

# Back to the Roots at the occasion of Anders Lindquist 75 !



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- Algebraic Geometry: 'Queen of mathematics' (literature = huge !)
- Computer algebra: symbolic manipulations
- Computational tools: Gröbner Bases, Buchberger algorithm







Wolfgang Gröbner (1899-1980)



Bruno Buchberger



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#### Example: Gröbner basis

Input system:

$$
x^{2}y + 4xy - 5y + 3 = 0
$$
  

$$
x^{2} + 4xy + 8y - 4x - 10 = 0
$$

- Generates simpler but equivalent system (same roots)
- **•** Symbolic eliminations and reductions
- **•** Exponential complexity
- **•** Numerical issues
	- NO floating point but integer arithmetic
	- Coefficients become very large

Gröbner Basis:

$$
-9 - 126y + 647y^2 - 624y^3 + 144y^4 = 0
$$

 $-1005 + 6109y - 6432y^2 + 1584y^3 + 228x = 0$ 







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#### Characteristic Polynomial

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are the roots of

$$
p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = 0
$$

# Companion Matrix

Solving

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

leads to

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



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### Consider the univariate equation

$$
x^3 + a_1 x^2 + a_2 x + a_3 = 0,
$$

having three distinct roots  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ 

$$
\begin{bmatrix} a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & 1 \ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \ x_1^2 & x_2^2 & x_3^2 \ x_1^3 & x_2^3 & x_3^3 \ x_1^4 & x_2^4 & x_3^4 \ x_1^4 & x_2^4 & x_3^4 \ x_1^5 & x_2^5 & x_3^5 \end{bmatrix} = 0
$$
\n**6** Banded Toeplitz; linear homogeneous equations (a) What is place: (Cof [down] or C) What is not a factor of solutions number of solutions in null space: eigenvalue problem



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#### Consider

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$$
x^{3} + a_{1}x^{2} + a_{2}x + a_{3} = 0
$$
  

$$
x^{2} + b_{1}x + b_{2} = 0
$$

### Build the Sylvester Matrix:



- $\bullet$  Corank of Sylvester matrix  $=$  number of common zeros
- $\bullet$  null space  $=$  intersection of null spaces of two Sylvester matrices
- common roots follow from realization theory in null space
- notice 'double' Toeplitz-structure of Sylvester matrix

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#### Sylvester Resultant

Consider two polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ :

$$
f(x) = x3 - 6x2 + 11x - 6 = (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)
$$
  

$$
g(x) = -x2 + 5x - 6 = -(x - 2)(x - 3)
$$

Common roots iff  $S(f, g) = 0$ 

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



James Joseph Sylvester



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#### The corank of the Sylvester matrix is 2!

### Sylvester's result can be understood from

$$
f(x) = 0
$$
\n
$$
x \cdot f(x) = 0
$$
\n
$$
g(x) = 0
$$
\n
$$
x \cdot g(x) = 0
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-6 \quad 5 \quad -1
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\n
$$
g(x) = 0
$$

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



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The vectors in the Vandermonde kernel  $K$  obey a 'shift structure':

$$
\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 \\ x_1^2 & x_2^2 \\ x_1^3 & x_2^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ 0 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_1^2 & x_2^2 \\ x_1^3 & x_2^3 \\ x_1^4 & x_2^4 \end{bmatrix}
$$

or

$$
\underline{K} . D = S_1 K D = \overline{K} = S_2 K
$$

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

$$
S_1KD = S_2K
$$
  

$$
S_1ZVD = S_2ZV
$$

leading to the generalized eigenvalue problem

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



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**O** Consider

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

- Fix a monomial order, e.g.,  $1 < x < y < x^2 < xy < \infty$  $y^2 < x^3 < x^2y < \ldots$
- $\bullet$  Construct  $M$ : write the system in matrix-vector notation:

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





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

Continue to enlarge M:



- $\bullet$  # rows grows faster than  $\#$  cols  $\Rightarrow$  overdetermined system
- $\bullet$  If solution exists: rank deficient by construction!



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#### **O** Row space:

- **·** ideal: Hilbert Basis Theorem
- **•** Subspace based elimination theory
- **O** Left null space:
	- syzygies, Hilbert Syzygy Theorem
	- Syzygy: numerical linear algebra paper bdm/kb
- **O** Right null space:
	- Variety; Hilbert Nullstellensatz (existence of solutions); Hilbert polynomial (number of solutions = nullity)
	- Modelling the Macaulay null space with nD singular autonomous systems
- ٠ Column space: Rank tests: Affine roots, roots at  $\infty$



David Hilbert





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$$
A = USVt = (U1 \tU2) \begin{pmatrix} S_1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_1^t \\ V_2^t \end{pmatrix}
$$

with







Gene Howard Golub

(Dr. SVD)



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 $\bullet$  Macaulay matrix  $M$ :

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

 $\bullet$  Solutions generate vectors in kernel of  $M$ :

 $MK = 0$ 

 $\bullet$  Number of solutions  $s$  follows from corank



Francis Sowerby Macaulay

Vandermonde nullspace K built from  $s$  solutions  $(x_i, y_i)$ :





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 $\bullet$  Choose s linear independent rows in  $K$ 

#### $S_1K$

**•** This corresponds to finding linear dependent columns in M





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"shift with  $x'' \rightarrow$ 

 $x_2$  $\overline{x}$ <sup>3</sup>  $] =$ 

[Setting up an eigenvalue problem in](#page-19-0)  $x$ 

#### Shifting the selected rows gives (shown for 3 columns)

 $x_1$ 





### simplified:







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– Finding the x-roots: let  $D_x = diag(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_s)$ , then

$$
S_1 K D_x = S_x K,
$$

where  $S_1$  and  $S_x$  select rows from K w.r.t. shift property

– Realization Theory for the unknown  $x$ 



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We have

$$
S_1 \big| KD_x = \big| S_x \big| K
$$

Generalized Vandermonde  $K$  is not known as such, instead a null space

basis  $Z$  is calculated, which is a linear transformation of  $K$ :

 $ZV = K$ 

which leads to

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

Here, V is the matrix with eigenvectors,  $D_x$  contains the roots x as eigenvalues.



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

We find

$$
S_1 K D_y = S_y K
$$

with  $D<sub>y</sub>$  diagonal matrix of y-components of roots, leading to

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

Some interesting results:

- same eigenvectors  $V!$ 

$$
- (S_x Z)^{-1} (S_1 Z) \text{ and } (S_y Z)^{-1} (S_1 Z) \text{ commute}
$$
  

$$
\implies \text{'commutative algebra'}
$$



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### Basic Algorithm outline

Find a basis for the nullspace of  $M$  using an SVD:

$$
M = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X & Y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W^T \\ Z^T \end{bmatrix}
$$

Hence,

 $MZ = 0$ 

We have

$$
S_1KD=S_{\mathrm{shift}}K
$$

with  $K$  generalized Vandermonde, not known as such. Instead a basis  $Z$ is computed as

$$
ZV=K
$$

which leads to

$$
(S_{\text{shift}}Z)V = (S_1Z)VD
$$

 $S_1$  selects linear independent rows;  $S_{\text{shift}}$  selects rows 'hit' by the shift. **KU LEUVEN** 

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# 'Mind the Gap' and 'A Bout de Souffle'

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- Dynamics in the null space of  $M(d)$  for increasing degree d: The index of some of the linear independent rows stabilizes  $(=$ affine zeros); The index of other ones keeps increasing (=zeros at  $\infty$ ).
- 'Mind-the-gap': As a function of  $d$ , certain degree blocks become and stay linear dependent on all preceeding rows: allows to count and seperate affine zeros from zeros at  $\infty$
- 'A bout de souffle': Effect of zeros at  $∞$  'dies' out (nilpotency).



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Weierstrass Canonical Form decoupling affine and infinity roots

$$
\left(\frac{v(k+1)}{w(k-1)}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A & 0 \\ \hline 0 & E \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} v(k) \\ \hline w(k) \end{array}\right),
$$

• Action of  $A_i$  and  $E_i$  represented in grid of monomials





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# Roots at Infinity:  $nD$  Descriptor Systems

Weierstrass Canonical Form decouples affine/infinity

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

Singular  $nD$  Attasi model (for  $n = 2$ )

$$
v(k + 1, l) = A_x v(k, l)
$$
  
\n
$$
v(k, l + 1) = A_y v(k, l)
$$
  
\n
$$
w(k - 1, l) = E_x w(k, l)
$$
  
\n
$$
w(k, l - 1) = E_y w(k, l)
$$

with  $E_x$  and  $E_y$  nilpotent matrices.



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# Summary

- Rooting multivariate polynomials
	- $\bullet$  = (numerical) linear algebra
	- $=$  (fund. thm. of algebra)  $\bigcap$  (fund. thm. of linear algebra)
	- $\bullet$  = nD realization theory in null space of Macaulay matrix
- Decisions based upon (numerical) rank
	- $\bullet$  Dimension of variety  $=$  degree of Hilbert polynomial: follows from corank (nullity);
	- For 0-dimensional varieties ('isolated' roots): corank stabilizes  $=$  # roots (nullity)
	- $\bullet$  'Mind-the-gap' splits affine zeros from zeros at  $\infty$
	- $\bullet$  # affine roots (dimension column compression)
- not discussed
	- Multiplicity of roots ('confluent' generalized Vandermonde matrices)
	- Macaulay matrix columnspace based methods ('data driven')



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# Polynomial Optimization Problems FVP

$$
\min_{x,y} \quad x^2 + y^2
$$
\n
$$
\text{s.t.} \quad y - x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0
$$

 $3.5 -$ 

Lagrange multipliers: necessary conditions for optimality:

$$
L(x, y, z) = x2 + y2 + z(y - x2 + 2x - 1)
$$

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

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

$$
\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad y - x2 + 2x - 1 = 0
$$



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Observations:

- all equations remain polynomial
- all 'stationary' points (local minima/maxima, saddle points) are roots of a system of polynomial equations
- shift with objective function to find minimum: only minimizing roots are needed !

Let

$$
A_xV=VD_x
$$

and

$$
A_y V = V D_y
$$

then find minimum eigenvalue of

$$
(A_x^2 + A_y^2)V = V(D_x^2 + D_y^2)
$$



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- **PEM System identification**
- Measured data  $\left\{u_k, y_k\right\}_{k=1}^N$
- Model structure

 $y_k = G(q)u_k + H(q)e_k$ 

• Output prediction

$$
\hat{y}_k = H^{-1}(q)G(q)u_k + (1 - H^{-1})y_k
$$

 $\bullet$  Model classes: ARX, ARMAX, OE, BJ

$$
A(q)y_k = B(q)/F(q)u_k + C(q)/D(q)e_k
$$







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• Minimize the prediction errors  $y - \hat{y}$ , where

$$
\hat{y}_k = H^{-1}(q)G(q)u_k + (1 - H^{-1})y_k,
$$

subject to the model equations

**•** Example

 ${\sf ARMAX}$  identification:  $G(q)=B(q)/A(q)$  and  $H(q)=C(q)/A(q)$ , where  $A(q) = 1 + aq^{-1}, B(q) = bq^{-1}, C(q) = 1 + cq^{-1}, N = 5$ 





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#### Dynamical Linear Modeling



- . Rank deficiency
- minimization problem: ●.

min  $||[\Delta A \quad \Delta b]||_F^2$ , s. t.  $(A + \Delta A)v = b + \Delta b,$  $v^T v = 1$  $|\Delta A \quad \Delta b|$  structured

Riemannian SVD: find  $(u, \tau, v)$  which minimizes  $\tau^2$  $\int$  $\mathfrak{t}$  $Mv = D_v u \tau$ <br>  $M^T u = D_u v \tau$ <br>  $v^T v = 1$  $u^T D_v u = 1 (= v^T D_u v)$ 

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$$
\min_{v} \qquad \tau^2 = v^T M^T D_v^{-1} M v
$$
  
s.t. 
$$
v^T v = 1.
$$









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# CpG Islands

- genomic regions that contain a high frequency of sites where a cytosine (C) base is followed by a guanine (G)
- rare because of methylation of the C base
- hence CpG islands indicate functionality

## Given observed sequence of DNA:

CTCACGTGATGAGAGCATTCTCAGA CCGTGACGCGTGTAGCAGCGGCTCA

#### Problem

Decide whether the observed sequence came from a CpG island



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# The model

- 4-dimensional state space  $[m] = \{A, C, G, T\}$
- Mixture model of 3 distributions on  $[m]$ 
	- **0** : CG rich DNA
	- **2** : CG poor DNA
	- **3** : CG neutral DNA
- Each distribution is characterised by probabilities of observing base A,C,G or T

Table: Probabilities for each of the distributions (Durbin; Pachter & Sturmfels)

DNA Type			
CG rich		$0.15$   0.33   0.36   0.16	
CG poor		$0.27$   0.24   0.23   0.26	
CG neutral	0.25	$\vert 0.25 \vert 0.25$	$\vert 0.25 \vert$

![](_page_37_Picture_10.jpeg)

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 $\bullet$ The probabilities of observing each of the bases  $A$  to  $T$  are given by

$$
p(A) = -0.10 \theta_1 + 0.02 \theta_2 + 0.25
$$
  
\n
$$
p(C) = +0.08 \theta_1 - 0.01 \theta_2 + 0.25
$$
  
\n
$$
p(G) = +0.11 \theta_1 - 0.02 \theta_2 + 0.25
$$
  
\n
$$
p(T) = -0.09 \theta_1 + 0.01 \theta_2 + 0.25
$$

- $\bullet$   $\theta_i$  is probability to sample from distribution i  $(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = 1)$
- Maximum Likelihood Estimate: ٠

$$
(\hat{\theta_1}, \hat{\theta_2}, \hat{\theta_3}) = \arg \max_{\theta} \ l(\theta)
$$

where the log-likelihood  $l(\theta)$  is given by

$$
l(\theta) = 11 \log p(A) + 14 \log p(C) + 15 \log p(G) + 10 \log p(T)
$$

Need to solve the following polynomial system ۰

$$
\begin{cases}\n\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1} = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{u_i}{p(i)} \frac{\partial p(i)}{\partial \theta_1} = 0 \\
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta_2} = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{u_i}{p(i)} \frac{\partial p(i)}{\partial \theta_2} = 0\n\end{cases}
$$

![](_page_38_Picture_10.jpeg)

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#### Solving the Polynomial System

- corank $(M) = 9$
- Reconstructed Kernel

![](_page_39_Picture_288.jpeg)

- $\theta_i$ 's are probabilities:  $0\leq \theta_i\leq 1$
- Could have introduced slack variables to impose this constraint!
- Only solution that satisfies this constraint is  $\hat{\theta} = (0.52, 0.22, 0.26)$

.

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### Applications are found in

- Polynomial Optimization Problems
- Structured Total Least Squares
- $\bullet$   $H_2$  Model order reduction
- Analyzing identifiability of nonlinear model structures (differential algebra)
- Robotics: kinematic problems
- Computational Biology: conformation of molecules
- Algebraic Statistics
- Signal Processing
- nD dynamical systems; Partial difference equations

 $\bullet$  ...

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- Finding roots: linear algebra and realization theory!
- Polynomial optimization: extremal eigenvalue problems
- (Numerical) linear algebra/systems theory translation of algebraic geometry/symbolic algebra
- Many problems are in fact eigenvalue problems !
	- Algebraic geometry
	- System identification (PEM)
	- Numerical linear algebra (STLS, affine EVP  $Ax = x\lambda + a$ , etc.)
	- Multilinear algebra (tensor least squares approximation)
	- Algebraic statistics (HMM, Bayesian networks, discrete probabilities)
	- Differential algebra (Glad/Ljung)
- Projecting up to higher dimensional space (difficult in low number of dimensions; 'easy' (=large EVP) in high number of dimensions)

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Current work:

- Subspace identification for spatially-temporarilly correlated signals (partial difference equations)
- Modelling in the era of IoT (Internet-of-Things) with its tsunami of data: in space and time (e.g. trajectories over time); or e.g. in MSI (mass spectrometry imaging): spectrum (1D) per space-voxel (3D) over time  $(1D) = 5D$ -tensor. How to model ?
- Example: Advection diffusion equation space-time with input-output data:

![](_page_43_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_43_Picture_6.jpeg)

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#### Conceptual/Geometric Level

- Polynomial system solving is an eigenvalue problem!
- Row and Column Spaces: Ideal/Variety  $\leftrightarrow$  Row space/Kernel of M, ranks and dimensions, nullspaces and orthogonality
- Geometrical: intersection of subspaces, angles between subspaces, Grassmann's theorem,. . .

#### Numerical Linear Algebra Level

- **Eigenvalue decompositions, SVDs,...**
- Solving systems of equations (consistency, nb sols)
- QR decomposition and Gram-Schmidt algorithm

#### Numerical Algorithms Level

- Modified Gram-Schmidt (numerical stability), GS 'from back to front'
- Exploiting sparsity and Toeplitz structure (computational complexity  $O(n^2)$  vs  $O(n^3)$ ), FFT-like computations and convolutions,...
- $\bullet$  Power method to find smallest eigenvalue (= minimizer of polynomial optimization problem)

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"At the end of the day, the only thing we really understand, is linear algebra".

![](_page_45_Picture_2.jpeg)

Sculpture by Joos Vandewalle

A variety in algebraic geometry

![](_page_45_Picture_5.jpeg)

Anders 'free will' Lindquist

Ad multos annos !!

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