

Practice test IV: Resultant

- You can use any theorem, proposition or corollary of the class lectures, just by citing its number inside the corresponding lecture: (example: "Lect II, Cor. 1" refers to the Corollary 1 of Lecture II, that is the Primitive Element Theorem).

Exercise 1 Write the Sylvester matrix of the polynomials A and B :

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|-----|------------------------|---------|---|
| A | $2x^2 + x - 1$ | $x - 1$ | $x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$ |
| B | $30x^3 + 6x^2 + x + 1$ | $x + 1$ | 3 |

Answer:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 30 & 6 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 30 & 6 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & & & & \\ & 3 & & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & & 3 \end{pmatrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ \ddots \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}} \right\} n \text{ times}$$

Exercise 2 Are the following matrices in row echelon form? (*the empty entries mean zero*)

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ & 4 & 1 & 1 & \\ & & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{No!} \end{matrix} \qquad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ & 2 & 3 & -2 & -3 & \\ & & -1 & -2 & 3 & \\ & & & & 2 & \\ & & & & & \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{OK!} \end{matrix}$$

Exercise 3 Consider the 2 polynomials A and B ,

$$A = 2x^2 + x - 1 \quad B = 30x^3 + 6x^2 + x + 1.$$

We have $\text{Res}(A, B) = -1296$ (*sorry, I wrote 812, it was a mistake...*)

Given $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we consider the map $\phi_n : \mathbb{Z}[X] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}[X]$, $\sum_i a_i X^i \mapsto \sum_i (a_i \bmod n) X^i$.

Question 1 Use Proposition 1 to compute:

$$r_5 = \text{Res}(\phi_5(A), \phi_5(B)) = \text{Res}(A \bmod 5, B \bmod 5)$$

Answer: $\phi_5(\text{Res}(A, B)) = \phi_5(\text{LC}(A))^{\deg B - \deg \phi_5(B)} r_5$

$$\phi_5(B) = (30 \bmod 5) x^3 + (6 \bmod 5) x^2 + x + 1$$

$$\text{LC}(A) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_5(\text{Res}(A, B)) = -1296 \bmod 5 = (2 \bmod 5)^{3-2} r_5 \Rightarrow 4 = 2 r_5 \Rightarrow \boxed{r_5 = 2}$$

Same question for $r_3 = \text{Res}(\phi_3(A), \phi_3(B)) = \text{Res}(A \bmod 3, B \bmod 3)$

Answer: $\phi_3(\text{Res}(A, B)) = \phi_3(\text{LC}(A))^{\deg B - \deg \phi_3(B)} r_3$

$$\phi_3(B) = x + 1 \Rightarrow \phi_3(\text{Res}(A, B)) = -1296 \bmod 3 = 0$$

$$= (2 \bmod 3)^{3-1} = r_3 \bmod 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{r_3 = 0}$$

Question 2 Can we use Proposition 1 (sorry, I wrote Proposition 2) to compute $r_2 = \text{Res}(\phi_2(A), \phi_2(B)) = \text{Res}(A \bmod 2, B \bmod 2)$? Compute anyway r_2 .

Answer: To use Proposition 1, we need $\phi(\text{LC}(A)) \neq 0$ or $\phi(\text{LC}(B)) \neq 0$.

But $\phi_2(\text{LC}(A)) = \phi_2(\text{LC}(B)) = 0$, so we cannot use Prop. 1.

$$\phi_2(A) = x - 1 \quad \phi_2(B) = x + 1 \Rightarrow r_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \bmod 2 = 0$$

Exercise 4 Let R be an integral domain (Lect. II, Def. 7... like $R = \mathbb{Z}$ or $R = k[Y]$)
Let $A, B, C \in R[X]$. Show the formula:

$$\text{Res}(AB, C) = \text{Res}(A, C)\text{Res}(B, C)$$

(advice: use the formulas of Theorem 1, Slide 9)

Answer: Let $K = \text{Frac}(R)$ (i.e. $K = \mathbb{Q}$ if $R = \mathbb{Z}$,
 $K = k(Y)$ if $R = k[Y]$)

Let \bar{K} the algebraic closure of K .

All the roots of A , B and C are in \bar{K} . So we can write:

$$A = a(x - \alpha_1) \cdots (x - \alpha_n) \quad B = b(x - \beta_1) \cdots (x - \beta_m) \quad C = c(x - \gamma_1) \cdots (x - \gamma_r)$$

By Eq. (1) of Theorem 1, we have:

$$\text{Res}(AB, C) = (ab)^r c^{m+n} \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq j \leq r}} (\alpha_i - \gamma_j) \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq r}} (\beta_i - \gamma_j)$$

$$= \left(a^r c^m \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq r}} \alpha_i - \gamma_j \right) \left(b^r c^n \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq j \leq r}} \beta_i - \gamma_j \right) = \text{Res}(A, C) \text{Res}(B, C)$$

Exercise 5 Cf. File "Test5-Ex6-correction.nb" on the webpage !!!