

# Moment Matrices, Trace Matrices and the Radical of Ideals

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We propose a simple method using **Sylvester matrices** to compute matrices of traces.

## Related previous work

- Global methods for approximate square-free factorization (univariate case): Sasaki and Noda (1989), Hribernic and Stetter (1997), Kaltofen and May (2003), Zeng (2003), Corless, Watt and Zhi (2004).
- Exact radical computation using trace matrices: Dickson (1923), González-Vega and Trujillo (1994,1995), Armendáriz and Solernó (1995), Becker and Wörmann (1996)
- Local methods to handle near root multiplicities
  - ▶ Using eigenvalue computations: Manocha and Demmel (1995), Corless, Gianni and Trager (1997).
  - ▶ Using Newton method or deflation: Ojica, Watanabe and Mitsui (1983), Ojica (1987), Lecerf (2002), Giusti, Lecerf, Salvy and Yakoubsohn (2004), Leykin, Verschelde and Zhao (2005).
  - ▶ Using dual bases: Stetter (1996) and (2004), Dayton and Zeng (2005), Zhi (2008).

# Multiplication matrices

## Definition

Let  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$  be an ideal for which  $A = \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{x}]/I$  is finite dimensional. Let  $B = [b_1, \dots, b_n]$  be a basis of  $A$ . The **multiplication matrix**  $M_h$  is the transpose of the matrix of the map

$$m_h : A \rightarrow A, \quad [g] \mapsto [hg]$$

written in the basis  $B$ .

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**Goal:** Compute multiplication matrices for the radical  $\sqrt{I}$ .

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Modulo  $\varepsilon^2$  the multiplication matrices  $\tilde{M}_{x_1}, \dots, \tilde{M}_{x_m}$  form a pairwise commuting system of matrices for the roots  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k$  satisfying

$$\xi_s = \mathbf{z}_s + \frac{\sum_{r=1}^{n_s} \delta_{s,r} \varepsilon}{n_s} \pmod{\varepsilon^2}.$$



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**After 2 steps of GECP:**

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$$s_1 + a_1 = 0$$

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$$\vdots$$

$$s_{2n-2} + a_1 s_{2n-3} + \dots + a_n s_{n-3} = 0.$$

Note that this has generalizations to the multivariate case, but complicated.

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- Gröbner bases: [Corless \(1996\)](#),
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It is however also possible to compute matrices of traces directly

- using Newton sums: [Díaz-Toca and González-Vega \(2001\)](#), [Briand and González-Vega \(2001\)](#)
- using residues: [Becker, Cardinal, Roy, Szafraniec \(1996\)](#), [Cardinal and Mourrain \(1996\)](#), [Cattani, Dickenstein and Sturmfels \(1996\)](#) and (1998)
- using resultants: [D'Andrea and Jeronimo \(2005\)](#)
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Let  $B = [b_1, \dots, b_n]$  be a basis of  $A$  with  $\deg(b_i) \leq \Delta$ . With the generalized Jacobian  $J$  and  $\text{Syl}_B(J)$  defined before, we have

$$[\text{Tr}(b_i b_j)]_{i,j=1}^n = \text{Syl}_B(J) \cdot \mathfrak{M}'_B(\mathbf{y}),$$

where  $\mathfrak{M}'_B(\mathbf{y})$  is the unique extension of the square moment matrix  $\mathfrak{M}_B(\mathbf{y})$  such that  $\text{Syl}_\Delta(\mathbf{f}) \cdot \mathfrak{M}'_B(\mathbf{y}) = 0$ .

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Finally, we get that  $\text{Syl}_B(f') \cdot \mathfrak{M}'_B(\mathbf{y})$  is the matrix of traces  $R$ :

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# THANK YOU!