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# **Resolutions**

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Free and graded resolutions are tools for commutative algebra and algebraic geometry.



## FREE RESOLUTIONS

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. A finite free resolution of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is a chain complex of free  $R$ -modules

$$R^{n_1} \xleftarrow{d_1} R^{n_1} \xleftarrow{d_2} \dots \xleftarrow{d_k} R^{n_k} \xleftarrow{d_{k+1}} 0$$

terminating with a zero module at the end that is exact (all homology groups are zero) such that the image of  $d_1$  is  $M$ .

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.homology.free_resolution import FreeResolution
sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: m = matrix(S, 1, [z^2 - y*w, y*z - x*w, y^2 - x*z]).transpose()
sage: r = FreeResolution(m, name='S'); r
S^1 <-- S^3 <-- S^2 <-- 0

sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.free_resolution(); r
S^1 <-- S^3 <-- S^2 <-- 0
```

```
sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution(); r
S(0) <-- S(-2)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3) <-- 0
```

An example of a minimal free resolution from [CLO2005]:

```
sage: R.<x,y,z,w> = QQ[]
sage: I = R.ideal([y*z - x*w, y^3 - x^2*z, x*z^2 - y^2*w, z^3 - y*w^2])
sage: r = I.free_resolution(); r
S^1 <-- S^4 <-- S^4 <-- S^1 <-- 0
sage: len(r)
3
sage: r.matrix(2)
[-z^2 -x*z  y*w -y^2]
[  y   0  -x   0]
[ -w   y   z   x]
[  0   w   0   z]
```

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**class** sage.homology.free\_resolution.**FiniteFreeResolution**(module, name='S', \*\*kws)

Bases: *FreeResolution*

Finite free resolutions.

The matrix at index  $i$  in the list defines the differential map from  $(i + 1)$ -th free module to the  $i$ -th free module over the base ring by multiplication on the left. The number of matrices in the list is the length of the resolution. The number of rows and columns of the matrices define the ranks of the free modules in the resolution.

Note that the first matrix in the list defines the differential map at homological index 1.

A subclass must provide a `_maps` attribute that contains a list of the maps defining the resolution.

A subclass can define `_initial_differential` attribute that contains the 0-th differential map whose codomain is the target of the free resolution.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.homology.free_resolution import FreeResolution
sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = FreeResolution(I)
sage: r.differential(0)
```

Coercion map:

From: Ambient free module of rank 1 over the integral domain  
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field

To: Quotient module by  
Submodule of Ambient free module of rank 1 over the integral domain  
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field  
Generated by the rows of the matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -z^2 + y*w \\ y*z - x*w \\ -y^2 + x*z \end{bmatrix}$$

**chain\_complex()**

Return this resolution as a chain complex.

A chain complex in Sage has its own useful methods.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution()
sage: unicode_art(r.chain_complex())
```

$$(z^2 - y*w \quad y*z - x*w \quad y^2 - x*z) \begin{pmatrix} -y & x \\ z & -y \\ -w & z \end{pmatrix}$$

0 <- C\_0 <----- C\_1 <- C\_2 <- 0

**differential( $i$ )**

Return the  $i$ -th differential map.

INPUT:

- $i$  – a positive integer

EXAMPLES:



```

sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution()
sage: r
S(0) <-- S(-2)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3) <-- 0
sage: r.differential(3)
Free module morphism defined by the matrix []
  Domain: Ambient free module of rank 0 over the integral domain
          Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
  Codomain: Ambient free module of rank 2 over the integral domain
            Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
sage: r.differential(2)
Free module morphism defined as left-multiplication by the matrix
[-y  x]
[ z -y]
[-w  z]
  Domain: Ambient free module of rank 2 over the integral domain
          Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
  Codomain: Ambient free module of rank 3 over the integral domain
            Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
sage: r.differential(1)
Free module morphism defined as left-multiplication by the matrix
[z^2 - y*w y*z - x*w y^2 - x*z]
  Domain: Ambient free module of rank 3 over the integral domain
          Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
  Codomain: Ambient free module of rank 1 over the integral domain
            Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
sage: r.differential(0)
Coercion map:
  From: Ambient free module of rank 1 over the integral domain
        Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
  To: Quotient module by
      Submodule of Ambient free module of rank 1 over the integral domain
      Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
      Generated by the rows of the matrix:
      [-z^2 + y*w]
      [ y*z - x*w]
      [-y^2 + x*z]

```

**matrix(i)**

Return the matrix representing the  $i$ -th differential map.

INPUT:

- $i$  – a positive integer

EXAMPLES:

```

sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution(); r
S(0) <-- S(-2)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3) <-- 0
sage: r.matrix(3)
[]

```

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```

sage: r.matrix(2)
[-y  x]
[ z -y]
[-w  z]
sage: r.matrix(1)
[z^2 - y*w y*z - x*w y^2 - x*z]

```

```

class sage.homology.free_resolution.FiniteFreeResolution_free_module(module, name='S',
                                                                    **kwds)

```

Bases: *FiniteFreeResolution*

Free resolutions of a free module.

INPUT:

- `module` – a free module or ideal over a PID
- `name` – the name of the base ring

EXAMPLES:

```

sage: R.<x> = QQ[]
sage: M = R^3
sage: v = M([x^2, 2*x^2, 3*x^2])
sage: w = M([0, x, 2*x])
sage: S = M.submodule([v, w]); S
Free module of degree 3 and rank 2 over
Univariate Polynomial Ring in x over Rational Field
Echelon basis matrix:
[ x^2 2*x^2 3*x^2]
[  0    x  2*x]
sage: res = S.free_resolution(); res
S^3 <-- S^2 <-- 0
sage: ascii_art(res.chain_complex())
      [ x^2    0]
      [2*x^2   x]
      [3*x^2  2*x]
0 <-- C_0 <----- C_1 <-- 0

sage: R.<x> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = R.ideal([x^4 + 3*x^2 + 2])
sage: res = I.free_resolution(); res
S^1 <-- S^1 <-- 0

```

```

class sage.homology.free_resolution.FiniteFreeResolution_singular(module, name='S',
                                                                    algorithm='heuristic',
                                                                    **kwds)

```

Bases: *FiniteFreeResolution*

Minimal free resolutions of ideals or submodules of free modules of multivariate polynomial rings implemented in Singular.

INPUT:

- `module` – a submodule of a free module  $M$  of rank  $n$  over  $S$  or an ideal of a multi-variate polynomial ring
- `name` – string (optional); name of the base ring

- `algorithm` – (default: 'heuristic') Singular algorithm to compute a resolution of ideal

OUTPUT: a minimal free resolution of the ideal

If `module` is an ideal of  $S$ , it is considered as a submodule of a free module of rank 1 over  $S$ .

The available algorithms and the corresponding Singular commands are shown below:

algorithm	Singular commands
minimal	<code>mres(ideal)</code>
shreyer	<code>minres(sres(std(ideal)))</code>
standard	<code>minres(nres(std(ideal)))</code>
heuristic	<code>minres(res(std(ideal)))</code>

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.homology.free_resolution import FreeResolution
sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = FreeResolution(I); r
S^1 <-- S^3 <-- S^2 <-- 0
sage: len(r)
2
```

```
sage: FreeResolution(I, algorithm='minimal')
S^1 <-- S^3 <-- S^2 <-- 0
sage: FreeResolution(I, algorithm='shreyer')
S^1 <-- S^3 <-- S^2 <-- 0
sage: FreeResolution(I, algorithm='standard')
S^1 <-- S^3 <-- S^2 <-- 0
sage: FreeResolution(I, algorithm='heuristic')
S^1 <-- S^3 <-- S^2 <-- 0
```

We can also construct a resolution by passing in a matrix defining the initial differential:

```
sage: m = matrix(S, 1, [z^2 - y*w, y*z - x*w, y^2 - x*z]).transpose()
sage: r = FreeResolution(m, name='S'); r
S^1 <-- S^3 <-- S^2 <-- 0
sage: r.matrix(1)
[z^2 - y*w y*z - x*w y^2 - x*z]
```

An additional construction is using a submodule of a free module:

```
sage: M = m.image()
sage: r = FreeResolution(M, name='S'); r
S^1 <-- S^3 <-- S^2 <-- 0
```

A nonhomogeneous ideal:

```
sage: I = S.ideal([z^2 - y*w, y*z - x*w, y^2 - x])
sage: R = FreeResolution(I); R
S^1 <-- S^3 <-- S^3 <-- S^1 <-- 0
sage: R.matrix(2)
[ y*z - x*w    y^2 - x        0]
[-z^2 + y*w      0    y^2 - x]
```

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```
[
    0 -z^2 + y*w -y*z + x*w]
sage: R.matrix(3)
[
  y^2 - x]
[-y*z + x*w]
[ z^2 - y*w]
```

**class** sage.homology.free\_resolution.FreeResolution(*module*, *name*='S', **\*\*kws**)

Bases: SageObject

A free resolution.

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. A *free resolution* of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is a (possibly infinite) chain complex of free  $R$ -modules

$$R^{n_1} \xleftarrow{d_1} R^{n_1} \xleftarrow{d_2} \dots \xleftarrow{d_k} R^{n_k} \xleftarrow{d_{k+1}} \dots$$

that is exact (all homology groups are zero) such that the image of  $d_1$  is  $M$ .

**differential**(*i*)

Return the  $i$ -th differential map.

INPUT:

- $i$  – a positive integer

**target**()

Return the codomain of the 0-th differential map.

The codomain of the 0-th differential map is the cokernel of the first differential map.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution()
sage: r
S(0) <-- S(-2)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3) <-- 0
sage: r.target()
Quotient module by
Submodule of Ambient free module of rank 1 over the integral domain
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
Generated by the rows of the matrix:
[-z^2 + y*w]
[ y*z - x*w]
[-y^2 + x*z]
```

## GRADED FREE RESOLUTIONS

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. A graded free resolution of a graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is a *free resolution* such that all maps are homogeneous module homomorphisms.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution(algorithm='minimal')
sage: r
S(0) <-- S(-2)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3) <-- 0
sage: I.graded_free_resolution(algorithm='shreyer')
S(0) <-- S(-2)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3) <-- 0
sage: I.graded_free_resolution(algorithm='standard')
S(0) <-- S(-2)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3) <-- 0
sage: I.graded_free_resolution(algorithm='heuristic')
S(0) <-- S(-2)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3) <-- 0
```

```
sage: d = r.differential(2)
sage: d
Free module morphism defined as left-multiplication by the matrix
[ y  x]
[-z -y]
[ w  z]
Domain: Ambient free module of rank 2 over the integral domain
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
Codomain: Ambient free module of rank 3 over the integral domain
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
sage: d.image()
Submodule of Ambient free module of rank 3 over the integral domain
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y, z, w over Rational Field
Generated by the rows of the matrix:
[ y -z  w]
[ x -y  z]
sage: m = d.image()
sage: m.graded_free_resolution(shifts=(2,2,2))
S(-2)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3) <-- 0
```

An example of multigraded resolution from Example 9.1 of [MilStu2005]:

```
sage: R.<s,t> = QQ[]
sage: S.<a,b,c,d> = QQ[]
```

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```

sage: phi = S.hom([s, s*t, s*t^2, s*t^3])
sage: I = phi.kernel(); I                                     #_
↪needs sage.rings.function_field
Ideal (c^2 - b*d, b*c - a*d, b^2 - a*c) of
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in a, b, c, d over Rational Field
sage: P3 = ProjectiveSpace(S)
sage: C = P3.subscheme(I) # twisted cubic curve
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution(degrees=[(1,0), (1,1), (1,2), (1,3)])
sage: r
S((0, 0)) <-- S((-2, -4))⊕S((-2, -3))⊕S((-2, -2)) <-- S((-3, -5))⊕S((-3, -4)) <-- 0
sage: r.K_polynomial(names='s,t')
s^3*t^5 + s^3*t^4 - s^2*t^4 - s^2*t^3 - s^2*t^2 + 1

```

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```

class sage.homology.graded_resolution.GradedFiniteFreeResolution(module, degrees=None,
                                                                    shifts=None, name='S',
                                                                    **kws)

```

Bases: *FiniteFreeResolution*

Graded finite free resolutions.

INPUT:

- **module** – a homogeneous submodule of a free module  $M$  of rank  $n$  over  $S$  or a homogeneous ideal of a multivariate polynomial ring  $S$
- **degrees** – (default: a list with all entries 1) a list of integers or integer vectors giving degrees of variables of  $S$
- **shifts** – a list of integers or integer vectors giving shifts of degrees of  $n$  summands of the free module  $M$ ; this is a list of zero degrees of length  $n$  by default
- **name** – a string; name of the base ring

**Warning:** This does not check that the module is homogeneous.

**K\_polynomial**(names=None)

Return the K-polynomial of this resolution.

INPUT:

- **names** – (optional) a string of names of the variables of the K-polynomial

EXAMPLES:

```

sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution()
sage: r.K_polynomial()
2*t^3 - 3*t^2 + 1

```

**beti**(*i*, *a=None*)

Return the *i*-th Betti number in degree *a*.

INPUT:

- *i* – nonnegative integer
- *a* – a degree; if None, return Betti numbers in all degrees

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution()
sage: r.betti(0)
{0: 1}
sage: r.betti(1)
{2: 3}
sage: r.betti(2)
{3: 2}
sage: r.betti(1, 0)
0
sage: r.betti(1, 1)
0
sage: r.betti(1, 2)
3
```

**shifts**(*i*)

Return the shifts of self.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution()
sage: r.shifts(0)
[0]
sage: r.shifts(1)
[2, 2, 2]
sage: r.shifts(2)
[3, 3]
sage: r.shifts(3)
[]
```

```
class sage.homology.graded_resolution.GradedFiniteFreeResolution_free_module(module,
                                                                              degrees=None,
                                                                              *args, **kwds)
```

Bases: [GradedFiniteFreeResolution](#), [FiniteFreeResolution\\_free\\_module](#)

Graded free resolution of free modules.

**Warning:** This does not check that the module is homogeneous.

EXAMPLES:

```

sage: from sage.homology.free_resolution import FreeResolution
sage: R.<x> = QQ[]
sage: M = matrix([[x^3, 3*x^3, 5*x^3],
.....:           [0, x, 2*x]])
sage: res = FreeResolution(M, graded=True); res
S(0)⊕S(0)⊕S(0) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-1) <-- 0

```

```

class sage.homology.graded_resolution.GradedFiniteFreeResolution_singular(module,
                                                                           degrees=None,
                                                                           shifts=None,
                                                                           name='S', algo-
                                                                           rithm='heuristic',
                                                                           **kws)

```

Bases: *GradedFiniteFreeResolution*, *FiniteFreeResolution\_singular*

Graded free resolutions of submodules and ideals of multivariate polynomial rings implemented using Singular.

INPUT:

- *module* – a homogeneous submodule of a free module  $M$  of rank  $n$  over  $S$  or a homogeneous ideal of a multivariate polynomial ring  $S$
- *degrees* – (default: a list with all entries 1) a list of integers or integer vectors giving degrees of variables of  $S$
- *shifts* – a list of integers or integer vectors giving shifts of degrees of  $n$  summands of the free module  $M$ ; this is a list of zero degrees of length  $n$  by default
- *name* – a string; name of the base ring
- *algorithm* – Singular algorithm to compute a resolution of *ideal*

If *module* is an ideal of  $S$ , it is considered as a submodule of a free module of rank 1 over  $S$ .

The degrees given to the variables of  $S$  are integers or integer vectors of the same length. In the latter case,  $S$  is said to be multigraded, and the resolution is a multigraded free resolution. The standard grading where all variables have degree 1 is used if the degrees are not specified.

A summand of the graded free module  $M$  is a shifted (or twisted) module of rank one over  $S$ , denoted  $S(-d)$  with shift  $d$ .

The computation of the resolution is done by using `libSingular`. Different Singular algorithms can be chosen for best performance.

OUTPUT: a graded minimal free resolution of *ideal*

The available algorithms and the corresponding Singular commands are shown below:

algorithm	Singular commands
minimal	<code>mres(ideal)</code>
shreyer	<code>minres(sres(std(ideal)))</code>
standard	<code>minres(nres(std(ideal)))</code>
heuristic	<code>minres(res(std(ideal)))</code>

**Warning:** This does not check that the module is homogeneous.

EXAMPLES:



```
sage: S.<x,y,z,w> = PolynomialRing(QQ)
sage: I = S.ideal([y*w - z^2, -x*w + y*z, x*z - y^2])
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution(); r
S(0) <-- S(-2)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3) <-- 0
sage: len(r)
2

sage: I = S.ideal([z^2 - y*w, y*z - x*w, y - x])
sage: I.is_homogeneous()
True
sage: r = I.graded_free_resolution(); r
S(0) <-- S(-1)⊕S(-2)⊕S(-2) <-- S(-3)⊕S(-3)⊕S(-4) <-- S(-5) <-- 0
```



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         *method*), 8