

Problem Set 4

To solve these problems, you are not allowed to use any additional Macaulay2 packages besides the `Complexes` package and the ones that are automatically loaded with Macaulay2.

Problem 1. Let k be any field and consider the prime ideal in $k[x, y, z]$

$$P = (x^3 - yz, y^2 - xz, z^2 - x^2y)$$

defining the curve parametrized by (t^3, t^4, t^5) . Give (with proof!) two different ideals J such that $P^{(n)} = (P^n : J^\infty)$ for all $n \geq 1$, and test your proposed ideals J in Macaulay2 with your own choice of k and n .

Problem 2. Let R be a finitely generated k -algebra, and P a prime ideal in R . Show that $P^{(n)}$ is P -primary for all $n \geq 1$.

Problem 3. Let k be any field, $d \geq 1$, and $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$. Let

$$I = \left(\prod_{i \neq j} x_i \mid 1 \leq j \leq d \right)$$

be the monomial ideal generated by all the squarefree monomials of degree $d - 1$.

- a) Find an irredundant primary decomposition of I . What is the height of I ?
- b) Find a set of generators for $I^{(n)}$ for each $n \geq 1$.
- c) Show that $I^{(2n-2)} \not\subseteq I^n$ for all $n < d$.