

## Practice test III: Around the Buchberger algorithm

- You can use any theorem, proposition or corollary of the class lectures, just by citing its number inside the corresponding lecture: (example: "Lect II, Cor. 1" refers to the Corollary 1 of Lecture II, that is the Primitive Element Theorem).

**Exercise 1** Write the correct answer in the table below, and then compute the  $S$ -polynomials afterwards.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z) &= x^3z^5 - x^2yz^5 + 2xyz^6 \\ g(x, y, z) &= y^3 - y^2z + 3xy^2. \end{aligned}$$

$\prec$ is $\rightarrow$	$gplex(x, y, z)$	$gplex(z, x, y)$	$grevlex(y, x, z)$
$LT_{\prec}(f)$			
$LT_{\prec}(g)$			
$LCM(LM_{\prec}(f), LM_{\prec}(g))$			

Computation of  $S_{\prec}(f, g)$  for  $\prec = \prec_{gplex(x, y, z)}$ :

Computation of  $S_{\prec}(f, g)$  for  $\prec = \prec_{grevlex(z, x, y)}$ :

Computation of  $S_{\prec}(f, g)$  for  $\prec = \prec_{gplex(y, x, z)}$ :

**Exercise 2** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two non-zero polynomials in  $\mathbb{k}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , and let  $\prec$  be a monomial order. Let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}^n$  be such that  $X^\gamma = \text{LCM}(\text{LM}_\prec(f), \text{LM}_\prec(g))$ .

Question 1: Show that  $\text{LM}_\prec(S_\prec(f, g)) \prec X^\gamma$  (!!  $\prec$  is a strict inequality, not large like  $\preceq$ , i.e we have  $\alpha \preceq \alpha$  but  $\alpha \not\prec \alpha$ ).

Answer:

Question 2: Prove that if  $X^\alpha \prec X^\beta$ , then  $X^\beta \nmid X^\alpha$ . (Advice: the properties of a monomial order can be useful  $\rightarrow$  Lect. IV, Slide 4).

Answer:

Question 3: Deduce that both monomials  $\text{LM}(f)$  and  $\text{LM}(g)$  can not divide  $\text{LM}(S(f, g))$ .

Answer:

**Exercise 3** Given  $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_s\} \subset \mathbb{k}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , a monomial order  $\prec$  and  $f \in \mathbb{k}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , we know from the Property (c) of the division algorithm (Lect. III, Slide 18) that we have:

$$\exists \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_s \text{ such that } \text{NF}(f, [f_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, f_{\sigma(s)}]) = 0 \Rightarrow f \rightarrow_F 0,$$

but  $\Leftarrow$  is not true in general. Consider the example:

$$f_1 = x^2y^3 + 2xy^2 - 3x^2y + y^3 \quad f_2 = x^3 + 3xy.$$

Given  $a_1 = x^2 + 3x + y^2 - 1$  and  $a_2 = -y^3 + 2y^3x + xy - 1$ , let  $f = a_1f_1 + a_2f_2$ :

$$f = -x^3 - 3xy + 3x^2y - 9x^3y - 2x^4y - 2xy^2 + 9x^2y^2 + 2x^3y^2 - y^3 + 3xy^3 - 3x^2y^3 + 2x^3y^3 + 3x^4y^3 - xy^4 + 6x^2y^4 + y^5 + x^2y^5.$$

Question 1: Given  $\prec = \text{grlex}(x, y)$ , show that  $f \rightarrow_{\{f_1, f_2\}} 0$ .

Answer: (Advice: no computations are necessary! Only the definition of  $f$  and what means “ $f \rightarrow 0$ ” are useful)

Question 2: However show that  $\text{NF}_{\prec}(f, [f_1, f_2]) \neq 0$  and  $\text{NF}_{\prec}(f, [f_2, f_1]) \neq 0$  (i.e.  $f, f_1, f_2$  does not verify Property  $(\star)$  for  $\prec$ ).

The division is quite complicated, so you can use **Mathematica** (it is very easy to use with the documentation. Check the function “PolynomialReduce”. See the [documentation](#)).

Answer: (write only the remainders that you found with Mathematica...)

**Exercise 4** Is the system  $F = \{f_1, f_2\}$  a Gröbner basis for the ideal  $I = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$  with respect to  $\prec_{\text{grlex}(x,y)}$  ?

$$f_1 = -x + xy \qquad f_2 = x + x^2$$

We want to apply the Buchberger algorithm, and check that all *necessary* pairs reduce to 0.

Question 1: There is only *one* pair in this Exercise: (1, 2). Is the first test (Proposition 2) applies for this pair ?

Answer:

Compute the  $S$ -polynomial  $s := S_{\prec}(f_1, f_2)$ .

Answer:

Question 2: Compute the division of  $s$  by one of the sequence  $[f_1, f_2]$  or  $[f_2, f_1]$ .

Answer:

Conclude with Theorem 1 (of Lect. V)

**Exercise 5** We want to compute a Gröbner basis of the polynomial system  $F = \{f_1, f_2\} \subset \mathbb{k}[x, y]$  for the monomial order  $\prec = \prec_{lex(x, y)}$ .

$$f_1 = y^2 - y, \quad f_2 = -x^2y + x^2 + 2xy - x + y.$$

We will follow the Buchberger algorithm, version 3 (Lect. V, Slide 19).

**Question 1:** At the beginning, the set of pair of indices  $B$  is simply  $B = \{(1, 2)\}$ .

Check if the tests 1 or 2 (Proposition 2 or 4) permits to say that  $S(f_1, f_2) \rightarrow_F 0$  without computation.

Answer: Test 1 (Proposition 2) ?

Test 2 (Proposition 4) ?

If not, compute the  $S$ -polynomial  $\tilde{f}_3 = S(f_1, f_2)$ .

Check briefly if all the monomials of  $\tilde{f}_3$  are in  $\overline{\Delta}$  ( $\Delta$ -sets corresponding to  $[f_1, f_2]$ ), and if not compute the division of  $\tilde{f}_3$  by  $[f_1, f_2]$ .

Let  $f_3 = \text{NF}(\tilde{f}_3, [f_1, f_2])$ . You should *not* find  $f_3 = 0$ . Hence, by Step 8 of the algorithm:  $G = G \cup \{f_3\}$ . And by Steps 9 and 11:  $B = \{(1, 3), (2, 3)\}$

**Question 2:** Next, select the pair  $(1, 3)$  in  $B$ . Check that neither Test 1 nor Test 2 work for this pair:

Test 1 ?

Test 2 ?

Compute  $\tilde{f}_4 = S(f_1, f_3)$ .

Check briefly that there is at least one monomial occurring in  $\tilde{f}_4$  that is not in  $\overline{\Delta} = \mathbb{N}^2 - (\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2 \cup \Delta_3)$  ( $\iff \text{NF}(\tilde{f}_4, \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}) \neq \tilde{f}_4$ ).

Compute the division of  $\tilde{f}_4$  by  $[f_1, f_2, f_3]$ .

Let  $f_4$  the remainder  $\text{NF}(\tilde{f}_4, [f_1, f_2, f_3])$ . You should find  $f_4 = 0$ . By Step 9 and 11, we have:  $B = \{(2, 3)\}$ .

**Question 3** Next, select the pair  $(1, 3)$  in  $B$ . Check that neither Test 1 nor Test 2 work for this pair:

Test 1 ?

Test 2 ?

Compute  $\tilde{f}_4 = S(f_1, f_3)$ .

Check briefly that there is at least one monomial occurring in  $\tilde{f}_4$  that is not in  $\overline{\Delta} = \mathbb{N}^2 - (\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2 \cup \Delta_3)$  ( $\iff \text{NF}(\tilde{f}_4, \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}) \neq \tilde{f}_4$ ).

Compute the division of  $\tilde{f}_4$  by  $[f_1, f_2, f_3]$ .

Let  $f_4$  the remainder  $\text{NF}(\tilde{f}_4, [f_1, f_2, f_3])$ . You should not find  $f_4 = 0$ . By Step 8, we have  $G = G \cup \{f_4\}$ , and by Step 9 and 11, we have:  $B = B - \{(2, 3)\} = \{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$ .

**Question 4** Consider next the pair  $(1, 4)$  in  $B$ . Does Test 1 or Test 2 apply for  $(f_1, f_4)$  ?

Answer:

Actually, it is true. So by Step 10  $B = B - \{(1, 4)\} = \{(2, 4), (3, 4)\}$ .

**Question 5** For the pair  $(2, 4)$ , check if Test 1 works.

Test 1 ?

Write all the pairs that are *not* in  $B$ , and try to see if Test 2 works.

Pairs:

Test 2 works ?

Compute the  $S$ -polynomial  $\tilde{f}_5 = S(f_2, f_4)$

Answer:

Compute the division of  $\tilde{f}_5$  by  $[f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4]$  (it is not difficult).

You should find  $\text{NF}(\tilde{f}_5, [f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4]) = 0$ , so by Step 10,  $B = B - \{(2, 4)\} = \{(3, 4)\}$ .

**Question 6** Last, consider the pair  $(3, 4)$ . Show that Test 1 does not work but Test 2 works. Hence it comes  $B = \emptyset$  and  $\{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$  is a Gröbner basis of  $\langle F \rangle$  for  $\text{lex}(x, y)$ .

Answer:

**Exercise 6** We consider a sequence of polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_s \in \mathbb{k}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , and a monomial order  $\prec$ .

Let  $f \in \mathbb{k}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , and  $f = a_1 f_1 + \dots + a_s f_s + r$  the division equality.

**Question 1** One property of the division, is:  $a_i \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{LM}_\prec(a_i f_i) \preccurlyeq \text{LM}_\prec(f)$  (Lect. III, Slide 18 Property (c)).

Let  $\mathcal{I}(f) = \{i \mid \text{LM}_\prec(a_i f_i) = \text{LM}_\prec(f)\}$ . Show that  $\mathcal{I}(f) \neq \emptyset$ .

Answer:

**Question 2** Then show that  $\text{LT}_\prec(f) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}(f)} \text{LT}(a_i f_i)$ .

Answer: