

Solving the Cubic

- Given $p(x) = x^3 + ax + b$ find $C = q(W) = q_1W + q_2W^2$
- Characteristic polynomial of $q(W)$ is $x^3 - 3q_1q_2x - (q_1^3 + q_2^3)$
- q_1 and $q_2 = \left\{ \frac{-b}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{4} + \frac{a^3}{27}} \right\}^{1/3}$
- Roots of p will be $q(1) = q_1 + q_2$, $q(\omega) = q_1\omega + q_2\omega^2$, and
 $q(\omega^2) = q_1\omega^2 + q_2\omega$ where $\omega = \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- If $\frac{b^2}{4} + \frac{a^3}{27} < 0$ we need a cuberoot of a complex number.
How do we find that?

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- Example: what is $\sqrt[3]{\frac{365}{108} + i\frac{97}{24}}$?
- Convert to polar coordinates:
 $\frac{365}{108} + i\frac{97}{24} = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$
- One cube root will be $\sqrt[3]{r} \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{3} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{3} \right)$
- $\sqrt[3]{r} = \sqrt[6]{\left(\frac{365}{108}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{97}{24}\right)^2}$, $\frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} \frac{97/24}{365/108} = \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} \frac{873}{730}$
- Calculator: $\sqrt[3]{r} \cong 1.740051085$, $\frac{\theta}{3} \cong .2914567945$
- Calculator: $\sqrt[3]{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{3} \cong 1.666666667$, $\sqrt[3]{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{3} \cong .5000000000$
- This suggests $\sqrt[3]{\frac{365}{108} + i\frac{97}{24}} = \frac{5}{3} + i\frac{1}{2}$.
- In exact arithmetic, we can confirm that
 $\left(\frac{5}{3} + i\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{365}{108} + i\frac{97}{24}$ proving $\sqrt[3]{\frac{365}{108} + i\frac{97}{24}} = \frac{5}{3} + i\frac{1}{2}$.

Solving Quartics with Circulants

- As with cubics, we consider only *reduced* quartic polynomials.
- For example: $p(x) = x^4 - 4x^2 + 8x + 35$.
- We want to find a 4x4 circulant matrix C (with 0 diagonal) having $p(x)$ for its characteristic polynomial.

- That means C will have the form
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ q_3 & 0 & q_1 & q_2 \\ q_2 & q_3 & 0 & q_1 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- And $C = q_1W + q_2W^2 + q_3W^3$

- Characteristic polynomial is
$$\det \begin{bmatrix} x & -q_1 & -q_2 & -q_3 \\ -q_3 & x & -q_1 & -q_2 \\ -q_2 & -q_3 & x & -q_1 \\ -q_1 & -q_2 & -q_3 & x \end{bmatrix}$$



$\det(\{\{x,-q_1,-q_2,-q_3\},\{-q_3,x,-q_1,-q_2\},\{-q_2,-q_3,x,-q_1\},\{-q_1,-q_2,-q_3,x\}\})$

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Input interpretation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & -q_1 & -q_2 & -q_3 \\ -q_3 & x & -q_1 & -q_2 \\ -q_2 & -q_3 & x & -q_1 \\ -q_1 & -q_2 & -q_3 & x \end{bmatrix}$$

Result: $-2q_2^2x^2 - 4q_1q_3x^2 - 4q_2q_3^2x - 4q_1^2q_2x - q_1^4 + q_2^4 - q_3^4 + 2q_1^2q_3^2 - 4q_1q_2^2q_3 + x^4$

$$x^4 - (4q_3q_1 + 2q_2^2)x^2 - 4q_2(q_1^2 + q_3^2)x + (q_2^4 - q_1^4 - q_3^4 - 4q_1q_3q_2^2 + 2q_1^2q_3^2)$$

Want this to equal $p(x) = x^4 - 4x^2 + 8x + 35$.

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Want this to equal $p(x) = x^4 - 4x^2 + 8x + 35$.

Solve this system for the q 's:

$$4q_3q_1 + 2q_2^2 = 4$$

$$-4q_2(q_1^2 + q_3^2) = 8$$

$$q_2^4 - q_1^4 - q_3^4 + 2q_1^2q_3^2 - 4q_1q_3q_2^2 = 35$$

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$$2q_3q_1 = 2 - q_2^2$$

$$(q_1^2 + q_3^2) = -\frac{2}{q_2}$$

$$q_2^4 - \frac{4}{q_2^2} + (2 - q_2^2)^2 - 2(2 - q_2^2)q_2^2 = 35$$

$$q_2^6 - 4 + q_2^2(q_2^4 - 4q_2^2 + 4) - 2q_2^4(2 - q_2^2) = 35q_2^2$$

$$4q_2^6 - 8q_2^4 - 31q_2^2 - 4 = 0$$

Let $z = q_2^2$: $4z^3 - 8z^2 - 31z - 4 = 0$

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- To reduce, factor: $4\left(z^3 - 2z^2 - \frac{31}{4}z - 1\right)$
- Let $z = u + \frac{2}{3}$ in $4z^3 - 8z^2 - 31z - 4 = 0$



Input:

$$4\left(u + \frac{2}{3}\right)^3 - 8\left(u + \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - 31\left(u + \frac{2}{3}\right) - 4$$

Alternate forms:

$$\frac{1}{27}(108u^3 - 981u - 730)$$

- Monic: $u^3 - \frac{109}{12}u - \frac{365}{54} = 0$

- $u^3 - \frac{109}{12}u - \frac{365}{54} = u^3 + au + b$

- Discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4}b^2 + \frac{1}{27}a^3 &= \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a}{3}\right)^3 = -\left(\frac{97}{24}\right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{365}{108}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{109}{36}\right)^3 \\ &= \left(\frac{365}{3 \cdot 36}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{109}{36}\right)^3 \\ &= \frac{36^3 \cdot 365^2 - 9 \cdot 36^2 \cdot 109^3}{108^2 \cdot 36^3} \\ &= \frac{36 \cdot 365^2 - 9 \cdot 109^3}{108^2 \cdot 36} \\ &= \frac{4 \cdot 365^2 - 109^3}{36^2 \cdot 36} = \frac{-81 \cdot 97^2}{36^2 \cdot 36} \end{aligned}$$

- $u = \sqrt[3]{\frac{365}{108} + i\frac{97}{24}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{365}{108} - i\frac{97}{24}} = \frac{5}{3} + i\frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{3} - i\frac{1}{2} = \frac{10}{3}$
- $z = u + \frac{2}{3} = 4$
- $q_2^2 = z = 4 \Rightarrow q_2 = \pm 2$
- We don't have to find all possible solutions – just one
- Let us consider the case $q_2 = 2$.
- $2q_3q_1 = 2 - q_2^2 = -2$ so $q_3q_1 = -1$ and $q_1^2q_3^2 = 1$.
- $(q_1^2 + q_3^2) = -\frac{2}{q_2} = -1$
- Again we have a sum/product system, so q_1^2 and q_3^2 must be the roots of the quadratic $t^2 + t + 1$. ie $q_1^2, q_3^2 = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$

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- These are the nonreal cuberoots of unity, and so expressible as $\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} \pm i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}$.
- If we take $q_1^2 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}$ then we can halve the angle to find $q_1 = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}$.
- Then we have to take $q_3 = \frac{-1}{q_1}$
- Since q_1 is a sixth root of unity, $\frac{1}{q_1} = \overline{q_1}$. Thus $q_3 = -\overline{q_1} = -(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}) = -\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}$

- We have found

$$q_1 = \frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad q_2 = 2 \text{ and } q_3 = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

- If these are correct, they give us a circulant for which the characteristic polynomial is our original quartic.
- The eigenvalues are:

$$q_1 + q_2 + q_3 = 2 + i\sqrt{3}, \quad -q_1 + q_2 - q_3 = 2 - i\sqrt{3}$$
$$iq_1 - q_2 - iq_3 = -2 + i, \quad -iq_1 - q_2 + iq_3 = -2 - i$$

- These are in fact the roots of our original quartic, which factors as

$$p(x) = (x^2 - 4x + 7)(x^2 + 4x + 5)$$

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