

# Subresultants and the Shape Lemma

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# Subresultants

For  $0 \leq t < \min\{m, n\}$ ,

$$\text{Sres}_t(f, g, x_1)$$

=

$$x_1^{m+n-2t}$$

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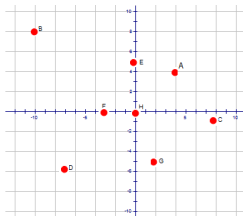
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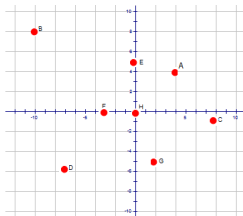
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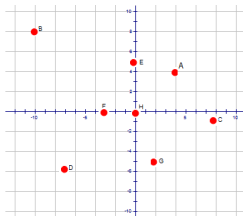
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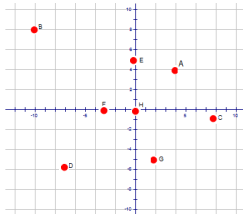
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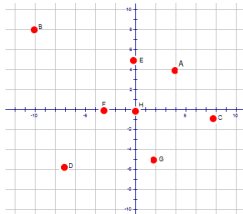
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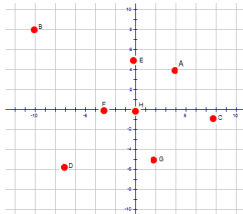


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