

# Sparse polynomial interpolation

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## (Vague) definition of the problem

**Input:** A way to *evaluate* a sparse polynomial  $f \in R[x]$

(Possibly) Bounds  $D \geq \deg(f)$ ,  $H \geq f_\infty$  and/or  $T \geq f_\#$

**Output:** The sparse representation of  $f$

where

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} c_i x^{e_i}, c_i \in R_{\neq 0}$$

**Degree:**  $\deg(f) = \max_i e_i$

**Height:**  $f_\infty = \max_i |c_i|$  for  $c_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $q$  if  $c_i \in \mathbb{F}_q$

**Sparsity:**  $f_\# = t$

# Many variants of the problem

## Ring of coefficients

- ▶  $\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{Q}$ : size growth  $\rightarrow$  modular techniques
- ▶ Finite fields of *large characteristic*
- ▶ *Large* finite fields
- ▶ Small finite fields

## Number of variables

- ▶ Univariate polynomials
- ▶ Multivariate polynomials

## Input representation

- ▶ Evaluations
- ▶ Blackbox
- ▶ Arithmetic circuit / SLP

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# Settings

## Input

- ▶ Blackbox access to  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} c_i x^{e_i} \in \mathbb{F}_q$
- ▶ Bound:  $T \geq t$
- ▶ Hypothesis:  $q \geq \deg(f)$
- ▶ Input size: None

## Output

- ▶ The sparse representation of  $f$
- ▶ Output size:  $O(t(\log q + \log \deg f))$

## Complexity analysis

- ▶ Number of blackbox evaluations
- ▶ Number of operations in  $\mathbb{F}_q$  or of bit operations
- ▶ Output sensitive complexity

# Blahut's Theorem (1979)

## Theorem

Let  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} c_i x^{e_i} \in R[X]_{<D}$  where  $R$  is an integral domain and  $\omega \in R$  be a  $D$ -th principal root of unity. Then the minimal polynomial of  $(f(\omega^j))_{j \geq 0}$  is  $\Lambda(x) = \prod_{i=0}^{t-1} (x - \omega^{e_i})$ .

## Proof.

$\chi$  is a characteristic polynomial of  $(\alpha_j)_j = (f(\omega^j))_j$

$$\iff \forall j < D, \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} \chi_k \alpha_{j+k} = 0$$

$$\iff \overleftarrow{\chi} \times A = 0 \pmod{x^D - 1}$$

$$\iff \forall j, \overleftarrow{\chi}(\omega^{-j}) \cdot A(\omega^{-j}) = 0$$

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$$\iff \forall j \in \{e_0, \dots, e_{t-1}\}, \chi(\omega^j) = 0$$

$$\iff \prod_{i=0}^{t-1} (x - \omega^{e_i}) \text{ divides } \chi$$

where  $\chi = \sum_k \chi_k x^k$

where  $\overleftarrow{\chi} = x^\ell \chi(\frac{1}{x})$  and  $A = \sum_{j \leq D} \alpha_j x^j$

by DFT on  $\omega^{-1}$

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## Fast algorithm

[Berlekamp (1968), Massey (1969), ...]

- From  $A$  compute  $\Lambda$  as a Padé approximant  $\rightarrow$  fast GCD algorithm  $O(M(t) \log t)$



# Sparse polynomials and transposed Vandermonde matrices

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} c_i x^{e_i} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} f(1) \\ f(\omega) \\ \vdots \\ f(\omega^n) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \omega^{e_0} & \cdots & \omega^{e_{t-1}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \omega^{ne_0} & \cdots & \omega^{ne_{t-1}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{t-1} \end{pmatrix} = \Omega_n \cdot \vec{c}$$

## Corollary

- ▶ Sparse multipoint evaluation on geometric sequence  
 $\iff$  transposed Vandermonde matrix-vector product
- ▶ Sparse interpolation on geometric sequence with known exponents  
 $\iff$  transposed Vandermonde linear system solving

## Fast algorithms

[Kaltofen-Lakshman (1992), Bostan-Lecerf-Schost (2003), ...]

- ▶ Let  $F = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} c_i x^{e_i} \rightarrow (F(\omega^{e_0}), \dots, F(\omega^{e_{t-1}}))^t = \Omega_t^t \cdot \vec{c}$
- ▶ *Transposed* dense multipoint evaluation / interpolation  $\rightarrow O(M(t) \log t)$   
(*transposition principle*: problems and their transpose of same complexity)

## Algorithm

**Input:** Blackbox for  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$ ,  $q \geq \deg(f)$ ; bound  $T$  on  $f\#$

1. Evaluate  $f$  at  $1, \omega, \dots, \omega^{2T-1}$  *where  $\omega$  has order  $\geq 2T$*
2. Compute the minimal polynomial  $\Lambda$  of  $(f(\omega^j))_j$
3. Compute its roots  $\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{t-1}$  and obtain the exponents  $e_0, \dots, e_{t-1}$
4. Solve a transposed Vandermonde system to get the coefficients  $c_0, \dots, c_{t-1}$

## Complexity analysis

1.  $2T$  blackbox evaluations
2.  $O(M(T) \log T)$
3.  $O(M(t) \log t \log q) + O(\sqrt{D})$
4.  $O(M(t) \log t)$

*Padé approximant  
root computation + discrete log.  
transposed dense interpolation*

# Remarks on Prony / Ben-Or–Tiwari algorithm

## Complexity

- ▶ Quasi-linear in  $T$ , linear (optimal) number of evaluations
- ▶ Polynomial in  $D$ , rather than  $\log D \rightarrow$  not polynomial in the output size

## Other base rings

- ▶ Original Ben-Or–Tiwari's algorithm: over  $\mathbb{Z}$ 
  - ▶ large evaluations  $\rightarrow$  bit size  $O(D)$
  - ▶ no discrete logarithm
  - ▶ originally for multivariate polynomials  $\rightarrow$  factorization
- ▶ Small finite fields  $\rightarrow$  use an extension
- ▶ Rings: works as long as  $\omega$  is a *principal* root of unity of large order

# Comparison with sparse FFT

## Sparse FFT

- ▶ Given  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $k \ll n$ , compute the  $k$  largest coefficients of  $\text{DFT}_\omega(\vec{v})$
- ▶ Complexity:  $\tilde{O}(k \log n)$  floating-point operations in precision  $O(n)$

[Hassanieh–Indyk–Katabi–Price (2012)]

## Sparse FFT over $\mathbb{F}_q$

- ▶ No notion of coefficient size  $\rightarrow$  assume  $\text{DFT}_\omega(\vec{v})$  has Hamming weight  $k$
- ▶ Prony's / Ben-Or–Tiwari's algorithm computes a sparse FFT over  $\mathbb{F}_q$

## Lower bound

Over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , sparse FFT is at least as hard as discrete logarithm

- ▶ Discrete log.: Given  $\alpha, \omega \in \mathbb{F}_q$ , find  $e$  such that  $\alpha = \omega^e$
- ▶ Reduction to sparse FFT with  $k = 1$ :
  - ▶ Given  $\alpha$  and  $\omega$ , compute  $\vec{v} = (1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots)$  and apply sparse interpolation  $\rightarrow e$
- ▶ Remarks:
  - ▶ remains hard for  $k > 1$  *add some known monomials*
  - ▶ both problems are polynomially equivalent

# Polynomial time *incomplete* sparse interpolation

## Incomplete sparse interpolation

**Input:** Blackbox for  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} c_i x_i^e$  and bound  $T \geq t$

**Output:**  $(c_0, \dots, c_{t-1})$  and  $(\omega^{e_0}, \dots, \omega^{e_{t-1}})$

- ▶ Same algorithm, without discrete log. computations
- ▶ Running time:  $O(M(t) \log(t) \log q)$  op. in  $\mathbb{F}_q$

## Open questions

- ▶ Incomplete sparse interpolation in *quasi-linear time*?
    - ▶ Difficulty: polynomial root finding  $\rightarrow \tilde{O}(t \log q)$  op. in  $\mathbb{F}_q$
  - ▶ Are both problems computationally equivalent?
    - ▶ Given a polynomial  $p$ , use it to produce a linearly recurrent sequence
    - ▶ By Blahut's theorem, it is the *image* of a sparse polynomial
    - ▶ Its support gives the roots, in *log. representation*
- $\rightarrow$  but computing roots from their log is not quasi-linear!

*Rabin's algorithm*

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# Settings

## Input

- ▶ Arithmetic circuit / SLP of size  $s$  for  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} c_i x^{e_i} \in \mathbb{F}_q$
- ▶ Bounds:  $T \geq t$ ,  $D \geq \deg(f)$
- ▶ Hypothesis:  $q \geq \deg(f)$

## Output

- ▶ The sparse representation of  $f$
- ▶ Output size:  $O(t(\log q + \log \deg f))$

## Complexity analysis

- ▶ Number of operations in  $\mathbb{F}_q$  or of bit operations
- ▶ Input and output sensitive complexity

## Remark

- ▶ Direct expansion of the circuit  $\rightarrow$  complexity  $O(D)$

*expression swell*

# Use of cyclic extensions

## Main idea and difficulties

[Garg-Schost (2009)]

- ▶ Compute explicitly  $f \bmod x^p - 1 = \sum_i c_i x^{e_i \bmod p}$  for some prime  $p$
- ▶ Loss of information:
  - ▶ Exponents known only *modulo*  $p$
  - ▶ Possible *collisions* between monomials

## Reconstruction of full exponents

- ▶ Use several  $p_j$ 's and (polynomial) Chinese remaindering, *diversification*, ...

[Garg-Schost (2009), Giesbrecht-Roche (2011), ...]

- ▶ Embed exponents into coefficients *à la* Paillier or using derivatives

[Arnold-Roche (2015), Huang (2019)]

## Deal with collisions

- ▶ Large enough prime and/or many primes to avoid any collision [Garg-Schost (2009)]
- ▶ Accept few collisions and reconstruct  $f$  iteratively

[Arnold-Giesbrecht-Roche (2013), Huang (2019)]



# Embedding exponents into coefficients

## Using derivatives

[Huang 2019]

- ▶ If  $f = \sum_i c_i x^{e_i}$ ,  $f'(x) = \sum_i c_i e_i x^{e_i - 1}$
- ▶ Use of automatic differentiation

[Baur–Strassen (1983)]

## À la Paillier

[Arnold–Roche (2015)]

- ▶ If  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$ , evaluate  $f((1+q)x)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}/q^2\mathbb{Z}$
- ▶ Modulo  $q^2$ ,  $(1+q)^{e_i} = 1 + e_i q$

## Requirements

- ▶ Both techniques require  $e_i$  to be exactly representable in  $\mathbb{F}_q$
- ▶  $\mathbb{F}_q$  should have characteristic  $\geq \deg(f)$

# Managing collisions

Collision mod  $p$ : pair  $(e_i, e_j)$  such that  $e_i \equiv e_j \pmod{p}$

## Avoiding or limiting collisions

Let  $p$  be a random prime in  $[\lambda, 2\lambda]$

- ▶ For  $\lambda = O(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} T^2 \log D)$ , there is no collision with prob.  $\geq 1 - \varepsilon$
- ▶ For  $\lambda = O(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} T \log D)$ , there are  $\geq \frac{2}{3} T$  collision-free monomials with prob.  $\geq 1 - \varepsilon$

## Dealing with collisions

- ▶ With  $\geq \frac{2}{3} T$  collision-free monomials, there are at most  $\frac{1}{6} T$  collisions
- ▶ Each collision may *create* one fake monomial
- ▶ If each collision-free monomial is correctly reconstructed, we get  $f^*$  such that

$$(f - f^*)_{\#} \leq \frac{1}{3} f_{\#} + \frac{1}{6} f_{\#} = \frac{1}{2} f_{\#}$$

# Algorithm à la Garg–Schost

[Garg-Schost (2009), Huang (2019)]

## Algorithm

**Input:** Arithmetic circuit for  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$ ,  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) \geq \deg(f)$ ,  $T \geq f_{\#}$ ,  $D \geq \deg f$

1.  $f^* \leftarrow 0$
2. Repeat  $\log(T)$  times:
  3. Take a random  $p \in [\lambda, 2\lambda]$  for  $\lambda = O(T \log D \log T)$
  4. Compute  $f \bmod x^p - 1$  and  $f' \bmod x^p - 1$  using dense arithmetic (*circuit for  $f'$* )
  5. For each pair of monomials  $cx^d \in f \bmod x^p - 1$  and  $c'x^{d-1} \in f' \bmod x^p - 1$ :
  6. if  $c'/c \in \{0, \dots, D-1\}$ : add  $c \cdot x^{c'/c}$  to  $f^*$
7. Return  $f^*$

## Complexity analysis

▶  $O(\log T)$  probes of the circuit  $\rightarrow O(s \cdot M(p) \cdot \log(T))$

▶  $p = O(T \log D \log T)$

$\rightarrow \tilde{O}(sT \log D)$  operations in  $\mathbb{F}_q$

$\tilde{O}(sT \log D \log q)$  binary operations

# Remarks on Garg–Schost algorithm

## Almost quasi-linear!

- ▶ Output size:  $O(T(\log D + \log q))$ , complexity:  $\tilde{O}(T \log D \log q)$
- ▶ Hard to avoid: *probing* the circuit is already non-quasi-linear

## Other base rings

- ▶ Smaller characteristic
  - ▶ No exponent embedding anymore
  - ▶ Several techniques, such as *diversification*
  - ▶ Best complexity:  $O(sT \log^2 D(\log D + \log q))$  [Arnold-Giesbrecht-Roche (2014)]
- ▶ Over the integers
  - ▶ Coefficient growth  $\rightarrow$  modular techniques
  - ▶ Best complexity:  $O(sT \log^3 D \log H)$  where  $H \geq f_\infty$  [Perret du Cray (2023)]

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# Known results for sparse interpolation over $\mathbb{Z}$

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} c_i x^{e_i}, \quad T \geq t, \quad D \geq \deg(f), \quad H \geq f_\infty$$

## Already mentioned

- ▶ Blackbox interpolation:  $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{D})$
- ▶ Arithmetic circuit:  $\tilde{O}(sT \log^3 D \log H)$

*Prony / Ben-Or–Tiwari*  
*Garg–Schost*

## Mansour's algorithm

[Mansour (1995)]

- ▶ Input: blackbox over  $\mathbb{C}$ , or  $(f(\omega^j))_{j \geq 0}$  where  $\omega = e^{2i\pi/N}$
- ▶ Main idea:
  - ▶ Binary search of nonzero coefficients: define  $f_{\alpha, \ell} = \sum_{i: e_i \equiv \alpha \pmod{2^\ell}} c_i x^{e_i}$
  - ▶ Fast approximate computation of  $\|f_{\alpha, \ell}\|_2^2$  using evaluations on random  $\omega^j$
- ▶ Complexity: polynomial in  $T, \log D, \log H$ 
  - ▶ First polynomial-time sparse interpolation algorithm
  - ▶ Can be derandomized
- ▶ Sparse FFT can be seen as an improvement of Mansour's algorithm
  - ▶ Bit complexity  $\tilde{O}(T \log^2 D)$

[Alon–Mansour (1995)]

# The new algorithm

**Input:** A modular blackbox for  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ , bounds  $T \geq f_{\#}$ ,  $D \geq \deg(f)$ ,  $H \geq f_{\infty}$   
**Complexity:**  $\tilde{O}(T(\log D + \log H))$  bit operations

## Modular blackbox

- ▶ Given  $\alpha$  and  $m$ , compute  $f(\alpha) \bmod m$
- ▶ Can be implemented with an arithmetic circuit
- ▶ Pure blackbox: evaluations on  $\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0, \pm 1\}$  have size  $\Omega(D)$

## General idea

- ▶ Follow Garg–Schost general structure
- ▶ Compute  $f \bmod x^p - 1$  à la Prony / Ben-Or–Tiwari
- ▶ Work over several rings to make it efficient

# First ingredient: compute exponents of $f \bmod x^p - 1$

## Evaluations in a small field $\mathbb{F}_q$

- ▶ If  $\omega$  is a  $p$ -PRU in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $f(\omega^j) = (f \bmod x^p - 1)(\omega^j)$
- ▶ Small  $q$  for efficiency reasons
- ▶ Coefficients should remain nonzero modulo  $q \rightarrow q = \text{poly}(T \log H)$

## Algorithm

**Input:** a  $p$ -PRU  $\omega \in \mathbb{F}_q$

*to be computed*

1. Evaluate  $f$  at  $1, \omega, \dots, \omega^{2^T-1}$   $2T$  queries
2. Compute the minimal polynomial of  $(f(\omega^j))_j$   $\tilde{O}(T \log q)$
3. Compute its roots and get the exponents by multipoint evaluation  $\tilde{O}(p \log q)$

## Complexity

- ▶  $p = O(T \log D)$  as in Garg–Schost’s algorithm  
 $\rightarrow \tilde{O}(T \log D \log q) = \tilde{O}(T \log D \log \log H)$



## Second ingredient: compute $f \bmod x^p - 1$

### Evaluations in a larger ring

- ▶  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is too small  $\rightarrow$  coefficients known modulo  $q$
- ▶ Use larger ring where coefficients can be represented
- ▶ Using large finite field is too costly (primality testing, etc.)

$\rightarrow$  Ring  $\mathbb{Z}/q^k\mathbb{Z}$  where  $q^k > 2H$

$$k = O(\log H / \log q)$$

### Algorithm

**Input:** a  $p$ -PRU  $\omega_k \in \mathbb{Z}/q^k\mathbb{Z}$

*to be computed*

1. Evaluate  $f$  at  $1, \omega_k, \dots, \omega_k^{T-1}$
2. Solve a transposed Vandermonde system, build using the exponents

$T$  queries

$\tilde{O}(Tk \log q)$

$\rightarrow$  Complexity:  $\tilde{O}(T \log H)$

## Third ingredient: Embed exponents into coefficients

Compute both  $f(x)$  and  $f((1 + q^k)x)$  modulo  $\langle x^p - 1, q^{2k} \rangle$

### Paillier-like embedding

- ▶  $(1 + q^k)^{e_i} = 1 + e_i q^k \pmod{q^{2k}}$
- ▶ If  $f = \sum_i c_i x^{e_i}$ ,

$$f((1 + q^k)x) \pmod{\langle q^{2k}, x^p - 1 \rangle} = \sum_i (c_i (1 + e_i q^k)) x^{e_i \pmod{p}}$$

### Collisions

- ▶ If  $c_i x^{e_i}$  is collision-free modulo  $x^p - 1 \rightarrow$  reconstruct both  $c_i$  and  $e_i$
- ▶ Possibly noisy terms from collisions  $e_i = e_j \pmod{p}$

$\rightarrow$  Compute  $f^*$  such that  $(f - f^*)_{\#} \leq \frac{1}{2} f_{\#}$  w.h.p.

## Fourth ingredient: $p$ -PRU in $\mathbb{F}_q$ and $\mathbb{Z}/q^{2k}\mathbb{Z}$

### Produce $p$ , $q$ and $\omega$ together

1. Sample a random prime  $p \in [\lambda, 2\lambda]$  with  $\lambda = O(T \log D)$
  2. Sample a random prime  $q \in \{kp + 1 : 1 \leq k \leq \lambda^5\}$  *Effective Dirichlet theorem*
  3. Sample a random  $\alpha$  such that  $\omega = \alpha^{(q-1)/p} \neq 1$
  4. Return  $(p, q, \omega)$
- ▶ Complexity:  $\log^{O(1)}(\lambda) = \log^{O(1)}(T \log D)$

### Lift $\omega \in \mathbb{F}_q$ to $\omega_k \in \mathbb{Z}/q^{2k}\mathbb{Z}$

- ▶ If  $\omega_{2i}$  is a  $p$ -PRU modulo  $q^{2i}$ ,  $\omega_{2i} \bmod q^i$  is a  $p$ -PRU modulo  $q^i$
- ▶ Write  $\omega_{2i} = \omega_i + aq^i$ :
  - ▶  $1 \equiv \omega_{2i}^p \equiv \omega_i^p + p\omega_i^{p-1}aq^i \pmod{q^{2i}} \Rightarrow 1 - \omega_i^p \equiv q^i \times a p \omega_i^{p-1} \pmod{q^{2i}}$
  - ▶  $a = \left[ \frac{1}{q^i} (1 - \omega_i^p \pmod{q^{2i}}) \right] \times (\omega_i p^{-1}) \pmod{q^i}$
- ▶ Complexity:  $\tilde{O}(k \log p \log q) = \tilde{O}(\log H \log(T \log D))$  binary operations

# Complete algorithm

## Algorithm

1.  $f^* \leftarrow 0$
2. Repeat  $\log T$  times :
3. Compute  $p, q, \omega \in \mathbb{F}_q, \omega_k \in \mathbb{Z}/q^{2k}\mathbb{Z}$  Fourth ingredient
4. Compute exponents of  $(f - f^*) \bmod \langle x^p - 1, q \rangle$  First ingredient
5. Compute  $(f - f^*) \bmod \langle x^p - 1, q^{2k} \rangle$  Second ingredient
6. Compute  $(f - f^*)((1 + q^k)x) \bmod \langle x^p - 1, q^{2k} \rangle$  Second ingredient
7. Reconstruct collision-free monomials plus some noise Third ingredient
8. Update  $f^*$
9. Return  $f^*$

## Theorem

[Giorgi-G.-Perret du Cray-Roche (2022)]

Given a modular blackbox for  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  and bounds  $T, D, H$ , the algorithm returns the sparse representation of  $f$  with probability  $\geq \frac{2}{3}$ , and has bit complexity  $\tilde{O}(T(\log D + \log H))$

# Getting rid of the sparsity bound

## Early termination technique

- ▶ Given  $(\alpha_j)_{j \geq 0}$ , find its minimal polynomial without any bound on its degree
- ▶ *Berlekamp–Massey with early termination* [Kaltofen-Lee (2003)]
- ▶ Works over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with  $q = \Omega(D^4)$
- ▶ Complexity:  $2t$  evaluations and  $\tilde{O}(t)$  operations over  $\mathbb{F}_q$

## And over $\mathbb{Z}$ ?

- ▶ Perform *early termination* modulo  $q$ , where  $q = \Omega(D^4)$
- ▶ Finding such a prime is too costly  $\rightarrow O(\log^3 D)$

## Prime numbers without primality testing

[Giorgi-G.-Perret du Cray-Roche (2022)]

- ▶ Take a random number  $m$  and pretend it be prime
  - ▶ With good prob., its largest prime factor is  $\geq \sqrt{m}$
- ▶ For each test “ $a = 0 \pmod{m}$ ?”  $\rightarrow$  compute  $\gcd(a, m)$  and update  $m$
- ▶ We show that algorithms (even randomized) have the same behavior

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# Kronecker substitution

## The substitution

[Kronecker (1882?)]

$f \in R[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  with  $\deg_{x_i}(f) < D \mapsto f_u(x) = f(x, x^D, x^{D^2}, \dots, x^{D^{n-1}})$

- ▶  $\deg(f_u) < D^n$
- ▶ Easily computable and invertible
- ▶ Replaces  $\log(D)$  with  $n \log(D)$  in the complexities
- ▶ Generalization if  $\deg_{x_i}(f) < d_i$ :  $f_u(x) = f(x, x^{d_0}, x^{d_0 d_1}, \dots, x^{d_0 \dots d_{n-2}})$

## Caveats

- ▶ Over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  where  $q$  must be  $\geq D$ : the condition becomes  $q \geq D^n$  huge!
- ▶ Replace an evaluation point  $\alpha$  by  $(\alpha, \alpha^D, \dots, \alpha^{D^{n-1}})$ 
  - ▶  $n$  times more bits than  $\alpha$
  - ▶ a call to the (multivariate) blackbox is more expensive than to a univariate blackbox

# Randomized Kronecker substitution

## The substitution

$f \in R[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  with  $\deg_{x_i}(f) < D \mapsto f_u(x) = f(x^{s_0}, \dots, x^{s_{n-1}})$

- ▶ with random  $s_0, \dots, s_{n-1} = \tilde{O}(Tn \log D)$
- ▶  $\deg(f_u) = \tilde{O}(TnD)$
- ▶ possible collisions  $\rightarrow$  non invertible
- ▶ use several random tuples  $(s_0, \dots, s_{n-1})$

[Arnold-Roche (2014)]

## Results

Sparse interpolation of  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{q^s}[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  in time

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- ▶  $\tilde{O}(snt \log^2 D (\log D + \log q^s))$  otherwise

[Huang (2019)]

[Huang-Gao (2020)]



## Conclusion

# Results

## Sparse interpolation over the integers

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  - ▶ Complexity  $\tilde{O}(sT(\log D + \log H))$  for arithmetic circuit of size  $s$
- ▶ Corollaries:
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  - ▶ First quasi-linear exact sparse division algorithm [Giorgi-G.-Perret du Cray-Roche (2021-22)]

## Sparse interpolation over $\mathbb{F}_q$ , $\text{char}(q) \geq D$

- ▶ Huang's algorithm for arithmetic circuits:  $\tilde{O}(sT \log(D) \log(q))$
- ▶ *À la* Prony / Ben-Or–Tiwari (extended blackbox):  $\tilde{O}(T \log^2(q))$  [G. (unpublished)]
  - ▶ Incomplete sparse interpolation + exponent embedding

## Many other results

- ▶ Derandomization [Klivans-Spielmann (2001), Bläser-Jindal (2014), ...]
- ▶ Other fields [Kaltofen-Lakshman-Wiley (1990), Avendaño-Krick-Pacetti (2006), ...]
- ▶ Parallel algorithms [Grigoriev-Karpinski-Singer (1990), Javadi-Monagan (2010), ...]
- ▶ Very fast heuristic algorithms [van der Hoeven-Lecerf (2014, 2019, 2021, ...)]

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