

The Modular GCD Algorithm (main idea)

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{g} := x^2 - 7x + 15; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad g := x^2 - 7x + 15 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{A} := \mathbf{expand}(\mathbf{g} * (x^2 + 18x + 5)); \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad A := x^4 + 11x^3 - 106x^2 + 235x + 75 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{B} := \mathbf{expand}(\mathbf{g} * (x^2 + x + 5)); \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad B := x^4 - 6x^3 + 13x^2 - 20x + 75 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{p1} := 11; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad p1 := 11 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{g1} := \mathbf{Gcd}(\mathbf{A} \bmod \mathbf{p1}, \mathbf{B} \bmod \mathbf{p1}) \bmod \mathbf{p1}; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad g1 := x^2 + 4x + 4 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

 $\mathbb{Z}_{11}[x]$

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{p2} := 13; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad p2 := 13 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{g2} := \mathbf{Gcd}(\mathbf{A} \bmod \mathbf{p2}, \mathbf{B} \bmod \mathbf{p2}) \bmod \mathbf{p2}; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad g2 := x^2 + 6x + 2 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

 $\mathbb{Z}_{13}[x]$

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{G} := \mathbf{chrem}([\mathbf{g1}, \mathbf{g2}], [\mathbf{p1}, \mathbf{p2}]); \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad G := x^2 + 136x + 15 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Put the coefficients of G in the symmetric range for the integers modulo M

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{M} := \mathbf{p1} * \mathbf{p2}; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad M := 143 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{G} := \mathbf{mods}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{M}); \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad G := x^2 - 7x + 15 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{gcd}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}); \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad x^2 - 7x + 15 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Unlucky Primes

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> g := x^2-7*x+15;
      g := x2 - 7x + 15 (1)
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> A := expand( g * (x^2+18*x+5) );
      A := x4 + 11x3 - 106x2 + 235x + 75 (2)
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```
> B := expand( g * (x^2+x+5) );
      B := x4 - 6x3 + 13x2 - 20x + 75 (3)
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> gcd(A,B);
      x2 - 7x + 15 (4)
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> g1 := Gcd( A, B ) mod 13;
      g1 := x2 + 6x + 2 (5)
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> g2 := Gcd( A, B ) mod 17;
      g2 := x4 + 11x3 + 13x2 + 14x + 7 (6)
```

17 is an unlucky prime.

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> g3 := Gcd( A, B ) mod 19;
      g3 := x2 + 12x + 15 (7)
```

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> G := chrem( [g1,g2], [13,17] );
      G := 52x4 + 130x3 + 183x2 + 201x + 41 (8)
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> G := chrem( [g1,g3], [13,19] );
      G := x2 + 240x + 15 (9)
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> M := 13*19;
      G := mods( G, M );
      M := 247
      G := x2 - 7x + 15 (10)
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```
> divide(A,G);
      divide(B,G);
      true
      true (11)
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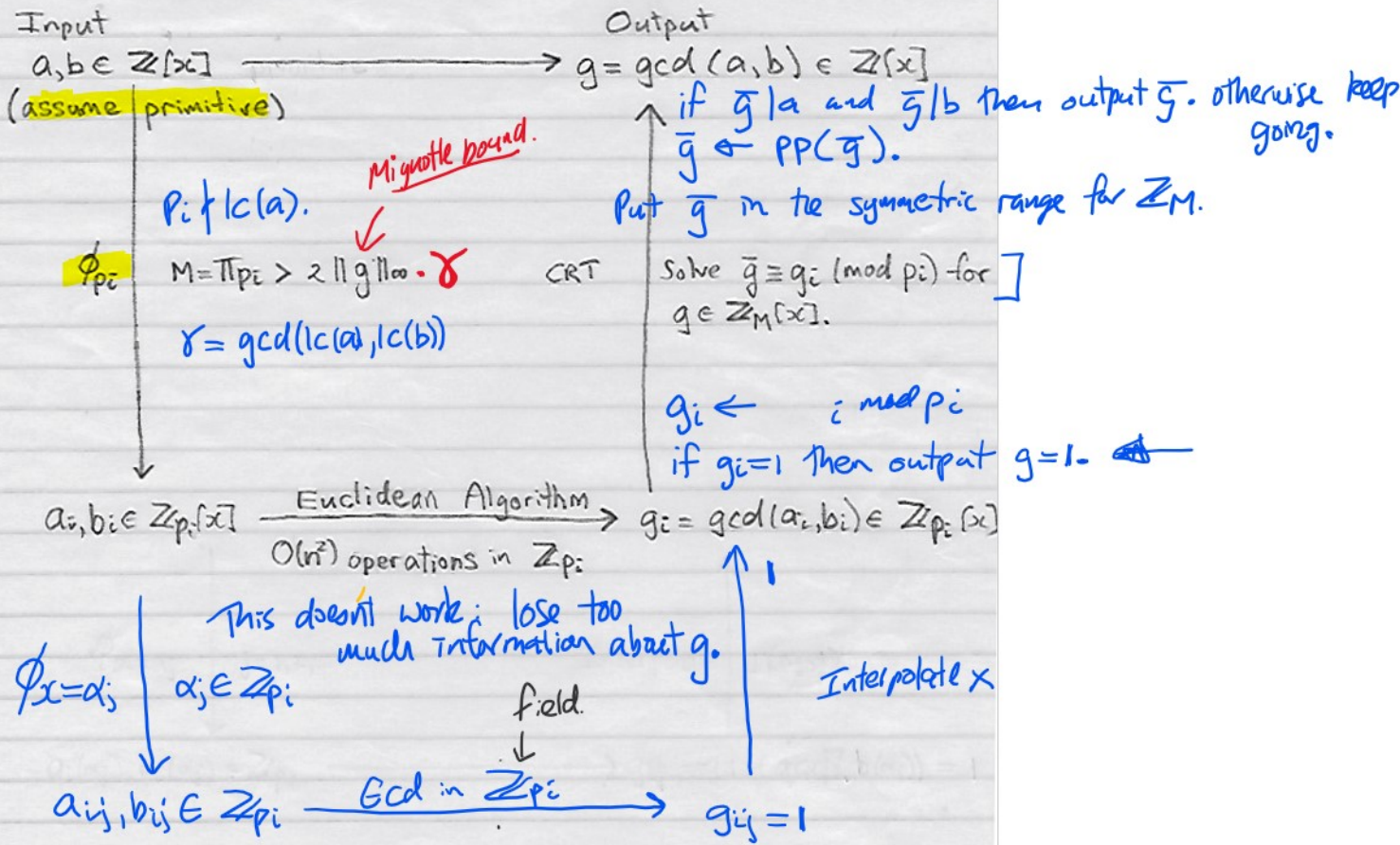
How big can the coefficients of the factors of $x^n - 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ be?

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> f := x^30-1;
                                f := x^30 - 1
> F := [op(factor(f))];
F := [x-1, x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1, x^2+x+1, x^8-x^7+x^5-x^4+x^3-x+1, 1+x, x^4-x^3+x^2
-x+1, x^2-x+1, x^8+x^7-x^5-x^4-x^3+x+1]
> S := combinat[subsets](F);
> while not S[finished] do
  c := S[nextvalue](S);
  g := expand( mul(h,h=c) );
  if maxnorm(g)>7 then
    divide(f,g,'q');
    print(maxnorm(g),maxnorm(q));
    print(g,q);
  fi;
od:
                                12, 12
x15 + 4x14 + 8x13 + 10x12 + 8x11 + 2x10 - 6x9 - 12x8 - 12x7 - 6x6 + 2x5 + 8x4 + 10x3
+ 8x2 + 4x + 1, x15 - 4x14 + 8x13 - 10x12 + 8x11 - 2x10 - 6x9 + 12x8 - 12x7 + 6x6
+ 2x5 - 8x4 + 10x3 - 8x2 + 4x - 1
                                12, 12
x15 - 4x14 + 8x13 - 10x12 + 8x11 - 2x10 - 6x9 + 12x8 - 12x7 + 6x6 + 2x5 - 8x4 + 10x3
- 8x2 + 4x - 1, x15 + 4x14 + 8x13 + 10x12 + 8x11 + 2x10 - 6x9 - 12x8 - 12x7 - 6x6
+ 2x5 + 8x4 + 10x3 + 8x2 + 4x + 1
                                8, 7
x16 - 3x15 + 4x14 - 2x13 - 2x12 + 6x11 - 8x10 + 6x9 - 6x7 + 8x6 - 6x5 + 2x4 + 2x3
- 4x2 + 3x - 1, x14 + 3x13 + 5x12 + 5x11 + 3x10 - x9 - 5x8 - 7x7 - 5x6 - x5 + 3x4
+ 5x3 + 5x2 + 3x + 1
                                8, 7
x16 + 3x15 + 4x14 + 2x13 - 2x12 - 6x11 - 8x10 - 6x9 + 6x7 + 8x6 + 6x5 + 2x4 - 2x3
- 4x2 - 3x - 1, x14 - 3x13 + 5x12 - 5x11 + 3x10 + x9 - 5x8 + 7x7 - 5x6 + x5 + 3x4
- 5x3 + 5x2 - 3x + 1

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The Modular Gcd Algorithm



How big can $\|g\|_\infty$ be? $g|a$ and $g|b$.

Can $\|g\|_\infty \geq \|a\|_\infty$ and $\geq \|b\|_\infty$. Yes.

Mignotte bound. Let $f, g \in \mathbb{Z}[x] \setminus \{0\}$. If $g|f$ then

$$\|g\|_\infty \leq 2^d \sqrt{d+1} \|f\|_\infty \text{ where } d = \deg f.$$

So $\|g\|_\infty \leq \min(2^{d_a} \sqrt{d_a+1} \|a\|_\infty, 2^{d_b} \sqrt{d_b+1} \|b\|_\infty)$ where $d_a = \deg a$ and $d_b = \deg b$

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> a := 8*x^4+78*x^3+166*x^2-171*x-360;
  b := 12*x^5+84*x^4+90*x^3-2*x^2-14*x-15;
      a := 8x4 + 78x3 + 166x2 - 171x - 360
      b := 12x5 + 84x4 + 90x3 - 2x2 - 14x - 15
(1)

> content(a,x), content(b,x);
      1, 1
(2)

> MignotteBound := proc(f,x) local d;
  d := degree(f,x); 2^d*ceil(sqrt(d+1))*maxnorm(f) end:
> B := min( MignotteBound(a,x), MignotteBound(b,x) );
      B := 8640
(3)

> M := 23*29*31;
      M := 20677
(4)

> gamma := igcd(lcoeff(a),lcoeff(b));
Error, attempting to assign to `gamma` which is protected. Try
declaring `local gamma`; see ?protect for details.
(5)

> beta := igcd(lcoeff(a),lcoeff(b));
      beta := 4
(6)

> g1 := Gcd(a,b) mod 23;
  g1 := beta*g1 mod 23;
      g1 := x2 + 7x + 19
      g1 := 4x2 + 5x + 7
(7)

> g2 := Gcd(a,b) mod 29;
  g2 := beta*g2 mod 29;
      g2 := x2 + 7x + 22
      g2 := 4x2 + 28x + 1
(8)

> g3 := Gcd(a,b) mod 31;
  g3 := beta*g3 mod 31;
      g3 := x2 + 7x + 23
      g3 := 4x2 + 28x + 30
(9)

> gbar := mods( chrem([g1,g2,g3],[23,29,31]), M );
      gbar := 4x2 + 28x + 30
(10)

> g := primpart(gbar);
      g := 2x2 + 14x + 15
(11)

> divide(a,g), divide(b,g);
      true, true
(12)

> infolevel[gcd] := 4:
  gcd(a,b);
gcd/gcdchrem1: computing images
gcd/gcdchrem1: combining images
gcd/gcdchrem1: trial division
      2x2 + 14x + 15

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$\gamma = 0.57\dots$

Problem: $\|a\|_{\infty}$, $\|b\|_{\infty}$ could be big but
 $\|g\|_{\infty}$ might be small e.g. $g = 2x - 3$.
 Test after each prime whether we have enough primes.

Algorithm Mod Gcd.

Inputs $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}[x] \setminus \{0\}$, $\text{cont } a = 1$, $\text{cont } b = 1$.

Output $g = \text{gcd}(a, b)$

$\gamma \leftarrow \text{gcd}(\text{lc } a, \text{lc } b) \in \mathbb{Z}$

$G \leftarrow 0$ # CRT applied to previous images g_i

$M \leftarrow 1$ # product of previous primes

Loop: pick a new prime p st. $p \nmid \text{lc } a$.
 $g_p \leftarrow \text{gcd}(\phi_p(a), \phi_p(b)) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$
if $\deg g_p = 0$ then output 1.
 $g_p \leftarrow \phi_p(\gamma) \cdot g_p \pmod p$

Catch unlucky primes.

if $G = 0$ then $G \leftarrow g_p$; $M \leftarrow p$;
elif $\deg g_p > \deg G$ then # p is unlucky
elif $\deg g_p < \deg G$ then # all previous primes
 $G \leftarrow g_p$; $M \leftarrow p$; # are unlucky
else

$\deg(g_p) = \deg(G)$. Solve $\{u \equiv G \pmod M, u \equiv g_p \pmod p\}$
for u in the symmetric range mod $M \cdot p$.

if $u = G$ then

$g \leftarrow u / \text{cont}(u)$

if $g \mid a$ and $g \mid b$ then output g . Termination.

$G \leftarrow u$; $M \leftarrow M \cdot p$

end if

go to LOOP.