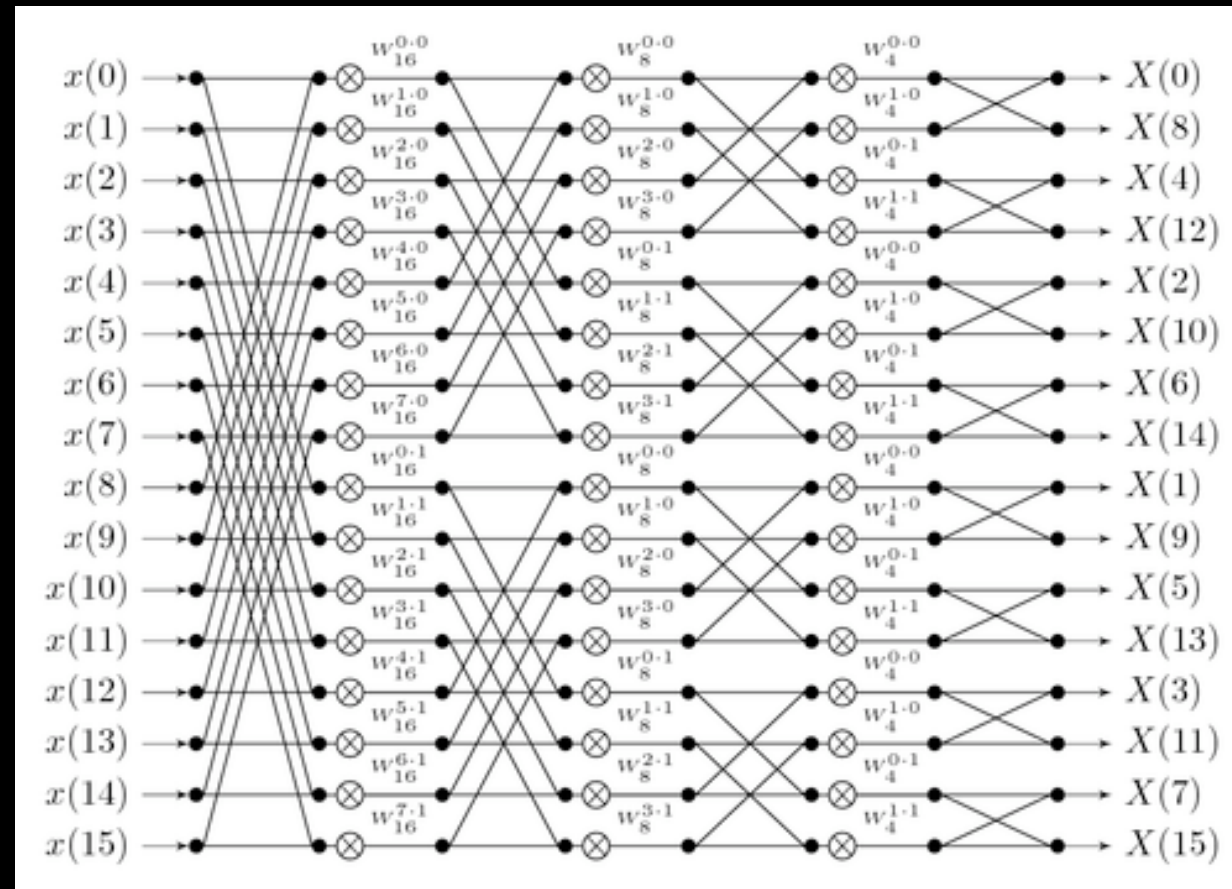


The Complexity of Multiplication in Finite Fields



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$$\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$$

$$\mathbb{F}_{p^n} / \mathbb{F}_p$$

Algorithm

Fast Algorithm

$$a(x)b(x)$$

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 + & \\
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 + & \\
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 + & \\
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$$=$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 f_1(a) \cdot g_1(b) & w_1 \\
 + & \\
 f_2(a) \cdot g_2(b) & w_2 \\
 + & \\
 f_3(a) \cdot g_3(b) & w_3 \\
 + & \\
 f_4(a) \cdot g_4(b) & w_4
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Quadratic complexity of ϕ

$$\frac{1}{2}R(\phi) \leq L(\phi) \leq R(\phi)$$



Volker Strassen
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Over an infinite field quadratic complexity is the right measure (no divisions needed).

Why rank?

Well behaved

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Asymptotic values

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$$P_{k,m} := R(\Phi_{k,m})$$

Simulation Lemma

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$$U' \times V' \xrightarrow{\phi'} W'$$

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ϕ can be simulated by ϕ'

$$R(\phi) \leq R(\phi')$$

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$$R(\Pi_n) \leq R(\Phi_{n,n})$$

$$F_n \leq P_{n,n}$$

Naive polynomial multiplication

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$$F_n \leq P_{n,n} \leq n^2$$

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n	naive
1	1
2	4
3	9
4	16
5	25
6	36
7	49
8	64
9	81
10	100



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$$P_{2,2} \leq 3$$

A. Karatsuba + Y. Ofman

$$(a_1x + a_0)(b_1x + b_0)$$

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||

$$a_0 \cdot b_0(1 - x)$$

+

$$(a_0 + a_1) \cdot (b_0 + b_1)x$$

+

$$a_1 \cdot b_1(x^2 - x)$$

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$$\Phi_{m,n} \otimes \Phi_{m',n'} \simeq \Phi_{mm',nn'}$$

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$$n \leq 2^m \implies F_n \leq 3^m$$

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n	naive	K-O
1	1	1
2	4	3
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n	naive	K-O
1	1	1
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9	81	81
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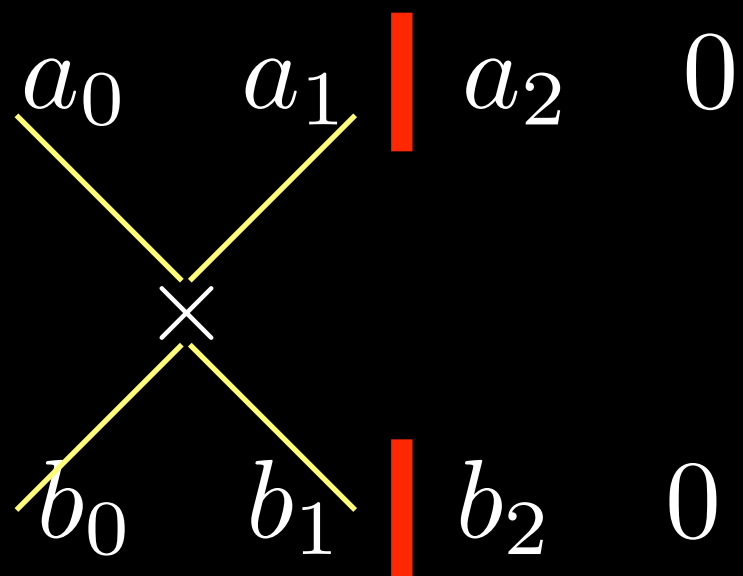
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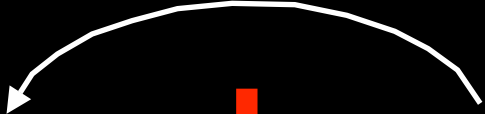
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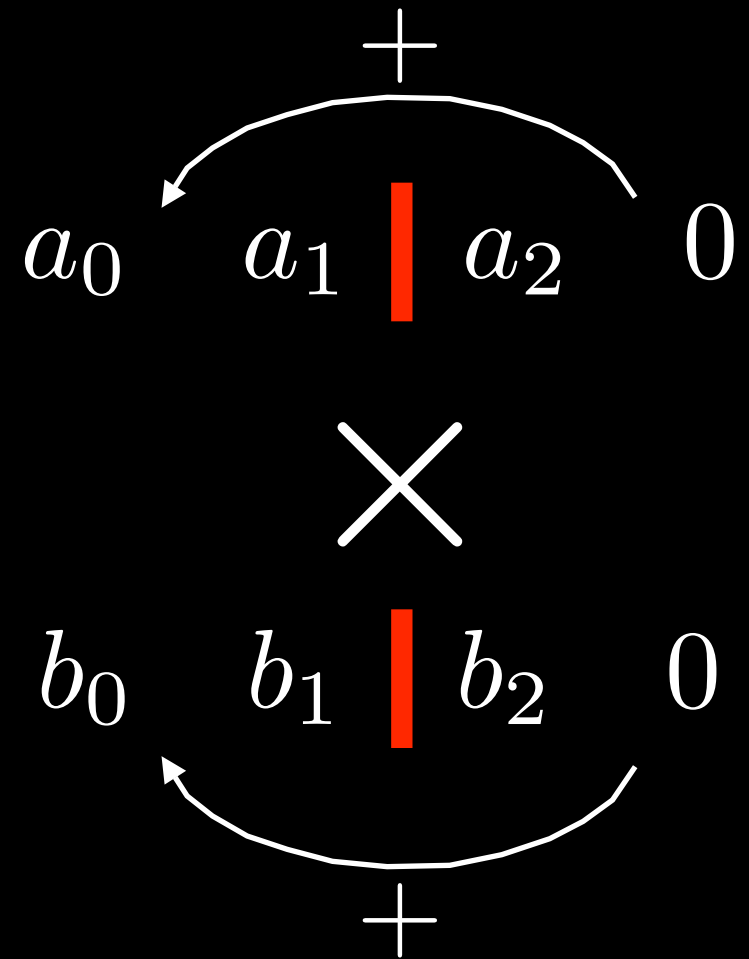
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+


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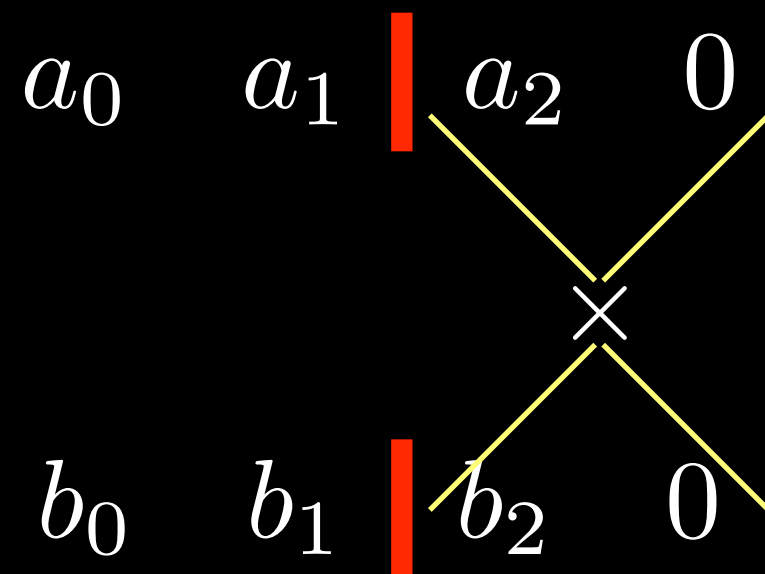
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$$3 + 3 + 1 = 7$$

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Karatsuba-Ofman = Interpolation

Fiduccia and Zalcstein, 1977

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Need $m+k-1$ evaluation points
One can be infinity

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Otherwise $a\mathbb{F}_{p^n} = 0$ for some nonzero a

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$$n = \dim \quad \dim \leq r - n + 1$$

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$$\dim \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle = n$$

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$$n \leq r - n + 1$$

Fiduccia and Zalcstein, 1977

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$$2n - 1 \leq r$$

$$F_n = 2n - 1$$

if

$$p \geq 2n - 2$$

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Wingorad, deGroote

Case closed for large fields

n	naive	K-O
1	1	1
2	4	3
3	9	7
4	16	9
5	25	19
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n	naive	K-O	LB
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$p=2$

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$$p > 2$$

$$F_n = O\left(n^{\frac{\log(p+1)}{\log(p+1) - \log(2)}}\right)$$

Small base field

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n} \quad \times \quad \mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<2n-1}$$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n}$$



$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]/(x - \alpha_1) \times \cdots \times \mathbb{F}_p[x]/(x - \alpha_{2n-1})$$

$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2n-1}$ pairwise distinct in $\mathbb{F}_p$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]/(x - \alpha_1) \times \cdots \times \mathbb{F}_p[x]/(x - \alpha_{2n-1})$$

$\parallel$

$$V_n$$

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$$=$$

$$V_n$$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n}\times\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n}\overset{\Phi_{n,n}}{\longrightarrow}\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<2n-1}$$

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$$V_n$$

$$\times$$

$$V_n$$

$$\longrightarrow$$

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$$=$$

$$V_n$$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n}\times\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n}\xrightarrow{\Phi_{n,n}}\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<2n-1}$$

$$V_n\times V_n\xrightarrow{\Phi_{1,1}\oplus\cdots\oplus\Phi_{1,1}}V_n$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n} & \times & \mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n} & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{n,n}} & \mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<2n-1} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 V_n & \times & V_n & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{1,1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \Phi_{1,1}} & V_n
 \end{array}$$

$$R(\Phi_{n,n}) \leq (2n-1)R(\Phi_{1,1}) = 2n-1$$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<2n-1}$$

Chinese remaindering

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<2n-1}$$

$$\cong$$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]/(x - \alpha_1) \times \cdots \times \mathbb{F}_p[x]/(x - \alpha_{2n-1})$$

and “respects” multiplication

Chinese remaindering

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$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]/f_1(x) \times \cdots \times \mathbb{F}_p[x]/f_m(x)$$

if pairwise co-prime and sum of degrees is $2n - 1$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]/f(x) \times \mathbb{F}_p[x]/f(x) \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_p[x]/f(x)$$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]/f(x) \times \mathbb{F}_p[x]/f(x) \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_p[x]/f(x)$$

$\cong$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<\deg(f)}$$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]/f(x) \times \mathbb{F}_p[x]/f(x) \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_p[x]/f(x)$$

$$\cong$$

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$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<\deg(f)} \times \mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<\deg(f)}$$

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 \end{array}$$

$$R(\mathbb{F}_p[x]/f(x)) \leq P_{\deg(f), \deg(f)}$$

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$$f_1=x$$

$$f_2=x-1$$

$$f_3=x-\infty$$

$$f_4=x^2+x+1$$

$$F_3 \leq 6$$

$$p = 2$$

$$P_{3,3} \leq P_{1,1} + P_{1,1} + P_{1,1} + P_{2,2} = 6$$

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$$F_3 \leq 6$$

$$p = 3$$

Similar deal

$$F_5$$

$$9 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 3 + 3$$

$$F_5 \leq 1 + 1 + 1 + 6 + 6 = 15$$

$$F_6$$

$$11 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 3$$

$$F_6 \leq 1 + 1 + 1 + 3 + 6 + 6 = 18$$

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n	naive	K-O	CHR	LB
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Montgomery, 2005

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Lempel, Seroussi, and Winograd, 1983

$$F_n = O(n \log^*(n))$$

1978



Roger Brockett



David Dobkin

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$$\#\{i \mid f_i(a) \neq 0\} \geq n$$

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C is $[r, n, \geq n]_2$ -code

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$$r \geq \min\{m \mid \exists [m, n, \geq n]_2\text{-code}\}$$

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$$N(4) = 8$$

$$N(5) = 12$$

$$N(6) = 14$$

$$N(7) = 17$$

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8	64	27	27	19
9	81	55	33	24
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Brown and Dobkin, 1980

$$p = 2 \implies F_n \geq 3.527n - o(n)$$

Baur, Bshouty and Kaminski, 1990

$$F_n \geq 3n - o(n)$$

$$F_n = O(n \log^*(n))$$

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gap



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End if ideas?

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Algorithms?

1988



Gregory and David Chudnovsky

$$\mathbb{F}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \xrightarrow{\Pi_n} \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$$

$$\mathbb{F}_{p^n} \quad \times \quad \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \quad \xrightarrow{\Pi_n} \quad \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$$

$$\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n} \quad \times \quad \mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n} \quad \xrightarrow{\Phi_{n,n}} \quad \mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<2n-1}$$

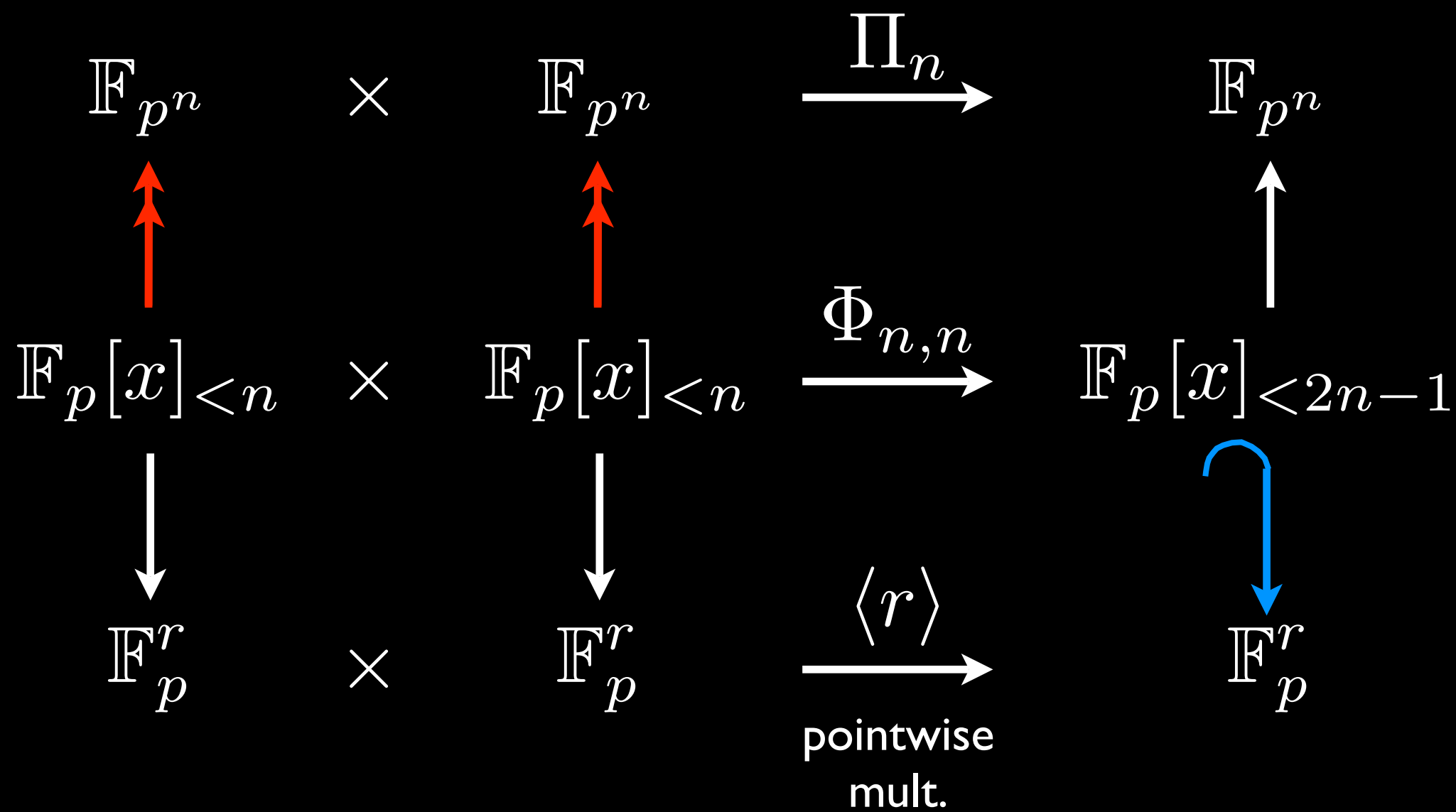
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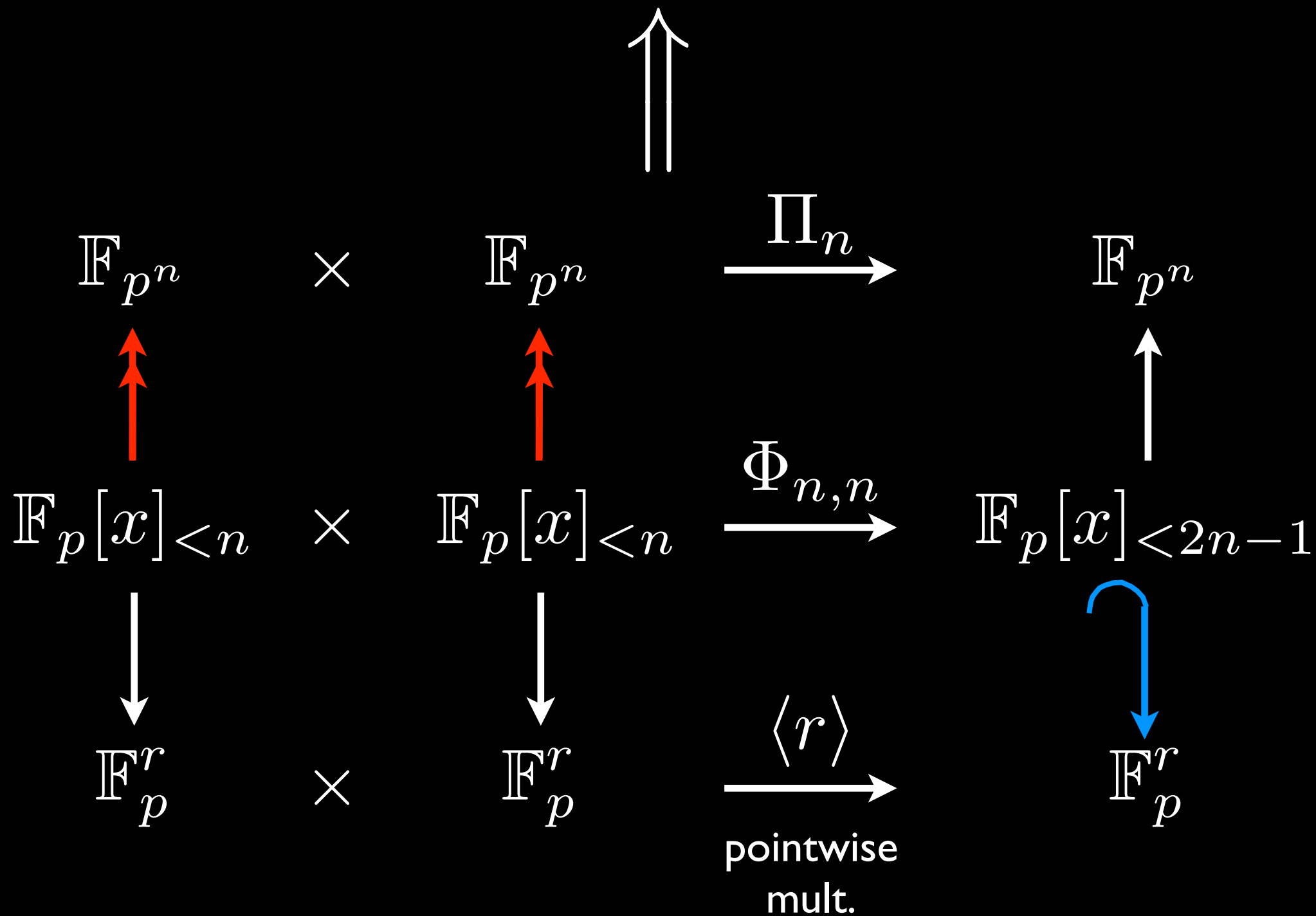
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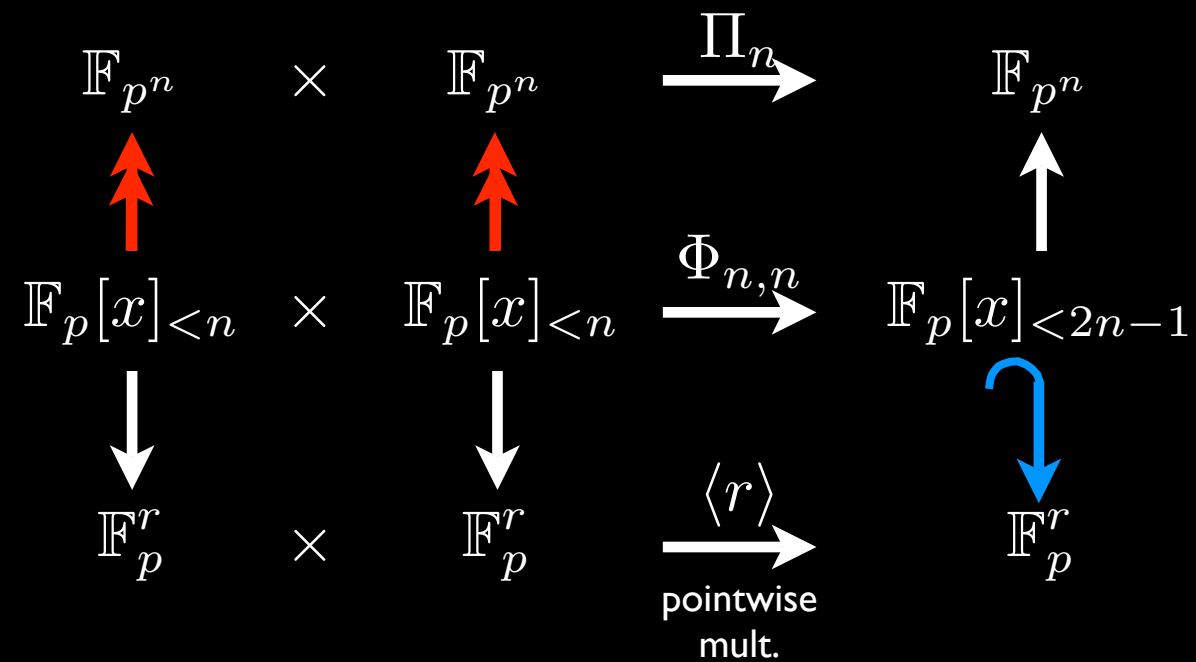


$$R(\Pi_n) \leq R(\Phi_{n,n}) \leq R(\langle r \rangle) = r$$



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$\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{<n}$ Functions with only pole at infinity
of order $< n$

Projective line

Smooth projective algebraic curve

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$$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$$

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Points $P_1, \dots, P_n$ on the curve

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$$\deg(D) \geq n + 2g \implies \mathcal{L}(D) \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$$

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$$\deg(D) \geq n + 2g \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(D) \xrightarrow{\text{red arrow}} \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$$

Curve has at least r points and $\deg(D) < \frac{r}{2}$

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$$n < \frac{r}{2} - 2g \Rightarrow \Pi_n \leq r$$

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$$n < \frac{r}{2} - 2g \Rightarrow \Pi_n \leq r$$

$$\frac{g}{r} \text{ bounded} \Rightarrow F_n = O(n)$$

Modular curves

$$F_n = O(n)$$

Extensions by

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S. - 1991-1993

Shparlinski, Tsfasman, Vladut - 1992

Ballet et al. - 1999 - 2005

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Applications to the MDS conjecture?