# Algebraic Statistics

P1: Intro to Algebraic Geometry

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$$S(f_1, f_2) = yz\left[\frac{y - x^2}{y} - \frac{z - x^3}{z}\right]$$
  
=  $-zx^2 + yx^3$ 

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**Note:**  $Rem(S', G) \neq 0$  under x > y > z.

Thus, we have a way to determine if  $\{g_1, ..., g_t\}$  is a Groebner basis.

But how do we find a Groebner basis?

# **Buchberger's Algorithm**

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Input: F = (f_1, f_2, ..., f_5)
Output: G=(g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_t)
G=F
Repeat
     G' = G
     For each pair \{i, j\}, i \neq j in G', do
          g=Rem(S(i, j), G))
          If S \neq 0
               then G=G \cup \{g\}
Until G=G'
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# Sample steps:

G	Rem(S(.,.), G))
$\{g_1,g_2\}$	<i>g</i> 3
$\{g_1,g_2,g_3\}$	g <sub>4</sub>
$\{g_1,g_2,g_3,g_4\}$	0

Problem: Groebner basis is not unique and contains redundancies.

e.g. 
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Thank you! :) :)