

# Parallel Algorithms for Factoring Multivariate Polynomials Represented by Black Boxes

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Our goal is to develop **faster parallelizable** algorithms to factor multivariate polynomials with coefficients in the ring of integers.

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# The sparse and the black box representation of a polynomial

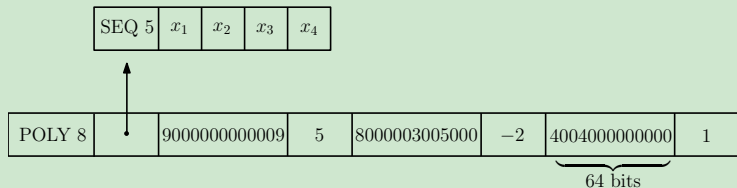
The **sparse representation** of  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  consists of a list of **coefficients**  $a_k$  and **exponents**  $(e_{k_1}, \dots, e_{k_n})$  such that

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^t a_k \cdot x_1^{e_{k_1}} \cdots x_n^{e_{k_n}}, a_k \neq 0, a_k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

It is a natural, readable and **explicit** representation.

## Example

Maple's packed monomial representation for  $f = 5x_4^9 - 2x_2^3x_3^5 + x_1^4$ .



# The sparse and the black box representation of a polynomial

The **black box representation** of  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is a **program** that accepts inputs a prime  $p$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$  and outputs  $f(\alpha) \bmod p$ .

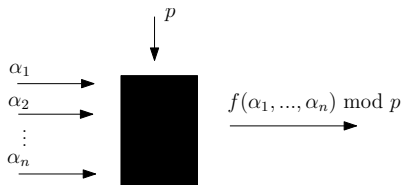


Figure: The black box representation of  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

It is one of the most **space efficient implicit** representations (Kaltofen and Trager (1990)).

Given the black box representation of  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , its sparse representation can be computed in random polynomial time via **sparse interpolation**.

## Sparse Hensel lifting

- Wang (1975), (1978): Multivariate Hensel lifting (MHL). Recovers the factors one variable at a time. Solves MDP  $\sigma_i g_{j-1} + \tau_i f_{j-1} = c_i$  for  $\sigma_i, \tau_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}]$  one variable at a time. (exponential)
- Zippel (1981), Kaltofen (1985): Sparse Hensel lifting (SHL).
- Monagan and Tuncer (2016): Solves MDP via sparse interpolation (MTSHL).
- Monagan and Tuncer (2018): Bivariate Hensel lifts to get  $\sigma_i, \tau_i$ .
- Chen and Monagan (2020): No multivariate polynomial arithmetic. No expression swell. Highly parallelizable. (CMSHL)  
Dominating cost is in polynomial evaluations  $\rightarrow$  Consider black box

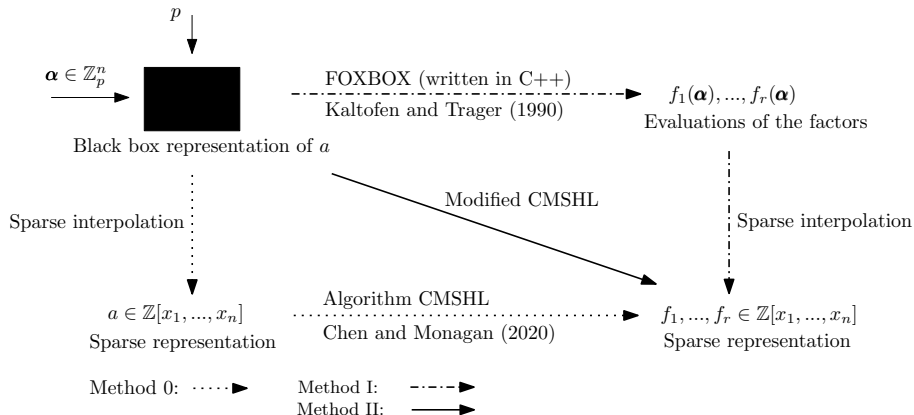
## Black box factorization

- Kaltofen and Trager (1990): Black box factorization that outputs the evaluation of the factors.
- Diaz and Kaltofen (1998): FOXBOX. Implemented in C++.

There has not been any black box factorization algorithm developed since Kaltofen and Trager (1990).

# Factoring $a \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ represented by a black box

Develop new black box factorization algorithms that **output** the factors in **sparse representation directly** via algorithm CMSHL (**highly parallelizable**).



# Example: Computing the determinant of a Toeplitz matrix

Let  $T_n$  denote an  $n \times n$  symmetric Toeplitz matrix

$$T_n = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & \cdots & x_n \\ x_2 & x_1 & x_2 & & \\ x_3 & x_2 & x_1 & & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_n & & & \cdots & x_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For example,  $\det(T_4) = (x_1^2 - x_1x_2 - x_1x_4 - x_2^2 + 2x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 - x_3^2)(x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_4 - x_2^2 - 2x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 - x_3^2)$ .

Method II:

- Since  $\#f_i \ll \# \det(T_n)$ , Method II saves space by not storing  $a = \det(T_n)$ .
- Method II is potentially more efficient than Method I since  $s \ll \#f_{\max}$  (see analysis).

$n$	$\# \det(T_n)$	$\#f_i$	$s$
7	427	30, 56	8
8	1628	167, 167	38
9	6090	294, 153	50
10	23797	931, 931	229
11	90296	1730, 849	337
12	350726	5579, 5579	1465
13	1338076	10611, 4983	2297
14	5165957	34937, 34937	9705

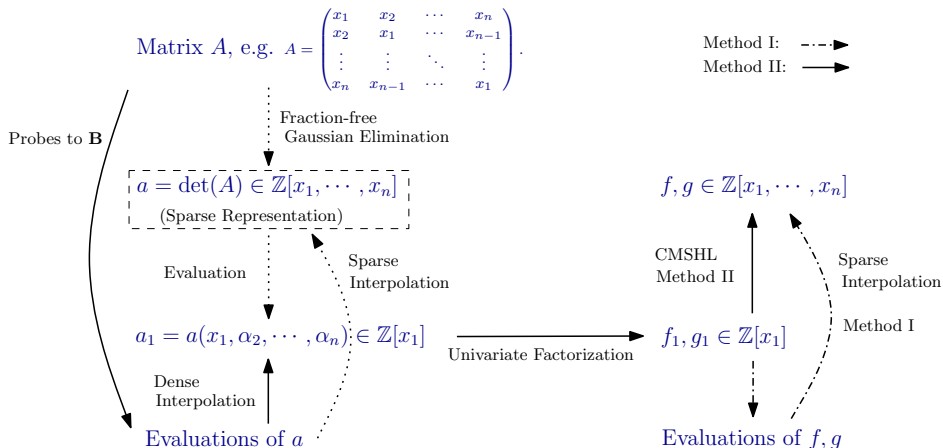
Table: Number of terms of  $\det(T_n)$  and its factors.

# Computing the factors of $a = \det(T_n) \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

Method 0: Get sparse representation of  $a$ , then use SHL.

Method I: Kaltofen and Trager (1990) (modified).

Method II: Modified CMSHL (Chen and Monagan (2020)).





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- At the final step, we obtain the true factors

$$f = x_1^2 - x_1x_2 - x_1x_4 - x_2^2 + 2x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 - x_3^2,$$
$$g = x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_4 - x_2^2 - 2x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 - x_3^2.$$

# Algorithm CMSHL: distributed: two factors (CASC 2020)

**Input:**  $p, \alpha_j \in \mathbb{Z}_p, a_j \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x_1, \dots, x_j], f_{j-1}, g_{j-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}]$ .

**Output:**  $f_j, g_j$  s.t.  $a_j = f_j g_j$  and  $f_j(x_j = \alpha_j) = f_{j-1}, g_j(x_j = \alpha_j) = g_{j-1}$  or FAIL.

- 1: Let  $f_{j-1} = x_1^{df} + \sum_{i=0}^{df-1} \sigma_i(x_2, \dots, x_{j-1})x_1^i$  with  $\sigma_i = \sum_{k=1}^{s_i} c_{ik} M_{ik}$   
 $g_{j-1} = x_1^{dg} + \sum_{i=0}^{dg-1} \tau_i(x_2, \dots, x_{j-1})x_1^i$  with  $\tau_i = \sum_{k=1}^{t_i} d_{ik} N_{ik}$ ,
- 2: Pick  $\beta = (\beta_2, \dots, \beta_{j-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{j-2}$  at random and evaluate monomials at  $\beta$ :  
 $\{S_i = \{m_{ik} = M_{ik}(\beta), 1 \leq k \leq s_i\}, 0 \leq i < df\}; \{T_i = \{n_{ik} = N_{ik}(\beta), 1 \leq k \leq t_i\}, 0 \leq i < dg\}$ .
- 3: Check if monomial evaluations are distinct. If not, **return** FAIL.
- 4: Let  $s$  be the maximum of  $s_i$  and  $t_i$ .
- 5: **for**  $k$  from 1 to  $s$  **in parallel do**
- 6:   Let  $Y_k = (x_2 = \beta_2^k, \dots, x_{j-1} = \beta_{j-1}^k)$ .
- 7:    $A_k, F_k, G_k \leftarrow a_j(x_1, Y_k, x_j), f_{j-1}(x_1, Y_k), g_{j-1}(x_1, Y_k)$ . . . . . Eval:  $\mathcal{O}(s(\#f + \#g + \#a))$
- 8:   **if**  $\gcd(F_k, G_k) \neq 1$  **then return** FAIL **end if** // unlucky evaluation
- 9:    $f_k, g_k \leftarrow \text{BivariateHensellift}(A_k, F_k, G_k, \alpha_j, p)$ . . . . . BHL:  $\mathcal{O}(s(d_1^2 d_j + d_1 d_j^2))$
- 10: **end for**
- 11: Let  $f_k = x_1^{df} + \sum_{l=1}^{\mu} \alpha_{kl} \tilde{M}_l(x_1, x_j)$  for  $1 \leq k \leq s$ , where  $\mu \leq d_1 d_j$ .
- 12: **for**  $l$  from 1 to  $\mu$  **in parallel do**
- 13:    $i \leftarrow \deg(\tilde{M}_l, x_1)$ .
- 14:   Solve the  $s_i \times s_i$  linear system for  $c_{lk}$ :  $\{\sum_{k=1}^{s_i} m_{ik}^n c_{lk} = \alpha_{nl}$  for  $1 \leq n \leq s_i\}$
- 15: **end for**
- 16: Construct  $f_j \leftarrow x_1^{df} + \sum_{l=1}^{\mu} (\sum_{k=1}^{s_i} c_{lk} M_{ik}(x_2, \dots, x_{j-1})) \tilde{M}_l(x_1, x_j)$ .
- 17: Similarly, construct  $g_j$ . . . . . VSolve:  $\mathcal{O}(sd_j(\#f + \#g))$
- 18: **if**  $a_j = f_j g_j$  **then return**  $(f_j, g_j)$  **else return** FAIL **end if**

# Algorithm CMSHL: distributed: two factors (CASC 2020)

## Theorem (Chen and Monagan (2020))

Let  $p$  be a large prime,  $d = \deg(a)$ ,  $d_1 = \deg(a, x_1)$ ,  $d_j = \deg(a, x_j)$  and  $s_j$  be the number  $s$  defined in line 4 of Algorithm CMSHL and  $T_{fg_{j-1}} = \max(\#f_{j-1}, \#g_{j-1})$ . With a failure probability less than

$$\frac{d s_j (T_{fg_{j-1}} + d s_j) + 2d^2 T_{fg_{j-1}}}{p - d + 1},$$

the number of arithmetic operations in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  for the  $j^{\text{th}}$  Hensel lifting step via Algorithm CMSHL in the worst case is

$$\mathcal{O}(d_j s_j \underbrace{(\#f_{j-1} + \#g_{j-1})}_{\text{VSolve}} + \underbrace{(d_1^2 + d_1 d_j)}_{\text{BHL}} + \underbrace{s_j \#a_j}_{\text{Eval}}).$$

Usually  $\#f_j \ll \#a_j$ ,  $\#g_j \ll \#a_j$  and Eval dominates the cost of CMSHL.

# Algorithm CMSHL: black box: multi-factors

- 1: Let  $f_{\rho,j-1} = x_1^{\text{df}_\rho} + \sum_{i=0}^{\text{df}_\rho-1} \sigma_{\rho,i}(x_2, \dots, x_{j-1})x_1^i$  for  $1 \leq \rho \leq r$ , where  $\sigma_{\rho,i} = \sum_{k=1}^{s_{\rho,i}} c_{\rho,ik} M_{\rho,ik}$  and  $M_{\rho,ik}$  are the monomials in  $\sigma_{\rho,i}$ .
- 2: Pick  $\beta = (\beta_2, \dots, \beta_{j-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{j-2}$  at random.
- 3:  $\{S_\rho = \{S_{\rho,i} = \{m_{\rho,ik} = M_{\rho,ik}(\beta), 1 \leq k \leq s_{\rho,i}\}, 0 \leq i \leq \text{df}_\rho - 1\}, 1 \leq \rho \leq r\}$ .
- 4: **if** any  $|S_{\rho,i}| \neq s_{\rho,i}$  **then return FAIL end if**
- 5: Let  $s$  be the maximum of  $s_{\rho,i}$ .
- 6: **for**  $k$  from 1 to  $s$  **do**
- 7:   Let  $Y_k = (x_2 = \beta_2^k, \dots, x_{j-1} = \beta_{j-1}^k)$ .
- 8:    $A_k \leftarrow a_j(x_1, Y_k, x_j)$ . // via probes to **B** and dense interpolation ...  $\mathcal{O}(sd_1 d_j \cdot C(\text{probe B}))$
- 9:    $F_{1,k}, \dots, F_{r,k} \leftarrow f_{1,j-1}(x_1, Y_k), \dots, f_{r,j-1}(x_1, Y_k)$ . ...  $\mathcal{O}(s(\#f_1 + \dots + \#f_r))$
- 10:   **if**  $\text{gcd}(F_{\rho,k}, F_{\phi,k}) \neq 1$  for any  $\rho \neq \phi$  ( $1 \leq \rho, \phi \leq r$ ) **then return FAIL end if**
- 11:    $f_{1,k}, \dots, f_{r,k} \leftarrow \text{BivariateHenselLift}(A_k, F_{1,k}, \dots, F_{r,k}, \alpha_j, p)$ . ...  $\mathcal{O}(d_1 d_j^2 + d_1^2 d_j)$
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- 13: Let  $f_{\rho,k} = x_1^{\text{df}_\rho} + \sum_{l=1}^{\mu_\rho} \alpha_{\rho,kl} \tilde{M}_{\rho,l}(x_1, x_j)$  for  $1 \leq k \leq s$  where  $\mu_\rho \leq d_1 d_j$ , for  $1 \leq \rho \leq r$ .
- 14: **for**  $\rho$  from 1 to  $r$  **do**
- 15:   **for**  $l$  from 1 to  $\mu_\rho$  **do**
- 16:      $i \leftarrow \text{deg}(\tilde{M}_{\rho,l}, x_1)$ . Solve the  $s_{\rho,i} \times s_{\rho,i}$  linear system for  $c_{\rho,ik}$ :  

$$\left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{s_{\rho,i}} m_{\rho,ik}^n c_{\rho,ik} = \alpha_{\rho,nl} \text{ for } 1 \leq n \leq s_{\rho,i} \right\}$$
- 17:   **end for** ...  $\mathcal{O}(sd_j(\#f_1 + \dots + \#f_r))$
- 18:   Construct  $f_{\rho,j} \leftarrow x_1^{\text{df}_\rho} + \sum_{l=1}^{\mu_\rho} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{s_{\rho,i}} c_{\rho,ik} M_{\rho,ik}(x_2, \dots, x_{j-1}) \right) \tilde{M}_{\rho,l}(x_1, x_j)$ .
- 19: **end for**
- 20: **if**  $a_j = \prod_{\rho=1}^r f_{\rho,j}$  **then return**  $f_{1,j} \dots, f_{r,j}$  **else return FAIL end if**



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- Preliminary estimates show that Method II requires a lot fewer probes to the black box than Method I since  $s \ll \#f_{\max}$  (Chen and Monagan (2020)).  
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- Method I:  
 $O(nd_1 d_{\max} \#f_{\max})$  probes **B** using sparse interpolation (Zippel (1990)), plus  $O(nd_{\max} \#f_{\max})$  times the cost of univariate polynomial factorization.
- Method II:  
 $O(nd_1 d_{\max} s)$  probes to the black box **B**.  
Total cost:  
 $O((n-2)(sd_{\max}(\sum_{i=1}^r \#f_i + d_1^2 + d_1 d_{\max}) + sd_1 d_{\max} C(\text{probe B})))$ .

# A Hybrid Maple + C Implementation of Method II

$n$	10	11	12	13	14
total time	9.817	23.268	111.592	321.486	2836.336
total probes	109139	267465	894358	2180399	6981462
Maple Det	0.566	5.095	359.249	3127.827	N/A
Maple factor	1.687	3.836	50.143	364.842	N/A
Maple total	2.253	8.931	409.392	3492.669	-
Hensel Lift $x_n$ total	2.069	3.446	26.936	61.186	867.773
s (Hensel lift $x_n$ )	522	814	3174	5223	19960
BB (C)	0.475	0.843	4.403	8.381	43.931
BB+Interp	1.103	1.671	8.542	16.214	83.621
Eval $f, g$ (Maple)	0.109	0.327	7.229	19.165	416.548
BHL (Maple)	0.4331	0.750	3.107	5.522	27.707
table (Maple)	0.163	0.459	4.556	13.772	224.573
VSolve (C)	0.239	0.170	3.209	5.973	112.495

Table: Timings for computing  $\det(T_n)$  using CMSHL black box algorithm.








# Future Work

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Thank you for attending!

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