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> **Ideals and Varieties:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring.

> DEFN: A subset  $I \subseteq R$  is called an *ideal* if the following hold

1.  $0 \in I$
2.  $f, g \in I$  implies that  $f + g \in I$
3.  $f \in I, r \in R$  implies  $rf \in I$ .

> DEFN: Let  $f_1, \dots, f_s \in R$ . The set  $(f_1, \dots, f_s) = \{\sum_{i=1}^s r_i f_i : r_i \in R\}$  is the *ideal generated by*  $\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$ .

> DEFN: Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . We say that  $I$  is *finitely generated* if there are  $f_1, \dots, f_s \in R$  such that  $I = (f_1, \dots, f_s)$ .

> NOTATION:<sup>2</sup>  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is the polynomial ring with coefficients in  $k$  (where  $k$  is a field that is sometimes algebraically closed). Also, let  $\mathbb{A}^n = k^n = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) : a_i \in k\}$  represent affine space.

> DEFN: Let  $I = (f_1, \dots, f_s)$  be an ideal in  $R$ . Define the *affine variety* corresponding to  $I$  as  $\mathbb{V}(I) = \{a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) : f_1(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \dots = f_s(a_1, \dots, a_n)\}$ .

> EXAMPLES:

1. (Twisted Cubic)  $I = (y - x^2, z - x^3) \subseteq R = k[x, y, z]$ . In this case,<sup>3</sup>

$$TC := \mathbb{V}(I) = \{a = (a_1, a_2, a_3) : a_2 - a_1^2 = a_3 - a_1^3 = 0\} = \{(a_1, a_1^2, a_1^3) : a_1 \in k\}.$$

2. Hypersurfaces:  $\mathbb{V}((f))$  is called a *hypersurface*.

> PROPERTY OF  $\mathbb{V}(-)$ : Inclusion reversing:  $I \subseteq J \implies \mathbb{V}(J) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(I)$ . For example,  $(y - x^2) \subseteq (y - x^2, z - x^3)$  will imply that  $\mathbb{V}(TC) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(y - x^2) =: V_1$  (the latter is a parabolic cylinder). Also, since  $(z - x^3) \subseteq (y - x^2, z - x^3)$  and so  $TC \subseteq \mathbb{V}(z - x^3) =: V_2$  (also some kind of cylinder). In fact,  $TC = V_1 \cap V_2$ .

> DEFN: Given an affine variety  $V \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ , we define the ideal corresponding to it

$$\mathbb{I}(V) = \{f \in R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n] : f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0 \forall (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in V\}.$$

> RMK:  $\mathbb{I}(V)$  is also inclusion reversing:  $V \subseteq W \iff \mathbb{I}(V) \supseteq \mathbb{I}(W)$ . Furthermore,  $V = W \iff \mathbb{I}(V) = \mathbb{I}(W)$ .

> RMK:  $\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(f_1, \dots, f_s)) \supseteq (f_1, \dots, f_s)$ . (Prove this!)

> To see that this inclusion can be strict, consider the following example: (in  $R = \mathbb{C}[x, y], \mathbb{A}^2$ ), consider  $\mathbb{V}(x^2, y^2) = \{(0, 0)\}$  and  $\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(x^2, y^2)) = \mathbb{I}(\{(0, 0)\}) = (x, y)$ .

> **Problems:**

1. Ideal description:

- Is every ideal  $I \subseteq R$  finitely generated? (Hilbert Basis Theorem)
- How about a “nice” set of generators?

2. Ideal membership: Given some ideal  $I = (f_1, \dots, f_s)$  and polynomial  $f \in R$ , is  $f \in I$ ?

3. Ideals/Varieties: Given “nice” sets of generators for two ideal  $I$  and  $J$ , can we find sets of generators for  $I \cap J$  or  $I : J$  or  $I^{\text{sat}}$ ?<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>This ensures that  $I \neq \emptyset$ .

<sup>2</sup>For the first half of this class

<sup>3</sup>Reference “numerical semigroup rings.”

<sup>4</sup> $I^{\text{sat}}$  is the saturation of the ideal  $I$ .

4. **Implicitization / Elimination:** Given a variety  $V \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  defined parametrically, i.e.,  $\{x_i = g_i(y_1, \dots, y_m)\}_{i=1}^n$ , can we find  $\mathbb{I}(V)$  (equivalently, find relations between the  $x_i$ 's that don't involve the  $y_i$ 's).

> **Monomial Orders:** A monomial  $x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n} \in R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n], \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ .

> **DEFN:** A *monomial order* on  $R$  is a binary relation " $>$ " on the set of monomials of  $R$  satisfying:

1.  $>$  is a *total ordering* (any two monomials are comparable),
2. If  $x^\alpha > x^\beta \implies x^\alpha x^\gamma > x^\beta x^\gamma$  for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ ,
3.  $>$  is a *well-ordering* (every nonempty subset of monomials has a smallest element under  $>$ ).

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3.  $>$  is a *well-ordering* (every nonempty subset of monomials has a smallest element under  $>$ ).

> **RMKS:**

- (3) is equivalent to (3'): Every strictly descending sequence of monomials must terminate.
- (3) is equivalent to (3''):  $>$  is a *global ordering*, i.e.,  $x^\alpha > 1$  for all  $\alpha \neq (0, \dots, 0)$ .
- (3) is equivalent to (3'''):  $>$  refines the partial order given by divisibility, i.e.,  $x^\beta | x^\alpha \implies x^\beta < x^\alpha$ .

> **RMK:** There is another natural partial order on  $R$  given by degree:

$$\deg(x^\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = |\alpha|.$$

Some monomial orderings refine the degree order, some don't.

> All examples below depend on an ordering of the the variables:  $x_1 > x_2 > \cdots > x_n$ .

> **Examples:**

1. **Lex:**  $x^\alpha >_{\text{Lex}} x^\beta \iff$  (defn) in first coordinate where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  differ, we have  $\alpha_i > \beta_i$ . Equivalently, the leftmost non-zero entry of  $\alpha - \beta$  must be positive. For example,  $xy^2 >_{\text{Lex}} y^3z^4$ , since the left has  $(1, 2, 0)$  and the right has  $(0, 3, 4)$ . Note that this does not refine the degree order (since the one on the left has degree 3, the one on the right has degree 7). For another example,  $xy^2 >_{\text{Lex}} xy$ .

Note that this is similar to the "phonebook ordering," but is only identical when restricted to monomials of a fixed degree.

2. **GrLex:** We say  $x^\alpha >_{\text{GrLex}} x^\beta \iff \deg(x^\alpha) > \deg(x^\beta)$  OR  $\deg(x^\alpha) = \deg(x^\beta)$  and  $x^\alpha >_{\text{Lex}} x^\beta$ .

Back to the example, we have  $y^3z^4 >_{\text{GrLex}} xy^2$  here.

The other example,  $x^2y >_{\text{GrLex}} xy$ .

- (\* **RevLex:**  $x^\alpha >_{\text{RevLex}} x^\beta \iff$  rightmost non-zero entry of  $\alpha - \beta$  is negative. *HOWEVER*, this is NOT a monomial order! Note that (3') doesn't hold, since we have:

$$x >_{\text{RevLex}} x^2 >_{\text{RevLex}} x^3 >_{\text{RevLex}} \cdots,$$

since this is an infinite descending chain of monomials. Also (3'') doesn't hold, since this is NOT a global order:  $1 >_{\text{RevLex}} x$  (we have  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ).

(3) GrRevLex:  $x^\alpha >_{\text{GrRevLex}} x^\beta \iff \deg(x^\alpha) > \deg(x^\beta)$  OR  $\deg(x^\alpha) = \deg(x^\beta)$  and  $x^\alpha >_{\text{RevLex}} x^\beta$ .

*Exercise:* Check this is a monomial order.

(4) Weighted orders: Take  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$ . Then define  $x^\alpha >_w x^\beta \iff \alpha \cdot w > \beta \cdot w \iff \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i w_i > \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i w_i$ .

If the entries of  $w$  are rationally-independent, then  $>_w$  is a monomial order. Also note that rationally independent is equivalent to  $>_w$  is a total order.

We could have problems.. pick  $w = (1, 1)$ . Then  $x^2$  and  $xy$  can't be compared.

What if we don't want to work with  $w$  having  $\mathbb{Q}$ -independent entries? Then start with any  $w$  (which may give a partial order), then use a  $w'$  to refine, continue ... use  $w^{(n)}$  to refine. Then this will give a total order.

For example, you can recover Lex by using  $w = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $w' = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , ...,  $w^{(n)} = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$ .

*Note!*: Any monomial order is equivalent to a refined weighted order.

3. Block order: Two blocks of variables  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$ . Then  $>_1$ =monomial order on  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $>_2$ =monomial order on  $k[y_1, \dots, y_m]$ . On  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m]$ , we have

$$x^\alpha y^{\alpha'} >_{1,2} x^\beta y^{\beta'} \iff x^\alpha >_1 x^\beta \text{ OR } x^\alpha = x^\beta \text{ and } y^{\alpha'} >_2 y^{\beta'}.$$

> DEFN: Let  $f = \sum_{\alpha} \underbrace{a_\alpha}_{\text{constants}} \underbrace{x^\alpha}_{\text{monomials}} = a_{\text{multideg}(f)} x^{\text{multideg}(f)} + \text{lower terms}$ , where  $>$  is a monomial order, and

$$\text{multideg}(f) = \max\{\alpha : a_\alpha \neq 0\}.$$

The *leading coefficient* is  $LC(f) = a_{\text{multideg}(f)}$ .

The *leading monomial* is  $LM(f) = x^{\text{multideg}(f)}$ .

The *leading term* is  $LT(f) = LC(f)LM(f)$ .

> THM: (DIVISION ALGORITHM) Fix a monomial ordering " $>$ " on  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Let  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  be an ordered  $s$  tuple of non-zero polynomials in  $R$ . Then every polynomial  $f \in R$  can be written as

$$f = a_1 f_1 + \dots + a_s f_s + r,$$

where  $a_i, r \in R$  such that

1.  $\text{multideg}(f) \geq \text{multideg}(a_i f_i)$  for all  $i$  such that  $a_i \neq 0$ . (In fact,  $LT(f) = \max\{LT(a_i)LT(f_i) : a_i \neq 0\}$ .)
2. no monomial appearing in  $r$  is divisible by any of  $LT(f_1), \dots, LT(f_s)$ .
3. for  $i > j$ , no monomial of  $a_i LT(f_i)$  is divisible by  $LT(f_j)$ .

*Proof.* (Constructive) An algorithm that constructs  $a_i, r$ .

$a_i = 0; r = 0$ .

while  $f \neq 0$ , do

look at  $LT(f)$ : if  $M = \{i : LT(f_i) : LT(f)\} \neq \emptyset$ , then (letting  $i = \min M$ )  $f := f - \underbrace{\frac{LT(f)}{LT(f_i)} \cdot f_i}_{LT \text{ of this} = LT(f)}$  and

$a_i := a_i + \frac{LT(f)}{LT(f_i)}$ . Else,  $f := f - LT(f)$  and  $r := r + LT(f)$ . □

> Proof restarted.

*Proof.* Algorithm:

$a_i := 0; r := 0;$

while  $f \neq 0$ , do look at  $LT(f)$ : if  $(U = \{j : LT(f_j) | LT(f)\} \neq \emptyset)$  then  $\{i := \min U\}$ .<sup>5</sup>

$a_i := a_i + LT(f)/LT(f_i)$

$f := f - (LT(f)/LT(f_i))f_i$  }

else<sup>6</sup> {

$r := r + LT(f)$

$f := f - LT(f).$  }

Claim: This algorithm terminates (in a finite number of steps). Denote by  $f^{(0)} = f$ ,  $f^{(t)} = f$  obtained after the  $t$ th iteration of the algorithm. The sequence of monomials

$$LT(f^{(0)}), LT(f^{(1)}), \dots$$

because either (\*)  $f^{(t+1)} = f^{(t)} - (LT(f)/LT(f_i))f_i$  when  $LT(f_i) | LT(f^{(t)})$  OR (\*\*)  $f^{(t+1)} = f^{(t)} - LT(f^{(t)}) \implies LT(f^{(t+1)}) < LT(f^{(t)})$ .

Clarifying:

(\*)  $f^{(t+1)} = f^{(t)} - (LT(f)/LT(f_i))f_i$

$$LT(f^{(t+1)}) = LT(f^{(t)} - (LT(f)/LT(f_i))f_i)$$

$$= LT(LT(f^{(t)} + \text{lower order terms} - (LT(f^{(t)})/LT(f_i))(LT(f_i) + \text{terms that are smaller than } LT(f_i)))$$

$$= LT(\text{terms that are smaller than } LT(f^{(t)}) - \text{term that is smaller than } LT(f^{(t)}))$$

$$< LT(f^{(t)}).$$

By well-ordering ((3) of monomial orders) the sequence  $\{LT(f^{(t)})\}_{t \geq 0}$  must terminate (i.e., after a number of steps  $N$ ,  $f^{(N)} = 0$ ).

This algorithm returns polynomials  $a_i, r$ . □

> EXERCISE: Check that (1), (3) in Theorem also hold.

> RMK: Having fixed > and order of the  $f_i$ 's, the division algorithm in the deterministic form produces a unique remainder  $r$ . However, if we change the order of the  $f_i$ 's or if we change the term order, then the algorithm will produce a different remainder  $r$ .

> EXAMPLE 1:  $f_1 = x^3, f_2 = x^2y - y^3, R = k[x, y], > = \text{Lex with } x > y$ . Let  $f = x^3y$ .

Division Algorithm:

- Initialize:  $f^{(0)} = x^3y, a_1 = a_2 = 0 = r$

- Iteration 1:  $U = \{1, 2\}$ , so  $i = 1$ . Then  $a_1 = 0 + \frac{x^3y}{x^3} = y$ . Then  $f^{(1)} = x^3y - \frac{x^3y}{x^3}x^3 = 0$  (STOP).

Return:  $a_1 = y; a_2 = 0; r = 0$ , so  $f - y \cdot f_1 + 0 \cdot f_2 + 0 = y(x^3) + 0(x^2y - y^3) + 0$

> EXAMPLE 2:  $f_1 = x^2y - y^3, f_2 = x^3$  with same other hypotheses as in Ex. 1. Also let  $f = x^3y$ . Division Algorithm:

- Initialize:  $f^{(0)} = x^3y; a_1 = a_2 = 0 = r$ .

- Iteration 1:  $U = \{1, 2\}$ , so  $i = 1$ . Then  $a_1 = 0 + \frac{x^3y}{x^2y} = x$ . Then  $f^{(1)} = x^3y - \frac{x^3y}{x^2y} \cdot (x^2y - y^3) = x^3y - x^3y + xy^3 = xy^3$ .

- Iteration 2:  $U = \emptyset$  (so we move to else branch). Now  $r = 0 + xy^3$  and  $f^{(2)} = xy^3 - xy^3 = 0$  (STOP).

<sup>5</sup>this makes the algorithm "determinate" (indeterminate version is pick some  $i \in U$ ).

<sup>6</sup>This ensures that (2) holds.

Return  $a_1 = x, a_2 = 0, r = xy^3$ . Hence  $f = x(x^2y - y^3) + 0(x^3) + xy^3$ .

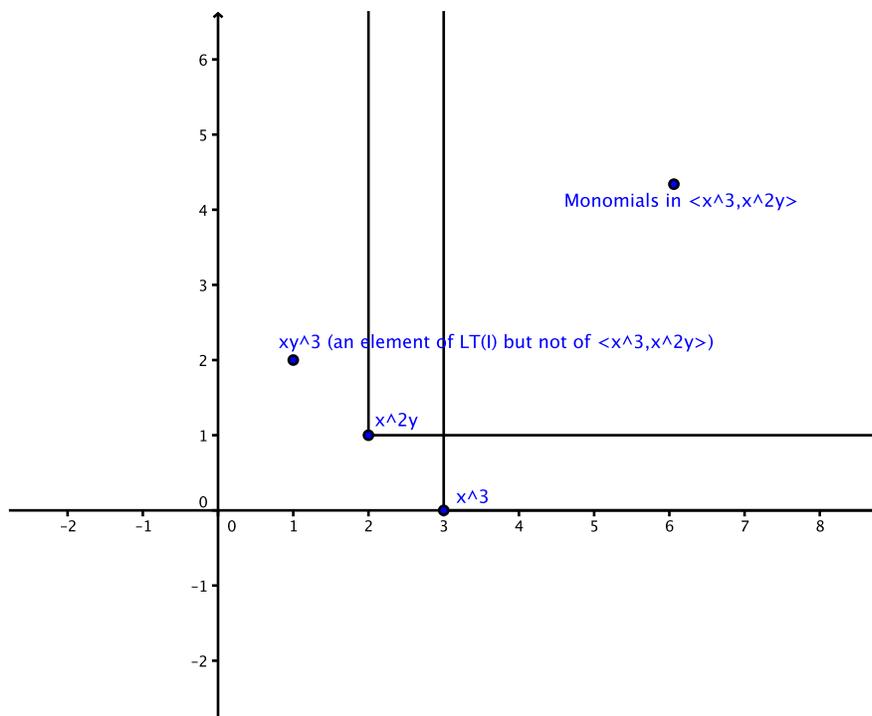
> **Initial ideals.**

> DEFN: Given an ideal  $I \subseteq R$  and a monomial order  $>$ , then the ideal of leading terms (the initial ideal) of  $I$  is  $LT(I) = \langle LT(f) : f \in I \rangle$ .

> RMKS:

1. The set of monomial elements in the  $LT(I)$  is  $\{LT(f) : f \in I\}$  (Easy exercise).
2. If  $I = (f_1, \dots, f_s)$ , then  $\langle LT(f_1), \dots, LT(f_s) \rangle \subseteq LT(I)$ .
3. Equality need not hold.

> EXAMPLE:  $I = (\underbrace{x^3}_{f_1}, \underbrace{x^2y - y^3}_{f_2})$  with Lex. Then  $\langle LT(f_1), LT(f_2) \rangle = \langle x^3, x^2y \rangle$ . But  $f = yf_1 - xf_2 = yx^3 - x^3y + xy^3 = xy^3 \in I$ . Thus  $LT(f) = xy^3 \in LT(I)$



> DEFN: Fix a monomial order. A finite subset  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$  of an ideal  $I$  is called a Gröbner basis or standard basis if  $LT(I) = \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle$

> Question:

1. Does every ideal have a GB?
2. how can we find a GB?

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> **Monomials ideals, Dickson's Lemma, Hilbert Basis Theorem**

> DEFN: A *monomial ideal* is an ideal generated by a (not necessarily finite) set of monomials.

$$I = \langle x^\alpha : \alpha \in A \rangle,$$

where  $A$  is a set of elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ .

> RMK: For  $I$  to be an ideal, the set of all exponents of monomials in  $I$  must be closed under translation by vectors with integer coordinates in the positive orthant.

> LEMMA: (The membership problem for monomial ideals.)

1.  $x^\beta \in I = \langle x^\alpha : \alpha \in A \rangle \iff \exists \alpha \in A$  s.t.  $x^\alpha | x^\beta$ .
2.  $f \in I = \langle x^\alpha : \alpha \in A \rangle \iff$  every term of  $f$  is divisible by some monomial in  $I$ .

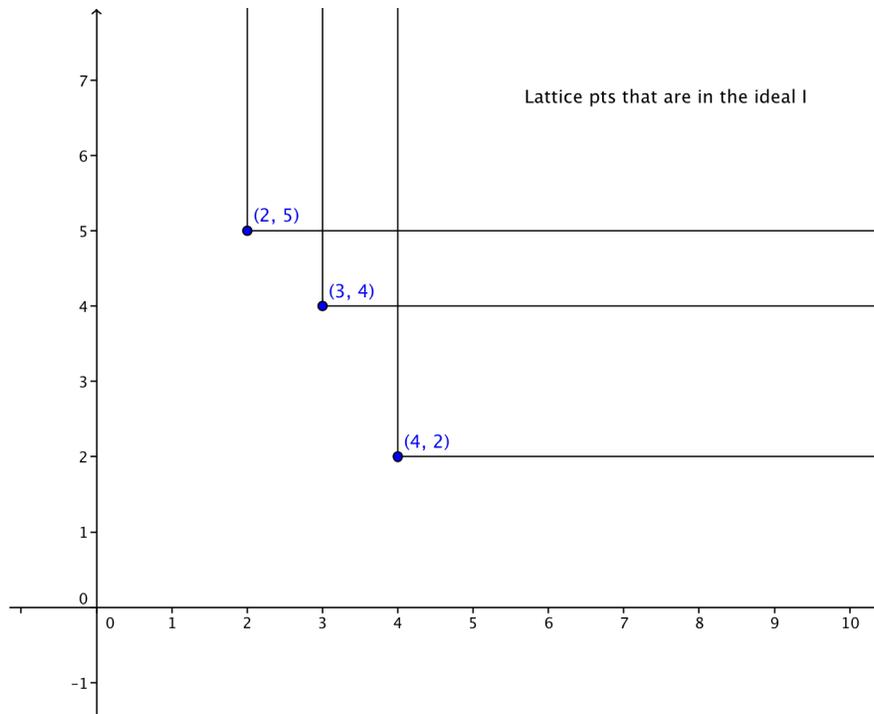
*Proof.* Left as an exercise. □

> THM (DICKSON'S LEMMA): Every monomial ideal is finitely generated.

*First, a proof by example/picture:*

$$I = \langle x^4y^2, x^3y^4, x^2y^5 \rangle$$

Consider the following diagram that represents the ideal  $I$ :



Project points down on the  $x$  axis, getting the ideal  $\langle x^2 \rangle \subseteq k[x]$ . The point lying over  $(2, 0)$  is  $(2, 5)$ . Next, go to looking at  $\langle x^3 \rangle \subseteq k[x]$ . Using this we rewrite  $I$  as:

$$I = \langle x^2y^5 \rangle + \langle x^3y^4 \rangle + \langle x^4y^3 \rangle + \langle x^4y^2 \rangle,$$

i.e.,  $x^2y^5, x^3y^4, x^4y^3, x^4y^2$  is a finite set of generators for  $I$  (not minimal).

*Proof of Dickson's Lemma.* By induction on  $n =$  the number of variables of  $R$ .

$n = 1$  Every ideal in  $k[x]$  is principal (see Homework #1), hence finitely generated.

$n > 1$  Now assume that every monomial ideal in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  is finitely generated. We will prove that every monomial ideal in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y]$  is finitely generated.

Let  $f : k[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y] \rightarrow k[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  be defined by  $f(x_i) = x_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$  and  $f(y) = 1$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $k[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y]$ . Then  $f(I) = J \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  is an ideal. By inductive hypothesis,  $J = \langle x^{\alpha_1}, \dots, x^{\alpha_s} \rangle$  (which is finitely generated). Then there exist numbers  $m_1, \dots, m_s$  such that

$x^{\alpha_i} y^{m_i} \in I$ . Let  $m = \max\{m_i : 1 \leq i \leq s\}$ .

Let  $J_k := \langle x^\alpha y^k : x^\alpha y^k \in I \rangle$ , where  $0 \leq k \leq n-1$ . Then  $f(J_k)$  is an ideal in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  and so  $f(J_k) = \langle x^{\alpha_1^{(k)}}, \dots, x^{\alpha_{s_k}^{(k)}} \rangle$ .

Claim:  $I = \langle y^m x^{\alpha_1}, \dots, y^m x^{\alpha_s} \rangle + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \langle y^k x^{\alpha_1^{(k)}}, \dots, y^k x^{\alpha_{s_k}^{(k)}} \rangle$ .

Indeed, we only need to show the " $\subseteq$ " containment (the opposite containment is obvious by construction). Moreover, it's enough to show that if  $x^\alpha y^\beta \in I$ , then  $x^\alpha y^\beta$  is in the RHS.

- ◊ If  $\beta \geq m$ , then since  $x^\alpha \in J$ ,  $x^\alpha \in \langle x^{\alpha_1}, \dots, x^{\alpha_s} \rangle$  and so  $x^\alpha y^\beta \in \langle x^\alpha y^m \rangle \subseteq \langle x^{\alpha_1} y^m, \dots, x^{\alpha_s} y^m \rangle$ .
- ◊ If  $\beta \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$ , then  $x^\alpha y^\beta \in J_\beta$ , and so  $x^\alpha \in \langle x^{\alpha_1^{(\beta)}}, \dots, x^{\alpha_{s_\beta}^{(\beta)}} \rangle$ , hence  $x^\alpha y^\beta \in \langle x^{\alpha_1^{(\beta)}} y^\beta, \dots, x^{\alpha_{s_\beta}^{(\beta)}} y^\beta \rangle$ .

□

> ASIDE: We can also cover it with a disjoint union of copies of various dimensions of  $k$ :

$$x^2 y^5 k[x, y] \oplus x^3 y^4 k[x] \oplus x^4 y^3 k[x] \oplus x^4 y^2 k[x] := \mathcal{D},$$

we we'll call the Stanley decomposition. We define the Stanley depth,  $\text{sdepth}$ , as the minimal dimension of a component:

$$\text{sdepth}(\mathcal{D}) = \min\{2, 1, 1, 1\} = 1$$

Also,

$$\text{sdepth}(I) = \max\{\text{sdepth}(\mathcal{D}) : \mathcal{D} = \text{Stanley decomposition of } I\}.$$

> CONJECTURE: (Stanley): Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then  $\text{depth}(M) \leq \text{sdepth}(M)$ . (Here, let's just view  $M = I$  as an  $R$ -module.) For our ideal  $I$  above, we have  $\text{depth}(I) = 1 = \text{sdepth}(I)$ .

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> DEFN: A Groebner Basis  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_t\}$  is minimal (respectively reduced) if

(1)  $LC(g_i) = 1$  for all  $g_i \in G$ .

(2 - minimal) For all  $g_i \in G$ ,  $LT(g_i) \notin \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_{i-1}), LT(g_{i+1}), \dots, LT(g_t) \rangle$ .

(2 - reduced) For all  $g_i \in G$ , no term of  $g_i$  is in  $\langle LT(G \setminus \{g_i\}) \rangle$ .

> **Hilbert basis, existence of GB**

> HILBERT BASIS THEOREM: Every ideal  $I$  in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is finitely generated. (Equivalently:  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is Noetherian i.e., ACC satisfied).

*Proof.* If  $I = \{0\}$ , we're done

Otherwise,  $LT(I) \stackrel{\text{Dickson's Lemma}}{=} \langle m_1, \dots, m_s \rangle$  for some monomials  $m_i$ . By Remark after defn of  $LT(I)$ ,

every monomial in  $LT(I)$  is of the form  $LT(g)$ ,  $g \in I$ . This implies that there exists  $g_1, \dots, g_s \in I$  such that  $m_i = LT(g_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq s$ .

Claim:  $I = \langle g_1, \dots, g_s \rangle$ . To see this, let  $f \in I$ . By the Division Algorithm applied to  $f$  w.r.t. any order of the set  $\{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$ , we have:

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^s a_i g_i + r,$$

such that either  $r = 0$  or no term in  $r$  is divisible by any of the  $LT(g_i)$ . Note that

$$r = f - \sum_{i=1}^s a_i g_i \in I \implies LT(r) \in LT(I) = \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle,$$

so  $LT(r)$  is divisible by at least one of  $LT(g_i)$ , which contradicts the second possibility. Hence  $r = 0$ , which means  $f = \sum_{i=1}^s a_i g_i \in \langle g_1, \dots, g_s \rangle$ . □

> COR: If  $I$  is an ideal in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , then a Groebner basis for  $I$  exists.

*Proof.* The set  $\{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$  from the proof of HBT is a GB for  $I$ . □

> PROP (NORMAL FORM): Let  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_t\}$  be a GB of an ideal  $I$  and  $f \in R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then there is a unique  $r$  (independent of the order of elements of  $G$ ) such that:

- (1) Either  $r = 0$  or no term of  $r$  is divisible by any of  $LT(g_i)$ .
- (2)  $f = g + r$  with  $g \in I$ .

> DEFN: The normal form of  $f$  w.r.t.  $G$  (or  $I$ ) is  $r$  from Proposition.

> Notation:  $r = f \% G = f \% I = \bar{f}^G$  all mean normal form.

*Proof of Prop: Existence* is given by the Division Algorithm (use any ordering of the  $g_i$ 's to apply the division algorithm).

Uniqueness: Assume  $f = g + r$  and  $f = g' + r'$ , where  $g, r, g', r'$  satisfy (1) and (2). Since  $g + r = g' + r'$ , we have

$$\underbrace{r - r'}_{\text{No terms are divisible by any of } LT(g_i) \text{ by (1)}} = \underbrace{g' - g}_{LT(g' - g) \in LT(I) = \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle} \in I.$$

Therefore there are no nonzero monomials in  $r - r'$ , hence  $r - r' = 0$  and so  $r = r'$ . □

> COR (IDEAL MEMBERSHIP): Given  $I \subseteq R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $f \in R$ , then TFAE

- (1)  $f \in I$
- (2)  $f \% G = 0$  for some GB  $G$  of  $I$ .
- (3)  $f \% G = 0$  for any GB  $G$  of  $I$ .

*Proof.* Fix " $<$ " a monomial order.

(1)  $\implies$  (2): Let  $f \in I$ ,  $G$  be a GB of  $I$ , say  $\{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$ . Then  $f \in I = \langle g_1, \dots, g_s \rangle$  and so  $f = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^s a_i g_i}_{g} + 0$ .

The uniqueness of normal form implies  $f \% G = 0$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (1):  $f \% G = 0$  implies  $f = g + 0$ ,  $g \in I$ , i.e.,  $f \in I$ . □

> **How to find GB?**

> BUCHBERGER'S CRITERION & ALGORITHM

> DEFN: Let  $f, g \in R$ . Let  $x^\gamma = LCM(LM(f), LM(g))$ . The  $S$ -polynomial<sup>7</sup> of  $f, g$  is  $S(f, g) = \frac{x^\gamma}{LT(f)} \cdot f - \frac{x^\gamma}{LT(g)} \cdot g$ . The leading term of the first part is  $\frac{x^\gamma}{LT(f)} \cdot LT(f) = x^\gamma$ . The leading term of the second part is  $\frac{x^\gamma}{LT(g)} \cdot LT(g) = x^\gamma$ . Then  $\text{multideg}(S(f, g)) < \gamma$ .

> THEOREM (BUCHBERGER'S CRITERION): Let  $I \subseteq R$  be an ideal. A generating set  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$  for  $I$  is a GB of  $I$  if and only if  $S(g_i, g_j) \% G = 0$ , for every  $i \neq j$ .

> THEOREM (BUCHBERGER'S ALGORITHM): Let  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle \neq \{0\}$ . Then a GB for  $I$  is constructed in a finite number of steps following the algorithm below:

$G := \{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$ .

*Repeat:*  $G' := G = \{g_1, \dots, g_t\}$ . For every pair  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq t$ , if  $S(g_i, g_j) \% G' \neq 0$ , then  $G = G \cup \{S(g_i, g_j)\}$ .

*Until*  $G' = G$ .

<sup>7</sup>some people think  $S$  stands for Syzygy.

> Worked through M2: GBs.m2

> Consider  $v_3 : \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^9$  (the 3rd Veronese). Instead, consider  $pv_3 : \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^8$ , called the Pinched Veronese. Consider:

$$0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow k[a_0, \dots, a_8] \rightarrow k[x, y, z]$$

where the maps are  $a_0 \mapsto x^3, \dots, a_8 \mapsto yz^2$ . (We've thrown out the degree 3 term  $xyz$ .) The pinched veronese is Koszul, which means when you resolve  $k$  over this ring, you get a linear resolution.

If  $I$  has a quadratic GB, then this is Koszul.

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> **Theorem (Buchberger's Criterion):** If  $I$  is an ideal in a polynomial ring and  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$  is a generating set for  $I$ , then TFAE:

- (i)  $G$  is a Gröbner basis for  $I$ .
- (ii) For every  $f, g \in G$ ,  $S(f, g)\%G = 0$  (some order on  $G$ ).

*Proof.* (i)  $\implies$  (ii): Recall that  $S(f, g) := \frac{x^\gamma}{LT(f)} \cdot f - \frac{x^\gamma}{LT(g)} \cdot g \in I$ . By the Ideal Membership Criterion (using the fact that  $G$  is a GB for  $I$ ), we get that  $S(f, g)\%G = 0$ .

(ii)  $\implies$  (i): We want to show that  $LT(I) = \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle$ . Let  $f \in I$  and write  $f = \sum_{i=1}^s a_i g_i$  (which we can do since  $G$  is a generating set for  $I$ ). Here,  $\text{multideg}(f) \leq \max\{\text{multideg}(a_i g_i) : 1 \leq i \leq s\}$ .

Case 1: If  $\text{multideg}(f) = \max\{\text{multideg}(a_i g_i) : 1 \leq i \leq s\}$ , then  $LM(f) = LM(a_i g_i)$  for some  $i$ , so  $LM(g_i) | LM(f)$  for some  $i$ , hence  $LT(f) \in \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle$ .

Case 2: If  $\text{multideg}(f) < \max\{\text{multideg}(a_i g_i) : 1 \leq i \leq s\} := \delta$ , our aim is to show that this cannot occur. Start with an expression (\*) that achieves the minimum possible  $\delta$ . Among all expressions (\*) with minimum possible  $\delta$  start with one that has the property that  $\#\{i : \text{multideg}(a_i g_i) = \delta\}$  is minimum possible (for this fixed  $\delta$ ). We now have, possibly relabeling the  $g_i$ s,

$$(*) \quad f = \underbrace{a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_m g_m}_{\text{multideg}=\delta} + \underbrace{a_{m+1} g_{m+1} + \dots + a_s g_s}_{\text{multideg}<\delta}. \tag{1}$$

Note that we must have  $m \geq 2$  because cancellation must occur in the first piece.

$S(g_1, g_2) = \frac{x^\gamma}{LT(g_1)} \cdot g_1 - \frac{x^\gamma}{LT(g_2)} \cdot g_2$ . By (2), we have  $S(g_1, g_2)\%G = 0$ , so  $S(g_1, g_2) = \sum_{i=1}^s b_i g_i + 0$ , where  $\text{multideg}(b_i g_i) \leq \underbrace{\text{multideg} S(g_1, g_2)}_{<\gamma}$  (using condition (2) in the Division Algorithm). Now,

$$\frac{x^\gamma}{LT(g_1)} \cdot g_1 - \frac{x^\gamma}{LT(g_2)} \cdot g_2 - \sum_{i=1}^s b_i g_i = 0. \tag{2}$$

Recall,  $x^\gamma = LCM(LM(g_1), LM(g_2))$  and  $x^\delta = LM(a_1 g_1) = LM(a_2 g_2)$ , hence  $x^\delta$  is a common multiple of  $LM(g_1)$  and  $LM(g_2)$ . Therefore  $x^\gamma | x^\delta$ , i.e.,  $x^\gamma \cdot x^\mu = x^\delta$  for some  $\mu$ . Multiplying through (2) by  $LC(a_1 g_1) x^\mu$ . This gives

$$\underbrace{LC(a_1 g_1) \frac{x^\gamma x^\mu}{LT(g_1)} \cdot g_1}_{\text{multideg}=\delta, \text{lead.coeff}=LC(a_1 g_1)} - \underbrace{LC(a_1 g_1) \frac{x^\gamma x^\mu}{LT(g_2)} \cdot g_2}_{\text{multideg}=\delta} - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^s LC(a_1 g_1) \underbrace{b_i g_i}_{\text{multideg}<\gamma, \text{ from div alg.}}}_{\text{multideg}<\delta} x^\mu = 0. \tag{3}$$

Now subtract (3) from (1) to get:

$$\underbrace{\left( a_1 - LC(a_1 g_1) \frac{x^\delta}{LT(g_1)} \right)}_{\text{multideg} < \delta} g_1 + \underbrace{\sum_{i=2}^m (BLAH) \cdot g_i}_{\text{multideg} \leq \delta} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=m+1}^s (BLEH) \cdot g_i}_{\text{multideg} < \delta} = f (*)$$

However, this now has  $\leq m - 1$  terms of multidegree  $\delta$ , contradicting minimality, so this case does not actually occur.

So, by Case 1,  $LT(f) \in \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle$ , hence  $LT(I) \subseteq \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle$ , implying that  $LT(I) = \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle$ . Therefore  $G$  is a GB for  $I$ .  $\square$

> **Buchberger's Algorithm:**

$G := \{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  is your set of generators for  $I$ .

Repeat  $G' := G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$

for  $i \neq j$  do: compute  $S(g_i, g_j)$  if  $S(g_i, g_j) \% G \neq 0$ ,  $G = G \cup \{S(g_i, g_j) \% G\}$ <sup>8</sup>

Until  $G' = G$  (i.e., at some iteration all  $S$ -polys give remainder 0).

> *Proof of Correctness of Buchberger Algorithm.* First of all, the fact that it computes a GB is a consequence of Buchberger's Criterion.

Let's prove that this algorithm terminates in finitely many steps.

Claim: If  $G' \neq G$ , then  $\langle LT(G') \rangle \subsetneq \langle LT(G) \rangle$ .

To see this, note that  $G' \neq G$  gives that there exists  $g_1, g_2 \in G'$  such that  $S(g_1, g_2) \% G' \neq 0$ . Let  $r = S(g_1, g_2) \% G'$ . Then (3) in the Division Algorithm implies that no term in  $r$  is in  $\langle LT(G') \rangle$ . In particular,  $LT(r) \notin \langle LT(G') \rangle$ . However,  $r \in G$  so  $LT(r) \in \langle LT(G) \rangle$ . Therefore we have  $\langle LT(G') \rangle \subsetneq \langle LT(G) \rangle$ . We now have an ascending chain of monomial ideals

$$\langle LT(G^{(0)}) \rangle \subset \langle LT(G^{(1)}) \rangle \subset \dots$$

where  $G^{(i)}$  is  $G$  after the  $i$ th iteration. This ascending chain must terminate. Therefore there exists  $i$  such that  $\langle LT(G^{(i)}) \rangle = \langle LT(G^{(i+1)}) \rangle$ , hence  $G^{(i)} = G^{(i+1)}$ , implying that the algorithm stops after iteration  $i + 1$ .  $\square$

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> PROP: Fix a monomial order and an ideal  $I$ . Then there is a unique reduced GB for  $I$ .

*Proof.* Existence: homework problem.

Uniqueness: Assume  $G$  and  $G'$  are reduced GB's for  $I$ , hence  $G$  and  $G'$  are minimal. By a homework #1 problem, this implies  $LT(G)$  and  $LT(G')$  are minimal sets of monomial generators for  $LT(I)$ .

*Notation:*

$LT(I)$  is the ideal generated by the set of leading terms of all elements of  $I$  ( $I$  here is an ideal).

$LT(G)$  is the set of leading terms of all elements of  $G$  (where  $G$  is just a set).

Fact (left unproven): A monomial ideal has a unique minimal set of monomial generators.

This Fact then implies that  $LT(G) = LT(G')$ . Let  $g \in G'$ . Therefore there exists  $g' \in G$  such that  $LT(g) = LT(g')$ . Consider  $g - g'$ . Note that no terms in  $g - g'$  are divisible by elements of  $LT(G)$ , since  $G$  and  $G'$  are reduced. Note that:

<sup>8</sup>This was INCORRECT previously; it is the remainder, not the  $S$ -poly itself.

- (1)  $(g - g') \% G = g - g'$
- (2)  $g - g' \in I$  implies  $(g - g') \% G = 0$ .

Therefore, by (1) and (2),  $g - g' = 0$ , so  $g = g'$ . By a symmetric argument, we then obtain that  $G = G'$ .  $\square$

> **Ideal - Variety Correspondence (Improved):**

- > Ideals  $\subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  correspond to affine varieties  $\subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  by  $\mathbb{V}$  and  $\mathbb{I}$ .
- $\mathbb{V}(I)$  = set of common solutions of  $f_1, \dots, f_s$ , where  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$ .
- $\mathbb{I}(V)$  = set of polynomials vanishing at every point of  $V$ .
- Facts: we have  $\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(I)) \supseteq I$  (where strict inequality can occur).

> **Thm (Weak Nullstellensatz):** If  $k = \bar{k}$ , then  $V(I) = \emptyset$  if and only if  $I = (1) = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

> **Cor (Consistency Theorem):** - A practical way to check when  $V(I) = \emptyset$ .  
 If  $k = \bar{k}$ , then TFAE:

- (1)  $\mathbb{V}(I) = \emptyset$
- (2)  $I = (1)$
- (3) Any GB  $G$  of  $I$  contains a constant among its elements.
- (4) The reduced GB of  $I$  is just  $\{1\}$ .

This isn't a silly theorem; consider the ideal  $I = (x - 1, x + 1) = (1)$  (char not 2).

> **Thm (Finiteness Theorem):** Suppose  $k = \bar{k}$  and  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then TFAE:

- (1)  $\mathbb{V}(I)$  is finite.
- (2)  $R/I$  is a finite dimensional  $k$ -vector space.
- (3) There exists finitely many monomials outside  $LT(I)$ .
- (4) If  $G$  is a GB for  $I$ , then for every  $i$ , there exists  $n_i \geq 1$  such that  $x_i^{n_i}$  is the leading term of some element of  $G \iff LT(I)$  contains pure powers of every variable.

> **Thm (Strong Nullstellensatz):** Let  $k = \bar{k}$  and  $I \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . TFAE:

- (1)  $f \in \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(I))$
- (2) There exists  $m \geq 1$  such that  $f^m \in I$  (if and only if (by defn)  $f \in \sqrt{I}$ ).

In other words,  $\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(I)) = \sqrt{I}$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2): Suppose  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$ . Consider  $\tilde{I} = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s, 1 - gf \rangle \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n, y]$ .<sup>9</sup>

CLAIM:  $\mathbb{V}(\tilde{I}) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose not. Let  $(a_1, \dots, a_n, b) \in \mathbb{V}(\tilde{I})$ . By definition of  $\mathbb{V}$ , we have  $f_i(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , hence  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{V}(I)$ . Then  $1 - b \cdot f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$ . Since  $f \in \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(I))$ , we get  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$ . Now  $1 - b \cdot f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$  implies  $1 = 0$ , a contradiction.

By Weak Nullstellensatz,  $\mathbb{V}(\tilde{I}) = \emptyset \iff \tilde{I} = (1) = k[x_1, \dots, x_n, y]$ . Hence  $1 = \sum_{i=1}^s p_i(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) \cdot f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) + g(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) \cdot (1 - y \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n))$ . Substitute  $y = \frac{1}{f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}$ . Then

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^s p_i \left( x_1, \dots, x_n, \frac{1}{f(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \right) \cdot f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) + 0.$$

Let  $m = \max\{n_i\}$  (where  $n_i = \deg(p_i)$ ).

$$f^m = \sum g_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot f^{m-n_i} \cdot f_i,$$

hence  $f^m \in I$ .  $\square$

<sup>9</sup>Coming up with  $\tilde{I}$  is usually referred to as Rabinowitz's Trick.

> **Thm (Radical Membership):**<sup>10</sup> Let  $k = \bar{k}$ ,  $I$  and ideal, and  $f \in R$ . TFAE:

- (1)  $f \in \sqrt{I}$
- (2)  $\tilde{I} = I + (1 - y \cdot f) = k[x_1, \dots, x_n, y]$ .
- (3) The reduced GB of  $\tilde{I}$  is just  $\{1\}$ .

> **Cor (Improved Ideal-Variety correspondence):** The following maps are inclusion-reversing bijections that are inverse to each other.

$$\underbrace{\{\text{Radical Ideals} \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n]\}}_{\text{(i.e., } I = \sqrt{I}\text{)}} \leftrightarrow \{\text{Varieties in } \mathbb{A}^n\}.$$

> Next: Elimination. Looked at graph of  $I = \langle xy = 1 \rangle$ . Then  $I(\pi(V)) = I \cap k[x]$ .

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> **Elimination Theory** (Elimination of variables = Projecting onto coordinate hyperplanes)

> **Example:**  $V = \langle y - z, zy - 1 \rangle$ . Consider the projection  $\pi : \mathbb{A}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^2$  defined by  $\pi(x, y, z) = (y, z)$ . Then  $\pi(V)$  is the line  $y = z$  in the  $yz$ -plane, except at  $(0, 0)$ . This line is the ideal  $\langle y - z \rangle \subseteq k[y, z]$ . Notice that  $\pi(V)$  is not a variety:  $\mathbb{V}(y - z)$  is the whole line.

> GOALS:

1. Give an algorithmic way for finding generators for the ideal  $I_\ell$  "describing"  $\pi(V)$ .
2. Relate  $\pi(V)$  to  $\mathbb{V}(I_\ell)$ .
3. Extending partial solutions (lifting from  $\mathbb{V}(I_\ell)$  to  $\mathbb{V}(I)$ ).

> DEFN: Let  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq n$ . An *elimination order* of  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  w.r.t.  $x_1, \dots, x_t$  is a monomial order which satisfies the following:

$$(E) : LT(f) \in k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n] \implies f \in k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$$

> EXAMPLES:

1. Lex with  $x_1 > x_2 > \dots > x_n$  is an elimination order for any  $t$ .
2. Block order (product order) given by 2 arbitrary monomial orders  $>_1$  and  $>_2$  on  $k[x_1, \dots, x_t]$  and  $k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$ . The block order = first compare using  $>_1$  then break ties using  $>_2$  ((E) holds because any monomial  $\geq 1$ .)
3. Weighted order with  $w = (1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . First compare using  $>_w$  then break ties using some other arbitrary monomial order on  $R$ .

> DEFN: The ideal  $I_t = I \cap k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$  is called the *tth elimination ideal* of  $I$ . ( $I_t \subseteq k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$ .)

> **Thm (Elimination Theorem):** Let  $I$  be an ideal in  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , let  $G$  be a GB of  $I$  w.r.t. an elimination order for  $x_1, \dots, x_t$ . Then  $G_t = G \cap k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$  is a GB for  $I_t$  for the induced monomial order on  $k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$ .

> EXAMPLE:  $I = \langle y - z, xy - 1 \rangle$ . Compute  $I_1 := I \cap k[y, z]$ .

- Use Lex with  $x > z > y$ . Then  $G = \{y - z, xy - 1\}$  is a GB, the Elimination Theorem gives  $G_1 = \{y - z\}$  is a GB for  $I_1$ , hence  $I_1 = \langle y - z \rangle$ . Then

$$S(y - z, xy - 1) \% \{y - z, xy - 1\} = 0$$

(by a homework problem).

<sup>10</sup>Using part (3), this allows us to test if an element is in the radical of an ideal.

- Use Lex with  $x > y > z$ . Then

$$S(y - z, xy - 1) = x(y - z) - (xy - 1) = -xz + 1$$

$$-xz + 1 \% \{y - z, xy - 1\} = -xz + 1$$

$$G = \{y - z, xy - z, -xz + 1\}$$

(check Buchberger stops here). By Elimination Theorem,  $G_1 = \{y - z\}$ , hence  $I_1 = \langle y - z \rangle$ .

*Proof of Elimination Theorem.* We need to show:

-  $\langle G_t \rangle = I_t$

-  $\langle LT(G_t) \rangle = LT(I_t)$ . (Clearly,  $G_t \subseteq I_t$  gives  $\langle LT(G_t) \rangle \subseteq LT(I_t)$ .) For the converse, let  $f \in I_t$ , and so  $f \in k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$ , hence  $LT(f) \in k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$ .  $f \in I$  and  $G$  is a GB for  $I$ , and so  $LT(f) \in \langle LT(G) \rangle$ , which implies there is  $g \in G$  such that  $LT(g) | LT(f)$ . This means we can write  $LT(g) \in k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$ , hence by (E),  $g \in k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$  and so  $g \in G \cap k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n] = G_t$ . Therefore  $LT(f) \in \langle LT(G_t) \rangle$ . Hence  $LT(I_t) \subseteq \langle LT(G_t) \rangle$ .

□

> DEFN: A point  $(a_{t+1}, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{V}(I_t) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{n-t}$  is a *partial solution* to the equations given by (a finite set of generators) of  $I$ .

> DEFN: A set of points is Zariski closed if it is an affine variety. We say a set of points is Zariski open if its complement is Zariski closed.

> RMK: Zariski open sets form a topology on  $\mathbb{A}^n$ .

> DEFN: Given a set of points  $S$ , the *Zariski closure* of  $S$  is the smallest Zariski closed set containing  $S$ , denoted by  $\overline{S}$ .

> EXAMPLE: The Zariski closure of a line missing a point in the  $yz$ -plane is the entire line in the plane.

> NEXT TIME:  $\overline{\pi(V)} = \mathbb{V}(I_t)$

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> Given an ideal  $I \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ;  $V = \mathbb{V}(I)$ . We defined  $I_t = I \cap k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$  (the  $t^{\text{th}}$  elimination ideal). We defined  $V(I_t) =$  the variety of partial solutions.

We have  $\pi_t : \mathbb{A}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{n-t}$  is the projection onto last  $(n - t)$ -coordinates.

> **Closure Theorem:** If  $k$  is algebraically closed, then  $\overline{\pi_t(V)} = \mathbb{V}(I_t)$ .

> DEFN: If  $S$  is a set of points in  $\mathbb{A}^n$ , we can define  $\mathbb{I}(S) = \{f \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n] : f \text{ vanishes at every point in } S\}$ .

> LEMMA: If  $S$  is a set of points in  $\mathbb{A}^n$ , then  $\overline{S} = \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(S))$ .

*Proof.* We need to show:

(1)  $\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(S))$  is an affine variety containing  $S$ . (By defn).

(2)  $\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(S))$  is the smallest (w.r.t. containment) affine variety containing  $S$ . Let  $W$  be an affine variety containing  $S$ . We'll show  $\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(S)) \subseteq W$ . We have

$$W \supseteq S \implies \mathbb{I}(W) \subseteq \mathbb{I}(S) \implies W = \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(W)) \supseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(S)),$$

hence  $W \supseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(S))$ .

□

*Proof of Closure Theorem:* CLAIM 1:  $\pi_t(V) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(I_t)$ .

If  $(a_{t+1}, \dots, a_n) \in \pi_t(V)$ , then there exists  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in V = \mathbb{V}(I)$  such that for all  $f \in I$ ,  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$ . Therefore for all  $f \in I \cap k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$ . Then for any  $f \in I_t$ ,  $f(a_{t+1}, \dots, a_n) = 0$ . Thus  $(a_{t+1}, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{V}(I_t)$ .

$\pi_t(V) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(I_t)$ , and so  $\overline{\pi_t(V)} \subseteq \mathbb{V}(I_t)$ .

CLAIM 2:  $\mathbb{I}(\pi_t(V)) \subseteq \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(I_t))$ . Let  $f \in \mathbb{I}(\pi_t(V))$ , then  $f$  vanishes at every point of  $\pi_t(V)$ . View  $f$  as a polynomial in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then  $f$  vanishes at every point of  $V$ .

$$f(a_1, \dots, a_t, a_{t+1}, \dots, a_n) = f(a_{t+1}, \dots, a_n) = 0$$

Thus  $f \in \mathbb{I}(V) = \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(I)) = \sqrt{I}$ , and so there exists  $m \geq 1$  such that  $f^m \in I$ . Then  $f \in k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n] \implies f^m \in k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n]$ , and so  $f^m \in I \cap k[x_{t+1}, \dots, x_n] = I_t$ . Therefore  $f^m \in I_t$ , hence  $f \in \sqrt{I_t} = \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(I_t))$ . Here we're using the Strong Nullstellensatz.

So  $\mathbb{I}(\pi_t(V)) \subseteq \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(I_t)) \implies \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(\pi_t(V))) \supseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(I_t)))$ . Therefore  $\overline{\pi_t(V)} \supseteq \mathbb{V}(I_t)$ . □

> The Prop says: "most" partial solutions come from actual solutions.  $\pi_t(V)$  fills up "most" of  $\mathbb{V}(I_t) = \overline{\pi_t(V)}$ .

> PROP: There exists an affine variety  $W \subseteq V(I_t)$  such that

-  $\overline{\mathbb{V}(I_t) \setminus W} = \mathbb{V}(I_t)$  (i.e.,  $W$  is "small")

-  $V(I_t) \setminus W \subseteq \pi_t(V)$  (i.e.,  $V(I_t)$  differs from  $\pi_t(V)$  by some set that is even smaller than  $W$ ).

> **Thm (Extension Theorem):** Let  $k$  be algebraically closed; let  $I_1$  be the first elimination ideal. Say  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Write  $f_i = x_1^{N_i} g_i(x_2, \dots, x_n) +$  terms where degree in  $x_1$  is  $< N_i$ . Let  $(a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{V}(I_1)$  be a partial solution. Then  $(a_2, \dots, a_n)$  extends to a solution  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{V}(I)$  if and only if  $(a_2, \dots, a_n) \notin \mathbb{V}(\langle g_1, \dots, g_s \rangle)$ .

> EXAMPLE: (from last time)  $I = \langle y - z, xy - 1 \rangle$ . We saw  $I_1 = \langle y - z \rangle$ . A point  $(a, a) \in \mathbb{V}(I_1)$  extends to a point  $(a_1, a, a) \in \mathbb{V}(I)$  if and only if  $(a, a) \notin \mathbb{V}(y - z, y) = \mathbb{V}(y, z) = \{(0, 0)\}$  (where in the theorem,  $g_1 = y - z$  and  $g_2 = y$ ). Hence a partial solution extends if and only if it is not the origin.

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> Dickson's Lemma  $\implies$  Proof of Hilbert Basis Theorem  $\implies$  Existence of GBs.

> Also, Dickson's Lemma  $\implies$  the well ordering property for total orderings on monomials that refine divisibility.

> Monomial Ordering (with well-ordering to insure termination of the division algorithm in finitely many steps)  $\implies$  Division Algorithm (determinate form - involves an order on the set  $\{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$ )  $\implies$  Division Algorithm (indeterminate form) (to see if  $S(f, g) = \sum a_i g_i$ ,  $\text{multideg}(a_i g_i) \leq \text{multideg} S(f, g)$ )  $\implies$  Buchberger's Algorithm / Criterion  $\implies$  Construction of GBs

> **Gröbner bases for modules**

- > Let  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Use  $u, v$  to denote monomials in  $R$  (formerly  $x^\alpha$ ).  
Fix a free  $R$ -module  $F$  with basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_r\}$
- > DEFN: We say  $m \in F$  is a *monomial* in  $F$  if  $m = u \cdot e_i$ , where  $u$  is a monomial in  $R$ .
- > DEFN: We say that  $U$  is a *monomial* submodule of  $F$  if it is generated by monomials of  $F$ .
- > PROP: (Characterization of monomial submodules):  
 $U \subseteq F$  is a monomial submodule if and only if for every  $1 \leq i \leq r$  there is a monomial ideal  $I_i \subseteq R$  such that  $U = I_1 e_1 \oplus \dots \oplus I_r e_r$ .
- > COR 1: Any monomial submodule of a free  $R$ -module is finitely generated. (use the Prop and Dickson's lemma, taking finite generators for each of the  $I_i$ ).
- > COR 2: Any submodule of a finitely generated free  $R$ -module is finitely generated (from Cor. 1 and the argument from Dickson's Lemma to the proof of the Hilbert Basis Thm.)
- > COR 3: Gröbner bases for modules exist.
- > DEFN: A *monomial ordering* on the monomials of the free module  $F$  is a total order satisfying:
  - (1)  $m < um$ , for any monomial  $m \in F$ , for any  $u \in R$ ,  $u$  a monomial,  $u \neq 1$ .
  - (2)  $m_1 < m_2$  implies  $um_1 < um_2$  for all  $m_1, m_2 \in F$  monomials and for all  $u \in R$ , a monomial.
- > EXAMPLES OF MONOMIAL ORDERINGS ON  $F$ : We fix a monomial order " $>$ " on  $R$ .
  1. Position over Coefficient:  $ue_i > ue_j$  if  $i < j$  OR  $i = j$  and  $u > v$ .
  2. Coefficient over Position:  $ue_i > ue_j$  if  $u > v$  OR  $u = v$  and  $i < j$ .

For example, take  $R = k[[x_1, x_2]]$  and  $F = Re_1 \oplus Re_2$ . Then  $x_2 e_1 >_{\text{PoC}} x_1 e_2$  but  $x_2 e_1 <_{\text{CoP}} x_1 e_2$  with Lex on  $R$ .
- > The notions of LT,LC,LM have the same definition.
- > DEFN: Given a submodule  $U$  of a finitely generated free module  $F$ , a set  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$  is a Gröbner basis of  $U$  if
  - (1)  $G$  generates  $U$  (as an  $R$ -module).
  - (2)  $LT(U) = \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle$ . Where  $LT(U)$  is the "initial module of  $U$ ."
- > DEFN:  $S$ -elements can be defined for  $f, g \in F$  such that  $LT(f) = ue_i$  and  $LT(g) = ve_j$  where  $i = j$ . For such  $f, g$  we define:
 
$$S(f, g) = \frac{LCM(u, v)}{u} f - \frac{LCM(u, v)}{v} g.$$

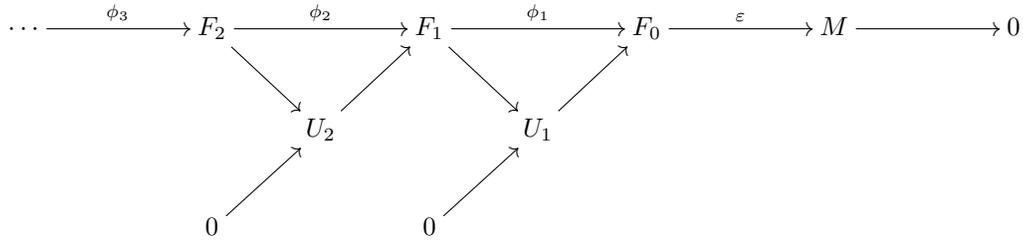
(This is defined so that cancellation of LTs occurs.)
- > **Syzygies:**
- > PROP: Given an  $R$ -module  $M$  there exists a free  $R$ -module  $F$  and a submodule  $U$  of  $F$  such that  $M \cong F/U$ . Moreover, if  $M$  is finitely generated, then  $F$  can be chosen to be finitely generated.

*Proof.* Use first iso theorem. □

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- > **Syzygies:**

> Last time: Given an  $R$ -module  $M$ , we can iterate the procedure in the proof of the presentation (Prop.) to come up with a sequence of the free  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -module maps:



such that

- $M = \text{coker}(\phi_1) = F_0 / \text{im}(\phi_1)$
- $\ker(\phi_i) = \text{im}(\phi_{i+1})$  (This implies  $\phi_i \circ \phi_{i+1} = 0$  for all  $i$ )

> DEFN: A sequence of free  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -modules maps as above is called a *free resolution* of  $M$  over  $R$ . The module  $U_i = \ker(\phi_i) = \text{im}(\phi_{i+1})$  is called the  *$i$ th syzygy module of  $M$*  with respect to the resolution  $F_\bullet$ .

> QUESTION: How to compute (find generators or presentations) for  $U_i$ ?

> DEFN: Say  $U = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$  is an  $R$ -module. We denote by  $\text{syz}(f_1, \dots, f_s) = \ker(R^s \rightarrow U)$ .

> LEMMA: (Buchberger's criterion gives us syzygies for free.) If  $\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  is a GB for an  $R$ -modules  $U$ , then we can use  $S(f_i, f_j)$  to come up with elements  $r_{ij} \in \text{syz}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$ .

*Proof.* (Also defining  $r_{ij}$ .)

Whenever the leading terms of  $f_i, f_j$  are supported on the same basis element of  $F$  we defined  $S(f_i, f_j) = u_{ij}f_i - u_{ji}f_j$  (where  $u_{ij} = \text{LCM}(-)/\text{LT}(-)$  and  $u_{ji} = \text{LCM}(-)/\text{LT}(-)$ ).

Since  $\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  is a GB, Buchberger's criterion for modules tells us  $S(f_i, f_j) = \sum a_{ijk}f_k$ , with  $\text{LT}(S(f_i, f_j)) \geq \text{LT}(a_{ijk}f_k)$  for all  $k$ . So,

$$u_{ij}f_i - u_{ji}f_j = \sum a_{ijk}f_k \implies \sum_{k=1}^s a_{ijk}f_k - u_{ij}f_i + u_{ji}f_j = 0.$$

DEFINE:  $r_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^s a_{ijk}e_k - u_{ij}e_i + u_{ji}e_j$ .

Clearly,  $\phi(r_{ij}) = 0$ , so  $r_{ij} \in \ker(\phi) = \text{syz}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$ . □

> **Thm:** The elements  $r_{ij}$  generate  $\text{syz}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$  (if  $\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  is a GB).

*Sketch of Proof.* Assign to  $r \in \text{syz}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$  (write  $r = \sum_{i=1}^s h_i e_i$ ) the monomial  $u_r = \max\{\text{LT}(h_i f_i)\}_{1 \leq i \leq s}$ .

Then the proof goes by contradiction: Suppose there exists  $r \in \text{syz}(f_1, \dots, f_s) \setminus \langle r_{ij} \rangle$ . Consider among such  $r$  one that has minimum possible  $u_r$ .

Since  $\phi(r) = 0$ , there exists at least 2 terms  $h_1 f_1$  and  $h_2 f_2$  such that  $u_r = \text{LT}(h_1 f_1) = \text{LT}(h_2 f_2)$ .

Use  $r_{12}$  and  $r$  to fabricate  $r' \in \text{syz}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$  such that  $u_{r'} < u_r$ , contradicting minimality. □

> COR: If  $U$  is a monomial submodule of  $F$  and  $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$  is a set of monomial generators for  $U$  (in particular  $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$  is a GB for  $U$ ), then  $\text{syz}(f_1, \dots, f_n)$  is generated by  $r_{ij} = u_{ij}e_i - u_{ji}e_j$ , where  $u_{ij}, u_{ji}$  are the coefficients from  $S(f_i, f_j)$  if this exists. (i.e.,  $r_{ij}$  is gotten from  $S(f_i, f_j)$  by replacing  $f_i$  by  $e_i$  and  $f_j$  by  $e_j$ ).<sup>11</sup>

> LEMMA:  $U$  is a free  $R$ -module if and only if  $\text{LT}(U) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^m I_j e_j$  with all  $I_j$  being principal ideals.

*Proof.* Homework. □

<sup>11</sup>Key point: If  $f_i, f_j$  are monomials, then  $S(f_i, f_j) = 0$ , hence  $a_{ijk} = 0$  for all  $k$ .

> **Algorithm for computing a free resolution for  $M$ :**

- Start with a presentation  $M = F/U$ .
- Set  $i = 1, U_1 = U$ .
- Repeat until  $U_i$  is free:
  - ◊ Compute a GB of  $U_i$ ; compute  $LT(U_i)$  and decide if  $U_i$  is free.
  - ◊ If  $U_i$  is not free, then  $U_{i+1} := \langle r_{jk} \rangle$ .
  - ◊  $i = i + 1$

> EXAMPLE: Set  $M = R/\langle x^2, xy, y^2 \rangle$ , where  $R = k[x, y]$ . Then (use a monomial order such that  $xy > y^2$ ):  $f_1 = x^2$  and  $f_2 = xy + y^2$ . Then  $U_1 = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$  but we want a GB for  $U_1$ .  $F_0 = R$ .

Compute  $S(f_1, f_2) = yf_1 - xf_2 = -xy^2 = -yf_2 + y^3$ . Buchberger's algorithm says: throw in  $f_3 = y^3$ .

$$r_{12} = ye_1 - xe_2 + ye_2 - e_3 = ye_1 + (y - x)e_2 - e_3$$

$$r_{13} = y^3e_1 - x^2e_3 \text{ (easy because } f_1, f_3 \text{ are monomials - see Cor.)}$$

$$r_{23} \text{ comes from } S(f_2, f_3) = y^2f_2 - xf_3 = y^4 = yf_3, \text{ so } r_{23} = y^2e_2 - xe_3 - ye_3 = y^2e_2 - (x + y)e_3.$$

So  $\{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$  is a GB and  $\text{syz}(f_1, f_2, f_3) = \langle r_{12}, r_{13}, r_{23} \rangle$ . We want  $\text{syz}(f_1, f_2), \dots$

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> See Haydee's notes.

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- > Used to be following Cochsittle / oshea (?)
- > Now following: V. Ene & J. Herzog called "Gröbner bases in Commutative Algebra."
- > Also following: D. Eisenbud called "Commutative Algebra with a view towards Algebraic Geometry."
- > EXAMPLE: Compute a free resolution of  $M = R/\langle x^2, xy + y^2 \rangle$  where  $R = k[x, y]$  with Lex such that  $x > y$ .
  - Start with the presentation of  $M = R^1/U$ , where  $U = \langle x^2, xy + y^2 \rangle \subseteq R^1$ .
  - We then have  $R^2 \rightarrow U$  a surjection, mapped to  $x^2$  and  $xy + y^2$ . This gives a map

$$R^2 \rightarrow R \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0,$$

where the first map is given by  $[x^2 \quad xy + y^2]$ . We now need  $\text{syz}(x^2, xy + y^2) \subseteq R^2$ .

- Need to compute GB of  $U$ . Put  $f_1 = x^2$  and  $f_2 = xy + y^2$ .
  - ◊ First iteration: Compute:

$$S(f_1, f_2) = yf_1 - xf_2 = -xy^2 = -yf_2 + y^3.$$

The remainder in the last term is  $y^3 \neq 0$ . Buchberger's Algorithm tells us we need to include  $f_3 = y^3$  in the GB. Now  $G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ .

- ◊ Second iteration:
  - $S(f_1, f_2) = -yf_2 + f_3 + 0$  (nothing new).
  - $S(f_1, f_3) = y^3f_1 - x^2f_2 + 0$ . (Nothing new; This is always the case if you start with coprime monomials.)
  - $S(f_2, f_3) = y^2f_2 - xf_3 = y^4 = yf_3 + 0$ . (Again, nothing new.)

So, we have that  $G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$  is a GB for  $U$ .

- Turning  $S$ -polys into generators for the syzygy module  $\text{syz}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ . (Then at the end we'll prune down.)

$$yf_1 - xf_2 = -yf_2 + f_3 \implies ye_1 - xe_2 + ye_2 - e_3 \in \text{syzy}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$$

So here we're mapping three copies of  $R$  onto  $U$  via  $e_i \mapsto f_i$ . The kernel of this map is  $\text{syzy}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ . Here

$$r_{12} = ye_1 + (y-x)e_2 - e_3.$$

$$r_{13} = y^3e_1 - x^2e_2$$

$$r_{23} = y^2e_2 - (x+y)e_3$$

$$\text{syzy}(f_1, f_2, f_3) = \langle r_{12}, r_{13}, r_{23} \rangle \subseteq R^3.$$

- Pruning step: Plug in  $e_3 = ye_1 + (y-x)e_2$  into  $r_{12}, r_{13}, r_{23}$ . Then  $r_{12}$  becomes trivial.. call the latter two  $r'_{13}$  and  $r'_{23}$ .

Then:

$$r'_{13} = y^3e_1 - x^2(ye_1 + (y-x)e_2) = y^3e_1 - x^2ye_1 - x^2(y-x)e_2$$

$$r'_{13} = (y^3 - x^2y)e_1 - x^2(y-x)e_2 = y(y+x)(y-x)e_1 - x^2(y-x)e_2$$

$$r'_{23} = y^2e_2 - (x+y)(ye_1 + (y-x)e_2) = -(xy + y^2)e_1 + x^2e_2,$$

$$r'_{23} = -y(x+y)e_1 + x^2e_2.$$

Hence

$$\text{syzy}(f_1, f_2) = \langle r'_{13}, r'_{23} \rangle \subseteq R^2$$

But:  $r'_{13} = (y-x)r'_{23}$ . So,  $\text{syzy}(f_1, f_2) = \langle r'_{23} \rangle \subseteq R^2$ . Hence  $\text{syzy}(f_1, f_2) \cong R$ , so it's a free  $R$ -module!

Now,

$$0 \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} -y(x+y) \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix}} R^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} x^2 & xy+y^2 \end{bmatrix}} R \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

is a free resolution of  $M$  (over  $R$ ). Check the composition of the two maps in the middle are indeed 0.

- > **Schreyer's Theorem:** The idea: change monomial order at each step of computing a free resolution so that  $\{r_{ij}\}$  form a GB for the syzygy module.
- > DEFN: Let  $U = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$  be a submodule of a free  $R$ -module  $F$  (we already have a given monomial order on  $F$ ). Let  $F' = R^s \rightarrow U$  by sending  $e_i \rightarrow f_i$ . We define a monomial order on  $F'$  as follows:

$$ue_i <_{\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}} ve_j$$

if  $LM(uf_i) < LM(vf_j)$  in  $F$  or  $LM(uf_i) = LM(vf_j)$  and  $j < i$ .

- > (Check: this is a monomial order on  $F'$ .)

- > **Theorem (Schreyer):** If  $\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  is a GB of  $U$ , then  $\{r_{ij}\}$  (as defined last time) form a GB for  $\text{syzy}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$  with respect to  $>_{\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}}$ . Moreover if  $i < j$ ,  $LT(r_{ij}) = u_{ij}e_i$ , where  $LT(f_i) = ue_k$ ,  $LT(f_j) = ve_k$  implies  $u_{ij} = LCM(u, v)/u$ . ( $u_{ij}$  come from  $S(f_i, f_j) = u_{ij}f_i - u_{ji}f_j$ .)

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- > **Theorem (Schreyer):** If  $\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  is a GB of  $U$ , then  $\{r_{ij}\}$  (as defined last time) form a GB for  $\text{syzy}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$  with respect to  $>_{\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}}$ . Moreover if  $i < j$ ,  $LT(r_{ij}) = u_{ij}e_i$ , where  $LT(f_i) = ue_k$ ,  $LT(f_j) = ve_k$  implies  $u_{ij} = LCM(u, v)/u$ . ( $u_{ij}$  come from  $S(f_i, f_j) = u_{ij}f_i - u_{ji}f_j$ .)

*Proof.* Recall  $\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  is a GB for  $U$  so by Buchberger's Criterion,  $S(f_i, f_j) = \sum_{k=1}^s a_{ijk}f_k$ , where  $LT(a_{ijk}f_k) \leq LT(S(f_i, f_j))$  for every  $k$  such that  $a_{ijk} \neq 0$ .

By definition, whenever  $f_i$  and  $f_j$  are of the form  $LT(f_i) = ue_k$  and  $LT(f_j) = ve_k$ ,

$$S(f_i, f_j) = (LCM(u, v)/u)f_i - (LCM(u, v)/v)f_j$$

Hence  $u_{ij}f_i - u_{ji}f_j = \sum_{k=1}^s a_{ijk}f_k$ , so  $\sum_{k=1}^s a_{ijk}f_k - u_{ij}f_i - u_{ji}f_j = 0$ . Then

$$r_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^s a_{ijk}e_k - u_{ij}e_i - u_{ji}e_j.$$

CLAIM 1: Every monomial in  $\sum_{k=1}^s a_{ijk}e_k$  is  $<_{\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}}$  than  $u_{ij}e_i$ . Indeed,  $LT(a_{ijk}f_k) \leq LT(S(f_i, f_j))$ . Therefore  $LT(a_{ijk}e_k) <_{\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}} LT(u_{ij}e_i) = u_{ij}e_i$ .

CLAIM 2:  $u_{ji}e_j <_{\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}} ju_{ij}e_i$ .

$$LM(u_{ji}f_j) = LM(u_{ij}f_i)$$

and

$$i < j \implies u_{ji}e_j <_{\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}} u_{ij}e_i$$

Claims 1 & 2 then imply  $LT(r_{ij}) = u_{ij}e_i$ . Next, we show  $\{r_{ij}$  form a GB. We need to show that  $LT(\text{syz}\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}) = <_{\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}} LT(r_{ij}) >$ . Let  $r \in \text{syz}\{f_1, \dots, f_s\} \subseteq F'$ .

Hence  $r = \sum_{j=1}^s r_j e_j$ . Suppose  $LT(r) = v_i e_i$  for some fixed  $i$ ,  $v_i$  is a monomial in  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

Denote  $LT(r_j e_j) = v_j e_j$  for every  $1 \leq j \leq s$ .

$r \in \text{syz}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$ , so  $\phi(r) = 0$  and so  $\sum_{j=1}^s r_j f_j = 0$ , in particular,  $LT(v_i f_i)$  appears in the sum and is cancelled by other summands.

Let  $S = \{j \mid LM(v_j f_j) = LM(v_i f_i)\}$ .

CLAIM 3:  $i = \min s$ .

For every  $j \in S$ ,  $r_j e_j <_{\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}} r_i e_i$  because  $LT(r) = v_i e_i$ . Also for every  $j \in S$ ,  $LM(r_j e_j) = LM(r_i e_i)$ . Hence  $j > i$  (breaking ties using position).

Let  $r' = \sum_{j \in S} v_j e_j$ . But  $\sum_{j \in S} v_j LT(f_j) = 0$  (because  $\sum r_j f_j = 0$ ). Therefore  $r' \in \text{syz}(LT(f_{j_1}), \dots, LT(f_{j_t}))$ . By the Cor,  $r' = \sum_{k,l \in S} b_{kl}(u_{kl}e_k - u_{lk}e_l)$ . Then  $LT(r')$  is divisible by  $u_{ki}e_i = LT(r_{ij})$  for some  $k \in S$ , and so  $LT(r_{ij}) \mid LT(r') = LT(r)$ . This means  $LT(r) \in <_{\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}} LT(r_{ij}) >$ .  $\square$

> COR: Re-index  $\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  such that whenever  $LT(f_i)$  and  $LT(f_j)$  involve the same basis element, say  $LT(f_i) = u e_k$  and  $LT(f_j) = v e_k$ , then  $u >_{\text{Lex}} v$ . Then if  $x_1, \dots, x_t$  do not appear in  $LT(f_j)$ , then  $x_1, \dots, x_{t+1}$  do not appear in  $LT(r_{ij})$ .

*Proof.* By the Theorem,  $LT(r_{ij}) = u_{ij}e_i = (LCM(u, v)/u)e_i$ . Then  $u >_{\text{Lex}} v \implies$  exponent of  $x_{t+1}$  in  $u$  is bigger than the exponent of  $x_{t+1}$  in  $v$ , we get exponent of  $x_{t+1}$  in  $LCM(u, v)$  is exponent of  $x_{t+1}$  in  $u$ , and so this power cancels in  $LCM(u, v)/u$ .  $\square$

> **Thm (Hilbert's Syzygy Theorem):** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module ( $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ). Then  $M$  admits a free resolution over  $R$  of length at most  $n$ .

For the resolution

$$0 \rightarrow F_p \rightarrow F_{p-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

we define  $p$  to be the length of the resolution.

*Proof.* Let  $t =$  largest index such that  $x_1, \dots, x_t$  do not appear in  $LT(U_1)$ . By the Corollary,  $x_1, \dots, x_{t+1}$  do not appear in  $LT(U_2)$ . Inductively,  $x_1, \dots, x_{t+i-1}$  do not appear in  $LT(U_i)$ . Set  $i = n - t + 1$ . Then  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  do not appear in  $LT(U_{n-t+1})$ . Hence  $LT(U_{n-t+1}) = 0$ , and so  $U_{n-t+1} = 0$ . Then note  $n - t = p \leq n$ .  $\square$

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> **Plan of what's to come:**

1. Graded rings, modules, resolutions
2. (Multi) Graded free resolutions for monomial ideals
3. The relationship between the free resolution of  $I$  and that of  $LT(I)$ .

> Graded rings and modules / Graded resolutions.

> DEFN: Let  $k$  be a field. A ring  $R$  is a *graded  $k$ -algebra (graded ring)* if

1.  $R = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} R_i$ , each  $R_i$  is a  $k$ -vector space.
2.  $R_0 = k$
3.  $R_i R_j \subseteq R_{i+j}$ .

We say  $R$  is *standard graded* if  $R = k[R_1]$  and  $\dim_k R_1 < \infty$ .

> EXAMPLE:  $R = [x_1, \dots, x_n] = k \oplus \text{span}_k \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \oplus \text{span}_k \langle x_i^2, x_i x_j \rangle \oplus \dots \oplus \text{span}_k \langle \text{deg } i \text{ monomials} \rangle$ .

> PROP: Let  $R$  be a graded  $k$ -algebra. Then TFAE:

1.  $R$  is standard graded
2.  $R = \frac{k[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{I}$ , where  $I$  is a homogeneous ideal contained in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $n = \dim_k R_1$ .

> DEFN: Let  $R$  be a graded ring. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a *graded  $R$ -module* if  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} M_i$  and  $R_i M_j \subseteq M_{i+j}$ .

> RMK: Any finitely generated graded  $R$ -module can be generated by a finite system of homogeneous elements. (Homogeneous elements are elements in  $M_i$  for some  $i$ .)

> From now on,  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

> PROP: (NAK): Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module and let  $m_1, \dots, m_r$  be homogeneous elements whose residue classes modulo  $\mathfrak{m}M$  form a  $k$ -basis for  $M/\mathfrak{m}M$ . Then  $m_1, \dots, m_r$  generate  $M$ .

> COR: Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then ALL homogeneous minimal systems of generators of  $M$  have the same cardinality, namely,  $\dim_k M/\mathfrak{m}M$ .

> DEFN: (DEGREE SHIFTING): Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. Define  $M(j)$  to be the graded module whose graded components are given by  $M(j)_i = M_{i+j}$ .

> EXAMPLE: Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $R = R_0 \oplus R_1 \oplus \dots$ . Then  $R(-d)_i = R_{-d+i}$ , i.e.,  $R(-d)_0 = R_{-d} = 0 \dots R(-d)_{d+1} = R_1 \dots$ :

degree	0	1	2	...	$d$	...	$d+i$	...
$R$	$R_0$	$R_1$	$R_2$	...	$R_d$	...	$R_{d+i}$	...
$R(-d)$	0	0	0	...	$R_0$	...	$R_i$	...

> DEFN: An  $R$ -module homomorphism  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is called *homogeneous* if  $\phi(M_i) \subseteq N_i$ . (This is also sometimes called *degree preserving*.)

> EXAMPLE: The  $R$ -module homomorphism  $\phi : R(-d) \rightarrow R$  given by  $\phi(x) = f \cdot x$  (where  $f$  is a homogeneous poly of degree  $d > 0$ ) is homogeneous.

> DEFN: A free resolution

$$F_{\bullet} \cdots \rightarrow F_2 \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

of a graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is a *graded free resolution* if each  $\phi$  as well as  $\varepsilon$  are homogeneous  $R$ -module homomorphisms.

> PROP: Let  $U \subseteq F$  be a graded submodule of a free  $R$ -module  $F$ . Then the reduced GB of  $U$  consists of homogeneous elements.

*Proof.* (sketch)

- $S$ -elements between a pair of homogeneous elements are homogeneous.
- Remainders under division algorithm of a homogeneous element w.r.t. a set of homogeneous elements are homogeneous.
- This implies there exists a GB of  $U$  that consists of homogeneous elements.
- Furthermore, to get a reduced GB:
  - ◊ we discard some of the elements in the GB
  - ◊ we take further remainders
  - ◊ we multiply by constants.

These all yield homogeneous elements.

□

> COR: Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  admits a graded free resolution of length  $\leq n = \#$  variables.

*Proof.* (sketch) Previous Prop + Prop that  $r_{ij}$  generate  $\text{syz}(U)$ +HST.

□

> DEFN: A *minimal* graded free resolution of a graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is a graded free resolution

$$F_{\bullet} : \cdots \xrightarrow{\phi_2} F_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} F_0 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} M \rightarrow 0$$

such that  $\phi_i(F_i) \subseteq \mathfrak{m}F_{i-1}$  for all  $i \geq 1$ .

> RMK: The ranks of the free  $R$ -modules in a minimal graded free resolution of  $M$  are minimal among the ranks of free modules in any given graded resolution of  $M$ .

> EXAMPLE: Fix  $f \in R$ ,  $f \in R_d$ ,  $d \geq 1$ , (i.e.,  $f$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $d$ ).

$$0 \rightarrow R(-d) \xrightarrow{f} R \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} R/(f) \rightarrow 0$$

- is a homogeneous free resolution of  $R/(f)$ .

- is also minimal because  $\phi_1(R(-d)) \subseteq f \cdot R \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \cdot R$ . (Or, look at the matrix  $R(-d) \xrightarrow{[f]} R$  and check all of its entries are in  $\mathfrak{m}$ ).

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> Example:  $f$  is a homogeneous polynomial with degree  $d$ . We came up with 2 resolutions for  $R/(f)$ :

$$0 \rightarrow R(-d) \xrightarrow{[f]} R \rightarrow R/(f) \rightarrow 0$$

We could also resolve (non-minimally) like:

$$F_{\bullet} : 0 \rightarrow R^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & f \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} R^2 \rightarrow R/(f) \rightarrow 0$$

Note that this second one has elements (in the first column of the matrix) that are not in the maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . So, we actually have that the following exact sequence injects into the last one:

$$G_{\bullet} : 0 \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}} R(e_1 - e_2) \rightarrow 0$$

Let's view this injection as a map of complexes:

$$0 \rightarrow G_{\bullet} \rightarrow F_{\bullet} \rightarrow F_{\bullet}/G_{\bullet} \rightarrow 0$$

Coincidentally, the cokernels give the minimal resolution!

> PROP: Every finitely generated graded  $R$ -module  $M$  has a minimal graded free resolution.

*Sketch of Proof:* Start with any graded resolution  $F_{\bullet}$  of  $M$ . (We know such  $F_{\bullet}$  exists.) If there exists  $x \in F_i$  such that  $\phi_i(x) \notin \mathfrak{m}F_{i-1}$  (i.e.,  $F_{\bullet}$  is non-minimal). Then let

$$G_{\bullet} : 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow G_i \rightarrow G_{i-1} \rightarrow 0$$

is an exact complex. There is a sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow G_{\bullet} \rightarrow F_{\bullet} \rightarrow F_{\bullet}/G_{\bullet} \rightarrow 0$$

The l.e.s. in homology corresponding to this sequence of complexes implies  $F_{\bullet}/G_{\bullet}$  is exact, except for the 0 th spot, where the cokernel is  $M$ , i.e.,  $F_{\bullet}/G_{\bullet}$  is a resolution of  $M$ .

Continue this process with  $F_{\bullet}/G_{\bullet}$  instead of  $F_{\bullet}$  until a minimal resolution is obtained. □

> PROP: Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then any two graded minimal free resolutions of  $M$  are isomorphic, i.e., if  $F_{\bullet}$  and  $G_{\bullet}$  are minimal free resolutions of  $M$ , there exist degree-preserving isomorphisms  $\mu_i : F_i \rightarrow G_i$  that make the following commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} F_{\bullet} : & \dots & \longrightarrow & F_i & \xrightarrow{\phi_i} & F_{i-1} & \longrightarrow \dots \\ & & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & \\ G_{\bullet} : & \dots & \longrightarrow & G_i & \xrightarrow{\phi_i} & G_{i-1} & \longrightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

> COR: The ranks of the modules  $F_i$  in a minimal free resolution of  $M$  only depend on  $M$  (not on the choice of minimal resolution).

> REFINEMENT: Each  $F_i = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\infty} R^{\beta_{ij}}(-j)$  and the  $\beta_{ij}$  only depend on  $M$  (not on the choice of minimal free resolution).

> DEFN: The numbers  $\beta_{ij}$  as above are called the *graded Betti numbers* of  $M$ .

> Numerical data attached to a finitely generated graded  $R$ -module  $M$ . Graded Betti numbers (often summarized in a Betti diagram (or Betti table) is a matrix in which  $\beta_{i,i+j}$  appears in position  $(i, j)$ .

> EXAMPLE:  $I = x_1^2 - x_2x_3, x_3^2x_4, x_1x_2x_3, x_4^3$ . A graded minimal free resolution of  $R/I$  is:

$$0 \rightarrow R(-8) \rightarrow R^2(-6) \oplus R^3(-7) \rightarrow R^6(-5) \oplus R(-6) \rightarrow R(-2) \oplus R^3(-3) \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/I \rightarrow 0$$

This gives Betti numbers:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{4,8} = 1 & & \beta_{3,6} = 2 & & \beta_{2,5} = 6 & & \beta_{1,2} = 1 & & \beta_{00} = 1 \\ & & \beta_{3,7} = 3 & & \beta_{2,6} = 1 & & \beta_{1,3} = 3 & & \end{aligned}$$

Putting them in a table, we have something like:

	0	1	2	3	4
0	1				
1		1			
2		3			
3			6	2	
4			1	3	
5					1

- > The *total Betti numbers*:  $\beta_i = \sum_{j \geq 0} \beta_{ij}$
- > The *projective dimension* is the index of last column in the Betti table.

$$\text{pd}(M) = \max\{i : \exists j, \beta_{ij} \neq 0\}.$$

- > The *regularity* is the index of the last row in the Betti table:

$$\text{reg}(M) = \max\{j : \beta_{i,i+j} \neq 0 \text{ for some } i\}.$$

- > DEFN: The numerical function  $H_M : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  with  $H_M(i) = \dim_k M_i$  is called the *Hilbert function* of the graded module  $M$ .

The formal (Laurent) series  $HS_M(t) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} H_M(i)t^i$ .

> FACTS:

1.  $HS_R(t) = \frac{1}{(1-t)^n}$ , where  $n =$  number of variables of  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .
2.  $HS_{R(-d)}(t) = \frac{t^d}{(1-t)^n}$ , where  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .
3. A s.e.s. of graded  $R$ -modules and homogeneous  $R$ -module maps

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

gives

$$HS_B(t) = HS_A(t) + HS_C(t).$$

*Proof.* We can restrict to s.e.s. of  $k$ -vector spaces  $0 \rightarrow A_i \rightarrow B_i \rightarrow C_i \rightarrow 0$ , and then done by dimensions of vector spaces:  $\dim_k B_i = \dim_k A_i + \dim_k C_i$ . □

- > PROP: If  $0 \rightarrow F_p \rightarrow F_{p-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is a minimal graded free resolution of  $M$  (over  $R$ ), then  $HS_M(t) = HS_{F_0}(t) - HS_{F_1}(t) + HS_{F_2}(t) - \dots + (-1)^p HS_{F_p}(t)$ . Each of these is a sum  $HS_{R^{\beta_{ij}(-j)}}(t) = \frac{\beta_{ij}t^j}{(1-t)^n}$ .

Thus the  $HS_M(t) = \sum_{i,j} (-1)^i \frac{\beta_{ij}t^j}{(1-t)^n}$ .

- > EXAMPLE:  $HS_{S/I}(t) = \frac{1-t^2-3t^3+6t^5-t^6-3t^7+t^8}{(1-t)^4}$ .

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> **Computing graded Betti numbers using Tor:**

> Let  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

> DEFN: Let  $M$  and  $N$  be finitely generated graded  $R$ -modules. Take a free resolution of  $N$ :

$$F_\bullet : 0 \rightarrow F_p \xrightarrow{d_p} F_{p-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

Tensor  $F_\bullet$  with  $M$  and get a (no longer exact) complex:

$$M \otimes F_\bullet : 0 \rightarrow M \otimes_R F_p \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}_p} \dots \rightarrow M \otimes_R F_1 \rightarrow M \otimes_R F_0$$

Then

$$\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N) = \frac{\ker(\tilde{d}_i)}{\text{im}(\tilde{d}_{i+1})}$$

is the  $i$ th homology of the complex  $M \otimes F_\bullet$ .

NOTE: If  $M$  and  $N$  are graded and  $F_\bullet$  is a homogeneous (graded) resolution, then  $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N)$  are graded  $R$ -modules, i.e.,  $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N) = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Tor}_i^R(M, N)_j$ .

> PROP:  $\beta_{ij}(M) = \dim_k(\text{Tor}_i^R(k, M))_j$ .

*Proof.* To compute  $\text{Tor}_i^R(k, M)$  one considers a minimal graded free resolution of  $M$

$$F_\bullet : 0 \rightarrow F_p \rightarrow F_{p-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_{i+1} \xrightarrow{d_{i+1}} F_i \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

Then

$$k \otimes F_\bullet : 0 \rightarrow k \otimes F_p \rightarrow k \otimes F_{p-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow k \otimes F_{i+1} \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}_{i+1}} k \otimes F_i \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow k \otimes F_0 \rightarrow k \otimes M \rightarrow 0$$

is a complex of  $k$ -vector spaces, where  $\tilde{d}_i(\lambda \otimes f) = \lambda \otimes d_i(f)$ .

CLAIM:  $\tilde{d}_i \equiv 0$ . To see this: If  $F_\bullet$  is a minimal graded free resolution, then  $\text{im } d_i \subseteq \mathfrak{m}F_{i-1}$ , and so  $d_i(f) = \sum_{i=1}^r m_i g_i$ ,  $\{g_1, \dots, g_r\}$  is a basis for  $F_{i-1}$  as a free  $R$ -module. Hence

$$\tilde{d}_i(\lambda \otimes f) = \lambda \otimes d_i(f) = \lambda \otimes \left( \sum m_i g_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^r (\lambda m_i \otimes g_i) = \sum (0 \otimes g_i) = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Tor}_i^R(k, M) = k \otimes F_i = k \otimes_R \left( \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} R^{\beta_{ij}}(-j) \right) = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} k^{\beta_{ij}}(-j),$$

where this last is the decomposition of  $\text{Tor}_i^R(k, M)$  into graded pieces. Hence  $\text{Tor}_i^R(k, M)_j = k^{\beta_{ij}}(-j)$ . Thus  $\dim_k(\text{Tor}_i^R(k, M))_j = \beta_{ij}$ . □

> REMARKS:

1. Tensor product is symmetric, i.e.,  $\text{Tor}_0^R(M, N) = M \otimes_R N \cong N \otimes_R M = \text{Tor}_0^R(N, M)$ .
2. Tor is also symmetric:  $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N) \cong \text{Tor}_i^R(N, M)$ .

> COR 1:  $\beta_{ij}(M) = \dim_k(\text{Tor}_i^R(k, M))_j = \dim_k(\text{Tor}_i^R(M, k))_j$ .

- > COR 2: One can compute  $\beta_{ij}$ 's by taking a minimal free resolution of  $k$  (i.e., the Koszul complex  $K_\bullet$ ) and tensoring with  $M$ .

$$\text{Tor}_i(M, k) = H_i(M \otimes_R K_\bullet).$$

- > **Multigraded ( $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -graded, fine graded) modules:**

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$$R = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} R_\alpha = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} \text{span}_k \langle x^\alpha \rangle$$

gives  $R$  a  $\mathbb{N}^n$ -graded structure.

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$$M = \bigoplus_{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}^n} M_\beta$$

such that  $R_\alpha M_\beta \subseteq M_{\alpha+\beta}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -graded  $R$ -module.

- > EXAMPLES:

1. If  $I$  is a monomial ideal, then  $I$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -graded  $R$ -module.
2. If  $I$  is a monomial ideal, then  $R/I$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -graded  $R$ -module.

- >  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -graded Hilbert Function:

$$HF_M(\beta) = \dim_k(M_\beta)$$

- >  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -graded Hilbert Series

$$HS_M(t_1, \dots, t_n) = \sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}^n} HF_M(\beta) \cdot t^\beta$$

- >  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -graded modules admit resolutions that are multi-graded (i.e., the differentials preserve multi-degrees).

- > Multigraded Betti numbers:  $\beta_{i\alpha}$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ , are given by  $\beta_{i\alpha}(M) = \dim_k(F_i)_\alpha$ , where  $F_i$  = the  $i$ -th free  $R$ -module in position  $i$  of a minimal free multigraded resolution of  $M$ .

- > GOAL: Describe  $\beta_{i\alpha}(R/I)$ , where  $I$  is a monomial ideal.

- > **(Abstract) Simplicial complexes and their homology:**

- > DEFN: An (abstract) simplicial complex  $\Delta$  on  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a collection of subsets of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  closed under the operation of taking subsets, i.e., if  $T \in \Delta$  and  $\tau \subseteq T$ , then  $\tau \in \Delta$ .

- > EXAMPLE: The abstract 2-simplex (a.k.a. the triangle) is a simplicial complex on  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  given by

$$\Delta = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \emptyset\}$$

- > The abstract  $n$ -simplex  $\Delta_n = \mathcal{P}(\{1, \dots, n\})$ .

- > The abstract  $n$ -simplex has a geometric realization given by all complex combinations of  $n + 1$  affinely independent points.

- > Any abstract simplicial complex has a geometric realization (see Topology).

- > DEFN: Given a simplicial complex  $\Delta$ , an element  $\sigma \in \Delta$  such that  $\sigma$  has cardinality  $i + 1$  is called an  $i$ -face (or an  $i$ -dimensional face). (Note:  $\emptyset$  is the unique  $-1$ -face.)

- > The dimension of  $\Delta$  is  $\dim(\Delta) = \max\{i : i\text{-faces exist in } \Delta\}$ .

- > The  $f$ -vector of  $\Delta$  is the vector  $(f_{-1}, f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{\dim(\Delta)})$ , where  $f_i$  is the number of  $i$ -faces of  $\Delta$ .

- > Maximal faces (with respect to containment) are called *facets*.

- > EXAMPLE: Consider the shape  $\Delta$  with 5 vertices, with edges  $\{1, 3\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}$ , and  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ . Then this has  $f$ -vector  $(1, 5, 5, 1)$ . (i.e., 1 empty set, 5 vertices, 5 edges, and 1 triangle.) The facets in this example are  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\{3, 4\}$  and  $\{2, 4\}$  and  $\{5\}$ . Also  $\dim(\Delta) = 2$ .

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> Last time: Stanley-Reisher correspondence

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$$\{\text{simplicial complexes}\} \leftrightarrow_{\text{bij}} \{\text{squarefree monomial ideals}\},$$

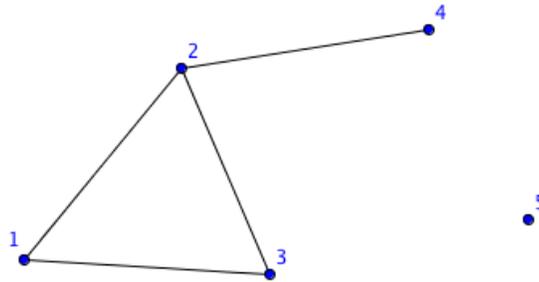
where the map is given by:

$$\Delta \mapsto I_\Delta := \langle x_\tau : \tau \notin \Delta \rangle$$

> NOTATION:

- If  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ , then  $x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}$ .
- If  $\sigma \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t\}$ , then  $x_\sigma = x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_t}$  is a squarefree monomial.
- If  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ , then  $\text{supp}(\alpha) = \{i : \alpha_i \neq 0\}$  ( $\text{supp} : \text{multi-exponents} \rightarrow \text{subsets of } \{1, \dots, n\}$ ).
- If  $\sigma \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ , then  $\text{char}(\sigma) = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ , where  $\alpha_i = \begin{cases} 0 & i \notin \sigma \\ 1 & i \in \sigma \end{cases}$ .

> EXAMPLE:  $\Delta = \text{simplicial complex from before.}$



(including 123 also).

We computed the  $f$ -vector is  $(1, 5, 5, 1)$ . Also,

$$HS_{R/I_\Delta} = 1 + 5 \frac{1}{(1-t)} + 5 \frac{t^2}{(1-t)^2} + 1 \frac{t^3}{(1-t)^3} = \frac{1 + 2t - 2t^2}{(1-t)^3}$$

The  $h$ -vector is  $(1, 2, -2)$ . (The coefficients of the numerator of HS.)

**Stanley's Magic Triangle:** Rule: Entry to the NE-entry the NW. Build a triangle with rows from  $f_{-1}, f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots$

			1		
				1	5
		1		4	5
	1		3		1
		1		2	
			2		
				-2	
					0

> **Theorem:**

(1)

$$HS_{R/I_\Delta}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\sum_{\sigma \in \Delta} (\prod_{i \in \sigma} x_i \prod_{j \notin \sigma} (1 - x_j))}{(1 - x_1)(1 - x_2) \cdots (1 - x_n)}.$$

(2)

$$HS_{R/I_\Delta}(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{d+1} f_{i-1} t^i (1-t)^{n-i}}{(1-t)^n} = \sum_{i=0}^{d+1} \frac{f_{i-1} t^i}{(1-t)^i}.$$

*Proof.* (1) By Lemma,

$$HS_{R/I_\Delta}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{x^\alpha \notin I_\Delta} x^\alpha = \sum_{\sigma \in \Delta} \left( \sum_{\text{supp}(\alpha) = \sigma} x^\alpha \right) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Delta} \frac{\prod_{i \in \sigma} x_i}{\prod_{i \in \sigma} (1 - x_i)} = \frac{\sum_{\sigma \in \Delta} \prod_{i \in \sigma} x_i \prod_{j \notin \sigma} (1 - x_j)}{(1 - x_1)(1 - x_2) \cdots (1 - x_n)}.$$

Some people call the numerator of the last expression the  $k$ -polynomial of  $R/I_\Delta$ .

(2)

$$HS_{R/I_\Delta}(t) = HS_{R/I_\Delta}(t, t, \dots, t) = \frac{\sum_{\sigma \in \Delta} t^{|\sigma|} (1-t)^{n-|\sigma|}}{(1-t)^n} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{d+1} f_{i-1} t^i (1-t)^{n-i}}{(1-t)^n} = \sum_{i=0}^{d+1} f_{i-1} \frac{t^i}{(1-t)^i} = \frac{h(t)}{(1-t)^{d+1}}$$

( $d$ =dimension of  $\Delta$  - largest face has cardinality  $d + 1$ .)

□

> DEFN: The last line above shows that we can always write  $HS_{R/I_\Delta}$  as

$$HS_{R/I_\Delta}(t) = \frac{h_0 + h_1 t + \cdots + h_{d+1} t^{d+1}}{(1-t)^{d+1}},$$

where  $d = \dim(\Delta)$ . The vector  $(h_0, h_1, \dots, h_{d+1})$  is called the  $h$ -vector of  $R/I_\Delta$ .

> RMK: The Krull dimension of  $R/I_\Delta$  is  $d + 1$ . (In general, we can write for a standard graded  $R$ -module  $M$ :

$$HS_M(t) = \frac{h_0 + h_1 t + \cdots + h_{\dim(M)} t^{\dim(M)}}{(1-t)^{\dim(M)}}.)$$

> COR: (Going between  $h$ -vector and  $f$ -vector.)

$$h_j = \sum_{i=0}^j (-1)^{j-i} \binom{d-i}{j-i} f_{i-1}$$

(This first is equivalent to doing Stanley's triangle.)

$$f_j = \sum_{i=0}^{j+1} \binom{d-i}{j+1-i} h_i$$

> **Alexander duality:**

> DEFN: If  $\Delta$  is a simplicial complex, then the *Alexander dual simplicial complex* is  $\Delta^* = \Delta^\vee = \{\bar{\tau} : \tau \notin \Delta\}$

> NOTATION: Given  $\sigma \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{i_1, \dots, i_s\}$ , denote by

$$P_\sigma = \langle x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s} \rangle$$

(this is a prime ideal).

> DEFN: Suppose  $I_\Delta$  is a squarefree monomial ideal. Say  $I_\Delta = \langle x_{\sigma_1}, \dots, x_{\sigma_n} \rangle = \langle x^{\text{char}(\sigma_1)}, \dots, x^{\text{char}(\sigma_s)} \rangle$ . Define the *Alexander dual ideal* of  $I_\Delta$  to be

$$I_\Delta^* = \bigcap_{i=1}^s P_{\sigma_i}$$

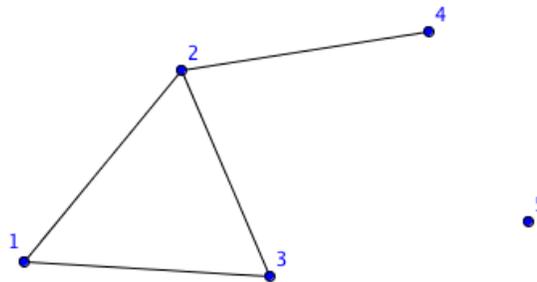
> **Theorem:**

(1)  $(\Delta^*)^* = \Delta$  (duality)

(2)  $I_{\Delta^*} = I_\Delta^* (= (I_\Delta)^*)$  (homework)

Consequently,  $I_\Delta^* = \langle x^{\bar{\sigma}} : \sigma \in \Delta \rangle$  (the SR ideal  $I_{\Delta^*}$ ).

> EXAMPLE: Let  $\Delta$  be as above:



Then facets of  $\Delta^*$  are complements of minimal non-faces of  $\Delta$ . So,

$$\Delta^* =$$

(Image here: we end up with triangles 134, 142, 235, and 15, 12)

Then

$$I_\Delta = \langle x_2x_3x_4, x_1x_4, x_1x_5, x_2x_5, x_3x_5, x_4x_5 \rangle$$

and

$$I_\Delta^* = \langle x_2, x_3, x_4 \rangle \cap \langle x_1, x_4 \rangle \cap \langle x_1, x_5 \rangle \cap \langle x_2, x_5 \rangle \cap \langle x_3, x_5 \rangle \cap \langle x_4, x_5 \rangle$$

But also,  $I_\Delta^* = I_{\Delta^*} = \langle x_1x_2x_3x_4, x_1x_2x_5, x_1x_3x_5, x_4x_5 \rangle$ . Note also,

$$I_\Delta = I_\Delta^{**} = \langle x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \rangle \cap \langle x_1, x_2, x_5 \rangle \cap \langle x_1, x_3, x_5 \rangle \cap \langle x_4, x_5 \rangle$$

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> **Hochster's Theorem:** Given a simplicial complex  $\Delta$ , all non-zero Betti numbers of  $I_\Delta$  and of  $R/I_\Delta$  occur in squarefree (multi) degrees and are given by:

$$\beta_{i,\alpha}(I_\Delta) = \beta_{i+1,\alpha}(R/I_\Delta) = \dim_k(\tilde{H}_{i-1}(\text{link}_{\Delta^*} \overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)})),$$

for  $\alpha$  a squarefree multi-degree.

> DEFN: Given a simplicial complex  $\Delta$  and a set  $\sigma$ ,

$$\text{link}_\Delta(\sigma) = \{\tau \in \Delta : \tau \cup \sigma \in \Delta, \tau \cap \sigma = \emptyset\}.$$

> RMK: links are simplicial complexes.

> EXAMPLE: Same as before:  $\Delta$  and  $\Delta^*$ . Here,

$$\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\{1\}) = \{(24), (23), (43), (5)\}.$$

Also,

$$\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\{3\}) = \{(14), (24), (12), (25)\}.$$

The reduced homologies:

$$\tilde{H}_i(\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\{1\})) = \begin{cases} 0 & i = -1 \\ k & i = 0 \\ k & i = 1 \\ 0 & i \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\tilde{H}_i(\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\{3\})) = \begin{cases} 0 & i = -1 \\ 0 & i = 0 \\ k & i = 1 \\ 0 & i \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

This tells us about the betti numbers :

$$\beta_{i,(0,1,1,1,1)}(I_\Delta) = \begin{cases} 0 & i = 0 \\ 1 & i = 1 \\ 1 & i = 2 \\ 0 & i \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\beta_{i,(1,1,0,1,1)}(I_\Delta) = \begin{cases} 0 & i = 0, 1 \\ 1 & i = 2 \\ 0 & i \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

> **The Koszul complex**  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

- For each variable  $x_i$ , define a new variable  $e_i$
- For each monomial  $g = x_{i_1}x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_j}$ , set  $Dg = e_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e_{i_j}$  where we require  $e_r \wedge e_s = -e_s \wedge e_r$  (in char 2 also  $e_r \wedge e_r = 0$ ).

So,  $Dg = 0$  whenever  $g$  is not square free.

Assign  $\text{multideg}(Dg) = \text{multideg}(g)$ . (Or for standard graded:  $\text{deg}(Dg) = \text{deg}(g)$ .)

> DEFN: The Koszul complex is a complex of  $R$ -modules:

$$K_{\bullet} : 0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow F_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow F_{-1} = k \rightarrow 0$$

(subscripts correspond to homological degree) where

- $F_i$  is the free  $R$ -module on basis  $\{Dg : g \text{ is square free and } \deg(g) = i\}$ , so  $F_i = R^{\binom{n}{i}}(-i) = \bigoplus_{\deg(g)=i} R(-\text{multideg}(g))$ .
- $d_i(Dg) = \sum_{j \in \text{supp}(g)} \text{sign}(j, \text{supp}(g)) \times_j Dg / \times_j$  (This is similar to the topological differential of the chain complex of  $\Delta_{n-1}$ .)

> FACT:  $K_{\bullet}$  is a minimal free resolution of  $k$ .

> RECALL:  $\beta_{i,\alpha}(M) = \dim_k(\text{Tor}_i(k, M))_{\alpha} = \dim_k(H_i(K_{\bullet} \otimes M))_{\alpha}$

> DEFN: Let  $I$  be a monomial ideal. Then  $K_{\bullet}(I) := I \otimes_R K_{\bullet}$  is the complex (not necessarily exact)

$$0 \rightarrow I \otimes_R F_n \rightarrow I \otimes_R F_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow I \otimes_R F_0 \rightarrow I/\mathfrak{m}I \rightarrow 0.$$

> NOTE: The module  $I \otimes_R F_i$  has basis  $\{f \otimes Df : f \text{ is a monomial in } I\}$  (i.e.,  $\deg(g) = i$ ,  $g$  is squarefree).

> NOTE:  $K_{\bullet}(I)$  is a multi-graded complex ( $d_i$ 's preserve multidegree).

> KEY POINT:  $K_{\bullet}(I)$  will break into a direct sum of complexes of  $k$ -vector spaces

$$K_{\bullet}(I) = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^n} (K_{\bullet}(I))_{\alpha} \implies H_i(K_{\bullet}(I)) = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^n} H_i(K_{\bullet}(I))_{\alpha},$$

i.e.,  $H_i(K_{\bullet}(I))_{\alpha} = H_i(K_{\bullet}(I))_{\alpha}$ .

> OUTCOME:  $\beta_{i,\alpha}(I) = \dim_k H_i(K_{\bullet}(I))_{\alpha}$ .

*Proof of Hochster's Theorem:* We proceed as follows:

Step 1. CLAIM: There is a bijection between the  $k$ -basis of  $(K_{\bullet}(I))_{\alpha}$  and faces of  $\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)})$ .

A basis for  $(I_{\Delta} \otimes F_i)_{\alpha}$  is  $B = \{f \otimes Dg : f \in I_{\Delta}, g \text{ sqfree}, \deg(g) = i, \text{multideg}(f \otimes Dg) = \alpha \iff \text{multideg}(fg) = \alpha \iff fg = x^{\alpha}\}$ .

So there is a bijection:

$$B \leftrightarrow \{g : g \text{ is square-free}, g|x^{\alpha}, \deg(g) = i, x^{\alpha}/g \in I_{\Delta}\} = \{g : g \text{ is square-free}, \deg(g) = i, g|x^{\alpha}, \text{supp}(x^{\alpha}/g) \notin \Delta\}$$

DIAGRAM:  $[n] \supseteq \text{supp}(\alpha) \supseteq \text{supp}(g)$ .

Note  $\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)} \cup \text{supp}(g) \notin \Delta$ . Hence  $\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)} \cup \text{supp}(g)$  is a complement of a non-face of  $\Delta$ . By definition, this is true if and only if  $\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)} \cup \text{supp}(g) \in \Delta^*$ . Again by definition of the Alexander dual, if and only if  $\text{supp}(g) \in \text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)})$ . (The fact that  $\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)} \cap \text{supp}(g) = \emptyset$  is given by  $g|x^{\alpha}$ .)

We therefore have the bijection

$$B \leftrightarrow \{g : g \text{ sqfree}, \deg(g) = i, \text{supp}(g) \in \text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)})\}.$$

Therefore  $(I \otimes F_i)_{\alpha} = k^{f_{i-1}(\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)})}$ , where the one on the left is the entry of  $K_{\bullet}(I)_{\alpha}$  in homological degree  $i$  and on the right is the entry of something else.

□

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> **Theorem (Hochster):**  $\beta_{i\alpha}(I_{\Delta}) = \beta_{i+1,\alpha}(R/I_{\Delta}) = \dim_k \tilde{H}_{i-1}(\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)}))$

*Proof.* Starting with a review from last time...

Step 1: We found that a basis for the free module in homological degree  $i$  of  $(K_\bullet(I_\Delta))_\alpha$  is given by  $\{fDg = Bg : \deg(g) = i, \text{supp}(g) \in \text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)}), f = x^\alpha/g\}$ .

Let  $Bg = fDg$ .

Step 2: Consider the chain complex of  $\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)})$ .

$$\tilde{C}_\bullet : 0 \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_1 \rightarrow C_0 \rightarrow 0$$

where  $C_i$  is a  $k$ -vector space with basis corresponding to  $i$ -dimensional faces of  $\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)})$ .

Let  $C_g$  be the basis element in  $C_i$  corresponding to  $\text{supp}(g)$  (here  $g$  is a squarefree monomial such that  $g|x^\alpha$ ).

This means that  $\dim(\text{supp}(g)) = i$ , hence  $|\text{supp}(g)| = -1 = i$ , and so  $|\text{supp}(g)| = i+1 \implies \deg(g) = i+1$ .

Define a map:  $\phi : (K_\bullet(I_\Delta))_\alpha \rightarrow \tilde{C}$  by setting  $\phi(Bg) = C_g$ , for any squarefree  $g$  with  $g|x^\alpha$  and  $\deg(g) = i+1$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & I_\Delta \otimes_R F_n & \longrightarrow & I_\Delta \otimes F_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & I_\Delta \otimes_R F_{n-2} & \longrightarrow & \dots & & I/mI & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \searrow & & \searrow & & \searrow & & & & & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C_n & \longrightarrow & C_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & C_{n-2} & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & C_{-1} & \longrightarrow & C_{-2} \end{array}$$

Differential of  $K_\bullet(I)$  was  $d(fDg) = \sum_{j \in \text{supp}(g)} \text{sign}(j) f x_j Dg / x_j$  (Koszul differential).

Differential of  $\tilde{C}_\bullet$  was  $\partial(Cg) = \sum_{j \in \text{supp}(g)} \text{sign}(j) Cg / x_j$  (topological differential).

Therefore:

$$(\text{Tor}_i(I_\Delta)_\alpha) = H_i(K_\bullet(I)_\alpha) = H_{i-1}(\tilde{C}(\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)}))) = \tilde{H}_{i-1}(\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)}))$$

This implies

$$\beta_{i\alpha}(I_\Delta) = \dim \text{Tor}_i(I_\Delta)_\alpha = \dim \tilde{H}_{i-1}(\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)}))$$

□

> NOTE: Same proof for non-squarefree  $I$  shows that

$$\beta_{i\alpha}(I) = \tilde{H}_{i-1}(K^\alpha(I)),$$

where  $K^\alpha(I)$  = simplicial complex consisting of  $\{\text{supp}(g), g \text{ is squarefree}, \alpha/g \in I\}$ .

> **Theorem (Alexander duality - topological):** If  $\Delta$  is a simplicial complex on  $n$  vertices, then  $\tilde{H}_{n-i-2}(\Delta; k) = \tilde{H}^{i-1}(\Delta^*; k) = (\tilde{H}_{i-1}(\Delta^*; k))^*$ . Consequently,  $\dim_k \tilde{H}_{n-i-2}(\Delta) = \dim_k \tilde{H}_{i-1}(\Delta^*)$ .

> DEFN: If  $\Delta$  is a simplicial complex, then  $\Delta[\alpha] = \{\tau : \tau \in \Delta, \tau \subseteq \text{supp}(\alpha)\}$  is a simplicial complex.

> LEMMA:  $\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)}) = (\Delta[\alpha])^*$

> **Theorem (Hochster's Theorem - dual version):**

$$\beta_{i\alpha}(I_\Delta) = \dim \tilde{H}_{i-1}(\text{link}_{\Delta^*}(\overline{\text{supp}(\alpha)})) = \dim \tilde{H}_{i-1}((\Delta[\alpha])^*) = \dim_k \tilde{H}_{n-i-2}(\Delta[\alpha]).$$

> **Theorem (Terai):**

$$\text{reg}(R/I_\Delta) - 1 = \text{reg}(I_\Delta) = \text{pd}(R/I_{\Delta^*}) = \text{pd}(I_{\Delta^*}) + 1$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{reg}(I_\Delta) &= \max\{j : \beta_{i,i+j}(I_\Delta) \neq 0 \text{ for some value of } i\} \\ &= \max\{j : \text{there exists a squarefree multidegree } \alpha \text{ and } i \geq 0 \text{ s/t } \deg(x^\alpha) = i+j \text{ and } \beta_{i\alpha}(I_\Delta) \neq 0\} \\ &= \max\{j : \tilde{H}_{n-i-2}(\Delta[\alpha]) \neq 0 \text{ for some } i \geq 0, n = |\text{supp}(\alpha)| = \deg(x^\alpha) = i+j\} \\ &= \max\{j : \tilde{H}_{j-2}(\Delta[\alpha]) \neq 0 \text{ for some } i \geq 0, \alpha \text{ squarefree, } |\text{supp}(\alpha)| = i+j\} \\ &= \max\{j : \beta_{j-1,\alpha}(I_{\Delta^*}) \neq 0 \text{ for some squarefree } \alpha\} \\ &= \text{pd}(I_{\Delta^*}) + 1 \\ &= \text{pd}(R/I_{\Delta^*}). \end{aligned}$$

□

- > **Theorem (Eagon-Reiner):**  $I_\Delta$  has a linear resolution if and only if  $R/I_{\Delta^*}$  is CM.
- > DEFN: An  $R$ -module has a linear resolution if the Betti table looks like: (If  $\text{reg}(M) = d$ .)

	0	1	2	3	...
$\vdots$					
$d$	*	*	*	*	
$\vdots$					

equivalently,

- all the differentials in the minimal free resolution of  $M$  over  $R$  are linear (matrices representing these maps have linear entries).
- $\text{reg}(M)$  is the degree of the generators of  $M$ .

*Proof of Eagen-Reiner:*  $I_\Delta$  has linear resolution  $\iff \text{reg}(I_\Delta) = \text{degree of the minimal generators of } I_\Delta$  (All mingens of  $I_\Delta$  must have same degree.)

- $\iff \text{pd}(R/I_{\Delta^*}) = \text{cardinality of the minimal non-faces of } \Delta$ .
- $\iff \text{pd}(R/I_{\Delta^*}) = n - \text{cardinality of the facets of } \Delta^*$
- $\iff \text{cardinality of the facets of } \Delta^* \text{ is } n - \text{pd}(R/I_{\Delta^*})$
- $\iff \dim(\Delta^*) + 1 = n - \text{pd}(R/I_{\Delta^*})$
- $\iff \dim(R/I_{\Delta^*}) = n - \text{pd}(R/I_{\Delta^*})$  (dimension is Krull here).
- $\iff$  (Auslander Buchsbaum)  $R/I_{\Delta^*}$  is CM. □

Nov. 4, 2013

- > This week: **Borel fixed monomial ideals; generic initial ideals.**
- > In the following, the characteristic of  $k$  is 0 and all the ideals are standard graded ( $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded).
- > The matrix group  $GL_n(k)$  acts on  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  as follows:  
if  $g = (g_{ij}) \in GL_n(k)$ , then  $gf = f(gx_1, \dots, gx_n)$ , where  $gx_j = \sum_{i=1}^n g_{ij}x_i$ .
- > Examples:

Matrix group	Name	Invariant ideals
$GL_n(k)$	General linear	$0, m^d, \forall d$
$B_n(k)$	Borel group	Borel-fixed ideals?
$T_n(k)$	Torus group	all monomial ideals

Where  $B_n(k)$  is the group of upper triangular invertible matrices;  $T_n(k)$  is the group of invertible diagonal matrices.

- > DEFN: An ideal  $I \subseteq R$  is Borel fixed if  $gI = I$  for every  $g \in B_n(k)$ .
- > PROP: (CHARACTERIZATION OF BOREL-FIXED IDEALS)  
 $I$  is a Borel fixed ideal if and only if

- (1)  $I$  is a monomial ideal, and
- (2) - for all monomials  $m \in I$ , for every  $i < j$ , and  
- if  $m$  is divisible by  $x_j^t$  but not by  $x_j^{t+1}$ , then  $x_i^s \frac{m}{x_j^t} \in I$ , for all  $s \leq t$ .<sup>12</sup>

- > NOTE: In the proposition, actually (2)  $\iff$  (2'): If  $m \in I$  is a monomial divisible by  $x_j$  and  $i < j$ , then  $x_i \frac{m}{x_j} \in I$ .

<sup>12</sup>In characteristic  $p$ , we would need to change this to  $s <_p t$ .

> RMK:  $B_n(k)$  is generated by  $T_n(k)$  together with the upper-triangular elementary matrices:  $\Gamma_{ij}^c$  is the matrix with 1s on the diagonal and  $c$  in the  $i, j$  spot, so that  $\Gamma_{ij}^c(x_j) = x_j + cx_i$ ,  $\Gamma_{ij}^c x_l = x_l$  for all  $l \neq j$ .

*Proof of Prop:*  $\Rightarrow$ : Let  $I$  be a Borel-fixed ideal. Since  $T_n(k) \subseteq B_n(k)$ , we also have  $I$  is  $T_n(k)$ -fixed. Therefore  $I$  is a monomial ideal.

Let  $m \in I$ . Suppose  $m = x_j^t \cdot m'$ , where  $m'$  is not divisible by  $x_j^t$ . Then  $\Gamma_{ij}^c m = \Gamma_{ij}^c(x_j^t) \cdot \Gamma_{ij}^c(m') = (x_j + cx_i)^t \cdot m' = m' \sum_{s=0}^t \binom{t}{s} x_j^{t-s} \cdot (cx_i)^s = m' \sum_{s=0}^t c^s \binom{t}{s} \left(\frac{x_i}{x_j}\right)^s \cdot x_j^t = m' x_j^t \sum_{s=0}^t c^s \binom{t}{s} \left(\frac{x_i}{x_j}\right)^s \in I$ . Since  $I$  is Borel-fixed, we have  $\Gamma_{ij}^c m \in I$ . As  $I$  is a monomial ideal,  $m \cdot \left(\frac{x_i}{x_j}\right)^s \in I$ , for every  $0 \leq s \leq t$ . This implies (2).

$\Leftarrow$ : The above equation and (2) imply  $\Gamma_{ij}^c m \in I$  for any monomial  $m \in I$ . Since  $I$  is a monomial ideal,  $T_n(k)I = I$ . Therefore  $B_n(k)$  fixes  $I$ . □

> EXAMPLES OF BOREL-FIXED IDEALS:

- (1) When  $\text{char}(k) = 0$  in  $R = k[x_1, x_2]$ , the Borel-fixed ideals are “initial lex-segments,” e.g.,  $(x_1^3, x_1^2 x_2, x_1 x_2^2)$ .
- (2) In 3 variables, above not true any more. E.g.,  $(x_1^3, x_1^2 x_2, x_1^2 x_3)$  is Borel-fixed but not lex-segment.
- (3) In characteristic  $p$ ,  $(x_1^{p^e}, \dots, x_n^{p^e})$  is Borel-fixed.
- (4) Products, sums, and intersections of Borel-fixed ideals are Borel-fixed.

> **Generic initial ideals:** (Fix a monomial order  $<$  on  $R$ .)

> **Theorem:** Let  $I$  be a homogeneous ideal. There is a Zariski open set  $\emptyset \neq U \subseteq GL_n(k) = \mathbb{A}^{n^2}$  and a monomial ideal  $J$ , such that

$$LT(gI) = J, \text{ for any } g \in U$$

> DEFN:  $J$  as in the theorem is called the generic initial ideal of  $I$ . Usually, we write  $J = gin(I)$ . (Depends on monomial ordering.)

> NOTATIONS: Say  $V \subseteq R_d$  is a vector space of homogeneous polynomials of degree  $d$ ,  $\dim(V) = t$ . Then  $V$  can be represented as a 1-dimensional vector space

$$L = \wedge^t V \subseteq \wedge^t R_d$$

with basis of  $L$  given by  $f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge \dots \wedge f_t$ , where  $\{f_1, \dots, f_t\}$  is a basis of  $V$ .

If  $m_1, \dots, m_t$  are monomials in  $R_d$  we say  $m_1 \wedge \dots \wedge m_t$  is a monomial in  $\wedge^t R_d$ .

We say  $m_1 \wedge \dots \wedge m_t$  is a *normal expression* if  $m_1 > \dots > m_t$ .

We order monomials of  $\wedge^t R_d$  by ordering their normal expressions lexicographically (i.e., if  $m = m_1 \wedge \dots \wedge m_t$  and  $m' = m'_1 \wedge \dots \wedge m'_t$  are normal expressions, then  $m > m'$  in  $\wedge^t R_d$  if for the smallest  $i$  such that  $m_i \neq m'_i$  we have that  $m_i > m'_i$  w.r.t. the monomial order on  $R$ ).

Nov. 6, 2013

> Today: any characteristic for  $k$ , want  $k$  to be infinite.

> **Theorem (Galligo, Bayer-Stillman):** Let  $I$  be a homogeneous ideal. Then there is a Zariski open set

$$U \subseteq GL_n(k) \subseteq M_n(k) \cong \mathbb{A}^{n^2}$$

and there is a monomial ideal  $J$  such that  $LT(gI) = J$ , for every  $g \in U$ . ( $J = gin(I)$ )

> REMARK:  $I$  being homogeneous means that  $I = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} I_d$  (where  $I_d$  is the span of the homogeneous elements of  $I$  of degree  $d$ ). Fix  $d$ ; say  $\{f_1, \dots, f_t\}$  is a basis for  $I_d \subseteq R_d$  ( $k$ -vector subspace). We have a way to identify  $t$ -dimensional subspaces of  $R_d$  with affine 1-dimensional subspaces  $\bigwedge^t R_d$ .

$$I_d = \text{span}\{f_1, \dots, f_t\} \leftrightarrow \text{span}_k\{f_1 \wedge \dots \wedge f_t\} \subseteq \bigwedge^t R_d$$

(the last is a  $\binom{n+d-1}{t}$ -dimensional  $k$ -vector space).

The action of  $GL_n(k)$  on  $R$  induces the following action on  $\bigwedge^t R_d$ :

$$g(f_1 \wedge \dots \wedge f_t) = g(f_1) \wedge \dots \wedge g(f_t)$$

*Proof of theorem:* Let  $g = (g_{ij})$  be a matrix with  $g_{ij}$  as distinct variables.

$$g(f_1) \wedge \dots \wedge g(f_t) = \sum_{m = \text{mon in } \bigwedge^t R_d} P_{m,d}(g_{ij})m,$$

where  $P_{m,d}$  is a polynomial,  $m = m_{1,d} \wedge \dots \wedge m_{t,d}$ , and  $m_{i,d}$  are monomials of degree  $d$ .

More concrete way to come up with  $P_{m,d}(g_{ij})$ :  $g(f_1), \dots, g(f_t) \in R_d = \text{span}$  of the  $\binom{n+d-1}{d-1}$  monomials of degree  $d$  in  $R$ . Therefore there exists a matrix of size  $t \times \binom{n+d-1}{d-1}$  in which we label rows by  $g(f_i)$  and columns by monomials of  $R_d$ . The rows will be the coefficients of  $g(f_i)$  written in the monomial basis of  $R_d$ . Then  $P_{m,d}(g_{ij})$  is the determinant of the  $t \times t$  minor of the matrix corresponding to columns indexed by  $m_{1,d}, \dots, m_{t,d}$ .

Let  $m_d = \max\{m : P_{m,d}(g_{ij}) \neq 0\}$ . Say  $m_d = m_{d,1} \wedge \dots \wedge m_{d,t}$ . Let  $U_d = \{g \in GL_n(k) : P_{m_d,d}(g_{i,j}) \neq 0\} \neq \emptyset$  and Zariski open.

We have that for every  $g \in U_d$   $(LT(gI))_d = (m_{d,1}, \dots, m_{d,t})$ .

Let  $J_d = (m_{d,1}, m_{d,2}, \dots, m_{d,t})$ . Also set  $J = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} J_d$ .

CLAIM 1:  $J$  is an ideal.

To see this, it suffices to show that  $R_1 J \subseteq J$ , in fact enough to show  $R_1 J_d \subseteq J_{d+1}$  for all  $d$  (since we already know it is a  $k$ -vector space.) We know  $R_1 J_d \subseteq J_d$  (since  $J_d$  is an ideal). Note that  $U_d$  and  $U_{d+1}$  are nonempty Zariski open sets, so  $U_d \cap U_{d+1} \neq \emptyset$ . Hence there exists  $g \in U_d \cap U_{d+1}$ . Then

$$R_1 J_d = R_1(LT(gI))_d \subseteq (LT(gI))_{d+1} = J_{d+1}.$$

Set  $U = \bigcap_{d \geq 0} U_d$ .

CLAIM 2:  $U$  is in fact a finite intersection. By HBT,  $J$  has a (unique) finite set of monomial generators. Let  $e = \text{maximum of the degrees of these generators}$ .

CLAIM 2 (REFINED):  $\bigcap_{d \geq 0} U_d = \bigcap_{d=0}^e U_d$ .

Need to show “ $\supseteq$ ”. Let  $g \in \bigcap_{d=0}^e U_d$ . Then  $(LT(gI))_d = J_d$ , for every  $d \leq e$ . Hence  $LT(gI)$  contains all minimal generators of  $J$ . Thus  $LT(gI) \supseteq J$ .

Trick:

- $LT(gI) \supseteq J$
- $HF_{LT(gI)}(t) = HF_{gI}(t)$ , meaning  $\dim_k LT(gI)_d = \dim_k (gI)_d = \dim_k(I_d) = \dim_k(J_d)$  for each  $d$ .

Thus  $LT(gI)_d = J_d$  for each  $d$ , and therefore  $g \in U_d$  for all  $d$  means  $g \in \bigcap_{d \geq 0} U_d$ .

Claim 2 now tells us that  $U = \bigcap_{d \geq 0} U_d = \bigcap_{d=0}^e U_d$  is non-empty Zariski open.

□

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> The Eliahou-Kervaire Resolution.

> We work in  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  where  $\text{char}(k) = 0$ ,  $R$  has the  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -grading.

> DEFN: For a monomial  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $\max(m) = \max \text{supp}(m)$  and  $\min(m) = \min \text{supp}(m)$ .

> **Theorem (Eliahou-Kervaire):** Let  $I$  be a Borel-fixed (monomial) ideal in  $R$ . (in char 0) Suppose  $I = \langle m_1, \dots, m_r \rangle$  (min gens) and let  $M$  be the module of first syzygies on the generators of  $I$ . Then

- (1) There exists a monomial ordering on  $R^r$  such that  $LT(M)$  has linear resolution which is a direct sum of Koszul complexes.
- (2)  $\beta_{i,\alpha}(R^r/M) = \beta_{i,\alpha}(R^r/LT(M))$ .
- (3)  $\beta_{i,j}(I) = \sum_{\deg(m_i)=j-1} \binom{\max(m_i)-1}{i}$  and  $\beta_i(I) = \sum_{l=1}^r \binom{\max(m_l)-1}{i}$
- (4)  $\text{pd}(I) = \max\{\max(m_i) - 1 : 1 \leq i \leq r\}$  (i.e., the max index of a variable appearing in any non minimal gen of  $I$  -1).
- (5)  $\text{reg}(I)$  = highest degree of a minimal monomial generator of  $I$ .
- (6)  $HS(R/I) = \frac{1 - \sum_{i=1}^r m_i \prod_{j=1}^{\max(m_i)-1} (1 - x_j)}{\prod_{i=1}^r (1 - x_i)}$

*Proof. Method 1:* (Iterated mapping cone)

LEMMA: Order the minimal generators  $m_1, \dots, m_r$  of  $I$  in increasing order according to GrRevLex. Then  $(m_1, \dots, m_i) : m_{i+1} = (x_1, \dots, x_{\max(m_{i+1})-1})$  (Proof: follows from exchange property of Borel-fixed ideals.)  
 Proof of E-K: Proceed by induction on  $r$  using

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{R}{(m_1, \dots, m_{r-1}) : m_r} \rightarrow \frac{R}{(m_1, \dots, m_{r-1})} \rightarrow \frac{R}{(m_1, \dots, m_r)} \rightarrow 0$$

The first term is  $K.(x_1, \dots, x_{\max(m_r)-1})$ , the middle one is known by inductive hypothesis. The last one: form the mapping cone and observe that it is a minimal resolution of  $R/I$ .

Method 2: (using GBs)

Step 0:

LEMMA: Let  $I = \langle m_1, \dots, m_r \rangle$  be Borel fixed. Every monomial  $m \in I$  can be written uniquely as a product of the form

$$m = m_i \cdot m'$$

such that  $\max(m_i) \leq \min(m')$ .

Step 1:

Set  $u_i = \max(m_i)$ . Order the generators  $m_1, \dots, m_r$  decreasingly by  $u_i$ , for generators with the same  $u_i$ , decreasingly by the power of  $x_{u_i}$  they contain.

Step 2:

Recall  $M = \text{syz}(I)$  (i.e., 1st syzygy module of  $I$ ). We build an element of  $M$  for each pair  $(j, u)$  so that  $1 \leq j \leq r$  and  $u < \max(m_j) = u_j$ .

Consider  $m = x_u \cdot m_j \in I$ . ( $x_u$  is NOT as in the lemma.) The Lemma gives a different way to write  $m = m_i \cdot m'$  (with  $u_i = \max(m_i) \leq \min(m')$ ). Thus  $x_u m_j - m' m_i = 0$ , so  $x_u e_j - m' e_i \in M$ , where  $M \subseteq R^r$  with basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_r\}$ ,  $e_i \mapsto m_i$ .

Claim: We must have  $i > j$ . Note:  $\min(m') \leq \max(m) = \max(m_j) = u_j$ . Also have  $u_i \leq \min(m')$ . Therefore  $u_i \leq u_j$ . If  $u_i < u_j$ , then  $i > j$  (by the way we ordered the  $m_i$ 's) If  $u_i = u_j$ , then all equalities above, and so, in particular,  $\min(m') = u_i = u_j$ . This implies  $\deg_{x_{u_j}}(m_i) < \deg_{x_{u_j}}(m_j) = \deg_{x_{n_j}}(m)$ . Again by the ordering we put on the  $m_i$ 's, we must have  $i > j$ .

Step 3:

Consider Position-over-Coefficient ordering on  $R^r$  with  $e_1 > e_1 > \dots > e_r$ . This implies  $LT(x_u e_j - m' e_i)$  because  $i > j \implies e_j > e_i$ .

Claim:  $\mathcal{B} = \{x_u e_j - m' e_i : 1 \leq j \leq r, u < u_j\}$  is a GB of  $M$  with respect to PoC order. (i.e.,  $LT(M) = \langle x_u e_j : 1 \leq j \leq r, u < u_j \rangle$  or equiv  $LT(M) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^r \langle x_1, \dots, x_{u_j-1} \rangle e_j$ ).

To see this, it's enough to show that we don't have  $m'' e_j - m' e_i \in M$  such that neither  $m'' e_j$  or  $m' e_i$  are in  $LT(\mathcal{B})$ .  $\square$

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> Finishing up EK resolution proof.  $I$  is Borel-fixed,  $M = \text{syz}(I)$ ,  $I = \langle m_1, \dots, m_r \rangle$ . We proved  $LT(M) = \langle x_u e_j : 1 \leq j \leq r, 1 \leq u \leq u_j = \max(m_j) \rangle$ , i.e.,  $LT(M) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^r \langle x_1, \dots, x_{u_j-1} \rangle e_j$ . This module  $LT(M)$  is resolved by  $K_\bullet = \bigoplus_{j=1}^r K_\bullet \langle x_1, \dots, x_{u_j-1} \rangle$ . Every syzygy in  $K$  ( $S_{ij}$ ) produces a syzygy  $r_{ij}$  for  $M$ . In fact, these  $r_{ij}$ s are minimal generators for syzygy modules of  $M$ . (They even form GBs for these syzygy modules.) In fact,  $\beta_{i,j}(M) = \beta_{i,j}(LT(M)) = \sum_{i=1}^r \binom{u_j-1}{i}$ .

> Relationship between  $\beta_{ij}$ 's for  $I$  and  $LT_{<}(I)$ . Method for computing  $\beta_{ij}$ : None for  $I$ .

In  $LT(I)$ , monomial ideal  $\beta_{ij}$  computed by LCM lattice.

Polarization gives  $Pol(LT_{<}(I))$ .

$$I \rightarrow\rightarrow LT_{<}(I) \rightarrow\rightarrow Pol(LT_{<}(I))$$

For the first step,  $\beta_{ij}(LT_{<}(I)) \geq \beta_{ij}(I)$ . For the second step,  $\beta_{ij}(LT_{<}(I)) = \beta_{ij}(Pol(LT_{<}(I)))$ .

> We are looking for a "tighter relationship" between  $\beta_{ij}(I)$  and  $\beta_{ij}(gin(I))$ .

> **Facts about gins:**

> **Theorem (Galligo, Bayer-Stillman):** If  $I$  is a homogeneous ideal,  $\langle$  any monomial order, then  $gin_{<}(I)$  is Borel-fixed.

> DEFN: A sequence of elements  $y_1, \dots, y_d$  of  $R$  is a regular sequence on  $R/I$  if

1.  $y_n$  is a nzd on  $R/I$
2.  $y_i$  is a nzd on  $R/(I + (y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}))$

> PROP: If  $I = \langle m_1, \dots, m_r \rangle$  is Borel-fixed.  $I \subseteq R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then there exists a maximal regular sequence on  $R/I$  of the form  $x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_{p+1}$ . In characteristic 0,  $p$  from above is the maximum index of any variable that appears in the support of the monomial generators  $m_1, \dots, m_r$ , i.e.,  $p = \text{pd}(R/I)$  as given by E.K.

> Fix  $\leq$ GrRevLex on  $R$ .

> LEMMA 1: If  $f$  is a homogeneous polynomial, then  $x_n | f \iff x_n | LT(f)$ .

*Proof.*  $\implies$  is obvious;  $\impliedby$ : monomials divisible by  $x_n$  if  $\leq_{\text{GrRevLex}}$  monomials not divisible by  $x_n$ .  $x_n | LT(f)$  implies any term in  $f$  is divisible by  $x_n$ .  $\square$

> LEMMA 2: Let  $I$  be a homogeneous ideal. Then

1.  $LT(I + (x_n)) = LT(I) + (x_n)$ . Furthermore, if  $\{g_1, \dots, g_t\}$  is a GB of  $I$ , then  $\{g_1, \dots, g_t, x_n\}$  is a GB for  $I + (x_n)$ .

2.  $LT(I : (x_n)) = LT(I) : (x_n)$ . Furthermore, if  $\{g_1, \dots, g_t\}$  is a GB of  $I$ , then  $\{g_i/GCD(g_i, x_n)\}$  is a GB for  $I : (x_n)$ .

> COROLLARY:  $x_n$  is a nzd on  $R/I \iff x_n$  is a nzd on  $R/LT(I)$ .

*Proof.* Uses Lemma 2(2). □

> **Theorem (Bayer-Stillman):**  $x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_s$  form a regular sequence on  $R/I \iff x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_s$  form a regular sequence on  $R/LT(I)$ .

*Proof.* Iterate the corollary. □

> **Theorem (Bayer-Stillman):**  $k$  an infinite field, any characteristic. If  $I$  is a homogeneous ideal, then

$$\text{pd}(R/I) = \text{pd}(R/\text{gin}_{\text{GrRevLex}}(I))$$

and

$$\text{reg}(R/I) = \text{reg}(R/\text{gin}_{\text{GrRevLex}}(I)).$$

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> Deformations from GB theory<sup>13</sup>

> EXAMPLE: Let  $I = \langle x^2 - y \rangle \subseteq k[x, y] = R$ . Under Lex with  $x > y$ , we have  $LT(I) = \langle x^2 \rangle$ . ( pictures of parabolas:  $V(LT(I)) = -V(x^2 - \alpha y) = -V(x^2 - y)$ , where  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .) Then connect this family of parabolas / double line into a surface (a third dimension,  $t$ ).

Let  $S$  be the surface connecting the parabolas  $S = V(x^2 - ty)$ . The cross-sections of  $S$  corresponding to plane  $t = \alpha$  are given by the varieties  $V(x^2 - \alpha y)$ .

Goal: Describe the family of varieties  $V(x^2 - \alpha y)$  where  $\alpha \in k$ . It's best to look at the map  $S \rightarrow B$ , where  $B = \mathbb{A}^1$  corresponds to the  $t$ -axis.

This map gives a ring homomorphism  $k[t] \rightarrow k[x, y, t] / \langle x^2 - ty \rangle$ . Therefore we can view  $k[x, y, t] / \langle x^2 - ty \rangle$  as a  $k[t]$ -module.

“Good properties” of  $k[x, y, t] / \langle x^2 - ty \rangle$  as a  $k[t]$ -module (i.e., flatness) ensures that the cross sections are “not too different” from each other.

> DEFN: The fiber of  $S$  at a point  $B : P_\alpha$  = the point  $t = \alpha$  is the cross-sections through  $S$  by the plane  $t = \alpha$ . The coordinate ring  $S_\alpha$  of the fiber at  $P_\alpha$  is

$$S_\alpha = k[x, y, t] / \langle x^2 - ty \rangle \otimes_{k[t]} k[t] / \langle t - \alpha \rangle \cong k[x, y] / \langle x^2 - \alpha y \rangle .$$

> We'll see that (in general):

$$S_\alpha \cong \begin{cases} k[x, y] / \langle x^2 \rangle & \alpha = 0 \\ k[x, y] / \langle x^2 - y \rangle & \text{if } \alpha \neq 0 \end{cases} .$$

(The fiber at  $t = 0$  is  $k[x, y] / LT(I)$  and the fibers at  $t = \alpha \neq 0$  are isomorphic to  $k[x, y] / I$ .)

> The general setup for the GB deformation.

> **weight orders on monomials / non standard gradings**

<sup>13</sup>Reference for today: Chapter 15 of Eisenbud.

- > **DEFN:** Given a **weight vector**  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  we define:
  - the weight of a monomial  $w(x^\alpha) := \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i w_i = \alpha \cdot w$ .
  - the *partial order on monomials* given by  $w$  is defined by  $x^\alpha > x^\beta$  if  $w(x^\alpha) > w(x^\beta)$ .
  - the *initial form of a polynomial*  $f \in R$  is  $in_w(f)$  = sum of terms of  $f$  that are maximal w.r.t. the partial order given by  $w$ .
  - For example, if  $f = x^2 - y$ , if  $w = (1, 1)$ , then  $in_w(f) = x^2$ . However, if  $w = (1, 2)$ , then  $in_w(f) = x^2 - y$ . If  $w = (1, 5)$ , then  $in_w(f) = -y$ .
  - the *ideal of initial forms* of an ideal  $I$  is  $in_w(I) = \langle in_w(f) : f \in I \rangle$ .
- > **Theorem (Bayer):** Let " $<$ " be a monomial order on  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then there exists  $w \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  such that  $LT_{<}(I) = in_w(I)$ . (i.e., weighted orders generalize total monomial orders). Also, any weighted order can be refined to a total order.
- > To construct the deformation: Let  $\tilde{R} = R[t] = k[x_1, \dots, x_n, t]$ . Fix  $w \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ . For a polynomial  $f \in R$ , define  $\tilde{f}(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = t^{w(f)} \cdot f(\frac{x_1}{t^{w_1}}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{t^{w_n}})$ , where  $w(f)$  is the max weight of any monomial appearing in  $f$ . E.g.,  $f = x^2 - y$ ,  $w = (1, 1)$ ,  $\tilde{f}(x, y, t) = t^2(\frac{x}{t} - \frac{y}{t}x^2 - ty)$ . Now w.r.t. the new weight vector  $w' = (w, 1)$ , then every monomial  $m$  in  $\tilde{f}$  has  $w'(m) = w(f)$ . Or:

$$\tilde{f}(\underline{x}, t) = \sum_m c_m \cdot m \cdot t^{w(f) - w(m)}.$$

Given an ideal  $I \subseteq R$ , set  $\tilde{I} = \langle \tilde{f}(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) : f \in I \rangle$ .

Set  $S = V(\tilde{I})$ .

- > **Theorem (Flat family):** For any ideal  $I$  and any weight vector  $w$ ,
  1.  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I}$  is free (hence flat) as a  $k[t]$ -module.
  2.  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I} \otimes_{k[t]} k[t]/(t) \cong R/in_w(I)$
  3.  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I} \otimes_{k[t]} k[t, t^{-1}] \cong R/I$ .

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- > Connections between  $I$  and  $LT(I)$ .
  - > **Theorem (Macaulay):** Let  $I \subseteq R$  be an ideal. For any monomial order  $>$  on  $R$ , the set  $B$  of all monomials not in  $LT_{>}(I)$  forms a  $k$ -vector space basis for  $R/I$ . (Also for  $R/LT_{<}(I)$ ).
- Proof.* - **LINEAR INDEPENDENCE:** Assume that  $\sum_{b_i \in B} \lambda_i b_i = 0$  in  $R/I$ . This implies  $f := \sum_{b_i \in B} \lambda_i b_i \in I$ . Hence  $LT(f) \in LT_{>}(I)$ . But all monomials in  $f$  are from  $B$  which are monomials NOT in  $LT(I)$ . Therefore  $f = 0$ .
- **SPANNING SET:** To show  $\text{span}_k(B) = R/I \iff \text{span}_k(B \cup I) = R$  (as  $k$ -vs.) Suppose  $\text{span}_k(B \cup I) \subsetneq R$ . Let  $f \in R \setminus \text{span}_k(B \cup I)$  of minimal leading term. Consider  $LT(f)$ .
    - 1) If  $LT(f) \notin LT_{<}(I)$ , hence  $LT(f) \in B$ . Then  $f - LT(f) \notin \text{span}_k(B \cup I)$ . (Contradiction)
    - 2) If  $LT(f) \in LT_{<}(I)$ . Then there exists  $g \in I$  such that  $LT(g) = LT(f)$ . But then  $f - g \notin \text{span}_k(B \cup I)$  and also  $LT$  strictly smaller than that of  $f$ . (Contradiction)

□

- > **COROLLARY:** If  $I$  is a homogeneous ideal, then  $HF_{R/I}(i) = HF_{R/LT(I)}(i)$ . (To see this: The left hand side is just  $\dim_k(R/I)_i$  and the right side is just  $\dim_k(R/LT(I))_i$ . A basis for  $(R/I)_i$  is given by elements of  $B$  of degree  $i$ . A basis for the right is given by the same monomials, hence the dimensions must be equal, giving the desired equality.)

- > Recall the image from last time: surface  $S$ ;  $V(I)$  at  $t = 1$  and  $V(LT(I))$  and  $t = 0$ .
- > We proposed a construction  $\tilde{I} = \langle \tilde{f}(\underline{x}, t) : f \in I \rangle$  w.r.t. weight vector  $w$ .
- > **Theorem (Flat family):** For any ideal  $I$  and any weight vector  $w \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ .

- (1)  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I}$  is free (hence flat) as a  $k[t]$ -module.
- (2)  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I} \otimes_{k[t]} k[t]/(t) \cong R/in_w(I)$
- (3)  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I} \otimes_{k[t]} k[t, t^{-1}] \cong (R/I)[t, t^{-1}]$ .<sup>14</sup>

*Proof.*

□

- > HOW TO COMPUTE  $\tilde{I}$ :

Method 1: Compute a GB  $\{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$  of  $I$  w.r.t.  $\langle_w$ . Then  $\tilde{I} = \langle \tilde{g}_1, \dots, \tilde{g}_s \rangle$ .

Method 2: If  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_t \rangle$ , then  $\tilde{I} = \langle \tilde{f}_1, \dots, \tilde{f}_t \rangle : (t^\infty)$ .

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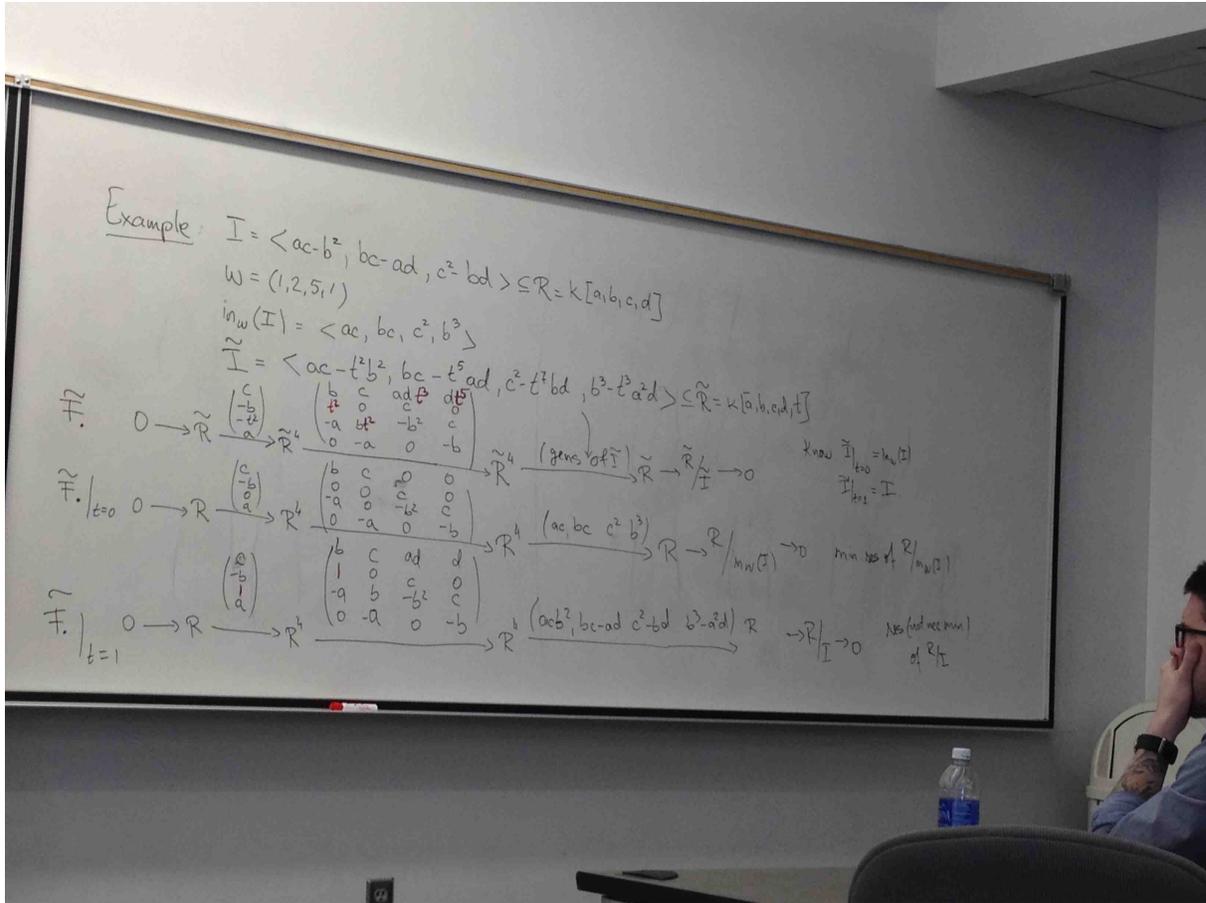
- > **Theorem (Peeva, 2005):** Consecutive cancellations.

Let  $I$  be a homogeneous ideal and  $w \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ . Then

- $\beta_{ij}(R/I) \leq \beta_{ij}(R/in_w(I))$
- furthermore, the  $\beta_{ij}(R/I)$  can be obtained from  $\beta_{ij}(R/in_w(I))$  by a sequence of consecutive cancellations (i.e., simultaneously decreasing  $\beta_{ij}$  and  $\beta_{i+1,j}$  by 1 unit for some fixed  $i, j$ ).

- > EXAMPLE:

<sup>14</sup>different from first time



*Proof of theorem:* Let  $\tilde{R}$  and  $\tilde{I}$  be like last time.

FACT 1: Thm about flat family implied  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I}$  is  $k[t]$ -free (in fact  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I} = \bigoplus_{b \in B} b \cdot k[t]$ ). For  $\alpha \in k$ ,  $t - \alpha$  is a nzd on  $k[t]$  so  $t - \alpha$  is also a nzd on  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I}$ . (obviously,  $t - \alpha$  is a nzd on  $\tilde{R} = k[x_1, \dots, x_n, t]$ ).

FACT 2: If  $M$  is an  $S$ -module and  $u$  is a n.z.d. both on  $S$  and on  $M$  and if  $F$  is a (minimal) free resolution of  $M$  over  $S$ , then  $F \otimes_S S/(u)$  is a free resolution of  $M \otimes_S S/(u)$  over  $S/(u)$ .

FACT 3: We have two gradings on  $\tilde{R}$ :  $\deg(x_i) = 1, \deg(t) = 0$  or  $\deg(x_i) = w_i, \deg(t) = 1$ . Note that  $\tilde{I}$  is homogeneous w.r.t. both of the gradings. It follows that  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I}$  has a graded  $\tilde{R}$ -free resolution  $\tilde{F}$  that is

- minimal (i.e., entries in the differential maps are in  $(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$ )
- homogeneous w.r.t. both gradings.

Facts 1 & 2 ( $S = \tilde{R}$ ,  $M = \tilde{R}/\tilde{I}$ ) give  $\tilde{F} \otimes_{\tilde{R}} \tilde{R}/(t - \alpha)$  is a free resolution of  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I} \otimes_{\tilde{R}} \tilde{R}/(t - \alpha) \cong \tilde{R}/(\tilde{I} + (t - \alpha))$  over  $\tilde{R}/(t - \alpha)$ .

Let  $\alpha = 0$ . Then  $\tilde{F}|_{t=0} = \tilde{F} \otimes_{\tilde{R}} \tilde{R}/(t)$  is a free resolution of  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I} \otimes_{\tilde{R}} \tilde{R}/(t) \cong R/in_w(I)$  over  $\tilde{R}/(t) = R$  i.e.,  $\tilde{F}|_{t=0}$  is a minimal (entries of the differentials are now in  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ )  $R$ -free resolution of  $R/in_w(I)$ .

Now let  $\alpha = 1$ . Then  $\tilde{F}|_{t=1} = \tilde{F} \otimes_{\tilde{R}} \tilde{R}/(t - 1)$  is a resolution of  $\tilde{R}/\tilde{I} \otimes_{\tilde{R}} \tilde{R}/(t - 1) \cong R/I$  over  $\tilde{R}/(t - 1) \cong R$ . (However, this might not be minimal.)

But then  $\tilde{F}|_{t=1} = G \oplus H$ . (where  $G$  is the minimal free resolution of  $R/I$  over  $R$  and  $H$  is a direct sum of trivial complexes.) Therefore  $\beta_{ij}(\tilde{R}/\tilde{I}) = \beta_{ij}(R/I) \oplus \beta_{ij}(H)$ . □

> COR: If there are no possible cancellations, then the  $\beta_{ij}(R/I) = \beta_{ij}(R/in_w(I))$ . For example if  $R/in_w(I)$  has a linear resolution.....

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> What properties transfer between  $I$  and  $in_w(I)$  (or  $LT(I)$ )?

- 1)  $\dim R/I = \dim R/in_w(I) = \dim R/LT(I)$ . (Krull dimension) (Pf: Fibers in a flat family have the same dimension; OR use Macaulay's Theorem.)
- 2)  $HF_{R/I}(i) = HF_{R/in_w(I)}(i) = HF_{R/LT(I)}(i)$  (Macaulay)
- 3)  $\text{pd } R/in_w(I) \geq \text{pd } R/I$  and  $\text{reg } R/in_w(I) \geq \text{reg } R/I$  (Peeva's Thm).
- 4) If  $R/in_w(I)$  is CM ( $\dim R/in_w(I) = n - \text{pd } R/in_w(I)$ ), then  $R/I$  is CM.
- 5)  $R/I$  is CM if and only if  $R/gin_{GrRevLex}(I)$  is CM.

> **The Gröbner Fan**

- There exist an uncountable number of monomial orderings. (e.g. every weight vector  $w \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$  such that coord. of  $w$  are algebraically independent implies  $>_w$  is a monomial ordering.  $> = >_{w'} \iff w = \lambda \cdot w'$  for  $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$ .)
- Fix an ideal  $I$ .

> **Thm:** Let  $I$  be an ideal. There are only finitely many distinct initial ideals of  $I$ .

> **PROP:** If  $I$  is an ideal and  $LT_{<}(I) = LT_{<'}(I)$ , then the reduced GBs of  $I$  w.r.t.  $<$  and  $<'$  are identical.

> The theorem + Prop give there exists finitely many reduced GBs for a fixed ideal  $I$  (letting monomial order vary).

> **COR:** Let  $I$  be an ideal. There is a finite set that generates  $I$  and is a Gröbner basis for  $I$  w.r.t. any monomial ordering.

*Proof.* This set is the union of the finite set of distinct reduced GBs of  $I$ . □

> **DEFN:** The set from the Cor. is called a universal GB for  $I$ .

> Fix  $I$  and a monomial ordering  $>$ . Recall, by a theorem of Bayer, there exists  $w \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$  s/t  $LT_{>}(I) = in_w(I)$ .

> **Question:** What are all the weight vectors  $w$  with the property that  $LT_{>}(I) = in_w(I)$ ?

> **DEFN:** Let  $G$  be the reduced GB of  $I$  w.r.t.  $>$ .  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$ .  $LT_{>}(I) = \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle$ . Say  $g_i = u_i + \sum_j v_{ij}$ .

$$C_{>}(I) := \{w \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n : u_i \geq wv_{ij} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq s, u_i = LT(g_i), v_{ij} \text{ any other lower terms in } g\}$$

is the *cone* of weight vectors corresponding to  $I$  and the monomial ordering  $>$ .

> **EXAMPLE:**  $I = \langle x^2 - y^3, x^3 - y^2 + x \rangle$ ,  $> = GrLex$  with  $x > y$ . Then  $C_{GrLex}(I) = ?$

A reduced GB for  $I$  w.r.t.  $GrLex$  is  $G = \{y^3 - x^2, x^3 - y^2 + x\} = \{g_1, g_2\}$

Then

$$C_{GrLex}(I) = \{w = (w_1, w_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^2 : y^3 \geq_w x^2, x^3 \geq_w y^2, x^3 \geq_w x\}.$$

Recall,  $y^3 \geq_w x^2 \iff (0, 3) \cdot (w_1, w_2) \geq (2, 0) \cdot (w_1, w_2) \iff (-2, 3) \cdot (w_1, w_2) \geq 0 \iff -2w_1 + 3w_2 \geq 0$

Similarly,  $x^3 \geq_w y^2 \iff (3, 0) \cdot (w_1, w_2) \geq (0, 2) \cdot (w_1, w_2) \iff (3, -2) \cdot (w_1, w_2) \geq 0 \iff 3w_1 - 2w_2 \geq 0$

Also  $x^3 \geq_w x \iff (3, 0) \cdot (w_1, w_2) \geq (1, 0) \cdot (w_1, w_2) \iff (2, 0) \cdot (w_1, w_2) \geq 0 \iff 2w_1 \geq 0$  (superfluous since  $(w_1, w_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^2$ .)

Picture: two lines with slope of 3/2 and one with slope 2/3, the cone is the region between these two lines.

> **FACT:**  $C_{>}(I)$  is always a (geometric) cone. i.e., closed under addition of vectors and closed under multiplication by non-negative scalars.

- > RMK: For any  $w$  in the interior of  $C_{>}(I)$ , we have  $LT_{>}(I) = in_w(I)$ . For  $w$  on the boundary of  $C_{>}(I)$ ,  $in_w(I)$  is NOT a monomial ideal.
- > FACT: The two distinct Gröbner cones of  $I$  intersect along a common face of each.
- > EXAMPLE: The Grobner cones of  $I = \langle x^2 - y^3, x^3 - y^2 + x \rangle$ : The cones are: regions bounded between the lines with slopes 6, 4, 3/2, 2/3, 1/4, 1/7. In the example, label these cones (1)-(7). (4) corresponds to  $C_{GrLex}$  with  $x > y$ , (1) corresponds to  $C_{Lex}$ , w/  $y > x$ , and (7) corresponds to  $C_{Lex}$  with  $x > y$ .
- > DEFN: The Gröbner fan of  $I$  is the union of the Gröbner cones of  $I$ .

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> Nathan talk on: **The Gröbner Walk**

> GOAL: Convert a RGB (reduced Gröbner basis) of  $I$  w.r.t.  $<_1$  to a RGB of  $I$  w.r.t.  $<_2$ .

> EXAMPLE:

- $R = k[x, y]$ ,  $I = \langle x^2 - y^3, x^3 - y^2 + x \rangle$ .
- $G_0 = \langle y^3 - x^2, x^3 - y^2 + x \rangle$  is a RGB of  $I$  w.r.t. grevlex, with  $x > y$ . (call this  $<_1$ )
- Connect to RGB of  $I$  w.r.t. lex with  $x > y$ . (call this  $<_2$ )
- $\omega_0 = (1, 1) \in C_{<_1}(I)$  and  $\tau_0 = (1, 0) \in C_{<_2}(I)$  and  $\alpha = (1, 2/3)$ .
- $in_\alpha(G_0) = \{y^3 - x^2, x^3\}$ . Does this generated  $in_\alpha(I)$ ? Yes, since for all  $f \in I$ ,  $LT_{<_1}(f) = LT_{<_1}(in_\alpha(f))$ , by the definition of Grobner cone  $C_{<_1}(I)$  and the fact that  $\alpha \in C_{<_1}(I)$ .
- Use Buchberger's Algorithm to compute  $H_1$ , the RGB of  $in_\alpha(I)$  w.r.t.  $<_{2_\alpha}$ . Note that  $\alpha \in C_{<_{2_\alpha}}(I)$ . ( $f <_{2_\alpha} g \iff multideg(f) \cdot \alpha < multideg(g) \cdot \alpha$  if  $= wf <_2 g$ ???)

$$H_1 = \{x^2 - y^3, xy^3, y^6\}.$$

- Examine  $S = \{\bar{h}^{G_0} : h \in H_1\} = \{0, y^2 - x, xy^2 - y^3\}$ . So  $in_\alpha(h) = in_\alpha(h - \bar{h}^{G_0})$  for every  $h \in H_1$ .  $LT_{<_{2_\alpha}}(I) = \langle LT_{<_{2_\alpha}}(h - \bar{h}^{G_0}) : h \in H_1 \rangle$ .
- Now,  $G' = \{h - \bar{h}^{G_0} : h \in H_1\} = \{x^2 - y^3, xy^3 - (y^2 - x), y^6 - (x^2 - y^3)\}$  is a GB of  $I$  w.r.t.  $<_{2_\alpha}$ .
- Now  $G_1 = \{x^2 - y^3, xy^3 - y^2 + x, y^6 - xy^2 + x^2\}$  is a RGB of  $I$  w.r.t.  $<_{2_\alpha}$ .

> LEMMA 1: If  $G$  is a RGB of  $I$  w.r.t.  $<_1$ , then  $in_\omega(G)$  is RGB of  $in_\omega(I)$  w.r.t.  $<_1$ , for all  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$ .

> LEMMA 3:  $C_{<_1}(I) = C_{<_2}(I)$  if and only if  $LT_{<_1}(g) = LT_{<_2}(g)$  for all  $g \in RGB$  of  $I$  w.r.t.  $<_1$  (termination condition).

> Louigi: **Maximal Betti Numbers**

> Setup:  $k$  is a field with characteristic 0.  $A = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  (with standard grading).  $I$  is monomial ideal. Then define  $G(I)$  as the set of minimal monomial generators.

> DEFN:  $I$  is *strongly stable* if  $x_i m \in I$  implies  $x_p m \in I$  for every  $1 \leq p \leq i$ .

> Notice: when  $\text{char}(k) = 0$ , Borel-fixed = strongly stable.

> DEFN:  $L$  is *Lexicographic* if for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $L_j$  is spanned by the first  $\dim L_j$  monomials in the lexicographic order.

> FACT: Lexicographic ideal is strongly stable.  $x_i m \in I$  for  $1 \leq p \leq i$   $x_p < x_i$  implies  $x_p m < x_i m$ .

> **Theorem (Peeva):**  $J$  homogeneous  $\beta_{i,i+j}(J) \subseteq \beta_{i,i+j}(in J)$ .

> **Theorem (Galligo, Bayer-Stillman):** If  $J$  is homogeneous,  $C$  is any monomial order, then  $gin_{<} J$  is Borel-fixed.

> FACT: The Hilbert series of  $J$  and  $gin_{<} J$  are the same:  $HS_{gin_{<} J} = HS_{LT(gJ)} = HS_J$ .

- > We proved that there exists a Borel-fixed ideal  $I$  with the same  $HS$  of  $J$  such that  $\beta_{i,i+j}(J) \leq \beta_{i,i+j}(I)$ .
- > **FACT:** By Macaulay's Theorem and Kruskal-Katona's Theorem, there exists a Lexicographic ideal  $L$  with the same Hilbert series of  $I$ .
- > **Main Theorem:** Let  $J$  be a homogeneous ideal of  $A$ . If  $L$  is the lexicographic ideal with the same HS, then

$$\beta_{i,i+j}(J) \leq \beta_{i,i+j}(L)$$

for every  $i, j$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to show  $\beta_{i,i+j}(I) \leq \beta_{i,i+j}(L)$  when  $I$  is Borel-fixed.

Notation:  $m$  is a monomial,  $\max(m) = \max\{i : x_i \text{ divides } m\}$ .  $M$  a monomial ideal, then  $M^\#$  is the set of all monomials in  $M$ . If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a set of monomials, then  $\omega_p(\mathcal{M}) = |\{m \in \mathcal{M} : \max(m) = p\}|$  and  $\omega_{\leq p}(\mathcal{M}) = |\{m \in \mathcal{M} : \max(m) \leq p\}|$ . In particular,  $\omega_{\leq m}(M^\#) = \dim_k M$ .

**Theorem (Green):** If  $I$  is strongly stable and  $L$  is lexicographic with the same HS as  $I$  then  $\omega_{\leq p}(L^\#) \leq \omega_{\leq p}(I^\#)$  for all  $p, J$ .

LEMMA:  $I$  is Borel-fixed, then

$$\beta_{i,i+j} = |I^\# \binom{n-1}{i}| - \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} \omega_{\leq p}(I^\#) \binom{p-1}{i-1} - \sum_{p=1}^n \omega_{\leq p}(I_{j-1}^\#) \binom{p-1}{i}.$$

*Proof.* By Eliahou-Kervaire,

$$\beta_{i,i+j}(I) = \sum_{m \in G(I)_j} \binom{\max(m)-1}{i} = \sum_{p=1}^m \omega_p(G(I)_j) \binom{p-1}{i}.$$

$G(I)_j = I_j^\# \setminus I_{j-1}^\# \cdot \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ . by the strongly stable property ...

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