

Computational Explorations on the Tensor Rank and the Additive Complexity of Finite (Semi)Fields

🔊 Jean-Guillaume Dumas Stefano Lia John Sheekey

ISSAC 2026



Contents

- 1 Small finite extensions and small characteristics
- 2 Finite (Semi)Fields
- 3 Bilinear algorithms, LRP matrix representation and SLPs
- 4 Tensor rank = Multiplicative complexity
- 5 Additive complexity

Finite extensions in characteristic 2 or 3

Multiplying elements in finite extensions $\mathbb{F}_{q^d}$ or $\mathbb{S}_{q^d}$

Minimal # (base field $\mathbb{F}_q$) operations for the multiplications?

- M = Multiplicative complexity (= tensor rank R)
- A = Additive complexity

Finite extensions in characteristic 2 or 3

Multiplying elements in finite extensions $\mathbb{F}_{q^d}$ or $\mathbb{S}_{q^d}$

Minimal # (base field $\mathbb{F}_q$) operations for the multiplications?

- M = Multiplicative complexity (= tensor rank R)
- A = Additive complexity

NP-hardness: minimization strategy

- Lower bounds: algebraic constraints & exhaustive exploration
- Upper bounds: random walks & optimization of straight-line programs

Example: degree 2 extension via Karatsuba Multiplication

$$\begin{aligned}c_0 + c_1X + c_2X^2 &= (a_0 + a_1X)(b_0 + b_1X) \\&= a_0b_0 + (a_0b_1 + a_1b_0)X + a_1b_1X^2 \\&= a_0b_0 + (a_0b_0 + (a_0 - a_1)(b_1 - b_0) + a_1b_1)X + a_1b_1X^2\end{aligned}$$

Example (Multiplication of $d^{\circ}1$ polynomials)

Algorithm	Multiplications	Additions
Classical	4 M	1 A
Karatsuba	3 M	4 A

Contents

- 1 Small finite extensions and small characteristics
- 2 Finite (Semi)Fields**
- 3 Bilinear algorithms, LRP matrix representation and SLPs
- 4 Tensor rank = Multiplicative complexity
- 5 Additive complexity

Definition (Finite Field)

Isomorphic to $\mathbb{F}_p[X]/f(X)$ with irreducible f of degree d

Finite Semifields

Definition (Finite Field)

Isomorphic to $\mathbb{F}_p[X]/f(X)$ with irreducible f of degree d

Definition (Finite Semifield)

A finite semifield $\mathbb{S}$ is a finite division algebra, where multiplication is not assumed to be commutative or associative

Finite Semifield example

Let q be a power of an odd prime p , $k \geq 2$, and α a non-square in $\mathbb{F}_{q^k}$.

Finite Semifield example

Let q be a power of an odd prime p , $k \geq 2$, and α a non-square in $\mathbb{F}_{q^k}$.

Example (Finite field as a degree-2 extension)

Then $(a_0 + a_1X)(b_0 + b_1X)$ in the finite field $\mathbb{F}_{q^{2k}} \simeq \mathbb{F}_{q^k}[X]/(X^2 - \alpha)$ is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 b_0 + \alpha a_1 b_1 \\ a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finite Semifield example

Let q be a power of an odd prime p , $k \geq 2$, and α a non-square in $\mathbb{F}_{q^k}$.

Example (Finite field as a degree-2 extension)

Then $(a_0 + a_1X)(b_0 + b_1X)$ in the finite field $\mathbb{F}_{q^{2k}} \simeq \mathbb{F}_{q^k}[X]/(X^2 - \alpha)$ is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 b_0 + \alpha a_1 b_1 \\ a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem (Dickson 1906)

The following defines a semifield multiplication, not equivalent to the finite field:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 b_0 + \alpha a_1^q b_1 \\ a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finite Semifield example

Let q be a power of an odd prime p , $k \geq 2$, and α a non-square in $\mathbb{F}_{q^k}$.

Example (Finite field as a degree-2 extension)

Then $(a_0 + a_1X)(b_0 + b_1X)$ in the finite field $\mathbb{F}_{q^{2k}} \simeq \mathbb{F}_{q^k}[X]/(X^2 - \alpha)$ is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 b_0 + \alpha a_1 b_1 \\ a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem (Dickson 1906)

The following defines a semifield multiplication, not equivalent to the finite field:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 b_0 + \alpha a_1^q b_1 \\ a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

non-associative: $(\vec{x}\vec{y})\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots^q \dots^q \dots \\ \alpha x_1^q y_1 z_1 + \dots \end{bmatrix}$ versus $\vec{x}(\vec{y}\vec{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \dots^q \dots^q \dots \\ \dots + x_1 \alpha y_1^q z_1 \end{bmatrix}$

Contents

- 1 Small finite extensions and small characteristics
- 2 Finite (Semi)Fields
- 3 Bilinear algorithms, LRP matrix representation and SLPs**
- 4 Tensor rank = Multiplicative complexity
- 5 Additive complexity

Bilinear algorithms and LRP matrix representation

Definition (LRP matrix representation of bilinear algorithms)

Linear combinations of the **Left** input, of the **Right** input, and **Products** to form the output:

$$\vec{c} = P \cdot (L \cdot \vec{a}) \odot (R \cdot \vec{b}) \text{ with } P \in \mathbb{F}^{k \times r}, L \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times m}, R \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times n}$$

with $\odot$ the Hadamard (entry-wise) product of vectors

Bilinear algorithms and LRP matrix representation

Definition (LRP matrix representation of bilinear algorithms)

Linear combinations of the **Left** input, of the **Right** input, and **Products** to form the output:

$$\vec{c} = P \cdot (L \cdot \vec{a}) \odot (R \cdot \vec{b}) \text{ with } P \in \mathbb{F}^{k \times r}, L \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times m}, R \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times n}$$

with $\odot$ the Hadamard (entry-wise) product of vectors

Example (Rank-3 polynomial multiplication of Karatsuba)

$$c_0 + c_1X + c_2X^2 = a_0b_0 + (a_0b_0 + (a_0 - a_1)(b_1 - b_0) + a_1b_1)X + a_1b_1X^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0b_0 \\ a_0b_1 + a_1b_0 \\ a_1b_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_P \left(\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_L \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_R \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Bilinear algorithms and Straight-Line Programs (SLP)

$$\vec{c} = P \cdot (L \cdot \vec{a}) \odot (R \cdot \vec{b}) \text{ with } P \in \mathbb{F}^{k \times r}, L \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times m}, R \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times n}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_P \left(\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_L \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_R \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Bilinear algorithms and Straight-Line Programs (SLP)

$$\vec{c} = P \cdot (L \cdot \vec{a}) \odot (R \cdot \vec{b}) \text{ with } P \in \mathbb{F}^{k \times r}, L \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times m}, R \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times n}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_P \left(\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_L \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_R \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Example (Straight-Line Program)

```
l1:=a0+a1; r1:=b1-b0;  
c0:=a0*b0; p1:=l1*r1; c2:=a1*b1;  
c1:=c0+p1+c2;
```

Bilinear algorithms and Straight-Line Programs (SLP)

$$\vec{c} = P \cdot (L \cdot \vec{a}) \odot (R \cdot \vec{b}) \text{ with } P \in \mathbb{F}^{k \times r}, L \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times m}, R \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times n}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_P \left(\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_L \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_R \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Example (Straight-Line Program)

```
l1:=a0+a1; r1:=b1-b0;  
c0:=a0*b0; p1:=l1*r1; c2:=a1*b1;  
c1:=c0+p1+c2;
```

Straight-Line Programs

- Multiplicative complexity = common dimension r

Bilinear algorithms and Straight-Line Programs (SLP)

$$\vec{c} = P \cdot (L \cdot \vec{a}) \odot (R \cdot \vec{b}) \text{ with } P \in \mathbb{F}^{k \times r}, L \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times m}, R \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times n}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_P \left(\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_L \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_R \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Example (Straight-Line Program)

```
l1:=a0+a1; r1:=b1-b0;  
c0:=a0*b0; p1:=l1*r1; c2:=a1*b1;  
c1:=c0+p1+c2;
```

Straight-Line Programs

- Multiplicative complexity = common dimension r
- Additive complexity = Shortest **Straight-Line Program** (SSLP) for L , R and P

Bilinear algorithms and Straight-Line Programs (SLP)

$$\vec{c} = P \cdot (L \cdot \vec{a}) \odot (R \cdot \vec{b}) \text{ with } P \in \mathbb{F}^{k \times r}, L \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times m}, R \in \mathbb{F}^{r \times n}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_P \left(\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_L \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_R \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Example (Straight-Line Program)

```
l1:=a0+a1; r1:=b1-b0;  
c0:=a0*b0; p1:=l1*r1; c2:=a1*b1;  
c1:=c0+p1+c2;
```

Straight-Line Programs

- Multiplicative complexity = common dimension r
- Additive complexity = Shortest **Straight-Line Program** (SSLP) for L , R and P
⊕ includes the scalar multiplications by (base field) constants (if $\text{char.} \notin \{2, 3\}$)

Contents

- 1 Small finite extensions and small characteristics
- 2 Finite (Semi)Fields
- 3 Bilinear algorithms, LRP matrix representation and SLPs
- 4 Tensor rank = Multiplicative complexity**
- 5 Additive complexity

Known tensor ranks over $\mathbb{F}_2$ and $\mathbb{F}_3$

Set	t. rank	reference
$\mathbb{F}_{2^2}, \mathbb{F}_{3^2}$	3	 [Karatsuba 1963, Lempel-Seroussi-Winograd 1983]
$\mathbb{F}_{2^3}, \mathbb{F}_{3^3}$	6	 [Lempel-Seroussi-Winograd 1983]
$\mathbb{F}_{2^4}$	9	 [Karatsuba 1963, Chudnovsky-Chudnovsky 1988]
$\mathbb{S}_{2^4} \#2, \#3$	9	 [Lavrauw-Sheekey 2022]
$\mathbb{F}_{3^4}, \mathbb{S}_{3^4} \#9$	9	 [Karatsuba 1963, Lavrauw 2013]
$\mathbb{S}_{3^4} \#1, \dots, \#8, \#10, \#11$	8	 [Lavrauw-Sheekey 2022]
$\mathbb{F}_{2^5} = \mathbb{S}_{2^5} \#5$	13	 [Montgomery 2005]
$\mathbb{S}_{2^5} \#1, \dots, \#4, \#6$	13	Here
$\mathbb{F}_{3^5}$	11	Here
$\mathbb{S}_{3^5} \#2, \#4$	10	Here
$\mathbb{S}_{3^5} \#3, \#5, \#6$	11	Here
$\mathbb{S}_{3^5} \#7, \dots, \#12$	≥ 11	Here
$\mathbb{F}_{2^6}$	15	
$\mathbb{F}_{3^6}$	$\in [12, 15]$	CodeTables.de,  [Cenk-Özbudak 2010]
$\mathbb{F}_{2^7}$	$\in [18, 22]$	
$\mathbb{F}_{2^8}$	$\in [20, 24]$	

Line of proof

- 1 Exhaustive search for tensor rank 1, 2, 3, ...

Line of proof

- ① Exhaustive search for tensor rank 1, 2, 3, ...
- ②  [\[Barbulescu-Detrey-Estibals-Zimmermann 2012\]](#) reduces the search into linear subspaces

Line of proof

- ① Exhaustive search for tensor rank 1, 2, 3, ...
- ②  [\[Barbulescu-Detrey-Estibals-Zimmermann 2012\]](#) reduces the search into linear subspaces
- ③ **here**: further restricts the search using (semi)fields correcting codes properties, e.g.:

Line of proof

- ① Exhaustive search for tensor rank 1, 2, 3, ...
- ②  [Barbulescu-Detrey-Estibals-Zimmermann 2012] reduces the search into linear subspaces
- ③ **here**: further restricts the search using (semi)fields correcting codes properties, e.g.:

Theorem (Maximum Rank Distance = Semifield Spread Set  [Rúa-Combarro-Ranilla-2009])

*an LRP matrix representation defines a (semi)field multiplication of **order** k and **rank** r iff $\text{span} \langle \sum_{i=1}^r P_{ji} (L_i^T \cdot R_i) : j \in [1, k] \rangle$ is k -dimensional and every non-zero is invertible.*

Line of proof

- 1 Exhaustive search for tensor rank 1, 2, 3, ...
- 2  [Barbulescu-Detrey-Estibals-Zimmermann 2012] reduces the search into linear subspaces
- 3 **here**: further restricts the search using (semi)fields correcting codes properties, e.g.:

Theorem (Maximum Rank Distance = Semifield Spread Set  [Rúa-Combarro-Ranilla-2009])

*an LRP matrix representation defines a (semi)field multiplication of **order** k and **rank** r iff $\text{span} \langle \sum_{i=1}^r P_{ji} (L_i^T \cdot R_i) : j \in [1, k] \rangle$ is k -dimensional and every non-zero is invertible.*

Theorem ( Lempel-Winograd 1977, Brockett-Dobkin 1978, Lavrauw-Sheekey 2012)

The rowspace of each of L^T , R^T , P , of the LRP matrix representation of the multiplication in a (semi)field, is an $[r, k, d \geq k]_q$ error-correcting linear code.

Line of proof

- 1 Exhaustive search for tensor rank 1, 2, 3, ...
- 2  [Barbulescu-Detrey-Estibals-Zimmermann 2012] reduces the search into linear subspaces
- 3 **here**: further restricts the search using (semi)fields correcting codes properties, e.g.:

Theorem (Maximum Rank Distance = Semifield Spread Set  [Rúa-Combarro-Ranilla-2009])

*an LRP matrix representation defines a (semi)field multiplication of **order** k and **rank** r iff $\text{span} \langle \sum_{i=1}^r P_{ji} (L_i^T \cdot R_i) : j \in [1, k] \rangle$ is k -dimensional and every non-zero is invertible.*

Theorem ( Lempel-Winograd 1977, Brockett-Dobkin 1978, Lavrauw-Sheekey 2012)

The rowspace of each of L^T , R^T , P , of the LRP matrix representation of the multiplication in a (semi)field, is an $[r, k, d \geq k]_q$ error-correcting linear code.

 github.com/jsheekey/tensor_semifield

Contents

- 1 Small finite extensions and small characteristics
- 2 Finite (Semi)Fields
- 3 Bilinear algorithms, LRP matrix representation and SLPs
- 4 Tensor rank = Multiplicative complexity
- 5 Additive complexity**

Straight-Line Programs (SLP) for linear codes

Definition (SSLP: shortest straight-line program)

$\text{SSLP}_q[r, k, d]$: minimum number of additions (and scalar multiplications) required to compute the matrix-vector product Lv , where L^T generates an $[r, k, d]_q$ Hamming metric linear code.

Straight-Line Programs (SLP) for linear codes

Definition (SSLP: shortest straight-line program)

$\text{SSLP}_q[r, k, d]$: minimum number of additions (and scalar multiplications) required to compute the matrix-vector product Lv , where L^T generates an $[r, k, d]_q$ Hamming metric linear code.

Lemma (Additive complexity lower bound for the multiplication in a (semi)field)

The minimum number of operations needed to compute multiplication in a field or semifield of degree k over $\mathbb{F}_q$ using r multiplications is at least $r M + (3\text{SSLP}_q[r, k, k] + r - k) A$.

Straight-Line Programs (SLP) for linear codes

Definition (SSLP: shortest straight-line program)

$\text{SSLP}_q[r, k, d]$: minimum number of additions (and scalar multiplications) required to compute the matrix-vector product Lv , where L^T generates an $[r, k, d]_q$ Hamming metric linear code.

Lemma (Additive complexity lower bound for the multiplication in a (semi)field)

The minimum number of operations needed to compute multiplication in a field or semifield of degree k over $\mathbb{F}_q$ using r multiplications is at least $r M + (3\text{SSLP}_q[r, k, k] + r - k) A$.

Proof.

By [Brockett-Dobkin 1978, Lavrauw-Sheekey 2012], $L^T \in \mathbb{F}^{k \times r}$, $R^T \in \mathbb{F}^{k \times r}$ and $P \in \mathbb{F}^{k \times r}$ are $[r, k, \geq k]_q$ codes ; then use the *transposition* principle on P^T . □

Some shortest straight-line programs for linear codes

- Lower bounds: hamming-metric distance constraints

Some shortest straight-line programs for linear codes

- Lower bounds: hamming-metric distance constraints
- Upper bounds: straight-line programs optimizations
( github.com/jgdumas/plinopt)

Some shortest straight-line programs for linear codes

- Lower bounds: hamming-metric distance constraints
- Upper bounds: straight-line programs optimizations
( github.com/jgdumas/plinopt)

Example ([9, 4, 4] codes)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Some shortest straight-line programs for linear codes

- Lower bounds: hamming-metric distance constraints
- Upper bounds: straight-line programs optimizations
( github.com/jgdumas/plinopt)

Example ([9, 4, 4] codes)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
o0:=i0;  
o1:=i1;  
o2:=i2;  
o3:=i3;  
o4:=i0;  
o5:=i1+i2;  
o6:=i3+o5;  
t4:=i0+i3;  
o7:=i2+t4;  
o8:=i1+t4;
```

Some shortest straight-line programs for linear codes

- Lower bounds: hamming-metric distance constraints
- Upper bounds: straight-line programs optimizations
( github.com/jgdumas/plinopt)

$[r, k, d]_q$	SSLP
$[8, 4, 4]_2$	6
$[9, 4, 4]_2$	5
$[10, 4, 4]_2$	4
$[13, 5, 5]_2$	8
$[8, 4, 4]_3$	6
$[9, 4, 4]_3$	5
$[10, 4, 4]_3$	4
$[10, 5, 5]_3$	$\in [8, 10]$
$[11, 5, 5]_3$	≤ 12
$[12, 5, 5]_3$	≤ 12
$[13, 5, 5]_3$	≤ 11

Example ($[9, 4, 4]$ codes)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
o0:=i0;  
o1:=i1;  
o2:=i2;  
o3:=i3;  
o4:=i0;  
o5:=i1+i2;  
o6:=i3+o5;  
t4:=i0+i3;  
o7:=i2+t4;  
o8:=i1+t4;
```

Generic Straight-Line Programs optimizations: PLinOpt

① Common sub-expression elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_1 := i_0 + i_1; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t; \\ o_1 := t; \end{array}$

Generic Straight-Line Programs optimizations: PLinOpt

- ❶ Common sub-expression elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_1 := i_0 + i_1; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t; \\ o_1 := t; \end{array}$
- ❷ Common scalar elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 * 2 + i_1 * 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t * 2; \end{array}$

Generic Straight-Line Programs optimizations: PLinOpt

- ❶ Common sub-expression elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_1 := i_0 + i_1; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t; \\ o_1 := t; \end{array}$
- ❷ Common scalar elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 * 2 + i_1 * 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t * 2; \end{array}$
- ❸ Linear dependencies: $\begin{cases} o_0 := (i_0 + i_1)/2; \\ o_1 := (i_0 - i_1)/2; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$

Generic Straight-Line Programs optimizations: PLinOpt

- ❶ Common sub-expression elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_1 := i_0 + i_1; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t; \\ o_1 := t; \end{array}$
- ❷ Common scalar elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 * 2 + i_1 * 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t * 2; \end{array}$
- ❸ Linear dependencies: $\begin{cases} o_0 := (i_0 + i_1)/2; \\ o_1 := (i_0 - i_1)/2; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} o_0 := (i_0 + i_1)/2; \\ o_1 := o_0 - i_1; \end{array}$

Generic Straight-Line Programs optimizations: PLinOpt

- ❶ Common sub-expression elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_1 := i_0 + i_1; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t; \\ o_1 := t; \end{array}$
- ❷ Common scalar elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 * 2 + i_1 * 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t * 2; \end{array}$
- ❸ Linear dependencies: $\begin{cases} o_0 := (i_0 + i_1)/2; \\ o_1 := (i_0 - i_1)/2; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} o_0 := (i_0 + i_1)/2; \\ o_1 := o_0 - i_1; \end{array}$



[Boyar-Peralta-Matthews 2008]: optimal SLP is NP-hard

Generic Straight-Line Programs optimizations: PLinOpt

- ❶ Common sub-expression elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_1 := i_0 + i_1; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t; \\ o_1 := t; \end{array}$
- ❷ Common scalar elimination: $\begin{cases} o_0 := i_0 * 2 + i_1 * 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} t := i_0 + i_1; \\ o_0 := t * 2; \end{array}$
- ❸ Linear dependencies: $\begin{cases} o_0 := (i_0 + i_1)/2; \\ o_1 := (i_0 - i_1)/2; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} o_0 := (i_0 + i_1)/2; \\ o_1 := o_0 - i_1; \end{array}$

 [Boyar-Peralta-Matthews 2008]: optimal SLP is NP-hard

 [Morgenstern 1975]: have to explore all minors of L, R, P ...

$\Rightarrow$ ❶: 2×2 minors

$\Rightarrow$ ❸: maximal minors ( [D-Pernet-Sedoglavic 2024] & “Randomized Kernel Decomposition”)

(Aparté) examples of SLP additive complexity optimization via PLinOpt

Degree 4 polynomial multiplication (over $\mathbb{Q}$)

	MUL	ADD	SCA	Total here	 [El Mrabet-Guillevic-Ionica 2011]
Standard	25	0+0+16	-	25M+16A	25M+16A
[Montg.]	13	11+11+27	0+0+1	13M+ 50 A	13M+62A
[Toom-5]	9	19+19+31	8+8+18	9M+ 103 A	9M+124A

(Aparté) examples of SLP additive complexity optimization via PLinOpt

Degree 4 polynomial multiplication (over $\mathbb{Q}$)

	MUL	ADD	SCA	Total here	 [El Mrabet-Guillevic-Ionica 2011]
Standard	25	0+0+16	-	25M+16A	25M+16A
<i>[Montg.]</i>	13	11+11+27	0+0+1	13M+ 50A	13M+62A
<i>[Toom-5]</i>	9	19+19+31	8+8+18	9M+ 103A	9M+124A

Additive upper bounds for Toom-Cook interpolation (Vandermonde) P matrix (over $\mathbb{Q}$)

P matrix	PLinOpt	 [Bodrato-Zanoni 2007]
<i>[Toom-3]</i>	8A+4S	8A+4S
<i>[Toom-3.5]</i>	11A +6S	12A+6S
<i>[Toom-4]</i>	17A +11S	18A+11S
<i>[Toom-4.5]</i>	22A+ 12S	22A+14S
<i>[Toom-5]</i>	31A +18S	32A+21S

Folding for multiplication in extensions

 Do not: [multiply; then reduce] 

Folding for multiplication in extensions



Do not: [multiply; then reduce] 



Instead: pre-compute modular multiplications LRP matrices, with the given irreducible (“Folding of the modular reduction”)

Folding for multiplication in extensions

⚠ Do not: [multiply; then reduce] ⚠

👍 Instead: pre-compute modular multiplications LRP matrices, with the given irreducible (“Folding of the modular reduction”)

Example

⚠
$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \color{red}{0} & \color{red}{0} & \color{red}{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 b_0 \\ (a_0 - a_1)(b_1 - b_0) \\ a_1 b_1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } (c_0 + c_1 X + c_2 X^2 \bmod f(X)) \dots$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_P$

Folding for multiplication in extensions

⚠ Do not: [multiply; then reduce] ⚠

👍 Instead: pre-compute modular multiplications LRP matrices, with the given irreducible (“Folding of the modular reduction”)

Example

⚠
$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_P \begin{bmatrix} a_0 b_0 \\ (a_0 - a_1)(b_1 - b_0) \\ a_1 b_1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } (c_0 + c_1 X + c_2 X^2 \bmod f(X)) \dots$$

👍
$$\bmod f(X) = X^2 + \alpha X + \beta: P_{fold} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\beta \\ 1 & 1 & -\alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Folding for multiplication in extensions

⚠ Do not: [multiply; then reduce] ⚠

👍 Instead: pre-compute modular multiplications LRP matrices, with the given irreducible (“Folding of the modular reduction”)

Example

👍 mod $f(X) = X^2 + \alpha X + \beta$: $P_{fold} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\beta \\ 1 & 1 & -\alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

😊 Select the irreducible with the smallest folded SLP (additive complexity)

Fields and semifields of order 32

Folding for multiplication in degree-5 extension in characteristic 2

	MUL	ADD	Total
deg. 4 poly. mul. Standard mod 2	25	0+0+16	25M+16A
deg. 4 poly. mul. [Montgomery] mod 2	13	9+9+19	13M+37A
$\mathbb{F}_{2^5}$ Standard mod $X^5 + X^2 + 1$ here	25	0+0+24	25M+24A
$\mathbb{F}_{2^5}$ via [Montgomery] mod $X^5 + X^4 + X^2 + X + 1$ here	13	9+9+18	13M+36A
$\mathbb{S}_{2^5}$ #2 here	13	12+9+18	13M+39A

Fields and semifields of order 32

Folding for multiplication in degree-5 extension in characteristic 2

	MUL	ADD	Total
deg. 4 poly. mul. Standard mod 2	25	0+0+16	25M+16A
deg. 4 poly. mul. [Montgomery] mod 2	13	9+9+19	13M+37A
$\mathbb{F}_{2^5}$ Standard mod $X^5 + X^2 + 1$ here	25	0+0+24	25M+24A
$\mathbb{F}_{2^5}$ via [Montgomery] mod $X^5 + X^4 + X^2 + X + 1$ here	13	9+9+18	13M+36A
$\mathbb{S}_{2^5}$ #2 here	13	12+9+18	13M+39A

Optimal Normal Basis: $15M + 40A$  [\[Reyhani-Hasan 2003\]](#)

Fields and semifields of order 32

Folding for multiplication in degree-5 extension in characteristic 2

	MUL	ADD	Total
deg. 4 poly. mul. Standard mod 2	25	0+0+16	25M+16A
deg. 4 poly. mul. [Montgomery] mod 2	13	9+9+19	13M+37A
$\mathbb{F}_{2^5}$ Standard mod $X^5 + X^2 + 1$ here	25	0+0+24	25M+24A
$\mathbb{F}_{2^5}$ via [Montgomery] mod $X^5 + X^4 + X^2 + X + 1$ here	13	9+9+18	13M+36A
$\mathbb{S}_{2^5}$ #2 here	13	12+9+18	13M+39A

Lower bound:

$$\text{✗ } 13M + (3\text{SSLP}_2[13, 5, 5] + 13 - 5)A = 13M + (3 * 8 + 13 - 5)A = 13M + 32A$$

Fields and semifields of order 81

Degree 4 folding in characteristic 3

		MUL	ADD	Total
	$\mathbb{F}_{3^4}$ standard mod $X^4 + X - 1$	16	0+0+15	16M+15A
$\mathbb{F}_{3^4}$ Karatsuba $\otimes^2$	mod $1 + X + X^2 + X^3 + X^4$ here	9	5+5+11	9M+21A
	$\mathbb{S}_{3^4}$ here	8	6+6+10	8M+22A

Fields and semifields of order 81

Degree 4 folding in characteristic 3

		MUL	ADD	Total
	$\mathbb{F}_{3^4}$ standard mod $X^4 + X - 1$	16	0+0+15	16M+15A
$\mathbb{F}_{3^4}$	Karatsuba $\otimes^2$ mod $1 + X + X^2 + X^3 + X^4$ here	9	5+5+11	9M+21A
	$\mathbb{S}_{3^4}$ here	8	6+6+10	8M+22A

Lower bounds:

✗ $9M + (3\text{SSLP}_3[9, 4, 4] + 9 - 4)A = 9M + (3 * 5 + 9 - 4)A = 9M + 20A$

✓ $8M + (3\text{SSLP}_3[8, 4, 4] + 8 - 4)A = 8M + (3 * 6 + 8 - 4)A = \textcolor{red}{8M + 22A}$

Fields and semifields of order 243

Degree 5 folding in characteristic 3

		MUL	ADD	Total
	$\mathbb{F}_{3^5}$ standard mod $X^5 - X + 1$	25	0+0+24	25M+24A
$\mathbb{F}_{3^5}$	<i>[Montgomery]</i> mod $X^5 + X^4 - X^3 - X^2 - 1$	13	11+11+20	13M+42A
	$\mathbb{F}_{3^5}$ mod $X^5 - X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + X + 1$ here	12	14+14+19	12M+47A
	$\mathbb{F}_{3^5}$ mod $X^5 - X + 1$ here	11	12+12+20	11M+44A
	$\mathbb{S}_{3^5}$ here	10	13+13+17	10M+43A

Fields and semifields of order 243

Degree 5 folding in characteristic 3

		MUL	ADD	Total
$\mathbb{F}_{3^5}$	standard mod $X^5 - X + 1$	25	0+0+24	25M+24A
$\mathbb{F}_{3^5}$	<i>[Montgomery]</i> mod $X^5 + X^4 - X^3 - X^2 - 1$	13	11+11+20	13M+42A
$\mathbb{F}_{3^5}$	mod $X^5 - X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + X + 1$ <i>here</i>	12	14+14+19	12M+47A
	$\mathbb{F}_{3^5}$ mod $X^5 - X + 1$ <i>here</i>	11	12+12+20	11M+44A
	$\mathbb{S}_{3^5}$ <i>here</i>	10	13+13+17	10M+43A

Lower bounds:

$$\times 11M + (3\text{SSLP}_3[11, 5, 5] + 11 - 5)A \geq 11M + (3 * 12 + 11 - 5) = 11M + 42A$$

$$\times 10M + (3\text{SSLP}_3[10, 5, 5] + 10 - 5)A \geq 10M + (3 * 10 + 10 - 5) = 10M + 35A$$

Open problems

- Tensor rank in extensions of degrees 6, 7, 8, ...
- General lower bounds for $\text{SSLP}_q(r, k, \geq k)$?

Open problems

- Tensor rank in extensions of degrees 6, 7, 8, ...
- General lower bounds for $\text{SSLP}_q(r, k, \geq k)$?
- Improve SLP optimization?
- Specific improvements?
 - Multiplication in finite (semi)fields of order $3^4 = 81$ with only $9M + 20A$ operations?
 - Multiplication in finite (semi)fields of order $3^5 = 243$ with:
 - $10M$ and fewer than $43A$ operations?
 - $11M$ and fewer than $44A$ operations?