

TODAY

- ① Deterministic Factorization over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$
- ② Factorization of Bivariate Polynomials.

Deterministic Factorization:

Key idea: to factor  $f = f_1 \cdot f_2$   $\deg d$ . ↖ ↗ irred.

- $\exists$  non-trivial poly  $g$  s.t.

$$g(x)^p - g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{f}$$

- $g(x)^p - g(x) = \prod_{\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p} (g(x) - \alpha)$

helps factor  $f$

- Can find such  $g$  efficiently by linear algebra.

# I. Existence of $g$ .

Defn:  $g$  non-trivial if  $0 < \deg g < \deg f$ .

①  $\exists$  trivial  $g$

e.g.  $g(x) = \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p$

② Suffices to have

$$g(x)^p - g(x) = 0 \pmod{f_1}$$

$$g(x)^p - g(x) = 0 \pmod{f_2}$$

③ Now we

$$g(x) = \alpha \pmod{f_1}$$

$$g(x) = \beta \pmod{f_2}$$

} exists by CRT

$$g \notin \mathbb{F}_2$$

since  $g^p = g$  only for  $g = \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p$

$\deg g < \deg f$  (else use  $g \pmod{f}$ )

### III. Finding $g$

- Idea: Should be easy since set of all (trivial + non-trivial) solutions form  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -vector space.

$g, h$  satisfy

$$g^p - g = 0 \pmod{f}$$

$$h^p - h = 0 \pmod{f}$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$(g+h)^p - (g+h) = 0 \pmod{f}$$

- Can we find the constraints explicitly over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ?

- Representations of  $\mathbb{F}_q = \mathbb{F}_p[t]$ ?

- Represent by  $t$  linearly independent el's  
 $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_t \in \mathbb{F}_q$

- Along with multiplication identities

$$\alpha_i \cdot \alpha_j = \sum \gamma_{ijk} \alpha_k \quad \gamma_{ijk} \in \mathbb{F}_p$$

- $g = ?$

$$g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{2d-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^t c_{ij} \alpha_j \right) X^i$$

$$c_{ij} \in \mathbb{F}_p$$

- $g^p = ?$

$$g(x)^p = \sum_{i=0}^{2d-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^t c_{ij} \alpha_j^p \right) X^{ip}$$

- Reducing  $X^{ip} \pmod{f}$  &  $\alpha_j^p \rightarrow \sum \gamma_{ijk} \alpha_k$

are linear maps... Can be computed explicitly.

• Coefficient of  $x^e$  in  $g^p - g \pmod{f}$

is linear function of  $C_{ij}$

can be computed efficiently;

(helps to precompute;

$$\alpha_i^p = \sum_j \delta_{ij} \alpha_j \quad \delta_{ij} \in \mathbb{F}_p$$

$$X^e = \sum_{i=0}^{2d-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{2d-1} \beta_{ij} f_j \right) X^i \quad \beta_{ij} \in \mathbb{F}_q$$

where  $f = \sum f_j x^j$ )

• Thus  $g$  can be solved by

solving linear system over  $\mathbb{F}_p$

## II. Find Factorization Algorithm

Step 1: Find non-trivial  $g$  s.t.

$$g^p - g = 0 \pmod{f}$$

Step 2: for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p$

if  $\gcd(f, g - \alpha) = \text{non-trivial}$

report  $(\gcd, \frac{f}{\gcd})$ ;

—————  $\phi$  —————

Claim:  $f \mid g^p - g \Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p$

s.t.  $\gcd(f, g - \alpha)$  is non-trivial

Proof: obvious

# Upcoming Lectures

- Factoring Bivariate Polynomials
- Factoring Rational Polynomials



## Common Theme

Input: Polynomial  $f \in R[x]$

( $R = \mathbb{F}[y]$  or  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ )

Plan: • Find ideal  $I \in R$

• Perturb  $f$

• Factor  $f \pmod{I}$  [hopefully easy]

• Hensel Lifting

Factor  $f \pmod{I^t}$  for large  $t$

• "dump" to actual factorization.

## Details:

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \text{ The Ideal: } \quad I &= (y) \quad \text{if } R = \mathbb{F}[y] \\ &= (p) \quad \text{if } R = \mathbb{Z} \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \text{prime} \end{aligned}$$

Good News: In both cases easy  
to factor in  $R[x]/I$

Aside:  $R/I$  the "quotient" ring:

Always well defined;

- Elements of  $R/I = a + I, a \in R$

- Sum/Product as natural

$$(a+I) + (b+I) = (a+b) + I$$

$$(a+I) \cdot (b+I) = ab + I$$

↑

This is what we used to  
create extension fields

"closed under  
 $R$  mult"



## Last Step : The Jump?

• What does it do? Why?

- To understand we need to understand what could happen at first step.

- Suppose  $f = f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3 \cdots f_n$  in  $R[x]$

① - Can  $f$  have fewer factors in  $R[x]/I$ ?

② - Can  $f$  have more factors in  $R[x]/I$ ?

Answers : YES ① & YES ②

YES ①  $\Rightarrow$  Some  $f_i \pmod{I}$  may become constants.

$$\left( \text{e.g. } f_i = \alpha + p \cdot g(x) \right. \\ \left. \alpha + y \cdot g(x) \right)$$

But a rare event .... will have to prove; prevent by perturbing.

$$f \in \mathbb{F}_p[x, y]$$

YES }  $\Rightarrow$  e.g.  $f(x, y) = x^p - x + y \cdot g(x, y)$

(2)  $\uparrow$   
random.

$f$  is probably irreducible  
but factors completely (mod  $y$ ).

• Hensel Lifting?

$$f = f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot \dots \cdot f_p \pmod{I}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$f = f'_1 \cdot f'_2 \cdot \dots \cdot f'_p \pmod{I^t}$$

Will lift whenever conditions are good.

• So need to use  $f'_i$  to find  
some non-trivial irreducible factor  
of  $f$ .

• Modulo some math  
 $\Rightarrow$  linear algebra in  $\mathbb{F}[x, y]$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  lattice reduction in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

## Some Math

• Why should  $f_i$  give info on factors of  $f$ ?

- suppose  $f = g_1 \cdot g_2 \cdot g_3 \cdots g_e$

-  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  are (if we're lucky)

factorizations of  $g_1, \dots, g_e \pmod{I}$ .

- so  $f_i$  comes from one of the  $g_i$ 's

say  $g_1$

• What do we know about  $g_1$

- factor of  $f$

- has  $f_i$  as factor modulo  $I^t$

- has degree  $< \deg(f)$

- coefficients of  $g_1$  small if coeff. of  $f$  are small.

PROBLEM: Given  $h \in \mathbb{F}[x, y]$  of deg  $D$

find  $g \in \mathbb{F}[x, y]$  of deg  $d$  s.t.

$$\exists \tilde{g} \text{ s.t. } g = \tilde{g} \cdot h \pmod{y^D}$$

SOLUTION: linear algebra

given  $\tilde{g}$ ,  $g$  is a linear form  
in coefficients of  $\tilde{g}$ .

- Does this really solve the problem?
- Will  $g = g_0$  that we care about?
- Will defer proof, but answer is YES

## Integer version

Problem: Given  $h \in \mathbb{Z}[x], N$  find

$g \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  with "small" coefficients

s.t.  $\exists \tilde{g} \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  s.t.

$$g = \tilde{g} \cdot h \pmod{N}$$

"pt"

Solution: "Short vector in lattice problem"

- Set of solutions form a lattice in  $\mathbb{Z}^{d+1}$

$(g_{(0)}, \tilde{g}_{(0)})$  &  $(g_{(1)}, \tilde{g}_{(1)})$  are solutions

$\Rightarrow (g_{(0)} + g_{(1)}, \tilde{g}_{(0)} + \tilde{g}_{(1)})$  is solution

- if  $h = \sum h_i x^i$  &  $g = \sum g_i x^i$ , then lattice spanned by columns of

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_0 & 0 & N & 0 \\ h_1 & h_0 & N & 0 \\ \vdots & h_1 & N & \\ h_r & \vdots & h_0 & N \\ 0 & h_r & \vdots & h_r \end{bmatrix}$$

## Main Questions (in lin. algebra / lattice)

- Why does appropriate  $g$  exist?
- if it exists is it unique, or will all  $g$  exist?



## Usual answers

- Solution exists because the irreducible factor we are looking for satisfies all criteria
  - Solution is not unique
  - "Any solution of minimum  $x$  degree will do."
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This needs formalization + proof.

# "UNIQUENESS" LEMMAS

Lemma ( $\mathbb{F}[y]$ ): Let  $h \in \mathbb{F}[x, y]$  with  $\deg(h) \leq d$ .

$(a, \tilde{a}) \in (b, \tilde{b})$  be two sets of solution to  $(g, \tilde{g})$  in system below

$$g = \tilde{g} \cdot h \pmod{y^t}$$

$$\deg_y(g) \leq d;$$

Furthermore let  $a$  be solution of smallest  $x$  degree. Then, if  $t \geq ???$ ,  
 $a \mid b$ .

(So, in our case, if  $b$  is the solution we desire &  $a$  is the solution we find of min. degree, then  $a \sim b$ .)

Lemma ( $\mathbb{Z}$ ): Let  $h \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  with  $|\text{coeff.}| \leq M_0$   
&  $\deg(h) \leq d$ .

Let  $(a, \tilde{a})$  &  $(b, \tilde{b})$  be solutions to

$$g = \tilde{g} \cdot h \pmod{N}$$

$$|\text{coeffs of } g| \leq M_1$$

Then if  $\deg_x(a)$  is smallest possible,

&  $N > N(M_0, M_1)$  then  $a|b$

Proofs: Need to (1) introduce Resultants

& (2) bound coeff. of factors.



## Boring Part: Bounding Coefficients (2)

Lemma: Let  $a = \sum a_i x^i$  divide  $b = \sum_{i=0}^d b_i x^i$

Then if  $|b_i| \leq 2^n$ ,  $|a_j| \leq 2^{n \cdot \text{poly}(d)}$

$$[a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}]$$

Sublemma 1: All complex roots of  $b = \sum b_i x^i$

bounded by  $B = \max_i \{1 + |b_i|\}$

Proof:

$$b_n \cdot B^n \geq B^n > \max_{i < n} |b_i| \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} B^i$$

$$\geq \sum |b_i| B^i,$$

so  $B$  can't be a root.

Sublemma 2: if all complex roots of  $a = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i$

are bounded by  $B$ , then  $\left| \frac{a_i}{a_m} \right| \leq 2B^m$

Proof: follows since coefficients are the symmetric polynomials in roots, mult. by  $a_m$

lemma follows.

# Back to Uniqueness Lemmas

How to prove  $a \mid b$ ?

- Actually we'll try to prove

$\gcd(a, b) \neq \text{non-trivial}$

- take the case where  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}[x, y]$

- view them as elements of  $\mathbb{F}(y)[x]$ .

- if they don't have a common factor (of pos. degree in  $x$ ) then

$$\exists u, v \in \mathbb{F}(y)[x] \text{ s.t.}$$

$$u \cdot a + v \cdot b = 1$$

- Clearing denominators we get

$$\exists \bar{u}, \bar{v} \in \mathbb{F}[x, y] \text{ \& } R \in \mathbb{F}[y]$$

$$\text{s.t. } \bar{u} \cdot a + \bar{v} \cdot b = R$$

- Degree of  $R = ?$

(Detour)

## RESULTANTS!

- low-degree polynomial in ideal generated by  $a, b$
- specifically if  $a, b$  relatively prime in  $\mathbb{F}[x, y]$  then  $R \in \mathbb{F}[y]$  of degree  $\deg(a) \cdot \deg(b)$

Definition:  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  of degree  $k, l$  respectively. Let  $a = \sum a_i x^i$  &  $b = \sum b_i x^i$ .

Let

$$M(a, b) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & 0 & & & b_0 & & & & \\ a_1 & a_0 & & & b_1 & & & & \\ \vdots & a_1 & \ddots & & \vdots & & & & \\ a_k & a_{k-1} & \ddots & a_0 & b_l & & & & \\ \vdots & a_k & & a_0 & b_{l-1} & & & & \\ & & & a_k & b_l & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & b_l \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_l$

Then  $\text{Res}_x(a, b) \triangleq \text{determinant}(M(a, b))$

Note:  $\text{Res}_x(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}$

# Motivation

- $a$  &  $b$  have common factor  $g \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  of positive degree in  $x \iff$  there exists a solution to  $U, V \in \mathbb{R}[x]$

s.t. (1)  $U \cdot a + V \cdot b = 0$

(2)  $\deg(U) < \deg(b)$ ;  $\deg(V) < \deg(a)$

- Writing  $U = \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} u_j x^j$  &  $V = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} v_j x^j$  and

solving for the unknowns, we are solving

$$M(a, b) \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ \vdots \\ u_{l-1} \\ v_0 \\ \vdots \\ v_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for a non-zero solution.}$$

- Solution exists iff  $\text{Res}(a, b) = 0$ .

# Properties of resultant

(i)  $\text{Res}(a, b) \in \text{Ideal}(a, b)$

Claim 1:  $\forall M \in R^{n \times n}$ , the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} \det(M) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is in the column span of  $M$ .

Proof: Can do column operations on  $M$  to

convert it to  $\begin{bmatrix} g_1 & & & 0 \\ & g_2 & & \\ & ? & \ddots & \\ & & & g_n \end{bmatrix}$  s.t.

$\det(M) = \prod_i g_i$ . Can now generate  $\begin{pmatrix} \det(M) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

from above by taking some  $R$ -linear combinations.

Claim 1:  $\Rightarrow$  (i) immediately

②  $\text{Res}(a,b)$  is poly in coeff of  $a, b$  of  
 $\text{deg} \leq \text{deg}(a) + \text{deg}(b)$

②'  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}[x, y]$  with  $\text{deg}(a) = k, \text{deg}(b) = l$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{Res}_x(a, b)$  is poly of  $\text{deg} \leq k \cdot l$  in  $y$

Proof: Careful counting.

$$\text{deg}(M(a, b))_{ij} \leq k - i + j \quad \text{if } j \leq l$$
$$\leq j - i \quad \text{if } j > l$$

Thus  $\forall$  permutations  $\sigma$

$$\text{deg} \left( \prod_j M(a, b)_{\sigma(j)j} \right) \leq k \cdot l$$

Lemma:  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}[x, y]$  of  $\text{deg} \leq k, l$  resp.

with no common factor of degree  $> 0$

in  $x \Rightarrow \exists R(y)$  of  $\text{deg} \leq k \cdot l$  in  $\mathbb{I}(a, b)$

Proof: Resultant.

# Applications of Resultants

## Bézout's Theorem (weak form, in the plane)

$a, b \in \mathbb{F}[x, y]$  have  $> k \cdot l$  common points

$\Rightarrow a, b$  have common factor.

Proof: • Let  $t = k \cdot l + 1$  & let

$(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \dots (\alpha_t, \beta_t) \in \mathbb{F} \times \mathbb{F}$  be

$t$  common zeroes.

• By affine-coordinate transform, can assume  $\beta_i$ 's are all distinct.

(work over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}$  if needed)

• Every poly in  $\mathcal{I}(a, b)$  vanishes at

$(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \dots (\alpha_t, \beta_t)$ .

• if no common factor,  $\text{Res}(a, b) = R(y)$  is zero at  $\beta_1 \dots \beta_t$

• Contradicts  $\deg(R) < t$ .  $\square$

## Application 2: Repeated factors

Lemma: If  $f \in \mathbb{F}[x, y]$  is square-free  
(no  $g$  s.t.  $g^2 \mid f$ )

then  $|\{ \beta \in \mathbb{F} \mid f(\cdot, \beta) \text{ has square factor} \}| \leq d^2$

Proof: •  $f$  is square-free  $\Leftrightarrow (f, f')$  have no  
common factor.

$$\Leftrightarrow \Delta = \text{Disc}(f) \cong \text{Res}_x(f, f') \neq 0$$

•  $\Delta \in \mathbb{F}[y]$  of  $\deg \leq d^2$

• Similarly  $f_\beta \cong f(\cdot, \beta)$  is square-free

iff  $\text{Disc}(f_\beta) \neq 0$

But  $\text{Disc}(f_\beta) = \Delta(\beta)$





## Back To UNIQUENESS LEMMA (PAGE 15)

Lemma:  $(a, \tilde{a}), (b, \tilde{b})$  satisfy

$$a = \tilde{a} \cdot h \pmod{y^t};$$

$$b = \tilde{b} \cdot h \pmod{y^t};$$

$$\deg(a, b) \leq d;$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \& a \text{ irreducible} \\ \& t > d^2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow a \mid b$$

Proof: Assume  $a \nmid b$ . Then  $\exists u, v \in \mathbb{F}[x, y]$

$$\text{s.t. } a \cdot u + b \cdot v = R = \text{Res}_x(a, b) \in \mathbb{F}[y] \setminus 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{a} \cdot h \cdot u + \tilde{b} \cdot h \cdot v = R = 0 \pmod{y^t}$$

But  $R$  is non-zero & of degree  $\leq d^2 < t$

$$\Rightarrow R \not\equiv 0 \pmod{y^t}$$

□

$\mathbb{Z}[x]$  version similar; argue about size of  $R$  as opposed to degree.

# HENSEL LIFTING

- Will describe process first; see what it needs to work & will get lemma later. Structure of lemma below

"Lemma": Let  $I \subseteq R$  be an ideal.

- Let  $f, g, h \in R[x]$  satisfy

$$f = g \cdot h \pmod{I}$$

- Then under some conditions on  $g, h$  the factorization can be lifted, i.e.,

$$\exists \tilde{g}, \tilde{h} \quad \tilde{g} = g \pmod{I}; \quad \tilde{h} = h \pmod{I}$$

$$\wedge f = \tilde{g} \cdot \tilde{h} \pmod{I^2}.$$

- Such  $\tilde{g}, \tilde{h}$  can be found efficiently.

- They are unique in some sense

## Conditions?

$$\text{Suppose } f = g \cdot h = r \quad r \in \mathcal{I}$$

$$\tilde{g} = g + g_1 \cdot r, \quad \tilde{h} = h + h_1 \cdot r,$$

$$\tilde{g} \cdot \tilde{h} = g \cdot h + r(g_1 h + h g_1) + r^2(g_1 h_1)$$

$$= f + r(1 + g_1 h + h g_1) + r^2 g_1 h_1$$

$$= f + r(1 + g_1 h + h_1 g) \pmod{\mathcal{I}^2}$$

Would like to pick  $g_1$  s.t.

$$g_1 = -(h_1 g + 1) \cdot h^{-1} \pmod{\mathcal{I}}$$

Does  $h$  have inverse  $\pmod{\mathcal{I}}$ ?

Will make it a precondition, but now  
will also be post condition.  $\tilde{h}$  will  
be invertible.

## Uniqueness of lifts?

- Can't be unique! I can add arbitrary elements of  $\mathbb{I}^2$  to  $\tilde{g}, \tilde{h}$ .
- Also if  $\tilde{g}, \tilde{h}$  are solutions, so are  $\tilde{g}(1+u), \tilde{h}(1-u)$  for  $u \in \mathbb{I}$ .
- Essentially above are the only things that can happen.

## HENSEL LIFTING THEOREM

- $R$  commutative ring,  $I \subseteq R$  ideal
- $f, g, h \in R[x]$  s.t.  $f = g \cdot h \pmod{I}$
- $g, h$  relatively prime, i.e.,  
 $\exists a, b \in R[x]$   
s.t.  $a \cdot g + b \cdot h = 1 \pmod{I}$

Then

- $\exists \tilde{g}, \tilde{h}, \tilde{a}, \tilde{b}$ ,  $\tilde{g} = g \pmod{I}$ ,  $\tilde{h} = h \pmod{I}$   
s.t.  $f = \tilde{g} \cdot \tilde{h} \pmod{I^2}$   
 $\tilde{a} \tilde{g} + \tilde{b} \tilde{h} = 1 \pmod{I^2}$
- $\tilde{g}, \tilde{h}$  are essentially unique i.e., if  
 $g_1 \cdot h_1 = f \pmod{I^2}$  &  $g_1 = g \pmod{I}$   
 $h_1 = h \pmod{I}$

then  $\exists u \in I$  s.t.

$$g_1 = \tilde{g}(1+u) \quad \& \quad h_1 = \tilde{h}(1-u)$$

[Proof = Exercise]

# Bivariate Factorization

Input:  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$  of deg  $d$

Goal: find non-trivial split of  $f$ .

Alg: ① If  $\gcd(f, f')$  non-trivial, report  $\gcd$ .  
& stop.

① Pick  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  at random &

factor  $f_\beta = f(x, y + \beta)$  instead!

② Factor  $f_\beta = g_\beta \cdot h_\beta \pmod{y}$

s.t.  $g_\beta, h_\beta$  relatively prime

if can't find such split, abort.

③ lift  $\log t = \log d^2$  times to get

$$f_\beta = \bar{g}_\beta \cdot \bar{h}_\beta \pmod{y^t}$$

④ Jump from  $\bar{g}_\beta$  to  $g_0$  irreducible

s.t.  $g_0 \mid f_\beta$