

# Computing Determinants of Symbolic Matrices using a Straight Line Program Interpolator

## Abstract

We present a software package for computing determinants of matrices with polynomial entries using an interpolator based on straight line programs (SLPs). One of the applications of this tool is computation of multivariate resultants. The tool enabled computing the determinant of a Dixon dialytic matrix, a multivariate resultant matrix based on the Dixon-Cayley formulation, for a PDE stability problem[5] presented by Hong at ACA 2004, from which the resultant can be extracted by factorization.

The software allows expressing interpolating polynomials as SLPs. Besides standard arithmetic operations (+, -, \*, /, ^), the determinant of a matrix with polynomial entries is considered an SLP statement. In its first release, the tool used Zippel's sparse probabilistic algorithm which interpolated one variable at a time with a few improvements. Zippel's algorithm has now been generalized to allow interpolation of many variables in a single stage. Recently, the tool has been expanded to allow interpolation of more general SLP statements, including implementation of interpolation algorithms by Kaltfofen et al in which terms are pruned using a homogenizing variable.

An Maple interface for translating matrices with polynomial entries into a format acceptable by the package is available as well.

## Applications

- Symbolic Matrix determinant extraction
  - Computations of Projections operators (resultants)
- General Black Box (specified as SLP) interpolator
- Avoids Intermediate expression swell in algebraic computations

## Software Features

- Sparse probabilistic interpolation [3]
- Ability to specify arbitrary size field
- Automatic degree and sparseness estimation
- Fast Fourier Transform [2]
- Permanent term pruning [1]
- Interpolation strategies
- Compatibility with Maple
- Multiplatform: Linux/Windows/Mac

## Heuristics

- Interpolation strategy selection
  - Variable Order
- Fast Fourier Transform vs. Classic
- Univariate Vandermonde vs. Newton

## Future Work

- Software Improvements
  - Improvements to Finite Field arithmetic
  - X86 assembly implementation
  - Caching values for subexpressions
- Black Box compiler
  - Parallel computing
  - Multiprocessor Support
  - Distributed interpolation
- Algorithms
  - Factorized interpolation [4]
  - Temporary Pruning [1]
  - Galois Field arithmetic
  - Interpolation Strategies Heuristics

## References

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## Input File

```
RunProfile:=table([RNGSeed=15,Primes=[3221225473]]);
Problem:=proc(A,a,b,c)
# Dixon Matrix constructed for Herons Formula,
Elimination:=array('sparse',1..7,1..7,[
(1,1)=a^2,(1,2)=2*a,(1,3)=2*a,(1,4)=-a*c^2,(1,5)=-a*b^2,
(2,1)=-a,(2,4)=a^2,(2,6)=2*a,(2,7)=-a*b^2,
(3,1)=-a,(3,5)=a^2,(3,6)=2*a,(3,7)=-a*c^2,
(4,2)=-a,(4,3)=-a,(4,4)=2*a,(4,5)=2*a,
(5,6)=-a,(5,7)=2*a,(6,6)=-a,(6,7)=2*a,
(7,4)=-a,(7,5)=-a,(7,7)=a^2
]);
return det(Elimination);
end proc;
Polynomial:=interpolate(Problem, timeLimit=3600.000);
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## Screen Output

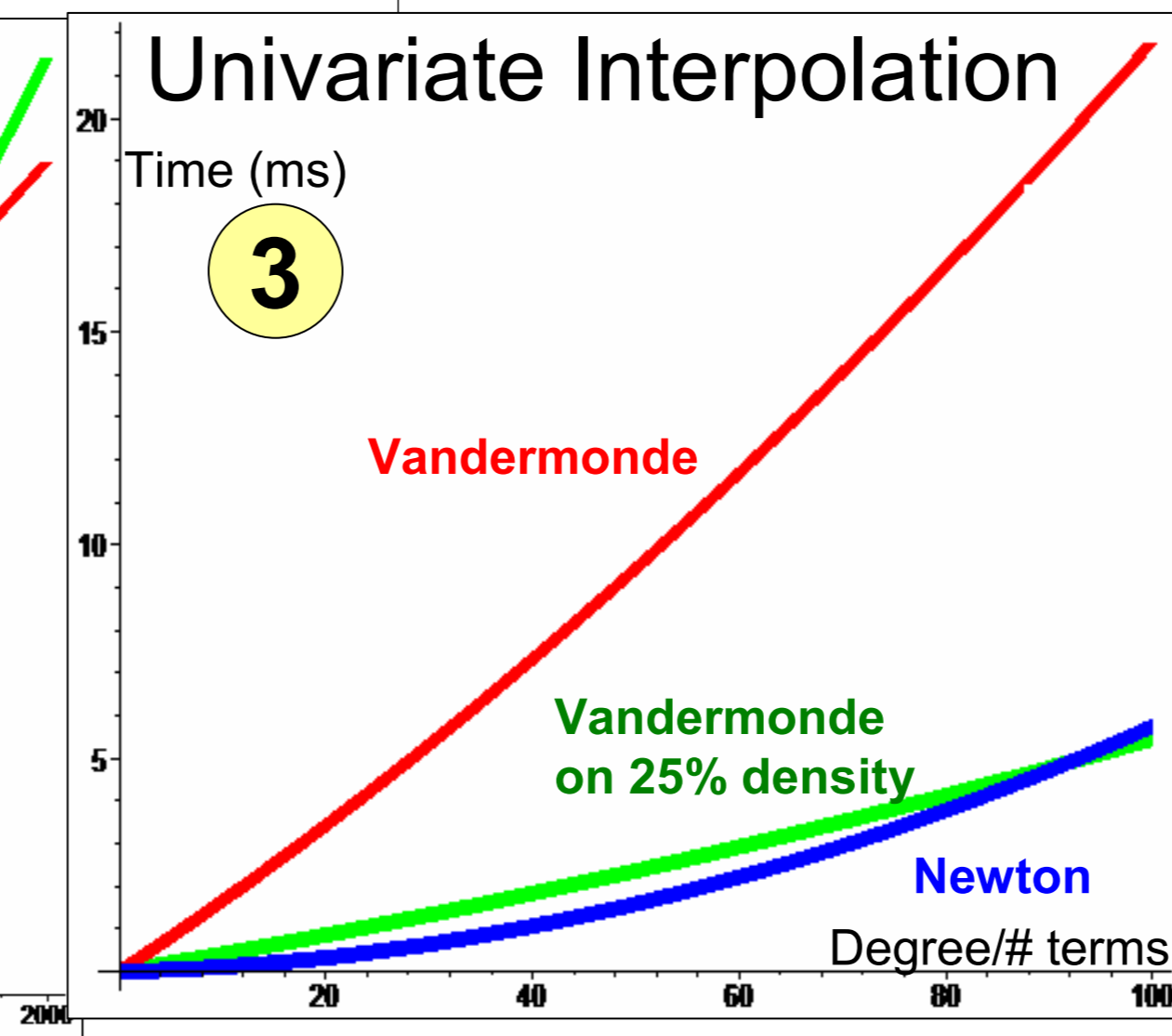
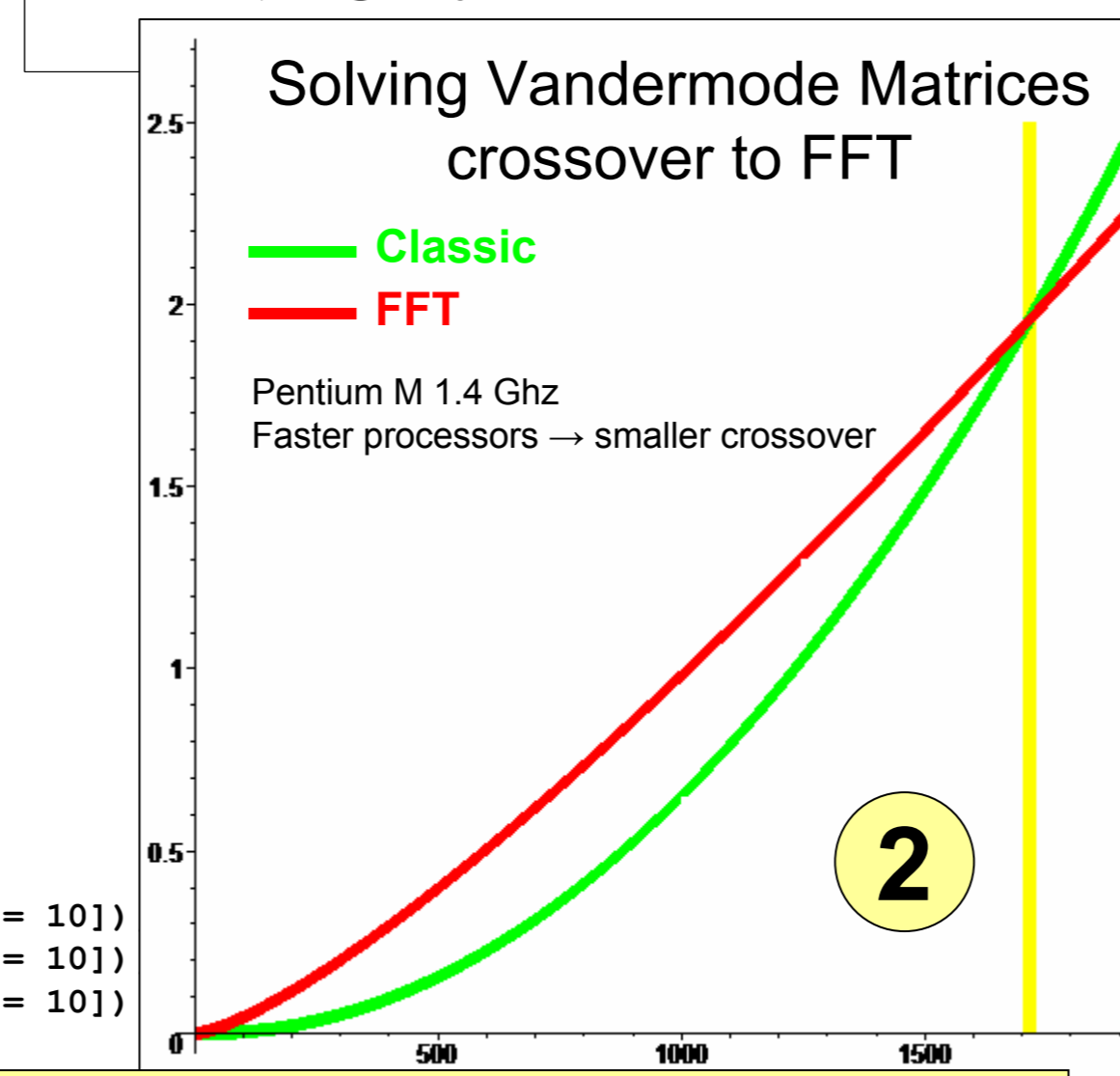
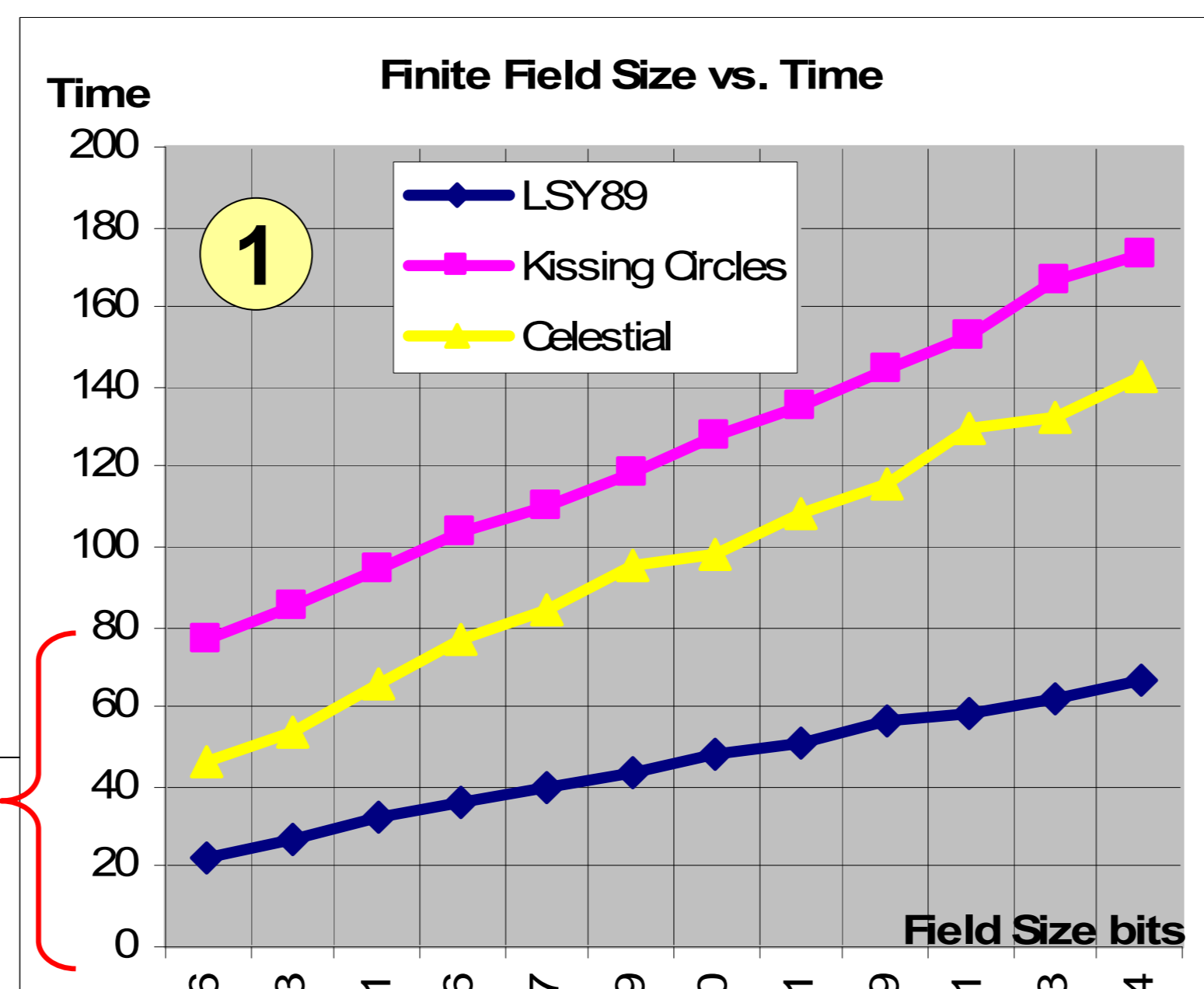
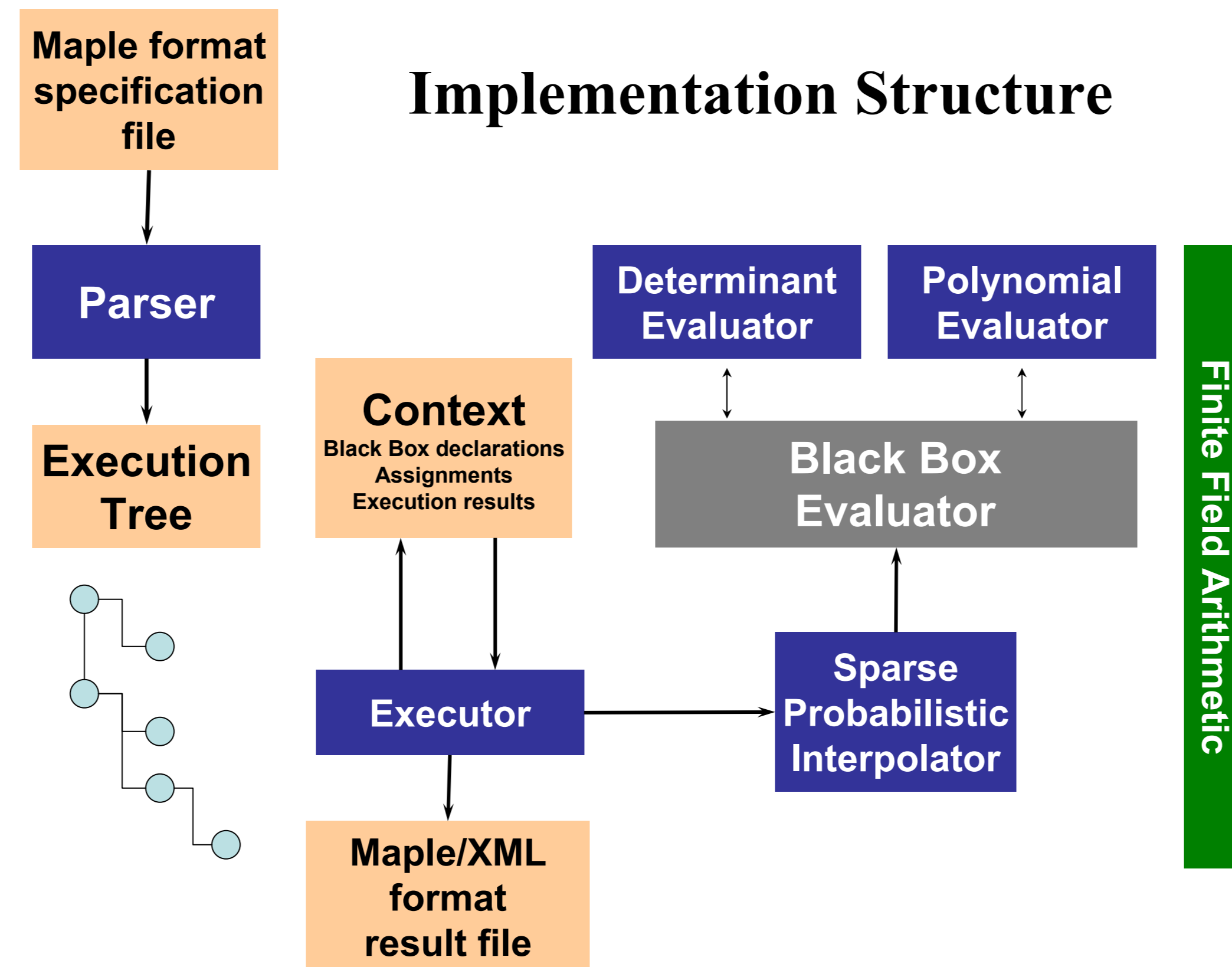
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Parsing file "sample-input.txt"...Output sent to file "sample.txt".
Field operations: 2.11406e+6 adds/s, 4.36907e+6 mults/s
Set up n*n Vandermonde matrix:
quad = 3.05e-8*n^2+1.5e-6*n
FFT = 8.54492e-6*n*log[2](n)^2
Solve n*n Vandermonde matrix:
quad = 4.69e-7*n^2-1.6e-5*n+0
FFT = 8.23242e-6*n*log[2](n)^2
Switching to FFT Vandermonde solver at 2197 terms.
Univariate, Newton(d) = 4.145e-7*d^2 -8.5e-6*d
Univariate, Vandermonde(t) = time to solve t*t Vandermonde matrix
Interpolation time limit: 3600 sec (0d 1h 0m 0s)
Evaluations/sec of expression to interpolate: 16129
Estimated evaluation/Vandermonde crossover at 153 terms.
Tightening degree bounds:
Variable Est Time Evals Time Min Deg Max Deg Terms
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a 0.0 6 0.0 0 2 2
b 0.0 11 0.0 6 10 3
c 0.0 5 0.0 0 4 3
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27 0.0
Maximum number of terms: 54
Variables interpolate in order: a, b, c, A
Stage breakdown: Polynomial
Variable No Pts (s)Est Evals (s)Stage (s)Eval (s)Vand (s)Intrp Terms Deg
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a 1 11 0.0 0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 3 10
b 2 5 0.0 12 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 6 10
c 3 5 0.0 24 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 7 10
A 4 3 0.0 14 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 7 10
-----
50 0.0
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## Output File

```
# Start execution: 11:36:25 Aug-30-2005
# Input file: ".\sample-input.txt"
# Polynomial data:
Benchmark := table([
field = table([add = 4.73022e-7, mult = 2.28882e-7]),
quadVand = table([setup = 3.05e-8*n^2 + 1.5e-6*n,
solve = 4.69e-7*n^2 - 1.6e-5*n]),
]);
adaptCross = 2197.47, Newton = 4.145e-7*d^2 - 8.5e-6*d;
Polynomial := table([
errorProbability = 6.08464e-006,
terms = 7, totalDegree = 10,
degrees = [10, 4, 4, 2],
value = 16*a^6*b^2+2*a^6*c^4-2*a^6*b^2*c^2+a^6*b^4-2*a^8*c^2-2*a^8*b^2+a^10
]);
#_Stats_ := table([
Polynomial = table([
evalRate = 16129, totalEvals = 50, totalTime = 0,
bounds = table([
a = table([evals = 11, estTime = 0.000639655, degree = 10, terms = 3]),
b = table([evals = 5, estTime = 0.000277863, degree = 4, terms = 3]),
c = table([evals = 5, estTime = 0.000277863, degree = 4, terms = 3]),
A = table([evals = 6, estTime = 0.000335922, degree = 2, terms = 2])
]),
stages = table([
a = table([evals = 0, polyTerms = 3, polyDegree = 10 ]),
b = table([evals = 12, estTime = 0.000477246, polyTerms = 6, polyDegree = 10]),
c = table([evals = 24, estTime = 0.000988809, polyTerms = 7, polyDegree = 10]),
A = table([evals = 14, estTime = 0.00054957, polyTerms = 7, polyDegree = 10])
]),
]);
retVal = table([
look = 24, add = 10,
neg = 10, mul = 48, inv = 4,
arguments = table([
rank = 6, density = 0.489796,
minorRows = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7],
minorCols = [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7]
]),
]);
Status := 'SUCCESS';
totalTime := 0.031000;
ate := ["2005-08-30", "11:36:32"];
# End execution: 11:36:32 Aug-30-2005
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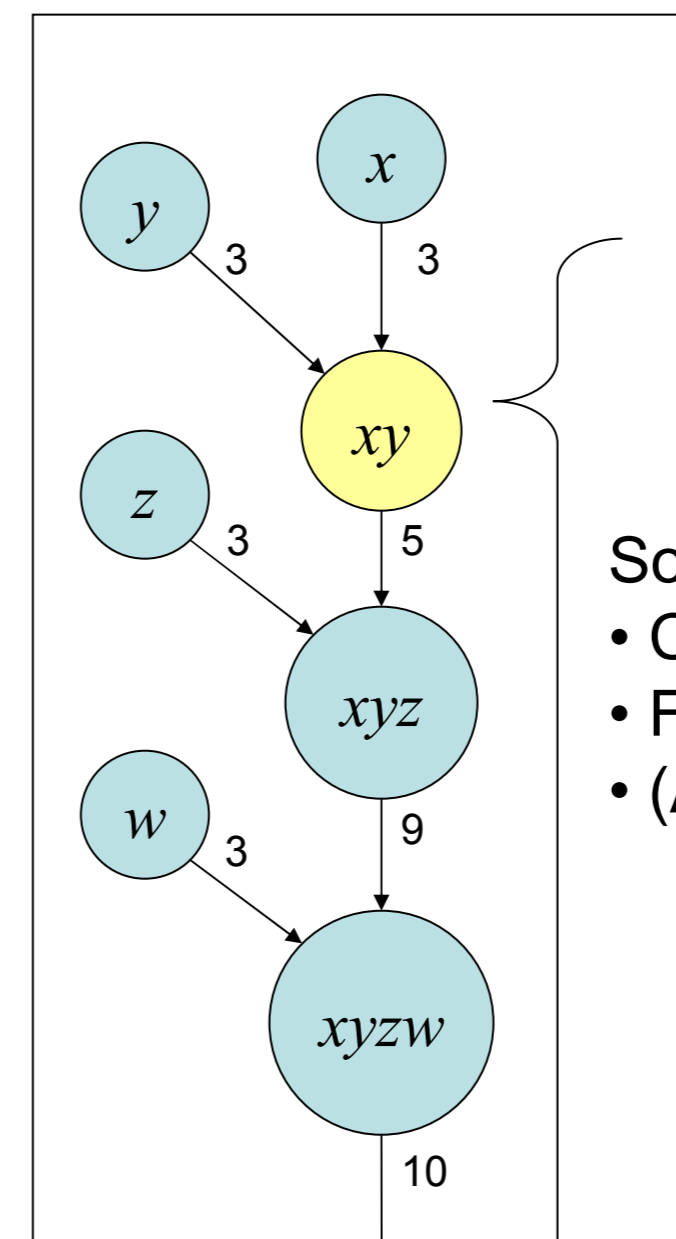
| Stage breakdown: Polynomial    |        |        |        |          |         |         |          |       |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-------|--------|
| Variable                       | No Pts | (s)Est | Evals  | (s)Stage | (s)Eval | (s)Vand | (s)Intrp | Terms | Deg    |
| u_y                            | 1      | 11     | 0.0    | 0        | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0      | 0.0   | 11     |
| u_x                            | 2      | 11     | 0.1    | 110      | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.0      | 0.0   | 65     |
| r_y                            | 3      | 11     | 0.4    | 650      | 0.4     | 0.3     | 0.0      | 0.0   | 600    |
| r_x                            | 4      | 11     | 6.2    | 6000     | 5.8     | 3.3     | 2.4      | 0.1   | 3051   |
| q_x                            | 5      | 11     | 68.5   | 30510    | 64.8    | 18.0    | 46.5     | 0.3   | 18757  |
| p_x                            | 6      | 11     | 591.6  | 187570   | 644.7   | 123.4   | 519.9    | 1.4   | 46700  |
| p_y                            | 7      | 11     | 1635.5 | 467000   | 2038.4  | 338.1   | 1696.4   | 3.9   | 183796 |
| q_y                            | 8      | 11     | 7840.3 | 1837960  | 18592.0 | 2137.1  | 16436.7  | 18.2  | 183796 |
| t_x                            | 9      | 10     | 7118.3 | 1654164  | 16745.8 | 1897.9  | 14832.8  | 15.1  | 183796 |
| <b>Classic</b> 4183964 38091.9 |        |        |        |          |         |         |          |       |        |

| Stage breakdown: Poly Terms         |        |        |        |          |         |      |        |         |        |         |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Variable                            | No Pts | (s)Est | Evals  | (s)Stage | Poly    | Eval | Vand   | Intrp   | Filled | Partial |
| _all                                | 0      | 1      | 0.0    | 0        | 0.0     | 0.0  | 0.0    | 0.0     | 0      | 1       |
| u_x                                 | 1      | 11     | 0.0    | 10       | 0.0     | 0.0  | 0.0    | 0.0     | 0      | 11      |
| r_y                                 | 2      | 11     | 0.1    | 110      | 0.1     | 0.0  | 0.0    | 0.0     | 0      | 110     |
| r_x                                 | 3      | 11     | 0.8    | 1100     | 0.7     | 0.0  | 0.6    | 0.1     | 0      | 605     |
| q_x                                 | 4      | 11     | 6.1    | 6050     | 5.8     | 0.0  | 3.3    | 2.4     | 0.1    | 3950    |
| p_y                                 | 5      | 11     | 87.4   | 39500    | 87.5    | 0.0  | 25.2   | 61.9    | 0.4    | 13226   |
| p_x                                 | 6      | 11     | 369.4  | 132260   | 393.7   | 0.0  | 87.1   | 305.5   | 1.0    | 43727   |
| q_y                                 | 7      | 11     | 1513.3 | 437270   | 1952.0  | 0.1  | 349.6  | 1597.9  | 4.5    | 183796  |
| t_x                                 | 8      | 10     | 7038.7 | 1654164  | 16945.2 | 0.4  | 1936.3 | 14994.4 | 14.1   | 183796  |
| u_y                                 | 9      | 11     | 0.0    | 0        | 0.0     | 0.0  | 0.0    | 0.0     | 0      | 183796  |
| <b>With Pruning</b> 2270464 19384.9 |        |        |        |          |         |      |        |         |        |         |



1. Finite Field arithmetic has large overhead
2. FFT is faster than classic even on small examples
3. Vandermonde Univariate interpolation is faster than Newton even at 25% density
4. Permanent pruning technique [1] effective even when no pruning happens on homogeneous cases
5. In many cases, interpolating multiple variables per stage is faster. Better strategies are necessary to choose interpolation tree.

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### Classic Zippels Algorithm Interpolating $f(x,y,z,w)$

Solving Vandermonde Matrices

- Classic Quadratic Algorithm
- Fast Fourier Transform
- (Adaptive Picks best)

Univariate Interpolation

- Newton (Degree Based)
- Vandermonde (#Term based)

1. Evaluate Black Box 3 times to

2. Solve Vandermonde Matrix to

3. Obtain 1 one value for each coefficient

4. Repeat 3 times (max degree of  $y + 1$ )

Max Degree of  $y$  is 2,  $\rightarrow$  3 eval points

$(-27311x - 3191x^3 + 54)_{y=5, z=7, w=11}$

$\begin{pmatrix} x^3 & x & 1 \\ x^6 & x^2 & 1 \\ x^9 & x^3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} f(3,5,7,11) & f(3,-1,7,11) & f(3,-4,7,11) \\ f(3^2,5,7,11) & f(3^2,-1,7,11) & f(3^2,-4,7,11) \\ f(3^3,5,7,11) & f(3^3,-1,7,11) & f(3^3,-4,7,11) \end{pmatrix}^T$

$\begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} & v_{13} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} & v_{23} \\ v_{31} & v_{32} & v_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} y=5 \\ y=-1 \\ y=-4 \end{matrix}$

$(659-770y)x^3 + (-11-1092y^2)x + 54_{z=7, w=11}$

$x^2y^2, x^3, x^3y, x, 1$  skeleton

### Zippels Algorithm Generalization

$-1092x^2y^2 + 659x^3 - 770x^3y - 11x + 54$

$-319z^2 + 60z^2w - 378z^2w + 47w$

$x^2y^2, x^3, x^3y, x, 1$  skeleton

$z^2w, z^2, zw^2, w$  skeleton

Evaluate black box at  $l \times r$  points

$V = \begin{pmatrix} xy^2 & x^3 & x^3y & x & 1 \\ x^2y^4 & x^6 & x^6y^2 & x^2 & 1 \\ x^3y^6 & x^9 & x^9y^6 & x^3 & 1 \\ x^4y^8 & x^{12} & x^{12}y^8 & x^4 & 1 \\ x^5y^{10} & x^{15} & x^{15}y^{10} & x^5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{l=7}$

$W = \begin{pmatrix} z^2w & z^2 & zw^2 & w \\ z^4w^2 & z^4 & z^2w^4 & 1 \\ z^6w^3 & z^6 & z^3w^6 & 1 \\ z^8w^4 & z^8 & z^4w^8 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{r=3}$

$E = \begin{pmatrix} f(3,5,7,11) & f(3,5,7^2,11^2) & f(3,5,7^3,11^3) & f(3,5,7^4,11^4) \\ f(3^2,5^2,7,11) & f(3^2,5^2,7^2,11^2) & f(3^2,5^2,7^3,11^3) & f(3^2,5^2,7^4,11^4) \\ f(3^3,5^3,7,11) & f(3^3,5^3,7^2,11^2) & f(3^3,5^3,7^3,11^3) & f(3^3,5^3,7^4,11^4) \\ f(3^4,5^4,7,11) & f(3^4,5^4,7^2,11^2) & f(3^4,5^4,7^3,11^3) & f(3^4,5^4,7^4,11^4) \end{pmatrix}$

$C = V^{-1} \times E \times (W^{-1})^T$  Coefficient Matrix

$C = \begin{pmatrix} z^2w & z^2 & zw^2 & w \\ xy^2 & 0 & -5 & -1 & 0 \\ x^3 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ x^3y & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$

$f(x,y,z,w) = -5x^2y^2z^2 - x^2y^2z^2w^2 + x^3z^2w + 2x^3z^2 + 2x^3w - 3x^3yz^2w + x^3yz^2w^2 - xw + 2z^2 - 4w$

| Stage breakdown: Polynomial |        |        |       |          |         |         |          |       |      |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-------|------|
| Variable                    | No Pts | (s)Est | Evals | (s)Stage | (s)Eval | (s)Vand | (s)Intrp | Terms | Deg  |
| rc                          | 1      | 29     | 0.0   | 0        | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0      | 0.0   | 29   |
| ra                          | 2      | 25     | 2.4   | 696      | 2.5     | 2.4     | 0.1      | 0.0   | 287  |
| rs                          | 3      | 15     | 16.3  | 4018     | 16.7    | 14.0    | 2.6      | 0.2   | 2176 |
| rb                          | 4      | 11     | 147.2 | 21760    | 153.5   | 81.2    | 71.5     | 0.8   | 2176 |
| <b>Classic</b> 26474 172.7  |        |        |       |          |         |         |          |       |      |

Univariate images in positions: rc=6 ra=5 rs=4 rb=3

| Stage breakdown: Polynomial    |        |       |          |         |         |         |          |       |      |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-------|------|
| Image No                       | (s)Est | Evals | (s)Stage | (s)Eval | (s)Poly | (s)Vand | (s)Intrp | Terms | Deg  |
| 5/6                            | 2      | 2.5   | 672      | 2.6     | 2.4     | 0.0     | 0.1      | 0.1   | 287  |
| 3/4                            | 1      | 0.5   | 140      | 0.5     | 0.5     | 0.0     | 0.0      | 0.0   | 107  |
| 1/2                            | 0      | 137.6 | 30316    | 136.0   | 108.2   | 0.7     | 7.9      | 19.3  | 2176 |
| <b>Generalized</b> 31128 139.7 |        |       |          |         |         |         |          |       |      |