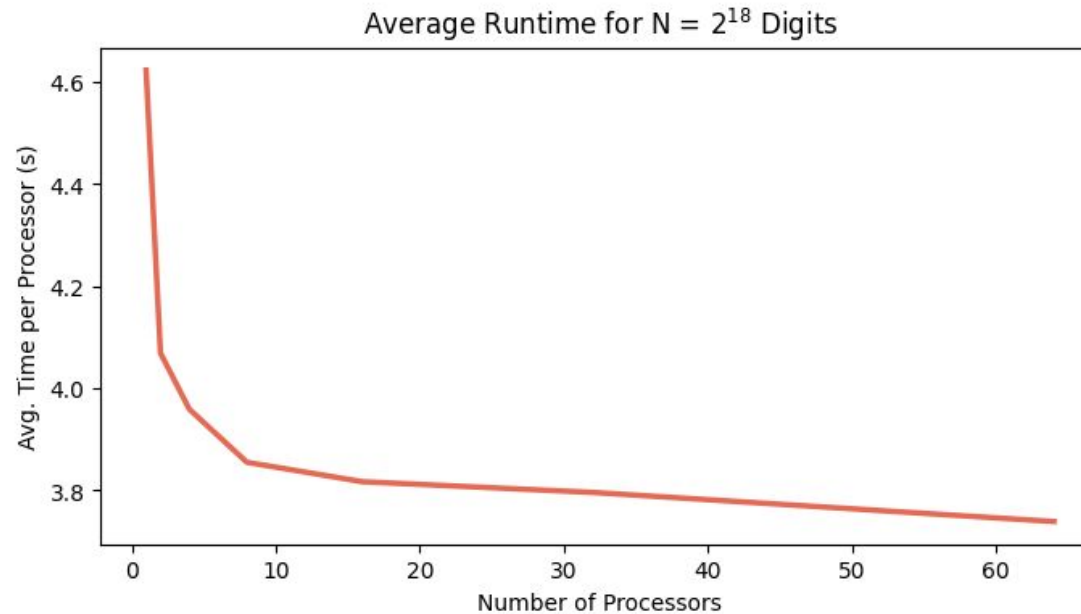
P	2 ¹⁶	2 ¹⁷	2 ¹⁸	2 ¹⁹	2 ²⁰
1	0.133s	0.597s	1.302s	2.773s	5.803s
2	0.119s	0.534s	1.146s	2.438s	5.303s
4	0.126s	0.524s	1.115s	2.344s	5.099s
8	0.149s	0.546s	1.112s	2.257s	4.798s
16	0.127s	0.500s	1.046s	2.151s	4.735s
32	0.127s	0.499s	1.042s	2.140s	4.764s
64	0.126s	0.497s	1.041s	2.183s	4.830s



10 test cycles, local & parallel computations

SSA Results · Scaling with Processors

PROCESSORS	AVG. TIME	SPEEDUP
1	4.623s	
2	4.069s	×1.12
4	3.959s	×1.16
8	3.855s	×1.19
16	3.817s	×1.21
32	3.796s	×1.22
64	3.739s	×1.23



10 test cycles, local & parallel computations

Theoretical Next Steps

1 Algorithmic Optimizations

- Reduced shuffling
- FFT speedups
- SSA speedups

2 Code Optimizations

- Identify & alleviate bottlenecks
- Chunk-based MPI calls
- Non-blocking MPI calls

3 Further Testing

- Even more processors
- Even more (& varied) data



Thank You!

Questions?



References

- [1] "Joseph Fourier". Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Fourier
- [2] "Milestones:First Demonstration of the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), 1964". Engineering and Technology History Wiki. [https://ethw.org/Milestones:First_Demonstration_of_the_Fast_Fourier_Transform_\(FFT\),_1964](https://ethw.org/Milestones:First_Demonstration_of_the_Fast_Fourier_Transform_(FFT),_1964)
- [3] "Fast Fourier transform". Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_Fourier_transform
- [4] Veritasium. "The Most Important Algorithm Of All Time". Youtube. https://youtu.be/nmgFG7PUHfo?si=0RI5H_9i8ksaKym4
- [5] "Fourier Transform Formula". KeySight. <https://www.keysight.com/used/us/en/knowledge/formulas/fourier-transform>
- [6] K. Azad. "An Interactive Guide To The Fourier Transform". BetterExplained. <https://betterexplained.com/articles/an-interactive-guide-to-the-fourier-transform/>
- [7] Ali the Dazzling. "Fourier Transform Explained (for Beginners)". YouTube. <https://youtu.be/iOsGkk63NfE?si=J9apfD9EYvYMiDov>
- [8] "Fourier transform". Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourier_transform
- [9] "Discrete Fourier transform". Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discrete_Fourier_transform
- [10] S. Xu. "Discrete Fourier Transform - Simple Step by Step". YouTube. https://youtu.be/mkGsMWi_j4Q?si=ESECqm06sRFluxle
- [11] Reducible. "The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT): Most Ingenious Algorithm Ever?". YouTube. <https://youtu.be/h7apO7q16V0?si=hEyBRmPjFLx4tPoW>
- [12] J. W. Cooley, J. W. Tukey. "An algorithm for the machine calculation of complex Fourier series". American Mathematical Society. <https://doi.org/10.1090/S0025-5718-1965-0178586-1>
- [13] "Schönhage-Strassen algorithm". Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sch%C3%B6nhage%E2%80%93Strassen_algorithm
- [14] "Arnold Schönhage". Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arnold_Sch%C3%B6nhage
- [15] "Volker Strassen". Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volker_Strassen
- [16] "Discrete Fourier transform over a ring". Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discrete_Fourier_transform_over_a_ring