

Motivation

Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t) \cong \mathbb{Q}[u_1, \dots, u_t] / \langle m_1, \dots, m_t \rangle$ be a number field with $t > 1$ extensions.

How should we perform arithmetic over K ? (ex. multiply $f, g \in K[x]$)?

Overview of Strategy

1. Find a primitive element $\gamma = c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + \dots + c_t\alpha_t$ of $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t)$ satisfying $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t) \cong \mathbb{Q}(\gamma)$, where $c_1, \dots, c_t \in \mathbb{Z}$, and the minimal polynomial for γ , $m_\gamma(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$.
2. Express α_i 's as elements in $\mathbb{Q}(\gamma)$, $1 \leq i \leq t$.
3. Perform arithmetic in $\mathbb{Q}(\gamma)$.
4. Convert the result back to $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t)$.

In this poster, we only consider the case of $t = 2$. This idea is easily generalized to arbitrarily (finitely) many extensions. Moreover, for efficiency purposes we map the coefficient field \mathbb{Q} to \mathbb{Z}_p , for an appropriate primes p and perform arithmetic over \mathbb{Z}_p , then convert the solution back to K using rational number reconstruction [3].

Example

Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \beta) \cong \mathbb{Q}[x, y] / \langle m_1, m_2 \rangle$ where $m_1(y) = y^2 - 2$ and $m_2(x, y) = x^2 - 3$ are minimal polynomials for α and β respectively. Let $p = 17$ and let

$$r(x) = \text{res}_y(m_2(x - 1 \cdot y, y), m_1(y)) = x^4 + 7x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x].$$

Since $r(x)$ is square-free, $\mathbb{Z}_p(\alpha, \beta) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p(\gamma = \beta + 1 \cdot \alpha) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p[x] / \langle r(x) \rangle$ and $r(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ is the minimal polynomial (mod p) for γ . Furthermore, let

$$G := \text{gcd}(m_2(\gamma - 1 \cdot y, y), m_1(y)) = \text{gcd}(\gamma^2 - 3\gamma y + 1, y^2 - 2) = y + 8\gamma^3 + 13\gamma.$$

Thus $\alpha(\gamma) = y - G = -8\gamma^3 + 13\gamma$ and $\beta(\gamma) = \gamma - 1 \cdot \alpha(\gamma) = 8\gamma^3 + 14\gamma$.

Now we can work over one extension $K(\gamma)$ rather than in two extensions $K(\alpha, \beta)$.

Step 1: Finding a Primitive Element using Resultants

In what follows we let K be a field of characteristic 0 and let $m_1(x) \in K[x]$ and $m_2(x) \in K(\alpha)[x]$ be the minimal polynomials for α and β respectively.

Lemma 1. Let $f, g \in K[x, y]$. The **resultant** of f and g with respect to y , denoted by $\text{res}_y(f, g)$, is the polynomial r in $K[x]$ that satisfies

$$r(\alpha) = 0 \iff \text{gcd}(f(\alpha, y), g(\alpha, y)) \neq 1.$$

Definition 2. Let $f \in K[x] \setminus \{0\}$. We say that f is **square-free** iff $\text{res}_x(f, f') \neq 0$.

To find a **primitive element** γ satisfying $K(\alpha, \beta) \cong K(\gamma)$, we utilize Lemma 2:

Lemma 2 [1]. Let the field be $K(\alpha, \beta) = K[x, y] / \langle m_1, m_2 \rangle$. If $m_2(x, \alpha) \in K(\alpha)[x]$ is square-free, then there exists $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$r(x) := \text{res}_y(m_2(x - c \cdot y), m_1(y)) \in K[x]$$

is square-free. Furthermore, $r(x)$ is the minimal polynomial for a primitive element $\gamma = \beta + c \cdot \alpha$ of $K(\alpha, \beta)$ so that $K(\alpha, \beta) \cong K(\gamma) = K[x] / \langle r(x) \rangle$.

Let us call $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ which produces a non-square-free $\text{res}_y(m_2(x - cy), m_1(y))$ **unlucky**. One can characterize the number of unlucky $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ as follows.

Lemma 3. Let $r(x) = \text{res}_y(m_2(x - c \cdot y), m_1(y)) \in K[x]$ be as in Lemma 2. An element $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ is unlucky iff it is a root of

$$\text{res}_x(r(x), r'(x)) \in K[c].$$

One can express the number of unlucky c 's in terms of the degrees of the minimal polynomials as follows.

Lemma 4. Let $d_1 = \deg_y(m_1)$ & $d_2 = \deg_x(m_2)$. The # of unlucky $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ is at most

$$\lceil d_1^2 d_2 (d_2 - 1) \rceil / 2.$$

By Lemma 2, to determine the minimal polynomial for a primitive element $\gamma = \beta + c\alpha$ we must compute the resultant of a **bivariate** $m_2(x - cy)$ and a **univariate** $m_1(y)$. For this we propose to use **evaluation & interpolation** in x at $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Evaluation & interpolation reduces the problem of computing a bivariate resultant to that of computing a series of univariate resultants of $m_2(\sigma_i - cy, y)$ and $m_1(y)$ over K . To compute the univariate resultants, we use **polynomial remainder sequences**:

Definition 3. Let R be a ring and f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{k+1} be polynomials in $R[x]$. Then $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{k+1}\}$ is a **Polynomial Remainder Sequence (PRS)** if and only if:

- $\deg(f_i) \geq \deg(f_{i+1})$,
- $f_i \neq 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$ and $f_{k+1} = 0$, and
- $f_i = a_i \cdot \text{prem}(f_{i-2}, f_{i-1})$ for $i = 3, \dots, k+1$ and $a_i \in R$.

There are numerous types of PRS's. We will use the **subresultant PRS** (sPRS) [2]. **The last non-zero polynomial of sPRS starting from $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(x)$ equals $\text{res}_x(f_1, f_2)$.**

Step 2: Finding $\alpha(\gamma), \beta(\gamma) \in K(\gamma)$

To perform arithmetic in $K(\gamma)$, one must represent α and β as elements in $K(\gamma)$, which we denote by $\alpha(\gamma)$ and $\beta(\gamma)$, respectively. For this we use the following lemma.

Lemma 5 [1]. Let $g(x, y) = m_2(x - c \cdot y, y)$ be square-free and let $\gamma = \beta + c \cdot \alpha$ (note that γ is a root of $g(x, \alpha)$). Then

$$G(\gamma, y) = \text{gcd}(g(\gamma, y), m_1(y)) = y - \alpha(\gamma) \in K(\gamma)[y].$$

Moreover, $\beta(\gamma) = \gamma - c \cdot \alpha(\gamma) \in K(\gamma)$.

Thus to obtain $\alpha(\gamma)$ and $\beta(\gamma)$ one could compute a gcd over $K(\gamma)$. For efficiency, we instead propose to use the sPRS's computed in Step 1 as follows.

1. Obtain $\deg_y(m_1) \cdot \deg_x(m_2)$ **next-to-last** polynomials appearing in the sPRS starting from $m_2(\beta - cy, y)$ and $m_1(y)$, which are **linear** in y .
2. Interpolate polynomials in step 1 to get $G(x, y) \in K[y][x]$.
3. Solve $G(x = \gamma, y) = 0$ to obtain $\alpha(\gamma)$.
4. Find $\beta(\gamma)$ using the formula $\gamma - c\alpha(\gamma)$.

Recall that $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \beta) \cong \mathbb{Q}[x, y] / \langle m_1, m_2 \rangle$. One can show that all the above lemmas apply to the **ring** $\Phi_p(K) = \mathbb{Z}_p[x, y] / \langle m_1 \pmod p, m_2 \pmod p \rangle$ as long as p is "appropriately" chosen and no zero divisors are encountered during computation.

Unfortunately, not all elements in \mathbb{Z}_p can be used as evaluation points:

Bad and Unlucky Evaluation points

- (1) For the resultant computation, we must not choose any evaluation points that decrease the degree of y in m_2 (called **bad evaluation points**).
- (2) For the gcd computation, we must also not choose evaluation points that decrease the degree of y in *any* polynomial in the sPRS (called **unlucky evaluation points**).

We provide two example cases in which unlucky evaluation points are encountered.

Ex 1. The sPRS starting from $m_1(y) = y^3 - 2y^2 - 1$ and $g(x, y) = x^2 - 5xy^2 - x + 4$ over $\mathbb{Z}_{17}[x]$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x, y) &= m_1(y) = y^3 - 2y^2 - 1, & f_2(x, y) &= g(x, y) = x^2 - 5xy^2 - x + 4, \\ f_3(x, y) &= (5x^3 + 12x^2 + 3x)y + 7x^3 + 2x^2 + 11x, \\ f_4(x, y) &= x^6 + 11x^5 + 6x^4 + 8x^3 + 7x^2 + 6x + 13, & f_5(x, y) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, the sPRS starting from $m_1(y)$ and $g(x = 6, y)$ is:

$$\hat{f}_1(y) = y^3 + 15y^2 + 10, \quad \hat{f}_2(y) = 4y^2, \quad \hat{f}_3(y) = 13, \quad \hat{f}_4(y) = 0.$$

The next-to-last polynomial \hat{f}_2 is not linear and is not equal to $f_3(x = 6, y)$.

Ex 2. The sPRS starting with $m_1(y) = y^4 + 15 + 11y^2$ and $g(x, y) = x^3 + 8yx + 15y^3$ over $\mathbb{Z}_{17}[x]$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x, y) &= m_1(y) = y^4 + 15 + 11y^2, & f_2(x, y) &= g(x, y) = x^3 + 8yx + 15y^3, \\ f_3(x, y) &= (10 + 16x)y^2 + 2x^3y + 9, \\ f_4(x, y) &= (15x^6 + 11 + 2x^3 + 11x^2)y + 13x^5 + 12x^4 + 16x^3, \\ f_5(x, y) &= x^{12} + 8 + 7x^8 + 5x^7 + 12x^6 + 2x^4 + 11x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x, & f_6(x, y) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, the sPRS starting with $m_1(y)$ and $g(x = 10, y)$ is:

$$\hat{f}_1(y) = m_1(y), \quad \hat{f}_2(y) = 15y^3 + 12y + 14, \quad \hat{f}_3(y) = 11y + 9, \quad \hat{f}_4(y) = 11, \quad \hat{f}_5(y) = 0.$$

The next-to-last polynomial is linear, but corresponds to the degree 2 polynomial, f_3 .

Theorem 1. Let $d_1 = \deg_y(m_1)$ and $d_2 = \deg_x(m_2)$.

The number of bad evaluation points in \mathbb{Z} is at most d_2 .

The number of unlucky evaluation points in \mathbb{Z} is at most $d_2 d_1 (d_1 + 1) / 2$.

Theorem 1 implies that the number of unlucky evaluation points is "small". We do not know *a priori* the number of polynomials in the sPRS of $m_1(y)$ and $g(x, y)$. Hence to detect an unlucky evaluation point, we proceed as follows. Let $k = \#$ of polynomials in the sPRS obtained using the first evaluation point.

1. Compute sPRS using the next evaluation point. Let $S = (\# \text{ polynomials in sPRS})$.
2. a) If $S < k$, discard current sPRS.
b) If $S > k$, discard all previous sPRS's. Set k to S .
c) If $S = k$, keep the sPRS. Go to step 1.

Cost

Theorem 2. Let $d_1 = \deg(m_1)$ and $d_2 = \deg(m_2)$. The overall cost of computing the **resultant** over \mathbb{Z}_p and the **gcd** above over $\mathbb{Z}_p[x] / \langle m_\gamma(x) \pmod p \rangle$ is

$$\mathcal{O}([d_1^3 d_2 + d_1^2 d_2^2] + d_1^4) \text{ arithmetic operations in } \mathbb{Z}_p.$$

[Remark: if $d_1 \leq d_2$, this cost simplifies to $\mathcal{O}(d_1^2 d_2^2)$.]

In comparison, the costs of computing the resultant and the gcd using the Euclidean algorithm are $\mathcal{O}(d_1^4 d_2^2)$ each.

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