

# On the Complexity of the Montes Ideal Factorization Algorithm

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# Introduction

Suppose we have the following.

- $K$  : algebraic number field
- $\mathcal{O}_K$  : ring of integers
- $p$  : prime
- $\mathbf{Q}_p$  : field of  $p$ -adic numbers
- $\alpha$  : element of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$

- Factorization of  $p\mathcal{O}_K$  can be determined via polynomial factorization over  $\mathbf{Q}_p$ .
- **If**  $p \nmid [\mathcal{O}_K : \mathbf{Z}[\alpha]]$  **then** factorization modulo  $p$  (plus Hensel lifting) suffices.

**Complications arise** when  $p \mid [\mathcal{O}_K : \mathbf{Z}[\alpha]]$ .

- Zassenhaus —
  - Round Two (1965): *If an order is not  $p$ -maximal then it is a proper sub-order of its ( $p$ -local) coefficient ring.*
  - Round Four (1975): *Reducibility of a polynomial in  $\mathbf{Q}_p[X]$  is revealed when the  $\pi$ -adic expansion of a root becomes ambiguous.*
    - “one-element” variation: MAPLE, PARI
    - “two-element” variation: Magma
- Montes —
  - Berwick (1927), Ore (1928): *Partial factorizations of ideals via Newton polygons*
  - MacLane (1936): *Characterization of valuations of polynomial rings*
  - Montes (1999), Guàrdia, Montes, Nart (2008): *Exploitation of “higher order” Newton polygons to produce a complete ideal factorization algorithm*

## Elements of the Algorithm

The monic irreducible polynomial  $\Phi(X)$  in  $\mathbf{Z}[X]$  is given.

**Level 0.** Standard use of Newton polygons to find the  $p$ -adic valuations of roots of  $\Phi(X)$ .

**Level  $r$  ( $r \geq 1$ ).** Successive construction of the following:

- an irreducible monic polynomial  $\varphi_r(X)$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_p[X]$ ;
- a valuation  $V_r$  of  $\mathbf{Q}_p[X]$ ;
- the  $\varphi_r$ -adic expansion of  $\Phi(X)$ ;
- a finite field  $\mathbf{F}_{q_r}$ ;
- the Newton polygon  $\mathcal{N}_r(\Phi)$  of  $\Phi$  with respect to the valuation  $V_r$ ;
- a slope  $-d_r/e_r$ , with  $d_r$  and  $e_r$  coprime positive integers, of an edge of  $\mathcal{N}_r(\Phi)$ ;
- the “associated polynomial”  $\Psi_{\mathcal{S},\Phi}^{(r)}(Y) \in \mathbf{F}_{q_r}[Y]$  for each segment  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $\mathcal{N}_r(\Phi)$ ;
- a monic irreducible factor  $\psi_r$  of  $\Psi_{\mathcal{S},\Phi}^{(r)}$  with  $\xi_r$  a root of  $\psi_r$  and  $f_r = \deg \psi_r$ ;
- a valuation  $V_{r+1}$  of  $\mathbf{Q}_p[X]$ ;
- an irreducible monic polynomial  $\varphi_{r+1}(X) \in \mathbf{Z}_p[X]$ .

**Reducibility.** The polynomial  $\Phi(X)$  is reducible if, for some  $r \geq 0$ ,

- $\mathcal{N}_r(\Phi)$  has two or more edges, or
- $\Psi_{\mathcal{S},\Phi}^{(r)}(Y)$  has two or more irreducible factors in  $\mathbf{F}_{q^r}[Y]$ .

**Worst case.** The polynomial  $\Phi(X)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbf{Q}_p(X)$ .

- The Newton polygon at each level is a single segment.
- The algorithm reaches the maximum level.
- Veres (2009): complexity is  $O(n_{\Phi}^{3+\epsilon}\delta_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon})$ , with  $n_{\Phi} = \deg \Phi$  and  $\delta_{\Phi} = v_p(\text{disc } \Phi)$ .
- Ford & Veres (2010): complexity is  $O(n_{\Phi}^{3+\epsilon}\delta_{\Phi} + n_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon}\delta_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon})$ .

## Definitions and Notation

**Definition.** Let  $\varphi_0(X) = X$  and let  $V_0$  denote the standard  $p$ -adic valuation of  $\mathbf{Q}_p$ . For  $K(X) \in \mathbf{Q}_p[X]$  and  $r \geq 1$ , the level- $r$  Newton polygon of  $K$ , denoted  $\mathcal{N}_r(K)$ , is the Newton polygon of  $K$  with respect to the valuation  $V_r$  of  $\mathbf{Q}_p[X]$ , which can be defined recursively as

$$V_r(K) = \min \{ e_{r-1}V_{r-1}(A_{r-1,k}) + kV_r(\varphi_{r-1}) \mid 0 \leq k \leq n \}$$

with  $K(X) = \sum_{k=0}^n A_{r-1,k}(X) \varphi_{r-1}(X)^k$  the  $\varphi_{r-1}$ -adic expansion of  $K(X)$ .

*Remark.*  $\mathcal{N}_r(K)$  is the lower convex hull of the set

$$\{ (k, V_r(A_{r,k} \varphi_r^k)) \mid 0 \leq k \leq n, A_{r,k}(X) \neq 0 \},$$

and if  $\deg K < \deg \varphi_r$  then

$$\mathcal{N}_r(K) = \{(0, V_r(K))\}, \quad V_{r+1}(K) = e_r V_r(K).$$

**Definition.** For  $r \geq 1$  and  $K(X)$  a nonzero polynomial in  $\mathbf{Z}_p[X]$  we define  $\mathcal{S}_{r,K}$  to be the segment of  $\mathcal{N}_r(K)$  having slope  $-d_r/e_r$ .

**Definition.** For positive integers  $r$  and  $\nu$  we define

$$\alpha_{r,\nu} = \nu d_r^{-1} \mathbf{mod} e_r, \quad \beta_{r,\nu} = (\nu - \alpha_{r,\nu} d_r)/e_r, \quad \mathcal{T}_{r,\nu} = \{ (\alpha_{r,\nu} + \lambda e_r, \beta_{r,\nu} - \lambda d_r) \mid 0 \leq \lambda \leq \lfloor \beta_{r,\nu}/d_r \rfloor \}.$$

*Remark.* If  $\mathcal{L}$  is the line through the point  $(0, \nu/e_r)$  with slope  $-d_r/e_r$  then  $\mathcal{T}_{r,\nu}$  is the longest segment of  $\mathcal{L}$  with endpoints having nonnegative integer coordinates.

**Definition.** For  $r \geq 0$  we define

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mu}_r &= 0, & \bar{\nu}_r &= 0, & \text{if } r &= 0, \\ \bar{\mu}_r &= d_{r-1} + e_{r-1} \bar{\nu}_{r-1}, & \bar{\nu}_r &= e_{r-1} f_{r-1} \bar{\mu}_r, & \text{if } r &\geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

*Remark.* For  $r \geq 1$  it is easily seen that  $\bar{\mu}_r = V_r(\varphi_{r-1})$  and  $\bar{\nu}_r = V_r(\varphi_r)$ .

## Associated Polynomial

**Definition.** Let  $r \geq 0$ , let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be nonnegative integers, and let  $\mathcal{S}$  be an arbitrary segment of slope  $-d_r/e_r$  with left endpoint  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Let  $m_0 = 0$  and for  $r \geq 1$  and  $k \geq 0$  define

$$m_r = (1/d_r) \bmod e_r, \quad \Theta(\mathcal{S}, r, k) = \left\lfloor m_{r-1} \frac{(\beta - kd_r) - (\alpha + ke_r) \bar{\nu}_r}{e_{r-1}} \right\rfloor,$$

$$\Omega_r = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r = 1, \\ \Omega_{r-1}^{e_{r-1} f_{r-1}} \xi_{r-1}^{m_{r-1} f_{r-1} \bar{\mu}_r} & \text{if } r > 1, \end{cases} \quad \Gamma_{\mathcal{S}, r, k} = \Omega_r^{\alpha + ke_r} \xi_{r-1}^{\Theta(\mathcal{S}, r, k)} \in \mathbf{F}_{q_r}.$$

Let  $K(X) \in \mathbf{Z}_p[X]$  have  $\varphi_r$ -adic expansion

$$K(X) = A_0(X) + A_1(X) \varphi_r(X) + \cdots + A_n(X) \varphi_r(X)^n$$

with  $d_r j + e_r V_r(A_j \varphi_r^j) \geq d_r \alpha + e_r \beta$  for  $j = 0, \dots, n$  and let

$$J = \{ k \mid 0 \leq k \leq \lfloor (n - \alpha)/e_r \rfloor, (\alpha + ke_r, V_r(A_{\alpha + ke_r} \varphi_r^{\alpha + ke_r})) \in \mathcal{S} \}.$$

We define the *level- $r$  associated polynomial of  $K$  with respect to  $\mathcal{S}$*  to be

$$\Psi_{\mathcal{S}, K}^{(r)}(Y) = \sum_{k \in J} \eta_k Y^k$$

with  $\eta_k \in \mathbf{F}_{q_r}$  defined as

$$\eta_k = \begin{cases} \bar{A}_{\alpha + ke_0} & \text{if } r = 0, \\ \bar{B}_k(\xi_0), & \text{with } B_k(X) = A_{\alpha + ke_1}(X) / p^{\beta - kd_1}, \quad \text{if } r = 1, \\ \Gamma_{\mathcal{S}, r, k}^{-1} \Psi_{\mathcal{I}_{r-1, \nu_k, A_{\alpha + ke_r}}}^{(r-1)}(\xi_{r-1}), & \text{with } \nu_k = V_r(A_{\alpha + ke_r}), \quad \text{if } r \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

We further define the *natural level- $r$  associated polynomial of  $K$*  to be

$$\tilde{\Psi}_K^{(r)}(Y) = \Psi_{\mathcal{S}, K, K}^{(r)}(Y).$$

*Remark.* The polynomial  $\tilde{\Psi}_K^{(r)}(Y)$  has nonzero constant term.

## Outline of the Restricted Algorithm

- input:  $\Phi(X) \in \mathbf{Z}[X]$  monic and irreducible,  $p \in \mathbf{Z}$  prime
- output:  $\begin{cases} \text{TRUE} & \text{if } \Phi(X) \text{ is irreducible over } \mathbf{Q}_p[X], \\ \text{FALSE} & \text{if } \Phi(X) \text{ is reducible over } \mathbf{Q}_p[X]. \end{cases}$

**M<sub>0</sub>**: 1. Factorize  $\Phi$  modulo  $p$ :

$$\Phi \equiv \psi_{0,1}^{a_{0,1}} \cdots \psi_{0,\kappa_0}^{a_{0,\kappa_0}} \pmod{p}.$$

2. If  $\kappa_0 > 1$  then **return** FALSE.  
 If  $\kappa_0 = 1$  and  $a_{0,1} = 1$  then **return** TRUE.

3. Define  $\varphi_0(X) = X$ ,
- $$\begin{aligned} n_0 &= 1, & \psi_0 &= \psi_{0,1}, \\ d_0 &= 0, & f_0 &= \deg \psi_0, \\ e_0 &= 1, & \xi_0 &\text{ a root of } \psi_0. \end{aligned}$$

4. Initialize  $r \leftarrow 1$ .

**M<sub>1</sub>**: 5. If  $r = 1$  let  $\varphi_1(X)$  be a monic polynomial in  $\mathbf{Z}[X]$  such that  $\bar{\varphi}_1 = \psi_0$ .  
 If  $r > 1$  construct  $H_{r-1}$  according to the algorithm below and let

$$\varphi_r = \varphi_{r-1}^{e_{r-1}f_{r-1}} + H_{r-1}.$$

6. Define  $n_r = e_{r-1}f_{r-1}n_{r-1} = \deg \varphi_r$ .  
 7. If  $r > 1$  and  $e_{r-1}f_{r-1} = 1$  then replace  $\varphi_{r-1} \leftarrow \varphi_r$  and  $r \leftarrow r - 1$ .

**M<sub>2</sub>**: 8. If  $\varphi_r = \Phi$  then **return** TRUE.

If  $\varphi_r \mid \Phi$  and  $\varphi_r \neq \Phi$  then **return** FALSE.

9. Let  $\mathcal{S}_{r,1}, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{r,\lambda_r}$  be the segments of  $\mathcal{N}_r(\Phi)$  and let  $\zeta_{r,k} + 1$  be the number of points on  $\mathcal{S}_{r,k}$  with integer coordinates, for  $k = 1, \dots, \lambda_r$ .  
 10. If  $\lambda_r > 1$  then **return** FALSE.  
 If  $\lambda_r = 1$  and  $\zeta_{r,1} = 1$  then **return** TRUE.  
 11. Let  $-d_r/e_r$  be the slope of  $\mathcal{S}_{r,1}$ , with  $d_r$  and  $e_r$  relatively prime and  $e_r > 0$ , and construct

$$\tilde{\Psi}_{\Phi}^{(r)}(Y) \in \mathbf{F}_{q_r}[Y].$$

12. Factorize

$$\tilde{\Psi}_{\Phi}^{(r)} = c_r \psi_{r,1}^{a_{r,1}} \cdots \psi_{r,\kappa_r}^{a_{r,\kappa_r}}$$

over  $\mathbf{F}_{q_r}$ , with  $c_r \in \mathbf{F}_{q_r}$  a nonzero constant.

13. If  $\kappa_r > 1$  then **return** FALSE.  
 If  $\kappa_r = 1$  and  $a_{r,1} = 1$  then **return** TRUE.  
 14. Define  $\psi_r = \psi_{r,1}$ ,  $f_r = \deg \psi_r$ ,  $\xi_r$  a root of  $\psi_r$ .  
 15. Replace  $r \leftarrow r + 1$ .  
 Go to **M<sub>1</sub>**.

# Complexity of the Restricted Algorithm

## Sequences

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{M}_m &\equiv M_0(\Phi) \rightarrow M_1(1) \rightarrow M_2(1) \rightarrow M_1(2) \rightarrow M_2(2) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow M_1(m) \rightarrow M_2(m) \\ \hat{M}_r &\equiv M_1(r) \rightarrow M_2(r-1) \rightarrow M_1(r) \quad (\text{when } e_{r-1}f_{r-1} = 1)\end{aligned}$$

## Remarks

- $n_\Phi = \deg \Phi$ .
- $\delta_\Phi = v_p(\text{disc } \Phi)$ .
- $n_r = \deg \varphi_r = e_{r-1}f_{r-1}n_{r-1} \geq 2^r \implies r \in O(\ln n_r)$ .
- $\Delta_\Phi = \text{cost of an arithmetic operation in } \mathbf{Z}_p \in O(\delta_\Phi^{1+\epsilon})$ .
- [Pauli, 2001]  $\implies \hat{M}_r$  occurs at most  $2v_p(\text{disc } \Phi)$  times

## Execution Costs

**Newton Polygon**

$$\langle V_r(\Phi) \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} = 0$$

$$\langle V_r(\Phi) \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon} \Delta_{\Phi})$$

$$\langle \mathcal{N}_r(\Phi) \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} = 0$$

$$\langle \mathcal{N}_r(\Phi) \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon} \Delta_{\Phi})$$

$$\varphi_r \leftarrow \varphi_{r-1}^{e_{r-1} f_{r-1}} + \mathbf{H}_{r-1}$$

$$\langle \varphi_{r-1}^{e_{r-1} f_{r-1}} \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} = 0$$

$$\langle \varphi_{r-1}^{e_{r-1} f_{r-1}} \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(n_r^{1+\epsilon} \Delta_{\Phi})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{H}_{r-1} \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} \in O(r n_r^{3+\epsilon})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{H}_{r-1} \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(r n_r^{1+\epsilon} \Delta_{\Phi})$$

$$\langle \varphi_r \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} \in O(r n_r^{3+\epsilon})$$

$$\langle \varphi_r \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(r n_r^{1+\epsilon} \Delta_{\Phi})$$

**Associated Polynomial**

$$\langle \tilde{\Psi}_{\Phi}^{(r)} \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon})$$

$$\langle \tilde{\Psi}_{\Phi}^{(r)} \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon} \Delta_{\Phi})$$

**Phase  $\mathbf{M}_0$**

$$\langle \mathbf{M}_0 \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{M}_0 \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(1)$$

**Phase  $\mathbf{M}_1$**

$$\langle \mathbf{M}_1(r) \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} \in O(r n_r^{3+\epsilon})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{M}_1(r) \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(r n_r^{1+\epsilon} \Delta_{\Phi})$$

**Phase  $\mathbf{M}_2$**

$$\langle \mathbf{M}_2(r) \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{3+\epsilon})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{M}_2(r) \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon} \Delta_{\Phi})$$

**Sequence  $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_m$**

$$\langle \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_m \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{3+\epsilon})$$

$$\langle \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_m \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon} \Delta_{\Phi})$$

**Sequence  $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_r$**

$$\langle \widehat{\mathbf{M}}_r \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{3+\epsilon})$$

$$\langle \widehat{\mathbf{M}}_r \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon} \Delta_{\Phi})$$

**$\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_m + 2 \delta_{\Phi} \widehat{\mathbf{M}}_r$**

$$\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle_{\mathbf{F}_p} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{3+\epsilon} \delta_{\Phi})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} \in O(n_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon} \delta_{\Phi}^{2+\epsilon})$$

## Construction of $H_{t,\nu,\delta}$

**Algorithm** (Montes). *Given  $d_s, e_s, f_s$ , etc., for  $1 \leq s \leq r$  and given*

- *an integer  $t$  in the range  $1 \leq t \leq r$ ,*
- *an integer  $\nu \geq \bar{\nu}_{t+1}$ ,*
- *a nonzero polynomial  $\delta(Y) \in \mathbf{F}_{q_t}[Y]$  of degree less than  $f_t$ ,*

*to construct a polynomial  $H_{t,\nu,\delta}(X) \in \mathbf{Z}_p[X]$  such that*

- $\deg H_{t,\nu,\delta} < n_{t+1}$ ,
- $V_{t+1}(H_{t,\nu,\delta}) = \nu$ ,
- $\Psi_{\mathcal{I}_{t,\nu}, H_{t,\nu,\delta}}^{(t)}(Y) = \delta(Y)$ .

*Construction.* Let  $\zeta_0, \dots, \zeta_{f_t-1}$  in  $\mathbf{F}_{q_t}$  be such that

$$\delta(Y) = \sum_{i=0}^{f_t-1} \zeta_i Y^i.$$

For  $i \in J_\delta$  construct  $K_i(X)$  as follows.

- Take  $\delta_i(Y)$  to be the unique polynomial in  $\mathbf{F}_{q_{t-1}}[Y]$  of degree less than  $f_{t-1}$  such that

$$\delta_i(\xi_{t-1}) = \Gamma_{\mathcal{I}_{t,\nu,t,i}} \zeta_i.$$

- If  $t = 1$  take  $P_i(X)$  to be a polynomial in  $\mathbf{Z}_p[X]$  of degree less than  $f_0$  such that

$$\overline{P}_i(Y) = \delta_i(Y)$$

and set

$$K_i(X) = p^{\beta_{1,\nu}-id_1} P_i(X).$$

- If  $t \geq 2$  let

$$\nu_i = (\beta_{t,\nu} - id_t) - (\alpha_{t,\nu} + ie_t) \overline{\nu}_t$$

and set

$$K_i(X) = H_{t-1,\nu_i,\delta_i}(X).$$

Having constructed  $K_i(X)$  for  $i \in J_\delta$ , set

$$H_{t,\nu,\delta}(X) = \sum_{i \in J_\delta} K_i(X) \varphi_t(X)^{\alpha_{t,\nu} + ie_t}.$$

□

## Properties of $\varphi_r$

**Theorem** (Montes). *Let  $d_s, e_s, f_s, \varphi_s, \psi_s$ , etc., be given for  $1 \leq s \leq r - 1$  and let*

$$\gamma_{r-1}(Y) = \Omega_{r-1}^{-e_{r-1}f_{r-1}}(\psi_{r-1}(Y) - Y^{f_{r-1}}),$$

$$\varphi_r(X) = \varphi_{r-1}(X)^{e_{r-1}f_{r-1}} + H_{r-1, \bar{\nu}_r, \gamma_{r-1}}(X).$$

*Then  $\varphi_r(X)$  is a monic polynomial in  $\mathbf{Z}_p[X]$  with the following properties.*

- $\deg \varphi_r = n_r$ .
- $\mathcal{N}_{r-1}(\varphi_r)$  consists of the single segment  $\mathcal{S}_{r-1, \varphi_r}$ .
- $V_r(\varphi_r) = \bar{\nu}_r$ .
- $\tilde{\Psi}_{\varphi_r}^{(r-1)}(Y) = \Omega_{r-1}^{-e_{r-1}f_{r-1}}\psi_{r-1}(Y)$ .
- $\varphi_r$  is irreducible over  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ .

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MAPLE: <http://www.mathstat.concordia.ca/faculty/ford/Student/Veres/mmtest.mpl>

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