

Last class.

- Gröbner Basis computation & applications

Complexity of Grob Basis:

Given polynomial system in  $n$  variables, of max degree  $D$ , Grob Basis takes at most  $D^{2^n}$  steps.

→ This is bad!

→ MANY optimizations exists.

→ Conferences & books are dedicated to this.

Question Why is  $D^{2^n}$  bad?

doubly "exponential" in  $n$ .

ASYMPTOTIC THINKING

Recall we said determinant takes

$\sim n!$  operations naively &  $\sim n^3$  operations with Gauss. elim.

Why is  $n^3$  better?

	$n^3$	$n!$	<del><math>n^2</math></del>
$n=1$	1	1	1
$n=2$	8	2	28
$n=3$	27	6	63
$n=4$	64	24 ✓	112
$n=5$	125	120 ✓	175
$n=6$	216	720 ↪	252
$n=7$	343	5040	343
$n=8$	512	40320	448 ✓✓
$n=9$	729	362880	567 ✓✓
$n=10$	1000	3628800	700 ✓✓
$n=11$	1331	39916800	847 ✓✓

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$n^3$  is better than  $n!$  only after  $n \geq 6$  to  $\infty$

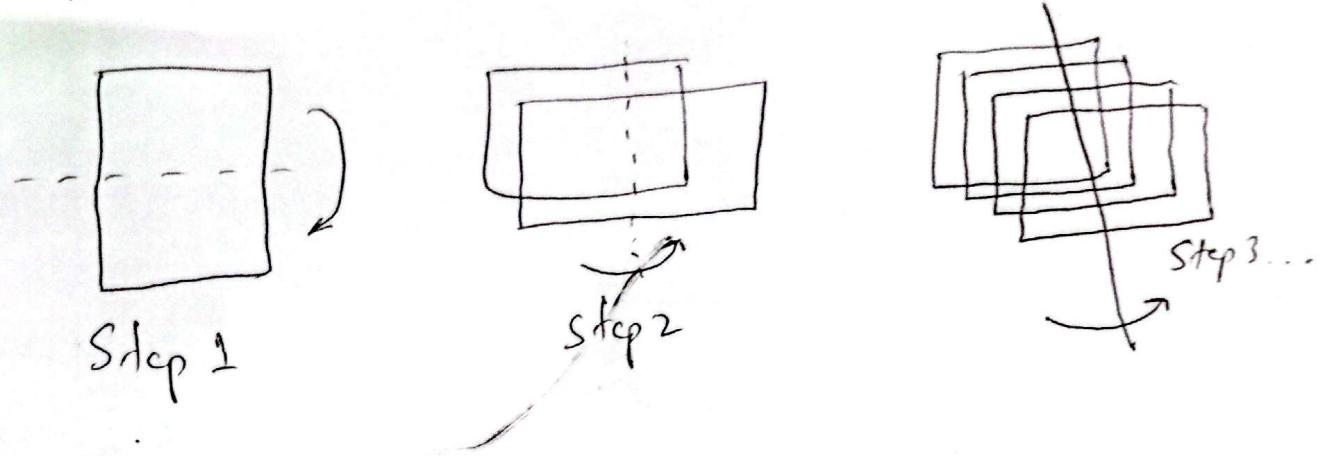
PREMISE OF ASYMPTOTICS

We care only about large values of 'n'

# Power of exponential.

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## Process A



## Process B

10000 sheets of paper      add 2000 sheets of paper      add 30000 sheets of paper  
Step 1                          Step 2.                          Step 3

Height	Process A $\sim 2^n$	Process B $\sim 5000n^2$
Joddder	15 steps	1 step
Big Ben	21 steps	14 steps
Moon	43 steps	27727 steps
Sun	52 steps	547723 steps

## Randomization

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Randomization is very Powerful - Used to speed up computations

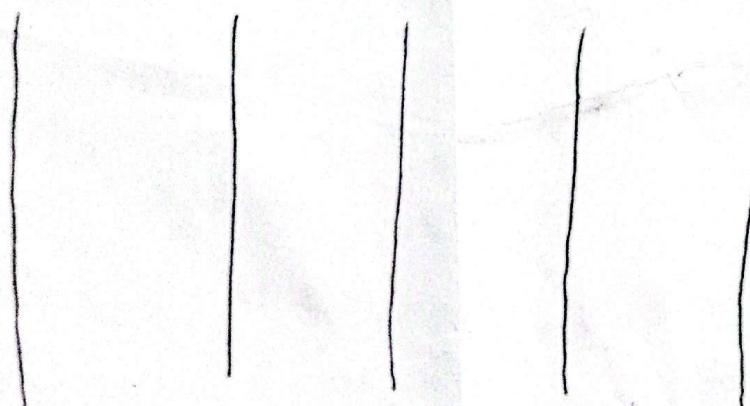
We already saw

use of randomness in Zero-Knowledge proofs

Here's another example.

① Take a needle —

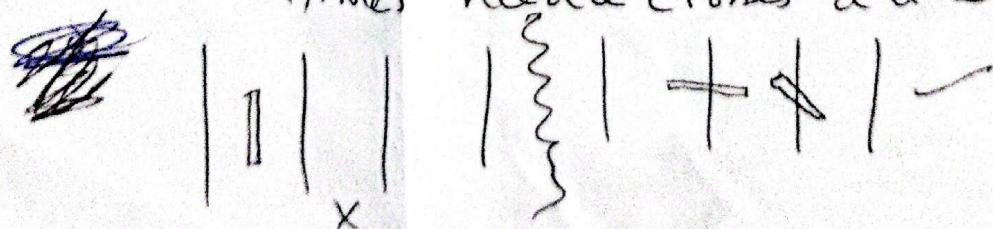
② Draw parallel lines needle length apart.



BUFFON  
NEEDLE  
EXPERIMENT

③ Randomly drop needle many times. Record no of

times needle crosses a line



④

Compute

$$\frac{2 \times \text{No. of throws}}{\text{No. of times}_n \text{Crossings}} \leftarrow \text{Should } \sim \pi$$

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Quick sort:

Task given a list of numbers, sort it

Algorithm [Quicksort]

4, 3, 2, 9, 8, 5, -2, 5, 2, 8, 11

Step 1 Choose pivot ~~4~~

[4], 3, 2, 9, 8, - - -

Step 2 Place pivot s.t everything to the left of  
the pivot is  $\leq$  pivot & everything to the right  
 $\geq$  pivot

3, 2, 2, 5, -2, [4], 5, 8, 9, 8, 11

Step Review on left & right parts

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Algorithm terminates quickly if  
 → pivots are "balanced."

e.g.  $\boxed{1} \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ \dots$

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Bad

Worst Case

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$n^2$  steps

→ With random shuffling, i.e.

Step 0 → randomly shuffle list

Then average no. of steps of algorithm is at most

$$\sim n + n^{1.000001}$$

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for  
Shuffling

# Polynomial Equality testing

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Question

$$(x+1)(x-2)(x+3)(x-4)(x+5)(x-6) \\ = x^6 - 7x^3 + 25$$

Algorithm 1

Step 1 Reduce both sides to Canonical form

$$\text{e.g. } x^6 - 3x^5 - 41x^4 + 87x^3 + 400x^2 - 444x - 720$$

Step 2 Compare Coefficients.

→ requires  $\sim D^2$  steps

Algorithm 2

Step 1 Choose random no. ~~choose~~  $\alpha$

→ Step 2 evaluate both sides at  $\alpha$ .

Step 3 if Equal, say "EQUAL"

" not , say "NOT EQUAL"

→ requires  $\sim D$  steps.

e.g. Choose  
 $x=0$

$$\text{LHS} = 720$$

$$\text{RHS} = 25$$

"NOT EQUAL" ✓

e.g.

$$(x^2 - 1)(x+2)(x^2 + 6x + 9) \stackrel{?}{=} \cancel{\dots}$$

$$+ 14$$

$$\text{try } x = -2$$

$$\text{LHS} = 14$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^5 + 18x^4 + 122x^3 \\ + 38x^2 + 525x \\ + 264 \end{array}$$

$$\text{RHS} = 14$$

"EQUAL" ← answer returned by Alg. 2

$$\text{Sadly, LHS} = x^5 + 8x^4 + 20x^3 + 10x^2 - 21x - 4$$

⇒ Alg. 2 return wrong answer.

Suppose instead, we had chosen  $x = 1$ .

$$\text{LHS} = 14$$

$$\text{RHS} = 968$$

$x_{i-2}$  was just a bad choice

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Algorithm 2 modified.

Try.  $m$  different times

choose random. ~~no.~~ no.

If  $LHS \neq RHS$

Say "NOT EQUAL"

After  $m$  tries, if  $LHS = RHS$  all times,

Say "EQUAL"

→ no. of steps  $\sim md$ .

→  $md$  vs  $d^2$

→  $md$  is ~~slightly~~ better when  $m \ll d$ ...

~~Bad~~  $P(x) - Q(x)$

$$P(x) = Q(x) \Rightarrow P(x) - Q(x) = 0.$$

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$$H(x) = 0$$

~~is a bad choice~~

★ There are only  $d$  bad choices

Suppose you choose a no. at random from 1 to 100 d.

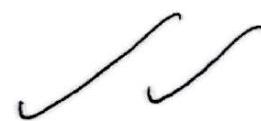
$$\Pr[\text{bad choice}] = \frac{d}{100d} = \frac{1}{100}$$

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$$\Pr[\text{bad choice } m \text{ times}] = \left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^m$$

★  $m=3$  is good enough.

No. steps  $\sim 3d$ .



Prob. of car  $< \frac{1}{1000000}$

We only did one variable.

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with multiple variables, randomized algo is  
far better.  
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If you can show a non-randomized algo that's  
as good as randomized, you'd be solving  
a very important math problem.

Homework google P vs BPP.

(similar to P vs NP)



Convert words / sentences to numbers

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Encoding func  $n$ :

e.g.  $n(a) = 0$

$$n(b) = 1$$

$$n(c) = 2$$

:

$$n(i) = 8$$

encoding of

$$\begin{aligned} abci &= n(a) \times 9^0 + n(b) \times 9^1 \\ &\quad + n(c) \times 9^2 \\ &= 0 + 9 + 2 \times 81 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 171$$

→ assign values randomly

Decoding

Algo. Step 1: Compute  $n \% 9 \rightarrow$  store remainder

Step 2:  $n \leftarrow \frac{(n - n \% 9)}{9}$

Step 3: Repeat

e.g. given 244.

$$244 \% 9 = 1 \quad \overline{n^{-1}} \boxed{b}$$

$$(244-1)/9 = 27 \% 9 = 0 \quad \overline{n^{-1}} \boxed{a}$$

$$27/9 = 3 \% 9 = 3 \quad \overline{n^{-1}} \boxed{d}$$

Given  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), (a_3, b_3)$   
~~Also~~  $f(a_1) = b_1, f(a_2) = b_2, f(a_3) = b_3$

find degree 2 poly thru these pts

### Lagrange Interpolation.

$$\frac{(x-a_2)(x-a_3)}{(a_1-a_2)(a_1-a_3)} b_1 + \frac{(x-a_1)(x-a_3)}{(a_2-a_1)(a_2-a_3)} b_2 \\ + \frac{(x-a_1)(x-a_2)}{(a_3-a_1)(a_3-a_2)} b_3$$

Anything less than 3 pts gives  
infinite no. of possibilities

Can be generalized

- You need  $(n+1)$  pts to uniquely determine a degree  $n$  polynomial.
- Even with  $n$  pts, you have infinitely many possibilities
  - This and randomized polynomial equality testing is used in Cryptography

A remarkable application of randomness.

PCP Theorem → Any proof of a mathematical theorem can be written down such that a reviewer must be convinced by only looking at  $\sim 30$  alphabets of the proof