#### Sparse Multivariate Interpolation

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- Interpolation is about finding a function which equals certain values at certain points. These points, are called the *interpolation nodes*.
- Interpolation is a fundamental technique for computer algebra, numerical analysis, engineering...
  - Can approximate very complex functions
  - Find a function for discrete data points
  - Evaluation-interpolation schemes in computer algebra
- We are interested in interpolating *sparse* functions in many variables.
  - → Number of terms in a polynomial explode exponentially with increasing number of variables
- Convenient interpolants are polynomials and rational functions.
  - $\vdash$  Easy to compute derivatives, integrals, evaluations, etc.

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# Introduction

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# Introduction: Polynomial Definitions

• Variable - a symbol representing some number.

 $x, y, z, \ldots$ 

- $\bullet$   ${\rm Monomial}$  a product of variables, each to some exponent.  $x^5yz^3$
- **Coefficient** a numerical multiplicative factor of a monomial. 13, 7/9, 2.1463
- **Polynomial** a summation of coefficient-monomial products.  $13x^5yz^3 + 7/9x^3y^2 + 11$
- (Total) Degree the maximum sum of exponents of any monomial in a polynomial.
- **Partial Degree** the maximum exponent of a particular variable in a polynomial.

Sparse and Dense have dual meanings for polynomials. A polynomial can *be* sparse or dense while also can be *represented* sparsely or densely.

- A polynomial *is sparse* if it has few non-zero coefficients. Conversely, a polynomial *is dense* if it has few zero coefficients.  $x^9 + 1$  vs.  $3x^4 + 7x^3 + 4x^2 + 1$
- A polynomial *is represented sparsely* if only its non-zero coefficients are stored while a polynomial *is represented densely* if all coefficients are stored.

$$1 \cdot x^9 + 1 \cdot x^0$$
 vs.  $1 \cdot x^9 + 0 \cdot x^8 + 0 \cdot x^7 + \ldots + 1 \cdot x^0$ 

A *black-box* is some function, procedure, encoding, etc. of a mathematical function.

- Takes as input an evaluation point,
- Returns the value of the function at the input point.

The black-box is "opaque"

- One knows nothing of the underlying function
- Can only obtain evaluations at arbitrary points.

$$\xrightarrow{\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_v} \mathcal{B}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_v) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{B}(\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_v)} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{B}(\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_v)}$$

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## The Problem of Interpolation

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**Problem 1:** Given a set of point-value pairs,  $(\pi_i, \beta_i)$ , i = 1...n, find a function f such that  $f(\pi_i) = \beta_i$ 

**Problem 2:** Given a block-box encoding of a function,  $\mathcal{B}$ , find a function, f, such that  $\mathcal{B}(\pi_i) = f(\pi_i)$  at sufficiently many  $\pi_i$ .

- $\, \sqcup \,$  If  $\mathcal{B}$  is known to encode a polynomial (rational function) then the exact function can be recovered.
- Additional information is needed to define "sufficiently". Generally, the degree of the resulting interpolant.

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## The Problem of Interpolation

Different "flavours" of interpolation exist

Polynomial, Rational Function, Piece-wise Linear, etc.

One may define a function basis for the interpolation, a set of functions  $\phi_j$ ,  $j = 1 \dots m$ , such that f is a linear combination of  $\phi_j$ .

$$f = \alpha_1 \phi_1(X) + \alpha_2 \phi_2(X) + \dots + \alpha_m \phi_m(X)$$
$$\implies \beta_i = \alpha_1 \phi_1(\pi_i) + \alpha_2 \phi_2(\pi_i) + \dots + \alpha_m \phi_m(\pi_i)$$

The choice of function basis produces different flavours of interpolation. Choosing  $\phi_j$  to be the set of monomials, we obtain *polynomial interpolation*.

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• In the univariate case this set is  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots\}$ 

Given a basis of functions it is easy to set up a system of linear equations.

$$\beta_{i} = \alpha_{1}\phi_{1}(\pi_{i}) + \alpha_{2}\phi_{2}(\pi_{i}) + \dots + \alpha_{m}\phi_{m}(\pi_{i}) \Longrightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_{1}(\pi_{1}) & \phi_{2}(\pi_{1}) & \dots & \phi_{m}(\pi_{1}) \\ \phi_{1}(\pi_{2}) & \phi_{2}(\pi_{2}) & \dots & \phi_{m}(\pi_{2}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_{1}(\pi_{n}) & \phi_{2}(\pi_{n}) & \dots & \phi_{m}(\pi_{n}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{1} \\ \alpha_{2} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{m} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{1} \\ \beta_{2} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{n} \end{bmatrix}$$

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This matrix is called a sample matrix.

The size of the multivariate monomial basis is exponential in the number of variables.

As the number of variables increases, it becomes prohibitively large to interpolate every coefficient for every monomial.

$$\{1, x, y, z, xy, xz, yz, xyz, x^2y, x^2z, xy^2, y^2z, xz^2, yz^2, x^3, y^3, z^3, \dots\}$$

If the underlying function is sparse, then we want to take advantage of this structure to interpolate only the non-zero coefficients.

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# Univariate Interpolation

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Univariate polynomial interpolation is the simplest. There is only one variable to determine.

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Very straight-forward, direct solutions exist.

- Linear system solving
- Lagrange interpolation
- Newton interpolation (see [1, Chapter 13])

## Univariate Interpolation: Linear system solving

Using the basis of functions:  $\{\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, ...\} = \{1, x, x^2, ...\}$  and point-value pairs  $(\pi_i, \beta_i)$  we get the system of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \pi_1 & \pi_1^2 & \dots & \pi_1^{m-1} \\ 1 & \pi_2 & \pi_2^2 & \dots & \pi_2^{m-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \pi_n & \pi_n^2 & \dots & \pi_n^{m-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_n \end{bmatrix}$$

For n = m this system can be solved to obtain a unique solution for  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m$  and thus a unique interpolating polynomial.

- The sample matrix produced by univariate monomials is a Vandermonde matrix
- It is non-singular as long as  $\pi_i$  are pair-wise distinct

# Univariate Rational Function Interpolation

Univariate rational functions can be interpolated by linear system solving with a simple modification.

$$R(x) = \frac{a(x)}{b(x)} \implies R(\pi_i) = \frac{a_1 \pi_i^{d_1} + \dots + a_n \pi_i^{d_n}}{b_1 \pi_i^{e_1} + \dots + b_m \pi_i^{e_m}} = \beta_i \implies \begin{bmatrix} \pi_1^{d_1} & \dots & \pi_1^{d_n} & -\beta_1 \pi_1^{e_1} & \dots & -\beta_1 \pi_1^{e_m} \\ \pi_2^{d_1} & \dots & \pi_2^{d_n} & -\beta_2 \pi_2^{e_1} & \dots & -\beta_2 \pi_1^{e_m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \pi_k^{d_1} & \dots & \pi_k^{d_n} & -\beta_k \pi_k^{e_1} & \dots & -\beta_k \pi_1^{e_m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

This *homogeneous* system of equations either has the trivial solution or infinitely many solutions.

- $\, {\scriptstyle \, \smile \,\,}$  Normalize one coefficient to 1 by multiplying R(x) by  $\varepsilon / \varepsilon = 1$
- $\downarrow$  Add a row to the system forcing one  $a_i$  or  $b_j$  to be 1
- ightharpoonup Cannot guarantee a particular  $a_i$  or  $b_j$  is non-zero to be normalizeable, should try many.

#### Univariate Interpolation: Lagrange Interpolation

While linear system solving is possible, it is arithmetically expensive.

Lagrange Interpolation is more direct, providing an exact formula for the coefficients and basis functions of the interpolant.

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \beta_j \phi_j(x) \qquad \phi_j(x) = \prod_{\substack{i=1\\i \neq j}}^{n} \frac{(x - \pi_i)}{(\pi_j - \pi_i)}$$

$$\phi_j(x) = \frac{(x - \pi_1) \dots (x - \pi_{j-1})(x - \pi_{j+1}) \dots (x - \pi_n)}{(\pi_j - \pi_1) \dots (\pi_j - \pi_{j-1})(\pi_j - \pi_{j+1}) \dots (\pi_j - \pi_n)}$$

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- Coefficients are just function values,  $\beta_i$
- Basis polynomial are designed so  $\phi_j(\pi_j) = 1$ ,  $\phi_j(\pi_i) = 0$   $i \neq j$
- Hence,  $f(\pi_j) = \beta_j$  as required.

$$\phi_j(\pi_j) = \frac{(\pi_j - \pi_1) \dots (\pi_j - \pi_{j-1})(\pi_j - \pi_{j+1}) \dots (\pi_j - \pi_n)}{(\pi_j - \pi_1) \dots (\pi_j - \pi_{j-1})(\pi_j - \pi_{j+1}) \dots (\pi_j - \pi_n)}$$
  
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$$f(\pi_j) = \beta_1 \phi_1(\pi_j) + \dots + \beta_j \phi_j(\pi_j) + \dots + \beta_n \phi_n(\pi_j)$$
  
=  $\beta_1 \cdot 0 + \dots + \beta_j \cdot 1 + \dots + \beta_n \cdot 0$   
=  $\beta_j$ 

### Univariate Interpolation: Lagrange Interpolation

Calculating the  $\phi_j$  polynomials effectively is not immediately obvious.

For data locality while traversing the input data one can pre-compute many values and then never use the input data again.

- Calculate modified coefficients  $f_j = \beta_j / \prod_{i \neq j} (\pi_j \pi_i)$ ,
- Generate factors  $fact_i = (x \pi_i)$  for i = 1 ... n

Expanding each  $\phi_j$  can be effectively implemented by realizing one operand of each multiplication is always a monic binomial.

• Multiplication by a binomial can be implemented by a simultaneous shift, coefficient multiplication, and addition.

$$a \cdot (x - c_i) = (ax - ac_i)$$

 $\downarrow ax$  is an increment of exponents of a,  $ac_i$  is only coefficient arithmetic.

Summation of  $\phi_i$  can be done *in-place* to minimize memory allocation.

## Univariate Interpolation: Experimentation



Univariate Interpolation Running Time

## Sparse Multivariate Polynomial Interpolation

The seminal work of Zippel [2] introduced a probabilistic method for sparse polynomial interpolation of a black-box. Zippel later extended this to be deterministic in [3].

#### Problem (Zippel's Sparse Polynomial Interpolation):

Given a black-box,  $\mathcal{B}$ , in v variables, and a *degree bound* for the interpolant, d, find a polynomial f such that they are equal at  $t = \binom{v+d}{d}$  points.

$$\mathcal{B}(\pi_i) = f(\pi_i), \text{ for } i = 1 \dots t$$

The maximum number of terms in a polynomial of v variables and degree d is  $\binom{v+d}{d}$ .

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Zippel's method involves interpolating each variable, one at a time.

This is accomplished by fixing higher-ordered variables at a specific starting point  $\tilde{\pi} = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v)$ 

The structure (sparsity) of the polynomial is maintained at each step, interpolating only the non-zero polynomial terms.

$$f^{(0)} = f(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) \in \mathbb{K},$$
  

$$f^{(1)} = f(x_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) \in \mathbb{K}[x_1],$$
  

$$f^{(2)} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, \zeta_v) \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, x_2],$$
  

$$\vdots$$
  

$$f = f^{(v)} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_v) \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_v]$$

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With the starting point  $\tilde{\pi} = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v)$ , a single variable can be interpolated by varying one value in the tuple.

Varying  $x_1$ , we can interpolate the points  $\zeta_1, \omega_1, \ldots, \omega_d$  and values  $\tilde{\beta}, \beta_1, \ldots, \beta_d$  to obtain  $f^{(1)}$ , say by Lagrange interpolation.

• d + 1 points to interpolate a maximum degree of d.

$$\mathcal{B}(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) = \tilde{\beta}, \qquad f^{(1)}(\zeta_1) = \beta, \\ \mathcal{B}(\omega_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) = \beta_1, \qquad f^{(1)}(\omega_1) = \beta_1, \\ \mathcal{B}(\omega_2, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) = \beta_2, \qquad f^{(1)}(\omega_2) = \beta_2, \\ \vdots \qquad \vdots \\ \mathcal{B}(\omega_d, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) = \beta_d \qquad f^{(1)}(\omega_d) = \beta_d$$

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The result of the univariate interpolation has a special structure, each coefficient is really the evaluation of some function  $g_i(x_2, \ldots, x_v)$  at  $(\zeta_2, \ldots, \zeta_v)$ .

$$f^{(1)} = f(x_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v)$$
  
=  $g_d(\zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) x_1^d + g_{d-1}(\zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) x_1^{d-1} + \dots + g_0(\zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v)$   
=  $\gamma_d x_1^d + \gamma_{d-1} x_1^{d-1} + \dots + \gamma_0$ 

There are d + 1 different *coefficient functions*. Some of these may be identically zero while others may be zero at  $(\zeta_2, \ldots, \zeta_v)$ .

Coefficient functions which are zero are *assumed* to be zero, leading to a probabilistic method.

L→ Choosing  $\zeta_i$  randomly from a larger set decreases probability that  $g_i(\zeta_2, \ldots, \zeta_v)$  will evaluate to zero.

Each **non-zero**  $g_i$  should now be interpolated for one variable, just as  $f^{(1)}$  was for  $x_1$ .

• Requires obtaining  $g_i(\nu_j, \zeta_3, \dots, \zeta_n)$ ,  $\nu_j \neq \zeta_2$ , for  $j = 1 \dots d$ 

Let 
$$g'_i(\nu_j) = g_i(\nu_j, \zeta_3, \dots, \zeta_v)$$
,  $\mathcal{B}'(x_1, \nu_j) = \mathcal{B}(x_1, \nu_j, \zeta_3, \dots, \zeta_v)$ 

We can obtain  $g'_i(\nu_j)$  as the solution to a linear system formed by evaluations of  $\mathcal{B}'$ . This makes use of the sparsity in  $f^{(1)}$  compared to more univariate interpolations. Choosing  $\omega_i$  randomly:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{B}'(\omega_1,\nu_j) = g'_d(\nu_j)\omega_1^d + g'_{d-1}(\nu_j)\omega_1^{d-1} + \dots + g'_0(\nu_j) \\ \mathcal{B}'(\omega_2,\nu_j) = g'_d(\nu_j)\omega_2^d + g'_{d-1}(\nu_j)\omega_2^{d-1} + \dots + g'_0(\nu_j) \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{B}'(\omega_d,\nu_j) = g'_d(\nu_j)\omega_d^d + g'_{d-1}(\nu_j)\omega_d^{d-1} + \dots + g'_0(\nu_j) \end{cases}$$

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Solving d systems of equations yields the values of each  $g_i$  at d distinct points.

Combined with the original  $f^{(1)} = \gamma_d x_1^d + \gamma_{d-1} x_1^{d-1} + \cdots + \gamma_0$  we have d+1 points to interpolate a degree d polynomial in  $x_2$ .

$$f(x_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) = \gamma_d x_1^d + \gamma_{d-1} x_1^{d-1} + \dots + \gamma_0$$
  

$$f(x_1, \nu_1, \dots, \zeta_v) = g'_d(\nu_1) x_1^d + g'_{d-1}(\nu_1) x_1^{d-1} + \dots + g'_0(\nu_1)$$
  

$$\vdots$$
  

$$f(x_1, \nu_d, \dots, \zeta_v) = g'_d(\nu_d) x_1^d + g'_{d-1}(\nu_d) x_1^{d-1} + \dots + g'_0(\nu_d)$$

• Each  $g_i$  is interpolated as a function in  $x_2$  by basic univariate interpolation using the points  $\zeta_2, \nu_1, \ldots, \nu_d$  and values  $\gamma_i, g'_1(\nu_1), \ldots, g'_d(\nu_d)$ 

Lastly, each numerical coefficient  $\gamma_i$  in  $f^{(1)}$  is replaced by  $g_i(x_2)$  to obtain:

$$f^{(2)} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, \zeta_v)$$
  
=  $g'_d(x_2) x_1^d + g'_{d-1}(x_2) x_1^{d-1} + \dots + g'_0(x_2)$   
=  $\left(\gamma_{d,d} x_2^d + \dots + \gamma_{d,0}\right) x^d + \dots + \left(\gamma_{0,d} x_2^d + \dots + \gamma_{0,0}\right)$ 

We repeat this process for each variable, adding one variable at each step:

(i) Solve linear systems to obtain evaluations of coefficient polynomials

(*ii*) Univariate interpolation of a single variable in each coefficient polynomial

#### Sparse Polynomial Interpolation: An Example

We look to interpolate  $p = x^2y^2 + x^2yz + yz^2 + yz$  with degree bound d = 4. Written recursively:

$$p \in \mathbb{K}[y, z][x] = (y^2 + yz)x^2 + (yz^2 + yz)x^0$$
$$p \in \mathbb{K}[z][x, y] = (1)x^2y^2 + (z)x^2y + (z^2 + z)y$$

• Choose some starting point  $\tilde{\pi} = (\zeta_x, \zeta_y, \zeta_z), \ \mathcal{B}(\tilde{\pi}) = \tilde{\beta}.$ 

•  $d = 4 \implies 5$  evaluations to interpolate each variable.

**Stage 1:** Interpolate  $f^{(1)} \in \mathbb{K}[x]$ 

- L→ Use  $(\zeta_x, \beta), (\omega_1, \beta_1), (\omega_2, \beta_2), (\omega_3, \beta_3), (\omega_4, \beta_4)$  as input to some univariate interpolation, like Lagrange.

↓ Obtain 
$$f^{(1)} = c_1 x^2 + c_2$$
,  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{K}$ .

#### Sparse Polynomial Interpolation: An Example

**Stage 2:** Interpolate  $f^{(2)} \in \mathbb{K}[x, y]$ 

$$f^{(1)} = c_1 x^2 + c_2 \implies f^{(1)} = g_1(\zeta_y, \zeta_z) x^2 + g_2(\zeta_y, \zeta_z)$$

- Need 5 evaluations each of  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  to interpolate them.
- Vary y at the points  $\zeta_y, \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4$ , holding z fixed as  $\zeta_z$ .
- For each new point, we solve a system of linear equations. Choose new, random, distinct points for x: ω<sub>s</sub>, ω<sub>t</sub>.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x^2|_{\omega_s} & x^0|_{\omega_s} \\ x^2|_{\omega_t} & x^0|_{\omega_t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_1(\nu_i,\zeta_z) \\ g_2(\nu_i,\zeta_z) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{B}(\omega_s,\nu_i,\zeta_z) \\ \mathcal{B}(\omega_t,\nu_i,\zeta_z) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Using the points  $\zeta_y, \nu_i$  and values  $g_1(\zeta_y, \zeta_z)$ ,  $g_1(\nu_i, \zeta_z)$ , i = 1..4, interpolate  $g_1(y, \zeta_z) = c_3 y^2 + c_4 y \in \mathbb{K}[y]$
- Similarly for  $g_2$ , obtaining  $g_2(y,\zeta_z)=c_5y$
- Expanding  $f^{(1)}$ ,  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$  yields  $f^{(2)} = c_3 x^2 y^2 + c_4 x^2 y + c_5 y$

## Sparse Polynomial Interpolation: An Example

**Stage 3:** Interpolate  $f = f^{(3)} \in \mathbb{K}[x, y, z]$ 

 $f^{(2)} = c_3 x^2 y^2 + c_4 x^2 y + c_5 y \implies f^{(2)} = g_3(\zeta_z) x^2 y^2 + g_4(\zeta_z) x^2 y + g_5(\zeta_z) y^2 + g_5($ 

- As before, we need 5 points. Reusing  $\zeta_z$  we then need to solve 4 linear systems for the new points  $\mu_1$ ,  $\mu_2$ ,  $\mu_3$ ,  $\mu_4$ .
- New random, distinct points for x:  $\omega_s, \omega_t, \omega_u$  and y:  $\nu_s, \nu_t, \nu_u$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x^2 y^2|_{(\omega_s,\nu_s)} & x^2 y|_{(\omega_s,\nu_s)} & y|_{(\omega_s,\nu_s)} \\ x^2 y^2|_{(\omega_t,\nu_t)} & x^2 y|_{(\omega_t,\nu_t)} & y|_{(\omega_t,\nu_t)} \\ x^2 y^2|_{(\omega_u,\nu_u)} & x^2 y|_{(\omega_u,\nu_u)} & y|_{(\omega_u,\nu_u)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_3(\mu_i) \\ g_4(\mu_i) \\ g_5(\mu_i) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{B}(\omega_s,\nu_s,\mu_i) \\ \mathcal{B}(\omega_t,\nu_t,\mu_i) \\ \mathcal{B}(\omega_u,\nu_u,\mu_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Using the points  $\zeta_z, \mu_i$  and values  $g_3(\zeta_y)$ ,  $g_3(\mu_i)$ , i = 1..4, interpolate  $g_3(z) = 1 \in \mathbb{K}[z]$
- Similarly for  $g_4$  and  $g_5$ , obtaining  $g_4(z) = z$ ,  $g_5(z) = z^2 + z$
- Expanding  $f^{(2)}$ ,  $g_3$ ,  $g_4$ ,  $g_5$  yields  $f^{(3)} = x^2y^2 + x^2yz + yz^2 + yz = f = p$

The sources of error in the probabilistic methods are:

(i) Choice of starting point  $\tilde{\pi} = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v)$  causing coefficient polynomials to evaluate to zero at  $(\zeta_k, \dots, \zeta_v)$ 

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(ii) Singularity of matrix in each system of linear equations

## Determinism: Choice of starting point $\tilde{\pi}$

$$f^{(1)} = g_d(\zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) x_1^d + g_{d-1}(\zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v) x_1^{d-1} + \dots + g_0(\zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_v)$$

 Some g<sub>i</sub>(ζ<sub>2</sub>,...,ζ<sub>v</sub>) maybe be identically zero while others may unluckily vanish at (ζ<sub>2</sub>,...,ζ<sub>v</sub>).

**Proposition:** For non-zero polynomials  $g_1, \ldots, g_s \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \ldots, x_v]$  where  $\#(g_1) + \ldots + \#(g_s) = T$ , if  $\tilde{\pi}$  is a sequence of v different primes in  $\mathbb{K}$ , then  $\exists j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq T - s$ , all of  $g_i(\tilde{\pi}^j)$  are non-zero. [1, Proposition 102]

In a very brute-force way one can iterate through T - s choices of starting point, choosing the one which yields the most non-zero  $g_i$ .

 $\downarrow \#(g_i)$  is unknown beforehand. In implementation T is really a parameter which gives an upper bound on the number of terms.

#### Determinism: Singularity in Linear Systems

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{B}'(\omega_1,\nu_j) = g'_d(\nu_j)\omega_1^d + g'_{d-1}(\nu_j)\omega_1^{d-1} + \dots + g'_0(\nu_j) \\ \mathcal{B}'(\omega_2,\nu_j) = g'_d(\nu_j)\omega_2^d + g'_{d-1}(\nu_j)\omega_2^{d-1} + \dots + g'_0(\nu_j) \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{B}'(\omega_d,\nu_j) = g'_d(\nu_j)\omega_d^d + g'_{d-1}(\nu_j)\omega_d^{d-1} + \dots + g'_0(\nu_j) \end{cases}$$

When working on variable  $x_2$ , the polynomial is univariate and the matrix is a Vandermonde matrix in  $\omega_i$ .

 $\vdash$  It is non-singular as long as  $\omega_i$  are distinct.

In later stages when interpolating  $x_k$  one must choose random points for all  $x_j$ , j < k. Say,  $\vec{\omega}_i = (\omega_{i,1}, \omega_{i,2}, \dots \omega_{i,k-1})$ .

• Choosing  $\vec{\omega}_i = (2^i, 3^i, 5^i, 7^i, \dots)$ , the first k-1 primes raised to the power *i*, ensures uniqueness when evaluating multivariate monomials and thus non-singularity [4].

# Probabilistic vs Deterministic



Running time for interpolating a sparse 3 variable function, f

- Green is probabilistic, purple is deterministic
- Probabilistic method varies with probability of getting incorrect result
- Both vary by *partial* degree bounds, d

## Sparse Multivariate Rational Function Interpolation

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#### Problem (Sparse Rational Function Interpolation):

Given a black-box  $\mathcal{B}$ , encoding a rational function,  $R(x_1, \ldots, x_v)$ , and a *total degree bound* for the numerator and denominator, d and e, find the rational function R while being sensitive to its sparsity.

Cuyt and Lee propose a method for sparse rational function interpolation using a *homogenizing* variable [5].

- This method depends on both (dense) univariate and (sparse) multivariate interpolation.
- The use of sparsity in the rational function interpolation relies on the use of sparsity in the sparse multivariate interpolation.

## SRFI: Homogenization

Given a rational function  $R(x_1, \ldots, x_v) = \frac{a(x_1, \ldots, x_v)}{b(x_1, \ldots, x_v)}$  a new variable is introduced to produce an *auxiliary rational function*,  $\tilde{R}$ .

$$\tilde{R}(z, x_1, \dots, x_v) = R(zx_1, \dots, zx_v)$$

$$=\frac{A_0(x_1,\ldots,x_v)\cdot z^0 + A_1(x_1,\ldots,x_v)\cdot z^1 + \cdots + A_d(x_1,\ldots,x_v)\cdot z^d}{1 + B_1(x_1,\ldots,x_v)\cdot z^1 + \cdots + B_e(x_1,\ldots,x_v)\cdot z^e}$$

• The variable z groups together terms in a and b whose total degree is equal to the exponent on z.

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- Assume  $B_0(x_1, ..., x_v) = 1$
- R can easily be interpolated as a univariate function in z

#### SRFI: Univariate Rational Interpolation

To interpolate z in  $\tilde{R}(z, x_1, \ldots, x_v)$  fix  $(x_1, \ldots, x_v)$  to be  $(\zeta_1, \ldots, \zeta_v) = \vec{\zeta}$ and interpolate the univariate function  $\tilde{R}(z, \zeta_1, \ldots, \zeta_v)$ .

This requires d + e + 1 points for z. Use distinct  $\omega_i$  as points and  $\beta_i$  as values, obtaining  $\beta_i$  from black-box evaluations:

$$\mathcal{B}(\omega_i\zeta_1,\ldots,\omega_i\zeta_v)=R(\omega_i\zeta_1,\ldots,\omega_i\zeta_v)=\tilde{R}(\omega_i,\zeta_1,\ldots,\zeta_v)=\beta_i$$

This yields a univariate function whose coefficients are the evaluations of the polynomials  $A_i$  and  $B_j$  at  $(\zeta_1, \ldots, \zeta_v)$ .

$$\tilde{R}(z,\vec{\zeta}) = \frac{A_0(\vec{\zeta}) \cdot z^0 + A_1(\vec{\zeta}) \cdot z^1 + \dots + A_d(\vec{\zeta}) \cdot z^d}{1 + B_1(\vec{\zeta}) \cdot z^1 + \dots + B_e(\vec{\zeta}) \cdot z^e}$$

# SRFI: Multivariate Polynomial Interpolation

Univariate interpolation yields the evaluations of  $A_i$  and  $B_j$ . Many interpolations at various  $\vec{\zeta}^{(k)}$  can obtain many evaluations for each  $A_i$  and  $B_j$ .

Using these evaluations, we can perform sparse multivariate interpolation on each  $A_i$  and  $B_j$ .

- ${\,\sqsubseteq\,}$  The choice of multivariate interpolation scheme decides the values for  $\vec{\zeta^{(k)}}$
- ${\,\sqsubseteq\,}$  Example:  $\vec{\zeta}^{(k)}=(2^k,3^k,5^k,7^k,\dots)$  for deterministic Zippel

Notice each term in  $A_i$  has total degree i. One could create a specialized interpolation method since the degree of all terms are equal and known a priori.

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# SRFI: Algorithm

$$\tilde{R}(z,\vec{\zeta}) = \frac{A_0(\vec{\zeta}) \cdot z^0 + A_1(\vec{\zeta}) \cdot z^1 + \dots + A_d(\vec{\zeta}) \cdot z^d}{1 + B_1(\vec{\zeta}) \cdot z^1 + \dots + B_e(\vec{\zeta}) \cdot z^e}$$

#### **Sparse Rational Function Interpolation**

Input: Block-box,  $\mathcal{B}(x_1, \ldots, x_v)$ , degree bounds, d and eOutput:  $R(x_1, \ldots, x_v) = \frac{a_1 X^{\vec{d_1}} + \cdots + a_n X^{\vec{d_n}}}{1 + b_2 X^{\vec{e_2}} + \cdots + b_m X^{\vec{e_m}}}$ • For  $k = 0, 1, \ldots$  until all  $A_i$ ,  $B_i$  are interpolated

- Decide  $ec{\zeta}^{(k)}$  based on sparse multivariate interpolation scheme
- Using pairwise distinct  $\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_{d+e+1}$ , and evaluations  $\mathcal{B}(\omega_j \zeta_1^{(k)}, \ldots, \omega_j \zeta_v^{(k)})$  interpolate  $\tilde{R}(z, \zeta_1^{(k)}, \ldots, \zeta_v^{(k)})$
- Add evaluations  $A_i(\zeta^{(\vec{k})})$  and  $B_j(\zeta^{(\vec{k})})$  to their respective ongoing multivariate interpolations and attempt to interpolate

## SRFI: An Example

We look to interpolate the rational function R(x, y) with a degree bound d = e = 3.

$$R(x,y) = \frac{x^2y + y^3 + x}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}$$

Conceptually, homogenization produces the auxiliary function  $\tilde{R}(z, x, y)$ :

$$\tilde{R}(z, x, y) = R(zx, zy) = \frac{(zx)^2(zy) + (zy)^3 + (zx)}{(zx)^2 + (zy)^2 + 1}$$
$$= \frac{z^3 x^2 y + z^3 y^3 + zx}{z^2 x^2 + z^2 y^2 + 1}$$
$$= \frac{(x^2 y + y^3) z^3 + (x) z}{(x^2 + y^2) z^2 + 1}$$

## SRFI: An Example

$$\tilde{R}(z,x,y) = \frac{(x^2y+y^3)z^3 + (x)z}{(x^2+y^2)z^2 + 1} \qquad = \frac{A_3(x,y)z^3 + A_1(x,y)z}{B_2(x,y)z^2 + 1}$$

Use the probabilistic sparse polynomial interpolation method. For degree bound d = e = 3 each bi-variate polynomial coefficient needs *at most* 16 points to be interpolated.

- Generate  $(\zeta_1^{(k)}, \zeta_2^{(k)})$  as needed by sparse interpolation for k = 1..16. The same points can be used for each  $A_i$ ,  $B_j$ .
- For each k pick distinct  $\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_{d+e+1=7}$
- Evaluate each  $\mathcal{B}(\omega_i \zeta_1^{(k)}, \omega_i \zeta_2^{(k)})$  and interpolate a univariate rational function in z using  $\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_7$

$$\tilde{R}(z,\zeta_1^{(k)},\zeta_2^{(k)}) = \frac{A_3(\zeta_1^{(k)},\zeta_2^{(k)})z^3 + A_1(\zeta_1^{(k)},\zeta_2^{(k)})z}{B_2(\zeta_1^{(k)},\zeta_2^{(k)})z^2 + 1}$$

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## SRFI: An Example

With each  $\tilde{R}(z, \zeta_1^{(k)}, \zeta_2^{(k)})$  we gain evaluations of  $A_3(\zeta_1^{(k)}, \zeta_1^{(k)})$ ,  $A_1(\zeta_1^{(k)}, \zeta_1^{(k)})$ ,  $B_2(\zeta_1^{(k)}, \zeta_1^{(k)})$ .

The very first univariate interpolation reveals this structure.

• Simultaneously  $A_3$ ,  $A_1$  and  $B_2$  can be interpolated by the points  $(\zeta_1^{(k)}, \zeta_2^{(k)})$  and their respective evaluations.

Sparse interpolations yield  $A_3(x, y) = x^2y + y^3$ ,  $A_1(x, y) = x$ ,  $B_2 = x^2 + y^2$ . Simply ignore z and combine  $A_i$  to form numerator and  $B_j$  for denominator.

$$R(x,y) = \frac{A_3(x,y) + A_1(x,y)}{B_2(x,y) + 1} = \frac{x^2y + y^3 + x}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}$$

# SRFI: Shifted Basis

The previous discussion assumed that the denominator did not vanish at  $(0,\ldots,0)$ , that is  $b_0 X^{\vec{0}} = 1$ 

- ${\ensuremath{\,{\scriptstyle \hookrightarrow}}}$  Guarantees ability to normalize the rational function
- → In general, one cannot guarantee *any* particular term is non-zero, so normalization cannot occur.

Using a shifted power basis, we can instead force the normalization of the auxiliary function.

Let 
$$\vec{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_v)$$
 be a point at which  $R(\vec{\sigma})$  is defined.

$$\hat{R}(z, x_1, \dots, x_v) = R(zx_1 + \sigma_1, zx_2 + \sigma_2, \dots, zx_v + \sigma_v)$$
  
=  $\frac{\hat{a}(z)}{\hat{b}(z)}$   
=  $\frac{\hat{A}_0(x_1, \dots, x_v)z^0 + \dots + \hat{A}_d(x_1, \dots, x_v)z^d}{\hat{B}_0(x_1, \dots, x_v)z^0 + \dots + \hat{B}_e(x_1, \dots, x_v)z^e}$ 

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#### SRFI: Shifted Basis

$$b = \sum_{j=1}^{m} b_j x_1^{e_{j,1}} \dots x_v^{e_{j,v}} \implies \hat{b}(z) = b(zx_1 + \sigma_1, \dots, zx_v + \sigma_v)$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{m} b_j (zx_1 + \sigma_1)^{e_{j,1}} \dots (zx_v + \sigma_v)^{e_{j,v}}$$

Evaluating  $\hat{b}$  at z = 0 yields the constant term,  $\hat{B}_0 \neq 0$ .

- $\, {\bf \downarrow} \ \hat{R} \ {\rm can} \ {\rm be} \ {\rm normalized,} \ {\rm forcing} \ \hat{B}_0(x_1,\ldots,x_v) = 1$
- ${\bf {\scriptstyle {\rm b}}}$  With normalization the univariate interpolation can occur

$$\hat{b}(0) = \hat{B}_0(x_1, \dots, x_v)$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^m b_j(\sigma_1)^{e_{j,1}} \dots (\sigma_v)^{e_{j,v}}$$
$$= b(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_v) \neq 0$$

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## SRFI: Shifted Basis

$$\hat{R}(z, x_1, \dots, x_v) = R(zx_1 + \sigma_1, zx_2 + \sigma_2, \dots, zx_v + \sigma_v)$$
  
= 
$$\frac{\hat{A}_0(x_1, \dots, x_v)z^0 + \dots + \hat{A}_d(x_1, \dots, x_v)z^d}{1 + \hat{B}_1(x_1, \dots, x_v)z^1 + \dots + \hat{B}_e(x_1, \dots, x_v)z^e}$$

Finally, one can interpolate each  $\hat{A}_i$  and  $\hat{B}_j$  as before.

- $\vdash$  With the shift, each  $\hat{A}_i$  and  $\hat{B}_j$  has densified.
- Gonce the shift is removed, many terms will become zero and the sparsity recovered.
- ↓ More advanced schemes exist to recover sparsity while in the shifted basis.

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Sparse interpolation schemes lend themselves to parallelization.

- Multivariate Polynomial Interpolation
  - $\vdash$  Each coefficient polynomial  $g_i$  can be interpolated in parallel.
  - ↓ For the deterministic variation, the interpolation for each choice of starting point can be run in parallel.
  - → With many threads, it is likely that the deterministic algorithm could surpass the probabilistic.
- Multivariate Rational Function Interpolation
  - $\vdash$  The coefficient polynomials  $A_i$ ,  $B_j$  can all be interpolated in parallel.

→ Current experimentation focused solely on number of black-box evaluations, look to view actual running time.

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