

Let us consider

an infinite, perfect field  $k$ , where, if  $p := \text{char}(k) \neq 0$ , it is possible to extract  $p$ th roots,

the algebraic closure  $\mathbf{k}$  of  $k$ ,

the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{P} := k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ ,

its  $k$ -basis  $\mathcal{T} := \{X_1^{a_1} \cdots X_n^{a_n} : (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n\}$ ;

an ideal  $\mathfrak{l} := (F) := \mathbb{I}(F) := \{\sum_{i=1}^u h_i f_i : h_i \in \mathcal{P}\} \subset \mathcal{P}$  given by

a finite basis  $F := \{f_1, \dots, f_u\} \subset \mathcal{P}$ ,

the algebraic affine variety  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) := \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{k}^n : f(\mathbf{a}) = 0, \text{ for each } f \in F\} \subset \mathbf{k}^n$ .

Each polynomial  $f \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  is therefore a unique linear combination

$$f = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} c(f, t)t$$

of the terms  $t \in \mathcal{T}$  with coefficients  $c(f, t)$  in  $k$ ; the support

$$\text{supp}(f) := \{t \in \mathcal{T} : c(f, t) \neq 0\}$$

of  $f$  being finite, once a term ordering  $<$  on  $\mathcal{T}$  is fixed,  $f$  has a unique representation as an ordered linear combination of terms:

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^s c(f, t_i)t_i : c(f, t_i) \in k \setminus 0, t_i \in \mathcal{T}, t_1 > \cdots > t_s;$$

the *maximal term* of  $f$  is  $\mathbf{T}(f) := t_1$ , its *leading coefficient* is  $\text{lc}(f) := c(f, t_1)$  and its *maximal monomial* is  $\mathbf{M}(f) := c(f, t_1)t_1$ .

For any set  $F \subset \mathcal{P}$  we denote

- $\mathbf{T}_{<}\{F\} := \{\mathbf{T}(f) : f \in F\}$ ;
- $\mathbf{T}_{<}(F) := \{\tau \mathbf{T}(f) : \tau \in \mathcal{T}, f \in F\}$ ;
- $\mathbf{N}_{<}(F) := \mathcal{T} \setminus \mathbf{T}_{<}(F)$ ;
- $k[\mathbf{N}_{<}(F)] := \text{Span}_k(\mathbf{N}_{<}(F))$

and we will usually omit the dependence on  $<$  if there is no ambiguity.

Let us fix any term-ordering  $<$  on  $\mathcal{T}$  and let us compute a Gröbner basis  $G \subset \mathfrak{l}$  of  $\mathfrak{l}$  w.r.t.  $<$ .

Then it holds

- $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) = \emptyset \iff 1 \in \mathfrak{l} \iff 1 \in G$ ;
- $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l})$  is infinite iff  $\mathbf{N}(\mathfrak{l})$  is an infinite dimensional  $k$ -vector space iff there exists  $i$  such that for each  $d \in \mathbb{N} : X_i^d \notin \mathbf{T}(G) = \mathbf{T}(\mathfrak{l})$ ;
- $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l})$  is finite iff  $\mathbf{N}(\mathfrak{l})$  is finite iff for each  $i$  there exists  $d_i \in \mathbb{N} : X_i^{d_i} \in \mathbf{T}\{G\} \subset \mathbf{T}(\mathfrak{l})$ ; moreover, in this case and under the assumption that  $\mathfrak{l}$  is radical, we have  $\#\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) = \#\mathbf{N}(\mathfrak{l})$ .

**Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{P} := k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and let  $\mathfrak{f} \subset \mathcal{P}$  be an ideal.

A subset  $\{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}\}$  of  $d$  variables for which it holds

$$\mathfrak{f} \cap k[X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}] = (0)$$

is called a set of independent variables for  $\mathfrak{f}$ .

If, for each  $j \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_d\}$  it holds

$$\mathfrak{f} \cap k[X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}, X_j] \neq (0)$$

$\{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}\}$  is called a maximal set of independent variables. □

**Lemma** (Kredel–Weispfenning). Let

$$\mathfrak{f} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

be an ideal,  $<$  be any termordering and  $\mathbf{T}_{<}(\mathfrak{f})$  the corresponding monomial ideal.

If  $\{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}\}$  is a set of variables such that  $\mathbf{T}_{<}(\mathfrak{f}) \cap k[X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}] = \emptyset$  then  $\mathfrak{f} \cap k[X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}] = (0)$ .

*Proof.* If exists  $f \in \mathfrak{f} \cap k[X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}]$ ,  $f \neq 0$ , then  $\mathbf{T}_{<}(f) \in \mathbf{T}_{<}(\mathfrak{f}) \cap k[X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}]$ . □

**Corollary** (Kredel–Weispfenning). Let  $\mathfrak{f} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  be an ideal,  $\prec$  be any term ordering and  $\mathbf{T}_{\prec}(\mathfrak{f})$  the corresponding monomial ideal.

Let  $\{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}\}$  be a maximal set of independent variables for  $\sqrt{\mathbf{T}_{\prec}(\mathfrak{f})}$ ; then

- $\dim(\mathfrak{f}) = d$ ,
- $\{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}\}$  is a maximal set of independent variables for  $\mathfrak{f}$ .

*Proof.* One has  $\dim(\sqrt{\mathbf{T}_{\prec}(\mathfrak{f})}) = \dim(\mathbf{T}_{\prec}(\mathfrak{f}))$  and  $\{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}\}$  is a maximal set of independent variables for  $\sqrt{\mathbf{T}_{\prec}(\mathfrak{f})}$  iff it is a maximal set of independent variables for  $\mathbf{T}_{\prec}(\sqrt{\mathfrak{f}})$ .

Then, by the lemma above,  $\{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}\}$  is a set of independent variables for  $\mathfrak{f}$ , and it is also maximal because  $\dim(\mathbf{T}_{\prec}(\mathfrak{f})) = \dim(\mathfrak{f})$  since they share the same Hilbert polynomial.  $\square$

Then, we can re-enumerate and re-label the variables as

$$\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} = \{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}, \quad \{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}\} = \{V_1, \dots, V_d\},$$

so that

$$\mathfrak{l} \cap k[V_1, \dots, V_d] = (0)$$

and consider

the field  $K := k(V_1, \dots, V_d)$ ,

its algebraic closure  $\mathbb{K}$

the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{Q} := K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ ,

its  $K$ -basis  $\mathcal{W} := \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} : (a_1, \dots, a_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r\}$ ;

the zero-dimensional ideal  $\mathfrak{J} := \mathfrak{l}^e := \mathfrak{l}K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$

and the unmixed ideal  $\mathfrak{J}^c := \mathfrak{J} \cap \mathcal{P}$ .

Then, if  $\mathfrak{l} = \bigcap_{i=1}^t \mathfrak{q}_i$  denotes any irredundant primary representation in  $\mathcal{P}$ , and we wlog assume that the primaries are ordered so that, for a suitable value  $1 \leq r \leq t$ ,

$\{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}\}$  is a maximal set of independent variables for  $\mathfrak{q}_i \iff i \leq r$ ,

then

$$\mathfrak{J} := \mathfrak{l}^e = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{q}_i^e = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{q}_i \mathcal{Q}$$

is an irredundant primary representation in  $\mathcal{Q}$  and

$$\mathfrak{J} \cap \mathcal{P} =: \mathfrak{J}^c = \mathfrak{l}^{ec} = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{q}_i \subset \mathcal{P}$$

is an irredundant primary representation.

Moreover, the (GTZ, ARGH, CCC)-schemes allow to compute unmixed ideals  $\mathfrak{a}_j \subset \mathcal{P}$  giving a decomposition

$$\sqrt{\mathfrak{l}} = \sqrt{\mathfrak{J}^c} \cap \left( \bigcap_j \sqrt{\mathfrak{a}_j} \right).$$

Thus solving the ideal  $\mathfrak{l} \subset \mathcal{P}$  is reduced, via Gröbner technique, to solving each unmixed (GTZ, ARGH, CCC)-component and solving each such component is reduced to solving the related zero-dimensional extension ideal.

## Trinks' Algorithm

Thus we are reduced to consider a zero-dimensional ideal

$$\mathfrak{J} \subset \mathcal{Q} := K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

which we assume to be given via a Gröbner basis  $G_{\prec}$  w.r.t. the lexicographical ordering  $\prec$  induced on  $\mathcal{W}$  by  $Z_1 \prec Z_2 \prec \cdots \prec Z_r$ :

$$Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \prec Z_1^{b_1} \cdots Z_r^{b_r} \iff \text{exists } j : a_j < b_j \text{ and } a_i = b_i \text{ for } i > j.$$

**Corollary.** If  $\mathfrak{l} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  is an ideal and  $G$  is a Gröbner basis of  $\mathfrak{l}$  w.r.t. the lexicographical ordering  $\prec$  then for each  $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $G_i := G \cap k[X_1, \dots, X_i]$  is a Gröbner basis of  $\mathfrak{l} \cap k[X_1, \dots, X_i]$ .  $\square$

Then, if we denote, for  $i, 1 \leq i < r$ ,

$$J_i := J \cap K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i],$$

$$\pi_i : K^r \rightarrow K^i \text{ the canonical projection } \pi_i(a_1, \dots, a_r) = (a_1, \dots, a_i),$$

$$G_i := G_{\prec} \cap K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i],$$

we have, for each  $i$

1.  $\mathcal{Z}(J_i) = \pi_i(\mathcal{Z}(J)) = \{(a_1, \dots, a_i) : (a_1, \dots, a_r) \in \mathcal{Z}(J)\}$ ,
2.  $G_i$  is the reduced lexicographical Gröbner basis of  $J_i$ .

In particular, there is a unique polynomial  $f(Z_1) \in K[Z_1]$ , such that

$$J_1 = (f) \text{ and } \{f\} = G_{\prec} \cap K[Z_1].$$

For each  $\alpha := (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}) \in K^{i-1}$ , denote  $\Phi_\alpha : K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i] \rightarrow K[T]$  the projection defined by

$$\Phi_\alpha(f) = f(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, T) \text{ for each } f \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i].$$

**Theorem (Trinks).** *Let  $\alpha := (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}) \in \mathcal{Z}(J_{i-1})$  and let  $f \in K[T]$  be a generator of the principal ideal  $\Phi_\alpha(J_i) \subset K[T]$ . Then, for each  $b \in K$*

$$(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, b) \in \mathcal{Z}(J_i) \iff f(b) = 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $h(Z_1, \dots, Z_i) \in J_i$  be any polynomial such that

$$f(T) = \Phi_\alpha(h) = h(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, T).$$

Then

$$(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, b) \in \mathcal{Z}(J_i) \implies f(b) = h(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, b) = 0.$$

Conversely for any  $g(Z_1, \dots, Z_i) \in J_i$ ,  $\Phi_\alpha(g) \in \Phi_\alpha(J_i)$ , so that

$$g(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, b) = \Phi_\alpha(g)(b) = 0 \text{ for each } g \in J_i$$

and  $(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, b) \in \mathcal{Z}(J_i)$ . □

Figure 1: Trinks' Algorithm

$Z := \text{Solve}(F, L)$

**where**

$$F := (f_1, \dots, f_u) \subset \mathcal{Q} := K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r],$$

$L \supset K$  is a field extension of  $K$ ,

$J \subset \mathcal{Q}$  is the zero-dimensional ideal generated by  $F$ ,

$$Z := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\} = \mathcal{Z}(J) \cap L^r.$$

**Compute** the reduced lexicographical Gröbner basis  $G$  of  $(f_1, \dots, f_u)$ .

**Let**  $p(Z_1)$  be the unique element in  $G \cap K[Z_1]$ ,

$$Z_1 := \{a \in L : p(a) = 0\}.$$

**For**  $i = 2..r$  **do**

$$Z_i := \emptyset;$$

**For each**  $(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}) \in Z_{i-1}$  **do**

$$H := \{g(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, Z_i) : g \in G_i \setminus G_{i-1}\},$$

$$p := \text{gcd}(H),$$

$$Z := \{a \in L : p(a) = 0\},$$

$$Z_i := Z_i \cup \{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a) : a \in Z\}.$$

$$Z := Z_r$$

# Gianni–Kalkbrener Algorithm

Remarking that each polynomial  $f \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i]$  can be uniquely expressed as

$$f = \sum_{j=0}^D h_j(Z_1, \dots, Z_{i-1}) Z_i^j, h_D \neq 0,$$

we recall that the degree of  $f$  in the variable  $Z_i$  is denoted  $\deg_{Z_i}(f) := \deg_i(f) := D$ , and that  $\text{Lp}(f) := h_d$  is named the *leading polynomial* of  $f$ , while  $\text{Tp}(f) = h_0$  the *trailing polynomial* of  $f$ . Observe that, for the lexicographical ordering  $\prec$ , we have  $\mathbf{T}(f) = \mathbf{T}(\text{Lp}(f)) Z_i^{\deg_i(f)}$ .

We also denote, for each  $i, 1 \leq i \leq r, \delta \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$G_i := \{g \in G, g \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i]\}$$

$$G_{i\delta} := \{g \in G, g \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i], \deg_i(g) \leq \delta\}$$

and remark that each  $G_{i\delta}$  is a section of both  $G_{i\delta+1}$  and  $G_i$  and that hold the obvious inclusions

$$G_{11} \subseteq G_{12} \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_{i-1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_{i\delta} \subseteq G_{i\delta+1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_i \subseteq \dots$$

For each  $i, 1 \leq i \leq r, \delta \in \mathbb{N}$ , and each  $F \subset \mathcal{Q}$ , we denote

$$\text{Lp}_{i\delta}(F) := \{\text{Lp}(g), g \in F \cap K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i], \deg_i(g) \leq \delta\}.$$

**Theorem** (Gianni–Kalkbrener). *Let  $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$  be an ideal,  $\prec$  be the lexicographical ordering induced by  $Z_1 \prec \dots \prec Z_r$ .*

*Let  $G := \{g_1, \dots, g_v\}$  be a Gröbner basis of  $J$  w.r.t.  $\prec$ , enumerated in such a way that*

$$\mathbf{T}(g_1) \prec \mathbf{T}(g_2) \prec \dots \prec \mathbf{T}(g_{v-1}) \prec \mathbf{T}(g_v).$$

*Then with the notation above:*

1. *for each  $i, i \leq r, G_i$  is a Gröbner basis of  $J_i$ ;*
2. *for each  $i, 1 \leq i \leq r, \delta \in \mathbb{N}, \text{Lp}_{i\delta}(G)$  is a Gröbner basis of  $\text{Lp}_{i\delta}(J)$ ;*
3. *for each  $i, 1 \leq i \leq r$  and each  $\alpha := (b_1, \dots, b_{i-1}) \in \mathcal{Z}(J_{i-1})$ , denoting*

$$\Phi_\alpha : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow K[Z_i, \dots, Z_n] \quad f(Z) \rightarrow f(\alpha, Z_i, \dots, Z_n).$$

*$\sigma$  the minimal value such that  $\Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_\sigma)) \neq 0$  and*

*$j, \delta$  the value such that  $g_\sigma \in G_{j\delta}$  so that*

$$g_\sigma = \text{Lp}(g_\sigma) Z_j^{\delta+1} + \dots \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_j] \setminus K[Z_1, \dots, Z_{j-1}]$$

*it holds*

(a)  $j = i$ ,

(b) for each  $g \in G_{i-1}, \Phi_\alpha(g) = 0$ ,

(c) for each  $g \in G_{i\delta}, \Phi_\alpha(g) = 0$ ,

(d)  $\Phi_\alpha(g_\sigma) = \gcd(\Phi_\alpha(g) : g \in G_i) \in K[Z_i]$ ,

(e) for each  $b \in K$ ,

$$(b_1, \dots, b_{i-1}, b) \in \mathcal{Z}(J_i) \iff \Phi_\alpha(g_\sigma)(b) = 0.$$

$Z := \text{Solve}(F, L)$ 

where

 $F := (f_1, \dots, f_u) \subset \mathcal{Q} := K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r],$ 
 $L \supset K$  is a field extension of  $K$ ,

 $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$  is the zero-dimensional ideal generated by  $F$ ,

 $Z := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\} = \mathcal{Z}(J) \cap L^r.$ 

**Compute** the reduced lexicographical Gröbner basis  $G$  of  $(f_1, \dots, f_u)$ .

**Sort**  $G := \{g_1, \dots, g_v\}$  by increasing maximal terms.

 $Z_1 := \{a \in L : g_1(a) = 0\},$ 

%%  $g_1$  is the unique element in  $G \cap K[Z_1]$ .

**For**  $i = 2..r$  **do**

 $Z_i := \emptyset;$ 
 $g := \min(g \in G_i \setminus G_{i-1}).$ 

**For each**  $(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}) \in Z_{i-1}$  **do**

 $h := g,$ 

**While**  $\text{Lp}(h)(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}) = 0$  **do**  $h := \text{Next}(h, G),$

 $p := h(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, Z_i),$ 

%%  $p = \text{gcd}(H)$  for  $H := \{g(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, Z_i) : g \in G_i \setminus G_{i-1}\},$

 $Z := \{a \in L : p(a) = 0\},$ 
 $Z_i := Z_i \cup \{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a) : a \in Z\}.$ 
 $Z := Z_r$ 


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## Endomorphisms of an Algebra

Let  $\mathcal{Q} := K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ ,  $\mathcal{W}$  its monomial  $K$ -basis and  $\mathbb{K}$  the algebraic closure of  $K$ . In order to simplify the notation let us wlog assume  $K = \mathbb{K}$  to be algebraically closed.

Let  $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$  be a zero-dimensional ideal,  $\deg(J) = s$ , and  $\mathbf{A} := \mathcal{Q}/J$  the corresponding quotient algebra, which satisfies  $\dim_K(\mathbf{A}) = s$ .

For any  $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ , we will denote  $[f] \in \mathbf{A}$  its residue class modulo  $J$  and  $\Phi_f$  the endomorphism  $\Phi_f : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  defined by

$$\Phi_f([g]) = [fg] \text{ for each } [g] \in \mathbf{A}.$$

Clearly  $\Phi_f = \Phi_h$  iff  $[f] = [h]$ .

**Definition.**

1. A Gröbner representation of  $J$  is the assignment of

- a  $K$ -basis  $\mathbf{b} = \{[b_1], \dots, [b_s]\} \subset \mathbf{A}$  and
- the square matrices  $A_h := \left(a_{ij}^{(h)}\right) = M([Z_h], \mathbf{b})$  for each  $h, 1 \leq h \leq s,$

2. For each  $g \in \mathcal{Q}$  the Gröbner description of  $g$  in terms of a Gröbner representation  $(\mathbf{b}, \{A_k\})$  is the unique (row) vector

$$\text{Rep}(g, \mathbf{b}) := (\gamma(g, b_1, \mathbf{b}), \dots, \gamma(g, b_s, \mathbf{b})) \in K^s$$

which satisfies

$$[g] = \sum_j \gamma(g, b_j, \mathbf{b}) [b_j]$$

□

If we fix any  $K$ -basis  $\mathbf{b} = \{[b_1], \dots, [b_s]\}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  so that  $\mathbf{A} = \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{b})$ , then for each  $g \in \mathcal{Q}$ , there is a unique (row) vector, the *Gröbner description* of  $g$ ,

$$\mathbf{Rep}(g, \mathbf{b}) := (\gamma(g, b_1, \mathbf{b}), \dots, \gamma(g, b_s, \mathbf{b})) \in K^s$$

which satisfies

$$[g] = \sum_j \gamma(g, b_j, \mathbf{b})[b_j]$$

and the endomorphism  $\Phi_f$  is naturally represented by the square matrix

$$M([f], \mathbf{b}) = (\gamma(fb_i, b_j, \mathbf{b})) : \Phi_f(b_i) = [fb_i] = \sum_j \gamma(fb_i, b_j, \mathbf{b})[b_j].$$

An alternative way of representing a zero-dimensional ideal  $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$  and the related quotient algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  is via its *dual space* (Section 28.1)

$$\mathfrak{L}(J) := \{\ell \in \mathcal{Q}^* : \ell(g) = 0 \text{ for each } g \in J\} \subset \mathcal{Q}^*$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}^* := \text{Hom}_K(\mathcal{Q}, K)$  is the  $K$ -vectorspace consisting of all  $K$ -linear functionals  $\ell : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow K$ .

Clearly we have  $\dim_K(\mathfrak{L}(J)) = s$  and to each  $K$ -basis  $\mathbb{L} := \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s\}$  of  $\mathfrak{L}(J)$  is associated a *Lagrange  $K$ -basis*  $\mathbf{q} = \{[q_1], \dots, [q_s]\}$  which is *biorthogonal* to  $\mathbb{L}$  *id est*  $\lambda_i(q_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j. \end{cases}$

In particular, since, for each  $i, j, h$ ,

$$\lambda_j(Z_h q_i) = \lambda_j \left( \sum_l a_{il}^{(h)} q_l \right) = \sum_l a_{il}^{(h)} \lambda_j(q_l) = a_{ij}^{(h)},$$

to each basis  $\mathbb{L} := \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s\}$  of  $\mathfrak{L}(J)$  is associated the Gröbner representation

- $\mathbf{q} = \{[q_1], \dots, [q_s]\} \subset \mathbf{A} : \lambda_i(q_j) = \delta_{ij}$  for each  $i, j$ ,
- $Q_h := (\lambda_j(Z_h q_i))_{ij}$ .

Between the two bases  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  there are the basis transformations

$$M_{bq} := (\gamma(b_i, q_j, \mathbf{q})) \text{ and } M_{qb} := (\gamma(q_i, b_j, \mathbf{b}))$$

so that, for each  $i$ ,

$$[b_i] = \sum_j \gamma(b_i, q_j, \mathbf{q})[q_j] \text{ and } [q_i] = \sum_j \gamma(q_i, b_j, \mathbf{b})[b_j];$$

naturally, we have  $M_{bq} = M_{qb}^{-1}$ , and

$$M([f], \mathbf{b}) = M_{bq} M([f], \mathbf{q}) M_{qb} = M_{bq} M([f], \mathbf{q}) M_{bq}^{-1}$$

so that  $M([f], \mathbf{q})$  and  $M([f], \mathbf{b})$  are similar and share the same eigenvalues and Jordan normal form.

## Toward Auzinger–Stetter’s Theorem

With the same notation as in the previous section let us fix

- a Gröbner representation

$$\mathbf{b} = \{[b_1], \dots, [b_s]\} \subset \mathbf{A}, A_h := \left( a_{ij}^{(h)} \right) = M([Z_h], \mathbf{b}), 1 \leq h \leq r;$$

- a basis  $\mathbb{L} := \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s\}$  of  $\mathfrak{L}(J)$ ;
- the conjugate Gröbner representation

$$\mathbf{q} = \{[q_1], \dots, [q_s]\} \subset \mathbf{A}, Q_h := (\lambda_j(Z_h q_i))_{ij},$$

where  $\mathbf{q}$  is the Lagrange basis satisfying  $\lambda_i(q_j) = \delta_{ij}$  for each  $i, j$ ,

and let us denote

- $M_{bq} := (\gamma(b_i, q_j, \mathbf{q}))$  and  $M_{qb} := (\gamma(q_i, b_j, \mathbf{b}))$  the basis transformation matrices;
- $J_h$  the Jordan normal form matrix for  $A_h$ ;
- for each  $f \in \mathcal{Q}/J = \mathbf{A}$

$$A_f := M([f], \mathbf{b}) = (\gamma(fb_i, b_j, \mathbf{b})) : \Phi_f(b_i) = [fb_i] = \sum_j \gamma(fb_i, b_j, \mathbf{b})[b_j];$$

- $J_f$  the Jordan normal form matrix for  $A_f$ .

Let us also consider the set

$$\mathcal{Z}(J) := \{\alpha \in K^r : f(\alpha) = 0 \text{ for each } f \in J\}.$$

**Lemma** (Auzinger–Stetter). *With the present notation it holds*

$$\gamma(b_i, q_j, \mathbf{q}) = \lambda_j(b_i), 1 \leq i, j \leq s.$$

*Proof.* For each  $f \in \mathbf{A}$ ,  $\sum_j \gamma(f, q_j, \mathbf{q})[q_j] = f = \sum_j \lambda_j(f)[q_j]$ .

The first equality follows from the definition of  $\gamma$ , the second from the property of the Lagrange basis. The claim then follows by the linear independency of  $\mathbf{q}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary.** *Each  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $M_{b\mathbf{q}}$  is the vector  $(\lambda_1(b_i), \dots, \lambda_s(b_i))$  of the evaluation of the basis element  $b_i$  at the functional basis  $\mathbb{L}$ .*

*Each  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $M_{b\mathbf{q}}$  is the vector  $(\lambda_j(b_1), \dots, \lambda_j(b_s))^T$  of the evaluation of the basis  $\mathbf{b}$  at the functional  $\lambda_j$ .*  $\square$

**Lemma** (Auzinger–Stetter). *For each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$  the vector*

$$(b_1(\alpha), \dots, b_s(\alpha))^T$$

*is an eigenvector of the matrix  $A_f$  for the eigenvalue  $f(\alpha)$ .*

*Proof.* For each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , we have  $[fb_i] = \Phi_f([b_i]) = \sum_j \gamma(fb_i, b_j, \mathbf{b})[b_j]$  so that  $f(\alpha)b_i(\alpha) = \sum_j \gamma(fb_i, b_j, \mathbf{b})b_j(\alpha)$ . Thus the claim follows trivially.  $\square$

**Definition.** *A matrix is called non-derogatory if, equivalently,*

*all its eigenspaces have dimension 1;*

*its Jordan form has a single Jordan block associated with each eigenvalue.*  $\square$

**Theorem** (Auzinger–Stetter). *The set  $\{f(\alpha) : \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J)\}$  is the set of eigenvalues of  $A_f$ . If  $A_f$  is non-derogatory, each eigenspace of  $A_f$  for  $f(\alpha)$  is spanned by  $(b_1(\alpha), \dots, b_s(\alpha))^T$ .*

*Proof.* A direct consequence of the Lemmata above.  $\square$

## Auzinger–Stetter: The Radical case

The relevant aspect of Auzinger–Stetter’s Theorem is that while both eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A_f$  intrinsically depend on the roots of  $J$  their actual values are precise functions of the choice of the matrix  $A_f$  and of the basis  $\mathbf{b}$ ; one can therefore expect that for a proper choice of  $f$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  an eigenvalue computation can allow to deduce the roots of  $J$ .

Let us assume that  $J$  is radical and see whether the remark above leads to something.

The radicality assumption implies that  $J$  has  $s = \deg(J)$  different roots in  $K^r$ :

$$\mathcal{Z}(J) = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\} \subset K^r, \quad \alpha_j = (a_1^{(j)}, \dots, a_r^{(j)}).$$

Thus we can wlog identify each functional  $\lambda_j$  with the evaluation at the root  $\alpha_j$ :

$$\lambda_j : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow K, p(Z_1, \dots, Z_r) \mapsto \lambda_j(p) = p(a_1^{(j)}, \dots, a_r^{(j)})$$

and  $\mathbf{q}$  is the corresponding Lagrange basis.

A matrix  $A_f$  is non-derogatory if and only if  $f(\alpha_i) \neq f(\alpha_j)$  for each  $i \neq j$ . Clearly for a generic linear form  $Y = \sum_h c_h Z_h$ ,  $A_Y$  is non-derogatory. Thus if we choose a linear form which *separates*  $\mathcal{Z}(J)$  *id est* it satisfies the condition

**(AS.1)**  $Y = \sum_h c_h Z_h$  is such that  $\beta_i := \sum_h c_h a_h^{(i)} \neq \sum_h c_h a_h^{(j)} =: \beta_j$  for each  $i \neq j$

then  $A_Y$  is non-derogatory and have  $s$  distinct eigenvalues

$$\beta_j := \sum_h c_h a_h^{(j)}, 1 \leq j \leq s$$

whose associated eigenspaces are generated by

$$(b_1(\alpha_j), \dots, b_s(\alpha_j))^T.$$

In order to deduce the  $\alpha_j$ s from these eigenvectors, the trick consists in a clever choice of the basis  $\mathbf{b}$ . The efficient choice is the original one proposed by Auzinger–Stetter: let us denote  $V$  the  $K$ -vectorspace

$$V := \text{Span}_K\{[1], [Z_1], \dots, [Z_r]\}$$

and let  $\delta := \dim_K(V) \leq s$ ; then, up to reenumerating the variables, we can wlog assume that

- $V = \text{Span}_K\{[1], [Z_1], \dots, [Z_{\delta-1}]\}$
- $\{[1], [Z_1], \dots, [Z_{\delta-1}]\}$  is a  $K$ -basis of  $V$ ,
- there are  $c_{il} \in K, 0 \leq l < \delta \leq i \leq r$  such that  $[Z_i] = c_{i0} + \sum_{l=1}^{\delta-1} c_{il}[Z_l]$ .

Moreover, the knowledge of the matrices  $A_h$  allows to deduce, by easy linear algebra, both  $\delta$  and the  $c_{il}$ s. We can therefore choose a basis  $\mathbf{b}$  which satisfies the condition

**(AS.2)**  $\mathbf{b} = ([b_1], \dots, [b_s])$  is such that

$$b_1 = 1, b_i = Z_{i-1}, 1 < i \leq \delta = \dim_K(V)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} V := \text{Span}_K\{[1], [Z_1], \dots, [Z_r]\} &= \text{Span}_K\{[1], [Z_1], \dots, [Z_{\delta-1}]\} \\ &= \text{Span}_K\{[b_1], \dots, [b_\delta]\}; \end{aligned}$$

thus the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\alpha_j = (a_1^{(j)}, \dots, a_r^{(j)})$  are

$$(1, a_1^{(j)}, \dots, a_{\delta-1}^{(j)}, b_{\delta+1}(\alpha_j), \dots, b_s(\alpha_j))^T$$

and the other coordinates of  $\alpha_j$  can be deduced from  $a_i^{(j)} = c_{i0} + \sum_{l=1}^{\delta-1} c_{il}a_l^{(j)}$ .

In conclusion

**Theorem** (Auzinger–Stetter). *With the present notation and under the assumption that  $\mathbf{J}$  is radical, then it holds*

1. each  $j^{\text{th}}$  column  $(b_1(\alpha_j), \dots, b_s(\alpha_j))^T$  of  $M_{bq}$  is an eigenvector of each  $A_f, f \in \mathcal{Q}$ , for the eigenvalue  $f(\alpha_j)$ ;
2. for each  $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ , it holds
  - (a) the eigenvalues of  $A_f$  and  $A_f^T$  are  $\{f(\alpha_j) : 1 \leq j \leq s\}$ ;
  - (b) the eigenspace of  $A_f$  for  $\lambda \in K$  is

$$\text{Span}_K\{(b_1(\alpha_j), \dots, b_s(\alpha_j))^T : f(\alpha_j) = \lambda\};$$

If, moreover,  $Y = \sum_h c_h Z_h$  satisfies condition **(AS.1)** then:

3. the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column  $(b_1(\alpha_j), \dots, b_s(\alpha_j))^T$  of  $M_{bq}$  is the eigenvector for  $\beta_j := \sum_h c_h a_h^{(j)}$  of  $A_Y$ ;

If further  $\mathbf{b} = \{[1], [Z_1], \dots, [Z_{\delta-1}], [b_{\delta+1}], \dots, [b_s]\}$  satisfies condition **(AS.2)** then:

4. denoting  $\{(d_{j1}, \dots, d_{js})^T, 1 \leq j \leq s\}$  the eigenvectors of  $A_Y$  and

$$\alpha_j := \left( d_{j1}^{-1}d_{j2}, \dots, d_{j1}^{-1}d_{j\delta}, c_{\delta 0} + \sum_{l=1}^{\delta-1} c_{\delta l}d_{j1}^{-1}d_{jl}, \dots, c_{n0} + \sum_{l=1}^{\delta-1} c_{nl}d_{j1}^{-1}d_{jl} \right)$$

for each  $j$ , then  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J}) = \{\alpha_j, 1 \leq j \leq s\}$ . □



# Stetter Algorithm via Grobnerian Technology

A linear form

$$Y := \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h$$

is said an *allgemeine coordinate* for the zero-dimensional ideal  $J = \cap_{i=1}^s \mathfrak{q}_i$  iff

- (a). there are polynomials  $g_i \in K[Y]$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $g_0$  monic,  $\deg(g_i) < \deg(g_0)$ , such that

$$G := (g_0(Y), Z_1 - g_1(Y), Z_2 - g_2(Y), \dots, Z_r - g_r(Y))$$

is the reduced Gröbner basis of the ideal

$$J^+ := J + \left( Y - \sum_h c_h Z_h \right) \subset K[Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

w.r.t. the lex ordering induced by  $Y < Z_1 < \dots < Z_r$

and that this condition implies, under the assumption that  $J$  is radical, that

- (b).  $\mathcal{Q}/J \cong K[Y]/g_0(Y)$

- (c). for each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s$ ,  $\beta_i := \sum_{h=1}^r c_h a_h^{(i)}$  is a root of  $g_0$

- (d).  $g_0(Y) = \prod_{i=1}^r (Y - \beta_i)$ ;

- (e). there are polynomials  $h_1(Y), \dots, h_r(Y) \in K[Y]$ ,  $\deg(h_i) < \deg(g_0)$ , such that

$$J^+ = \mathbb{I}(g_0(Y), g'_0(Y)Z_1 - h_1(Y), \dots, g'_0(Y)Z_r - h_r(Y)) \subset K[Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]. \quad (1)$$

- (f). for each  $\iota$ ,  $1 \leq \iota \leq r$ , we have

$$h_\iota(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^s a_\iota^{(i)} \prod_{j \neq i} (Y - \beta_j). \quad (2)$$

- (g).  $a_j^{(i)} = g_j(\beta_i) = \frac{g'_0(\beta_i)}{g'_0(\beta_i)}$  for each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , and each  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq r$ ,

- (h). For each  $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $g_f(Y) := \mathbf{Rem}(f(g_1(Y), \dots, g_r(Y)), g_0(Y))$  is s.t.

$$f \equiv g_f \pmod{J^+}, \deg(g_f) < \deg(g_0).$$

- (i). For each  $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $h_f(Y) := \mathbf{Rem}(f(h_1(Y), \dots, h_r(Y)), g_0(Y)) \in K[Y]$  is s.t.

$$g'_0(Y)f(Z_1, \dots, Z_r) \equiv g_f \pmod{J^+}, \deg(h_f) < \deg(g_0).$$

Moreover, there is a Zarisky open set  $\mathbf{U} \subset K^n$  such that  $Y := \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h$  is an *allgemeine coordinate* for  $J$  iff  $(c_1, \dots, c_r) \in \mathbf{U}$ .

Since Stetter Algorithm is improved if  $J$  is radical and the matrix  $A_Y$  is given wrt a linear form  $Y$  satisfying condition **(AS.1)**, these results can be efficiently —  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 s^3)$  — granted by giving an FGLM-like linear algebra version of Gianni's Proposition obtained merging the algorithms by Alonso–Raimondo and Traverso.

We describe here the algorithm under the (useless but simplifier) assumption that  $J$  is radical:

1.  $\ell := \sum_i a_i Z_i$

2. by linear algebra on the Gröbner descriptions of

$$[1], [\ell], [\ell^2], \dots, [\ell^s]$$

compute the minimal polynomial  $g_0[Y] \in K[Y]$  such that

$$g_0(Y) \in J^+ := J + \left( Y - \sum_i a_i Z_i \right);$$

3. set  $i = r$  and

(a) verify, by linear algebra on the Gröbner descriptions of  $[g'_0(\ell)Z_j], [1], [\ell], [\ell^2], \dots, [\ell^{d-1}]$ , whether exists a relation  $g'_0(Y)Z_i - h_j(Y) \in J^+, \deg(h_j) < d$ ;

(b) if such a relation exists and  $i > 1$ , set  $i := i - 1$  and go to (3.a);

(c) if such relation does not exist (this necessarily happens iff  $d := \deg(g_0) < \deg(J)$  and in this case we have  $i > 1$ ); then

- set  $\ell := \ell + cZ_i, a_i := a_i + c$  and go to (2)

4. if  $\deg(g_0) = \deg(J)$ , then

- $\ell := \sum_i a_i Z_i$  is a separating linear form thus satisfying condition **(AS.1)**
- $[g'_0(\ell)Z_i] = [h_i(\ell)]$  for  $i = 1 \dots, r$ .