

# Polynomial system solving and/by multidimensional realization theory

*'Back to the Roots'*

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# Outline

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Multivariate polynomials and  $nD$  systems

Recent developments in the Macaulay spirit

Conclusions and Perspectives

# Why Study Polynomial Equations?

- fundamental mathematical objects
- powerful modelling tools
- ubiquitous in Science and Engineering (often *hidden*)



**Systems and Control**



**Signal Processing**



**Computational Biology**



**Kinematics/Robotics**

# Polynomial root-finding has a long and rich history...



**Egypt**  
(3000BCE-300BCE)



**Babylon**  
(3000BCE-539BCE)



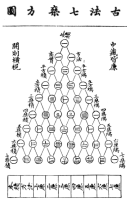
**Euclid**  
(fl. 300BCE)



**Diophantus**  
(c200-c284)



**Al-Khwarizmi**  
(c780-c850)



**Zhu Shijie**  
(c1260-c1320)



**Pierre de Fermat**  
(c1601-1665)



**René Descartes**  
(1596-1650)



**Isaac Newton**  
(1643-1727)



**Gottfried Leibniz**  
(1646-1716)



**Etienne Bézout**  
(1730-1783)



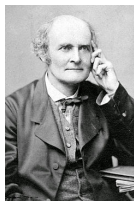
**Carl Friedrich Gauss**  
(1777-1755)



**Jean-Victor Poncelet**  
(1788-1867)



**Evariste Galois**  
(1811-1832)



**Arthur Cayley**  
(1821-1895)



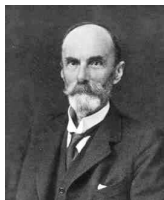
**Leopold Kronecker**  
(1823-1891)



**Edmond Laguerre**  
(1834-1886)



**James J. Sylvester**  
(1814-1897)



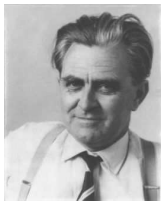
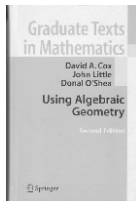
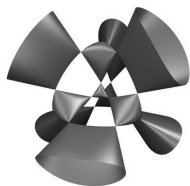
**Francis S. Macaulay**  
(1862-1937)



**David Hilbert**  
(1862-1943)

## ...leading to Algebraic Geometry and Computer Algebra

- large body of literature
- emphasis not (anymore) on *solving* equations
- computer algebra: symbolic manipulations (e.g., Gröbner Bases)
- numerical issues!



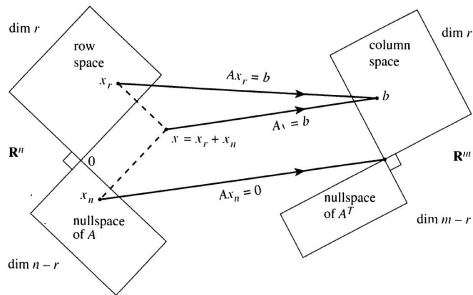
**Wolfgang Gröbner**  
(1899-1980)



**Bruno Buchberger**

# Back to the roots! Let's use linear algebra!?

- comprehensible and accessible language
- intuitive geometric interpretation
- computationally powerful framework
- well-established methods and stable numerics



# Eigenvalue decompositions are at the core of root-finding

Eigenvalue equation

$$Av = \lambda v$$

and eigenvalue decomposition

$$A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$$

Enormous importance in (numerical) linear algebra and apps

- ‘understand’ the action of matrix  $A$
- at the heart of a multitude of applications: oscillations, vibrations, quantum mechanics, data analytics, graph theory, and **many** more



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# From eigenvalues to roots ... and back

## Characteristic Polynomial

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are the roots of

$$p(\lambda) = |A - \lambda I|$$

## Companion Matrix

Solving

$$q(x) = 7x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$$

leads to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1/7 & 5/7 & 2/7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Sylvester Matrix is used for finding common roots of multiple univariate polynomials

Consider two polynomial equations

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6 = (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3) \\g(x) &= -x^2 + 5x - 6 = -(x - 2)(x - 3)\end{aligned}$$

Common roots if  $|S(f, g)| = 0$

$$S(f, g) = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 11 & -6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 11 & -6 & 1 \\ \hline -6 & 5 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 5 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



James Joseph Sylvester

Sylvester's construction can be understood from

$$\begin{array}{l}
 f(x)=0 \\
 x \cdot f(x)=0 \\
 g(x)=0 \\
 x \cdot g(x)=0 \\
 x^2 \cdot g(x)=0
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 1 \quad x \quad x^2 \quad x^3 \quad x^4 \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc}
 -6 & 11 & -6 & 1 & 0 \\
 & -6 & 11 & -6 & 1 \\
 -6 & 5 & -1 & & \\
 & -6 & 5 & -1 & \\
 & & -6 & 5 & -1
 \end{array} \right]
 \begin{array}{c}
 \left[ \begin{array}{cc}
 1 & 1 \\
 x_1 & x_2 \\
 x_1^2 & x_2^2 \\
 x_1^3 & x_2^3 \\
 x_1^4 & x_2^4
 \end{array} \right] = 0
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

where  $x_1 = 2$  and  $x_2 = 3$  are the common roots of  $f$  and  $g$

The vectors in the Vandermonde-like null space  $K$  obey a 'shift structure':

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \\ x^4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The Vandermonde-like null space  $K$  is not available directly, instead we compute  $Z$ , for which  $ZV = K$ . We now have

$$\begin{aligned} KD &= K \\ ZVD &= ZV \end{aligned}$$

leading to the generalized eigenvalue problem

$$ZV = ZVD$$

# Realization Theory Essentials



State-space formulation of linear dynamical system:

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + Bu_k \\ y_k &= Cx_k + Bu_k \end{cases} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} x_k &\in \mathbb{R}^n \\ u_k &\in \mathbb{R}^m \\ y_k &\in \mathbb{R}^p \end{cases}$$

Controllability and Observability Matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} C_i &= \begin{bmatrix} B & AB & \dots & A^{i-1}B \end{bmatrix} \\ O_i &= \begin{bmatrix} C^T & (CA)^T & \dots & (CA^{i-1})^T \end{bmatrix}^T \end{aligned}$$

and the corresponding **Gramians**:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= CC^* \\ Q &= O^*O \end{aligned}$$

that solve the **Lyapunov equations**

$$\begin{aligned} APA^* - P &= -BB^* \\ A^*QA - Q &= -C^*C \end{aligned}$$

**Impulse Response:** Markov parameters  $g_k$

$$g_k = \begin{cases} D & k = 0 \\ CA^{k-1}B & k > 0 \end{cases}$$

**Transfer function:**

$$\begin{aligned} G(q) &= \sum_k g_k q^{-k} \\ &= C(qI - A)^{-1}B + D \end{aligned}$$

# Linear Realization Theory

Impulse response experiment: Markov parameters  $g_k$

$$g_k = \begin{cases} D & k = 0 \\ CA^{k-1}B & k > 0 \end{cases}$$

Hankel matrix from data:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} g_1 & g_2 & g_3 & g_4 & \dots \\ g_2 & g_3 & g_4 & \dots & \dots \\ g_3 & g_4 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ g_4 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{OC}$$

$\text{rank}(H) = \text{McMillan Degree}$



Andrei Andreyevich Markov



Leopold Kronecker

# Realization Theory – Algorithm

## Algorithm (Realization Theory)

**input:** Markov parameters

$$g_k, \quad k = 0, \dots, K$$

**output:** (Minimal order) realization

$$(A_r, B_r, C_r, D_r)$$

- 1 The matrix  $D_r$  is easily found as

$$D_r = g_0.$$

- 2 Construct the (block-)Hankel matrix  $H_{i,j}$

$$H_{i,j} = \begin{bmatrix} g_1 & g_2 & g_3 & g_4 & \cdots \\ g_2 & g_3 & g_4 & \cdots & \cdots \\ g_3 & g_4 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ g_4 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \end{bmatrix}$$



# Realization Theory – Algorithm

1 Perform an SVD on  $H_{i,j} = U\Sigma V^T$  and take

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_i &= U\Sigma^{1/2}, \\ \mathcal{C}_j &= \Sigma^{1/2}V^T. \end{aligned}$$

The rank of the block Hankel matrix, the minimal order of the underlying system, is equal to the number of nonzero singular values.

2  $C_r$  is formed from the first  $p$  rows of  $\mathcal{O}_i$ , while  $B_r$  is formed from the first  $m$  columns of  $\mathcal{C}_j$ .

# Realization Theory – Algorithm

1 From the observability matrix

$$\underline{O}_i A = \overline{O}_i,$$

$A_r$  can be calculated as

$$A_r = (\underline{O}_i)^\dagger \overline{O}_i.$$

Analogously,  $A_r$  can also be calculated as

$$|C_j (C_j|)^\dagger.$$

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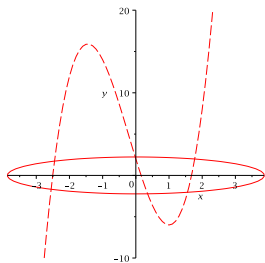
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# Generalizing the Sylvester matrix to the multivariate case leads to the Macaulay matrix

Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned} p(x, y) &= x^2 + 3y^2 - 15 = 0 \\ q(x, y) &= y - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 13x - 2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

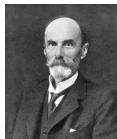


Matrix representation of the system: Macaulay matrix  $M$

$$\begin{array}{l} p(x,y) \\ x \cdot p(x,y) \\ y \cdot p(x,y) \\ q(x,y) \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & y & x^2 & xy & y^2 & x^3 & x^2y & xy^2 & y^3 \\ -15 & & & 1 & & 3 & & & & \\ & -15 & & & & & 1 & & 3 & \\ & & -15 & & & & & 1 & & 3 \\ -2 & 13 & 1 & -2 & & & -3 & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p(x, y) = x^2 + 3y^2 - 15 = 0$$

$$q(x, y) = y - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 13x - 2 = 0$$



Continue to enlarge the Macaulay matrix  $M$ :

		1	x	y	x <sup>2</sup>	xy	y <sup>2</sup>	x <sup>3</sup>	x <sup>2</sup> y	xy <sup>2</sup>	y <sup>3</sup>	x <sup>4</sup>	x <sup>3</sup> y	x <sup>2</sup> y <sup>2</sup>	xy <sup>3</sup>	y <sup>4</sup>	x <sup>5</sup>	x <sup>4</sup> y	x <sup>3</sup> y <sup>2</sup>	x <sup>2</sup> y <sup>3</sup>	xy <sup>4</sup>	y <sup>5</sup>	→	
d = 3	p	-15			1		3																	
	xp		-15					1		3														
	yp			-15							1	3												
	q	-2	13	1	-2			-3																
d = 4	x <sup>2</sup> p				-15							1		3										
	xyp					-15							1		3									
	y <sup>2</sup> p						-15								1	3								
	xq		-2		13	1		-2				-3												
	yq			-2		13	1		-2				-3											
d = 5	x <sup>3</sup> p						-15										1		3					
	x <sup>2</sup> yp							-15										1		3				
	xy <sup>2</sup> p								-15											1	3			
	y <sup>3</sup> p									-15											1	3		
	x <sup>2</sup> q			-2				13	1				-2				-3					1	3	
	xyq				-2				13	1				-2				-3						3
y <sup>2</sup> q					-2				13	1				-2				-3						

- Macaulay coefficient matrix  $M$ :

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

- solutions generate vectors in null space

$$MK = 0$$

- number of solutions  $m = \text{nullity}$

Multivariate Vandermonde basis for the null space:

1	1	...	1
$x_1$	$x_2$	...	$x_m$
$y_1$	$y_2$	...	$y_m$
$x_1^2$	$x_2^2$	...	$x_m^2$
$x_1 y_1$	$x_2 y_2$	...	$x_m y_m$
$y_1^2$	$y_2^2$	...	$y_m^2$
$x_1^3$	$x_2^3$	...	$x_m^3$
$x_1^2 y_1$	$x_2^2 y_2$	...	$x_m^2 y_m$
$x_1 y_1^2$	$x_2 y_2^2$	...	$x_m y_m^2$
$y_1^3$	$y_2^3$	...	$y_m^3$
$x_1^4$	$x_2^4$	...	$x_m^4$
$x_1^3 y_1$	$x_2^3 y_2$	...	$x_m^3 y_m$
$x_1^2 y_1^2$	$x_2^2 y_2^2$	...	$x_m^2 y_m^2$
$x_1 y_1^3$	$x_2 y_2^3$	...	$x_m y_m^3$
$y_1^4$	$y_2^4$	...	$y_m^4$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

Select the 'top'  $m$  linear independent rows of  $K$

$$S_1 \quad K$$

1	1	...	1
$x_1$	$x_2$	...	$x_m$
$y_1$	$y_2$	...	$y_m$
$x_1^2$	$x_2^2$	...	$x_m^2$
$x_1 y_1$	$x_2 y_2$	...	$x_m y_m$
$y_1^2$	$y_2^2$	...	$y_m^2$
$x_1^3$	$x_2^3$	...	$x_m^3$
$x_1^2 y_1$	$x_2^2 y_2$	...	$x_m^2 y_m$
$x_1 y_1^2$	$x_2 y_2^2$	...	$x_m y_m^2$
$y_1^3$	$y_2^3$	...	$y_m^3$
$x_1^4$	$x_2^4$	...	$x_m^4$
$x_1^3 y_1$	$x_2^3 y_2$	...	$x_m^3 y_m$
$x_1^2 y_1^2$	$x_2^2 y_2^2$	...	$x_m^2 y_m^2$
$x_1 y_1^3$	$x_2 y_2^3$	...	$x_m y_m^3$
$y_1^4$	$y_2^4$	...	$y_m^4$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

Shifting the selected rows gives (shown for 3 columns)

1	1	1
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_1^2$	$x_2^2$	$x_3^2$
$x_1 y_1$	$x_2 y_2$	$x_3 y_3$
$y_1^2$	$y_2^2$	$y_3^2$
$x_1^3$	$x_2^3$	$x_3^3$
$x_1^2 y_1$	$x_2^2 y_2$	$x_3^2 y_3$
$x_1 y_1^2$	$x_2 y_2^2$	$x_3 y_3^2$
$y_1^3$	$y_2^3$	$y_3^3$
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$x_1^2 y_1^2$	$x_2^2 y_2^2$	$x_3^2 y_3^2$
$x_1 y_1^3$	$x_2 y_2^3$	$x_3 y_3^3$
$y_1^4$	$y_2^4$	$y_3^4$
⋮	⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮	⋮

→ "shift with x" →

1	1	1
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_1^2$	$x_2^2$	$x_3^2$
$x_1 y_1$	$x_2 y_2$	$x_3 y_3$
$y_1^2$	$y_2^2$	$y_3^2$
$x_1^3$	$x_2^3$	$x_3^3$
$x_1^2 y_1$	$x_2^2 y_2$	$x_3^2 y_3$
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$y_1^4$	$y_2^4$	$y_3^4$
⋮	⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮	⋮

simplified:

1	1	1
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_1 y_1$	$x_2 y_2$	$x_3 y_3$
$x_1^3$	$x_2^3$	$x_3^3$
$x_1^2 y_1$	$x_2^2 y_2$	$x_3^2 y_3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & & \\ & x_2 & \\ & & x_3 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$x_1^2$	$x_2^2$	$x_3^2$
$x_1 y_1$	$x_2 y_2$	$x_3 y_3$
$x_1^2 y_1$	$x_2^2 y_2$	$x_3^2 y_3$
$x_1^4$	$x_2^4$	$x_3^4$
$x_1^3 y_1$	$x_2^3 y_2$	$x_3^3 y_3$



- finding the  $x$ -roots: let  $D_x = \text{diag}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s)$ , then

$$S_1 KD_x = S_x K,$$

where  $S_1$  and  $S_x$  select rows from  $K$  wrt. shift property

- reminiscent of **Realization Theory**

We have

$$S_1 K D_x = S_x K$$

However,  $K$  is not known, instead a basis  $Z$  is computed that satisfies

$$ZV = K$$

Which leads to

$$(S_x Z)V = (S_1 Z)VD_x$$

It is possible to shift with  $y$  as well. . .

We find

$$S_1 K D_y = S_y K$$

with  $D_y$  diagonal matrix of  $y$ -components of roots, leading to

$$(S_y Z) V = (S_1 Z) V D_y$$

Some interesting results:

- same eigenvectors  $V$ !
- $(S_y Z)^{-1}(S_1 Z)$  and  $(S_x Z)^{-1}(S_1 Z)$  commute

## Algorithm

- 1 Fix a monomial ordering scheme
- 2 Construct coefficient matrix  $M$  to sufficiently large dimensions
- 3 Compute basis for nullspace of  $M$ : nullity  $s$  and  $Z$
- 4 Find  $s$  linear independent rows in  $Z$
- 5 Choose shift function, e.g.,  $x$
- 6 Solve the GEVP

$$(S_2 Z)V = (S_1 Z)VD_x$$

$S_1$  selects linear independent rows in  $Z$ ;  $S_2$  the rows that are 'hit' by the shift

( $S_1 Z$  and  $S_2 Z$  can be rectangular as long as  $S_1 Z$  contains  $s$  linear independent rows)

## The null space is an $nD$ state sequence

The null space of the Macaulay matrix is the interface between polynomial system and  $nD$  state space description

- $nD$  state-space model (for  $n = 2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}v(k+1, l) &= A_x v(k, l) \\v(k, l+1) &= A_y v(k, l)\end{aligned}$$

- null space of Macaulay matrix:  $nD$  state sequence

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c} | & | & | & | & | & | & | & | & | & | & | \\ v_{00} & v_{10} & v_{01} & v_{20} & v_{11} & v_{02} & v_{30} & v_{21} & v_{12} & v_{03} & \\ | & | & | & | & | & | & | & | & | & | & \end{array} \right)^T =$$
$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c} | & | & | & \cdots & | & | & | & | \\ v_{00} & A_x v_{00} & A_y v_{00} & \cdots & A_x^3 v_{00} & A_x^2 A_y v_{00} & A_x A_y^2 v_{00} & A_y^3 v_{00} \\ | & | & | & & | & | & | & | \end{array} \right)^T$$

- shift-invariance property, e.g., for  $y$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} -v_{00} \\ -v_{10} \\ -v_{01} \\ -v_{20} \\ -v_{11} \\ -v_{02} \end{pmatrix} A_y^T = \begin{pmatrix} -v_{01} \\ -v_{11} \\ -v_{02} \\ -v_{21} \\ -v_{12} \\ -v_{03} \end{pmatrix},$$

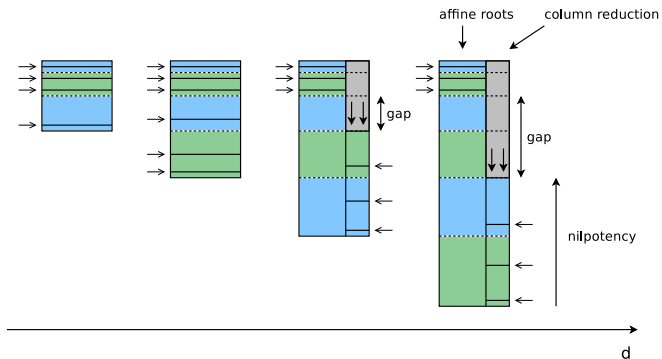
- corresponding  $nD$  system realization

$$\begin{aligned} v(k+1, l) &= A_x v(k, l) \\ v(k, l+1) &= A_y v(k, l) \\ v(0, 0) &= v_{00} \end{aligned}$$

- choice of basis null space leads to different system realizations
- eigenvalues of  $A_x$  and  $A_y$  invariant:  $x$  and  $y$  components of roots

# Roots at infinity? *Mind the Gap!*

- dynamics in the null space of  $M(d)$  for increasing degree  $d$
- nilpotency gives rise to a 'gap'
- mechanism to count and separate affine from infinity



# Roots at infinity lead to $nD$ descriptor systems

Weierstrass Canonical Form decouples affine/infty

$$\begin{bmatrix} v(k+1) \\ w(k-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & E \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v(k) \\ w(k) \end{bmatrix}$$

$nD$  descriptor state-space model

$$v(k+1, l) = A_x v(k, l)$$

$$v(k, l+1) = A_y v(k, l)$$

$$w(k-1, l) = E_x w(k, l)$$

$$w(k, l-1) = E_y w(k, l)$$

with nilpotent  $E_x$  and  $E_y$

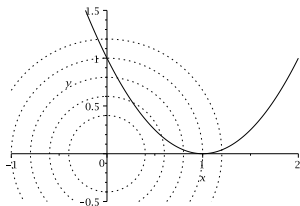


# Polynomial root-finding is a question in linear algebra and multidimensional realization theory

- Solving multivariate polynomials
  - Macaulay formulation makes it a linear algebra question
  - Realization theory in null space of Macaulay matrix
  - $nD$  autonomous (descriptor) state-space models
- Decisions made based upon (numerical) rank
  - # roots (nullity)
  - # affine roots (column reduction)
- Mind the Gap phenomenon: affine vs. infinity roots
- Not discussed
  - multiplicity of roots
  - column-space based method
  - over-constrained systems

# Polynomial Optimization Problems are EVPs

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{x,y} & x^2 + y^2 \\ \text{s. t.} & y - x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0 \end{array}$$



**Lagrange multipliers** give conditions for optimality:

$$L(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z(y - x^2 + 2x - 1)$$

we find

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0 \rightarrow 2x - 2xz + 2z = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 0 \rightarrow 2y + z = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = 0 \rightarrow y - x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$$

Observations:

- everything remains polynomial
- system of polynomial equations
- shift with objective function to find minimum/maximum

Let

$$A_x V = xV$$

and

$$A_y V = yV$$

then find min/max eigenvalue of

$$(A_x^2 + A_y^2)V = (x^2 + y^2)V$$

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# Recent advances in the Macaulay spirit

Computing state-recursion polynomials

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# Conclusions

- bridging the gap between algebraic geometry and engineering
- finding roots: linear algebra and realization theory!
- extension to over-constrained systems
- polynomial optimization: extremal eigenvalue problems

# Open Problems

Many challenges remain

- exploiting sparsity and structure of  $M$
- efficient (more direct) construction of the eigenvalue problem
- algorithms to find the minimizing solution efficiently (inverse power method?)

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