

## Gröbner bases, commutative case

Consider  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \supseteq I$  with  $I$  an ideal.

Goal: write elements in  $k[X] / I$  as polynomials.

Let  $M$  be the set of monomials in  $k[X]$ , then

Def. A monomial order on  $M$  such that

a)  $1 \leq m \quad \forall m \in M$

b)  $m_1 \leq m_2$  then  $m_1 m_3 \leq m_2 m_3 \quad \forall m_1, m_2, m_3 \in M$

Now fix a monomial order on  $M$ .

Def. We call the largest monomial among the monomials of a polynomial

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i m_i \quad \text{so} \quad \underbrace{\text{init}(f)} = \bigwedge_{i=0}^n m_i$$

initial ideal

Def. the initial ideal of  $I$  is  $\text{init}(I) = \langle \text{init}(f) \mid f \in I \rangle$

A monomial  $m$  is called mon-standard if  $m \in \text{init}(I)$ ,

o/w it's called standard. (notation is dependent on  $I$ )

A subset  $G \subset I$  is called a Gröbner basis if

$$\langle \text{init}(g), g \in G \rangle = \text{init}(I)$$

A Gröbner basis is called **reduced** if

$\forall g_1, g_2 \in G, g_1 \neq g_2, \text{init}(g_1) \nmid m$  for  $m$  a monomial of  $g_2$ .

Lemma: Each monomial ideal is finitely generated by monomials.

proof: Define  $I_i := \langle m \in M \cap k[x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}] \mid m x_m^i \in I \rangle$

$I_0 \subset \dots$  chain of inclusion.

we get  $\bigcup_{i \geq 0} I_i$  is finitely generated by monomials so

$\bigcup_{i \geq 0} I_i = I_r$  for some  $r$ .

so for generators of  $I$  we take  $m_{ij} x_m^i$  where

$$I_i = \langle m_{ij} \mid j \in S \rangle \text{ and } i = 0, \dots, r \quad \square$$

Cor: Monomial orders are well orders.

Lemma: Every Gröbner basis generates its ideal

proof: Let  $G \subset I$  a Gröbner basis then  $\langle G \rangle = I$ . ?

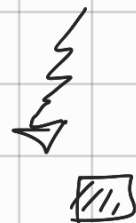
sp  $I \setminus \langle G \rangle \neq \emptyset$  so

$\text{init}(f_0) := \min \{ \text{init}(f) \mid f \in I \setminus \langle G \rangle \}$  exists.

we have  $\text{init}(f_0) \in \text{init}(I) = \text{init}(G)$

but then we can construct  $f_0 - mg \in I \setminus \{G\}$  with

$$\text{init}(f_0 - mg) < \text{init}(f_0)$$



Cor: Hilbert basis theorem

Thm: Standard monomials form a basis for  $k[X]/I$

Given a poly  $P$ , determine if it has non standard monomials

- if it doesn't we're done and return  $P$ .

- if it does, let  $h$  be the largest non-standard monomial and find

$$g \in G \text{ st. } \text{init}(g) | h, \text{ say } h = m \cdot \text{init}(g)$$

return standard form of  $P - mg$

This terminates with a unique result by well-orderness.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f = c \cdot \text{init}(f) + r \\ g = d \cdot \text{init}(g) + s \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow m = \text{lcm}(\text{init}(f), \text{init}(g))$$

And we define  $S(f, g) = m(f(c.\text{init}(f))^{-1} - g(d.\text{init}(g))^{-1})^{-1}$

Lemma: A generating set  $G \subseteq I$  is a Gröbner basis iff

$\forall g_1, g_2 \in G$  with  $g_1 \neq g_2$  :  $S(g_1, g_2) \in G$ .

Buchberger algo. to construct a Gröbner basis

Take  $I = \langle b_1, \dots, b_k \rangle$

Set  $G_0 = \{b_1, \dots, b_k\}$

$G_i = G_{i-1} \cup \left\{ S(g_1, g_2) \mid \begin{array}{l} g_1, g_2 \in G_{i-1} \text{ distinct} \\ S(g_1, g_2) \notin G_{i-1} \end{array} \right\}$

Non commutative Gröbner bases (associative algebras)

Take  $Q = (Q_0, Q_1, s, t)$ .

$P = \{ \text{paths in } Q \}$  will be our basis.

Let  $V$  be a v.s. and assume it has a preferred basis  $B$

that is well ordered.



we define  $\leq$  on  $\text{Fim}(B)$  by

$\phi \leq F \in \text{Fim}(B)$  for  $A_1, A_2$  non empty

$$A_1 \leq A_2 \iff (A_1 = \phi) \vee (\wedge A_1 \leq \wedge A_2) \vee (\wedge A_1 = \wedge A_2 \text{ and } A \setminus \wedge A \leq A \setminus \wedge A)$$

it has the property that if you replace an element of

$A \in \text{Fim}(B)$  with only small elements (fin. many)

then the result is smaller than  $A$ .

This order induces a well order on  $V$  via

$$\text{supp} : v = \sum \lambda_\beta \beta \mapsto \{ \beta \mid \lambda_\beta \neq 0 \}$$

observation . if  $v, w \in V$  &  $\wedge \text{supp}(w) \in \text{supp} v$

then  $\exists! \lambda \in k^* \mid v - \lambda w < v$  (strict reduction)

$$(\iff \wedge \text{supp}(w) \notin \text{supp}(v - \lambda w))$$

Def Take  $W \subset V$ .

$$B_W = \{ \beta \in B \mid \wedge \text{supp}(w) \neq \beta \ \forall w \in W \}$$

$$= B \setminus \{ \wedge \text{supp} \text{ [redacted] } \}$$

lemma:  $V = W + \langle B_W \rangle$

proof:  $W \cap \langle B_W \rangle = \{0\}$ .

To see  $W + \langle B_W \rangle = V$ , we assume  $V \setminus (W + \langle B_W \rangle) \neq \emptyset$  so

$\exists$  a minimal element  $u$  in  $V \setminus (W + \langle B_W \rangle)$

We can find a basis in  $\text{supp}(u)$  s.t.  $\beta = \wedge \text{supp}(w)$ , for some  $w \in W$ .

Then  $u - \lambda w < u$  for a suitable  $\lambda$  so  $u - \lambda w \in W + \langle B_W \rangle$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \sim 0 & \rightarrow & W & \rightarrow & V \cong W \oplus B_W & \xrightarrow{\pi} & V/W \cong \langle B_W \rangle \rightarrow 0 \\ & & & & & \uparrow b & \uparrow \text{PK} \end{array}$$

Then call  $b\pi(w)$  the **normal form** of  $w$ .

Def: A **Gröbner generating set** for  $W \subseteq V$  is a subset  $G \subseteq W$  s.t.

$$\forall w \in W, \exists g \in G \quad \wedge \text{supp}(w) = \wedge \text{supp}(g).$$

Lemma If  $G$  is a Gröbner generating set for  $W$ , then every

$v \in V$  reduces to its normal form over  $G$ .

Proof: If  $v$  not in its normal form, then it can be reduced and  $\exists$

finitely many strict reductions.

Cor: If  $G$  is a Gröbner generating set for  $w$ , then it spans  $w$ .

Def: A vector  $w \in W$  is called **sharp** if

$$\text{supp}(w) \cap \{\lambda \text{supp}(u) \mid u \in w\} = \lambda \text{supp}(w).$$

and the coefficient of  $\lambda \text{supp}(w)$  is 1.

The set of sharp elements in  $w$  will be denoted  $w^\#$ .

Thm:  $w^\#$  is a Gröbner generating set for  $w$  s.t. no two distinct members reduce over one another.

Proof:  $V = kQ$ ,  $B = P = \{\text{paths in } Q\}$

$\exists$  3 structures we can exploit.

-  $kQ$  has an algebraic structure

-  $P$  is a well order descending to  $\text{Fin}(P)$ .

-  $kQ$  can be partially ordered by divisibility which respects the previous order.

The paper emphasises the following properties.

$M_1$   $P \cup \{0\}$  is closed under multiplication.

$M_2$  divisibility is reflexive

$M_3$  each  $p$  has finitely many factors.

$M_4$  Multiplication respects the order on  $P$ .

$M_5$  The order on  $P$  refines the one coming from divisibility.

take  $I \subset kQ$  admissible.

Def: A subset  $G \subseteq I$  is a **Gröbner basis** when

$$\forall r \in I \setminus \{0\} \exists g \in G : \wedge \text{supp}(g) \mid \wedge \text{supp}(r)$$

Def: A **simple reduction** of an element  $c \in kQ$  is a tuple

$$\mathcal{P} = (\lambda, p, d, q) \in k^\times \times P \times (kQ \setminus \{0\}) \times P \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$p(\wedge \text{supp}(d))q \in \text{supp}(c)$$

$$p(\wedge \text{supp}(d))q \notin \text{supp}(c - \lambda p d q)$$

$$\text{so } c - \lambda p d q < c$$

A sequence of simple reductions  $(\mathcal{P})_{i=0}^t$  is called a **reduction**

If  $\forall i, d_i \in$  same set  $S$ , call it a **reduction over  $S$** .

Th: If  $G$  is a Gröbner basis for  $I$  then

every  $c \in kQ$  reduces to its normal form mod  $I$  over  $G$ .

Proof: Same as for vector spaces.



Rem:  $a|b$  means  $\exists c, d$  s.t.  $b = cad$

Def: Vectors in  $I^\#$  that are minimal w.r.t. divisibility are called **minimal sharp** and the minimal sharp elements in  $I$  are denoted  $\text{atom}(I^\#)$ .

Th:  $\text{atom}(I^\#)$  is a Gröbner basis s.t. no two  $\neq$  members reduce over each other

Proof. take  $r_1 \in I$ , consider  $\min\{r_2 \in I \mid \wedge \text{supp}(r_2) \wedge \text{supp}(r_1)\} = r_m$

w.r.t. divisibility, then we can scale  $r_m$  to be minimal sharp.

Pairwise non-reducibility follows from minimality.



Lemma: let  $R$  be a set of relations in  $kQ$  and  $c \in kQ$

further relation reducing to 0 over  $R$ .

Then  $pcq$  reduces to 0 over  $R$  for  $p, q \in P$

Proof: Take a simple reduction of  $c$

$c = \lambda p_1 c_1 q_1$ , then you get a reduction of  $pcq$  as

$pcq - d_1 p p_1 d q_1 q$  and the statement follows iteratively.



Th: Let  $G$  be a set of generators of  $I$  such that

- the coeffs of each  $\wedge \text{supp}(g)$  is 1 ( $g \in G$ ).

-  $\forall g_1, g_2 \in G, g_1 \neq g_2 \Rightarrow$  they don't reduce over each other.

-  $\forall g_1, g_2 \in G$ , every overlap difference reduces to 0 over  $G$ .



Then  $G = \text{atom}(I^\#)$ .

Def: For two monomials, an **overlap difference** is a pair of factorisations

$$p = b_0$$

$$q = a_0$$

$$b, a, o \in P$$

$$p \neq b, q \neq a.$$

$C_1, C_2 \in kQ$  overlap if  $\wedge \text{supp}(C_1)$  and  $\wedge \text{supp}(C_2)$  do, say like

$\wedge \text{supp}(C_1) = b_0$  | and respective coeffs of  $\wedge \text{supp}(C_1)$  and  $\wedge \text{supp}(C_2)$

$\wedge \text{supp}(C_2) = a_0$  | are  $d_1$  and  $d_2$

then an overlap difference of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  is

$$d_2 c_1 a - d_1 b c_2.$$

