Early Termination Strategies in Sparse Interpolation and Sparse Shift Algorithms

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Black box polynomial interpolation



What if $f(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ is sparse?

Zippel's probabilistic interpolation.

Needs an upper bound for the degree in each variable.

Ben-Or's/Tiwari's deterministic algorithm.

Needs an upper bound for the number of non-zero terms.

Early termination strategy



What if *an upper bound of degree* and *an upper bound of the number of terms* of the target polynomial are *not known?*

Guess and check.

And double the guess if fails.

• Early termination strategy.

Interpolate the polynomial at a random point, when the polynomial stops changing, it is done with high probability.

Why early termination?

- Save time and space.
- A useful tool for controlling intermediate expression swell in computer algebra.
- Sensitive to the sparsity of the target polynomial without knowing any bounds on degree or number of terms.

Early termination in Newton interpolation (univariate)

- - Interpolate f(x) on a random value sequence $p_0, p_1, p_2, ...$ $f^{[i]} = c_0 + c_1(x - p_0) + \dots + c_i(x - p_0) \dots (x - p_{i-1})$ - When $c_i = 0$, f is interpolated with high probability. $(i = \deg f + 2)$
- Threshold $\eta > 1$ can improve the probability of correctness.

$$f(x)$$
 is interpolated in the mixed power basis
1, $(x - p_0)$, $(x - p_0)(x - p_1)$, ...

Early termination in the Ben-Or/Tiwari algorithm (multivariate)

• – Perform the Berlekamp/Massey algorithm on

 $f(p), f(p^2), f(p^3), \dots, f(p^i), \dots$ with *p* random. When $\Delta = 0$ at 2L < i, generator $\Lambda(z)$ is determined with high probability.

- (i = 2t + 1, t the number of non-zero terms in f)
- Recover non-zero terms in f via finding roots for $\Lambda(z)$.
- Locate coefficients for non-zero terms in f.
- Threshold ζ > 1 can improve the probability, but its analysis is complicated.

f(x) is interpolated in the standard power basis: 1, x, x^2 , x^3 , ... in the univariate case. Early termination in sparse interpolations with respect to

Pochhammer basis:

 $x^{\overline{n}} = x(x+1)\cdots(x+n-1)$ $f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{t} c_j x^{\overline{e}_j}$ Pick random p > 0, evaluate $f(p), f(p+1), f(p+2), \dots$

Chebyshev basis:

 $T_{0}(x) = 1, \quad T_{1}(x) = x$ $i \ge 2: \quad T_{i}(x) = 2xT_{i-1}(x) - T_{i-2}(x)$ $f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{t} c_{j}T_{\delta_{j}}(x)$ Pick random p > 1, evaluate $f(T_{0}(p)), f(T_{1}(p)), f(T_{2}(p)), ...$

Sparse shifts for polynomials

For univariate polynomials (Lakshman and Saunders)

- Need $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{d} c_i x^i$, its first 2τ derivatives, and an upper bound τ for the number of terms in the sparse shift.
- Need to evaluate f(x) and its first 2τ derivatives at 2 points for a total of $4\tau + 2$ evaluations.

Grigoriev and Lakshman extended to multivariate polynomials.

Generalized early termination Ben-Or/Tiwari algorithm

- The shift *s* is given as input.
- Perform the Berlekamp/Massey algorithm on

 $f(p-s), f(p^2-s), ..., f(p^i-s), ...$ with *p* random. When $\Delta = 0$ at 2L < i, generator $\Lambda(z)$ is determined with high probability.

(i = 2t + 1, t the term number of f in the basis shifted by s)

- Recover non-zero terms in f via finding roots for $\Lambda(z)$.
- Locate coefficients for non-zero terms in f.
- Threshold $\zeta \cdots$

f(x) is interpolated in the shifted power basis: 1, x+s, $(x+s)^2$, $(x+s)^3$, ... in the univariate case.

Early termination in sparse shifts

• To determine a most sparse shift α

 $f = \sum_{i=1}^{\tau} c_i (x + \alpha)^{e_i}, c_i \neq 0$ and τ the minimum.

• – Perform the Berlekamp/Massey algorithm on

 $f(p-\alpha), f(p^2-\alpha), \dots, f(p^i-\alpha), \dots$ with p random. Now $\Delta(\alpha) \in \mathbb{K}(\alpha)$, find the first α such that $\Delta(\alpha) = 0$ at 2L < i, $(i = 2\tau + 1)$ How to find α efficiently?

Sectorize numer($\Delta(\alpha)$) $2\tau + 1$ black box probes: until $\Delta_{2\tau+1}(\alpha)$

 $\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{\bullet} \\ \hline \\ \text{Compute the polynomial GCD of } numer(\Delta_i(\alpha)) \text{ and } \\ numer(\Delta_{i+1}(\alpha)) \\ 2\tau + 2 \text{ black box probes:} \\ until \ \\ \text{GCD}(numer(\Delta_{2\tau+1}(\alpha)), numer(\Delta_{2\tau+2}(\alpha))) \end{array}$

 \bigcirc Compute the GCD of numer($\Delta_i(0)$) and numer($\Delta_{i+1}(0)$) ?

