

# Computations Modulo Regular Chains

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# Background

A historical application of the resultant is to compute the intersection of two plane curves. Up to details, there are two steps:

- eliminate one variable by computing a resultant,
- compute a GCD modulo this resultant.

## Example (From MCA, Chapter 6)

Let  $P = (y^2 + 6)(x - 1) - y(x^2 + 1)$  and  
 $Q = (x^2 + 6)(y - 1) - x(y^2 + 1)$

- $\text{res}(P, Q, y) = 2(x^2 - x + 4)(x - 2)^2(x - 3)^2$ .
- $\text{gcd}(P, Q, x - 2 = 0) = (y - 2)(y - 3)$ .
- $\text{gcd}(P, Q, x - 3 = 0) = (y - 2)(y - 3)$ .
- $\text{gcd}(P, Q, x^2 - x + 4 = 0) = (2x - 1)y - 7 - x$ .

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- Such a regular GCD may not exist. However one can compute  $\mathcal{I}_i = \text{sat}(T_i)$  and non-zero polynomials  $G_i$  such that

$$\sqrt{\mathcal{I}} = \cap_{i=0}^e \sqrt{\mathcal{I}_i} \quad \text{and} \quad G_i \text{ regular GCD of } P, Q \text{ mod } \mathcal{I}_i$$

## Regularity test

- **Regularity test** is a fundamental operation:

$$\text{Regularize}(p, \mathcal{I}) \longmapsto (\mathcal{I}_1, \dots, \mathcal{I}_e)$$

such that:

$$\sqrt{\mathcal{I}} = \bigcap_{i=1}^e \sqrt{\mathcal{I}_i} \quad \text{and} \quad p \in \mathcal{I}_i \text{ or } p \text{ regular modulo } \mathcal{I}_i$$

- Regularity test reduces to **regular GCD computation**.

## Related work

- This notion of a regular GCD was proposed in (M. M. 2000)
- In previous work (Kalkbrener 1993) and (Rioboo & M. M. 1995), other regular GCDs modulo regular chains were introduced, but with limitations.
- In other work (Wang 2000), (Yang etc. 1995) and (Jean Della Dora, Claire Dicrescenzo, Dominique Duval 85), related techniques are used to construct triangular decompositions.
- Regular GCDs modulo regular chains generalize GCDs over towers of field extensions for which specialized algorithms are available, (van Hoeij and Monagan 2002 & 2004).

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- In most cases, our new code outperforms the other packages by several orders of magnitude.

# Regular Chain

- Let  $T \subset \mathbf{k}[x_1 < \cdots < x_n] \setminus \mathbf{k}$  be a **triangular set**, hence the polynomials of  $T$  have pairwise distinct main variables.
- $\text{mvar}(T) := \{\text{mvar}(t) \mid t \in T\}$  and  $\text{init}(t) := \text{lc}(t, \text{mvar}(t))$  for all  $t \in T$ .
- $T_v$  is the polynomial of  $T$  with main variable  $v$  and  $T_{<v} = \{t \in T \mid \text{mvar}(t) < v\}$ .

- The **saturated ideal** of  $T$  is the ideal of  $\mathbf{k}[x_1 < \cdots < x_n]$  defined by

$$\text{sat}(T) := \langle T \rangle : h^\infty,$$

where  $h$  is the product of initials in  $T$ .

- $T$  is a **regular chain** if for each  $v \in \text{mvar}(T)$  the initial of  $T_v$  is regular modulo  $\text{sat}(T_{<v})$ .

## Subresultants

- Let  $P, Q \in \mathbb{B}[y]$  with  $p = \deg(P) \geq \deg(Q) = q > 0$ .
- For  $0 \leq d < q$  let  $S_d = S_d(P, Q)$  be the  $d$ -th *subresultant* of  $P$  and  $Q$ . Let  $s_d = \text{coeff}(S_d, x^d)$ . If  $s_d = 0$  we say  $S_d$  is **defective**, otherwise we say  $S_d$  is **non-defective**.
- Let  $d = q - 1, \dots, 1$ . Assume  $S_d, S_{d-1}$  nonzero, with resp. degrees  $d$  and  $e$ . Assume  $s_d$  regular in  $\mathbb{B}$ . Then we have

$$\text{lc}(S_{d-1})^{d-e-1} S_{d-1} = s_d^{d-e-1} S_e.$$

- Moreover, there exists  $C_d \in \mathbb{B}[X]$  such that we have:

$$(-1)^{d-1} \text{lc}(S_{d-1}) s_e S_d + C_d S_{d-1} = s_d^2 S_{e-1}.$$

In addition  $S_{d-2} = S_{d-3} = \dots = S_{e+1} = 0$  also holds.

- (Yap 1993) (Ducos 1997) (El Kahoui, 2003)

## Regular GCDs (1/6)

- Let  $P, Q \in \mathbf{k}[\mathbf{x}][y]$  with  $\text{mvar}(P) = \text{mvar}(Q) = y$ .
- Define  $R = \text{res}(P, Q, y)$ .
- Let  $T \subset \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be a regular chain such that
  - $R \in \text{sat}(T)$ ,
  - $\text{init}(P)$  and  $\text{init}(Q)$  are regular modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$ .
- $\mathbb{A} = \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $\mathbb{B} = \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]/\text{sat}(T)$ .
- For  $0 \leq j \leq \text{mdeg}(Q)$ , we write  $S_j$  for the  $j$ -th subresultant of  $P, Q$  in  $\mathbb{A}[y]$ .

## Regular GCDs (2/6)

- Let  $1 \leq d \leq q$  such that  $S_j \in \text{sat}(T)$  for all  $0 \leq j < d$ .

### Lemma

*If  $\text{lc}(S_d, y)$  is regular modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$ , then  $S_d$  is non-defective over  $\mathbb{k}[\mathbf{x}]$ .*

- Consequently,  $S_d$  is the last nonzero subresultant **over  $\mathbb{B}$** , and it is also non-defective **over  $\mathbb{B}$** .
- If  $\text{lc}(S_d, x_n)$  is not regular modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$  then  $S_d$  may be defective over  $\mathbb{B}$ .

## Regular GCDs (3/6)

- Let  $1 \leq d \leq q$  such that  $S_j \in \text{sat}(T)$  for all  $0 \leq j < d$ .

### Lemma

*If  $\text{lc}(S_d, y)$  is in  $\text{sat}(T)$ , then  $S_d$  is nilpotent modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$ .*

- Up to sufficient splitting of  $\text{sat}(T)$ ,  $S_d$  will vanish on **all** the components of  $\text{sat}(T)$ .
- The above two lemmas completely characterize the last non-zero subresultant of  $P$  and  $Q$  **over  $\mathbb{B}$** .



## Regular GCDs (4/6)

### Example

- Consider  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x_1, x_2][y]$ :

$$P = x_2^2 y^2 - x_1^4 \quad \text{and} \quad Q = x_1^2 y^2 - x_2^4.$$

- We have:

$$S_1 = x_1^6 - x_2^6 \quad \text{and} \quad R = (x_1^6 - x_2^6)^2.$$

- Let  $T = \{R\}$ . Then we observe:
  - The **last subresultant** of  $P, Q$  modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$  is  $S_1$ , which is a defective one.
  - $S_1$  is **nilpotent** modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$ .
- $P$  and  $Q$  do not admit a regular GCD over  $\mathbb{Q}[x_1, x_2]/\text{sat}(T)$ .

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Recall that  $S_d$  regular GCD of  $P, Q$  modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$  means

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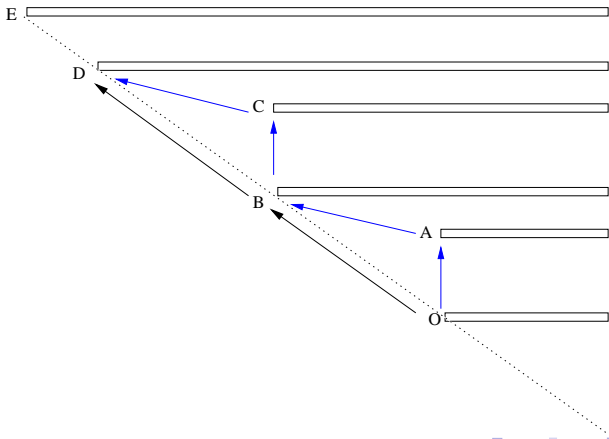
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## Regular GCDs (6/6)

- Assume that the subresultants  $S_j$  for  $1 \leq j < q$  are computed.
- Then one can compute a regular GCD of  $P, Q$  modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$  by performing a bottom-up search.



## Complexity Estimates

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- Let  $x_{n+1} := y$ . Define  $d_i := \max(\deg(P, x_i), \deg(Q, x_i))$ .  
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- If a regular GCD is expected to have degree 1 in  $y$  all computations fit in  $O(d_{n+1} B)$ .

## Regularity Test

$T$  a normalized zero-dimensional regular chain.  $Q$  a polynomial with initial regular modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$ .

$\text{RegularizeDim0}(Q, T) ::=$

- (1)  $Results := []$ ;  $v := \text{mvar}(Q)$
- (2)  $R := \text{res}(Q, T_v, v)$
- (3) **for**  $D \in \text{RegularizeDim0}(R, T_{<v})$  **do**
- (4)      $s := \text{NormalForm}(R, D)$
- (5)     **if**  $s \neq 0$  **then**
- (7)          $Results := \{\{D \cup \{T_v\} \cup T_{>v}\}\} \cup Results$
- (8)     **else for**  $(g, E) \in \text{RegularGcd}(Q, T_v, D)$  **do**
- (9)          $g := \text{NormalForm}(g, E)$
- (11)          $Results := \{\{E \cup \{g\} \cup T_{>v}\}\} \cup Results$
- (12)          $c := \text{NormalForm}(\text{quo}(T_v, g), E)$
- (13)         **if**  $\text{deg}(c, v) > 0$  **then**
- (14)              $Results := \text{RegularizeDim0}(q, E \cup c \cup T_{>v}) \cup Results$
- (15) **return**  $Results$

## Experimentation in Maple

$d_1 = d_2$	Lex-Basis	Solve	Triang.	FastTriang.
4	0.020	0.040	0.152	0.020
7	0.020	0.580	0.424	0.016
10	0.064	3.892	0.680	0.020
13	0.136	16.557	1.424	0.024
16	0.232	55.939	2.324	0.032
22	0.552	416.466	13.972	0.044
25	0.804	1116.045	22.346	0.048
28	1.124	2162.271	58.695	0.056

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11	0.908	44.407	10.049	0.124
14	6.837	246.839	25.902	0.428
17	36.581	1266.958	55.014	0.938
20	156.245	6296.301	92.662	1.740
23	627.551	21758.120	222.897	2.625

Table: Bivariate solving. 32-bit Characteristic. Highly non-equiprojectable systems

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$d_1 = d_2$	Lex-GB (Magma)	Triang (Magma)	FastTriang (Maple)
5	0.010	0.010	0.016
8	0.040	0.070	0.048
11	0.190	0.360	0.124
14	0.730	1.210	0.428
17	2.170	3.300	0.938
20	5.510	7.810	1.740
23	12.430	17.220	2.625

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2	2	3	0.032	0.004	0.010
3	4	6	0.160	0.016	0.020
4	6	9	0.404	0.024	0.060
5	8	12	>100	0.129	0.330
6	10	15	>100	0.272	1.300
7	12	18	>100	0.704	5.100
8	14	21	>100	1.276	14.530
9	16	24	>100	5.836	40.770
10	18	27	>100	9.332	107.280
11	20	30	>100	15.904	229.950
12	22	33	>100	33.146	493.490

Table: Random dense input. 3-variable case.

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Maple13:-RegularChains:-FastArithmeticTools for dense polynomials over  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  often outperforms related packages by several orders of magnitude.
- See also the poster *Balanced Dense Multiplication on Multi-cores* for the latest development in the dense case.

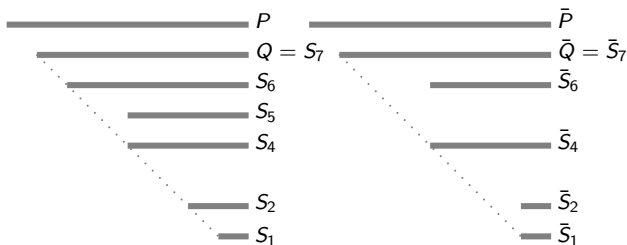
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## Example: Bivariate System Solving

- Let  $P, Q \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}[x_1, x_2]$ . Assume  $\deg(P, x_2) \geq \deg(Q, x_2) > 0$  and  $R = \text{res}(P, Q, x_2) \notin \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\gcd(\text{lc}(P, x_2), \text{lc}(Q, x_2)) = 1$ .
- Assume  $P, Q$  admits a regular GCD  $G$  modulo  $\langle R \rangle$ . Then we have

$$V(P, Q) = V(R, G).$$

- Hence  $V(P, Q)$  can be decomposed at the cost of computing  $R$  that is  $O^\sim(d_2^2 d_1)$  operations in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .
- The assumptions can be relaxed and in the worst case the running time is  $O^\sim(d_2^3 d_1)$ .



**Figure:** A possible configuration of the subresultant chain of  $P$  and  $Q$ . On the left,  $P$  and  $Q$  have five nonzero subresultants over  $\mathbf{k}[\mathbf{X}]$ , four of which are non-defective and one of which is defective. Let  $T$  be a regular chain in  $\mathbf{k}[\mathbf{X}]$  such that  $\text{lc}(P)$  and  $\text{lc}(Q)$  are regular modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$ . Further, we assume that  $\text{lc}(S_1)$  and  $\text{lc}(S_4)$  are regular modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$ , however,  $\text{lc}(S_6)$  is in  $\text{sat}(T)$ . The right hand side is a possible configuration of the subresultant chain of  $\bar{P}$  and  $\bar{Q}$ . In this case,  $S_1$  is a regular gcd of  $P$  and  $Q$  modulo  $\text{sat}(T)$ .