

Grobner Basis

- Motivations:
- decide whether a poly $f \in I = (g_1, \dots, g_s)$
 - decide whether $(g_1, \dots, g_s) = (h_1, \dots, h_t)$

In 1-var case, we can solve by computing f/g and inspect the remainder.

This requires an ordering of terms by powers.

We first fix an order for the multi-variable case:

$$\alpha > \beta$$

Def. (lexicographical order)

$$\text{We say } x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n} > x_1^{\beta_1} \dots x_n^{\beta_n}$$

$$x^0 y^2 \text{ v.s. } x^1 y^0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{for some } i \geq 1, \quad \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1} = \beta_{i-1}, \quad \alpha_i > \beta_i.$$

$$x^1 y^0 > x^0 y^2$$

Notations. When $f = a_\alpha x^\alpha + \sum_{\beta < \alpha} a_\beta x^\beta$ where $a_\alpha \neq 0$,

a_α the leading coeff & write $\text{LC} f = a_\alpha$;

x^α the leading monomial & write $\text{LM} f = x^\alpha$;

$a_\alpha x^\alpha$ the leading term & write $\text{LT} f = a_\alpha x^\alpha$.

Rn. this is a total order.

Def. Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{k}[X]$ be an ideal in a (multi-variable) poly ring.

We say that $g_1, \dots, g_s \in I$ form a Grobner basis for $I \Leftrightarrow$

$\forall g \in I$, $\text{LM} g$ is divisible by $\text{LM} g_i$ for some g_i ,

$$\text{i.e., } (\text{LM } g) = (\text{LM } g_1, \dots, \text{LM } g_s).$$

Buchberger algorithm

Let $I = (f_1, \dots, f_r)$.

Step I. For each $f_i, f_j \in I$, find $x^\alpha = \text{lcm}(\text{LT} f_i, \text{LT} f_j)$

$$\text{Compute } S(f_i, f_j) := \frac{x^\alpha}{\text{LT} f_i} f_i - \frac{x^\alpha}{\text{LT} f_j} f_j$$

Step II. Subtract monomial multiples of f_k 's from $S(f_i, f_j)$ in Step I to cancel as many leading terms as possible. Warning: S is red by $g \Leftrightarrow \text{LT} g \mid \text{term of } S$

Step III. If the end product $\bar{S}(f_i, f_j) \neq 0$, set

$$f_{k+n} := \bar{S}(f_i, f_j) \text{ and include it into } \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}.$$

Step IV. Repeat Step I ~ Step III with the new collection $\{f_1, \dots, f_{k+n}\}$, until no new member can be added into this collection.

terminates: well-founded

Def. A Gröbner basis $\{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$ is reduced \Leftrightarrow
for any g_i , $\text{LC } g_i = 1$, and no term of g_i is
divisible by any $\text{LM } g_j$ for all $j \neq i$.

Rk. This is like the reduced row echelon form of a matrix.

Turning a GrB into a reduced GrB
Let H be a collection, initially empty.

Step I. Replace each g_i in the Gröbner basis by $\frac{g_i}{\text{LC } g_i}$,
take all these to form a collection F .

Step II. Pick $g_i \in F$.

If for all g_k in the collection $F \setminus \{g_i\}$, $\text{LT } g_k \nmid \text{LT } g_i$, and
for all $h \in H$, $\text{LT } h \nmid \text{LT } g_i$,
then add g_i into H .

Step III. Repeat Step II until all $g_i \in F$ are picked.

Step IV. For each $h \in H$, compute \bar{h} by subtracting
monomial multiples of $H \setminus \{h\}$ to cancel as many
leading terms as possible, then replace h with $\bar{h} \neq 0$.
If $\bar{h} = 0$, discard h . Warning: S is red by $g \Leftrightarrow \text{LT } g \mid \text{term of } S$

Step V. Repeat Step IV until all h are replaced / discarded.

1. Compute the Reduced Gröbner basis of $I = (f_1, f_2)$, where
 $f_1 = x^3 - 2xy$, $f_2 = x^2y + x - 2y^2$, w.r.t to $x > y$
priority

$$\text{Ans: } S(f_1, f_2) = \frac{x^3y}{x^3} (x^3 - 2xy) - \frac{x^2y}{x^2y} (x^2y + x - 2y^2)$$

$$= -x^2$$

Let $f_3 := -x^2$, add f_3 into the collection.

$$S(f_1, f_3) = \frac{x^3}{x^3} (x^3 - 2xy) - \frac{x^3}{x^2} (x^2) = -2xy =: f_4$$

$$S(f_2, f_3) = \frac{x^2y}{x^3y} (x^2y + x - 2y^2) - \frac{x^2y}{x^2} (x^2) = x - 2y^2 =: f_5$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(f_1, f_4) &= \frac{-2x^3y}{x^3} (x^3 - 2xy) - \frac{-2x^3y}{-2xy} (-2xy) \\ &= -2y(x^3 - 2xy) - x^2(-2xy) \\ &\rightarrow 4xy^2 + 2y f_4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(f_2, f_4) &= \frac{-2x^2y}{x^2y} (x^2y + x - 2y^2) - \frac{-2x^2y}{-2xy} (-2xy) \\ &= -2x^2y - 2x + 4y^2 + 2x^2y \\ &\rightarrow -2x + 4y^2 + 2 f_5 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $S(f_3, f_4), S(f_1, f_5), S(f_2, f_5), S(f_3, f_5) \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} S(f_4, f_5) &= \frac{-2xy}{-2xy} (-2xy) - \frac{-2xy}{x} (x - 2y^2) \\ &= -2xy + 2xy - 4y^3 \\ &= -4y^3 =: f_6 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}$ is GB.

Now replace the collection with

$$F = \{g_1 = x^3 - 2xy, g_2 = x^2y + x - 2y^2, g_3 = x^2, g_4 = xy, g_5 = x - 2y^2, g_6 = y^3\}$$

Pick g_1 :

$$\text{LT } g_1 = x^3, \text{ but } \text{LT } g_3 \mid x^3.$$

Pick g_2 :

$$\text{LT } g_2 = x^2y, \text{ but } \text{LT } g_3 \mid x^2y$$

Pick g_3 :

$$\text{LT } g_3 = x^2, \text{ but } \text{LT } g_5 \mid x^2$$

Pick g_4 :

$$\text{LT } g_4 = xy, \text{ but } \text{LT } g_5 \mid xy$$

Pick g_5 : No $\text{LT } g_k$ divides $\text{LT } g_5$
 $\Rightarrow g_5 \in H$.

Pick g_6 : No $\text{LT } g_k$ or $\text{LT } h$ divides $\text{LT } g_6$
 $\Rightarrow g_6 \in H$

$\therefore \{g_5, g_6\}$ is a reduced GB.

2. Solve $\begin{cases} x^3 - 2xy = 0 \\ x^2y + x - 2y^2 = 0 \end{cases}$

By Q1., This is equivalent to ask

$$\begin{cases} x - 2y^2 = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = 0.$$

3. Find the reduced GB of $I = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$, where

$$f_1 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1, \quad f_2 = x^2 - y + z^2, \quad f_3 = x - z, \quad x > y > z$$

$$S(f_1, f_2) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1 - (x^2 - y + z^2) = y^2 + y - 1 =: f_4$$

$$S(f_1, f_3) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1 - x(x-z) \rightarrow xz + y^2 + z^2 - 1 - z f_3 - f_4 = z^2 - 1 + z^2 - y + 1 = -y + 2z^2 =: f_5$$

$$S(f_1, f_4) = \frac{x^2}{x^2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1) - \frac{x^2 y^2}{y^2} (y^2 + y - 1) = y^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1) - x^2 (y^2 + y - 1) = y^4 + y^2 z^2 - y^2 - x^2 y + x^2 \rightarrow \cancel{x^2 (-y + 1)} + y^2 (y^2 + z^2 - 1) + (y-1) f_1 \rightarrow (y^2 + y - 1) (y^2 + z^2 - 1) - (y^2 + z^2 - 1) f_4 = 0$$

$$S(f_2, f_3) = x^2 - y + z^2 - x(x-z) \rightarrow xz - y + z^2 - z f_3 \rightarrow -y + 2z^2 - f_5 = 0$$

$$S(f_3, f_5) = \frac{-xy}{x} (x-z) - \frac{-xy}{y} (-y + 2z^2) = -y(x-z) - x(-y + 2z^2) \rightarrow -2xz^2 + yz^3 + z f_5 \rightarrow -2xz^2 + 2z^3 + 2z^2 f_3 = 0$$

$$S(f_2, f_5) = \frac{-x^2 y}{x^2} (x^2 - y + z^2) - \frac{-x^2 y}{y} (-y + 2z^2) = -y(x^2 - y + z^2) - x^2 (-y + 2z^2) \rightarrow y^2 - yz^2 - 2xz^2 - f_4 - z^2 f_5 = y^2 - yz^2 - 2x^2 z^2 - y - 2z^4 + 1 - f_5 + 2xz^2 f_3 \rightarrow -2xz^2 - y - 2z^4 + 1 + y - 2z^2 + 2x^2 z^2 - 2xz^3 \rightarrow -2xz^3 - 2z^4 - 2z^2 + 1 + 2z^3 f_3 = -2xz^3 - 2z^4 - 2z^2 + 1 + 2xz^3 - 2z^4 = -4z^4 - 2z^2 + 1 =: f_6$$

Similarly, $S(f_1, f_6)$, $S(f_1, f_6)$, $S(f_2, f_6)$, $S(f_3, f_6)$, $S(f_4, f_6)$,
 $S(f_5, f_6)$, $S(f_2, f_4)$, $S(f_3, f_4)$, $S(f_4, f_6) \rightarrow 0$
 $\therefore \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}$ is a GrB.

Now set

$$g_1 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1, \quad g_2 = x^2 - y + z^2, \quad g_3 = x - z, \quad g_4 = y^2 + y - 1, \quad g_5 = y - 2z^2, \quad g_6 = z^4 + \frac{1}{2}z^2 - \frac{1}{4}.$$

Pick g_1 :

$$LTg_1 = x^2 \quad \text{but} \quad LTg_2 \mid x^2$$

g_2 :

$$LTg_2 = x^2 \quad \text{but} \quad LTg_3 \mid x^2$$

g_3 :

$$LTg_3 = x$$

$$\Rightarrow g_3 \in H$$

g_4 :

$$LTg_4 = y^2 \quad \text{but} \quad LTg_5 \mid y^2$$

g_5 :

$$LTg_5 = y$$

$$\Rightarrow g_5 \in H$$

g_6 :

$$LTg_6 = z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow g_6 \in H$$

$\therefore \{g_3, g_5, g_6\}$ is the reduced GrB.