A new black box GCD algorithm using sparse Hensel lifting

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Let a and b be polynomials in $\mathbb{Z}[x_1,\ldots,x_n]$ that are given by black boxes for their evaluation. We present a new GCD algorithm for recovering the monic GCD $g=\gcd(a,b)$ in $\mathbb{Q}[x_1,\ldots,x_n]$ in the sparse representation. Our algorithm recovers g one variable at a time from bivariate images obtained using bivariate Hensel lifting. We have implemented our algorithm in Maple.

Our algorithm has three practical advantages over previous black box algorithms. First, it is a modular GCD algorithm; it recovers the rational coefficients in g using Chinese remaindering and rational number reconstruction. Second, it can easily omit computation of the content of g in a chosen variable x which means it's faster for applications which need only the primitive part of g in x. Third, it recovers the square-free factorization of g which means it's faster when the square-free factors of g are all smaller than g.

In the talk we'll present our new GCD algorithm and benchmarks comparing it with previous work; we compare CPU time and the number of black box probes of the algorithms.