

# Calcium: computing in exact real and complex fields

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## Motivation

Current computer algebra systems are quite good when it comes to working in (structures over) fields like these:

$$\mathbb{F}_7 \quad \mathbb{Q} \quad \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$$

These fields are more problematic:

$$\mathbb{R} \quad \mathbb{C}$$

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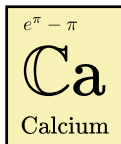
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# Calcium



- C library for exact real and complex numbers, polynomials, matrices
- Includes a Python interface  
In progress: Julia interface (in Nemo.jl)
- <http://fredrikj.net/calcium/>
- **Demo notebook:**  
<https://mybinder.org/v2/gh/fredrik-johansson/calcium/HEAD?filepath=doc%2Fintroduction.ipynb>

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```
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>>> A = ca_mat([[0,X],[0,0]]); A.rank()
0
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```
> build/examples/huge_expr
Evaluating N... (...) Equal = T_TRUE
Total: cpu/wall(s): 8.462 8.464
```

## Idea: automatically constructing subfields of $\mathbb{C}$

Field elements:  $z \in K$ ,  $K = \mathbb{Q}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

Extension numbers  $a_k \in \mathbb{C}$ :

- $\sqrt{2}, i, \dots$
- $\pi, e^{2\sqrt{2}+\pi i}, \log(2\pi), \dots$
- Black box computable numbers (todo)

Need algorithms for:

- Arithmetic
- Choosing and simplifying extension numbers
- Predicates (example:  $z = 0$ ?) - **not decidable, but can have partial algorithms (e.g. for  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ )**

## Previous work and inspiration

Implementations of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ :

- SageMath - hybrid representation
- Magma (by Allan Steel) - multivariate representation

Transcendental numbers:

- Theoretical work (Richardson's algorithm, D-finite numbers)
- Mathematica, Maple, ...

Dependencies:

- Flint (polynomials - credits to Bill Hart & Daniel Schultz)
- Arb (ball arithmetic)
- Antic (number fields)

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```
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0.141593 {a-3 where a = 3.14159 [Pi]}

>>> (pi**2 - 9) / (pi + 3) - (pi - 3)
0

>>> (pi**2 - 9) / (pi + 3) == pi - 3
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1.61803 {(a+1)/2 where a = 2.23607 [a^2-5=0]}

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Example:  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\log(i), \pi, i) \cong \text{Frac}(\mathbb{Q}[X_1, X_2, X_3]/I)$   
where  $I = \langle 2X_1 - X_2X_3, X_3^2 + 1 \rangle$

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(proof: Gröbner bases)

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Efficiency reasons:

- $\mathbb{Q}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  with many algebraic  $a_k \rightarrow$  many, HUGE polynomials in  $I$

## Working with an incomplete ideal

Instead of computing  $I$ , compute some *reduction ideal*  $I_{\text{red}} \subseteq I$ :

$$\mathbb{Q}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \stackrel{?}{\cong} \text{Frac}(\mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]/I_{\text{red}})$$

Can use the map  $\mu$  (numerical evaluation) as certificate of nonvanishing for given  $z \in K$



## Asymmetric zero test

**Algorithm:** test if  $z = 0$  where  $z \cong p/q$

1. **[Algebraic  $z = 0$  test]**  
If  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{I_{\text{red}}}$ , return True.
2. **[Algebraic  $z \neq 0$  test]**  
If  $I_{\text{red}} = I$ , return False.
3. **[Numerical  $z \neq 0$  test]**  
Using ball arithmetic, compute an enclosure  $E$  with  $\mu(p) \in E$ .  
If  $0 \notin E$ , return False.
4. **[Iterate]**  
Attempt to find a new set of relations  $J$  with  $J \subseteq I$ , and set  
 $I_{\text{red}} \leftarrow I_{\text{red}} \cup J$ . Increase precision. Goto 1.

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False
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Limits exceeded:

```
>>> (A + (1 - exp(exp(-10000))))).det() == 0
...
NotImplementedError: unable to decide predicate: equal
```

# Ideal construction

Heuristics to construct  $I_{\text{red}}$ :

- Direct algebraic relations:  $a_k \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,  $a_k = \sqrt{z}$ , etc.
- Log-linear relations:  $m_1 \log(a_1) + \dots + m_k \log(a_k) = 0$ 
  - LLL gives basis matrix of potential relations
  - Verification through recursive computations in simpler fields
- Exp-multiplicative relations:  $a_1^{m_1} \dots a_k^{m_k} = 1$
- Functional equations:  $\Gamma(z+1) = z\Gamma(z)$ , etc.
- Other algebraic relations: resultants, Vieta's formulas, etc.

# Elementary numbers

$\mathbb{E}$  = field generated by  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\cdot$ ,  $/$ ,  $\exp$ ,  $\log$

$\mathbb{L}$  = field generated by  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\cdot$ ,  $/$ ,  $\exp$ ,  $\log$ , polynomial roots

**Richardson's algorithm** (extremely rough explanation): assuming Schanuel's conjecture, all relations arise from some combination of:

- Log-linear relations:  $\log(ab) = \log(a) + \log(b) + 2\pi ik$
- Exp-multiplicative relations:  $e^{a+b} = e^a e^b$
- Identical vanishing of algebraic functions:  
 $\sqrt{\log(2)^2} - \log(2) = 0$  because  $\sqrt{x^2} - x \equiv 0$   
(on the local branch)

Very far from a complete implementation...

## Some neat examples

$$\sqrt{5 + 2\sqrt{6}} = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$$

```
>>> sqrt(5 + 2*sqrt(6))
3.14626 {a where a = 3.14626 [Sqrt(9.89898 {2*b+5})], b =
  2.44949 [b^2-6=0]}
>>> sqrt(2) + sqrt(3)
3.14626 {a+b where a = 1.73205 [a^2-3=0], b = 1.41421 [b
  ^2-2=0]}

>>> sqrt(5 + 2*sqrt(6)) - sqrt(2) - sqrt(3)
0e-1126 {a-c-d where a = 3.14626 [Sqrt(9.89898 {2*b+5})],
  b = 2.44949 [b^2-6=0], c = 1.73205 [c^2-3=0], d =
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>>> sqrt(5 + 2*sqrt(6)) == sqrt(2) + sqrt(3)
True
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$$\frac{\log(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})}{\log(5 + 2\sqrt{6})} = \frac{1}{2}$$

```
>>> log(5+2*sqrt(6))
2.29243 {a where a = 2.29243 [Log(9.89898 {2*b+5})], b =
  2.44949 [b^2-6=0]}

>>> log(sqrt(2)+sqrt(3))
1.14622 {a where a = 1.14622 [Log(3.14626 {b+c})], b =
  1.73205 [b^2-3=0], c = 1.41421 [c^2-2=0]}

>>> log(sqrt(2)+sqrt(3)) / log(5+2*sqrt(6))
0.500000 {1/2}
```



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$$i^i = \exp\left(\frac{\pi}{\left(\left(\sqrt{-2}\right)^{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{\sqrt{2}}}\right)$$

```
>>> i**i
0.207880 {a where a = 0.207880 [Pow(1.00000*I {b},
    1.00000*I {b})], b = I [b^2+1=0]}

>>> exp(pi / (sqrt(-2)**sqrt(2))**sqrt(2))
0.207880 {a where a = 0.207880 [Exp(-1.57080 {(-b)/2})],
    b = 3.14159 [Pi]}

>>> i**i - exp(pi / (sqrt(-2)**sqrt(2))**sqrt(2))
0
```

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$$4 \operatorname{atan}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) - \operatorname{atan}\left(\frac{1}{239}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

```
>>> 4*atan(ca(1)/5) - atan(ca(1)/239)
0.785398 + 0e-34*I {(a*c-4*b*c)/2 where a = 0e-35 +
  0.00836815*I [Log(0.999965 + 0.00836805*I {(239*c
  +28560)/28561})], b = 0e-34 + 0.394791*I [Log(0.923077
  + 0.384615*I {(5*c+12)/13})], c = I [c^2+1=0]}

>>> pi/4
0.785398 {(a)/4 where a = 3.14159 [Pi]}

>>> 4*atan(ca(1)/5) - atan(ca(1)/239) - pi/4
0
```

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$$\operatorname{erf}(e^{\pi i/3}) - \operatorname{erfc}(e^{-2\pi i/3}) = -1$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(\pi + 1)}{\Gamma(\pi)} = \pi$$

```
>>> erf(exp(pi*i/3)) - erfc(exp(-2*pi*i/3))  
-1  
  
>>> gamma(pi+1) / gamma(pi) == pi  
True
```

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$$\log \left( \exp \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
>>> A = ca_mat([[1,1],[1,2]])
>>> A.exp()[0,0]
4.84921 {(-a*c+5*a+b*c+5*b)/10 where a = 13.7087 [Exp
(2.61803 {(c+3)/2})], b = 1.46516 [Exp(0.381966 {(-c
+3)/2})], c = 2.23607 [c^2-5=0]}
>>> A.exp().log()[0,0]
1
>>> A.exp().log() == A
True
```

## But also limitations...

$$\log \left( \exp \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
>>> B = ca_mat([[1,-1],[-1,-1]])
>>> B.exp().log()[0,0]
1.00000 {(-b*d*f+b*e*f)/(2*c) where a = 1.41421 [Log
(4.11325 {(c+d+e)/2})], b = -1.41421 [Log(0.243117 {(-
c+d+e)/2})], c = 3.87013 [Sqrt(14.9779 {d^2+e^2-2})],
d = 4.11325 [Exp(1.41421 {f})], e = 0.243117 [Exp
(-1.41421 {-f})], f = 1.41421 [f^2-2=0]}
>>> B.exp().log() == B
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
NotImplementedError: unable to decide equality
```

# Benchmark: naive DFT + zero test (times in seconds)

$$\mathbf{x} - \text{DFT}^{-1}(\text{DFT}(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{x} = (x_n)_{n=0}^{N-1}$$

$x_{n-2}$	$N$	Sage $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$	Sage SR	SymPy	Maple	MMA	<b>Calcium</b>
$n$	8	0.018	0.11	1.1	0.0060	0.057	0.00016
	20	0.14	172	fail	0.13	0.96	0.00045
	100	8.2	fail	fail	9.1	> 60	0.044
$\sqrt{n}$	20	> $10^3$	208	fail	1.1	2.3	0.064
	100	> $10^3$	fail	fail	> $10^3$	> 60	17
$\log(n)$	20	-	188	fail	0.74	45	0.043
	100	-	fail	fail	> $10^3$	> 60	26
$e^{2\pi i/n}$	20	> $10^3$	329	fail	fail	> 60	0.24
	100	> $10^3$	fail	fail	> $10^3$	> 60	86*
$\frac{1}{1+n\pi}$	20	-	219	fail	2.4	> 60	0.12
	100	-	fail	fail	> $10^3$	> 60	202
$\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{n\pi}}$	8	-	0.76	22	0.074	2.6	0.072
	20	-	fail	fail	> $10^3$	> 60	62

## Practical implementation concerns

- Computing  $I_{\text{red}} \subseteq I$ : efficient algorithms, cost/benefit...
- Choosing extension numbers:  $\mathbb{Q}(e^{a+b})$  vs  $\mathbb{Q}(e^a, e^b), \dots$
- Ordering extension numbers:  $e^\pi \succ \pi \succ i$
- Ordering monomials: lex, deglex, etc.
  - Cost of Gröbner basis computation, size of polynomials
- Normalizing fractions
  - Always remove content in  $\mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ ?
  - Rationalizing denominators

## Non-canonical fractions

Problem:  $f, g$  reduced modulo  $I$  and coprime in  $\mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$   
 $\not\Rightarrow \frac{f}{g}$  in canonical form

```
>>> a = exp(pi)
>>> b = exp(-pi)
>>> a*b
1
```

```
>>> a
23.1407 {a where ...}
>>> (a**3 - 2*a + b) / (a**2 + b**2 - 2)
23.1407 {(a^3-2*a+b)/(a^2+b^2-2) where ...}
```

```
>>> (a**3 - 2*a + b) / (a**2 + b**2 - 2) - a
0
```



## Solutions and workarounds

- Always rationalize the denominator
  - Practical in simple cases
- Compute polynomial GCD over  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  instead of  $\mathbb{Q}$ 
  - Only applicable in some cases, potentially expensive
- General algorithm for simplifying or canonicalizing fractions modulo an ideal: Monagan and Pearce (2006)
  - Uses Gröbner bases over modules, potentially expensive
- Use algorithms that minimize divisions

# Determinant of $A_{i,j} = \sqrt{i+j-1}, 1 \leq i, j \leq 5$

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{7}, \sqrt{6}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{2}) \stackrel{?}{\cong} \text{Frac}(\mathbb{Q}[a, b, c, d, e] / \langle a^2-7, b^2-6, c^2-5, d^2-3, e^2-2, b-de \rangle)$$

Gaussian elimination:

$$\begin{aligned} & (156829688*a*c*d*e-221693656*a*c*d+271638392*a*c*e-383986048*a*c \\ & +274164856*a*d*e-387945384*a*d+474865368*a*e-671936784*a+361353464* \\ & c*d*e-510531104*c*d+625886152*c*e-884270248*c+959654264*d*e \\ & -1358274640*d+1662163432*e-2352590040) / (18200*a*c*d*e-25732*a*c*d \\ & +31512*a*c*e-44565*a*c+324056*a*d*e-458284*a*d+561288*a*e-793807*a \\ & +847420*c*d*e-1198107*c*d+1467772*c*e-2075132*c+1068396*d*e \\ & -1511729*d+1850596*e-2618400) \end{aligned}$$

Bareiss algorithm (fraction-free Gauss):

$$\begin{aligned} & (-28*a*c*d*e+48*a*c*d+20*a*c*e-116*a*c+460*a*d*e-520*a*d+332*a*e-532*a \\ & +348*c*d*e-516*c*d-332*c*e+120*c+548*d*e-388*d+1660*e-2144) / (c*d \\ & -2*c+4*d*e-3*d-4) \end{aligned}$$

Cofactor expansion or Berkowitz algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} & -4*a*c*d-20*a*c*e-24*a*c-4*a*d*e+8*a*d+136*a-28*c*d*e-116*c*d-88*c*e+64* \\ & c+112*d*e+164*d-60*e+244 \end{aligned}$$

## Things to do

- Lots of basic implementation work
- Efficient Gröbner basis computation
- Better algorithms for dealing with fractions fields
- Better algorithms for algebraic number fields
- Implement more of Richardson's algorithm
- Better algorithms for real trigonometric functions, etc.
- Speed up integer relations
- Efficient extension  $\mathbb{Q}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$
- Beyond elementary numbers: periods, D-finite numbers, multiple zeta values, ...

The end

No, thank *you*!