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# GRÖBNER BASIS (I) (Sorry for the late upload... Hope the longer length makes up for it. 本当にごめん...)

## DEFINITION

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring.  $R$  is a **Noetherian ring** if every ideal of  $R$  is finitely generated.

## FACT

Let  $R$  be commutative. TFAE

- (1) Each ideal of  $R$  is finitely generated
- (2) **ACC** on ideals of  $R$ , i.e.  $I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq \dots \Rightarrow \exists k, \text{ s.t. } I_k = I_{k+1} = \dots$
- (3) **Maximal condition** on ideals:  $S$  is a nonempty set of ideals of  $R \Rightarrow \exists$  maximum element of  $S$ .

## Proof

- (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $I = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i$ , which is an ideal of  $R$ , say  $I = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  and  $a_i \in I_{k_i}$ .  
If  $k = \max \{k_i : i=1, \dots, n\}$ , then  $a_i \in I_k \forall i=1, \dots, n$ , i.e.  $I \subseteq I_k \subseteq I_{k+1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq I \Rightarrow I = I_k = I_{k+1} = \dots$
- (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Assume  $I$  is not finitely generated. Take  $a_1 \in I$ .  
Since  $I \not\subseteq \langle a_1 \rangle$ ,  $\exists a_2 \in I \setminus \langle a_1 \rangle$ . Since  $I \not\subseteq \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle$ , then  $\exists a_3 \in I \setminus \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle, \dots$   
 $\therefore \langle a_1 \rangle \subsetneq \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \subsetneq \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle \subsetneq \dots$   $\rightarrow$  (ofc not ACC)
- (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Assume  $\nexists$  max element in  $S$ .  
Take  $I_1 \in S$ . Since  $I_1$  is not max,  $\exists I_2 \in S, \text{ s.t. } I_1 \subsetneq I_2$ . Since  $I_2$  is not max,  $\exists I_3, \text{ s.t. } I_2 \subsetneq I_3, \dots$   
 $\therefore \exists I_1 \subsetneq I_2 \subsetneq I_3 \subsetneq \dots$   $\rightarrow$
- (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $S = \{I_1, I_2, \dots\}$   
By assumption,  $\exists \max I_k$  in  $S$ .  
 $\therefore I_k \supseteq I_{k+1}, I_k \supseteq I_{k+2}, \dots$ . Thus,  $I_k = I_{k+1} = I_{k+2} = \dots$   $\square$

## HILBERT BASIS THEOREM

If  $R$  is Noetherian, then  $R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is also Noetherian

## Proof

Assume that  $\exists I \subseteq R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  that is not finitely generated

Choose  $f_1 \in I$ , s.t.  $f_1$  is least degree in  $I$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists f_2 \in I$ , s.t.  $f_2$  is least degree in  $I \setminus \langle f_1 \rangle$

Let  $\deg f_i = n_i$  and the leading term of  $f_i$  be  $a_i$ .

$\Rightarrow n_1 \leq n_2 \leq n_3 \leq \dots$

Claim:  $\langle a_1 \rangle \subsetneq \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \subsetneq \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle \subsetneq \dots$  does not satisfy ACC

## Proof

If  $\exists k, \text{ s.t. } \langle a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle = \langle a_1, \dots, a_k, a_{k+1} \rangle$ , then  $a_{k+1} = \sum_{i=1}^k r_i a_i$

Hence,  $f_{k+1} - \sum_{i=1}^k r_i x^{n_i - n_{k+1}} f_i$  has degree  $< \deg f_{k+1}$

However,  $f_{k+1} - \sum_{i=1}^k r_i x^{n_i - n_{k+1}} f_i \in I \setminus \langle f_1, \dots, f_k \rangle$   $\rightarrow$    
 (compare degrees)

## QUESTION

Given  $f \in F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $I \subseteq F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , how to check if  $f \in I$ ?

• Let  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$ . If  $f = \sum_{i=1}^s h_i f_i + r$  with remainder  $r$ , then  $r=0 \Leftrightarrow f \in I$

## EXAMPLE 1

$f_1 = xy + 1, f_2 = y^2 - 1, I = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle, f = xy^2 - x = x f_2 \in I$ , but  $f = y f_1 - (x+y)$

# DIVISION ALGORITHM IN $F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

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## EXAMPLE 2

Say  $f = x^2y + xy^2 + y^2$ ,  $f_1 = xy - 1$ ,  $f_2 = y^2 - 1$

1. Choose a lexicographical ordering:  $x > y$

2. The multidegree:  $\partial(f) = (2, 1)$ ,  $\partial(f_1) = (1, 1)$ ,  $\partial(f_2) = (0, 2)$

3. The leading term:  $LT(f) = x^2y$ ,  $LT(f_1) = xy$ ,  $LT(f_2) = y^2$

4.  $LT(f) = x \cdot LT(f_1)$ :  $f = x \cdot f_1 + x^2y + y^2 + x = x \cdot f_1 + yf_1 + y^2 + x = x \cdot f_1 + yf_1 + f_2 + (x + y + 1)$

No term in  $x^2y + 1$  is divisible by  $LT(f_1)$ ,  $LT(f_2)$ .  $\Rightarrow$  Stop

However, this division is not unique. In fact,  $f = x \cdot f_1 + (x+1)f_1 + (x+1)$

## SUMMARY OF THE ALGORITHM

Fix a monomial ordering and  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_m \rangle$

Then  $\forall f \in F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $f = \sum_{i=1}^m h_i f_i + r$ , where  $h_i, r \in F[x_1, \dots, x_n] \forall i$  and either  $r = 0$  or no term of  $r$  is divisible by any  $LT(f_1), \dots, LT(f_m)$

$\begin{matrix} \text{"fz"} \\ \text{"F"} \end{matrix}$ ,  $\begin{matrix} \text{"b"} \\ \text{"b"} \end{matrix}$ ,  $b = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$

Denote by NTOR

## GRÖBNER BASIS

### DEFINITION

Fix a monomial ordering and let  $I \subseteq F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . We say  $LT(I) = \langle LT(f) \mid f \in I \rangle$

Denote by FAMO

### REMARK

Let  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_m \rangle$ . In general,  $\langle LT(f_1), \dots, LT(f_m) \rangle \neq LT(I)$

For example,  $f_1 = xy^2 + y$ ,  $f_2 = x^2y$ .  $xf_1 - yf_2 = xy \in \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$  but  $xy \notin \langle xy^2, x^2y \rangle$ .

### DEFINITION

$\{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$  is called a Gröbner basis for  $I$  if  $\langle g_1, \dots, g_m \rangle = I$  and  $\langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_m) \rangle = LT(I)$

### PROPOSITION 1

$LT(I) = \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_m) \rangle \Rightarrow I = \langle g_1, \dots, g_m \rangle$

Proof

$\forall f \in I$ ,  $f = \sum_{i=1}^m h_i f_i$ , either  $r = 0$  or NTOR.

Assume that  $r \neq 0$ . Since  $r = f - f \in I$ , thus  $LT(r) \in LT(I) = \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_m) \rangle$

Then,  $LT(r) = \tilde{h}_1 LT(g_1) + \dots + \tilde{h}_m LT(g_m)$ , so not NTOR.  $\times$

$\therefore r = 0$ , i.e.  $f \in \langle g_1, \dots, g_m \rangle \square$

### PROPOSITION 2

Each ideal  $I$  has a Gröbner basis

Proof

By Hilbert basis theorem,  $LT(I)$  is finitely generated, say  $LT(I) = \langle f_1, \dots, f_m \rangle$

Write  $f_i = \sum_{j=1}^m h_{ij} LT(g_j)$  with  $g_j \in I$  and  $h_{ij} \in F[x_1, \dots, x_n] \Rightarrow LT(I) = \langle LT(g_j) \mid j=1, \dots, m \rangle$

$\therefore \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$  is a Gröbner basis of  $I$ .  $\square$

### PROPOSITION 3

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Assume that  $\{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$  is a Gröbner basis of  $I$ .

- $\forall f \in F[x_1, \dots, x_n], \exists! f_1 \in I, r$  s.t.  $f = f_1 + r, r = 0$  or  $NTOR$
- $f \in I \Leftrightarrow r = 0$

Proof

- By division algorithm,  $f = f_1 + r$ .  
Now, if  $f_1 = f_1' + r'$ , then  $r - r' = f_1 - f_1' \in I$   
Also, if  $r - r' \neq 0$ , then  $LT(r - r') \in LT(I) = \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_m) \rangle$  — ~~X~~  
 $\therefore r - r' = 0 \Rightarrow f_1 = f_1' \checkmark$
- If  $f \in I$ , then  $f = f_1 + r \Rightarrow r = f - f_1 \in I \Rightarrow r = 0 \square$

## HOW DO WE CONSTRUCT A GRÖBNER BASIS?

### DEFINITION

Let  $f, g \in F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $M$  be the monic least common multiple of  $LT(f)$  and  $LT(g)$ . Then,  $S(f, g) = \frac{M}{LT(f)} f - \frac{M}{LT(g)} g$  is called an S-polynomial of  $f, g$ .

## BUCHBURGER'S ALGORITHM

Let  $I = \langle g_1, \dots, g_m \rangle$  and  $G = \langle g_1, \dots, g_m \rangle$

A Gröbner basis can be constructed by the algorithm:

- $\hookrightarrow G_0 := G$
- $\hookrightarrow G_{i+1} := G_i \cup \{ \overline{S(f, g)}^{G_i} : f, g \in G_i \setminus \{0\} \}$

If  $G_i = G_{i+1}$ , then  $G_i$  is a Gröbner basis

### EXAMPLE 4

Let  $x > y$  and  $I = \langle f_1 = x^3y - xy^2 + 1, f_2 = x^2y^2 - y^3 - 1 \rangle, G_0 = \{f_1, f_2\}, S(f_1, f_2) = x + y =: f_3, G_1 = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$

$\overline{S(f_1, f_3)}^{G_1} = 0, \overline{S(f_2, f_3)}^{G_1} = y^4 - y^3 - 1 =: f_4 \Rightarrow G_2 = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$

$\overline{S(f_1, f_4)}^{G_2} = \overline{S(f_2, f_4)}^{G_2} = \overline{S(f_3, f_4)}^{G_2} = 0$

$\therefore G_2$  is a Gröbner basis

### KEY LEMMA

Let  $f_1, \dots, f_m \in F[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in F$ , s.t.  $\partial(f_1) = \partial(f_2) = \dots = \partial(f_m) = \alpha$  and  $\partial(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i f_i) < \alpha$ . Then,  $h = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i S(f_{i-1}, f_i)$

Proof

Write  $f_i = c_i f_i'$  with  $c_i \in F$  and  $f_i'$  be monic with multidegree  $\alpha$ . (Note:  $S(f_1, f_2) = \frac{1}{c_1} f_1 - \frac{1}{c_2} f_2 = f_1' - f_2'$ )

Then,  $h = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i c_i f_i' = a_1 c_1 (f_1' - f_2') + (a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_2) (f_2' - f_3') + \dots + (a_1 c_1 + \dots + a_{m-1} c_{m-1}) (f_{m-1}' - f_m') + (a_1 c_1 + \dots + a_m c_m) f_m'$   $\square$  (0  $\because$  degree)

### BUCHBURGER'S CRITERION

Assume that  $I = \langle g_1, \dots, g_m \rangle$

Then,  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$  is a Gröbner basis of  $I \Leftrightarrow \overline{S(g_i, g_j)}^G = 0 \quad \forall i, j$

Proof

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Since  $S(g_i, g_j) \in I$ , by prop 3,  $\overline{S(g_i, g_j)}^G = 0$

" $\Leftarrow$ ": For  $f \in I$ , write  $f = \sum_{i=1}^m h_i g_i$ . Define  $\alpha = \max \{ \partial(h_i g_i), \dots, \partial(h_m g_m) \}$

We have  $\partial(f) \leq \alpha$ , so we can select an expression  $f = \sum_{i=1}^m h_i g_i$  for  $f$  s.t.  $\alpha$  is minimal

Claim:  $\partial(f) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow LT(f) = \sum_{i: \partial(h_i g_i) = \alpha} LT(h_i) LT(g_i) \Rightarrow LT(f) \in \langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_m) \rangle$

Proof

Assume that  $\partial(f) < \alpha$

Rewrite  $f = \sum_{i=1}^m h_i g_i = \sum_{\partial(h_i g_i) = \alpha} LT(h_i) g_i + \sum_{\partial(h_i g_i) < \alpha} (h_i - LT(h_i)) g_i + \sum_{\partial(h_i g_i) < \alpha} h_i g_i$

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Let  $LT(h_i) = a_i h_i^\circ$  with  $h_i^\circ$  being a monic monomial.

Comparing the multi-degree on both sides, we get  $\partial(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i h_i^\circ g_i) < \alpha$

By key lemma,  $\sum_{\partial(h_i g_i) = \alpha} a_i h_i^\circ g_i = C_{12} S(h_{i_1}^\circ g_{i_1}, h_{i_2}^\circ g_{i_2}) + C_{23} S(h_{i_2}^\circ g_{i_2}, h_{i_3}^\circ g_{i_3}) + \dots$ , where  $\partial(h_{i_1} g_{i_1}) = \partial(h_{i_2} g_{i_2}) = \dots = \alpha$  finite

By def, if we set  $M_{st} = x^{\beta_{st}}$  = the monic lcm of  $LT(g_{i_s}), LT(g_{i_t})$  where the multi-degree is  $\beta_{st}$

Then,  $S(h_{i_s}^\circ g_{i_s}, h_{i_t}^\circ g_{i_t}) = \frac{x^\alpha}{LT(h_{i_s}^\circ g_{i_s})} h_{i_s}^\circ g_{i_s} - \frac{x^\alpha}{LT(h_{i_t}^\circ g_{i_t})} h_{i_t}^\circ g_{i_t}$   
 $= x^{\alpha - \beta_{st}} (\frac{x^{\beta_{st}}}{h_{i_s} LT(h_{i_s}^\circ g_{i_s})} h_{i_s}^\circ g_{i_s} - \frac{x^{\beta_{st}}}{h_{i_t} LT(h_{i_t}^\circ g_{i_t})} h_{i_t}^\circ g_{i_t})$   
 $= x^{\alpha - \beta_{st}} S(g_{i_s}, g_{i_t})$

Do division on  $g_{i_1}, \dots, g_{i_k}$ , since  $S(g_{i_s}, g_{i_{s+1}}) = 0$

By assumption,  $\forall$  fixed  $s$ ,  $S(g_{i_s}, g_{i_{s+1}}) = \sum_{j=1}^m l_j g_{i_j}$  with  $\partial(l_j g_{i_j}) < \beta_{s(s+1)}$ , i.e.  $\partial(S(g_{i_s}, g_{i_{s+1}})) < \beta_{s(s+1)}$   
 $\therefore$  We found  $\partial(x^{\alpha - \beta_{s(s+1)}} l_j g_{i_j}) < \alpha \forall j$ , which contradicts the minimality of  $\alpha$   ~~$\times$~~   $\square$