

Lecture 25: Conclusion

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Overview

- Administrivia
- Foundations of Symbolic Computation
- Computational Linear Algebra
- Modern Computational Algebra
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Today is the **last day** to provide us (and the school) with your evaluation and feedback on the course!

- This would really help me figuring out what worked and what didn't for the course
- And let the school know if I was a good boy this term!
- Teaching this course is also a learning experience for me :)

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$$p(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{F}[x, y, z] \quad \deg(p) = 2$$



ALL coefficients (include zero coefficients)

$$(p_{000}, p_{100}, p_{010}, p_{001}, p_{110}, p_{101}, p_{011}, p_{200}, \\ p_{020}, p_{002})$$

$$p_{ijk} = \text{coefficient of } x^i y^j z^k$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i + 1)$$

↳
2ⁿ terms
in dense
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only tell non-zero coefficients
and their corresponding monomials

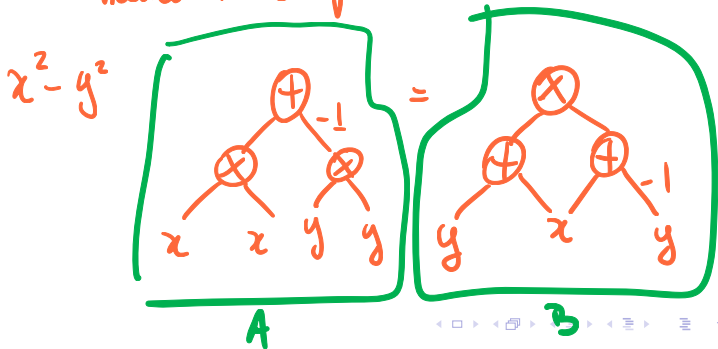


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- Some open problems:
 - ① factoring sparse (univariate or multivariate) polynomials fast
 - ② factoring multivariate polynomials computed by algebraic circuits (without restriction on degree)
 - ③ testing whether two objects from the same model compute the same object
 - Given two straight-line programs, do they compute the same polynomial?
 - ④ more generally, the more succinct the representation, the harder it should be to efficiently solve problems

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- Even more ubiquitous is the Discrete Fourier Transform!
 - Used in audio and video compression [von zur Gathen, Gerhard 2013, Chapter 13] and references
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$$af + bg = \gcd(f, g)$$

- Learned how to compute the GCD between integers and two polynomials
- Extended Euclidean Algorithm fundamental for many other problems
 - ① Compute inverses in modular computations
 - ② Solving Padé Approximation problem in power series approximations

Much simpler to compute linear recurrence sequences!

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approximate power series by rational functions

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CRT : most of the time we only need to work with small coefficients

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- It can also be used to give fastest known algorithm for univariate polynomial factoring over finite fields! **Kedlaya-Umans 2011**

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- Resultants also have nice *theoretical* properties
 - 1 Identifies the bad primes in modular algorithms
 - 2 Used as subroutine in factoring algorithms - when double roots appear
 - 3 Also used to prove upper bound in complexity of ideal membership problem!
 - 4 Many more applications!

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- In lecture 22 we devised much faster algorithms for inverting matrices with low $c(A)$ in black-box model

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- Central problems in modern commutative algebra:

- 1 Ideal membership problem
- 2 Solving System of Polynomial equations
- 3 Extending partial solutions
- 4 Implicitization Problem

Gröbner bases
Elimination Theory
Extension Theorem

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- Invariants capture many interesting properties of our algebraic and geometric objects
 - 1 Whether a matrix is singular or not
 - 2 bipartite matching
 - 3 nilpotent matrices
 - 4 graph isomorphism
 - 5 word problem over free skew fields
 - 6 linear matroid intersection
 - 7 computation of optimal transport distances
 - 8 contingency tables
 - 9 Maximum Likelihood Estimation
 - 10 Symmetries in chemistry molecules
 - 11 many more

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- Depending on how efficient we can compute the invariants, it can have striking applications in computer science and other fields!

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- Solving Differential Equations
- Symbolic Integration
- Semialgebraic Systems of Equations
- Computing Radical of Ideal
- Checking Algebraic Independence
- Computing Primary Decompositions of Ideals
- Complexity theory for algebraic computation
- Many more amazing topics in symbolic computation to explore!

$$R[\bar{x}]$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\{ p_i(\bar{x}) \geq 0 \}_{i=1}^t$$

} generalization of factoring

Polynomial Identity Testing

finding irreducible components of algebraic sets

Thank you for taking the class!

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