# Subquadratic Multiplication Using Optimal Normal Bases

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Based on a recently proposed Toeplitz matrix-vector product approach, a subquadratic computational complexity scheme is presented for multiplications in binary extended finite fields using Type I and II optimal normal bases.

# **Index Terms**

Finite field, subquadratic computational complexity multiplication, normal basis, optimal normal basis.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Among different types of bases for representing elements of  $GF(2^n)$ , the normal basis has received considerable attention because squaring in normal bases is simply a cyclic shift of the coordinates of the element and, thus, it has found applications in computing multiplicative inverses and exponentiations. One of the most important advances in the normal basis multiplication is the discovery of the two types (Type I and Type II) of optimal normal bases (ONB) in 1987 [1]. The computational complexity (i.e., the number of arithmetic operations in the ground

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field GF(2)) of a  $GF(2^n)$  multiplication using an ONB is  $O(n^2)$ , while that using an arbitrary normal basis is usually greater than  $O(n^2)$ .

Recently, a new approach to subquadratic complexity multiplications in  $GF(2^n)$  has been presented [2]. It takes advantage of the optimal Toeplitz matrix-vector product formulae, and can be used to design subquadratic space complexity multipliers using various bases, namely, polynomial, shifted polynomial, dual, weakly dual and triangular basis. In this work, we apply the Toeplitz matrix-vector product approach to design subquadratic computational complexity scheme for multiplications using Type I and II ONB. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first subquadratic scheme for normal basis multiplication.

Below, we first summarize the asymptotic complexities of Toeplitz matrix-vector product formulae for  $n = 2^i$  and  $n = 3^i$  (i > 0). Then, we present our multiplication schemes using Type I and II ONB.

#### II. ASYMPTOTIC COMPLEXITIES OF TOEPLITZ MATRIX-VECTOR PRODUCT

In this section, some basic noncommutative matrix-vector multiplication schemes and their asymptotic space and gate delay complexities are introduced [2]. A Toeplitz matrix is defined as follows:

Definition 1: An  $n \times n$  Toeplitz matrix is a matrix  $(m_{k,i})$ , where  $0 \le i, k \le n-1$ , with the property that  $m_{k,i} = m_{k-1,i-1}$ , where  $1 \le i, k \le n-1$ .

Let  $n = 2^i$  (i > 0), T be an  $n \times n$  Toeplitz matrix and V an  $n \times 1$  column vector. Then the following noncommutative formula can be used to compute the Toeplitz matrix-vector product TV [3]:

$$TV = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_0 \\ T_2 & T_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_0 \\ V_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_0 + P_2 \\ P_1 + P_2 \end{pmatrix},$$
(1)

where  $T_0$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are  $(n/2) \times (n/2)$  matrices and are individually in Toeplitz form, and  $V_0$ and  $V_1$  are  $(n/2) \times 1$  column vectors,  $P_0 = (T_0 + T_1)V_1$ ,  $P_1 = (T_1 + T_2)V_0$  and  $P_2 = T_1(V_0 + V_1)$ . Similar to the case  $n = 2^i$  (i > 0), we may have a three-way split of matrix T and vector V for  $n = 3^i$  (i > 0), and obtain the following noncommutative formula which computes the Toeplitz matrix-vector product TV [3]:

$$TV = \begin{pmatrix} T_2 & T_1 & T_0 \\ T_3 & T_2 & T_1 \\ T_4 & T_3 & T_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_0 \\ V_1 \\ V_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_0 + P_3 + P_4 \\ P_1 + P_3 + P_5 \\ P_2 + P_4 + P_5 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $T_i \ (0 \le i \le 4)$  are  $(n/3) \times (n/3)$  Toeplitz matrices,

$$P_{0} = (T_{0} + T_{1} + T_{2})V_{2},$$

$$P_{1} = (T_{1} + T_{2} + T_{3})V_{1},$$

$$P_{2} = (T_{2} + T_{3} + T_{4})V_{0},$$
(2)

and

$$\begin{cases} P_3 = T_1(V_1 + V_2), \\ P_4 = T_2(V_0 + V_2), \\ P_5 = T_3(V_0 + V_1). \end{cases}$$

Formulae (1) and (2) may be used recursively to compute the Toeplitz matrix-vector product TV. Their complexities are summarized in Table I for bit parallel implementations, where one AND and one XOR gate corresponds to one multiplication and one addition over GF(2), respectively, and  $T_A$  and  $T_X$  are delays due to one AND and one XOR 2-input gate, respectively.

## TABLE I

Complexities of Toeplitz matrix-vector product for  $\boldsymbol{n}=\boldsymbol{b}^i$ 

b	#AND	#XOR	Gate delay
2	$n^{\log_2 3}$	$5.5n^{\log_2 3} - 6n + 0.5$	$(2\log_2 n)T_X + T_A$
3	$n^{\log_3 6}$	$\frac{24}{5}n^{\log_3 6} - 5n + \frac{1}{5}$	$(3\log_2 n)T_X + T_A$

## **III. NEW SUBQUADRATIC ONB MULTIPLIERS**

We now apply the above Toeplitz matrix-vector product approach to design subquadratic complexity multiplication scheme using Type I and II ONB. It is well known that an ONB of  $GF(2^n)$  over GF(2) exists if and only if the following conditions are met [1], [4].

Theorem 1: Suppose n+1 is a prime and 2 is primitive in  $\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}$ . Then the *n* nonunit (n+1)th roots of unity form a Type I ONB of  $GF(2^n)$  over GF(2).

Theorem 2: Let 2n + 1 be a prime and assume that either

(1) 2 is primitive in  $\mathbb{Z}_{2n+1}$ , or

(2)  $2n + 1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and 2 generates the quadratic residues in  $\mathbb{Z}_{2n+1}$ .

Then  $x = y + y^{-1}$  generates a Type II ONB of  $GF(2^n)$  over GF(2), where y is a primitive (2n + 1)st root of unity in  $GF(2^{2n})$ .

In some cryptosystems, Type I ONB are avoided for security reasons. For practical purposes, e.g., n < 2000, Type II ONB are more abundant than Type I ONB [5]. Properties of Type I and II ONB can be found in various references, e.g., [1], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11] and [12]. Based on some of these properties, below we present two subquadratic computational complexity schemes for multiplications in  $GF(2^n)$  using Type I and II ONB.

#### A. Formulation for Type I ONB

Let  $\hat{X} = \{x^{2^0}, x^{2^1}, \dots, x^{2^{n-1}}\}$  be a Type I ONB of  $GF(2^n)$  over GF(2). In the following, we will also use symbol  $\hat{X}$  to denote the column vector  $\hat{X} = (x^{2^0}, x^{2^1}, \dots, x^{2^{n-1}})^T$ . Since 2 is a primitive root of prime n + 1, we know that

$$\{2^0, 2^1, \cdots, 2^{n-1}\} = \{1, 2, \cdots, n\}.$$
(3)

Therefore,  $X = \{x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$  is also a basis of  $GF(2^n)$  over GF(2). Similarly, we will use symbol X to denote the column vector  $X = (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n)^T$ .

Given a field element *a* represented in the above two bases, i.e.,  $a = \hat{A}^T \hat{X} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \hat{a}_i x^{2^i}$  and  $a = A^T X = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i$ , where  $\hat{A} = (\hat{a}_0, \hat{a}_1, \dots, \hat{a}_{n-1})^T$  and  $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)^T$ , it is easy to obtain the following coordinate transformation formula:

$$a_{2^i} = \hat{a}_i,\tag{4}$$

where  $0 \le i \le n-1$  and the subscript  $2^i$  is to be reduced modulo n+1. From (3) and (4), we know that A is a permutation of  $\hat{A}$ . Therefore, the basis conversion operation between X and  $\hat{X}$  may be performed in VLSI without using any logic gates. Now we use basis X to design a subquadratic complexity multiplication scheme.

Similar to a, define field element b with respect to basis X. Then the multiplication ab may be performed as follows.

$$ab = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i x^i b = (x^1 b, x^2 b, \cdots, x^n b) A$$
$$= X^T (Z_1, \cdots, Z_n) A$$
$$= X^T Z A,$$
(5)

where  $Z_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  is the column vector corresponding to the coordinates of field element  $x^i b$  with respect to basis X, and Z is an  $n \times n$  matrix. Using the identity  $x^{n+1} = 1 = \sum_{j=1}^n x^j$ , we obtain the following explicit expression of  $Z_i$ :

$$Z_{i} = x^{i} \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{j} x^{j} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{j} x^{i+j} = \sum_{k=i+1}^{n+i} b_{k-i} x^{k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=i+1}^{n} b_{k-i} x^{k} + \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+i} b_{k-i} x^{k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=i+1}^{n} b_{k-i} x^{k} + \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} b_{k+n+1-i} x^{k}$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k=1}^{i-1} b_{k+n+1-i} x^{k} + \sum_{k=i+1}^{n} b_{k-i} x^{k}\right) + b_{n+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x^{j}.$$
(6)

From (6), we have the following decomposition of matrix  $Z = Z_1 + Z_2$ :

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_n & b_{n-1} & \cdots & b_3 & b_2 \\ b_1 & 0 & b_n & \cdots & b_4 & b_3 \\ b_2 & b_1 & 0 & \cdots & b_5 & b_4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_{n-2} & b_{n-3} & b_{n-4} & \cdots & 0 & b_n \\ b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & b_{n-3} & \cdots & b_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_n & b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & \cdots & b_2 & b_1 \\ b_n & b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & \cdots & b_2 & b_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_n & b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & \cdots & b_2 & b_1 \\ b_n & b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & \cdots & b_2 & b_1 \\ b_n & b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & \cdots & b_2 & b_1 \\ b_n & b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & \cdots & b_2 & b_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, matrix-vector product ZA may be computed via  $ZA = Z_1A + Z_2A$ . Clearly, computing  $Z_2A$  requires only n multiplications and n-1 additions over the ground field GF(2). The Toeplitz matrix-vector product  $Z_1A$  may be computed using the formulae in the previous section. The complexities of the resulting multiplication scheme are summarized in the upper half of Table II.

# B. Formulation for Type II ONB

Following the notations in Theorem 2, let  $\hat{X} = \{x^{2^0}, x^{2^1}, \dots, x^{2^{n-1}}\}$  be a Type II ONB of  $GF(2^n)$  over GF(2). In the following we will also use symbol  $\hat{X}$  to denote the column vector  $\hat{X} = (x^{2^0}, x^{2^1}, \dots, x^{2^{n-1}})^T$ . Let  $x_i = y^i + y^{-i}$   $(0 \le i \le n)$ . From [10], we can write that

$$\{x^{2^0}, x^{2^1}, \cdots, x^{2^{n-1}}\} = \{x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n\}.$$
(7)

Therefore,  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is also a basis of  $GF(2^n)$  over GF(2). Similarly, we will use symbol X to denote the column vector  $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ .

Given a field element *a* represented in the above two bases, i.e.,  $a = \hat{A}^T \hat{X} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \hat{a}_i x^{2^i}$ and  $a = A^T X = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ , where  $\hat{A} = (\hat{a}_0, \hat{a}_1, \dots, \hat{a}_{n-1})^T$  and  $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)^T$ , the coordinate transformation formula between these two bases is given as follows [10]:

$$a_{s(2^i)} = \hat{a}_i,\tag{8}$$

where  $0 \le i \le n-1$  and s(j) is defined as the unique integer such that  $0 \le s(j) \le n$  and  $j \equiv s(j) \pmod{2n+1}$  or  $j \equiv -s(j) \pmod{2n+1}$ .

From (7) and (8), we know that A is a permutation of  $\hat{A}$ . Therefore, the basis conversion operation between X and  $\hat{X}$  may be performed in VLSI without using any logic gates. Similar to the case of Type I ONB, we may compute ab via a matrix-vector product ZA using basis X. The matrix Z can be decomposed as the summation of two matrices i.e.,  $Z = Z_1 + Z_2$  [11]

[12]:

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} b_2 & b_3 & b_4 & \cdots & b_{n-1} & b_n & b_n \\ b_3 & b_4 & b_5 & \cdots & b_n & b_n & b_{n-1} \\ b_4 & b_5 & b_6 & \cdots & b_n & b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_{n-1} & b_n & b_n & \cdots & b_5 & b_4 & b_3 \\ b_n & b_n & b_{n-1} & \cdots & b_4 & b_3 & b_2 \\ b_n & b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & \cdots & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 \end{pmatrix} + \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_{n-3} & b_{n-2} & b_{n-1} \\ b_1 & 0 & b_1 & \cdots & b_{n-4} & b_{n-3} & b_{n-2} \\ b_2 & b_1 & 0 & \cdots & b_{n-5} & b_{n-4} & b_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_{n-3} & b_{n-4} & b_{n-5} & \cdots & 0 & b_1 & b_2 \\ b_{n-2} & b_{n-3} & b_{n-4} & \cdots & b_1 & 0 & b_1 \\ b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & b_{n-3} & \cdots & b_2 & b_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here,  $Z_1$  is a Hankel matrix, i.e., entries at (i, j) and (i-1, j+1) are equal. In order to compute the Hankel matrix-vector product  $Z_1A$ , we may first exchange columns  $H_i$  and  $H_{n-1-i}$  for  $0 \le i < n/2$ , and reverse the column vector  $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)^T$ . Then perform the Toeplitz matrixvector product. Therefore, two Toeplitz matrix-vector products are used to obtain the matrixvector product ZA. The complexities of the resulting multiplication scheme are summarized in the lower half of Table II.

### **IV.** CONCLUSIONS

Taking advantage of the simple conversion relationship in (3) and (7), for which no logic gates is required to perform the basis conversions, we have presented a multiplication scheme of subquadratic computational complexity using ONB. However, it is still an open problem to design subquadratic computational complexity multiplication scheme for general normal bases.

ONB	b	#AND	#XOR	Gate delay
Туре	2	$n^{\log_2 3} + n$	$5.5n^{\log_2 3} - 4n - 0.5$	$(2\log_2 n + 1)T_X + T_A$
Ι	3	$n^{\log_3 6} + n$	$\frac{24}{5}n^{\log_3 6} - 3n - \frac{4}{5}$	$(3\log_2 n + 1)T_X + T_A$
Туре	2	$2n^{\log_2 3}$	$11n^{\log_2 3} - 12n + 1$	$(2\log_2 n + 1)T_X + T_A$
II	3	$2n^{\log_3 6}$	$\frac{48}{5}n^{\log_3 6} - 10n + \frac{2}{5}$	$(3\log_2 n + 1)T_X + T_A$

Complexities of subquadratic ONB multipliers for  $n = b^i$ 

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