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1 Gröbner Basis

Denote by \leq the coordinate wise partial order on \mathbb{N}_0^n . $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \leq (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ if $a_i \leq b_i$ for $i \in [n]$.

Divisibility is a partial order on monomials.

Theorem 1.1 (Dickson's lemma). Every infinite subset of \mathbb{N}_0^n contains elements a, b with $a < b$.

Proof. The proof follows by induction. Let $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{N}_0^n$ be an infinite subset. For any $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ define \mathcal{M}_i ,

$$\mathcal{M}_i = \{a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^{n-1} : (a, i) \in \mathcal{M}\}$$

If \mathcal{M}_i is finite, then look at $\bigcup_i \in \mathbb{N}_0$, which has finitely many and atleast one minimal element. Thus there is some $j \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\bigcup_{i=0}^j \mathcal{M}_i$ with $a \in \mathcal{M}_i$ for some $i \leq j$. Hence $(a, i) < (b, k)$. □

Corollary 1.2. For any $\phi \neq \mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{N}_0^n$ the set of minimal elements wrt $<$ is nonempty and finite.

1.3. Monomial order on \mathbb{N}_0^n is a relation $<$ such that

1. If $a \neq b$ then $a < b$ or $b < a$.
2. If $A < b$ and $b < c$ then $a < c$.
3. $(0, \dots, 0) < a$ for any $a \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$.
4. $a < b$ then $a + c < b + c$ for any $c \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$.

First two conditions together imply that $<$ is a total order.

Remark 1.4. 1. If $a < b$, then $a < b$, i.e., any monomial order refines coordinate wise partial order.

2. Any monomial order on \mathbb{N}_0^n gives total order on monomials in $k[X_n]$

Example 1.5. Lexicographic order: Left most non zero entry of $a - b$ is positive the $a >_{lex} b$.

degree lex order if either $|a| > |b|$ or $|a| = |b|$ and right most entry of $a - b$ is negative.

degree reverse lex order, same as above but right most entry of $a - b$ is negative.

Proposition 1.6. For any monomial order $<$ on \mathbb{N}_0^n with $\phi \neq \mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{N}_0^n$ has a unique minimal element.

Proof. Dickson's lemma gives that \mathcal{M} has a finite non empty set of minimal elements wrt coordinate wise order. The minimal element of these wrt $<$ is the desired element. □

1.7. Fix a monomial order $<$ on $k[X_n]$

1. The initial monomial $\text{im}_{<}(f)$ of $f = \sum c_a x^a$ is the largest monomial wrt $<$ appearing in f with non zero coefficients.
2. The leading term $\text{lt}_{<}(f) := c_a x^a$ with $x^a = \text{im}(f)$

3. The initial ideal of an ideal I is $\text{im}(I) = \langle \text{im}(f) : f \in I \rangle$.

If G is a generating set for an ideal I then $\langle \text{im}(g) : g \in G \rangle \subset \text{im}(I)$ and this inclusion can be strict.

Proposition 1.8. Let $<$ be a monomial order on $k[X_n]$. Every ideal I has a finite subset \mathcal{G} such that $\text{im}(I) = \langle \text{im}(g) : g \in \mathcal{G} \rangle$.

Any such \mathcal{G} is called a Gröbner Basis of I wrt $<$.

Proof. The set of monomials in $\text{im}(I)$ has a finite and nonempty subset of minimal elements wrt divisibility, say m_1, \dots, m_s . Thus $\text{im}(I) = \langle m_1, \dots, m_s \rangle$. Every monomial in $\text{im}(I)$ is the initial monomial of some $f \in I$. hence there exists $f_1, \dots, f_s \in I$ with $\text{im}(f_i) = m_i$. Thus $\{f_i\}$ is a Gröbner basis. \square

Theorem 1.9. If \mathcal{G} is a Gröbner basis of I , then $I = \langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$

Note that Hilbert's basis theorem is a simple corollary of this.

Proof. We argue by contradiction. By 1.6, choose $f \in I - \langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$ such that $\text{im}(f)$ is minimal. Call $\text{im}(f) = x^b$. $x^b \in \text{im}(I) = \langle \text{im}(g) : g \in \mathcal{G} \rangle$. There exists $g \in \mathcal{G}$ such that $\text{im}(g) | x^b$, say $x^b = x^c \cdot \text{im}(g)$.

$\text{im}(f - x^c \lambda g) < x^b = \text{im}(f)$ where $\lambda = \text{lt}(f) / x^c \text{lt}(g) \in k$. But $f - x^c \lambda g \in I - \langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$, which is a contradiction to the minimality. \square

Lemma 1.10. Consider $f, g_1, \dots, g_s \in k[X_n]$, with $g_i \neq 0$. Then for any minimal order $<$, there exists $q_1, \dots, q_s, r \in k[X_n]$ such that

1. $f + \sum_{i=1}^s q_i g_i + r$
2. $\text{im}(f) \geq \text{im}(q_i g_i) \forall i$ (note that $\text{im}(f) = \text{im}(q_i g_i)$ for some i)
3. $\text{im}(r)$ is not divisible by $\text{im}(g_i)$ for any i .

We say f reduces to r by $\{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$.

1.11 Division Algorithm. Input: f, g_1, \dots, g_s

Output: q_1, \dots, q_s, r satisfying the properties 1-3.

1. Set $r = 0, p = gf, q_1 = \dots = q_s = 0$

2. While $p \neq 0$ do :

If $\text{im}(g_i)$ divides $\text{im}(p)$ for some $i \in [s]$, then set $q_i = q_i + \frac{\text{lt}(p)}{\text{lt}(g_i)}$ and $p_i = p - \frac{\text{lt}(p)}{\text{lt}(g_i)} g_i$
else set $r = r + \text{lt}(p), p = p - \text{lt}(p)$

3. Return q_1, \dots, q_s, r

Example 1.12. Consider Lexicographic ordering with $x > y$ and $f = x^2y + xy^2 + y^2$ and

$$g_1 = xy - 1, g_2 = y^2 - 1.$$

p	$xy - 1$	$y^2 - 1$	r
$x^2y + xy^2 + y^2 - x^2y + x$	x		
$xy^2 + y^2 + x - xy^2 + y$	y		
$y^2 + x + y - x$			x
$y^2 + y - y^2 + 1$	1		
$y + 1 - y$			y
1			1

Corollary 1.13. Buchberger's criteria Let \mathcal{G} be a finite subset of I . Then \mathcal{G} is a Gröbner basis of I iff each $f \in I$ can be reduced to 0 by \mathcal{G} .

Proof. If f reduces to r by \mathcal{G} , then $\text{im}(g_i)$ does not divide $\text{im}(r)$, for all i . However $f - r \in \langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$ and $r \in I$ and \mathcal{G} is a Gröbner basis of I . So there exists some $g \in \mathcal{G}$ such that $\text{im}(r)$ is divisible by $\text{im}(g)$, which forces $r = 0$.

Conversely, we have $f = \sum q_i g_i$ with $g_i \in \mathcal{G}$ and $\text{im}(q_i g_i) \leq \text{im}(f)$. Hence equality for some i and so $\text{im}(f) \in \langle \text{im}(g) : g \in \mathcal{G} \rangle$. □

Proposition 1.14. Let $<$ be a monomial order. Then

1. Let B be the set of monomials in $k[X_n] - \text{im}(I)$. Then $\bar{B} \subset k[X_n]/I$ is a k vsp basis.
2. If \mathcal{G} is a Gröbner basis of I , then the remainder of f by \mathcal{G} is unique and does not depend on the choice of \mathcal{G} .

Proof. 1. If $p = \sum \lambda_i m_i \in I$ with $m_i \in B$, then $\text{im}(p) \in \text{im}(I)$, but $\text{im}(p) = \text{im}(m_i) \notin I$. To show \bar{B} spans $m \in k[X_n]$ such that $\bar{m} \notin \text{span}(\bar{B})$.

Take $\min\{m\} = m$ where $m \notin B$. So we have $m \in \text{im}(I)$. There exists $f \in I$ such that $\text{im}(f) = m$. So any monomial in $f - \text{lt}(f) + I = f - \lambda m + I$ is in $\text{span}(\bar{B})$. So $\lambda m + I = p - f + I \in \text{span}(\bar{B})$. This leads to a contradiction □

Definition 1.15. 1. For terms $\lambda x^a, \mu x^b$ ($\lambda, \mu \in k$) denote by

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(\lambda x^a, \mu x^b) &= \gcd(x^a, x^b) \\ \text{lcm}(\lambda x^a, \mu x^b) &= \text{lcm}(x^a, x^b) \end{aligned}$$

2. For $0 \neq g, h \in k[x_n]$, their s -polynomial (wrt monomial order $<$)

$$S(g, h) := \frac{\text{lt}(h)}{\gcd(\text{lt}(h), \text{lt}(g))} g - \frac{\text{lt}(g)}{\gcd(\text{lt}(h), \text{lt}(g))} h.$$

1.16. Buchberger's Algorithm for computing Gröbner basis Input: $f_1, \dots, f_s \in k[X_n]$ in monomial order.

Output: Gröbner basis \mathcal{G} of $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$ wrt $<$.

1. Set $\eta = \langle f_1 \dots, f_s \rangle$
2. Order the elements of \mathcal{G} as f_1, \dots, f_t
3. For $1 \leq i < j \leq t$ do: Reduce $S(g_i, g_j)$ to r by g . If $r \neq 0$, then set $\mathcal{G} := \mathcal{G} \cup \{r\}$ and go to step 2.
4. Return \mathcal{G}

Remark 1.17. The algorithm computes a Gröbner basis. It terminate because in case $r \neq 0$, $\text{im}(r) \notin \langle \text{im}(g_1), \dots, \text{im}(g_t) \rangle$.

1.18. Extension to submodules of finitely generated $k[X_n]$ module So $F = k[X_n]^r = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r k[X_n]e_i$.

Monomials in G are of the form $x^a e_i$ and terms are $\lambda x^a e_i$ with $\lambda \in k$.

A monomial order on F is a total order on the monomials satisfying:

If $x^a \neq 1$, then $m_1 < m_2 \implies m_1 < x^a m_1 < x^a m_2$, for monomials m_i in F .

Given a monomial order on the polynomial ring $k[X_n]$ and an order on $\{e_i\}$. We obtain a monomial ordering on F by ordering $\mathbb{N}_0^n \times [r]$ or $[r] \times \mathbb{N}_0^n$ lexicographically.

Dicksen's lemma can be extended to monomials in F . We also define im , It with respect to $<$ analogously. There is also a division algorithm.

Theorem 1.19. 1. Every submodule M of F has finite Gröbner basis and the basis generates M .

2. If B is the set of monomials in $F - \text{im}(M)$, then $\bar{B} \subset F/M$ form a k basis of F/M .

2 Hilbert Functions

Definition 2.1. Let $I \subset k[X_n]$ be a monomial ideal. The Hilbert function of $A = k[X_n]/I$ (or of I) is

$$h_A : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a \mapsto h_A(j) = \dim_k[A]_j$$

where $[A]_j$ is k vector space of images of polynomials of degree j , from $k[X_n] \rightarrow A$. (So $h_A(j)$ = number of monomials in $[k[X_n]]_j - I$).

It's generating function is the Hilbert series

$$H_A(z) = \sum_{j \geq 0} h_A(j)z^j$$

Example 2.2. 1. For $I = 0$, we get $h_{k[X_n]}(j) = \binom{n+j-1}{j}$ and so

$$H_{k[X_n]}(z) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \binom{n+j-1}{j} z^j = \frac{1}{(1-z)^n}$$

2. If $I = \langle x^a \rangle$, then let $e = \deg(x^a)$.

3.

$$h_{k[X_n]/I}(j) = \begin{cases} h_{k[X_n]}(j) & j < e \\ h_{k[X_n]}(j) - h_{k[X_n]}(j-e) & j \geq e \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$H_{k[X_n]/I} = \frac{1-z^e}{(1-z)^n}$$

Theorem 2.3. For any proper monomial ideal I of $k[X_n]$, the Hilbert series of $A = k[X_n]/I$ is a rational function of the form

$$H_A(z) = \frac{\kappa_A(z)}{(1-z)^d}$$

with $\kappa_A(z) \in \mathbb{Z}[z]$, $\kappa_A(0) = 1$, $\kappa_A(1) \neq 0$, $d \in \mathbb{N}$. (this expression is unique.)

The dimension of A is

$$\dim A := d$$

and the multiplicity of A (or degree of I) is

$$\deg(I) = \mathcal{H}_A(1) > 0$$

There is a polynomial called Hilbert polynomial p_A of A such that $h_A(j) = p_A(j)$ if $j \gg 0$. If $d = \dim A > 0$, then

$$p_A(z) = \frac{\deg(I)}{(d-1)!} z^{d-1} + \text{lower order terms}$$

$$= h_0(A) \binom{z+d-1}{d-1} + h_1(A) \binom{z+d-2}{d-2} + \dots + h_{d-1}(A) \binom{z}{0}$$

where $h_0(A) = \deg(I)$ and $h_i(A)$ are integers. Note if $p_A(z) \neq 0$ polynomial, then $\deg p_A = d-1 = \dim A - 1$.

Example 2.4.

$I = 0$, we get $\dim k[X_n] = n$ and the multiplicity of $k[X_n]$ is $1 = \deg I$.

$I = \langle x^a \rangle$ with $\deg x = e$, then $\dim k[X_n]/I = n - 1$ and $\deg(I) = \deg(x^a)$.

Proof of 2.3. Inclusion exclusion principle: $|\bigcup_{i=1}^s X_i| = \sum_{\phi \neq T \subset [s]} (-1)^{|\phi|+1} |X_\phi|$ where $X_\phi = \bigcap_{i \in \phi} X_i$

Let $I = \langle m_1, \dots, m_s \rangle = I$, where m_i are monomials. Denote by $X_i(j)$ set of degree j monomials in $\langle m_i \rangle \subset k[X_n]$. hence for $T \subset [s]$, $X_T(j) = \bigcap_{i \in T} X_i(j)$ is the set of deg j monomials that are divisible by $m_T = \text{lcm}(m_i)_{i \in T}$. Define $e_T := \deg m_T$. So

$$|X_T(j)| = \begin{cases} 0 & j < e_T \\ \binom{n-1+j-e_T}{n-1} & j \geq e_T \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} |X_T(j)| z^j = \sum_{j \geq e_T} \binom{n-1+j-e_T}{n-1} z^j = \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n-1+k}{n-1} z^{k+e_T} = z^{e_T} \frac{1}{(1-z)^n}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} h_A(j) &= \binom{n-1+j}{n-1} - \text{number of deg } j \text{ monomials in } I = \langle m_1, \dots, m_s \rangle \\ &= \binom{n-1+j}{n-1} - \left| \bigcup_{i \in [s]} X_i \right| \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} H_A(z) &= \sum_{j \geq 0} h_A(j) z^j = \sum_{j \geq 0} \binom{n-1+j}{n-1} z^j + \sum_{T \in [s]} (-1)^{|T|} \sum_{j \geq 0} |X_T(j)| z^j \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-z)^n} + \sum_{T \in [s]} (-1)^{|T|} \frac{z^{e_T}}{(1-z)^n} =: \frac{g(z)}{(1-z)^n} \end{aligned}$$

When $g(z) \in \mathbb{Z}[z]$, with $g(0) = 1$ writing $g(z) = (1-z)^v \kappa_A(z)$ with $\kappa_A(z) \in \mathbb{Z}[z]$, suitable $v \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\kappa_A(1) \neq 0, \kappa_A(0) = 1$. Hence $H_A(z) = \frac{\kappa_A(z)}{(1-z)^d}$ where $d = n - v$. Write

$$\kappa_A(z) = \sum_{k=0}^w c_k z^k \text{ with } c_k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} h_A(j) z^j = \left(\sum_{k=0}^w c_k z^k \right) \left(\sum_{l \geq 0} \binom{d-1+l}{d-1} z^l \right)$$

comparing coefficients in $\deg j \gg 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
h_A(j) &= \sum_{k+l=j} c_k \binom{d-1+l}{d-1} = \sum_{k=0}^w c_k \underbrace{\binom{d-1+j-k}{d-1}}_{\substack{\text{polynomial in } j-k \\ \text{variables of deg } d-1}} \\
&= \underbrace{\left(\sum_{k=0}^w c_k \right)}_{\kappa_A(1)} \binom{j}{d-1} + \text{lower order terms} \\
&=: p_A(j) \text{ (Hilbert polynomial)}
\end{aligned}$$

If $h_A(j) = 0$ whenever $j \gg 0$, then by definition $0 = d = \dim A$ and in this case p_A is the zero polynomial. Hence if $d > 0$, then $h_A(j) > 0$ if $j \gg 0$ and so the leading coefficient of $p_A(z)$ must be positive, i.e., $\kappa_A(1) > 0$ \square

Definition 2.5. A monomial order is called degree compatible if

$$\deg(x^a) > \deg(x^b) \implies x^a > x^b$$

for any two monomials.

2.6. For any ideal $I \subset k[X_n]$ and any $t \in \mathbb{Z}$, set

$$I_{\leq t} = \{f \in I : \deg f \leq t\}$$

It is a k -subspace of $k[X_n]$. Write $\text{Mon}(k[X_n])$ for the set of monomials in $k[X_n]$.

Lemma 2.7. Let $<$ be a degree compatible monomial order. For any ideal $I \subset k[X_n] = S$, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
\dim_k \frac{k[X_n]_{\leq t}}{I_{\leq t}} &= \text{number of monomials in } \frac{k[X_n]_{\leq t}}{\text{im}_{<}(I)} \\
&= |\text{Mon}(k[X_n])_{\leq t} - \text{im}_{<}(I)|
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. $B := \text{Mon}(k[X_n])_{\leq t} - \text{im}_{<}(I)$. We claim

$$\bar{B} \subset \frac{k[X_n]_{\leq t}}{I_{\leq t}} \text{ is a } k\text{-basis}$$

$\overline{\text{Mon}(k[X_n]) - \text{im}(I)}$ is a k -basis of $k[X_n] - \text{im}(I)$, by 1.14. \bar{B} spans remainder of any $F \in k[X_n]$ upon dividing by Gröbner basis of I wrt $<$ satisfies $\deg r \leq \deg f$. \square

For $I \subset k[X_n]$, the affine Hilbert function of $A = k[X_n]/I$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
h_A^a : \mathbb{N}_0 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \\
j &\mapsto h_A^a(j) = \dim_k \frac{k[X_n]_{\leq j}}{I_{\leq j}}
\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.8. For any degree compatible monomial order $<$ on I , one has

$$h_{\frac{k[X_n]}{\text{im}_{<}(I)}}(j) = h_A^a(j) - h_A^1(j-1)$$

where $A = k[X_n]/I$.

Proof. By definition, we have

$$h_{\frac{k[X_n]}{\text{im}(I)}}(j) = |\text{Mon}(k[X_n])_j - \text{im}(I)|$$

$$2.7 \implies h_A^a(j) = |\text{Mon}(k[X_n])_{\leq j} - \text{im}(I)| \quad \square$$

Remark 2.9. If $A \neq 0$, $h_A^a(0) = 1$. Then by 2.8 we have $h_A^a(j) = \sum_{k=0}^j h_{k[X_n]/\text{im}(I)}(k)$. It follows that generating function of h_A^a and $h_{\frac{k[X_n]}{\text{im}(I)}}$ have analogous properties

2.10. We define dimension of A ,

$$\dim \frac{k[X_n]}{I} := \dim_k \frac{k[X_n]}{\text{im}(I)}$$

and the degree

$$\deg(I) = \deg(\text{im}(I))$$

where $<$ is a degree compatible monomial order.

2.11. Let $G = (G, +)$ be an abelian group. A G -graded ring R is a family of subgroups $([R]_{a \in G}) \leq (R, +)$ such that

1. $R = \bigoplus_{a \in G} [R]_a$ (as \mathbb{Z} -modules)
2. $[R]_a \cdot [R]_b \subset [R]_{a+b}$

The elements of $[R]_a$ are called homogeneous of degree a .

Example 2.12. Fine or \mathbb{Z} -grading of $k[X_n]$, where $G = \mathbb{Z}^n$

$$[S]_a = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if some } a_i < 0 \\ \{\lambda x^a : \lambda \in k\} & \end{cases}$$

Definition 2.13. $R = G$ -graded ring

1. G -graded R -module is an R -module M with a decomposition $([M]_a)_{a \in G}$ such that $M = \bigoplus_{a \in G} [M]_a$ and $[R]_a \cdot [M]_b \subset [M]_{a+b}$.
2. A G -graded or simply graded submodule of such a graded M is a graded submodule $N \subset M$ such that

$$[N]_a \subset [M]_a$$

Lemma 2.14. For an arbitrary submodule N of a G graded R -module M the following are equivalent

1. N is a graded submodule
2. N has a generating set consisting of homogeneous elements
3. If $m = \sum_{a \in G} m_a$ with $m_a \in [M]_a$, then $m \in N$ iff each $m_a \in N$.
4. M/N is a G -graded R -module with grading $[M/N]_a := \frac{[M]_a + N}{N}$.

Proof. □

Example 2.15. 1. M and N are G -graded, then so is $M \oplus N$ with grading $[M \oplus N]_a := [M]_a \oplus [N]_a$ (as R modules). So if R is G graded, then so is R^n .

2. $I \subset k[X_n]$ is a \mathbb{Z}^n graded submodule if I is a monomial ideal.

3. A \mathbb{Z} -graded or homogeneous ideal of $k[X_n]$, is an ideal that has generating set consisting of homogeneous polynomials. In that case $k[X_n]/I$ is a graded module.

2.16. A homomorphism of G -graded modules or a G -graded homomorphism is a R -module homomorphism $\phi : M \rightarrow N$ that is degree preserving, $\phi([M]_a) \subset [N]_a$.

For any $a \in G$ and a G -graded module M , the module $M(a)$ has the same module structure as M , but grading given by

$$[M(a)]_b := [M]_{a+b}$$

$M(a)$ is a degree a shift of M . (Note here that the convention is opposite of that in algebraic topology.)

Example 2.17. 1. Consider $k[X_n]$ with standard grading.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : k[X_n] &\rightarrow k[X_n] \\ f &\mapsto x_1^2 f \end{aligned}$$

is not a graded homomorphism. However define

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : k[X_n](-2) &\rightarrow k[X_n] \\ f &\mapsto x_1^2 f \end{aligned}$$

then $f \in k[X_n](-2)$ has degree $\deg f + 2$. So $f \in [k[X_n](-2)]_{\deg f + 2}$.

2. For any $a \neq 0$ in G , $R(a)$ is not a graded ring, (because identity is not in 0 dimension), but it is a graded R -module.

Lemma 2.18. If $\phi : M \rightarrow N$ is a homomorphism of graded modules, then $\ker \phi$, $\text{im} \phi$, $\text{coker} \phi$ are graded modules.

Proof. $[\ker \phi]_a = \ker \phi \cap [M]_a$, and $[\text{im} \phi]_a = \text{im} \phi \cap [N]_a$.

□

Example 2.19. 1. If M is a \mathbb{Z} graded module with generators m_1, \dots, m_t where $d_i = \deg m_i$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : \bigoplus_{i=1}^t R(-d_i) &\longrightarrow M \\ \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_t \end{bmatrix} &\mapsto \sum_{i=1}^t r_i m_i \end{aligned}$$

is a homomorphism of graded R -modules and is surjective.

2. Consider $I = \langle x^3, xy, y^4 \rangle \subset k[x, y] + S$ with standard grading.

$$\phi : S(-3) \oplus S(-2) \oplus S(-4) \rightarrow I$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto f_1 x^3 + f_2 xy + f_3 y^4$$

$$\ker \phi : \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -x^2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y^3 \\ -x \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \xleftarrow[\text{graded hom}]{\cong} S(-4) \oplus S(-5)$$

There exists an exact sequence,

$$0 \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} S(-4) \\ \oplus \\ S(-5) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} y & 0 \\ -x^2 & y^3 \\ 0 & -x \end{bmatrix}} \begin{array}{c} S(-3) \\ \oplus \\ S(-2) \\ \oplus \\ S(-4) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ [x^3 \quad xy \quad y^4] \end{array}} S \rightarrow S/I \rightarrow 0$$

Definition 2.20. For any \mathbb{Z} graded module M over $k[X_n]$ its Hilbert function is

$$h_m : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$j \mapsto h_m(j) := \dim_k [M]_j$$

assuming $[M]_j$ is finitely generated for all j .

Remark 2.21. For any monomial ideal $I \subset k[X_n]$, 2.1 and 2.20 agree.

$$\dim_k [k[X_n]/I]_j = |\text{Mon}(k[X_n])_j - I|$$

Proposition 2.22. For every graded submodule M of a finitely generated free $k[X_n]$ module F and any monomial order $<$ of F ,

$$h_{F/M}(j) = \frac{h_F(j)}{\text{im}(M)} \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Corollary 2.23. For any finitely generated $k[X_n]$ submodule $m \neq 0$, Hilbert series is of the form

$$H_M(z) := \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} h_M(j) z^j$$

$$= \frac{\kappa_M(z) z^t}{(1-z)^d}$$

where $\kappa_M(z) \in \mathbb{Z}[z]$, $\kappa_M(0) \neq 0$, $\kappa_M(1) > 0$, $t \in \mathbb{Z}$.

There is a Hilbert polynomial $p_M(z) \in \mathbb{Q}(z)$ such that

$$h_M(j) = p_M(j) \quad j \gg 0$$

(krull) dimension of M is defined as

$$\dim M = d$$

and the degree is

$$\deg(M) = \kappa_M(1)$$

Proof. Let M be generated by m_1, \dots, m_t of degree d_1, \dots, d_t respectively. Define

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : \bigoplus_{i=1}^t S(-d_i) &\rightarrow M \\ f &\mapsto x_1^2 f \end{aligned}$$

is not a graded homomorphism. However define

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : k[X_n](-2) &\rightarrow k[X_n] \\ \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_t \end{bmatrix} &\mapsto \sum f_i m_i \end{aligned}$$

Set $N = \ker \phi$ and we have a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ and by rank nullity theorem we have $h_M(j) = h_F(j) - h_N(j)$. S and F have desired Hilbert series which are rational functions. So it is enough to show the same for N , which is same as $h_{F/\text{im}(N)}$.

$\text{im}(N)$ is generated by monomials. So

$$\frac{F}{\text{im}(N)} \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^t \underbrace{\left(\frac{S}{J_i} \right)}_{\text{has the desired properties}} (-d_i)$$

for monomial ideals J_i . □

Example 2.24. 1. $S = k[X_n], F = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t S(-d_i)$. Then

$$H_{S(-d_i)}(z) = \frac{z_i^d}{(1-z)^n}$$

2. Consider $I = \langle x^3, xy, y^4 \rangle \subset k[x, y] + S$ with standard grading. $A = S/I$. We have the exact sequence,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & S(-3) & & & \\ & & & \oplus & & & \\ S(-4) & & & \oplus & & & \\ 0 \rightarrow & \oplus & \rightarrow & S(-2) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & S & \rightarrow A = S/I \rightarrow 0 \\ & \oplus & & \oplus & & \begin{bmatrix} x^3 & xy & y^4 \end{bmatrix} & \\ & S(-5) & & \oplus & & & \\ & & & S(-4) & & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_A(z) &= H_S(z) - H_{S(-3) \oplus S(-2) \oplus S(-4)}(z) + H_{S(-4) \oplus S(-5)}(z) \\ &= H_S(z) - H_{S(-3)}(z) - H_{S(-2)}(z) + H_{S(-4)}(z) + H_{S(-5)}(z) - H_{S(-4)}(z) \\ &= \frac{1 - z^3 - z^2 + z^5}{(1-z)^2} \\ &= 1 + 3z + 2z^2 + z^3 \end{aligned}$$

So $\dim A = 0$ and $\deg M = 6$ (polynomial evaluated at 1).

Lemma 2.25. Let $d \in \mathbb{N}$. Every $a \in \mathbb{N}$ admits a unique presentation of the form

$$a = \binom{k_d}{d} + \binom{k_{d-1}}{d-1} + \cdots + \binom{k_s}{s}$$

with integers $k_d > k_{d-1} > \cdots > k_s$. It is called the d -Macaulay presentation of a .

Example 2.26. For $d = 3$ and $a = 12$, we have

$$12 = \binom{5}{3} + \binom{2}{2} + \binom{1}{1}$$

Definition 2.27. If $a > 0$ with d -Macaulay presentation

$$a = \binom{k_d}{d} + \binom{k_{d-1}}{d-1} + \cdots + \binom{k_s}{s}$$

set

$$a^{(d)} = \binom{k_{d+1}}{d+1} + \binom{k_d}{d} + \cdots + \binom{k_{s+1}}{s+1}$$

Example 2.28. $12^{(3)} = 17$

Theorem 2.29 (Macaulay). Let $h : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, the following are equivalent,

1. There is some $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and some homogeneous ideal $I \subset k[X_n]$ such that Hilbert function of $A = k[X_n]/I$ is h .
2. There is a monomial ideal (Lexicographic ideal) $I \subset k[X_n]$ with $n = h(1)$ such that Hilbert function of A is h .
3. $h(0) = 1$ and

$$h(j+1) \leq h(j)^{(j)} \text{ if } j > 0$$

Moreover for every graded k -algebra A , one has

$$h_A(j+1) = h_A(j)^{(j)} \text{ if } j \gg 0$$

Example 2.30.

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
\tilde{h}	1	4	10	12	18	18	...
h	1	4	10	12	17	17	...

\tilde{h} is not a possible Hilbert function because $12^{(3)} = 17$. While h is a possible Hilbert function.

3 Ideals and Schemes

3.1 Affine case

Definition 3.1. A ring R is reduced if $r^n = 0$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ implies $r = 0$.

Lemma 3.2. Consider a reduced ring R and an ideal I of R . Then R/I is reduced iff $I = \sqrt{I}$.

Hilbert's Nullstellensatz gives bijection if $k = \bar{k}$. Let $S = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Subvarieties of} \\ \mathbb{A}_k^n \end{array} \right\} & \xleftrightarrow[\text{Z}]{I} & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Radical Ideals of} \\ S \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{\cong} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Reduced factor} \\ \text{rings of } S \end{array} \right\} \\ & & J \mapsto S/J \\ & & \ker(S \rightarrow A) \leftarrow A \end{array}$$

Definition 3.3. The geometric object X associated to an ideal $J \subset S$ is called an affine (sub) scheme of \mathbb{A}_k^n . $I_X := J$ is called the defining ideal of X and S/J is called co-ordinate ring. $X = \text{spec}(S/J)$ to denote the scheme X . The reduced subscheme of X is $X_{red} = \text{spec}(S/\sqrt{J})$. It is also called the *support* of X .

Remark 3.4. 1. Definition 3.3 is a special case of an affine scheme. $\text{Spec}(S/J)$ is the set of prime ideals of S/J endowed with Zariski topology where closed sets are of the form $V(p)$ where p is a prime in S containing J .

2. If $k = \bar{k}$, then the points of $X = \text{Spec}(k[X_n]/\sqrt{J}) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^n$ are the points of $X_{red} = Z(J) = Z(\sqrt{J})$. (The scheme X captures more information, for example multiplicities of the common zeroes)

Example 3.5. For any $j \in \mathbb{N}$ the scheme $Y_j \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ defined by $(x_1, \dots, x_n)^j$ is supported at the point $(0, \dots, 0)$ i.e. $(Y_j)_{red} = \{(0, \dots, 0)\}$. Sometimes Y_j is called a *fat point*.

Definition 3.6. The dimension of $Y = \text{Spec}(k[X_n]/J)$ is $\dim Y = \dim k[X_n]/J$ (as defined using Hilbert series 2.3)

Example 3.7. $\dim \text{Spec} \frac{k[X_n]}{(x_1, \dots, x_n)^j} = 0 \quad \forall j$

Definition 3.8. Let $X, Y \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ be subschemes of \mathbb{A}^n . Then X is called a subscheme of Y , if $I_Y \subset I_X$. In symbols $X \subset Y$.

The intersection $X \cap Y$ is the scheme defined by $I_X + I_Y$ and the union $X \cup Y$ is defined by $I_X \cap I_Y$.

Example 3.9. Continuing with the notation used in 3.5, we have $Y_1 \subsetneq Y_2 \subsetneq \dots$, but $Y_2 \not\subset \text{Spec}(\underbrace{\frac{k[X_n]}{(x_2, \dots, x_n)}}_{\text{line}})$ ("fat point sticks out of line")

Theorem 3.10 (Primary decomposition theorem).

Example 3.11. An affine scheme $Y \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ is irreducible if for any subschemes $Y_1, Y_2 \subset Y$ with $Y_1 \cup Y_2 = Y$ either $Y = Y_1$ or $Y = Y_2$ or $Y_{red} = (Y_1)_{red} = (Y_2)_{red}$

Lemma 3.12. 1. Y is irreducible iff I_Y is primary.

2. Y is irreducible and reduced iff I_Y is a primary ideal.

3.13. 1. The fat points Y_j in 3.5 are irreducible but not reduced if $j \geq 2$

2. A line Y is defined by $I_Y = \langle l_1, \dots, l_{n-1} \rangle$, where l_i are linear independent polynomials in $k[X_n]$. Any line is reduced and irreducible.

Corollary 3.14. Every affine scheme is a finite union of irreducible schemes

3.2 Projective Schemes

3.15 Notation. $m = \langle x_0, \dots, x_n \rangle \subset k[x_0, \dots, x_n] \subset S$.

$J \subseteq S$ is a homogeneous ideal or equivalently $J \subset m$

If $k = \bar{k}$ we have bijections

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} V \subset \mathbb{P}^n \\ \text{projective} \\ \text{variety} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{I} \\ \xleftarrow{Z} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{homogeneous} \\ \text{Radical Ideals} \\ J \subset m \end{array} \right\} \cong \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Reduced graded} \\ \text{quotient} \\ \text{rings of } S \end{array} \right\}$$

Definition 3.16. Let \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal. A \mathfrak{p} -primary ideal \mathfrak{q} is a primary ideal \mathfrak{q} with $\sqrt{\mathfrak{q}} = \mathfrak{p}$

Lemma 3.17. A homogeneous ideal $J \subset m$ is m -primary iff $\sqrt{J} = m$.

Definition 3.18. The saturation of a homogeneous ideal J is the ideal

$$J^{\text{sat}} := \bigcup_{n \geq 1} (J : m^n) \supset J$$

J is saturated if $J = J^{\text{sat}}$.

Lemma 3.19. Let $J \subset m$ be homogeneous. TFAE

1. J is saturated
2. m is not an associated prime ideal of S/J .
3. There is some homogeneous $f \in S$ of positive degree such that $\bar{f} \in S/J$ is a non-zero divisor equivalent to $(J : f) = J$.

Remark 3.20. 1. If $J = q_1 \cap q_2 \cap \dots \cap q_s$ is a minimal primary decomposition of J with homogeneous q_i and say q_s is m -primary, then

$$J^{\text{sat}} = q_1 \cap \dots \cap q_{s-1}$$

2. If $\sqrt{J} \subsetneq m$ then J^{sat} is the largest homogeneous ideal $I \subset S$ such that $[J]_k = [I]_k$ for any $k \gg 0$. ($[J] - k$ is the space of polynomials of degree k .)

Example 3.21. Consider $J = \langle x^3, x^2y \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle \cap \underbrace{\langle x^3, y \rangle}_{\langle x, y \rangle}$. $J^{\text{sat}} = \langle x^2 \rangle$. In $k[x, y, z]$, $J^{\text{sat}} = J$

Definition 3.22. For every homogeneous ideal J with $\sqrt{J} \subsetneq m$, we consider S/J^{sat} as a geometric object X called a projective (sub)scheme of \mathbb{P}^n . The homogeneous ideal of X is $I_X = J^{\text{sat}}$ and S/J^{sat} is called the homogeneous coordinate ring of X . Sometimes we write $X = \text{Proj}(S/J) = \text{Proj}(S/J^{\text{sat}})$ for the projective scheme defined by J .

Remark 3.23. 1. One has the following bijections

$$\{\emptyset\} \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Projective} \\ \text{subschemes} \\ \text{of } \mathbb{P}^n \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{m\} \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{homogeneous} \\ \text{saturated ideals} \\ J \\ \text{with } \sqrt{J} \subsetneq m \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{ \cong S/m \} \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{graded quotient} \\ \text{ring} \\ \text{of } S \text{ with a} \\ \text{non-zero} \\ \text{divisor of} \\ \text{positive degree} \end{array} \right\}$$

2. For projective subschemes $X, Y \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ the concepts of reducible, irreducible, $X \subset Y$, $X \cap Y$, $X \cup Y$ are analogous to affine case.

$$\begin{aligned} I_{X \cap Y} &= (I_X + I_Y)^{\text{sat}} \\ I_{X \cup Y} &= (I_X \cap I_Y) \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.24. $X, Y \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ be schemes with homogeneous ideals

$$I_X = \langle x_0, x_1 \rangle \cap \langle x_2, x_3 \rangle \sim \text{pair of skew lines}$$

$$I_Y = \langle x_1 + x_2 \rangle \sim \text{hyperplane}$$

$X \cap Y$ should consist of two points.

$$I_X + I_Y = \langle x_0, x_1, x_2 \rangle \cap \langle x_1, x_2, x_3 \rangle \cap \underbrace{\langle x_0, x_3, x_1 + x_2, x_1 x_2 \rangle}_{\langle x_0, \dots, x_3 \rangle\text{-primary}}$$

$$I_{X \cap Y} = (I_X + I_Y)^{\text{sat}} = \langle x_0, x_1, x_2 \rangle \cap \langle x_1, x_2, x_3 \rangle \text{ and } X \cap Y = X \cap Y_{\text{red}} = \{(0 : 0 : 0 : 1), (1 : 0 : 0 : 0)\}.$$

$$\dim X = 1, \dim Y = 2$$

$$\deg X = 2, \deg Y = 1$$

Definition 3.25. For a projective subscheme $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$, we define its dimension as

$$\dim(X) = \dim(S/I_X) - 1$$

and degree as

$$\deg X = \deg I_X = \deg(S/I_X)$$

4 Bezout's theorem

Definition 4.1. Consider any R -module M . An element $r \in R$ is called M -regular if $rm = 0$ for any $m \in M \implies m = 0_M$. Otherwise r is called a zero-divisor of M .

Note. $f \in R$ is M -regular if $0 :_M f = 0 :_M \langle f \rangle = 0$

Example 4.2. The zero divisors of \mathbb{Z} -mod $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ are precisely the integers $\langle 2 \rangle \cup \langle 3 \rangle$

Proposition 4.3. If M is finitely generated graded S -module and $f \in S$ is M regular of positive degree, then

1. $\dim M/fM = \dim M - 1$
2. $\deg M/fM = \deg f \deg M$

Proof. Since f is M regular, there exists a short exact sequence ($d = \deg f$)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & M(-d) & \xrightarrow{f} & M & \rightarrow & \frac{M}{fM} \rightarrow 0 \\ & & & & m & \mapsto & fm \end{array}$$

So $h_{M/fM}(j) = h_M(j) - h_M(j-d)$ □

Lemma 4.4 (Mayer-Vietoris sequence). If N_1, N_2 are graded submodules of a graded submodule M , then there is a SEQ of graded modules

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \frac{M}{N_1 \cap N_2} & \rightarrow & \frac{M}{N_1} \oplus \frac{M}{N_2} & \rightarrow & \frac{M}{N_1 + N_2} \rightarrow 0 \\ & & & & m & \mapsto & (m, m) \\ & & & & & & (m_1, m_2) \mapsto m_1 - m_2 \end{array}$$

Corollary 4.5. If $I, J \subset S$ are homogeneous ideals, then $h_{\frac{S}{I+J}}(k) = h_{\frac{S}{I}}(k) + h_{\frac{S}{J}}(k)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Corollary 4.6. 1. $\dim(\frac{S}{I \cap J}) = \max\{\dim S/I, \dim S/J\}$

2. If WLOG $\dim S/I \geq \dim S/J$, then

$$\deg\left(\frac{S}{I \cap J}\right) = \begin{cases} \deg S/I & \dim S/I > \dim S/J \\ \deg S/I + \deg S/J & \dim S/I = \dim S/J > \dim S/I + J \\ \deg S/I + \deg S/J & \dim S/I = \dim S/I + J \\ -\deg S/I + J & \end{cases}$$

5 Free Resolutions

5.1 Notation. $S = k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ where $\deg x_i = 1$, $m = \langle x_0, \dots, x_n \rangle = \bigoplus_{j>0} [S]_j$

$$A = S/I, m = m_A = \bigoplus_{j>0} [S/I]_j$$

M finitely generated \mathbb{Z} graded A -module. $\phi : M \rightarrow N$ hom of graded modules (degree preserving).

Lemma 5.2 (Nakayama's lemma). 1. If $\frac{M}{mM} = 0$, then $M = 0$

2. If the images of homogeneous $m_1, \dots, m_t \in M$ generate $\frac{M}{mM}$ as an A module, then they generated M as an A module.

Proof. 1. See Eisenbud Cor 4.8

2. Set $N = \frac{M}{\langle m_1, \dots, m_t \rangle}$, then $\frac{N}{mN} \cong \frac{M}{mM + \langle m_1, \dots, m_t \rangle} = 0$. This gives $N = 0$, $\implies M = \langle m_1, \dots, m_t \rangle$. □

Corollary 5.3. For homogeneous elements $m_1, \dots, m_t \in M$ TFAE:

1. $M = \langle m_1, \dots, m_t \rangle$
2. The images $\overline{m_1}, \dots, \overline{m_t}$ in M/mM generate M/mM as a module over $A/m \simeq k$.

Definition 5.4. A minimal generating set G consists of homogeneous elements such that $G \setminus \{g\}$ is not a generating set $\forall g \in G$.

Corollary 5.5. If $\{m_1, \dots, m_t\}, \{n_1, \dots, n_s\}$ are minimal generating sets of M , then $s = t$ and $\deg m_i = \deg n_i$ for $i \in [t]$ upto reindexing.

Definition 5.6. Let $\phi : F \rightarrow M$ be any surjective hom of fg graded A modules, where F is free.

1. The fg A module $\ker \phi$ is called a (first) syzygy module of M (over A). Its elements are called (first) syzygies (correspond to relations among generators of M).
2. The map ϕ is said to be minimal if the induced hom

$$\overline{\phi} : \frac{F}{mF} \xrightarrow{\approx} \frac{M}{mM}$$

$$\overline{f} \mapsto \overline{\phi(f)}$$

is an isomorphism of k -vector spaces where $k \simeq A/m$.

Remark 5.7. Let $\{e_1, \dots, e_s\}$ be a basis of F . Then ϕ is minimal iff $\{\phi(e_1), \dots, \phi(e_s)\}$ is a min gen set of M .

Example 5.8. $S = k[x]$.

$$0 \rightarrow S(-1) \xrightarrow{x} S \xrightarrow{\phi} k \rightarrow 0 \quad \phi \text{ is minimal}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \begin{matrix} S(-1) \\ \oplus \\ S \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} S^2 \xrightarrow{\psi} k \rightarrow 0 \quad \psi \text{ is not minimal}$$

In fact $\ker \psi \cong \ker \phi \oplus S$.

Lemma 5.9. The first syzygy module of M is unique upto isomorphism and free direct sums.

Proof. Consider surjective map $\phi : F \rightarrow M$ where $F = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t Ae_i$.

1. Suppose ϕ is not minimal. WLOG $\{\phi(e_1), \dots, \phi(e_r)\}$ is a min gen set of M ($r \leq t$). Write $F = G \oplus P$ where $G = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r Ae_i$ and $P = \bigoplus_{i=r+1}^t Ae_i$. Then the restriction $\psi = \phi|_G : G \rightarrow M$ is minimal.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & & & & 0 & & & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \ker \psi & \longrightarrow & G & \xrightarrow{\psi} & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \text{---} & & \downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \ker \phi & \longrightarrow & F & \xrightarrow{\phi} & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & & & \\ & & & & P & & & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & & & \end{array}$$

The commutative diagram induces (snake lemma) a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \ker \psi \rightarrow \ker \phi \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$$

P free $\implies \ker \phi = P \oplus \ker \psi \sim$ syzygy from minimal map.

2. Assume ϕ is minimal and $\psi : G \rightarrow M$ is another minimal homomorphism. To show $\ker \phi \cong \ker \psi$. By 5.5 there is an isomorphism $\epsilon : G \rightarrow F$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \ker \psi & \longrightarrow & G & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow \epsilon & & \Downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \ker \phi & \longrightarrow & F & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

this commutative diagram gives us $\ker \phi \cong \ker \psi$.

□

Definition 5.10 (Minimal Free resolution). 1. A hom $\phi : F \rightarrow G$ of free A -modules is called minimal if $\text{im}(\phi) \leq m_A G$.

2. A (graded) free resolution of M (over A) is an exact sequence of fg graded A modules

$$F. \quad \dots \rightarrow F_t \xrightarrow{\phi_t} F_{t-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

where each F_i is free and ϕ_i is graded.

It is called minimal free resolution if each ϕ_i with $i \geq 1$ is minimal.

Remark 5.11. 1. $\phi : F \xrightarrow{[B]} G$ is minimal iff any coordinate matrix of ϕ does not have any units of A as entries.

2. The first sequence in 5.8 is a MFR, but second sequence is a free resolution but not minimal.

Theorem 5.12. 1. Any fg graded A module has a MFR (graded) F .

2. If G is any free resolution of M , then there is a complex P of free A modules and an isomorphism of complexes $G \cong F \oplus P$. In particular any two MFR of M are isomorphic.

Proof. 1. Existence and uniqueness follows from iterating 5.7 and 5.9.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \cdots & \rightarrow & F_2 & \xrightarrow{\phi_2} & F_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & F_0 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & & \searrow & \uparrow & \searrow & \uparrow & & & & \\
 & & & & \ker \phi_1 & & \ker \phi & & & & \\
 & & & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & & & \\
 & & & & 0 & & 0 & & & &
 \end{array}$$

2. Suppose G is not minimal, we will show that we can "cancel" at least a (shifted) copy of A in two consecutive free modules. Indeed by assumption there is some $i \geq 1$, such that ϕ_k is not minimal. Fix a coordinate matrix $B = (b_{ij})$ of ϕ_k . It contains a unit, say $b_{i_0 j_0} \in k^*$.

Performing elementary row and column operations (changing base of G_k, G_{k-1}) we get another coordinate matrix.

$$\tilde{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & \vdots & & \\ 0 \cdots & b_{i_0 j_0} & 0 \cdots & \\ & \vdots & & \\ & 0 & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Denote by B' , the matrix obtained from \tilde{B} by deleting row i_0 and column j_0 . Then ϕ_k decomposes as

$$\phi_k = \begin{array}{ccc} \phi'_k & G'_k & G'_{k-1} \\ \oplus & \oplus & \oplus \\ \psi & A(-d) & A(-d) \end{array} \rightarrow$$

and

$$\phi'_k : G'_k \xrightarrow{B'} G'_{k-1}$$

is given by multiplication by B' and

$$\psi : A(-d) \xrightarrow[\approx]{b_{i_0 j_0}} A(-d)$$

Since $\ker \phi_k = \ker \phi'_k$ and $\text{im } \phi_k = \text{im } \phi'_k \oplus A(-d)$ the sequence obtained from G_0 by cancelling the complex

$$0 \rightarrow A(-d) \xrightarrow{b_{i_0 j_0}} A(-d) \rightarrow 0$$

is also a free resolution of M .

□

Definition 5.13. Let $\cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ be a MFR of M . By the previous theorem, there are unique integers $\beta_{ij} \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that $F_i \cong \bigoplus_j A(-j)^{\beta_{ij}}$

The numbers $\beta_{ij}^A(M)$ are called the graded Betti numbers of M (over A).

Example 5.14. Consider $I = \langle x^2, xy, y^3 \rangle \subset S = k[x, y]$. Then S/I has a MFR

$$0 \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} S(-3) \\ \oplus \\ S(-4) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ -x & y^2 \\ 0 & -x \end{pmatrix}} \begin{array}{c} S(-2)^2 \\ \oplus \\ S(-3) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x^2 & xy & y^3 \end{pmatrix}} S \rightarrow S/I \rightarrow 0$$

Definition 5.15. 1. $F = \bigoplus_1^r Ae_i$. Define the j^{th} exterior power to be the free A -module $\wedge^j F$ whose basis elements are of the form

$$e_{i_1} \wedge e_{i_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge e_{i_j} \quad \text{with } 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_j \leq r$$

Thus $\text{rank}(\wedge^j F) = \binom{r}{j}$.

2. $g = g_1, \dots, g_r \in A$ be sequence of homogeneous elements. Set $F = \bigoplus_1^r Ae_i$ with $\deg e_i = \deg g_i$. Then the Koszul complex to g . is the complex

$$K.(g.) : 0 \rightarrow \wedge^r F \rightarrow \wedge^{r-1} F \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \wedge^j F \xrightarrow{\phi_j} \wedge^{j-1} F \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \wedge F \rightarrow \wedge^0 F = A \rightarrow \frac{A}{\langle g_1, \dots, g_r \rangle} = F \rightarrow 0$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_j : \wedge^j F &\rightarrow \wedge^{j-1} F \\ e_{i_1} \wedge e_{i_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge e_{i_j} &\mapsto \sum_{k=1}^j (-1)^{k+1} g_{i_k} e_{i_1} \wedge e_{i_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{e}_{i_k} \wedge \cdots \wedge e_{i_j} \end{aligned}$$

It is a graded complex: $\phi_{j-1}\phi_j = 0$ and $\deg(e_{i_1} \wedge e_{i_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge e_{i_j}) = \sum_1^j \deg e_{i_k}$

Example 5.16. The complex to x^2, y over $S = k[x, y]$ is

$$0 \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} S(-3) \\ \langle e_1 \wedge e_2 \rangle \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{array}{c} S(-2) \\ \oplus \\ S(-1) \end{array} \xrightarrow{[x^2 y]} \frac{S}{(x^2, y)} \rightarrow 0$$

It is exact.

"repeating elements break exactness"

$$0 \rightarrow S(-3) \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{array}{c} S(-2) \\ \oplus \\ S(-2) \end{array} \xrightarrow{[x^2 x^2]} S \rightarrow 0$$

cancel

$$0 \rightarrow S(-2) \xrightarrow{x^2} S \rightarrow \frac{S}{x^2} \rightarrow 0$$

which is the Koszul complex of x^2 .

Proposition 5.17. The Koszul complex to $g = g_1, \dots, g_r \in A$ is exact iff g_1, \dots, g_r is a regular sequence.

Proof. Refer Eisenbud. □

Theorem 5.18 (Hilbert's Syzygy theorem). Every finitely generated graded $S = k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ -module M has a finite minimal finite resolution:

$$0 \rightarrow F_t \rightarrow F_{t-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

with $t \leq n + 1 \dim S$.

Proof. There is a homological argument using Koszul complex on x_0, \dots, x_n and another constructive proof using Gröbner basis. □

Example 5.19. $A = \frac{k(x)}{x^2}$

$$\dots \rightarrow A(-2) \xrightarrow{x} A(-1) \xrightarrow{x} \frac{A}{x} = k \rightarrow 0$$

is a MFR of k over A . It is infinite.

Remark 5.20. Describing which sets of graded Betti numbers occur among (classes of) fg graded S -modules is an active area of research.

Theorem 5.21. The graded Betti number of fg graded S module determine its Hilbert series

$$H_m(z) = \frac{\sum_{i,j} (-1)^i \beta_{i,j}(z)^j}{(1-z)^{n+1}} \leftarrow \text{rational}$$

Proof. Let $0 \rightarrow F_t \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ be a MFR of M . Then

$$H_M(z) = \sum_{i=0}^t (1)^j H_{F_i}(z)$$

$$H_{S(-j)}(z) = \frac{z^j}{(1-z)^{n+1}}$$

Since $F_i \cong \bigoplus_j S(-j)^{\beta_{i,j}}$, the claim follows. □

Definition 5.22. The depth of a graded A -module M is the maximal length of a M -regular sequence consisting of homogeneous elements of A of positive degree, denoted by $\text{depth}_A(M)$.

Remark 5.23. 1. For any homogeneous ideal $S, I \subset m_s$

$$\text{depth}(S/I) \geq 1 \iff I \text{ is saturated}$$

2. For any graded M , $\text{depth}(M) \leq \dim(M)$. ($\dim = 0 \implies \text{depth} = 0$.)

Definition 5.24. A finitely generated A -module is Cohen-Macaulay if $\text{depth}(M) = \dim(M)$.

Example 5.25. 1. S is CM as an S -module.

2. Any 0-dimensional module is CM.

3. For $I = \langle x^3, x^2y \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle \cap \langle x^3, y \rangle \subset k[x, y]$ $\dim S/I = 1$ and $\text{depth}_S S/I = 0$. ($I^{\text{sat}} = \langle x^2 \rangle$).
So S/I is not CM.

4. If $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$, $\dim X = 0$. S/I_X is CM S -module.

5. $\dim S/I_x = 1 \geq \text{depth} S/I_x \geq 1$ (since I_x is saturated.)

Proposition 5.26. A K algebra $A = S/I$ is CM (as an A -module) iff there is graded polynomial subalgebra N with $\dim N = \dim A$ and A is a fg generated graded free N -module. (Noether Normalization) (Free module over polynomial subalgebra)

Proof. Refer Eisenbud. □

Theorem 5.27 (Auslander-Buchsbaum). Suppose a finitely generated graded A -module M has a MFR

$$0 \rightarrow F_t \rightarrow F_{t-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

Its length t is called the projective dimension of M . So $\text{projdim}(M) := t$

If $A = S$, then

$$\text{projdim}(M) = \underbrace{n+1}_{\dim(S)} - \text{depth}(M) \geq n+1 - \dim(M)$$

Proposition 5.28. For any fg graded A -module M

$$\text{projdim} M \geq n+1 - \dim M$$

with equality iff M is CM.

Proof. $\text{projdim} M = n+1 - \text{depth} M$
 $\dim M \geq \text{depth} M$ □

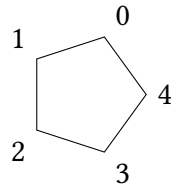
Definition 5.29. $A = S/I$ is said to be Gorenstein algebra if it is CM and if the last free module in a MFR of A has rank one, i.e.,

$$0 \rightarrow S(-d) \rightarrow F_{t-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow S \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

with $t = n+1 - \text{depth} A$.

Example 5.30. 1. The Koszul complex shows that any complete intersection is Gorenstein.

2. If Δ is a triangulation of sphere then it's Stanley-Reisner ring is Gorenstein.



For example the above figure has Stanley-reisner ring $A = S/I$ where $I = \langle x_0x_2, x_0x_3, x_1x_3, x_1x_4, x_2x_4 \rangle$. The MFR of A has the for

$$0 \rightarrow S(-5) \rightarrow S(-3)^5 \rightarrow S(-2)^5 \rightarrow S \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_3 & x_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -x_2 & \vdots & -x_1 & 0 & \vdots \\ & & -x_0 & x_4 & x_2 \\ & -x_0 & \vdots & -x_3 & -x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

5.31. Notation $\text{char}(K) = 0$ and $S = k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$, $R = k[y_0, \dots, y_n]$

Definition 5.32.

$$\begin{aligned} \beta : S \times R &\rightarrow R \\ (f, G) &\mapsto \partial_f \cdot G \text{ (differentiation)} \end{aligned}$$

induced by $\partial_{x^a} G = \frac{\partial^{a_0}}{\partial y_0^{a_0}} \cdots \frac{\partial^{a_n}}{\partial y_n^{a_n}}$ and extend k -linearly

Lemma 5.33. 1. β is a perfect pairing, i.e. it is k bilinear and $\beta(f, G) = 0 \forall G \in R \implies f = 0$ and $\beta(f, G) = 0, \forall f \in S \implies G = 0$.

2. For an $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ β induces maps

$$[S]_j \times [R]_j \rightarrow [R]_{i-j}$$

In particular for any $j \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$[S]_j \times [R]_j \rightarrow k$$

is also a perfect pairing.

Proof. Bilinearity is clear. Now for any monomials $x^a \in S, y^b \in R$ of $\text{deg } j$ then $\partial_{x^a} y^b \neq 0$ iff $a = b$. \square

The map β turns R into an S module: $f \cdot g := \partial_f G$.

Definition 5.34. 1. For any homogeneous ideal $I \subset S$ define Macaulay's inverse system I^\perp as

$$I^\perp := \{ G \in R \mid \partial_f G = 0 \forall f \in I \}$$

a graded S -submodule of R .

2. For any graded S -submodule M of R define it's annihilator as

$$\text{Ann}(M) := \{ f \in S \mid \partial_f G = 0 \text{ for any } G \in M \}$$

Note: $[S]_j [R]_i \subset [R]_{i-j}$ (not exactly what we mean by graded module. Can think of it as $[S]_{-j}$ but that's messy. So we bare with this little inconvenience.)

$M \subset R$ a graded S -submodule (in the above sense). Define $\text{Ann}(M)$ in the same way.

Example 5.35. 1. $G = y_0^2 y_1^3$, $\text{Ann}(G) = \langle x_0^3, x_1^4 \rangle$

2. $I = \langle x_0^2, x_1^3 \rangle$. Then I^\perp has a k -basis $y_0 y_1^2, y_0 y_1, y_1^2, y_1, 1$.

Note: $\dim A/I = \dim S/\sqrt{I} = \dim k = 0$. To think about $\dim 0$ in terms of Hilbert dimension is $\dim S/I = 0 \iff [S/I]_j = 0$ when $j \gg 0$ iff $\dim_k(S/I) < \infty$. $H_{S/I}(z) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \dim_k[S/I]_j z^j = \rho/(1-z)^d$.

3. $J = \langle x_0, x_1 \rangle \subset k[x_0, x_1, x_2]$. J^\perp has a k -basis $\{y_2^j : j \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$. It is not a fg S module $\dim S/I = 1$.

Theorem 5.36. There are bijections

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{homogeneous ideals of } S\} &\leftrightarrow \{\text{Graded } S \text{ submodules of } R\} \\ I &\mapsto I^\perp \\ \text{Ann}(M) &\leftrightarrow M \end{aligned}$$

I^\perp is a fg graded S -module $\iff \dim S/I = 0$.

Proof. The definition implies $I \subset \text{Ann}(I^\perp)$ and $M \subset \text{Ann}(M)^\perp$. The equality follows by comparing dimensions. \square

Proposition 5.37. For any homogeneous ideal $I \subset S$ one has

$$\dim_k[I^\perp]_j = \dim_k[S/I]_j$$

for any $j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. Note that $[I^\perp]_j = \{G \in [R]_j : \partial_f G = 0, \forall f \in [I]_j\}$. Because if $f \in [I]_{j-1}$, then $\partial_f G = 0$ iff $\partial_l \partial_f G = \partial_l f G = 0$ for any $l \in [S]_1$. So it is enough to test G against polynomials of deg j in I .

Since $[S]_j \times [R]_j \rightarrow k$ is also a perfect pairing, it follows that $\dim_k[I]_j = \dim[S]_j - \dim[I]_j = \dim_k[S/I]_j$. \square

5.38. Properties of the bijection in 5.36

1. For any two graded S -submodules M, N of R one has $\text{Ann}(M + N) = \text{Ann}(M) \cap \text{Ann}(N)$
2. For any homogeneous ideals $I, J \subset S$, $(I \cap J)^\perp = I^\perp + J^\perp$.

Definition 5.39. An ideal $I \subset S$ is reducible if $I = a \cap b$ with $I \subsetneq a, I \subsetneq b$.

Remark 5.40. 1. $I = \langle x^2, y^2 \rangle$ is irreducible ($I = \text{Ann}(xy)$).

2. Every irreducible ideal is primary but not true conversely.

$$\langle x^2, xy, y^2 \rangle = \langle x^2, y \rangle \cap \langle x, y^2 \rangle$$

is not irreducible but primary.

Corollary 5.41. If $I \subset S$ homogeneous with $\dim S/I = 0$ the I is irreducible iff I^\perp is principal. $I = \text{Ann}(G)$ for some $G \in R$.

Proof. Use the properties of the bijection and $I = \text{Ann}(I^\perp)$ □

Theorem 5.42. Let $I \subset S$ be a homogeneous ideal such that $\sim S/I = 0$. TFAE

1. S/I is gorenstein.
2. I is irreducible.
3. $I = \text{Ann}(G)$ for some $G \in R$.
4. I^\perp is principal.

Proof. Since β is perfect pairing it follows that

$$\text{hom}_k(S/I, k) \cong I^\perp \text{ (up to adjustment of grading)}$$

It follows for the MFR of S/I

$$0 \rightarrow F_{n+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow S \rightarrow S/I \rightarrow 0$$

F_{n+1} has rank 1 iff I^\perp is principal. □

Proposition 5.43. If S/I is gorenstein of $\dim 0$ then it's Hilbert function is symmetric (or palindromic) in the sense, $\exists e \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\dim_k[S/I]_j = \dim_k[S/I]_{e-j}$$

for any j .

Proof. By the previous theorem $I = \text{Ann}(G)$ for some $G \in R$. Let $e = \deg G$.

Consider the map induced by β

$$\begin{aligned} [S]_j &\xrightarrow[\phi]{} R]_{e-j} \\ f &\mapsto \partial_f \circ G \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_k[I^\perp]_{e-j} &= \dim_k \{ \partial_f G \mid f \in [S]_j \} \\ &= \dim_k[S]_j - \underbrace{\dim_k[\ker \phi]_j}_I \\ &= \dim_k[S/I]_j \end{aligned}$$

By 5.37 $\dim_k[I^\perp]_{e-j} = \dim_k[S/I]_{e-j}$ □

Example 5.44. $I = \langle x^2, y^2, z^2 \rangle \subset S = k[x, y, z]$. S/I is gorenstein.

j	0	1	2	3	4
$\dim_k[S/I]_j$	1	3	3	1	0
				xyz	

Lemma 5.45. If $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ is a finite set of points and $h_X(j) = k$, then there is a subset $Y \subset X$ of k points with $h_Y(j) = k = h_X(j)$

Corollary 5.46. Let $X \subset \mathbb{P}_k^n$ be a finite set of points where k is infinite.

1. There is some $e \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that

$$h_X(0) < \dots < h_X(e-1) < h_X(e) = h_X(j) = |X|$$

for an $j \geq e$.

2. If X is Gorenstein, then $H_X(e-1) = |X| - 1$.

Proof. Since $\text{depth}(S/I_X) > 0$ (Ideal of scheme saturated \implies depth > 0). So $A = S/I_X$ contains a nonzero divisor of positive degree. As K is infinite there exists a nonzerodivisor of degree 1, say l

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & A(-1) & \xrightarrow{l} & A & \rightarrow & A/lA \rightarrow 0 \\ & & & & a \mapsto & & al \end{array}$$

is exact and so

$$h_{A/lA}(j) = h_A(j) - h_A(j-1)$$

and

$$\dim A/lA = \dim A - 1 = 0$$

$H_{A/lA}(z)$ is a polynomial. Denote it by e its degree. Now first statement follows. By 5.43 we know

$$1 = h_{A/lA}(0) = h_{l/lA}(e)$$

finite set of points geom dim = 0 so Krull dim = 1

which implies the second statement. □

Example 5.47. If A/lA has Hilbert function

deg	0	1	2	3	4	5
dim	1	3	5	3	1	0

then A has Hilbert function 1, 4, 9, 12, 13, 13

Theorem 5.48 (Davis, Geramita, Orrechia, 1985). For a finite set of points $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$, TFAE

1. X is Gorenstein
2. There is some $c \in |X| - h_X(e-j) = h_X(j)$ for $0 \leq j \leq e/2$ and for any subset $Y \subset X$ with $|Y| = |X| - 1$ one has $h_Y(e-1) = |X| - 1$

6 Waring Rank

$S = k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ $\text{char}(K) = 0$. For any $d \in \mathbb{N}$, the k vector space of $[S]_d$ has a k basis of $\binom{n+d}{d}$ of powers of linear forms l_i^d , $l_i \in [S]_2$, $i \in \left[\binom{n+d}{d}\right]$

Hence for any $f \in [S]_d$ can be written as

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{\binom{n+d}{d}} \lambda_i l_i^d \quad l_i \in k$$

If K is algebraically closed using $\lambda_i = \mu_i^d$ one gets

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{\binom{n+d}{d}} (\mu_i l_i)^d$$

Definition 6.1. Given $f \in [S]_d$ any expression of the form

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^r l_i^d$$

where $l_i \in [S]_1$ is called a Waring decomposition of f .

The least r such that f has a Waring decomposition with r summands is called the waring rank denoted $\text{wr}(f) := \text{wr}_k(f)$

Example 6.2. $xy = \frac{1}{4}[(x+y)^2 - (x-y)^2]$ so $\text{wr}_{\mathbb{R}}(xy) = 2$.

Determining the waring rank of a general polynomial is the problem of interest.

Proposition 6.3. If K is algebraically closed then for any $q \in [S]_2$ one has

$$\text{wr}(q) = \text{rank}(Q)$$

where $Q \in K^{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$ is symmetric with $q = [x_0 \cdots x_n] Q \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

Proof. Since Q is symmetric $\exists T$ invertible $\in K^{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$ such that

$$T^t Q T = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence $x^t (T^t Q T) x = \sum a_i x_i^2$. $q = [l_0 \cdots l_n] Q \begin{bmatrix} l_0 \\ \vdots \\ l_n \end{bmatrix} = q(l_0, \dots, l_n)$

Changing basis $l_i = y_i$, x_i is a linear form \tilde{l}_i in y_0, \dots, y_n we get $q(y_0, \dots, y_n) = \sum a_0 \tilde{l}_i^2$ □

Theorem 6.4. For any sufficiently general $f \in [s]_d$ with $d \geq 3$, one has

$$\text{war}(f) = \left\lfloor \frac{\binom{n+d}{n}}{n+1} \right\rfloor$$

except if $d = 3$ and $n = 4$ or $d = 4$ and $2 \leq n \leq 4$

Remark 6.5. This is a consequence of a result about Hilbert function Set $I := \cap_{j=1}^r I_{p_j}^2$ when $P_1, \dots, P_r \in \mathbb{P}^n$ are general points. Then $h_A(j) = \min \left\{ (n+1)r, \binom{n+j}{r} \right\}$ for any j except $j = 3, n = 4$ and $n = 9$. or $j = 4, 2 \leq n \leq 4$ and $r = \binom{n+2}{4} - 1$

Recall for $R = k[y_0, \dots, x_n]$ we have perfect pairing

$$\begin{aligned} S \times R &\longrightarrow R \\ (f, G) &\mapsto \partial_f \circ G \\ I \subset S &\mapsto I^\perp \subset R \\ \text{Ann}(M) &\leftarrow M \end{aligned}$$

Every linear form $l = a_0 y_0 + \dots + a_n y_n \in R$ corresponds to a point and $P = (a_0 : \dots : a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n$.

Lemma 6.6. For any $f \in [S]_j$ $l = s_0 y_0 + \dots + a_n y_n$ and $d \in \mathbb{N}$ one has

$$\partial_f \cdot l^d = \frac{d!}{(d-j)!} f(a_0, \dots, a_n) l^{d-j}$$

Proof. It suffices to check this for $f = x^b = x_0^b \dots x_n^{b_n} \in [S]_j$ if $d \geq |b|$ where $l^{d-j} := 0$ if $d < j$. \square

Lemma 6.7 (Apolarity Lemma). Let $X \in \mathbb{P}^n$ be a set of s distinct points corresponding to linear forms l_1, \dots, l_s . Cot $f \in [R]_d$ Then there are $c_1 \dots c_s \in K$ st.

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i l_i^d \text{ iff } I_X \subset \text{Ann}(f)$$

Proof. \implies To simplify notation, for $P = (a_0 : \dots : a_n)$ write $f(p)$ instead of $f(a_0, \dots, a_n)$. By definition $g \in \text{Ann}(f)$ iff $0 = \partial_g \dots f = 0$

$g \in I_X$ satisfies $g(P_i) = 0$ for $i \in [s]$ This shows $I_X \subset \text{Ann}(f)$.

$$\longleftarrow I_X \subseteq \text{Ann}(f) \Leftrightarrow I_X^\perp \supset \text{Ann}(f)^\perp \Leftrightarrow I_X^\perp \ni f$$

For any point $p = (a_0 \dots a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n$, one has

$$I_p^\perp = \{ c l_p^j : c \in k \quad j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \} \text{ with } l_p = c_0 x_0 + \dots + a_n x_n$$

(It is ETS for $p = (1 : 0 \dots : 0)$. Then $I_p = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ Thus $f \in I_p^\perp \iff \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = 0 \iff f = c x_0^j$ for $c \in k \quad j \in \mathbb{N}_0$.)

$I_X = I_{p_1} \cap \dots \cap I_{p_s} I_X^\perp = I_{p_1}^\perp + \dots + I_{p_s}^\perp$ So $[I_X^\perp]_d = \langle l_1^d \rangle + \dots + \langle l_s^d \rangle$ Hence $f = \sum_{i=1}^s c_i l_i^d$ with $c_i \in k$ \square

Theorem 6.8 (Catkin, Catalisamo, Geramita, 2012). If k is algebraically closed, $1 \leq a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n$, then

$$\text{wr}(\underbrace{y_0^{a_0} y_1^{a_1} \dots y_n^{a_n}}_G) = \frac{1}{(a_0 + 1)} \prod_{i=0}^n (a_i + 1)$$

Proof. If $n = 0$, then $\text{wr}(a_0^{x_0}) = 1$

Let $n \geq 1$. Since $\text{Ann}(G) = \langle x_0^{a_0+1}, x_1^{a_1+1}, \dots, x_n^{a_n+1} \rangle$ and $a_1 \leq a_1 \leq \dots a_m$, we get

$$\text{Ann}(G) \supset J = \langle x_0^{a_1+1} - x_2^{a_1+1}, \dots, x_0^{a_{n+1}} - x_n^{a_1+1} \rangle \quad (1)$$

J is generated by a regular sequence, so $\dim S/J = 1$ and $\deg J = (a_1 + 1) \dots (a_n + 1) = r$. Let $\eta_i \in k$ be a primitive a_i+1 root of unity and consider $X := \{(1 : \eta_1^{k_1} : \dots : \eta_n^{k_n}) \mid 0 \leq k_i \leq a_i \forall i\}$. Then $|X| = (a_1 + 1) \dots (a_m + 1) = r$ and $X \subset Z(J)$. Hence $X = Z(J)$, $I_X = J \implies \text{wr}(G) \leq r$ by Apolarity lemma.

Conversely by apolarity there is a saturated ideal $I \subset \text{Ann}(G)$ defining a set $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ of s points. So $I = \cap_{p \in \Gamma} (I_p : x_0) = \cap_{p \in \Gamma'} I_p$ where $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$ is the subset of points not lying in the hyperplane defined by $X_0 = Z(x_0)$.

Set $s' = |\Gamma'| \leq |\Gamma| = s$. So it suffices to show $s' \geq r$. Since $a_0 \geq 1$, we have $x_0 \notin \text{Ann}(G)$ (1 calculated explicitly) and thus $x_0 \notin I$ So $s' \geq q$, i.e., $\tilde{I} \neq S$, so $\tilde{I} : x_0 = \tilde{I}$. Hence for every $j \gg 0$, we get

$$s' = h_{\tilde{I}}(j) = \sum_{k=0}^j h_{\tilde{I}+x_0^k S}(k)$$

Moreover $I \subseteq \text{Ann}(G)$ implies

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{I} &= I : x_0 \subseteq \text{Ann}(G) : x_0 \\ &= \langle x_0^{a_0}, x_1^{a_1+1}, \dots, x_n^{a_n+1} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\tilde{I} + x_0 S = \langle x_0, x_1^{a_1+1}, \dots, x_n^{a_n+1} \rangle = \tilde{J} \rightsquigarrow \text{regular system of parameters}$$

Note, $\dim S/\tilde{J} = 0$ and $\deg \tilde{J} = (a_1 + 1) \dots (a_n + 1) = r$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} s' &= \sum_{r=0}^j h_{\tilde{I}+x_0^r S}(k) \geq \sum_{k=0}^j h_{s/j}(k) \\ &= \deg \tilde{J} = r \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \text{wr}(a) \geq s' \geq r$$

□

Degree of regular system of parameters=product of degrees

7 Complexity of Matrix multiplication

Question. How many multiplications in K does one need to compute $A \cdot B$ for $A, B \in K^{n \times n}$

Example 7.1 (Strassen, 1989). $n = 1$. Let $C = (c_{ij})$. Set

$$\begin{aligned} I &= (a_{11} + a_{22})(b_{11} + b_{22}) & V &= (a_{11} + a_{22})(b_{22}) \\ II &= (a_{21} + a_{22})b_{11} & VI &= (-a_{12} + a_{22})(b_{12} + b_{12}) \\ III &= a_{11}(b_{21} + b_{22}) & VII &= (a_{12} - a_{22})(b_{21} + b_{22}) \\ IV &= a_{22}(-b_{11} + b_{21}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_{11} &= I + IV - V + VII \\ c_{21} &= II + IV \\ c_{12} &= II + V \\ c_{22} &= I - II + III + VI \end{aligned}$$

Remark 7.2. This is optimal. (Uimogradov, 1971)

Definition 7.3. The exponent of matrix multiplication

$$\omega = \inf \{ \tau \in \mathbb{R} : \text{computing the product of two } n \times n \text{ matrices takes } O(n^\tau) \text{ multiplications} \}$$

Theorem 7.4 (Strassen, 1969). $\omega \leq \log_2 7 \approx 2.81$

Current record: $\omega < 2.374$ (Gall, 2014)

7.5. Conjecture $\omega = 2$.

If U, V, W are k -vector spaces with bases $\{u_i\}, \{v_j\}, \{w_k\}$, then the tensor product $u \otimes v \otimes w$ is a k vector space with basis $\{u_i \otimes v_j \otimes w_k\} \dots$

The rank of a tensor $T \in U \otimes V \otimes W$ is

$$\text{rk}(T) := \min \left\{ r : T = \sum_{I=1}^r (u_i \otimes v_j \otimes w_k)_I \right\}$$

for any $u_i, v_j, w_k \in U, V, W$ respectively.

Under this isomorphism the map

$$\begin{aligned} U \otimes V &\rightarrow W \\ A \otimes B &\mapsto A \cdot B \end{aligned}$$

$\text{hom}(U \otimes V, W) \cong U \otimes V \otimes W$ for finite dimensional spaces

$M_n = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^n E_{ij} \otimes E_{jk} \otimes E_{ki}$ where $E_{ij} \in K^{n \times n}$ has a 1 in position (i, j) and all other entries 0.

Theorem 7.6 (Strassen, 1983). $\omega = \inf \{ \tau \in \mathbb{R} : \text{rank}(M_n) = O(n^\tau) \}$

The symmetrization of M_n gives a symmetric tensor corresponding to the polynomial

$$f_n = \text{trace}(X_{n \times n}^3)$$

where $X = (\underbrace{x_{i,j}}_{\text{variable}})_{i,j} \in [n]$

$\dim v = n$

$$v_1 \otimes v_2 \rightsquigarrow v_1 \otimes v_2 + v_1 \oplus v_3 + \cdots + v_{n-1} \oplus v_n$$

\updownarrow

$$1_{x_1 x_2}$$

$$= \sum_{i,j,k=1}^n x_{ij} x_{jk} x_{ki} \text{ homo. of deg } 3$$

Theorem 7.7 (Chiantini, Ikenmeyer, Landsberg, Ottarini, 2018). $\omega = \inf \{ \tau \in \mathbb{R} : \text{wr}(f_n) = O(n^\tau) \}$