

### Ex 2.1.5

(a)

Picking two non-negative integers  $a, b$  such that their sum  $a + b \leq m$  is the same as picking three non-negative integers  $a + b + c$  such that the sum  $a + b + c = m$ . To see this, just note that  $c$  is completely determined by  $a, b$ . I.e the amount of monomials  $x^a y^b$  with total degree  $\leq m$ , is the same as the amount of ordered 3-integer partitions of  $m$ , namely  $\binom{m+2}{2}$ .

(b)

The amount of  $f, g$ -monomials  $f(t)^a g(t)^b$  with  $a, b \leq m$  is given by  $\binom{m+2}{2}$  by the previous exercise. These will all be polynomials in  $\mathbb{K}[t]$  of degree  $\leq nm$ . The  $\mathbb{K}$ -subspace of  $\mathbb{K}[t]$  consisting of polynomials of degree  $\leq nm$  has dimension  $nm + 1$ , and since we pick  $m$  large enough that  $(m+2)(m+1)/2 > nm + 1$ , it follows that the  $f, g$ -monomials of degree  $\leq m$  for such large enough  $m$  are linearly dependent.

(c)

If we pick  $m$  large enough as described in (b), the resulting linear dependence on  $f, g$ -monomials can be seen as an algebraic dependence  $F$  on  $f, g$ .

(d)

There are  $\binom{k+m}{k}$   $f_1, \dots, f_k$ -monomials of degree  $\leq m$ , whilst there are  $\binom{nm+k-1}{k-1}$   $t_1, \dots, t_{k-1}$ -monomials of degree  $\leq nm$ . Given any  $n$ , for large enough  $m$  we have  $\binom{k+m}{k} > \binom{nm+k-1}{k-1}$ , since the former product has  $k$  factors whilst the latter have  $k-1$  factors.