

# Determinants and Resultants in Elimination Theory

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Gröbner free methods and their  
applications



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In the problem of **elimination**, one seeks the relationship that must exist between the coefficients of a function or system of functions in order that some particular circumstance (or singularity) can occur.

Cayley, 1864 Nouvelles recherches sur l'élimination et la théorie des courbes



# Elimination Theory 2

A system of arbitrarily many algebraic equations for  $z^0, z', z'', \dots, z^{(n-1)}$ , in which the coefficients belong to the rationality domain  $(R, R', R'', \dots)$ , define the algebraic relations between  $z$  and  $R$ , whose knowledge and representation are the purpose of the **theory of elimination**.

Kronecker, 1882 Grundzüge einer arithmetischen Theorie der algebraischen Größen



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$$a_{10}a_{21} - a_{20}a_{11} \in \mathbb{K}[a_{10}, a_{11}, a_{20}, a_{21}]$$

(K any field)

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Let  $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ . Find “the conditions” for the system of polynomials

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Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $d_1, \dots, d_{n+1} \in \mathbb{N}$ , find the condition for

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} \sum_{\alpha_0+\dots+\alpha_n=d_1} a_{1,\alpha_0,\dots,\alpha_n} x_0^{\alpha_0} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n} & = & 0 \\ \\ \sum_{\alpha_0+\dots+\alpha_n=d_2} a_{2,\alpha_0,\dots,\alpha_n} x_0^{\alpha_0} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n} & = & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \quad \vdots \\ \\ \sum_{\alpha_0+\dots+\alpha_n=d_{n+1}} a_{n+1,\alpha_0,\dots,\alpha_n} x_0^{\alpha_0} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n} & = & 0 \end{array} \right.$$

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# Elimination: The general problem

For  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_N)$ ,  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  
 $f_1(\mathbf{a}, x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, f_k(\mathbf{a}, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in$   
 $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{a}, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Find conditions on  $\mathbf{a}$  such that

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Conditions: all maximal minors of  $(a_{ij})_{1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq n}$   
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Analogy with Linear Algebra...

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Row operations}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

The diagram shows a matrix transformation. A blue curved arrow on the left points from the first row to the second row. A blue curved arrow on the right points from the second row to the third row. A vertical blue arrow points downwards between the two rows, indicating the sequence of operations.

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Res<sub>d<sub>1</sub>, ..., d<sub>n</sub></sub>(f<sub>1</sub>, f<sub>2</sub>, ..., f<sub>n+1</sub>)  
Macaulay/dense/classical resultant

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# Known cases

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$$\text{Res}_{1,1,\dots,1} = \det(a_{ij})_{1 \leq i \leq n+1, 0 \leq j \leq n}$$

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