

**Theorem A1. (Buchberger's Algorithm)** Let  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle \subset F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be a non-zero ideal. Then a Gröbner basis for  $I$  can be constructed in a finite number of steps by the following algorithm:

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Input :  $F = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ 
Output : a Gröbner basis  $G = (g_1, \dots, g_t)$  for  $I$  with  $F \subset G$ .

 $G := F$ 
REPEAT
     $G' := G$ 
    FOR each pair  $\{p, q\}$ ,  $p \neq q$  in  $G'$  DO
         $r := \overline{S(p, q)}^{G'}$ 
        IF  $r \neq 0$  THEN  $G := G \cup \{r\}$ 
UNTIL  $G = G'$ 
RETURN  $G$ 

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*Proof.* We introduce some notation for convenience. Let  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$ , we define:

$$\langle \text{LT}(G) \rangle := \langle \text{LT}(g_1), \dots, \text{LT}(g_n) \rangle.$$

Firstly it is clear that  $G \subset I$  at every stage of the algorithm because initially  $G \subset I$  but we only ever append the remainder of each  $S(p, q)$ . However since  $S(p, q) \in I$  and each  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  are in  $I$  we have the remainder is in  $I$  since we can write,

$$r = S(p, q) - q_1 f_1 - \dots - q_s f_s$$

for some  $q_i \in F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  by the division algorithm. Furthermore we note that  $G$  at each step generates  $I$  since  $G$  contains the generators  $F$ .

We show that it eventually terminates. Let us consider two consecutive pass throughs of the algorithm, and name the corresponding sets  $G$  and  $G'$  where  $G'$  is the old set. We of course have  $G' \subset G$  and because  $G$  contains all the non-zero remainders of  $S(p, q)$  we have,

$$\langle \text{LT}(G') \rangle \subset \langle \text{LT}(G) \rangle. \quad (3.1)$$

Additionally if  $G' \neq G$  then it turns out that  $\langle \text{LT}(G) \rangle$  is strictly larger than  $\langle \text{LT}(G') \rangle$ . Indeed take a non-zero remainder  $r \in G$  not in  $G'$ . Since  $r$  is a remainder on division by  $G'$ , by definition it is not divisible by any of the leading terms of elements in  $G'$ . Then by [CLO15, Theorem 2.4.2] we have  $\text{LT}(r) \notin \langle \text{LT}(G') \rangle$  however we clearly have  $\text{LT}(r) \in \langle \text{LT}(G) \rangle$  so  $\langle \text{LT}(G) \rangle$  is indeed strictly larger than  $\langle \text{LT}(G') \rangle$ .

Now using (3.1) we have that the algorithm produces an infinite ascending chain of ideals in  $F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , however since  $F$  is a field  $F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is Noetherian so eventually this chain of ideals stabilize to achieve  $\langle \text{LT}(G') \rangle = \langle \text{LT}(G) \rangle$ . However by the contrapositive of the argument in the previous paragraph this implies that  $G' = G$  and the algorithm terminates.

Now we prove that the actual result is indeed a Gröbner basis. Suppose we ran the algorithm until it terminates, then this would necessarily mean that  $\overline{S(p, q)}^G = 0$  for every  $p, q \in G$  so by Theorem 1.3.1 we have that  $G$  is a Gröbner basis of  $I$  since  $G$  generates  $I$ .  $\square$

**Theorem A2. (Improved Buchberger's Algorithm)** Let  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle \subset F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be a non-zero ideal. Then a Gröbner basis for  $I$  can be constructed in a finite number of steps by the following algorithm:

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Input :  $F = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ 
Output : a Gröbner basis  $G = (g_1, \dots, g_t)$  for  $I$  with  $F \subset G$ .

 $B := \{(i, j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq s\}$ 
 $G := F$ 
 $t := s$ 
WHILE  $B \neq \emptyset$  DO
    Select  $(i, j) \in B$ 
    IF  $\text{lcm}(\text{LT}(f_i), \text{LT}(f_j)) \neq \text{LT}(f_i)\text{LT}(f_j)$  AND  $\text{Criterion}(f_i, f_j, B) = \text{false}$  THEN
         $r := \overline{S(f_i, f_j)}^G$ 
        IF  $r \neq 0$  THEN
             $t := t + 1$ ;  $f_t := r$ 
             $G := G \cup \{f_t\}$ 
             $B := B \cup \{(i, t) \mid 1 \leq i \leq t - 1\}$ 
    UNTIL  $B := B \setminus \{(i, j)\}$ 
RETURN  $G$ 

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Here,  $\text{Criterion}(f_i, f_j, B)$  is true provided that there is some  $l \notin \{i, j\}$  for which the pairs  $[i, j]$  and  $[j, l]$  are not in  $B$  and  $\text{LT}(f_l)$  divides  $\text{lcm}(\text{LT}(f_i), \text{LT}(f_j))$ . Where for  $i \neq j$ ,  $[i, j] = (i, j)$  if  $i < j$  and  $(j, i)$  for  $j < i$ . See [CLO15, Theorem 2.10.9] for a proof of the correctness of this algorithm.