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Abstract

Let $n \geq 3$ be a natural number. Let $R = k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ be the polynomial ring in the indeterminates x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n over a field k . Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & x_1 & \cdots & x_{n-1} \\ x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix}$. Let \mathcal{G}_n denote the set of all 2×2 minors of the matrix A , i.e., $\mathcal{G}_n = \{x_i x_{j+1} - x_{i+1} x_j \mid 0 \leq i < j \leq n\}$. Let I denote the ideal generated by \mathcal{G}_n in $k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$. Suppose that the monomial ordering in $R = k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is given by $x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_n}$, with the lexicographic ordering of monomials in R , where (i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n) denotes a permutation of the set $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$. We have classified all possible permutations (i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n) of $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ such that \mathcal{G}_n is a Gröbner basis of the ideal I .

Definitions

Definition 1. Set $S_k \subset \mathbb{N}$:

If monomial ordering in $R = k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is given by $x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_k}, \dots, x_{i_n}$, then the set S_k is defined as $S_k = \{i_k, i_{k+1}, i_{k+2}, \dots, i_n\}$; $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$

Remark: S_0 is full set $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ and S_1 is singleton set $\{i_n\}$.

Definition 2. Property P_j for given monomial order:

If the monomial ordering in $R = k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is given by $x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_j} > \dots > x_{i_n}$, where $0 \leq j \leq n$ then the given monomial order is said to satisfy property P_j if i_k is either $\max(S_k)$ or $\min(S_k) \forall k \leq j$

Remark: If the given monomial order satisfies the property P_j , $0 \leq j \leq n$ then it satisfies property $P_k \forall k < j$.

Theorem:

Suppose that the monomial ordering in $k[x_0 > x_1 > \dots > x_n]$ is given by $(n \geq 3)$. $x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_n}$ with the lexicographic ordering. Let \mathcal{G}_n denote the set of all 2×2 minors of the matrix A , i.e., $\mathcal{G}_n = \{x_i x_{j+1} - x_{i+1} x_j \mid 0 \leq i < j \leq n\}$. Let I denote the ideal generated by \mathcal{G}_n in $k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$. The set \mathcal{G}_n is a Gröebner basis with respect to the said monomial order if and only if given monomial order satisfies the property P_{n-3} . That is i_k is either $\min(S_k)$ or $\max(S_k)$

for $0 \leq k \leq n-3$

And for $n=2$ G_n forms a Gröbner basis.

Remark: There is relaxation on properties P_{n-2}, P_{n-1} and P_n . The monomial order may or may not satisfy the Properties P_{n-2}, P_{n-1} and P_n .

Proof for Only If part:

The set \mathcal{G}_n ; $n > 2$; is a Gröebner basis with respect to the said monomial order only if
given monomial order satisfies the property P_{n-3} .

Theorem 1. Suppose that the monomial ordering in $k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is given by $(n \geq 3)$. $x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_n}$ with the lexicographic ordering. Let \mathcal{G}_n denote the set of all 2×2 minors of the matrix A , i.e., $\mathcal{G}_n = \{x_i x_{j+1} - x_{i+1} x_j \mid 0 \leq i < j \leq n\}$. Let I denote the ideal generated by \mathcal{G}_n in $k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$. The set \mathcal{G}_n a Groebner basis with respect to the said monomial order only if i_0 is either 0 or n .

Proof. By method of contradiction.

Case I: $n=3$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & x_1 & x_2 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\mathcal{G}_3 = x_0 x_2 - x_1^2, x_0 x_3 - x_2 x_1, x_1 x_3 - x_2^2$$

Assume i_0 is neither 0 or 3.

$$\Rightarrow i_0 = 1 \text{ or } i_0 = 2$$

Subcase I] $i_0 = 1$ i.e. x_1 largest

consider the S polynomial

$$S(x_0 x_3 - x_2 x_1, x_1 x_3 - x_2^2) = x_2^3 - x_0 x_3^2$$

$$x_2^3 - x_0 x_3^2 \text{ does not tend to } 0$$

as LT of each polynomial in \mathcal{G}_3 contains x_1 which is not present in $x_2^3 - x_0 x_3^2$

thus \mathcal{G}_3 does not form a Groebner Basis for $i_0 = 1$.

Subcase II] $i_0 = 2$ i.e. x_2 is largest.

Consider the S polynomial

$$S(x_0 x_3 - x_2 x_1, x_0 x_2 - x_1^2) = x_1^3 - x_3 x_0^2$$

$x_2^3 - x_0x_3^2$ does not tend to 0

as LT of each polynomial in \mathcal{G}_3 contains x_2 which is not present in $x_0^2x_3 - x_1^3$
thus \mathcal{G}_3 does not form a Groebner Basis for $i_0 = 2$.

Thus \mathcal{G}_3 does not form a Groebner Basis if i_0 is neither 0 nor 3 which is a contradiction for $n = 3$

Case II: $n = 4$

Assume i_0 is neither 0 nor 4

$\Rightarrow i_0 = 1$ or $i_0 = 2$ or $i_0 = 3$

$\mathcal{G}_3 = \{x_0x_2 - x_1^2, x_0x_3 - x_1x_2, x_0x_4 - x_1x_3, x_1x_3 - x_2^2, x_1x_4 - x_2x_3, x_2x_4 - x_2x_4 - x_3^2\}$

Subcase I] $i_0 = 1$ i.e. x_1 is largest.

Consider the S polynomial

$$S(x_1x_3 - x_2^2, x_0x_4 - x_1x_3) = x_0x_4 - x_2^2$$

which does not tend to 0 as except for $x_2x_4 - x_3^2$ all other polynomials LT contains x_1 which is not present in $x_0x_4 - x_2^2$ and $x_2x_4 - x_3^2$ does not divide the S polynomial. $\Rightarrow \mathcal{G}_3$ does not form a Groebner Basis for $i_0 = 1$

Subcase II] $i_0 = 2$ i.e. x_2 is largest.

Consider the S polynomial $S(x_0x_3 - x_1x_2, x_1x_4 - x_2x_3) = x_0x_3^2 - x_1^2x_4$ which does not tend to 0 as except for $x_0x_4 - x_1x_3$, all other polynomial's LT contain x_2 which is not present in $x_0x_4 - x_1x_3$.

Thus \mathcal{G}_3 does not form a Gröebner Basis for $i_0 = 2$.

Subcase III] $i_0 = 3$ i.e. x_3 is largest.

Consider the S polynomial $S(x_3x_1 - x_4x_0, x_3x_1 - x_2^2) = x_2^2 - x_4x_0$ which do not tend to 0 as except for $x_0x_2 - x_1^2$, all other polynomial's LT contain x_3 which is not present in $x_2^2 - x_4x_0$.

Thus \mathcal{G}_3 does not form a Gröebner Basis for $i_0 = 3$.

Thus \mathcal{G}_3 does not form a Gröebner Basis if i_0 is neither 0 nor 4 which is a contradiction.

Lemma 1. Let $x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_n}$ be monomial ordering such that $S(x_i x_{i-2} - x_{i+1} x_{i-3}, x_i x_{i-2} - x_{i-1}^2) = x_{i+1} x_{i-3} - x_{i-1}^2$ where $4 \leq i \leq n-2$.
And $LT(x_{i-1}^2 - x_i x_{i-2}) = x_i x_{i-2}$.
Suppose we divide this polynomial with G_n if first 2×2 minor to divide is

$$x_{i+1}x_{i-3} - x_{i+2}x_{i-4}$$

(Remark: That means $LT(x_{i+1}x_{i-3} - x_{i+2}x_{i-4}) = x_{i+1}x_{i-3}$,
then remainder after division is non zero.

Proof. Let's divide $x_{i+1}x_{i-2} - x_{i-1}^2$ by $x_{i+1}x_{i-3} - x_{i+2}x_{i-4}$.

Thus quotient is 1 and remainder is $x_{i+2}x_{i-4} - x_{i-1}^2$.

Now there are two possibilities

$$1. LT(x_{i+2}x_{i-4} - x_{i-1}^2) = x_{i-1}^2;$$

this will give a nonzero remainder as $LT(x_{i-1}^2 - x_i x_{i-2}) = -x_i x_{i-2}$

$$2. LT(x_{i+2}x_{i-4} - x_{i-1}^2) = x_{i+2}x_{i-4};$$

only possible divisor is $x_{i+2}x_{i-4} - x_{i+3}x_{i-5}$;

We observe that $x_{i+2}x_{i-4}$ is replaced by $x_{i+3}x_{i-5}$. If we carry out this process then difference between subscripts will go on increasing and finally will terminate at either one of them becomes x_0 or x_n .

Thus the term x_{i-1}^2 will not cancel leaving a nonzero remainder.

This proves our hypothesis. \square

Case III: $n \geq 5$

Assume i_0 is neither 0 nor n

Let $i_0 = i$ i.e. x_i is largest. such that $0 < i < n$

\Rightarrow either $i - 3 \geq 0$ or $i + 3 \leq n$

for if $i - 3 < 0$

$\Rightarrow i + 3 < 6$

$\Rightarrow i + 3 \leq 5 \leq n \dots$ as i is an integer.

Subcase I] $i - 3 \geq 0$

Consider the S polynomial

$$S(x_i x_{i-2} - x_{i+1} x_{i-3}, x_i x_{i-2} - x_{i-1}^2) = x_{i-1}^2 - x_{i+1} x_{i-3}$$

Only possible divisors are $x_{i-1}^2 - x_i x_{i-2}$, $x_{i+1} x_{i-3} - x_i x_{i-2}$ and $x_{i+1} x_{i-3} - x_{i+2} x_{i-4}$.

In this $x_{i-1}^2 - x_i x_{i-2}$ and $x_{i+1} x_{i-3} - x_i x_{i-2}$ will not divide the S-Polynomial as the leading term of S-Polynomial is not divisible by the leading terms of 2×2 minor.

Whereas $x_{i+1} x_{i-3} - x_{i+2} x_{i-4}$ gives nonzero remainder after division from lemma 1.

Thus S-Polynomial does not tend to 0 on division by \mathcal{G} . Thus \mathcal{G} does not form a Gröebner Basis.

Subcase II] $i + 3 \leq n$

Consider the S polynomial

$$S(x_i x_{i-2} - x_{i+1} x_{i-3}, x_i x_{i-2} - x_{i-1}^2) = x_{i-1}^2 - x_{i+1} x_{i-3}$$

By same reasons as above S-Polynomial does not tend to 0 on division by \mathcal{G} .

Thus \mathcal{G} does not form a Gröebner Basis.

Thus \mathcal{G} does not form a gröebner basis for $n \geq 5$.

Thus \mathcal{G} does not form a gröebner basis for any $n \geq 3$,

if i_0 is neither 0 nor n .

Hence the contradiction.

$\Rightarrow i_0 = 0$ or $i_0 = n$.

□

Lemma 2. *If monomial ordering is $x_{i_0} > \dots > x_{i_n}$, with property P_{j-1} ; $1 \leq j \leq n$ and if $\min(S_j) \leq m \leq \max(S_j)$; then $m \in S_j$*

That is all the integers in between $\min(S_j)$ and $\max(S_j)$ are contained in S_j , i.e. S_j is of the form $\{i, i+1, \dots, i+k\}$.

Proof. Assume $m \notin S_j$

then $x_m > x_l \ \forall l \in S_j \dots$ if $x_m < x_l$ for some $l \in S_j$ then $m \in S_j$ by definition.

$\Rightarrow m = i_p$ for some $p < j \dots$ as $i_p \in S_j$ for $p \geq j$

$\Rightarrow m = \min(S_p)$ or $m = \max(S_p)$

From definition of the set S_k we know that $S_j \subset S_p$ but $m \geq \min(S_j) \in S_j \subset S_p$

thus m can't be $\min(S_p)$

Similarly $m \leq \max(S_j) \in S_j \subset S_p$

$\therefore m \neq \max(S_p)$

Which is a contradiction.

□

Theorem 2. *Suppose that the monomial ordering in $k[x_0 > x_1 > \dots > x_n]$ is given by $(n \geq 3)$. $x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_n}$ with the lexicographic ordering. Let \mathcal{G}_n denote the set of all 2×2 minors of the matrix A , i.e., $\mathcal{G}_n = \{x_i x_{j+1} - x_{i+1} x_j \mid 0 \leq i < j \leq n\}$. Let I denote the ideal generated by \mathcal{G}_n in $k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$. The set \mathcal{G}_n a Gröebner basis with respect to the said monomial order only if*

i_k is either $\min(S_k)$ or $\max(S_k)$

for $0 \leq k \leq n-3$

that is given monomial order satisfies the property P_{n-3}

Remark: Monomial ordering need not satisfy the property P_{n-2}, P_{n-1} or P_n

Proof.

Using the method of induction on subscript number of the property P_k

True for $k = 0$ from Theorem I

Consider true for $k = j - 1; 1 \leq j \leq n - 3$. i.e property P_{j-1} is satisfied and we have to show that property P_j is also satisfied by the monomial ordering.

Assume not true for $k = j \leq n - 3$

$\therefore \min(S_j) < i_j < \max(S_j)$

Now, $j \leq n - 3 \Rightarrow$ cardinality of S_j is at least 4

Case I: $|S_j| = 4$

From induction hypothesis, property P_{j-1} is satisfied and from lemma 2 we can say that S_j is of the form $\{i, i + 1, i + 2, i + 3\}$.

Because $\min(S_j) < i_j < \max(S_j)$ there are only two possibilities of S_j as follows.

$S_j = \{i_j - 1, i_j, i_j + 1, i_j + 2\}$ or $S_j = \{i_j - 2, i_{j-1}, i_j, i_j + 1\}$

Now, consider $S_j = \{i_j - 1, i_j, i_j + 1, i_j + 2\}$ then consider

$$S(x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2} - x_{i_j}x_{i_j+1}, x_{i_j}x_{i_j+2} - x_{i_j+1}^2) = x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2}^2 - x_{i_j+1}^3$$

if $LT(x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2}^2 - x_{i_j+1}^3) = x_{i_j+1}^3$

then $S \nrightarrow 0$ as only divisor to $x_{i_j+1}^3$ is $x_{i_j+1}^2 - x_{i_j+2}x_{i_j}$ who's leading term is $x_{i_j+2}x_{i_j}$

if $LT(x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2}^2 - x_{i_j+1}^3) = x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2}^2$

Then only possible divisors are $x_{i_j+2}^2 - x_{i_j+1}x_{i_j+3}$, $x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2} - x_{i_j}x_{i_j+1}$ and $x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2} - x_{i_j-2}x_{i_j+3}$ (if exists)

In the case of $x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2} - x_{i_j}x_{i_j+1}$, $LT(x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2} - x_{i_j}x_{i_j+1}) = -x_{i_j}x_{i_j+1}$ which does not divide $x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2}$.

In the case of $x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2} - x_{i_j-2}x_{i_j+3}$;

$LT(x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+2} - x_{i_j-2}x_{i_j+3}) = x_{i_j-2}x_{i_j+3}$ as $x_{i_j+3} > x_{i_j-1}, x_{i_j+2}$

and in the case of $x_{i_j+2}^2 - x_{i_j+1}x_{i_j+3}$; $LT(x_{i_j+2}^2 - x_{i_j+1}x_{i_j+3}) = x_{i_j+1}x_{i_j+3}$

Similar arguments goes for $S_j = \{i_j - 2, i_j - 1, i_j, i_j + 1\}$

Thus for cardinality of $S_j = 4$, G_n does not form a Gröbner Basis. Hence contradiction.

case II: $n(S_j) = 5$

From assumption and lemma 2 only possible cases are,

$$\begin{aligned}
S(j) &= i_j - 1, i_j, i_j + 1, i_j + 2, i_j + 3 \\
S(j) &= i_j - 2, i_j - 1, i_j, i_j + 1, i_j + 2 \\
S(j) &= i_j - 3, i_j - 2, i_j - 1, i_j, i_j + 1
\end{aligned}$$

Consider following examples in each cases respectively.

$$S(f_{i_j-1, i_j+2}, f_{i_j, i_j+1}) = x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+3} - x_{i_j+1}^2$$

$$S(f_{i_j-2, i_j}, f_{i_j-1, i_j+1}) = x_{i_j-2}x_{i_j+1}^2 - x_{i_j-1}^2$$

$$S(f_{i_j-1, i_j+2}, f_{i_j, i_j+1}) = x_{i_j-1}x_{i_j+3} - x_{i_j+1}^2$$

are counter examples to each case respectively. Arguments for example 1 and 3 are similar as in case I.

For case 2

If LT is $x_{i_j-1}^2$, then LT of only possible divisor i.e. $LT(x_{i_j-1}^2 - x_{i_j}x_{i_j-2}) = x_{i_j}x_{i_j-2}$ for the reason $x_{i_j} > x_{i_j-2}$. Thus does not divide.

And is LT is $x_{i_j-2}x_{i_j+1}^2$; then from lemma 1 we can say that G_n does not divide.

Thus for cardinality of $S_j = 5$, G_n does not form a Gröbner Basis. Hence contradiction.

Case III: $n(S_j) \geq 6$

From assumption and lemma 1.1 we can say that

either $\{i_j - 1, i_j, i_j + 1, i_j + 2, i_j + 3\} \in S_j$

or $\{i_j - 3, i_j - 2, i_j - 1, i_j, i_j + 1\} \in S_j$

Consider the case where,

$$\{i_j - 3, i_j - 2, i_j - 1, i_j, i_j + 1\} \in S_j$$

Consider,

$$S(f_{i_j, i_j-3}, f_{i_j-2, i_j-1}) = x_{i_j-1}^2 - x_{i_j+1}x_{i_j-3}$$

if $LT(S) = x_{i_j-1}^2$ then only possible divisor is $x_{i_j-1}^2 - x_{i_j}x_{i_j-2}$ who's leading term is $x_{i_j}x_{i_j-2}$

if $LT(S) = x_{i_j+1}x_{i_j-3}$ then possible divisors are $x_{i_j+1}x_{i_j-3} - x_{i_j}x_{i_j-2}$ and $x_{i_j+1}x_{i_j-3} - x_{i_j+2}x_{i_j-4}$

The first one is not possible as leading term is $x_{i_j}x_{i_j-2}$. For second possibility; from lemma 1 we can say that remainder after division by G_n is non zero.

Similar arguments will go for other possibility of the set S_j .

Thus for cardinality of $S_j \geq 6$, G_n does not form a Gröbner Basis. Hence

contradiction.

So, the assumption we made was wrong
 \therefore the set " G_n " forms a Gröbner basis only if monomial order satisfies the property P_{n-3} . i.e. i_j is either $\max(S_j)$ or $\min(S_j)$; $\forall i_j \leq n-3$. \square

Definition 3. Mapping ϕ Suppose that the monomial ordering in $R_{n+1} = k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$ is given by $x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_{n+1}}$. Consider subset $A_{n+1} = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}\}$ of R_{n+1} and subset $A_n = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of R_n . Let $i_a \in A_{n+1}$ then mapping ϕ is defined as,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : A_{n+1}/\{i_a\} &\rightarrow A_n \\ \phi(x_i) &= x_i \quad \text{if } i < i_a \\ \phi(x_i) &= x_{i-1} \quad \text{if } i > i_a \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to show that this is a one-to-one and onto map.

Moreover, we extend the definition to all polynomials not containing i_a as,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(Ax^\alpha + Bx^\beta) &= A\phi(x^\alpha) + B\phi(x^\beta) \quad \text{where } \alpha_{i_a} = \beta_{i_a} = 0 \\ \phi(Af + Bg) &= A\phi(f) + B\phi(g) \quad f, g \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n] \\ \phi(x_0^{\alpha_0} x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_{n+1}^{\alpha_{n+1}}) &= \phi(x_0)^{\alpha_0} \phi(x_1)^{\alpha_1} \dots \phi(x_{n+1})^{\alpha_{n+1}} \quad \text{where } \alpha_{i_a} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

This is also a one to one and onto map.

Definition 4. Mapping ϕ on the order Suppose that the monomial ordering $>_{n+1}$ in $R_{n+1} = k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$ is given by $x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_{n+1}}$. Then the monomial ordering $\phi(>_{n+1})$ in $R_n = k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is defined by $\phi(x_{i_0}) > \phi(x_{i_1}) > \dots > \phi(x_{i_{n+1}})$ where nothing maps at the place of i_a .

Lemma 3. Let $f = x_i x_{j+1} - x_{i+1} x_j$ be 2×2 minor of from G_{n+1} such that f does not contain x_{i_a} , then $\phi(f)$ is also a 2×2 minor from G_n .

Proof. Consider $x_i x_{j+1} - x_j x_{i+1}$ which is a 2×2 minor and neither of $i, i+1, j, j+1$ is i_a . It is enough to show that if x_i maps to $x_{i'}$ then x_{i+1} maps to $x_{i'+1}$.

Case 1 $i < i_a$

$$\Rightarrow i+1 < i_a$$

Thus i maps to i and $i+1$ maps to $i+1$

Case 2 $i > i_a$

$$\Rightarrow i+1 > i_a$$

Thus i maps to $i-1$ and $i+1$ maps to i

Thus if x_i maps to $x_{i'}$ then x_{i+1} maps to $x_{i'} + 1$, which proves that polynomials are nothing but 2×2 minor of $2 \times n$ Matrix. \square

Lemma 4. Suppose that $<_1$ and $<_2$ denote the monomial orders of $k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}]$ and $k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ respectively, such that $\phi(<_1) = <_2$. If $0 \neq f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_{n+1}]$ and x_{i_a} does not occur in f then,
 $\phi(LT_{<_1}(f)) = LT_{<_2}(\phi(f))$

Proof. Let $<_1 = (x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_{n+1}})$.

Let $x = x_{i_0} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_{n+1}}$.

Let $\alpha = (\alpha_0 \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n+1})$ such that $\alpha_a = 0$. Let $LT_{<_1}(f) = x^\alpha$.

Let x^{α_1} be any arbitrary term in f other than x^α

Let i^{th} entry of $\alpha - \alpha_1$ be non zero.

As $x^\alpha = LT_{<_1}(f)$, $\alpha(i) - \alpha_1(i) > 0$.

We have $<_2 = (\phi(x_{i_0}) > \phi(x_{i_1}) > \dots > \phi(x_{i_{n+1}}))$

and $\phi(x) = \phi(x_{i_0}) \phi(x_{i_1}) \dots \phi(x_{i_{n+1}})$.

Then from definition 3 we have, $\phi(x^\alpha) = \phi(x)^\alpha$ which is a term of $\phi(f)$.

Similarly $\phi(x^{\alpha_1}) = \phi(x)^{\alpha_1}$ is also a term of $\phi(f)$.

Now, as first non-negative entry of $\alpha - \alpha_1$ is positive and as α hence α_1 is arbitrary $\phi(x^\alpha)$ is leading term of $\phi(f)$ with respect to monomial order $<_2$.

Hence, $\phi(LT_{<_1}(f)) = LT_{<_2}(\phi(f))$ is proved. \square

Theorem 3. Suppose that the monomial ordering in $k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is given by $(n \geq 3)$. $x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_n}$ with the lexicographic ordering. Let \mathcal{G}_n denote the set of all 2×2 minors of the matrix A , i.e., $\mathcal{G}_n = \{x_i x_{j+1} - x_{i+1} x_j \mid 0 \leq i < j \leq n\}$. Let I denote the ideal generated by \mathcal{G}_n in $k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$. The set \mathcal{G}_n a Gröbner basis with respect to the said monomial order if given monomial order satisfy the property P_{n-3}

Proof. The proof will follow the method of induction over the number of variables " N ".

The statement is trivial in the case $N = 2$ but we will go one step ahead and show that using a computer program (appended below) that the statement is also true for $N = 1, 2, \dots, 7$.

Lets assume the statement is True for $N = n$, then we have to show that the statement is also True for $N = n + 1$.

Now, consider the S-Polynomial of 2×2 Minors $f = x_i x_{j+1} - x_j x_{i+1}$ and $g = x_l x_{m+1} - x_m x_{l+1}$ as $S(f, g)$

As $n > 7$, there exists a x_{i_a} such that x_{i_a} does not occur in any one of the 4 monomials appearing in f and g , for the reason that there can be at most 8 distinct variables that may occur in 4 monomials.

Now consider x_{i_a} is not present in given pair of S-polynomial where monomial ordering is $<_1 = x_{i_0} > \dots > x_{i_{a-1}} > x_{i_a} > x_{i_{a+1}} > \dots > x_{i_{n+1}}$.

Here we can apply mapping ϕ as defined in the definition 3.

Lemma 2 tells that $\phi(f)$ and $\phi(g)$ are both 2×2 minors from set G_n .

As $\phi(f)$ and $\phi(g)$ are both 2×2 minors from set G_n , using Induction Hypothesis we can say that the S-Polynomial of $\phi(f)$ and $\phi(g)$ is divisible by G_n . More precisely

$$S(\phi(f), \phi(g)) = \sum_i a_{i,j',k'} f_{j'} g_{k'} \quad a_{i,j',k'} \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n].$$

Division algorithm tells that

$$\text{multideg}(a_{i,j',k'}) \leq \text{multideg}(S(\phi(f), \phi(g)))$$

As ϕ being a one to one and onto map from $A_{n+1}/\{i_a\}$ to A_n . We can define ϕ^{-1} .

Applying ϕ^{-1} to above equation, we get

$$\phi^{-1}(S(\phi(f), \phi(g))) = \phi^{-1}\left(\sum_i a_{i,j',k'} f_{j'} g_{k'}\right)$$

But $\phi^{-1}(S(\phi(f), \phi(g)))$ is nothing but $S(f, g)$

and $\phi^{-1}\left(\sum_i a_{i,j',k'} f_{j'} g_{k'}\right)$ is nothing but $\sum_i a'_{i,j,k} f_j g_k$ where f_j and g_k are both 2×2 minors in R_{n+1}

Applying lemma 3 to above in-equation we will get

$$\text{multideg}(a'_{i,j,k}) \leq \text{multideg}(S(f, g))$$

This shows that $S(f, g)$ is divisible by G_{n+1} .

Hence G_{n+1} is also a Gröbner basis.

This completes the proof

□

Result

Using Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 we can state the following.

Suppose that the monomial ordering in $k[x_0 > x_1 > \dots > x_n]$ is given by $(n \geq 3) \cdot x_{i_0} > x_{i_1} > \dots > x_{i_n}$ with the lexicographic ordering. Let \mathcal{G}_n denote the set of all 2×2 minors of the matrix A , i.e., $\mathcal{G}_n = \{x_i x_{j+1} - x_{i+1} x_j \mid 0 \leq i < j \leq n\}$. Let I denote the ideal generated by \mathcal{G}_n in $k[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$. The set \mathcal{G}_n a Gröebner basis with respect to the said monomial order if and only if

i_k is either $\min(S_k)$ or $\max(S_k)$

for $0 \leq k \leq n-3$

that is given monomial order satisfies the property P_{n-3}