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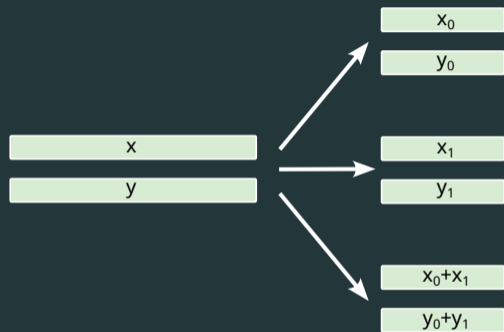
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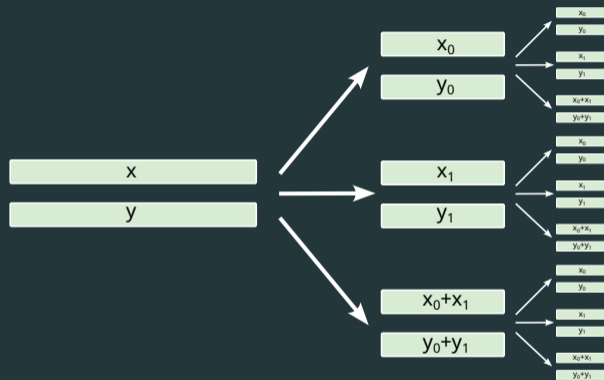
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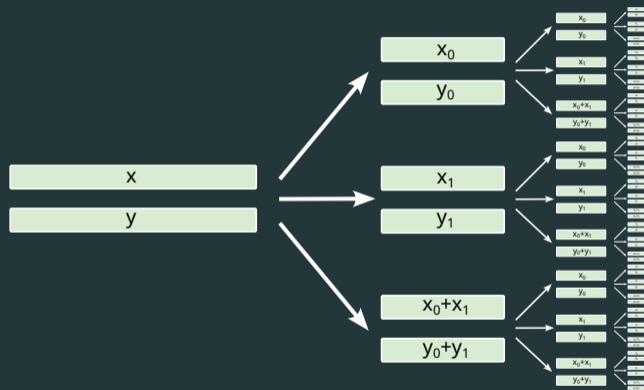
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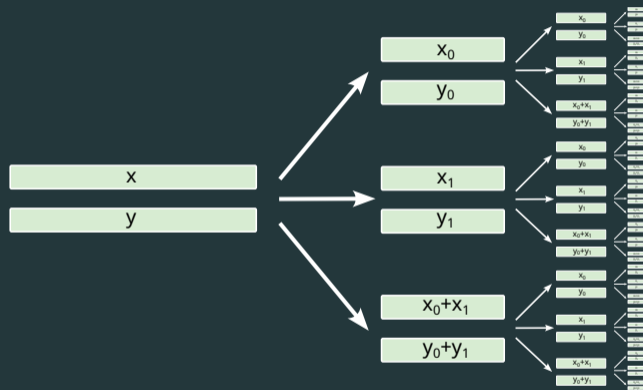
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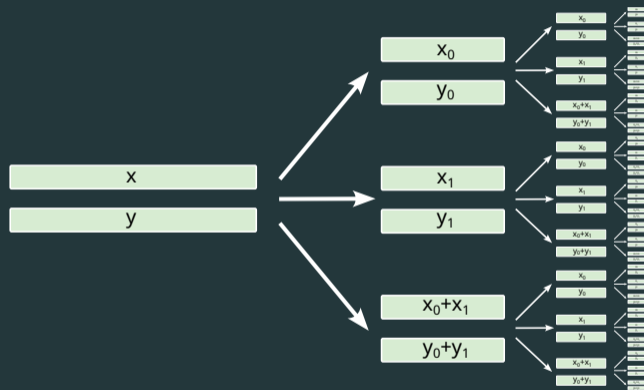


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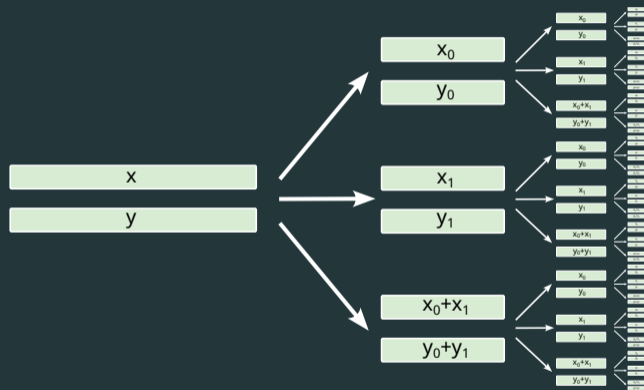


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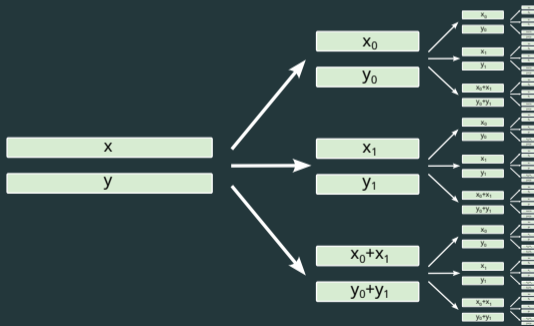
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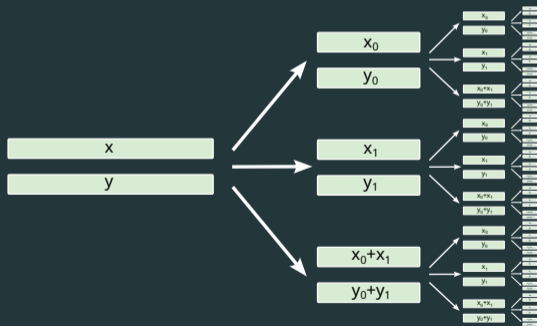
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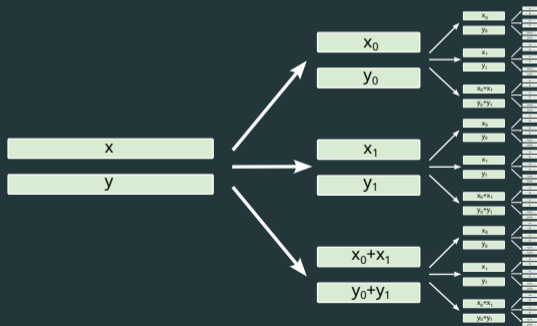
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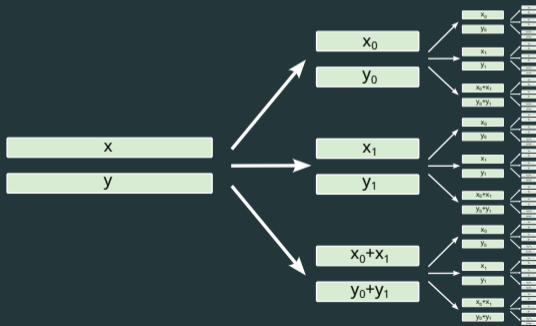
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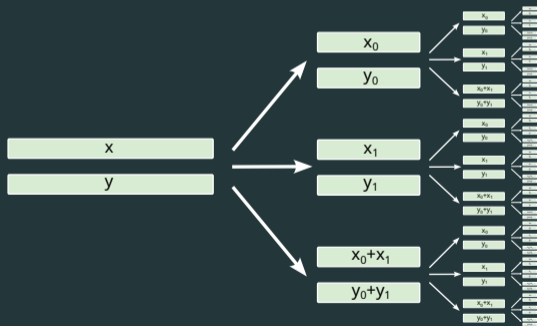
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Here:  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  controlled phase rotations (matches Schoolbook algorithm)



**Main question:** Can we combine fast multiplication with Fourier arithmetic to get the benefits of both?

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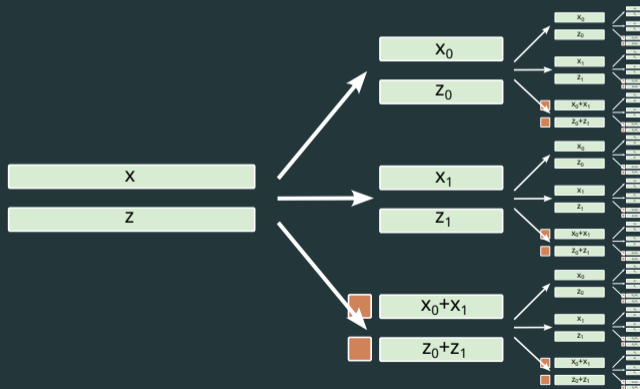
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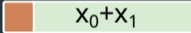
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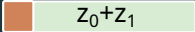


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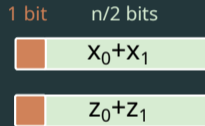
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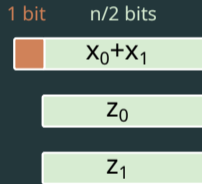
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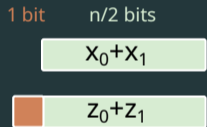
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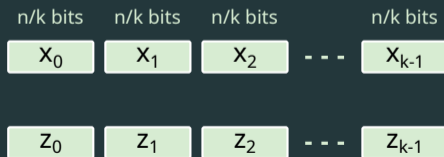
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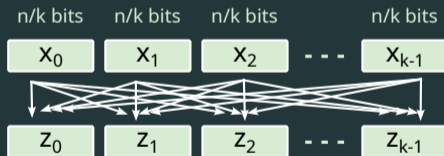
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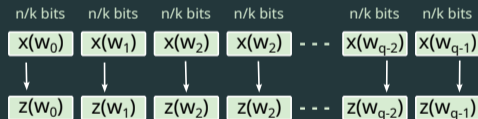
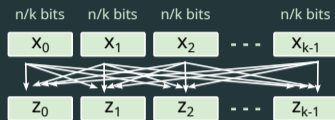
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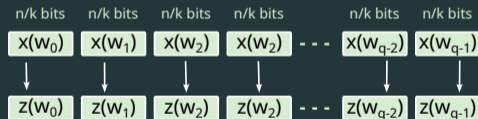
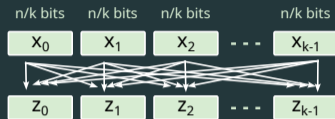
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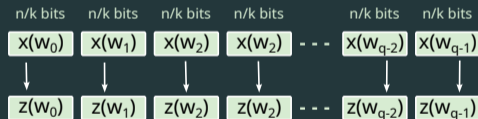
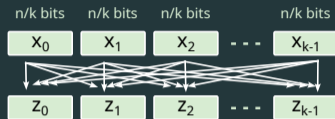
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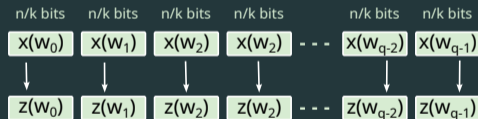
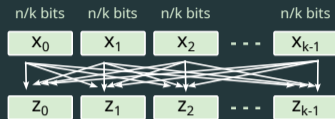


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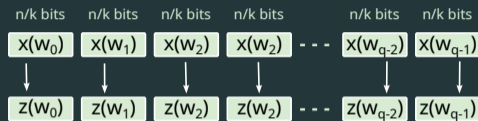
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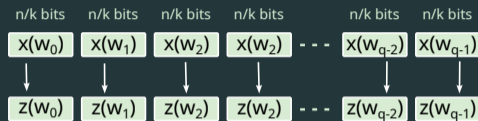
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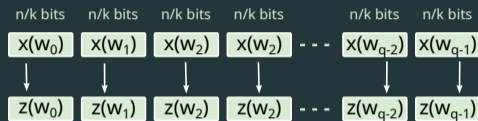
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Prev. Fourier 1 [2]	—	539	—	1025
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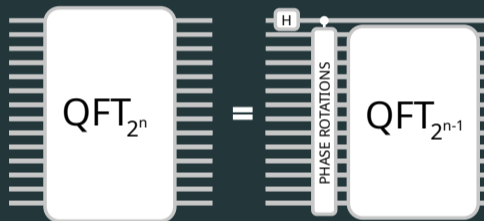
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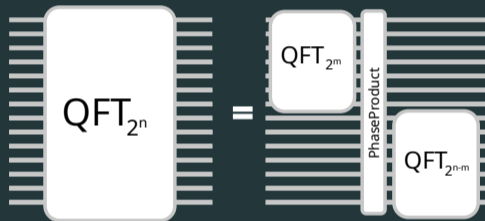


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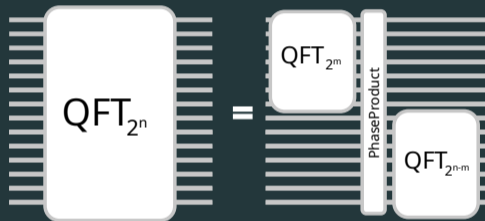


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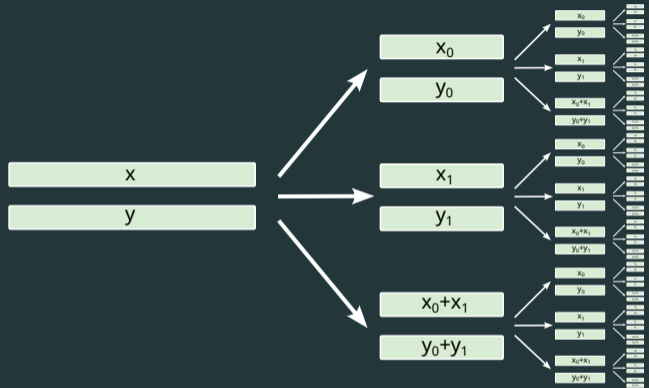
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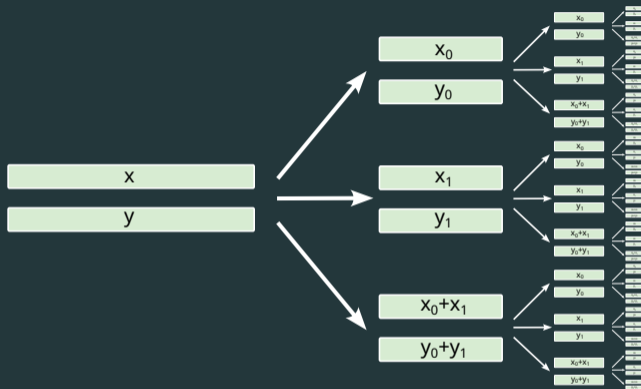
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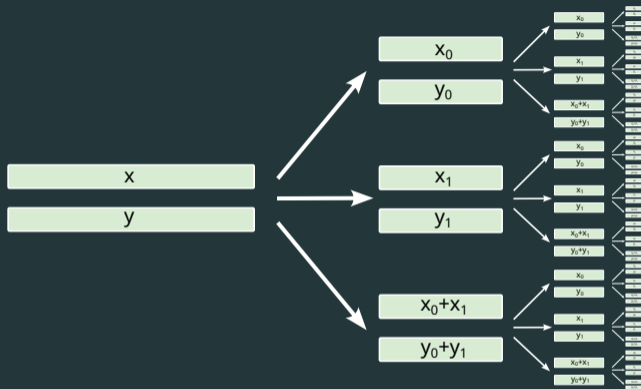
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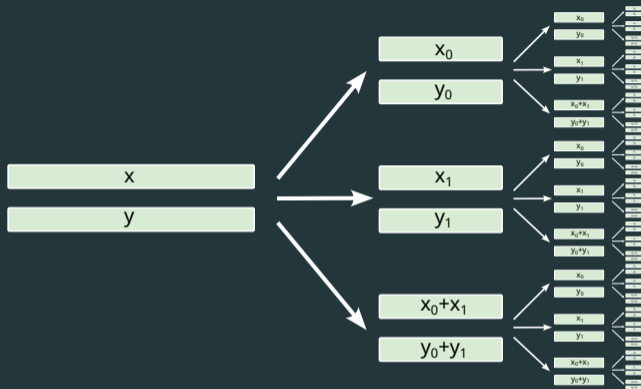


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