



Generic, Type-safe and Object Oriented Computer Algebra Software

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Motivation

- software architectural problems with existing CAS
 - monolithic, non modular structure
 - only CLI interfaces to the algorithms
 - ad-hoc run-time memory management
 - non standard interactive scripting languages
- rewrite CAS in object oriented programming and scripting languages
 - Java and Scala vs. Axiom / Aldor
 - are these platforms really suitable ?
 - want to run on new devices and infrastructures
 - e.g. Smart phones, Cloud computing



Design considerations

Goal : build on other software projects as much as possible - only the parts specific to computer algebra are to be implemented

Three major parts for computer algebra software:

- **run-time** infrastructure with memory management
- statically typed object oriented algorithm **libraries**
- dynamic interactive **scripting** interpreters (not in this talk)



Run-Time Systems

- constant maintenance and improvements
- more opportunities for code optimization with just-in-time compilers
- memory management with automatic garbage collection
- exception and security constraint handling
- independence of computer hardware and optimization requirements
- suitable for multi-CPU and distributed computing



Object Oriented Software

- usage of contemporary (object oriented) software engineering principles
- modular software architecture, consisting of
 - usage of existing implementations of basic data structures like integers or lists
 - generic type safe algebraic and symbolic algorithm libraries
 - thread safe and multi-threaded library implementations
 - algebraic objects transportable over the network



Object Oriented Software (cont.)

- high performance implementations of algorithms with state of the art asymptotic complexity but also fast and efficient for small problem sizes
- minimizing the ‘abstraction penalty’ which occurs for high-level programming languages compared to low-level assembly-like programming languages



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Example : Ring Elements and Polynomials



- polynomials = basis of many algebraic algorithms
=> are of utmost importance
- devise a 'most' general polynomial class
 - with arbitrary coefficients from some ring
 - which are self usable as coefficients
- polynomials with different types of coefficients should have a different type
- provide abstractions / parametrizations for exponents, memory allocation and more



Element

```
object Element {  
  trait Factory[T <: Element[T]] {  
    def random(numbits: Int)(implicit rnd:  
      scala.util.Random): T  
  }  
}  
trait Element[T <: Element[T]] extends Ordered[T] { this:  
  T =>  
    val factory: Element.Factory[T]  
    def equals(that: T) = this.compare(that) == 0  
    def ><(that: T) = this equals that  
    def <>(that: T) = !(this equals that)  
}
```



Abelian Group

```
object AbelianGroup {  
  trait Factory[T <: AbelianGroup[T]] extends Element.Factory[T] {  
    def zero: T  
  }  
}  
trait AbelianGroup[T <: AbelianGroup[T]] extends Element[T] { this:  
  T =>  
    override val factory: AbelianGroup.Factory[T]  
    def isZero = this >< factory.zero  
    def +(that: T): T  
    def -(that: T): T  
    def unary_+ = this  
    def unary_- = factory.zero - this  
    def abs = if (signum < 0) -this else this  
    def signum: Int  
}
```



SemiGroup

```
trait SemiGroup[T <: SemiGroup[T]] extends Element[T] {  
  this: T =>  
    def *(that: T): T  
}
```



Monoid

```
object Monoid {  
  trait Factory[T <: Monoid[T]] extends Element.Factory[T] {  
    def one: T  
  }  
}  
  
trait Monoid[T <: Monoid[T]] extends SemiGroup[T] { this: T =>  
  override val factory: Monoid.Factory[T]  
  def isUnit: Boolean  
  def isOne = this >< factory.one  
  def pow(exp: BigInt) = {  
    assert (exp >= 0)  
    (factory.one /: (1 to exp.intValue)) {  
      (l, r) => l * this  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Ring

```
object Ring {  
  trait Factory[T <: Ring[T]] extends  
    AbelianGroup.Factory[T] with Monoid.Factory[T] {  
    def characteristic: BigInt  
  }  
}  
trait Ring[T <: Ring[T]] extends AbelianGroup[T] with  
  Monoid[T] { this: T =>  
    override val factory: Ring.Factory[T]  
  }
```



Polynomial

```
object Polynomial {  
  class Factory[C <: Ring[C]](val ring: C, val variables: Array[Variable],  
val ordering: Comparator[Int]) extends Ring.Factory[Polynomial[C]] {  
    def generators: Array[Polynomial[C]]  
    def apply(value: SortedMap[Array[Int], C]) = new Polynomial(this)  
(value)  
    override def toString: String  
  }  
}  
  
class Polynomial[C <: Ring[C]](val factory: Polynomial.Factory[C])(val  
value: SortedMap[Array[Int], C]) extends Ring[Polynomial[C]] {  
  def elements: Iterator[Pair[Array[Int], C]]  
  def headTerm = elements.next  
  def degree: Int  
  def isUnit = !this.isZero && degree == 0 && headTerm._2.isUnit  
  override def toString: String  
}
```



Polynomial (cont.)

```
object Polynomial {  
  trait Factory[T <: Polynomial[T, C], C <: Ring[C]] extends  
Ring.Factory[T] {  
    def multiply(w: T, x: Array[Int], y: C) = {  
      // commutative case  
    }  
  }  
}  
trait Polynomial[T <: Polynomial[T, C], C <: Ring[C]] extends Ring[T]  
  
object SolvablePolynomial {  
  trait Factory[T <: Polynomial[T, C], C <: Ring[C]] extends  
Polynomial.Factory[T, C] {  
    override def multiply(w: T, x: Array[Int], y: C) = {  
      // non-commutative case  
    }  
  }  
}
```




Modularity of the design

Elements can be parametrized over:

- the coefficient type (C , above)
- the underlying data structure (array, list, tree)
- the type of the exponents
- the choice of algorithm for gcd computation
- Polynomial or SolvablePolynomial

Not yet implemented:

- improved parametrization of the exponents' type through Scala type specialization
- the list of variables and the ordering (requires dependent types)



Example : Unique Factorization Domains

exemplify the usefulness of object oriented
software for larger algebraic libraries

algorithms in UFDs to factor polynomials

- Greatest Common Divisor computation
- Squarefree decomposition/factorization
- Factorization

example: generic factorization over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(x)(\sqrt{x})$



Unique factorization domains

elements of a UFD can
be written as

$$a = u p_1^{e_1} \cdots p_n^{e_n} \quad \text{compute this}$$

polynomial rings over
UFDs are UFDs

$$R = UFD[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

Gauss Lemma

$$\text{cont}(ab) = \text{cont}(a) \text{cont}(b)$$

primitive part

$$a = \text{cont}(a) \text{pp}(a)$$

squarefree

$$\frac{a}{\gcd(a, a')} \quad \text{is squarefree}$$

squarefree factorization

$$a = a_1^1 \cdots a_d^d$$



Greatest Common Divisors

Interface `GreatestCommonDivisor`

abstract class `GreatestCommonDivisorAbstract`

implements `gcd`, `lcm`, `content`, `primitive part`, `co-prime lists` and `tests`

`baseGCD()` and `recursiveUnivariateGCD()` are abstract

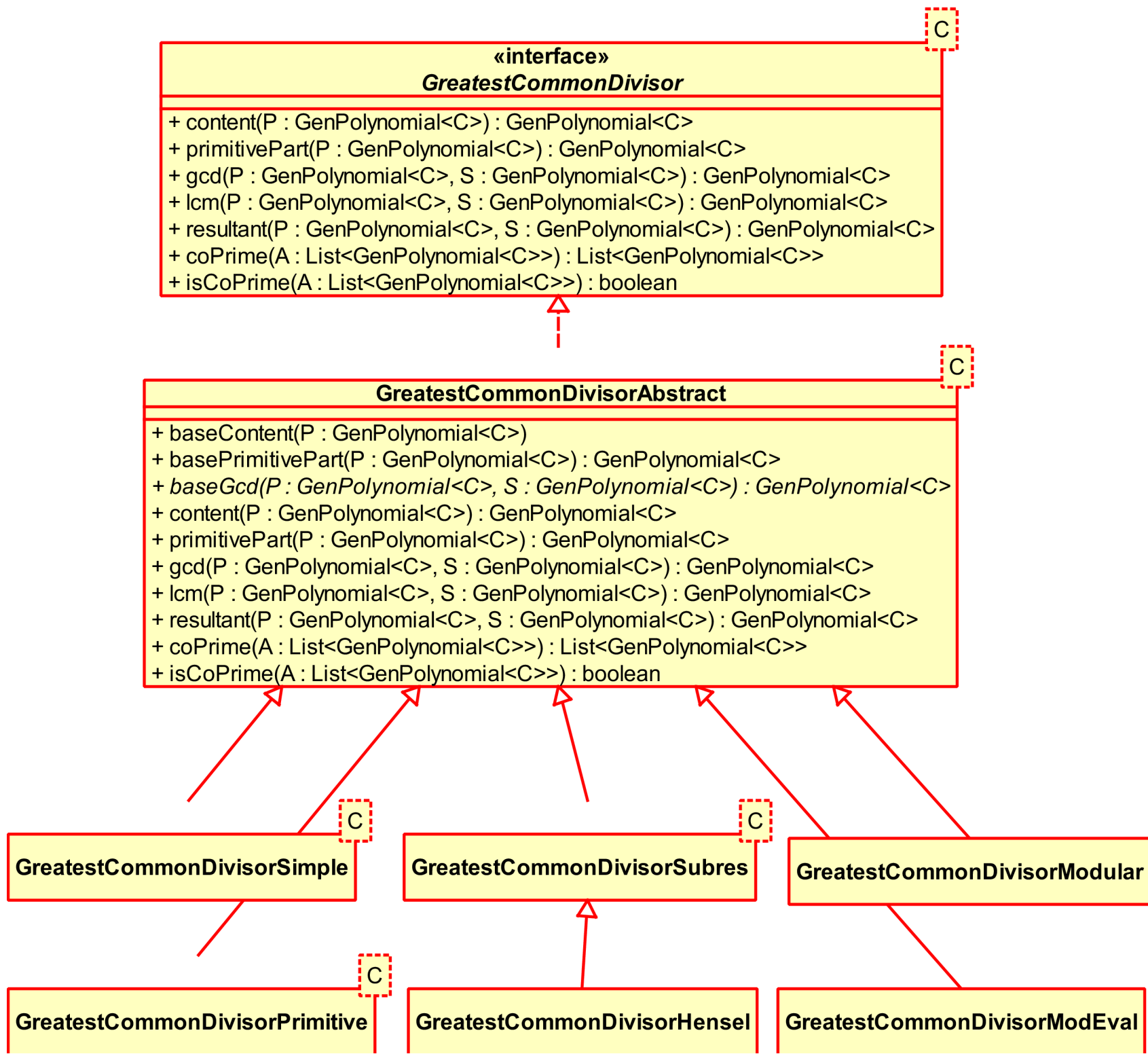
other classes for different coefficient rings

- generic variants for any field coefficient ring
- modular variants for specific coefficients



GCD implementations

- Polynomial remainder sequences (PRS)
 - primitive PRS
 - simple / monic PRS
 - sub-resultant PRS
- modular methods
 - modular coefficients, Chinese remaindering (CR)
 - recursion by modular evaluation and CR
 - modular coefficients, Hensel lifting wrt. p^e
 - recursion by multivariate Hensel lifting





GCD factory

- all gcd variants have pros and cons
 - computing times differ in a wide range
 - coefficient rings enable specific treatment
- solve by object-oriented factory design pattern:
a factory class creates and provides a suitable implementation via different methods

`GreatestCommonDivisor<C>`

`GCDFactory.<C>getImplementation(cfac);`

- type C and type of cfac triggers selection at compile time
- coefficient factory cfac triggers selection at runtime



GCD proxy

- variable performance of algorithms
 - mostly modular methods are faster
 - but some times (sub-resultant) PRS faster
- hard to predict run-time of algorithm for inputs
- improvement by speculative parallelism
- execute two (or more) algorithms in parallel

`java.util.concurrent.ExecutorService.invokeAny()`

- executes several methods in parallel
- when one finishes the others are interrupted



Squarefree decomposition

`interface Squarefree`

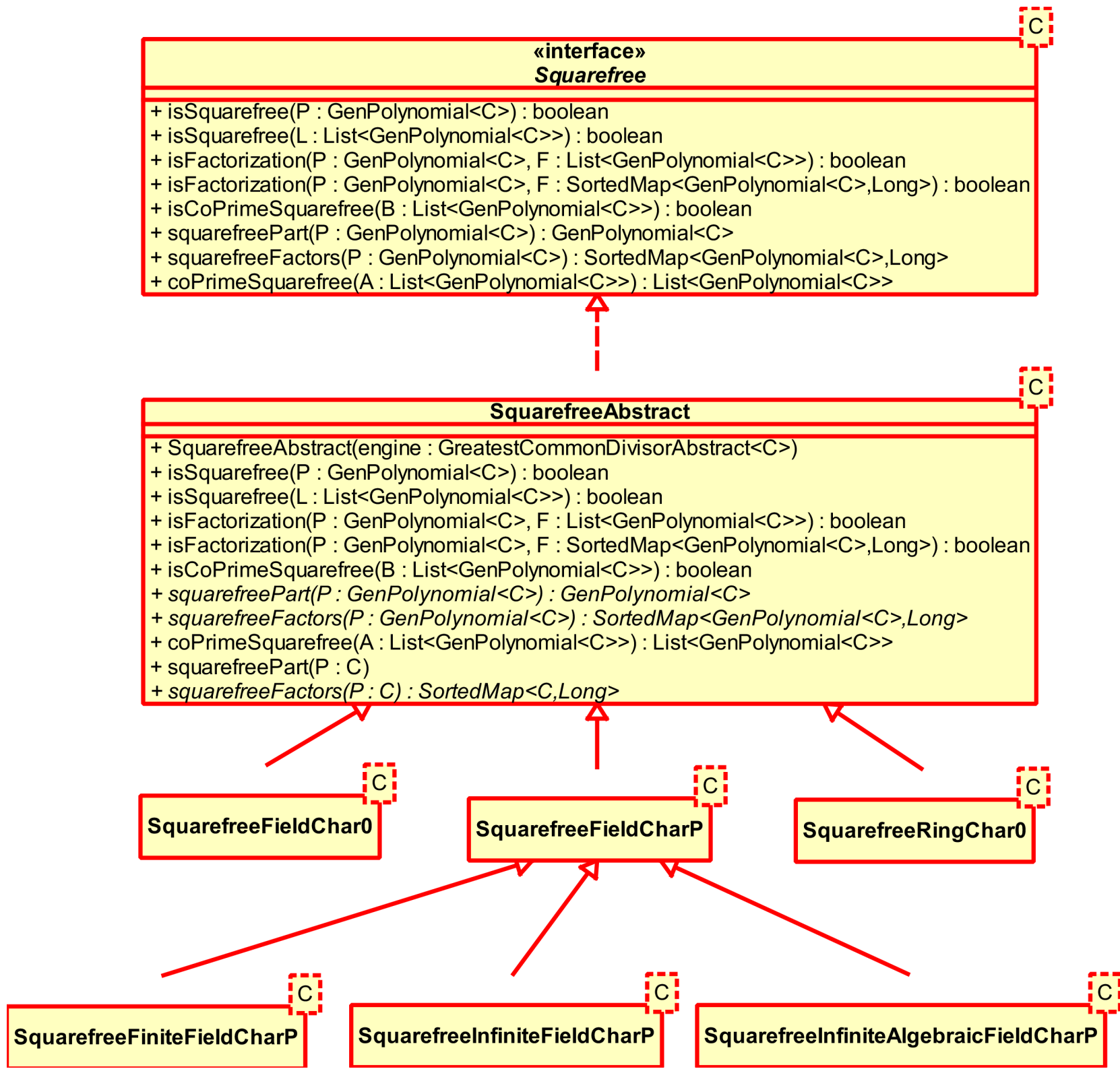
`abstract class SquarefreeAbstract`

implements tests and co-prime squarefree set
construction

`squarefreeFactors()`, `squarefreePart()` **abstract**

other classes for different coefficient rings

- ring or fields of characteristic zero
- fields of characteristic $p > 0$
 - finite fields
 - infinite fields, transcendental extensions
 - algebraic extensions of infinite fields





Squarefree factory

- selection based on given type parameter and coefficient ring factory
- generic relative to characteristic of the ring
- special cases for characteristic $p > 0$
 - transcendental field extensions, coefficients from class `Quotient`
`SquarefreeInfiniteFieldCharP`
 - algebraic field extensions of transcendental extensions, coefficients from class `AlgebraicNumber`
`SquarefreeInfiniteAlgebraicField-CharP`



Factorization

`interface Factorization`

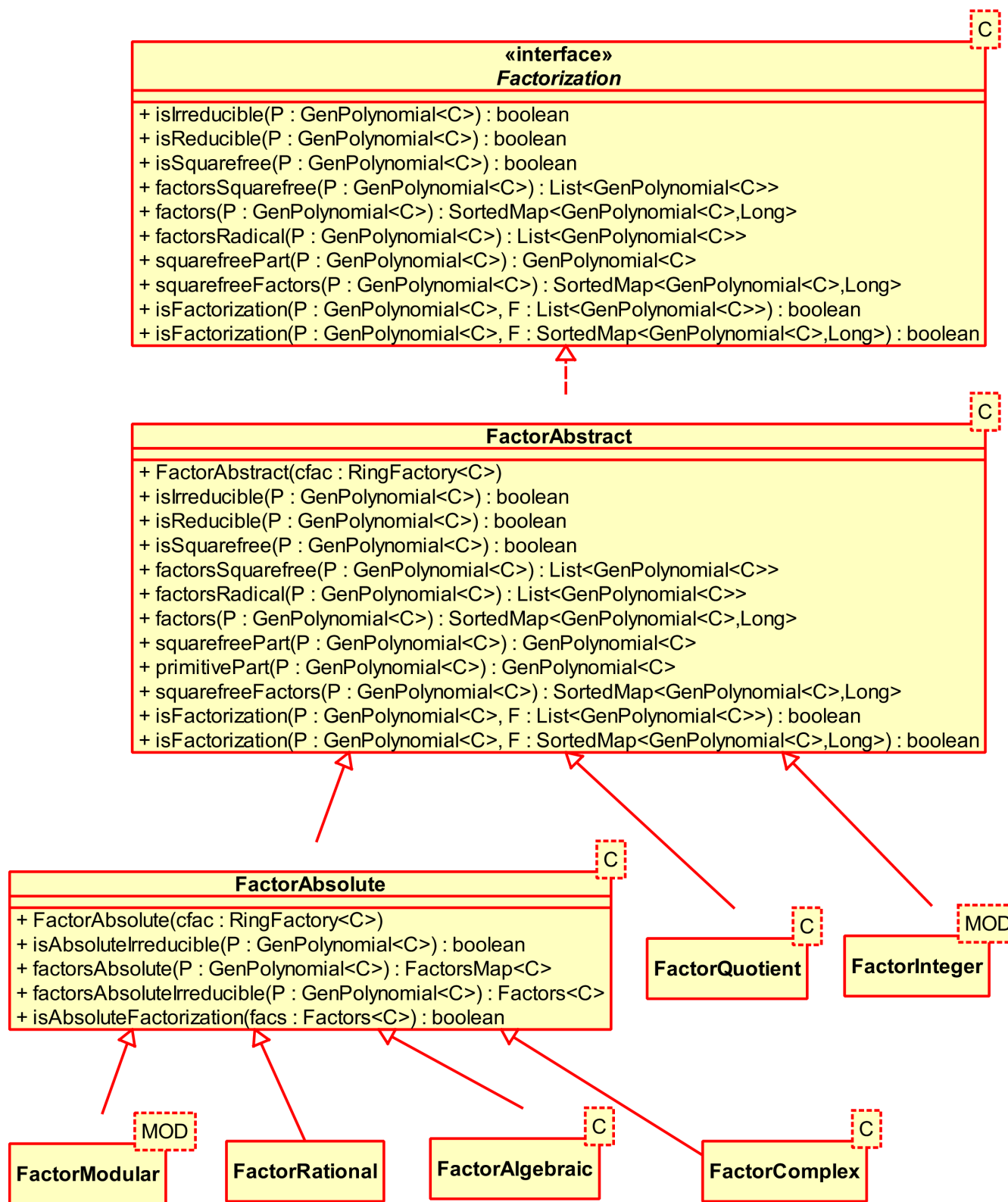
`abstract class FactorAbstract`

- implements nearly everything, only `baseFactorSquarefree()` must be implemented for each coefficient ring
- uses (slow) Kronecker substitution for reduction to univariate case and multivariate reconstruction

multivariate Hensel lifting in the future

`class FactorAbsolute` for splitting fields

- extend coefficient ring until factors become linear
- abstract and intermediate between `FactorAbstract`





Factorization (cont.)

`FactorModular`

- implements `distinctDegreeFactor()` and `equalDegreeFactor()`

Berlekamp algorithm in the future

`FactorInteger`

- computes modulo primes, lifts with Hensel and does combinatorial factor search

`FactorRational`

- clears denominators and uses factorization over integers



Factorization (cont.)

`FactorAlgebraic`

- for algebraic field extensions for arbitrary coefficient rings
 - first for modular and rational coefficients
 - also for `Quotient` and `AlgebraicNumber`
- computes norm, then factors norm
- use gcds between factors of norm and polynomial

`FactorQuotient`

- for transcendental field extensions for arbitrary coefficient rings
- clears denominators, then factors multivariate polynomial over the next coefficient ring



Factorization factory

- selection based on given type parameter and coefficient ring factory
- implementations for mentioned coefficient rings
- generic cases for polynomial coefficients
 - transcendental field extensions, coefficients from class `Quotient: FactorQuotient`
 - algebraic field extensions, coefficients from class `AlgebraicNumber: FactorAlgebraic`
- factory used to select implementation step by step as coefficient rings uncover
 - see following example



Factorization example

mathematical Ring $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(x)(\sqrt{x})[y]$

Ring in jython

```
PolyRing(AN(( wx**2 - x ),True,
    PolyRing(RF(
        PolyRing(AN(( w2**2 -2 ),True,
            PolyRing(QQ(),"w2",PolyRing.lex)),
            "x",PolyRing.lex)),
        "wx",PolyRing.lex)),
    "y",PolyRing.lex)
```

polynomial

$f = y^4 - (x + 2) y^2 + 2x = (y^2 - x)(y^2 - 2)$

factors

$h = (y - wx)$	$wx = \sqrt{x}$
$h = (y - w2)$	
$h = (y + wx)$	$w2 = \sqrt{2}$
$h = (y + w2)$	

factor time = 11168 milliseconds

Example is in: `examples/factors_algeb_trans.py`



Categorical factorization

- first in Scratchpad (now Axiom)
- factorization of multivariate polynomials over arbitrarily nested coefficient rings provided there is an algorithm for univariate polynomials over such a coefficient ring
- sequence of factorizations $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(x)(\sqrt{x})[y]$ given
- selection via factory $\rightarrow (\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(x))(\sqrt{x})[y]$ algebraic
- $\rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(x)[wx]$ transcendent
- $\rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})[x, wx] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})[z]$
- $\rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[w^2, z] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[z'] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[z'] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p[z']$



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Future work

(remaining) problems with existing object oriented languages

- interface type parameter adaption in sub-classes
- “extend” polynomial type by
 - number of variables
 - names of variables
- enhance polynomial implementation by gcd or factorization vs. separate class hierarchies for gcd or factorization



Future work (cont.)

- using existing rich client platforms like Eclipse by MathEclipse
- using webservice and Cloud computing platforms, like Google App Engine by Symja
- use the scripting ability of Android to make computer algebra available on mobile phones
- define a common interface with Apache Commons Math and/or JLinAlg
- Maxima, Reduce could run on the JVM
- MathML/OpenMath easy to use in Java



Conclusions (1)

- can concentrate on mathematical aspects by
 - re-using software components
 - Java and Scala language with JVM run-time
 - interactive scripting languages
- JVM infrastructure opens new ways of
 - interoperability of computer algebra systems on Java byte-code level
 - gives also new opportunities to provide CAS
 - on new computing devices
 - software as a service
 - distributed or cloud computing



Conclusions (2)

- CAS design and implementation by leveraging 30 years of advances in computer science
- object oriented approach with the Java and Scala programming languages
 - can implement non-trivial algebraic structures
 - in a type-safe way
 - with competitive performance
 - can be stacked and plugged together in various ways



Thank you for your attention

Questions ?

Comments ?

<http://jscl-meditor.sourceforge.net/>

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