# Solving Parametric Linear Systems using Sparse Rational Function Interpolation

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Abstract. Let Ax = b be a parametric linear system where the entries of the matrix A and vector b are polynomials in m parameters with integer coefficients and A be of full rank n. The solutions  $x_i$  will be rational functions in the parameters. We present a new algorithm for computing x that uses our sparse rational function interpolation which was presented at CASC 2022. It modifies Cuyt and Lee's sparse rational function interpolation algorithm to use a Kronecker substitution on the parameters. A failure probability analysis and complexity analysis for our new algorithm is presented. We have implemented our algorithm in Maple and C. We present timing results comparing our implementation with a Maple implementation of Bareiss/Edmonds/Lipson fraction free Gaussian elimination and three other algorithms in Maple for solving Ax = b.

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### 1 Introduction

Consider the parametric linear system Ax = b where the coefficient matrix  $A \in \mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]^{n \times n}$  is of full rank n and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]^n$  is the right hand side column vector such that the number of terms in the entries of A and b denoted by  $\#A_{ij}, \#b_i \leq t$  and  $\deg(A_{ij}), \deg(b_i) \leq d$ . It is well know that the solution x is unique since  $\operatorname{rank}(A) = n$ . In this paper we aim to compute the solution vector of rational functions

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \ x_2 \cdots x_n \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{f_1}{g_1} \ \frac{f_2}{g_2} \cdots \frac{f_n}{g_n} \end{bmatrix}^T$$
(1)

such that for  $f_k, g_k \in \mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m], g_k \neq 0, g_k | \det(A)$  and  $\gcd(f_k, g_k) = 1$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Using Cramer's rule, the solutions of Ax = b are given by

$$x_i = \frac{\det(A^i)}{\det(A)} \in \mathbb{Z}(y_1, \cdots, y_m)$$
(2)

where  $A^i$  is the matrix obtained by replacing the *i*-th column of A with the right hand side column vector b and det(A) is a polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$ . Let  $\tilde{x}_i = x_i \det(A)$  be a polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$ .

Maple and other computer algebra systems such as Magma have an implementation of the Bareiss/Edmonds one step fraction free Gaussian elimination algorithm [2,5] which triangularizes an augmented matrix B = [A|b] to obtain  $\det(A)$  as a polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$  and then solves for the polynomials  $\tilde{x}_i$  via back substitution using Lipson's fraction free back formula [8]. Ignoring pivoting, the following pseudo-code of the Bareiss/Edmonds algorithm and Lipson's fraction free back substitution formula solves Ax = b:

 $\begin{array}{ll} B := [A|b]; & B_{0,0} := 1; \\ // \text{ fraction free triangularization begins} \\ \textbf{for } k = 1, 2, \cdots, n-1 \ \textbf{do} \\ \textbf{for } i = k+1, k+2, \cdots, n \ \textbf{do} \\ \textbf{for } j = k+1, k+2, \cdots, n+1 \ \textbf{do} \end{array}$ 

$$B_{i,j} := (B_{k,k}B_{i,j} - B_{i,k}B_{k,j}) \text{ quo } B_{k-1,k-1}$$
(3)

end do

 $B_{i,k} := 0;$ end do end do

 $\begin{array}{l} // \text{ fraction free back substitution begins} \\ \tilde{x}_n := B[n, n+1]; \\ \text{for } i = n-1, n-2, \cdots, 2, 1 \text{ do} \\ N_i := B_{i,n+1} B_{n,n} - \sum_{j=i+1}^n B_{i,j} \tilde{x}_j; \\ D_i := B_{i,i}; \end{array}$ 

$$\tilde{x}_i := N_i \text{ quo } D_i; \tag{4}$$

end do

 $\begin{array}{l} // \text{ simplification begins} \\ \textbf{for } i = 1, 2, \cdots, n \ \textbf{do} \\ h_i = \gcd(\tilde{x}_i, B_{n,n}); \\ f_i := \tilde{x}_i \ \text{quo } h_i; \quad g_i := B_{n,n} \ \text{quo } h_i; \\ x_i := \frac{f_i}{g_i}; \\ \textbf{end do} \end{array}$ 

Note that the divisions indicated by the quotient operator **quo** are exact in  $\mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$  and  $B_{k,k}$  is the determinant of the principle k by k submatrix of A. However there is an expression swell because at the last major step of triangularizing B when k = n - 1 where it computes

$$B_{n,n} = \frac{B_{n-1,n-1}B_{n,n} - B_{n,n-1}B_{n-1,n}}{B_{n-2,n-2}} = \det(A),$$
(5)

the numerator polynomial in (5) is the product of determinants

$$B_{n,n}B_{n-2,n-2} \in \mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_m].$$
 (6)

If the original entries  $B_{i,j}$  from B are sparse polynomials in many parameters then the numerator polynomial in (5) may be 100 times or more larger than  $\det(A)$ . The same situation also holds for the polynomials  $\tilde{x}_i$ .

One approach to avoid this expression swell tried by Monagan and Vrbik [15] computes the quotients of (3) and (4) directly using lazy polynomial arithmetic. Another approach is to interpolate the polynomials  $\tilde{x}_i$  and det(A) directly from points using sparse polynomial interpolation algorithms [3,17] and Chinese remaindering when needed. This approach is described briefly as follows. Pick an evaluation point  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  and solve  $A(\alpha)x(\alpha) = b(\alpha) \mod p$  for  $\tilde{x}(\alpha)$  using Gaussian elimination over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and also compute det( $A(\alpha)$ ) at the same time. Then  $\tilde{x}_i(\alpha)$  is given by  $x_i(\alpha) \times \det(A(\alpha))$ . Thus we have images of  $\tilde{x}_i$  and det(A) so we can interpolate them.

To compute the solution vector x in simplest terms that we compute the  $h_i = \text{gcd}(\tilde{x}_i, \det(A))$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and cancel them from  $\frac{\tilde{x}_i}{\det(A)}$  to simplify the solutions. However, in practice there may be a large cancellation in  $\frac{\tilde{x}_i}{\det(A)}$ . That is,  $h_i$  may be a large factor so that the final solution  $x_i = \frac{\tilde{x}_i/h_i}{\det(A)/h_i}$  may be small. Our new algorithm will interpolate  $x_i$  directly thus avoiding any gcd computations which may be expensive.

**Example 1** Consider the following linear system of 21 equations in variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{21}$  and parameters  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5$ 

$$\begin{aligned} x_7 + x_{12} &= 1, \ x_8 + x_{13} = 1, \ x_{21} + x_6 + x_{11} = 1, \ x_1y_1 + x_1 - x_2 = 0 \\ x_3y_2 + x_3 - x_4 &= 0, \ x_{11}y_3 + x_{11} - x_{12} = 0, \ x_{16}y_5 - x_{17}y_5 - x_{17} = 0 \\ y_3(-x_{20} + x_{21}) + x_{21} &= 0, \ y_3(-x_5 + x_6) + x_6 - x_7 = 0, \ -x_8y_4 + x_9y_3 + x_9 = 0 \\ y_2(-x_{10} + x_{18}) + x_{18} - x_{19} = 0, \ y_4(x_{14} - x_{13}) + x_{14} - x_{15} = 0 \\ 2x_3(y_2^2 - 1) + 4x_4 - 2x_5 = 0, \ 2y_1^2(x_1 - 1) - 2x_{10} + 4x_2 = 0 \\ 2y_3^2(x_{19} - 2x_{20} + x_{21}) - 2x_{21} = 0, \ 2y_4^2(x_7 - 2x_8 + x_9) - 2x_9 = 0 \\ 2x_{11}(y_3^2 - 1) + 4x_{12} - 2x_{13} = 0, \ 2y_4^2(x_{12} - 2x_{13} + x_{14}) - 2x_{14} + 4x_{15} - 2x_{16} = 0 \\ 2y_3^2(x_4 - 2x_5 + x_6) - 2x_6 + 4x_7 - 2x_8 = 0, \ 2y_5^2(x_{15} - 2x_{16} + x_{17}) - 2x_{17} = 0 \\ 2y_2^2(-2x_{10} - x_{18} - x_2) - 2x_{18} + 4x_{19} - 2x_{20} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where the solution of the above system defines a general cubic Beta-Splines in the study of modelling curves in Computer Graphics.

Using the Bareiss/Edmonds/Lipson algorithm on page 2, we find that  $\#B[n, n] = \det(A) = 1033, \#B[n-2, n-2] = 672$  and  $\#B[n, n] \times B[n-2, n-2] = 14348$ , so an expression swell factor of 14348/1033 = 14. Furthermore, we obtain  $\#\tilde{x}_i, \#x_i$  and the expression swell factor labelled **swell** for computing  $\tilde{x}_i$  in Table 1.

The Gentleman & Johnson minor expansion algorithm [7] can also be used to compute the solutions  $x_i$  by computing n + 1 determinants, namely, the numerators det $(A^i)$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  ( $A^i$  is as defined in (2)) and the denominator det(A) only once. But then we still have to compute  $g_i = \gcd(\det(A^i), \det(A))$ to simplify the solutions  $x_i$  which is not cheap.

	1		2		3		4		5		6		7	8	;	9		10	11
$\#N_i$	586	1,	172	1,	197	1,	827	2,	142	1,	666	2,	072	1,3	20	$1,\!32$	0	2,650	2,543
$\#D_i$	2		3		6		9		9		9		9	9	)	18		18	27
$\#\tilde{x}_i$	293	5	686	5	604	6	593	8	882	6	86	8	340	53	6	424	:	879	638
swell	2		2		3		3		3		3		3	3		3		3	4
$\# f_i$	1		2		4		4		4		19		16	8		8		8	2
$\# g_i$	5		3		10		7		4		22		16	1	6	26		12	3
	12	2	13		14	Ł	15	5	16	;	17	7	1	8		19		20	21
$\#N_i$	3,49	90	3,97	71	$^{5,67}$	75	7,41	10	4,94	40	7,07	72	11,7	793	12	,802	1	1,211	9,620
$\#D_i$	36		36	5	11'	7	15	3	15	3	43	2	67	2	6	572		672	672
$\#\tilde{x}_i$	83	4	1,03	33	87	1	104	4	69	6	34	8	69	90	8	36		693	528
swell	4		4		7		7		7		20	)	1	7		15		16	18
$\# f_i$	1		1		1		1		1		2		1	4		4		1	1
$\# g_i$	3		3		5		5		3		3		2	3		7		4	7

**Table 1:** Number of terms in  $\tilde{x}_i$  and  $x_i$  and expression swell factor for computing  $\tilde{x}_i$ 

In this work, we interpolate the simplified solutions  $x_i = f_i/g_i$  directly using sparse rational function interpolation. We use a black box representation to denote any given parametric linear system. That is, a black box **BB** representing Ax = b denoted by **BB**:  $\mathbb{Z}_p^m \to \mathbb{Z}_p^n$  is a computer program that takes a prime pand an evaluation point  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  as inputs and outputs  $x(\alpha) = A^{-1}(\alpha)b(\alpha) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ . The implication of the black box representation of Ax = b is that important properties of x such as  $\#f_k, \#g_k$  and their variable degrees are unknown so we have to find them by interpolation.

Our first contribution is a new algorithm that probes a given black box **BB** and uses sparse multivariate rational function interpolation to interpolate the rational function entries in x modulo primes and then uses Chinese remaindering and rational number reconstruction to recover its integer coefficients.

Our algorithm for solving Ax = b follows the work of Jinadu and Monagan in [10] where they modified Cuyt and Lee's sparse rational function interpolation algorithm to use the Ben-Or/Twari interpolation algorithm and Kronecker substitution on the parameters in order to solve parametric polynomial systems by computing its Dixon resultant.

Our second contribution is a hybrid Maple + C implementation of our algorithm for solving parametric linear systems and it can be downloaded for use from the web at:

### http://www.cecm.sfu.ca/personal/monaganm/code/ParamLinSolve/.

Our third contribution is the failure probability analysis and complexity analysis of our algorithm in terms of number of black box probes required. The analysis in this paper follows [12].

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we review the sparse multivariate rational function algorithm of Cuyt and Lee and we describe how it should be modified with the use of a Kronecker substitution on the parameters. Our algorithms are presented in Section 3. Section 4 contains the failure probability analysis and complexity analysis of our algorithm. In section 5, we present timing results comparing a hybrid Maple+C implementation of our algorithm with a Maple implementation of the Bareiss/EdmondsLipson fraction free Gaussian elimination algorithm with three other algorithms for solving Ax = b.

### 2 Sparse Multivariate Rational Function Interpolation

### 2.1 Cuyt and Lee's algorithm

Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field and let  $f/g \in \mathbb{K}(y_1, \dots, y_m)$  be a rational function such that gcd(f,g) = 1. Cuyt and Lee's algorithm [4] to interpolate f/g must be combined with a sparse polynomial interpolation to interpolate f and g.

The first step in their algorithm is to introduce a homogenizing variable z to form the auxiliary rational function

$$\frac{f(y_1z,\cdots,y_mz)}{g(y_1z,\cdots,y_mz)} = \frac{f_0 + f_1(y_1,\cdots,y_m)z + \dots + f_{\deg(f)}(y_1,\cdots,y_m)z^{\deg(f)}}{g_0 + g_1(y_1,\cdots,y_m)z + \dots + g_{\deg(g)}(y_1,\cdots,y_m)z^{\deg(g)}}$$

and then normalize it using either constant terms  $f_0 \neq 0$  or  $g_0 \neq 0$ . However it is not uncommon to have  $f_0 = g_0 = 0$ . Thus in the case when both constant terms  $g_0$  and  $f_0$  are zero, one has to pick a basis shift  $\beta \in (\mathbb{K} \setminus \{0\})^m$  and form the auxiliary rational function as

$$\frac{\hat{f}(y_1z, \cdots, y_mz)}{\hat{g}(y_1z, \cdots, y_mz)} := \frac{f(y_1z + \beta_1, \cdots, y_mz + \beta_m)}{g(y_1z + \beta_1, \cdots, y_mz + \beta_m)} = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\deg(f)} \hat{f}_j(y_1, \cdots, y_m)z^j}{\sum_{i=0}^{\deg(g)} \hat{g}_j(y_1, \cdots, y_m)z^j}.$$

The introduction of the basis shift  $\beta$  forces the production of a constant term in  $\hat{f}/\hat{g}$  so that we can normalize it using either  $\hat{f}_0$  or  $\hat{g}_0$ . Thus we can write

$$\frac{\hat{f}(y_1z,\cdots,y_mz)}{\hat{g}(y_1z,\cdots,y_mz)} = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\deg(f)} \frac{f_j(y_1,\cdots,y_m)z^j}{\hat{g}_0}}{1+\sum_{j=1}^{\deg(g)} \frac{\hat{g}_j(y_1,\cdots,y_m)z^j}{\hat{g}_0}}.$$

Note that  $\hat{g}_0 = \tilde{c} \times g(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m) \neq 0$  for some  $\tilde{c} \in \mathbb{K}$ . If a rational function f/g is represented by a a black box, we can recover it by densely interpolating univariate auxiliary rational functions

$$\hat{A}(\alpha^{j}, z) = \frac{\frac{f_{0}}{g_{0}} + \frac{f_{1}(\alpha^{j})}{g_{0}}z + \dots + \frac{f_{\deg(f)}(\alpha)}{g_{0}}z^{\deg(f)}}{1 + \frac{g_{1}(\alpha^{j})}{g_{0}}z + \dots + \frac{g_{\deg(g)}(\alpha^{j})}{g_{0}}z^{\deg(g)}} \in \mathbb{Z}_{p}(z) \text{ for } j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  from the black box and then use the coefficients of  $\hat{A}(\alpha^j, z)$  via sparse interpolation to recover f/g. In order to densely interpolate  $\hat{A}(\alpha^j, z)$ , we use the Maximal Quotient Rational Function Reconstruction algorithm (MQRFR) [14] which requires  $\deg(f) + \deg(g) + 2$  black box probes on z.

Note that the use of a basis shift in the formation of the auxiliary rational function destroys the sparsity of f/g, so its effect has to be removed before f/g

can be recovered. Cuyt and Lee remove the effect of this basis shift by adjusting the coefficients of the lower degree terms in the numerator and denominator of  $\hat{A}(\alpha^j, z)$  by the contributions from the higher degree terms before the sparse interpolation step is performed. We show how to do this in Subroutine 6.

### 2.2 Using a Kronecker Substitution on the parameters

In this work, the Ben-Or/Tiwari algorithm is the preferred sparse polynomial algorithm for the Cuyt and Lee's algorithm because it requires the fewest number of black box probes. However, in order to interpolate a polynomial  $f \neq 0$  using the Ben-Or/Twari interpolation algorithm over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , the working prime p is required to be at least  $p_n^d$  where  $p_n$  is the *m*-th prime and  $d = \deg(f)$ . Unfortunately, such a prime p may be too large for machine arithmetic if the number of parameters m or the total degree d is large. This is the main drawback of using the BenOr/Tiwari algorithm. Here we review the idea of Jinadu and Monagan from [10] where they formulated how to use a Kronecker substitution to combat the large prime problem posed by using the Ben-Or/Twari algorithm in Cuyt and Lee's method.

**Definition 2** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be an integral domain and let  $f/g \in \mathbb{K}(y_1, \dots, y_m)$ . Let  $r = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{m-1}$  with  $r_i > 0$ . Let  $K_r : \mathbb{K}(y_1, \dots, y_m) \to \mathbb{K}(y)$  be the Kronecker substitution

$$K_r(f/g) = \frac{f(y, y^{r_1}, y^{r_1 r_2}, \cdots, y^{r_1 r_2 \cdots r_{m-1}})}{g(y, y^{r_1}, y^{r_1 r_2}, \cdots, y^{r_1 r_2 \cdots r_{m-1}})} \in \mathbb{K}(y).$$

Let  $d_i = \max\{(\deg f, y_i), \deg(g, y_i)\}$  for  $1 \le i \le m$ . Provided we choose  $r_i > d_i$ for  $1 \le i \le m - 1$  then  $K_r$  is invertible,  $g \ne 0$  and  $K_r(f/g) = 0 \iff f = 0$ .

Unfortunately, we cannot use the original definition of auxiliary rational function given by Cuyt and Lee that we reviewed in Subsection 2.1 to interpolate the univariate mapped function  $K_r(f/g)$ . Thus we need a new definition for how to compute the corresponding auxiliary rational function relative to the mapped univariate function  $K_r(f/g)$ , and not the original function f/g itself. Thus using a homogenizing variable z we define auxiliary rational function

$$F(y,z) = \frac{f(zy, zy^{r_1}, \cdots, zy^{r_1r_2\cdots r_{m-1}})}{g(zy, zy^{r_1}, \cdots, zy^{r_1r_2\cdots r_{m-1}})} \in \mathbb{K}[y](z).$$
(7)

As before, the existence of a constant term in the denominator of F(y, z) must be guaranteed, so we use a basis shift  $\beta \in (\mathbb{K} \setminus \{0\})^m$  and instead formally define an auxiliary rational function with Kronecker substitution as follows.

**Definition 3** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field and let  $f/g \in \mathbb{K}(y_1, \dots, y_m)$  such that gcd(f,g) = 1. Let z be the homogenizing variable and let  $r = (r_1, \dots, r_{m-1})$  with  $r_i > d_i = \max\{(\deg f, y_i), \deg(g, y_i)\}$ . Let  $K_r$  be the Kronecker substitution. We define

$$F(y,z,\beta) := \frac{f^{\beta}(y,z)}{g^{\beta}(y,z)} = \frac{f(zy+\beta_1, zy^{r_1}+\beta_2, \cdots, zy^{r_1r_2\cdots r_{m-1}}+\beta_m)}{g(zy+\beta_1, zy^{r_1}+\beta_2, \cdots, zy^{r_1r_2\cdots r_{m-1}}+\beta_m)} \in \mathbb{K}[y](z)$$

as an auxiliary rational function with Kronecker substitution  $K_r$ .

Notice in the above definition that

$$F(y,1,0) = \frac{f_k^0(y,1)}{g_k^0(y,1)} = K_r(f/g)$$

Thus  $K_r(f_k/g_k)$  can be recovered using the coefficients of  $F(\alpha^i, z, \beta)$  for some evaluation point  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  and  $i \geq 0$ . If g has a constant term, then one can use  $\beta = (0, \dots, 0)$ . Also observe that  $\deg(K_r(f/g))$  is exponential in y but  $\deg(F(y, z, \beta), z)$  through which  $K_r(f/g)$  is interpolated remains the same and the number of terms and the number of probes needed to interpolate f/g are the same. To recover the exponents in y we require our input prime  $p > \prod_{i=1}^m r_i$ .

### 3 The Algorithm

Let the polynomials  $f_k$  and  $g_k$  of the entries  $x_k = \frac{f_k}{q_k}$  be viewed as

$$f_k = \sum_{i=0}^{\deg(f)} f_{i,k}(y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_m) \text{ and } g_k = \sum_{i=0}^{\deg(g)} g_{i,k}(y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_m)$$
(8)

such that  $\deg(f_{i,k}) = i$  and  $\deg(g_{i,k}) = i$ . Given a black box **BB** representing Ax = b, we divide the steps to recover x by our algorithm (Algorithm 1) into six main steps.

The first step in our algorithm is to obtain the degrees needed to interpolate x. These include the total degrees  $\deg(f_k), \deg(g_k)$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , which are needed to densely interpolate the univariate auxiliary rational functions, the maximum partial degrees  $\max(\max_{k=1}^{n}(\deg(f_k, y_i), \deg(g_k, y_i)))$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , which are needed to apply Kronecker substitution and the total degrees of the polynomials  $f_{i,k}$  and  $g_{i,k}$  which helps avoid doing unnecessary work when the effect of the basis shift is removed in Subroutine 6 (See Lines 1-5 of Algorithm 1). With high probability, we describe how to discover these degrees as follows.

Let p be a large prime. First, pick  $\alpha, \beta \in (\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\})^m$  at random, and use enough distinct points for z selected at random from  $\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$  to compute

$$h_k(z) = \frac{N_k(z)}{D_k(z)} = \frac{f_k(\alpha_1 z + \beta_1, \cdots, \alpha_m z + \beta_m)}{g_k(\alpha_1 z + \beta_1, \cdots, \alpha_m z + \beta_m)} \in \mathbb{Z}_p(z),$$

so that  $\deg(f_k) = \deg(N_k)$  and  $\deg(g_k) - \deg(D_k)$  with high probability. Next, pick  $\alpha \in (\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\})^{m-1}$ ,  $\beta, \theta \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  at random and compute

$$H_i(z) := \frac{H_{f_i}}{H_{g_i}} = \frac{f_k(\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_{i-1}, \theta z + \beta, \alpha_{i+1}, \cdots, \alpha_n)}{g_k(\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_{i-1}, \theta z + \beta, \alpha_{i+1}, \cdots, \alpha_m)} \in \mathbb{Z}_p(z)$$

using enough distinct random points for z from  $\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$ . With high probability  $\deg(f_k, y_i) = \deg(H_{f_i}, z)$  and  $\deg(g_k, y_i) = \deg(H_{g_i}, z)$  for  $1 \le i \le m$ .

Finally, suppose we have obtained  $\deg(f_k), \deg(g_k)$  correctly for  $1 \le k \le n$ . Then pick  $\alpha \in (\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\})^m$  at random and use enough random distinct points for z selected from  $\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$  to compute the univariate rational function

$$W_k(z) = \frac{\overline{N}_k}{\overline{D}_k} = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{a_{f_k}} \overline{N}_{i,k}(z)}{\sum_{i=0}^{d_{g_k}} \overline{D}_{i,k}(z)} = \frac{f_k(\alpha_1 z, \cdots, \alpha_m z)}{g_k(\alpha_1 z, \cdots, \alpha_m z)}.$$

Now if  $\deg(f_k) = d_{f_k}$  and  $\deg(g_k) = d_{g_k}$  then  $\deg(f_{i,k}) = \deg(\bar{N}_{i,k})$  and  $\deg(g_{i,k}) = \deg(\bar{D}_{i,k})$  with high probability. But, if there is no constant term in  $f_k$  and  $g_k$  then  $\deg(f_k) \neq d_{f_k}$  and  $\deg(g_k) \neq d_{g_k}$  because  $e_k = \deg(\gcd(\bar{N}_k, \bar{D}_k)) > 0$ . Since we do not know what  $e_k$  is, then it follows that if  $e_k = \deg(f_k) - d_{f_k} = \deg(g_k) - d_{g_k}$  with high probability then  $\deg(f_{i,k}) = \deg(\bar{N}_{j,k}) + e_k$  and  $\deg(g_{i,k}) = \deg(\bar{D}_{i,k}) + e_k$  with high probability.

**Example 4** Let  $\frac{f_1}{g_1} = \frac{y_1^3 + y_1 y_2}{y_2^2 + y_3}$  where  $f_{3,1} = y_1^3$ ,  $f_{2,1} = y_1 y_2$ ,  $g_{2,1} = y_2^2$  and  $g_{1,1} = 1$ . Then  $W_1(z) = \frac{f_1(\alpha_1 z, \alpha_2 z, \alpha_3 z)}{g_1(\alpha_1 z, \alpha_2 z, \alpha_3 z)} = \frac{\alpha_1^3 z^2 + \alpha_2 z}{\alpha_2 z + \alpha_3}$ . Thus  $\deg(f_1) = 3 \neq d_{f_1} = 2$  and  $\deg(g_1) = 2 \neq d_{g_1} = 1$ . Hence  $\deg(f_{3,1}) = 2 + 3 - 2 = 3$ ,  $\deg(f_{2,1}) = 1 + 3 - 2 = 2$ ,  $\deg(g_{2,1}) = 1 + 2 - 1 = 2$ ,  $\deg(g_{2,1}) = 0 + 2 - 1 = 2$ .

The second step in our algorithm is to probe the black box **BB** with  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$ as input evaluation point to obtain  $x(\alpha) = A^{-1}(\alpha)b(\alpha) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$  (See Line 17-18). The third step is to perform dense interpolation of auxiliary univariate rational functions using the images  $x(\alpha) = A^{-1}(\alpha)b(\alpha) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$  (See Lines 23-25). By design, the fourth step is to determine the number of terms in the leading term polynomials  $f_{\deg(f_k),k}$  and  $g_{\deg(f_k),k}$  and interpolate them via calls to Subroutine BMStep in Lines 29-30. Next  $\#f_{i,k}$  and  $\#g_{i,k}$  as defined in (8) are determined by calls Subroutine RemoveShift in Lines 33-34 where the effect of the basis shift  $\beta \neq 0$  is removed and the coefficients of the auxiliary rational functions in variable are adjusted in order to interpolate  $f_{i,k}$  and  $g_{i,k}$ 

Note that for each  $i, \#f_{i,k}$  (or  $\#g_{i,k}$ ) is obtained when  $\deg(\lambda, z) < \frac{\#f_{i,k}}{2}$  for some feedback polynomial  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_p[z]$  produced by the Berlekamp-Massey algorithm in Subroutine BMStep. Once  $f_{i,k}, g_{i,k}$  modulo a prime have been interpolated, the sixth step in our algorithm is to apply rational number reconstruction (RNR) on the assembled vector  $\overline{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{f_k}{g_k} \mod p, 1 \le k \le n \end{bmatrix}$  to get x in Line 41. If RNR process fails then more primes and images of x are needed to interpolate x. The final step is to call Algorithm 2, a similar to Algorithm 1, except that  $\#f_{i,k}$  and  $g_{i,k}$  are now known, and it uses Chinese remaindering to get the solution x.

Algorithm 1: ParamLinSolve **Input:** A black box  $\mathbf{BB} : \mathbb{Z}_p^m \to \mathbb{Z}_p^n$  with  $m \ge 1$ . **Output:** Vectors  $x \in \mathbb{Z}(y_1, \cdots, y_m)^n$  or **FAIL**. **1** Compute total degrees  $(\deg(f_k), \deg(g_k))$  for  $1 \le k \le n$ 2  $e_k \leftarrow \deg(f_k) + \deg(g_k) + 2.$ **3**  $e_{\max} \leftarrow \max_{k=1}^{n} \{e_k\}$ 4 Compute  $(E_{f_k}, E_{g_k})$  where  $E_{f_k}$  and  $E_{g_k}$  denote the lists of the total degrees of the polynomials  $f_{ik}$  and  $g_{ik}$  in  $f_k$  and  $g_k$  respectively as defined in (8) 5  $D_{y_i} \leftarrow \max(\max_{k=1}^n (\deg(f_k, y_i), \deg(g_k, y_i)))$  for  $1 \le i \le m$ . 6 Initialize  $r_i = D_{y_i} + 1$  for  $1 \le i \le m$  and let  $r = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{m-1})$ . 7 Pick a prime p such that  $p > \prod_{j=1}^m r_i$  and a basis shift  $\beta \ne 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  at random. 8 Let  $K_r: \mathbb{Z}_p(y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_m) \to \mathbb{Z}_p(y)$  be the Kronecker substitution  $K_r(f_k/g_k)$ **9** Pick a random shift  $\hat{s} \in [1, p-2]$  and any generator  $\alpha$  for  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . 10 Let z be the homogenizing variable 11 Pick  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{e_{\max}}$  at random with  $\theta_i \neq \theta_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . **12**  $M \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{e_{\max}} (z - \theta_i) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[z]; \dots, O(e_{\max}^2)$ 13  $k \leftarrow 1$ 14 for  $i = 1, 2, \cdots$  while  $k \leq n$  do  $\hat{Y}_i \leftarrow (\alpha^{\hat{s}+i-1}, \alpha^{(\hat{s}+i-1)r_1}, \cdots \alpha^{(\hat{s}+i-1)(r_1r_2\cdots r_{m-1})}).$ 15for  $j = 1, 2, ..., e_{max}$  do 16  $Z_j \leftarrow \hat{Y}_i \theta_j + \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ 17  $v_j \leftarrow \mathbf{BB}(Z_j) / / \text{Here } v_j = A^{-1}(Z_j)b(Z_j) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ 18 if  $v_i = \text{FAIL then return FAIL end} // \operatorname{rank}(A(Z_i)) < n$ . 19 20 end if  $i \notin \{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, \cdots\}$  then next end 21 for j = 1, 2, ..., i do 22 Interpolate  $U \in \mathbb{Z}_p[z]$  using points  $(\theta_i, v_{kj} : 1 \le j \le e_k); \ldots O(e_k^2)$ 23  $\mathbf{24}$ Let  $A_j(z) = \frac{N_j(z)}{\hat{N}_j(z)} \in \mathbb{Z}_p(z) //$  These are the auxiliary functions in z.  $\mathbf{25}$ if  $\deg(N_j) \neq \deg(f_k)$  or  $\deg(\hat{N}_j) \neq \deg(g_k)$  return FAIL end 26 Normalize  $A_j(z)$  such that  $\hat{N}_j(z) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\deg(\hat{N})} a_i z^i$ . 27 28 end  $F_k \leftarrow \text{BMStep}([\text{coeff}(N_j, z^{\deg(f_k)}) : 1 \le j \le i], \alpha, \hat{s}, r); O(i^2 + \#F_k^2 \log p)$ 29  $G_k \leftarrow \text{BMStep}([\text{coeff}(\hat{N}_j, z^{\deg(g_k)}) : 1 \le j \le i], \alpha, \hat{s}, r); O(i^2 + \#G_k^2 \log p)$ 30 // Here  $F_k = f_{\deg(f_k),k} \mod p$  and  $G_k = g_{\deg(g_k),k} \mod p$  $\mathbf{31}$ if  $F_k \neq \text{FAIL}$  and  $G_k \neq \text{FAIL}$  then 32  $f_k \leftarrow \text{RemoveShift}(F_k, [\hat{Y}_1, \cdots, \hat{Y}_i], [N_1, \cdots, N_i], \alpha, \hat{s}, \beta, r, E_{f_k})$ 33  $g_k \leftarrow \text{RemoveShift}(G_k, [\hat{Y}_1, \cdots, \hat{Y}_i], [\hat{N}_1, \cdots, \hat{N}_i], \alpha, \hat{s}, \beta, r, E_{g_k})$ 34 35 if  $f_k \neq \text{FAIL}$  and  $g_k \neq \text{FAIL}$  then  $k \leftarrow k + 1 / /$  we have interpolated  $x_k \mod p$ 36 37 end 38 end 39  $\mathbf{end}$ **40**  $\overline{X} \leftarrow [\frac{f_k}{a_k}, 1 \le k \le n] // \text{Here } \overline{X} = x \mod p$ **41** Apply rational number reconstruction on the coefficients of  $\overline{X} \mod p$  to get x **42** if  $x \neq$  FAIL and  $x \mod p = \overline{X}$  then return x end **43** return MorePrimes(**BB**,  $\overline{X}$ , ((deg( $f_k$ ), deg( $q_k$ )) :  $1 \le k \le n$ ))

Algorithm 2: MorePrimes **Input:** Black box  $\mathbf{BB} : \mathbb{Z}_q^m \to \mathbb{Z}_q^n$  with  $m \ge 1$ . Input: Degrees  $\{(\deg(f_k), \deg(g_k)) : 1 \le k \le n\}$ **Output:** Vectors  $x \in \mathbb{Z}(y_1, \dots, y_m)^n$  or **FAIL**. 1 Let  $e_k = \deg(f_k) + \deg(g_k) + 2$  for  $1 \le k \le n$  and let  $e_{\max} = \max e_k$ . **2** Let  $B_1 = \{f_{\deg(f_k)-1,k}, \cdots, f_{0,k}\}$  and  $B_2 = \{g_{\deg(g_k)-1,k}, \cdots, g_{0,k}\}$  where  $f_{i,k}, g_{i,k}$  are as in (8) and **3**  $P \leftarrow p$ . 4 Let  $N_{\max} = \max_{k=1}^{n} \left\{ \max_{i=0}^{\deg(f_k)} \{ \#f_{i,k} \}, \max_{i=0}^{\deg(g_k)} \{ \#g_{i,k} \} \} \right\}.$ 5 do Get a new 62 bit prime q > p. 6 Pick  $\alpha, \beta \in (\mathbb{Z}_q \setminus \{0\})^m, \theta \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{e_{\max}}$  and shift  $\hat{s} \in [1, q-2]$  at random. 7 for  $i = 1, 2, \cdots, N_{\text{max}}$  do 8  $\hat{Y}_i \leftarrow (\alpha_1^{\hat{s}+i-1}, \alpha_2^{\hat{s}+i-1} \cdots, \alpha_m^{\hat{s}+i-1}).$ 9 for  $j = 1, 2, ..., e_{max}$  do 10  $Z_j \leftarrow \hat{Y}_i \theta_j + \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$ 11  $v_j \leftarrow \mathbf{BB}(Z_j) / / \text{Here } v_j = A^{-1}(Z_j)b(Z_j) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ 12if  $v_i = \text{FAIL then return FAIL end } // \operatorname{rank}(A(Z_i)) < n$ . 13 14 end end 15 for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  do 16  $(\hat{n}, \hat{M}) \leftarrow (\# f_{\deg(f_k),k}, \operatorname{supp}(f_{\deg(f_k),k})) // \text{ supp means support.}$ 17 $(\bar{n}, \bar{M}) \leftarrow (\#g_{\deg(g_k),k}, \operatorname{supp}(g_{\deg(g_k),k}))$ 18  $(\hat{m}, \bar{m}) \leftarrow ([\hat{M}_i(\alpha) : 1 \leq i \leq \hat{n}], [\bar{M}_i(\alpha) : 1 \leq i \leq \bar{n}]); \ldots, O(m(\hat{n} + \bar{n}))$ 19 20 if the evaluations  $\hat{m}_i = \hat{m}_j$  or  $\bar{m}_i = \bar{m}_j$  then return **FAIL end.**  $\mathbf{21}$  $\mathbf{22}$ for  $j = 1, 2, \cdots, N_{\text{max}}$  do Interpolate  $U \in \mathbb{Z}_p[z]$  using points  $(\theta_i, v_{kj} : 1 \leq j \leq e_k); \ldots O(e_k^2)$ 23  $B_j \leftarrow \mathrm{MQRFR}(M, U, p) / B_j = N_j(z) / \hat{N}_j(z) \in \mathbb{Z}_q(z) \dots O(e_k^2)$ 24 Normalize  $B_j(z)$  s.t.  $\hat{N}_j(z) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\deg(\hat{N})} b_i z^i$ .  $\mathbf{25}$ **if**  $\deg(N_i) \neq \deg(f_k)$  or  $\deg(\hat{N}_j) \neq \deg(g_k)$  return **FAIL** 26 27 end Let  $a_i = LC(N_j, z)$  and let  $b_i = LC(\hat{N}_j, z)$  for  $1 \le i \le N_{max}$ . 28  $F_k \leftarrow \text{VandermondeSolver}(\hat{m}, [a_1, \cdots, a_{\hat{n}}], \hat{s}, \hat{M}); \dots, O(\hat{n}^2)$ 29  $G_k \leftarrow \text{VandermondeSolver}(\bar{m}, [b_1, \cdots, b_{\bar{n}}], \hat{s}, \bar{M}); \dots, \dots, O(\bar{n}^2)$ 30  $F_k \leftarrow \text{GetTerms}(F_k, [\hat{Y}_1, \cdots, \hat{Y}_{N_{\max}}], [N_1, \cdots, N_{N_{\max}}], \hat{s}, \alpha, \beta, B_1)$ 31  $G_k \leftarrow \text{GetTerms}(G_k, [\hat{Y}_1, \cdots, \hat{Y}_{N_{\max}}], [\hat{N}_1, \cdots, \hat{N}_{N_{\max}}], \hat{s}, \alpha, \beta, B_2)$ 32 if  $F_k = FAIL$  or  $G_k = FAIL$  then return FAIL end 33 34 end  $\hat{X} \leftarrow \left[\frac{F_k}{G_k}, 1 \le k \le n\right] //$  Here  $\hat{X} = x \mod q$ 35 Solve  $\hat{F} \equiv \overline{X} \mod P$  and  $\hat{F} \equiv \hat{X} \mod q$  using the Chinese remainder 36 theorem  $P \leftarrow P \times q.$ 37 Apply rational number reconstruction on coefficients of  $\hat{F} \mod P$  to get x 38 if  $x \neq \text{FAIL}$  and  $x \mod q = \hat{F}$  then return  $\overline{F}$  else  $(\overline{X}, p) \leftarrow (\hat{F}, q)$  end 39 40 end

Subroutine 3: GetTerms **Input:**  $F_k \in \mathbb{Z}_q[y_1, \dots, y_m], \alpha \in (\mathbb{Z}_q \setminus \{0\})^m, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_q^m, \hat{s} \in [1, q-2], \text{ and list of}$ lower total degree polynomials  $B_1 = \{f_{\deg(f_k)-1,k}, \cdots, f_{0,k}\}$ , points  $[\hat{Y}_j \in \mathbb{Z}_q^m : 1 \le j \le N_{\max}]$  and  $[N_j \in \mathbb{Z}_q[z] : 1 \le j \le N_{\max}].$ **Output:**  $\overline{f}_k \in \mathbb{Z}_q[y_1, \cdots, y_m]$ 1  $(\overline{A}, \overline{f}_k, \hat{d}) \leftarrow (F_k, F_k, \deg(F_k))$  and set  $\Gamma = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}_a^{N_{\max}}$ . **2**  $\overline{D} \leftarrow [\deg(e) : e \in B_1], \quad \hat{M} \leftarrow [\operatorname{supp}(e) : e \in B_1] // \text{ supp means support.}$ 3 for  $h = 1, 2, \cdots, |\overline{D}|$  do  $d \leftarrow \overline{D}_h$  $\mathbf{4}$ if  $\beta \neq 0$  then 5 Pick  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{\hat{d}+1}$  at random. for  $j = 1, 2, \cdots, N_{\max}$  do 6 7  $Z_{j,t} \leftarrow \overline{A}(y_1 = \hat{Y}_{j,1}\theta_t + \beta_1, \cdots, y_m = \hat{Y}_{j,m}\theta_t + \beta_m)$  for 8  $1 \le t \le \hat{d} + 1; \dots, O(m \# \overline{A} + m \hat{d})$ Interpolate  $\overline{W}_j \in \mathbb{Z}_q[z]$  using  $(\theta_t, Z_{j,t} : 1 \le t \le \hat{d} + 1); \ldots, O(\hat{d}^2)$ 9  $\Gamma_i \leftarrow \Gamma_i + \overline{W}_i; \dots, \dots, O(\hat{d})$ 10 11  $\mathbf{end}$ 12  $\mathbf{end}$ if  $d \neq 0$  then 13  $P \leftarrow \left[ \operatorname{coeff}(N_i, z^d) : 1 \le j \le N_{\max} \right]$ 14 if  $\beta \neq 0$  then  $P_j \leftarrow P_j - \operatorname{coeff}(\Gamma_j, z^d)$  for  $1 \leq j \leq N_{\max}$  end 1516  $\hat{m} \leftarrow [\hat{M}_i(\alpha) : 1 \le i \le \hat{n}]$  where  $\hat{n} = \#\hat{M}_h; \dots, \dots, \dots, \dots, O(m\hat{n})$ if any monomial evaluations  $\hat{m}_i = \hat{m}_j$  then return FAIL end. 17  $\overline{A} \leftarrow \text{VanderSolver}(\hat{m}, P, \hat{s}, \hat{M}_h); \dots, O(\hat{n}^2)$ 18 19 else  $\overline{A} \leftarrow \operatorname{coeff}(N_1, z^0) / / We$  use only one point to get the constant term 20 if  $\beta \neq 0$  then  $\overline{A} \leftarrow \overline{A} - \operatorname{coeff}(\Gamma_1, z^0)$  end  $\mathbf{21}$  $(\overline{f}_k, \hat{d}) \leftarrow (\overline{f}_k + \overline{A}, \deg(\overline{A}) + 1).$ 22 23  $\mathbf{end}$ 24 end 25 return  $\overline{f}_k$ .

Subroutine 4: BMStep

Input:  $P = [P_j \in \mathbb{Z}_p : 1 \le j \le i]$ , *i* is even,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , shift  $\hat{s} \in [1, p - 2]$  and *r* which defines the Kronecker substitution  $K_r$ . Output:  $\bar{F} \in \mathbb{Z}_p[y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_m]$  or FAIL. 1 Run the Berlekamp-Massey algorithm [1] on *P* to obtain  $\lambda(z) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[z]; \dots O(i^2)$ 2 if deg $(\lambda, z) = \frac{i}{2}$  then return FAIL end // More images are needed 3 Compute the roots of  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[z]$  to obtain the monomial evaluations  $\hat{m}_i$ . Let  $\hat{m} \subset \mathbb{Z}_p$  be the set of monomial evaluations  $\hat{m}_i$  and let  $t = |\hat{m}|; \dots O(t^2 \log p)$ 4 if  $t \neq \deg(\lambda, z)$  then return FAIL end //  $\lambda(z)$  is wrong. 5 Solve  $\alpha^{e_i} = \hat{m}_i$  for  $e_i$  with  $e_i \in [0, p - 2]$  // The exponents are found here. 6 Let  $\hat{M} = [y^{e_i} : i = 1, 2 \cdots, t]$  // These are the monomials 7  $F \leftarrow$ VandermondeSolver  $(\hat{m}, [P_1, \cdots, P_t], \hat{s}, \hat{M})$  //  $F \in \mathbb{Z}_p[y]; \dots O(t^2)$ 8  $\bar{F} \leftarrow K_r^{-1}(F) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[y_1, \cdots, y_m]$ .// Invert the Kronecker map  $K_r$ . 9 return  $\bar{F}$  **Subroutine 5:** VandermondeSolver **Input:** Vectors  $\hat{m}, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p^t$ , shift  $\hat{s} \in [1, p-2]$  and monomials  $[M_1, \dots, M_t]$  **Output:**  $F \in \mathbb{Z}_p[y_1, \dots, y_m]$  **1** Let  $V_{ij} = \hat{m}_i^{\hat{s}+j-1}$  for  $1 \le i, j \le t$ . **2** Solve Va = b for the coefficients  $a_i$  using Zippel's  $O(t^2)$  algorithm [17]. **3 return**  $F = \sum_{i=1}^t a_i M_i$ 

Subroutine 6: RemoveShift **Input:**  $F_k \in \mathbb{Z}_p[y_1, \cdots, y_m], \ \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$ , list of degrees  $E_{f_k}$ , random shift  $\hat{s} \in [1, p-2]$ , a generator  $\alpha$  for  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*, r$  which defines Kronecker substitution  $K_r$ , list of vectors  $[Y_j \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m : 1 \le j \le i]$  and list of univariate polynomials  $[N_j \in \mathbb{Z}_p[z] : 1 \le j \le i].$ **Output:**  $f_k \in \mathbb{Z}_p[y_1, \cdots, y_m]$  or **FAIL** 1  $(\overline{A}, f_k, d) \leftarrow (F_k, F_k, \deg(F_k))$ **2** Initialize  $\Gamma_j = 0$  for  $1 \le j \le i$ . **3** for  $\bar{d} \in E_{f_k}$  do if  $\beta \neq 0$  then 4 Pick  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{d+1}$  at random. for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, i$  do 5 6 Evaluate  $\overline{A}$ ; .....  $O(m\#\overline{A} + md))$ . 7  $Z_{j,t} \leftarrow \overline{A}(y_1 = \hat{Y}_{j,1}\theta_t + \beta_1, \cdots, y_m = \hat{Y}_{j,m}\theta_t + \beta_m)$  for 8  $: 1 \le t \le d+1.$ Interpolate  $\overline{W}_j \in \mathbb{Z}_p[z]$  using  $(\theta_t, Z_{j,t} : 1 \le t \le d+1); \ldots O(d^2)$ 9 10  $\mathbf{end}$ 11 12 $\mathbf{end}$ if  $\bar{d} \neq 0$  then 13  $P \leftarrow \left[ \operatorname{coeff}(N_j, z^{\bar{d}} : 1 \le j \le i \right].$ 14 if  $\beta \neq 0$  then  $P_j \leftarrow P_j - \operatorname{coeff}(\Gamma_j, z^{\overline{d}})$  for  $j = 1, 2, \cdots, i$  end 15// The  $P_i$ 's are adjusted to correct the effect of the basis shift  $\beta$ .// if  $[P_j = 0 : 1 \le j \le i]$  then 16  $\overline{A} \leftarrow 0 //$  There is no monomial of total degree  $\hat{d}$ . 17 else18  $\overline{A} \leftarrow \text{BMStep}([P_1, \cdots, P_i], \alpha, \hat{s}, r); \dots, O(i^2 + \#\overline{A}^2 \log p)$ 19 if  $\overline{A} =$ **FAIL then** return **FAIL end** // More  $P_i$ 's are needed. 20  $\mathbf{end}$  $\mathbf{21}$ 22 else $\overline{A} \leftarrow \operatorname{coeff}(N_1, z^0) / /$  We get the constant term. 23 if  $\beta \neq 0$  then  $\overline{A} \leftarrow \overline{A} - \operatorname{coeff}(\Gamma_1, z^0)$  end  $\mathbf{24}$ |25end  $(f_k, d) \leftarrow (f_k + \overline{A}, \hat{d} + 1).$  $\mathbf{26}$ 27 end **28** return  $f_k$ 

### 4 Analysis

### 4.1 Failure Probability Analysis

Here we identify all the problems that can occur in our algorithm for solving parametric linear systems. The proofs in this paper require the Schwartz-Zippel Lemma [16, 17]. We state the lemma and some useful results now. The analysis in this section follows [12].

**Lemma 5 (Schwartz-Zippel Lemma)** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field and let f be a nonzero polynomial in  $\mathbb{K}[y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_m]$ . If  $\alpha$  is chosen at random from  $F^m$  with  $F \subset \mathbb{K}$  then  $\operatorname{Prob}[f(\alpha) = 0] \leq \frac{\operatorname{deg}(f)}{|F|}$ .

**Definition 6** Let  $f = \sum_{i=1}^{t} a_i N_i \in \mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$  where  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}, t = #f \geq 1$  and  $N_i$  is a monomial in variables  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m$ . The height of f denoted by  $||f||_{\infty}$  is defined as  $||f||_{\infty} = \max_{i=1}^{t} |a_i|$ . We also define  $||H||_{\infty} = \max(||f_k||_{\infty}, ||g_k||_{\infty})$  where  $H = \frac{f_k(y_1, y_m)}{g_k(y_1, y_m)}$ .

**Theorem 7** [9, Proposition 2] Let A be a  $n \times n$  matrix with  $A_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}[y_1, \dots, y_m]$ ,  $\#A_{ij} \leq t$  and  $\|A_{ij}\|_{\infty} \leq h$ . Then  $\|\det(A)\|_{\infty} < n^{\frac{n}{2}}t^nh^n$ .

**Lemma 8** [6, Lemma 2, page 135] Let  $f, g \in \mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$ . If g|f then  $\|g\|_{\infty} \leq e^{\sum_{i=1}^{m} \deg(f, y_i)} \|f\|_{\infty}$  where e = 2.718.

For the rest of this paper, let  $\#A_{ij}, \#b_j, \#f_i, \#g_i \leq t$  and let  $\|A_{ij}\|_{\infty}, \|b_j\|_{\infty} \leq h, \deg(b_j), \deg(A_{ij}), \deg(f_i), \deg(g_i) \leq d$ . Let  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N\}$  be the list of machine primes to be used in our algorithm such that  $p_{\min} = \min_{i=1}^N \{p_i\}$  and N is a large positive integer. We now estimate the height of the entries  $x_i$ .

**Theorem 9** We have  $||x_k||_{\infty} \leq e^{nmd} n^{\frac{n}{2}} t^n h^n$  where e = 2.718.

*Proof.* By Cramer's rule, the solutions of Ax = b are given by  $\frac{R_k}{R} = \frac{\det(A^k)}{\det(A)}$ where  $A^k$  denotes the matrix obtained by replacing the k-th column of the coefficient matrix A by the column vector b. Let  $h_k = \gcd(R_k, R)$ . Observe that

$$x_k = \frac{R_k/h_k}{R/h_k} = \frac{f_k}{g_k}$$

where  $gcd(f_k, g_k) = 1$ . Therefore  $f_k | R_k$  and  $g_k | R$ . By Lemma 8, it follows that

$$\|g_k\|_{\infty} \leq e^{\sum_{i=1}^{m} \deg(R, y_i)} \|R\|_{\infty} \leq e^{\sum_{i=1}^{m} nd} \|R\|_{\infty} \leq e^{nmd} \|R\|_{\infty}$$
(9)

and

$$\|f_k\|_{\infty} \leq e^{nmd} \|R_k\|_{\infty} \tag{10}$$

since  $\deg(R, y_i) \leq \deg(R) \leq n \times \max_{i=1}^n \{\deg(A_{ij})\} \leq nd$ . Therefore

$$||x_k||_{\infty} \leq \max(||f_k||_{\infty}, ||g_k||_{\infty}) \leq e^{nmd} \max(||R_k||_{\infty}, ||R||_{\infty}) \leq e^{nmd} n^{\frac{n}{2}} t^n h^n$$
  
by Theorem 7.

We remark that the above bound for the height of  $x_k$  is the worst case bound.

### 4.1.1 Unlucky Primes and Evaluation Points

**Definition 10** Let p be a prime. A prime p is said to be unlucky if  $p|\det(A)$ .

**Definition 11** Suppose p is not an unlucky prime. Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  be an evaluation point. We say that  $\alpha$  unlucky if det $(A)(\alpha) = 0$ .

**Lemma 12** Let p be a prime chosen at random from P and let e = 2.718. Then

$$\Pr[p \text{ is unlucky}] \le \frac{n \log_{p_{\min}}(th\sqrt{n}) + nmd \log_{p_{\min}} e}{N}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $R = \det(A)$  and let c be an integer coefficient of R. The number of primes p from P that can divide c is at most  $\lfloor \log_{p_{\min}} c \rfloor$ . So

$$\Pr[p \,|\, c\,] \le \frac{\log_{p_{\min}} c}{N}.$$

By definition, prime p is unlucky  $\iff p|R \Longrightarrow p$  divides one term in R. So

 $\Pr[p \text{ is unlucky}] = \Pr[p | R] \le \Pr[p \text{ divides one term in } R] \le \frac{\log_{p_{\min}} ||R||_{\infty}}{N}.$ 

Using Theorem 9, it follows that

$$\Pr[p \text{ is unlucky}] \le \frac{\log_{p_{\min}} \left( e^{nmd} n^{\frac{n}{2}} t^n h^n \right)}{N} \le \frac{n \log_{p_{\min}} (th\sqrt{n}) + nmd \log_{p_{\min}} e}{N}.$$

**Lemma 13** Let p be a prime chosen at random from P. Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  be an evaluation point. Then  $\Pr[\alpha \text{ is unlucky}] \leq \frac{nd}{n}$ .

*Proof.* 
$$\Pr[\alpha \text{ is unlucky}] = \Pr[\det(A)(\alpha) = 0] \le \frac{\deg(\det(A))}{p} \le \frac{nd}{p}.$$

#### 4.1.2 Bad Evaluation Points, Primes and Basis Shift

**Definition 14** We say that an evaluation point  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  is a **bad evaluation** point if  $\deg(f_k^\beta(\alpha, z)) < \deg(f_k, z)$  or  $\deg(g_k^\beta(\alpha, z)) < \deg(g_k, z)$  for any k.

**Definition 15** We say that  $\beta \in (\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\})^m$  is a **bad basis shift** if  $gcd(f_k, g_k) = 1$  but  $deg(gcd(f_k^\beta(\alpha, z), g_k^\beta(\alpha, z))) > 0$  for any k.

**Definition 16** We say a prime p is **bad** if  $p|LC(f_k)$  or  $p|LC(g_k)$  for any k.

To avoid the occurrence of bad evaluation points with high probability in Algorithm 1, we had to interpolate  $F_k(\alpha^{\hat{s}+i}, z, \beta)$  for some random point  $\hat{s} \in [1, p-2]$  instead of  $F_k(\alpha^i, z, \beta)$ . This is labelled as  $A_j$  in Line 25. Line 26 detects the occurrence of bad evaluation points, a bad basis shift or a bad prime. **Example 17** Let p be a sufficiently large prime and let

$$\frac{f_1}{g_1} = \frac{y_1}{(y_1 + y_3)y_2} \in \mathbb{Z}_p(y_1, y_2, y_3).$$

Observe that the partial degrees  $e_i = \max\{\deg(f_1, y_i), \deg(g_1, y_i)\} = 1$  for  $1 \le i \le 3$ . For the Kronecker map  $K_r$  to be invertible we need  $r_i > e_i$ , so let r = (2, 2). Thus the mapped function

$$K_r(f_1/g_1) = \frac{f(y, y^2, y^4)}{g(y, y^2, y^4)} = \frac{y}{(y+y^4)y^2} = \frac{y}{y^3 + y^6}$$

Since  $g_1$  has no constant term, we need a basis shift  $\beta \in (\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\})^3$ . To interpolate  $K_r(f_1/g_1)$ , we need to densely interpolate  $F_1(\alpha^j, z, \beta)$  for  $1 \leq j \leq 4 = 2 \times \#g_1$ . Computing  $F_1(\alpha, z, \beta)$  directly yields

$$F_1(\alpha, z, \beta) = \frac{f_1^\beta(\alpha, z)}{g_1^\beta(\alpha, z)} = \frac{\alpha z + \beta_1}{(z\alpha^4 + z\alpha + \beta_1 + \beta_3)(z\alpha^2 + \beta_2)}$$

The Sylvester resultant

$$\mathcal{R} = \operatorname{Res}(f_1^{\beta}(\alpha, z), g_1^{\beta}(\alpha, z), z) = \alpha^2 (\alpha^3 \beta_1 - \beta_3)(\alpha \beta_1 - \beta_2) \neq 0$$

since  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3) \neq (0, 0, 0)$ . But, if  $\beta_2 = \alpha \beta_1 \neq 0$  or  $\beta_3 = \alpha^3 \beta_1 \neq 0$  then  $\mathcal{R}(\beta) = 0$  which implies that  $\beta$  is a bad basis shift.

### 4.1.3 Main Results

**Theorem 18** Let  $N_a$  be greater than the required number of auxiliary rational function needed to interpolate the unique solution x and suppose all the degree bounds obtained in Lines 1-5 of Algorithm 1 are correct. If prime p is chosen at random from P then the probability that Algorithm 1 returns FAIL is at most

$$\frac{6N_a n^2 d \left(\log_{p_{\min}}(th \sqrt{n}) + 2m d \log_{p_{\min}}\mathbf{e}\right)}{N} + \frac{2N_a n (1+d)^m + 2n t^3 d^2 + 5n^2 N_a d^2}{p}$$

*Proof.* First, recall that  $e_{\max} = \max_{k=1}^{n} \{ \deg(f_k) + \deg(g_k) + 2 \}$ . Now notice that  $\Pr[v_j = \text{FAIL in Line 18}] = \Pr[\text{ p or evaluation point } \mathbb{Z}_j \text{ in Line 17 is unlucky}]$ . By Lemma 13 and 12,  $\Pr[\text{Algorithm 1} \text{ returns FAIL in Line 13}]$  is at most

$$ne_{\max}N_a\left(\frac{nd}{p} + \frac{n\left(\log_{p_{\min}}(th\sqrt{n}) + md\log_{p_{\min}}\mathbf{e}\right)}{N}\right).$$
 (11)

There are three causes of FAIL in Line 26 of Algorithm 1. All three failure causes (bad evaluation point, bad basis shift and bad prime) are direct consequence of our attempt to interpolate auxiliary rational functions  $A_j$  in Line 25. We will handle the bad evaluation point case first. Let

$$\Delta(y) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} \operatorname{LC}(f_k^{\beta}(y, z)) \operatorname{LC}(g_k^{\beta}(y, z)) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[y].$$

Notice that the evaluation point  $\alpha^{\hat{s}+j-1}$  in Line 15 is random since  $\hat{s} \in [1, p-2]$  is random and  $\alpha$  is randomly selected in Line 9. Since a basis shift  $\beta$  does not affect the degree and the leading coefficients of auxiliary rational functions, we have that if  $\alpha^{\hat{s}+j-1}$  is a bad then  $\Delta(\alpha^{\hat{s}+j-1}) = 0$ . Thus

$$\operatorname{Prob}[\alpha^{\hat{s}+j-1} \text{ is a bad for } 0 \le j \le N_a - 1] \le \frac{N_a \operatorname{deg}(\Delta)}{p} \le \frac{2N_a n(1+d)^m}{p}$$

Now suppose  $\theta_j := \alpha^{\hat{s}+j-1}$  is not bad for  $1 \leq j \leq N_a$ . Let  $w_1, w_2, \cdots , w_m$  be new variables and let

$$G_{kj} = \frac{\hat{f}_{k_j}}{\hat{g}_{k_j}} = \frac{f_k(\theta_j z + w_1, \cdots, z\theta_j^{(r_1 r_2 \cdots r_{m-1})} + w_m)}{g_k(\theta_j z + w_1, \cdots, z\theta_j^{(r_1 r_2 \cdots r_{m-1})} + w_m)} \in \mathbb{Z}_p(w_1, w_2, \cdots, w_m)(z).$$

Recall that  $\operatorname{LC}(\widehat{f}_{k_j})(\beta) \neq 0$  and  $\operatorname{LC}(\widehat{g}_{k_j})(\beta) \neq 0$ . Let  $\overline{R}_{kj} = \operatorname{Res}(\widehat{f}_{k_j}, \widehat{g}_{k_j}, z) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[w_1, w_2, \cdots, w_m]$  be the Sylvester resultant and let  $\Delta(w_1, w_2, \cdots, w_m) = \prod_{j=1}^{N_a} \prod_{k=1}^n \overline{R}_{kj}$ . Clearly,  $\beta$  picked at random in Line 7 is a bad basis shift  $\iff \Delta(\beta) = 0 \iff \operatorname{deg}(\operatorname{gcd}(\widehat{f}_{k_j}(z, \beta), \widehat{g}_{k_j}(z, \beta)) > 0$  for any k and j. Using Bezout's bound [9, Lemma 4], we have  $\operatorname{deg}(\overline{R}_{kj}) \leq \operatorname{deg}(f_k) \operatorname{deg}(g_k) \leq d^2$ . Thus

 $\operatorname{Prob}[\beta \text{ is a bad basis shift}] = \operatorname{Prob}[\Delta(\beta) = 0] \le \frac{\operatorname{deg}(\Delta)}{p} \le \frac{nd^2N_a}{p}.$ 

Finally, we deal with the bad prime case. Observe that Prob[ prime p is bad ]  $\leq$ Prob[ p divides 1 term of LC( $f_k$ ) or LC( $g_k$ ) for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ]  $\leq \frac{n \log_{p_{\min}}(||f_k||_{\infty} ||g_k||_{\infty})}{N}$ . Using Equations (9) and (10), we have Prob[ prime p is bad :  $1 \leq j \leq N_a$ ]  $\sim N_a n \log_{p_{\min}}(||f_k||_{\infty} ||g_k||_{\infty}) \sim 2N_a n^2 \left(\log_{p_{\min}}(th\sqrt{n}) + 2md \log_{p_{\min}}e\right)$ 

$$\leq \frac{N_a n \log_{p_{\min}}(\|f_k\|_{\infty} \|g_k\|_{\infty})}{N} \leq \frac{2N_a n^2 \left(\log_{p_{\min}}(th\sqrt{n}) + 2md \log_{p_{\min}}e_{n}\right)}{N}$$

Thus Pr[Algorithm 1 returns FAIL in Line 26] is at most

$$\frac{2N_a n^2 \left(\log_{p_{\min}}(th\sqrt{n}) + 2md\log_{p_{\min}}\mathbf{e}\right)}{N} + \frac{2N_a n(1+d)^m}{p} + \frac{nd^2N_a}{p}.$$
 (12)

Since  $N_a$  is greater than the required number of auxiliary rational function needed by Algorithm 1 to interpolate x, then Line 2 of Subroutine 4 will never return FAIL. However the feedback polynomial  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_p[z]$  generated to find the number of terms in  $f_{i,k}$  or  $g_{i,k}$  in Line 4 of Subroutine 4 might be wrong so it will return FAIL which causes Algorithm 1 to return FAIL in either Lines 29 or 30 or 33 or 34. By [13, Theorem 3], the probability of getting the wrong  $\#f_{i,k}$  or  $\#g_{i,k}$  $\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{\deg(f_k)} \#f_{i,k}(\#f_{i,k}+1)(2\#f_{i,k}+1) \deg(f_{i,k}) + \sum_{i=0}^{\deg(g_k)} \#g_{i,k}(\#g_{i,k}+1)(2\#g_{i,k}+1) \deg(g_{i,k})}{6p}$ . Since  $\#f_{i,k}, \#g_{i,k} \leq t$  and  $\deg(f_{i,k}), \deg(g_{i,k}) \leq d$ , we get

 $\Pr[\text{Algorithm 1 returns FAIL in Lines 29 or 30 or 33 or 34}] \le \frac{2nt^3d^2}{p}.$  (13)

Since  $e_{\max} \leq 4d$ , our result follows by adding (11)-(13).

**Theorem 19** Suppose additional primes are selected at random from the list of primes P to reconstruct the coefficients of x using rational number reconstruction. Let p be the first prime used by Algorithm 1. Then  $\Pr[Algorithm 2 \text{ returns FAIL}]$ 

$$\leq \frac{6N_a n^2 d \left(\log_{p_{\min}}(th\sqrt{n}) + 2md \log_{p_{\min}}\mathbf{e}\right)}{N} + \frac{2ndN_a + nd^2N_a + 4nd^2t^2}{p-1}$$

*Proof.* Any prime q selected by Algorithm 2 > p, so  $\frac{1}{q} < \frac{1}{p}$ . Using (11), the probability that Algorithm 2 returns FAIL in Line 13 is at most

$$n^{2} e_{\max} N_{a} \left( \frac{d}{p} + \frac{\left( \log_{p_{\min}}(th\sqrt{n}) + md\log_{p_{\min}} \mathbf{e} \right)}{N} \right)$$
(14)

If the monomial evaluations obtained in Line 20 of Algorithm 2 or the monomial evaluations obtained in Line 17 of Subroutine 3 are not distinct then

Pr[Algorithm 2 returns FAIL in Line 20 or 31 or 32]

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{\left(\sum_{i=0}^{\deg(f_k)} \binom{\#f_{i,k}}{2} \operatorname{deg}(f_{i,k}) + \sum_{i=0}^{\deg(g_k)} \binom{\#g_{i,k}}{2} \operatorname{deg}(g_{i,k})\right)}{p-1} \leq \frac{4nd^2t^2}{p-1}.$$
 (15)

Notice that the functions  $B_j$  obtained in Line 24 are of the form

$$\frac{f_k^\beta(y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_m, z)}{g_k^\beta(y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_m, z)} = \frac{f_k(y_1z + \beta_1, \cdots, y_mz + \beta_m)}{g_k(y_1z + \beta_1, \cdots, y_mz + \beta_m)},$$

and are different from the  $A_j$  obtained in Algorithm 1 because a Kronecker map is not used. Let  $\Delta = \prod_{k=1}^{n} \operatorname{LC}(f_k^\beta) \operatorname{LC}(g_k^\beta) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_m]$ . Since  $\operatorname{deg}(\Delta) \leq 2nd$  and  $N_a \geq \hat{N}_{\max}$ , then  $\operatorname{Prob}[\hat{Y}_j$  picked in Line 9 of Algorithm 2 is bad :  $0 \leq j \leq \hat{N}_{\max} - 1] \leq \frac{2ndN_a}{p}$ . Hence  $\operatorname{Pr}[\operatorname{Algorithm} 2 \text{ returns FAIL in Line 26}] \leq \frac{2N_a n^2 \left( \log_{p_{\min}}(th\sqrt{n}) + 2md \log_{p_{\min}} e \right)}{N} + \frac{2ndN_a}{p} + \frac{nd^2N_a}{p}$ . (16)

Our result follows by adding (14)-(16).

**Theorem 20** Let B = [A|b] be a  $n \times n+1$  augmented matrix such that  $\#B_{ij} \le t$ and  $\|B_{ij}\|_{\infty} \le C^T$ . Let prime p chosen at random from P and C . A $black box probe costs <math>O(n^2tT + n^2mdt + n^3)$  arithmetic operations in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Proof. Let  $B_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{t} a_k B_{ij,k}(y_1, \dots, y_m)$ . The total cost of computing B mod p is  $O(n^2 t T_{\max})$  since the modular reduction  $B_{ij} \mod p$  costs O(tT). All monomial evaluations  $B_{ij_k}(\alpha)$  can be computed using O(mdt) multiplications and t multiplications for the product  $a_k B_{ij_k}(\alpha) \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Hence the cost of evaluating B is  $O(n^2 mdt)$ . The cost of solving  $B(\alpha)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  using Gaussian elimination is  $O(n^3)$ . Thus a black box probe costs  $O(n^2 tT + n^2 mdt + n^3)$ .

**Theorem 21** Let  $\hat{N}_{\max} = \max_{k=1}^{n} (\max_{i=0}^{\deg(g_k)} \{\#f_{i,k}\}, \max_{j=0}^{\deg(f_k)} \{\#g_{i,k}\})$  where  $f_{i,k}, g_{i,k}, f_k, g_k$  is as defined in (8) and let  $e_{\max} = 2 + \max_{k=1}^{n} \{\deg(f_k) + \deg(g_k)\}$ . Let H be maximum of all the integer coefficients of all the polynomials  $f_k$  and  $g_k$ . Then the number of black box probes required by our algorithm to interpolate the solution vector x is  $O(e_{\max}\hat{N}_{\max}\log H)$ .

### 5 Implementation and Benchmarks

We have implemented our new algorithm in Maple with some parts coded in C to improve its overall efficiency. The parts coded in C include evaluating an augmented matrix at integer points modulo prime p, solving the evaluated augmented matrix with integer entries over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  using Gaussian elimination, finding and factoring the feedback polynomial produced by the Berlekamp-Massey algorithm, solving a  $t \times t$  shifted Vandermonde system and performing dense rational function interpolation using the MQRFR algorithm modulo a prime. Each probe to the black box is computed using C code and its supports primes up to 63 bits in length. We have benchmarked our code on a 24 core Intel Gold 6342 processor with 128 gigabytes of RAM using only 1 core.

To test the the performance of our algorithm, we create the following artificial problem. Let  $D \in \mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_m]^{n \times n}$  with  $\operatorname{rank}(D) = n$ . Let the coefficient matrix A be a diagonal matrix such that its diagonal entries are non zero polynomials  $g_1, \cdots, g_n$  and let the vector  $b = [f_1 \ f_2 \cdots f_n]^T$ . Clearly the vector  $x = \left[\frac{f_1}{g_1} \ \frac{f_2}{g_2} \cdots \ \frac{f_n}{g_n}\right]^T$  solves Ax = b. But suppose we create a new linear system  $Wx^* = c$  by premultiplying Ax = b by D so that  $Wx^* = (DA)x^* = Db = c$ . Then both parametric systems Ax = b and  $Wx^* = c$  are equivalent. That is,

$$x^* = W^{-1}c = \frac{\operatorname{Adj}(DA)c}{\det(DA)} = \frac{\operatorname{Adj}(A)\operatorname{Adj}(D)Db}{\det(D)\det(A)} = \frac{\operatorname{Adj}(A)b}{\det(A)} = A^{-1}b = x$$

where Adj denotes the adjoint matrix.

In Table 2 we compare our new algorithm (row ParamLinSolve) with a Maple implementation of the Bareiss/Edmonds fraction free one step Gaussian elimination method with Lipson's fraction formula for back substitution (row Bareiss), a Maple implementation of the Gentleman & Johnson minor expansion method (row Gentleman) and using Maple's commands ReducedRowEchelonForm (row ReducedRow) and LinearSolve (row LinearSolve) for solving the systems  $Wx^* = c$  that were created artificially.

The two input systems solved in Table 3 are real systems (Example 1 and a system from an engineering problem) which were the motivation for this work. Note that the timings reported for the real systems in Table 3 are in the columns and not in rows as in Table 2. The notation ! indicates that Maple was unable to allocate enough memory to finish the computation and - means unknown in both Tables 2 and 3. The breakdown of the timings for all individual algorithms involved for computing the system named bigsys are reported in 4.

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The artificial input systems  $Wx^* = c$  were created by generating matrices D, A and column vector b randomly, with all of their entries in  $\mathbb{Z}[y_1, \dots, y_m]$  where  $m = 10, \deg(D_{ij}) \leq d_T = 5, \#D_{i,j} = T \leq 2$  and  $\deg(A_{ij}), \deg(b_j) \leq d = 10, \#A_{i,j}, \#b_j = t \leq 5$  and  $\operatorname{rank}(A) = \operatorname{rank}(D) = n$  for  $3 \leq n \leq 10$ . Using the Gentleman & Johnson algorithm, we obtain  $\# \det(A), \# \det(D), \# \det(W)$  (rows 2-4) and the total CPU time used to compute each of them are reported in rows 10-13. We remark that we did not compute the  $\gcd(\det(A^k), \det(A))$  when the Gentleman & Johnson algorithm was used. As the reader can see from Table 2, our algorithm performed better than other algorithms for  $n \geq 5$ .

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$\# \det(A)$	125	625	3,125	15,500	59,851	310,796	1,923,985	$9,\!381,\!213$
$\# \det(D)$	40	336	3,120	38,784	518,009	$8,\!477,\!343$	$156,\!424,\!985$	-
$\# \det(W)$	5,000	209,960	9,741,747	-	-	-	-	-
ParamLinSolve	0.079s	0.176s	0.154s	0.211s	0.220s	0.239s	0.259s	0.317s
LinearSolve	0.129s	1.26s	304.20s	124200s	!	!	!	!
ReducedRow	0.01s	0.083	11.05s	3403.2s	!	!	!	!
Bareiss	2.02s	!	!	!	!	!	!	!
Gentleman	0.040s	3.19s	239.40s	!	!	!	!	!
time-det $(A)$	0s	0s	0.003s	0.08s	0.898s	0.703s	17.03s	25.32s
time $-\det(D)$	0s	0s	0.007s	1.21s	1.39s	601.8s	2893.8s	!
time-det $(W)$	0s	0.310s	20.44s	!	!	!	!	!

**Table 2:** CPU Timings for solving  $Wx^* = c$  with  $\#f_i, \#g_i \leq 5$  for  $3 \leq n \leq 10$ .

system names	n	m	$\max$	ParamLinSolve	Gentleman	LinearSolve	ReducedRow	Bareiss	$\# \det(A)$
Bspline	21	5	26	0.220s	2623.8s	0.021s	0.026s	0.500s	1033
Bigsys	44	48	58240	7776s	!	17.85s	1.66s	!	6037416

Table 3: CPU Timings for solving two real parametric linear systems

	Time(ms)	Percentage
Matrix Evaluation	151.48s	1.9~%
Gaussian Elimination	110.71s	1.4 %
Univariate Rational Function Interpolation	706.07s	9 %
Finding $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_p[z]$ using the Berlekamp-Massey Algorithm	208.25s	2.6~%
Roots of $\lambda$ over $\mathbb{Z}_p$	4856.96s	62 %
Solving Vandermonde systems	434.46s	5.6~%
Multiplication and Addition of Evaluation points	257.40s	3.3~%
Computing Discrete logarithms	586.64s	7.6~%
Miscellaneous	464.67s	9.4 %
Overall Time	7776s	100 %

 Table 4: Breakdown of CPU timings for all individual algorithms for computing bigsys

In our experiments, the cost of evaluating augmented matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is often the most expensive part. But as the reader can see in Table 4, computing the roots of the feedback polynomial for the bigsys system is the dominating cost. This is because the number of terms in many of the polynomials  $f_i, g_i$  to be interpolated is large. In particular, it has four polynomials where  $\max(\#f_i, \#g_i) > 50,000$  and our root finding algorithm for computing the roots of  $\lambda(z)$  costs  $O(t^2 \log p)$  where  $t = \deg(\lambda)$  is the number of terms of the  $f_i$  and  $g_i$  being interpolated.

## A Appendix

The systems  $Wx^* = c$  for Table 2 were created using the following Maple code:

```
CreateSystem := proc(n,m,T,dT,t,d) local A, D,W,c,b,Y,i;
Y := [ seq(y||i,i=1..m) ];
D := Matrix(n,n, () -> randpoly(Y,terms=T, degree=dT));
b := Vector[column](n, () -> randpoly(Y, terms = t, degree= d));
i := [ seq( randpoly( Y, terms = t, degree= d),i=1..n) ];
A := DiagonalMatrix(i);
W,c := D.A, D.b; return W,c,A,D;
end:
```

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