

**Analysis and numerical experiments connected  
with the computing of an AGCD of two inexact  
polynomials**

Jan Zítko, Jan Kuřátko

Charles University, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics,  
Department of Numerical Mathematics, Prague

PANM 15, Dolní Maxov, June 6 – 11, 2010

## Overview :

1: Notation

2: Euclid's algorithm and transformations of Sylvester matrix

3: Inexact polynomials

4: Computing the GCD using c-s transformation

5: QR-factorization method for computing the greatest common divisor

## 1. Notation

Two well-known methods for computing the GCD:

- the Euclid's algorithm
- manipulations with the Sylvester matrix

Let

$\deg(f)$  ... the degree of  $f$ ;

$\text{GCD}(f, g)$  ... the greatest common divisor of  $f$  and  $g$ .

$$f(x) = a_0x^m + a_1x^{m-1} + \cdots + a_{m-1}x + a_m,$$

$$g(x) = b_0x^n + b_1x^{n-1} + \cdots + b_{n-1}x + b_n,$$

where  $m \geq n$ ,  $a_0 a_m \neq 0$ ,  $b_0 b_n \neq 0$ .

The **Sylvester matrix**  $S(f, g) \in \mathbb{C}^{(m+n) \times (m+n)}$  is equal to

$$S(f, g) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{m-1} & a_m & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_0 & \dots & \dots & a_{m-1} & a_m & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{m-1} & a_m \\ - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ b_0 & b_1 & \dots & b_{n-1} & b_n & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & b_0 & \dots & \dots & b_{n-1} & b_n & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & \dots & b_{n-1} & b_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

The  **$k$ th Sylvester subresultant**  $S_k \in \mathbb{C}^{(m+n-2k+2) \times (m+n-k+1)}$  is formed from  $S(f, g)$  by deleting the last  $(k-1)$  columns, the last  $(k-1)$  row of the coefficients of  $f$  and the last  $(k-1)$  row of the coefficients of  $g$ .

## 2. Euclid's algorithm and transformations of Sylvester matrix

Let us define  $f_0 := f$  and  $f_1 := g$ . The polynomials in the successive divisions in Euclid's algorithm are defined by

$$f_j(x) = f_{j+1}(x)q_j(x) + f_{j+2}(x), \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $\deg f_{j+2} < \deg f_{j+1}$ .

If  $f_{t+1} = 0$  and  $f_j \neq 0 \quad \forall j \leq t$  then  $f_t = \text{GCD}(f_0, f_1)$ .

For illustration, let  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  be of degrees 5 and 2 respectively:

$$f_0(x) = a_0x^5 + a_1x^4 + a_2x^3 + a_3x^2 + a_4x + a_5,$$

$$f_1(x) = b_0x^2 + b_1x + b_2.$$

The Sylvester matrix  $S(f_0, f_1)$  for the polynomials  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  is

$$S(f_0, f_1) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 & 0 \\ 0 & a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now we will formulate the modified Euclid's algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} & c_0 \underbrace{(a_0x^5 + a_1x^4 + a_2x^3 + a_3x^2 + a_4x + a_5)}_{f_0(x)} + s_0 \underbrace{(b_0x^2 + b_1x + b_2)}_{f_1(x)} x^3 \\ &= 0 + \underbrace{(c_0a_1 + s_0b_1)}_{a_1^{(1)}} x^4 + \underbrace{(c_0a_2 + s_0b_2)}_{a_2^{(1)}} x^3 + \underbrace{c_0a_3}_{a_3^{(1)}} x^2 + \underbrace{c_0a_4}_{a_4^{(1)}} x + \underbrace{c_0a_5}_{a_5^{(1)}}. \\ & \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{h_4(x) := a_1^{(1)}x^4 + a_2^{(1)}x^3 + a_3^{(1)}x^2 + a_4^{(1)}x + a_5^{(1)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$G_0^{(1)}(c_0, s_0) := \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & 0 & s_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_0 & 0 & s_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} .$$

$$S^{(1)}(f_0, f_1) := G_0^{(1)}(c_0, s_0)S(f_0, f_1)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_1^{(1)} & a_2^{(1)} & a_3^{(1)} & a_4^{(1)} & a_5^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_1^{(1)} & a_2^{(1)} & a_3^{(1)} & a_4^{(1)} & a_5^{(1)} \\ b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} ,$$

where

$$a_i^{(1)} = \begin{cases} c_0 a_i + s_0 b_i & \text{for } i = 1, 2 \\ c_0 a_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

Let  $a_1^{(1)} \neq 0$ . Then  $\deg(h_4) = 4$ . In the opposite case, the process would be performed with the polynomial of degree less than 4. The Euclid's algorithm proceeds according to the following schema:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & c_1 \underbrace{(a_1^{(1)} x^4 + a_2^{(1)} x^3 + a_3^{(1)} x^2 + a_4^{(1)} x + a_5^{(1)})}_{h_4(x)} + s_1 \underbrace{(b_0 x^2 + b_1 x + b_2)}_{f_1(x)} x^2 \\
 & = 0 + \underbrace{(c_1 a_2^{(1)} + s_1 b_1)}_{a_2^{(2)}} x^3 + \underbrace{(c_1 a_3^{(1)} + s_1 b_2)}_{a_3^{(2)}} x^2 + \underbrace{c_1 a_4^{(1)}}_{a_4^{(2)}} x + \underbrace{c_1 a_5^{(1)}}_{a_5^{(2)}} \\
 & \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{h_3(x) := a_2^{(2)} x^3 + a_3^{(2)} x^2 + a_4^{(2)} x + a_5^{(2)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The numbers  $c_1$  a  $s_1$  are again chosen to remove the coefficient by  $x^4$ . The corresponding matrix operation consists of premultiplying

$G_1^{(1)}(c_1, s_1)S^{(1)}(f_0, f_1)$ , where

$$G_1^{(1)}(c_1, s_1) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & 0 & s_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_1 & 0 & 0 & s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We obtain  $S^{(2)}(f_0, f_1) := G_1^{(1)}(c_1, s_1)S^{(1)}(f_0, f_1)$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_2^{(2)} & a_3^{(2)} & a_4^{(2)} & a_5^{(2)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_2^{(2)} & a_3^{(2)} & a_4^{(2)} & a_5^{(2)} \\ b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$a_i^2 = \begin{cases} c_1 a_i^{(1)} + s_1 b_{i-1} & \text{for } i = 2, 3 \\ c_1 a_i^{(1)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

Let  $a_2^2 \neq 0$ . Let the numbers  $c_2$ ,  $s_2$  and then  $c_3$  a  $s_3$  remove the coefficients by dominant power. The last two divisions yield the polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} h_2(x) &= a_3^{(3)} x^2 + a_4^{(3)} x + a_5^{(3)} = c_2 h_3(x) + s_2 f_1(x) x \\ h_1(x) &= a_4^{(4)} x + a_5^{(4)} = c_3 h_2(x) + s_3 f_1(x) \end{aligned} ,$$

where  $a_3^{(3)} \neq 0$  and  $a_4^{(4)} \neq 0$ .

If we analogously define the matrices  $G_2^{(1)}(c_2, s_2)$ ,  $G_3^{(1)}(c_3, s_3)$ , then

$$S^{(4)}(f_0, f_1) := G_3^{(1)}(c_3, s_3)G_2^{(1)}(c_2, s_2)S^{(2)}(f_0, f_1)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_4^{(4)} & a_5^{(4)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_4^{(4)} & a_5^{(4)} \\ b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot$$

Define

$$G_1 = G_3^{(1)}(c_3, s_3)G_2^{(1)}(c_2, s_2)G_1^{(1)}(c_1, s_1)G_0^{(1)}(c_0, s_0)$$

and

$$P_1 = [e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6, e_7, e_1 \cdot e_2] \cdot$$

Then the first stage of Euclid' algorithm can be written in matrix

formulation as follows

$$P_1 G_1 S(f_0, f_1) = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|ccc} b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_4^{(4)} & a_5^{(4)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_4^{(4)} & a_5^{(4)} \end{array} \right] \cdot$$

We have obtained the coefficients of the polynomial  $h_1$  in the last two rows. Summarizing all steps of the first stage of Euclidean algorithm, we obtain

$$\underbrace{c_3 c_2 c_1 c_0 f_0(x)}_{\tilde{f}_0(x)} = \underbrace{-(c_3 c_2 c_1 s_0 x^3 + c_3 c_2 s_1 x^2 + c_3 s_2 x + s_3)}_{\tilde{q}_0(x)} \underbrace{f_1(x)}_{\tilde{f}_1(x)} + \underbrace{h_1(x)}_{\tilde{f}_2(x)}.$$

Hence we have

$$\tilde{f}_0(x) = \tilde{q}_0(x) \tilde{f}_1(x) + \tilde{f}_2(x).$$

We will shortly demonstrate on our illustrative example how to pick the numbers  $c$  and  $s$ . If we take

$$c_0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad s_0 = -\frac{a_0}{b_0}.$$

then the division in Euclid's algorithm has the following form

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{(a_0x^5 + a_1x^4 + a_2x^3 + a_3x^2 + a_4x + a_5)}_{f_0(x)} - \underbrace{(b_0x^2 + b_1x + b_2)}_{f_1(x)} \left(\frac{a_0}{b_0}\right)x^3 \\ &= 0 + \underbrace{\left(a_1 - \frac{a_0b_1}{b_0}\right)}_{a_1^{(1)}}x^4 + \underbrace{\left(a_2 - \frac{a_0b_2}{b_0}\right)}_{a_2^{(1)}}x^3 + \underbrace{a_3}_{a_3^{(1)}}x^2 + \underbrace{a_4}_{a_4^{(1)}}x + \underbrace{a_5}_{a_5^{(1)}} \end{aligned}$$

The second choice of  $c$  and  $s$  in the first step:

$$c_0 = \frac{b_0}{\sqrt{a_0^2 + b_0^2}} \quad \text{a} \quad s_0 = -\frac{a_0}{\sqrt{a_0^2 + b_0^2}}.$$

We will again use the original notation,  $f$  and  $g$  for polynomials,  $m = \deg(f)$  and  $n = \deg(g)$ .

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be the polynomials of degrees  $m$  and  $n$  respectively. It is assumed that the polynomials  $f_0(x), f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots$ , which are constructed by Euclid's algorithm satisfy:  $f_{t+1} = 0$ ,  $f_j \neq 0$  for  $j \leq t$ . The following statements hold:*

- 1) *There exists a nonsingular matrix  $Z$  of order  $m + n$  such that the matrix  $ZS(f, g)$  has the block form*

$$ZS(f, g) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_U & R_{1,2} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & R_{2,2} \end{array} \right],$$

where  $\mathbf{R}_U$  is a square upper triangular matrix with non-zero diagonal elements, and  $\mathbf{R}_{2,2}$ , the resultant matrix after transformation of the Sylvester resultant matrix  $S(\mathbf{f}_{t-1}, \mathbf{f}_t)$ , is a square upper triangular matrix of order  $(n_{t-1} + n_t)$ . The matrix  $\mathbf{R}_{2,2}$  has the following forms:

(a) If  $n_t > 0$ , then the first  $n_{t-1}$  diagonal elements of  $\mathbf{R}_{2,2}$  are non-zero. The last  $n_k$  rows of  $\mathbf{R}_{2,2}$  are zero.

The polynomial  $\mathbf{f}_t$  is equal to the GCD of  $(f, g)$ .

(b) If  $n_t = 0$ , then  $f_t =: c \neq 0$  and  $R_{2,2} = cI_{n_t-1}$ . In this case  $\text{rank } S(f, g) = m + n$ .

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be the polynomials of degrees  $m$  and  $n$  respectively,  $1 \leq k \leq \min(m, n)$  and let  $S_k$  be the  $k$ th Sylvester subresultant. Then the following statements are equivalent:

---

$$\text{rank } S(f, g) = m + n - k \Leftrightarrow \deg \text{GCD}(f, g) = k,$$

$$\text{rank } S(f, g) < m + n - k \Leftrightarrow \deg \text{GCD}(f, g) > k.$$

---

$$\text{rank } S_k = m + n - 2k + 1 \Leftrightarrow \deg \text{GCD}(f, g) = k,$$

$$\text{rank } S_k \leq m + n - 2k + 1 \Leftrightarrow \deg \text{GCD}(f, g) \geq k.$$

---

### 3. Inexact polynomials

The  $k$ th Sylvester subresultant has the form

$$S_k = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{m-1} & a_m & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ 0 & a_0 & \dots & a_{m-2} & a_{m-1} & a_m & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{m-1} & a_m \\ - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ b_0 & b_1 & \dots & b_{n-1} & b_n & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & b_0 & \dots & & b_{n-1} & b_n & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & \dots & b_{n-1} & b_n \end{bmatrix}}_{m+n-(k-1)} \left. \begin{array}{l} u_k^T \text{ (the first row)} \\ \\ n-(k-1) \\ \\ m+n-2k+2 \end{array} \right\} = \begin{bmatrix} u_k^T \\ \\ A_k^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_k = \begin{bmatrix} u_k^T \\ A_k^T \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where}$$

$$u_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n-k+1} \text{ and } A_k \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+n-2k+1) \times (m+n-k+1)}.$$

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be the polynomials of degrees  $m$  and  $n$  respectively,  $1 \leq k \leq \min(m, n)$  and  $S_k$  the  $k$ th Sylvester subresultant. Let  $S_k^T = [u_k, A_k]$  where  $u_k$  is the first column of the matrix  $S_k^T$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- a)  $\deg \text{GCD}(f, g) = k \Leftrightarrow$  the equation  $A_k y = u_k$  possesses exactly one nontrivial solution.
  
- b)  $\deg \text{GCD}(f, g) > k \Leftrightarrow$  the equation  $A_k y = u_k$  possesses at least two linearly independent solutions.

(Ben Rosen, Kaltofen, Yang, Zhi, Winkler)

Let an integer  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq \min(m, n)$  be given.

We seek perturbations  $\delta f(x)$  and  $\delta g(x)$  of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  respectively,

$$\begin{aligned}\delta f(x) &= \delta a_0 x^m + \delta a_1 x^{m-1} + \dots + \delta a_{m-1} x + \delta a_m, \\ \delta g(x) &= \delta b_0 x^n + \delta b_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + \delta b_{n-1} x + \delta b_n,\end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned}\deg(\text{GCD}(f + \delta f, g + \delta g)) &\geq k \quad \text{and} \\ \|\delta f\|^2 + \|\delta g\|^2 &\text{ is minimal.}\end{aligned}$$

The polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are inexact, an integer  $k \in [1, \min(m, n)]$ . We want to compute the minimal perturbation of the coefficients of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  such that the degree of the greatest common divisors of perturbed polynomials equals  $k$ .

...to compute a perturbation matrix  $[h_k, E_k]$  with the same block structure as  $[u_k, A_k]$  such that the equation

$$(A_k + E_k)y = u_k + h_k \quad y = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{m+n-2k+1}]^T$$

possesses exactly one nontrivial solution. Hence we solve the constrained minimisation problem,

$$\mathbf{min} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{h}_k & \mathbf{E}_k \end{bmatrix} \right\|_F \quad \text{such that} \quad (\mathbf{A}_k + \mathbf{E}_k)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{u}_k + \mathbf{h}_k.$$

...  $z_i$  is the perturbation of  $a_i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, m$ ,

...  $z_{m+i}$  is the perturbation of  $b_i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n + 1$ .

The structured error matrix  $[h_k, E_k] \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+n-k+1) \times (m+n-2k+2)}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc|cccc}
 z_0 & & & & z_{m+1} & & & & \\
 z_1 & z_0 & \cdots & & \vdots & z_{m+2} & \cdots & & \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & z_0 & z_{m+n} & \vdots & \cdots & z_{m+1} & \\
 z_{m-1} & \vdots & \cdots & z_1 & z_{m+n+1} & z_{m+n} & & z_{m+2} & z_{m+1} \\
 z_m & z_{m-1} & \cdots & \vdots & & z_{m+n+1} & \cdots & \vdots & z_{m+2} \\
 & z_m & \cdots & \vdots & & & \cdots & z_{m+n} & \vdots \\
 & & & z_{m-1} & & & & z_{m+n+1} & z_{m+n} \\
 & & & z_m & & & & & z_{m+n+1}
 \end{array} \right].$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{h_k} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n-k} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{m-k+1}$

Define the  $(m + n - k + 1) \times (m + n + 2)$  matrix  $Y_k =$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccccc}
 0 & & & & y_{n-k+1} & & & & & \\
 y_1 & & & & y_{n-k+2} & y_{n-k+1} & & & & \\
 \cdot & y_1 & & & \cdot & y_{n-k+2} & \cdots & & & \\
 \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdots & & \\
 y_{n-k} & \cdot & \cdots & y_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdots & y_{n-k+1} & \\
 & y_{n-k} & \cdots & \cdot & y_{m+n-2k+1} & \cdot & \cdots & \cdots & y_{n-k+2} & \\
 & & \cdots & \cdot & & y_{m+n-2k+1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdot & \\
 & & \cdots & y_{n-k} & \cdot & & \cdots & \cdots & \cdot & \\
 & & & & y_{n-k} & \cdot & & \cdots & \cdot & \\
 & & & & & & & & & y_{m+n-2k+1}
 \end{array} \right] .$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{m+1} \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{n+1}$

and the matrix  $P_k \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+n-k+1) \times (m+n+2)}$ ,

$$P_k = \begin{bmatrix} I_{m+1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} .$$

$$h_k = P_k z, \quad \text{and} \quad Y_k(y) z = E_k(z) y \quad !!!$$

The residual vector

$$r = r(z, y) = u_k + h_k - (A_k + E_k)y.$$

The SNTL method.

We seek a vector  $z = \{z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m+n+1}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n+1}$  such that the system

$$(A_k + E_k(z))y = u_k + h_k(z)$$

has just one nontrivial solution and

$\|z\|_2$  is minimal.

Let  $z$  and  $y$  be initial approximations.

We express  $r(z + \delta z, y + \delta y)$  and we try to calculate shifts  $\delta z, \delta y$  such that

$$\underbrace{\|r(z + \delta z, y + \delta y)\|}_{\approx 0} \approx r(z, y) - (Y_k - P_k)\delta z - (A_k + E_k)\delta y.$$

This leads to the iterative process for  $\delta y$  and  $\delta z$  where in the each stage the LSE problem is solved (See Reference Winkler, Kaltofen):

$$\min_{\delta z} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta z \\ \delta y \end{bmatrix} - (-Dz) \right\| \quad \text{subject to}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (Y_k - P_k) & (A_k + E_k) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta z \\ \delta y \end{bmatrix}}_{r(z + \delta z, y + \delta y) = 0} = r(z, y).$$

where

$$D = \text{diag}(D_1, D_2), \quad D_1 = (n - k + 1)I_{m+1}, \quad D_2 = (m - k + 1)I_{n+1}.$$

Denoting

$$\begin{aligned} B &= [ (Y_k - P_k) \ , \ (A_k + E_k) ] \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+n-k+1) \times (2m+2n-2k+3)} \\ A &= [ D \ 0 ] \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+n+2) \times (2m+2n-2k+3)} \\ d &= r(z, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n-k+1} \\ b &= -Dz \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n+2} \\ w &= \begin{bmatrix} \delta z \\ \delta y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2m+2n-2k+3}, \end{aligned}$$

We can see that the computation of an approximate GCD reduces to the LSE problem

$$\min_w \|Aw - b\|_2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad Bw = d. \quad (1)$$

[Björk, Van Loan]

The exact polynomials  $\hat{f}$  and  $\hat{g}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f}(x) &= \hat{a}_0 x^m + \hat{a}_1 x^{m-1} + \dots + \hat{a}_{m-1} x + \hat{a}_m, \\ \hat{g}(x) &= \hat{b}_0 x^n + \hat{b}_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + \hat{b}_{n-1} x + \hat{b}_n.\end{aligned}$$

$\|\hat{f}(x)\|$  denotes the Euclidean norm

$c_f \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$  and  $c_g \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  ... random vectors with components in  $[-1, 1]$  and  $\epsilon$  a small positive number (perturbation)

$$\delta \hat{a}_i = \epsilon \frac{\|\hat{f}\|}{\|c_f\|} c_{f,i},$$

$c_{f,i}$  ... th  $i$ th component of  $c_f$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ . The perturbation of  $g$  is defined analogously. Let us write

$$\begin{aligned}f &= \hat{f} + \epsilon \frac{\|\hat{f}\|}{\|c_f\|} c_f; & f(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^m (\hat{a}_i + \delta \hat{a}_i) x^{m-i} =: \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^{m-i} \\ g &= \hat{g} + \epsilon \frac{\|\hat{g}\|}{\|c_g\|} c_g; & g(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^n (\hat{b}_i + \delta \hat{b}_i) x^{n-i} =: \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^{n-i}\end{aligned}$$

Polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are rearranged:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m \tilde{a}_i x^{m-i}, \quad \tilde{a}_i = \frac{a_i}{\left(\prod_{k=0}^m |a_k|\right)^{\frac{1}{m+1}}},$$

$$g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \tilde{b}_i x^{n-i}, \quad \tilde{b}_i = \frac{b_i}{\left(\prod_{k=0}^n |b_k|\right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}}},$$

**Example 1.** (Ján Eliaš)  $\mu = 10^6$ . Exact polynomials

$$\hat{f}(x) = (x - 1.2)^4 (x + 2)^5 (x - 0.5)^4,$$

$$\hat{g}(x) = (x - 1.4)^2 (x + 2)^3 (x - 0.5)^4.$$

It is immediately to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCD}(\hat{f}, \hat{g}) &= (x + 2)^3 (x - 0.5)^4 \\ &= x^7 + 4x^6 + 1.5x^5 + 7.5x^4 - 0.9375x^3 + 6.375x^2 - 3.25x + 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{f}(x) \\ \hat{g}(x) \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{perturbation}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x) \\ g(x) \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{STLN}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{f}(x) \\ \tilde{g}(x) \end{array} \right\}$$

$f(x)$ ,  $g(x)$  are coprime.

If  $\deg \text{GCD}(\hat{f}, \hat{g}) = k \Rightarrow \text{rank } S(\hat{f}, \hat{g}) = m + n - k$ . In our case  $m = 13$ ,  $n = 9$  and  $k = 7$ .

	$f(x)$	$g(x)$
$x^{13}$	1	
$x^{12}$	3.20025	
$x^{11}$	-8.26093	
$x^{10}$	-26.49540	
$x^9$	38.00476	1
$x^8$	85.59627	1.199981
$x^7$	-121.21627	-7.739988
$x^6$	-109.89824	-3.859967
$x^5$	223.97294	23.002372
$x^4$	-17.51887	-5.699975
$x^3$	-156.15339	-22.937378
$x^2$	120.28351	22.094884
$x^1$	-36.63814	-7.769948
$x^0$	4.14757	0.979989

	$\tilde{f}(x)$	$\tilde{g}(x)$
$x^{13}$	1	
$x^{12}$	3.19998	
$x^{11}$	-8.26007	
$x^{10}$	-26.49212	
$x^9$	38.00016	1
$x^8$	85.58606	1.199982
$x^7$	-121.20177	-7.739994
$x^6$	-109.88508	-3.859969
$x^5$	223.94605	23.002392
$x^4$	-17.51684	-5.699980
$x^3$	-156.13476	-22.937396
$x^2$	120.26907	22.094900
$x^1$	-36.63364	-7.769959
$x^0$	4.14719	0.979990

	$\text{GCD}(\hat{f}, \hat{g})$	$\text{GCD}(\tilde{f}, \tilde{g})$
$x^7$	1	1
$x^6$	4	3.999978
$x^5$	1.5	1.499947
$x^4$	-7.5	-7.500006
$x^3$	-0.9375	-0.937463
$x^2$	6.375	6.375001
$x^1$	-3.25	-3.250011
$x^0$	0.5	0.499999

#### 4. Computing the GCD using c-s transformation

An example will be presented. Let

$$f(x) = (x + 3)^2(x + 2.2)^2(x + 0.5)^3(x - 2)^4(x - 3)^2$$

$$g(x) = (x + 3.2)(x + 3)^2(x + 1.1)(x^2 - 0.01)(x - 3)^2(x - 4)^2.$$

Denoting  $u = \text{GCD}(f, g)$ , we have

$$u(x) = (x + 3)^2(x - 3)^2 = x^4 - 18x^2 + 81$$

Using FMLIB in our program we have obtained the exact result

$$u(x) = 1.0000000000000000x^4 - 18.000000000000000x^2 + 81.000000000000000$$

The same example has been calculated in MatLab and the incorrect results have been obtained.

## 5. QR-factorization method for computing the greatest common divisor

A companion matrix associated with the polynomial  $f$ , where

$$f(x) = x^m + a_1x^{m-1} + \cdots + a_{m-1}x + a_m,$$

is the  $m \times m$  matrix

$$C_m = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_m & -a_{m-1} & -a_{m-2} & \cdots & -a_2 & -a_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is assumed that the coefficient  $a_0 = 1$ . Now we will summarize the basic attributes of the matrix  $g(C_m)$ , where

$$g(x) = b_0x^n + b_1x^{n-1} + \cdots + b_{n-1}x + b_n,$$

in detail described in the Barnett's book. (S.Barnett: Polynomial and Linear Control System.)

Let  $u = [b_n, b_{n-1}, \dots, b_1, b_0, 0, \dots, 0]^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then the matrix polynomial  $g(C_m)$  is given by

$$g(C_m) = \begin{bmatrix} u^T \\ u^T C_m \\ \vdots \\ u^T C_m^{m-2} \\ u^T C_m^{m-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix  $g(C_m)$  is very important.

The GCD( $f, g$ ) can be obtained very easily from the matrix  $g(C_m)$ .  
Let us remark (S. Barnett) that

$$\deg(\text{GCD}(f, g)) = m - \text{rank}(g(C_m)).$$

**Theorem 5.1** Let  $J_m \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $S(f, g)$  be matrices of the form

$$J_m = [e_m, e_{m-1}, \dots, e_2, e_1] \quad \text{and} \quad S(f, g) = \begin{bmatrix} S_{1,1} & S_{1,2} \\ S_{2,1} & S_{2,2} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $S_{1,1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $S_{2,2} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ . Then the Schur's complement

$$S_{2,2}^* = J_m g(C_m) J_m.$$

The following idea (Barnett, Zarowski) will be illustrated for the polynomials of degree  $m = 4$  and  $n = 3$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^4 + a_1 x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x + a_4, \\ g(x) &= b_0 x^3 + b_1 x^2 + b_2 x + b_3. \end{aligned}$$

Let the Sylvester matrix be split into the four blocks

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(f, g) &= \\
 &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cccc}
 1 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\
 - & - & - & + & - & - & - \\
 b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3
 \end{array} \right] =: \begin{bmatrix} S_{1,1} & S_{1,2} \\ S_{2,1} & S_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that all blocks are Toeplitz matrices. The Schur complement follows from the following multiplication:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_3 & 0 \\ -S_{2,1}S_{1,1}^{-1} & I_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_{1,1} & S_{1,2} \\ S_{2,1} & S_{2,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{1,1} & S_{1,2} \\ 0 & S_{2,2}^{(*)} \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$S_{2,2}^{(*)} = S_{2,2} - S_{2,1}S_{1,1}^{-1}S_{1,2}$$

**Theorem 5.2.**[Barnett and Zarowski] *There exist square matrices  $U$  and  $Q$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned}US(f, g) &= R_1, \\ QS_{2,2}^* &= R_2,\end{aligned}$$

*where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are upper triangular matrices. The last non-vanishing rows of both triangular matrices contain the coefficients of a  $GCD(f, g)$ .*

Moreover, there is an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  such that

$$QJ_m g(C_m)J_m = R_2$$

[Zarowski], where

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} x & x & \cdot & \cdot & x & x & x & \cdot & \cdot & x & x \\ 0 & x & \cdot & \cdot & x & x & x & \cdot & \cdot & x & x \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & x & x & x & \cdot & \cdot & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & d_0 & d_1 & \cdot & \cdot & d_{k-1} & d_k \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $d(x) := d_0x^k + d_1x^{k-1} + \dots + d_{k-1}x + d_k$  is the GCD of  $f$  and  $g$ .  $\square$

An example: the same polynomials are considered, i.e.,

$$f(x) = (x + 3)^2(x + 2.2)^2(x + 0.5)^3(x - 2)^4(x - 3)^2$$

$$g(x) = (x + 3.2)(x + 3)^2(x + 1.1)(x^2 - 0.01)(x - 3)^2(x - 4)^2.$$

Let us remark that  $u = \text{GCD}(f, g)$ ,

$$u(x) = (x + 3)^2(x - 3)^2 = x^4 - 18x^2 + 81.$$

We have obtained again the exact result. The same example was calculated in MatLab and the polynomial  $p$  has been obtained.

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) = & 1.0000000000000000x^4 - 0.000000141260423x^3 \\ & -17.999999475530075x^2 + 0.000000973322225x \\ & +80.999996276344888 \end{aligned}$$

The Euclidean norm  $\|p - u\| = 3.886899375985486e - 6$ .

The second approach to construction of  $g(C_m)$  was based on direct computing of Schur's complement  $S_{2,2}^*$ . We have obtained the polynomial  $p$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) = & 1.0000000000000000x^4 + 0.000001622363975x^3 \\ & -17.999998869020878x^2 - 0.000012113435782x \\ & +80.999991505224259 \end{aligned}$$

The Euclidean norm  $\|p - u\| = 1.492674512347724e - 5$ . At the end of this lecture we will present an interesting example.

Let

$$f(x) = \prod_{i \in N_1} (x - i)$$
$$g(x) = \prod_{i \in N_2} (x - i),$$

where  $N_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, 20\}$ ,

$N_2 = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\} \cup \{-1, -2, -3, -4\}$

In this case we have again obtained the exact solution.

**The End**

**Thank you for your attention!**