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In this chapter a mathematical basis is systematically approached to give the reader an understanding to Groebner Bases and obtaining by the Flipping-Algorithm which is needed later.

In the first section monomials are revisited. The second section explains how monomials can be mathematically ordered. After that Ideals are defined over polynomial rings and a summary on Groebner bases and Groebner fans for ideals is presented.

2.1 Monomials

First of all, the basic components of a polynomial ring has to be explained. This forms the basis of

Definition 2.1 (Monomial). *A monomial m is a product of variables over a finite field $\mathbb{K}$, denoted by $\mathbb{K}[X_1, X_2, \cdots X_n]$ of the form $X_1^{u_1} X_2^{u_2} \cdots X_n^{u_n}$, where $u_i, 1 < i < n$ and $u \in \mathbb{N}_0$*
*The total **degree** of a monomial is $deg(m) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i$*

Definition 2.2 (Polynomial). *A polynomial f is a finite linear combination with coefficients $c_u \in \mathbb{K}$ multiplied with monomials.*
$f = \sum_u c_u X^u$

If $c_u \neq 0$ then $c_u x_u$ is a term of f

2.2 Monomial Order

It is necessary to arrange the terms of a polynomial in order to compare every pair of polynomials. That is important for dividing polynomials in the finite field $\mathbb{K}[X_1, X_2, \cdots X_n]$

Definition 2.3 (Term Ordering). *A monomial order is a relation $>$ on the set of all monomials in $\mathbb{K}[x]$ such that [2] holds. Let m_1, m_2 and m_3 be monomials*

- *for any pair of monomials m_1, m_2 either $m_1 > m_2$ or $m_2 > m_1$ or $m_1 = m_2$*

- *if $m_1 > m_2$ and $m_2 > m_3$ then $m_1 > m_3$*

- *$m_1 > 1$ for any monomial $m_1 \neq 1$*

- *if $m_1 > m_2$ then $mm_1 > mm_2$ for any monomial m*

Two commonly used term orders are the following. Let u and v be elements of $\mathbb{N}_0^n$, such that [2]

2.2.1 Lexicographic Order

$u >_{lex} v$ if in $u - v$ the left most non-zero entry is positive. This can be written as $X^u >_{lex} X^v$ if $u >_{lex} v$.

2.2.2 Graded Lex Order

$u >_{grlex} v$ if $deg(u) > deg(v)$ or if $deg(u) = deg(v)$ and $u >_{lex} v$

Example Let $m_1 = 4x^2y^4z^3$ and $m_2 = x^1y^1z^4 \in \mathbb{K}[x,y,z]$. The monomials can also be written as $m_1 = X^{(2\,4\,3)}$ and $m_2 = X^{(1\,1\,4)}$. Thus $m_1 >_{lex} m_2$ because the left most non-zero entry of $(2\,4\,3) - (1\,1\,4)$ is positive.

The total degree of m_1 is 9 and $deg(m_2) = 6$. Hence, $m_1 >_{lex} m_2$ and $deg(m_1) > deg(m_2)$ so that $m_1 >_{grlex} m_2$

2.2.3 Leading term

Given a term order $>$, each non-zero polynomial $f \in \mathbb{K}[x]$ has a unique leading term, denoted by $lt(f)$, given by the largest involved term with respect to the term order.
If $lt(f) = cX^u$, where $c \in \mathbb{K}$, then c is the leading coefficient of f and X^u is the leading monomial(lm).[2]

Example Let $f = 3x^2y^5z^3 + x^4 - 2x^3y^4 + 12^2z^2$
With respect to lex order $f = \underline{x^4} - 2x^3y^4 + 3x^2y^5z^3 + 12^2z^2$
with respect to grlex order $f = 3x^2y^5z^3 - 2x^3y^4 + x^4 + 12^2z^2$
The underlined terms are the $\overline{\text{leading}}$ binomials with the respect to the monomial order.

2.3 Ideals

Definition 2.4 (Ideal). *An ideal I is collection of polynomials $f_1, \cdots, f_s \in \mathbb{K}[X_1, \cdots, X_n]$ and polynomials which can be built from these with multiplication with arbitrary polynomials and linear combination, such as [1]:*
This is called an Ideal generated by $f_1, \cdots, f_s$

It satisfies:

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$$\langle f_1, \cdots, f_s \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{s} h_i f_i \mid h_1, \cdots, h_s \in \mathbb{K}\left[X_1, \cdots, X_n\right] \right\}$$

- $0 \in I$

- If $f, g \in \langle f_1, \cdots, f_s \rangle$, then $f + g \in \langle f_1, \cdots, f_s \rangle$

- If $f \in \langle f_1, \cdots, f_s \rangle$ and $h \in \langle f_1, \cdots, f_s \rangle$, then $f \cdot h \in \langle f_1, \cdots, f_s \rangle$

Example Let $I = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \langle x^2 + y, x + y + 1 \rangle$ and $f = yx^2 + y^2 + x^2 + xy + x$. Since $f = y \cdot f_1 + x \cdot f_2, f \in I$

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Definition 2.5 (Binomial Ideal)**.** *A binomial ideal $I \in \mathbb{K}\left[X_1, \cdots, X_n\right]$ is a polynomial Ideal, generated by binomials. A binomial is a linear combination of two monomials.*

2.4 Division Algorithm

The reader already may determine if a polynomial p lies in an Ideal I in polynomial ring with one variable. This can be achieved with the help of the polynomial division. If result has no remainder, p lies in I But in a ring with several variables like $\mathbb{K}\left[X_1, X_2, \cdots X_n\right]$ the usual division algorithm can not work. A generalized algorithm is needed. The main goal now is to divide $g \in \mathbb{K}\left[X_1, \cdots, X_n\right]$ by $f_1, \ldots, f_s \in \mathbb{K}\left[X_1, \cdots, X_n\right]$, so g can be expressed in the form

$$g = a_1 f_1 + \ldots + a_s f_s + r$$

where the $a_1 f_1 + \ldots + a_s f_s$ and $r \in \mathbb{K}\left[X_1, \cdots, X_n\right]$ This is possible with the Theorem mentioned at [3]

Theorem 2.1 (Division Algorithm in)**.** *Fix a monomial $>$ on $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{n}$ and let $F = (f_1, \ldots, f_s)$ be an ordered s-tuple of polynomials in $\mathbb{K}\left[X_1, \cdots, X_n\right]$. Then every $f \in \mathbb{K}\left[X_1, \cdots, X_n\right]$ can be written as*

$$f = a_1 f_1 + \ldots + a_s f_s + r$$

where $a_i, r \in \mathbb{K}\left[X_1, \cdots, X_n\right]$, and either $r = 0$ or r is a linear combination, with the coefficients in $\mathbb{K}$, none of which is divisible by any of $\mathrm{LT}\left(f_1\right), \ldots, \mathrm{LT}\left(f_s\right)$. The remainder of f on division by F is r. Furthermore, if $a_i f_i \neq 0$, then $deg(f) \geq deg(a_i f_i)$

Algorithm 1 Division Algorithm

Require: Basis $f_1, \cdots, f_m$ nonzero polynomials
Ensure: $r = 0$ or none of the terms in r are divisible by $LT_\leq (f_1), \cdots, LT_\leq (f_m)$
1: $h_1 \leftarrow 0, \cdots, h_m \leftarrow 0$
2: $r \leftarrow 0$
3: $s \leftarrow f$
4: **while** $s \neq 0$ **do**
5:     $i \leftarrow 1$
6:     division_occured $\leftarrow$ false
7:     **while** $i \leq m$ and division_occured = false **do**
8:        **if** $LT (f [i])$ divides $LT (s)$ **then**
9:
$$s \leftarrow s - \frac{LT (s)}{LT (f [i])} * f_i$$
10:          $h_i \leftarrow h_i + LT (s) / LT (f_i)$
11:          division_occured = false
12:        **else**
13:          $i \leftarrow i + 1$
14:        **end if**
15:     **end while**
16:     **if** division_occured = false **then**
17:        $r \leftarrow r + LT (s)$
18:        $S \leftarrow s - LT (s)$
19:     **end if**
20: **end while**

Example

The last example shows that is still possible to obtain a nonzero remainder even if $f \in \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$. That means r = 0 is a necessary condition for the ideal membership but not a sufficient condition

2.5 Groebner basis

To solve the idea membership problem a "good" generating set for an Ideal I is needed. It would be helpful when the remainder r on division is uniqueley determined and the condition $r =$ is equivalent to the membership in the ideal. So the definition from $[KHZ]$ might be useful.

2.5.1 Definition of a Groebner basis

Definition 2.6 (Groebner base). *Let $\leq$ be a monomial order on $\mathbb{K}[X_1, \cdots, X_n]$ and let I be an Ideal on $\mathbb{K}[X_1, \cdots, X_n]$. A Groebner basis for I (with respect to $\leq$) is a finite set of polynomials $F = \{f_1, \ldots, f_m\}$ in I with the property that for every nonzero $f \in I, \mathrm{LT}_\geq (f\}$ is divisible by $\mathrm{LT}(f_i)$ for some $1 \leq i \leq m$*

A Groebner basis has the beneficial property that the remainder r of f by the elements of a Groebner basis are uniquely determined and independent of the order of the elements in G. Also every Ideal in $\mathbb{K}[X_1, \cdots, X_n]$ has a Groebner basis with respect to any monomial order $[KHZ]$

2.5.2 Computation of a Groebner basis

In order to obtain a Groebner basis of an arbitrary basis $f_1, \ldots, f_n$ with an arbitrary monomial order $\geq$ of an Ideal I, an algorithm is needed. This algorithm is called Buchberger-Algorithm. The main idea is to build every possible S-Polynomial of (f_i, f_j) for every $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$ and every nonzero result is added to the basis until every S-Pair of (f_i, f_j) vanishes.

Let the polynomials $f, g \in \mathbb{K}[X_1, \cdots, X_n]$ and $\mathrm{LT}_\leq (f) = cX^\alpha$, $\mathrm{LT}_\leq (g) = dX^\beta$ and $\mathrm{LCM}(X^\alpha, X^\beta)$ be the least common multiple between X^α and X^β.

Definition 2.7 (S-Polynomial). $[KHZ]$ *The S-polynomial of f and g is the polynomial*

$$S(f,g) = \frac{\mathrm{LCM}(X^\alpha, X^\beta)}{\mathrm{LT}_\leq (f)} \cdot f - \frac{\mathrm{LCM}(X^\alpha, X^\beta)}{\mathrm{LT}_\leq (g)} \cdot g$$

example Consider the polynomials the polynomial ring $\mathbb{K}[x,y,z]$ with the basis $\{f,g\} = \{xy^2 - xz + y, xy - z^2\}$ with respect to the lexicographic order.

Forming the S-Polynomial leads to:

$$S(f,g) = \frac{\text{LCM}(xy^2, xy)}{xy^2} \cdot (xy^2 - xz + y) - \frac{\text{LCM}(xy^2, xy)}{xy} \cdot (xy - z)$$

$$= \frac{xy^2}{xy^2} \cdot (xy^2 - xz + y) - \frac{xy^2}{xy} \cdot (xy - z)$$

$$= -xz - yz + y$$

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The S-Polynomial is not zero and is not disvisible by the leading terms of f or g. That means the Basis given in the example is not a Groebner basis. This can be deduced by the Buchbergers criterium.

Definition 2.8 (Buchberger Criterion). *[KHZ] A finite set $G = \{f_1, \cdots, f_m\}$ of polynomials in $\mathbb{K}[X_1, \cdots, X_n]$ is a Groebner basis of an Ideal $I = \langle f_1, \cdots, f_m \rangle$ if and only $S(f_i, f_j) = 0, \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j$*

Now that the meaning of the S-Polynomial is clear the Buchberger algorithm can be defined.

Algorithm 2 Buchbergers Algorithm

Require: Basis $F = (f_1, \cdots, f_m)$
Ensure: Groebner basis G for $I = \langle f_1, \cdots, f_m \rangle$ with $F \subseteq G$
1:   $G \leftarrow F$
2: **repeat**
3:     $G' \leftarrow G$
4:     **for** each pair f_i and f_j in G , $i \neq j$ **do**
5:       $S \leftarrow S(f_i, f_j)^{G'}$ ▷ S-Polynomial with the basis of G'
6:       **if** $G \neq 0$ **then**
7:         $G \leftarrow G \cup \{S\}$
8:       **end if**
9:     **end for**
10: **until** $G = G'$

This algorithm is correct and terminates.*[KHZ]*

However, a Groebner basis is not unique. A arbitrary polynomial can be added to a Groebner basis and it is still a Groebner basis. Fortunalety a each nonzero Ideal in $\mathbb{K}[X_1, \cdots, X_n]$ has a unique *reduced* Groebner basis.

Definition 2.9 (Reduced Groebner basis). *A Groebner basis $G = \{f_1, \cdots, f_m\}$ in $\mathbb{K}[X_1, \cdots, X_n]$ is reduced if the polynomials $f_1, \cdots, f_m$ are monic and no term f_i is divisible by $\mathrm{LT}_{\leq}(f_j)$ for any pair $i \neq j$, where $\leq$ is monomial order.*

2.6 Groebner fans

Groebner bases for a fixed Ideal I with different monomial orders can look very different and have different properties. The difference can be in the number of elements in the Groebner basis, the length or the degree of the elements. So it will be helpful if all possible Groebner basis of a fixed ideal can be collected together.
$[Cox, O'Shea]$ shows that the collection is finite.

Definition 2.10 (Groebner fan). $[Cox, O'Shea]$ *A Groebner fan of an Ideal I constist of finitley many closed convex polyedral cones with vertices at the origin, such that*

- *A face of a cone σ is $\sigma \cap \{l = 0\}$, where $l = 0$ is a nontrivial linear equation such that $l \geq 0$ on σ. Any face of a cone in the fan is also in the fan.*

- *The intersection of two cones in the fan is a face of each.*

In order to construct a Groebner fan to a given Ideal, consider the marked Groebner basis $G = \{g_1, \cdots, g_t\}$ of the Ideal I. A marked Groebner basis is a Groebner basis where each $g \in G$ has an identified leading term, such that G is a monic Groebner basis with respect to some monomial $>$ order selecting those terms. More informally, where all leading terms in G are marked.
The elements of G g_i can be written as

$$g_i = x^{\alpha(i)} + \sum_{\beta} c_{i,\beta} x^{\beta},$$

where $x^{\alpha(i)}$ is the leading term and $x^{\alpha(i)} > x^{\beta}$, with respect to a monomial order, whenever $c_{i,\beta} \neq 0$.
Now if a weight vector $\mathbf{w}$ fullfills the inequation $\alpha(i) * \mathbf{w} \geq \beta * \mathbf{w}$, the vector selects the correct leading term in g_i as the term with the highest weight.

So the cone of a Groebner basis can be written as $[CoxOshea]$

$$C_G = \left\{ \mathbf{w} \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^+ : \alpha(i) \cdot \mathbf{w} \geq \beta \cdot \mathbf{w} \quad \text{whenever } c_{i,\beta} \neq 0 \right\}$$

example Consider the Ideal from $[CoxO'Shea]$ with $I = \langle x^2 - y, xz - y^2 + yz \rangle \in \mathbb{Q}[x, y, z]$. Note that the ring is 3-dimensional so that Groebner fan can be plotted in the positive orthant $\mathbb{R}^3_+$.

The marked Groebner basis with respect to the *grevlex* order with $y > z > x$ is

$$G^{(1)} = \left\{ \underline{x^2} - y, \underline{y^2} - yz - xz \right\}$$

The leading terms are underlined. Let $\mathbf{w} = (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3_+$. Then W is in the cone C_{G^1} if and only the inequalities defined above are satisfied.

- $(2, 0, 0) \cdot (a, b, c) \geq (0, 1, 0) \cdot (a, b, c)$ or $2a \geq b$

- $(0, 2, 0) \cdot (a, b, c) \geq (1, 0, 1) \cdot (a, b, c)$ or $2b \geq a + c$

- $(0, 2, 0) \cdot (a, b, c) \geq (0, 1, 1) \cdot (a, b, c)$ or $2b \geq b + c$

This is the first cone of the Groebner fan and can be drawn in the positive orthant sliced of the plane of $a + b + c = 1$ for visuality.

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This figure shows that the Groebner fan is not complete, since the cone does not cover the whole positive orthant. In this example, the other reduced Groebner basis can be obtained by applying the Buchberger Algorithm with common term orders to the Ideal I. If the computed cones still are not the the whole positive orthant, then a further computation with weight vectors are necessary.

This is strategy is reasonable for a small example like above. In genearal, the whole Groebner fan can be computed with the Groebner walk. See $[CoxOShea]$ for further details.

This thesis is focused on obtaining the (degree compatible) Groebner fan of Code Ideals which will be explained later.

2.7 Degree Compatible Groebner fans

2.8 Enumerating Groebner fans

3 Linear Codes

4 Software

A   Appendix