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Associated primes of powers of monomial ideals Bounding the copersistence index



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

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$$X^3 - XY^3$$

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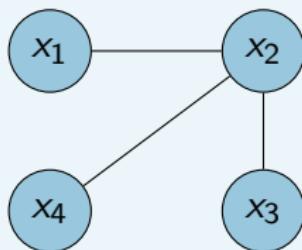
$$X^2 - Y^3$$



$$X$$

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

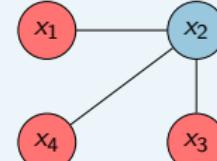
$$\text{Ass}(K[X, Y]/(X^3 - XY^3)) = \{(X^2 - Y^3), (X)\}$$



$$I = (x_1x_2, x_2x_3, x_2x_4)$$

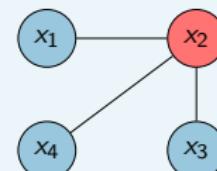
edge ideals

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$$(x_1, x_3, x_4)$$

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$$(x_2)$$

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 $I = Q_1 \cap \dots \cap Q_m$ 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

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

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

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

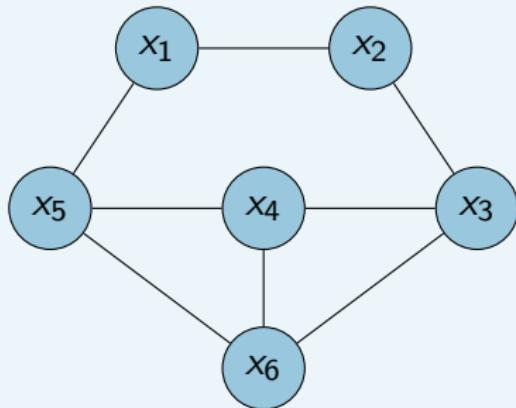
$$\text{Ass}(R/I) \subseteq \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (x) \\ (y) \\ (z) \\ (x, y) \checkmark \\ (x, z) \checkmark \\ (y, z) \checkmark \\ (x, y, z) \end{array} \right\}$$

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

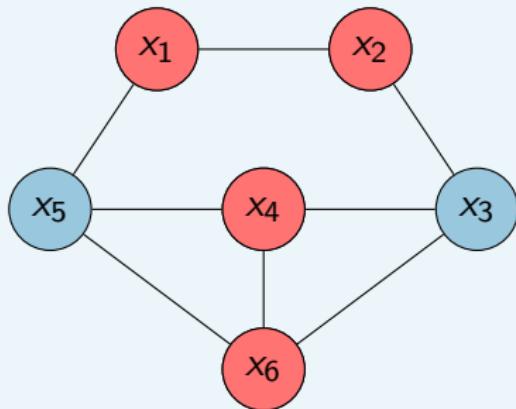
- ▶ $I^2 : x^2y = (y, z)$
- ▶ $I^2 : y^2x = (x, z)$
- ▶ $I^2 : z^2y = (x, y)$
- ▶ $I^2 : xyz = (x, y, z)$

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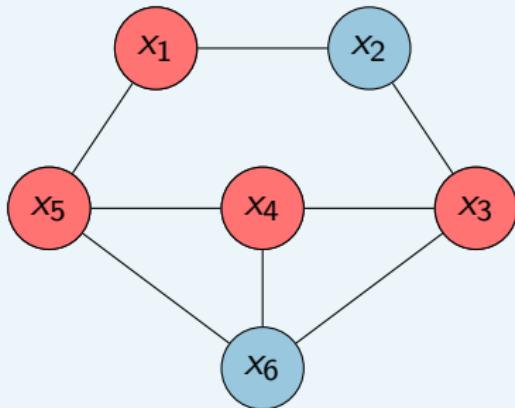
The set of associated primes of an ideal changes when looking at its powers.



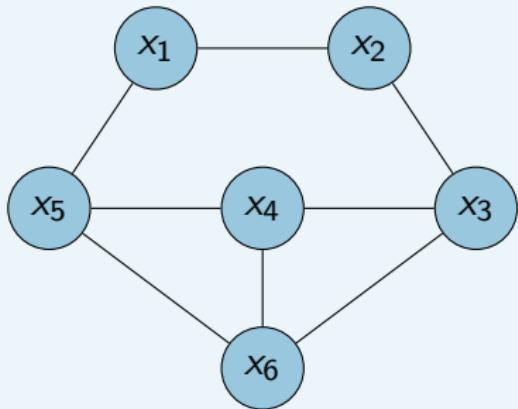
$J = ($ minimal vertex covers $)$



$$\begin{aligned}J &= (\text{ minimal vertex covers }) \\&= (x_1 x_2 x_4 x_6)\end{aligned}$$

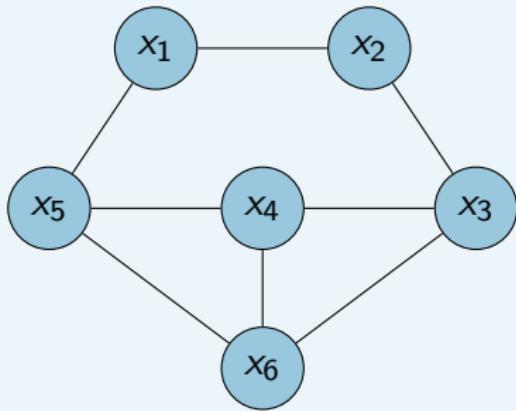


$J = (\text{ minimal vertex covers })$
 $= (x_1 x_2 x_4 x_6, x_1 x_3 x_4 x_5, \dots)$



$J = (\text{ minimal vertex covers })$

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



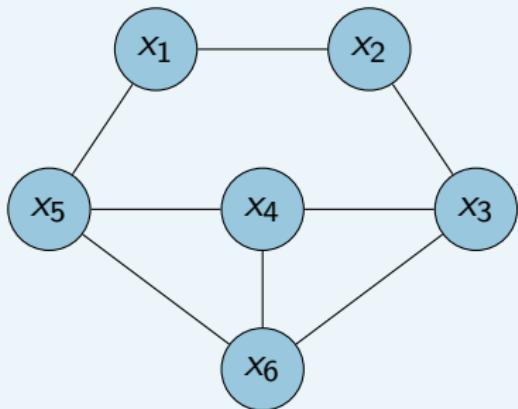
$J = (\text{ minimal vertex covers })$

$$\text{Ass}(R/J^2) = \text{Ass}(R/J) \cup$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (x_4, x_5, x_6) \\ (x_3, x_4, x_6) \end{array} \right.$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_6)$$

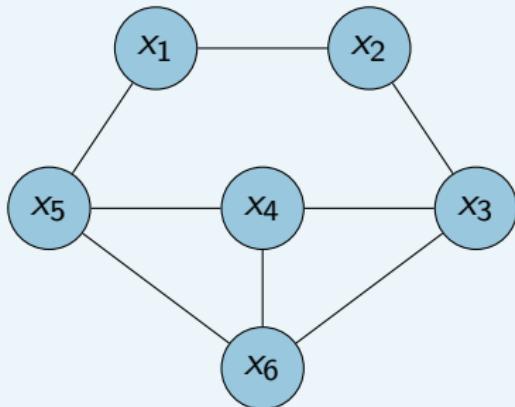
$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_5, x_6) \} \quad \}$$



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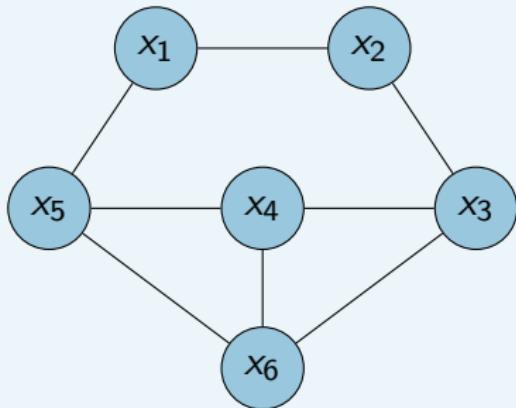
$$\text{Ass}(R/J^3) = \text{Ass}(R/J^2) \cup$$

$$\left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) \right\}$$



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

$J = ($ minimal vertex covers $)$



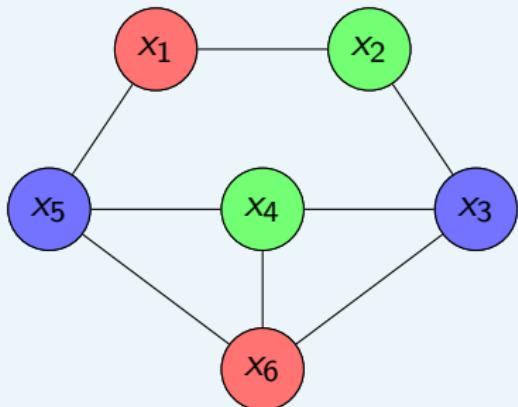
$J = (\text{ minimal vertex covers })$

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

for all $n \geq 3$

Proposition (Francisco, Ha, Tuyl, 2011)

If $(\text{Ass}(R/J^n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is constant after $N \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\chi(G) \leq N + 1$



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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 $n \geq s^{r+3}(s+r)^4d^2 (2d^2)^{s^2-s+1}$,
- ▶ *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

$Ax \leq b$ system of inequalities (fulfilling properties explained on the next slides);

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

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

Then

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

$$I = (X^{a_1}, \dots, X^{a_s})$$

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$$\alpha_{11} + \dots + \alpha_{1r} = n, \quad \alpha_{11}a_1 + \dots + \alpha_{1r}a_r \leq (1, 0, \dots, 0) + h$$

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$$X_1 \cdot X^h \in I^n,$$

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$$X_1 \cdot X^h \in I^n, \dots, X_r \cdot X^h \in I^n \implies X^h \in I^n: (X_1, \dots, X_r)$$

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 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 0 \\
 1
 \end{array} \right)$$

$$X_1 \cdot X^h \in I^n, \dots, X_r \cdot X^h \in I^n \implies X^h \in I^n : (X_1, \dots, X_r)$$

Proposition (Folklore)

$(X_1, \dots, X_r) \in \text{Ass}(R/I^n)$ if and only if $\exists X^h \in I^n : (X_1, \dots, X_r) \setminus I^n$

$$I = (X^{a_1}, \dots, X^{a_s})$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c}
 \left(\begin{array}{cccc}
 a_1 & \dots & a_s \\
 -1 & \dots & -1
 \end{array} \right) \\
 \left(\begin{array}{cccc}
 a_1 & \dots & a_s \\
 -1 & \dots & -1
 \end{array} \right) \\
 \vdots \\
 \left(\begin{array}{cccc}
 a_1 & \dots & a_s \\
 -1 & \dots & -1
 \end{array} \right)
 \end{array} \right) \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c}
 -I_r \\
 0 \dots 0 \\
 -I_r \\
 0 \dots 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 -I_r \\
 0 \dots 0
 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c}
 \alpha_{11} \\
 \vdots \\
 \alpha_{1r} \\
 \vdots \\
 \alpha_{s1} \\
 \vdots \\
 \alpha_{sr}
 \end{array} \right) \leq \left(\begin{array}{c}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 0
 \end{array} \right)$$

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Theorem (Hoa, 2006)

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

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

Theorem (Heuberger, R., Rissner, 2023)

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

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!