

# When are two polynomials numerically relatively prime?

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## EXAMPLE

(1)

$$\begin{array}{lll} a(z) = (z - \frac{1}{3}) \cdot (z - \frac{5}{3}) & \longrightarrow & z^2 - 2z + .56 \\ b(z) = z - \frac{1}{3} & \longrightarrow & z - .33 \end{array}$$

(2)

$$\begin{array}{lll} a(z) = 50 - 7z & \longrightarrow & 50 - 7z \\ b(z) = z - \frac{1}{7} & \longrightarrow & z - .14 \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{GCD}(a(z), b(z)) = ?.$$

$$\mathbf{NORMAL}(\frac{a(z)}{b(z)}) = ?$$

**Answer:** Error? convert/exact? Euclid Algorithm?

## Example: Euclids Algorithm

$$a(z) = a(z) = z^4 + z^3 + (1 + \epsilon) z^2 + \epsilon z + 1$$

$$b(z) = z^3 - z^2 + 3 z - 2$$

$$c(z) = \text{rem}(a, b) = \epsilon z^2 + (\epsilon - 4)z + 5.$$

$$d(z) = \text{rem}(b, c) = (5 - \frac{17}{\epsilon} + \frac{16}{\epsilon^2})z + (-2 + \frac{10}{\epsilon} - \frac{20}{\epsilon^2})$$

$$e(z) = \text{rem}(c, d) = \frac{\epsilon^2(-39\epsilon^2 - 32\epsilon + 137 + 14\epsilon^3)}{(5\epsilon^2 - 17\epsilon + 16)^2}$$

Hence **GCD**( $a, b$ ) = 1

**Problem:** What happens if  $\epsilon$  is small numeric?

$\epsilon$  less than tolerance - good

$\epsilon$  a little over tolerance - horrible errors

## Our Problem

Given  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}[z]$ .

When are  $a$  and  $b$  relatively prime even after “small” perturbations of their coefficients?

- Common case when computing numerical gcd.
- Want *fast* and *numerically correct* method of determining relative primeness.
- In our case numerically correct means a weakly stable algorithm.

# Outline

- Preliminaries: Exact Computation
- Numerically relatively prime.
  - Basic concepts.
  - Inverse Formula for Sylvester Matrix
  - Parameter for “relative prime” measure
  - Bounds
  - Computation: weakly stable algorithm

## **Exact Computation of GCD**

# Exact Computation

Solving problems in symbolic environments:

- **Basic coefficient domain:**

- Quotient field:  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$
- symbols are first class objects in CA environments.

- **Basic fact I:**

- Polynomial arithmetic easier than arithmetic with rational functions

$$\frac{a(x)}{b(x)} + \frac{c(x)}{d(x)} = \frac{a(x) \cdot d(x) + b(x) \cdot c(x)}{b(x) \cdot d(x)}$$

- Need to normalize out gcd's at every step if want to recognize 0 at later computations.

- **Basic fact II:**

- To work with polynomial arithmetic in integral domain (e.g. in  $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k]$ ) rather than in quotient field.

- **Method I:**

Do our arithmetic **fraction-free** but at the same time to minimize growth of intermediate computation.

## Example: Gaussian Elimination

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & \cdots & \cdots \\ d & e & f & \cdots & \cdots \\ g & h & i & \cdots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & \tilde{e} & \tilde{f} & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & \tilde{h} & \tilde{i} & \cdots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \end{bmatrix}$$

- Only using cross multiplication results in exponential growth of coefficients:  $O(2^n \cdot N^2)$  in  $n \times n$  case (since coefficients of matrix double in size at each elimination row - here  $N$  is bound for size of entries).
- Fraction-free Gaussian elimination (FFGE) : Bareiss (1968), observes a common divisor after 2 steps

$$A \approx \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & \tilde{e} & \tilde{f} & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & a(..) & \cdots & a(...) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \\ 0 & 0 & a(..) & \cdots & a(...) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Simple observation allows for linear growth of coefficient size. Cost  $\mathcal{O}(n^5 \cdot N^2)$ .

# Example: Euclidean Algorithms

$a(x), b(x) \in \mathbf{Z}[x]$  given by (Knuth)

$$\begin{aligned} a(x) &= x^8 + x^6 - 3x^4 - 3x^3 + 8x^2 + 2x - 5 \\ b(x) &= 3x^6 + 5x^4 - 4x^2 - 9x + 21 \end{aligned}$$

- Euclidean Algorithm over  $\mathbf{Q}[x]$  (monic)

$$\begin{aligned} r_1(x) &= x^4 - \frac{1}{5}x^2 + \frac{3}{5} \\ r_2(x) &= x^2 + \frac{25}{13}x - \frac{49}{13} \\ r_3(x) &= x - \frac{6150}{4663} \\ r_4(x) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Euclidean-like Algorithm over  $\mathbf{Z}[x]$  (Cross multiplication)

$$\begin{aligned} r_1(x) &= 15x^4 - 3x^2 + 9 \\ r_2(x) &= 15795x^2 + 30375x - 59535 \\ r_3(x) &= 1254542875143750x - 1654608338437500 \\ r_4(x) &= 12593338795500743100931141992187500 \end{aligned}$$

- Fraction-free Algorithm over  $\mathbf{Z}[x]$  (Removing contents)

$$\begin{aligned} r_1(x) &= 5x^4 - x^2 + 3 \\ r_2(x) &= 13x^2 + 25x - 49 \\ r_3(x) &= 4663x - 6150 \\ r_4(x) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Fraction-free Algorithm over  $\mathbf{Z}[x]$  (Subresultants)

$$\begin{aligned} r_1(x) &= 15x^4 - 3x^2 + 9 \\ r_2(x) &= 65x^2 + 125x - 245 \\ r_3(x) &= 9326x - 12300 \\ r_4(x) &= 260708 \end{aligned}$$

# Observations

- Gcd Examples:

$$R_0(x) = a(x), R_1(x) = b(x)$$

$$\alpha_i \cdot R_{i-1}(x) = Q_i(x) \cdot R_i(x) + \beta_i \cdot R_{i+1}(x)$$

Let  $r_i = \text{lcoeff } R_i(x)$  and  $\delta_i = \deg R_{i-1}(x) - \deg R_i(x)$ .

– Cross multiplication:  $\alpha_i = r_i^{\delta_i+1}, \beta_i = 1$ .

– Content removal:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i &= r_i^{\delta_i+1} \\ \beta_i &= \text{content prem}(R_{i-1}(x), R_i(x)) \end{aligned}$$

– Reduced:  $\alpha_i = r_i^{\delta_i+1}, \beta_i = \alpha_{i-1}$ .

– Subresultant:  $\alpha_i = r_i^{\delta_i+1}, \beta_1 = (-1)^{\delta_1+1}, \beta_i = -r_{i-1} \cdot \phi_i^{\delta_i}$

where  $\phi_1 = -1, \phi_i = (-r_{i-1})^{\delta_{i-1}} \cdot \phi_{i-1}^{1-\delta_{i-1}}$ .

- Computations kept in domain of coefficients
- Determines a common factor without any work!
- Some references:
  - Fraction-free Gaussian : Bareiss (1968)
  - Fraction-free GCD : Habicht (1948), Brown (1971), Collins (1967)

## Aside: GCD in Maple

- Modular method:
  - $\text{GCD}(a(x), b(x)) = 1$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_{23}[x]$
  - $\implies \text{GCD}(a(x), b(x)) = 1$  in  $\mathbf{Z}[x]$
- Hensel lifting
- Things are not always as expected in Symbolic Computation.

E.g. GCD Heuristic (Char, Geddes, Gonnet '89)

$$\begin{aligned}a(x) &= 6x^4 + 21x^3 + 35x^2 + 27x + 7 \\b(x) &= 12x^4 - 3x^3 - 17x^2 - 45x + 21\end{aligned}$$

- Evaluate at point:

$$\text{E.g. } a(100) = 621352707, \quad b(100) = 1196825521$$

- Integer  $\text{GCD} = 30607 = 3 \cdot 100^2 + 6 \cdot 100 + 7$
- Set  $c(x) = 3x^2 + 6x + 7$ .

$$* \quad c(x) \mid a(x) \text{ and } c(x) \mid b(x)$$

$$* \quad \text{Implies that } \text{GCD}(a(x), b(x)) = c(x).$$

- Often works.

## **Numeric Computation of some GCD's**

## **Preliminaries: NORMS:**

$c \in \mathbf{C}[z]$ ,  $c(z) = c_0 + \dots + c_n z^n$  set  $\vec{c} = (c_0, \dots, c_n)^T$

Norm for  $\mathbf{C}[z]$ :  $\|c\| = \|\vec{c}\|_1 = \sum_j |c_j|$

Norm for  $\mathbf{C}[z]^{r \times s}$ :

$$\|(c_{j,k})\| = \|(\|c_{j,k}\|)\|_1 = \max_k \sum_j \|c_{j,k}\|.$$

## **NOTE:**

$$\|c \cdot d\| \leq \|c\| \cdot \|d\|$$

## **DEFINITION: $\epsilon$ -prime:**

We are interested in computing:

$$\epsilon(a, b) := \inf\{||(a - a^*, b - b^*)|| : \\ (a^*, b^*) \text{ have common root,} \\ \partial a^* \leq m, \partial b^* \leq n\},$$

Thus any polynomials  $a^*, b^*$  satisfying

$$||(a - a^*, b - b^*)|| \leq \epsilon < \epsilon(a, b)$$

and the above degree restrictions are coprime.

We will then refer to  $a, b$  as being  $\epsilon$ -**prime**.

**Problem:** How to compute  $\epsilon(a, b)$ ?

**Answer:** Use linear algebra to approximate  $\epsilon(a, b)$ .

**Alternate Form for  $\epsilon(a, b)$**

$$\epsilon(a, b) = \inf_{\zeta \in \hat{\mathfrak{C}}} \left\| \left( \frac{a(\zeta)}{\|(1, \zeta^m)\|}, \frac{b(\zeta)}{\|(1, \zeta^n)\|} \right) \right\|$$

where  $\hat{\mathfrak{C}} := \mathfrak{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Infimum attained at  $\zeta^*$ , “CCR”.

**Problem:** How to get approximate to  $\epsilon(a, b)$

(which is better than previous estimates) ?

Better?

Find a  $\tau$  such that

$$\tau_{previous} \leq \tau \leq \epsilon(a, b).$$

where  $\tau$  is numerically computable.

# Sylvester Matrix

Sylvester Matrix for polynomials  $a(z)$ ,  $b(z)$   
 $\deg(a) = m$ ,  $\deg(b) = n$ :

$$S(a, b) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & b_0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_1 & a_0 & \ddots & \vdots & b_1 & b_0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ a_m & & \ddots & a_0 & b_n & & \ddots & b_0 \\ 0 & a_m & & a_1 & 0 & b_n & & b_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_m & 0 & \cdots & 0 & b_n \end{bmatrix} \in F^{(m+n) \times (m+n)}.$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_n \quad \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_m$

Well known:

- $\det(S(a, b)) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Gcd}(a, b) = 1$ .
- $\det(S(a, b)) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$  can solve  $a \cdot v + b \cdot u = 1$ .

## Lower Bound for $\epsilon(a, b)$

For any two polynomials  $a$  and  $b$  we have

$$\epsilon(a, b) \geq \frac{1}{\|S(a, b)^{-1}\|_1}.$$

*Proof:*

$$\|S(a, b)\|_1 = \|(a, b)\| \text{ where } \|B\|_1 = \max_{x \neq 0} \|Bx\|_1 / \|x\|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon(a, b) &= \inf\{\|S(a, b) - S(a^*, b^*)\|_1 : S(a^*, b^*) \text{ singular}\} \\ &\geq \min\{\|S(a, b) - B\|_1 : B \text{ singular}\} = \frac{1}{\|S(a, b)^{-1}\|_1} \end{aligned}$$

□

- **Note:** In the case of the 2-norm, we have

$$\sigma_j = \min\{\|S(a, b) - B\|_2 : \text{rank}(B) = j - 1\},$$

with  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{m+n}$  being the singular values of  $S(a, b)$ . Allows one to define the  $\epsilon$ -rank and  $\epsilon$ -GCD c.f. Corless, Gianni, Trager and Watt.

- **Problem:** SVD is expensive.
- Also would like to improve on lower bound

# Inverse of Sylvester Matrix

- $\det(S(a, b)) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$  can solve  $a \cdot v + b \cdot u = 1$
- $\det(S(a, b)) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$  can solve

$$S(a, b) \cdot [v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}, u_0, \dots, u_{m-1}]^T = [1, 0, \dots, 0]^T.$$

- Only need to know that a single column of inverse exists!
- If

$$f(z) = f_{-1}z^{-1} + \dots + f_{1-m-n}z^{1-m-n} = \frac{u(z)}{a(z)} + \mathcal{O}(z^{-m-n})_{z \rightarrow \infty}$$

then  $S(a, b)^{-1}$  is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & b_0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ v_{n-1} & \dots & v_0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_{n-1} & \dots & b_0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ u_0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & -a_0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ u_{m-1} & \dots & u_0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_{m-1} & \dots & -a_0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & f_{-1} & \dots & f_{1-m-n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & f_{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

*Proof:* Cofactor equation gives:

$$u(z)/a(z) + v(z)/b(z) = 1/[a(z) \cdot b(z)] = \mathcal{O}(z^{-m-n})_{z \rightarrow \infty}$$

and so

$$f(z) = -v(z)/b(z) + \mathcal{O}(z^{-m-n})_{z \rightarrow \infty}.$$

Then just multiply  $S(a, b)$  by above to get identity. □

## Approximating $|||S(a, b)^{-1}|||$

- From inverse formula we get

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} v \\ u \end{pmatrix} \right\| \leq ||S(a, b)^{-1}||_1 \leq \left\| \begin{pmatrix} v \\ u \end{pmatrix} \right\| + 2 \cdot ||f|| \cdot ||(a, b)||.$$

- **Problem:** how large is  $||f||$ ?

- Solve

$$a(z) \cdot \underline{v}(z) + b(z) \cdot \underline{u}(z) = z^{m+n-1}$$

i.e.  $S(a, b) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \underline{v} \\ \underline{u} \end{pmatrix} = (0, \dots, 0, 1)^T.$

- Let

$$\kappa := \left\| \begin{pmatrix} v & \underline{v} \\ u & \underline{u} \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \max \left\{ \left\| \begin{pmatrix} v \\ u \end{pmatrix} \right\|, \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \underline{v} \\ \underline{u} \end{pmatrix} \right\| \right\}.$$

**Answer:**

$$\kappa \leq ||S(a, b)^{-1}||_1 \leq \kappa + 2 \cdot ||f|| \cdot ||(a, b)||$$

$$||f|| = ||\underline{v} \cdot u - \underline{u} \cdot v|| \leq \kappa^2$$

## Improved Bounds for $\epsilon(a, b)$

- Know:

$$\min\{\epsilon(a, b), \frac{1}{\kappa}\} \geq \frac{1}{\|S(a, b)^{-1}\|_1} \geq \frac{1}{\kappa + 2 \cdot \|f\| \cdot \|(a, b)\|}$$

- Recall

$$\epsilon(a, b) = \inf_{\zeta \in \hat{\mathfrak{C}}} \left\| \left( \frac{a(\zeta)}{\|(1, \zeta^m)\|}, \frac{b(\zeta)}{\|(1, \zeta^n)\|} \right) \right\|$$

where  $\hat{\mathfrak{C}} := \mathfrak{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Infimum attained at  $\zeta^*$ , “CCR”.

- If  $y(\zeta) = (1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^{m+n-1})$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon(a, b) &= \min_{\zeta \in \hat{\mathfrak{C}}} \frac{\|y(\zeta) \cdot S(a, b)\|_1}{\|y(\zeta)\|_1} \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \min\left\{ \frac{1}{\|S(a, b)^{-1} \cdot e_1\|_1}, \frac{1}{\|S(a, b)^{-1} \cdot e_{m+n}\|_1} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- Yes! Implies that  $\epsilon(a, b) \geq 1/\kappa$ . Better bound.
- CCR in unit disk gives even better bound

$$\epsilon(a, b) \geq \frac{1}{\left\| \begin{pmatrix} v(z) \\ u(z) \end{pmatrix} \right\|} \geq \frac{1}{\|S(a, b)^{-1}\|}.$$

**Example 1:**

$$a(z) = z^m - 1, |b| = 1, \deg b = m.$$

For any  $m$ -th root of unity  $\omega$  let  $B = \min |b(\omega^j)|$ . Then

$$B \geq \epsilon(a, b) \geq \frac{1}{\|S(a, b)^{-1}\|} \geq \frac{B}{2\sqrt{m}}.$$

**Example 2:**

$$a(z) = z^m, |b| = \frac{1-2z}{3}$$

Then

$$\epsilon(a, b) = b\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{3^m}$$

$$\frac{1}{\|S(a, b)^{-1}\|} \approx \frac{1}{\|(u, v)^T\|} \approx \frac{\sqrt{\pi m}}{8^m}.$$

# Computation of $\kappa$

How to compute the cofactors?

Fast methods:  $O(m^2)$  or even  $O(m \cdot \log^2 m)$

We want a (weakly) stable numeric algorithm

## Choices:

- Euclidean Algorithm
- Padé Approximation of  $-b/a$
- Hermite-Padé Approximation
- Structured (Hankel, Toeplitz, Sylvester) linear systems

Noda and Sasaki (91)

Bini, Pan (94)

Heinig and Bojanczyk (95)

Cabay and Meleshko (91, 93)

Cabay, Jones and Labahn (96)

Beckermann (96)

# Numerical Euclidean Algorithm?

- $r_0 \leftarrow a, r_1 \leftarrow b, j \leftarrow 1$

**WHILE**  $r_j \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} q_j &\leftarrow \frac{r_{j-1}}{r_j} + \mathcal{O}(z^{-1})_{z \rightarrow \infty}, \\ r_{j+1} &\leftarrow r_{j-1} - q_j r_j, \\ j &\leftarrow j + 1. \end{aligned}$$

**OUTPUT** :  $GCD(a, b) = r_{j-1}$

- Cofactors calculated via extended Euclid algorithm.
- **EXAMPLE:** (using 2 digits precision)

$$\begin{aligned} a(z) = r_0(z) &= \frac{1}{3}z^3 + \frac{2}{3}z \longrightarrow .33z^3 + .67z \\ b(z) = r_1(z) &= \frac{1}{7}z^2 - \frac{2}{7} \longrightarrow .14z^2 + .29 \end{aligned}$$

$$r_2(z) \longleftarrow -0.1z^3 + 1.4z??$$

How to truncate? Here  $\epsilon(a, b) = \frac{3}{10}$ .

# Why Not Euclids Algorithm?

$$a(z) = 1 - z + (1 + \epsilon) z^2 - (2 + \epsilon) z^3 + z^4$$

$$b(z) = 1 - 2z + 3z^2 - 2z^3$$

$$S(a, b) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 - \epsilon & 1 & 0 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 + \epsilon & -2 - \epsilon & 1 & -2 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 + \epsilon & -2 - \epsilon & 1 & -2 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 + \epsilon & 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Euclids algorithm solves linear subsystems.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 + \epsilon & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 + \epsilon & -1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 - \epsilon & 1 + \epsilon & -2 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 - \epsilon & 0 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem:** What happens when subsystems ill-conditioned?

# Why Not Euclids Algorithm?

$$a(z) = 1 + \epsilon z + (1 + \epsilon) z^2 + z^3 + z^4$$

$$b(z) = -2 + 3z - z^2 + z^3$$

$$S(a, b) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 1 & 0 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 + \epsilon & \epsilon & 1 & -1 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 + \epsilon & \epsilon & 1 & -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 + \epsilon & 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Unimodular Reduction

- $\partial a = m > \partial b$ . Euclid's algorithm can be given as:

$$(r_{j-1}, r_j) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -q_j \end{pmatrix} = (r_j, r_{j+1}), \quad \partial q_j = \partial r_{j-1} - \partial r_j > 0.$$

- Accumulating gives:

$$(a, b) \cdot U = (\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}), \quad m > \partial \tilde{a} := k = m - \tilde{m} > \partial \tilde{b}$$

with degree bounds

$$\partial U \leq \begin{pmatrix} k-2 & k-1 \\ k-1 & k \end{pmatrix}.$$

- If  $\det U \neq 0$  then  $\langle a, b \rangle = \langle \tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \rangle$ .

*Proof:*

$U$  is invertible as a matrix polynomial: If  $U = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ u_3 & u_4 \end{pmatrix}$  then

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\deg \det(\cdot) = m} \cdot U = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{a} & \tilde{b} \\ u_3 & u_4 \end{pmatrix}}_{\deg \det(\cdot) \leq \tilde{m} + (m - \tilde{m})}.$$

Therefore  $\deg \det U \leq 0$ , and  $\det U = \det U(0) = \frac{lc(u_4) \cdot lc(\tilde{a})}{lc(a)}$ .  $\square$

- Called **unimodular reduction (UR)**.

# Why Unimodular Reduction?

- When it exists a UR  $U^{(k)}$  of order  $k$  is unique (up to normalization)
- One obtains the cofactors at last step.

$$U^{(m)} = \begin{bmatrix} v & -b \\ u & a \end{bmatrix}$$

- Can obtain inverse formulae for Trudi submatrices. This allows us to estimate condition numbers of Trudi submatrices. Estimate uses UR of order  $k$ .
- Bound for  $\epsilon(a, b)$  a function of  $\epsilon(a^{(k)}, b^{(k)})$
- Recursive compute:  $U^{(k+s)}$  from a UR of order  $s$  for  $(a^{(k)}, b^{(k)})$

$$U^{(k+s)} = U^{(k)} \cdot \bar{U}^{(s)}$$

- Numerically stable version of Euclids algorithm. Stability achieved by *jumping* over ill-conditioned subsystems.
- Can do an error analysis

# Algorithm

## Algorithm:

|               |                                                                                                                              |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Method:       | Iteratively construct unimodular reductions<br>(for $\tilde{m} = m - 1, m - 2, \dots, 1, 0$ ).                               |
| Single Step:  | New pair $(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b})$ from old with unimodular reduction<br>Method: Solve linear system from equality of coeffs. |
| Exit:         | When $\tilde{m} = 0$ or when $  \tilde{b}  $ is “small”<br>(and hence $\epsilon(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b})$ is small.)            |
| Scaling:      | $  U   = 1$ for accumulative matrix.                                                                                         |
| Num. degree:  | When $\deg \tilde{b} =: \tilde{n} = \tilde{m} - 1$ .                                                                         |
| Continuation: | Via ‘Look-ahead’, when: $ \det U(0) $ not ‘too small’<br>(note: $ \det U(0)  < 1$ because of scaling).                       |
| Complexity:   | In most cases: $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$ .                                                                                          |

What happens if two polynomials are **not** relatively prime?

**Conjecture 1 :** Last well-conditioned reduction gives the degree of the numerical gcd.

**Conjecture 2 :** Last well-conditioned reduction gives the numerical gcd.

| $k$ | $q_k$                                                                                                      | $r_k$                                                                                                                |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -1  |                                                                                                            | $z^4 + z^3 + z^2 + 1$                                                                                                |
| 0   | $z + 2$                                                                                                    | $z^3 - z^2 + 3z - 2$                                                                                                 |
| 1   | $-\frac{z^2}{4} - \frac{z}{16} - \frac{53}{64}$                                                            | $-4z + 5$                                                                                                            |
| 2   | $-\frac{256z}{137} + \frac{320}{137}$                                                                      | $\frac{137}{64}$                                                                                                     |
| 3   |                                                                                                            | 0                                                                                                                    |
| -1  |                                                                                                            | $z^4 + z^3 + (1 + \epsilon)z^2 + \epsilon z + 1$                                                                     |
| 0   | $z + 2$                                                                                                    | $z^3 - z^2 + 3z - 2$                                                                                                 |
| 1   | $\frac{4}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{z-2}{\epsilon}$                                                              | $z^2\epsilon + (\epsilon - 4)z + 5$                                                                                  |
| 2   | $-\frac{\epsilon^2}{4} + (-1/8 + \frac{z}{16})\epsilon^3$                                                  | $(\frac{16}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{17}{\epsilon})z - \frac{20}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{10}{\epsilon}$                       |
| 3   |                                                                                                            | $\frac{17\epsilon^2 z^2}{16} - \frac{11\epsilon^2 z}{4} + \frac{5\epsilon^2}{4}$                                     |
| -1  |                                                                                                            | $z^4 + z^3 + (1 + \epsilon)z^2 + \epsilon z + 1$                                                                     |
| 0   | $z + 2$                                                                                                    | $z^3 - z^2 + 3z - 2$                                                                                                 |
| 1   | $\frac{4}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{z-2}{\epsilon}$                                                              | $z^2\epsilon + (\epsilon - 4)z + 5$                                                                                  |
| 2   | $-\frac{\epsilon^2}{4} + (-1/8 + \frac{z}{16})\epsilon^3 + (-\frac{11}{1024} + \frac{17z}{256})\epsilon^4$ | $(-\frac{17}{\epsilon^2} + 5 + \frac{16}{\epsilon^2})z - \frac{20}{\epsilon^2} - 2 + \frac{10}{\epsilon}$            |
| 3   |                                                                                                            | $\frac{209\epsilon^3 z^2}{256} - \frac{99\epsilon^3 z}{1024} + \frac{137\epsilon^2}{256} - \frac{73\epsilon^3}{512}$ |

For

$$a(z) = z^4 + z^3 + (1 + \epsilon)z^2 + \epsilon z + 1$$

$$b(z) = z^3 - z^2 + 3z - 2.$$

with tolerances:

$$1: \epsilon < tol < 1,$$

$$2: \epsilon^2 < tol < \epsilon,$$

$$3: \epsilon^3 < tol < \epsilon^2$$