# Geometry and Algebra in Computer Vision \& Robotics 

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## Research \& applications

- 3D reconstruction
- Photogrammetry
- Robotics \& manipulation
- Algebra, geometry, optimization

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Industrial Vision Systems
Machine vision and image processing technology for industry and medicine


3D robotics
\& mp

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## Intelligent Robotics








## Perspective camera model

T. Pajdla. Elements of Geometry for Computer Vision http://cmp.felk.cvut.cz/~pajdla/gvg/GVG-2014-Lecture.pdf

## Camera



Digital cameras


Image projection model

1. Light extends along straight rays
2. Projection center
3. Projection plane

Image


## Image is a $m \times n \times 3$ matrix in Matlab

$(0,0)^{\top}$


Direction vector of projection ray


Coordinate system with origin $C$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\beta & =\left(\vec{b}_{1}, \vec{b}_{2}, \vec{b}_{3}\right) \\
S & =(C, \beta) \\
\vec{b}_{3} & =\varphi(C, o)
\end{aligned}
$$

Miracle: The coordinates od the direction vector of a projection ray can be constructed by a adding " 1 " to image coordinates:

We measure in image

$$
\vec{u}=u \vec{b}_{1}+v \vec{b}_{2} \sim \mathbf{u}_{\left(\vec{b}_{1}, \vec{b}_{2}\right)}=\binom{u}{v}
$$

Triangle equality

$$
\vec{x}=\vec{u}+\vec{b}_{3}
$$

$$
\vec{x}=u \vec{b}_{1}+v \vec{b}_{2}+1 \vec{b}_{3} \sim \mathbf{x}_{\beta}=\left(\begin{array}{l}
u \\
v \\
1
\end{array}\right)
$$

Projection matrix: $\quad \eta \vec{x}_{\beta}=\vec{X}_{\beta}-\vec{C}_{\beta}$

$$
\underbrace{\vec{u}_{\alpha}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
u \\
v
\end{array}\right]} \begin{aligned}
\eta\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vec{u}_{\alpha} \\
1
\end{array}\right] & =\vec{X}_{\beta}-\vec{C}_{\beta} \\
\vec{y}_{\beta} & =\mathrm{A} \vec{y}_{\delta} \\
& =\mathrm{A}\left(\vec{X}_{\delta}-\vec{C}_{\delta}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\eta\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vec{u}_{\alpha} \\
1
\end{array}\right]=\mathrm{A}\left[\mathrm{I} \mid-\vec{C}_{\delta}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vec{X}_{\delta} \\
1
\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
\eta\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vec{u}_{\alpha} \\
1
\end{array}\right]=\mathrm{P}_{\beta}\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vec{X}_{\delta} \\
1
\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
\eta \vec{x}_{\beta}=\mathrm{P}_{\beta}\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vec{X}_{\delta} \\
1
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Homography

World coordinate system
Camera observes a plane
$\delta=\left(\vec{a}_{1}, \vec{a}_{2}, \vec{a}_{3}\right)$
$W=(O, \delta)$
$\alpha \vec{x}_{\beta}=\mathrm{P} \dot{X}{ }_{\delta}$
$\beta=\left(\vec{b}_{1}, \vec{b}_{2}, \vec{b}_{3}\right)$
$S=(C, \beta)$
Camera coordinate system

$$
\zeta\left[\begin{array}{l}
u \\
v \\
1
\end{array}\right]=\zeta \vec{x}_{\beta}=\mathrm{P}\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vec{X}_{\delta} \\
1
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
\mathrm{p}_{1} & \mathrm{p}_{2} & \mathrm{p}_{3} & \mathrm{p}_{4}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x \\
y \\
0 \\
1
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
\mathrm{p}_{1} & \mathrm{p}_{2} & \mathrm{p}_{4}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x \\
y \\
1
\end{array}\right]=\mathrm{H} \vec{y}_{\tau}
$$

## COMPUTINGTHE HOMOGRAPHY from 4 correspondences

## Computing the homography

$\exists \mathrm{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$, rank $\mathrm{H}=3$, so that $\forall(u, v) \stackrel{\text { corr }}{\hookrightarrow}\left(u^{\prime}, v^{\prime}\right) \exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$
\alpha\left(\begin{array}{l}
u^{\prime} \\
v^{\prime} \\
1
\end{array}\right)=\mathrm{H}\left(\begin{array}{l}
u \\
v \\
1
\end{array}\right)
$$

Introduce symbols for rows of homography H

$$
\mathrm{H}=\left(\begin{array}{l}
\mathbf{h}_{1}^{\top} \\
\mathbf{h}_{2}^{\top} \\
\mathbf{h}_{3}^{\top}
\end{array}\right)
$$

and rewrite the above matrix equation as

$$
\begin{aligned}
\alpha u^{\prime} & =\mathbf{h}_{1}^{\top} \mathbf{x} \\
\alpha v^{\prime} & =\mathbf{h}_{2}^{\top} \mathbf{x} \\
\alpha & =\mathbf{h}_{3}^{\top} \mathbf{x}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Computing the homography

Eliminate $\alpha$ from the first two equations using the third one

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(\mathbf{h}_{3}^{\top} \mathbf{x}\right) u^{\prime}=\mathbf{h}_{1}^{\top} \mathbf{x} \\
& \left(\mathbf{h}_{3}^{\top} \mathbf{x}\right) v^{\prime}=\mathbf{h}_{2}^{\top} \mathbf{x}
\end{aligned}
$$

move all to the left hand side and reshape it using $\mathrm{x}^{\top} \mathbf{y}=\mathbf{y}^{\top} \mathbf{x}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{h}_{1}-\left(u^{\prime} \mathbf{x}^{\top}\right) \mathbf{h}_{3}=0 \\
& \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{h}_{2}-\left(v^{\prime} \mathbf{x}^{\top}\right) \mathbf{h}_{3}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Introduce notation

$$
\mathbf{h}=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
\mathbf{h}_{1}^{\top} & \mathbf{h}_{2}^{\top} & \mathbf{h}_{3}^{\top}
\end{array}\right)^{\top}
$$

and express the above two equations in a matrix form

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
u & v & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u^{\prime} u & -u^{\prime} v & -u^{\prime} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & u & v & 1 & -v^{\prime} u & -v^{\prime} v & -v^{\prime}
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{h}=0
$$

## Computing the homography

Notice that A can be written in the form

$$
\mathrm{A}=\left(\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
u_{1} & v_{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_{1}^{\prime} u_{1} & -u_{1}^{\prime} v_{1} & -u_{1}^{\prime} \\
u_{2} & v_{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_{2}^{\prime} u_{2} & -u_{2}^{\prime} v_{2} & -u_{2}^{\prime} \\
& & & & \vdots & & & & \\
0 & 0 & 0 & u_{1} & v_{1} & 1 & -v_{1}^{\prime} u_{1} & -v_{1}^{\prime} v_{1} & -v_{1}^{\prime} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & u_{2} & v_{2} & 1 & -v_{2}^{\prime} u_{2} & -v_{2}^{\prime} v_{2} & -v_{2}^{\prime} \\
& & & & \vdots & & & &
\end{array}\right)
$$

which can be rewritten more concisely as

$$
\mathrm{A}=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbf{x}_{1}^{\top} & \mathbf{0} & -u_{1}^{\prime} \mathbf{x}_{1}^{\top} \\
\mathbf{x}_{2}^{\top} & \mathbf{0} & -u_{2}^{\prime} \mathbf{x}_{2}^{\top} \\
& \vdots & \\
\mathbf{0} & \mathbf{x}_{1}^{\top} & -v_{1}^{\prime} \mathbf{x}_{1}^{\top} \\
\mathbf{0} & \mathbf{x}_{2}^{\top} & -v_{2}^{\prime} \mathbf{x}_{2}^{\top} \\
& \vdots &
\end{array}\right)
$$

Computing the homography from 4 points on 2 lines in Matlab

```
%4 points
>>x = [0 0 1;1 0 1;0 1 1;1 1 1]';
>>y = [1 1 1;1 0 1;0 1 1;0 0 1]';
```

\% the 2-line algorithm

```
>>A = [[x' zeros(size(x')) [-y(1,:)'*ones(1,3)].*(x')]
    [zeros(size(x')) x' [-y(2,:)'*ones(1,3)].*(x')]];
>>H = reshape(null(A),3,3)';
```

\% verification
$\gg \mathrm{e}=\mathrm{y}-(\mathrm{H} * \mathrm{x}) . /[[1 ; 1 ; 1] *(\mathrm{H}(3,:) * \mathrm{x})]$
e =
$1.0 \mathrm{e}-015$ *

| 0 | 0.0481 | -0.2220 | -0.4441 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 0 | 0.2220 | 0.0961 | -0.2220 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Setup


Calibration tatget


## Laser spot



Laser spot in the camera view
$1 \mathrm{pxI} \sim 0.1 \mathrm{~mm}$, i.e. resolution $0.1 \mathrm{pxI} \sim 0.01 \mathrm{~mm}$

abb-sq-02:
VAR speeddata speed:= [15,15,0,0];
CONST zonedata zn := [FALSE, 3.0, 3.0, 3.0, 0.30, 3.0, 0.30];



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abb-sq-03:
VAR speeddata speed:= [15,15,0,0];
CONST zonedata zn := [FALSE, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.01, 0.1, 0.01];




## 4 - corners

segment $1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5$

| D [mm] | 31.36 | 31.19 | 31.20 | 31.48 | 44.18 | 44.36 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| dD [mm] | 0.06 | -0.12 | -0.11 | 0.17 | -0.09 | 0.09 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| dphi [deg] | 0.12 | -0.65 | 0.35 | 0.19 | -0.10 | NaN |  |


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abb-sq-03:
VAR speeddata speed:= [15,15,0,0];
CONST zonedata zn := [FALSE, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.01, 0.1, 0.01];





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CMP SfM Web Service

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CMP SfM Web Service provides a remote access to the 3D reconstruction systems developed in Center for Machine Perception, FEE, CTU Praque. Our service is available for research purposes only and access is granted on email request to Tomas Pajdla <pajdlaldimp. felk. crut. cz>. Any commercial use of the service and/or the obtained results is prohibited.

We provide the access to the service to our partners and to people in the Computer vision community to make it easier to
use our codes. There is no need to install any code on a client's computer and all the computations use our codes. There is no need to installany code on a client's computer and ail the computations results of different methods to ours based on the same data.



IMAGE No. 1


IMAGE No. 2

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## SIMILAR FEATURES FORM MATCHES



Some feature are similar but do not really match

## NOT ALL MATCHES ARE CORRECT



## BUT SOME ARE



## FEATURE CENTERS - POINTS



CHECK THE NUMBERS


## EPIPOLAR CONSTRAINT



## EPIPOLAR CONSTR $\rightarrow$ algebraic equation



## HOW TO GET ONE F?



F can be computed from 5 good matches

$$
\mathrm{x}_{2}{ }^{\top} \mathrm{F} \mathrm{x}_{1}=0
$$

## HOW TO GET THE BEST F?



The best $F$ is consistent with the highest number of matches

## CONSISTENCY WITH F



```
FINDING THE BEST F
```



RANSAC (RANdom SAmpling Consensus)
$\longrightarrow$ 1. Generate random 5 -tuples of matches
2. Compute F by solving $\mathrm{x}_{2}{ }^{\top} \mathrm{F} \mathrm{x}_{1}=0$ (not so trivial)
3. Count the number of good matches

Return the largest set of good matches



## INTEGRATED FROM MANY CAMERAS




## RESULT



Dense 3D by fish scales of R. Sara et al.


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## RELATIVE CAMERA POSE PROBLEM



Algebraic equations

MINIMAL PROBLEMS \& RANSAC


5 matches are necessary and sufficient

RANSAC: find $F$ to maximize the \# of good matches
select 5 matches $\rightarrow$ compute $F \rightarrow$ record the support
$\qquad$

## F ORMULATION



## U N K N O W N S

$$
\mathrm{F}=\underbrace{\left[\begin{array}{lll}
f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\
f_{12} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\
f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33}
\end{array}\right]}
$$

9 unknowns but only 8 have to be found ( $F$ up to scale)
$\rightarrow$ we need at least 8 independent equations

## EQUATIONS

$\operatorname{det} F=0$
$2 \mathrm{FF}{ }^{\top} \mathrm{F}-\operatorname{trace}\left(\mathrm{FF}{ }^{\top}\right) \mathrm{F}=0$

1 equation, degree 3

9 equations, degree 3

10 equations but only 3 "independent"

$$
8=3+5
$$

$\rightarrow 5$ more equations needed

5 EQUATIONS from image points


## 5 linear equations:

$\bullet f_{11}+\bullet f_{12}+\bullet f_{13}+\bullet f_{21}+\bullet f_{22}+\bullet f_{23}+\bullet f_{13}+\bullet f_{23}+\bullet f_{31}+\bullet f_{32}+\bullet f_{33}=0$

## ELIMINATING UNKNOWNS

## 5 linear equations:

$\bullet f_{11}+\bullet f_{12}+\bullet f_{13}+\bullet f_{21}+\bullet f_{22}+\bullet f_{23}+\bullet f_{13}+\bullet f_{23}+\bullet f_{31}+\bullet f_{32}+\bullet f_{33}=0$
can be written in a matrix form


## ELIMINATING UNKNOWNS




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$F \sim x N_{1}+y N_{2}+z N_{3}+w N_{4}$
... 4 unknowns
$F$ is up to scale $\rightarrow$ choose a representative by setting $w=1$
$F:=x N_{1}+y N_{2}+z N_{3}+N_{4}$


3 unknowns $x, y, z$

## substitute

$2 \mathrm{FF}^{\top} \mathrm{F}-\operatorname{trace}\left(\mathrm{FF}^{\top}\right) \mathrm{F}=0$
103 rd order equations in 3 unknowns

## SOLVING IT

$\left.\begin{array}{r}\operatorname{det} \mathrm{F}=0 \\ 2 \mathrm{FF} \mathrm{F}^{\top} \mathrm{F}-\operatorname{trace}\left(\mathrm{FF}^{\top}\right) \mathrm{F}=0\end{array}\right\} \quad \begin{aligned} & 10 \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { rd } \\ 3 \text { under equations in } \\ 3 \text { unkns }\end{array}\end{aligned}$


$$
X=\left[x^{3}, x^{2} y, x^{2} z, x y^{2}, x y z, x z^{2}, y^{3}, y z^{2}, z^{3}, x^{2}, x y, x z, y^{2}, y z, z^{2}, x, y, z, 1\right]^{\top}
$$

## SOLVING IT

## Gauss-Jordan elimination



## SOLVING IT



## SOLUTIONS

$[x, y, z]=\operatorname{eig}\left(A_{t}\right)$
... up to 10 solutions


R, T ... camera relative motion

## ALGORITM

1. Construct matrix $M$
2. Build matrix At

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{B}=\operatorname{inv}(\mathrm{M}(:, 1: 10)) * \mathrm{M}(:, 11: 20) ; \\
& \operatorname{At}=\operatorname{zeros}(10) ; \\
& \operatorname{At}(1: 6,:)=-\mathrm{B}([1: 6],:) ; \\
& \operatorname{At}(7,1)=1 ; \\
& \operatorname{At}(8,2)=1 ; \\
& \operatorname{At}(9,3)=1 ; \\
& \operatorname{At}(10,7)=1 ;
\end{aligned}
$$

3. Compute eigenvalues
$[x, y, z]=\operatorname{eig}\left(A_{t}\right)$
4. Recover camera relative motion $R, T$

## ALGORITM

1. Not trivial to find
2. Simple \& fast

## SOLVING ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS

The previous procedure was a particular case of a general technique for solving systems of algebraic equations.

## HISTORY

## 1888 David Hilbert: Finitness theorem Every ideal has a finite generating set <br> 1965 Bruno Burchberger: Groebner bases Computational procedure for solving systems of polynomial equations (Extremely simple: 20 lines of Maple code!) <br> 1998 Hans Stetter: Multiplication matrix A stable numerical procedure via eigenvectors

1999 Jean-Charles Faugere: F4 algorithm An efficient computational tool for cryptography

## SOLVING ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS

1 equation, 1 variable $\rightarrow$ companion matrix $\rightarrow$ eigenvalues

$$
\begin{aligned}
f(x)=x^{3} & +4 x^{2}+x-6=-6+1 x+4 x^{2}+1 x^{3} \\
M_{x} & =\left[\begin{array}{rrr}
0 & 0 & 6 \\
1 & 0 & -1 \\
0 & 1 & -4
\end{array}\right] \\
\gg \mathrm{e} & =\mathrm{eig}\left(\mathrm{M}_{x}\right) \\
\mathrm{e} & =\left[\begin{array}{r}
1 \\
-2 \\
-3
\end{array}\right] \quad x_{1}=1, x_{2}=-2, x_{3}=-3
\end{aligned}
$$

It works when eig works, i.e. order 100 in Matlab is often OK.

## SOLVING ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS

$m$ equations, $n$ variables

$$
\begin{array}{|l}
f_{1}(x, y)=25 x y-15 x-20 y+12 \\
f_{2}(x, y)=x^{2}+y^{2}-1
\end{array}
$$

$\rightarrow$ Groebner basis
(a set of polynomials with the same solutions but easier to solve)

$$
\begin{aligned}
g_{1}(x, y) & =125 y^{3}-75 y^{2}+27-45 y \\
g_{2}(x, y) & =25 x y-15 x-20 y+12 \\
g_{3}(x, y) & =x^{2}+y^{2}-1
\end{aligned}
$$

## SOLVING ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS

 $m$ equations, $n$ variables$$
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& f_{1}(x, y)=25 x y-15 x-20 y+12 \\
& f_{2}(x, y)=x^{2}+y^{2}-1
\end{aligned}
$$

$\rightarrow$ Groebner basis $\rightarrow$ generalized companion matrix

$$
\mathrm{M}_{x+y}=\left[\begin{array}{rrrr}
0 & 125 & 0 & 125 \\
-60 & 100 & 125 & 75 \\
-63 & 45 & 175 & 45 \\
65 & 100 & -125 & 75
\end{array}\right]
$$

## SOLVING ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS

 $m$ equations, $n$ variables$$
\begin{aligned}
& f_{1}(x, y)=25 x y-15 x-20 y+12 \\
& f_{2}(x, y)=x^{2}+y^{2}-1
\end{aligned}
$$

$\rightarrow$ Groebner basis $\rightarrow$ generalized $\rightarrow$ eigenvectors companion matrix


## SOLVING ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS

 $m$ equations, $n$ variables$$
\begin{aligned}
& f_{1}(x, y)=25 x y-15 x-20 y+12 \\
& f_{2}(x, y)=x^{2}+y^{2}-1
\end{aligned}
$$


$\rightarrow$ Groebner basis $\rightarrow \begin{gathered}\text { generalized } \\ \text { companion }\end{gathered}$ matrix


## THE DIFFICULT PART

## Equations $\rightarrow$ Groebner basis


no simple rule:

1. NP-complete in $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{n}$ (~3-coloring of graphs) (takes very long time to compute)
2. EXPSPACE-complete problem (needs huge space to remember intermediate results)

## GB COMPUTATION ALGORITHMS

Manipulation ... polynomial multiplication \& pseudo-division

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f_{1}=25 x y-15 x-20 y+12 \\
& f_{2}=x^{2}+y^{2}-1
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
? g_{1}=(-5 y-3) f_{1}+(125 x-10) f_{2}
$$

$$
g_{1}=125 y^{3}-75 y^{2}+27-45 y
$$

$$
g_{2}=25 x y-15 x-20 y+12
$$

$$
g_{3}=x^{2}+y^{2}-1
$$

How to find coefficients?

## GB COMPUTATION ALGORITHMS

1. "Standard" (Hironaka 1964) and Groebner (Burchberger 1965) bases
2. 1965: Buchberger's algorithm

- a generalization of the Gauss-Jordan elimination
- extremely simple: 7 (+ 13 for the rem division) lines of code
- not efficient
- not good for numerical approximations

3. 1999 (2005): F4 (F5) algorithm (J.-C. Faugere)

- more efficient, more robust, more complex


## COMPUTING GB MAY BE VERY HARD

## Example:

4 polynomials, 3 variables, degree $\leq 6$, small integer coeffs

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f_{1}=8 x^{2} y^{2}+5 x y^{3}+3 x^{3} z+x^{2} y z \\
& f_{2}=x^{5}+2 y^{3} z^{2}+13 y^{2} z^{3}+5 y z^{4} \\
& f_{3}=8 x^{3}+12 y^{3}+x z^{2}+3 \\
& f_{4}=7 x^{2} y^{4}+18 x y^{3} z^{2}+y^{3} z^{3}
\end{aligned}
$$

have extremely simple Groebner basis

$$
\begin{aligned}
g_{1} & =x \\
g_{2} & =y^{3}+\frac{1}{4} \\
g_{3} & =z^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## HOWEVER

when computed by the Buchberger's algorithm over the rational numbers w.r.t. the grevlex ordering $x>y>z$, the following polynomial appears during the computation:
$y^{3}-1735906504290451290764747182 \ldots$

~ 80,000 digits

## COMPUTATION

Macaulay2 program over the rational field $\mathbb{Q}$
$R=Q Q[x, y, z, M o n o m i a l O r d e r=>G R e v L e x] ;$
$\mathrm{I}=$ ideal $\left(8 * \mathrm{x}^{\wedge} 2 * \mathrm{y}^{\wedge} 2+5 * \mathrm{x} * \mathrm{y}^{\wedge} 3+3 * \mathrm{x}^{\wedge} 3 * \mathrm{z}+\mathrm{x}^{\wedge} 2 * \mathrm{y} * \mathrm{z}\right.$, $\mathrm{x}^{\wedge} 5+2 * \mathrm{y}^{\wedge} 3 * \mathrm{z}^{\wedge} 2+13 * \mathrm{y}^{\wedge} 2 * \mathrm{z}^{\wedge} 3+5 * \mathrm{y} * \mathrm{z}^{\wedge} 4$, $8 * x^{\wedge} 3+12 * y^{\wedge} 3+x * z^{\wedge} 2+3$, $\left.7 * x^{\wedge} 2 * y^{\wedge} 4+18 * x * y^{\wedge} 3 * z^{\wedge} 2+y^{\wedge} 3 * z^{\wedge} 3\right)$
G = gens gb I
will run very long.

The problem is in remembering very long coefficients.

## COMPUTATION

Macaulay2 program over the finite field $\mathbb{Z} / 13$
$R=Z Z / 13[x, y, z, M o n o m i a l O r d e r=>G R e v L e x] ;$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { I = ideal ( } 8 * x^{\wedge} 2 * y^{\wedge} 2+5 * x * y^{\wedge} 3+3 * x^{\wedge} 3 * z+x^{\wedge} 2 * y * z \text {, } \\
& x^{\wedge} 5+2 * y^{\wedge} 3 * z^{\wedge} 2+13 * y^{\wedge} 2 * z^{\wedge} 3+5 * y * z^{\wedge} 4 \text {, } \\
& 8 * x^{\wedge} 3+12 * y^{\wedge} 3+x * z^{\wedge} 2+3 \text {, } \\
& \left.7 * x^{\wedge} 2 * y^{\wedge} 4+18 * x * y^{\wedge} 3 * z^{\wedge} 2+y^{\wedge} 3 * z^{\wedge} 3\right) \\
& \mathrm{G}=\text { gens } \mathrm{gb} \mathrm{I}
\end{aligned}
$$

returns a very similar basis in the fraction of the second

$$
\begin{aligned}
& g_{1}=x \\
& g_{2}=y^{3}+10 \\
& g_{3}=z^{2}
\end{aligned} \quad\left(\begin{array}{l}
g_{1}=x \\
g_{2}=y^{3}+\frac{1}{4} \\
g_{3}=z^{2}
\end{array}\right)
$$

## W H Y ? General algorithms can construct all GBs but often generate many complicated polynomials



Groebner basis

## SPECIFIC GB CONSTRUCTION ALG'S

1. Find a short path towards the GB which is independent from the actual coefficients, implement it efficiently.
2. Use floating-point arithmetics to do the manipulations to avoid huge coefficients.

## SHORT PATH TO GB

1. Restructure \& reformulate the problem to reduce the number of variables and the degree of monomials.
2. Use a computer algebra system (Macaulay2) to compute the Groebner basis in a finite field (fast!) for random coefficients and remember the path:
```
R = ZZ/P[x,y,z, MonomialOrder=>GRevLex];
    \uparrow
    "lucky" prime number (always exists)
```

$\operatorname{try} P=1,2,3,5,7, \ldots, 30011,30013,30029, \ldots$
until the result stabilizes (always does)

## FLOATING POINT ARITHMETICS

Strictly speaking, polynomial manipulations must be done in exact arithmetics

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f_{1}=25 x y+25 x+12 \\
& f_{2}=x^{2} y+x^{2}+3 \\
& \begin{aligned}
x f_{1}-25 f_{2} & =x(25 x y+25 x+12)-25\left(x^{2} y+x^{2}+3\right) \\
& =12 x-75
\end{aligned} \\
& \quad
\end{aligned}
$$

Double canceling may fail when rounding occurs
in floating point arithmetics

## FLOATING POINT ARITHMETICS

For some computer vision problems rounding does not destroy the result.

All manipulations have to be done with care and checked on typical data in randomized experiments.

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