

# The Berkowitz algorithm

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$$C(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) \stackrel{T_1}{=} \det(A_r - \lambda I_r) \cdot (Ann - \lambda) - R^T \text{adj}(A_r - \lambda I_r) S.$$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{A_r - \lambda I_r} & \vdots \\ \vdots & Ann - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$r = n-1$

$$\stackrel{T_2}{=} C_r(\lambda)(Ann - \lambda) - R^T \left( - \sum_{k=1}^r \sum_{j=0}^{r-k} C_{k+j} A_r^j \lambda^{k-1} \right) S$$

$$= C_r(\lambda)(Ann - \lambda) + \sum_{k=1}^r \sum_{j=0}^{r-k} C_{k+j} (R^T A_r^j S) \lambda^{k-1}$$

compute recursively.  $Q_j \in R.$


$$Q_0 = R^T \cdot I_r \cdot S$$

$$Q_1 = R^T \cdot A_r \cdot S$$

$$Q_2 = R^T \cdot A_r^2 \cdot S$$

$$Q_3 = R^T \cdot A_r^3 \cdot S$$

Method ①

$B \leftarrow I_r \quad Q_0 \leftarrow R^T \cdot S$    $r$  mults

for  $j$  to  $r-1$  do

$B \leftarrow A_r \cdot B \quad // \quad B = A_r^j$   $r^3$  mults

$Q_j \leftarrow R^T \cdot (B \cdot S)$   $r^2 + r$  mults.

od;

Costs  $\sum_{r=1}^{n-1} r + (r-1)(r^3 + r^2 + r) \in O(n^5).$

$$Q_3 \quad R^T (A_r (A_r (A_r S)))$$

$Q_3 \quad Q_2 \quad Q_1$

## Method ②

$Q_0 \leftarrow R^T \cdot S$   $r$  mults

for  $j$  to  $r-1$  do

$S \leftarrow A_r \cdot S$   $r^2$  mults

$Q_j \leftarrow R^T \cdot S$   $r$  mults

od;

Cost  $\sum_{r=1}^{n-1} r + (r-1)(r^2 + r) \in O(n^4).$

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Input  $A \in R^{n \times n}$ ,  $R$  a ring.  
Output  $\det(A - \lambda I)$ .

if  $n=1$  then output  $A_{11} - \lambda$ .

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_r & S \\ -R^T & A_{n-n} \end{bmatrix}$   
 $r = n-1$ .

Compute  $C_r(\lambda) = \text{Berkowitz}(A_r) = \det(A_r - \lambda I_r)$ .

$Q_0 = R^T \cdot S$

for  $j$  from 1 to  $r-1$  do

$S \leftarrow A_r \cdot S$

$Q_j \leftarrow R^T \cdot S$

od;

$C_n(\lambda) \leftarrow C_r(\lambda) \cdot (A_{n-n} - \lambda) + \sum_{k=1}^r \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{r-k} C_{r-k+j} Q_j \right] \lambda^{k-1}$

output  $C_n(\lambda)$ .

Remark. If  $A$  is a sparse matrix

e.g. each row of  $A$  has 3

$Q_0 \leftarrow R^T \cdot S$  —  $r$  mults  
 for  $j$  from 1 to  $r-1$  do

$S \leftarrow A_r \cdot S$  — **3r** mults

$Q_j \leftarrow R^T \cdot S$  —  $r$  mults

od;

Cost:  $\sum_{r=1}^n r + (r-1)(4r) \in O(n^3)$

non-zero entries.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & 0 & x & 0 & x \\ 0 & x & x & x & 0 \\ x & x & 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & & \vdots & & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$