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# Associated primes of powers of monomial ideals

## Bounding the copersistence index

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$$180 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$$

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$$X^3 - XY^3$$

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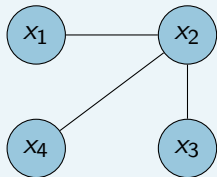
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$$X$$

$$\text{Ass}(\mathbb{Z}/180\mathbb{Z}) = \{2\mathbb{Z}, 3\mathbb{Z}, 5\mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\text{Ass}(K[X, Y]/(X^3 - XY^3)) = \{(X^2 - Y^3), (X)\}$$



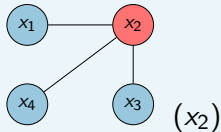
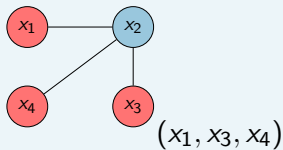
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edge ideals

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vertex covers

$$\text{Ass}(R/I) = \{(x_2), (x_1, x_3, x_4)\}$$

## Definition

$R$  ring,  $I \subseteq R$  ideal

$$\text{Ass}(R/I) := \{P \in \text{Spec}(R) \mid P = I : w \text{ for some } w \in R\}.$$

“associated primes of  $I$  in  $R$ ”

## Definition

$R$  Noetherian ring,  $I \subseteq R$  ideal. Let  $I = Q_1 \cap \cdots \cap Q_m$  be an irredundant primary decomposition of  $I$ . Then

$$\text{Ass}(R/I) := \left\{ \sqrt{Q_1}, \dots, \sqrt{Q_m} \right\}.$$

In the following:  $I$  monomial ideal in  $R = K[X_1, \dots, X_r]$ .

For  $P \in \text{Ass}(R/I)$  it holds that

- ▶  $P$  is a monomial ideal,
- ▶ there exists a **monomial**  $X^a := X_1^{a_1} \cdots X_r^{a_r}$  such that

$$P = I : X^a.$$

$$I = (xy, yz, xz)$$

- ▶  $I : x = (y, z)$
- ▶  $I : y = (x, z)$
- ▶  $I : z = (x, y)$

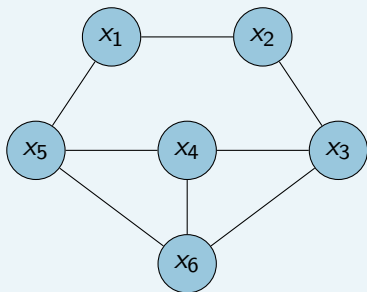
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$$I^2 = (x^2y^2, xy^2z, x^2yz, y^2z^2, xyz^2, x^2z^2)$$

- ▶  $I^2 : x^2y = (y, z)$
- ▶  $I^2 : y^2x = (x, z)$
- ▶  $I^2 : z^2y = (x, y)$
- ▶  $I^2 : xyz = (x, y, z)$

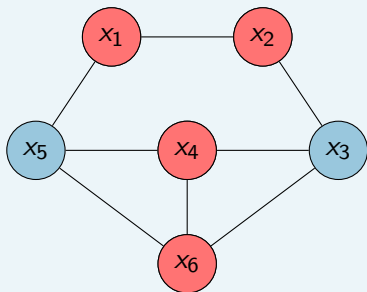
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The set of associated primes of an ideal changes when looking at its powers.

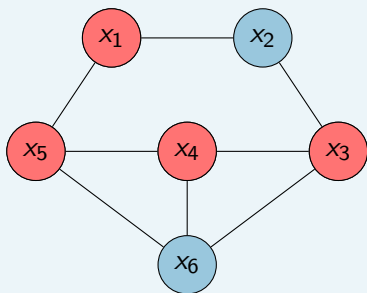


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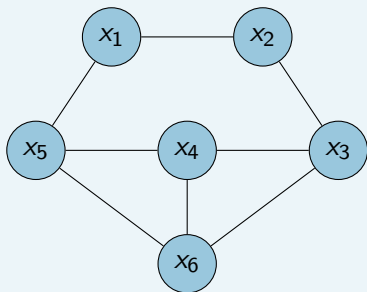




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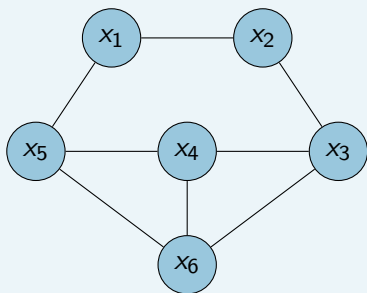


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 $= ( x_1 x_2 x_4 x_6, x_1 x_3 x_4 x_5, \dots )$



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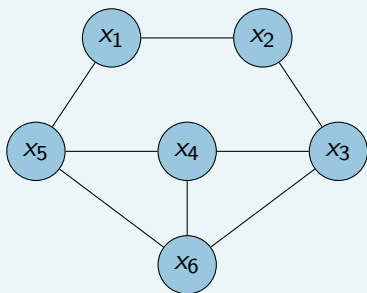
$$\text{Ass}(R/J) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (x_1, x_5) & (x_1, x_2) \\ (x_3, x_4) & (x_2, x_3) \\ (x_4, x_5) & (x_3, x_6) \\ (x_5, x_6) & (x_4, x_6) \end{array} \right\}$$



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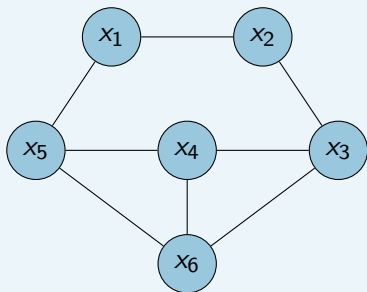
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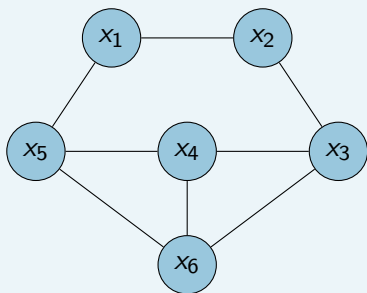
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$$\text{Ass}(R/J^3) = \text{Ass}(R/J^2) \cup \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) \right\}$$



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$$\text{Ass}(R/J^4) = \text{Ass}(R/J^3)$$



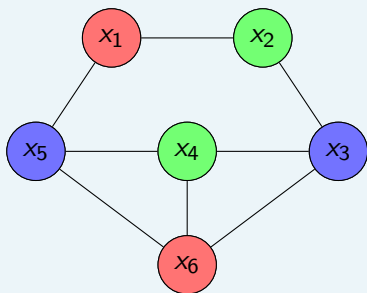
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for all  $n \geq 3$

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Changes of  $\text{Ass}(R/I^n)$  in  $n$ ?

- Brodmann, 1979:  $(\text{Ass}(R/I^n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  stabilizes

### Definition

**stability index** of  $I$ : smallest  $B_{=}^I \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq B_{=}^I$

$$\text{Ass}(R/I^n) = \text{Ass}(R/I^{B_{=}^I})$$

# Some known results about the changes of $\text{Ass}(R/I^n)$

- edge ideals [Martínez-Bernal, Morey, Villarreal, 2012]
- cover ideals of perfect graphs [Francisco, Hà, Tuyl, 2011]
- ideals with all powers integrally closed [Ratliff, 1984]

$(\text{Ass}(R/I^n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is increasing

- ideals can be constructed with
  - $(\text{Ass}(R/I^n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  not increasing [Kaiser, Stehlík, Škrekovski, 2012]
  - $(\text{Ass}(R/I^n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  not monotone [McAdam, Eakin, 1979]
  - $B_{\leq}^I$  arbitrarily large [Hà, Nguyen, Trung, Trung, 2021]
- conjecture [J. Herzog]: if  $I$  square-free,  $B_{\leq}^I \leq r - 1$
- upper bound for  $B_{\leq}^I$  of monomial ideals

$I$  monomial ideal in  $K[X_1, \dots, X_r]$

- ▶  $r$  – number of variables
- ▶  $s$  – number of generators
- ▶  $d$  – maximal total degree of the generators

### Theorem (Hoa, 2006)

$(\text{Ass}(R/I^n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is

- ▶ *increasing* for  $n \geq s^{r+3}(s+r)^4 d^2 (2d^2)^{s^2-s+1}$ ,
- ▶ *decreasing* for  $n \geq d(rs+s+d)(\sqrt{r})^{r+1}(\sqrt{2}d)^{(r+1)(s-1)}$ .

### Example

$I = (a^6, b^6, a^5b, ab^5, ca^4b^4, a^4xy^2, b^4x^2y) \subseteq K[a, b, c, x, y]$

- ▶  $r = 5, s = 7, d = 9$
- ▶ upper bound  $\approx 10^{108}$
- ▶ stability index: 4

**persistence index** of  $I$ : smallest integer  $B_{\subseteq}^I$  such that

$$\text{Ass}(R/I^n) \subseteq \text{Ass}(R/I^{n+1}) \text{ for all } n \geq B_{\subseteq}^I.$$

**copersistence index** of  $I$ : smallest integer  $B_{\supseteq}^I$  such that

$$\text{Ass}(R/I^n) \supseteq \text{Ass}(R/I^{n+1}) \text{ for all } n \geq B_{\supseteq}^I.$$

$$B_{=}^I = \max\{B_{\subseteq}^I, B_{\supseteq}^I\}$$

## Theorem (Heuberger, R., Rissner, 2023)

$I$  monomial ideal in  $K[X_1, \dots, X_r]$

- ▶  $r$  – number of variables
- ▶  $s$  – number of generators of  $I$
- ▶  $d$  – maximal total degree of the generators

$A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$  system of inequalities (fulfilling properties explained on the next slides);

$\sigma: \mathbb{N}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

- ▶  $\sigma(d, r, s) \geq \Delta(A \mid \mathbf{b})(\text{size}(A) + 1)$  and
- ▶  $\sigma$  is non-decreasing in  $d$ ,  $r$  and  $s$ ;

Then

$$B_{\supseteq}^I \leq \sigma(d, r, s).$$

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### Theorem (Hoa, 2006)

$$B_{\supseteq}^I \leq d(rs + s + d) (\sqrt{r})^{r+1} (\sqrt{2}d)^{(r+1)(s-1)} \\ =: \sigma_1(d, s, r)$$

►  $(X_1, \dots, X_r) \in \text{Ass}(R/I^n) \iff I^n : (X_1, \dots, X_r)/I^n \neq 0$

### Theorem (Heuberger, R., Rissner, 2023)

$$B_{\supseteq}^I \leq (rs + r + 2)(\sqrt{r})^{r+2}(d + 1)^{rs} \\ =: \sigma_2(d, s, r)$$

# Todo's and open questions

Can the bound be further reduced by

- ▶ using a different characterization of  $(X_1, \dots, X_r) \in \text{Ass}(R/I^n)$ ?
- ▶ changing the structure of the matrix?
- ▶ finding better estimates on  $\Delta(A \mid b)$ ?

Square-free monomial ideals:

- ▶  $A$  has entries in  $\{0, 1, -1\}$
- ▶ Can we get close to known bounds for edge ideals?
- ▶ If yes, can this be adapted to general square-free ideals (edge ideals of hypergraphs)?

Thank you!