Reducing number field defining polynomials: An application to class group computations

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Aim: Compute the structure of the class group.

State of the art

Subexponential L-notation :

 $L_N(0,c)\approx (\log N)^c \qquad L_N(1,c)\approx N^c$

 $L_N(\alpha, c) = \exp\left((c + o(1))(\log N)^{\alpha} (\log \log N)^{1-\alpha}\right).$

- Based on index calculus method
- Work from Biasse and Fieker, 2014

General case

Under GRH and smoothness heuristics, they have an $L_{|\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}|}(\frac{2}{3} + \varepsilon)$ algorithm for class group and unit group computation and an $L_{|\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}|}(\frac{1}{2})$ one if $n \leq \log(|\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}|)^{3/4-\varepsilon}$.

Conditional case

If K is defined by a *good* polynomial, we may reach a runtime in $L_{|\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}|}(a)$, with $\frac{1}{3} \le a < \frac{1}{2}$.

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$x^3 - 482665x^2 + 773338x - 308749$	$x^3 - x^2 - 3210x + 61325$
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$x^3 - 6665x^2 - 4318x - 2977$	$x^3 + 336681x - 419200237$
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By construction, $|\tilde{\nu}(\theta_F)_i| \le 1$ and $\|\tilde{\nu}(\theta_F)\|_2 \le \sqrt{n}$.

Differences between the two algorithms

Shape of the vectors found by the algorithm of Cohen:

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As the constant coefficient of the polynomial is the product of all the roots, we prefer vectors of the second family.

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First general subexponential algorithm.

Special case:



Only if **K** is defined by *T* such that $H(T) = L_{|\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}|} (1 - \alpha)$.

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Without any condition.

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Magma V2.19-10 has class group computation not as optimized as in V2.22, but works with the input polynomial:

- with T: about 140 seconds,
- with the "reduced" one: about 3240 seconds.

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