

Gröbner bases, commutative case

Consider $k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \supseteq I$ with I an ideal.

Goal: write elements in $k[X]/I$ as polynomials.

Let M be the set of monomials in $k[X]$, then

Def: A monomial order on M such that

a) $1 \leq m \quad \forall m \in M$

b) $m_1 \leq m_2 \quad \text{then } m_1 m_3 \leq m_2 m_3 \quad \forall m_1, m_2, m_3 \in M$

Now fix a monomial order on M .

Def: We call the largest monomial among the monomials of a polynomial

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^d c_i m_i \quad \text{so} \quad \text{init}(f) = \underbrace{\lambda}_{m_i} \sum_{i=0}^d m_i$$

initial ideal

Def: the initial ideal of I is $\text{init}(I) = \langle \text{init}(f) \mid f \in I \rangle$

A monomial m is called mon-standard if $m \in \text{init}(I)$,

o/w it's called standard. (notion is dependent on I)

A subset $G \subset I$ is called a Gröbner basis if

$$\langle \text{init}(g), g \in G \rangle = \text{init}(I)$$

A Gröbner basis is called reduced if

$\forall g_1, g_2 \in G, g_1 \neq g_2, \text{init}(g_1) \nmid m$ for m a monomial of g_2 .

Lemma: Each monomial ideal is finitely generated by monomials.

proof: Define $I_i := \langle m \in M \cap k[x_1, \dots, x_m] \mid mx_n^i \in I \rangle$

$I_0 \subset \dots$ chain of inclusion.

we get $\bigcup_{i \geq 0} I_i$ is finitely generated by monomials so

$\bigcup_{i \geq 0} I_i = I_r$ for some r .

so for generators of I we take $m_{ij}x_n^i$ where

$I_i = \langle m_{ij} \mid j \in S \rangle$ and $i=0, \dots, r$ 

Cor: Monomial orders are well orders.

Lemma: Every Gröbner basis generates its ideal

proof: Let $G \subset I$ a Gröbner basis then $\langle G \rangle = I$?

Sps $I \setminus \langle G \rangle \neq \emptyset$ so

$\text{init}(f_0) := \min \{ \text{init}(f) \mid f \in I \setminus \langle G \rangle \}$ exists.

we have $\text{init}(f_0) \in \text{init}(f) = \text{init}(G)$

but then we can construct $f_0 - mg \in I \setminus \{G\}$ with

$$\text{init}(f_0 - mg) < \text{init}(f_0)$$



Cor: Hilbert basis theorem

Thm: Standard monomials form a basis for $k[X]/I$

Given a poly P , determine if it has non-standard monomials

- if it doesn't we're done and return P .
- if it does, let h be the largest non-standard monomial and find

$$g \in G \text{ s.t. } \text{init}(g) \mid h, \text{ say } h = m \cdot \text{init}(g)$$

return standard form of $P - mg$

This terminates with a unique result by well-orderliness.

$$\begin{aligned} f &= c \cdot \text{init}(f) + r \\ g &= d \cdot \text{init}(g) + s \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow m = \text{lcm}(\text{init}(f), \text{init}(g))$$

And we define $S(f, g) = m(f(c.\text{init}(f))^{-1} - g(d.\text{init}(g))^{-1})$

Lemma: A generating set $G \subseteq I$ is a Gröbner basis iff

$\forall g_1, g_2 \in G \text{ with } g_1 \neq g_2 : S(g_1, g_2) \in G.$

Buchberger algo. to construct a Gröbner basis

Take $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_t \rangle$

Set $G_0 = \{f_1, \dots, f_t\}$

$G_i = G_{i-1} \cup \left\{ S(g_1, g_2) \mid \begin{array}{l} g_1, g_2 \in G_{i-1} \text{ distinct} \\ S(g_1, g_2) \notin G_{i-1} \end{array} \right\}$

Non commutative Gröbner bases (associative algebras)

Take $Q = (Q_0, Q_1, S, t)$.

$P = \{ \text{paths in } Q \text{ will be our basis} \}.$

Let V be a V.S. and assume it has a preferred basis B

that is well ordered.

we define \leq on $\text{Fin}(B)$ by

$\phi \leq F \in \text{Fin}(B)$ for A_1, A_2 non empty

$A_1 \leq A_2 \iff (A_1 = \phi) \text{ or } (\bigwedge A_1 \leq \bigwedge A_2) \text{ or } (\bigwedge A_1 = \bigwedge A_2 \text{ and } A_1 \setminus \bigwedge A \leq A_2 \setminus \bigwedge A)$

it has the property that if you replace an element of $A \in \text{Fin}(B)$ with only small elements (fin. many)

then the result is smaller than A .

This order induces a well order on V via

$$\text{supp} : v = \sum \lambda_\beta \beta \mapsto \{\beta \mid \lambda_\beta \neq 0\}$$

observation: if $v, w \in V$ & $\bigwedge \text{supp}(w) \in \text{supp } v$

then $\exists! \lambda \in k^* \mid v - \lambda w \leq v$ (strict reduction)

$$(\iff \bigwedge \text{supp}(w) \notin \text{supp}(v - \lambda w))$$

Def Take $w \subset V$.

$$B_w = \{\beta \in B \mid \bigwedge \text{supp}(w) \neq \beta \text{ & } v \in w\}$$

$$= B \setminus \{\bigwedge \text{supp } \text{red}$$

Lemma: $V = W + \langle B_w \rangle$

prop: $W \cap \langle B_w \rangle = \{0\}$.

To see $w + \langle B_w \rangle = V$. we assume $V \setminus (W + \langle B_w \rangle) \neq \emptyset$ so

\exists a minimal element v in $V \setminus (W + \langle B_w \rangle)$

We can find a basis in $\text{supp}(v)$ s.t. $\beta = \wedge \text{supp}(v)$, for some $w \in W$.

Then $v - \lambda w \in v$ for a suitable λ so $v - \lambda w \in W + \langle B_w \rangle$

$$\sim 0 \rightarrow w \longrightarrow V \cong W \oplus B_w \xrightarrow{\pi} V/W \cong \langle B_w \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

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Then call $b\pi(v)$ the normal form of v .

Def: A Gröbner generating set for $w \subseteq V$ is a subset $G \subseteq W$ s.t.

$\forall w \in W, \exists g \in G \quad \wedge \text{supp}(w) = \wedge \text{supp}(g)$.

Lemma If G is a Gröbner generating set for w , then every

$v \in V$ reduces to its normal form over G .

Proof: If v not in its normal form, then it can be reduced and \exists

finitely many strict reductions.

Cor: If G is a Gröbner generating set for w , then it spans W .

Def: A vector $w \in W$ is called **sharp** if

$$\text{supp}(w) \cap \{\text{lSupp}(u) \mid u \in w\} = \text{lSupp}(w).$$

and the coefficients of $\text{lSupp}(w)$ is 1.

The set of sharp elements in w will be denoted $w^\#$ /

Thm: $w^\#$ is a Gröbner generating set for w s.t. no two distinct members reduce over one another.

Proof: $V = kQ$, $B = P = \{\text{paths in } Q\}$

3 structures we can exploit.

- kQ has an algebraic structure

- P // a well order descending to $\text{Fin}(P)$.

- kQ can be partially ordered by divisibility which respects the previous order.

The paper emphasises the following properties.

M_1 : $P \cup \{\emptyset\}$ is closed under multiplication.

M_2 : divisibility is reflexive

M_3 each p has finitely many factors.

M_4 Multiplication respects the order on P .

M_5 The order on P refines the one coming from divisibility.

Take $I \subset k[Q]$ admissible.

Def: A subset $G \subseteq I$ is a **Gröbner basis** when

$$\forall r \in I \setminus \{0\} \exists g \in G : \wedge \text{Supp}(g) \mid \wedge \text{Supp}(r)$$

Def: A **simple reduction** of an element $c \in k[Q]$ is a tuple

$$P = (\lambda, p, d, q) \in k^* \times P \times (k[Q] \setminus \{0\}) \times P \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$p(\wedge \text{Supp}(d))q \in \text{Supp}(c)$$

$$p(\wedge \text{Supp}(d))q \notin \text{Supp}(c - \lambda pdq)$$

$$\text{so } c - \lambda pdq < c$$

A sequence of simple reductions $(P)_i^{t^e}$ is called a **reduction**

If $\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{d}_i \in \text{some sets}$, call it a **reduction over S**.

Th: If G is a Gröbner basis for I then

every $c \in k[Q]$ reduces to its normal form mod I over G .

Proof: Same as for vector spaces. 

Rem: $a \mid b$ means $\exists c, d$ s.t. $b = cad$

Def: Vectors in $I^\#$ that are minimal w.r.t. divisibility are called **minimal sharp** and the minimal sharp elements in I are denoted $\text{atom}(I^\#)$.

Th: $\text{atom}(I^\#)$ is a Gröbner basis s.t. no two \neq members reduce over each other

Proof. take $r_1 \in I$, consider $\min \{ r_2 \in I \mid \text{supp}(r_2) \supset \text{supp}(r_1) \} := r_m$ w.r.t. divisibility, then we can scale r_m to be minimal sharp.

Pairwise non-reducibility follows from minimality. 

Lemma: let R be a set of relations in kQ and $c \in kQ$

further relation reducing to 0 over R .

Then p, q reduces to 0 over R for $p, q \in P$

Proof: Take a simple reduction of c

$c - \lambda p_1 c_1 q_1$, then you get a reduction of p, q as

$p \in q - I_{\text{upp}}(q, q)$ and the statement follows iteratively.



Th: let G be a set of generators of I such that

- the coeffs of each $\wedge \text{Supp}(g)$ is 1 ($g \in G$).
- $\forall g_1, g_2 \in G, g_1 \neq g_2 \Rightarrow$ they don't reduce over each other.
- $\forall g_1, g_2 \in G$, every overlap difference reduces to 0 over G .



Then $G = \text{atom}(I^\#)$.

Def: For two monomials, an **overlap difference** is a pair of factorisations

$$p = b \circ$$

$$b, a, o \in P$$

$$q = o a$$

$$q \neq b, q \neq a.$$

$c_1, c_2 \in kQ$ overlap if $\wedge \text{Supp}(c_1)$ and $\wedge \text{Supp}(c_2)$ do, say like

$\wedge \text{Supp}(c_1) = b \circ$ and respective coeffs of $\wedge \text{Supp}(c_1)$ and $\wedge \text{Supp}(c_2)$

$\wedge \text{Supp}(c_2) = a \circ$ are a_1 and a_2

then an overlap difference of c_1 and c_2 is

$$\lambda_2 c_1 a - \lambda_1 b c_2.$$













