

# Resultants modulo $p$

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- **Hilbert-Samuel multiplicity**  
 $e_p := \min\{d_p(J_p), J_p \subset I_p\}$ ,  $J_p$  generated by  $n - 1$  elements

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Equality holds if a polynomial of minimal degree  $f_i$  is replaced by a “generic”  $f_i + pF_i$

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$$p^{e_p} \mid \text{Res}(f_1, \dots, f_{n+1})$$

# The univariate Theorem revisited

$$\begin{aligned} \deg(\gcd(f_1 \bmod p, f_2 \bmod p)) \\ = \\ e_p = d_p \\ = \\ \deg(V_p(f_1, f_2)) \end{aligned}$$

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- Makes hard to adapt to **sparse resultants** and **subresultants**

