About the Fundamental Subspaces of the Macaulay Matrix

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Introduction

A presentation about linear algebra in algebraic geometry

map	$\rightarrow$	matrix
ideal	$\rightarrow$	row space
normal set/standard monomials	$\rightarrow$	linearly (in)dependent rows/columns
Gröbner basis	$\rightarrow$	set of rows
Buchberger's algorithm	$\rightarrow$	singular value decomposition
roots	$\rightarrow$	eigenvalues

Batselier (2013); Dreesen (2013)

Polynomials and Macaulay Matrix

We consider **polynomials** $p_i(\boldsymbol{x}) \in \mathcal{P}^n = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$, $\forall i = 1, \ldots, s$,

$$p_i(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{\{\boldsymbol{\alpha}\}} c_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \boldsymbol{x}^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}.$$

The **ideal** $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{P}^n$ generated by these polynomials is defined by

$$\mathcal{I} = \langle p_1(\boldsymbol{x}), \ldots, p_s(\boldsymbol{x}) \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{s} h_i(\boldsymbol{x}) p_i(\boldsymbol{x}) : h_i(\boldsymbol{x}) \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \right\}.$$

Of course, an other important object is the **variety** of that ideal, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I}) = \{\boldsymbol{a} \in \mathbb{C}^n : p_i(\boldsymbol{a}) = 0, \forall i = 1, \ldots, s\}.$$

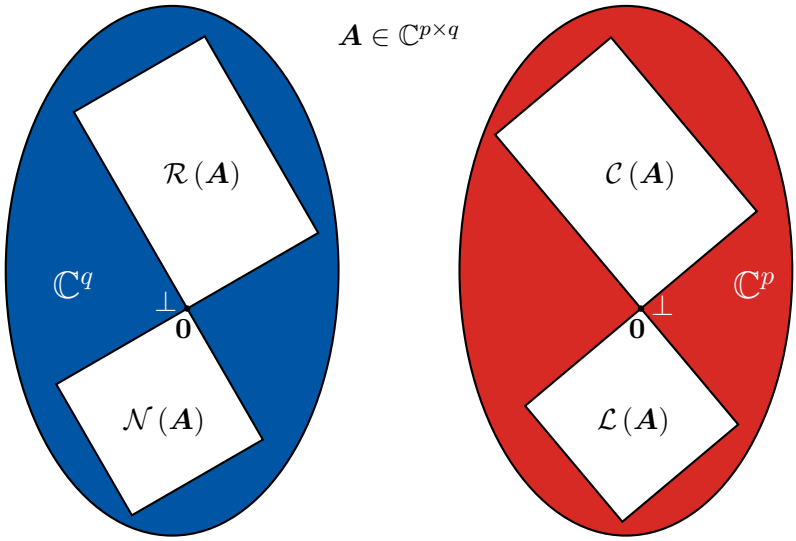
Polynomials and Macaulay matrix

$$\begin{cases} p_1(\boldsymbol{x}) = -3x_2 + 6x_1x_2 + (-1)x_2^2 + 1x_1^2x_2 + (-3)x_1x_2^2 + 1x_2^3 = 0 \\ p_2(\boldsymbol{x}) = 1 + 2x_1 + (-2)x_2 + 1x_1^2 + (-2)x_1x_2 + 1x_2^2 = 0 \\ p_3(\boldsymbol{x}) = (-4)x_2 + 1x_2^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \\ p_1(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ p_2(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ x_1p_2(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ x_2p_2(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ p_3(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ x_1p_3(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ x_2p_3(\boldsymbol{x}) \end{array} \overbrace{\begin{array}{c|cccccccccc} 1 & x_1 & x_2 & x_1^2 & x_1x_2 & x_2^2 & x_1^3 & x_1^2x_2 & x_1x_2^2 & x_2^3 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 6 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}}^{\text{Macaulay matrix } \boldsymbol{M}_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_1x_2 \\ x_2^2 \\ x_1^3 \\ x_1^2x_2 \\ x_1x_2^2 \\ x_2^3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Fundamental subspaces of a matrix



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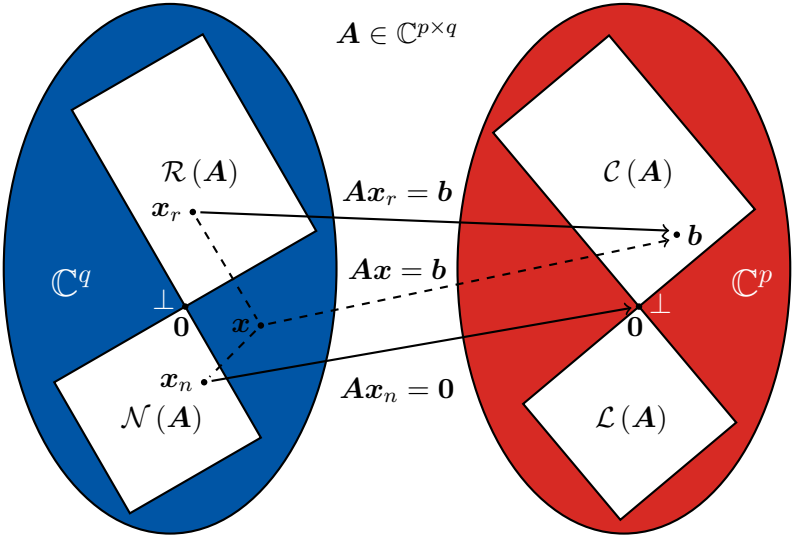

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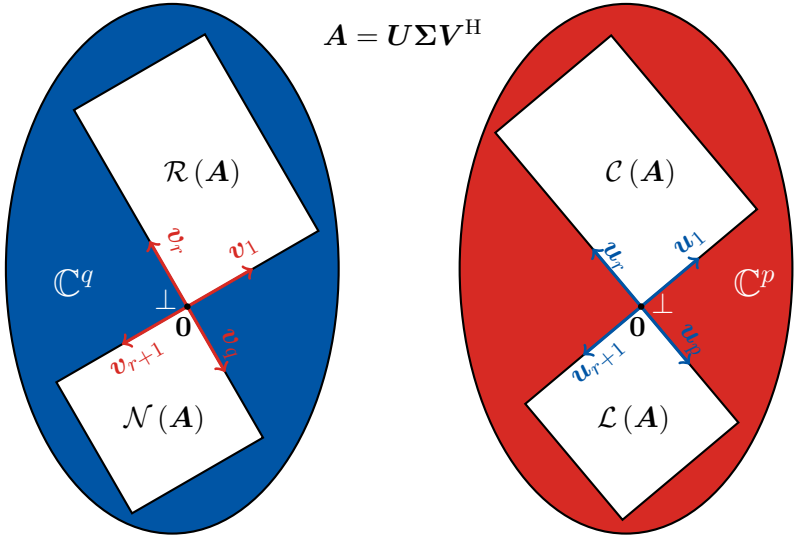
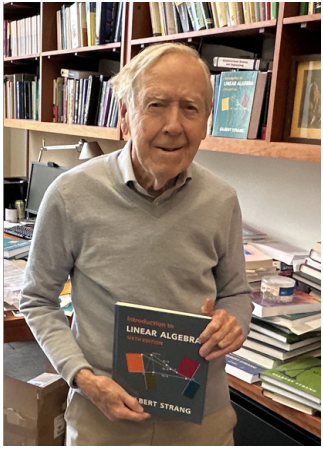
$$\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{V}^{\mathrm{H}}$$



singular value decomposition as our "work horse"!

Two important theorems



Gilbert Strang poses with his "Introduction to Linear Algebra".

The photo of Gilbert Strang was taken by Miller (2023).

Rank-nullity theorem

$$c = \dim\left(\mathcal{C}\left(\boldsymbol{A}\right)\right) = \dim\left(\mathcal{R}\left(\boldsymbol{A}\right)\right) = r$$

Fundamental theorem of linear algebra

$$\operatorname{rank}\left(\boldsymbol{A}\right) + \operatorname{nullity}\left(\boldsymbol{A}\right) = r + n = q$$

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Row space of the Macaulay matrix

What can we find in the row space?

$$
\begin{array}{r}
 \\
p_1(\boldsymbol{x}) \\
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0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
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\end{bmatrix}
\end{array}
$$

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$$
\left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{s} h_i(\boldsymbol{x})\, p_i(\boldsymbol{x}) : h_i(\boldsymbol{x}) \in \mathcal{P}^n_{d-d_i} \right\}
$$

Ideal?

So, it is now very tempting to say that

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Counter example

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(Batselier et al., 2014b)

Linearly dependent rows and syzygies

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In terms of the polynomials, this means that there are **syzygies**!

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Dimension of the left null space

The left null space contains the "coefficients" of the syzygies:

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\boldsymbol{M}_d\right) = \left\{\boldsymbol{h} \in \mathbb{C}^{1\times p} : \boldsymbol{h}\boldsymbol{M}_d = \boldsymbol{0}\right\}.$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{s} h_i\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) p_i\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) = 0.$$

The dimension l_d of the left null space counts the total number of syzygies in $\mathcal{R}\left(\boldsymbol{M}_d\right)$:

$$\binom{d - d_l + n}{n}$$

is added to l_d for every degree d_l basis syzygy.

(Batselier et al., 2014b)

Degree of regularity

An important consequence is the degree of regularity:

Definition

The minimal degree d^* for which the dimension l_d can be computed via the obtained syzygies at that degree is called the **degree of regularity**.

Once l_d is known, then the rank r_d and nullity n_d of the Macaulay matrix are also fully determined!

- We need higher degrees to check whether we found d^*
- There are upper bounds, but sometimes d^* is much lower (Lazard, 1983)
- Recursive algorithms are essential (Batselier et al., 2014a,b)

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Multiplication maps

Consider an ideal $\mathcal{I} = \langle p_1(\boldsymbol{x}), \ldots, p_s(\boldsymbol{x}) \rangle \subset \mathcal{P}^n$ and zero-dimensional variety $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$

$$\Downarrow$$

The **quotient ring** $\mathcal{R} \triangleq \mathcal{P}^n / \langle p_1(\boldsymbol{x}), \ldots, p_s(\boldsymbol{x}) \rangle$ is a finite-dimensional vector space. We can define the **multiplication maps**:

$$\boldsymbol{M}_g : \mathcal{R} \to \mathcal{R} : p(\boldsymbol{x}) + \mathcal{I} \mapsto g(\boldsymbol{x})\, p(\boldsymbol{x}) + \mathcal{I}$$

with properties

- Eigenvalues of $\boldsymbol{M}_g$ are $g(\boldsymbol{x})|_{(j)}$
- The multiplication maps commute, i.e., $\boldsymbol{M}_{g_1} \boldsymbol{M}_{g_2} = \boldsymbol{M}_{g_2} \boldsymbol{M}_{g_1}$

How do we construct these maps?

Stetter's eigenvalue problem

Stetter's approach

1. Compute a Gröbner basis G for $\mathcal{I}$
2. Derive a monomial basis for $\mathcal{R}$ from G
3. Solve the eigenvalue problems that expresses the monomial multiplication within the $\mathcal{R}$ (simultaneous)
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Our approach

1. Compute a numerical basis matrix $\boldsymbol{Z}_d$ for the null space of $\boldsymbol{M}_d$, with $d \geq d^*$.
2. Determine the linearly independent rows of $\boldsymbol{Z}_d$
3. Solve the eigenvalue problems that expresses the monomial multiplication within the $\mathcal{R}$ (simultaneous)
4. Read the affine solutions from the eigenvalues/eigenvectors

A lot of details hiding in these steps, e.g., dealing with multiplicities and solutions at infinity (Stetter, 2004; Batselier et al., 2014b; Vermeersch and De Moor, 2021)

Dual vector space

Basis matrix of the right null space can be written in terms of the solutions ($d \geq d^*$)

- solutions can be described by the dual vector space of the quotient space $\mathcal{R}$
- from the rank-nullity theorem

$$n_d = q_d - r_d$$
$$= \dim \mathcal{P}_d^n / \left\langle p_1^h(\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}), \ldots, p_s^h(\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}) \right\rangle_d$$

- requires dual vector space $\mathcal{C}_d^{n'}$ of $\mathcal{C}_d^n$ and differential functionals

$$\partial_{\boldsymbol{i}}(\cdot)|_{(j)} \triangleq \frac{1}{i_1! \ldots i_n!} \frac{\partial^{|\boldsymbol{i}|}(\cdot)}{\partial x_1^{i_1} \ldots \partial x_n^{i_n}}\bigg|_{(j)}$$

confluent multivariate Vandermonde basis matrix

$$\boldsymbol{V}_d = \begin{bmatrix} x_0^2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_0^2|_{(2)} \\ \hline x_0x_1|_{(1)} & x_0|_{(1)} & x_0x_1|_{(2)} \\ x_0x_2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_0x_2|_{(2)} \\ \hline x_1^2|_{(1)} & 2x_1|_{(1)} & x_1^2|_{(2)} \\ x_1x_2|_{(1)} & x_2|_{(1)} & x_1x_2|_{(2)} \\ x_2^2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_2^2|_{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \downarrow \\ \partial_{00}(\boldsymbol{v})|_{(1)} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \downarrow \\ \partial_{10}(\boldsymbol{v})|_{(1)} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \downarrow \\ \partial_{00}(\boldsymbol{v})|_{(2)} \end{matrix}$$

(Batselier et al., 2014b)

Monomial multiplication property

one projective solution

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{S}_{x_1,x_0}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_0^2|_{(1)} \\ \hline x_0x_1|_{(1)} \\ x_0x_2|_{(1)} \\ \hline x_1^2|_{(1)} \\ x_1x_2|_{(1)} \\ x_2^2|_{(1)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\partial_{00}(\boldsymbol{v})|_{(1)}} x_1|_{(1)} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{S}_{x_0,x_1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_0^2|_{(1)} \\ \hline x_0x_1|_{(1)} \\ x_0x_2|_{(1)} \\ \hline x_1^2|_{(1)} \\ x_1x_2|_{(1)} \\ x_2^2|_{(1)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\partial_{00}(\boldsymbol{v})|_{(1)}} x_0|_{(1)}$$

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multiple simple projective solutions

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Monomial multiplication property

multiple projective solutions with multiplicity larger than one

$$\boldsymbol{S}_{x_1,x_0} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_0^2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_0^2|_{(2)} \\ \hline x_0x_1|_{(1)} & x_0|_{(1)} & x_0x_1|_{(2)} \\ x_0x_2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_0x_2|_{(2)} \\ \hline x_1^2|_{(1)} & 2x_1|_{(1)} & x_1^2|_{(2)} \\ x_1x_2|_{(1)} & x_2|_{(1)} & x_1x_2|_{(2)} \\ x_2^2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_2^2|_{(2)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{V}_d} \boldsymbol{D}_{x_1} = \boldsymbol{S}_{x_0,x_1} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_0^2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_0^2|_{(2)} \\ \hline x_0x_1|_{(1)} & x_0|_{(1)} & x_0x_1|_{(2)} \\ x_0x_2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_0x_2|_{(2)} \\ \hline x_1^2|_{(1)} & 2x_1|_{(1)} & x_1^2|_{(2)} \\ x_1x_2|_{(1)} & x_2|_{(1)} & x_1x_2|_{(2)} \\ x_2^2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_2^2|_{(2)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{V}_d} \boldsymbol{D}_{x_0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1|_{(1)} & \times & \times \\ 0 & x_1|_{(1)} & \times \\ 0 & 0 & x_1|_{(2)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that we consider differential functionals in $\mathcal{C}_2^{2'}$ in this exposition

Monomial multiplication property

multiple affine solutions with multiplicity larger than one

$$\boldsymbol{S}_1 \underbrace{\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline x_1|_{(1)} & 1 & x_1|_{(2)} \\ x_2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_2|_{(2)} \\ \hline x_1^2|_{(1)} & 2x_1|_{(1)} & x_1^2|_{(2)} \\ x_1x_2|_{(1)} & x_2|_{(1)} & x_1x_2|_{(2)} \\ x_2^2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_2^2|_{(2)} \end{array}\right]}_{\boldsymbol{V}_d} \boldsymbol{D}_{x_1} = \boldsymbol{S}_{x_1} \underbrace{\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline x_1|_{(1)} & 1 & x_1|_{(2)} \\ x_2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_2|_{(2)} \\ \hline x_1^2|_{(1)} & 2x_1|_{(1)} & x_1^2|_{(2)} \\ x_1x_2|_{(1)} & x_2|_{(1)} & x_1x_2|_{(2)} \\ x_2^2|_{(1)} & 0 & x_2^2|_{(2)} \end{array}\right]}_{\boldsymbol{V}_d} \boldsymbol{I}$$

select the linearly independent rows of $\boldsymbol{V}_d$

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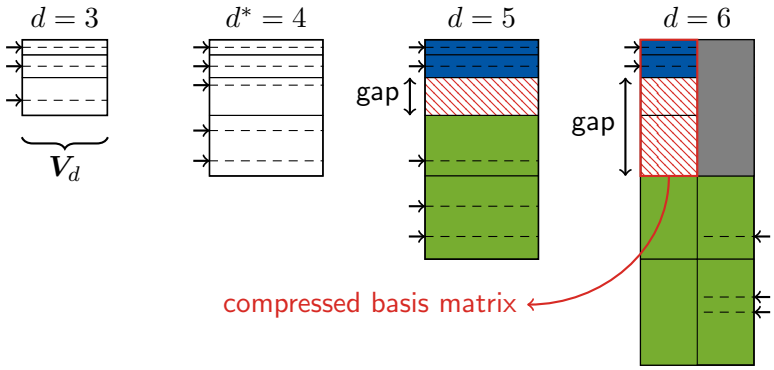
Removing solutions at infinity



Two difficulties

$$\boldsymbol{S}_1 \boldsymbol{V}_d \boldsymbol{D}_{x_1} = \boldsymbol{S}_{x_1} \boldsymbol{V}_d$$

- Solutions/confluent Vandermonde basis vectors are not known in advanced:

numerical basis matrix $\boldsymbol{Z}_d$ of the null space

$$\Downarrow \boldsymbol{V}_d = \boldsymbol{Z}_d \boldsymbol{T}$$

$$(\boldsymbol{S}_1 \boldsymbol{Z}_d)\, \boldsymbol{T} \boldsymbol{D}_{x_1} = (\boldsymbol{S}_{x_1} \boldsymbol{Z}_d)\, \boldsymbol{T}$$

$$\boldsymbol{T} \boldsymbol{D}_{x_1} \boldsymbol{T}^{-1} = (\boldsymbol{S}_1 \boldsymbol{Z}_d)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{S}_{x_1} \boldsymbol{Z}_d)$$

- Not possible to numerically stable compute Jordan normal form:

numerically stable **Schur decomposition**

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\boldsymbol{Q} \boldsymbol{U}_{x_1} \boldsymbol{Q}^{-1} = (\boldsymbol{S}_1 \boldsymbol{Z}_d)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{S}_{x_1} \boldsymbol{Z}_d)$$

(Vermeersch and De Moor, 2021; Corless et al., 1997)

Multidimensional realization theory

- It is **possible to shift with any polynomial** in the eigenvalues – for example, x_2

$$\boldsymbol{Q}\boldsymbol{U}_{x_2}\boldsymbol{Q}^{-1} = \left(\boldsymbol{S}_1\boldsymbol{Z}_d\right)^{-1}\left(\boldsymbol{S}_{x_2}\boldsymbol{Z}_d\right)$$

- This leads to the same $\boldsymbol{Q}$

- Solved via simultaneous triangularization
- Different shift polynomials can be useful
- Entire degree block rows instead of single rows can be considered

Realization theory for any shift polynomial $g\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)$:

$$\boldsymbol{Q}\boldsymbol{U}_g\boldsymbol{Q}^{-1} = \left(\boldsymbol{S}_1\boldsymbol{Z}_d\right)^{\dagger}\left(\boldsymbol{S}_g\boldsymbol{Z}_d\right),$$

where $\boldsymbol{S}_1$ and $\boldsymbol{S}_g$ select rows from $\boldsymbol{Z}_d$

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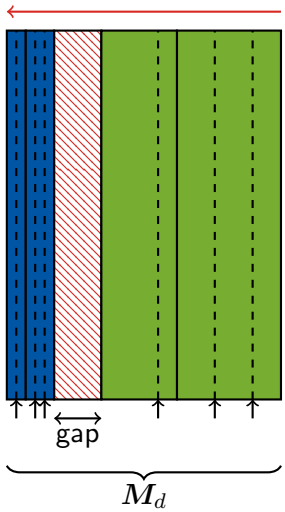
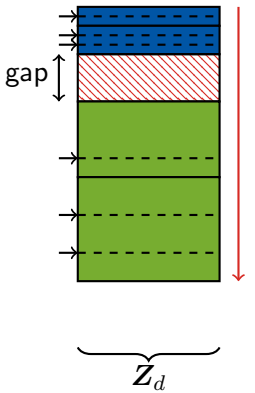
Complementarity between right null space and column space





$= \mathbf{0}$

(Dreesen, 2013)

Reordered Macaulay matrix

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} M_1 & M_2 & M_3 & M_4 \end{bmatrix}}_{N} \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ B & 0 \\ C & 0 \\ W_{21} & W_{22} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

- A : affine standard monomials
- B : other affine shifted monomials
- C : other affine monomials and gap
- $W_{2\times}$: remaining rows of the basis matrix

The multiplication property

$$AD_g = S_g \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

yields again an eigenvalue problem

$$AD_g A^{-1} = S_g \begin{bmatrix} I \\ BA^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

(Vermeersch and De Moor, 2021)

Backward QR decomposition

The backward QR decomposition **eliminates** the dependency on **the right null space**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{R}_{14} & \boldsymbol{R}_{13} & \boldsymbol{R}_{12} & \boldsymbol{R}_{11} \\ \boldsymbol{R}_{24} & \boldsymbol{R}_{23} & \boldsymbol{R}_{22} & \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{R}_{34} & \boldsymbol{R}_{33} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{R}_{44} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{A} & \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{B} & \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{C} & \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{W}_{21} & \boldsymbol{W}_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

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$$\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{A}^{-1} = -\boldsymbol{R}_{33}^{-1}\boldsymbol{R}_{34}$$

Equivalent multidimensional realization theory

Realization theory for any shift polynomial $g(\boldsymbol{x})$:

$$\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{D}_g\boldsymbol{A}^{-1} = \boldsymbol{S}_g \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{I} \\ -\boldsymbol{R}_{33}^{-1}\boldsymbol{R}_{34} \end{bmatrix},$$

where $\boldsymbol{S}_g$ selects rows from $\boldsymbol{I}$ and $-\boldsymbol{R}_{33}^{-1}\boldsymbol{R}_{34}$

- a standard eigenvalue problem, with $\boldsymbol{A}$ the matrix of eigenvectors
- backward QR decomposition removes influence of solutions at infinity implicitly
- same adaptation to multiple Schur decompositions is possible

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Conclusions and future work

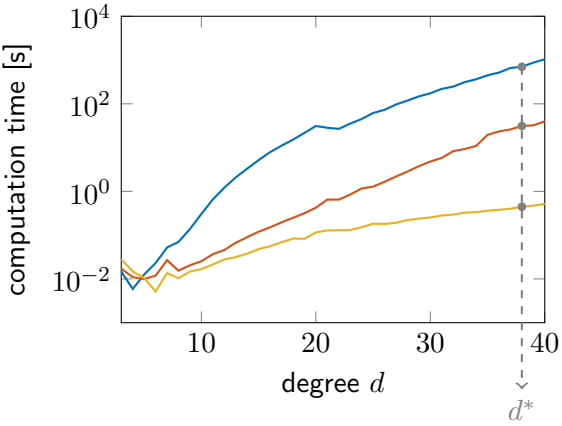
Each of the fundamental subspaces of the Macaulay matrix has a purpose:

- Many properties/questions from algebraic geometry hide in one of the fundamental subspaces of the Macaulay matrix
- A full treatment of the column space is not yet available
- Some algorithmic issues make the column space currently less useful to solve polynomial systems

Some current research efforts are:

- Investigating the properties of the column space
- Translating the interpretations to the block Macaulay matrix

A final note on the computational complexity



Comparison of the computation time to construct a numerical basis matrix of the right null space of a Macaulay matrix via the standard (—), recursive (—), and sparse (—) approach.

(Batselier et al., 2014a; Vermeersch and De Moor, 2023)



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A system theoretic intermezzo!

discrete-time overdetermined autonomous multidimensional systems

state space representation

$$\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{x}\left[k_1+1, k_2, \ldots, k_n\right] &= \boldsymbol{A}_1 \boldsymbol{x}\left[\boldsymbol{k}\right], \\
&\vdots \\
\boldsymbol{x}\left[k_1, \ldots, k_{n-1}, k_n+1\right] &= \boldsymbol{A}_n \boldsymbol{x}\left[\boldsymbol{k}\right], \\
y\left[\boldsymbol{k}\right] &= \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{x}\left[\boldsymbol{k}\right],
\end{aligned}$$

where $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is the state vector, $\boldsymbol{A}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ define the autonomous state transitions, and $\boldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ defines how the one-dimensional output y is composed from the state vector

trajectories representation

$$\boldsymbol{r}\left(\boldsymbol{z}\right) w\left[k_1, \ldots, k_n\right] = \boldsymbol{0},$$

where $\boldsymbol{r} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ and $\boldsymbol{z} = (z_1, \ldots, z_n)$ denotes the multidimensional shift operator, for which holds that

$$z_i : \left(z_i w\right)\left[\boldsymbol{k}\right] = w\left[k_1, \ldots, k_i + 1, \ldots, k_n\right].$$

Via this shift operator, a difference equation can be associated with a multivariate polynomial in $\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{z}$.

(Dreesen et al., 2018; Willems, 1986)

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Consider the following set of difference equations

$$\begin{cases} \text{trajectory 1: } w\left[k_1, k_2+1\right] + 2w\left[k_1+1, k_2+1\right] + 3w\left[k_1, k_2+2\right] = 0, \\ \text{trajectory 2: } 4w\left[k_1, k_2\right] + 5w\left[k_1+1, k_2\right] + 6w\left[k_1, k_2+1\right] = 0. \end{cases}$$

By shifting these equations up to order/degree two, we find

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w\left[k_1, k_2\right] \\ \hline w\left[k_1+1, k_2\right] \\ w\left[k_1, k_2+1\right] \\ \hline w\left[k_1+2, k_2\right] \\ w\left[k_1+1, k_2+1\right] \\ w\left[k_1, k_2+2\right] \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

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Consider the following system of multivariate polynomial equations

$$\begin{cases} p_1(\boldsymbol{z}) = z_2 + 2z_1z_2 + 3z_2^2 = 0, \\ p_2(\boldsymbol{z}) = 4 + 5z_1 + 6z_2 = 0. \end{cases}$$

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A system theoretic intermezzo!

A special basis matrix of the null space of the Macaulay matrix is the column echelon basis matrix

$$\boldsymbol{H}_d = \boldsymbol{Z}_d \boldsymbol{T}_Z = \boldsymbol{V}_d \boldsymbol{T}_V.$$

The multiplication property in $\boldsymbol{H}$ leads to eigenvalue problems

$$\boldsymbol{S}_0 \boldsymbol{H}_d \boldsymbol{A}_i = \boldsymbol{S}_i \boldsymbol{H}_d,$$

or

$$\boldsymbol{A}_i = \left(\boldsymbol{S}_0 \boldsymbol{H}_d\right)^{\dagger} \left(\boldsymbol{S}_i \boldsymbol{H}_d\right).$$

This gives us the system matrices $\boldsymbol{A}_i$ via Ho–Kalman's shift trick; a **multidimensional realization problem!**

(Ho and Kalman, 1966; Dreesen et al., 2018)

multidimensional extended observability matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \\ \hline \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{A}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{A}_2 \\ \hline \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{A}_1^2 \\ \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{A}_1 \boldsymbol{A}_2 \\ \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{A}_2^2 \\ \hline \vdots \\ \hline \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{A}_1^d \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{A}_2^d \end{bmatrix}$$