

# **Sparse Polynomial Interpolation**

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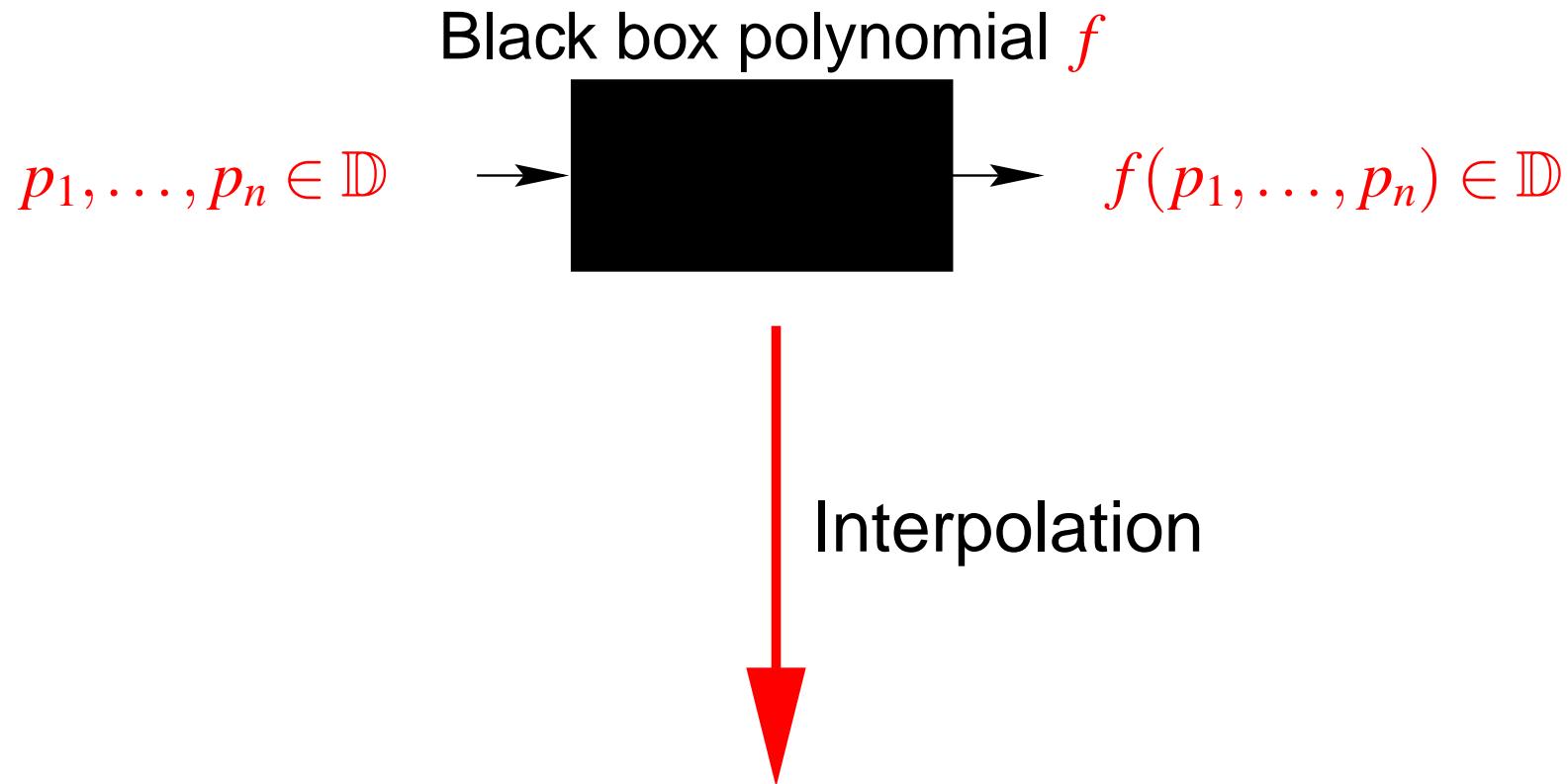
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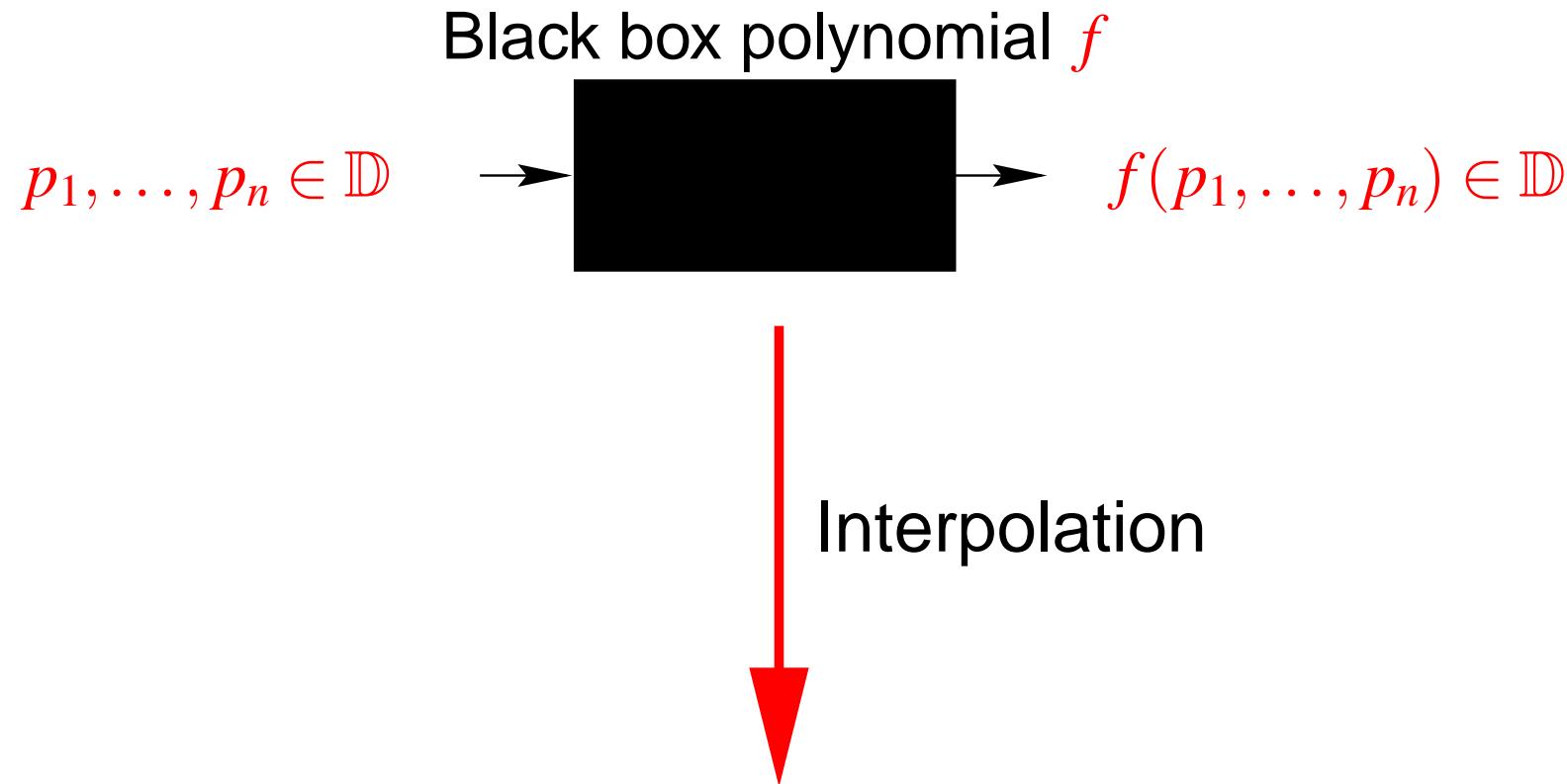
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What if  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is sparse?

When  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j x_1^{d_{j1}} \cdots x_n^{d_{jn}}$  is sparse:

e.g.  $f(x_1, x_2) = 3x_1^{1000}x_2^{150} - 17x_1^{999}x_2^{500}$

Zippel's probabilistic interpolation (1979)

**Need:**  $D_k \geq \deg_{x_k} f$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$

Ben-Or/Tiwari deterministic algorithm (1988)

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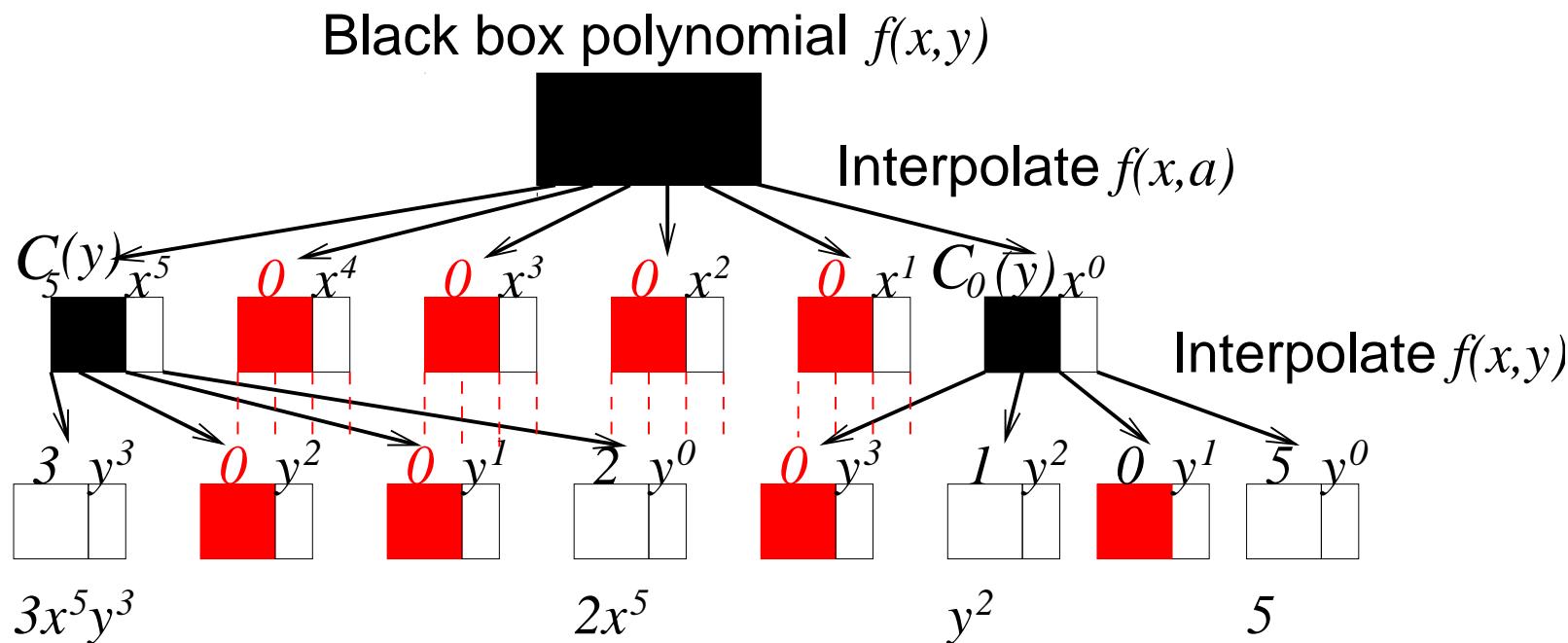
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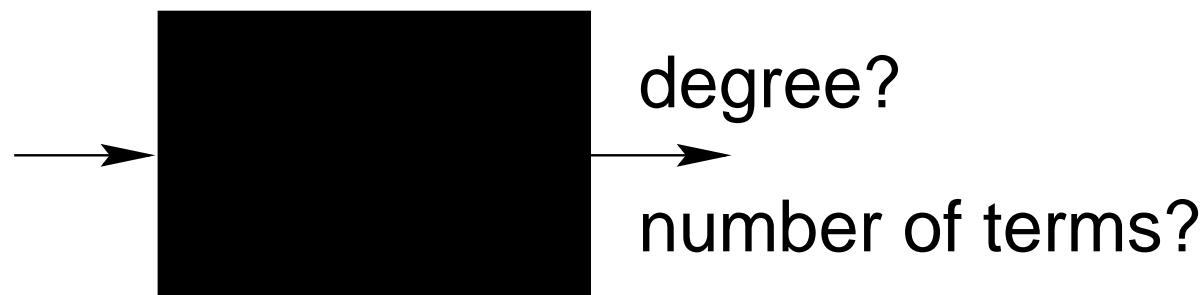
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Early termination strategy

## Early termination in Newton interpolation

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## Probability analysis

If  $f^{[i-1]} = f^{[i]} = \cdots = f^{[i+\eta]}$ , then  $f^{[i]} = f$  with probability at least

$$1 - (i+1) \left( \frac{\deg(f)}{\#(S)} \right)^\eta$$

# Early termination Ben-Or/Tiwari sparse interpolation (Kaltofen, Lee, Lobo 2000)

Interpolate:  $f = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j x_1^{d_{j1}} \cdots x_n^{d_{jn}}$

- With distinct random  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ , compute minimal linear generator  $\Lambda$  of  $f(p_1, \dots, p_n), f(p_1^2, \dots, p_n^2), \dots, f(p_1^i, \dots, p_n^i), \dots$

Berlekamp/Massey algorithm: compute “discrepancy”  $\Delta_i$ .

When  $\Delta_i = 0$  at  $i > 2L$ ,  $i = 2t + 1$  and  $\Lambda$  is determined with high probability.

- Recover terms in  $f$  by finding roots of  $\Lambda$ .
- Locate coefficients  $c_j$  in  $f$ .
- Any power basis! (Giesbrecht, Kaltofen, Lee 2003)

# Early termination sparse interpolation in non-standard bases (Kaltofen, Lee 2003)

- Pochhammer (rising factorial) basis:

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j x^{\bar{d}_j}$$

$$x^{\bar{n}} = x(x+1)\cdots(x+n-1)$$

- Chebyshev basis:

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j T_{d_j}(x)$$

$$T_0(x) = 1, \quad T_1(x) = x$$

$$n \geq 2 : \quad T_n(x) = 2xT_{n-1}(x) - T_{n-2}(x)$$

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## Sparse shifts

Consider the polynomial:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j x_1^{d_{j1}} \cdots x_n^{d_{jn}}$$

in shifted basis  $y_k = x_k + s_k$ :

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{\tau} \gamma_j \underbrace{(x_1 + s_1)}_{y_1}^{\delta_{j1}} \cdots \underbrace{(x_n + s_n)}_{y_n}^{\delta_{jn}}$$

$\tau$  depends on  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$

### Questions:

- Find a sparsest shift of  $f$  within set  $S$ :

$s = (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in S$  and  $\tau$  is minimized.

- $T$ -sparse shifts of  $f$  within set  $S$ :

$s = (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in S$  and  $\tau \leq T$ .

## Sparse shift example:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x_1, x_2) &= x_1^5x_2^2 - 6x_1^5x_2 + 9x_1^5 + 10x_1^4x_2^2 - 60x_1^4x_2 + 90x_1^4 + 40x_1^3x_2^2 \\&\quad - 240x_1^3x_2 + 360x_1^3 + 80x_1^2x_2^2 - 480x_1^2x_2 + 720x_1^2 \\&\quad + 80x_1x_2^2 - 480x_1x_2 + 720x_1 + 32x_2^2 - 192x_2 + 289\end{aligned}$$

$$= (\underbrace{x_1 + 2}_{y_1})^5 (\underbrace{x_2 - 3}_{y_2})^2 + 1$$

$(2, -3)$  is a sparsest shift of  $f(x_1, x_2)$

## Early termination Ben-Or/Tiwari sparse interpolation

$$\sum_{j=1}^t c_j x_1^{d_{1,j}} \cdots x_n^{d_{n,j}}$$

$$\downarrow \Delta_i$$

$$\Delta_{2t+1} = 0$$

Berlekamp/Massey

symbolic  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\tau} \gamma_j (x_1 + s_1)^{\delta_{1,j}} \cdots (x_n + s_n)^{\delta_{n,j}}$$

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$$\Delta_{2\tau+1} = 0$$

Leave shifts  $s_k$  as symbols:  $s_k \longrightarrow z_k$

Compute sparsest shifts  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ : solve first  $\Delta_i(z) = 0$   
for symbolic  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

Minimize:  $i = 2\tau + 1$

# Compute sparsest shifts in the standard power basis (Giesbrecht, Kaltofen, Lee 2002)

- Run the sparse interpolation with the shift as a symbol  
Perform fraction-free Berlekamp/Massey algorithm on

$$f(y_1 - z_1, \dots, y_n - z_n), \dots, f(y_1^i - z_1, \dots, y_n^i - z_n), \dots$$

The fraction-free Berlekamp/Massey algorithm:  
 $\Delta_i(z_1, \dots, z_n, y_1, \dots, y_n)$  are polynomials in  $z_1, \dots, z_n, y_1, \dots, y_n$ .

- Solve  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  in  $\boxed{\Delta_i = 0}$  for all  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ , which minimizes  $i$ .

When  $f = f(x)$ :    symbolic;    project  $y$ ;     $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

## Relevant developments in (Giesbrecht, Kaltofen, Lee 2003)

- How many sparse representations can a polynomial have?

for univariate  $f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j x^{d_j} = \sum_{j=1}^\tau \gamma_j x^{\delta_j}$

$$t + \tau > \deg(f) + 1$$

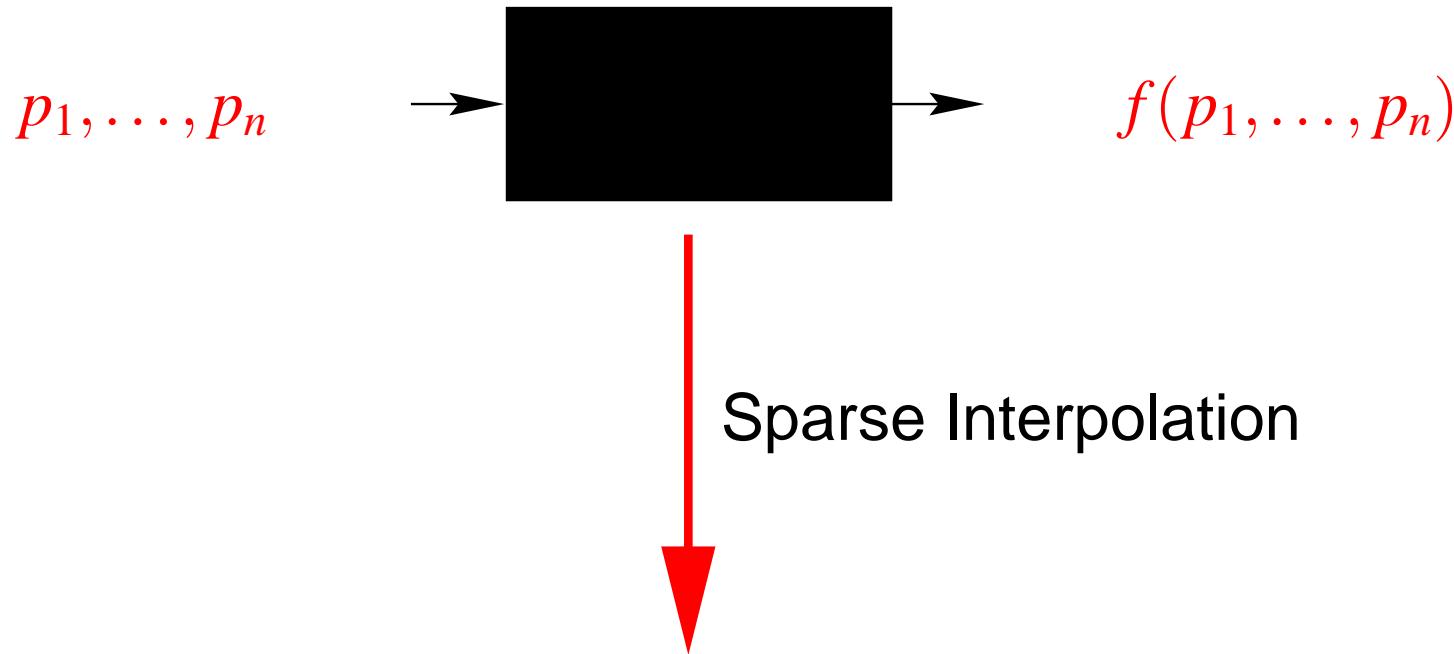
- Sparsest shifts in any power basis
- Sparsest shifts for a set of polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_m \in D[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ :  
consider  $G(x_1, \dots, x_n, z_0) = f_1 + z_0 f_2 + \dots + z_0^{m-1} f_{m-1} + z_0^{m-1} f_m$ .
- Sparse shifts in Chebyshev, Pochhammer bases

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## Sparse interpolation of a black box polynomial

Black box  $f = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j x_1^{d_{j,1}} \cdots x_n^{d_{j,n}}$



$$\tilde{f} = \sum_{j=1}^t \tilde{c}_j x_1^{d_{j,1}} \cdots x_n^{d_{j,n}}$$

Determine  $\tilde{c}_j$ :

1. exactly
2. approximately, to a fixed precision

**Example** Black box  $10x^6y^8 - 6x^{10} - 5x^8y - 4y^7$

	Exact	Approximate
Input	$\omega_x = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{31}\right)$ (31st-PRU)	$\text{evalf}(\omega_x) = 0.9795299413 + 0.2012985201I$
	$\omega_y = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{37}\right)$ (37th-PRU)	$\text{evalf}(\omega_y) = 0.9856159104 + 0.1690008203I$
Compute	$f(\omega_x^i, \omega_y^i)$	$\text{evalf}(f(\text{evalf}(\omega_x^i), \text{evalf}(\omega_y^i))), i = 0, 1, \dots, 8$
Output	$10x^6y^8$ $-6x^{10}$ $-5x^8y$ $-4y^7$	$(10.00000006 - 0.8543610430 \times 10^{-8}I)x^6y^8$ $(-6.000000235 - 0.1390185436 \times 10^{-6}I)x^{10}$ $(-4.999999825 + 0.1968676105 \times 10^{-6}I)x^8y$ $(-3.999999997 - 0.493054565410^{-7}I)y^7$

# Gaspard Clair Franois Marie Riche de Prony



*Essai expérimental et analytique sur les lois de la dilatabilité et sur celles de la force expansive de la vapeur de l'eau et de la vapeur de l'alkool, à diff'rentes températures.*

J. de l' École Polytechnique  
1:24–76, 1795.

For a function  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and  $t \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  
find  $c_j, \mu_j$  such that

$$F(x) = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j e^{\mu_j x}$$

## Methods: Prony (1795) ~ Ben-Or/Tiwari (1988)

A sum of exponential functions

$$F(x) = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j e^{\mu_j x} = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j b_j^x$$

A polynomial

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j x_1^{d_{j,1}} \cdots x_n^{d_{j,n}}$$

1. Solve  $\lambda_j, i = 0, \dots, t - 1$ :

$$\sum_{j=0}^{t-1} \lambda_j F(i+j) = -F(i+t)$$

2.  $e^{\mu_j} = b_j$  are zeros of

$$\Lambda = z^t + \lambda_{t-1} z^{t-1} + \cdots + \lambda_0$$

1. Compute<sup>†</sup> the minimal  $\Lambda$  that generates\*  $\{f(p_1^i, \dots, p_n^i)\}_{i=0}^{2t-1}$

2.  $p_1^{d_{j,1}} \cdots p_n^{d_{j,n}}$  are zeros of  
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† Berlekamp/Massey algorithm

\*  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  relatively prime

## Numerical challenges in Prony's method

III-conditioned Hankel system

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} F(0) & F(1) & \dots & F(t-1) \\ F(1) & F(2) & \dots & F(t) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ F(t-1) & F(t) & \dots & F(2t-2) \end{bmatrix}}_{H_{0,t-1}} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 \\ \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} F(t) \\ F(t+1) \\ \vdots \\ F(2t-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

Root-finding sensitive to perturbations in  $\lambda_j$

$$\Lambda = z^t + \lambda_{t-1}z^{t-1} + \dots + \lambda_0 = 0$$

Further challenge in Ben-Or/Tiwari algorithm

Recover multivariate terms in the target polynomial

## Generalized eigenvalue reformulation (Golub, Milanfar, and Varah 1999)

$$H_{0,t-1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ b_1 & \dots & b_t \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_1^{t-1} & \dots & b_t^{t-1} \end{bmatrix}}_V \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & c_t \end{bmatrix}}_D \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b_1 & \dots & b_1^{t-1} \\ 1 & b_2 & \dots & b_2^{t-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & b_t & \dots & b_t^{t-1} \end{bmatrix}}_{V^T}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} F(1) & \dots & F(t) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ F(t) & \dots & F(2t-1) \end{bmatrix}}_{H_{1,t}} = VDBV^T \text{ with } B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & b_t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V^{-1}H_{0,t-1}V^{-T} = D, \quad V^{-1}H_{1,t}V^{-T} = DB$$

$\implies H_{1,t}v = bH_{0,t-1}v$  has solutions  $b_1, \dots, b_t$  for  $b$ .

## Sparse interpolation via generalized eigenvalues

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j x^{d_j}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f(p^0) & f(p) & \dots & f(p^{t-1}) \\ f(p) & f(p^2) & \dots & f(p^t) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f(p^{t-1}) & f(p^t) & \dots & f(p^{2t-2}) \end{bmatrix}}_{H_{0,t-1}} v = z \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f(p) & f(p^{t+1}) & \dots & f(p^t) \\ f(p^2) & f(p^3) & \dots & f(p^{t+1}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f(p^t) & f(p^{t+1}) & \dots & f(p^{2t-1}) \end{bmatrix}}_{H_{1,t}} v$$

- Solutions for  $z : \tilde{b}_1, \tilde{b}_2, \dots, \tilde{b}_t$  approximate  $p^{d_1}, p^{d_2}, \dots, p^{d_t}$ .

## Multivariate case

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{j=1}^t c_j x_1^{d_{j,1}} \cdots x_n^{d_{j,n}}$$

- Variable by variable (sometimes called “peeling method.”)
- Everything at once (numerically better)

Evaluate each variable  $x_k$  at powers of  $\omega_k$

$$\omega_k^i = \exp(2\pi i / p_k) \text{ and } f(\omega_1^i, \dots, \omega_n^i)$$

$p_1, \dots, p_n$  relatively prime.

**Recall:** In the original Ben-Or/Tiwari algorithm, evaluate  $f(p_1^i, \dots, p_n^i)$  for  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  relatively prime.

## The number of terms?

- **Binary search**

Guess an upper bound  $\tau \geq t$ , double  $\tau$  if fails.

- **Early termination heuristic**

Cabay-Meleshko algorithm: a fast procedure estimates the condition number of a Hankel matrix  $H_{0,N}$  for any  $N$ .

## Approximate sparse interpolation in non-standard bases

### Simultaneous diagonalizations

The general eigenvalue reformulation can be applied to interpolation systems  $M, N$  containing:

$$F^{-1}MG^{-1} = \bar{D}, F^{-1}NG^{-1} = \bar{D}\bar{B} \text{ with } \bar{D}, \bar{B} \text{ diagonal.}$$

- Chebyshev basis
- Factorial bases

## Outline

- Black box and sparse polynomials
- Early termination strategy
- Sparse representation of polynomials
- Symbolic-numeric sparse interpolation
- Future directions

## Future directions

- Shift/transform equivalence of polynomials
- Reduce volumes of Newton polytopes via changing bases
- Simplify a system of linear PDEs
- ...