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§2. Finite dimensional algebras

- Quotient ring: $R = K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, $I \subseteq R$ an ideal.
The quotient R/I consists of all the cosets

$$[f] = f + I = \{f + h : h \in I\} \quad \swarrow \text{equivalence classes modulo } I.$$

$$[f] = [g] \iff f - g \in I.$$

- Example from highschool

$$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} = \{0 + p\mathbb{Z}, 1 + p\mathbb{Z}, 2 + p\mathbb{Z}, \dots, (p-1) + p\mathbb{Z}\}$$

→ This is arithmetic modulo p .

- In R/I we do arithmetic modulo I , and for these computations we use Gröbner bases.
- Let G be a G.B. for I . Recall from Chp 1 that for $f \in K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ when we divide by G , we obtain

$$f = h_1 g_1 + \dots + h_t g_t + \bar{f} G \quad \swarrow \text{This remainder is unique.}$$

and $\bar{f} G$ is a linear combination of the monomials $X^\alpha \notin \langle LT(I) \rangle$

→ Also, $f \in I \iff \bar{f} G = 0$ i.e. remainder is zero.

- From $f = h_1 g_1 + \dots + h_t g_t + \bar{f} G$ we see that this remainder can be chosen as a representative for $[f]$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{remainders} &\longleftrightarrow \text{cosets} \\ \bar{f} G &\longleftrightarrow [f] \end{aligned}$$
- $\bar{f} G$ is a standard representative of its coset $[f] \in R/I$.

We can

- add cosets $[f] + [g] = [f + g]$
- multiply cosets $[f] \cdot [g] = [f \cdot g]$
- multiply cosets times scalars

$$c \cdot [f] = [c \cdot f] \quad c \in \mathbb{K}$$

- Since we can add elements and multiply times scalars, R/I is a vector space over \mathbb{K} ,
 \rightarrow But R/I is also a ring so we call it a \mathbb{K} -algebra.

Q: What is the vector space structure of $A := R/I$ and how does it relate to $V(I)$?

- $\dim A$?
- A basis for A ?

- We will look at these for the case that $V(I)$ is a finite set of points.

Obsv 1: The remainders in R/I are linear combinations of the monomials $\mathbf{x}^\alpha \notin \langle LT(I) \rangle$.

\rightarrow This set is linearly independent in A for otherwise $LT(I)$ would divide some $\mathbf{x}^\alpha \notin LT(I)$.

- Therefore the monomials $B = \{ \mathbf{x}^\alpha : \mathbf{x}^\alpha \notin \langle LT(I) \rangle \}$ form a basis for A .
 \hookrightarrow Basis monomials
 Standard monomials.

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Example 1: $x > y > z$ LEX

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + y + z - 1 = 0 \\ x + y^2 + z - 1 = 0 \\ x + y + z^2 - 1 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{Compute G.B.}} \begin{aligned} g_1 &= \underline{z^6} - 4z^4 + 4z^3 - z^2 & g_4 &= \underline{x} + y + z^2 - 1 \\ g_2 &= \underline{2yz^2} + z^4 - z^2 & \Rightarrow & \\ g_3 &= \underline{y^2} - y - z^2 + z & \langle LT(I) \rangle &= \langle z^6, 2yz^2, y^2, x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \{x^\alpha : x^\alpha \notin \langle LT(I) \rangle\} = \{1, y, yz, z, z^2, z^3, z^4, z^5\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim A = 8$$

Important: A is a finite dimensional vector space.

Finiteness Theorem: Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be a field and let $I \subseteq K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be an ideal. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a) The algebra A is a finite dimensional vector space over K .
- (b) The variety $V(I) \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ is a finite set
- (c) If G is a Gröbner basis for I , then for each i , $1 \leq i \leq n$ there is an $m_i > 0$ such that $x_i^{m_i} = LT(g)$ for some $g \in G$.

★ An ideal satisfying these conditions is called a zero-dimensional ideal.

Example 1: (continued) Check that the conditions hold in this case.

Example 2: (last time) $\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1 = 0 \\ xyz - 1 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{G.B.}} \begin{cases} \underline{y^4 z^2} + y^2 z^4 - y^2 z^2 + 1 \\ \underline{x} + y^3 z + y z^3 - yz \end{cases}$

$$\langle LT(I) \rangle = \langle y^4 z^2, x \rangle$$

Consequence: I is a zero dimensional ideal \Leftrightarrow there is a nonzero polynomial in $I \cap K[x_i]$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n$.

To compute it use a LEX order with x_i last.

Example 1: Do this to get

$$I \cap K[x] = \langle x^6 - 4x^4 + 4x^3 - x^2 \rangle$$

$$I \cap K[z] = \langle z^6 - 4z^4 + 4z^3 - z^2 \rangle$$

$$I \cap K[y] = \langle y^6 - 4y^4 + 4y^3 - y^2 \rangle$$

\rightarrow symmetry of the eqns!

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Def: Let $I \subseteq K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ be an ideal. The radical of I is the set

$$\sqrt{I} = \{ g \in K[X_1, \dots, X_n] : g^m \in I \text{ for some } m \}$$

- An ideal I is said to be radical if $\sqrt{I} = I$.

Example: $\langle x^2, y \rangle$, $x^2 \in I \Rightarrow x \in \sqrt{I}$ in fact $\sqrt{I} = \langle x, y \rangle$.

- "The radical is the square-free part of I "

Important fact: $V(I) = V(\sqrt{I})$

$$\rightarrow I \subseteq \sqrt{I} \Rightarrow V(\sqrt{I}) = V(I)$$