

Prony's method in several variables, oligonomials and Linear Algebra

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Par R. PRONY.

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5	20	5	1.6879e-12	5.9416e-11	1.9510e-09	1.3243e-08
5	50	5	1.1079e-10	6.6070e-10	3.1709e-07	6.6913e-08
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2	20	7	2.5148e-14	1.2420e-12	3.2103e-11	7.8847e-10
2	50	11	5.9357e-14	3.9721e-12	1.1845e-10	5.5214e-09
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2	5	5	3.1901e-05	2.1641e-02	0.0058405	1.8753920
2	10	100	∅	∅	∅	∅
3	5	5	1.4484e-05	2.8744e-02	0.0016677	1.5547492
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2	10	0	3.1867e-06	5.9222e-03	0.0018326	1.7269961
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Recall

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