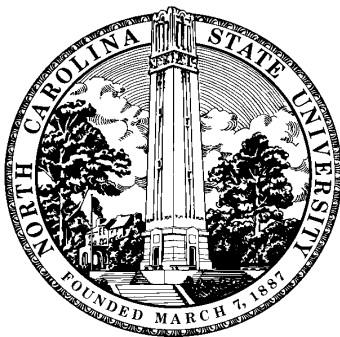


*Essentially Optimal Interactive Certificates  
in Linear Algebra*

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Fancy setting: Certificates are produced by the “prover (Peggy)” in the Cloud, which the “verifier (Victor)” client user checks

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What it is NOT: programs that check their results [Blum et al.]

What it is: limiting prover power in delegated computation [Goldwasser et. al. 2008]: more on this later

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### **Non-singularity certificate**

Smallish prime  $p$ ,  $L, U \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{n \times n}$ ,  $P$  permut. matrix

Verify  $(A \bmod p) \equiv LUP \pmod{p}$  as above

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### Rank certificate [Kaltofen, Nehring, Saunders 2011]

List of  $2n^{1+o(1)}$  smallish primes  $p_i, L^{[i]}, U^{[i]}, P^{[i]}$  with

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(U^{[i]}) \quad \text{and} \quad L^{[i]}AP^{[i]} \equiv U^{[i]} \pmod{p_i}$$

Verify for random  $j$  rank of  $U^{[j]}$  and modular row echelon form

Note: only  $n^{1+o(1)}$  bad  $p_i$  that can lie about the rank undetectably

But: certificate occupies  $n^{3+o(1)}$  bit space

## Bit complexity of the Determinant/Rank

$\omega$ : matrix-multiplication exponent: best  $\omega = 2.372864$

$\log \|A\|$ : bit-size of entries in  $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times n}$

Det with Chinese remaindering:  $(n \cdot \log \|A\|)^{1+o(1)} \times n^\omega$

Monte-Carlo Rank = Rank modulo a random smallish prime

$$(n^2 \log \|A\| + n^\omega \log \log \|A\|)^{1+o(1)}$$

Monte-Carlo Rank  $r = n^{2/\omega+o(1)}$ :  $(n^2 \log \|A\|)^{1+o(1)}$

[Essentially optimal!]

Las-Vegas Det + Rank:  $(n^\omega \log \|A\|)^{1+o(1)}$

[Storjohann 2002, 2009]

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Verification: rerun Storjohann's algorithms, making the same random choices and instead of the matrix multiplications, verify the  $AB = C$  by Freivalds's algorithm

It's like running the det/rank algorithms with a quadratic matrix multiplication procedure

# Baby steps/giant steps bit complexity exponent $\eta$ via block Wiedemann [Kaltofen&Villard 2001, 2004]

	$\omega$	$\zeta$	$\eta$	$\sigma$	$\tau$
1	$\omega$	$\zeta$	$\omega + \frac{1-\zeta}{\omega^2-(2+\zeta)\omega+2}$	$1 - \frac{\omega-(1+\zeta)}{\omega^2-(2+\zeta)\omega+2}$	$\frac{\omega-2}{\omega^2-(2+\zeta)\omega+2}$
2	2.372864	0.3029805	2.694691*	0.506016	0.172158
3	$\omega$	0	$\omega + \frac{1}{(\omega-1)^2+1}$	$1 - \frac{\omega-1}{(\omega-1)^2+1}$	$\frac{\omega-2}{(\omega-1)^2+1}$
4	3	0	$3 + \frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$
5	$\log_2(7)$	0	3.041738	0.576388	0.189230
6	2.372864	0	2.719514	0.524070	0.129253
7	2	0	$2 + \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0

\*Best known for MINPOLY, CHARPOLY, FROBENIUS, SMITH  
—all Monte-Carlo  
[Also best known for **algebraic division-free** Determinant]

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where  $f^W$  is CHARPOLY/MINPOLY( $W$ )

# Certification of Lower Bounds

Emil Artin's 1927 Theorem (Hilbert's 17th Problem)

$$f \in \mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]: \quad f \succeq 0$$



$$\exists u_i, v_j \in \mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]: \quad f(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m u_i^2}{\sum_{j=1}^m v_j^2}$$



$$\exists \text{rational } W^{[1]} \succeq 0, W^{[2]} \succeq 0: \quad f = \frac{m_d^T W^{[1]} m_d}{m_e^T W^{[2]} m_e}$$

with  $m_d(X_1, \dots, X_n), m_e(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  vectors of terms

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$\iff W = PLD L^T P^T$ ,  $D$  diagonal,  $D_{i,i} \geq 0$  (Cholesky)

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but given  $v$ ,  $x$  cannot be computed fast [Discrete Log Problem]



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# Non-Interactive Proof of Knowledge Protocol

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	$\longleftarrow p$	Chooses smallish $p$ randomly
Computes LUP factorization of $A$ modulo $p$	$\xrightarrow{L^{[p]}, U^{[p]}, P}$	Checks $L^{[p]}AP \equiv U^{[p]} \pmod{p}$ via Freivalds algorithm Then $r = \text{rank}(U^{[p]})$ w.h.p

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**Thaler 2012:** Better prover complexity:  $O(\text{size}(C_N))$

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- Independent of the circuits that compute them: expose bugs in  $C_N$
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Thank you!

"End Key" wrong!