

# Subresultants in Roots

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# Overview

## Subresultants

fundamental in Computational algebra and algebraic geometry

- GCD
- Root isolation
- Root separation bound
- Cylindrical Algebraic Decomposition
- Topology analysis
- ...

# Overview

## Subresultants

fundamental in Computational algebra and algebraic geometry

Defined in terms of coefficients

Good for computation (algebra)

Bad for reasoning (geometry)

Find other expressions

Good for reasoning (geometry)

- In terms of Roots
- Elegant

# Clarification

For notational simplicity  
We will consider only

- degree 3
- "principal" coefficients

But the results can be easily extended to

- arbitrary degrees.
- all the coefficients.

# Definition of Subresultant

$$A = a_3 x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

$$B = b_3 x^3 + b_2 x^2 + b_1 x + b_0$$

$$S_0 = \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & & & & x^2 A \\ & a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & & & x A \\ & & a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & & A \\ & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & & & x^2 B \\ & & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & & x B \\ & & & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & B \end{array}$$

0-th subresultant

"resultant"

$$A = a_3 x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

$$B = b_3 x^3 + b_2 x^2 + b_1 x + b_0$$

$$S_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & & & \\ & a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & & \\ & & a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & \\ b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & & & \\ & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & & \\ & & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = a_3 x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

$$B = b_3 x^3 + b_2 x^2 + b_1 x + b_0$$

$$S_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & & & \\ & a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & & \\ & & a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & \\ b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & & & \\ & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & & \\ & & b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & \end{pmatrix}$$

# Importance of Subresultant

## Theorem

A and B has  $K$  common roots

iff

$$S_0 = S_1 = \dots = S_{K-1} = 0$$

$$S_K \neq 0$$

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# Subresultant in Roots

$$A = (x - \alpha_1) (x - \alpha_2) (x - \alpha_3)$$

$$B = (x - \beta_1) (x - \beta_2) (x - \beta_3)$$

$$S_k = \{ \alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3 \ \beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3 \} ?$$

# Brute-force Approach

$$a_3 = 1$$

$$a_2 = -\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_3$$

$$a_1 = \alpha_1\alpha_2 + \alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_2\alpha_3$$

$$a_0 = -\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3$$

$$b_3 = 1$$

$$b_2 = -\beta_1 - \beta_2 - \beta_3$$

$$b_1 = \beta_1\beta_2 + \beta_1\beta_3 + \beta_2\beta_3$$

$$b_0 = -\beta_1\beta_2\beta_3$$

See maple

Mess! Useless!<sup>10</sup>

Well known

$$S_0 = (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)(\alpha_2 - \beta_1)(\alpha_3 - \beta_1) \\ (\alpha_1 - \beta_2)(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)(\alpha_3 - \beta_2) \\ (\alpha_1 - \beta_3)(\alpha_2 - \beta_3)(\alpha_3 - \beta_3)$$

$$= B(\alpha_1) B(\alpha_2) B(\alpha_3)$$

Elegant! Useful!

# Question

$$S_1 = ?$$

$$S_2 = ?$$

⋮

Sylvester (1814 - 1897)



# Sylvester 1853

$$S_2 = \frac{(\alpha_1 - \beta_1) (\alpha_2 - \beta_2) (\alpha_2 - \beta_3) (\alpha_3 - \beta_2) (\alpha_3 - \beta_3)}{(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\alpha_1 - \alpha_3) (\beta_1 - \beta_2) (\beta_1 - \beta_3)} + \dots \text{Symmetrize}$$

Tran. Roy. Soc. London

"On a theory of syzygetic relations..." 150 pages

- Lascoux & Pragacz 2003 JSC
- D'Andrea, Hong, Krick, Szanto 2006 JSC
- 2008

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$$S_2 = \frac{(\alpha_1 - \beta_1) (\alpha_2 - \beta_2) (\alpha_2 - \beta_3) (\alpha_3 - \beta_2) (\alpha_3 - \beta_3)}{(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\alpha_1 - \alpha_3) (\beta_1 - \beta_2) (\beta_1 - \beta_3)} + \dots \text{Symmetrize}$$

Difficult to generalize to

- non-commutative
- multi-variate

~~$$A(x) = (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_3)$$~~

Recall

$$S_0 = \begin{matrix} B(\alpha_1) & B(\alpha_2) & B(\alpha_3) \end{matrix}$$

Observe

$$S_0 = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} \alpha_1^0 B(\alpha_1) & \alpha_2^0 B(\alpha_2) & \alpha_3^0 B(\alpha_3) \\ \alpha_1^1 B(\alpha_1) & \alpha_2^1 B(\alpha_2) & \alpha_3^1 B(\alpha_3) \\ \alpha_1^2 B(\alpha_1) & \alpha_2^2 B(\alpha_2) & \alpha_3^2 B(\alpha_3) \end{array} \right|$$

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$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} \alpha_1^0 & \alpha_2^0 & \alpha_3^0 \\ \alpha_1^1 & \alpha_2^1 & \alpha_3^1 \\ \alpha_1^2 & \alpha_2^2 & \alpha_3^2 \end{array} \right|$$



# Theorem 1 (Hong 1999)

$$S_1 = \frac{\begin{array}{|ccc|} \hline \alpha_1^0 & \alpha_2^0 & \alpha_3^0 \\ \alpha_1^0 B(\alpha_1) & \alpha_2^0 B(\alpha_2) & \alpha_3^0 B(\alpha_3) \\ \alpha_1^1 B(\alpha_1) & \alpha_2^1 B(\alpha_2) & \alpha_3^1 B(\alpha_3) \\ \hline \end{array}}{\begin{array}{|ccc|} \hline \alpha_1^0 & \alpha_2^0 & \alpha_3^0 \\ \alpha_1^1 & \alpha_2^1 & \alpha_3^1 \\ \alpha_1^2 & \alpha_2^2 & \alpha_3^2 \\ \hline \end{array}}$$

# Theorem 1

$B$  does **not** have to be a polynomial!

$$S_2 = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \alpha_1^0 & \alpha_2^0 & \alpha_3^0 \\ \alpha_1^1 & \alpha_2^1 & \alpha_3^1 \\ \alpha_1^0 B(\alpha_1) & \alpha_2^0 B(\alpha_2) & \alpha_3^0 B(\alpha_3) \\ \hline \alpha_1^0 & \alpha_2^0 & \alpha_3^0 \\ \alpha_1^1 & \alpha_2^1 & \alpha_3^1 \\ \alpha_1^2 & \alpha_2^2 & \alpha_3^2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

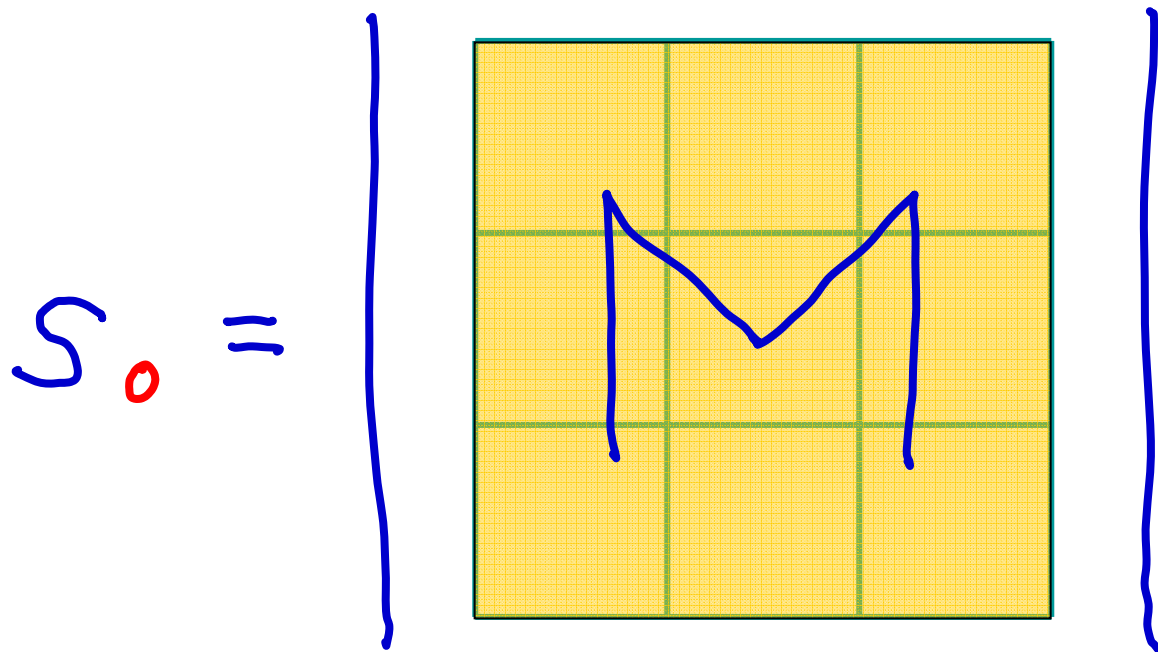
# Theorem 2

Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} B_0(\alpha_1) & B_0(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) & B_0(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \\ B_1(\alpha_1) & B_1(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) & B_1(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \\ B_2(\alpha_1) & B_2(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) & B_2(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \end{bmatrix}$

← divided difference

where  $B_k = x^k B$

Then



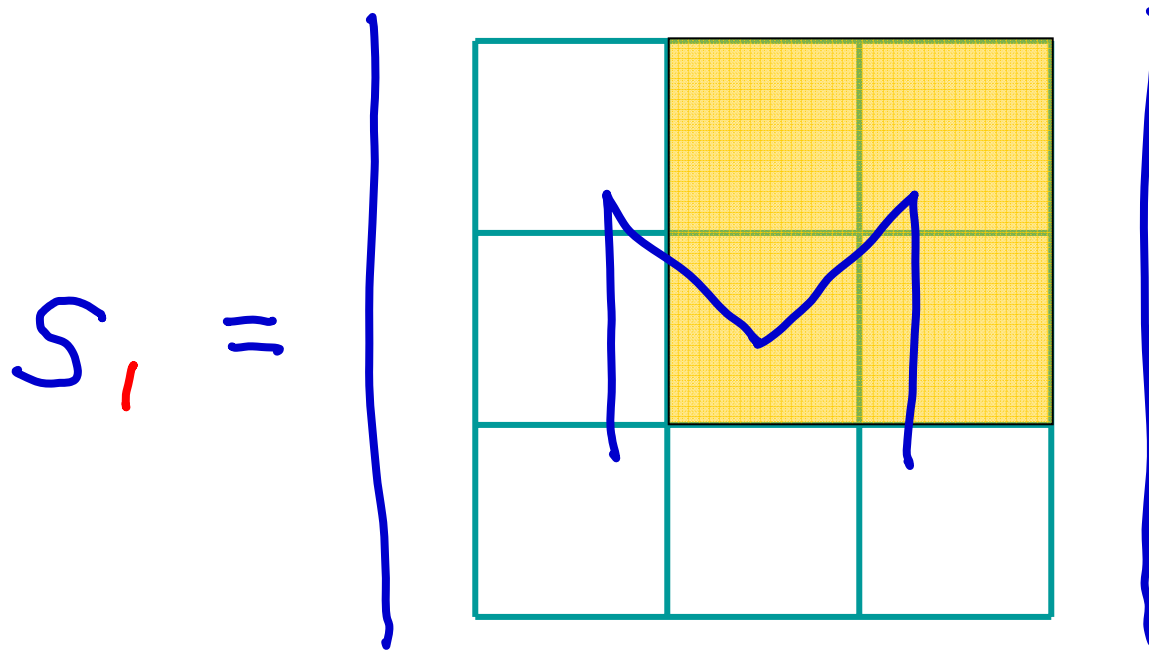
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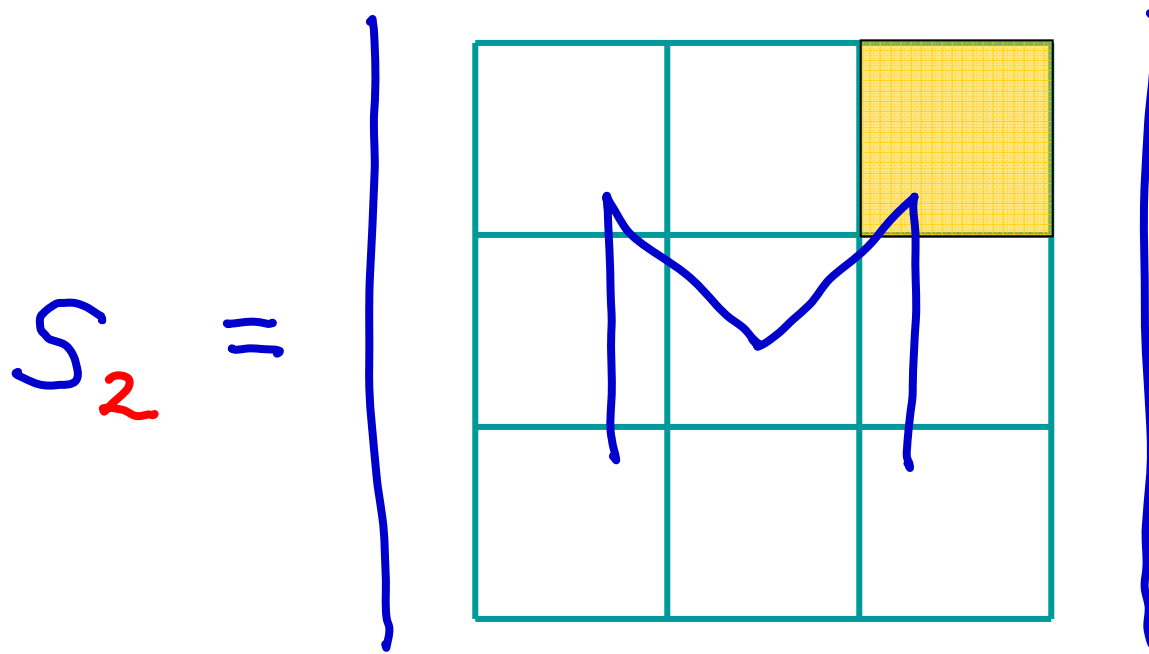
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where  $B_k = x^k B$

Then



# Theorem 3

Let  $M_j = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 - \beta_j & 1 & \\ & \alpha_2 - \beta_j & 1 \\ & & \alpha_3 - \beta_j \end{bmatrix}$

$$M = M_1 M_2 M_3$$

Then

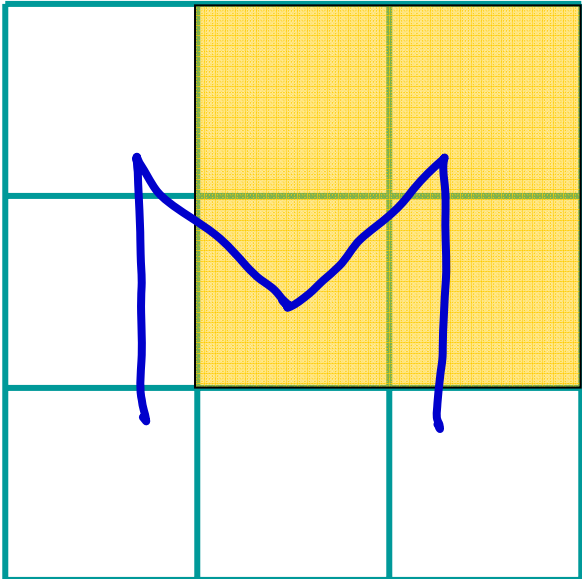
$$S_0 = \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{[A 3x3 grid with a blue 'M' shape drawn on it]} \end{array} \right|$$

# Theorem 3

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$$M = M_1 M_2 M_3$$

Then

$$S_j = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{array} \right|$$


# Theorem 3

Let  $M_j = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 - \beta_j & 1 \\ & \alpha_2 - \beta_j & 1 \\ & & \alpha_3 - \beta_j \end{bmatrix}$

$$M = M_1 M_2 M_3$$

Then

$$S_2 = \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & \text{shaded} \\ \hline & \text{M} & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

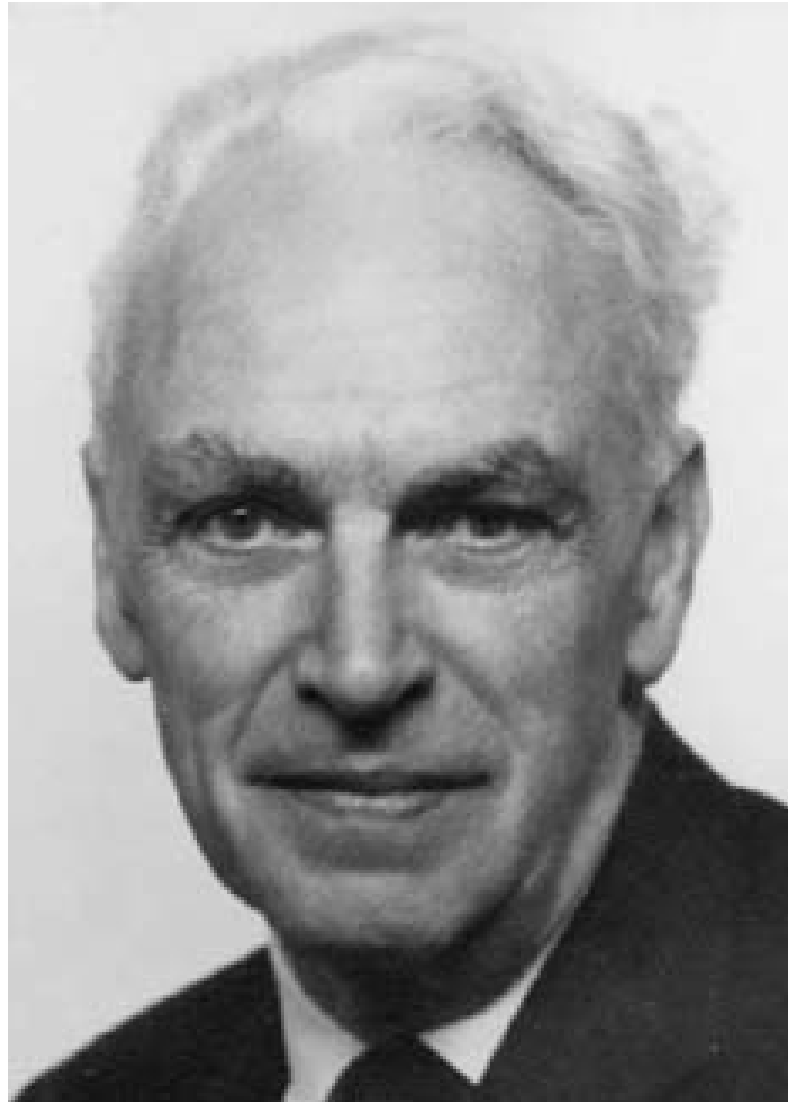


Several Others . . . .

# Generalization

- Commutative  $\rightarrow$  Ore
- Univariate  $\rightarrow$  Multivariate

Ore (1899 - 1968)



# Ore Polynomial Ring (1933)

$F[x]$  with  $\sigma, \delta : F \rightarrow F$

such that for  $a, b \in F$

- $x a = \sigma(a) x + \delta(a)$
- $\delta(ab) = \sigma(a) \delta(b) + \delta(a) b$

Commutative

$\sigma$

$\delta$

1

0

Linear differential

1

differential

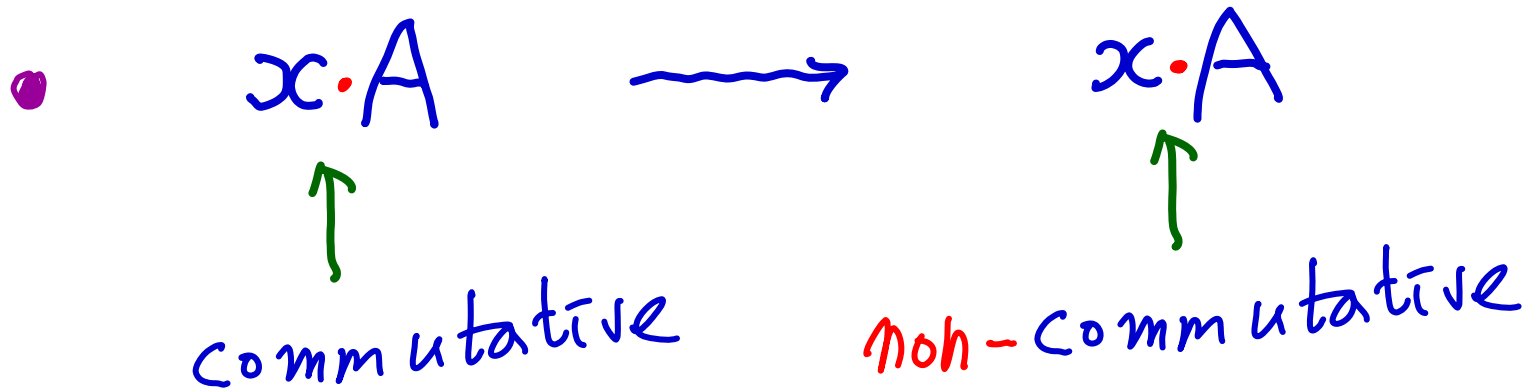
Linear difference

shift

difference

# Ore Subresultants

Ziming Li (1996)



- Use Sylvester matrix

Derived many interesting results

# Theorem 4 (Hong)

$$S_0 = \begin{array}{|ccc|} \hline B_0(\alpha_1) & B_0(\alpha_2) & B_0(\alpha_3) \\ B_1(\alpha_1) & B_1(\alpha_2) & B_1(\alpha_3) \\ B_2(\alpha_1) & B_2(\alpha_2) & B_2(\alpha_3) \\ \hline x^0(\alpha_1) & x^0(\alpha_2) & x^0(\alpha_3) \\ x^1(\alpha_1) & x^1(\alpha_2) & x^1(\alpha_3) \\ x^2(\alpha_1) & x^2(\alpha_2) & x^2(\alpha_3) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

where  $B_k = x^k B$

"Wronskian"

# Theorem 4

$$S_1 = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} x^0(\alpha_1) & x^0(\alpha_2) & x^0(\alpha_3) \\ B_0(\alpha_1) & B_0(\alpha_2) & B_0(\alpha_3) \\ B_1(\alpha_1) & B_1(\alpha_2) & B_1(\alpha_3) \\ \hline x^0(\alpha_1) & x^0(\alpha_2) & x^0(\alpha_3) \\ x^1(\alpha_1) & x^1(\alpha_2) & x^1(\alpha_3) \\ x^2(\alpha_1) & x^2(\alpha_2) & x^2(\alpha_3) \end{array} \right|$$

where  $B_k = x^k B$

# Theorem 4

$$S_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x^0(\alpha_1) & x^0(\alpha_2) & x^0(\alpha_3) \\ x^1(\alpha_1) & x^1(\alpha_2) & x^1(\alpha_3) \\ B_0(\alpha_1) & B_0(\alpha_2) & B_0(\alpha_3) \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x^0(\alpha_1) & x^0(\alpha_2) & x^0(\alpha_3) \\ x^1(\alpha_1) & x^1(\alpha_2) & x^1(\alpha_3) \\ x^2(\alpha_1) & x^2(\alpha_2) & x^2(\alpha_3) \end{vmatrix}}$$

where  $B_k = x^k B$



# Multivariate Subresultants


$$A_1, \dots, A_n, B \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

Gonzalez-Vega 1990

Charlin 1995

# Multivariate Subresultants in Roots

$$A_1, \dots, A_n, B \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$



$$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q$$

D'Andrea, Krick, Szanto 2006

$\{w_i\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] / \langle A_1, \dots, A_n \rangle$

$$S_0 \sim \begin{array}{|ccc|} \hline B_0(\alpha_1) & B_0(\alpha_2) & B_0(\alpha_3) \\ \hline B_1(\alpha_1) & B_1(\alpha_2) & B_1(\alpha_3) \\ \hline B_2(\alpha_1) & B_2(\alpha_2) & B_2(\alpha_3) \\ \hline \hline w_0(\alpha_1) & w_0(\alpha_2) & w_0(\alpha_3) \\ \hline w_1(\alpha_1) & w_1(\alpha_2) & w_1(\alpha_3) \\ \hline w_2(\alpha_1) & w_2(\alpha_2) & w_2(\alpha_3) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

where  $B_k = w_k B$

$\{w_i\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] / \langle A_1, \dots, A_n \rangle$

$$S_1 \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} w_0(\alpha_1) & w_0(\alpha_2) & w_0(\alpha_3) & w_0(\alpha_1) & w_0(\alpha_2) & w_0(\alpha_3) \\ B_0(\alpha_1) & B_0(\alpha_2) & B_0(\alpha_3) & w_1(\alpha_1) & w_1(\alpha_2) & w_1(\alpha_3) \\ B_1(\alpha_1) & B_1(\alpha_2) & B_1(\alpha_3) & w_2(\alpha_1) & w_2(\alpha_2) & w_2(\alpha_3) \end{array} \right)$$

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where  $B_k = w_k B$

# Summary

Nice expressions of subresultants  
in terms of roots

## Open Problems

- Multivariate Ore
- New root separation bounds?
- ...