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Setting

1. Let k be an infinite, perfect field, where, if $p := \text{char}(k) \neq 0$, it is possible to extract p th roots and let \bar{k} be the algebraic closure of k and $\Omega(k)$ the universal field over k .

Let us fix an integer value n and consider the polynomial ring

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

and its k -basis

$$\mathcal{T} := \{X_1^{a_1} \cdots X_n^{a_n} : (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n\}.$$

For each $d \in \mathbb{N}$ we will also set $\mathcal{T}_d := \{t \in \mathcal{T} : \deg(t) = d\}$.

2. We also fix an integer value $r \leq n$, set $d := n - r$ and consider

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

its algebraic closure \bar{K} and its universal field $\Omega(K) = \Omega(k)$;

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

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

All the notation introduced will be applied also in this setting, just substituting everywhere $n, k, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{T}$ with, respectively $r, K, \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{W}$.

3. Each polynomial $f \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ is 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 and can be uniquely decomposed, by setting

$$f_\delta := \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_\delta} c(f, t)t, \text{ for each } \delta \in \mathbb{N},$$

as $f = \sum_{\delta=0}^d f_\delta$ where each f_δ is homogeneous, $\deg(f_\delta) = \delta$, and $f_d \neq 0$ so that $d = \deg(f)$.

4. Since, for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$,

$$\mathcal{P} = k[X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n][X_i],$$

each polynomial $f \in \mathcal{P}$ can be uniquely expressed as

$$f = \sum_{j=0}^D h_j(X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n) X_i^j, h_D \neq 0,$$

and

$$\deg_{X_i}(f) := \deg_i(f) := D$$

denotes its degree in the variable X_i .

In particular ($i = n$)

$$f = \sum_{j=0}^D h_j(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) X_n^j, h_D \neq 0, D = \deg_n(f);$$

the *leading polynomial* of f is $\text{Lp}(f) := h_D$, its *trailing polynomial* is $\text{Tp}(f) := h_0$.

5. Given a finite basis $F := \{f_1, \dots, f_u\} \subset \mathcal{P}$, we denote

$$\mathbb{I}(F) := (F) := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^u h_i f_i : h_i \in \mathcal{P} \right\} \subset \mathcal{P}$$

the ideal generated by F and

$$\mathcal{Z}(F) := \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{k}^n : f(\mathbf{a}) = 0, \text{ for all } f \in F\} \subset \mathbf{k}^n;$$

the algebraic variety consisting of each common root of all polynomials in F .

6. The support

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

of f being finite, once a term ordering¹ $<$ on \mathcal{T} is fixed, f has a unique representation as an ordered linear combination of terms:

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

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 $\mathbf{M}(f) := c(f, t_1) t_1$.

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

- $\mathbf{T}_{<}\{F\} := \{\mathbf{T}(f) : f \in F\};$

¹ A well-ordering $<$ on \mathcal{T} will be called a term ordering if it is a *semigroup ordering*.

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

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

8. Let $<$ be a term ordering on \mathcal{T} , $\mathfrak{l} \subset \mathcal{P}$ an ideal, and $\mathbf{A} := \mathcal{P}/\mathfrak{l}$.
 Since $\mathbf{A} \cong k[\mathbf{N}_{<}(\mathfrak{l})]$, b for each $f \in \mathcal{P}$, a unique

$$g := \text{Can}(f, \mathfrak{l}, <) = \sum_{t \in \mathbf{N}_{<}(\mathfrak{l})} \gamma(f, t, <)t,$$

the *canonical form*, such that

$$g \in k[\mathbf{N}(\mathfrak{l})] \text{ and } f - g \in \mathfrak{l}.$$

9. For an ideal $\mathfrak{l} \subset \mathcal{P}$,

$$\mathfrak{l} := \bigcap_{i=1}^t \mathfrak{q}_i$$

denotes an irredundant primary representation in \mathcal{P} ; $d := \dim(\mathfrak{l})$ its dimension and $r := r(\mathfrak{l}) := n - d$ its rank; for each i , $\mathfrak{p}_i := \sqrt{\mathfrak{q}_i}$ is the associated prime.

10. For such ideal \mathfrak{l} we will re-enumerate and re-label the variables as

$$\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} = \{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r\},$$

so that

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

and we will wlog assume that the primaries are ordered so that, for a suitable value $1 \leq r \leq t$,

$$\mathfrak{q}_i \cap k[V_1, \dots, V_d] = (0), \dim(\mathfrak{q}_i) = d \iff i \leq r$$

so that the ideal

$$\mathfrak{J} := \mathfrak{l}k(V_1, \dots, V_d)[Z_1, \dots, Z_r] = \mathfrak{l}\mathcal{Q}$$

is zero dimensional and has, in \mathcal{Q} , the irredundant primary representation

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

11. In general, when dealing with a 0-dimensional ideal, instead of

$$\mathfrak{l} \subset \mathcal{P} = k[\mathcal{T}] = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

we preferably use the notation

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

12. For such 0-dimensional ideal J , with a slight abuse of notation, we still set $A := \mathcal{Q}/J$ and denote \mathfrak{q}_i its primary components in \mathcal{Q} ; we also assume

$$s := \deg(J) = \dim(A)$$

and we denote, for each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$, $[f] \in A$ its residue class modulo J and Φ_f the endomorphism

$$\Phi_f : A \rightarrow A, \quad [g] \mapsto [fg].$$

13. In terms of a K -basis $\mathbf{q} = \{[q_1], \dots, [q_s]\}$ of A so that $A = \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q})$, for each $g \in \mathcal{Q}$, the *Gröbner description* of g is the unique (row) vector

$$\text{Rep}(g, \mathbf{q}) := (\gamma(g, q_1, \mathbf{q}), \dots, \gamma(g, q_s, \mathbf{q})) \in K^s$$

which satisfies

$$[g] = \sum_j \gamma(g, q_j, \mathbf{q}) [q_j].$$

14. A *Gröbner representation* of J is the assignment of

- a K -linearly independent set $\mathbf{q} = \{[q_1], \dots, [q_s]\}$,
- the set $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{q}) := \left\{ (a_{lj}^{(h)}) \in K^{s^2}, 1 \leq h \leq r \right\}$ of r square matrices
- s^3 values $\gamma_{ij}^{(l)} \in K$

which satisfy

- (1) $\mathcal{Q}/J \cong \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q})$,
- (2) $[Z_h q_l] = \sum_j a_{lj}^{(h)} [q_j]$, for each $l, j, h, 1 \leq l, j \leq s, 1 \leq h \leq r$,
- (3) $[q_i q_j] = \sum_l \gamma_{ij}^{(l)} [q_l]$ for each $l, j, h, 1 \leq i, j, l \leq s$.

A Gröbner representation is called a *linear representation* iff $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{N}_{<}(J)$ wrt a term ordering $<$.

15. For the 0-dimensional ideal $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ with the irredundant primary representation $J = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{q}_i$ in \mathcal{Q} , we set, for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq r$,

- $\mathfrak{m}_i = \sqrt{\mathfrak{q}_i}$, the associated maximal prime,
- $K_i := \mathcal{Q}/\mathfrak{m}_i, K \subset K_i \subset K$,
- $\mathcal{Q}_i := K_i[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$,
- the irredundant primary representations $\mathfrak{q}_i = \bigcap_{j=1}^{r_i} \mathfrak{q}_{ij}$ and $\mathfrak{m}_i = \bigcap_{j=1}^{r_i} \mathfrak{m}_{ij}$ in \mathcal{Q}_i ,
- the roots $\mathbf{b}_{ij} := (b_1^{(ij)}, \dots, b_r^{(ij)}) \in K_i^{r_i} \subset K^r, 1 \leq j \leq r_i$,
- $d_{ij} := \text{mult}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}, J) = \deg(\mathfrak{q}_{ij})$ for each $j, 1 \leq j \leq r_i$,

which satisfy:

- (1) $\mathfrak{m}_{ij} = (Z_1 - b_1^{(ij)}, \dots, Z_r - b_r^{(ij)})$,
- (2) the \mathbf{b}_{ij} s, $1 \leq j \leq r_i$, are K -conjugate for each i ,
- (3) up to a renumeration, $\sqrt{\mathfrak{q}_{ij}} = \mathfrak{m}_{ij}$,

- (4) $\mathfrak{m}_i = \mathfrak{m}_{ij} \cap \mathcal{Q}$,
- (5) $\mathfrak{q}_i = \mathfrak{q}_{ij} \cap \mathcal{Q}$,
- (6) for each $j, l, 1 \leq j, l \leq r_i$, $d_{ij} = d_{il} =: d_i$,
- (7) $r_i = \deg(\mathfrak{m}_i) = [K_i : K]$,
- (8) $\deg(\mathfrak{q}_i) = d_i r_i$,
- (9) $\mathbf{J} = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \bigcap_{j=1}^{r_i} \mathfrak{q}_{ij}$, $\sqrt{\mathbf{J}} = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \bigcap_{j=1}^{r_i} \mathfrak{m}_{ij}$ are the irredundant primary representations in $\mathbf{K}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$,
- (10) $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J}) = \{\mathfrak{b}_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq j \leq r_i\}$,
- (11) $\sum_{i=1}^r d_i r_i = s$.

16. With the notation above the ideal \mathbf{J} has $s := \sum_{i=1}^r r_i$ roots which we will also denote as

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

For each such root α_i we set

- $\mathfrak{m}_{\alpha_i} = (Z_1 - a_1^{(i)}, \dots, Z_r - a_r^{(i)})$,
- \mathfrak{q}_i the \mathfrak{m}_{α_i} -primary component of \mathbf{J} , so that $\mathbf{J} = \bigcap_{i=1}^s \mathfrak{q}_i$ in $\mathbf{K} \otimes_K \mathcal{Q}$;
- $s_i := \text{mult}(\alpha_i, \mathbf{J}) = \deg(\mathfrak{q}_i)$ the multiplicity in \mathbf{J} of α_i so that $s = \sum_{i=1}^s s_i$.

17. A linear form $Y := \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h$ is said an *allgemeine coordinate* for the 0-dimensional ideal \mathbf{J} 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

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

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

with the present notation, this condition implies, among the others, that (Corollary 34.4.6)

- (b) $\mathcal{Q}/\mathbf{J} \cong K[Y]/g_0(Y)$
- (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 with multiplicity s_i and
- (d) $a_j^{(i)} = g_j(\beta_i)$ for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq s$, and each $j, 1 \leq j \leq r$,
- (e) $g_0(Y) = \prod_{i=1}^s (Y - \beta_i)^{s_i}$;
- (f) $f \in \mathbf{J} \iff \mathbf{Rem}(f(g_1(Y), \dots, g_r(Y)), g_0(Y)) = 0$.

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 \mathbf{J} iff $(c_1, \dots, c_r) \in \mathbf{U}$.

18. Given the polynomial ring $\mathcal{P} := k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ and its monomial k -basis \mathcal{T} we introduce n further variables Y_1, \dots, Y_n and we denote

- $\mathcal{P}_Y := k[Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$ and \mathcal{T}_Y its corresponding monomial k -basis;
- $\mathcal{P}_\otimes := \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathcal{Q} = k[X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$, and \mathcal{T}_\otimes its corresponding monomial k -basis $\mathcal{T}_\otimes := \{\tau \otimes \omega : \tau \in \mathcal{T}, \omega \in \mathcal{T}_Y\}$;
- for each $i, 0 \leq i \leq n$, we use the notation $h(\mathbf{X}_i)$ to denote the polynomial

$$h(\mathbf{X}_i) := h(Y_1, \dots, Y_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n) \text{ for each } h(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{P};$$

in particular $h(\mathbf{X}_0) = h(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ and $h(\mathbf{X}_n) = h(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$.

- for an ideal $\mathfrak{l} = \mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_s) \subset \mathcal{P}$ with a slight abuse of notation we denote \mathfrak{l} also the ideal in \mathcal{P}_Y generated by $\{f_1(Y_1, \dots, Y_n), \dots, f_s(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)\}$ and $\mathbf{A} := \mathcal{P}_Y/\mathfrak{l}$; thus we have also

$$\mathbf{A} \otimes_k \mathbf{A} = \mathcal{P}_\otimes/\mathbb{I}(f_i(X_1, \dots, X_n), f_i(Y_1, \dots, Y_n), 1 \leq i \leq n);$$

- finally we denote $\mathfrak{l}_X := \mathfrak{l} \otimes \mathcal{P}_Y \subset \mathcal{P}_\otimes$ and $\mathfrak{l}_Y := \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathfrak{l} \subset \mathcal{P}_\otimes$.

39. Trinks

The first paper applying Buchberger's Algorithm being Trinks proposal of an algorithm for solving polynomial equations systems, Trinks' Algorithm is the natural choice for opening this section on algebraic solving.

Trinks' Algorithm essentially is an effective reformulation of Gröbner's proof of Hilbert's Nullstellensatz: given a 0-dimensional ideal $J \subset \mathcal{Q} := K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$, iteratively Trinks' Algorithm, for each roots $\alpha \in K^{i-1}$ of $J \cap K[Z_1, \dots, Z_{i-1}]$, computes and solves $\gcd(h(\alpha, Z_i) : h \in G_i) \in K[Z_i]$ where G_i denotes a basis of the ideal $J \cap K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i]$; the rôle of Gröbner bases consists in allowing to compute such basis of the elimination ideals.

The main improvement to Trinks' Algorithm, a part from the use of FGLM in order to efficiently deduce the needed lex Gröbner basis of J , is Gianni–Kalkbrener's proposal of using their Theorem; the evaluation at α of all polynomials in G_i and the computation of their gcd is thus reduced to the evaluation at α of the leading polynomials of some elements in G_i and of the first element whose leading polynomial is not vanishing at α .

After recalling the basic tools provided by Gröbner bases w.r.t. solving (Section 39.1) I present Trinks' (Section 39.2) and Gianni–Kalkbrener's Algorithm (Section 39.3) concluding with some comments which aim to read these algorithms in the setting of Kronecker–Duval Philosophy (Section 39.4). Finally (Section 39.5) I discuss a solver dated 1913 which already explicitly applies the main property of the lex term ordering and anticipates Macaulay's Lemma.

39.1 Recalling Gröbner

Let us consider

an infinite, perfect¹ field k , where, if $p := \text{char}(k) \neq 0$, it is possible to extract p th roots,

the algebraic closure \bar{k} of k ,

the universal field $\Omega(k)$ over k (Definition 9.4.1);

¹ While the techniques discussed here apply in this general setting we are mainly thinking of the case $k = \mathbb{Q}, \bar{k} := \mathbb{C}$; on the other side technically we need to (and we can) solve over $\mathbb{Q}(V_1, \dots, V_d)$.

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 ideal² $\mathfrak{l} := (F) := \mathbb{I}(F) := \{\sum_{i=1}^u h_i f_i : h_i \in \mathcal{P}\} \subset \mathcal{P}$ given by
 a finite basis $F := \{f_1, \dots, f_u\} \subset \mathcal{P}$,
 the algebraic affine variety

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

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 ordering³ $<$ 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. Recall that

Definition 39.1.1 (Buchberger). *A subset $G \subset \mathfrak{l}$ will be called a Gröbner basis of \mathfrak{l} w.r.t. $<$ if $\mathbf{T}(G) = \mathbf{T}\{\mathfrak{l}\}$, id est $\mathbf{T}\{G\}$ generates the monomial ideal $\mathbf{T}(\mathfrak{l}) = \mathbf{T}\{\mathfrak{l}\}$.*

For each $f \in \mathcal{P}$ the canonical form of f w.r.t. \mathfrak{l} is the unique polynomial

$$g := \text{Can}(f, \mathfrak{l}, <) = \sum_{t \in \mathbf{N}(\mathfrak{l})} \gamma(f, t, <)t \in k[\mathbf{N}(\mathfrak{l})]$$

such that $f - g \in \mathfrak{l}$.

² All over the book I will use the notation $\mathbb{I}(F) \subset \mathcal{R}$ in order to denote the ideal generated by the basis F in the ring \mathcal{R} ; when there is no ambiguity \mathcal{R} will be not specified.

³ Recall that (cf. Definition 22.1.2) a well-ordering $<$ on \mathcal{T} will be called a term ordering if it is a *semigroup ordering*, id est

$$t_1 < t_2 \implies tt_1 < tt_2, \text{ for each } t, t_1, t_2 \in \mathcal{T}.$$

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 (cf. Remark 27.12.4)

- $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) = \emptyset \iff 1 \in \mathfrak{l} \iff 1 \in G$;
- $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l})$ is infinite iff $\mathbf{N}(\mathfrak{l})$ is an infinite dimensional k -vector space iff there exists i such that for each $d \in \mathbb{N} : X_i^d \notin \mathbf{T}(G) = T(\mathfrak{l})$;
- $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l})$ 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 $\#\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) = \#\mathbf{N}(\mathfrak{l})$.

Kredel–Weispfenning algorithm (cf. Corollary 27.11.9) allows to deduce from $\mathbf{T}(\mathfrak{l})$ the dimension $d := \dim(\mathfrak{l})$, the rank $r := n - d := r(\mathfrak{l})$ of \mathfrak{l} and a maximal set of independent variables (cf. Definition 27.11.4) $\{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}\}$ so that $\mathfrak{l} \cap k[X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_d}] = (0)$.

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 \mathbf{K}

and its universal field $\Omega(K) = \Omega(k)$;

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 Corollary 27.5.19 grants that

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

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

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

is an irredundant primary representation.

Moreover, the (GTZ, ARGH, CCC)-schemes (Chapter 35) allow to compute unmixed ideals $\mathfrak{a}_j \subset \mathcal{P}$ giving a decomposition

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

Thus solving the ideal $I \subset \mathcal{P}$ 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.

39.2 Trink's Algorithm

Thus we are reduced to consider a zero-dimensional ideal

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} J_i &:= J \cap K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i], \\ \pi_i &: K^r \rightarrow K^i \text{ the canonical projection } \pi_i(a_1, \dots, a_r) = (a_1, \dots, a_i), \\ G_i &:= G_{\prec} \cap K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i], \end{aligned}$$

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 (Corollary 26.2.4).

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 39.2.1 (Trink's). *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 $(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, b) \in \mathcal{Z}(J_i)$. \square

Algorithm 39.2.2 (Trinks). Trinks' Algorithm (Figure 39.1) for 'solving' a zero-dimensional ideal is based on the Theorem above and consists in iteratively computing $\mathcal{Z}(J_i)$ by 'solving', for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J_{i-1})$, the univariate polynomial generating the principal ideal $\Phi_\alpha(J_i)$.

Fig. 39.1. Trinks' Algorithm

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Z := Solve(F, L)
where
    F := (f1, ..., fu) ⊂ Q := K[Z1, ..., Zr],
    L ⊃ K is a field extension of K,
    J ⊂ Q is the zero-dimensional ideal generated by F,
    Z := {α1, ..., αs} =  $\mathcal{Z}(J) \cap L^r$ .
Compute the reduced lexicographical Gröbner basis G of (f1, ..., fu).
Let p(Z1) be the unique element in G ∩ K[Z1],
Z1 := {a ∈ L : p(a) = 0}.
For i = 2..r do
    Zi := ∅;
    For each (a1, ..., ai-1) ∈ Zi-1 do
        H := {g(a1, ..., ai-1, Zi) : g ∈ Gi \ Gi-1},
        p := gcd(H),
        Z := {a ∈ L : p(a) = 0},
        Zi := Zi ∪ {(a1, ..., ai-1, a) : a ∈ Z}.
Z := Zr
    
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Example 39.2.3. To illustrate Trinks' Algorithm let us consider the zero-dimensional ideal $J \subset \mathbb{Q}[Z_1, Z_2, Z_3]$ discussed in Example 33.2.6 whose lex Gröbner basis⁴ is $G := \{g_i, 1 \leq i \leq 7\}$, where (Examples 33.5.1 and 33.5.2)

⁴ The *leading polynomial* (page 15) $Lp(g_i)$ is indicated in **bold**.

$$\begin{aligned}
g_1 &:= \mathbf{1}Z_1^3 - 3Z_1^2 + 2Z_1, \\
g_2 &:= (\mathbf{Z}_1^2 - \mathbf{Z}_1)Z_2, \\
g_3 &:= \mathbf{Z}_1Z_2^2 - Z_1Z_2, \\
g_4 &:= \mathbf{1}Z_2^3 - 3Z_2^2 + 2Z_2, \\
g_5 &:= (\mathbf{Z}_1^2 - \mathbf{3Z}_1 + \mathbf{2})Z_3 - 3Z_2^2 - 6Z_2Z_1 + 9Z_2 - Z_1^2 + 3Z_1 - 2, \\
g_6 &:= (\mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_1 - \mathbf{2})Z_3 + 3Z_2^2 + Z_2Z_1 - 7Z_2 - 2Z_1^2 + 3Z_1 + 2, \\
g_7 &:= (\mathbf{Z}_1 - \mathbf{2})Z_3^2 - 4Z_3Z_1 + 8Z_3 - 15Z_2^2 - 30Z_2Z_1 + 45Z_2 + 3Z_1 - 6, \\
g_8 &:= \mathbf{1}Z_3^3 - 3Z_3^2 + 3Z_3Z_1 - 4Z_3 - 3Z_2^2 - 6Z_2Z_1 + 9Z_2 - 3Z_1 + 6,
\end{aligned}$$

and whose roots are $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J}) = \{\mathbf{b}_j, 1 \leq j \leq 9\}$ where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{b}_1 &= (0, 0, 1) & \mathbf{b}_2 &= (0, 1, -2) & \mathbf{b}_3 &= (2, 0, 2) \\
\mathbf{b}_4 &= (0, 2, -2) & \mathbf{b}_5 &= (1, 0, 3) & \mathbf{b}_6 &= (1, 1, 3) \\
\mathbf{b}_7 &= (1, 1, 1) & \mathbf{b}_8 &= (2, 0, 1) & \mathbf{b}_9 &= (2, 0, 0).
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& p(Z_1) := g_1, \mathbf{Z}_1 := \{0, 1, 2\}; \\
\alpha = (0) & : \Phi_\alpha(g_2) = \Phi_\alpha(g_3) = 0; \Phi_\alpha(g_4) = T^3 - 3T^2 + 2T; \\
& \mathbf{Z} := \{0, 1, 2\}, \mathbf{Z}_2 := \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2)\}; \\
\alpha = (1) & : \Phi_\alpha(g_2) = 0; \Phi_\alpha(g_3) = T^2 - T; \Phi_\alpha(g_4) = T^3 - 3T^2 + 2T; \\
& \gcd(\Phi_\alpha(g_3), \Phi_\alpha(g_4)) = T^2 - T; \\
& \mathbf{Z} := \{0, 1\}, \mathbf{Z}_2 := \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 1)\}; \\
\alpha = (2) & : \Phi_\alpha(g_2) = 2T; \Phi_\alpha(g_3) = 2T^2 - 2T; \Phi_\alpha(g_4) = T^3 - 3T^2 + 2T; \\
& \gcd(\Phi_\alpha(g_i), 2 \leq i \leq 4) = T; \\
& \mathbf{Z} := \{0\}, \mathbf{Z}_2 := \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0)\}; \\
\alpha = (0, 0) & : \Phi_\alpha(g_5) = 2T - 2; \Phi_\alpha(g_6) = -2T + 2; \\
& \Phi_\alpha(g_7) = -2T^2 + 8T - 6; \Phi_\alpha(g_8) = T^3 - 3T^2 - 4T + 6; \\
& \gcd(\Phi_\alpha(g_i), 5 \leq i \leq 8) = T - 1; \\
& \mathbf{Z} := \{1\}, \mathbf{Z}_2 := \{(0, 0, 1)\}; \\
\alpha = (0, 1) & : \Phi_\alpha(g_5) = 2T + 4; \Phi_\alpha(g_6) = -T - 2; \\
& \Phi_\alpha(g_7) = -2T^2 + 8T + 24; \Phi_\alpha(g_8) = T^3 - 3T^2 - 4T + 12; \\
& \gcd(\Phi_\alpha(g_i), 5 \leq i \leq 8) = T + 2; \\
& \mathbf{Z} := \{-2\}, \mathbf{Z}_2 := \mathbf{Z}_2 \cup \{(0, 1, -2)\}; \\
\alpha = (0, 2) & : \Phi_\alpha(g_5) = 2T + 4; \Phi_\alpha(g_6) = -T - 2; \\
& \Phi_\alpha(g_7) = -2T^2 + 8T + 24; \Phi_\alpha(g_8) = T^3 - 3T^2 - 4T + 12; \\
& \gcd(\Phi_\alpha(g_i), 5 \leq i \leq 8) = T + 2; \\
& \mathbf{Z} := \{-2\}, \mathbf{Z}_2 := \mathbf{Z}_2 \cup \{(0, 2, -2)\};
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha = (1, 0) & : \Phi_\alpha(g_5) = 0; \Phi_\alpha(g_6) = -T + 3; \\
 & \Phi_\alpha(g_7) = -T^2 + 4T - 3; \Phi_\alpha(g_8) = T^3 - 3T^2 - T + 3; \\
 & \gcd(\Phi_\alpha(g_i), 6 \leq i \leq 8) = T - 3; \\
 & Z := \{3\}, Z_2 := Z_2 \cup \{(1, 0, 3)\}; \\
 \alpha = (1, 1) & : \Phi_\alpha(g_5) = 0; \Phi_\alpha(g_6) = 0; \\
 & \Phi_\alpha(g_7) = -T^2 + 4T - 3; \Phi_\alpha(g_8) = T^3 - 3T^2 - T + 3; \\
 & \gcd(\Phi_\alpha(g_i), 7 \leq i \leq 8) = T^2 - 4T + 3; \\
 & Z := \{1, 3\}, Z_2 := Z_2 \cup \{(1, 1, 3), (1, 1, 1)\}; \\
 \alpha = (2, 0) & : \Phi_\alpha(g_5) = \Phi_\alpha(g_6) = \Phi_\alpha(g_7) = 0; \Phi_\alpha(g_8) = T^3 - 3T^2 - T + 3; \\
 & \gcd(\Phi_\alpha(g_i), 7 \leq i \leq 8) = T^3 - 3T^2 - T + 3; \\
 & Z := \{0, 1, 2\}, Z_2 := Z_2 \cup \{(2, 0, 0), (2, 0, 1), (2, 0, 2)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

39.3 Gianni–Kalkbrener Algorithm

A part from the FGLM-proposal of indirectly producing the needed lexicographical Gröbner basis via linear algebra from the Gröbner bases wrt an easier-to-compute termordering, the most relevant improvement on Trinks' Algorithm is based on the deeper analysis performed by Gianni and Kalkbrener on the structure of the lexicographical Gröbner basis of a zero-dimensional ideal.

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 and we 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 $i, 1 \leq i \leq r, \delta \in \mathbb{N}$,

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

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 also 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 39.3.1 (Gianni—Kalkbrener). Let $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ be an ideal, \prec be the lexicographical ordering induced by $Z_1 \prec \cdots \prec Z_r$.

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

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

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

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

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) $\Phi_\alpha(g_\sigma) = \text{gcd}(\Phi_\alpha(g) : g \in G_i) \in K[T]$,
- (e) for each $b \in K$,

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

Proof. cf. Section 26.2 and 34.6. □

Algorithm 39.3.2 (Gianni—Kalkbrener). Gianni—Kalkbrener improvement to Trink's Algorithm allows to avoid, for each $\alpha := (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}) \in \mathcal{Z}_{i-1}$, both the complete evaluation $\Phi_\alpha(g)$ of all $g \in G_i \setminus G_{i-1}$ and the computation of their gcd, reducing this step to the evaluation of the leading polynomials of a suitable subset of such elements (Figure 39.2).

Example 39.3.3. In Example 39.2.3, Gianni—Kalkbrener Algorithm computes

$$\begin{aligned} & Z_1 := \{0, 1, 2\}; \\ \alpha = (0) & : \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_2)) = \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_3)) = 0, \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_4)) = 1; \\ & \Phi_\alpha(g_4) = T^3 - 3T^2 + 2T; \\ & Z := \{0, 1, 2\}, Z_2 := \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2)\}; \\ \alpha = (1) & : \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_2)) = 0; \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_3)) = 1; \\ & \Phi_\alpha(g_3) = T^2 - T; \\ & Z := \{0, 1\}, Z_2 := \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 1)\}; \\ \alpha = (2) & : \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_2)) = 2, \Phi_\alpha(g_2) = 2T; \\ & Z := \{0\}, Z_2 := \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0)\}; \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 39.2. Trink’s Algorithm; Gianni–Kalkbrener improvement

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Z := Solve(F, L)
where
  F := (f1, …, fu) ⊂ Q := K[Z1, …, Zr],
  L ⊃ K is a field extension of K,
  J ⊂ Q is the zero-dimensional ideal generated by F,
  Z := {α1, …, αs} = Z(J) ∩ Lr.
Compute the reduced lexicographical Gröbner basis G of (f1, …, fu).
Sort G := {g1, …, gv} by increasing maximal terms.
Z1 := {a ∈ L : g1(a) = 0},
%% g1 is the unique element in G ∩ K[Z1].
For i = 2..r do
  Zi := ∅;
  g := min(g ∈ Gi \ Gi-1).
  For each (a1, …, ai-1) ∈ Zi-1 do
    h := g,
    While Lp(h)(a1, …, ai-1) = 0 do h := Next(h, G),
    p := h(a1, …, ai-1, Zi),
    %% p = gcd(H) for H := {g(a1, …, ai-1, Zi) : g ∈ Gi \ Gi-1},
    Z := {a ∈ L : p(a) = 0},
    Zi := Zi ∪ {(a1, …, ai-1, a) : a ∈ Z}.
Z := Zr

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$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha = (0, 0) & : \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_5)) = 2, \Phi_\alpha(g_5) = 2T - 2; \\
& \quad Z_2 := \{(0, 0, 1)\}; \\
\alpha = (0, 1) & : \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_5)) = 2, \Phi_\alpha(g_5) = 2T + 4; \\
& \quad Z := \{1\}, Z_2 := Z_2 \cup \{(0, 1, -2)\}; \\
\alpha = (0, 2) & : \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_5)) = 2, \Phi_\alpha(g_5) = 2T + 4; \\
& \quad Z := \{-2\}, Z_2 := Z_2 \cup \{(0, 2, -2)\}; \\
\alpha = (1, 0) & : \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_5)) = 0, \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_6)) = -1, \Phi_\alpha(g_6) = -T + 3; \\
& \quad Z := \{3\}, Z_2 := Z_2 \cup \{(1, 0, 3)\}; \\
\alpha = (1, 1) & : \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_5)) = \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_6)) = 0; \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_7)) = -1, \\
& \quad \Phi_\alpha(g_7) = -T^2 + 4T - 3; \\
& \quad Z := \{1, 3\}, Z_2 := Z_2 \cup \{(1, 1, 3), (1, 1, 1)\}; \\
\alpha = (2, 0) & : \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_5)) = \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_6)) = \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_7)) = 0; \Phi_\alpha(\text{Lp}(g_8)) = 1; \\
& \quad \Phi_\alpha(g_8) = T^3 - 3T^2 - T + 3; \\
& \quad Z := \{0, 1, 2\}, Z_2 := Z_2 \cup \{(2, 0, 0), (2, 0, 1), (2, 0, 2)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Remark 39.3.4. Cerlienco–Mureddu Correspondence and Algorithm (Chapter 33) can give some hint in the structure of Gianni–Kalkbrener Algorithm. Our informal discussion assumes that J is radical but holds in general. Gianni–Kalkbrener Algorithm, for any root $\alpha := (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}) \in Z_{i-1}$, considers the first Gröbner basis element

$$h = \text{Lp}(h)Z_i^{\delta+1} + \dots \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i] \setminus K[Z_1, \dots, Z_{i-1}]$$

whose leading polynomial $\text{Lp}(h)$ does not vanish at α .

In the same mood, Cerlienco–Mureddu considers a new point

$$\mathbf{x} := (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, b) \notin \mathcal{Z}(J_i)$$

and the first Gröbner basis element which does not vanish at it. Clearly both algorithms are choosing the same polynomial: in fact

$$\delta + 1 = \# \{y \in \mathcal{Z}(J_i) : \pi_{i-1}(y) = \alpha = \pi_{i-1}(\mathbf{x})\} = d.$$

Then

- $\Phi_\alpha(h) \mid \Phi_\alpha(g)$, for each $g \in G_i \setminus G_{i\delta+1}$ because

$$g(y) = 0, \text{ for each } y \in \mathcal{Z}(J_i) : \pi_{i-1}(y) = \alpha,$$

- $\text{Lp}(g)(\alpha) = 0$ for each $g \in G_{i\delta}$, because there is $y \in \mathcal{Z}(J_i)$ such that

$$\pi_{i-1}(y) = \alpha = \pi_{i-1}(\mathbf{x})$$

whence $g(y) = 0$ and $0 = \text{Lp}(g)(\pi_{i-1}(y)) = \text{Lp}(g)(\alpha)$.

In order to conclude our argument, we need to dispose of the elements $g \in G_{i\delta+1} \setminus G_{i\delta}$ *id est* of the Gröbner basis element

$$g = \text{Lp}(g)Z_i^{\delta+1} + \dots;$$

to do so, we have just to remark that

- $g(\alpha)$ and $h(\alpha)$ are associate if $\mathbf{T}(g) \succ \mathbf{T}(h)$, because

$$g(y) = 0, \text{ for each } y \in \mathcal{Z}(J_i) : \pi_{i-1}(y) = \alpha,$$

- and $\text{Lp}(g)(\alpha) = 0$ if $\mathbf{T}(g) \prec \mathbf{T}(h)$, because there is $y \in \mathcal{Z}(J_i)$ such that

$$\pi_{i-1}(y) = \alpha = \pi_{i-1}(\mathbf{x})$$

whence $g(y) = 0$ and $0 = \text{Lp}(g)(\pi_{i-1}(y)) = \text{Lp}(g)(\alpha)$.

39.4 An Ecumenic Notion of Solving

As the decomposition algorithms (Chapter 35) were reducing primary decomposition of multivariate ideals to factorization of univariate polynomials, Trink's Algorithm (as most other solving algorithms) reduces multivariate zero-dimensional ideal solving, to univariate polynomial solving.

Most of these algorithms are 'ecumenic', in the sense that they can be applied to any computational model of L which allows, in *endlichvielen Schritten*,

- to computationally perform the four operations in L ,

- and, for each univariate polynomial $p(T) \in L[T]$, to ‘solve’ it, *id est* to produce the set $\{a \in L : p(a) = 0\}$ of all the roots of p living in L ,

and use these tools, given F , to ‘solve’ the zero-dimensional ideal J generated by F , *id est* to produce the set $\mathcal{Z}(J) \cap L^r$ of all the roots of J with coordinates in L .

Trink’s Algorithm (Figure 39.2) is a perfect instance of such ‘ecumenic’ algorithms: for instance, setting $L := \mathbb{R}$, it can be *verbatim* applied to a numerical analysis solver⁵, or adapted in order to make use of Sturm Representation and Thom Codification of Algebraic Reals⁶.

In the same way, Trink’s Algorithm can be easily adapted in order to make use of Kronecker’s (and Duval’s) Model; obviously the resulting algorithm (Figure 39.3) is a *verbatim* reformulation of the Zero-dimensional Prime Decomposition Algorithm discussed in Section 35.2. Such strict relation between ‘solving’ and decomposing, which was already stressed in Section 34.5, is just a simple consequence of Kronecker–Duval Philosophy.

All over this Part we will preserve this ‘ecumenic’ approach to the notion of ‘solving’, as much as the persented solvers will allow to do so; naturally, the most strict solver presented here is an integralist version of Kronecker–Duval Philosophy.

39.5 *Delassus–Gunther Solver

Historical Remark 39.5.1. Trink’s paper, dated 1978, is the first published application of Gröbner bases, except Buchberger’s thesis and paper. His result is an efficient adaptation and improvement of the proof of Hilbert’s Nullstellensatz given by Gröbner (Section 20.3).

Gröbner’s argument, when restricted to the zero-dimensional case, essentially computes iteratively the roots of each elimination ideal J_i by

- producing (via a suitable generic change of coordinates) a polynomial

$$f_i(Z_1, \dots, Z_i) := cZ_i^{d_i} + \sum_{j=0}^{d_i-1} h_j(Z_1, \dots, Z_{i-1})Z_i^j \in J_i, c \neq 0,$$

- solving the univariate polynomials

$$f_i(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, Z_i) \in K[Z_i] \text{ for each } (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}) \in \mathcal{Z}(J_{i-1})$$

⁵ Of course, such a statement must be taken *cum grano salis*: it forgets the ill-conditioning problem, which requires at least some suitable pre-processing before applying the Algorithm.

⁶ Chapter 13 dicusses both such representations and the techniques needed in order to solve the required polynomials

$$p(Z_i) := h(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, Z_i), h \in \mathbb{Q}[Z_1, \dots, Z_i],$$

where each $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is given by such representation.

Fig. 39.3. Trink's Algorithm in Kronecker's Model

$Z := \text{Solve}(F)$
where
 $F := (f_1, \dots, f_u) \subset \mathcal{Q} := K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$,
 $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ is the zero-dimensional ideal generated by F ,
 $Z := \{(\mathbf{f}_1, \mathfrak{K}_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (\mathbf{f}_s, \mathfrak{K}_s, \alpha_s)\}$
where
 $\mathbf{f}_j = (f_{j1}, \dots, f_{jr})$ is an admissible sequence (Definition 8.2.2) in
 $K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$,
 $\mathfrak{K}_j := K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]/(f_{j1}, \dots, f_{jr})$, $K \subset \mathfrak{K}_j \subset \mathbb{K}$ is the finite extension
explicitly given by \mathbf{f}_j ,
 $\alpha_j \in \mathfrak{K}_j^r$
 $\mathcal{Z}(J) := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\} \subset \mathbb{K}^r$
Compute the reduced lexicographical Gröbner basis G of (f_1, \dots, f_u) ;
Sort $G := \{g_1, \dots, g_v\}$ by increasing maximal terms.
Let $g_1 = \prod_{j=1}^{\sigma} q_j^{e_j}$ be the factorization of g_1 over K ,
For $j = 1 \dots \sigma$ **let**
 $\mathbf{f}_j := (q_j)$,
 $\mathfrak{K}_j := K[Z_1]/q_j$,
 $\pi_j : K[Z_1] \rightarrow \mathfrak{K}_j$ be the canonical projection,
 $\alpha_j := \pi_j(Z_1) \in \mathfrak{K}_j$,
 $Z_1 := \{(\mathbf{f}_1, \mathfrak{K}_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (\mathbf{f}_\sigma, \mathfrak{K}_\sigma, \alpha_\sigma)\}$
For $i = 2 \dots r$ **do**
 $Z_i := \emptyset$,
 $g := \min(g \in G_i \setminus G_{i-1})$
For each $(\mathbf{f}, \mathfrak{K}, \alpha) \in Z_{i-1}$, $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_{i-1})$, $\alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})$ **do**
 $h := g$,
While $\text{Lp}(h)(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}) = 0$ **do** $h := \text{Next}(h, G)$
 $p(Z_i) := h(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, Z_i)$
Let $p = \prod_{j=1}^{\sigma} q_j^{e_j}$ be the factorization of p over \mathfrak{K} ,
For $j = 2 \dots \sigma$ **let**
 $\mathbf{f}_j := (f_1, \dots, f_{i-1}, q_j)$,
 $\mathfrak{K}_j := \mathfrak{K}[Z_i]/q_j \cong K[Z_1, \dots, Z_i]/(f_1, \dots, f_{i-1}, q_j)$
 $\pi_j : \mathfrak{K}[Z_i] \rightarrow \mathfrak{K}_j$ be the canonical projection,
 $\alpha_j := (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, \pi_j(Z_i)) \in \mathfrak{K}_j^i$,
 $Z_i := Z_i \cup \{(\mathbf{f}_1, \mathfrak{K}_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (\mathbf{f}_\sigma, \mathfrak{K}_\sigma, \alpha_\sigma)\}$
 $Z := Z_r$

- and including in $\mathcal{Z}(J_i)$ those roots (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, b) which are annihilating not only f_i but also a given basis of J_i .

Trinks proposal makes effective the ability of producing the required basis of each J_i and allows to produce univariate polynomials to be solved without performing changes of coordinates.

Gröbner’s argument, in turn, was an adaptation of the argument and solver by Kronecker (Section 20.4) which, in the zero-dimensional case⁷, again consists into

- producing (via a suitable generic change of coordinates) polynomials

$$f_i(Z_1, \dots, Z_i) := cZ_i^{d_i} + \sum_{j=0}^{d_i-1} h_j(Z_1, \dots, Z_{i-1})Z_i^j \in \mathfrak{l}_i, c \neq 0,$$

- solving the univariate polynomials

$$f_i(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, Z_i) \in \mathbb{K}[Z_i] \text{ for each } (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}_{i-1})$$

- and including in $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}_i)$ those roots (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, b) which are annihilating not only f_i but also a given basis of \mathfrak{l}_i ,

where each ideal \mathfrak{l}_{i-1} is obtained from \mathfrak{l}_i ($\mathfrak{l}_n := J$) via a suitable resultant computation.

Resultant is instead just a theoretical tool used in proving an interesting solver which anticipates some ideas by Macaulay: the original version⁸ was proposed by Delassus in 1897 but was flawed by the wrong assumption that the generic initial ideal (Definition 37.1.5) of a homogeneous ideal w.r.t. the lex ordering \prec induced by $X_n \prec \dots \prec X_1$ consists of the last terms w.r.t. \prec while it is just Borel (Definition 37.2.7, Corollary 37.2.8); the flaw was found (by Gunther and Robinson⁹) and fixed (by Gunther¹⁰) in 1913. \square

⁷ Unlike Gröbner’s argument which was not intended as an effective solver and was turned into such by Trinks, Kronecker’s argument was an effective solver.

The restriction to the zero-dimensional case is done here to simplify the argument but is *not* required by Kronecker’s solver which in fact applies also to non-unmixed ideals.

The details on the general case are discussed in Sections 20.3 and 20.4.

⁸ Delassus E., *Sur les systèmes algébriques et leurs relations avec certains systèmes d’équations aux dérivées partielles*. Ann. Éc. Norm. 3^e série **14** (1897) 21–44

⁹ Gunther, N. *Sur les caractéristiques des systèmes d’équations aux dérivées partielles*, C.R. Acad. Sci. Paris **156** (1913), 1147–1150 and Robinson, L.B. *Sur les systèmes d’équations aux dérivées partielles* C.R. Acad. Sci. Paris **157** (1913), 106–108

¹⁰ Gunther, N. *Sur la forme canonique des systèmes d’équations homogènes* (in russian) [Journal de l’Institut des Ponts et Chaussées de Russie] Izдание Inst. Inž. Putej Soobščeniya Imp. Al. I. **84** (1913) and Gunther, N. *Sur la forme canonique des équations algébriques*, C.R. Acad. Sci. Paris **157** (1913), 577–80 .

In order to present the solver proposed by Delassus–Gunther we must slightly adapt the notation used; we assume $\mathbf{J} \subset \mathcal{Q} = K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ to be homogeneous and we denote, for each $d \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\mathcal{W}_d := \{\tau \in \mathcal{W}, \deg(\tau) = d\} \text{ and }^{11} \mathbf{J}_d := \mathbf{J} \cap \text{Span}_K(\mathcal{W}_d).$$

We assume to have performed a generic change of coordinates and we consider the (deg)-revlex ordering $<$ induced by $Z_1 < Z_2 < \dots < Z_r$ and for each (homogeneous) polynomial $f = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{W}} c(f, t)t \in \mathcal{Q}$ we denote

$$\mathbf{L}_<(f) := \min_{<}(t \in \mathcal{W} : c(f, t) \neq 0)$$

and, for each (homogeneous) set $F \subset \mathcal{Q}$,

$$\mathbf{L}_<\{F\} := \{\mathbf{L}_<(f) : f \in F\} \text{ and } \mathbf{L}_<(F) := \{\tau \mathbf{L}_<(f) : f \in F, \tau \in \mathcal{W}\}.$$

Remark 39.5.2.

- (1) if \succ denotes the (deg)-lex ordering induced by $Z_1 \succ Z_2 \succ \dots \succ Z_r$ we have $\mathbf{T}_\succ(f) = \mathbf{L}_<(f)$ for each (homogeneous) polynomial $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ and $\mathbf{T}_\succ(F) = \mathbf{L}_<(F)$ for each (homogeneous) set $F \subset \mathcal{Q}$;
- (2) for the homogeneous ideal \mathbf{J} and each $d \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\mathbf{L}_<(\mathbf{J})_d = \mathbf{L}_<\{\mathbf{J}\}_d = \mathbf{L}_<\{\mathbf{J}_d\};$$

- (3) there is a (minimal) value¹² $D \in \mathbb{N}$ which satisfies, for each $d \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\mathbf{L}(\text{Span}_K\{\omega f : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d, f \in \mathbf{J}_D\}) = \{\omega \mathbf{L}(f) : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d, f \in \mathbf{J}_D\};$$

- (4) each set $\mathbf{L}_<\{\mathbf{J}_d\}$, $d \geq D$, satisfies¹³ for each $\ell, \ell', 1 \leq \ell < \ell' \leq r$,

$$Z_1^{a_1} \dots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathbf{L}_<\{\mathbf{J}_d\} \implies Z_1^{a_1} \dots Z_\ell^{a_\ell+1} \dots Z_{\ell'}^{a_{\ell'}-1} \dots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathbf{L}_<\{\mathbf{J}_d\};$$

¹¹ the notation \mathbf{J}_d denotes here the set of the homogeneous members of \mathbf{J} of degree d and must not be indentify with the previous notation where \mathbf{J}_i denotes the members of \mathbf{J} depending only on the first j variables.

¹² We can set $D := \max\{\deg(g) : g \in G\}$ where G is a Gröbner basis of \mathbf{J} wrt \prec but the existence can be easily derived (as for the finiteness of Gröbner bases) by Hilbert's Nullstellensatz and this is the approach used by Gunther.

¹³ This is a direct consequence of Corollary 37.2.8 applied to the set $\mathbf{T}_\prec(f) = \mathbf{L}_<(f)$ and to the (deg)-lex ordering \prec induced by $Z_r \prec \dots \prec Z_2 \prec Z_1$.

Delassus' mistake is to assume that $\mathbf{T}_\prec(\mathbf{J}_d) = \mathbf{L}_<(\mathbf{J}_d)$ is the set $\mathbf{L}(d)$ consists of the first $\#\mathbf{L}_<(\mathbf{J}_d)$ terms w.r.t. the (deg)-revlex $<$ induced by $Z_1 < Z_2 < \dots < Z_r$ which tantamount to the last $\#\mathbf{T}_\prec(\mathbf{J}_d)$ terms w.r.t. the (deg)-lex ordering \prec induced by $Z_r \prec \dots \prec Z_2 \prec Z_1$.

In its Lemma (cf. Section 23.3) Macaulay was considering the same set $\mathbf{L}(d)$, $\#\mathbf{L}(d) = \#\mathbf{L}_<(\mathbf{J}_d)$ as Delassus and presented it, as Delassus, in terms of the (deg)-revlex ordering $<$ and not in terms of the (deg)-lex ordering \prec .

- (5) Denoting, for each d , $\mathbf{N}(J_d) := \mathcal{W}_d \setminus \mathbf{L}_{<} \{J_d\}$, for each $\tau \in \mathbf{L}_{<} \{J_d\}$, we have $\text{Can}(\tau, J, <) \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{N}(J_d))$ and we can set

$$g_\tau := \tau - \text{Can}(\tau, J, <) \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{N}(J_d)) \text{ and } G_d := \{g_\tau : \tau \in \mathbf{L}_{<} \{J_d\}\}$$

having $\tau = \mathbf{L}_{<}(g_\tau) = \mathbf{T}_{<}(g_\tau)$ and $\mathbf{L}_{<}\{G_d\} = \mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_d\}$.

- (6) $\mathcal{Z}(J) = \{(a_1, \dots, a_r) \in K^r : g(a_1, \dots, a_r) = 0 \text{ for each } g \in G_D\}$. \square

Theorem 39.5.3 (Delassus–Gunther). *With the present notation and assumptions, let $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sum_{i=1}^r \gamma_i = D$, be the values such that*

$$\Omega := Z_1^{\gamma_1} \cdots Z_{r-1}^{\gamma_{r-1}} Z_r^{\gamma_r} = \max_{<}(\mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_D\}) = \max_{<}(\mathbf{L}_{<}\{G_D\}) = \min_{<}(\mathbf{T}_{<}\{J_D\}).$$

Then

- (1) if $\gamma_1 = 0$ then $\text{gcd}(G_D) = 1$;
- (2) if $\gamma_1 \neq 0$ then
 - (a) $h := \text{gcd}(G_D) \neq 1$;
 - (b) $\mathbf{L}_{<}(h) = Z_1^{\gamma_1}$;
 - (c) for each $d \in \mathbb{N}$ it holds

$$\mathbf{L}(\text{Span}_K\{\omega g : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d, g \in G_D\}) = \{\omega \mathbf{L}(g) : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d, g \in G_D\};$$

- (3) $\max_{<}\{\mathbf{L}_{<}(g/h) : g \in G_D\} = Z_2^{\gamma_2} \cdots Z_{r-1}^{\gamma_{r-1}} Z_r^{\gamma_r}$;
- (4) if $\gamma_1 = 0$ the set $H := G_D \cap K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r]$ satisfies, for each $d \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\mathbf{L}(\text{Span}_K\{\omega f : \omega \in \mathcal{U}_d, f \in H\}) = \{\omega \mathbf{L}(f) : \omega \in \mathcal{U}_d, f \in H\},$$

where we have set $\mathcal{U}_d := \mathcal{W}_d \cap K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r]$;

- (5) if $\gamma_1 = 0$ and

$$(a_2, \dots, a_r) \in \mathcal{Z}(H) := \{(a_2, \dots, a_r) \in K^{r-1} : g(a_2, \dots, a_r) = 0, g \in H\},$$

then $1 \neq h(Z_1, a_2, \dots, a_r) = \text{gcd}(g(Z_1, a_2, \dots, a_r) : g \in G_D) \in K[Z_1]$;

- (6) moreover $h(Z_1, a_2, \dots, a_r) = (Z_1 - a_1)^{\text{deg}(g)}$ for some $a_1 \in K$.

Proof.

- (1) Remark that the first element, w.r.t. $<$ in $\mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_D\}$ is Z_1^D and that

$$Z_1^D - \text{Can}(Z_1^D, J, <) \in G_D$$

so that

$$h := \text{gcd}(G_D) \neq 1 \implies \text{gcd}(G_D) \in K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r][Z_1] \setminus K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r].$$

If $\gamma_1 = 0$, $\Omega \in K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r]$ and $g_\Omega \in K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r]$ ¹⁴ so that

$$h = \text{gcd}(G_D \in K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r]).$$

Thus $\text{gcd}(G_D) = 1$.

¹⁴ As a consequence of the elimination property of the lex ordering $<$ which is explicitly stated by Gunther.

(2) Assume now that $\gamma_1 \neq 0$.

(a) Let us consider variables $U_\tau, W_\tau, \tau \in \mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_D\}$, and the polynomials

$$\mathbf{f} := \sum_{\tau \in \mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_D\}} U_\tau g_\tau, \quad \mathbf{g} := \sum_{\tau \in \mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_D\}} W_\tau g_\tau \in K[U_\tau, W_\tau, Z_2, \dots, Z_r][Z_1];$$

Sylvester resultant grants (Proposition 6.6.7) the existence of polynomials $p, q \in K[U_\tau, W_\tau, Z_2, \dots, Z_r][Z_1]$ such that

$$\text{Res}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) := p\mathbf{f} + q\mathbf{g} \in K[U_\tau, W_\tau, Z_2, \dots, Z_r];$$

moreover $\text{Res}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})$ is necessarily linear and homogeneous in terms of members of the set $F := \{\omega g_\tau, \tau \in \mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_D\}, \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d\}$ where $d := \deg(p) = \deg(q)$. By Remarks 39.5.2.(3) and (5),

$$\Omega Z_r^d := Z_1^{\gamma_1} \cdots Z_{r-1}^{\gamma_{r-1}} Z_r^{\gamma_r+d} = \max_{<}(\mathbf{L}_{<}\{F\}).$$

As a consequence, since $\gamma_1 \neq 0$, there are elements $f' \in F$, for instance $f' = Z_r^d g_\Omega$, for which

$$\mathbf{L}_{<}(f') \in K[U_\tau, W_\tau, Z_2, \dots, Z_r][Z_1] \setminus K[U_\tau, W_\tau, Z_2, \dots, Z_r]$$

thus getting a contradiction unless $\text{Res}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) = 0$ and \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} have a common factor in $K[U_\tau, W_\tau, Z_2, \dots, Z_r][Z_1]$.

Such factor is necessarily a member of $K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r][Z_1]$, thus proving that $h := \gcd(G_D) \neq 1$.

(b) We necessarily have $\mathbf{L}_{<}(h) = Z_1^\gamma$ for some $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}$. Also

$$\max_{<}\{\mathbf{L}_{<}(g/h) : g \in G_D\} = Z_1^{\gamma_1-\gamma} Z_2^{\gamma_2} \cdots Z_{r-1}^{\gamma_{r-1}} Z_r^{\gamma_r}$$

and, setting $F' := \{\omega g/h : g \in G_D, \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d\}$, we have (again by Remarks 39.5.2.(3) and (5))

$$\max_{<}\{\mathbf{L}_{<}(f : f \in F')\} = Z_1^{\gamma_1-\gamma} Z_2^{\gamma_2} \cdots Z_{r-1}^{\gamma_{r-1}} Z_r^{\gamma_r+d}.$$

Since clearly $\gcd(F') = 1$ we conclude by (1) and (2.a) above that $\gamma_1 - \gamma = 0$ *id est* $\gamma_1 = \gamma$.

(c) is trivial.

(3) is a trivial consequence of (2).

(4) If $\gamma_1 = 0$, then $H := G_D \cap K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r] \neq \emptyset$ and¹⁵

$$H = \{g_\tau \in G_D : \tau \in \mathcal{W} \cap K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r]\}.$$

The claim then is a direct application of Remark 39.5.2.(3).

¹⁵ Again a consequence of the elimination property of the lex ordering \prec explicitly stated by Gunther.

(5) Let us again consider the resultant

$$\text{Res}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) := p\mathbf{f} + q\mathbf{g} \in K[U_\tau, W_\tau, Z_2, \dots, Z_r]$$

of $\mathbf{f} := \sum_{\tau \in \mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_D\}} U_\tau g_\tau$ and $\mathbf{g} := \sum_{\tau \in \mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_D\}} W_\tau g_\tau$; since $\gcd(G_D) = 1$ we have $\gcd(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) = 1$ and $\text{Res}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \neq 0$.

Denoting \mathcal{V} the set of the terms in the variables $\{U_\tau, W_\tau, \tau \in \mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_D\}\}$ we therefore have $\text{Res}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} c_v v$.

Each c_v depends linearly on the elements in

$$F := \{\omega g_\tau, \tau \in \mathbf{L}_{<}\{J_D\}, \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d\},$$

where $d := \deg(p) = \deg(q)$, and is independent on Z_1 : $c_v \in K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r]$. Therefore each c_v depends linearly on the elements in

$$F' := \{\omega g, g \in H, \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d \cap K[Z_2, \dots, Z_r]\}$$

and we have $c_v(a_2, \dots, a_r) = 0$, $\text{Res}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})(U_\tau, W_\tau, a_2, \dots, a_r) = 0$ for each $(a_2, \dots, a_r) \in \mathcal{Z}(H)$, so that

$$\gcd(\mathbf{f}(U_\tau, W_\tau, a_2, \dots, a_r, Z_1), \mathbf{g}(U_\tau, W_\tau, a_2, \dots, a_r, Z_1)) \neq 1$$

id est $1 \neq h(Z_1, a_2, \dots, a_r) := \gcd(g(Z_1, a_2, \dots, a_r) : g \in G_D) \in K[Z_1]$.

(6) Since this is Gröbner's *Allgemeine Nulldimensional Basissatz* (Theorem 34.2.4) I can skip the interesting, but not immediate, proof proposed by Gunther¹⁶. \square

¹⁶ It begins by considering a substitution

$$Z_1 = U_1, Z_2 = AU_1 + U_2, Z_3 = U_3, \dots, Z_r = U_r,$$

where A is a variable, and the corresponding equations in $K[A][U_1, \dots, U_r]$ which *sont de fonction holomorphes de A dans la voisinage de $A = 0$* .

40. Stetter

The crucial improvement by Gianni and Kalkbener of Trinks' Algorithm is dated 1987; the next year, Auzinger and Stetter proposed an alternative algorithm for solving a radical 0-dimensional ideal which was later generalized by Stetter and Möller to the general setting; the original proposal made no reference to Gröbner techniques¹ being based on Numerical Analysis techniques: given a zero dimensional ideal $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$, Auzinger–Stetter's Theorem states that, for each $f \in \mathbf{A} := \mathcal{Q}/J$, the linear form $\Phi_f : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ describing the multiplication by f in \mathbf{A} has the evaluation of f at the roots of J as its eigenvalues with the proper multiplicity; moreover, if we fix a K -basis of \mathbf{A} $\mathbf{b} = \{b_1, \dots, b_s\}$ and we denote A_f the matrix representing Φ_f w.r.t. such basis, then $(b_1(\alpha), \dots, b_s(\alpha))^T$ is an eigenvector for $f(\alpha)$ for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$.

Thus, provided that A_f is non-derogatory, *id est* its Jordan form has a single Jordan block associated with each eigenvalue, it is sufficient to choose as \mathbf{b} a basis which includes the linear basis of the subspace of \mathbf{A} consisting of all its linear forms and use linear dependency to express each variable Z_i in terms of such linear basis.

After setting the proper notation (Section 40.1) we present Auzinger–Stetter's Theorem (Section 40.2) and discuss how to apply it for solving a 0-dimensional radical ideal (Section 40.3). The extension to the general case being based on duality, I preliminarily discuss the relation between duality and Auzinger–Stetter's technique (Section 40.4) before presenting Möller–Stetter's extension of Auzinger–Stetter's Theorem (Section 40.5).

After specializing this result to the univariate case, thus obtaining the expected statement (Section 40.6) and discussing derogatoriness (Section 40.7 and 40.10), I finally present how Stetter's Algorithm can be performed using Gröbner basis techniques (Section 40.8 and 40.9).

¹ While, the presentation here is centered around the notion of *Gröbner representation*, one must remark that such notion was introduced later in order to provide a convenient frame to present Auzinger–Stetter's Algorithm.

40.1 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 $\mathbf{J} \subset \mathcal{Q}$ be a zero-dimensional ideal, $\deg(\mathbf{J}) = s$, and $\mathbf{A} := \mathcal{Q}/\mathbf{J}$ 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 \mathbf{J} and Φ_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 $[f] = [h]$.

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 (Definition 29.3.3),

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

which satisfies

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

and the endomorphism Φ_f is naturally represented by the square matrix

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

Recall that a *Gröbner representation* (Definition 29.3.3) of \mathbf{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 $h, 1 \leq h \leq s$,

and that a Gröbner representation is called a *linear representation* (Definition 29.3.3) iff $\mathbf{b} = \{[1], [\tau_2], \dots, [\tau_s]\} = \mathbf{N}_{<}(\mathbf{J})$ wrt a term ordering $<$ and remark that, for each $f(Z_1, \dots, Z_r) \in \mathcal{Q}$, $M([f], \mathbf{b}) = f(A_1, \dots, A_r)$.

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

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

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

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 $\mathfrak{L}(\mathbf{J})$ 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 ,
- $Q_h := (\lambda_j(Z_h q_i))_{ij}$.

Example 40.1.1. Set $\mathcal{Q} := \mathbb{C}[Z_1, Z_2]$ and

$$\mathbf{J} := (Z_1^3 - Z_1^2, Z_1 Z_2 - Z_1 - Z_2 + 1, Z_2^3 + Z_1^2 - 1)$$

which is a Gröbner basis wrt the degree compatible ordering induced by $Z_1 < Z_2$.

As a consequence we can choose as Gröbner representation the linear representation $\mathbf{b} = \{1, Z_1, Z_2, Z_1^2, Z_2^2\}$,

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to verify that $\mathfrak{L}(\mathbf{J}) = \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{L})$, $\mathbb{L} := \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_5\}$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1(p) &= p(0, 1), & \lambda_2(p) &= \frac{\partial p}{\partial Z_1}(0, 1), \\ \lambda_3(p) &= p(1, 0), & \lambda_4(p) &= \frac{\partial p}{\partial Z_2}(1, 0), & \lambda_5(p) &= \frac{\partial^2 p}{2\partial Z_2^2}(1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

whose associated Gröbner representation is $\mathbf{q} = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5\}$ with

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 &= -Z_1^2 + 1, & q_2 &= -Z_1^2 + Z_1, \\ q_3 &= Z_1^2, & q_4 &= Z_1^2 + Z_2 - 1, & q_5 &= Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 - 1, \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

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

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

so that, for each i ,

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

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.

Example 40.1.2. Continuing Example 40.1.1 we have

$$M_{bq} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_{qb} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and it is easy to check the relations $M_{bq} = M_{qb}^{-1}$, $M_{bq}Q_1 = A_1M_{bq}$, $M_{bq}Q_2 = A_2M_{bq}$. Setting

$$J_1 = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & \\ \hline & & 1 \\ & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \end{array} \right), \quad J_2 = \left(\begin{array}{c|cc} 1 & & \\ \hline & 1 & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & 0 \end{array} \right);$$

we have, for $i = 1, 2$, $M_{bq}J_i = A_iM_{bq}$, and hence $J_i = Q_i$.

From $M_{bq}J_i = A_iM_{bq}$, we obtain $M_{qb}A_i = J_iM_{qb}$ and $A_i^T M_{qb}^T = M_{qb}^T J_i^T = M_{qb}^T Q_i^T$, thus allowing to easily deduce eigenvalues and Jordan normal forms also for A_i^T .

$$\text{In fact we have } \check{M}_{qb}\check{J}_i = A_i^T \check{M}_{qb} \text{ with } \check{M}_{qb} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\check{J}_1 = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ \hline & & 1 \\ & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & 0 \end{array} \right) \text{ and } \check{J}_2 = \left(\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & 1 & \\ \hline & 0 & 1 \\ & & 0 \\ & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \end{array} \right).$$

□

Remark 40.1.3. Denote P the s -square backward identity matrix

$$P := (p_{ij}), \quad p_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i + j = s + 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } i + j \neq s + 1 \end{cases}$$

which satisfy $P^{-1} = P$.

From a relation $MJ = AM$ where A is an s -square matrix, M is invertible, $N := M^{-1}$, and J is the Jordan matrix of A , we obtain $JN = NA$ and

$$A^T(N^T P) = N^T J^T P = (N^T P)(P J^T P)$$

so that $P J^T P$ is the Jordan matrix of A^T — whose eigenvalues thus are the same (with the same multiplicity) as the ones of A — and $\tilde{N} := N^T P$ its eigenspace matrix.

Given a square matrix $N = (n_{ij})$, the matrix $\tilde{N} = N^T P = (\tilde{n}_{ij})$ can be obtained from N by, equivalently, either

- writing from the right to the left the columns of N^T ,
- clock-right $\frac{\pi}{4}$ -rotating N or
- setting $\tilde{n}_{ij} = n_{s-j, i}$, for each $1 \leq i, j \leq s$. □

40.2 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 $\mathfrak{L}(\mathbf{J})$;
- 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;
- \tilde{M}_{qb} the matrix obtained from M_{qb} according the construction described in Remark 40.1.3;
- J_h and $\tilde{J}_h, 1 \leq h \leq r$ the Jordan normal form matrices for A_h and A_h^T ;
- for each $f \in \mathcal{Q}/\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{A}$

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

- J_f and \tilde{J}_f the Jordan normal form matrices for A_f and A_f^T .

Let us also consider the set

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

Lemma 40.2.1 (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 γ , the second from the property of the Lagrange basis. The claim then follows by the linear independency of \mathbf{q} . \square

Corollary 40.2.2. *Each i^{th} row of M_{bq} 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^{th} column of M_{bq} is the vector $(\lambda_j(b_1), \dots, \lambda_j(b_s))^T$ of the evaluation of the basis \mathbf{b} at the functional λ_j . \square

Lemma 40.2.3 (Auzinger–Stetter). *For each $\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J})$ 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

Lemma 40.2.4 (Möller). *The following holds:*

- (1) *for any $\lambda \in K$, λ is an eigenvalue for Φ_f iff $\mathbf{J} : (f - \lambda) \neq \mathbf{J}$;*
- (2) *the corresponding eigenspace is the set $\{[h] : h \in \mathbf{J} : (f - \lambda)\}$;*
- (3) *$[h] = \sum_i \beta_i [b_i] \in \mathbf{J} : (f - \lambda)$ iff $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)^T$ is an eigenvector of A_f^T for λ .*

Proof. For each $[h] = \sum_i \beta_i [b_i] \in \mathbf{A}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_f([h]) &= \sum_j \beta_j \Phi_f([b_j]) \\ &= \sum_j \beta_j \sum_i \gamma(fb_j, b_i, \mathbf{b})[b_i] \\ &= \sum_i \left(\sum_j \beta_j \gamma(fb_j, b_i, \mathbf{b}) \right) [b_i] \end{aligned}$$

so that, for $v := (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s)^T$ we have

$$\lambda[h] = \Phi_f([h]) \iff \lambda\beta_i = \sum_j \beta_j \gamma(fb_j, b_i, \mathbf{b}) \forall i \iff \lambda v = A^T v.$$

For any $h \notin \mathbf{J}$ we have the obvious equivalences

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda[h] = \Phi_f([h]) &\iff \lambda[h] = [fh] \\
 &\iff (\lambda - [f])[h] = 0 \\
 &\iff (\lambda - f)h \in \mathbf{J} \\
 &\iff h \in \mathbf{J} : (f - \lambda)
 \end{aligned}$$

whence the claim. \square

Definition 40.2.5. 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 40.2.6 (Auzinger–Stetter). The set $\{f(\alpha) : \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J})\}$ 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 Lemmata 40.2.3 and 40.2.4. \square

Corollary 40.2.7. The set $\{f(\alpha) : \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J})\}$ is the set of eigenvalues of A_f^T . If A_f is non-derogatory, such is also A_f^T and, for each i ,

(1) the eigenspace of A_f^T for $f(\alpha_i)$ is spanned by

$$(\gamma(q_i, b_1, \mathbf{b}), \dots, \gamma(q_i, b_s, \mathbf{b}))^T.$$

(2) $\mathbf{J} : (f - f(\alpha_i)) = \mathbf{J} + (q_i)$. \square

Example 40.2.8. Continuing Example 40.1.1, the eigenspace of A_1 (respectively: A_2) for the eigenvalue 0 is spanned by $(1, 0, 1, 0, 1)^T$ (respectively: $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0)^T$) while $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0)^T$ (respectively: $(1, 0, 1, 0, 1)^T$) are just eigenvectors for the eigenvalue 1 whose eigenspace has dimension 3 (respectively: 2). The eigenspaces for 0 have dimension 1 for both A_1 and A_2 , those for 1 have dimension respectively 3 and 2; thus neither matrix is non-derogatory.

We also have:

- $\mathbf{J} : Z_1 = (Z_1 - Z_1^2) + \mathbf{J}$ and $(0, 1, 0, -1, 0)^T$ spans the eigenspace of A_1^T for 0;
- $\mathbf{J} : (Z_1 - 1) = (Z_1^2, Z_2 - 1) + \mathbf{J}$ and the eigenspace of A_1^T for 1 is spanned by

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\{(-1, 0, 0, 1, 1)^T, (-1, 0, 1, 1, 0)^T, (0, 0, 0, 1, 0)^T\} \\
 &= \{(0, 0, -1, 0, 1)^T, (-1, 0, 1, 0, 0)^T, (0, 0, 0, 1, 0)^T\};
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbf{J} : Z_2 = (Z_2^2 + Z_1^2 - 1) + \mathbf{J}$ and the eigenspace of A_2^T for 0 is spanned by $\{(-1, 0, 0, 1, 1)^T\}$.

- $J : (Z_2 - 1) = (Z_1 - 1) + J$ and the eigenspace of A_2^T for 1 is spanned by $\{(0, 1, 0, -1, 0)^T, (1, 0, 0, -1, 0)^T\} = \{(1, -1, 0, 0, 0)^T, (0, 1, 0, -1, 0)^T\}$. \square

The relevant aspect of Auzinger–Stetter’s Theorem 40.2.6 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 .

40.3 Auzinger–Stetter: The Radical case

Let us preliminarily 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 λ_j with the evaluation at the root α_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 and A_Y^T are 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 respectively by

$$(b_1(\alpha_j), \dots, b_s(\alpha_j))^T \text{ and } (\gamma(q_j, b_1, \mathbf{b}), \dots, \gamma(q_j, b_s, \mathbf{b}))^T.$$

In order to deduce the α_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 δ 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

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

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 α_j can be deduced from $a_i^{(j)} = c_{i0} + \sum_{l=1}^{\delta-1} c_{il}a_l^{(j)}$.

In conclusion

Theorem 40.3.1 (Auzinger–Stetter). *With the present notation and under the assumption that \mathbf{J} is radical, then it holds*

- (1) each j^{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) each j^{th} row $(\gamma(q_j, b_1, \mathbf{b}), \dots, \gamma(q_j, b_s, \mathbf{b}))^T$ of M_{qb} is an eigenvector of each $A_f^T, f \in \mathcal{Q}$, for the eigenvalue $f(\alpha_j)$;
- (3) 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

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

- (c) the eigenspace of A_f^T for $\lambda \in K$ is

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

- (d) $[q_j]f(\alpha_j) = [fq_j]$ for each j ;
- (e) for each $\lambda \in K, \mathbf{J} : (f - \lambda) = \mathbf{J}$ iff $\lambda \notin \{f(\alpha_i) : 1 \leq i \leq s\}$;
- (f) for each $\lambda \in K, \mathbf{J} : (f - \lambda) = \mathbf{J} + \{q_j : f(\alpha_j) = \lambda\}$.

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

- (4) the j^{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 ;

- (5) the j^{th} row $(\gamma(q_i, b_1, \mathbf{b}), \dots, \gamma(q_j, b_s, \mathbf{b}))^T$ of M_{qb} is the eigenvector for $\beta_j := \sum_h c_h a_h^{(j)}$ of A_Y^T ;
(6) $\mathbf{J} : (Y - \beta_j) = \mathbf{J} + \{q_j\}$ for each j .

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

- (7) 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 $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J}) = \{\alpha_j, 1 \leq j \leq s\}$.

Proof. (1), (3)(a-b) are a direct consequence of Lemma 40.2.3, (2), (3)(c-f) of Lemma 40.2.4.

For the non-derogatory case, (4) is Theorem 40.2.6 and (5-6) Corollary 40.2.7.

(7) is a direct reformulation of (1) applied to the basis satisfying condition **(AS.2)**. \square

Example 40.3.2. If we consider the ideal $\mathbf{J} \subset \mathbb{C}[Z_1, Z_2, Z_3]$ discussed in Example 39.2.3, since we completely know both the roots and the Gröbner structure all we need to do is to verify Auzinger–Stetter’s Theorem on it.

The natural choices for \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{L} are (compare Examples 33.2.5 and 33.2.6)

$$\mathbf{B} := \{1, Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_1^2, Z_1 Z_2, Z_2^2, Z_1 Z_3, Z_3^2\}$$

and $\lambda_i(p) := p(\mathbf{b}_i)$ for all i ; under this choice

$$M_{bq} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 9 & 9 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

and the matrices related to the Gröbner representation are (compare Examples 33.5.1 and 33.5.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
A_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & -9 & -2 & 1 & 6 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & -3 & -45 & -8 & 0 & 30 & 15 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
A_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 & 2 & 2 & -1 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & 9 & 2 & 2 & -3 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ -8 & -12 & 40 & 8 & 8 & -19 & -12 & -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
A_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 & 2 & 2 & -1 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & -9 & -2 & 1 & 6 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & 9 & 2 & 2 & -3 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & 9 & 2 & 2 & -1 & -5 & -1 & 0 \\ 6 & -3 & -45 & -8 & 0 & 30 & 15 & 4 & 2 \\ -6 & 3 & -9 & 4 & 0 & 6 & 3 & -3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

They satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}
A_1 M_{bq} &= M_{bq} \operatorname{diag}(0, 0, 2, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2) \\
A_2 M_{bq} &= M_{bq} \operatorname{diag}(0, 1, 0, 2, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0) \\
A_3 M_{bq} &= M_{bq} \operatorname{diag}(1, -2, 2, -2, 3, 3, 1, 1, 0)
\end{aligned}$$

and none is non-derogatory. Instead the matrix

$$A_Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -6 & -9 & 21 & 6 & 6 & -6 & -8 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 & 2 & 2 & -1 & -3 & -4 & 3 \\ 6 & -3 & -27 & -6 & -6 & 19 & 9 & 9 & 0 \\ -6 & -9 & 27 & 6 & 6 & -11 & -9 & -3 & 0 \\ -6 & -9 & 25 & 6 & 6 & -6 & -12 & -3 & 0 \\ 10 & -3 & -99 & -16 & -1 & 69 & 33 & 2 & 6 \\ -44 & 6 & 148 & 44 & 8 & -91 & -48 & -25 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

related to the linear form $Y = -3Z_1 + Z_2 + 3Z_3$ is non-derogatory and satisfies

$$A_Y M_{bq} = M_{bq} \operatorname{diag}(3, -5, 0, -4, 6, 7, 1, -3, -6).$$

□

40.4 *Möller: Endomorphisms and dual space

If J is radical, setting $\mathbf{b} := \mathbf{q}$ and recalling that \mathbf{q} is the Lagrange basis for the functionals λ_j representing the evaluation at α_j ,

$$\lambda_i(q_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

we can reformulate Lemma 40.2.3 as

Corollary 40.4.1. *For each $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{L}$ the vector*

$$(q_1(\alpha_j), \dots, q_s(\alpha_j))^T = (\delta_{1j}, \dots, \delta_{sj})^T = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$$

is an eigenvector of the matrix Q_f for the eigenvalue $f(\alpha_j)$.

Proof. For each $j, 1 \leq i \leq s$, we have

$$[fq_j] = \Phi_f([q_j]) = \sum_i \lambda_i(fq_j)[q_i]. \quad (40.1)$$

In the particular case of a radical ideal, where each λ_i is an evaluation at the point α_i we further have

$$\lambda_i(fq_j) = \lambda_i(f)\lambda_i(q_j) = f(\alpha_i)q_j(\alpha_i) = \begin{cases} f(\alpha_j) & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

so that $[fq_j] = \Phi_f([q_j]) = \sum_i \lambda_i(fq_j)[q_i] = f(\alpha_j)[q_j]$. □

In order to extend the argument above to the general case, one needs to expand Equation (40.1) to a generic dual basis \mathbb{L} and to its corresponding Lagrange basis \mathbf{q} .

The natural choice is to take as \mathbb{L} a Macaulay representation². Following the notation of Chapter 31, for each $\tau = Z_1^{e_1} \cdots Z_r^{e_r} \in \mathcal{W}$, we consider the functionals

$$M(\tau) : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow K, f = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{W}} c(f, t)t \mapsto c(f, \tau)$$

and we restrict ourselves to the set of *Noetherian equations* $\operatorname{Span}_K(\mathbb{M}) \subset \mathcal{Q}^*$ where $\mathbb{M} = \{M(\tau) : \tau \in \mathcal{W}\}$.

² Compare Section 32.1, Corollary 32.3.3, and Definition 33.2.2.

For any term-ordering $<$, for each $\ell = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{W}} c(\ell, t)M(t)$ we set $\mathbf{T}_<(\ell) := \min_<\{t : c(\ell, t) \neq 0\}$, $\mathbf{L}_<(\ell) := \max_<\{t : c(\ell, t) \neq 0\}$ and we denote $\mathbf{T}_<(L) = \{\mathbf{T}_<(\ell) : \ell \in L\}$ and $\mathbf{L}_<(L) = \{\mathbf{L}_<(\ell) : \ell \in L\}$ for each subset $L \subset \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M})$.

We define, for each $\tau \in \mathcal{W}$, the linear map

$$\sigma_\tau : \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M}) \rightarrow \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M}) : M(\omega) \mapsto \begin{cases} M(\nu) & \text{if } \omega = \tau\nu \\ 0 & \text{if } \tau \nmid \omega; \end{cases}$$

and, by linearity, for each $f = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{W}} c(f, t)t \in \mathcal{Q}$ the linear map

$$\sigma_f : \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M}) \rightarrow \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M}), \quad \ell \mapsto \sigma_f(\ell) = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{W}} c(f, t)\sigma_t(\ell).$$

We recall that a subspace $L \subset \mathbb{M}$ is called *stable* (Definition 31.2.2) iff for each $\ell \in L, f \in \mathcal{Q}$, $\sigma_f(\ell) \in L$.

Recall that, for each primary ideal $\mathfrak{q} \subset \mathcal{P}$ at the origin, the corresponding dual space $\mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{q}) \subset \mathcal{Q}^*$ is a stable subset of $\text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M})$ (Corollary 31.3.3, Proposition 31.3.5) and satisfies $\mathbf{T}_<(\mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{q})) = \mathbf{N}_<(\mathfrak{q})$ (Corollary 32.1.4); both $\mathbf{T}_<(\mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{q}))$ and $\mathbf{L}_<(\mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{q}))$ are ordered ideals.

Moreover it holds Leibnitz Formula

Lemma 40.4.2. *For any $f, g \in \mathcal{Q}$ and any $\ell \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M})$ we have*

$$\ell(fg) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}} M(\tau)(f)\sigma_\tau(\ell)(g).$$

Proof. Compare Corollary 31.4.2. □

An alternative description of the dual space of a primary is in terms of differential functions (Section 31.5): we denote, for each $\tau = Z_1^{e_1} \cdots Z_r^{e_r} \in \mathcal{W}$, by $D(\tau) : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$ the differential operator

$$D(\tau) := \frac{1}{e_1! \cdots e_r!} \partial Z_1^{e_1} \cdots \partial Z_r^{e_r}$$

and we consider the subset $\text{Span}_K(\mathbb{D}) \subset \text{Hom}(\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{Q})$, $\mathbb{D} = \{D(\tau) : \tau \in \mathcal{W}\}$.

There is an obvious identification

$$\text{ev} : \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M}) : \mathbb{D}(\tau) \mapsto \mathbb{M}(\tau),$$

which satisfies, for each $\delta := \sum_{t \in \mathcal{W}} c(\delta, t)D(t) \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{D})$

$$\text{ev}(\delta)(\cdot) = \delta(\cdot)(0, \dots, 0) = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{W}} c(\delta, t)M(t)(\cdot) \quad (40.2)$$

under which we can impose on \mathbb{D} the same term-ordering $<$ as induced on \mathbb{M} so that $D(\tau) \leq D(\omega) \iff M(\tau) \leq M(\omega) \iff \tau \leq \omega$ and we can set $\mathbf{T}_<(\delta) := \mathbf{T}_<(\text{ev}(\delta))$, $\mathbf{L}_<(\delta) := \mathbf{L}_<(\text{ev}(\delta))$ for each $\delta \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{D})$ and $\mathbf{T}_<(D) = \mathbf{T}_<(\text{ev}(D))$, $\mathbf{L}_<(D) = \mathbf{L}_<(\text{ev}(D))$ for each subset $D \subset \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{D})$.

Under this identification we can naturally define the *anti-differential operators*

$$\sigma_\tau(D(\omega)) := \begin{cases} D(v) & \text{if } \omega = \tau v \\ 0 & \text{if } \tau \nmid \omega \end{cases} \text{ for each } \tau, \omega \in \mathcal{W}$$

and $\sigma_f(\delta) = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{W}} c(f, t) \sigma_t(\delta)$ for each $f = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{W}} c(f, t) t \in \mathcal{Q}$, $\delta \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{D})$; a subspace $D \subset \mathbb{D}$ is called *stable* (Definition 31.5.3) iff $\sigma_f(\delta) \in D$ for each $\delta \in D$, $f \in \mathcal{Q}$.

For each $\alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_r) \in K^r$ denoting $\mathfrak{m}_\alpha = (Z_1 - a_1, \dots, Z_r - a_r)$ the maximal ideal at α and

$$\lambda_\alpha : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}, \lambda_\alpha(f) = f(Z_1 + a_1, \dots, Z_r + a_r)$$

so that $\lambda_\alpha(\mathfrak{m}_\alpha) = \mathfrak{m} = (Z_1, \dots, Z_r)$ is the maximal at the origin, then we have

$$(\delta(f))(\alpha) = (\delta(f))(a_1, \dots, a_r) = \delta(\lambda_\alpha(f))(0, \dots, 0) = \text{ev}(\delta)(\lambda_\alpha(f))$$

for each $\delta \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{D})$ and $f \in \mathcal{Q}$; thus for each \mathfrak{m}_α -primary \mathfrak{q}_α if we denote

$$\mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{m}_\alpha}(\mathfrak{q}_\alpha) := \{\delta \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{D}) : \delta(f)(\alpha) = 0 \text{ for each } f \in \mathfrak{q}_\alpha\} \subset \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{D})$$

then we have $\text{ev}(\mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{m}_\alpha}(\mathfrak{q}_\alpha)) = \mathfrak{L}(\lambda_\alpha(\mathfrak{q}_\alpha))$ and $\mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{m}_\alpha}(\mathfrak{q}_\alpha)$ is stable (under anti-differentiation).

Under this notation Leibnitz Formula becomes

Corollary 40.4.3. *For any $f, g \in \mathcal{Q}$ and any $\delta \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{D})$ we have*

$$\delta(fg) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}} D(\tau)(f) \sigma_\tau(\delta)(g).$$

We have now the tools needed to describe the dual basis $\mathbb{L} := \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s\}$ of \mathbb{J} and the matrices Q_f describing the effect of each endomorphism Φ_f in terms of its corresponding Lagrange basis \mathfrak{q} ; using a notation similar to the one used in Section 33.2 we set

- $<$ any term-ordering,
- $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{J}) := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\} \subset K^r$, $\alpha_i = (a_1^{(i)}, \dots, a_r^{(i)})$, $s \leq r$,
- for each i , $1 \leq i \leq s$
 - \mathfrak{q}_i the \mathfrak{m}_{α_i} -primary component of \mathbb{J} , so that $\mathbb{J} = \bigcap_{i=1}^s \mathfrak{q}_i$;
 - $s_i := \deg(\mathfrak{q}_i)$ so that $\sum_{i=1}^s s_i = s$,
 - $L_i := \mathfrak{L}(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathfrak{q}_i)) \subset \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M})$,
 - for each $v \in \mathbf{N}_{<}(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathfrak{q}_i))$

$$\ell_{v\alpha_i} = M(v) + \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}} c(\tau, \ell_{v\alpha_i}) M(\tau) \in L_i$$

the unique element (Definition 32.1.3) for which

- $\tau \in \mathbf{N}_{<}(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathfrak{q}_i)) = \mathbf{T}_{<}(L_i) \implies c(\tau, \ell_{v\alpha_i}) = 0$ and
- $\mathbf{T}_{<}(\ell_{v\alpha_i}) = v$

so that

- (in particular) $\ell_{1\alpha_i} = M(1)$ and
- $\{\ell_{v\alpha_i} : v \in \mathbf{N}_{<}(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathbf{q}_i))\}$ is the Macaulay basis of

$$L_i = \text{Span}_K\{\ell_{v\alpha_i} : v \in \mathbf{N}_{<}(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathbf{q}_i))\};$$

- $\mathbb{L} := \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s\} := \{\ell_{v\alpha_i}\lambda_{\alpha_i} : v \in \mathbf{N}_{<}(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathbf{q}_i)), 1 \leq i \leq s\}$ ordered so that for $\lambda_x := \ell_{v_x\alpha_{i_x}}\lambda_{\alpha_{i_x}}, \lambda_y := \ell_{v_y\alpha_{i_y}}\lambda_{\alpha_{i_y}}$ holds

$$x < y \iff \begin{cases} i_x < i_y & \text{or} \\ i_x = i_y & \text{and } v_x < v_y; \end{cases}$$

- $N_i := \{h : \lambda_h = \ell_{\tau\alpha_i}\lambda_{\alpha_i}\} = \{n_i, \dots, n_{i+1} - 1\}$ for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq s$, where $n_1 := 1, n_{i+1} := 1 + \sum_{l=1}^i s_l, n_{r+1} = 1 + s$;
- $\mathbf{q} = \{q_1, \dots, q_s\}$ the set biorthogonal to \mathbb{L} so that $\lambda_i(q_j) = \delta_{ij}$;
- for each $h, \delta_h \in \mathbb{D}$ the element such that $\lambda_h = \text{ev}(\delta_h)\lambda_{\alpha_i}, h \in N_i$.

We recall that, under these assumptions

- (1) $[p] = \sum_i \lambda_i(p)[q_i]$ for each $p \in \mathcal{Q}$;
- (2) $J_\sigma = \{f \in \mathcal{Q} : \lambda_i(f) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq \sigma\}$ is an ideal for each $\sigma \leq s$, and
- (3) $J_1 \supset J_2 \supset \dots \supset J_s$ (cf. Corollary 32.3.3);
- (4) by definition, for each i and each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$,

$$\ell_{1\alpha_i}\lambda_{\alpha_i}(f) = M(1)\lambda_{\alpha_i}(f) = \lambda_{\alpha_i}(f)(0, \dots, 0) = f(\alpha_i).$$

Lemma 40.4.4 (Möller). For each $\lambda_j = \ell_{v\alpha_i}\lambda_{\alpha_i} \in \mathbb{L}$, denoting

$$T_j := \{\tau \in \mathbf{N}_{<}(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathbf{q}_i)) : \tau < v\} \setminus \{1\}$$

the following holds:

- (1) for each $f, g \in \mathcal{Q}$, it holds

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_j(fg) = \delta_j(fg)(\alpha_i) &= f(\alpha_i)\delta_j(g)(\alpha_i) + \sum_{\tau \in T_j} D(\tau)(f)\sigma_\tau(\delta_j)(g)(\alpha_i) \\ &= f(\alpha_i)\lambda_j(g) + \sum_{\tau \in T_j} M(\tau)(f)\sigma_\tau(\ell_{v\alpha_i})\lambda_{\alpha_i}(g) \\ &= f(\alpha_i)\lambda_j(g) + \sum_{x=n_i}^{j-1} c_x\lambda_x(g) \\ &= f(\alpha_i)\delta_j(g)(\alpha_i) + \sum_{x=n_i}^{j-1} c_x\delta_x(g)(\alpha_i) \end{aligned}$$

for suitable $c_x \in K$;

(2) If $f = Z_\iota$, for each $g \in \mathcal{Q}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_j(Z_\iota g) = \delta_j(Z_\iota g)(\alpha_i) &= a_\iota^{(i)} \delta_j(g)(\alpha_i) + \sigma_{Z_\iota}(\delta_j)(g)(\alpha_i) \\ &= a_\iota^{(i)} \lambda_j(g) + \sigma_{Z_\iota}(\ell_{v\alpha_i}) \lambda_{\alpha_i}(g).\end{aligned}$$

(3) If $\lambda \in L_i$ is such that $\lambda(Z_\iota g) = a_\iota^{(i)} \lambda(g)$, for each $g \in \mathcal{Q}$ and each $\iota, 1 \leq \iota \leq r$, then $\lambda = \lambda_{\alpha_i}$.

Proof.

(1) A direct consequence of Leibnitz Formula (Lemma 40.4.2 and Corollary 40.4.3) and of the remark that

$$\sigma_\tau(\ell_{v\alpha_i}) \in \text{Span}_K \{ \ell_{\varsigma\alpha_i} : \deg(\varsigma) < \deg(v) \} \text{ for each } \tau, v.$$

(2) $D(\tau)(Z_\iota) = M(\tau)(Z_\iota) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \tau = Z_\iota \\ 0 & \text{if } \tau \neq Z_\iota. \end{cases}$

(3) For $\lambda = \ell \lambda_{\alpha_i}$, $\ell = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}} c(\tau, \ell) M(\tau) \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M})$, the assumption is equivalent to $\sigma_{Z_\iota}(\ell) = 0$ for each ι and, in turn, to

$$c(\tau, \ell) \neq 0 \implies Z_\iota \nmid \tau \text{ for each } \iota$$

$$\text{id est } \ell = M(1) = \ell_{1\alpha_i}. \quad \square$$

Corollary 40.4.5 (Möller). For $A_f = M([f], \mathbf{b})$, we have

(1) for each $l, 1 \leq l \leq s$, $i, 1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{s}$, $j \in N_i$, $\lambda_j := \ell_{v\alpha_i} \lambda_{\alpha_i}$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}A_f \lambda_j(b_l) = A_f \delta_j(b_l)(\alpha_i) &= f(\alpha_i) \delta_j(b_l)(\alpha_i) + \sum_{x=n_i}^{j-1} c_x \delta_x(b_l)(\alpha_i) \\ &= f(\alpha_i) \lambda_j(b_l) + \sum_{x=n_i}^{j-1} c_x \lambda_x(b_l)\end{aligned}$$

for suitable $c_x \in K$.

(2) In particular, for each i ,

$$A_f \lambda_{n_i}(b_l) = A_f \delta_{n_i}(b_l)(\alpha_i) = f(\alpha_i) \delta_{n_i}(b_l)(\alpha_i) = f(\alpha_i) \lambda_{n_i}(b_l), 1 \leq l \leq s.$$

(3) On the other side for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{s}$, and each $j \in N_i, j \neq n_i$, there is at least an $l, 1 \leq l \leq s$, and a $\iota, 1 \leq \iota \leq r$, for which

$$A_\iota \lambda_j(b_l) \neq a_\iota^{(i)} \lambda_j(b_l).$$

□

Proof. (1) follow by applying λ_j to each equation $\sum_i \gamma(f b_l, b_i, \mathbf{b}) [b_i] = A_f [b_l] = [f b_l]$ and expanding $\lambda_j(f b_l)$ via Lemma 40.4.4.(1).

(2) is the special case $j = n_i$ in which the summation is empty.

(3) follow directly from Lemma 40.4.4.(3). □

Denote, for each $\rho \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\nabla_\rho := \text{Span}_K(M(\tau), \deg(\tau) \leq \rho) \text{ and } \Delta_\rho := \text{Span}_K(D(\tau), \deg(\tau) \leq \rho)$$

and set $\nabla := \nabla_1 \setminus \nabla_0 = \text{Span}_K(M(Z_h), 1 \leq h \leq r)$, and

$$\Delta := \text{Span}_K(D(Z_h), 1 \leq h \leq r) = \text{Span}_K\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial Z_h}, 1 \leq h \leq r\right).$$

Proposition 40.4.6 (Möller–Stetter). *The following holds*

- (1) for $\delta := \sum_{h=1}^r a_h \frac{\partial}{\partial Z_h} \in \Delta$ and each linear form $g = \sum_{h=1}^r b_h Z_h \in \mathcal{Q}$ it holds $\delta(g) = \text{ev}(\delta)(g) = \sum_{h=1}^r a_h b_h$ and $\text{ev}(\delta) = \sum_{h=1}^r a_h M(Z_h) \in \nabla$;
- (2) for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq s$, $\ell \in L_i \cap \nabla$, $\delta = \text{ev}(\ell)$, $g \in \mathcal{Q}$, it holds

$$\begin{aligned} A_f \ell \lambda_{\alpha_i}(g) &= A_f \delta(g)(\alpha_i) = f(\alpha_i) \ell \lambda_{\alpha_i}(g) + \ell \lambda_{\alpha_i}(f) g(\alpha_i) \\ &= f(\alpha_i) \delta(g)(\alpha_i) + \delta(f)(\alpha_i) g(\alpha_i); \end{aligned}$$

- (3) for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq s$, if $\dim(L_i \cap \nabla) > 1$ there are $\ell \in L_i, \delta = \text{ev}(\ell) \in \Delta$ which satisfy, for each $g \in \mathcal{Q}$,

$$A_f \ell \lambda_{\alpha_i}(g) = A_f \delta(g)(\alpha_i) = f(\alpha_i) \ell \lambda_{\alpha_i}(g) = f(\alpha_i) \delta(g)(\alpha_i);$$

- (4) for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq s$, if $\dim(L_i \cap \nabla) = 1$, then $\delta_{n_i+j} \in \Delta_j$ for each $j, 1 \leq j < s_i$;
- (5) for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq s$, and each $j, 1 \leq j < s_i$, if $\dim(L_i \cap \nabla) = 1$ and $\deg(\tau) = x$, then $\sigma_\tau(\delta_{n_i+j}) = \delta_{n_i+j-x}$.

Proof.

- (1) trivial.
- (2) A direct application of Lemma 40.4.4.(2).
- (3) Let us consider two linearly independent elements $\ell_1, \ell_2 \in L_i$ and set $b_\iota := \ell_\iota \lambda_{\alpha_i}(f), \iota \in \{1, 2\}$. If $b_\iota = 0$ then ℓ_ι satisfies the required formula. If $b_1 \neq 0 \neq b_2$ then $\ell := b_2 \ell_1 - b_1 \ell_2$ satisfies

$$\ell \lambda_{\alpha_i}(f) = b_2 \ell_1 \lambda_{\alpha_i}(f) - b_1 \ell_2 \lambda_{\alpha_i}(f) = 0$$

hence $A_f \ell \lambda_{\alpha_i}(g) = f(\alpha_i) \ell \lambda_{\alpha_i}(g)$ for each $g \in \mathcal{Q}$.

- (4) Let \prec be any degree-compatible term-ordering. Then for each $\ell \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M})$,

$$\ell \in \Delta_\rho \setminus \Delta_{\rho-1} \iff \deg(\mathbf{L}_\prec(\ell)) = \rho.$$

Since $\mathbf{L}_\prec(L_i)$ is an ordered ideal if, for some $\rho \in \mathbb{N}$, $\dim(L_i \cap \nabla_\rho) > 1$ then $\dim(L_i \cap \nabla) > 1$.

- (5) is a direct consequence of (4). □

Corollary 40.4.7 (Möller–Stetter). *For each $i, 1 \leq i \leq s, j, 1 \leq j < s_i$ and each $f, g \in \mathcal{Q}$, if $\dim(L_i \cap \nabla) = 1$, it holds*

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{n_i+j}(fg) &= \delta_{n_i+j}(fg)(\alpha_i) \\ &= f(\alpha_i)\lambda_{n_i+j}(g) + \sum_{x=0}^{j-1} \lambda_{n_i+j-x}(f)\lambda_{n_i+x}(g) \\ &= f(\alpha_i)\delta_{n_i+j}(g)(\alpha_i) + \sum_{x=0}^{j-1} \delta_{n_i+j-x}(f)(\alpha_i)\delta_{n_i+x}(g)(\alpha_i). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. It is a reformulation of Lemma 40.4.4.(1) via Proposition 40.4.6(5). \square

40.5 Möller–Stetter: the general case

Let us now consider the general case in which J is not radical and some roots are not simple.

With the notation of Sections 40.2 and 40.4 let us now also set

- $\mathcal{Z}(J) := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\} \subset K^r$, $\alpha_i = (a_1^{(i)}, \dots, a_r^{(i)})$, $s \leq s$;
- for each i , $1 \leq i \leq r$,
 - $\lambda_{\alpha_i} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$ the translation $\lambda_{\alpha_i}(Z_j) = Z_j + a_j^{(i)}$, for each j ,
 - $\mathfrak{m}_{\alpha_i} = (Z_1 - a_1^{(i)}, \dots, Z_r - a_r^{(i)})$, the maximal ideal at α_i ,
 - \mathfrak{q}_i the \mathfrak{m}_{α_i} -primary component of J , so that $J = \bigcap_{i=1}^s \mathfrak{q}_i$;
 - $s_i := \text{mult}(\alpha_i, J) = \text{deg}(\mathfrak{q}_i) = \dim_K(L_i)$ the multiplicity in J of α_i so that $s = \sum_{i=1}^s s_i$,
 - $L_i := \mathfrak{L}(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathfrak{q}_i)) \subset \text{Span}_K(\mathbb{M})$,
 - $n_{i+1} := 1 + \sum_{l=1}^i s_l$ so that $n_1 = 1$ and $n_{r+1} = s + 1$;
 - $N_i := \{n_i, \dots, n_{i+1} - 1\}$;
- $\mathbb{L} := \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s\}$ the basis biorthogonal to \mathfrak{q} defined in Section 40.4 so that, in particular, for each i , $L_i = \text{Span}_K\{\lambda_j : j \in N_i\}$, λ_{n_i} is the evaluation at α_i and $\lambda_i(q_j) = \delta_{ij}$ for each i, j ;
- for each i and each $h \in N_i$, $\delta_h \in \mathbb{D}$ the element such that $\lambda_h(\cdot) = \delta_h(\cdot)(\alpha_i)$;
- $v_{lj}(\mathbf{b}) := \lambda_j(b_l) = \delta_j(b_l)(\alpha_i)$, $1 \leq l, j \leq s, j \in N_i$;
- $v_j(\mathbf{b}) = (\lambda_j(b_1), \dots, \lambda_j(b_s))^T = (\delta_j(b_1)(\alpha_i), \dots, \delta_j(b_s)(\alpha_i))^T$, $1 \leq j \leq s, j \in N_i$;
- $U(\mathbf{b})$ the square $s \times s$ matrix $U := (v_{lj}(\mathbf{b}))$.

Proposition 40.5.1 (Möller–Stetter). *Under this notation it holds*

- (1) $U(\mathbf{b}) = M_{bq}$;
- (2) each matrix $A_f = M([f], \mathbf{b})$ satisfies the relation $A_f U(\mathbf{b}) = U(\mathbf{b}) Q_f$;

- (3) each matrix $Q_f = M([f], \mathbf{q}) = (q_{lj})$ is a block diagonal matrix where the i^{th} diagonal block, $1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{s}$, is an upper-triangular $s_i \times s_i$ square matrix U_i whose diagonal entries are $f(\alpha_i)$ and which covers the rows and columns indexed by $N_i := \{n_i, \dots, n_{i+1} - 1\}$ for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{s}$.
- (4) In particular, under the assumption $\dim(L_i \cap \nabla) = 1$, it holds

$$q_{\iota\kappa} = \begin{cases} \delta_{\iota-\kappa}(f)(\alpha_i) & \text{if } n_i \leq \iota \leq \kappa < n_{i+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (5) For each $i, 1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{s}$,

$$v_{n_i}(\mathbf{q}) = (\delta_{1n_i}, \dots, \delta_{sn_i})^T = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$$

is an eigenvector for $f(\alpha_i)$ of Q_f for each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$.

- (6) For each $i, 1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{s}$,

$$v_{n_i}(\mathbf{b}) = (b_1(\alpha_i), \dots, b_s(\alpha_s))^T$$

is an eigenvector of A_f for $f(\alpha_i)$ for each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$.

- (7) For $\mathbf{b} = \{[1], [Z_1], \dots, [Z_{\delta-1}], [b_{\delta+1}], \dots, [b_s]\}$ satisfying condition **(AS.2)** and $c_{\iota l} \in K, 0 \leq l < \delta \leq \iota \leq r$ are such that $[Z_\iota] = c_{\iota 0} + \sum_{l=1}^{\delta-1} c_{\iota l} [Z_l]$, then for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{s}$, if $(d_{i1}, \dots, d_{is})^T$ is an eigenvectors for $f(\alpha_i)$ of a non-derogatory matrix $A_f, f \in \mathcal{Q}$, then

$$\alpha_i := \left(d_{i1}^{-1} d_{i2}, \dots, d_{i1}^{-1} d_{i\delta}, c_{\delta 0} + \sum_{l=1}^{\delta-1} c_{\delta l} d_{i1}^{-1} d_{il}, \dots, c_{n_0} + \sum_{l=1}^{\delta-1} c_{nl} d_{i1}^{-1} d_{il} \right).$$

- (8) $[q_{n_i}]f(\alpha_i) = [fq_{n_i}]$ for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{s}$;
 (9) for each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ and $\lambda \in K, \mathbf{J} : (f - \lambda) = \mathbf{J}$ iff $\lambda \notin \{f(\alpha_i) : 1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{s}\}$;
 (10) for each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ if A_f is non-derogatory then $\mathbf{J} : (f - f(\alpha_i)) = \mathbf{J} + \{q_{n_i}\}$ for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{s}$.

Proof. (1) and (2) are trivial; (3) is a direct consequence of Corollary 40.4.5 and (4) of Corollary 40.4.7; (5) and (6) are trivial consequences of (3); (7) is a direct reformulation of (6) applied to the basis satisfying condition **(AS.2)**; (8-10) is Lemma 40.2.4. \square

Corollary 40.5.2. *It holds*

- the trace of A_f is $\text{Tr}(A_f) := \sum_{i=1}^{\mathbf{s}} s_i f(\alpha_i)$;
- the determinant of A_f is $\det(A_f) := \prod_{i=1}^{\mathbf{s}} f(\alpha_i)^{s_i}$;
- the characteristic polynomial of A_f is $\chi_f(T) := \prod_{i=1}^{\mathbf{s}} (T - f(\alpha_i))^{s_i}$
- the minimal polynomial of A_f is $m_f(T) := \prod_{i=1}^{\mathbf{s}} (T - f(\alpha_i))^{\rho_i}$ where ρ_i denotes the characteristic number of \mathbf{q}_i .

Proof. All the claims are trivial except the one related to the minimal polynomial which is a consequence of the facts that $\mathbf{q}_i \supseteq \mathfrak{m}_{\alpha_i}^{\rho_i} \iff \mathfrak{L}(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathbf{q}_i)) \subseteq \Delta_{\rho_i}$, the multiplicity μ of the eigenvalue $f(\alpha_i)$ in the minimal polynomial is the minimal value for which $U_i = \ker(\Phi_f - f(\alpha_i))^\mu = 0$ and of Lemma 40.4.4.(1). \square

Remark 40.5.3 (Monico). For simplicity we have assumed $K = \mathbb{K}$ throughout this chapter but the construction and the stated results hold also if $K \subsetneq \mathbb{K}$; in this case, clearly conjugate roots have the same multiplicity both in χ_f and in m_f .

Moreover, as a direct application of the Chinese Remainder Theorem, if $\chi_f := \prod_{i=1}^r p_{if}(T)^{r_i}$ is an irreducible factorization in $K[T]$, then

$$J = \bigcup_{i=1}^r (J + (p_{if}(f)^{r_i}))$$

is an irreducible primary decomposition in $K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$.

Of course if f is an *allgemeine coordinate* the corresponding primary decomposition algorithm is the one proposed by Alonso–Raimondo and reported in Section 35.5.1. \square

40.6 The Univariate case

As a short *intermezzo* before discussing derogatoriness, let us briefly show how Auzinger–Stetter reformulates the classical elementary linear algebra results for a univariate polynomial.

For a polynomial

$$f = X^s + \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} a_i X^i = \sum_{i=1}^s (X - \xi_i)^{s_i}, \quad s = \sum_{i=1}^s s_i,$$

the linear representation of $J = (q)$ is the assignment of the normal basis $\mathbf{N}(J) := \{1, X, \dots, X^{s-1}\}$ and of the Frobenius companion matrix

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & -a_2 & \cdots & -a_{s-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

whose characteristic matrix of course is f so that eigenvalues of A_1 coincide (up to multiplicity) with the roots of f .

Recalling that ξ_i is a root of f of multiplicity s_i iff $f^{(j)}(\xi_i) = 0$ for $0 \leq j < s_i$, the natural choice for the dual space $\mathbb{L} = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s\}$ is

$$\lambda_{n_i}(p) := p(\xi_i), \quad \lambda_{n_i+j}(p) := \frac{p^{(j)}(\xi_i)}{j!}, \quad 1 \leq j < s_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq s,$$

where we have set $n_{i+1} := 1 + \sum_{l=1}^i s_l$, $0 \leq i < s$ and the biorthogonal dual basis \mathbf{q} is the associated Lagrange basis.

If f is squarefree then M_{qb} is the Vandermonde matrix

$$M_{qb} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \xi_1 & \xi_2 & \cdots & \xi_s \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \xi_1^{s-1} & \xi_2^{s-1} & \cdots & \xi_s^{s-1} \end{pmatrix};$$

in general, each block of the so called *generalized Vandermonde matrix* M_{qb} has the shape

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \xi_i & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \xi_i^2 & 2\xi_i & 1 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \xi_i^3 & 3\xi_i^2 & 3\xi_i & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \xi_i^j & j\xi_i^{j-1} & \binom{j}{2}\xi_i^{j-2} & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \xi_i^{s-1} & (s-1)\xi_i^{s-2} & \binom{s-1}{2}\xi_i^{s-3} & \cdots & \binom{s-1}{j-1}\xi_i^{s-j} & \cdots & \binom{s-1}{s_i-1}\xi_i^{s-s_i} \end{pmatrix}.$$

and is related to the i^{th} diagonal block of Q_1 which is a classical Jordan block

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \xi_i & 1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & & \xi_i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example 40.6.1. For

$$\begin{aligned} f &= X^8 - X^7 - X^6 + 3X^5 + 9X^4 - 3X^3 - 7X^2 + X + 2 \\ &= (X - 2)(X + 1)^4(X - 1)^3 \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & 7 & 3 & -9 & -3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

whose eigenvalues are 2 (simple), -1 (with multiplicity 4) and 1 (with multiplicity 3) the generalized Vandermonde matrix is

$$M_{qb} = \left(\begin{array}{c|cccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 8 & -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 16 & 1 & -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 32 & -1 & 5 & -10 & 10 & 1 & 5 & 10 \\ 64 & 1 & -6 & 15 & -20 & 1 & 6 & 15 \\ 128 & -1 & 7 & -21 & 35 & 1 & 7 & 21 \end{array} \right)$$

related to the Jordan matrix

$$J_1 = \left(\begin{array}{c|cccc|ccc} 2 & & & & & & & \\ \hline & -1 & 1 & & & & & \\ & & -1 & 1 & & & & \\ & & & -1 & 1 & & & \\ & & & & -1 & & & \\ \hline & & & & & 1 & 1 & \\ & & & & & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & & & & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

□

Moreover we have

$$\mathbf{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_s)^T = M_{qb}^{-1}(1, X, \dots, X^{s-1})^T$$

thus allowing to deduce the Lagrange basis by inverting M_{qb} .

Moreover $J_1 = Q_1 = M([X], \mathbf{q})$ is the multiplication matrix of $K[X]/J$ w.r.t. Lagrange basis \mathbf{q} .

Example 40.6.2. The Example above is too hard to deal with by hand, so let us restrict ourselves to the easier case $f = X^5 - X^3 = X^3(X + 1)(X - 1)$ where we have

$$A_1 = \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right), M_{qb} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$J_1 = \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 1 & \\ \hline & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & -1 & \\ \hline & & & 1 \end{array} \right), M_{qb}^{-1} = \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right);$$

In M_{qb}^{-1} one reads, along the rows, the Lagrange basis

$$\left\{ 1 - X^4, X - X^3, X^2 - X^4, -\frac{1}{2}(X^3 - X^4), \frac{1}{2}(X^3 + X^4) \right\}.$$

□

Finally for $q \in K[X]$, the i^{th} diagonal block of Q_q related to the root ξ_i is

$$\begin{pmatrix} q(\xi_i) & q^{(1)}(\xi_j) & \frac{q^{(2)}(\xi_i)}{2} & \cdots & \frac{q^{(s_i-1)}(\xi_i)}{(s_i-1)!} \\ & q(\xi_i) & q^{(1)}(\xi_j) & \frac{q^{(2)}(\xi_i)}{2} & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & \ddots & \frac{q^{(2)}(\xi_i)}{2} \\ 0 & & & & \ddots & q^{(1)}(\xi_i) \\ & & & & & q(\xi_i) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example 40.6.3. In Example 40.6.2 for $q := 1 + X^2$ we have $A_q M_{qb} = M_{qb} Q_q$ with

$$A_q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, Q_q = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & 0 & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ \hline & & & 2 & \\ \hline & & & & 2 \end{array} \right).$$

□

40.7 Derogatoriness

The crucial assumption in Theorem 40.5.1 and Proposition 40.5.1 that Φ_f is non-derogatory, while it is easily met by a generic linear form in the radical case, is more involved in the general case.

Example 40.7.1. Continuing Example 40.1.1 we remark that neither Z_1 non Z_2 while, being *allgemeine* coordinates, have a non-derogatory matrix.

On the otherside $f = Z_1 - Z_2$ is non-derogatory; in fact with

$$A_f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } J := \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} -1 & 1 & & \\ & -1 & & \\ \hline & & 1 & -1 \\ & & & 1 & -1 \\ & & & & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

we have $M_{bq} J = A_f M_{bq}$.

Why f is a good choice will be explained in Corollary 40.10.6 below. □

In general however, the commuting family $\{A_f : f \in \mathcal{Q}\}$ does not possess any non-derogatory matrix as it can be seen in the following, trivial, examples:

Example 40.7.2. Let us consider the ideal

$$J = (Z_1, Z_2)^2 = (Z_1^2, Z_1 Z_2, Z_2^2) \in K[Z_1, Z_2].$$

For the generic $[f] := [a + bZ_1 + cZ_2]$, the matrix Φ_f is represented, via the basis $\{1, Z_1, Z_2\}$, as $\Phi_f = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$; it has the single eigenevalue a with multiplicity 3 and the eigenspace $\text{Span}\{(1, 0, 0)^T, (0, c, -b)^T\}$ except in the trivial case $b = c = 0$. \square

Example 40.7.3. In order to dispell the wrong impression that the bad behaviour of the example above could be justified by the reducibility of J , we repeat the same argument for the irreducible primary ideal

$$J = (Z_1^2, Z_2^2) \in K[Z_1, Z_2].$$

For the generic $[f] := [a + bZ_1 + cZ_2 + dZ_1Z_2]$, the matrix Φ_f is represented, via the basis $\{1, Z_1, Z_2, Z_1Z_2\}$, as $\Phi_f = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ 0 & a & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$; the single eigenevalue is a with multiplicity 4 and

if $b^2 + c^2 \neq 0$ the eigenspace is $\text{Span}\{(1, 0, 0, 0)^T, (0, c, -b, 0)^T\}$;
if $b = 0 = c, d \neq 0$ the eigenspace is

$$\text{Span}\{(1, 0, 0, 0)^T, (0, 1, 0, 0)^T, (0, 0, 1, 0)^T\}.$$

\square

Remark that in both examples all eigenspaces share the same joint eigenvector — $(1, 0, 0)^T$ and $(1, 0, 0, 0)^T$ respectively.

Example 40.7.4. The same can be said for Example 40.1.1 where $(1, 0, 1, 0, 1)^T$ is an eigenvector of A_1 for 0 and of A_2 for 1 while $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0)^T$ is an eigenvector of A_1 for 1 and of A_2 for 0; more in general it is easy to verify that, for each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$, $(1, 0, 1, 0, 1)^T$ is an eigenvector of A_f for $f(0, 1)$ and $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0)^T$ is an eigenvector of A_f for $f(1, 0)$. \square

The fact that the whole families share *at least* the eigenvectors

$$\{v_{n_i}(\mathbf{b}), 1 \leq i \leq r\}$$

is already granted by Proposition 40.5.1(5). But there is something more: the set $\{A_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and so *a fortiori* $\{A_f, f \in \mathcal{Q}\}$ cannot share any further eigenvector as a consequence of Corollary 40.4.5(3).

In other words in all these examples, each non trivial common eigenspace for the whole family has dimension 1.

Definition 40.7.5. A commuting family of matrices \mathfrak{A} is called non-derogatory if each joint eigenspace has dimension at most 1:

$$\dim_K\{v \in K^s : Av = \lambda v, Bv = \mu v\} \leq 1 \text{ for each } \lambda, \mu \in K, A, B \in \mathfrak{A}.$$

A zero-dimensional ideal $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ is called a non-derogatory ideal if there is an endomorphism $\Phi_f : A \rightarrow A$ for which the matrix A_f is non-derogatory. \square

Corollary 40.7.6. The family $\{\Phi_\iota : 1 \leq \iota \leq n\}$ is non-derogatory and

$$v_{n_i}(\mathbf{b}) := (b_1(\alpha_i), \dots, b_s(\alpha_i))^T, i = 1..r$$

are joined eigenvectors of all the matrices $M([f], \mathbf{b})$, with associated eigenvalue $f(\alpha_i)$.

Proof. A direct consequence of Corollary 40.4.5(3). \square

As a consequence, once the eigenspaces of a matrix $A_Y, Y = \sum_{j=1}^r c_j Z_j$, is obtained, if some eigenspaces have dimension greater than 1³ one performs the same computation for different matrices $A_{Y_i}, Y_i = \sum_{j=1}^r c_{ij} Z_j, i = 2..n$, being linearly independent forms, and repeatedly applies the *eigenspace intersection method*, based on a direct application of Lemma 40.7.7 below, to repeatedly compute eigenspace intersections until each eigenspace has dimension 1.

Lemma 40.7.7. Let M, N be two s -square matrices; λ an eigenvalue of M with associated eigenspace U ; $\{u_1, \dots, u_l\}$ an orthonormal basis of U .

Define, for each $i, j, 1 \leq i, j \leq l, a_{ij} := u_i^T N u_j$ and set $A := (a_{ij})$.

If $(d_1, \dots, d_l)^T$ is any eigenvector of A for μ , then $u := \sum_j d_j u_j$ is a simultaneous eigenvector of M for λ and of N for μ .

Proof. We have

³ The possible reasons are two:

- (1) either Y is not sufficiently generic and does not satisfy condition **(AS.1)**; in the next steps the variables Y_i will separate the roots via eigenspace intersection method;
- (2) the ideal is not radical and, even if Y satisfies condition **(AS.1)**, the eigenspace to $\sum_{j=1}^r c_j a_j^{(i)}$ for A_Y has dimension greater than 1.

The eigenspace intersection method covers also this case thanks of Corollary 40.4.5. However, alternatively, the multiplicity of the roots can be decreased by a proper application of Gianni's Algorithm (Proposition 35.6.1), *e.g.* enlarging the ideal J to $J + (\sqrt{g(Y)})$ where $g(A_Y)$ is the characteristic polynomial of A_Y (see Remark 40.8.1).

$$\begin{aligned}
& u \text{ is an eigenvector to } \mu \text{ for } N \\
\iff & \mu \sum_j d_j u_j = \mu u = Nu = N \sum_j d_j u_j = \sum_j d_j Nu_j \\
\iff & \mu d_i = u_i^T \mu \sum_j d_j u_j = \sum_j d_j u_i^T Nu_j = \sum_j a_{ij} d_j \text{ for each } i \\
\iff & (d_1, \dots, d_l)^T \text{ is an eigenvector to } \mu \text{ for } A.
\end{aligned}$$

□

40.8 Stetter Algorithm via Gröbnerian Technology

We can assume that the zero-dimensional ideal J is given by means of the Gröbner basis⁴ wrt an ordering $<$, thus obtaining also the linear representation

$$\mathbf{N}_{<}(J) = \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_s\}, M([Z_h], \mathbf{N}_{<}(J))$$

thus allowing to compute, with good complexity, the corresponding Gröbner description (cf. Definition 29.3.3)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Rep}(g, \mathbf{N}_{<}(J)) & := (\gamma(g, \tau_1, \mathbf{N}_{<}(J)), \dots, \gamma(g, \tau_s, \mathbf{N}_{<}(J))) \in K^s : \\
[g] & = \sum_j \gamma(g, \tau_j, \mathbf{N}_{<}(J)) [\tau_j]
\end{aligned}$$

for each $g \in \mathcal{Q}$.

Remark 40.8.1. 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 35.6.1 obtained merging the algorithms by Alonso–Raimondo (Algorithm 35.7.1) and Traverso (Algorithm 29.3.8): we choose a linear form $Y = \sum_i a_i Z_i$ and

(1) by linear algebra on the Gröbner descriptions of

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

compute the minimal polynomial $f[T] \in K[T]$ such that

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

⁴ An alternative Gröbner-free approach with good complexity for affine complete intersection ideals which gives both a Gröbner representation of J and the corresponding Gröbner description of g , will be discussed in Section 41.15.

The discussion of this section does not require that the obtained representation is *linear*: Algorithm 35.7.1 equally applies to the data of Section 41.15.

- (2) if f is not squarefree, set $f := \sqrt{f}$;
- (3) if f is squarefree and $d := \deg(f) < \deg(\mathbf{J})$ then set $j = 1$ and
- (a) while $j \leq n$, verify, by linear algebra on the Gröbner descriptions of $[f'(Y)Z_j], [1], [Y], [Y^2], \dots, [Y^{d-1}]$, whether exists a relation $f'(T)Z_j - g_j(T) \in \mathbf{J}^+$, $\deg(g_j) < d$;
 - (b) if such a relation exists set $j := j + 1$ and go to (3.a);
 - (c) if such relation does not exist
 - i. set

$$\mathbf{J} := \mathbf{J} + (f(Y)) + (f'(Y)Z_l - g_l(Y), 1 \leq l < j) \subset \mathcal{Q};$$

- ii. compute, by linear algebra via Traverso's Algorithm, the Gröbner basis of \mathbf{J} , and deduce the corresponding linear representation and Gröbner descriptions and the value $\deg \mathbf{J} =: s$;
 - iii. set $Y := Y + cZ_j$, $a_j := a_j + c$ and go to (1)
- (4) if f is squarefree and $\deg(f) = \deg(\mathbf{J})$, then
- \mathbf{J} is radical,
 - Y satisfies condition **(AS.1)**
 - $[Z_j] = [g_j(Y)]$ for $j = 1 \dots, n$.

□

We can therefore assume of having a linear form $Y = \sum_i a_i Z_i$ satisfying condition **(AS.1)** and a *radical*⁵ zero-dimensional ideal \mathbf{J} , which is given by means of the Gröbner basis wrt $<$, and via the linear representation

$$\mathbf{N}_{<}(\mathbf{J}) = \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_s\}, M([Z_h], \mathbf{N}_{<}(\mathbf{J}))$$

thus allowing to compute the Gröbner description $\mathbf{Rep}(g, \mathbf{N}_{<}(\mathbf{J}))$ for each $g \in \mathcal{Q}$. Thus, by linear algebra on the Gröbner representations of

$$[1], [Z_1], \dots, [Z_r],$$

one can obtain with complexity $\mathcal{O}(ns^2)$, both the K -basis $\{[1], [Z_1], \dots, [Z_{\delta-1}]\}$ of V and the linear representations $[Z_i] = c_{i0} + \sum_{l=1}^{\delta-1} c_{il}[Z_l]$, $i \geq \delta$; further linear algebra on Gröbner representation extends this set to a basis

$$\mathbf{b} = \{1, Z_1, \dots, Z_{\delta-1}, b_{\delta+1}, \dots, b_s\} = \{b_1, \dots, b_s\}$$

satisfying condition **(AS.2)**.

If we denote now $\mathbb{L} := \{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_s\}$ the functionals $\ell_i(\cdot) := \gamma(\cdot, b_i, \mathbf{b})$ so that

$$[g] = \ell_1(g) + \sum_{i=2}^{\delta} \ell_i(g)[Z_{i-1}] + \sum_{i=\delta+1}^s \ell_i(g)[b_i], \forall g \in \mathcal{Q}$$

⁵ Notwithstanding these assumptions A_Y is not necessarily non-derogatory; as it is shown by Examples 40.7.2 and 40.7.3 and explained by Corollary 40.10.6 this requires that each primary \mathfrak{q}_i of \mathbf{J} has a good shape.

then \mathbb{L} is biorthogonal to \mathbf{b} ; therefore it is sufficient to simply adapt the Enhanced Möller Algorithm (Figure 29.4) to obtain, among the other informations provided by that algorithm, also the matrices $M([Z_i], \mathbf{b})$, $1 \leq i \leq n$. This is all one needs to obtain the matrix $M([Y], \mathbf{b}) = \sum_i a_i M([Z_i], \mathbf{b})$.

Once $M([Y], \mathbf{b})$ is obtained, eigenvalue and eigenspace computation is dealt by Numerical Analysis and the joint eigenvectors are obtained, if needed, via the *eigenspace intersection method* (Lemma 40.7.7).

40.9 Stetter Algorithm

The numerical analysis aspects on the efficiency of the solution of the eigenproblem are out of mine competence⁶, so I limit myself to note that such efficiency is misured by the *condition number*

$$\kappa(M_{bq}) = \|M_{bq}\| \|M_{bq}^{-1}\| = \|M_{bq}\| \|M_{qb}\|$$

and is therefore influenced by the arbitrary choice of the basis \mathbf{b} ; in general κ becomes large if the column vectors $v_j(\mathbf{b}) = (\lambda_j(b_1), \dots, \lambda_j(b_s))^T$ are nearly linearly dependent (nearly linearly dependency of rows has naturally the same effect).

It is interesting to remark that for the choice $\mathbf{b} := \mathbf{N}_{\prec}(\mathbf{J})$ wrt a suitable termordering \prec , not surprisingly, the choice of a degree-compatible ordering gives a better condition number than lexicographical orderings.

40.10 Derogatoriness and Allgemeine Coordinates

With the same notation as in Section 40.5, we recall that a linear form

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

is said an *allgemeine coordinate* (Definition 34.4.7) for the zero-dimensional ideal $\mathbf{J} = \cap_{i=1}^s \mathfrak{q}_i$ 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

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

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

⁶ For that, compare Stetter H., *Numerical Polynomial Algebra*, SIAM (2004).

and that this condition implies, among the others, that (Corollary 34.4.6)

- (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 with multiplicity s_i and
- (d) $a_j^{(i)} = g_j(\beta_i)$ for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq s$, and each $j, 1 \leq j \leq r$,
- (e) $g_0(Y) = \prod_{i=1}^r (Y - \beta_i)^{s_i}$;
- (f) $f \in J \iff \mathbf{Rem}(f(g_1(Y), \dots, g_r(Y)), g_0(Y)) = 0$.

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 $(c_1, \dots, c_r) \in \mathbf{U}$.

For each $f = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{W}} c(f, t)t : f(0, \dots, 0) = 0$ denote

$$\text{lin}(f) := \sum_{h=1}^r c(f, Z_h) Z_h$$

and, for each primary ideal \mathfrak{q} at the origin, let

$$\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\} := \{\text{lin}(f) : f \in \mathfrak{q}\} \text{ and } \Lambda_1(\mathfrak{q}) := \{\ell \in \nabla_1 : \ell(g) = 0, g \in \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}\}$$

where ∇_1 denotes $\nabla_1 := \text{Span}_K(M(Z_i), 1 \leq h \leq r)$.

Proposition 40.10.1. *For each primary ideal $\mathfrak{q} \subset \mathcal{Q}$, $\deg(\mathfrak{q}) = s$, at the origin the following conditions are equivalent*

- (1) *there is an allgemeine coordinate for \mathfrak{q} ;*
- (2) $\dim_K(\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}) = r - 1$;
- (3) $\dim_K(\Lambda_1(\mathfrak{q})) = 1$;
- (4) $\dim_K(\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}) = r - 1$ and for each linear form

$$Y_1 := \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h \notin \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}$$

and each basis (Y_2, \dots, Y_r) of $\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}$ there are polynomials $g_\kappa \in K[Y_1]$, $2 \leq \kappa \leq r$, such that

$$\mathfrak{q} = (Y_1^s, Y_2 - g_2, \dots, Y_r - g_r) \subset K[Y_1, \dots, Y_r] = K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r];$$

- (5) $\dim_K(\Lambda_1(\mathfrak{q})) = 1$ and for each linear form $Y_1 := \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h \notin \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}$ and each basis (Y_2, \dots, Y_r) of $\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}$ there are polynomials $g_\kappa \in K[Y_1]$, $2 \leq \kappa \leq r$, such that

$$\mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{q}) = \{\delta_l, 1 \leq l \leq s\}, \quad \delta_l(f) := \frac{\bar{f}^{(l-1)}(0)}{(l-1)!}, 1 \leq l \leq s$$

where $\bar{\cdot} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \text{Span}_K\{1, Y_1, \dots, Y_1^{s-1}\}$ denotes the projection

$$f(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_r) \mapsto \bar{f} := \mathbf{Rem}(f(Y_1, g_2(Y_1), \dots, g_r(Y_1)), Y_1^s);$$

(6) $\dim_K(\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}) = r - 1$ and for each linear form $Y := \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h \notin \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}$ there are polynomials $g_\kappa = \sum_{l=1}^{s-1} c_{\kappa l} Y^l \in K[Y], 1 \leq \kappa \leq n$, such that $\mathfrak{q} = (Y^s, Z_1 - g_1, \dots, Z_r - g_r)$;

(7) $\dim_K(\Lambda_1(\mathfrak{q})) = 1$ and for each linear form $Y := \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h \notin \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}$ there are polynomials $g_\kappa \in K[Y], 1 \leq \kappa \leq r$, such that denoting

$$\check{\cdot} : \mathcal{Q} \mapsto K[Y]/(Y^s) : f(Z_1, \dots, Z_r) \rightarrow \check{f} := \mathbf{Rem}(g_1(Y), \dots, g_r(Y)), Y^s)$$

$$\text{we have } \mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{q}) = \{\delta_l, 1 \leq l \leq s\}, \delta_{l+1}(f) := \frac{\check{f}^{(l)}(0)}{l!}, 0 \leq l < s.$$

Proof. The scheme of the proof is

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & (1) & & \\ & \swarrow & & \nwarrow & \\ (2) & \leftrightarrow & (4) & \rightarrow & (6) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (3) & & (5) & & (7) \end{array}$$

The implications (2) \iff (3), (4) \iff (5), (6) \iff (7), (4) \implies (2) and (6) \implies (1) hold trivially.

If Y is an *allgemeine* coordinate for \mathfrak{q} and $g_\kappa = \sum_{l=1}^{s-1} a_{l\kappa} Y^l, 1 \leq \kappa \leq r$ are 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

$$\mathfrak{q}^+ := \mathfrak{q} + \left(Y - \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h \right) \subset K[Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

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

$$Y \notin \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}^+\} = \text{Span}_K \left(\left\{ Y - \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h \right\} \cup \{Z_\kappa - a_{1\kappa} Y, 1 \leq \kappa \leq n\} \right)$$

so that $\dim_K(\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}) = \dim_K(\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}^+\}) = 1$ and $Y = \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h \notin \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}$. Thus we have (1) \implies (2).

Moreover for Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_r as in (4), the Gröbner basis wrt the lex ordering induced by $Y_1 < Y_2 < \dots < Y_r$ of $\mathfrak{q}' := \mathfrak{q}K[Y_1, \dots, Y_r]$ necessarily satisfies $\deg(\mathfrak{q}') = \deg(\mathfrak{q}) = s$ and $\mathbf{T}(\mathfrak{q}') = (Y_1^s, Y_2, \dots, Y_r)$ thus giving also (2) \implies (4).

We are therefore left to prove (4) \implies (6).

Let us consider $\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\} \subset K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$. There are two cases: either

- (i) $\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\} = \text{Span}_K\{Z_2 - d_2 Z_1, \dots, Z_r - d_r Z_1\}$ or
- (ii) there is an Z_j , wlog say Z_1 , such that $\text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\} = \text{Span}_K\{Z_2, \dots, Z_r\}$.

In case

- (i) we set $Y_\kappa := Z_\kappa - d_\kappa Z_1, 2 \leq \kappa \leq r$. By (4) we know that there are polynomials $g_\kappa = \sum_{l=1}^{s-1} c_{\kappa l} Y^l \in K[Y], 2 \leq \kappa \leq n$ such that

$$Y_\kappa - g_\kappa(Y) = Z_\kappa - d_\kappa Z_1 - c_{\kappa 1} Y + \sum_{l=2}^{s-1} c_{\kappa l} Y^l \in \mathfrak{q}$$

and $Z_\kappa - d_\kappa Z_1 - c_{\kappa 1} Y \in \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}$.

Since

$$\left(c_1 + \sum_{\kappa=2}^r c_\kappa d_\kappa \right) Z_1 + \sum_{\kappa=2}^r c_\kappa Y_\kappa = \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h = Y \notin \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\},$$

then $c := c_1 + \sum_{\kappa=2}^r c_\kappa d_\kappa \neq 0$ and, setting $g_1 := c^{-1} Y - \sum_{\kappa=2}^r c^{-1} c_\kappa g_\kappa$ we have

$$c(Z_1 - g_1) \equiv cZ_1 - Y + \sum_{\kappa=2}^r c_\kappa Y_\kappa = 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{q}} \text{ and } Z_1 - g_1 \in \mathfrak{q};$$

- (ii) we set $Y_\kappa := Z_\kappa, 2 \leq \kappa \leq r$ and by (4) we know that there are polynomials $g_\kappa = \sum_{l=1}^{s-1} c_{\kappa l} Y^l \in K[Y], 2 \leq \kappa \leq r$ such that

$$Y_\kappa - g_\kappa(Y) = Z_\kappa - c_{\kappa 1} Y + \sum_{l=2}^{s-1} c_{\kappa l} Y^l \in \mathfrak{q} \text{ and } Z_\kappa - c_{\kappa 1} Y \in \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}.$$

Since $Y = c_1 Z_1 + \sum_{\kappa=2}^r c_\kappa Z_\kappa \notin \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\}$, then $c_1 \neq 0$ and $c_{\kappa 1} = 0$ for each $\kappa > 1$; setting $g_1 := c_1^{-1} Y - \sum_{\kappa=2}^r c_1^{-1} c_\kappa g_\kappa$ we have

$$c_1(Z_1 - g_1) \equiv c_1 Z_1 - Y + \sum_{\kappa=2}^r c_\kappa Y_\kappa = 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{q}} \text{ and } Z_1 - g_1 \in \mathfrak{q}.$$

□

Example 40.10.2. Let $\mathfrak{q} := (Z_2^5, Z_1 - Z_2^3) \subset K[Z_1, Z_2]$ which is a Gröbner basis for the lex ordering induced by $Z_2 < Z_1$. Thus

$$\text{deg}(\mathfrak{q}) = 5, \mathcal{A}_1\{\mathfrak{q}\} = \text{Span}_K \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial Z_2} \right\} \text{ and } \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}\} = Z_1.$$

For $Y_1 := aZ_1 + Z_2, Y_2 = Z_1$ we have $\mathfrak{q}' = (Y_1^5, Y_2 - Y_1^5)$.

Instead, Z_1 is not an *allgemeine* coordinate since, for the lex ordering induced by $Z_1 < Z_2$, we have $\mathfrak{q} = (Z_1^2, Z_1 Z_2^2, Z_2^3 - Z_1)$ □

Remark 40.10.3. As a direct application of Corollary 40.4.7, we have that the functionals $\delta_{l+1}(f) := \frac{\check{f}^{(l)}(0)}{l!}$, $0 \leq l < s$ satisfy

$$\delta_{l+1}(fg)(\alpha_i) = f(\alpha_i)\delta_{l+1}(g)(\alpha_i) + \sum_{x=0}^{l-1} \delta_{1+l-x}(f)(\alpha_i)\delta_{1+x}(g)(\alpha_i).$$

Thus we have the related matrix

$$Q_f = \begin{pmatrix} f(\alpha_i) & \delta_2(f)(\alpha_i) & \delta_3(f)(\alpha_i) & \cdots & \delta_{l+1}(f)(\alpha_i) \\ & f(\alpha_i) & \delta_2(f)(\alpha_i) & \delta_3(f)(\alpha_i) & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & & & & f(\alpha_i) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (40.3)$$

□

Definition 40.10.4. A primary ideal $\mathfrak{q} \subset \mathcal{Q}$ at the origin which satisfies the equivalent conditions of Proposition 40.10.1 is called a curvilinear primary with derivative $\delta_2(f) := \check{f}'(0)$. □

For $\alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_r) \in K^r$, denote

$$\lambda_\alpha : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}, \lambda_\alpha(f) = f(Z_1 + a_1, \dots, Z_r + a_r)$$

and $\mathfrak{m}_\alpha = (Z_1 - a_1, \dots, Z_r - a_r)$ the maximal ideal at α .

Theorem 40.10.5. Let J be a zero-dimensional ideal.

Denote $\mathcal{Z}(J) := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\} \subset K^r$, and, for each i , $\alpha_i = (a_1^{(i)}, \dots, a_r^{(i)})$, \mathfrak{q}_i the \mathfrak{m}_{α_i} -primary component of J , $s_i := \text{mult}(\alpha_i, 1) = \text{deg}(\mathfrak{q}_i)$, so that $J = \bigcap_{i=1}^s \mathfrak{q}_i$ and $\text{deg}(J) = \sum_{i=1}^s s_i := s$.

A linear form $Y := \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h$ is an *allegemeine coordinate* for J if and only if, denoting $\beta_i := \sum_{h=1}^r c_h a_h^{(i)}$, the following conditions hold

- (1) each primary component \mathfrak{q}_i of J either
 - (a) is simple so that $\mathfrak{q}_i = \mathfrak{m}_{\alpha_i}$ and $s_i = 1$
 - (b) or the primary ideal $\mathfrak{q} := \lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathfrak{q}_i)$ at the origin is curvilinear and $Y \notin \text{lin}\{\mathfrak{q}_i\}$;
- (2) $\beta_i \neq \beta_j$ if $i \neq j$.

Proof. Assumption (1) implies that for each primary component \mathfrak{q}_i of J , the ideal

$$\mathfrak{q}_i^+ := \mathfrak{q}_i + \left(Y - \sum_{h=1}^r c_h Z_h \right) \subset K[Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

has a basis

- (a) $(Y - \beta_i, Z_1 - a_1^{(i)}, \dots, Z_r - a_r^{(i)})$ if \mathfrak{q}_i is maximal; in this case we set $f_{ih}(Z_1) := 0$ for each $h, 1 \leq h \leq r$;
- (b) $((Y - \beta_i)^{s_i}, Z_1 - a_1^{(i)} - f_{i1}(Y) \dots Z_r - a_r^{(i)} - f_{in}(Y))$ if \mathfrak{q}_i is multiple, with $f_{ih}(Y) := g_h(Y)$ where $g_h(Y)$ are the polynomials whose existence is implied in Proposition 40.10.1(6).

Since, by assumption (2), the β_i s are all different, $J \cap K[Y]$ is generated by $g_0(Y) = \prod_j (Y - \beta_j)^{s_j}$.

By the Chinese Remainder Theorem there is then for each $h \leq 1$ a unique polynomial $g_h(Y)$, $\deg(g_h) < s = \deg(g_0)$ such that

$$g_h \equiv a_h^{(i)} + f_{ih} \pmod{(Y - \beta_i)^{s_i}} \text{ for each } i.$$

Then $(g_0(Y), Z_1 - g_1(Y), \dots, Z_r - g_r(Y))$ is the required Gröbner basis of $J^+ = J + (Y - \sum_h c_h Z_h)$ implying that Y is an *allgemeine* coordinate for J .

Conversely if J^+ has a basis $(g_0(Y), Z_1 - g_1, \dots, Z_r - g_r)$, then for each primary component \mathfrak{q}_i , of J , \mathfrak{q}_i^+ has a basis $(f(Y), Z_1 - f_2, \dots, Z_r - f_r)$ where f runs among the irreducible-power factors of g_0 and $f_h = \mathbf{Rem}(g_h, f)$ for each h . Thus each component which is not simple has Y as an *allgemeine* coordinate. \square

A finer description of derogatoriness of Φ_f is the following

Corollary 40.10.6 (Möller–Stetter). *Let J be a zero-dimensional ideal and let $f \in \mathcal{Q}$. With the notation of Theorem 40.10.5, Φ_f is non-derogatory if and only if the following conditions hold:*

- (1) $f(\alpha_i) \neq f(\alpha_j)$ if $i \neq j$,
- (2) each primary component \mathfrak{q}_i of J either
 - (a) is simple so that $\mathfrak{q}_i = \mathfrak{m}_{\alpha_i}$
 - (b) or the primary ideal $\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathfrak{q}_i)$ at the origin is curvilinear with derivative ℓ_i
- (3) for each multiple component \mathfrak{q}_i , $\ell_i(f) \neq 0$.

Proof. Assume that Φ_f is non-derogatory. Then:

- (1) for $\alpha_i \neq \alpha_j$ we have $v_{n_i}(\mathbf{b}) \neq v_{n_j}(\mathbf{b})$; thus necessarily $f(\alpha_i) \neq f(\alpha_j)$ otherwise the two vectors are independent eigenvectors for $f(\alpha_i) = f(\alpha_j)$.
- (2) For a multiple component \mathfrak{q}_i , Proposition 40.4.6(3) implies that if $L_i \cap \nabla = \Lambda_1(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathfrak{q}_i))$ has dimension > 1 , then there is an eigenvector for $f(\alpha_i)$ linearly independent with $v_{n_i}(\mathbf{b})$; thus \mathfrak{q}_i must be curvilinear.
- (3) If instead $L_i \cap \nabla = \Lambda_1(\lambda_{\alpha_i}(\mathfrak{q}_i))$ has dimension 1, Corollary 40.4.7 shows that if $\ell_i(f) = 0$ then $v_{n_i+1}(\mathbf{b})$ is a further eigenvector for $f(\alpha_i)$.

Conversely, by (2) the matrix Q_f has s blocks; the i^{th} one has Equation (40.3) as shape; thus, since, by (3), $\ell_i(f) = \delta_2(f)(\alpha_i) \neq 0$, each block contributes a single eigenvector; finally (1) grants that different eigenvectors correspond to different eigenvalues. \square

Remark 40.10.7 (Möller–Stetter). If $\delta_2(f)(\alpha_i) = \cdots = \delta_j(f)(\alpha_i) = 0 \neq \delta_{j+1}(f)(\alpha_i)$ then the i^{th} block (40.3) contributes j linearly independent eigenvectors. \square

Corollary 40.10.8. *A zero-dimensional ideal is a non-derogatory ideal if each multiple primary component is curvilinear.*

Proof. Each linear form $Y = \sum_n c_n Z_n$ is non-derogatory provided it satisfies $Y(\alpha_i) \neq Y(\alpha_j)$ for each $i \neq j$ and⁷ $\delta_2(Y) \neq 0$.

Both conditions define a Zarisky open set. \square

⁷ Since both Y and δ_2 are linear, then $\delta_2(Y)$ is a constant.

41. Macaulay IV

The device that follows [...] finally eliminates from algebraic geometry the last traces of Elimination Theory

A. Weil

Eliminate, eliminate, eliminate,

Eliminate the eliminators of elimination theory.

S.S. Abhyankar

After having discuss the two ‘standard’ recent algorithms for solving, this chapter is devoted to the old fashioned tools of *resultants* and *resolvants*.

After recalling the notion and the main properties of resultants (Section 41.1) we mainly discuss Macaulay’s approach¹ for computing it: Macaulay defines the resultant as the gcd of all determinants of a matrix, *Macaulay’s matrix* (Section 41.3) obtained by expanding a proper generating set which can be deduced by a result of Bézout (Section 41.2) and proves that the resultant is obtained by dividing out from any such determinant an *extraneous factor* (Section 41.4) which he is able to precisely characterize; finally we are able to prove that Macaulay’s definition is really the resultant (Section 41.5).

The knowledge of the resultant of a set of forms allows to compute the roots of the ideal

$$J := \mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_r) \subset K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

by computing in $K[U_1, \dots, U_r][Z]$ the resultant (*u-resultant*) of the polynomials $f_1, \dots, f_r, f_u, f_u := Z - \sum_{i=1}^r U_i Z_i$ and factorizing it into linear factors $Z - \sum_{i=1}^r U_i \alpha_i$; each such linear factor returns a root $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$ (Section 41.6).

¹ Where I mainly follows the original result

Macaulay F. S., *Some Formulae in Elimination*, Proc. London Math. Soc. (1) **35** (1903), 3–27

supported by his book

Macaulay F. S. , *The Algebraic Theory of Modular Systems*, Cambridge Univ. Press (1916)

I next discuss² another Nineteenth Century solver, Kronecker's resultant (Section 41.7); if given an ideal

$$\mathfrak{I} := \mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_s) \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

one computes the resultant (*u-resolvent*) in $k[A_1, \dots, A_n][X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}][X]$ of the polynomials

$$A_n^{\deg(f_l)} f_l \left(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}, A_n^{-1} \left(X - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i X_i \right) \right), 1 \leq l \leq s;$$

and factorizes it into linear factors

$$X - A_1 X_1 - \dots - A_{\nu-1} X_{\nu-1} - A_\nu \xi_\nu - \dots - A_n \xi_n;$$

each factor for which each ξ_i is independent of the A s corresponds to an $\Omega(k)$ -prime component of dimension $\nu - 1$ (Section 41.8).

Notwithstanding Macaulay strongly criticizes Kronecker's resultant for its being doubly exponential in comparison with the simply exponential resultant, Kronecker's approach provided (in the Nineteenth Century!) a parametrization³

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q(X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, U) = 0, \\ X_\nu = \frac{w_\nu(X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, U)}{\frac{\partial q}{\partial U}(X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, U)} \\ \vdots \\ X_n = \frac{w_n(X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, U)}{\frac{\partial q}{\partial U}(X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, U)} \end{array} \right. \quad (41.1)$$

of a radical equidimensional ideal (Section 41.9) which is at the core of the most efficient to-day solvers: Rouillier's Rational Univariate Representation (Section 42.9) and TERA's Kronecker Package (Chapter 44).

After an *intermezzo* where I cover the history of the resultants from Bézout to the English algebra school (Section 41.10) and, in particular, I report Cayley's interpretation of the resultant of two polynomials

$$U(X), V(X) \in k[X], \deg(U) = \deg(V) = n$$

as the determinant of the matrix $(\alpha_{\rho\sigma})$ defined by the relation

$$\frac{U(X)V(Y) - U(Y)V(X)}{X - Y} = \sum_{\rho=0}^{n-1} \sum_{\sigma=0}^{n-1} \alpha_{\rho\sigma} X^{n-\rho-1} Y^{n-\sigma-1}$$

I briefly discuss a different representation of the resultant due to Dixon which extended Cayley's interpretation to more than 2 polynomials (Section 41.11).

² Still following the guideline provided by Macaulay's book

³ See F. S. Macaulay, *The Algebraic Theory* op. cit., ppg. 27-28

Dixon's resultant was recently revised and repropoed by Kapur *et al.*; at the same time, also Cardinal considered Cayley's formula and Dixon's matrix (Section 41.12) and proposed an algorithm (Section 41.13) which performed a series of transformations on the Dixon's matrices defined by the polynomials

$$f_1, \dots, f_n, X_i, 1 \leq i \leq n, f_l \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n];$$

he conjectured that, if f_1, \dots, f_n is a complete intersection the output of his algorithm is a Gröbner representation of the ideal

$$J := \mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_n) \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n].$$

Recently Mourrain proposed an improved version of Cardinal's algorithm and gave a complete proof of Cardinal's conjecture for this abridged version of the algorithm (Section 41.14).

The result, not only returns, with good complexity, a Gröbner representation of the ideal J but, with the same complexity allows to test ideal membership and for a polynomial $f \in J$ returns also a representation $f = \sum_{i=1}^n g_i f_i$ (Section 41.15).

41.1 The resultant of r forms in r variables

Let $\mathcal{Q} := K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$, $\mathcal{W} := \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} : (a_1, \dots, a_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r\}$ its monomial K -basis and \mathbb{K} the algebraic closure of K .

For each $d \in \mathbb{N}$ we also set

$$\mathcal{W}_d := \{t \in \mathcal{W} : \deg(t) = d\} \text{ and } \mathcal{W}(d) := \{t \in \mathcal{W} : \deg(t) \leq d\}.$$

Let us also set r integers d_1, \dots, d_r . Our aim being considering r 'generic' forms (homogeneous polynomials) $f_1, \dots, f_r \in \mathcal{Q}$, $\deg(f_i) = d_i$, we apply the same notation and approach of the English algebra school (cf. Sections 6.4-7).

Since each homogeneous polynomial $f \in \mathcal{P}$, $\deg(f) = d$, can be uniquely expressed as $f = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d} c(f, \tau)\tau$, we introduce indeterminate coefficients $a_{i,\tau}$, $1 \leq i \leq r$, $\tau \in \mathcal{W}_{d_i}$, and we consider

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{the domain } \mathbb{D} := \mathbb{Z}[a_{i,\tau}, 1 \leq i \leq r, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_{d_i}], \\ &\text{its quotient field } \mathbb{K} := \mathbb{Q}(a_{i,\tau}, 1 \leq i \leq r, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_{d_i}), \text{ and} \\ &\text{the 'generic' forms } F_i = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_{d_i}} a_{i,\tau}\tau, 1 \leq i \leq r; \end{aligned}$$

for any set $\mathbf{f} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ of r concrete homogeneous forms

$$f_i = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_{d_i}} c(f_i, \tau)\tau$$

of degree d_i we denote $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}} : \mathbb{D}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r] \rightarrow K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ the *ansatz*

$$\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(a_{i,\tau}) = c(f_i, \tau) \text{ for each } 1 \leq i \leq r, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_{d_i},$$

so that $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(F_i) = f_i$ for each i .

Definition 41.1.1. A polynomial

$$\text{Res} := \text{Res}(d_1, \dots, d_r) := \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_r) \in \mathbb{D}$$

is called the resultant of F_1, \dots, F_r if for any set $\mathbf{f} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ of r homogeneous forms f_i of degree d_i

$$\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\text{Res}) = 0 \iff \text{exists } \alpha \in \mathbb{P}^{r-1}(\mathbb{K}) : f_1(\alpha) = \dots = f_r(\alpha) = 0.$$

□

Fix a variable, say Z_r , and define a *weight* on the variables $a_{i,\tau}$ by setting $\text{wt}(a_{i,\tau}) = \deg_r(\tau)$ id est $\text{wt}(a_{i,\tau}) = a_r$ for each $\tau = Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r}$.

Set $D := \prod_{i=1}^r d_i$, $D_i := D/d_i$ for each i and

$$d := 1 - r + \sum_{i=1}^r d_i = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r (d_i - 1).$$

Fact 41.1.2. With the present notations the following holds:

- (1) For each $r - 1$ homogeneous polynomials $f_1, \dots, f_{r-1} \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ which generate a homogeneous ideal $\mathcal{J} := (f_1, \dots, f_{r-1})$ having only a finite number of (projective) zeroes, we have $\#\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{J}) = D_r = \prod_{i=1}^{r-1} d_i$.
- (2) The resultant $\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_r)$ is
 - (a) homogeneous of degree D_i in the variables $a_{i,\tau}$ for each i and
 - (b) isobaric⁴ of weight D .

Proof.

- (1) It is trivial for $r = 2$ and is obtained, for $r > 2$, by considering the polynomials f_i as elements in $K[Z_1][Z_2, Z_3, \dots, Z_r]$; thus (2) implies that $\text{Res}(f_1, \dots, f_{r-1}) \in K[Z_1]$ is a univariate polynomial of degree D_r .
- (2) For $r = 2$, it is a homogeneous reformulation of the description of the structure of the Sylvester resultant: for

$$F_1(Z_1, Z_2) = a_0 \prod_{i=1}^{d_1} (Z_1 - \alpha_i Z_2) = a_0 Z_1^{d_1} + a_1 Z_1^{d_1-1} Z_2 + \dots + a_{d_1} Z_2^{d_1},$$

$$F_2(Z_1, Z_2) = b_0 \prod_{j=1}^{d_2} (Z_1 - \beta_j Z_2) = b_0 Z_1^{d_2} + b_1 Z_1^{d_2-1} Z_2 + \dots + b_{d_2} Z_2^{d_2},$$

if we consider the F_i s as elements of $K[Z_2][Z_1]$, (a) comes from Proposition 6.6.8 and (b) from Proposition 6.7.1 which returns

⁴ A function $D \in \mathbb{D}$ is called *isobaric* iff all of its terms are of the same weight.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Res}(F_1, F_2) \\
 &= a_0^{d_2} b_0^{d_1} \prod_{i=1}^{d_1} \prod_{j=1}^{d_2} ((\alpha_i - \beta_j) Z_2) = a_0^{d_2} b_0^{d_1} Z_2^{d_1 d_2} \prod_{i=1}^{d_1} \prod_{j=1}^{d_2} (\alpha_i - \beta_j) \\
 &= a_0^{d_2} \prod_{i=1}^{d_1} F_2(\alpha_i Z_2) = a_0^{d_2} Z_2^{d_1} \prod_{i=1}^{d_1} g(\alpha_i) = \\
 &= (-1)^{d_1 d_2} b_0^{d_1} \prod_{j=1}^{d_2} f(\beta_j Z_2) = (-1)^{d_1 d_2} b_0^{d_1} Z_2^{d_2} \prod_{j=1}^{d_2} f(\beta_j);
 \end{aligned}$$

thus, $\text{Res}(F_1, F_2) = Z_2^{d_1 d_2} \text{Res}(f, g)$ is obtained by substituting each instance of a_i, b_j by $Z_2^i a_i, Z_2^j b_j$ respectively.

For $r > 2$, we obtain⁵ (2) by applying (1) to the polynomials f_1, \dots, f_{r-1} , for each *ansatz* $\Xi(F_i) = f_i, 1 \leq i < r$: denoting

$$(1, \lambda_2^{(i)}, \dots, \lambda_r^{(i)}), 1 \leq i \leq D_r = \prod_{i=1}^{r-1} d_i$$

their roots, let us then define $R := \prod_{i=1}^{D_r} F_r(1, \lambda_2^{(i)}, \dots, \lambda_r^{(i)}) \in \mathbb{D}$ which clearly satisfies $R = \Xi(\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_r))$ and which is the numerator of a symmetric function of the roots and thus can be expressed in terms of the coefficients of the f_i s. Thus $\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_r)$ is isobaric of degree $d_r D_r = D$ and is homogeneous of degree D_r in the variables $a_{r,\tau}$. \square

41.2 Bézout's Generating Set

Let us denote $\mathcal{J} := (F_1, \dots, F_r) \subset \mathbb{D}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ the homogeneous ideal generated by the generic forms F_i and for each $\delta \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\mathcal{J}_\delta := \mathcal{J} \cap \mathcal{W}_\delta = \{F \in \mathcal{J} \text{ homogeneous, } \deg(F) = \delta\},$$

and let us remark that⁶

$$B := \{\omega F_i : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_i}, 1 \leq i \leq r\}$$

is a \mathbb{D} -generating set of \mathcal{J}_δ , so that, for each homogeneous polynomial $F \in \mathcal{J}_\delta$, there are homogeneous polynomials

$$S_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_i}} c(S_i, \omega) \omega \in \mathbb{D}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r], \deg(S_i) = \delta - d_i \text{ for each } i$$

⁵ I limit myself here to sketch Poisson's proof of this result which is never used in the argument which leads to Theorem 41.5.3. For a proof of Fact 41.1.2(2) I refer to Remark 41.5.1.

⁶ With a slight abuse of notations, $\mathcal{W}_z = \emptyset$ for each $z \in \mathbb{Z}, z < 0$.

such that $F = \sum_{i=1}^r S_i F_i$; such representations are, of course, not unique.

Uniqueness can be however forced, restricting the spans of the F_i s: let us denote, for each $i \leq r+1$,

$$\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)} := \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_i} : a_j < d_j \text{ for each } j < i\}$$

so that

$$\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(1)} = \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_1};$$

$\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(2)}$ consists of all terms of degree $\delta - d_2$ which are not divisible by $Z_1^{d_1}$;

$\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(3)}$ consists of all terms of degree $\delta - d_3$ which are not divisible by $Z_1^{d_1}$ nor by $Z_2^{d_2}$;

\dots
 $\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}$ consists of all terms τ of degree $\delta - d_i$ such that $\tau \notin (Z_1^{d_1}, \dots, Z_{i-1}^{d_{i-1}})$;

\dots
 $\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r+1)} := \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_\delta : a_j < d_j \text{ for each } j \leq r\}$.

Remark 41.2.1. For each $\delta \geq d = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r (d_i - 1)$, we have $\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r+1)} = \emptyset$ since for $Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r+1)}$ we have the contradiction

$$1 + \sum_i a_i \leq 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r (d_i - 1) = d \leq \delta = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i.$$

□

Lemma 41.2.2. *With the notation above, for any $\nu \leq r$, \mathcal{W}_δ has the partition*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_\delta &= \left\{ \tau Z_1^{d_1}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(1)} \right\} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \left\{ \tau Z_\nu^{d_\nu}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(\nu)} \right\} \sqcup \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(\nu+1)} \\ &= \mathcal{V}_\delta^{(1)} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{V}_\delta^{(i)} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{V}_\delta^{(\nu)} \sqcup \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(\nu+1)} \end{aligned}$$

where, for each $i \leq r$,

$$\mathcal{V}_\delta^{(i)} := \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_i} : a_i \geq d_i, a_j < d_j \text{ for each } j < i\}.$$

□

Theorem 41.2.3 (Bézout). *For any $\nu \leq r$, each homogeneous polynomial $F \in \mathbb{D}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ of degree δ can be uniquely expressed as*

$$\Delta F = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} Q_i F_i + Q_{\nu+1}$$

where $\Delta \in \mathbb{D}$, $\Delta \neq 0$, and

$$Q_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}} c(Q_i, \omega) \omega \in \mathbb{D}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r] \text{ for each } i.$$

Proof. Let us begin by remarking that, by Lemma 41.2.2 above,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\nu+1} \#\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \#\mathcal{V}_\delta^{(i)} + \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(\nu+1)} = \#\mathcal{W}_\delta;$$

this counting argument can be also deduced by considering the polynomial $\sum_{i=1}^{\nu} Q_i Z_i^{d_i} + Q_{\nu+1}$ where each term of degree δ comes in once and once only.

Equating, for each $\tau \in \mathcal{W}_\delta$, the coefficient of τ in F with the one in $\sum_{i=1}^{\nu} Q_i F_i + Q_{\nu+1}$ we obtain $\#\mathcal{W}_\delta$ equations in the $\sum_{i=1}^{\nu+1} \#\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)} = \#\mathcal{W}_\delta$ unknowns $c(Q_i, \omega), \omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}, 1 \leq i \leq \nu + 1$.

The corresponding determinant Δ cannot vanish, otherwise we would obtain a non trivial solution of the equation $\sum_{i=1}^{\nu} Q_i F_i + Q_{\nu+1} = 0$; it would then be sufficient to make the *ansatz* $F_i := Z_i^{d_i}, 1 \leq i \leq \nu$, in order to deduce a contraddictory identity $\sum_{i=1}^{\nu} Q_i Z_i^{d_i} + Q_{\nu+1} = 0$ where some Q_i is not vanishing. Hence the theorem is proved. \square

Remark 41.2.4. Denote S_r the symmetric group of all the permutations $\pi : \{1, \dots, r\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, r\}$ over $\{1, \dots, r\}$.

The result of Theorem 41.2.3 being independent of the ordering chosen by the variables, for each permutation $\pi \in S_r$, each homogeneous polynomial $F \in \mathbb{D}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ of degree δ can be uniquely expressed as $\Delta F = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} Q_i F_{\pi(i)} + Q_{\nu+1}$ where $\nu \leq r$, $\Delta \in \mathbb{D}$, $\Delta \neq 0$, and $Q_i \in \text{Span}_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(i)})$ where

$$\mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(i)} := \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_{\pi(i)}} : a_{\pi(j)} < d_{\pi(j)} \text{ for each } j < i\}.$$

\square

41.3 Macaulay's Matrix

Let us now represent the \mathbb{D} -generating set

$$B := \{\omega F_i : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_{d-d_i}, 1 \leq i \leq r\}$$

of J_d by a matrix, the *Macaulay's matrix* whose columns are indexed by the $\binom{d+r-1}{r-1}$ terms $\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d$ and each of whose rows is indexed by one of the elements

$$\sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d} c(\omega F_i, \tau) \tau = \omega F_i \in B$$

and has $c(\omega F_i, \tau) := \begin{cases} a_{i,v} & \text{if } \tau = v\omega \\ 0 & \text{if } \omega \nmid \tau \end{cases}$ as its τ -entry.

Example 41.3.1. Let us set $\mathcal{Q} = K[x, y, z]$, $d_1 = d_2 = 2, d_3 = 1$ and $\delta = 3$. In Figure 41.1 we represent such matrix. Each 0 indicates that the entry is 0; each x indicates that the entry is a variable $a_{i,v}$. The elements $a_{i,Z_i^{d_i}}$ are represented **X**. \square

Fig. 41.1. Macaulay's Matrix

	x^3	x^2y	x^2z	xy^2	xyz	xz^2	y^3	y^2z	yz^2	z^3
xF_1	X	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0
yF_1	0	X	0	x	x	0	x	x	x	0
zF_1	0	0	X	0	x	x	0	x	x	x
xF_2	x	x	x	X	x	x	0	0	0	0
yF_2	0	x	0	x	x	0	X	x	x	0
zF_2	0	0	x	0	x	x	0	X	x	x
x^2F_3	x	x	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
xyF_3	0	x	0	x	X	0	0	0	0	0
xzF_3	0	0	x	0	x	X	0	0	0	0
y^2F_3	0	0	0	x	0	0	x	X	0	0
yzF_3	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	x	X	0
z^2F_3	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	x	X

Definition 41.3.2 (Macaulay). The (Macaulay's) resultant of F_1, \dots, F_r is the greatest common divisor of all the determinants of the above matrix. \square

Denoting

$$R := R(d_1, \dots, d_r) := R(F_1, \dots, F_r) \in \mathbb{D}$$

the Macaulay's resultant of F_1, \dots, F_r , let us consider the determinant D of the square matrix⁷ obtained by selecting the rows indexed by the polynomials in the basis

$$B := \{\omega F_i : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d^{(i)}, 1 \leq i \leq r\}$$

and let us study its properties:

Example 41.3.3. In Figure 41.1 the two rows in sans serif (indexed by x^2F_3 and y^2F_3) are the ones to be removed in order to obtain the matrix D . \square

Proposition 41.3.4 (Macaulay). Setting, for each $i \leq r$

$$a_i := a_{i, Z_i^{d_i}}, c_i := a_{i, Z_i^d}, \mu_i := \#\mathcal{W}_d^{(i)}$$

the following holds

- (1) $c(D, a_1^{\mu_1} \cdots a_r^{\mu_r}) = \pm 1$;
- (2) $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(c_i) = \Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(a_{i, Z_i^d}) = c(f_i, Z_i^d) = 0$ for each $i \implies \Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(D) = 0$;
- (3) for each $\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d$, $D_{\tau} \in \mathbf{J}$;
- (4) $\mu_r := \#(\mathcal{W}_d^{(r)}) = \prod_{i=1}^{r-1} d_i = D_r$;
- (5) D is homogeneous of degree D_r in the coefficients of F_r while
- (6) D is homogeneous in the coefficients of F_i with a degree $> D_i := \frac{D}{d_i}$ for each $i < r$.
- (7) D is isobaric with weight $D := \prod_{i=1}^r d_i$.

⁷ The matrix is square as a consequence of Lemma 41.2.2 and Remark 41.2.1.

Proof.

- (1) Clearly in each row appears one and only one a_i ; in order to prove the claim we must show that no two such a_i can appear in the same column. This is a trivial consequence of two remarks above, namely that $\mathcal{W}_d^{(r+1)} = \emptyset$ and that, making in the expression $\sum_{i=1}^r Q_i F_i + Q_{r+1} = \sum_{i=1}^r Q_i F_i$ the *ansatz* $F_i := a_i Z_i^{d_i}, 1 \leq i \leq r$ we obtain $\sum_{i=1}^r Q_i a_i Z_i^{d_i}$ where each term of degree d comes in once and once only.
- (2) The column indexed by Z_r^d contains all zeros excepts in the rows indexed by $Z_r^{d-d_i} F_i$ where the value is $a_{i, Z_r^{d_i}}$.
- (3) Denoting $D_{i, \omega}$ the subdeterminant obtained crossing the column indexed by τ and the row corresponding to the polynomial ωF_i we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d} D\tau &= \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d} \sum_{i, \omega} D_{i, \omega} c(\omega F_i, \tau) \tau \\
 &= \sum_{i, \omega} D_{i, \omega} \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d} c(\omega F_i, \tau) \tau \\
 &= \sum_{i, \omega} D_{i, \omega} \omega F_i \\
 &\equiv 0 \pmod{J}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- (4) $\deg(Q_r) = d - d_r = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r (d_i - 1) - d_r = \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} (d_i - 1)$ and the terms of Q_r consist of the set of all terms in the expansion

$$\prod_{i=1}^{r-1} \left(Z_r^{d_i-1} + Z_i Z_r^{d_i-2} + \dots + Z_i^{d_i-2} Z_r + Z_i^{d_i-1} \right)$$

whence $\mu_r = \#(\mathcal{W}_d^{(r)}) = \# \text{supp}(Q_r) = \prod_{i=1}^{r-1} d_i = D_r$.

- (5) Is a trivial consequence of the result above.
- (6) In general, the terms $\tau = \omega v$ of Q_j consist of the set of all terms ω in the expansion $\prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (1 + Z_i + \dots + Z_i^{d_i-1})$ each multiplied by a term $v = Z_j^{\alpha_j} \dots Z_r^{\alpha_r}, \deg(v) = d - d_j - \deg(\omega)$ so that

$$\mu_i = \#(\mathcal{W}_d^{(i)}) = \# \text{supp}(Q_i) \geq D_i = \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^r d_i.$$

- (7) For any element

$$\omega F_i = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{W}_{d-d_i}^{(r)}} a_{i, v} \omega v = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d} c(\omega F_i, \tau) \tau \in \mathbf{B}$$

we have, for each $c(\omega F_i, \tau) \neq 0$,

$$\text{wt}(c(\omega F_i, \tau)) = \text{wt}(a_{i, v}) = \deg_r v = \deg_r \tau - \deg_r \omega;$$

hence, on expanding D the weight of each term is

$$\sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d} \deg_r \tau - \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_d^{(i)}} \deg_r \omega;$$

thus D is isobaric and, by (1), with weight

$$\text{wt}(a_1^{\mu_1} \cdots a_r^{\mu_r}) = \mu_r \text{wt}(a_r) = D_r d_r = D.$$

□

Lemma 41.3.5 (Macaulay). *Any other determinant D' of the above matrix has a common factor with D which is homogeneous of degree D_r in the coefficients of F_r .*

Proof. Let us denote $H_j, 1 \leq j \leq \binom{d+r-1}{r-1}$ the polynomials corresponding to the chosen rows of the above matrix; according Theorem 41.2.3, any arbitrarily \mathbb{K} -linear combination

$$\sum_j \alpha_j H_j = \sum_{i=1}^r A_i F_i \in \text{Span}_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathcal{W}_d)$$

has a unique representation

$$\sum_{i=1}^r A_i F_i = \sum_{i=1}^r Q_i F_i, \quad Q_i \in \text{Span}_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathcal{W}_d^{(i)}).$$

There is therefore a matrix $M \in GL(\binom{d+r-1}{r-1}, \mathbb{K})$ such that $D \det(M) = D'$. We can now compute each $Q_i \in \text{Span}_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathcal{W}_d^{(i)})$ and therefore the matrix M , by the following recursive procedure:

- compute the polynomials (whose existence is implied by Theorem 41.2.3) $Y_i^{(r)} \in \text{Span}_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathcal{W}_{d-d_r}^{(i)}), i \leq r$, such that $A_r = \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Y_i^{(r)} F_i + Y_r^{(r)}$; since

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^r A_i F_i &= \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} A_i F_i + A_r F_r \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} A_i F_i + \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Y_i^{(r)} F_i F_r + Y_r^{(r)} F_r \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} (A_i + Y_i^{(r)} F_r) F_i + Y_r^{(r)} F_r \end{aligned}$$

we can set $Q_r := Y_r^{(r)}$ and reduce the problem of solving the equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^r A_i F_i = \sum_{i=1}^r Q_i F_i$$

to the one of solving $\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} (A_i + Y_i^{(r)} F_r) F_i = \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Q_i F_i$;

- Q_{r-1} is then obtained by computing the polynomials (whose existence is implied by Theorem 41.2.3) $Y_i^{(r-1)} \in \text{Span}_{\mathbb{K}}\left(\mathcal{W}_{d-d_{r-1}}^{(i)}\right)$, $i \leq r-1$, such that

$$A_{r-1} + Y_{r-1}^{(r)} F_r = \sum_{i=1}^{r-2} Y_i^{(r-1)} F_i + Y_{r-1}^{(r-1)},$$

allowing to obtain, setting $Q_{r-1} := Y_{r-1}^{(r-1)}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^r A_i F_i \\ = & Q_r F_r + \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} (A_i + Y_i^{(r)} F_r) F_i \\ = & Q_r F_r + \sum_{i=1}^{r-2} (A_i + Y_i^{(r)} F_r) F_i + \sum_{i=1}^{r-2} Y_i^{(r-1)} F_i F_{r-1} + Y_{r-1}^{(r-1)} F_{r-1} \\ = & \sum_{i=1}^{r-2} (A_i + Y_i^{(r)} F_r + Y_i^{(r-1)} F_{r-1}) F_i + \sum_{i=r-1}^r Q_i F_i; \end{aligned}$$

- inductively we assume to have

$$\sum_{i=1}^r A_i F_i = \sum_{i=1}^{r-j} \left(A_i + \sum_{l=r-j+1}^r Y_i^{(l)} F_l \right) F_i + \sum_{i=r-j+1}^r Q_i F_i$$

and we compute the polynomials $Y_i^{(r-j)} \in \text{Span}_{\mathbb{K}}\left(\mathcal{W}_{d-d_{r-j}}^{(i)}\right)$, $i \leq r-j$, such that

$$A_{r-j} + \sum_{l=r-j+1}^r Y_{r-j}^{(l)} F_l = \sum_{i=1}^{r-j-1} Y_i^{(r-j)} F_i + Y_{r-j}^{(r-j)},$$

so that, setting $Q_{r-j} := Y_{r-j}^{(r-j)}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^r A_i F_i \\ = & \sum_{i=1}^{r-j} \left(A_i + \sum_{l=r-j+1}^r Y_i^{(l)} F_l \right) F_i + \sum_{i=r-j+1}^r Q_i F_i \\ = & \sum_{i=1}^{r-j-1} \left(A_i + \sum_{l=r-j+1}^r Y_i^{(l)} F_l \right) F_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{i=1}^{r-j-1} Y_i^{(r-j)} F_i F_{r-j} + Y_{r-j}^{(r-j)} F_{r-j} + \sum_{i=r-j+1}^r Q_i F_i \\
 & = \sum_{i=1}^{r-j-1} \left(A_i + \sum_{l=r-j}^r Y_i^{(l)} F_l \right) F_i + \sum_{i=r-j}^r Q_i F_i
 \end{aligned}$$

• und so weiter.

The point is that in this procedure all the polynomials $Y_i^{(l)}$ are completely independent from the coefficients $a_{r,\tau}$ of F_r and the same is true for $\det(\mathbf{M}) \in \mathbb{K}$ whence the claim. \square

The choice of the determinant D being dependent on an ordering on the variables, we can in fact choose $r!$ different determinants D_π , $\pi \in \mathcal{S}_r$, each satisfying (cf. Remark 41.2.4) a proper reformulation of Theorem 41.2.3.

In particular

Corollary 41.3.6. *It holds:*

- (1) for each $i \leq r$ and each $\pi \in \mathcal{S}_r$ such that $\pi(r) = i$ the determinant D_π is homogeneous of degree D_i in the coefficients of F_i ;
- (2) any other determinant D' has a common factor with such determinant which is homogeneous of degree D_i in the coefficients of F_i .
- (3) R is homogeneous of degree $D_i = \mu_i$ in the coefficients of F_i for each i .

Example 41.3.7. In Example 41.3.1 if we consider the permutation (132) the construction would return Figure 41.2 \square

Fig. 41.2. Macaulay's Matrix (2)

	x^3	x^2y	x^2z	xy^2	xyz	xz^2	y^3	y^2z	yz^2	z^3
x^2F_3	x	x	\mathbf{X}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
xyF_3	0	x	0	x	\mathbf{X}	0	0	0	0	0
xzF_3	0	0	x	0	x	\mathbf{X}	0	0	0	0
y^2F_3	0	0	0	x	0	0	x	\mathbf{X}	0	0
yzF_3	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	x	\mathbf{X}	0
z^2F_3	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	x	\mathbf{X}
xF_1	\mathbf{X}	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0
yF_1	0	\mathbf{X}	0	x	x	0	x	x	x	0
zF_1	0	0	\mathbf{X}	0	x	x	0	x	x	x
xF_2	x	x	x	\mathbf{X}	x	x	0	0	0	0
yF_2	0	x	0	x	x	0	\mathbf{X}	x	x	0
zF_2	0	0	x	0	x	x	0	\mathbf{X}	x	x

Definition 41.3.8. *The element $A \in \mathbb{D}$ such that $D = AR$ is called the extraneous factor of D .*

Denoting $\chi_\nu : \mathbb{D}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r] \rightarrow \mathbb{D}[Z_1, \dots, Z_{\nu-1}]$ the evaluation

$$F(Z_1, \dots, Z_r) \mapsto \chi_\nu(F) = F(Z_1, \dots, Z_{\nu-1}, 0, \dots, 0),$$

we have:

Corollary 41.3.9. *The following holds*

- (1) $c(\mathbf{R}, a_1^{D_1} \cdots a_r^{D_r}) = \pm 1$;
- (2) \mathbf{R} is homogeneous of degree D_i in the coefficients of F_i for each i ;
- (3) \mathbf{R} is isobaric of degree D ;
- (4) \mathbf{A} is isobaric of degree 0;
- (5) $c(\mathbf{A}, a_{i,\tau}) = 0$ for each $\tau \in \mathcal{W} : Z_r \mid \tau$;
- (6) \mathbf{A} is independent of the coefficients $a_{r,\tau}$ of F_r ;
- (7) \mathbf{A} depends only on the coefficients of the generic polynomials

$$\chi_r(F_1), \dots, \chi_r(F_{r-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}[a_{i,\tau}, 1 \leq i < r, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_{d_i}][Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}];$$

- (8) $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(c_i) = \Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(a_{i,Z_r^d}) = c(f_i, Z_r^d) = 0$ for each $i \implies \Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{R}) = 0$.

Proof. (1) follows from Proposition 41.3.4(1) and from the equality $D_i = \mu_i$ for each i ; (2) is a direct consequence of Corollary 41.3.6.

Ad (3): each factor of an isobaric function is isobaric too; the weight of \mathbf{R} is $\text{wt}(a_1^{D_1} \cdots a_r^{D_r}) = D$.

(4) is a direct corollary of (3) and (5) of (4); (6) is the statement at the end of the proof of Lemma 41.3.5 and (7) resumes (5-6).

(8) follows from Proposition 41.3.4(2), which implies $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{D}) = 0$ and on (5) which implies that \mathbf{A} is independent of each $c_i = a_{i,Z_r^d}$. \square

41.4 The Extraneous Factor

In order to give an explicit and effective representation of the extraneous factor \mathbf{A} of \mathbf{D} , Macaulay needed a deeper analysis and a convenient notation, starting from Bézout's formula (Theorem 41.2.3). Thus considering, for each $\nu \leq r$ and each $\delta \geq \min(d_1, \dots, d_\nu)$, the *submatrix* obtained by selecting the columns indexed by the terms in

$$\mathcal{W}_\delta \setminus \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(\nu+1)} = \left\{ \tau Z_1^{d_1}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(1)} \right\} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \left\{ \tau Z_\nu^{d_\nu}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(\nu)} \right\}$$

and the rows indexed by the elements

$$\omega F_i = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_\delta} c(\omega F_i, \tau) \tau \in \mathbf{B} := \{ \omega F_i : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}, 1 \leq i \leq \nu \}.$$

Macaulay denotes $D(\nu, \delta)$ its determinant and⁸

⁸ In this construction the value ν fixes the precise set $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_\nu\}$ of the first ν variables; therefore, in this setting Remark 41.2.4 is applicable to those variables only.

$$R(\nu, \delta) := \gcd(D_\pi(\nu, \delta) : \pi \in S_\nu).$$

He also sets $D(\nu, \delta) = R(\nu, \delta) = 1$ for each $\delta < \min(d_1, \dots, d_\nu)$.

Remark 41.4.1. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) $\Xi_f(D(\nu, \delta)) = 0$
- (2) $\sum_{i=1}^\nu Q_i \chi_\nu(f_i) = Q_{\nu+1}$ for suitable $Q_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}} c(Q_i, \omega) \omega \in \mathcal{Q}, i \leq \nu + 1$.

Moreover, it is sufficient to repeat the same argument which led to the proof of Corollary 41.3.6, in order to obtain that $R(\nu, \delta)$ is homogeneous, for each $i \leq \nu$, in the coefficients of F_i with degree

$$\#\{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_i} : a_j < d_j \text{ for each } j \neq i\}.$$

□

This notation allows to state

Theorem 41.4.2 (Macaulay). *It holds*

$$\left| \frac{D(r, \delta)}{R(r, \delta)} \right| = \left| \prod_{j=0}^{d_r-1} \frac{D(r-1, \delta-j)}{R(r-1, \delta-j)} \right| \cdot \left| \prod_{j=d_r}^{\delta-1} D(r-1, \delta-j) \right|.$$

Proof. $R(r, \delta)$ is a factor of $D(r, \delta)$ and (Corollary 41.3.9(6)) the other factors are independent of the coefficients of F_r .

Let us consider an arbitrary combination

$$\sum_{i=1}^r Q_i F_i = 0, \quad Q_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}} x(Q_i, \omega) \omega, 1 \leq i \leq r$$

in terms of the unknowns $x(Q_i, \omega)$, where

$$\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)} := \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_i} : a_j < d_j \text{ for each } j < i\}$$

and denote $a := a_{r, Z_r^{d_r}}$ and $w := \#\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r)}$.

The element a appears w times in the matrix, namely in the positions satisfying $c(\omega F_r, \omega Z_r^{d_r}) = a = a_{r, Z_r^{d_r}}$ where ω runs in the elements of $\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r)}$; more precisely, for each such ω , a appears in the position corresponding to the column indexed by $\omega Z_r^{d_r}$ and the row representing ωF_r .

The columns where a does not appear are those indexed by the terms

$$\left\{ \tau Z_1^{d_1}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(1)} \right\} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \left\{ \tau Z_{r-1}^{d_{r-1}}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r-1)} \right\}.$$

Hence the coefficient of a^w in the expansion of $D(r, \delta)$ is the determinant whose vanishing is the condition that the identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Q_i F_i = Q_r \quad Q_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}} x(Q_i, \omega) \omega, 1 \leq i \leq r$$

can be satisfied.

In order to evaluate such determinant, assume the identity is satisfied and set $Z_r = 0$ obtaining the identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} \chi_r(Q_i) \chi_r(F_i) = \chi_r(Q_r).$$

Therefore, for each $\mathbf{f} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$, either

- such identity is non-trivially satisfied, i.e. $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{D}(r-1, \delta)) = 0$, or
- $\chi_r(Q_1) = \dots = \chi_r(Q_r) = 0$, which means that $Z_r \mid Q_i$ for each i .

In the latter case we obtain a similar identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Q'_i f_i = Q'_r, \quad Q'_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-1}^{(i)}} x(Q_i, Z_r \omega) \omega, 1 \leq i \leq r.$$

Repeating the same argument we obtain that either $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{D}(r-1, \delta-1)) = 0$, or there is an identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Q''_i f_i = Q''_r, \quad Q''_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-2}^{(i)}} x(Q_i, Z_r^2 \omega) \omega, 1 \leq i \leq r.$$

Since we have only the limitation

$$\max \left\{ a_r : Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \cup_{i=1}^{r-1} \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)} \right\} = \delta$$

by iteration we deduce that the sought determinant is $\prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \mathbf{D}(r-1, \delta-j)$ so that

$$\mathbf{D}(r, \delta) = \left(\prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \mathbf{D}(r-1, \delta-j) \right) a^w + \dots$$

Let us therefore now evaluate the coefficient of a^w in $\mathbf{R}(r, \delta)$; to do so we consider another permutation, say the cyclic one, $\pi(i) \equiv i-1 \pmod{r}$ and the corresponding identity

$$Q_1 F_r + Q_2 F_1 + \dots + Q_r F_{r-1} = 0, \quad Q_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(i)}} x(Q_i, \omega) \omega, 1 \leq i \leq r$$

where $\mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(i)} := \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_{\pi(i)}} : a_{\pi(j)} < d_{\pi(j)} \text{ for each } j < i\}$ and, in particular,

$$\mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(1)} := \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_r} : a_r < d_r\}.$$

The variable $a := a_{r, Z_r^{d_r}}$ appears $s := \#\mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(1)}$ times in the positions satisfying $c(\omega F_r, \omega Z_r^{d_r}) = a$ and corresponding to the column indexed by $\omega Z_r^{d_r}$ and the row representing ωF_r , where ω runs in the elements of $\mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(1)}$.

The remaining columns are those indexed by the terms

$$\left\{ \tau Z_1^{d_1}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(2)} \right\} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \left\{ \tau Z_{r-1}^{d_{r-1}}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(r-1)} \right\}$$

and the coefficient of a^s in the expansion of $D_\pi(r, \delta)$ is the determinant whose vanishing is the condition that the identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} Q_{i+1} F_i = Q_1 \quad Q_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(i)}} x(Q_i, \omega) \omega, 1 \leq i \leq r$$

can be satisfied.

We can therefore reapply the same argument as above, setting $Z_r = 0$ and obtaining that, for each $\mathbf{f} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$, either $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(D_\pi(r-1, \delta)) = 0$ or each Q_i is divisible by Z_r ; however, since we have the stricter limitation

$$\max \left\{ a_r : Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \cup_{i=1}^{r-1} \mathcal{W}_{\pi\delta}^{(i)} \right\} = d_r$$

we obtain only

$$D_\pi(r, \delta) = \left(\prod_{j=0}^{d_r-1} D_\pi(r-1, \delta-j) \right) a^s + \cdots.$$

Since the same argument can be applied for each permutation $\pi', \pi'(1) = r$, we obtain

$$R(r, \delta) = \left(\prod_{j=0}^{d_r-1} R(r-1, \delta-j) \right) a^s + \cdots.$$

Since $R(r, \delta)$ is a factor of $D(r, \delta)$ and the other factors are independent of the coefficients of F_r we thus obtain the claim. \square

Definition 41.4.3. A term $Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}$ satisfying

$$a_j < d_j \text{ for each } j \in \{i_1, \dots, i_h\} \subset \{1, \dots, r\}$$

is said to be reduced in $\{Z_{i_1}, \dots, Z_{i_h}\}$.

Let

$S \subset \mathcal{W}$ be the semigroup ideal generated by $\{Z_i^{d_i}, 1 \leq i \leq r\}$;

$S_\star \subset \mathcal{W}$ be the semigroup ideal generated by $\{Z_i^{d_i} Z_j^{d_j}, 1 \leq i < j \leq r\}$;

$\mathcal{W}_\star \subset \mathcal{W}$ be the set of terms which is divisible by a *single* term $Z_i^{d_i}$;

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)} &:= \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)} : a_j < d_j \text{ for each } j > i\} \\ \mathcal{U}_\delta^{(i)} &:= \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)} : \text{exists } h > i : a_h \geq d_h\}.\end{aligned}$$

and set $\mathcal{S}_\delta := \mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{W}_\delta$, $\mathcal{W}_{*\delta} := \mathcal{W}_* \cap \mathcal{W}_\delta$ and $\mathcal{S}_{*\delta} := \mathcal{S}_* \cap \mathcal{W}_\delta$. Then

Lemma 41.4.4. *It holds*

- (1) $\mathcal{W} \setminus \mathcal{S} = \bigcup_\delta \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r+1)}$ is the set of all terms reduced in $\{Z_i, 1 \leq i \leq r\}$;
- (2) $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_* \sqcup \mathcal{S}_* \sqcup \bigcup_\delta \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r+1)}$;
- (3) $\mathcal{W}_\delta \setminus \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r+1)} = \mathcal{W}_{*\delta} \sqcup \mathcal{S}_{*\delta}$;
- (4) $\mathcal{W}_\delta = \mathcal{W}_{*\delta} \sqcup \mathcal{S}_{*\delta}$, for each $\delta \geq d$;
- (5) $\mathcal{W}_* = \bigcup_{i=1}^r \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W} \setminus \bigcup_\delta \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r+1)} : a_j < d_j \text{ for each } j \neq i\}$;
- (6) \mathcal{W}_* is the set of all terms which are reduced in $\{Z_j, j \neq i\}$ for some i but are not reduced in $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$;
- (7) $\mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)} = \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_i} : a_j < d_j \text{ for each } j \neq i\}$ is the set of terms of degree $\delta - d_i$ which are reduced in $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_{i-1}, Z_{i+1}, \dots, Z_r\}$;
- (8) $\overline{\mathcal{W}}_\delta := \mathcal{W}_{*\delta} \cup \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r+1)} = \bigcup_i \mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)}$; $\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r+1)} = \bigcap_i \mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)}$;
- (9) $\mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)} = \mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)} \sqcup \mathcal{U}_\delta^{(i)}$;
- (10) $\mathcal{U}_\delta^{(i)} = \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_i} : a_j < d_j \forall j < i, \exists h > i : a_h \geq d_h\}$;
- (11) $\mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(r)} = \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r)}$;
- (12) for each $\tau \in \mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)}$ there is $i \leq r$ and $\omega \in \mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)}$ such that $c(\omega F_i, \tau) = a_{i, Z_i^{d_i}}$.
- (13) for each $i \leq r$ and $\omega \in \mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)} : c(\omega F_i, \tau) = a_{i, Z_i^{d_i}} \implies \tau = \omega Z_i^{d_i} \in \mathcal{W}_{*\delta}$.

□

Definition 41.4.5. *The extraneous factor of $D(r, \delta)$, $A(r, \delta)$, is the determinant of the minor of $D(r, \delta)$ obtained removing the columns indexed by the terms in $\mathcal{W}_{*\delta}$ and the rows indexed by the polynomials which contains the elements $a_{i, Z_i^{d_i}}, 1 \leq i \leq r$, in the omitted columns, id est the rows indexed by the set*

$$\{\omega F_i : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)}, 1 \leq i \leq r\}.$$

Alternatively the surviving columns are the ones indexed by the terms $\tau \in \mathcal{S}_{\delta}$ and the surviving rows are the ones related to the elements in*

$$\{\omega F_i : \omega \in \mathcal{U}_\delta^{(i)}, 1 \leq i \leq r\}.$$

□

Example 41.4.6. In Figures 41.1 and 41.2 the elements of the extraneous factor are represented \square .

Note that in Figures 41.2 variables and polynomials are ordered as z, x, y (respectively F_3, F_1, F_2). □

Remark 41.4.7. Since, in the construction of $D(\nu, \delta)$ and $R(\nu, \delta)$, the value ν fixes the precise set $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_\nu\}$ of the first ν variables, the definition of extraneous factor can be naturally extended to define $A(\nu, \delta)$. □

Theorem 41.4.8 (Macaulay). *It holds:*

- (1) $|A(r, \delta)| = \left| \prod_{j=0}^{d_r-1} A(r-1, \delta-j) \right| \cdot \left| \prod_{j=d_r}^{\delta-1} D(r-1, \delta-j) \right|$.
- (2) $D(2, \delta) = A(2, \delta)R(2, \delta)$;
- (3) $D(r, \delta) = A(r, \delta)R(r, \delta)$.

Proof. Since (2) requires just a trivial verification and allows to deduce (3) from (1), we just need to prove (1).

The vanishing of $A(r, \delta)$ is the condition that the identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Q_i F_i = Q_r, \quad Q_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{U}_\delta^{(i)}} x(Q_i, \omega) \omega, \quad 1 \leq i < r, \quad Q_r = \sum_{\omega \in \overline{\mathcal{W}}_\delta} x(Q_r, \omega) \omega,$$

can be solved in terms of the unknowns $x(Q_i, \omega)$.

The number of linear equations and unknown are equal and $A(n, \delta)$ is not zero since, for the *ansatz* $\Xi_Z(F_i) := Z_i^{d_i}$, in the polynomial $\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Q_i Z_i^{d_i} + Q_r$ each term in \mathcal{W}_δ occurs once and once only.

Assume, again, that the identity is satisfied, set $Z_r = 0$ obtaining the identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} \chi_r(Q_i) \chi_r(F_i) = \chi_r(Q_r),$$

and reapply the same argument as in Theorems 41.4.2, obtaining, for each $\mathbf{f} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$, that either $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(A(r-1, \delta)) = 0$ or each Q_i is divisible by Z_r ; repeating the same argument we can obtain that either $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(A(r-1, \delta-i)) = 0, 0 \leq i < d_r$, or there is an identity $\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Q_i'' f_i = Q''$ where

$$Q_i'' = \sum_{\omega \in \mathfrak{U}_{\delta-d_r}^{(i)}} x(Q_i, Z_r^{d_r} \omega) \omega, \quad 1 \leq i < r, \quad Q'' = \sum_{\omega \in \mathfrak{W}_{\delta-d_r}} x(Q_r, Z_r^{d_r} \omega) \omega,$$

$$\mathfrak{U}_{\delta-d_r}^{(i)} := \{\omega : Z_r^{d_r} \omega \in \mathcal{U}_\delta^{(i)}\} \text{ and } \mathfrak{W}_{\delta-d_r} := \{\omega : Z_r^{d_r} \omega \in \overline{\mathcal{W}}_\delta\} = \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_r}^{(r)}.$$

We have a similar relation

$$\mathfrak{U}_{\delta-d_r}^{(i)} := \{\omega : Z_r^{d_r} \omega \in \mathcal{U}_\delta^{(i)}\} = \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_r}^{(i)}$$

also for $i < r$ since

$$Z_r^{d_r} \omega \in \mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)} = \{Z_1^{a_1} \dots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_i} : a_j < d_j \text{ for each } j \neq i\} \implies i = r$$

whence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{U}_{\delta-d_r}^{(i)} &= \{\omega : Z_r^{d_r} \omega \in \mathcal{U}_\delta^{(i)}\} \\ &= \{\omega : Z_r^{d_r} \omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)} \setminus \mathcal{W}_{*\delta}^{(i)}\} \\ &= \{\omega : Z_r^{d_r} \omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}\} \\ &= \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_r}^{(i)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can conclude that either $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{A}(r-1, \delta-i)) = 0, 0 \leq i < d_r$, or there is an identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Q_i'' f_i = Q_r'', \quad Q_i'' = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_{\delta-d_r}^{(i)}} x(Q_i, X_n^{d_n} \omega) \omega, 1 \leq i \leq r,$$

id est (by Theorems 41.4.2) $\prod_{j=d_n}^{\delta-1} \Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{D}(n-1, \delta-j)) = 0.$ □

Corollary 41.4.9. *The extraneous factor \mathbf{A} of $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}(n, d)$ satisfying $\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mathbf{D}}{\mathbf{R}} = \frac{\mathbf{D}(n, d)}{\mathbf{R}(n, d)}$ is $\mathbf{A} := \mathbf{A}(n, d).$* □

41.5 Macaulay's Resultant

Remark 41.5.1. If the resultant $\text{Res}(f_1, \dots, f_r)$ vanish, then $\mathbf{f} = \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ have a common root $\alpha \in \mathbb{P}^{r-1}(\mathbf{K})$ and all polynomials in

$$\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{B}) := \{\omega f_i : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d^{(i)}, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

vanish when evaluated at such root; thus, setting $x_\tau := \tau(\alpha)$ for each $\tau \in \mathcal{W}$, $(x_\tau : \tau \in \mathcal{W}_d)$ is a common root of the linear equations

$$\sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d} x_\tau \omega c(f_i, \tau) = 0, \quad \omega \in \mathcal{W}_d^{(i)}, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

and $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{D}_\pi) = 0$ for each $\pi \in \mathbf{S}_r$.

Thus $\text{Res}(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ divides each $\mathbf{D}_\pi, \pi \in \mathbf{S}_r$ and hence divides \mathbf{R} ; since both \mathbf{R} (Corollary 41.3.9) and $\text{Res}(d_1, \dots, d_r)$ (Fact 41.1.2(2)) are isobaric of weight D , in principle, we can conclude that \mathbf{R} is the sought-after resultant. However, since we have not given a complete proof of Fact 41.1.2(2), we prefer to explicitly prove that \mathbf{R} is the resultant, and deduce Fact 41.1.2(2) from Theorem 41.5.3 below. □

Lemma 41.5.2 (Macaulay). *The coefficients of a generic member of \mathbf{J}_{d-1} satisfy one and only one identical linear relation.*⁹

Proof. We need to prove that $\dim_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathbf{J}_{d-1}) = \#\mathcal{W}_{d-1} - 1$.

In fact the equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^r A_i F_i = \sum_{i=1}^r Q_i F_i, \quad Q_i \in \text{Span}_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathcal{W}_{d-1}^{(i)})$$

⁹ Both this result and the Theorem below requires $d \geq 2$ *id est* the existence of at least a non-linear polynomial.

On the other side, if $d_i = 1$ for each i so that $d = 1$, this Lemma is empty but the Theorem below claims that the determinant of a system of r linear equations in r variables vanishes if and only if the system has a common root.

can be solved by the method used in Lemma 41.3.5 for arbitrary given polynomials A_i ; thus $\dim_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathcal{J}_{d-1})$ is less or equal on the number of coefficients in the expression $\sum_{i=1}^r Q_i Z_i^{d_i}$ which is $\#\mathcal{W}_{d-1} - 1$ since each term in $\#\mathcal{W}_{d-1}$ except $\Omega := \prod_{i=1}^r Z_i^{d_i-1}$ occurs once and only once in that expression.

In order to prove that this equality is strict, it is sufficient to show that that it is satisfied by at least a specific *ansatz*. Macaulay consider's the *ansatz* $\Xi_1(F_i) := f_i, 1 \leq i \leq r$ where

$$f_i := (Z_i - Z_{i+1})Z_i^{d_i-1}, 1 \leq i < r, \quad f_r := (Z_r - Z_1)Z_r^{d_r-1};$$

clearly $\Xi_1(\mathbf{R}) = 0$ since the system $f_1 = \dots = f_r = 0$ has the common root $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$.

In order to prove that $\dim_K(\Xi_1(\mathcal{J})_{d-1}) = \#\mathcal{W}_{d-1} - 1$, Macaulay shows that for each term $\tau := Z_1^{a_1} \dots Z_r^{a_r}, \tau - \Omega \in (f_1, \dots, f_r) = \Xi_1(\mathcal{J})$ by proposing an interesting rewriting procedure which is worthwhile to quote; given τ , set $\iota := 1$ and repeatedly perform the following transformation:

- if $a_\iota \geq d_\iota$ set $\tau := Z_1^{a_1} \dots Z_{\iota-1}^{a_{\iota-1}} Z_\iota^{d_\iota-1} Z_{\iota+1}^{a_{\iota+1}+a_\iota-d_\iota+1} \dots Z_r^{a_r}$ which is equivalent to transform τ to

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau - (Z_\iota^{a_\iota} - Z_{\iota+1}^{a_\iota-d_\iota+1}) \frac{\tau}{Z_\iota^{a_\iota}} \\ = & \tau - (Z_\iota^{a_\iota-d_\iota+1} - Z_{\iota+1}^{a_\iota-d_\iota+1}) Z_\iota^{d_\iota-1} \frac{\tau}{Z_\iota^{a_\iota}} \\ = & \tau - \frac{Z_\iota^{a_\iota-d_\iota+1} - Z_{\iota+1}^{a_\iota-d_\iota+1}}{Z_\iota - Z_{\iota+1}} \frac{\tau}{Z_\iota^{a_\iota}} (Z_\iota - Z_{\iota+1}) Z_\iota^{d_\iota-1} \\ = & \tau - \frac{Z_\iota^{a_\iota-d_\iota+1} - Z_{\iota+1}^{a_\iota-d_\iota+1}}{Z_\iota - Z_{\iota+1}} \frac{\tau}{Z_\iota^{a_\iota}} \Xi_1(f_\iota) \end{aligned}$$

- $\iota := \iota + 1 \pmod r$

going round the cycle¹⁰ $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_r, Z_1$ as many time as needed until we obtain the term Ω . \square

Theorem 41.5.3 (Macaulay). $\mathbf{R} = \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_r)$.

Proof. We have (Proposition 41.3.4(3)) $\text{AR}Z_r^d \in \mathcal{J}$; setting $Z_r := 1$ and applying *Kronecker substitution* which changes c_i to $c_i - F_i, 1 \leq i \leq r$, then \mathbf{A} is not changed (as a consequence of Proposition 41.3.4(5)) while \mathbf{R} is changed in $\mathbf{R} - \sum_{i=1}^r A_i F_i$; as a consequence $\mathbf{R} \in (F_1, \dots, F_r, Z_r - 1)$.

Hence $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{R}) = 0$ if the equations $f_1 = \dots = f_n = 0$ have a proper solution $(z_1, \dots, z_{r-1}, 1) \in \mathbb{P}^{r-1}(\mathbb{K})$.

¹⁰ For $r = 4, d_i = 4$ and $d - 1 = 12$ we have e.g.

$$\begin{array}{lclcl} Z_1^7 Z_4^5 & \rightarrow & Z_1^3 Z_2^4 Z_4^5 & \rightarrow & Z_1^3 Z_2^3 Z_3 Z_4^5 & \rightarrow \\ Z_1^5 Z_2^3 Z_3 Z_4^3 & \rightarrow & Z_1^3 Z_2^5 Z_3 Z_4^3 & \rightarrow & Z_1^3 Z_2^3 Z_3^3 Z_4^3 & \end{array}$$

Let us assume that $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{R}) = 0$ is a relation among the coefficients of f_1, \dots, f_r so that there are less than $\#\mathcal{W}_d$ linearly independent members in $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{B}) := \{\omega f_i : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}, 1 \leq i \leq r\}$.

Hence the coefficients x_τ of the generic element

$$\sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d} x_\tau \tau \in \Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{J})_d = (f_1, \dots, f_n)_d$$

must satisfy a linear relation $\sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{W}_d} x_\tau c_\tau = 0$.

Moreover, by Lemma 41.5.2, also the generic element

$$f := \sum_{v \in \mathcal{W}_{d-1}} x_v v \in \Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{J})_{d-1} = (f_1, \dots, f_n)_{d-1}$$

satisfies a linear relation $\sum_{v \in \mathcal{W}_{d-1}} x_v c_v = 0$.

Since each $Z_i f = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{W}_{d-1}} x_v Z_i v \in (f_1, \dots, f_n)_d$ the unknowns x_v must satisfy the r equations

$$\sum_{v \in \mathcal{W}_{d-1}} x_v c_{v Z_i} = 0$$

which are necessarily equivalent so that for each $v \in \mathcal{W}_{d-1}$ the continued ratio $c_{v Z_1} : c_{v Z_2} : \dots : c_{v Z_r}$ is the same; denoting it $\alpha_1 : \alpha_2 : \dots : \alpha_r$ it follows that for each $\tau := Z_1^{a_1} \dots Z_r^{a_r} \in \mathcal{W}_d$ c_τ is proportional to $\alpha_1^{a_1} \dots \alpha_r^{a_r}$ *id est* $\alpha := (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) \in \mathbb{P}^{r-1}(\mathbf{K})$ satisfies $f_1(\alpha) = \dots = f_n(\alpha) = 0$. \square

Corollary 41.5.4. *With the notation of Corollary 41.3.9 and denoting*

$$R_\rho := \text{Res}(\chi_\rho(F_1), \dots, \chi_\rho(F_{\rho-1}))$$

also the following holds

- (9) $c(\mathbf{R}, a_1^{D_1} \dots a_{r-1}^{D_{r-1}}) = a_r^{D_r}$;
- (10) $c(\mathbf{R}, a_r^{D_r}) = R_r^{d_r}$;
- (11) $c(\mathbf{R}, a_\rho^{D_\rho} \dots a_r^{D_r}) = R_\rho^{d_\rho \dots d_r}$.

Proof. (9) is obvious and (11) is a repeated applications of (10).

Ad (10): if we consider an *ansatz* $\Xi : \Xi(a_{r,\tau}) = 0$ for each $\tau \neq Z_r^{d_r}$, then $\Xi(F_r) = Z_r^{d_r}$ and $\Xi(\mathbf{D}) = a_n^{D_n} \bar{R}$ where \bar{R} is the sub-determinant whose rows correspond to the basis elements $\{\omega F_i : \omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}, 1 \leq i < r\}$ and whose columns are labelled by the terms

$$\left\{ \tau Z_1^{d_1}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(1)} \right\} \sqcup \dots \sqcup \left\{ \tau Z_{r-1}^{d_{r-1}}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(r-1)} \right\};$$

the vanishing of such determinant under an *ansatz* $\Xi : \Xi(F_r) = Z_r^{d_r}$ is a condition that the identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} Q_i \Xi(F_i) = Q_r Z_r^{d_r} \quad Q_i = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_\delta^{(i)}} x(Q_i, \omega) \omega, 1 \leq i \leq r$$

can be satisfied.

In order to evaluate such determinant, assume the identity is satisfied and set $Z_r = 0$ obtaining the identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} \chi_r(Q_i) \chi_r(F_i) = 0;$$

thus \bar{R} is necessarily a multiple of $R_r^{d_r}$; evaluating the weight gives that the multiplicity is d_r . \square

Proposition 41.5.5. *It holds*

- (1) $\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_{r-1}, F'_r F''_r) = \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_{r-1}, F'_r) \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_{r-1}, F''_r)$;
- (2) $\text{Res}(F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{r-1}, F_r)$ is irreducible.

Proof.

- (1) Since for each *ansatz*

$$\text{Res}(f_1, \dots, f_{r-1}, f'_r) \text{Res}(f_1, \dots, f_{r-1}, f''_r)$$

vanishes if and only if $f_1 = f_2 = \dots = f'_r f''_r = 0$ have a common root, we obtain

$$\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_{r-1}, F'_r F''_r) \mid \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_{r-1}, F'_r) \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_{r-1}, F''_r);$$

equality is then obtained since both are isobaric of the same weight.

- (2) By contradiction let d_r be the least value for which $\text{Res}(d_1, \dots, d_r) = \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_r)$ has a non trivial factorization $\text{Res}(d_1, \dots, d_r) = R_1 R_2$. Choose any two positive values d'_r and d''_r such that $d_r = d'_r + d''_r$. By the minimality of d_r both $\text{Res}(d_1, \dots, d'_r) = \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F'_r)$ and $\text{Res}(d_1, \dots, d''_r) = \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F''_r)$ are irreducible. Denote $a_\tau := c(\tau, F_r)$, $a'_\omega := c(\omega, F'_r)$ and $a''_v := c(v, F''_r)$ for each $\tau \in \mathcal{W}_{d_r}, \omega \in \mathcal{W}_{d'_r}, v \in \mathcal{W}_{d''_r}$. From the *ansatz*

$$\Xi(a_\tau) = \sum_{\substack{\omega \in \mathcal{T}_{d'_r} \\ \omega \mid \tau}} a'_\omega a''_{\frac{\tau}{\omega}}$$

which implies $\Xi(F_r) = F'_r F''_r$ we have, by (1)

$$\Xi(R_1) \Xi(R_2) = \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F'_r F''_r) = \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F'_r) \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F''_r);$$

the irreducibility of $R_1, R_2, \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F'_r)$ and $\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F''_r)$ which is a consequence of the minimality of d_r implies, say,

$$\Xi(R_1) = \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F'_r), \quad \Xi(R_2) = \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F''_r).$$

Since both R_1 and R_2 depend on the a_τ s, $\Xi(R_1) = \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F'_r)$ depends not only on a'_ω but also on a''_v . This clearly leads to a contradiction. \square

Remark 41.5.6 (Lazard). Given $h \geq r$ 'generic' forms

$$F_1, \dots, F_h \in \mathbb{D}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r], \deg(F_i) := d_i, \quad \mathbb{D} := \mathbb{Z}[a_{i,\tau}, 1 \leq i \leq h, \tau \in \mathcal{W}_{d_i}],$$

$d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_r \geq \dots \geq d_h$, $d = 1 - r + \sum_{i=1}^r d_i$, the construction of Macaulay's matrix \mathcal{M} , discussed in page 67, can be generalized in order to obtain h blocks, the i^{th} block consisting of the $\binom{d-d_i+r-1}{r-1}$ rows related to the K -generators $\omega f_i, \omega \in \mathcal{W}_{d-d_i}$.

Consequently the notion of Macaulay's resultant (Definition 41.3.2) generalizes naturally to this setting, still being the greatest common divisor of all determinants of the $\binom{d+r-1}{r-1} \times \sum_{i=1}^h \binom{d-d_i+r-1}{r-1}$ Macaulay's matrix. It is clear that such Macaulay's resultant $\mathbf{R} := \mathbf{R}(F_1, \dots, F_h)$ is the greatest common divisor of the $\binom{h}{r}$ original Macaulay's resultants $\mathbf{R}(F_{j_1}, F_{j_2}, \dots, F_{j_r})$ obtained choosing any subset $\{j_1, \dots, j_r\} \subset \{1, \dots, h\}$ of r indices.

Equally trivially, denoting, for each set of forms $\mathbf{f} := \{f_1, \dots, f_h\} \in \mathcal{P}$, $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}$ the *ansatz* $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(F_i) = f_i$, \mathbf{f} has a common root if and only if $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{R}) = 0$ ¹¹. \square

Remark 41.5.7. In the non-homogeneous setting¹²

the resultant of n given non-homogeneous polynomials in $n - 1$ variables is the resultant of the corresponding homogeneous polynomials of the same degree obtained by introducing a variable x_0 of homogeneity.

In other words, given $h \geq r$ non-homogeneous polynomials

$$f_1, \dots, f_k \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r], d_i := \deg(f_i)$$

and introducing the homogenizing variable Z_0 , we consider the generic forms

$$F_i \in \mathbb{D}[Z_0, Z_1, \dots, Z_r], \deg(F_i) := d_i$$

and the *ansatz*

$$\Xi : \mathbb{D}[Z_0, Z_1, \dots, Z_r] \rightarrow K[Z_0][Z_1, \dots, Z_r] : \Xi(F_i) := Z_0^{d_i} f_i\left(\frac{Z_1}{Z_0}, \dots, \frac{Z_r}{Z_0}\right);$$

more precisely, we consider the $\binom{d+r}{r} \times \sum_{i=1}^h \binom{d-d_i+r}{r}$ Macaulay's matrix whose columns are indexed by the set $\mathcal{W}(d)$ of all terms of degree bounded by d and whose rows represent the polynomials

$$\omega Z_0^d f_i\left(\frac{Z_1}{Z_0}, \dots, \frac{Z_r}{Z_0}\right), \omega \in \mathcal{W}(d - d_i), 1 \leq i \leq h,$$

the corresponding resultant being an element of $K[Z_0]$. \square

¹¹ Macaulay's statements consider only the case $h = r$ but such result is already implicit in the introduction of the determinants $\mathbf{D}(\nu, \delta)$ (page 73).

Moreover, the construction of the u -resultants, in the next Section, freely uses these implicit definitions and constructions.

¹² F. S. Macaulay, *The Algebraic Theory of Modular Systems*, Cambridge Univ. Press (1916), pg. 3.

41.6 Macaulay: The u -resultant.

Let us consider $r \leq n$ homogeneous polynomials

$$\mathbf{f} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\} \subset k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

of degrees $d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_r$.

One can therefore expect that the ideal $M := (f_1, \dots, f_r)$ has rank r , in which case Macaulay considers¹³ its extension/contraction ideal

$$M^{(r)} := Mk(x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n)[x_1, \dots, x_r] \cap k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

and is aware that, if a 'generic' change of coordinates has been already performed, each $f_i \in M^{(r)}$ is homogeneous of degree d_i in the variables¹⁴ x_1, \dots, x_r and the assumption on the rank is satisfied if and only if the resultant of the r f_i s w.r.t. the $r-1$ variables x_1, \dots, x_{r-1} , $F_{\mathbf{f}} \in k[x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n][x_r]$ does not vanish, thus granting the existence of a root.

In this context and under these assumptions, adapting the notation of Chapters 31-32 and 39 we set

$$k[x_1, \dots, x_n] = k[Z_1, \dots, Z_r, V_1, \dots, V_d] = k[x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n][x_1, \dots, x_r],$$

denote¹⁵ $\pi : k[x_1, \dots, x_n] = k[V_1, \dots, V_d][Z_1, \dots, Z_r] \rightarrow k[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ the projection defined by $\pi(F) = F(Z_1, \dots, Z_r, 0, \dots, 0)$, for each

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_r, x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n) = F(Z_1, \dots, Z_r, V_1, \dots, V_d),$$

$K = k(V_1, \dots, V_d)$, $\mathcal{R} = k[V_1, \dots, V_d]$, and consider

$$(f_1, \dots, f_r) = M^{(r)} \subset \mathcal{R}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r],$$

remarking that with this new notation we have $F_{\mathbf{f}} \in \mathcal{R}[Z_r]$.

We begin by remarking that the polynomials

$$\bar{f}_i := f_i(Z_0 V_1, \dots, Z_0 V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}, Z_0 Z_r) \in \mathcal{R}[Z_0, Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}, Z_r],$$

are homogeneous in the variables Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}, Z_0 and that $F_{\mathbf{f}} \in \mathcal{R}[Z_r]$ is the resultant $F_{\bar{\mathbf{f}}}$ w.r.t. Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}, Z_0 of $\bar{\mathbf{f}} := \{\bar{f}_1, \dots, \bar{f}_r\}$; moreover $F_{\bar{\mathbf{f}}}$ is a homogeneous polynomial in the variables V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_r of degree $D := \prod_{i=1}^r d_i$ so that $\mathbf{T}(F_{\bar{\mathbf{f}}}) = R_{r+1} Z_r^D$ where (by the assumption on the rank)

$$R_{r+1} = \text{Res}(\pi(f_1), \dots, \pi(f_r)) \neq 0.$$

Instead of solving for one of the unknown variables Z_i , we solve for their *Liouville substitution*

¹³ Compare the discussion in Section 30.5.

¹⁴ x_r being chosen as variable of homogeneity.

¹⁵ Compare Section 30.5, n. 48.

$$Z = U_1 Z_1 + U_2 Z_2 + \cdots + U_r Z_r$$

setting $f_u := Z - U_1 Z_1 - U_2 Z_2 - \cdots - U_r Z_r$, considering the polynomial set $\mathbf{f}^{(u)} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r, f_u\}$ as a subset of $\mathcal{R}[U_1, \dots, U_r][Z, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ and computing their resultant $F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}^{(u)} \in \mathcal{R}[U_1, \dots, U_r][Z]$ w.r.t. Z_1, \dots, Z_r .

Definition 41.6.1 (Macaulay). $F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}^{(u)}$ is called the u -resultant of \mathbf{f} . \square

With an argument similar to the one we gave for $F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}$, setting

$$\hat{f}_i := f_i(Z_0 V_1, \dots, Z_0 V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r), 1 \leq i \leq r \text{ and } \hat{f}_u := Z_0 Z - \sum_{i=1}^r U_i Z_i$$

and denoting

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}^{(u)} := \{\hat{f}_1, \dots, \hat{f}_r, \hat{f}_u\} \subset \mathcal{R}[U_1, \dots, U_r][Z_0, Z_1, \dots, Z_r, Z],$$

we have that $F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}^{(u)}$ is the resultant $F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}^{(u)}$ of $\hat{\mathbf{f}}^{(u)}$ w.r.t. Z_1, \dots, Z_r, Z_0 and, being homogeneous in the variables V_1, \dots, V_d, Z of degree $D := \prod_{i=1}^r d_i$, we have $\mathbf{T}(F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}^{(u)}) = R'_{r+1} Z^D$ where $R'_{r+1} = \text{Res}(\pi(f_1), \dots, \pi(f_r), \pi(f_u))$.

If we consider in the expansion of $F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}^{(u)}$ the indeterminate coefficient a , representing the coefficient $c(Z, f_u)$ of Z in f_u , degree considerations allow to deduce that $a^D \mid R'_{r+1}$ and $R'_{r+1} = a^D R_{r+1}$ whence $R'_{r+1} = R_{r+1}$ since the *ansatz* evaluates a as $c(Z, f_u) = 1$.

With the same kind of argument as in Theorem 41.5.3, we can deduce that to each root $\alpha_r^{(j)}$ of $F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}$ corresponds a root $(\alpha_1^{(j)}, \dots, \alpha_r^{(j)})$ of $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$; there are D solutions altogether all being 'finite'¹⁶ since $R_{r+1} \neq 0$. Similarly to each of the D roots $z^{(j)}$ of $F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}^{(u)}$ corresponds a root $(\beta_1^{(j)}, \dots, \beta_r^{(j)}, z^{(j)})$ of $\hat{\mathbf{f}}^{(u)}$; clearly, up to a reenumerating we have

$$(\alpha_1^{(j)}, \dots, \alpha_r^{(j)}) = (\beta_1^{(j)}, \dots, \beta_r^{(j)})$$

and since $\hat{f}_u(\beta_1^{(j)}, \dots, \beta_r^{(j)}, z^{(j)}) = 0$ we have $z^{(j)} = \sum_{i=1}^r U_i \alpha_i^{(j)}$ so that

$$F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}^{(u)} = R'_{r+1} \prod_{i=1}^D \left(Z - \sum_{i=1}^r U_i \alpha_i^{(j)} \right).$$

In conclusion

Proposition 41.6.2 (Macaulay). *The u -resultant $F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}^{(u)}$ is a product of D factors which are linear in Z, U_1, \dots, U_r and the coefficients of U_1, \dots, U_r in each factor supply a solution of the system \mathbf{f} .*

Also the number of solution is either $D = \prod_{i=1}^r d_i$ or infinite, the latter being the case when $F_{\hat{\mathbf{f}}}$ vanishes identically. \square

¹⁶ *Id est* affine points $(\alpha_1^{(j)}, \dots, \alpha_r^{(j)}) \in K^r$ corresponding to the projective point $(1, \alpha_1^{(j)}, \dots, \alpha_r^{(j)}) \in \mathbb{P}^r(K)$.

Remark 41.6.3 (Macaulay). (1) Denoting D the determinant for the generic forms $\hat{F}_1, \dots, \hat{F}_r, \hat{F}_u$ regarding Z_1, \dots, Z_r, Z_0 as variables and A its extraneous factor, we have $D = A \operatorname{Res}(\hat{F}_1, \dots, \hat{F}_r, \hat{F}_u)$ and, setting $Z_0 = 0$, that (Corollary 41.3.9(7)) A depends only on the coefficients of the generic polynomials $\chi_{r+1}(F_1), \dots, \chi_{r+1}(F_r)$. Hence A is independent of V_1, \dots, V_d and U_1, \dots, U_r .

- (2) In case of non-homogeneous polynomials the preliminary generic change of coordinates does not affect the homogeneity variable; thus it is possible for R_{r+1} to vanish identically. The consequence is a diminution in the number of finite solutions for Z but not in the number of linear factors of $F_{\hat{r}}$; such factors have the shape $\sum_{i=1}^r U_i \alpha_i$ and correspond to an *infinite solution*¹⁷ in the ratio $\alpha_1 : \alpha_2 : \dots : \alpha_r$. \square

In the generalized setting of Remarks 41.5.6 and 41.5.7, Macaulay's result can be read as follows:

Proposition 41.6.4 (Lazard). *Given h (non-homogeneous) polynomials*

$$f_1, \dots, f_h \in \mathcal{Q}, \deg(f_i) := d_i, h \geq r, d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_h, d = 1 - r + \sum_{i=1}^r d_i,$$

and setting

- $f_{h+1} := U_0 + \sum_{i=1}^r U_i Z_i$,
- $\mathcal{M} \in K[Z_0, U_0, U_1, \dots, U_r]$ the Macaulay's matrix constructed, according to Remark 41.5.6 and 41.5.7, via f_1, \dots, f_h, f_{h+1} ,
- R the corresponding Macaulay's resultant,
- $G := R(1, U_0, U_1, \dots, U_r) \in K[U_0, U_1, \dots, U_r]$,

we have

- (1) f_1, \dots, f_h have a finite number of common roots if and only if \mathcal{M} has rank $\binom{d+r}{r}$ id est $G \neq 0$;
- (2) If $G \neq 0$, $\deg(G)$ is the number of common roots of f_1, \dots, f_h counting multiplicity and zeros at infinity;
- (3) G is homogeneous and, in $K[U_0, U_1, \dots, U_n]$, is a product of linear polynomials;
- (4) if $\alpha_0 U_0 + \alpha_1 U_1 + \dots + \alpha_n U_n$ is a linear factor of G , then
 - if $\alpha_0 \neq 0$ then $\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_0}, \dots, \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_0}\right) \in \mathbf{k}^n$ is a root of the f_i s;
 - if $\alpha_0 = 0$, $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ is a common zero at infinity. \square

¹⁷ Id est a projective point $(0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r)$.

41.7 Kronecker's Resolvent

Let us consider a finite set

$$F_n := \{f_1^{(n)}, \dots, f_{s_n}^{(n)}\} \subset \mathcal{P} = k[X_1, \dots, X_n] = k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}][X_n]$$

of non-homogeneous polynomials generating an ideal $\mathfrak{l} := \mathbb{I}(F_n)$ which we assume to be in sufficiently 'generic' position, the variables having been subjected to a change of coordinate beforehand. As a consequence, in particular, each $f_i^{(n)}$ is regular in X_n ¹⁸.

Also \mathfrak{l} is in *allgemeine position* (Definition 34.4.3) so that for each primary component \mathfrak{q} of \mathfrak{l} , $\dim(\mathfrak{q}) = d$, we have $\mathfrak{l} \cap k[X_1, \dots, X_d] = (0)$ thus, the construction of Chapter 39, page 11, can be compacted and extended: we can introduce the fields $K_d := k(X_1, \dots, X_d)$ and their algebraic closures $\mathbb{K}_d \subset \Omega(k)$ knowing that to each primary component \mathfrak{q} of rank $r = n - d$ the corresponding roots have the shape $(X_1, \dots, X_d, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_r)$, $\beta_i \in \mathbb{K}_d$.

We can iteratively, for $\nu := n, n-1, \dots, 1$, compute¹⁹:

- $D_\nu := \gcd(F_\nu) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}][X_\nu]$;
- $g_i^{(\nu)} := f_i^{(\nu)} / D_\nu \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}][X_\nu]$, $1 \leq i \leq s_\nu$;
- $G_\nu := \{g_i^{(\nu)}, 1 \leq i \leq s_\nu\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}][X_\nu]$;
- $\mathfrak{f} := \sum_{i=1}^{s_\nu} U_i g_i^{(\nu)} \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}][U_1, W_1, \dots, U_{s_\nu}, W_{s_\nu}][X_\nu]$;
- $\mathfrak{g} := \sum_{i=1}^{s_\nu} W_i g_i^{(\nu)} \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}][U_1, W_1, \dots, U_{s_\nu}, W_{s_\nu}][X_\nu]$;
- $R_\nu := \text{Res}(\mathfrak{f}, \mathfrak{g}) =: \sum_{v \in \mathcal{U}^{(s_\nu)}} f_v v \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}][U_1, W_1, \dots, U_{s_\nu}, W_{s_\nu}]$ where, for each value $j \in \mathbb{N}$, we use the notation

$$\mathcal{U}^{(j)} := \left\{ U_1^{a_1} \cdots U_j^{a_j} W_1^{b_1} \cdots W_j^{b_j} : (a_1, \dots, a_j, b_1, \dots, b_j) \in \mathbb{N}^{2j} \right\};$$

- $F_{\nu-1} := \left\{ f_1^{(\nu-1)}, \dots, f_{s_{\nu-1}}^{(\nu-1)} \right\} := \{f_v, v \in \mathcal{U}^{(s_\nu)}\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}]$

and remark that

- (1) $1 = \gcd(G_\nu) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}][X_\nu]$, so that
- (2) $R_\nu \neq 0$;
- (3) each $f^{(\nu)}$ is regular in X_ν since we are assuming that each variable has been subjected to a generic change of coordinate;
- (4) each common root of F_ν is either a root of D_ν or a common root of G_ν and
- (5) each common root α of G_ν is a common root of $F_{\nu-1}$ since $R_\nu \in \mathbb{I}(\mathfrak{f}, \mathfrak{g})$.

¹⁸ A polynomial $f = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_{c(f, \tau)}} \tau \in \mathcal{P}$, $\deg(f) = d$ is *regular* in X_i iff $c(f, X_i^d) \neq 0$.

¹⁹ Compare Section 20.4

- (6) On the other side if $\beta := (X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, \beta_1), \beta_1 \in \mathbb{K}_{\nu-1}$ is such that $D_\nu(X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, \beta_1) = 0$ then $R_{\nu+1}(X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, \beta_1) = 0$,

$$f := \sum_{i=1}^{s_{\nu+1}} U_i g_i^{(\nu+1)}(\beta_1, X_{\nu+1}) \text{ and } g := \sum_{i=1}^{s_{\nu+1}} W_i g_i^{(\nu+1)}(\beta_1, X_{\nu+1})$$

have a common root $\beta_2 \in \mathbb{K}_{\nu-1}$ so that, for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq s_{\nu+1}$ we have

$$g_i^{(\nu+1)}(X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, \beta_1, \beta_2) = 0 \text{ and } f_i^{(\nu+1)}(X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, \beta_1, \beta_2) = 0$$

- (7) and, by iterating this argument, each root $(X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}, \beta_1)$ of D_ν lifts to a root (of rank $n - \nu + 1$ and dimension $\nu - 1$) of l .

Definition 41.7.1. *The polynomial $\prod_1^n D_\nu$ is called the complete (total) resolvent of $\mathbb{I}(F_n)$; each factor D_ν is called the complete partial resolvent of $\mathbb{I}(F_n)$ of dimension $\nu - 1$ and rank $n - \nu + 1$. \square*

Proposition 41.7.2. *The complete resolvent of $\mathbb{I}(F_n)$ is a member of $\mathbb{I}(F_n)$.*

Proof. In fact, for each ν there are

$$p_\nu, q_\nu \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}][U_1, W_1, \dots, U_{s_\nu}, W_{s_\nu}][X_\nu]$$

such that $R_\nu = p_\nu \left(\sum_{i=1}^{s_\nu} U_i g_i^{(\nu)} \right) + q_\nu \left(\sum_{i=1}^{s_\nu} W_i g_i^{(\nu)} \right)$ so that $F_{\nu-1} \subset \mathbb{I}(G_\nu)$ and $D_\nu F_{\nu-1} \subset \mathbb{I}(F_\nu)$ whence, by inductive argument $F_1 \prod_{\nu=1}^n D_\nu \subset \mathbb{I}(F_n)$ where either $F_1 \in k$ or $s_1 > 1$ and $F_1 = \{f_1, \dots, f_{s_1}\} \in k[X_1]$ with $\gcd(F_1) = 1$ so that there are polynomials $q_i(X_1) \in k[X_1]$ such that $1 = \sum_{i=1}^{s_1} q_i f_i$ and $\prod_{\nu=1}^n D_\nu = \sum_{i=1}^{s_1} (q_i \prod_{\nu=1}^n D_\nu) f_i \in \mathbb{I}(F_n)$. \square

Remark 41.7.3 (Macaulay). (1) As a direct consequence we have Hilbert's Nullstellensatz: if J has no root, the complete resolvent is 1 so that $1 \in l$. (2) Let us be given n forms f_i in n variables each of degree l which have no proper solution so that the complete resolvent is²⁰ $D_1 = X_1^\mu$. Since the elements of F_n have all degree l , the elements of F_{n-1} have all degree δ^2 , those of F_{n-2} degree $(l^2)^2$; in general the terms of F_ν have all degree $(l^{2^{\nu-1}})^2 = l^{2^\nu}$ so that $\mu = l^{2^{n-1}}$.

We should arrive at a similar result if we change x_i to $x_i + a_i$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) beforehand, thus making the polynomials non-homogeneous. The complete resolvent would be $(x_n + a_n)^{l^{2^{n-1}}}$. The resultant would be $(x_n + a_n)^{l^n}$. The difference in the two results is explained by the fact that the resultant is obtained by a process applying uniformly to all the variables, and the resolvent by a process applied to the variables in succession.²¹

\square

²⁰ The construction reads the forms as polynomials and the sought roots are considered affine so if there is no proper solution, the origin is to be considered a root with a proper multiplicity.

²¹ F. S. Macaulay, *The Algebraic Theory* op. cit., ppg. 21-2.

41.8 Kronecker: the u -resolvent

Given a basis $F := \{f_1, \dots, f_s\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, let us consider new variables X, A_1, \dots, A_n such that X stands for

$$X = A_1X_1 + \dots + A_nX_n$$

and perform the Liouville substitution²²

$$X_i = \begin{cases} \frac{X - A_1X_1 + \dots + A_{n-1}X_{n-1}}{A_n} & \text{if } i = n \\ X_i & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

thus obtaining

- the polynomials²³

$$f'_i := A_n^{l_n} F_i \left(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}, \frac{X - \sum_1^{n-1} A_i X_i}{A_n} \right), \quad l_n := \deg_n(F_i),$$

- the basis $F' := \{f'_1, \dots, f'_s\} \subset k[A_1, \dots, A_n][X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}][X]$,
- the ideal $\mathcal{V} := \mathbb{I}(F') \subset k[A_1, \dots, A_n][X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}, X]$.

Clearly there is a one-to-one correspondence between

- the roots $(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in \mathcal{Z}(F)$ and
- the roots $(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{n-1}, \xi) \in \mathcal{Z}(F')$

the relation being given by $\xi = A_1\xi_1 + \dots + A_n\xi_n$.

Definition 41.8.1. *The complete resultant $F_u := \prod_1^n D'_\nu$ of $\mathbb{I}(F')$ is called the complete u -resolvent of $\mathbb{I}(F)$.*

We have $F_u(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}, A_1X_1 + \dots + A_nX_n) \in \mathbb{I}(F)$ since (Proposition 41.7.2) $F_u \in \mathbb{I}(F')$; moreover F_u considered as a univariate polynomial,

$$F_u \in k[A_1, \dots, A_n][X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}][X]$$

factors into linear factors, those of dimension $\nu - 1$, *id est* the factors of the component D_ν , having the shape

$$X - A_1X_1 - \dots - A_{\nu-1}X_{\nu-1} - A_\nu\xi_\nu - \dots - A_n\xi_n. \quad (41.2)$$

²² Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} x := A_1x_1 + \dots + A_nx_n &\in k(A_1, \dots, A_n)[x_1, \dots, x_n] \\ &:= k(A_1, \dots, A_n)[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\mathbb{I}(F)^e \end{aligned}$$

is a primitive element in $k[x_1, \dots, x_n] := k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\mathbb{I}(F)$ for any 'generic' evaluation of the A_i s.

²³ The multiplier $A_n^{l_n}$ being introduced to make $[f'_i]$ integral in $[A_n]$.
F. S. Macaulay, *The Algebraic Theory* op. cit., pg. 24.
id est to grant that each $f'_i \in k[A_1, \dots, A_n][X_1, \dots, X_n]$.

Remark 41.8.2. The linear factors (41.2) of the complete *partial* resolvent D_ν is related to components of dimension $d := \nu - 1$ and rank $r := n - \nu + 1$.

According our notation the irreducible components

$$R \in k[A_1, \dots, A_n][X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}][X]$$

of D_ν should be read as elements $R \in k[A_1, \dots, A_n][V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r][X]$ and the linear factors (41.2) as

$$X - A_1V_1 - \dots - A_{\nu-1}V_d - A_{d+1}\xi_1 - \dots - A_n\xi_r.$$

According the notation introduced by Macaulay ²⁴ and reported in Section 30.5 and here in Section 41.6, R must be read as an element

$$R \in k[A_1, \dots, A_n][x_n, \dots, x_{r+1}][x_r, \dots, x_1][X]$$

and the linear factors (41.2) as

$$X - A_1x_n - \dots - A_dx_{r+1} - A_{d+1}\xi_r - \dots - A_n\xi_1.$$

□

41.9 Kronecker Parametrization

In general the splitting factorization of D_ν could contain linear factors (41.2) where some ξ_i depends on the A_s .

Definition 41.9.1. A linear factor (41.2) of D_ν where each ξ_i is independent of the A_s is called *true*²⁵. □

Remark 41.9.2 (Macaulay). Kronecker stated, without proving it, that each factor is true: “whether this is so or not must be considered doubtful.”²⁶

It could however be proved that

- a solution supplied by a non-true factor is necessarily embedded;
- any irreducible component R of a partial resultant D_ν either factors in true linear factors only or has no true factor. □

²⁴ To be more precise, the Liouville substitution performed by Macaulay was

$$x = u_1x_1 + \dots + u_nx_n.$$

As we already pointed in 36.3, footnote 15, in order to adapt Macaulay’s notation to the current usage of choosing the *first* variables as parameters, one has to set $x_i := X_{n-i}$

²⁵ In this case, in relation with Remark 41.8.2, the ξ_i s are elements, with our notations of the algebraic closure of $K = k(V_1, \dots, V_d)$, with Macaulay’s of of the algebraic closure of $k(x_n, \dots, x_{r+1})$.

²⁶ F. S. Macaulay, *The Algebraic Theory* op. cit., pg. 26.

Historical Remark 41.9.3. Today the natural way for restricting ourselves to *true* factors is to get rid of embedded components via a radical computation; the more so since Macaulay already gave a procedure (Algorithm 30.7.3) for recovering embedded components and their multiplicity.

But I guess that Seidenberg's Algorithm (Corollary 35.2.3) is the first procedure proposed for radical computation. \square

So let us consider an irreducible component

$$R(X) \in k[A_1, \dots, A_n][X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}][X]$$

of the partial resultant D_ν having a linear factorization into true factors of dimension $d := \nu - 1$ and rank $r := n - \nu + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} R(X) &= \prod_{j=1}^{\delta} (X - A_1 X_1 - \dots - A_{\nu-1} X_{\nu-1} - A_\nu \xi_{1j} - \dots - A_n \xi_{rj}) \\ &= (X - A_1 V_1 - \dots - A_{\nu-1} V_d - A_{d+1} \xi_{1j} - \dots - A_{d+r} \xi_{rj}) \end{aligned}$$

where $\xi_{ij} \in K_{\nu-1}$, and let us evaluate it at

$$A_1 X_1 + \dots + A_n X_n = A_1 V_1 + \dots + A_d V_d + A_{d+1} Z_1 + A_{d+r} Z_r$$

obtaining

$$\begin{aligned} R' &:= R(A_1 V_1 + \dots + A_d V_d + A_{d+1} Z_1 + A_{d+r} Z_r) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^{\delta} (A_{d+1}(Z_1 - \xi_{1j}) + \dots + A_{d+i}(Z_i - \xi_{ij}) + \dots + A_n(Z_r - \xi_{rj})) \end{aligned}$$

so that $R' \in k[A_\nu, \dots, A_n, Z_1, \dots, Z_r] = k[Z_1, \dots, Z_r][A_\nu, \dots, A_n]$.

To $[R]$ corresponds what is called an *irreducible spread*, viz. the spread of all points $[\xi_n, \dots, \xi_{r+1}, \xi_{rj}, \dots, \xi_{1j}]$ in which $[\xi_n, \dots, \xi_{r+1}]$ take all finite values, and $[x_{i_{rj}}, \dots, \xi_{1j}]$ the $[\delta]$ sets of values supplied by the linear factors of $[R]$ which vary as $[\xi_n, \dots, \xi_{r+1}]$ vary.

[...]

No linear factor of $[R]$ can be repeated, unless $[X_1, \dots, X_{\nu-1}]$ are given special values; for otherwise $[R]$ and $[\frac{\partial R}{\partial X}]$ would have an H.C.F. involving $[X]$, and $[R]$ would be the product of two factors²⁷.

In other words, to the irreducible component R of the partial resultant D_ν corresponds a *prime* component $\mathfrak{f} := \mathfrak{f}_R$ of $\mathbb{I}(F)$ and an associated variety $\mathcal{Z}(R) := \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{f}_R)$ of dimension $d := \nu - 1$ and rank $r := n - d$.

Moreover, in the expansion of $R' \in k[Z_1, \dots, Z_r][A_\nu, \dots, A_n]$ the coefficient of each term in $\{A_\nu^{a_\nu} \dots A_n^{a_n} : (a_\nu, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}^r\}$

²⁷ F. S. Macaulay, *The Algebraic Theory* op. cit., pg. 27.

all vanish at every point of the spread $[\mathcal{Z}(R)]$ and do not all vanish at any other point²⁸.

In particular the coefficient of

- Λ_{d+1}^δ is $q(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1) := \prod_{j=1}^\delta (Z_1 - \xi_{1j}), \in k[V_1, \dots, V_d][Z_1]$
- $\Lambda_{d+i} \Lambda_{d+1}^{\delta-1}, 1 < i \leq r$, is

$$\begin{aligned} & q(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1) \sum_j \frac{Z_i - \xi_{ij}}{Z_1 - \xi_{1j}} \\ &= \frac{\partial q}{\partial Z_1}(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1) Z_i - w_i(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1), \end{aligned}$$

where $w_i(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1) = q(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1) \sum_j \frac{\xi_{ij}}{Z_1 - \xi_{1j}}$;

moreover we also have

$$\begin{aligned} q(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1) &= \frac{\partial q}{\partial Z_1}(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1) Z_1 - w_1(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1), \\ w_1(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1) &= q(V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1) \sum_j \frac{\xi_{1j}}{Z_1 - \xi_{1j}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the roots $(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r) \in \mathcal{Z}(R)$ satisfy the parametrization²⁹

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q(V_1, \dots, V_d, T) = 0, \\ Z_1 = \frac{w_1(V_1, \dots, V_d, T)}{\frac{\partial q}{\partial T}(V_1, \dots, V_d, T)} \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = \frac{w_r(V_1, \dots, V_d, T)}{\frac{\partial q}{\partial T}(V_1, \dots, V_d, T)} \end{array} \right. \quad (41.3)$$

Definition 41.9.4. A parametrization (41.3) of a prime ideal

$$\mathfrak{l} \subset \mathcal{P}, \dim(\mathfrak{l}) = \nu - 1,$$

in 'generic' position is called a Kronecker parametrization of \mathfrak{l} . □

41.10 *Historical Intermezzo: from Bézout to Cayley

In connection to Sylvester's resultant, both Sylvester and Cayley quote³⁰ *Bézout's abridged method to obtain the resultant* or³¹ *Bézout's abbreviated*

²⁸ F. S. Macaulay, *The Algebraic Theory* op. cit., pg. 27.

²⁹ Where we have simply substituted Z_1 with T .

³⁰ J.J. Sylvester *On a theory of the syzygetic relations of two rational integral functions, comprising an application to the theory of Sturm's functions, and that of the greatest algebraic common measure. Phil. Trans. Royal Soc. London CXLIII* (1853) pg. 407–548

³¹ A. Cayley, *A fourth memory upon quantics Phil. Trans. Royal Soc. London CXLVIII* (1858) 415–427

method of elimination. Without pretending to give a survey on Bézout’s result, I think helpful to give some pointers to it for the interested reader.

His method for computing resultants is preliminarily described by Bézout³² in the case of three homogeneous linear equations³³ $\sum_{j=1}^4 a_{ij}X_j, 1 \leq i \leq 3$: he considers the product $\prod_{j=1}^4 X_j$ and successively, for $i = 1..3$, substitutes each X_j with a_{ij} *observing the signe rule.*³⁴ We thus obtain

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 a_{11}X_2X_3X_4 - a_{12}X_1X_3X_4 + a_{13}X_1X_2X_4 - a_{14}X_1X_2X_3 & & i = 1 \\
 + \begin{array}{l} (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12})X_3X_4 - (a_{11}a_{23} - a_{21}a_{13})X_2X_4 \\ (a_{11}a_{24} - a_{21}a_{14})X_2X_3 + (a_{12}a_{23} - a_{22}a_{13})X_1X_4 \\ - (a_{12}a_{24} - a_{22}a_{14})X_1X_3 + (a_{13}a_{24} - a_{23}a_{14})X_1X_2 \end{array} & & i = 2 \\
 - \begin{array}{l} [(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12})a_{33} - (a_{11}a_{23} - a_{21}a_{13})a_{32} + (a_{12}a_{23} - a_{22}a_{13})a_{31}]X_4 \\ [(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12})a_{34} - (a_{11}a_{24} - a_{21}a_{14})a_{32} + (a_{12}a_{24} - a_{22}a_{14})a_{31}]X_3 \\ + [(a_{11}a_{23} - a_{21}a_{13})a_{34} - (a_{11}a_{24} - a_{21}a_{14})a_{33} + (a_{13}a_{24} - a_{23}a_{14})a_{31}]X_2 \\ - [(a_{12}a_{23} - a_{22}a_{13})a_{34} - (a_{12}a_{24} - a_{22}a_{14})a_{33} + (a_{13}a_{24} - a_{23}a_{14})a_{32}]X_1 \end{array} & & i = 3
 \end{array}$$

whence he deduces

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_1 = X_4 \frac{-(a_{12}a_{23} - a_{22}a_{13})a_{34} - (a_{12}a_{24} - a_{22}a_{14})a_{33} + (a_{13}a_{24} - a_{23}a_{14})a_{32}}{(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12})a_{33} - (a_{11}a_{23} - a_{21}a_{13})a_{32} + (a_{12}a_{23} - a_{22}a_{13})a_{31}} \\ X_2 = X_4 \frac{[(a_{11}a_{23} - a_{21}a_{13})a_{34} - (a_{11}a_{24} - a_{21}a_{14})a_{33} + (a_{13}a_{24} - a_{23}a_{14})a_{31}]}{(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12})a_{33} - (a_{11}a_{23} - a_{21}a_{13})a_{32} + (a_{12}a_{23} - a_{22}a_{13})a_{31}} \\ X_3 = X_4 \frac{-(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12})a_{34} - (a_{11}a_{24} - a_{21}a_{14})a_{32} + (a_{12}a_{24} - a_{22}a_{14})a_{31}}{(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12})a_{33} - (a_{11}a_{23} - a_{21}a_{13})a_{32} + (a_{12}a_{23} - a_{22}a_{13})a_{31}} \end{array} \right.$$

id est Cramer’s formula.

As Muir³⁵ put it

the unreal product $\prod_{j=1}^4 X_j$ at the very outset must have been a sore puzzle to students. [...]

To throw light upon the process, let us compare the above solution of a set of three linear equations with the following solution, which from one point of view may be looked upon as an improvement on the ordinary determinantal modes of solution as presented to modern readers.

[...] The numerators of the values of X_1, X_2, X_3 and the common denominator are [...] the coefficients of X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 in the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ X_1 & X_2 & X_3 & X_4 \end{vmatrix} := [X_1X_2X_3X_4]$$

³² E. Bézout *Théorie generale des équations algébriques* (1771) Pierres, Paris, §200–3 ppg.174–6.

³³ I consider more suitable *not* to follow the original notation but properly adapt it.

³⁴ The reference being to Cramer’s rule of signes.

³⁵ T. Muir *The Theory of Determinants in the Historical Order of Development* MacMillan (1906) London, pg. 44

More precisely, Muir explains, if we denote

$$[X_i X_j] := \begin{vmatrix} a_{3i} & a_{3j} \\ X_i & X_j \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [X_i X_j X_h] := \begin{vmatrix} a_{2i} & a_{2j} & a_{2h} \\ a_{3i} & a_{3j} & a_{3h} \\ X_i & X_j & X_h \end{vmatrix}$$

we have (by developing along the first line)

$$a_{11} [X_2 X_3 X_4] - a_{12} [X_1 X_3 X_4] + a_{13} [X_1 X_2 X_4] - a_{14} [X_1 X_2 X_3]$$

and, developing, again along the first line, the four determinants $[X_i X_j X_h]$

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_{11} a_{22} - a_{21} a_{12}) [X_3 X_4] - (a_{11} a_{23} - a_{21} a_{13}) [X_2 X_4] \\ & + (a_{11} a_{24} - a_{21} a_{14}) [X_2 X_3] + (a_{12} a_{23} - a_{22} a_{13}) [X_1 X_4] \\ & - (a_{12} a_{24} - a_{22} a_{14}) [X_1 X_3] + (a_{13} a_{24} - a_{23} a_{14}) [X_1 X_3] \end{aligned}$$

and, finally, expanding the six determinants and recollecting the result

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} X_4 - \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{34} \end{vmatrix} X_3 \\ & + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{vmatrix} X_2 - \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{vmatrix} X_1. \end{aligned}$$

The same method, *id est* an expansion of proper determinants expressed with a similar notation and process, is then applied by Bézout to *resolve* different systems of polynomial equations, including³⁶ computing the resultant in $k[X_1]$ of two polynomials in $k[X_1, X_2]$ and then is specialized to the computation of the resultant in k of two polynomials

³⁶ Among the instances discussed, we can list the resultant

- in $k[X]$ of a quadratic and a linear polynomial in $k[X, Y]$ (§278–280, ppg. 215–229);
- in $k[X]$ of two polynomials $XY - aX - bY - c$ (§281–284, ppg. 230–5);
- in $k[X]$ of two quadratic polynomials in $k[X, Y]$ (§285–91, ppg. 235–43; 303–5, ppg. 252–5);
- in $k[X]$ of a quadratic and two linear polynomials in $k[X, Y, Z]$ (§292, ppg. 244–5);
- in $k[X]$ of three quadratic polynomials

$$aX^2 + bXY + cXZ + dX + eY + fZ + g$$

- in $k[X, Y, Z]$ (§320, ppg. 269–71);
- in k of three polynomials $XY - aX - bY - c$ (§373–4, ppg. 235–6);
- in k of three quadratic polynomials in $k[X, Y]$ (§375, ppg. 326–8);
- in k of three quadratic polynomials in $k[X]$ (§462, ppg. 389–90);
- in k of three cubic polynomials in $k[X]$ (§463–4, ppg. 390–2).

$$\phi := \sum_{i=0}^n a_{i+1} X^{n-i}, \phi' := \sum_{i=0}^m a'_{i+1} X^{m-i} \in k[X].$$

The specialized method, which is the one the English School called the *Bézout's abridged/abbreviated method*, consists in

- (1) multiplying ϕ and ϕ' respectively by the polynomials

$$\Phi := \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} A_{i+1} X^{\nu-i} \text{ and } \Phi' := \sum_{i=0}^{\mu} A'_{i+1} X^{\mu-i}$$

whose degree (actually we have $\mu := n - 1$ and $\nu := m - 1$) is deduced by means of results similar to Theorem 41.2.3³⁷;

- (2) summing such two product, considering the linear system whose equations are the coefficients of the resulting polynomial and whose unknowns are the A_i, A'_i s and
 (3) solving it by the method discussed above, *id est* via determinant expansion.

Example 41.10.1. Let us illustrate the easiest case of two quadratic univariate polynomials

$$ax^2 + bx + c, a'x^2 + b'x + c' \in k[x] :$$

multiplying them by (respectively) $Ax + B$ and $A'x + B'$ we obtain³⁸

une équation de cette forme

$$Aax^3 + (Ab + Ba)x^2 + (Ac + Bb)x + Bc = 0.$$

Egalant à zero le coefficient total de x^3 , celui de x^2 , &c. je procède au calcul de $AA'BB'$, comme il suit:

Première ligne $aA'BB'$

Seconde ligne $(ab')BB' - aA'aB'$

Troisième ligne $(ab')bB' - (ac')aB'$

en rejetant le terme où resteroit A' qui n'étant point dans la dernière équation, ne peut plus influer sur l'équation finale.

Quatrième ligne $(ab')(bc') - (ac')^2$.

On a donc pour équation finale $(ab')(bc') - (ac')^2 = 0$.³⁹

³⁷ The point is to reach a degree in which, equating the opportune coefficients of the terms in the equation $\phi\Phi + \phi'\Phi' = 0$, one obtains at least as many equations as unknowns. If the difference is positive leaving some freedom alternatively one can either equate some unknown to 0 or, in order to preserve symmetry, add equations of the shape $a_i A'_j - a'_i A_j = 0$ for convenient i, j (for an illustration compare Example 41.10.2).

³⁸ Remark that Bézout uses the shorthand (ab') to denote the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ a' & b' \end{vmatrix}$.

³⁹ E. Bézout op. cit., §347 pg.300.

If we expand Bézout's computation using the same notation as above we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & aA'BB' - Aa'BB', \\
 & (ab' - a'b)BB' - aA'aB' + aA'Ba' + Aa'aB' - Aa'Ba', \\
 & (ab' - a'b)(bB' - Bb') - (ac' - ca')(aB' - Ba') + (aA' - Aa')(ab' - ba'), \\
 & (ab' - a'b)(bc' - cb') - (ac' - ca')^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

which can be interpreted as the expansion of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix}
 a & a' & 0 & 0 \\
 b & b' & a & a' \\
 c & c' & b & b' \\
 0 & 0 & c & c' \\
 \hline
 A & A' & B & B'
 \end{vmatrix}$$

corresponding to the linear system

$$\begin{cases}
 Aa + A'a' = 0 \\
 Ab + Ba + A'b' + B'a' = 0 \\
 Ac + Bb + A'c' + B'b' = 0 \\
 Bc + B'c' = 0.
 \end{cases}$$

Remark that in the last expansion the terms A and A' are substituted by the corresponding coefficient 0 annihilating the last summand of the third expansion, justifying Bézout's comment that the terms containing A' (and A) can be removed, since in the fourth equations they don't appear thus not influencing the expansion.

Finally remark that the matrix whose determinant has been computed is equivalent to Sylvester's matrix $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c & 0 \\ 0 & a & b & c \\ a' & b' & c' & 0 \\ 0 & a' & b' & c' \end{vmatrix}$. □

Example 41.10.2. Let us now consider the system⁴⁰

$$\begin{cases}
 ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey + f = 0 \\
 d'x + e'y + f' = 0 \\
 d''x + e''y + f'' = 0
 \end{cases}$$

where the three equations are multiplied, respectively, by C , $A'x + B'y + C'$ and $A''x + B''y + C''$; considering, orderly, the coefficients of x^2 and xy , the *équation arbitraire* $B'd' + B''d'' = 0$, the coefficients of $y^2, x, y, 1$ we have 7 equations in connection with 7 variables and we thus obtain the resultant

⁴⁰ E. Bézout op. cit., §369 ppg.319–20.

$$\begin{vmatrix} d' & d'' & 0 & 0 & a & 0 & 0 \\ e' & e'' & d' & d'' & b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d' & d'' & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e' & e'' & c & 0 & 0 \\ f' & f'' & 0 & 0 & d & d' & d'' \\ 0 & 0 & f' & f'' & e & e' & e'' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & f & f' & f'' \end{vmatrix}$$

which Bézout presents as

$$(d'e'')(c(d'f'')^2 + (d'e'')(de'f'') - b(e'f'')(d'f'') + a(e'f'')^2)$$

where he uses the shorthand notation $(de'f'') = \begin{vmatrix} d & e & f \\ d' & e' & f' \\ d'' & e' & f'' \end{vmatrix}$. □

Historical Remark 41.10.3. A similar method is applied by Bézout also in order to compute resultants in $k[X]$ of two polynomials in $k[X, Y]$.

The main differences are that

- (2) the linear system is obtained considering only the coefficients divisible by Y ,
- (3) the solution of the system returns the coefficients A_i, A'_i as rational functions in the a_i s and a'_i s;
- (4) the resolvent is obtained by setting, in the polynomial obtained in step (2), $Y = 0$, *id est* removing the coefficients used in step (3), and substituting each A_i, A'_i with their expression in the a_{ij} s and a'_i s.

□

Example 41.10.4. Let us illustrate Bézout's approach by considering⁴¹ the polynomials $ax^2 + bx + cy^2 + dx + ey + f$ and $d'x + e'y + f'$ which are respectively multiplied by F and $D'x + E'y + F'$ giving

$$\begin{aligned} & (Fa + D'd')x^2 + (Fb + D'e' + E'd)xy + (Fc + E'e')y^2 \\ & + (Fd + D'f' + F'd')x + (Fe + E'f + F'e')y + fF \end{aligned} \quad (41.4)$$

We then consider the equations (connected with y^2, xy and y)

$$\begin{cases} Fc + E'e' & = & 0 \\ Fb + D'e' + E'd & = & 0 \\ Fe + E'f + F'e' & = & 0. \end{cases}$$

and we expand the expression $D'E'FF'$ obtaining⁴²

⁴¹ E. Bézout op. cit., §278 ppg.225–8.

⁴² Compare the corresponding matrix $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & e' & c & 0 \\ e' & d' & b & 0 \\ 0 & f' & e & e' \\ D' & E' & F & F' \end{vmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& -D'e'FF' + D'E'cF', \\
& -e'e'FF' + D'e'bF' + e'E'cF' - D'd'cF', \\
& -e'e'eF' + e'e'Fe' - D'e'be' + e'f'cF' - e'E'ce' + D'd'ce',
\end{aligned}$$

and the solution (sic!) $D' = d'ce' - e'be'$, $E' = -e'ce'$, $F = e'e'e'$, $F' = e'f'c$; substituting it in (41.4) and setting $y = 0$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& (e'e'e'a + d'ce'd')x^2 + (e'e'e'd + d'ce'f' + e'f'cd')x + fe'e'e' \\
= & e' \begin{vmatrix} c & bx + e & ax^2 + dx + f \\ e' & d'x + f' & 0 \\ 0 & e' & d'x + f' \end{vmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

id est, up to the extraneous factor e' , the expected Sylvester resultant. \square

The Sylvester resultant was, at least implicitly, introduced by Euler⁴³. His approach is essentially a variation of the one illustrated in Example 41.10.1: given

$$\phi := \sum_{i=0}^m a_{i+1}(X)Y^{m-i}, \phi' := \sum_{i=0}^n a'_{i+1}(X)Y^{n-i} \in k(X)[Y]$$

he multiplies them, respectively, by

$$\Phi := a'_1 Y^{n-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} A_{i+1} Y^{n-2-i} \text{ and } \Phi' := a_1 Y^{m-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} A'_{i+1} Y^{m-2-i}$$

and subtracts the result, obtaining a polynomial of degree $m + n - 2$ — the coefficient of Y^{m+n-1} being 0; thus equating the coefficients of Y, Y^2, \dots, Y^{m+n-2} we obtain $m + n - 2$ linear equations into $(m - 1) + (n - 1)$ variables; the solution is then substituted in the constant coefficient $A_{n-1}a_{m+1} - A'_{m-1}a'_{n+1}$ giving $E(X) \in k(X)$.

The equation system can be expressed as

$$M \cdot (a'_1, A_1, \dots, A_{n-1}, a_1, A'_1, \dots, A'_{m-1})^T = (0, \dots, 0, E(X))^T$$

where M is the Sylvester matrix.

It is clear that the procedure proposed by Euler is equivalent to the computation of the Sylvester resultant, so that $E(X) = \text{Res}(\phi, \phi')$ is the required resultant.

In order to present the English School view of Bézout's abridged method, I refer to Salmon's *Higher Algebra*⁴⁴.

Given two polynomials of the same degree

⁴³ L. Euler, *Introductio in Analysin Infinitorum* Tom. 2 (1748) Lausanne Chapter XIX, §483-5

⁴⁴ G. Salmon, *Lessons introductory to the Modern Higher Algebra*, Fifth Ed., Chelsea Pub. Co. (1885) New York, §84-6, ppg. 81-3.

$$U := \sum_{i=0}^m a_{i+1} X^{m-i}, \in k[X], V := \sum_{i=0}^n a'_{i+1} X^{n-i}, m = n$$

and denoting

$$V_\rho := \sum_{i=0}^\rho a'_{i+1} X^{\rho-i}, U_\rho := \sum_{i=0}^\rho a_{i+1} X^{\rho-i}, \text{ for each } \rho, 0 \leq \rho < n,$$

we compute the n polynomials of degree bounded by $m - 1$

$$F_\rho := V_{\rho-1}U - U_{\rho-1}V := \sum_{\sigma=1}^m \alpha_{\rho\sigma} X^{m-\sigma}, 1 \leq \rho \leq n;$$

we thus obtain the square matrix $(\alpha_{\rho\sigma})$ whose determinant is the required resultant; in order to extend this construction of a square matrix when $m > n$, we need to have $e := m - n$ more polynomials of degree bounded by $m - 1$; the choice is to take $F_\rho := X^{n-\rho}V, n < \rho \leq m$ so that the resultant⁴⁵

is, therefore, as it ought to be, of the n^{th} degree in the coefficients of $[U]$, and of the m^{th} in those of $[V]$.

Example 41.10.5. It is sufficient to apply this recipe to the case of Example 41.10.1 to realize the equivalence with Bézout's result.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= a(a'x^2 + b'x + c') - a'(ax^2 + bx + c) \\ &= (a, b')x + (a, c') \\ F_2 &= (ax + b)(a'x^2 + b'x + c') - (a'x + b')(ax^2 + bx + c) \\ &= (a, c')x + (b, c') \end{aligned}$$

whence the required determinant is $\begin{vmatrix} (ab') & (ac') \\ (ac') & (bc') \end{vmatrix}$. □

The first which studied the *bezoutic matrix* $\mathbf{B} := (\alpha_{\rho\sigma})$ was Jacobi⁴⁶ which, among other comments, remarked that

The method can be found in E. Bézout *Recherches sur le degré des équations résultantes de l'évanouissement des inconnues, et sur les moyens qu'il convient d'employer pour trouver ses équations*. Mém. Acad. Roy. Sci. Paris (1964) 288-338.

I was unable to read this paper so I rely to the description by Salmon and by H.K. Wimmer, *On the History of the Bezoutian and the Resultant Matrix* Linear Algebra and its Application **128** (1990) 27-34

⁴⁵ Salmon, op. cit., §86, pg.83

⁴⁶ Jacobi, C.G.I., *De eliminatione variabilis e duabus aequationibus algebraicas* J. Reine und Ang. Math. **XV** (1836) 101-24.

- $\sum_{\rho\sigma} X^\rho \alpha_{\rho\sigma} X^\sigma = U(X) \frac{\partial V(X)}{\partial X} - V(X) \frac{\partial U(X)}{\partial X}$ ⁴⁷ (pg.103);
- \mathbf{B} is symmetric (pg.102) and
- has no *factore superfluo* (pg.104);
- if $\det(\mathbf{B}) \neq 0$ the inverse of \mathbf{B} is a Hankel matrix⁴⁸ (pg. 104);
- if $\det(\mathbf{B}) = 0$ the common roots α of U and V are in relations with the linear solutions $(1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1})$ of \mathbf{B} (pg. 104).

Sylvester⁴⁹ gave in 1842 a formula⁵⁰ to express the coefficients of the F_ρ (in case $n = m$) in terms of the determinants

$$(i, j) := (a_i a'_j) := \begin{vmatrix} a_i & a_j \\ a'_i & a'_j \end{vmatrix}, 1 \leq i < j \leq n + 1,$$

as follows:

[Conceive] a number of cubic blocks each of which has two numbers, termed its *characteristics*, inscribed upon one of its faces, upon which the values of such a block (itself called an *element*) depends.

For instance, the value of the *element*, whose *characteristics* are r, s , is the difference between two products: the one of the coefficient r th in order occurring in the polynomial U , by that which comes s th in order of the polynomial V ; the other product is that of the coefficient s th in order of the polynomials U , by that r th in order of V ; so that

⁴⁷ With the present notation, Jacobi remarked that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\rho=1}^m \sum_{\sigma=1}^m X^{m-\rho} \alpha_{\rho\sigma} X^{m-\sigma} \\ &= \sum_{\rho=1}^m X^{m-\rho} F^\rho \\ &= \left(\sum_{\rho=1}^m X^{m-\rho} \sum_{i=0}^{\rho-1} a'_{i+1} X^{\rho-1-i} \right) U - \left(\sum_{\rho=1}^m X^{m-\rho} \sum_{i=0}^{\rho-1} a_{i+1} X^{\rho-1-i} \right) V \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (m-i) a'_{i+1} X^{m-i-1} \right) U - \left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (m-i) a_{i+1} X^{m-i-1} \right) V \\ &= \frac{\partial V(X)}{\partial X} U - \frac{\partial U(X)}{\partial X} V. \end{aligned}$$

⁴⁸ *id est* the matrix $\det(\mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{-1} := (a_{\rho\sigma})$ satisfies, for each ρ, σ , $a_{\rho\sigma} = A_{\rho+\sigma-2}$ for suitable $A_i, 0 \leq i \leq 2n$.

⁴⁹ J.J. Sylvester *Memoir on the dialytic method of elimination. Part I. Philosophical Magazine XXXI* (1842) 534–9

⁵⁰ Sylvester's matrix was given two years before: J.J. Sylvester *A method of determining by mere inspection the derivatives from two equations of any degree. Philosophical Magazine XVI* (1840) 132–5

if the degree of each equation be n , there will be altogether $\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$ such elements.

The blocks are formed into squares or flats (*plafonds*) of which the number is $\frac{n}{2}$ or $\frac{n+1}{2}$, according as n is even or odd. The first of these contains n blanks in a side, the next $(n-2)$, the next $(n-4)$, till finally we reach a square of four blocks or of one, according as n is even or odd. These flats are laid upon one another so as to form a regularly ascending pyramid, of which the two diagonal planes are termed the planes of separation and symmetry respectively. The former divides the pyramid into two halves, such that no element on the one side of it is the same as that of any block in the other. The plan of symmetry, as the name denotes, divides the pyramid into two exactly *similar* parts; it being a rule, that *all elements lying in any given line of a square (plafond) parallel to the plane of separation are identical*; moreover the sum of the characteristics is the same for *all* elements lying *anywhere* in a *plane* parallel to that of separation.

The formula behind this rule is

$$\alpha_{\rho\sigma} = \alpha_{\sigma\rho} = \sum_{j=\sigma+1}^{n+1} (a_{\rho+\sigma+1-j}, a'_j). \tag{41.5}$$

Example 41.10.6. For $n = 2$ we have the same formula as the one produced by Bézout (Example 41.10.1) $(ab' - a'b)(bc' - cb') - (ac' - ca')^2$.

We illustrated Sylvester's formula and construction for $n = 3$ ⁵¹: we have

2, 3	1, 2	1, 3	1, 4
2, 3	1, 3	1, 4	2, 4
2, 3	1, 4	2, 4	3, 4

giving the determinant

$$= \begin{vmatrix} (a_1a'_2) & (a_1a'_3) & (a_1a'_4) \\ (a_1a'_3) & (a_1a'_4) + (a_2a'_3) & (a_2a'_4) \\ (a_1a'_4) & (a_2a'_4) & (a_3a'_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a'_1 & a'_2 \end{vmatrix} & & \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ a'_1 & a'_3 \end{vmatrix} & & \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_4 \\ a'_1 & a'_4 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ a'_1 & a'_3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_4 \\ a'_1 & a'_4 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ a'_2 & a'_3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_4 \\ a'_2 & a'_4 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_4 \\ a'_1 & a'_4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_4 \\ a'_2 & a'_4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_3 & a_4 \\ a'_3 & a'_4 \end{vmatrix} \end{vmatrix}$$

⁵¹ The cases $n = 4, 5$ can be found in Salmon op. cit. §84-5, ppg. 81-2; all cases up to 6 in J.J. Sylvester *Memoir* op. cit.

which is to be compared with Sylvester determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ a'_1 & a'_2 & a'_3 & a'_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a'_1 & a'_2 & a'_3 & a'_4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a'_1 & a'_2 & a'_3 & a'_4 \end{vmatrix}.$$

□

If $m > n$ the same formula is applied simply by expressing V as

$$V := \sum_{i=0}^n a'_{i+1} X^{n-i} = \sum_{i=0}^m b_{i+1} X^{m-i}$$

with $b_{i+1} = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq i < m - n \\ a'_{i+1-m+n} & m - n \leq i \leq m. \end{cases}$

In 1857 Cayley⁵² gave in *Crelle*

la forme la plus simple sous laquelle on peut présenter cette méthode. Pour éliminer $[x]^{53}$ entre deux équations du $n^{\text{ième}}$ degré

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a_{i+1} x^{n-i} = 0, \sum_{i=0}^n a'_{i+1} x^{n-i} = 0$$

on n'a qu'à former l'équation identique

$$\frac{\sum_{i=0}^n a_{i+1} x^{n-i} \sum_{i=0}^n a'_{i+1} y^{m-i} - \sum_{i=0}^n a'_{i+1} x^{m-i} \sum_{i=0}^n a_{i+1} y^{n-i}}{x-y} = (y^{n-1}, y^{n-2}, \dots, 1) \begin{pmatrix} a_{0,0} & a_{1,0} & \dots & a_{n-1,0} \\ a_{0,1} & a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{n-1,1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{0,n-1} & a_{1,n-1} & \dots & a_{n-1,n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^{n-1} \\ x^{n-2} \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

où l'expression qui forme le second membre représente la fonction suivant

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_{0,0}x^{n-1} + a_{1,0}x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1,0})y^{n-1} \\ & + (a_{0,1}x^{n-1} + a_{1,1}x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1,1})y^{n-2} \\ & \dots \\ & + (a_{0,n-1}x^{n-1} + a_{1,n-1}x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1,n-1}); \end{aligned}$$

⁵² A. Cayley, *Note sur la méthode d'élimination de Bezout* J. Reine und Ang. Math. **LIII** (1857) 366–7.

The result is however earlier. It is explicitly reported in 1853 by Sylvester in *On a theory* op. cit. § 62.

⁵³ Cayley gives the formula for two homogeneous forms; I adapt his formulas to the non-homogeneous case and I use a modern notation instead of the one introduced by him.

le résultat de l'élimination sera

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{0,0} & a_{1,0} & \dots & a_{n-1,0} \\ a_{0,1} & a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{n-1,1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{0,n-1} & a_{1,n-1} & \dots & a_{n-1,n-1} \end{vmatrix}.$$

Example 41.10.7. For $n = 2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(ax^2 + bx + c)(a'y^2 + b'y + c') - (a'x^2 + b'x + c')(ay^2 + by + c)}{x - y} \\ &= (ab' - ba')xy + (ac' - ca')x + (ac' - ca')y + (bc' - cb') \end{aligned}$$

again returning the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} (ab') & (ac') \\ (ac') & (bc') \end{pmatrix}$.

For $n = 3$ and $U(x) = (ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d), V(x) = (a'x^3 + b'x^2 + c'x + d')$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{U(x)V(y) - V(x)U(y)}{x - y} \\ &= (ab')x^2y^2 + (ac')(x^2y + xy^2) + (ad')x^2 \\ &+ ((ad') + (bc'))xy + (ad')y^2 + (bd')x + (bd')y + (cd') \end{aligned}$$

giving the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} (a, b') & (ac') & (ad') \\ (ac') & (ad') + (bc') & (bd') \\ (ad') & (bd') & (cd') \end{vmatrix}$. □

Sylvester⁵⁴, in the case $n = m$, denotes the polynomials $F_\rho, 1 \leq \rho \leq n$ the *bezoutians* of U and V and remarks that

The determinant formed by arranging in a square the n sets of coefficients of the n Bezoutians, and which I shall term the Bezoutian matrix⁵⁵, gives, as is well known, the Resultant (meaning thereby the Result in its simplest form of eliminating the variables out) of U and V .

Eliminating dialytically, first X^{n-1} between the first and the second, then X^{n-1} and X^{n-2} between the first, second and the third, and

⁵⁴ J.J. Sylvester *On a theory* op. cit. § 5.

⁵⁵ But he also uses the term *Bezoutic square*. The term than stabilizes as *bezoutic matrix* (Compare Cayley's entry *Mathematics, recent terminology in* in the *English Cyclopædia*, vol. V (1860) pgg.534-42). In particular Cayley (*A fourth memory* op.cit. § 88) labels the *Bezoutic Emanant* of U and V the polynomial $\frac{U(x)V(y) - V(x)U(y)}{x - y}$ introduced by him.

The term *bezoutiant* in fact, as we will see below, has been already associated to the quadratic function which (A. Cayley, *A fourth memory* op.cit. § 91) *Professor Sylvester forms with the matrix of the Bezoutic emanant.*

so on, and finally, all the powers of X between the first, second, third, . . . , n th of these Bezoutians, and repeating the first of them, we obtain a derived set of n equations, the right-hand members of which I shall term the secondary Bezoutians to U and V .

The 'dialytical elimination' performed by Sylvester on the expressions

$$V_{\rho-1}U - U_{\rho-1}V = F_{\rho}, 1 \leq \rho \leq m$$

returns

$$\begin{aligned} V_0U - U_0V &= F_1 &=: B_1 \\ (\alpha_{21}V_0 - \alpha_{11}V_1)U - (\alpha_{21}U_0 - \alpha_{11}U_1)V &= \alpha_{21}F_1 - \alpha_{11}F_2 &=: B_2 \\ \dots & & \\ S_{\rho}U - T_{\rho}V & &=: B_{\rho} \\ \dots & & \\ S_{m-1}U - T_{m-1}V & &=: B_{m-1}. \end{aligned}$$

where we have $\deg(S_{\rho}) = \deg(T_{\rho}) = \rho - 1$, $\deg(B_{\rho}) = m - \rho$; thus, assuming U, V to be⁵⁶

perfectly unrelated, and each the most general function that can be formed of the same degree

and in case $m = n^{57}$ then if we repeatedly perform the Division Algorithm and *change the sign* of each remainder, as in Section 13.3, we obtain the polynomial sequence⁵⁸ U, V, R_2, \dots, R_m where each R_i necessarily satisfies $\deg(R_i) = m - i + 1$. Thus, the⁵⁹

⁵⁶ J.J. Sylvester *On a theory* op. cit. §1

⁵⁷ This argument and construction is in § 5. In the sequent § 6, Sylvester explains how to extend it in the case $m = n + e, e > 0$.

He defines

$$V_{\rho} := \sum_{i=0}^{\rho} a'_{i+1}X^{\rho-i}, U_{\rho+e} := \sum_{i=0}^{\rho+e} a_{i+1}X^{\rho+e-i}, \text{ for each } \rho, 0 \leq \rho < n$$

and computes the n polynomials (all of degree bounded by $m - 1$)

$$F_{\rho} := V_{\rho-1}U - U_{\rho-1}V := \sum_{\sigma=1}^m \alpha_{\rho\sigma}X^{m-\sigma}, 1 \leq \rho \leq n;$$

next he introduces the e polynomials $X^{\mu}V, 0 \leq \mu < e$ and, for $\rho, 1 \leq \rho \leq n$, using these e polynomials and the ρ polynomials $F_r, 1 \leq r \leq \rho$ he produces a relation

$$S_{\rho}U - T_{\rho}V = B_{\rho}, \deg(S_{\rho}) = \rho - 1, \deg(T_{\rho}) = e + \rho - 1, \deg(B_{\rho}) = m - \rho;$$

thus the argument given in case $n = m$ applies *verbatim*.

⁵⁸ which is the Sturm sequence (Definition 13.3.1) if $V = U'$.

⁵⁹ J.J. Sylvester *On a theory* op. cit. §5

n successive *Secondary Bezoutians* to the system $U, V [\dots]$ will (saving at least a numerical factor of a magnitude and algebraic sign to be determined, but which, when proper conventions are made, will be subsequently proved to be +1) represent the simplified $[\dots]$ residue[s] to $\frac{U}{V}$.

id est $B_\rho = R_{\rho+1}$ for each ρ .

Once obtained the Bezoutic square of two polynomials f, ϕ of the same degree m , Sylvester remarks that⁶⁰

this square $[\dots]$ is symmetrical about one of its diagonals, and corresponds therefore (as every symmetrical matrix must do) to a homogeneous quadratic function of m variables of which it expresses the determinant. This quadratic function, which plays a great part in $[\dots]$ the theory of real roots, I term the Bezoutiant.

$[\dots]$

In Section V. Arts. 56.57, I show that the *total* number of effective intercalations between the roots of two functions of the same degree is given by the *inertia* of that quadratic form⁶¹ which we agreed to term the Bezoutiant to f and ϕ ; and in the following article (58) the result is extended to embrace the case contemplated in M.Sturm's theorem; that is to say, I show, that on replacing the function of x

⁶⁰ J.J. Sylvester *On a theory* op. cit. Introduction

⁶¹ Sylvester introduced the notion of *inertia* and proved its *Law of Inertia* in *On a theory* op. cit. § 44-5.

Recall that given a quadratic form $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} x_i x_j, \beta_{ij} = \beta_{ji}$ and denoting, for each two vectors $u = (c_1, \dots, c_n), v = (d_1, \dots, d_n)$ in k^n

$$f(u, v) := \sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} c_i d_j$$

then the vectorspace $N := \{w \in k^n : f(w, u) = 0 \text{ for each } u \in k^n\}$ is invariant for linear transformation and such is also its dimension $n - r$.

Thus k^n has an orthogonal basis $v_1, \dots, v_r, v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n$ so that

$$N = \text{Span}_k(v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n) \text{ and } f(v_i, v_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ \gamma_i \neq 0 & i = j \leq r \\ 0 & i = j > r \end{cases}$$

so that for each $u = \sum_i c_i v_i \in k^n$ we have $f(u, u) := \sum_i c_i^2 \gamma_i$.

Sylvester's Law of Inertia states that, if $k = \mathbb{R}$, the 'number of integers in the excess of positive over negative signs which adheres to a quadratic form expressed as the sum of positive and negative squares' (which Sylvester names the *inertia* of the quadratic form) is 'unchangeable notwithstanding any real linear transformation impressed upon such form' *id est* the inertia is the invariant

$$\#\{\gamma_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq r\} - \#\{\gamma_i < 0, 1 \leq i \leq r\}.$$

by a homogeneous function of x and y , the Bezoutiant of the two functions, which are respectively the differential derivates of f with respect to x and with respect to y , will serve to determine by its form or *inertia* the total number of real roots and of *equal* roots in $f(x)$ ⁶². The subject is pursued in the following Arts. 59,60. [...] In Arts. 61, 62, 63, it is proved that the Bezoutiant is an invariative function of the functions from which it is derived; and in Art. 64 the important remark is added, that it is an invariant of that particular class to which I have given the name of Combinants, which have the property of remaining unaltered, not only for linear transformations of the variables, but also for linear combinations of the functions containing the variables⁶³, possessing thus a character of double invariability. In Arts. 65, 66 I consider the relation of the Bezoutiant to the differential determinant, so called by Jacoby, but which for greater brevity I call the Jacobian. On proper substitutions being made in the Bezoutiant for the m variables which it contains [...], the Bezoutiant becomes identical with the Jacobian of f and Φ .

To illustrate the 'proper substitution to be done' I give again the word to Sylvester⁶⁴

⁶² In other words, Sylvester

- considers the polynomial $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^{m-i}$ and its derivate $f'(x)$,
- performs Division Algorithm obtaining

$$f_1(x) = mf(x) - xf'(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m ia_i x^{m-i}$$

- computes the Bezoutian secondaries of f_1 and f' , B_1, \dots, B_{m-1} which in this case are exactly the Sturm sequence and
- evaluates 'the number of pairs of imaginary roots in $f(x)$ ' by counting 'the number of *variations* of sign between consecutive terms' obtained evaluating $f_1, f', B_1, \dots, B_{m-1}$ at $+\infty$.

Remark that, setting $g(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^{m-i} y^i$ we actually have

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = \sum_{i=1}^m ia_i x^{m-i} y^{i-1}, f_1(x) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x, 1)$$

justifying Sylvester's reference to the derivate with respect to y .

⁶³ *Id est* he considers the Bezoutiant of the functions $kf + i\phi$ and $k'f + i'\phi$ and remarks that each entry on the Bezoutic matrix is multiplied by $(ki' - k'i)$ so that the Bezoutiant (§64)

becomes increased in the ratio of $(ki' - k'i)^m$, that is remains always unaltered in point of form and absolutely immutable, provided that $ki' - k'i$ be taken, as we may always suppose to be the case, equal to 1.

⁶⁴ J.J. Sylvester *On a theory* op. cit. § 65

[The Bezoutiant] $B(u_1, \dots, u_m)$ being a covariant of the system f and ϕ [...] on making u_1, \dots, u_m equal to $[x^{m-1}, x^{m-2}y, \dots, y^{m-1}]$, B will become [...] what I am in the habit of calling the Jacobian (after the name of the late but ever-illustrious Jacobi), a term capable of application to any number of homogeneous functions of as many variables. In the case before us, where we have two functions of two variables, the Jacobian

$$J(f, \phi) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{df}{dx}, & \frac{d\phi}{dx} \\ \frac{df}{dy}, & \frac{d\phi}{dy} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{df}{dx} \frac{d\phi}{dy} - \frac{df}{dy} \frac{d\phi}{dx}.$$

[...] So in the case of a single function F of the degree m , the Bezoutoid, that is the Bezoutiant to $\frac{dF}{dx}, \frac{dF}{dy}$, on making the $(m - 1)$ variables which it contains identical with $x^{m-2}, x^{m-3}y, \dots, y^{m-2}$ respectively, becomes identical with the Jacobian to $\frac{dF}{dx}, \frac{dF}{dy}$, that is the Hessian of F , namely

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{d^2F}{dx^2}, & \frac{d^2F}{dx dy} \\ \frac{d^2F}{dx dy}, & \frac{d^2F}{dy^2} \end{vmatrix}.$$

As an example of this property of the Bezoutiant, suppose

$$\begin{aligned} f &= ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3, \\ \phi &= \alpha x^3 + \beta x^2y + \gamma xy^2 + \delta y^3. \end{aligned}$$

The Bezoutiant matrix becomes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a\beta - b\alpha, & a\gamma - c\alpha, & a\delta - d\alpha, \\ a\gamma - c\alpha, & \begin{pmatrix} a\delta - d\alpha \\ + \\ b\gamma - c\beta \end{pmatrix}, & b\gamma - c\beta, \\ a\delta - d\alpha, & b\gamma - c\beta, & c\delta - d\gamma. \end{array}$$

The Bezoutiant accordingly will be the quadratic function

$$\begin{aligned} &(a\beta - b\alpha)u_1^2 + \{(a\delta - d\alpha) + (b\gamma - c\beta)\}u_2^2 + (c\delta - d\gamma)u_3^2 \\ &+ 2(a\gamma - c\alpha)u_1u_2 + 2(a\delta - d\alpha)u_3u_1 + 2(b\gamma - c\beta)u_2u_3, \end{aligned}$$

which on making

$$u_1 = x^2, u_2 = xy, u_3 = y^2$$

becomes

$$Lx^4 + Mx^3y + Nx^2y^2 + Pxy^3 + Qy^4,$$

where L, M, N, P, Q respectively will be the sum of the terms lying in the successive bands drawn parallel to the sinister diagonal of the Bezoutiant matrix, that is

$$\begin{aligned}
L &= (a\beta - b\alpha), \\
M &= 2(a\gamma - c\alpha), \\
N &= 3(a\delta - d\alpha) + (b\gamma - c\beta), \\
P &= 2(b\gamma - c\beta), \\
Q &= (c\delta - d\gamma).
\end{aligned}$$

The biquadratic function in x and $y[\dots]$ will be found on computation to be identical in point of form with the Jacobian to f, ϕ , namely

$$(3ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2)(\beta x^2 + 2\gamma xy + 3\delta y^2) - (3\alpha x^2 + 2\beta xy + \gamma y^2)(bx^2 + 2cxy + 3dy^2)$$

this latter being in fact

$$3Lx^4 + 3Mx^3y + 3Nx^2y^2 + 3Pxy^3 + 3Qy^4.$$

and concludes commenting:

The remark is not without some interest, that in fact the Bezoutiant, which is capable (as has been shown already) of being mechanically constructed, gives the best and readiest means of calculating the Jacobian; for in summing the sinister bands transverse to the axis of symmetry the only numerical operation to be performed is that of addition of positive integers, whereas the direct method involves the necessity of numerical subtractions as well as additions, inasmuch as the same terms will be repeated with different signs.

and remarks, in a different example, that, unlike the computation via Bezoutiant, the direct evaluation requires to effectively employ also *division* in order to reduce the Jacobian to its simplest form, being divisible by $\deg(f) = \deg(\phi)$.

41.11 Dixon's Resultant

The computation of a resultant of r forms in r variables was already solved by Bézout as an instance of this general approach.

An alternative proposal was put forward by Cayley⁶⁵ based on what today we could call a solution via linear syzygies.

He assumes to have m_1 variables connected by m_2 linear equations, not being all independent, but connected by m_3 linear equations, again not necessarily linearly independent; we thus obtain s matrices $M_\sigma = (a_{ij}^{(\sigma)})$, the i^{th} matrix having m_σ columns and $m_{\sigma+1}$ rows, the m_σ 's being related by $\sum_{\sigma=1}^{s+1} (-1)^\sigma m_\sigma = 0$:

⁶⁵ A. Cayley, *On the theory of elimination* Cambridge and Dublin Math. J. **III** (1848) 116-20

the number of quantities $[m_1]$ will be equal to the number of really independent equations connecting them, and we may obtain by the elimination of these quantities a result $\Delta = 0$.

The approach, denoting $\mu_\varrho := \sum_{\sigma=\varrho}^{s+1} (-1)^{\sigma-\varrho} m_\sigma = 0$, consists in

- selecting $\mu_{s+1} = m_{s+1}$ indexes $I_s \subset \{1, \dots, m_s\}$ and computing the determinant Q_s of the μ_{s+1} -square minor of M_s obtained by selecting the rows indexed by I_s ;
- selecting $\mu_s = m_s - \mu_{s+1}$ indexes $I_{s-1} \subset \{1, \dots, m_{s-1}\}$ and computing the determinant Q_{s-1} of the μ_s -square minor of M_{s-1} obtained by selecting the rows indexed by I_{s-1} and the columns indexed by $\{1, \dots, m_s\} - I_s$
- ...
- selecting $\mu_\varrho = m_\varrho - \mu_{\varrho+1}$ indexes $I_{\varrho-1} \subset \{1, \dots, m_{\varrho-1}\}$ and computing the determinant $Q_{\varrho-1}$ of the μ_ϱ -square minor of $M_{\varrho-1}$ obtained by selecting the rows indexed by $I_{\varrho-1}$ and the columns indexed by $\{1, \dots, m_\varrho\} - I_\varrho$
- ...
- selecting $\mu_3 = m_3 - \mu_4$ indexes $I_2 \subset \{1, \dots, m_2\}$ and computing the determinant Q_2 of the μ_2 -square minor of M_2 obtained by selecting the rows indexed by I_2 and the columns indexed by $\{1, \dots, m_3\} - I_3$
- computing, on the basis of the remark that $m_1 = \mu_2 = m_2 - \mu_3$, the determinant Q_1 of the μ_2 -square minor of M_1 obtained by selecting the columns indexed by $\{1, \dots, m_2\} - I_2$;

finally, if each Q_i is not zero, one obtains Δ by computing

$$\Delta = Q_1 Q_2^{-1} Q_3 Q_4^{-1} \dots = \prod_{\sigma=1}^s Q_\sigma^{(-1)^{\sigma-1}}.$$

The application considers a set of forms $\{f_1, \dots, f_u\}$ and, fixed a proper degree $d \in \mathbb{N}$ intends to eliminate all terms of degree d among the equations $F = 0$ where F runs among the forms in the set

$$F := \{\tau f_i, 1 \leq i \leq u, \tau \in \mathcal{T}, \deg(\tau f_i) = d\};$$

it consists in computing a linear resolution of the elements in F and applying on it the computation suggested above. Cayley however remarks that

I am not in possession of any method of arriving *at once* at the final result in its more simplified form; my process, on the contrary, leads me to a result encumbered by an extraneous factor, which is only got rid of by a number of successive divisions.

The first solution, apart Bézout, for computing the resultant of more than 2 polynomials is due to A.L. Dixon⁶⁶ which generalized Cayley's interpretation of the Bezoutic/Bezoutian matrix in terms of the Bezoutic Emanant,

⁶⁶ *The eliminant of three quatics in two independent variables*, Proc. London Math. Soc. **7** (1908) 49–69

proposing such Emanant for 3 polynomials in two variables and remarking that the constuction easily generalizes to polynomials in any number of variables.

Given three polynomials

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(X_1, X_2) &= \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^m A_{rs} X_1^r X_2^s, \\ \psi(X_1, X_2) &= \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^m B_{rs} X_1^r X_2^s, \\ \chi(X_1, X_2) &= \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^m C_{rs} X_1^r X_2^s\end{aligned}$$

Dixon considers the determinant

$$\Delta := \begin{vmatrix} \phi(X_1, X_2) & \psi(X_1, X_2) & \chi(X_1, X_2) \\ \phi(X_1, Y_2) & \psi(X_1, Y_2) & \chi(X_1, Y_2) \\ \phi(Y_1, Y_2) & \psi(Y_1, Y_2) & \chi(Y_1, Y_2) \end{vmatrix}$$

and, remarking that it vanishes if we put $X_1 = Y_1$ and also if we put $X_2 = Y_2$, and so it is divisible by $(X_1 - Y_1)(X_2 - Y_2)$, he considers the polynomial

$$D(X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2) = \frac{\Delta(X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2)}{(X_1 - Y_1)(X_2 - Y_2)}$$

which is of degree $\begin{cases} 2n - 1 & \text{in } X_1 \\ m - 1 & \text{in } X_2 \\ n - 1 & \text{in } Y_1 \\ 2m - 1 & \text{in } Y_2 \end{cases}$ so that

equating to zero the coefficients of $[Y_1^r Y_2^s]$, for all values of r and s , $[D = 0]$ is equivalent to $2mn$ equations in $[X_1, X_2]$ and the number of terms in these equations is also $2mn$. Thus the eliminant⁶⁷ can be at once written down as a determinant of order $2mn$, each constituent of which is the sum of determinants of the third order of the type

$$\Delta := \begin{vmatrix} A_{pq} & A_{rs} & A_{tu} \\ B_{pq} & B_{rs} & B_{tu} \\ C_{pq} & C_{rs} & C_{tu} \end{vmatrix}$$

In other words, denoting $\mathfrak{a} := \{X_1^r X_2^s; r < 2n, s < m\}$, and $\mathfrak{b} := \{Y_1^r Y_2^s; r < n, s < 2m\}$, we have

$$D(X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{a}} \sum_{v \in \mathfrak{b}} d_{\tau v} \tau v, \quad d_{\tau v} \in \mathbb{Z}[A_{pq}, B_{rs}, C_{tu}].$$

Clearly the vanishing of the determinant of the matrix $(d_{\tau v})$ is equivalent of the existence of a common root of ϕ, ψ, χ .

Finally Dixon remarks that such method is

⁶⁷ Salmon used the term *eliminant* to denote what we call *resultant*.

applicable to the problem of elimination when the number of variables is greater than two.

Denote, for each $i, 0 \leq i \leq n$,

$$g(\mathbf{X}_i) := g(Y_1, \dots, Y_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n) \text{ for each } g(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{P},$$

so that, in particular $g(\mathbf{X}_0) = g(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ and $g(\mathbf{X}_n) = g(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$.

Given $n + 1$ polynomials $f_1, \dots, f_{n+1} \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ each of degree n_i in the variable X_i , one can consider the determinant ⁶⁸

$$\Delta := \begin{vmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{X}_0) & \dots & f_{n+1}(\mathbf{X}_0) \\ f_1(\mathbf{X}_1) & \dots & f_{n+1}(\mathbf{X}_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1(\mathbf{X}_i) & \dots & f_{n+1}(\mathbf{X}_i) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1(\mathbf{X}_n) & \dots & f_{n+1}(\mathbf{X}_n) \end{vmatrix} \quad (41.6)$$

which is divisible by $\prod_{i=1}^n (X_i - Y_i)$ giving a polynomial

$$D(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$$

of degree $m_i := (n + 1 - i)n_i - 1$ in X_i and $\mu_i := in_i - 1$ in Y_i so that

$$D(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathbf{a}} \sum_{\nu \in \mathbf{b}} d_{\tau\nu} \tau\nu$$

where $\mathbf{a} := \{X_1^{a_1} \dots X_n^{a_n} : a_i \leq m_i\}$, and $\mathbf{b} := \{Y_1^{\alpha_1} \dots Y_n^{\alpha_n} : \alpha_i \leq \mu_i\}$ and

$$\#\mathbf{a} = \#\mathbf{b} = n! \prod_{i=1}^n n_i := s.$$

Definition 41.11.1 (Kapur–Saxena–Yang). *The polynomial D is called the Dixon polynomial of f_1, \dots, f_{n+1} .*

The matrix $D := (d_{\tau\nu})$ is called the Dixon matrix and its determinant the Dixon resultant. □

Remark 41.11.2 (Kapur–Saxena–Yang). Let $D := (c_{\tau\nu})$ be the Dixon matrix of f_1, \dots, f_{n+1} and let us enumerate the elements of \mathbf{a} as

$$\tau_1 := 1, \tau_2 := X_1, \dots, \tau_{n+1} := X_n, \tau_{n+2}, \dots, \tau_s.$$

If $\alpha := (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_{n+1})$ then

$$(1, a_1, \dots, a_n, \tau_{n+2}(\alpha), \dots, \tau_s(\alpha))$$

is a solution of the linear system $D(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_s)^T$. □

⁶⁸ It is Dixon himself which reversed the order in which the variables are transformed from X to Y ; for two variables he transformed from right to left; in the final remark he makes the example of four polynomials in three variables and transforms them from left to right.

Remark 41.11.3. If $n = 1$ Dixon matrix and polynomial coincide with what Sylvester and Cayley called the bezoutic (or bezoutian) matrix and bezoutic eminent. \square

Remark 41.11.4 (Kapur–Saxena–Yang). Dixon considered 'generic' polynomials all having the same degree in each variable; as a consequence the Dixon matrix is square and one can speak of determinant and introduce the Dixon resultant.

In specific instances, the default approach is the classical one already used by Sylvester and Cayley, namely assuming that the missing terms have coefficient zero.

For an alternative solution based on restricting oneself to complete intersection ideals, see below. \square

In a previous paper⁶⁹ Dixon gave another interesting computational approach to evaluate the resultant⁷⁰ in terms of Cayley's formula: given two polynomials of the same degree⁷¹

$$U := \sum_{i=0}^n a_{i+1} X^{n-i}, \in k[X], V := \sum_{i=0}^n a'_{i+1} X^{n-i},$$

and denoting $\mathcal{C}(X, Y) := \frac{U(X)V(Y) - V(X)U(Y)}{X - Y}$ he states that

Lemma 41.11.5. *It holds*

$$\text{Res}(U, V) = \Delta := \begin{vmatrix} d_{11} & \cdots & d_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d_{n1} & \cdots & d_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

where

$$d_{i,j} = \frac{1}{i!j!} \frac{\partial^{i+j} \mathcal{C}(X, Y)}{\partial X^i \partial Y^j} \Big|_{X=Y=0}.$$

Proof. One has

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(X, Y) &= \sum_{p>q} (a_{n-p+1} a'_{n-q+1} - a'_{n-p+1} a_{n-q+1}) \frac{X^p Y^q - Y^p X^q}{X - Y} \\ &= \sum_{p>q} (a_{n-p+1} a'_{n-q+1} - a'_{n-p+1} a_{n-q+1}) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{p-q-1} X^{p-1-i} Y^{q+i} \right); \end{aligned}$$

thus $d_{i,j}$, which is the coefficient of $X^i Y^j$ in $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ satisfies $d_{i,j} = \alpha_{ij}$ where α_{ij} is the result of Sylvester's construction (41.5). \square

⁶⁹ Dixon, A.L. *On a form of the eliminant of two quatics*, Proc. London Math. Soc. **6** (1908) 468–78

⁷⁰ Which he called *Bezout's determinant*.

⁷¹ A polynomial of lower degree is forced, as usual to reach the highest degree by adding $0X^{m+1} + \dots + 0X^n$.

He then fixes “two sets of arbitrary quantities” x_1, \dots, x_n and y_1, \dots, y_n and states

Proposition 41.11.6 (Dixon). *It holds*

$$\text{Res}(U, V) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \mathcal{C}(x_1, y_1) & \cdots & \mathcal{C}(x_1, y_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{C}(x_n, y_1) & \cdots & \mathcal{C}(x_n, y_n) \end{vmatrix}}{\prod_{i>l}(x_i - x_j) \prod_{i>l}(y_i - y_j)}$$

Proof. If we expand each $\mathcal{C}(x_i, y_i)$

in ascending powers of $(x_i - X)$ by Taylor's theorem

and the result in ascending powers of $(y_j - Y)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} \mathcal{C}(x_1, y_1) & \cdots & \mathcal{C}(x_1, y_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{C}(x_n, y_1) & \cdots & \mathcal{C}(x_n, y_n) \end{vmatrix} \\ = & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & (y_1 - Y) & \cdots & (y_1 - Y)^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & (y_n - Y) & \cdots & (y_n - Y)^{n-1} \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & (x_1 - X) & \cdots & (x_1 - X)^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & (x_n - X) & \cdots & (x_n - X)^{n-1} \end{vmatrix} \cdot \Delta \\ = & \prod_{i>l}(x_i - x_j) \cdot \prod_{i>l}(y_i - y_j) \cdot \text{Res}(U, V) \end{aligned}$$

□

Example 41.11.7. Let us consider

$$U = (X - 1)X(X - a) \text{ and } V := (X + 1)(X + 2)(X - b)$$

and choose

$$x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1, x_3 = -2, \quad y_1 = 1, y_2 = -2, y_3 = 2$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathcal{C}(x_i, y_j)| \\ = & \begin{vmatrix} 6(ab - a - b + 1) & -12(ab - a + 2b - 2) & 12(ab - a - 2b + 2) \\ 6(ab - a + b - 1) & 0 & 8(ab - 2a + b - 2) \\ 24(ab - a + 2b - 2) & -12(ab + 2a + 2b + 4) & 36(ab - 2a + 2b - 4) \end{vmatrix} \\ = & \begin{vmatrix} 6(a - 1)(b - 1) & -12(a + 2)(b - 1) & 12(a - 2)(b - 1) \\ 6(a + 1)(b - 1) & 0 & 8(a + 1)(b - 2) \\ 24(a + 2)(b - 1) & -12(a + 2)(b + 2) & 36(a + 2)(b - 2) \end{vmatrix} \\ = & 2^6 3^3 (b - 1)b(a - b)(a + 1)(a + 2). \end{aligned}$$

□

41.12 Toward Cardinal's Conjecture

Cayley's formulation of the bezoutic matrix in terms of $\frac{U(X)V(Y)-V(X)U(Y)}{X-Y}$

which was interpreted by Dixon in matricial terms as $\frac{\begin{vmatrix} U(X) & V(X) \\ U(Y) & V(Y) \end{vmatrix}}{(X-Y)}$ has been expressed by Cardinal in different (but equivalent) ways as:

$$\frac{U(X)V(Y) - V(X)U(Y)}{X - Y} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{U(X)-U(Y)}{X-Y} & U(Y) \\ \frac{V(X)-V(Y)}{X-Y} & V(Y) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{U(X)-U(Y)}{X-Y} & U(X) \\ \frac{V(X)-V(Y)}{X-Y} & V(X) \end{vmatrix}.$$

In a similar way, given a set of n polynomials

$$\mathcal{F} := \{f_1, \dots, f_n\} \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

and denoting, for each polynomial $g \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$

- $D(g, \mathcal{F})$ and $D(g, \mathcal{F})$ respectively the Dixon polynomial and matrix of f_1, \dots, f_n, g ,
- $g(X_i) := g(Y_1, \dots, Y_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n)$, for each $i, 0 \leq i \leq n$,
- $\delta_i(g) := \frac{g(X_i) - g(X_{i-1})}{X_i - Y_i}$, for each i and
- $\delta_i(g, h) := \frac{g(X_i)h(X_{i-1}) - h(X_i)g(X_{i-1})}{X_i - Y_i}$, for each i and each $h \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$,

Cayley's interpretation by Cardinal was extended by himself in order to give an alternative representation of the Dixon polynomials $D(1, \mathcal{F})$ and $D(X_i, \mathcal{F})$

Lemma 41.12.1 (Cardinal). *We have,*

$$D(1, \mathcal{F}) := \begin{vmatrix} \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) \end{vmatrix}$$

and, for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$,

$$D(X_i, \mathcal{F}) := \begin{vmatrix} \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \delta_{i-1}(f_1) & \dots & \delta_{i-1}(f_n) \\ \delta_i(X_i, f_1) & \dots & \delta_i(X_i, f_n) \\ \delta_{i+1}(f_1) & \dots & \delta_{i+1}(f_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) \end{vmatrix}.$$

Proof. If, in (41.6), we set $f_{n+1} = 1$, we subtract the $(j)^{th}$ row to the $j + 1^{th}$ row and divide it by $X_j - Y_j$ for each $j, 1 \leq j \leq n$, we obtain

$$D(1, \mathcal{F}) = \begin{vmatrix} f_1(X_1, \dots, X_n) & \dots & f_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) & 1 \\ \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_i(f_1) & \dots & \delta_i(f_n) & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

If in (41.6), we set, instead, $f_{n+1} = X_i$ and, after subtracting the $(j)^{th}$ row to the $j + 1^{th}$ row and dividing it by $X_j - Y_j$ for each $j, 1 \leq j \leq n$, we multiply the i^{th} row by Y_i and add to it the $(i - 1)^{th}$ row of (41.6) since

$$\begin{vmatrix} f_1(X_0) & \dots & f_{n+1}(X_0) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1(X_{i-1}) & \dots & f_{n+1}(X_{i-1}) \\ f_1(X_i) & \dots & f_{n+1}(X_i) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1(X_n) & \dots & f_{n+1}(X_n) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$Y_i \frac{f_j(X_i) - f_j(X_{i-1})}{X_i - Y_i} - f_j(X_{i-1}) = \frac{Y_i f_j(X_i) - X_i f_j(X_{i-1})}{X_i - Y_i} = \delta_i(X_i, f_j),$$

we obtain

$$Y_i D(X_i, \mathcal{F}) = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_{i-1}(f_1) & \dots & \delta_{i-1}(f_n) & 0 \\ \delta_i(X_i, f_1) & \dots & \delta_i(X_i, f_n) & 0 \\ \delta_{i+1}(f_1) & \dots & \delta_{i+1}(f_n) & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) & 0 \\ f_1(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) & \dots & f_n(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) & Y_i \end{vmatrix}$$

and we are through. □

With a similar proof we also have

Lemma 41.12.2 (Cardinal–Mourrain). *For each polynomial g it holds*

$$D(g, \mathcal{F}) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} f_1(X_0) & \dots & f_n(X_0) & g(X_0) \\ f_1(X_1) & \dots & f_n(X_1) & g(X_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ f_1(X_n) & \dots & f_n(X_n) & g(X_n) \end{vmatrix}}{\prod_{j=1}^n X_j - Y_j}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{X}_0) & \dots & f_n(\mathbf{X}_0) & g(\mathbf{X}_0) \\ \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) & \delta_1(g) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) & \delta_n(g) \end{vmatrix} \quad (41.7)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) & \delta_1(g) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) & \delta_n(g) \\ f_1(\mathbf{X}_n) & \dots & f_n(\mathbf{X}_n) & g(\mathbf{X}_n) \end{vmatrix} \quad (41.8)$$

□

Remark 41.12.3 (Becker, Cardinal et al.). Jacobi's interpretation of the bezoutic matrix in terms of Jacobians (pg. 100) can be extended to more than two forms: with the present notation since

$$\frac{Y_i^\nu - X_i^\nu}{Y_i - X_i} = \sum_{j=0}^{\nu-1} Y_i^j X_i^{\nu-1-j}$$

for the polynomial

$$\delta_i(h)(X_i, Y_i) = \frac{h(\mathbf{X}_i) - h(\mathbf{X}_{i-1})}{X_i - Y_i} \in k[Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n][X_i, Y_i]$$

we have

$$\delta_i(h)(X_i, X_i) = \frac{\partial h(Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1}, X_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n)}{\partial X_i}$$

so that if in $D(1, \mathcal{F})$ we substitute each Y_i with X_i we obtain the Jacobian matrix of \mathcal{F} . □

Given the polynomial ring $\mathcal{P} := k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ and its monomial k -basis \mathcal{T} we introduce n further variables Y_1, \dots, Y_n and we denote $\mathcal{P}_Y := k[Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$, \mathcal{T}_Y the monomial k -basis of \mathcal{P}_Y , and \mathcal{P}_\otimes the ring

$$\mathcal{P}_\otimes := \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathcal{P}_Y = k[X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n],$$

whose k basis is $\{\tau \otimes \omega : \tau \in \mathcal{T}, \omega \in \mathcal{T}_Y\}$.

Let us consider a set of n polynomials $\mathcal{F} := \{f_1, \dots, f_n\} \in \mathcal{P}$ generating an ideal \mathfrak{l} and denote $\mathbf{A} := \mathcal{P}/\mathfrak{l}$; with a slight abuse of notation we denote \mathfrak{l} also the ideal in \mathcal{P}_Y generated by $\{f_1(Y_1, \dots, Y_n), \dots, f_n(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)\}$ and $\mathbf{A} := \mathcal{P}_Y/\mathfrak{l}$.

With this notation we have

$$\mathbf{A} \otimes_k \mathbf{A} = \mathcal{P}_\otimes / \mathbb{I}(f_i(X_1, \dots, X_n), f_i(Y_1, \dots, Y_n), 1 \leq i \leq n);$$

in connection we also denote $\mathfrak{l}_X := \mathfrak{l} \otimes \mathcal{P}_Y \subset \mathcal{P}_\otimes$ and $\mathfrak{l}_Y := \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathfrak{l} \subset \mathcal{P}_\otimes$.

For each $g \in \mathcal{P}$ denote $D(g) := D(g, \mathcal{F}) \in \mathcal{P}_\otimes$; denote also $D_0 := D(1)$ and $D_i := D(X_i), 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Let $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{T}$ and $\mathfrak{b} \subset \mathcal{T}_Y$ be suitable ordered finite sets such that we can express each $D_i, 0 \leq i \leq n$, as

$$D_i := \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{a}} \sum_{\omega \in \mathfrak{b}} d_{\tau\omega}^{(i)} \tau \otimes \omega = \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{a}} \sum_{\omega \in \mathfrak{b}} d_{\tau\omega}^{(i)} \tau \omega \in \mathcal{P}_{\otimes}$$

and denote $D_i := \left(d_{\tau\omega}^{(i)} \right)$ the corresponding Dixon matrix.

Lemma 41.12.4. $D(f) = 0$ for each $f \in \mathcal{F}$. □

Lemma 41.12.5 (Cardinal). For each $g \in \mathcal{P}$ it holds

$$D(g) - g(X_1, \dots, X_n)D_0 \in \mathfrak{l}_X \text{ and } D(g) - g(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)D_0 \in \mathfrak{l}_Y.$$

Proof. By expanding $D(g, \mathcal{F})$ along the first (respectively: last) row of (41.7) (respectively: (41.8)) we obtain $D(g) - g(X_1, \dots, X_n)D_0 \in \mathfrak{l}_X$ (respectively: $D(g) - g(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)D_0$). □

Corollary 41.12.6 (Cardinal). For each $g \in \mathcal{P}$, denoting

$$D(g) := \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{a}} \sum_{\omega \in \mathfrak{b}} d_{\tau\omega} \tau \otimes \omega,$$

we have

$$\sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{a}} d_{\tau\omega} \tau \equiv g(X_1, \dots, X_n) \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{a}} d_{\tau\omega}^{(0)} \tau \pmod{\mathfrak{l}_X} \text{ for each } \omega \in \mathfrak{b}$$

and

$$\sum_{\omega \in \mathfrak{b}} d_{\tau\omega} \omega \equiv g(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \sum_{\omega \in \mathfrak{b}} d_{\tau\omega}^{(0)} \omega \pmod{\mathfrak{l}_Y} \text{ for each } \tau \in \mathfrak{a}.$$

□

Corollary 41.12.7. For each $g \in \mathcal{P}$ it holds

$$\left(g(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) - g(X_1, \dots, X_n) \right) D_0 \in \mathbb{I}(f_i(\mathbf{X}_0), f_i(\mathbf{X}_n), 1 \leq i \leq n).$$

□

Corollary 41.12.8. For each $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, $\omega \in \mathfrak{b}$ and $\tau \in \mathfrak{a}$, there are polynomials $k_{\omega}^{(i)}(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{P}$ and $h_{\tau}^{(i)}(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \in \mathcal{P}_Y$ such that

$$(1) \quad D_i - X_i D_0 = \begin{vmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{X}_0) & \dots & f_n(\mathbf{X}_0) & 0 \\ \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_i(f_1) & \dots & \delta_i(f_n) & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{\omega \in \mathfrak{b}} k_{\omega}^{(i)} \omega;$$

- (2) $k_\omega^{(i)}(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathfrak{l}$ for each $\omega \in \mathfrak{b}$;
- (3) $D_i - Y_i D_0 = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_i(f_1) & \dots & \delta_i(f_n) & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) & 0 \\ f_1(X_n) & \dots & f_n(X_n) & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{a}} \tau h_\tau^{(i)};$
- (4) $h_\tau^{(i)}(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathfrak{l}$ for each $\tau \in \mathfrak{a}$. □

Let us now assume that that $\mathfrak{l} := \mathbb{I}(\mathcal{F})$ is an affine complete intersection (Definition 36.1.1); as a consequence we have⁷²

Fact 41.12.9. *With the present notation and under the assumption that $\mathfrak{l} := \mathbb{I}(\mathcal{F})$ is an affine complete intersection, it holds:*

- (1) A is a finite k -dimensional vector space;
- (2) the morphism $D_0| : \text{Hom}(A, k) \rightarrow A$ which associates to the functional $\Lambda : A \rightarrow k$ the element $\sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{a}} \sum_{\omega \in \mathfrak{b}} d_{\tau\omega}^{(0)} \tau \Lambda(\omega) \in A$ is actually an A -isomorphism;
- (3) $\text{Hom}(A, k)$ is a free A -module whose basis element $\ell \in \text{Hom}(A, k)$ satisfies $D_0| \ell = 1$;
- (4) $D_0 \equiv \sum_{i=1}^D a_i \otimes b_i$ in $A \otimes A$ where $D = \dim_k(A)$ and $\{a_i, 1 \leq i \leq D\}$ and $\{b_i, 1 \leq i \leq D\}$ are suitable k -bases of A ;
- (5) both \mathfrak{a} and \mathfrak{b} are k -generating sets of A . □

41.13 Cardinal–Mourrain Algorithm

Let $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}_Y, \mathcal{P}_\otimes, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_Y, \mathcal{F} := \{f_1, \dots, f_n\} \in \mathcal{P}$ a set of n polynomials generating the affine complete intersection ideal $\mathfrak{l}, A, \mathfrak{l}_X, \mathfrak{l}_Y, D_i, 0 \leq i \leq r, \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}, D_i := \left(d_{\tau\omega}^{(i)}\right), 0 \leq i \leq r$, be as defined in page 116.

Let us moreover denote $V := \text{Span}_k(\mathfrak{a}), W := \text{Span}_k(\mathfrak{b})$,

$$K_0 := \text{Span}_k\{k_\omega^{(i)} : 1 \leq i \leq n, \omega \in \mathfrak{b}\} \cap V \subset V \cap \mathfrak{l} \subset \mathcal{P}$$

and

$$H_0 := \text{Span}_k\{h_\tau^{(i)} : 1 \leq i \leq n, \tau \in \mathfrak{a}\} \cap W \subset W \cap \mathfrak{l} \subset \mathcal{P}_Y$$

where $k_\omega^{(i)}, h_\tau^{(i)}$ are the polynomials whose existence is stated in Corollary 41.12.8.

We present an algorithm, which iteratively extends the vectorspaces K_0, H_0 , returning, at termination,

⁷² Compare B.Mourrain, *Bezoutian and quotient ring structure* J. Symb. Comp. **39** (2005), 397-415.

- vectorspaces $K, H, K_0 \subseteq K = \mathfrak{l} \cap V, H_0 \subseteq H = \mathfrak{l} \cap W$;
- the supplementary vectorspaces $A, B, A \otimes K = V, B \otimes H = W$, which satisfy the relation $\dim_k(A) = \dim_k(B) =: \delta$;
- the bases $\mathbf{a} := \{a_1, \dots, a_\delta\}, \{b_1, \dots, b_\delta\}$ of A and B respectively;
- δ -square matrices $M_i, 0 \leq i \leq n$,

such that

- (1) M_0 is invertible,
- (2) $\overline{M}_p := M_0^{-1}M_p := \left(m_{ji}^{(p)}\right)$ satisfy

$$X_p a_i \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{\delta} m_{ji} a_j \pmod{\mathfrak{l}}, \forall i, p, 1 \leq i \leq \delta, 1 \leq p \leq n$$

so that, in particular

- (3) $A = \mathcal{P}/\mathfrak{l} \cong V/K \cong \text{Span}_k(\mathbf{a})$ and
- (4) the assignment of the k -basis \mathbf{a} and the square matrices

$$\overline{M}_p := M([X_p], \mathbf{a}), 1 \leq p \leq n,$$

is a Gröbner representation of \mathfrak{l} .

Recall that the Dixon polynomials D_i are decomposed with respect to the same ordered sets of polynomials $\mathbf{a} \subset \mathcal{P}$ and $\mathbf{b} \subset \mathcal{P}_Y$ which are indexing the rows and the columns of the Dixon matrices D_i so that

$$D_i = \mathbf{a}^T D_i \mathbf{b}.$$

The algorithm in each step performs simultaneously the *same* operation on the $n + 1$ matrices D_i applying invertible transformations P, Q on their rows and columns, thus returning

$$PD_0Q, PD_1Q, \dots, PD_nQ$$

and transforming the bases of V and W so that the indexes of the common rows and columns of the matrices PD_iQ are respectively $P^{-1T}\mathbf{a}$ and $Q^{-1}\mathbf{b}$.

We present in Figure 41.3 the general scheme of the algorithm whose single operations we discuss here through an example.

Example 41.13.1 (Cardinal). As an example let us consider the ideal generated by $\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, f_2\} \in k[X_1, X_2]$ where

$$f_1 = X_1^2 + X_1X_2^2 - 1, f_2 = X_1^2X_2 + X_1.$$

We thus have

Fig. 41.3. Cardinal–Mourrain Algorithm

$i := 0$
Repeat
 * Apply the *saturation step* on K_i returning $K' : K_i \subseteq K' \subseteq I \cap V$,
 Perform the *quartering step* on the matrices D_i ,
 Perform the *column reduction step* returning $K_{i+1} : K' \subseteq K_{i+1} \subseteq I \cap V$,
 Perform the *diagonalization step*,
 Perform the *row step* returning $H_{i+1}; H_i \subseteq H_{i+1} \subseteq I \cap W$,
until $H_{i+1} = H_i$ and $K_{i+1} = K_i$.

$$\begin{aligned}
D_0 &= -X_1 X_2^2 Y_1 - X_1 X_2 Y_1 Y_2 - X_2 Y_1^2 Y_2 + X_1 Y_1^2 + Y_1^3 - X_2 Y_1 - Y_1 Y_2, \\
D_1 &= -X_1 X_2^2 Y_1^2 - X_1 X_2 Y_1^2 Y_2 + X_1 Y_1^3 + Y_1^2, \\
D_2 &= -X_1 X_2^2 Y_1 Y_2 - X_2^2 Y_1^2 Y_2 + X_1 X_2 Y_1^2 + X_2 Y_1^3 - X_2^2 Y_1 \\
&\quad - X_2 Y_1 Y_2 - X_1 X_2 - X_1 Y_1 - X_2 Y_1 - 1; \\
D_1 - X_1 D_0 &= (X_1^2 X_2^2 + X_1 X_2) Y_1 + (-X_1 X_2^2 - X_1^2 + 1) Y_1^2 + (X_1^2 X_2 + X_1) Y_1 Y_2, \\
D_2 - X_2 D_0 &= (X_2^3 X_1 - X_2 - X_1) Y_1 + (-X_2 X_1 - 1); \\
D_1 - Y_1 D_0 &= X_2 (Y_2 Y_1^3 + Y_1^2) + (Y_2 Y_1^2 - Y_1^4 + Y_1^2), \\
D_2 - Y_2 D_0 &= X_2^2 (-Y_2 Y_1^2 - Y_1) + X_2 X_1 (Y_2^2 Y_1 + Y_1^2 - 1) + X_2 (Y_2^2 Y_1^2 + Y_1^3 - Y_1) \\
&\quad - X_1 (Y_2 Y_1^2 + Y_1) + (Y_2^2 Y_1 - Y_2 Y_1^3 - 1)
\end{aligned}$$

whence

$$\mathbf{a} = \{1, X_2, X_2^2, X_1, X_1 X_2, X_1 X_2^2\}, \mathbf{b} = \{1, Y_1, Y_1 Y_2, Y_1^2, Y_1^2 Y_2, Y_1^3\},$$

$$K_0 = \{X_2 X_1 + 1\} \text{ and } H_0 = \{Y_2 Y_1^2 + Y_1\}. \quad \square$$

Saturation step It consists in replacing K_i with $K' := K_i^+ \cap V$ where, for a vectorspace K , K^+ indicates the vectorspace

$$K^+ := \left\{ v_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n X_i v_i, v_i \in K, 0 \leq i \leq n \right\}$$

and the notation $K^{[p]}$ means p iterations of the operator \cdot^+ , starting from K so that $K^{[p]} = (K^{[p-1]})^+$.

Definition 41.13.2 (Mourrain). A vectorspace $V \subset \mathcal{P}$ is said to be connected to $e \in V$ if, denoting $E := \text{Span}_k\{e\}$, for each $v \in V \setminus E$, there exists $l > 0$ such that $v \in E^{[l]}$ and $v = v_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n X_i v_i$, v_i with $v_i \in E^{[l-1]} \cap V, 0 \leq i \leq n$. \square

Example 41.13.3 (cont.). We have

$$K' := \{X_2 X_1 + 1, X_2 (X_2 X_1 + 1)\}. \quad \square$$

Quartering step Set

$$d := \dim_k(V) = \dim_k(W), D := d - \dim_k(K'),$$

choose a basis $\{a_1, \dots, a_D, a_{D+1}, \dots, a_d\}$ of V such that $\{a_{D+1}, \dots, a_d\}$ is a basis of K' and set $A := \text{Span}_k\{a_1, \dots, a_D\}$.

Let $\mathcal{L}(K') = \{A \in \text{Hom}(\mathcal{P}, k) : A(k) = 0 \text{ for each } k \in K'\}$ and

$$B := \{A|D_0 : A \in \mathcal{L}(K')\} \supset \{A|D_0 : A \in \mathcal{L}(I)\}$$

where $|D_0 : \text{Hom}(\mathcal{P}, k) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_Y$ is the morphism which associates to the functional $A : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow k$ the element $\sum_{\tau \in a} \sum_{\omega \in b} d_{\tau\omega}^{(0)} A(\tau)\omega \in \mathcal{P}_Y$.

Choose a basis $\{b_1, \dots, b_r, b_{r+1}, \dots, b_d\}$ of W such that $\{b_1, \dots, b_r\}$ is a basis of B ; denote $H' := \text{Span}_k\{b_{r+1}, \dots, b_d\}$.

Remark that since $K' \subset I$, $B \supset \mathcal{L}(I)$ is a generating set of A so that H' could be chosen as a subset of I .

Based on the decompositions $V = A \otimes K'$ and $W = B' \otimes H'$ the matrices D_i can be decomposed *quarterly* as

$$D_0 = \begin{pmatrix} M_0 & 0 \\ H_0 & L_0 \end{pmatrix}, D_i = \begin{pmatrix} M_i & K_i \\ H_i & L_i \end{pmatrix}, 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Example 41.13.3 (cont.). We set $D = 4$ and

$$a_1 = 1, a_2 = X_2, a_3 = X_2^2, a_4 = X_1, a_5 = X_1X_2 + 1, a_6 = X_1X_2^2 + X_2,$$

so that $D_0 = a_1Y_1^3 - a_2Y_1^2Y_2 + a_4Y_1^2 - a_5Y_1Y_2 - a_6Y_1$.

We thus get

$$b_1 = Y_1^3, b_2 = Y_1^2Y_2, b_3 = Y_1^2, b_4 = 1, b_5 = Y_1Y_2, b_6 = Y_1 + Y_1^2Y_2,$$

and

D_0	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	1	0	0	0	0	0
a_2	0	-1	0	0	0	0
a_3	0	0	0	0	0	0
a_4	0	0	1	0	0	0
a_5	0	0	0	0	-1	0
a_6	0	1	0	0	0	-1
D_1	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	0	1	1	0	0	0
a_2	0	0	1	0	0	0
a_3	0	0	0	0	0	0
a_4	1	0	0	0	0	0
a_5	0	-1	0	0	0	0
a_6	0	0	-1	0	0	0

D_2	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
a_2	1	1	0	0	0	-1
a_3	0	0	0	0	0	-1
a_4	0	1	0	0	0	-1
a_5	0	0	1	-1	0	0
a_6	0	0	0	0	-1	0

□

Column reduction step By Lemma 41.12.5 if a column of D_0 represents a polynomial $f \in \mathcal{P}$, the corresponding column of D_i represents $X_i f \bmod \mathfrak{l}$ so that we can deduce that the columns of $\begin{pmatrix} K_i \\ L_i \end{pmatrix}$ and actually of K_i give elements in \mathfrak{l} allowing to extend K' returning a vectorspace $K_{i+1} : K' \subseteq K_{i+1} \subset \mathfrak{l} \cap V$.

Example 41.13.3 (cont.). The sixth column of D_2 returns $X_2^2 + X_2 + X_1$. □

Diagonalization step By construction the number $r = \dim(B)$ of columns of M_0 is equal to its rank; so there is an $r \times D$ matrices M_0^* such that $M_0^* M_0 = \text{Id}_r$.

We thus multiply each D_i by the matrix $P := \begin{pmatrix} \text{Id}_D & 0 \\ -H_0 M_0^* & \text{Id}_{d-D} \end{pmatrix}$ obtaining the following decompositions

$$D_0 = \begin{pmatrix} M_0 & 0 \\ 0 & L_0 \end{pmatrix}, D_i = \begin{pmatrix} M_i & K_i \\ H_i' & L_i' \end{pmatrix}, 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

This corresponds to a change of the basis $\mathbf{a} := \{a_1, \dots, a_d\}$ of V which becomes $P^{-1T} \mathbf{a}$.

Example 41.13.3 (cont.). We have $M_0^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and we have

to multiply by the matrix $\left(\begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$ returning with

$$a_1 = 1, a_2 = -X_1 X_2^2, a_3 = X_2^2, a_4 = X_1, a_5 = X_1 X_2 + 1, a_6 = X_1 X_2^2 + X_2,$$

D_0	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	1	0	0	0	0	0
a_2	0	-1	0	0	0	0
a_3	0	0	0	0	0	0
a_4	0	0	1	0	0	0
a_5	0	0	0	0	-1	0
a_6	0	0	0	0	0	-1

D_1	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	0	1	1	0	0	0
a_2	0	0	1	0	0	0
a_3	0	0	0	0	0	0
a_4	1	0	0	0	0	0
a_5	0	-1	0	0	0	0
a_6	0	0	0	0	0	0

D_2	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
a_2	1	1	0	0	0	-1
a_3	0	0	0	0	0	-1
a_4	0	1	0	0	0	-1
a_5	0	0	1	-1	0	0
a_6	1	1	0	0	-1	-1

□

Row step We perform on the rows the same construction we have performed on the columns, thus enlarging H_i to $H_{i+1} : H_i \subseteq H_{i+1} \subseteq I \cap W$.

Example 41.13.3 (cont.). The sixth row of D_2 returns $-Y_2Y_1 + Y_1^3 - Y_1$. □

Lemma 41.13.4 (Mourrain). *At the end of the algorithm denoting*

$$\overline{K} := K_{i+1} \subset I \cap V, \overline{H} := H_{i+1} \subset I \cap W,$$

$A \subset V$ and $B \subset W$, the vectorspaces such that $\overline{K} \otimes A = V, \overline{H} \otimes B = W$, $d := \dim_k(V) = \dim_k(W)$, $\delta := d - \dim_k(\overline{K})$, then it holds $\overline{K}^+ \cap V = \overline{K}$ and there exist linearly independent polynomials

$$\{a_1, \dots, a_\delta, a_{\delta+1}, \dots, a_d\} \subset V, a_i \in \overline{K}, \delta < i \leq d$$

and a basis $\{b_1, \dots, b_\delta, b_{\delta+1}, \dots, b_d\}$ of W with $b_i \in \overline{H}, \delta < i \leq d$, with respect to which the Dixon matrices D_i have the decompositions

$$D_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Id}_\delta & 0 \\ 0 & L_0 \end{pmatrix}, D_i = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{M}_i & 0 \\ 0 & L_i \end{pmatrix}, 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Proof. At the end of the algorithm⁷³,

⁷³ Meaning: in the last **Repeat**-loop at whose end K_{i+1} and H_{i+1} are not increased.

- the saturation step does not increase \overline{K} so that $\overline{K}^+ \cap V = \overline{K}$;
- the quartering step returns the decompositions

$$D_0 = \begin{pmatrix} M_0 & 0 \\ H_0 & L_0 \end{pmatrix}, D_i = \begin{pmatrix} M_i & K_i \\ H_i & L_i \end{pmatrix}, 1 \leq i \leq n;$$

- since the column reduction step does not increase \overline{K} , this means that $K_i = 0$ for each i ;
- a variation of the diagonalization step in which we left-multiply by

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_0^{-1} & 0 \\ -H_0 M_0^{-1} & \text{Id}_\delta \end{pmatrix}$$

returns the decompositions

$$D_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Id}_\delta & 0 \\ 0 & L_0 \end{pmatrix}, D_i = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{M}_i & 0 \\ H'_i & L_i \end{pmatrix}, 1 \leq i \leq n,$$

with respect to a suitable basis;

- since the row step does not increase \overline{H} , this means that $H'_i = 0$ for each i thus completing the argument. \square

Example 41.13.1 (cont.). We now have

$$K = \{X_1 X_2 + 1, X_1 X_2^2 + X_2, X_2^2 + X_2 + X_1\}$$

and $H = \{Y_1 + Y_1^2 Y_2, -Y_2 Y_1 + Y_1^3 - Y_1\}$ and we thus choose as basis for V and W respectively

$$a_1 = 1, a_2 = -X_1 X_2^2, a_3 = X_1, a_4 = X_2^2 + X_2 + X_1, a_5 = X_1 X_2 + 1, a_6 = X_1 X_2^2 + X_2,$$

and

$$b_1 = Y_1^3, b_2 = Y_1^2 Y_2, b_3 = Y_1^2, b_4 = 1, b_5 = -Y_2 Y_1 + Y_1^3 - Y_1, b_6 = Y_1 + Y_1^2 Y_2;$$

with respect to these bases we have

D_0	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	1	0	0	0	0	0
a_2	0	-1	0	0	0	0
a_3	0	0	1	0	0	0
a_4	0	0	0	0	0	0
a_5	-1	-1	0	0	1	1
a_6	0	0	0	0	0	-1
D_1	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	0	1	1	0	0	0
a_2	0	0	1	0	0	0
a_3	1	0	0	0	0	0
a_4	0	0	0	0	0	0
a_5	0	-1	0	0	0	0
a_6	0	0	0	0	0	0

D_2	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
a_2	1	1	0	0	0	0
a_3	0	1	0	0	0	0
a_4	0	0	0	0	0	-1
a_5	0	0	1	-1	0	0
a_6	0	0	0	0	1	1

The next loop will prove that we have already reached the required solution since neither K nor H are enlarged and can be also used to illustrate the claim of the Lemma.

K is not enlarged neither by the saturation step nor by the column reduction step and we now left-multiply the D_i by

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

obtaining the basis

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= -X_1X_2, & a_2 &= X_1X_2^2 - X_1X_2 - 1, \\ a_3 &= X_1, & a_4 &= X_2^2 + X_2 + X_1, \\ a_5 &= X_1X_2 + 1, & a_6 &= X_1X_2^2 + X_2 \end{aligned}$$

and the matrices

D_0	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	1	0	0	0	0	0
a_2	0	1	0	0	0	0
a_3	0	0	1	0	0	0
a_4	0	0	0	0	0	0
a_5	0	0	0	0	1	1
a_6	0	0	0	0	0	-1

D_1	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	0	1	1	0	0	0
a_2	0	0	-1	0	0	0
a_3	1	0	0	0	0	0
a_4	0	0	0	0	0	0
a_5	0	0	0	0	0	0
a_6	0	0	0	0	0	0

D_2	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	b_5	b_6
a_1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
a_2	-1	-1	0	0	0	0
a_3	0	1	0	0	0	0
a_4	0	0	0	0	0	-1
a_5	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0
a_6	0	0	0	0	1	1

□

Claim 41.13.4 (Cardinal–Mourrain). *The δ -square matrices \overline{M}_i^T (respectively \overline{M}_i) are the matrices $M([X_i], \mathbf{a})$ (respectively $M([Y_i], \mathbf{b})$) of multiplication by the variables X_i (resp. Y_i) in the basis $\mathbf{a} := \{a_1, \dots, a_\delta\}$ (resp. $\mathbf{b} := \{b_1, \dots, b_\delta\}$) of A .* □

Historical Remark 41.13.5. A preliminary version of the algorithm, without the saturation step, was proposed in his *these* by Cardinal in 1993 which conjectured the claim above.

The insertion of the saturation step and the proof of the claim, under the further assumption that V is connected to 1, is due to Mourrain in 2003.

As regard the saturation step Mourrain⁷⁴ comments

The reason why we need to introduce this saturation step is that if we multiply all the [Dixon polynomials] by an element of the form $1 + fg, f \in \mathcal{P}, g \in \mathcal{P}_Y$ with f, g conveniently chosen, we could obtain matrices of the form $\begin{pmatrix} D_i & 0 \\ 0 & D_i \end{pmatrix}$. Applying only the [...] steps as described by Cardinal, would not allow us to avoid the duplication of the structure of A . Moreover, if f and g are in \mathfrak{l} , the polynomials $(1 + fg)D_i$ share the same properties, modulo \mathfrak{l} , as the [Dixon polynomials] D_i . To handle this problem, we add the saturation step, which will “connect” the two blocks, provided that the vector space V is connected to an element e . *This is the hypothesis that will be made hereafter to prove the main theorem.*

This hypothesis is easy to check in practice, and usually we have $e = 1$. Moreover, it is satisfied when the polynomials f_i are monomials. We do not have a proof that this extends by linearity to any polynomial f_i .

[...]

To simplify the proof, we will assume hereafter that $e = 1$. The proof can be extended to any e , by showing that, in this case, e is invertible in A^{75} and by dividing by e . □

⁷⁴ B.Mourrain, *Bezoutian and quotient ring structure* J. Symb. Comp. **39** (2005), 397-415

⁷⁵ By assumption we have $A = \text{Span}_k(\mathbf{a})$ and $a_i = ea'_i$ for some a'_i so that

Example 41.13.1 (cont.). Gauss-reducing $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ and $\{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$ with respect to the basis elements of, respectively, K and H we can set

$$a'_1 := a_5 + a_1 = 1, a'_2 := a_2 - a_6 + a_5 = -X_2, a'_3 := X_1$$

and

$$b'_1 := Y_1^3, b'_2 := b_2 - b_6 = -Y_1, b'_3 = Y_1^2$$

and we have⁷⁶

$$\overline{M}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \overline{M}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

41.14 Mourrain: Proving Cardinal's Conjecture

Let us use the same notation as in the last sections; in particular we have $\mathbf{a} := \{a_1, \dots, a_\delta\}$, $\mathbf{b} := \{b_1, \dots, b_\delta\}$, $A = \text{Span}_k(\mathbf{a})$, $B = \text{Span}_k(\mathbf{b})$ and we set $\overline{M}_p := M_0^{-1}M_p := (m_{ji}^{(p)})$.

Proposition 41.14.1 (Mourrain). *It holds*

- (1) $X_p a_i = \sum_{l=1}^{\delta} m_{li}^{(p)} a_l - \kappa_i^{(p)}, \kappa_i^{(p)} \in \overline{K}$ for each $p, i, 1 \leq p \leq n, 1 \leq i \leq \delta$;
- (2) $Y_p b_i = \sum_{l=1}^{\delta} m_{il}^{(p)} b_l - \sigma_i^{(p)}, \sigma_i^{(p)} \in \overline{H}$ for each $p, i, 1 \leq p \leq n, 1 \leq i \leq \delta$;
- (3) $D(X_p X_q) = X_q D(X_p) + Y_p (D(X_q) - X_q D(1))$ for $p < q$;
- (4) $D(X_p X_q) = Y_p D(X_q) + X_q (D(X_p) - Y_p D(1))$ for $p < q$;
- (5) $D(X_p X_q) = \sum_{1 \leq i, j, l \leq \delta} m_{li}^{(q)} m_{ij}^{(p)} a_l \otimes b_j + X_q \chi_1^{(p,q)} + Y_p \chi_2^{(p,q)} + \chi_3^{(p,q)}$ for $p < q$ and suitable elements, $\chi_1^{(p,q)}, \chi_2^{(p,q)}, \chi_3^{(p,q)} \in \overline{K} \otimes \overline{K}$;
- (6) $D(X_p X_q) = \sum_{1 \leq i, j, l \leq \delta} m_{li}^{(p)} m_{ij}^{(q)} a_l \otimes b_j + X_p \chi_4^{(p,q)} + Y_q \chi_5^{(p,q)} + \chi_6^{(p,q)}$ for $p < q$ and suitable elements $\chi_4^{(p,q)}, \chi_5^{(p,q)}, \chi_6^{(p,q)} \in \overline{K} \otimes \overline{K}$.

Proof.

$$\mathbf{A} \ni 1 = \sum_i c_i a_i = \left(\sum_i c_i a'_i \right) e.$$

⁷⁶ The reader can check the result using the deglex Gröbner basis of $\mathbb{1}$ induced by $X_1 < X_2$ which is

$$\{X_1 X_2 + 1, X_1^2 - X_2 - 1, X_2^2 + X_2 + X_1\}$$

so that, in particular, $Y_1^3 \equiv Y_1 - 1$ and $Y_1^2 \equiv Y_2 + 1$.

(1) We have

$$D_p = X_p D_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\delta} \kappa_i^{(p)} b_i + \sum_{l=\delta+1}^d \kappa_l^{(p)} b_l, \kappa_i^{(p)}, \kappa_l^{(p)} \in K_0.$$

By identifying the coefficients of each $b_i, 1 \leq i \leq \delta$ we have

$$\sum_{l=1}^{\delta} m_l^{(p)} a_l = X_p a_i + \kappa_i^{(p)}, \kappa_i^{(p)} \in K_0 \subset \overline{K}.$$

(2) Similar proof as (1).

(3) We have

$$\begin{aligned} D(X_p X_q) &= \begin{vmatrix} f_1(X_1, \dots, X_n) & \dots & f_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) & X_p X_q \\ \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_p(f_1) & \dots & \delta_p(f_n) & X_q \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_q(f_1) & \dots & \delta_q(f_n) & Y_p \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= X_q \begin{vmatrix} f_1(X_1, \dots, X_n) & \dots & f_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) & X_p \\ \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_p(f_1) & \dots & \delta_p(f_n) & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &+ Y_p \begin{vmatrix} f_1(X_1, \dots, X_n) & \dots & f_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) & 0 \\ \delta_1(f_1) & \dots & \delta_1(f_n) & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_q(f_1) & \dots & \delta_q(f_n) & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \dots & \delta_n(f_n) & 0 \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(4) Similarly as (3), we have to develop

$$D(X_p X_q) = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_1(f_1) & \cdots & \delta_1(f_n) & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_p(f_1) & \cdots & \delta_p(f_n) & X_q \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_q(f_1) & \cdots & \delta_q(f_n) & Y_p \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \delta_n(f_1) & \cdots & \delta_n(f_n) & 0 \\ f_1(Y_1, \dots, y_n) & \cdots & f_n(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) & Y_p Y_q \end{vmatrix}.$$

(5) By (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(X_p X_q) &= X_q D(X_p) + Y_p (D(X_q) - X_q D(1)) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq \delta} m_{ij}^{(p)} X_q a_i \otimes b_j + X_q \chi_1 + Y_p \sum_{1 \leq i \leq \delta} \kappa_i^{(q)} \otimes b_i + Y_p \chi_2 \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq \delta} m_{ij}^{(p)} \left(\sum_{1 \leq l \leq \delta} m_{li}^{(q)} a_l - \kappa_i^{(q)} \right) \otimes b_j + X_q \chi_1 \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq \delta} \kappa_i^{(q)} \otimes \left(\sum_{1 \leq l \leq \delta} m_{il}^{(p)} b_l - \sigma_i^{(p)} \right) + Y_p \chi_2 \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j, l \leq \delta} m_{li}^{(q)} m_{ij}^{(p)} a_l \otimes b_j - \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq \delta} m_{ij}^{(p)} \kappa_i^{(q)} \otimes b_j \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq i, l \leq \delta} m_{il}^{(p)} \kappa_i^{(q)} \otimes b_l + X_q \chi_1 + Y_p \chi_2 + \chi_3 \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j, l \leq \delta} m_{li}^{(q)} m_{ij}^{(p)} a_l \otimes b_j + X_q \chi_1 + Y_p \chi_2 + \chi_3. \end{aligned}$$

(6) Similarly as (5). \square

Corollary 41.14.2 (Mourgain). *The matrices $\overline{M}_p = \left(m_{ji}^{(p)} \right)$ commute.* \square

With a slight abuse of notation we will also denote \overline{M}_p the map

$$\overline{M}_p : A \rightarrow A, a_i \mapsto \sum_{l=1}^{\delta} m_{ml}^{(p)} a_l$$

which corresponds to the multiplication by X_p modulo \overline{K} .

Since these operations commute, for each $f(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{P}$ we define

$$f(\overline{M}) := f(\overline{M}_1, \dots, \overline{M}_n) : A \rightarrow A$$

and $N(f) = f(\overline{M})(1)$ so that N is a map $N : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow A$.

Proposition 41.14.3 (Mourrain). *If V is connected to 1, the ideal $\mathbf{H} := \mathbb{I}(\overline{K}) \subset \mathcal{P}$ generated by \overline{K} satisfies $\mathbf{H} = \mathfrak{l}$.*

Proof. By construction we have $\mathbf{H} \subset \mathfrak{l}$.

The assumption that $V = A \otimes \overline{K}$ is connected to 1 implies the existence of $c_1, \dots, c_\delta \in k, \kappa \in \overline{K}$ such that $u = \sum_{i=1}^\delta c_i a_i = 1 - \kappa$, so that, in particular, u is invertible in A and there exists $\Lambda \in \text{Hom}(\mathcal{P}, k)$ such that $D_0|_\Lambda = u$.

By expanding (41.7) along the last column, we have $0 = D(f_i) = f_i(X_1, \dots, X_n)D_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j \delta_j(f_i) E_j$ for suitable $E_j \in \overline{K} \otimes \mathcal{P}_Y$.

Thus, for each i ,

$$f_i = f_i \kappa + f_i u = f_i \kappa + f_i D_0|_\Lambda = f_i \kappa - \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j \delta_j(f_i) E_j|_\Lambda \in \mathbf{H}.$$

□

Proposition 41.14.4 (Mourrain). *Assume V is connected to 1 and $1 \notin \overline{K}$. Then*

- (1) *for each $f \in V$, $f - f(\overline{M})(1) \in \overline{K}$;*
- (2) *for each $a \in A$, $N(a) = a$ and $N(\overline{K}) = \{0\}$;*
- (3) *$f - f(\overline{M})(1) \in \mathbf{H}$ for each $f \in \mathcal{P}$;*
- (4) $\ker(N) = \mathbf{H}$.

Proof.

- (1) Assume that for each $g \in \text{Span}_k\{1\}^{[l-1]} \cap V$ we have $g - g(\overline{M})(1) \in \overline{K}$ and let $f \in \text{Span}_k\{1\}^{[l]} \cap V$. Since V is connected to 1, we have $f = \sum_{i=1}^s X_{l_i} g_i$ with $1 \leq l_i \leq n$ and $g_i \in \text{Span}_k\{1\}^{[l-1]} \cap V$. Thus

$$f - f(\overline{M})(1) = \sum_{i=1}^s X_{l_i} (g_i - g_i(\overline{M})(1)) + (X_{l_i} g_i(\overline{M})(1) - \overline{M}_{l_i} g_i(\overline{M})(1)).$$

We have $g_i - g_i(\overline{M})(1) \in \overline{K}$ by induction assumption and $X_{l_i} g_i(\overline{M})(1) - \overline{M}_{l_i} g_i(\overline{M})(1) \in \overline{K}$ by Lemma 41.12.5. Therefore $f - f(\overline{M})(1) \in \overline{K}^+ \cap V = \overline{K}$, the last equality being due to the saturation step. Since the induction hypothesis is true for $f = 1$, then the claim follows.

- (2) For any polynomial $a \in A$ and any polynomial $\kappa \in \overline{K}$ we have
 - $a - a(\overline{M})(1) \in \overline{K} \cap A = \{0\}$ and
 - $\kappa(\overline{M})(1) = \kappa - (\kappa - \kappa(\overline{M})(1)) \in \overline{K} \cap A = \{0\}$
which implies that, for each $a \in A$, $N(a) = a$ and $N(\overline{K}) = \{0\}$.
- (3) Just a few slight adaptations allow to use the same argument⁷⁷ used for (1) to prove, again by induction, that $f - f(\overline{M})(1) \in \mathbf{H}$ for each $f \in \mathcal{P}$.

⁷⁷ \mathcal{P} is connected to 1; the claim holds for $f = 1$; $g_i - g_i(\overline{M})(1) \in \mathbf{H}$ by induction; $X_{l_i} g_i(\overline{M})(1) - \overline{M}_{l_i} g_i(\overline{M})(1) \in \mathfrak{l}$ by Lemma 41.12.5.

(4) Since $N(\overline{K}) = \{0\}$, $\mathbf{H} \subset \ker(N)$. Conversely, for each $f \in \ker(N)$,

$$f = f - N(f) = f - f(\overline{M})(1) \in \mathbf{H};$$

thus $\ker(N) \subset \mathbf{H}$. □

Theorem 41.14.5 (Mourrain). *Assume V is connected to 1. The δ -square matrices \overline{M}_i^T (respectively \overline{M}_i) are the matrices $M([X_i], \mathbf{a})$ (respectively $M([Y_i], \mathbf{b})$) of multiplication by the variables X_i (resp. Y_i) in the basis $\mathbf{a} := \{a_1, \dots, a_\delta\}$ (resp. $\mathbf{b} := \{b_1, \dots, b_\delta\}$) of \mathbf{A} .*

Proof. If $1 \in \overline{K} \subset \mathbf{l}$, then $\mathbf{A} = \{0\}$ and, by the saturation step, $\overline{K} = V$ and the claim is trivial.

Since V is connected to 1, if $1 \notin \overline{K}$ we may assume 1 to be an element of the basis \mathbf{A} . Then by the proposition above $\ker(N) = \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{l}$ and $\text{Im}(N) = \mathbf{A}$ so that $\mathbf{A} \cong \mathcal{P}/\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{A}$. □

41.15 Mourrain: A Gröbner-free Solver

Remark 41.15.1. If V is connected to 1, Cardinal–Mourrain Algorithm thus returns a Gröbner representation $\mathbf{a}, \overline{M}_p, 1 \leq p \leq n$, of \mathbf{l} .

These data are the ones required by Auzinger–Stetter Algorithm (Compare Section 40.8). □

Remark 41.15.2 (Mourrain). Let us now set $d_i := \deg(f_i)$, $D := \max_i \{d_i\}$ and $d := 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - 1)$.

Denote ν a bound of the size of the matrices D_i , which is at most the number of terms of degree bounded by d , that is, by Stirling’s formula, $\mathcal{O}(e^n D^n)$.

If V is connected to 1, a Gröbner representation $\mathbf{a}, \overline{M}_p, 1 \leq p \leq n$, of \mathbf{l} where the basis elements $a_i \in \mathbf{a}$ satisfy $\deg(a_i) \leq d$, can be computed in $\mathcal{O}(n\nu^4)$ arithmetical operations.

In fact Cardinal–Mourrain Algorithm requires to perform at most ν loops each performing linear transformations over n matrices of size ν . □

Cardinal–Mourrain Algorithm can also efficiently substitute Buchberger’s Algorithm to provide a good complexity procedure to solve the membership test.

Proposition 41.15.3 (Mourrain). *For each $f \in \mathcal{P}$ it is possible to test whether $f \in \mathbf{l}$ in $\mathcal{O}(n\nu^4 L)$ where L denotes the cost of evaluating $g(\overline{M})$ for $g \in \mathcal{F} \cup \{f\}$.*

Moreover, denoting

$$\bar{d} := \deg(f) + \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - 1), \bar{D} := \max\{\deg(f_i), \deg(f)\} \text{ and } \bar{\nu} = \mathcal{O}(e^n \bar{D}^n)$$

with complexity $\mathcal{O}(n\bar{\nu}^4)$ it is possible to decide whether $f \in \mathfrak{l}$ and, if this is the case, to produce a representation

$$f \cdot u = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i g_i : u, g_i \in \mathcal{P}, u \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{l}}, \deg(u) \leq d, \deg(g_i) \leq \bar{d}.$$

Proof. Adapt Cardinal–Mourrain’s Algorithm (Figure 41.3) by substituting the *saturation step* with the inclusion in K_i and H_i of the n polynomials corresponding to the non-zero columns (respectively: rows) of the matrices $f_i(\bar{M}), 1 \leq i \leq n$; the effect, even if V is not connected to 1, is that $f_i(\bar{M}) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Thus if we define σ the map

$$\sigma : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow k^{\delta \times \delta}, f \mapsto \sigma(f) = f(\bar{M}),$$

we have $\mathfrak{l} \subset \ker(\sigma)$ since, by construction $f_i(\bar{M}) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n$.

On the other hand, denoting $u \in V \subset \mathcal{P}$ the element such that⁷⁸ $u = D_0| \ell \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{l}}$ we have, for $f \in \ker(\sigma) \subset \mathcal{P}$

$$f(X_1, \dots, X_n) = f(X_1, \dots, X_n) - f(\bar{M})(u) \in \mathfrak{l}.$$

Thus we have $\mathfrak{l} = \ker(\sigma)$ and $f \in \mathfrak{l} \iff f(\bar{M}) = 0$.

The modified algorithm requires to perform at most ν loops each performing linear transformations over n matrices of size ν and evaluations of matrices $f_i(\bar{M})$ thus its complexity is $\mathcal{O}(n\nu^4 L)$.

Let us now modify Cardinal–Mourrain’s Algorithm (Figure 41.3) in a different way: namely we consider also the matrix $D(f)$ and apply the modifications performed by the algorithm not only on the D_i but also on $D(f)$. The effect is that we obtain, not only a basis \mathbf{a} of \mathbf{A} and with respect to it the matrices $M([X_i], \mathbf{a})$ representing the multiplication by the variables, but also the matrix $M_f := M([f], \mathbf{a})$ representing the multiplication by f . Such algorithm has complexity $\mathcal{O}(n\bar{\nu}^4)$ where $\bar{\nu} = \mathcal{O}(e^n \bar{D}^n)$ and $\bar{D} := \max\{\deg(f_i), \deg(f)\}$.

We thus have $f \in \mathfrak{l} \iff M_f = 0$ and if we expand $D(f)$ along the first row we have

$$D(f) = f(X_1, \dots, X_n)D_0 - \sum_{i=1}^n f_i E_i$$

for suitable $E_i \in \mathcal{P}_\otimes$

Lemma 41.12.4 implies $D(f)|\Lambda = 0$ for each $f \in \mathfrak{l}$ and $\Lambda \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{l})$ so that we have

$$f \cdot u = f(X_1, \dots, X_n)D_0| \ell = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i E_i| \ell$$

where $g_i := E_i| \ell \in \mathcal{P}$ and $u \in \mathcal{P}$ satisfies $u = D_0| \ell \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{l}}$ and is thus invertible in \mathfrak{l} .

The degree bound is obvious by construction. □

⁷⁸ The existence of such u , if V is connected to 1 is granted by Proposition 41.14.3 but even without this assumption is a consequence of the fact that $D_0|$ is an isomorphism being \mathcal{F} a complete intersection.

42. Lazard II

The introduction of Gröbner basis in the computer algebra community activated a new interest toward some older bases like Macaulay's (Sections 23.5 and 23.6) and his algorithms (see Chapter 30), Hironaka's standard bases (Sections 24.5-8) and Ritt's *characteristic sets*.

Ritt's results (dated 1932), strongly influenced by Noether's results on the Decomposition Theorem, were aimed to give an algebraic standpoint to differential equations, but, as it was already usual for the Riquier's followers (Delassus, Janet, Gunther) he translated his results also in the algebraic variety setting where he gave an effective decomposition algorithm which, through the further application of univariate factorization, returned an irredundant *prime* decomposition of a radical ideal.

While the computer algebra community became aware of Buchberger's result, in China Wu Wen-tsün was applying a weaker (but sufficient for his aims) version of Ritt's algorithm as a tool toward a "mechanization" of theorem-proving in elementary geometry; Wu's version of Ritt's result omit the hard and useless (for his aims) factorization step, thus returning a decomposition of a radical ideal into unmixed ideals.

In the Early Nineties, within the **PoSSo** frame, Lazard, which is the stronger expander and developer of the Kronecker–Duval Philosophy, reformulated Ritt's solver avoiding the required factorization by means of Duval's splitting via his Theorem 11.3.2 thus producing a decomposition into radical unmixed ideals, each defined via a *triangular set*, *id est* what we called (in Definition 11.4.1) a Duval admissible sequence.

Later, Möller proposed an algorithm which applies only to zero-dimensional ideals, decomposing them into ideals presented through a triangular set; the theory is based on ideas related to Gianni-Kalkbrener's Theorem and the algorithm is an adaptation of Traverso's Algorithm 29.3.8.

Once a zero-dimensional ideal is represented through a triangular set, Kronecker–Duval Philosophy requires to transform this data into a form suitable for the computation **with** arithmetical expressions of its roots; suitable representations of such roots are available in older literature, for instance Gröbner's *algemaine* representation and Kronecker's parametrization; as it was proved by Alonso *et al.* Kronecker's idea is more suitable than Gröbner's since it gives a representation with lesser bit-size complexity.

An efficient algorithm to deduce, from a triangular set, a Kronecker's parametrization or *Rational Universal Representation* (RUR) via suitable computation of matrix traces due to Rouillier crowns Kronecker–Duval Philosophy.

After having presented Ritt's decomposition theory (Section 42.1 and 42.2) and the corralted solvers prozed by Ritt and Wu (Section 42.3), I discuss Lazard's reformulation and expansion of triangular sets (Section 42.4 and 42.5), the related solver (Section 42.6) and the relation between Lazard's triangular sets and Gröbner bases (Section 42.7).

Next I discuss Möller's Algorithm (Section 42.8) and Rouillier's Rational Universal Representation (Section 42.9), postponing the discussion of the effective algorithms computing **with** arihmetical expressions of roots given via *algemaine* and RUR representation to Chapter 45.

42.1 Ritt: Characteristic sets for differential polynomial ideals

Let k be a *differential*¹ field of characteristic zero.

Once an indeterminate, such as Y is introduced, it is implicitly considered as the first element of an infinite sequence of symbols $Y, Y', Y'', \dots, Y^{(p)}, \dots$; Y is then a *differential indeterminate* whose p th derivative is $Y^{(p)}$ ².

Once we consider n differential indeterminates Y_1, \dots, Y_n we will denote Y_{ij} the j th derivative of Y_i . We will denote

$$k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} := k[Y_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq n, j \in \mathbb{N}]$$

the polynomial ring in the infinite set of variables $\{Y_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq n, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$, whose elements we call *differential polynomials*. For each $A \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ its derivative is the differential polynomial obtained applying the rules

$$(1) \quad (a + b)' = a' + b',$$

¹ *Id est* a field which is endowed of an operation (differentiation) $\cdot' : k \rightarrow k$ which satisfies, for each $a, b \in k$,

$$(1) \quad (a + b)' = a' + b',$$

$$(2) \quad (ab)' = a'b + ab'.$$

The elements $a \in k$ for which $a' = 0$ are called *constants*. Note that, setting

- $b := 0$ in (1) we have $0' = 0$, and
- $b := 1, a \neq 0$ in (2) we have $1' = 0$.

It is then easy to deduce that from the equalities

- $(m + 1)' = m' + 1' = m'$,
- $0 = 0' = (m + (-m))' = m' + (-m)' \implies (-m)' = -(m')$,
- $0 = (m \cdot m^{-1})' = m(m^{-1})' + m^{-1}m' \implies (m^{-1})' = -\frac{m'}{m^2}$,

satisfied by each $m \neq 0$, that each $a \in \mathbb{Q} \subset k$ is a constant.

² And the p^{th} derivative of $Y^{(q)}$ is $Y^{(q+p)}$ for each integers p and q .

- (2) $(ab)' = a'b + ab'$,
 (3) $(Y_i^{(q)})' := Y_i^{(q+1)}$ for each i and q .

Example 42.1.1. If k is the constant field $\mathbb{Q}(X)$ and $A := XY_1^2 + X^2Y_{21} \in k\{Y_1, Y_2\}$ then $A' := Y_1^2 + 2XY_1Y_{11} + 2XY_{21} + X^2Y_{22}$, and

$$A'' := 4Y_1Y_{11} + 2XY_{11}^2 + 2XY_1Y_{12} + 2Y_{21} + 4XY_{22} + X^2Y_{23}.$$

□

Definition 42.1.2. A subset $\mathfrak{l} \subset k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ is called a differential ideal if it is an ideal and satisfies

$$f \in \mathfrak{l} \implies f' \in \mathfrak{l}.$$

Remark 42.1.3. Note that given any set $\Lambda \subset k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ the (polynomial) ideal generated by Λ does not necessarily coincide with the differential ideal which can be only defined as, equivalently,

- (1) the set $\mathfrak{l} \subset k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ such that
- $\Lambda \subset \mathfrak{l}$
 - $G_1, G_2 \in \mathfrak{l} \implies G_1 + G_2 \in \mathfrak{l}$
 - $G \in \mathfrak{l}, A \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} \implies AG \in \mathfrak{l}$
 - $G \in \mathfrak{l} \implies G' \in \mathfrak{l}$;
- (2) the smallest differential ideal containing Λ ;
 (3) the intersection of all differential ideals containing Λ .

□

Historical Remark 42.1.4. In connection with Historical Remark 30.2.6 it is worthwhile to compare Ritt's notation which, for a set $\Lambda \subset k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$, denotes

- (Λ) the polynomial ideal generated by it;
 $[A]$ the differential ideal generated by it³;
 $\{\Lambda\}$ the radical of $[A]$ which is in fact a differential ideal⁴.

³ which in fact (compare (3) in the remark above) is an *intersection* of differential ideals.

⁴ The argument consists in proving that, for each $\pi \in \mathbb{N}, \pi \neq 0$, and each differential polynomial $A \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ the following holds:

- (1) $A^{\pi-1}A' \in [A^\pi]$;
 (2) $A^{\pi-\delta}A'^{2\delta-1} \in [A^\pi] \implies A^{\pi-\delta-1}A'^{2\delta+1} \in [A^\pi]$, for each $\delta \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq \delta < \pi$,
 (3) $A'^{2\pi-1} \in [A^\pi]$,
 (4) $A \in \{\Lambda\} \implies A' \in \{\Lambda\}$.

In fact:

- (1) $A^{\pi-1}A' = \pi^{-1}(A^\pi)' \in [A^\pi]$;
 (2) $B := (\pi - \delta)A^{\pi-\delta-1}A'^{2\delta} + (2\delta - 1)A^{\pi-\delta}A'^{2\delta-2}A'' = (A^{\pi-\delta}A'^{2\delta-1})' \in [A^\pi]$ so that,

$$(\pi - \delta)A^{\pi-\delta-1}A'^{2\delta+1} = A'B - (2\delta - 1)A^{\pi-\delta}A'^{2\delta-1}A'' \in [A^\pi].$$

Personally, I think that this notation is not a remainder of Steinitz' but an elementary direct use of the obvious sequence $(\cdot), [\cdot], \{\cdot\}$. \square

Definition 42.1.5 (Ritt). For a polynomial $A \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$

- the class of A , $\text{class}(A)$, is the value $p \leq n$ such that

$$A \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_p\} \setminus k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_{p-1}\};$$

- the order of A w.r.t. Y_i is the value j such that⁵

$$A \in \mathcal{F}[Y_i, Y_{i1}, \dots, Y_{ij}] \setminus \mathcal{F}[Y_i, Y_{i1}, \dots, Y_{i,j-1}]$$

where we set $\mathcal{F} := k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1}, Y_{i+1}, \dots, Y_n\}$.

If $A \in k$, A is said to be of class 0.

If $A \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1}, Y_{i+1}, \dots, Y_n\}$, its order w.r.t. Y_i is 0.

For $A_1, A_2 \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$, A_1 is said to be of higher rank than A_2 in Y_i if either A_1 is of higher order than A_2 w.r.t. Y_i or A_1 and A_2 have the same order δ but the degree of A_1 in the variable $Y_{i\delta}$ is higher than that of A_2 .

If $\text{class}(A_1) = p > 0$, A_2 will be said reduced w.r.t. A_1 if it is of lower rank in Y_p than A_1 . \square

Definition 42.1.6 (Ritt). Let $A_1, A_2 \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ and denote, for $i \in \{1, 2\}$

$p_i := \text{class}(A_i)$ the class of A_i ,

δ_i the order of A_i w.r.t. Y_{p_i} ,

d_i the degree of A_i in the variable $Y_{p_i\delta_i}$.

A_1 is said to be of higher rank than of A_2 (denoted as: $A_1 \succ A_2$) if

$$\begin{cases} p_1 > p_2 & \text{or} \\ p_1 = p_2, \delta_1 > \delta_2 & \text{or} \\ p_1 = p_2, \delta_1 = \delta_2 & \text{and } d_1 > d_2. \end{cases}$$

A_1 and A_2 are said to be of the same rank (denoted as: $A_1 \sim A_2$) if $p_1 = p_2, \delta_1 = \delta_2$ and $d_1 = d_2$. \square

(3) Since $A^{\pi-\delta} A'^{2\delta-1} \in [A^\pi]$ for $\delta = 1$ by (1) iteratively (2) implies

$$A^{\pi-\delta-1} A'^{2\delta+1} \in [A^\pi]$$

for $\delta = \pi - 1$ id est $A'^{2\pi-1} \in [A^\pi]$.

(4) Let π be such that $A^\pi \in [A]$; then by the previous result $A'^{2\pi-1} \in [A^\pi] \subset [A]$ whence $A' \in \{A\}$.

⁵ We must consider also the case $j = 0$, where, with a slight abuse of notation, we set $Y_{i0} := Y_i$.

Both \preceq and \sim are equivalences.

Remark also that the only termordering which is compatible with \prec is the lexicographical order $<$ induced by

$$Y_1 < Y_{12} < \cdots < Y_{1j} < \cdots < Y_2 < Y_{22} < \cdots < Y_n < Y_{n2} < \cdots$$

Lemma 42.1.7. *Each set of differential polynomials \mathcal{A} contains a member $A \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $A \preceq B$ for each $B \in \mathcal{A}$.*

Proof. If $\mathcal{A} \cap k \neq \emptyset$ any element there answers the requirement. Otherwise denote

- p the minimal value such that $\mathcal{A} \cap k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_p\} \neq \emptyset$,
- δ the minimal value such that $\mathcal{B} := \mathcal{A} \cap k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_{p-1}\}[Y_p, Y_{p1}, \dots, Y_{p\delta}] \neq \emptyset$

and choose in \mathcal{B} the element of minimal degree in $Y_{p\delta}$. □

Definition 42.1.8 (Ritt). *A finite set $\{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ of differential polynomials is called a chain if either*

- $r = 1$ and $A_1 \neq 0$ or
- $r > 1$, $\text{class}(A_1) = p > 0$, and, for each $j > i$, $\text{class}(A_j) > \text{class}(A_i)$ and A_j is reduced w.r.t. A_i ⁶.

The chain $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ is said to be of highest rank than the chain $\mathcal{B} := \{B_1, \dots, B_s\}$ (denoted $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{B}$) if either

- (1) *there is j , $j \leq \min\{r, s\}$ such that $A_i \sim B_i$ for $i < j$ and $A_j \succ B_j$, or*
- (2) *$s > r$, and $A_i \sim B_i$ for $i \leq r$*

The chains $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ and $\mathcal{B} := \{B_1, \dots, B_s\}$ are said to be of the same rank (denoted $\mathcal{A} \sim \mathcal{B}$) iff $s = r$, and $A_i \sim B_i$ for each i .

If $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ is a chain for which $\text{class}(A_1) = p > 0$, a differential polynomial F will be said reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} if it is reduced w.r.t. each $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$. □

Lemma 42.1.9. *Let*

$$\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}, \mathcal{B} := \{B_1, \dots, B_s\}, \mathcal{C} := \{C_1, \dots, C_t\}$$

be three chains. Then

$$\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B} \succ \mathcal{C} \implies \mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{C}.$$

Proof. There are four cases:

- Both $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{B}$ and $\mathcal{B} \succ \mathcal{C}$ for the reason (1): denote j the smallest value such that $B_j \succ C_j$. Either
 - $A_i \sim B_i \sim C_i$ for $i < j$ and $A_j \succeq B_j \succ C_j$; or

⁶ Of course $r \leq n$.

– there is $h \leq j$ such that $A_i \sim B_i \sim C_i$ for $i < h$ and $A_h \succ B_h \succeq C_h$.

In both cases $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{C}$ by (1).

- $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{B}$ by (2), while $\mathcal{B} \succ \mathcal{C}$ by (1), and let j the smallest value such that $B_j \succ C_j$:
 - If $r < j \leq t$, then $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{C}$ by (2);
 - If $r \geq j$, then $A_i \sim B_i \sim C_i$ for $i < j$ and $A_j \sim B_j \succ C_j$, so that $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{C}$ by (1);
- $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{B}$ by (1), while $\mathcal{B} \succ \mathcal{C}$ by (2) and let j the smallest value such that $A_j \succ B_j$; then $A_i \sim B_i \sim C_i$ for $i < j$ and $A_j \succ B_j \sim C_j$; therefore $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{C}$ by (1);
- both $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{B}$ and $\mathcal{B} \succ \mathcal{C}$ by (2) so that $r < s < t$, $A_i \sim B_i \sim C_i$ for $i \leq r$ and $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{C}$ by (2). \square

Lemma 42.1.10. *Each set of chains \mathfrak{A} contains a member $\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $\mathcal{A} \preceq \mathcal{B}$ for each $\mathcal{B} \in \mathfrak{A}$.*

Proof. We form a subset $\mathfrak{A}_1 \subset \mathfrak{A}$ putting in \mathfrak{A}_1 the chains $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ which satisfy $A_1 \preceq B_1$ for each $\mathcal{B} := \{B_1, \dots, B_s\} \in \mathfrak{A}$.

If each chain $\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{A}_1$ satisfies $\#\mathcal{A} = 1$ any chain in \mathfrak{A}_1 satisfies our requirement.

Otherwise, we form a subset $\mathfrak{A}_2 \subset \mathfrak{A}_1$ collecting the chains $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ which satisfy $A_2 \preceq B_2$ for each $\mathcal{B} := \{B_1, \dots, B_s\} \in \mathfrak{A}_1$. If each chain $\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{A}_2$ satisfies $\#\mathcal{A} = 2$ any chain in \mathfrak{A}_2 serves our purpose.

Otherwise we repeat the same construction; since each chain has at most n elements, in the worst case \mathfrak{A}_n returns the required chains. \square

Definition 42.1.11. *For any (finite or infinite) set $\mathsf{G} \subset k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$, any chain $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathsf{G}$ such that $\mathcal{A} \preceq \mathcal{B}$ for each chain $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathsf{G}$, whose existence is proved in the Lemma above, is called a characteristic set of G .*

Note that $(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq (\mathsf{G})$ but equality does not necessarily hold.

Lemma 42.1.12. *Let $\mathsf{G} \subset k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ and $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset \mathsf{G}$ be a chain, where $\text{class}(A_1) > 0$. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) \mathcal{A} is a characteristic set of G ,
- (2) G contains no $G \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} \setminus \{0\}$ which is reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} .

Proof. Assume that \mathcal{A} is not a characteristic set and let $\mathcal{B} := \{B_1, \dots, B_s\}$ be a characteristic set, so that $\mathcal{B} \prec \mathcal{A}$. If $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{B}$ by (1), there is some $B_i, i \leq r$, such that $B_i \prec A_i$ so that is reduced by \mathcal{A} ; if, instead, $\mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{B}$ by (2), B_{r+1} is reduced by \mathcal{A} .

Suppose now that G contains a differential polynomial $G \neq 0$ which is reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} . If $\text{class}(G) > \text{class}(A_r)$, then the chain $\mathcal{B} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r, G\}$ is lower than \mathcal{A} ; otherwise, denoting j be the highest value for which the $\text{class}(A_j) \leq \text{class}(G)$, the chain $\mathcal{B} := \{A_1, \dots, A_j, G, A_{j+1}, \dots, A_r\}$ is lower than \mathcal{A} . \square

Lemma 42.1.13. *Let $G \subset k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ and $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset G$ be a characteristic set of G , where $\text{class}(A_1) > 0$. Let $G \notin G$ be a nonzero differential polynomial which is reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} , $G' := G \cup \{G\}$ and \mathcal{B} be a characteristic set of G' . Then $\mathcal{B} \prec \mathcal{A}$. \square*

Algorithm 42.1.14. Let $G \subset k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} \setminus \{0\}$ be a finite set. The following algorithm allows to extract a characteristic set $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset G$.

Let us begin by picking an element $A_1 \in G$ which is of least rank. If $\text{class}(A_1) = 0$, $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1\}$ is the required characteristic set. If $\text{class}(A_1) > 0$ and no element in G is reduced w.r.t. $\{A_1\}$, again $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1\}$ is the required characteristic set.

Otherwise, each element in G which is reduced w.r.t. $\{A_1\}$ is such that $\text{class}(G) > \text{class}(A_1)$; choose as A_2 any such element of less rank.

Again, either G contains no other element which is reduced w.r.t. $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, A_2\}$ which is the required characteristic set; or one can choose as A_3 any element which is reduced w.r.t. $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, A_2\}$ and of minimal rank among all possible choices.

Inductively repeating the same constructions, a characteristic set $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ is obtained in a finite number of steps. \square

Definition 42.1.15. *For a differential polynomial $G \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ of class $p > 0$ and of order m in Y_p the separant of G is the differential polynomial $\frac{\partial G}{\partial Y_{pm}}$ and its initial the coefficient of the highest power of Y_{pm} in G .*

More precisely, expressing G as a univariate polynomial

$$G := \sum_{i=0}^d c_i Y_{pm}^i \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_{p-1}\}[Y_p, Y_{p1}, \dots, Y_{pm-1}][Y_{pm}],$$

with $c_d \neq 0$, its separant is $\frac{\partial G}{\partial Y_{pm}} = \sum_{i=1}^d i c_i Y_{pm}^{i-1}$ and its initial is c_d . \square

Let $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ be a chain and let us denote, for each i , S_i and I_i the separant and initial of A_i .

If a differential polynomial G is not reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} , let us denote

- j the greatest value such that G is not reduced w.r.t. A_j ,
- p the class of A_j ,
- m the order of A_j in Y_p ;
- $h \geq m$ the order of G in Y_p ;

we can therefore associate to each differential polynomial G , which is not reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} , a couple $\Phi(G) := (j, h)$, $1 \leq j \leq r$, $h \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume that the set of such couples is well-ordered by the ordering $<$ defined by

$$(j, h) > (j', h') \iff \text{either } j > j' \text{ or } j = j' \text{ and } h > h'.$$

Let us consider the possible cases:

- (1) If $h > m$, denote $l := h - m$ and remark that $A_j^{(l)}$ is of order h in Y_p , linear in Y_{ph} and with S_j as initial. The division algorithm performed in

$$k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_{p-1}\}[Y_p, Y_{p1}, \dots, Y_{pm-1}][Y_{pm}]$$

(Compare vol. 1, page 12) allows to compute a value $v \in \mathbb{N}$ and differential polynomials C, D satisfying

$$S_j^v G = CA_j^{(l)} + D;$$

remark that D is

- (a) uniquely determined, if v is chosen as small as possible,
- (b) of order less than h in Y_p ,
- (c) of rank not higher than G in Y_a , $p < a \leq n^7$,
- (d) and so reduced w.r.t. $A_i, i > j$.

Thus $\Phi(D) := (j', h') < (j, h) = \Phi(G)$ since, either $h' < h$ or $h' = m$, and D is reduced by A_i for each $i > j$ so that $j' \leq j$

- (2) If $h = m$, then both G and A_j can be considered as univariate polynomials in

$$k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_{p-1}, Y_{p+1}, \dots, Y_n\}[Y_p, Y_{p1}, \dots, Y_{pm-1}][Y_{pm}],$$

where the division algorithm allows to compute a value $v \in \mathbb{N}$ and differential polynomials C, D satisfying

$$I_j^v G = CA_j + D;$$

remark that D is

- uniquely determined, if v is chosen as small as possible,
- reduced w.r.t. both A_j
- and each $A_i, i > j$.

Thus $\Phi(D) := (j', h') < (j, h) = \Phi(G)$ since $j' < j$.

Since $<$ is noetherin, in a finite number of applications of this algorithm we can compute a sequence of differential polynomials $G := D_0, D_1, \dots, D_t$ where D_t is reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} and which satisfy relations

$$P_i^{v_i} D_i = C_i B_i + D_{i+1},$$

with

$$v_i \in \mathbb{N},$$

⁷ In fact, since S_j is free of Y_a , we need only to treat the case in which G depends on Y_a and its derivatives; denoting g the order of G in Y_a , clearly the order of D in Y_a does not exceed g and, in case its value is exactly g , the assumption that his degree δ in Y_{ag} is higher of the one of G implies that some term of C is divisible by Y_{ag}^δ so that some term of $CA_j^{(l)}$ is divisible by $Y_{ph}Y_{pg}^\delta$; this is a contradiction since no such term occurs neither in $S_j^v G$ — G has no term divisible by Y_{pg}^δ — nor in D which has no term divisible by Y_{ph} .

$$\begin{aligned} P_i &\in \{S_j, I_j, 1 \leq j \leq r\}, \\ C_i &\in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}, \\ B_i &\in \{A_j^{(h)}, 1 \leq j \leq r, h \in \mathbb{N}\}. \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence

Theorem 42.1.16 (Ritt). *Let $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ be a chain and let us denote, for each i , S_i and I_i the separant and initial of A_i . For each differential polynomial G it is possible to compute*

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{values } v_i \in \mathbb{N}, \\ &\text{and } w_i \in \mathbb{N}, \\ &\text{polynomials } C_{jh} \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}, \\ &\text{a polynomial } R \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}, \end{aligned}$$

such that

- (1) R is reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} ,
- (2) and is uniquely determined by the values v_i and w_i
- (3) the set $\{(j, h) : C_{jh} \neq 0\}$ is finite,
- (4) $S_1^{v_1} \dots S_r^{v_r} I_1^{w_1} \dots I_r^{w_r} G = R + \sum_{j,h} C_{jh} A_j^{(h)}$.

Moreover, the values v_j and w_j can be assumed to be the minimal values satisfying a relation of this kind. \square

Definition 42.1.17 (Ritt). *The unique polynomial R determined by the minimal values v_i and w_i satisfying Theorem 42.1.16.(4) is called the remainder of G w.r.t. \mathcal{A} .*

Theorem 42.1.18 (Ritt). *Let*

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathfrak{l} \subset k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} \text{ be a differential ideal,} \\ &\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \text{ be a characteristic set of } \mathfrak{l}, \\ &S_i \text{ and } I_i, 1 \leq i \leq r, \text{ the separant and initial of } A_i, \\ &X := \prod_{i=1}^r S_i I_i. \end{aligned}$$

For each $G \in k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$, denoting R the remainder of G w.r.t. \mathcal{A} , we have

$$G \in \mathfrak{l} \implies R = 0 \implies G \in \mathfrak{l} : X^\infty.$$

If, moreover \mathfrak{l} is prime, then $G \in \mathfrak{l} \iff R = 0$ and $(\mathcal{A}) = \mathfrak{l}$.

Proof. If $G \in \mathfrak{l}$ then $R \in \mathfrak{l}$; therefore, being reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} , it is necessarily 0 by Lemma 42.1.12.

Conversely if $R = 0$ then, with the notation of Theorem 42.1.16 we have

$$S_1^{v_1} \dots S_r^{v_r} I_1^{w_1} \dots I_r^{w_r} G = R + \sum_{j,h} C_{jh} A_j^{(h)} \in \mathfrak{l}$$

and $G \in \mathfrak{l} : X^\infty$.

Remark now that the S_i s and I_i s being reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} are not members of \mathfrak{l} (Lemma 42.1.12). Therefore, if \mathfrak{l} is prime and $R = 0$,

$$S_1^{v_1} \cdots S_r^{v_r} I_1^{w_1} \cdots I_r^{w_r} G = R + \sum_{j,h} C_{jh} A_j^{(h)} \in \mathfrak{l} \implies G \in \mathfrak{l}.$$

□

Remark 42.1.19. For any prime differential ideal $\mathfrak{l} \subset k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$, one can pick a maximal set of variables $\{V_1, \dots, V_d\} \subset \{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ such that

- $\mathfrak{l} \cap k\{V_1, \dots, V_d\} = 0$,
- for each $Z \in \{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} \setminus \{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$ there is a nonzero differential polynomial $G_Z \in \mathfrak{l} \cap k\{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z\}$.

Up to a relabeling the variables, we have an identification

$$k\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} \cong k\{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$$

so that

- $\mathfrak{l} \cap k\{V_1, \dots, V_d\} = 0$,
- for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq r$, there is a nonzero differential polynomial in $\mathfrak{l} \cap k\{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_i\}$.

If for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq r$, we pick any element $A_i \in \mathfrak{l} \cap k\{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_i\}$ then the set $\{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ is naturally a chain, since each A_i is reduced w.r.t. $\{A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}\}$.

Analogously, if we pick any element $A_1 \in \mathfrak{l} \cap k\{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1\}$ and, recursively, for $i, 1 < i \leq r$, any element $A_i \in \mathfrak{l} \cap k\{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_i\}$ which is reduced w.r.t. $\{A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}\}$ and of least rank among all possible choices⁸, then $\{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ is a characteristic set of \mathfrak{l} .

We will call $\{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$ — following Weispfening (cf. Definition 27.11.1) — a *maximal set of independent indeterminates* or — following Ritt — a *parametric set of indeterminates* or — following Lazard — the *set of the transcendental variables* for \mathfrak{l} . □

⁸ This means that we must pick a reduced polynomial

$$A_i \in k\{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_{i-1}\}[Z_i, Z_{i1}, \dots, Z_{iq-1}][Z_{iq}]$$

of minimal degree in Z_{iq} among all possible choices, where q , the order of A_i in Z_i , is the minimal value for which

$$\mathfrak{l} \cap k\{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_{i-1}\}[Z_i, Z_{i1}, \dots, Z_{iq-1}][Z_{iq}] \neq \emptyset.$$

42.2 Ritt: Characteristic sets for polynomial ideals

Let us now restrict ourselves to an (algebraic) field k of characteristic zero, without requiring the existence of a differential structure and the polynomial ring $\mathcal{P} := k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ and reinterpret the theory developed in the previous Section, assuming that k is a differential field in which all derivatives are zero and \mathcal{P} as a subring of $k\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$:

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

Then for any set $A \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ we restrict ourselves to consider the polynomial ideal

$$\mathbb{I}(A) := [A] \cap k[X_1, \dots, X_n] = (A) \cap k[X_1, \dots, X_n].$$

In this context the same notation and results introduced in the previous Section are still available. In particular:

- for a polynomial $A \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ the *class* of A , $\text{class}(A)$, is the value $p \leq n$ such that

$$A \in k[X_1, \dots, X_p] \setminus k[X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}],$$

the polynomials of class 0 being the elements in k ;

- for any two polynomials $A_1, A_2 \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, A_1 is said to be of *higher rank than* A_2 in X_i if the degree of A_1 in the variable X_i is higher than that of A_2 ;
- if $\text{class}(A_1) = p > 0$, A_2 will be said *reduced w.r.t.* A_1 if it is of lower degree in X_p than A_1 ;
- for any two polynomials $A_1, A_2 \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, denoting, for $i \in \{1, 2\}$, p_i the class of A_i and d_i the degree of A_i in the variable X_{p_i} ,

$$A_1 \succ A_2 \iff \begin{cases} p_1 > p_2 & \text{or} \\ p_1 = p_2 & \text{and } d_1 > d_2 \end{cases}$$

and

$$A_1 \sim A_2 \iff p_1 = p_2, d_1 = d_2;$$

- a finite set

$$\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

is called a *chain* (or *ascending set*, or *reduced triangular set*) if either $r = 1$ and $A_1 \neq 0$ or

- $\text{class}(A_1) = p > 0$,
- for each $j > i$, $\text{class}(A_j) > \text{class}(A_i)$, and
- A_j is reduced w.r.t. A_i ;

- given any (finite or infinite) set $G \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, in the chain

$$\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset G$$

produced by Algorithm 42.1.14, each element A_i is not only reduced w.r.t. $\{A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}\}$ and of minimal rank among all possible choices, but necessarily his class is higher of the one of A_{i-1} ;

- for two chains in $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, we have

$$\{A_1, \dots, A_r\} := \mathcal{A} \succ \mathcal{B} := \{B_1, \dots, B_s\}$$

if either

- (1) there is $j, j \leq \min\{r, s\}$ such that $A_i \sim B_i$ for $i < j$ and $A_j \succ B_j$, or
- (2) $s > r$, and $A_i \sim B_i$ for $i \leq r$

and

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \mathcal{B} \iff s = r, \text{ and } A_i \sim B_i \text{ for each } i;$$

- if $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ is a chain for which $\text{class}(A_1) = p > 0$, a polynomial $F \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ is *reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A}* if it is reduced w.r.t. each $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$;
- for any set $G \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, any chain $\mathcal{A} \subset G$ such that $\mathcal{A} \preceq \mathcal{B}$ for each chain $\mathcal{B} \subset G$ is called a *characteristic set* (or: *basic set*) of G ;
- for a polynomial

$$G := \sum_{i=0}^d c_i X_p^i \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}][X_p], c_i \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}], c_d \neq 0$$

of class $p > 0$ its *initial* is its leading polynomial $c_d = \text{Lp}(G)$.

- For a chain $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ and a polynomial G not reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} , denoting, for each i, I_i the initial of A_i , let j the greatest value such that G is not reduced w.r.t. A_j , and p the class of A_j , then the division algorithm in

$$k[X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}, X_{p+1}, \dots, X_n][X_p],$$

allows to compute a value $v \in \mathbb{N}$ and polynomials C, D satisfying

$$I_j^v G = CA_j + R,$$

where R is

- uniquely determined, if v is chosen as small as possible,
- reduced w.r.t. both A_j
- and each $A_i, i > j$.
- Then (compare Theorem 42.1.16) for each such G it is possible to compute values $w_i \in \mathbb{N}$, polynomials $C_j \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, a polynomial $R \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, such that
- (1) R is reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} ,

(2) and is uniquely determined by the values w_i

(3) $I_1^{w_1} \cdots I_r^{w_r} G = R + \sum_j C_j A_j$.

Moreover, the values v_i can be assumed to be the minimal values satisfying a relation of this kind.

- The remainder of G w.r.t. \mathcal{A} is the unique polynomial R determined by the minimal values v_i in the formula above.
- For any prime ideal $\mathfrak{l} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, we can relabel the variables so that

$$k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \cong k[V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

and $\{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$ is a maximal set of independent indeterminates for \mathfrak{l} , $d := \dim(\mathfrak{l})$.

Then each characteristic set of \mathfrak{l} consists (Remark 42.1.19) of r polynomials $A_i \in \mathfrak{l} \cap k[V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_i]$ which are reduced w.r.t. $\{A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}\}$ and of minimal degree in Z_i among all possible choices.

In this context it is worthwhile to record an old-fashioned proof of the following well-known result:

Proposition 42.2.1. *Let $\mathfrak{l} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ be a prime ideal, $\dim(\mathfrak{l}) := d$, $\{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$ be a maximal set of independent indeterminates for \mathfrak{l} and $K \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ a polynomial not contained in \mathfrak{l} .*

Then the ideal $\mathfrak{l}' := \mathfrak{l} + \mathbb{I}(K)$ is such that $\mathfrak{l}' \cap k[V_1, \dots, V_d] \neq \{0\}$.

Proof (Ritt). Using the same notation as above, this is Ritt’s argument⁹:

We start with the observation that the polynomials in \mathfrak{l} which involve no Z_i with $i > j$, where $1 \leq j < n - d$, constitute a prime polynomial ideal; we describe this prime ideal¹⁰ by \mathfrak{l}_j .

\mathfrak{l}' contains the remainder of K with respect to $\{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$. Of all nonzero polynomials in \mathfrak{l}' which are reduced with respect to $\{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$, let B be the one which is of lowest rank. We say that B is free of the Z .

Suppose that this is not so, and let B of class $d + p$ with $p > 0$. The initial C of B is not in \mathfrak{l} . There is a relation

$$C^m A_p = DB + E$$

where E , if not zero, is of lower degree than B in Z_p . We say that E is in \mathfrak{l} . Let this be false. If $p > 1$, the remainder of E with respect to A_1, \dots, A_{p-1} is a non zero polynomial contained in \mathfrak{l}' , which is reduced with respect to $\{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ and of lower rank than B . If $p = 1$, a similar statement can be made of E itself. Thus¹¹ E is in

⁹ Ritt J.F., *Differential Algebra*, A.M.S. Colloquium Publications **33** (1950) p.84.

I just adapted the notation.

¹⁰ which is $\mathfrak{l}_j := \mathfrak{l} \cap k[V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_j]$.

¹¹ Remark that, by assumption, B is a nonzero polynomial contained in \mathfrak{l}' , which is reduced with respect to $\{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ and of lower rank. So we have just reached a contradiction.

l, so that DB is in l. Then¹² D is in l. D is of positive degree¹³ in Z_p . As the initial of DB is that of $C^m A_p$, the initial I of D is not in l. If we had $p = 1$, D would be a nonzero polynomial in l which is reduced with respect to $\{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$; this is because D is of lowest degree in X_p than A_p . Thus $p > 1$. The remainder of D with respect to A_1, \dots, A_{p-1} is zero¹⁴. Thus JD , with J some product of powers of the initials of A_1, \dots, A_{p-1} , is linear¹⁵ in A_1, \dots, A_{p-1} . If we write JD as a polynomial in Z_p its coefficients will be in l_{p-1} . Thus JI is in l_{p-1} . This is false because neither J nor I is in l_{p-1} .

Thus B is free of the Z and our statement is proved. \square

Remark 42.2.2. Since any polynomial $P = P_0$ can be uniquely expressed as

$$P = P_0 = \text{Lp}(P_0)X_{j_0}^{\delta_0} + R_0$$

where $j_0 = \text{class}(P_0)$, $P_1 := \text{Lp}(P) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{j_0-1}]$ and $\text{deg}_{j_0}(R_0) < \delta_0 = \text{deg}_{j_0}(P_0)$, recursively, we can define

- values $j_i := \text{class}(P_i) < j_{i-1}$, and $\delta_i \in \mathbb{N}$,
- polynomials $R_i \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{j_i}]$ and
- $P_{i+1} := \text{Lp}_i(P) := \text{Lp}(\text{Lp}_{i-1}(P) = \text{Lp}(P_i) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{j_i-1}]$ such that

$$P_i = \text{Lp}_i(P)X_{j_i}^{\delta_i} + R_i, \quad \text{deg}_{j_i}(R_i) < \delta_i = \text{deg}_{j_i}(P_i)$$

until i reaches a value ι for which $P_{\iota+1} = \text{Lp}_\iota(P) \in k$.

Then, we have

$$P = \text{Lp}_\iota(P)X_{j_\iota}^{\delta_\iota}X_{j_{\iota-1}}^{\delta_{\iota-1}} \dots X_{j_1}^{\delta_1}X_{j_0}^{\delta_0} + R_\iota \prod_{i=0}^{\iota-1} X_{j_i}^{\delta_i} + \sum_{h=0}^{\iota-1} R_h \prod_{i=0}^{h-1} X_{j_i}^{\delta_i}.$$

Recalling that the only termordering which is compatible with \prec is the lexicographical order $<$ induced by $X_1 < X_2 < \dots < X_n$, we necessarily have

$$\text{lc}_<(P) = \text{Lp}_\iota(P), \quad \mathbf{T}_<(P) = X_{j_\iota}^{\delta_\iota}X_{j_{\iota-1}}^{\delta_{\iota-1}} \dots X_{j_1}^{\delta_1}X_{j_0}^{\delta_0}.$$

\square

If we consider a chain

$$\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \cong k[V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r],$$

each A_i being of class $d+i$, we can find conditions for \mathcal{A} to be a characteristic set of a prime ideal.

Let us denote

¹² $B \in k[V_1, \dots, V_d] \implies B \notin \mathfrak{l}$.

¹³ Necessarily the degree in Z_p of B is lower of that of A_p .

¹⁴ $D \in \mathfrak{l}$.

¹⁵ *Id est* $JD \in (A_1, \dots, A_{p-1}) = \mathbb{I}(A_1, \dots, A_{p-1})$.

\mathfrak{l} the ideal generated by \mathcal{A} in $k(V_1, \dots, V_d)[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$,
 $\mathfrak{l}_j := \mathfrak{l} \cap k(V_1, \dots, V_d)[Z_1, \dots, Z_j]$,
 $L_j := k(V_1, \dots, V_d)[Z_1, \dots, Z_j]/\mathfrak{l}_j$,
 $\pi_j : k(V_1, \dots, V_d)[Z_1, \dots, Z_r] \rightarrow L_j[Z_{j+1}, \dots, Z_r]$,
 $I := \prod_i I_i$, each I_i denoting the initial of A_i .

Then:

Proposition 42.2.3. *With the present notation, \mathcal{A} is a characteristic set of the prime ideal $\mathfrak{l} : I^\infty$ iff the following conditions hold:*

- (1) if $r = 1$, A_1 is irreducible in $k(V_1, \dots, V_d)[Z_1]$.
- (2) if $r > 1$, $\{A_1, \dots, A_{r-1}\}$ is a characteristic set of the prime ideal \mathfrak{l}_{r-1} and $\pi_{r-1}(A_r)$ is irreducible in $L_{r-1}[Z_r]$.

Proof. A reformulation of Theorem 34.1.2 and Theorem 34.3.2. □

Algorithm 42.2.4 (Ritt). Let $\mathbf{G} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ be a finite set generating an ideal \mathfrak{l} .

The following algorithm allows to compute a characteristic set $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ of \mathfrak{l} and a polynomial I such that, denoting \mathbf{L} the ideal generated by \mathcal{A} we have

$$\mathbf{L} \subset \mathfrak{l} \subset \mathbf{L} : I^\infty =: \mathbf{H};$$

if moreover \mathfrak{l} is prime, then $\mathfrak{l} = \mathbf{L}$.

One begins by extracting from \mathbf{G} a characteristic set \mathcal{A} with the methode described in Algorithm 42.1.14, so that $(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathfrak{l}^{16}$. Next he computes the remainders w.r.t. \mathcal{A} of each member in \mathbf{G} and includes the nonzero ones in \mathbf{G} producing a larger set \mathbf{G}' which however satisfies $\mathbb{I}(\mathbf{G}') = \mathbb{I}(\mathbf{G}) = \mathfrak{l}$.

If not all such remainders are zero, then (Lemma 42.1.13) a characteristic set \mathcal{A}' of \mathbf{G}' satisfies $\mathcal{A}' \prec \mathcal{A}$.

Thus the same procedure can be repeated until giving a set \mathbf{G}^* which satisfies $\mathbb{I}(\mathbf{G}^*) = \mathbb{I}(\mathbf{G}) = \mathfrak{l}$ and a characteristic set $\mathcal{A}^* := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$ extracted from (\mathbf{G}^*) , for which either

- A_1 is of class zero so that $\mathfrak{l} = (1)$, or
- all the remainders w.r.t. \mathcal{A}^* of each member in \mathbf{G}^* is zero. Then (Theorem 42.1.18), denoting $I := \prod_{i=1}^r I_i$ the product of all initials I_i of the A_i s, we have

$$\mathbb{I}(\mathcal{A}^*) \subset \mathfrak{l} \subset \mathbb{I}(\mathcal{A}^*) : I^\infty;$$

if moreover \mathfrak{l} is prime, $\mathbb{I}(\mathcal{A}^*) = \mathfrak{l}$. □

Historical Remark 42.2.5. To put in better historical perspective, I think it is worthwhile to quote the words of Ritt¹⁷ referring also to his older book¹⁸:

¹⁶ We can of course assume that A_1 is of positive class, otherwise $\mathfrak{l} = (1)$ and we are through.

¹⁷ In the Preface of his book *Differential Algebra*, A.M.S. Colloquium Publications **33** (1950), p.iv

¹⁸ Ritt J.F., *Differential Equations from the Algebraic Standpoint*, A.M.S. Colloquium Publications **14** (1932).

The form in which the results of differential algebra are being presented has thus been deeply influenced by the teachings of Emmy Noether, a prime mover of our period, who, in continuing Julius König's development of Kronecker's ideas, brought mathematicians to know algebra as it was never known before.

In this connection, I should like to say something concerning basis theorems. The basis theorem [...] will be seen to play, in the present theory, the role held by Hilbert's theorem in the theories of polynomial ideals and of algebraic manifolds. When I began to work on algebraic differential equations, early in 1930, van der Waerden's excellent *Modern Algebra* had not yet appeared. However, Emmy Noether's work of the twenties was available, and there was nothing to prevent one from learning in her papers the value of basis theorems in decomposition problems. Actually, I became acquainted with the basis theorem principle in the writings of Jules Drach on logical integration¹⁹.

□

42.3 Ritt's and Wu's Solvers

Algorithm 42.3.1 (Ritt). Ritt applied Proposition 42.2.3, Algorithm 42.2.4 and Theorem 42.1.18 as tools for proposing a solver²⁰ which, given a finite set $G \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ generating an ideal I , applies Algorithm 42.2.4 in order to extract a characteristic set \mathcal{A}^* satisfying the properties stated by Theorem 42.1.18 and tests whether²¹ it satisfies the properties of Proposition 42.2.3.

If the answer is positive then \mathcal{A}^* is a characteristic set of the prime ideal $H := \mathbb{I}(\mathcal{A}^*) : I^\infty$ and, in this case²²

$$\mathcal{Z}(I) = \mathcal{Z}(H) \cup \mathcal{Z}(I + \mathbb{I}(I_1)) \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{Z}(I + \mathbb{I}(I_r));$$

¹⁹ The reference is to J. Drach, *Essai sur la théorie générale de l'intégration et sur la classification des Transcendentes* Ann. Éc. Norm. 3^e série **15** (1898) 245–384.

²⁰ Ritt J.F., *Differential Algebra*, A.M.S. Colloquium Publications **33** (1950), p.95–98.

²¹ Essentially Ritt proposes the primality test discussed in Section 35.4:

- the rôle used there by the Gröbner basis G' is taken here by the characteristic set \mathcal{A}^* ;
- the test $I : I^\infty = I$ is not required since, in this setting

$$I : I^\infty = (\mathbb{I}(\mathcal{A}^*) : I^\infty) : I^\infty = \mathbb{I}(\mathcal{A}^*) : I^\infty = I.$$

²² It is worthwhile to note that this formula which is today improperly attributed to Wu Wen-tsün is Equation (32) in Ritt J.F., *op. cit.* p. 98.

the same algorithm is to be recursively applied to each set $\mathbf{G} \cup \{I_i\}$.

If, instead, the answer is negative, then²³, we have found (using the notation of Proposition 42.2.3) some factorization

$$\pi_{r-1}(A_r) = c \prod_{i=1}^s \pi(g_i)^{e_i}$$

in L_{r-1} where $g_i \in k[V_1, \dots, V_d][Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}][Z_r]$ and $c \in k(V_1, \dots, V_d)$ is a unit; therefore

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l} + \mathbb{I}(g_1)) \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l} + \mathbb{I}(g_s)).$$

The result corresponds to an irredundant prime decomposition of \mathfrak{l} . \square

Historical Remark 42.3.2. In other words, Ritt (in 1950) is applying the notion of 'solving' discussed in Section 34.5. In 1978, Wu Wen-tsün relaxed this notion of 'solving' preserving the structure of the corresponding basis (*ascending set*) which has a similar shape as a *Primbasis* (Definition 34.3.3) or an admissible sequence (Definition 8.2.2 and 11.4.2) but requiring less strong properties (essentially just those implied by Theorem 42.1.18 and Algorithm 42.2.4).

In fact, in his research toward a Theorem-Proving algorithm in differential (and elementary) geometry, as a tool for testing whether $f(\alpha) = 0$ for each root²⁴ α of \mathfrak{l} , where $f \in k\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ is a given differential polynomial and $\mathfrak{l} := \mathbb{I}(\mathbf{G}) \subset k\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ a given differential ideal, Wu applied directly Ritt's theory reducing the problem to the test whether

- (1) the remainder of f w.r.t. \mathcal{A}^* is zero and,
- (2) by recursive application of the same algorithm, $f(\alpha) = 0$ for each root α of $\mathfrak{l} + \{I_i\}, i \leq r$.

In fact, for each root α of \mathfrak{l} ,

- (1) if $\prod_{i=1}^r I_i(\alpha) \neq 0$, then, by Theorem 42.1.16, $f(\alpha) = 0$ iff the remainder of f w.r.t. \mathcal{A} is zero;
- (2) if $I_i(\alpha) = 0$, then α is a root of $\mathfrak{l} + \mathbb{I}(I_i)$.

For his application, there was therefore no need of performing factorization of the characteristic set \mathbf{A}^* in order to deduce an irredundant prime decomposition of \mathfrak{l} ; all one needs is to decompose $\sqrt{\mathfrak{l}}$ as an intersection of (unmixed) ideals generated by a characteristic set, in order to apply the results implied by Theorem 42.1.18 and Algorithm 42.2.4 reducing the problem

²³ As in the prime decomposition algorithm discussed in Section 35.2

²⁴ If $K \supset k$ is a differential field extension of k , $\alpha := (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in K^n$ and $f \in k\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ is a differential polynomial, the evaluation $f(\alpha)$ is by definition the value $\Phi_\alpha(f)$, where $\Phi_\alpha : k\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \rightarrow K$ is the morphism defined by $\Phi_\alpha(X_{ij}) = a_i^{(j)}$ for each i, j .

to zero-testing of 'normal forms' of each element in \mathbf{G} w.r.t. each such characteristic set.

In the algebraic setting $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, such characteristic set is a set

$$\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \cong k[V_1, \dots, V_d][Z_1, \dots, Z_r],$$

where (compare Definition 22.0.1), for each i ,

- the degree of A_i in X_j is less than the one of A_j , for each $j < i$, and
- $A_i \in k[V_1, \dots, V_d][Z_1, \dots, Z_{i-1}][Z_i]$

id est it is exactly what we informally called a *weak admissible sequence*²⁵.

□

Algorithm 42.3.3 (Wu). Within this approach, Algorithm 42.3.1 is simplified as follows: given a finite set $\mathbf{G} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ generating an ideal \mathbf{l} , one

- applies Algorithm 42.2.4 in order to extract a basic set $\mathcal{A}^* := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$;
- returns \mathcal{A}^* and the polynomial $I := \prod_{i=1}^r I_i$ where I_i denotes the initial of A_i ,
- and apply the same algorithm to each set $\mathbf{G} \cup \{I_i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq r$

□

whose *rationale* is based on the following

Lemma 42.3.4. *Let*

- $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ a characteristic set,
- \mathbf{l} the ideal generated by \mathcal{A} ,
- I_j the initial of A_j , for each j ,
- $I := \prod_{i=1}^r I_i$,
- $\text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ the set²⁶ of all polynomials whose remainder w.r.t. \mathcal{A} is 0,
- $\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A}) := \mathbf{l} : I^\infty$,
- $\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A}) := \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l}(I)) = \{\alpha \in k^n : A_1(\alpha) = \dots = A_r(\alpha) = 0 \neq I(\alpha)\}$.

Then $\mathcal{Z}(\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})) = \overline{\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A})}$.

□

Proof. We have²⁷

$$\mathcal{Z}(\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})) = \mathcal{Z}(\sqrt{(\mathcal{A}) : I}) = \overline{\mathcal{Z}(\sqrt{(\mathcal{A})} \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{I\}))} = \overline{\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A})}.$$

□

²⁵ Throughout this chapter, I will preserve the language used in the previous books; so I will substitute with the neologisms of *admissible Ritt/Lazard sequence* the terminology introduced by Lazard and his students, which is in any case reported between parenthesis.

²⁶ Not necessarily an ideal!

²⁷ The formula

$$\mathcal{Z}(\sqrt{(\mathcal{A}) : I}) = \overline{\mathcal{Z}(\sqrt{(\mathcal{A})} \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{I\}))}$$

is a specialization of $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l} : f) = \overline{\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{f\})}$ — where \mathbf{l} is a radical polynomial ideal and f a polynomial in $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, — whose proof is the following: for $g \in \mathbf{l} : f$ and $\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{f\})$ we have $0 = fg(\alpha) = f(\alpha)g(\alpha)$ and $f(\alpha) \neq 0$ so that $g(\alpha) = 0$. Therefore $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{f\}) \subset \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l} : f)$.

Corollary 42.3.5 (Ritt). *With the same notation and assumptions as in Lemma 42.3.4 let $\mathbf{G} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ be a finite set generating an ideal \mathfrak{l} such that $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathfrak{l}$ and $\mathbf{G} \subset \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$. Then:*

- (1) $\mathfrak{L} \subset \mathfrak{l} \subseteq \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})$;
- (2) if \mathfrak{l} is prime, then $\mathfrak{L} = \mathfrak{l} = \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})$;
- (3) $\mathcal{Z}(\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})) = \overline{\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A})}$;
- (4) $\overline{\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A})} \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L})$;
- (5) $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) = \overline{\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A})} \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l} + \mathbb{I}(I_1)) \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l} + \mathbb{I}(I_r))$. □

Proof. (1) and (2) are just a reformulation of Theorem 42.1.18 and (3) is Lemma 42.3.4

Ad (4): $\overline{\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A})} = \mathcal{Z}(\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})) \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L})$.

Ad (5): for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l})$:

- $\prod_{i=1}^r I_i(\alpha) \neq 0 \iff \alpha \in \overline{\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A})}$;
- for some $i \leq r$, we have $I_i(\alpha) = 0 \iff \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l} + \{I_i\})$. □

Corollary 42.3.6 (Wu). *With the same notation and assumptions as in Lemma 42.3.4 and Corollary 42.3.5, for any $g \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, $g \in \mathfrak{l}$ if and only if*

- the remainder of g w.r.t. \mathcal{A} is 0 and
- $g \in \mathfrak{l} + \mathbb{I}(I_i)$ for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq r$. □

Example 42.3.7. Let

$$\mathbf{G} := \{X_1^6 - X_1^4, (X_1^4 - 2X_1^2)X_3, (X_1^2 - 1)X_2X_4 + X_3\} \subset k[X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4].$$

\mathbf{G} , being a characteristic set of the ideal it generates, according Ritt's solver (Algorithm 42.3.1) we test the irreducibility of $X_1^6 - X_1^4$ discovering the decomposition

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G}) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1 - 1\}) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1 + 1\}) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1\});$$

the characteristic set of $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1 - 1\})$ being $\{X_1 - 1, X_3\}$ which is prime we have found a root $(1, 0) \in k(X_2, X_4)^2$; in the same way, $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1 + 1\})$ gives the root $(-1, 0) \in k(X_2, X_4)^2$; the characteristic set $\mathcal{A} := \{X_1, X_2X_4 - X_3\}$ of $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1\})$ returns a root $(0, \frac{X_3}{X_2}) \in k(X_2, X_3)^2$ of the prime $(\mathcal{A}) = (\mathcal{A}) : X_2^\infty$ and the decomposition

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G}) = \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1 - 1\}) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1 + 1\}) \cup \mathcal{Z}((\mathcal{A}) : X_2^\infty) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A} + \{X_2\});$$

Conversely, assume g satisfies $g(\alpha) = 0$ for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{f\})$; in other words, for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l})$, $f(\alpha) \neq 0 \implies g(\alpha) = 0$; thus $fg(\alpha) = f(\alpha)g(\alpha) = 0$ for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l})$; as a consequence $fg \in \sqrt{\mathfrak{l}} = \mathfrak{l}$ and $g \in \mathfrak{l} : f$.

Thus $\{g \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n] : g(\alpha) = 0, \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{f\})\} \subset (\mathfrak{l} : f)$ and $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l} : f) \subset \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{f\})$.

the characteristic set $\mathcal{B} := \{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ of $\mathcal{A} + \{X_2\}$ is prime and gives the root $(0, 0, 0) \in k(X_4)^3$. So in conclusion we have found the (redundant) prime decomposition

$$(\mathbf{G}) = (X_1 - 1, X_3) \cap (X_1 + 1, X_3) \cap (X_1, X_2X_4 - X_3) \cap (X_1, X_2, X_3)$$

and the manifold decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G}) &= \{(1, a, 0, b), : a, b \in k\} \cup \{(-1, a, 0, b) : a, b \in k\} \\ &\cup \{(0, a, b, \frac{b}{a}), a, b \in k, a \neq 0\} \cup \{(0, 0, 0, b), b \in k\}. \end{aligned}$$

Wu's solver (Algorithm 42.3.3) instead returns the root decompositions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G}) &= \mathfrak{Z}(\mathbf{G}) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1^4 - 2X_1^2\}) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1^2 - 1\}), \\ \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1^4 - 2X_1^2\}) &= \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{C}_1) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_1 + \{X_2\}), \\ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_1 + \{X_2\}) &= \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{C}_3), \\ \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G} + \{X_1^2 - 1\}) &= \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{C}_2), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_1 &= \{X_1^2, X_2X_4 - X_3\}, \\ \mathcal{C}_2 &= \{X_1^2 - 1, X_3\}, \\ \mathcal{C}_3 &= \{X_1^2, X_2, X_3\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{Z}(\mathbf{G}) &= \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{(X_1^4 - 2X_1^2)(X_1^2 - 1)\}) = \emptyset, \\ \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{C}_1) &= \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_1) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{X_2\}) = \{(0, a, b, \frac{b}{a}), a, b \in k, a \neq 0\}, \\ \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{C}_2) &= \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_2) = \{(1, a, 0, b), (-1, a, 0, b), a, b \in k\}, \\ \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{C}_3) &= \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_3) = \{(0, 0, 0, b), b \in k\}, \end{aligned}$$

□

42.4 Lazard: Triangular sets

Preserving the same notation as in Sections 42.2 and 42.3, computational considerations suggested to relax the notion of reduction as follows:

Definition 42.4.1 (Moreno Maza). *For any two polynomials $A_1, A_2 \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, where A_1 is of class $p > 0$, A_2 will be said initially reduced w.r.t. A_1 if its initial is of lower degree in X_p than A_1 .*

Definition 42.4.2 (Aubry et al.). *A finite non-empty set*

$$\{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

is called

a triangular set if each A_i is of positive class and there are no two elements having the same class;

an initially reduced triangular set if

- A_1 is of positive class,
- for each $j > i$, A_j is of higher class than A_i , and
- initially reduced w.r.t A_i ;

a fine triangular set if

- A_1 is of positive class,
- for each $j > i$, A_j is of higher class than A_i ,
- for each j , the remainder of I_j w.r.t. $\{A_1, \dots, A_{j-1}\}$ is not zero.

Remark 42.4.3 (Lazard). In connection with this generalization, it is easy to realize that all the results stated by Ritt for chains and characteristic sets hold *verbatim* for any triangular set, non dissimilarly as for Buchberger’s reduction, where the absence of interreduction of the basis does not effect the result on normal forms zero-testing.

This justifies also the relaxation of the notion of reduction.

In particular the notion of *fine triangular set* allows to avoid interreduction, while preserving the degree in X_p of an element of class p and so the rank relation between members of triangular sets. \square

Definition 42.4.4 (Aubry et al.). Let $G \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \setminus \{0\}$ be a finite set generating the ideal \mathfrak{l} . A finite non-empty triangular set

$$\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

is called

an admissible Ritt sequence (or: Ritt characteristic set) of G if $\mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{B}$ for each fine triangular set $\mathcal{B} \subset G$;

a strong admissible Ritt sequence (or: Wu characteristic set) of G if there exists a finite set $G^* \subset \mathfrak{l}$ such that $\mathbb{I}(G^*) = \mathfrak{l}$ and $G^* \subseteq \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$.

Historical Remark 42.4.5. Clearly, the notion of Ritt characteristic set is an elementary adaptation to triangular sets of the notion of characteristic set (Definition 42.1.11) and that of Wu characteristic set a precise description of the particular triangular sets which are produced by Algorithm 42.2.4; both ideas, therefore are explicitly present in Ritt’s Theory and none is related with Wu’s results.

Wu’s results are not related with the notion and properties of characteristic sets; as discussed in Historical Remark 42.3.2, his relevant contributions consist in using such theory, no more as a solving tool, but as a tool for testing membership (Corollary 42.3.6), and, in this context, to relax the irrelevant requirement of primality.

It is Lazard²⁸ the person which, within the Kronecker–Duval philosophical frame discussed in the first volume and of which he was one of the main

²⁸ In

advocates, suggested to reconsider Ritt's solver in Wu's relaxed context and introduced the notion of 'triangular sets' thus strongly improving the old notion of 'solving' as used by Kronecker, Macaulay, Gröner and Ritt and presented in Section 34.5. \square

In this setting, let us now consider

- a triangular set $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ generating the ideal \mathbf{L} ,
- I_j the initial of A_j , for each j ,
- $I := \prod_{i=1}^r I_i$,
- $\text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ the set of all polynomials whose remainder w.r.t. \mathcal{A} is 0,
- $\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A}) := \mathbf{L} : I^\infty$,
- $\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A}) := \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{I\}) = \{\alpha \in k^n : A_1(\alpha) = \dots = A_r(\alpha) = 0 \neq I(\alpha)\}$,
- $\mathbf{G} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ be a finite set generating an ideal \mathbf{l} such that $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbf{l}$ and $\mathbf{G} \subset \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$.

Corollary 42.4.6. *With the present notation, if \mathcal{A} is a strong admissible Ritt sequence of \mathbf{G} , then*

- (1) $\mathbf{L} \subset \mathbf{l} \subseteq \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})$;
- (2) *if \mathbf{l} is prime, then $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{l} = \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})$;*
- (3) $\overline{\mathcal{Z}(\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A}))} = \overline{\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A})}$;
- (4) $\overline{\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A})} \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l}) \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{L})$;
- (5) $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l}) = \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A}) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l} + \mathbb{I}(I_1)) \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l} + \mathbb{I}(I_r))$;
- (6) *for each $g \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$,*

$$g \in \mathbf{l} \iff g \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \mathbf{l} + \mathbb{I}(I_1) \cap \dots \cap \mathbf{l} + \mathbb{I}(I_r).$$

\square

Proposition 42.4.7. *If, with the present notation, \mathcal{A} is fine, then the following conditions are equivalent*

- (1) \mathcal{A} is an admissible Ritt sequence of \mathbf{G} ;
- (2) $\mathbf{l} \subset \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$.

Moreover it implies

- (3) \mathcal{A} is a strong admissible Ritt sequence of \mathbf{G}

Proof. It is just a reformulation of Lemma 42.1.12. \square

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42.5 Admissible Lazard Sequence

Lazard reconsidered the notion of triangular sets in the same frame as admissible sequences (Definition 8.2.2) and admissible Duval sequences (Section 11.4).

Let us begin by explicitly interpreting the field k as a quotient field $L_0 := k$ of some domain R_0 ; *id est* we assume that we are given a domain R_0 and a multiplicative system $S_0 \subset R_0$ such that²⁹

$$k =: L_0 := \left\{ \frac{a}{b} : a \in R_0, b \in S_0 \right\}.$$

Then let us consider a triangular set³⁰

$$\mathcal{A} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\} \subset R_0[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

where, by definition, we can wlog assume that

$$0 < \text{class}(f_1) < \dots < \text{class}(f_i) < \text{class}(f_{i+1}) < \dots < \text{class}(f_r).$$

We also set $d_i := \deg_j(f_i)$ where $j := \text{class}(f_i)$.

We can then now partition the variables among 'parameters' (or: 'independent indeterminates') and the others:

Definition 42.5.1 (Lazard). *A variable X_j is called*

algebraic for \mathcal{A} if $j = \text{class}(f_i)$ for some $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$ which is said³¹ to introduce X_j ;

transcendental for \mathcal{A} if $j \neq \text{class}(f_i)$ for each $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$. □

As usual we relabel the variables as

$$k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \cong k[V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

so that $\{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$ (respectively $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$) is the set of the transcendental (respectively: algebraic) variables for \mathcal{A} .

Then we can recursively define, for each j ,

i the value such that $\mathcal{A} \cap R_0[X_1, \dots, X_j] = \{f_1, \dots, f_i\}$ or, equivalently, the maximal value for which $\text{class}(f_i) \leq j$,

δ the value such that $\{V_1, \dots, V_\delta\} = \{X_1, \dots, X_j\} \cap \{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$,

²⁹ we can for instance take $R_0 := L_0 := k$ and $S_0 := \{1\}$; but for $k := \mathbb{Q}$ we could consider instead $R_0 := \mathbb{Z}$, $S_0 := \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$.

The reason why we choose to represent the field elements as explicit fractions with denominators in a restricted chosen multiplicative system S_0 is in order to force uniqueness: see the note below.

³⁰ Each element f_i is chosen with coefficients not in L_0 but in R_0 ; as a consequence among all possible associated polynomials we can restrict our choice to those such that their leading coefficient is in S_0 . If we take $R_0 := L_0 := k$ and $S_0 := \{1\}$ this simply means to require that each f_i is monic.

³¹ This concept is present in Ritt, *op. cit.* p.34.

$R_j := R_0[X_1, \dots, X_j]/(f_1, \dots, f_i)$,
 $S_j := \{a \in R_j : a \text{ is not a zero-divisor}\}$;
 L_j the quotient ring $L_j := \{\frac{a}{b} : a \in R_j, b \in S_j\}$;
 $\pi_j := R_0[X_1, \dots, X_j] \rightarrow R_j$ and $\pi_j := L_0[X_1, \dots, X_j] \rightarrow L_j$ the canonical projections.

In particular, for each j

if $X_j = Z_i$ is algebraic, so that it is introduced by f_i and $j = \text{class}(f_i)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_j &= R_{j-1}[X_j]/\pi_{j-1}(f_i) \cong R_0[X_1, \dots, X_j]/(f_1, \dots, f_i), \\
 S_j &= S_{j-1} = S_0[V_1, \dots, V_\delta], \\
 L_j &= L_{j-1}[X_j]/\pi_{j-1}(f_i) \cong L_0(V, \dots, V_\delta)[Z_1, \dots, Z_i]/(f_1, \dots, f_i);
 \end{aligned}$$

if $X_j = V_\delta$ is instead transcendental, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_j &= R_0[X_1, \dots, X_j]/(f_1, \dots, f_i) \cong R_{j-1}[X_j], \\
 S_j &= S_{j-1}[X_j] = S_0[V_1, \dots, V_\delta], \\
 L_j &= L_{j-1}(X_j) \cong L_0(V_1, \dots, V_\delta)[Z_1, \dots, Z_i]/(f_1, \dots, f_i).
 \end{aligned}$$

Definition 42.5.2. *We say that*

$$\mathcal{A} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\} \subset R_0[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

is an admissible Lazard sequence if, for each $h, 1 \leq h \leq r$, setting $j := \text{class}(f_h)$, it holds

- (i) [triangular] $\text{class}(f_h) > 0$ and $\text{class}(f_h) > \text{class}(f_i)$, for each $i < h$ ³²;
- (ii) [reduced] the degree of f_h in the algebraic variable $X_j = Z_i$ is strictly less than the one of f_i , $\deg_j(f_h) < d_i$ for each $i < h$;
- (iii) [normalized] $\mathbf{T}_<(f_h) \in k[V_1, \dots, V_d][Z_h]$, (compare Remark 42.2.2);
- (iv) [R_0 -normalized] $\text{lc}(f_h) \in S_0$;
- (v) [squarefree] $\text{Res}(\pi_{j-1}(f_h), \pi_{j-1}(f'_h)) \in L_{j-1}$ is invertible³³;
- (vi) [primitive] $\text{Cont}(\pi_{j-1}(f_h)) = 1$ in $L_{j-1}[X_j]$.

\mathcal{A} is called a weak admissible Lazard sequence (or: a regular set) whose associated map is (π_1, \dots, π_n) and whose associated tower of simple extensions is (L_0, \dots, L_n) if it satisfies only conditions (i-iv). \square

Definition 42.5.3 (Lazard). *Let*

- $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ be an admissible Lazard sequence,
- \mathbf{L} the ideal generated by \mathcal{A} ,
- I_j the initial of A_j , for each j ,
- $I := \prod_{i=1}^r I_i$.

³² As a consequence \mathcal{A} is a triangular set; we therefore use the same notation as above denoting (π_1, \dots, π_n) and (L_0, \dots, L_n) the corresponding fields and projections.

³³ As a consequence $\pi_{j-1}(f_h)$ is squarefree.

Then the set

$$\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A}) := \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\{I\}) = \{\alpha \in \mathbf{k}^n : A_1(\alpha) = \cdots = A_r(\alpha) = 0 \neq I(\alpha)\}$$

is called the quasi-component associated to \mathcal{A} and the ideal

$$\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A}) := \mathbf{L} : I^\infty := \mathbf{H}$$

is called the quasi-prime ideal associated to \mathcal{A} .

Remark 42.5.4 (Lazard). Condition (iii) requires (compare Remark 42.2.2) that, for each h and i , denoting $j := \text{class}(\text{Lp}_i(f_h))$ we have $X_j \in \{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$. If this is not the case and $X_j = Z_\iota$ for some ι , then, either

- $\text{gcd}(\text{Lp}_i(f_h), f_\iota) \neq 1$ and we find a partial factorization of f_ι or
- $\text{gcd}(\text{Lp}_i(f_h), f_\iota) = 1 = s \text{Lp}_i(f_h) + t f_\iota$ for suitable polynomials $s, t \in k[X_1, \dots, X_j]$ so that $F_h := s f_h$ is such that $\text{class}(\text{Lp}_i(F_h)) < \text{class}(\text{Lp}_i(f_h))$. □

Remark 42.5.5. If

- the ideal $\mathbb{I}(\mathcal{A}) \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ is zero-dimensional and we choose $R_0 := L_0 := k, S_0 := \{1\}$, or
- we restrict our considerations to its extension $\mathbb{I}(\mathcal{A})k(V_1, \dots, V_d)[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ and we choose $R_0 := L_0 := k(V_1, \dots, V_d), S_0 := \{1\}$

in both cases all variables are algebraic and a set $\mathcal{A} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ where each f_i is chosen monic, is an admissible Lazard sequence iff it is an admissible Duval sequence.

In fact, if \mathcal{A} is an admissible Lazard sequence, then (v) allows to deduce that, since $\text{Res}(f_1, f'_1) \in L_0$, (Proposition 6.6.4) f_1 is squarefree in $L_0[X_1]$ and L_1 is a Duval field (Definition 11.4.2); and, inductively, that

- L_{j-1} is a direct sum of fields $L_{j-1} = \bigoplus_\iota L_{j-1 \kappa}$, so that, denoting $\pi_{j-1 \kappa} : L_{j-1} \rightarrow L_{j-1 \kappa}$ the canonical projection,
- condition (v), $\text{Res}(\pi_{j-1}(f_j), \pi_{j-1}(f_j)') \in L_{j-1}$, implies that

$$\text{Res}(\pi_{j-1 \kappa} \pi_{j-1}(f_j), \pi_{j-1 \kappa} \pi_{j-1}(f_j)') \in L_{j-1 \kappa}$$

- and that each $\pi_{j-1 \kappa} \pi_{j-1}(f_h)$ is squarefree in $L_{j-1 \kappa}[Z_j]$
- so that L_j is a Duval field.

Conversely (i-ii) is satisfied by any admissible sequence and (v) by an admissible Duval sequence, (iii-iv) are equivalent to the requirement that the f_i 's are monic, and (vi) is trivially satisfied since we assume $S_0 := \{1\}$. □

Remark 42.5.6 (Lazard). The relation with admissible Ritt sequence is thus expounded by Lazard³⁴:

³⁴ Lazard D., *A new method for solving algebraic systems of positive dimension* Disc. Appl. Math. **33** (1991), p.151.

The notion of [admissible Lazard sequence] is stronger than the notion of characteristic set in the Ritt–Wu Wen-tsün method: Characteristic sets are only subject to conditions (i) and (ii); but we will see that this is not sufficient; in particular a characteristic set may correspond to an empty "component" of the zero-set. This is avoided by condition (iii). The conditions (iv) to (vi) are needed in order to obtain the unicity of the triangular set associated with a quasi-component.

and³⁵

Wu Wen-tsün’s algorithm, like Buchberger’s one, depends on many choices; moreover, the result of Wu Wen-tsün’s algorithm is not uniquely determined. [...] Thus there is a need for a more canonical algorithm, that is an algorithm in which the result (or even better the intermediate results) is more intrinsic, that is, depends on the algebraic structure of the input and not on the algorithm itself. This definition of "intrinsic" is rather imprecise; it may be better understood by considering the example of an algorithm which is intrinsic, namely the subresultant algorithm, which has the property that the coefficients of the successive remainders may be defined as subdeterminants of Sylvster matrix.

[..]

For getting a canonical result, [Lazard] strengthen the definition of a triangular set by asking that the polynomials in it are squarefree, primitive and monic in some technical sense. With these conditions, the set of the solutions of an algebraic system is uniquely decomposed in so called *quasi-components* which are themselves in one to one correspondance with these strengtened triangular systems.

Historical Remark 42.5.7. The existence in Wu’s solver of empty components $\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A}) := \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{I}(I)) = \{\alpha \in \mathbf{k}^n : A_1(\alpha) = \dots = A_r(\alpha) = 0 \neq I(\alpha)\}$ is illustrated by Example 42.3.7 where for the characteristic set

$$G := \{f_1, f_2, f_3\} := \{X_1^6 - X_1^4, (X_1^4 - 2X_1^2)X_3, (X_1^2 - 1)X_2X_4 + X_3\}$$

we have

$$I = \prod_{i=1}^3 I_i = (X_1^4 - 2X_1^2)(X_1^2 - 1) = \sqrt{f_1} \cdot (X_1^3 - 2X_1)$$

so that $\mathfrak{Z}(G) = \emptyset$.

This of course cannot happen in the old-fashioned Ritt’s solver where each 'solution' is the characteristic set of a prime. As I already remarked in Historical Remark 42.4.5, Lazard’s contribution consists in relaxing the

³⁵ Lazard D. *Systems of algebraic equations (algorithms and complexity)* Symposia Mathematica **34** (1993), 84–105, Cambridge Univ. Press .

notion of 'characteristic sets' in order to avoid factorization while preserving both the general structure and the relevant properties.

In order to reach this result, it is clearly sufficient to impose condition (iii), which, as we have observed in Remark 42.5.4, can be forced just performing the Extended Euclidean Algorithm to $\text{Lp}_i(f_h)$ and f_i in all cases in which $X_j = Z_i$ for $j := \text{class}(\text{Lp}_i(f_h))$.

The comparison with the notion of 'solving' discussed in Section 34.5 is striking: what Lazard did was simply substituting *regular sets* to admissible sequences, *quasi-primes* to primes and *quasi-components* to irreducible varieties! \square

Theorem 42.5.8 (Aubry et al.). *Let*

$$\mathcal{A} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\} \subset R_0[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

be a weak admissible Lazard sequence whose associated map is (π_1, \dots, π_n) and whose associated tower of simple extensions is (L_0, \dots, L_n) . Then for each $p \in R_0[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, the following conditions are equivalent

- (1) $\pi_n(p) = 0$,
- (2) $p \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$,
- (3) $p \in \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})$.

Proof. The proof is by induction by n . We begin by remark that if we set π_0 the identity on R_0 and $\mathcal{A} := \emptyset$ the statements become

- (1) $p = \pi_0(p) = 0$,
- (2) $p \in \text{Rem}(\emptyset)$,
- (3) $p \in \text{Sat}(\emptyset) = \{0\}$

which are obviously equivalent.

So we can assume $n > 0$ and that the theorem holds for $R_0[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]$ and we denote $\mathcal{S} := \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A}) \subset R_0[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]$.

If X_n is transcendental, for each $p = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i X_n^i \in R_0[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}][X_n]$ the result follows by induction since we have

- (1) $\pi_n(p) = 0 \iff \pi_{n-1}(a_i) = 0$ for each i ,
- (2) $p \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A}) \iff a_i \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ for each i ,
- (3) $p \in \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A}) \iff a_i \in \mathcal{S}$ for each i .

If, instead $X_n = Z_i$ is algebraic denote r the remainder of p w.r.t. f_i and express it as $r = \sum_{l=0}^d a_l X_n^l \in R_0[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}][X_n]$. Then the result is a consequence of the following claims:

- (1) $\pi_n(p) = 0 \iff \pi_n(r) = 0$;
- (2) $\pi_n(r) = 0 \iff \pi_{n-1}(r) = 0$;
- (3) $\pi_{n-1}(r) = 0 \iff \pi_{n-1}(a_l) = 0$ for each l ;
- (4) $r \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A}) \iff a_l \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ for each l ;
- (5) $\pi_{n-1}(r) = 0 \iff r \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$;

- (6) $\pi_n(p) = 0 \iff p \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$;
- (7) $\pi_n(p) = 0 \iff p \in \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})$,

whose proof is the following:

- (1) By definition $\pi_n(\text{Lp}(f_i)) = \pi_{n-1}(\text{Lp}(f_i)) \in L_n$ is a unit, while $\pi_n(f_i) = 0$; therefore from $r = \text{Lp}(f_i)^w p + q f_i$ we have

$$\pi_n(r) = \pi_n(\text{Lp}(f_i))^w \pi_n(p) + \pi_n(q) \pi_n(f_i) = \pi_n(\text{Lp}(f_i))^w \pi_n(p)$$

whence the claim.

- (2) Since $\pi_n(r) = 0 \iff \pi_{n-1}(r) \in (\pi_{n-1}(f_i))$, the claim follows because $\deg_n(r) < \deg_n(f_i)$ and $\pi_{n-1}(\text{Lp}(f_i)) \in L_n$ is a unit.
- (3) obvious;
- (4) obvious;
- (5) by inductive assumption;
- (6) by the list of implications and by the remark that the remainders of r and p are the same;
- (7) since $\text{Rem}(\mathcal{A}) \subset \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})$, it is sufficient to prove that $p \in \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A}) \implies \pi_n(p) = 0$.

We have $I^m p \in \mathbb{I}(\mathcal{A})$ where m is a suitable integer and I is the product of all initials of the elements in \mathcal{A} .

Clearly $\pi_n(I)$ is a unit, so that $\pi_n(I^m p) = 0$ implies $\pi_n(p) = 0$. □

Theorem 42.5.9. *Let $\mathcal{A} := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ be a triangular set generating the ideal \mathbb{L} .*

Then the following condition are equivalent:

- (1) \mathcal{A} is a weak admissible Lazard sequence;
- (2) \mathcal{A} is an admissible Ritt sequence of $\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})$;
- (3) $\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$.

Proof.

- (1) \implies (3) is Theorem 42.5.8.
- (2) \iff (3) is a consequence of Lemma 42.1.12.
- (3) \implies (1) Assume that (3) holds while (1) does not. Inductively we can assume that $\mathcal{B} := \mathcal{A} \cap R_0[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]$ is a weak admissible Lazard sequence whose associated map is $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{n-1})$ and whose associated tower of simple extensions is (L_0, \dots, L_{n-1}) .

Clearly $X_n = Z_r$ is algebraic and, since (1) does not hold, the initial I_r of A_r is such that $\pi_{n-1}(I_r)$ is a zero divisor in L_{n-1} , so there is $p \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]$ such that $\pi_{n-1}(I_r p) = 0$ and $\pi_{n-1}(p) \neq 0$. Therefore $I_r p \in \text{Sat}(\mathcal{B})$ and the remainder r of p w.r.t. \mathcal{A} is not zero. Clearly also $I_r r \in \text{Sat}(\mathcal{B})$ and $r \in \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})$. Thus $r \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]$ satisfies $r \in \text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})$ and $r \notin \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ giving the required contradiction. □

An ideal $[\text{Sat}(\mathcal{A})]$ which is the saturated ideal of a [weak admissible Lazard sequence $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$] is said *triangularizable*; it is always equi-dimensional of dimension $[n - r]$, where n is the number of variables and $[r]$ the length of $[\mathcal{A}]$. A prime ideal is always triangularizable, and the primes associated to a triangularizable ideal are simply obtained by factoring recursively each $[A_i]$ in the field extensions defined by the factors of $[A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}]$.

It should be remarked here that [weak admissible Lazard sequences] are a good alternative to Gröbner base for representing triangularizable and prime ideals in computers: the number of polynomials in a triangular set is always bounded by the number of variables, which is not the case for generating sets of Gröbner bases of prime ideals. Computing a Gröbner basis from a triangular set may be done by any Gröbner base algorithm, and is usually not too difficult. The inverse transformation is very easy for prime ideals.³⁶

Actually, the standard way for a complete resolution of a polynomial system consists in the following scheme.

- 1 Compute a lex Gröbner base, either directly or through a change base ordering. This step checks zero-dimensionality.
- 2 Deduce from it a set of [weak admissible Lazard sequences].
- 3 For each of these triangular systems, compute a RUR [Rational Univariate Representation].
- 4 For each RUR compute a numerical approximation of the solutions together with a bound of the error.³⁷

In the next sections we will discuss efficient algorithms to compute triangular sets; the first, due to Lazard returns a weak admissible Lazard sequences and applies also in the non-zero-dimensional case; the second, by Möller requires zero-dimensionality. In the last section we discuss the notion of RUR and the related algorithms.

42.6 Lazard's Solver

Let us begin by remarking that, since admissible Lazard sequences and admissible Duval sequences coincide, arithmetical operations in each member L_i of a tower of simple extensions, can be performed *à la* Duval.

In particular:

- when $\pi_j(p) \in L_j$ — where $p \in k[X_1, \dots, X_j] \setminus k[X_1, \dots, X_{j-1}]$ and $X_j = Z_i$ is algebraic — is a *zero-divisor*, then it is sufficient to compute, in $L_{j-1}[Z_i]$,

³⁶ D. Lazard, *Resolution of polynomial systems* Proc. ASCM 2000, World Scientific (2000) 1–8

³⁷ D. Lazard, *On the specification for solvers of polynomial systems* Proc. ASCM 2001, World Scientific (2001) 1–10

$f' := \gcd(\pi_{j-1}(p), \pi_{j-1}(f_i))$ and $f'' := \frac{\pi_{j-1}(f_i)}{f'}$ in order to obtain a Duval splitting

$$L_j \cong L_{j-1}[Z_i]/f' \oplus L_{j-1}[Z_i]/f''$$

where, denoting $\pi' : L_j \rightarrow L_{j-1}[Z_i]/f'$ and $\pi'' : L_j \rightarrow L_{j-1}[Z_i]/f''$ the canonical projections, $\pi' \pi_j(p) = 0$ and $\pi'' \pi_j(p)$ is invertible;

- testing invertibility of $\pi_j(p) \in L_j$, for a polynomial

$$p \in k[X_1, \dots, X_j] \setminus k[X_1, \dots, X_{j-1}]$$

consists in testing invertibility of

- $\pi_{j-1}(\text{Lp}(p)) \in L_{j-1}$ if X_j is transcendental,
- $\text{Res}(\pi_{j-1}(f_h), \pi_{j-1}(f_i)) \in L_{j-1}$ if $X_j = Z_i$ is algebraic;
- computing the inverse of an invertible element $\pi_j(p) \in L_j$ — where $p \in k[X_1, \dots, X_j] \setminus k[X_1, \dots, X_{j-1}]$ and $X_j = Z_i$ is algebraic — in principle requires to compute $\gcd(p, f_i)$ in $L_{j-1}[X_j]$ but³⁸

two difficulties arise: the first one is that the Euclidean algorithm and its generalizations are defined only for polynomials on integer rings. Fortunately, [Duval's Model] permits us to compute as if the coefficients were in a field if we split when we encounter a zero-divisor. The second difficulty is to decide which Euclidean algorithm to use: the coefficients being polynomials, an elementary algorithm will generate a swell of coefficients; thus we have to use the subresultant algorithm³⁹; but it needs exact quotients which are not well defined in our context.

³⁸ Lazard D., *A new method for solving algebraic systems of positive dimension* Disc. Appl. Math. **33** (1991), p. 154

³⁹ *id est* the version of the Euclidean Algorithm proposed by Collins and Brown and briefly discussed in Example 1.6.1 and Historical Remarks 1.6.2.

It consists, given two polynomials $P_0, P_1 \in D[X]$, where D is a domain, in producing, by means of pseudo-division algorithm, a PRS

$$P_0, P_1, \dots, P_r = \gcd(P_0, P_1) \in D[X]$$

which satisfies the relations

$$P_{i+2}/c_i = b_i P_i - Q_{i+1} P_{i+1}$$

for suitable $Q_{i+1} \in D[X]$ and $b_i \in D$, and predictable elements $c_i \in D$. These data allow also to compute (essentially as in Proposition 1.3.1) polynomials S_i, T_i satisfying the Bezout's Identities $P_i = P_0 S_i + P_1 T_i$.

In the quoted passage, the proposed approach is to apply the algorithm to $\pi_{j-1}(f_i)$ and $\pi_{j-1}(p)$ in $L_{j-1}[X_j] = L_{j-1}[Z_i]$, where $p \in k[X_1, \dots, X_j] \setminus k[X_1, \dots, X_{j-1}]$ and $X_j = Z_i$ is algebraic. The technical problem consists that the computation requires zero-testing; the proposal solution requires to

- compute a PRS f_i, p, P_2, \dots, P_r of f_i and p in $k[X_1, \dots, X_{j-1}][X_j]$,
- evaluate $\pi_{j-1}(P_r), \pi_{j-1}(P_{r-1}), \dots$ until a non-zero element $\pi_{j-1}(P_\rho)$ is produced which therefore satisfies

$$\pi_{j-1}(P_\rho) = \gcd(\pi_{j-1}(f_i), \pi_{j-1}(p)) \in L_{j-1}[X_j] = L_{j-1}[Z_i].$$

We suggest the following approach: apply the subresultant algorithm to the input viewed as multivariate polynomials in $k[X_1, \dots, X_j]$; reduce the subresultants, starting from low degrees; the first which does not reduce to zero reduces to a factor of $[f_i]$ viewed as a polynomial [in $L_{j-1}[X_j] = L_{j-1}[Z_i]$].

- Condition (vi) requires to perform ged computations over a Duval field $L_{j-1}[X_j] = L_{j-1}[Z_i]$; however condition (iv) implies that one of the coefficients of f_i is a member of $k[V_1, \dots, V_d]$ thus no splitting occurs.

The central procedure of Lazard's Solver is an algorithm **intersect**(p, \mathcal{A}) where $p \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ and $\mathcal{A} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ is an admissible Lazard sequence, and whose output is a finite family $\mathfrak{B} := \{\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_l\}$ of admissible Lazard sequences which satisfy

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{I}(p)) \cap \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \cup_{i=1}^l \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{B}_i) \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{I}(p)) \cap \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{A})}.$$

Given a finite family $\mathfrak{A} := \{\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_l\}$ of admissible Lazard sequences we denote

$$\mathbf{intersect}(p, \mathfrak{A}) := \cup_{i=1}^l \mathbf{intersect}(p, \mathcal{A}_i)$$

Finally, given a finite set

$$\mathbf{G} := \{g_1, \dots, g_m\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n],$$

the procedure

$$\mathbf{solve}(\mathbf{G}) := \mathbf{intersect}(g_1, \mathbf{intersect}(g_2, \mathbf{intersect}(\dots \mathbf{intersect}(g_m, \emptyset))))$$

returns, as output, a finite family $\mathfrak{B} := \{\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_l\}$ of admissible Lazard sequences which satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{G}) &= \cap_i \mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{I}(g_i)) \\ &= \mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{I}(g_1)) \cap \left(\mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{I}(g_2)) \cap \left(\dots \left(\mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{I}(g_m)) \cap \mathfrak{Z}(\emptyset) \right) \right) \right) \\ &= \cup_{i=1}^l \mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{B}_i). \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm 42.6.1 (Lazard). **intersect**(p, \mathcal{A}) applies another procedure

$$(r) := \mathbf{normalize}(p, \mathcal{A})$$

whose input is the polynomial $p \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ and the admissible Lazard sequence

$$\mathcal{A} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\} \subset R_0[X_1, \dots, X_n] = R_0[V_1, \dots, V_d][Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

w.r.t. which we use the same notation as in Section 42.5⁴⁰ and which computes two polynomials q and r such that

⁴⁰ In particular $\{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$ (respectively $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$) is the set of the transcendental (respectively: algebraic) variables for \mathcal{A} .

- (1) $\pi_n(qp) = \pi_n(r)$,
- (2) $\pi_n(p) = 0 \iff \pi_n(r) = 0$ and
- (3) r is reduced, normalized and R_0 -normalized.

Here is the procedure:

set $q := 1$,
 [reduced] we compute the remainder r of p w.r.t. \mathcal{A} ,
 [normalized] while

$$\mathbf{T}_<(r) := X_{j_\ell}^{\delta_\ell} X_{j_{\ell-1}}^{\delta_{\ell-1}} \cdots X_{j_1}^{\delta_1} X_{j_0}^{\delta_0} \notin k[V_1, \dots, V_d], \delta_\ell \neq 0$$

then

- compute (compare Remark 42.5.4) a polynomial⁴¹ $s \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{j_\ell}]$ for which $\text{class}(\text{Lp}_\ell(sr)) < \text{class}(\text{Lp}_\ell(r))$,
 - compute the remainder r of sr w.r.t. \mathcal{A} and
 - set $q := sq$,
- [R_0 -normalized] if $\text{lc}(r) \notin S_0$ choose⁴² $c \in R_0$ such that $\text{lc}(cr) \in S_0$ and set $r := cr, q := cq$. \square

Algorithm 42.6.2 (Lazard). We can now present the procedure

$$\mathfrak{B} := \mathbf{intersect}(p, \mathcal{A})$$

where \mathcal{A} is the admissible Lazard sequence

$$\mathcal{A} := \{f_1, \dots, f_r\} \subset R_0[X_1, \dots, X_n] = R_0[V_1, \dots, V_d][Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

and we use the same notation as in Section 42.5⁴³:

- (1) $\mathfrak{B} := \emptyset, (r) := \mathbf{normalize}(p, \mathcal{A})$
- (2) If
 - $r = 0$: set $\mathfrak{B} := \{\mathcal{A}\}$ and exit;
 - $r \in k \setminus \{0\}$: set $\mathfrak{B} := \emptyset$ and exit;
 - $r \notin k$: **goto** (3);
- (3) expressing r as

$$r = \text{Lp}(r)X_j^\delta + r$$

where $j = \text{class}(r)$, $\text{Lp}(r) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{j-1}]$, $\deg_j(r) < \delta = \deg_j(r)$, set

$$\mathfrak{B} := \mathfrak{B} \cup \mathbf{intersect}(r, \mathbf{intersect}(\text{Lp}(r), \mathcal{A})).$$

- (4) Compute $\text{Cont}(r) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{j-1}][X_j]$ and set $r := \frac{r}{\text{Cont}(r)}$, thus forcing r to be primitive.
- (5) Setting $j = \text{class}(r)$, denote i, δ the values such that

⁴¹ Here a Duval splitting could happen.

⁴² If we have $R_0 := L_0 := k$ and $S_0 := \{1\}$, this simply requires to choose $c := \text{lc}(r)^{-1}$.

⁴³ In particular $\{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$ (respectively $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$) is the set of the transcendental (respectively: algebraic) variables for \mathcal{A} .

- $\mathcal{A} \cap R_0[X_1, \dots, X_j] = \{f_1, \dots, f_i\}$
- $\text{class}(f_i) < j$
- $\{V_1, \dots, V_\delta\} = \{X_1, \dots, X_j\} \cap \{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$
- $X_j = V_\delta$ is transcendental,

and set

$$\mathcal{A}_j^- := \{f_1, \dots, f_i\}, \quad \mathcal{A}_j^+ := \{f_{i+1}, \dots, f_r\}.$$

- (6) Compute $R := \text{Res}(\pi_{j-1}(r), \pi_{j-1}(r')) \in L_{j-1}$.
- If R is invertible, so that $\pi_{j-1}(r)$ is squarefree in $L_{j-1}[X_j]$, **goto** (7)
 - If, instead, R is not invertible, then
 - compute⁴⁴, using the subresultant algorithm, a factor $r_0 \mid r$ such that, in $L_{j-1}[X_j]$,

$$\pi_{j-1}(r_0) = \gcd(\pi_{j-1}(r), \pi_{j-1}(r')),$$

- set $r := r/r_0$
- **goto** (3)

- (7) If $\mathcal{A}_j^+ = \emptyset$ set $\mathfrak{C} := \mathcal{A}_j^- \cup \{r\}$

- (8) If $\mathcal{A}_j^+ \neq \emptyset$

- compute $\mathfrak{C} := \text{intersect}(f_{i+1}, \text{intersect}(\dots \text{intersect}(f_r, \mathcal{A}_j^- \cup \{r\})))$.
- Set $\mathfrak{C} := \{C \in \mathfrak{C} : \text{normalize}(f_l, C^-) \neq 0 \text{ for each } l, i < l \leq r\}$ ⁴⁵.

- (9) $\mathfrak{B} := \mathfrak{B} \cup \text{intersect}(p, \mathfrak{C})$. □

Example 42.6.3. Let us compute **solve**(\mathbf{G}) where (compare Example 42.3.7)

$$\mathbf{G} := \{f_1, f_2, f_3\} \subset k[X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4]$$

and

$$f_1 := X_1^6 - X_1^4, f_2 := (X_1^4 - 2X_1^2)X_3, f_3 := (X_1^2 - 1)X_2X_4 + X_3$$

We have

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{normalize}(f_3, \emptyset) = f_3, \\ \mathcal{C}_1 := \{f_3\} = \{(X_1^2 - 1)X_2X_4 + X_3\}, \text{normalize}(f_3, \mathcal{C}_1^-) = f_3, \\ \hline \text{intersect}(f_3, \emptyset) = \{\mathcal{C}_1\} =: \mathfrak{C}_1, \\ \text{normalize}(f_2, \mathcal{C}_1) = f_2 \\ r_1 := \text{Lp}(f_2) = X_1^4 - 2X_1^2 \\ \text{normalize}(r_1, \mathcal{C}_1) = r_1; \\ r_2 := \sqrt{r_1} = X_1^3 - 2X_1 \\ \mathcal{C}_2 := \mathcal{C}_1^- \cup \{r_2\} = \{r_2\} = \{X_1^3 - 2X_1\} \\ \text{normalize}(f_3, \mathcal{C}_2) = X_2X_4 + X_3(X_1^2 - 1) =: r_3^{46}, \\ r_4 := \text{Lp}(r_3) = X_2, r_5 := r_3 - r_4X_4 = (X_1^2 - 1)X_3 \\ \text{normalize}(r_4, \mathcal{C}_2^-) = r_4 \end{array}$$

⁴⁴ This can produce a Duval splitting.

⁴⁵ Where $\mathcal{C}^- = \mathcal{C} \cup R_0[X_1, \dots, X_j]$, $j = \text{class}(r)$.

⁴⁶ We have $(X_1^2 - 1)f_3 - X_1X_2X_4r_2 = X_2X_4 + X_3(X_1^2 - 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{C}_3 := \mathcal{C}_2^- \cup \{r_4\} = \{r_2, r_4\} = \{X_1^3 - 2X_1, X_2\}, \\
& \mathbf{intersect}(r_4, \{\mathcal{C}_2\}) = \{\mathcal{C}_3\} \\
& \mathbf{normalize}(r_5, \mathcal{C}_3^-) = X_3 =: r_6^{47}, \\
& \mathcal{C}_4 := \mathcal{C}_3^- \cup \{r_6\} = \{r_2, r_4, r_6\} = \{X_1^3 - 2X_1, X_2, X_3\}, \\
& \mathbf{normalize}(r_5, \mathcal{C}_3^-) = r_5, \\
& \mathbf{intersect}(r_5, \{\mathcal{C}_3\}) = \{\mathcal{C}_4\} \\
& \mathcal{C}_5 := \mathcal{C}_2 \cup \{r_3\} = \{r_2, r_3\} = \{X_1^3 - 2X_1, X_2X_4 + X_3(X_1^2 - 1)\} \\
& \mathfrak{C}_2 := \{\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_5\} \\
& \mathbf{intersect}(f_3, \mathfrak{C}_2) = \mathfrak{C}_2 \\
& \mathbf{normalize}(r_1, \mathfrak{C}_i^-) \neq 0, i \in \{4, 5\} \\
& \mathbf{intersect}(r_1, \mathfrak{C}_1) = \mathfrak{C}_2 \\
& \frac{f_2}{\text{Cont}(f_2)} = X_3 = r_6, \\
& \mathcal{C}_6 := \mathcal{C}_1^- \cup \{r_6\} = \{r_6\} = \{X_3\} \\
& \mathbf{normalize}(f_3, \mathcal{C}_6) = (X_1^2 - 1)X_2X_4 =: r_7 \\
& \text{Lp}(r_7) = (X_1^2 - 1)X_2 =: r_8 \\
& \mathbf{normalize}(r_8, \mathcal{C}_6) = r_8 \\
& \text{Lp}(r_8) = (X_1^2 - 1) =: r_9 \\
& \mathbf{normalize}(r_9, \mathcal{C}_6) = r_9 \\
& \mathcal{C}_7 := \mathcal{C}_6^- \cup \{r_9\} \cup \mathcal{C}_6^+ = \{r_9, r_6\} = \{X_1^2 - 1, X_3\} \\
& \mathbf{intersect}(r_9, \{\mathcal{C}_6\}) = \{\mathcal{C}_7\} \\
& \frac{r_8}{\text{Cont}(r_8)} = X_2 = r_4, \\
& \mathcal{C}_8 := \mathcal{C}_6 \cup \{r_4\} = \{r_4, r_6\} = \{X_2, X_3\} \\
& \mathbf{intersect}(r_8, \{\mathcal{C}_6\}) = \{\mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_8\} \\
& \frac{r_7}{\text{Cont}(r_7)} = X_4 = r_{10}, \\
& \mathcal{C}_9 := \mathcal{C}_6^- \cup \{r_{10}\} = \{r_6, r_{10}\} = \{X_3, X_4\} \\
& \mathbf{intersect}(f_3, \{\mathcal{C}_6\}) = \{\mathcal{C}_9\} \\
& \mathfrak{C}_2 := \{\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_9\} \\
& \mathbf{normalize}(f_2, \mathfrak{C}_i^-) \neq 0, i \in \{4, 5, 7, 8, 9\} \\
& \mathbf{intersect}(f_2, \mathfrak{C}_1) = \mathbf{intersect}(f_2, \mathcal{C}_1) = \mathfrak{C}_2 \\
\hline
& \mathbf{Rem}(f_1, r_2) = 2X_1^2 := r_{11}, \\
& \text{by Duval splitting we get} \\
& \quad r_{12} := X_1, \\
& \quad \mathbf{normalize}(r_{11}, \{r_{12}\}) = r_{12}, \\
& \quad \mathbf{normalize}(r_4, \{r_{12}\}) = r_4, \\
& \quad \mathbf{normalize}(r_6, \{r_{12}, r_4\}) = r_6 \\
& \quad \mathcal{C}_{11} = \{r_{12}, r_4, r_6\} = \{X_1, X_2, X_3\}, \\
& \quad r_{13} := X_1 - 2 \\
& \quad \mathbf{normalize}(r_{11}, \{r_{13}\}) = 4 \\
& \mathbf{intersect}(f_1, \mathcal{C}_4) = \mathcal{C}_{11}, \\
& \mathbf{Rem}(f_1, r_2) = 2X_1^2 := r_{11}, \\
& \text{by Duval splitting we get} \\
& \quad r_{12} := X_1,
\end{aligned}$$

⁴⁷ We have $(X_1^2 - 1)r_5 - X_1X_3r_2 = X_3$.

$\mathbf{normalize}(r_{11}, \{r_{12}\}) = r_{12}$
 $\mathbf{normalize}(r_3, \{r_{12}\}) = X_2X_4 - X_3 =: r_{14},$
 $\mathcal{C}_{12} := \{r_{11}, r_{14}\} = \{X_1, X_2X_4 - X_3\}$
 $r_{13} := X_1 - 2$
 $\mathbf{normalize}(r_{11}, \{r_{13}\}) = 4$
 $\mathbf{intersect}(f_1, \mathcal{C}_5) = \mathcal{C}_{12}$
 $\mathbf{normalize}(f_1, \mathcal{C}_7) = 0,$
 $\mathbf{normalize}(f_1, \mathcal{C}_8) = f_1,$
 $\sqrt{f_1} = X_1^3 - X_1 =: r_{15},$
 $\mathbf{intersect}(f_1, \mathcal{C}_8) = \{r_{15}, r_4, r_6\} = \{X_1^3 - X_1, X_2, X_3\} =: \mathcal{C}_{13}$
 $\mathbf{normalize}(f_1, \mathcal{C}_9) = f_1,$
 $\sqrt{f_1} = X_1^3 - X_1 =: r_{15},$
 $\mathbf{intersect}(f_1, \mathcal{C}_9) = \{r_{15}, r_6, r_{10}\} = \{X_1^3 - X_1, X_3, X_4\} =: \mathcal{C}_{14}$
 $\mathbf{solve}(\mathcal{G}) = \mathbf{intersect}(f_1, \mathcal{C}_2) = \mathcal{C}_3 := \{\mathcal{C}_{11}, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_{13}, \mathcal{C}_{14}\}$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{11}) &= \mathcal{Z}(\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}) &= \{(0, 0, 0, a), a \in k, \}, \\
\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{12}) &= \mathcal{Z}(\{X_1, X_2X_4 - X_3\}) &= \{(0, a, b, \frac{b}{a}), a, b \in k, a \neq 0\}, \\
\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_7) &= \mathcal{Z}(\{X_1^2 - 1, X_3\}) &= \{(x, a, 0, b), x \in \{1, -1\}, a, b \in k, \}, \\
\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{13}) &= \mathcal{Z}(\{X_1^3 - X_1, X_2, X_3\}) &= \{(x, 0, 0, a), x \in \{0, 1, -1\}, a \in k, \}, \\
\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{14}) &= \mathcal{Z}(\{X_1^3 - X_1, X_3, X_4\}) &= \{(x, a, 0, 0), x \in \{0, 1, -1\}, a \in k, \},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{13}) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{14}) \subset \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{12}) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_7).$$

Algorithm 42.6.4 (Lazard). For removing redundant components, Lazard proposes an algorithm $\mathbf{inclusion?}(T, U)$ which is performed to the set of the quasi-components ordered by increasing dimension and in which each quasi-component T is compared with each component U of higher dimension to test whether $T \subset U$.

The procedure consists in checking whether $\mathbf{normalize}(f, T) = 0$ for each $f \in U$, the answer being positive iff all tests have success.

Of course the tests produce a Duval-splitting in T . \square

Example 42.6.5. For instance, with the present example, the tests

$$\mathbf{inclusion?}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_i), \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{12})), i \in \{13, 14\},$$

return the splittings

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{13}) &= \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_7) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}'_{13}), & \mathcal{C}'_{13} &= \mathcal{Z}(\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}) = \{(0, 0, 0, a), a \in k, \} \\
\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{14}) &= \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_7) \cup \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}'_{14}), & \mathcal{C}'_{14} &= \mathcal{Z}(\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}) = \{(0, a, 0, 0), a \in k, \}
\end{aligned}$$

the answer being positive for the components $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}'_i)$.

42.7 Ritt bases and Gröbner bases

Let k be a field of characteristic zero, $\mathcal{P} := k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$,

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

$<$ be the lexicographical ordering on \mathcal{T} induced by $X_1 < \dots < X_n$.

Let $\mathfrak{l} \subset \mathcal{P}$ and let $G := \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$ be the reduced Gröbner basis of \mathfrak{l} ordered so that

$$\mathbf{T}(g_1) < \mathbf{T}(g_2) < \dots < \mathbf{T}(g_{s-1}) < \mathbf{T}(g_s);$$

and denote, for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, $G_i := G \cap k[X_1, \dots, X_i]$.

Adapting Definition 42.5.1, we say that a variable X_i is called

algebraic for \mathfrak{l} if there is $g \in G_i \setminus G_{i-1}$

transcendental for \mathfrak{l} if $G_i = G_{i-1}$.

As usual we relabel the variables as

$$k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \cong k[V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

so that $\{V_1, \dots, V_d\}$ (respectively $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$) is the set of the transcendental (respectively: algebraic) variables for G .

To each reduced lex Gröbner basis G we associate a set $\mathcal{M}(G)$ inductively (on the rank $r := r(\mathfrak{l}(G))$ of the ideal generated by G as follows:

if $r = 1$, then set $\mathcal{M}(G) := \{g_1\}$,

if $r > 1$, denoting i the value for which $Z_r = X_i$, so that $G_i \setminus G_{i-1} \neq \emptyset$ and (as we will prove below) $\mathcal{M}(G_{i-1})$ is a triangular set, then we set

- $\mathcal{M}(G) := \mathcal{M}(G_{i-1})$, if $G_i \subset \text{Rem}(\mathcal{M}(G_{i-1}))$;
- if, instead, $G_i \not\subset \text{Rem}(\mathcal{M}(G_{i-1}))$ then we set $\mathcal{M}(G) := \mathcal{M}(G_{i-1}) \cup \{g_j\}$ where j is the minimal value for which the remainder of g_i w.r.t. $\mathcal{M}(G_{i-1})$ is not zero.

Definition 42.7.1 (Aubry et al.). *The set $\mathcal{M}(G)$ defined above is called the median set of \mathfrak{l} , where \mathfrak{l} is the ideal generated by the lex reduced Gröbner basis G . \square*

Example 42.7.2. For

$$G := \{X_1X_2, X_2X_3, X_3X_4\} \in k[X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4] \cong k[V_1][Z_1, Z_2, Z_3]$$

we set

$$\mathcal{M}(G_2) = \{X_1X_2\},$$

$$\mathcal{M}(G_3) = \mathcal{M}(G_2) \text{ since } X_2X_3 \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{M}(G_2)),$$

$$\mathcal{M}(G) = \mathcal{M}(G_2) \cup \{X_3X_4\} = \{X_1X_2, X_3X_4\}. \quad \square$$

Proposition 42.7.3 (Aubry et al.). *Let $G \subset \mathcal{P}$ be a reduced lex Gröbner basis generating an ideal \mathfrak{l} and let $\mathcal{M}(G)$ be its median set. Then*

- (1) $\mathcal{M}(G)$ is a non empty triangular set;
- (2) $\mathcal{M}(G) \subseteq \mathfrak{l} \subseteq \text{Rem}(\mathcal{M}(G))$;
- (3) $\mathcal{M}(G)$ is a fine triangular set;
- (4) $\mathcal{M}(G)$ is an admissible Ritt sequence;
- (5) $\mathcal{M}(G)$ is initially reduced.

Proof.

- (1) Obvious,
- (2) The only non trivial result is the inclusion $\mathfrak{l} \subseteq \text{Rem}(\mathcal{M}(G))$. Assume that there is $f \in \mathfrak{l}$ for which $f \notin \text{Rem}(\mathcal{M}(G))$ and denote r its remainder w.r.t. $\mathcal{M}(G)$ remarking that $r \in \mathfrak{l}$. Therefore there is $g \in G$ such that $\mathbf{T}(g) \mid \mathbf{T}(r)$. Since r (and so also $\mathbf{T}(r)$) is reduced, the same is true for $\mathbf{T}(g)$. Let $i := \text{class}(g)$, and $\mathcal{A} := \{h \in \mathcal{M}(G) : \text{class}(h) < i\}$. Remark that either
 - $G_i \subset \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ and $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{M}(G_i)$, or
 - $G_i \not\subset \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ and there is $h \in G_i$ such that $\{h\} = \mathcal{M}(G_i) \setminus \mathcal{A}$
 so that there are three cases: either
 - (a) $g \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$, or⁴⁸
 - (b) $g = h \in \mathcal{M}(G) \setminus \mathcal{A}$ or
 - (c) $g \neq h \implies \mathbf{T}(g) > \mathbf{T}(h)$ ⁴⁹
 but all these cases reduce to a contradiction:
 - (a) contradicts the assumption that $\mathbf{T}(g)$ is reduced;
 - (b) ditto;
 - (c) cannot hold for the same reason: in fact, $\text{class}(h) = i = \text{class}(g)$ and $\mathbf{T}(g) > \mathbf{T}(h)$ implice $\deg_i(\mathbf{T}(g)) \geq \deg_i(\mathbf{T}(h)) = \deg_i(h)$ which in turn implies that $\mathbf{T}(g)$ is reduced by h . \square
- (3) Assume that for some $g \in \mathcal{M}(G)$ the remainder of $\text{Lp}(g)$ w.r.t.

$$\mathcal{A} := \{h \in \mathcal{M}(G) : \mathbf{T}(h) < \mathbf{T}(g)\} = \{h \in \mathcal{M}(G) : \text{class}(h) < \text{class}(g)\}$$

is zero, so that, denoting $j := \text{class}(g)$ and $g' \in k[X_1, \dots, X_j]$ the polynomial such that $g = \text{Lp}(g)X_j^{\deg_j(g)} + g'$, $\deg_j(g') < \deg_j(g)$, the remainder r of g and the one of g' w.r.t. \mathcal{A} are the same. In particular $r \in \mathfrak{l} \subseteq \text{Rem}(\mathcal{M}(G))$ whence $r = 0$, and $g \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ contradicting the construction of $\mathcal{M}(G)$.

- (4) If follows from (2) and Proposition 42.4.7.
- (5) If not, there is a smallest (w.r.t. $j := \text{class}(g)$) element $g \in G$ which is not initially reduced w.r.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} &:= \{h \in \mathcal{M}(G) : \mathbf{T}(h) < \mathbf{T}(g)\} \\ &= \{h \in \mathcal{M}(G) : \text{class}(h) < j\} \\ &=: \{A_1, \dots, A_\rho\}. \end{aligned}$$

⁴⁸ $g \notin \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ so that $G_i \not\subset \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ and $\mathcal{M}(G_i) \setminus \mathcal{A} = \{h\}$.

⁴⁹ We assume $\text{lc}(f) = 1$ for each $f \in G$ so that $\mathbf{T}(g) = \mathbf{T}(h) \implies g = h$.

On the other side the remainder of $\text{Lp}(g)$ is not zero w.r.t. \mathcal{A} . Then, Theorem 42.1.18 implies that, for suitable integers w_i , and denoting I_i the initial of A_i

$$I_1^{w_1} \dots I_r^{w_r} g = I_1^{w_1} \dots I_r^{w_r} \text{Lp}(g) X_j^{\deg_j(g)} + I_1^{w_1} \dots I_r^{w_r} g'$$

reduces w.r.t. \mathcal{A} to a polynomial $t := R X_j^{\deg_j(g)} + g'' \in \mathfrak{l}$ which is

- reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} ,
- $\text{class}(t) = j, \deg_j(t) = \deg_j(g)$,
- $\mathbf{T}(t) = \mathbf{T}(R) X_j^{\deg_j(g)} < \mathbf{T}(\text{Lp}(g)) X_j^{\deg_j(g)} = \mathbf{T}(g)$.

Then, necessarily, $\mathbf{T}(t)$ is divided by $\mathbf{T}(h)$ for some $h \in G_j$ for which $\text{Lp}(h) \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$; therefore $\mathbf{T}(h) \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ and $\mathbf{T}(t) \in \text{Rem}(\mathcal{A})$ contradicting the assumption that t is reduced. \square

It is possible to recover Ritt's Corollary 42.3.5 as follows: for each algebraic variable $Z_i = X_j$ denote A_i the smallest⁵⁰ polynomial in $G_j \setminus G_{j-1}$ and denote $\mathcal{A}(G) := \{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$.

With this notation we have:

Theorem 42.7.4. *If G generates a prime ideal \mathfrak{l} , then:*

- (1) $\mathcal{M}(G) = \mathcal{A}(G)$,
- (2) $\mathfrak{l} = \text{Rem}(\mathcal{M}(G)) = \text{Sat}(\mathcal{M}(G))$,
- (3) $\overline{\mathfrak{z}}(\mathcal{M}(G)) = \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{l})$;
- (4) $\mathfrak{z}(\mathcal{M}(G)) \neq \emptyset$.

Proof.

- (1) It is sufficient to show that for each j the remainder of the initial $\text{Lp}(A_j)$ w.r.t. $\mathcal{B} := \{A_1, \dots, A_{j-1}\}$ is not zero. If it were zero, we would get a contradiction from $\text{Lp}(A_j) \in \mathfrak{l}$ which is impossible since A_j is a member of a reduced Gröbner basis.
- (2) Since $\mathfrak{l} \subset \text{Rem}(\mathcal{M}(G))$ by the Proposition above, the result follows from Corollary 42.3.5.
- (3) Again by Corollary 42.3.5.(4).
- (4) $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{l}) \neq \emptyset$. \square

Example 42.7.5. If G generates just a radical ideal \mathfrak{l} , it could happen that $\mathfrak{z}(\mathcal{M}(G)) = \emptyset$.

Let

$$F := \{X_1^2 - 2, X_2^2 - 2, (X_1 - X_2)X_3, (X_1 + X_2)X_4\} \in k[X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4].$$

The Gröbner basis is $G := F \cup \{X_3 X_4\}$ and $\mathcal{M}(G) = F$. Clearly the product of the initials

⁵⁰ Recall that the elements in G are enumerated so that $\mathbf{T}(g_i) < \mathbf{T}(g_{i+1})$ so the 'smallest' polynomial in $G_j \setminus G_{j-1}$ is also the polynomial $g \in G_j \setminus G_{j-1}$ having the $<$ -minimal value $\mathbf{T}(g)$.

$$(X_1 - X_2)(X_1 + X_2) = X_1^2 - X_2^2 \in (X_1^2 - 2, X_2^2 - 2)$$

Thus $\mathfrak{Z}(\mathcal{M}(G)) = \emptyset$.

42.8 Möller's Zero-dimensional Solver

Lemma 42.8.1. *Let $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ be a zero-dimensional ideal and let $h \in \mathcal{Q}$. It holds*

$$\mathcal{Z}(J : h^\infty) = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J) : h(\alpha) \neq 0\}.$$

Proof. Let us consider the irredundant primary decomposition $J = \bigcup_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{q}_i$ where, for each i , \mathfrak{p}_i denotes the associate maximal $\mathfrak{p}_i = \sqrt{\mathfrak{q}_i}$.

We have (Theorem 26.3.2 (19)) $J : h^\infty = \bigcup_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{q}_i : h^\infty$ and (Corollary 27.2.12) $\mathfrak{q}_i : h^\infty = \begin{cases} \mathcal{Q} & \text{iff } h \in \mathfrak{p}_i \\ \mathfrak{q}_i & \text{iff } h \notin \mathfrak{p}_i \end{cases}$ whence the claim follows easily. \square

Proposition 42.8.2 (Möller). *Let $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ be a zero-dimensional ideal and let $H := \{h_1, \dots, h_t\} \subset \mathcal{Q}$ be a set of polynomials such that*

$$\mathcal{Z}(H) \subset \mathcal{Z}(J).$$

Denoting $J_t := J$ and $J_i := J + \mathbb{I}(h_{i+1}, \dots, h_t)$, $1 \leq i < t$, it holds

$$\mathcal{Z}(J) = \mathcal{Z}(H) \bigsqcup_{i=1}^t \mathcal{Z}(J_i : h_i^\infty).$$

Proof. Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}(J) \setminus \mathcal{Z}(H) &= \{\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J) : \text{exists } i, i \leq t, h_i(\alpha) \neq 0\} \\ &= \bigsqcup_{i=1}^t \{\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J) : h_t(\alpha) = \dots = h_{i+1}(\alpha) = 0 \neq h_i(\alpha)\} \\ &= \bigsqcup_{i=1}^t \mathcal{Z}(J_i : h_i^\infty) \end{aligned}$$

the last equality following from Lemma 42.8.1. \square

The intended application of Proposition 42.8.2 requires efficient algorithms in order to compute, given a zero-dimensional ideal $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ and a polynomial $h \in \mathcal{Q} \setminus \{0\}$ both $J + (h)$ and $J : h^\infty$; different techniques are discussed in Sections 26.3–7. In connection, Möller anticipated some version of Caboara–Traverso ideas (Section 26.6); in particular he stated

Lemma 42.8.3 (Möller). *Let $\mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_s) \subset \mathcal{Q}$ and $h \in \mathcal{Q} \setminus \{0\}$. Then,*

$$\mathfrak{M} := \{(u, v) \in \mathcal{Q}^2 : u - hv \in \mathfrak{a}\}$$

is a module with basis $F := \{(g_i, 0), 1 \leq i \leq s\} \cup \{(h, 1)\}$.

Moreover, fixing any termordering \prec on \mathcal{W} and denoting

- $\{e_1, e_2\}$ the canonical basis of \mathcal{Q}^2 ,
- $\mathcal{W}^{(2)} = \{\tau e_i, : \tau \in \mathcal{W}, i \in \{1, 2\}\}$,
- \prec_2 the \prec -compatible termordering on $\mathcal{W}^{(2)}$ defined by

$$\tau e_i \prec_2 \tau' e_j \iff \begin{cases} i > j & \text{or} \\ i = j & \text{and } \tau \prec \tau', \end{cases}$$

- G the Gröbner basis of \mathbf{M} wrt \prec_2 ,
- $G_0 := \{b \in \mathcal{Q} : (0, b) \in G\}$,
- $G_1 := \{a \in \mathcal{Q} : (a, b) \in G\}$.

Then $(\mathbf{a} : h) = \mathbb{I}(G_0)$ and $\mathbf{a} + (h) = \mathbb{I}(G_1)$.

Proof. Obviously $F \subset \mathbf{M}$. For each $(u, v) \in \mathbf{M}$ there are $f_i \in \mathcal{Q}$ such that $u - hv = \sum_i f_i g_i$ so that $(u, v) = \sum_i f_i (g_i, 0) + v(h, 1)$; this proves $\mathbf{M} = \mathbb{I}(F)$.

The relation $\mathbb{I}(G_1) = \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_s, h) = \mathbf{a} + (h)$ is obvious.

The other claim is a direct consequence of the trivial equivalence

$$(0, v) \in \mathbf{M} \iff -hv \in \mathbf{a} \iff v \in (\mathbf{a} : h).$$

□

In order to deduce $\mathbf{a} : h^\infty$, Möller proposed to iteratively apply the same algorithm in order to iteratively deduce $\mathbf{a} : h^i$; the result is then obtained at stabilization⁵¹.

Remark 42.8.4. If, as it is assumed, \mathbf{J} is zero-dimensional, Möller also proposes to apply Traverso's Algorithm 29.3.8 in order to deduce $\mathbf{J} + (h)$ and a proper variation of the FGLM algorithm in order to compute $(\mathbf{J} : h)$.

Namely, denoting $\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_u\} = \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{J})$, and, for each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$

$$\mathbf{Rep}(f, \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{J})) := (\gamma(f, \tau_1, \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{J})), \dots, \gamma(f, \tau_u, \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{J})))$$

its *Gröbner description*, in order to obtain $(\mathbf{J} : h)$, Möller's Algorithm is to be applied to the functionals

$$l_i : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow k : f \mapsto \gamma(fh, \tau_i, \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{J}))$$

in the same way in which FGLM Algorithm is obtained by applying Möller's to the functionals

$$l_i : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow k : f \mapsto \gamma(f, \tau_i, \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{J})).$$

□

⁵¹ Compare the discussion after Lemma 26.3.9.

Let $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ be a *zero-dimensional* ideal and let $G := \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$, $\text{lc}(g_i) = 1$, be its Gröbner basis with respect the lex ordering induced by $Z_1 < Z_2 < \dots < Z_r$ ordered so that $\mathbf{T}(g_1) < \mathbf{T}(g_2) < \dots < \mathbf{T}(g_s)$.

The assumption that the ideal is zero-dimensional trivially implies that $g_s \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r] \setminus K[Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}]$ and that $\deg_r(g_i) := d_i < d_s := \deg_r(g_s)$ for each $i < s$.

As a consequence (Compare Kalkbener's Theorem 26.5.4)⁵² $\{\text{Lp}(g_i), 1 \leq i < s\}$ is a Gröbner basis w.r.t. $<$; moreover, since J is zero-dimensional we also have $\text{Lp}(g_s) \in k$.

Theorem 42.8.5 (Möller). *With the present notation we have*

$$\mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1}) : g_s = \mathbb{I}(\text{Lp}(g_1), \dots, \text{Lp}(g_{s-1})).$$

Proof. If $h \in J$ and $\mathbf{T}(h) < \mathbf{T}(g_s)$, then there is $j < s$ such that $\mathbf{T}(g_j) \mid \mathbf{T}(h)$ and there are $c \in k \setminus \{0\}, \tau \in \mathcal{W}$, such that $h' := h - c\tau g_j$ satisfies $h' \in J$ and $\mathbf{T}(h') < \mathbf{T}(h) < \mathbf{T}(g_s)$.

Thus for each $h \in J$, for which $\mathbf{T}(h) < \mathbf{T}(g_s)$, it holds $h \in \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1})$. For each $i, 1 \leq i < s$, set $h_i := \text{Lp}(g_i)g_s - Z_r^{d_s-d_i}g_i$; since

$$\mathbf{T}(\text{Lp}(g_i))\mathbf{T}(g_s) = \mathbf{T}(\text{Lp}(g_i)Z_r^{d_s} = \mathbf{T}(\text{Lp}(g_i)Z_r^{d_s-d_i}Z_r^{d_i} = \mathbf{T}(g_i)Z_r^{d_s-d_i}$$

we have $\mathbf{T}(h_i) < \mathbf{T}(g_s)$ and, since $h_i \in J$, we have $h_i \in \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1})$ whence $\text{Lp}(g_i)g_s \in \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1})$ and $\text{Lp}(g_i) \in \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1}) : g_s$. We have thus proven the inclusion $\mathbb{I}(\text{Lp}(g_1), \dots, \text{Lp}(g_{s-1})) \subseteq \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1}) : g_s$.

Conversely, let us consider a polynomial $g \in \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1}) : g_s, g \neq 0$.

Since $gg_s \in \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1})$, there is $i < s$ such that $\mathbf{T}(g_i) \mid \mathbf{T}(gg_s) = \mathbf{T}(g)Z_r^{d_s}$ and there are $c \in k \setminus \{0\}, \tau \in \mathcal{W} \cap k[Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}]$ such that

$$\mathbf{T}(gg_s) = c\tau Z_r^{d_s-d_i}\mathbf{T}(g_i) = c\tau\mathbf{T}(\text{Lp}(g_i))Z_r^{d_s} = c\tau\mathbf{T}(\text{Lp}(g_i)g_s).$$

Denoting $g' := g - c\tau \text{Lp}(g_i)$ and remarking that⁵³

$$g' \in (\mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1}) : g_s) + \mathbb{I}(\text{Lp}(g_1), \dots, \text{Lp}(g_{s-1})) \subseteq \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1}) : g_s$$

we have that either

- $\mathbf{T}(g') < \mathbf{T}(g)$ and $g - g' \in \mathbb{I}(\text{Lp}(g_1), \dots, \text{Lp}(g_{s-1}))$ or
- $g' = 0$ and $g \in \mathbb{I}(\text{Lp}(g_1), \dots, \text{Lp}(g_{s-1}))$.

⁵² Apparently Kalkbener's Theorem 26.5.4 and the weaker Möller's Theorem 42.8.5 are independent.

⁵³ Recall that we have just proved the inclusion

$$\mathbb{I}(\text{Lp}(g_1), \dots, \text{Lp}(g_{s-1})) \subseteq \mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1}) : g_s.$$

Thus, by <-induction we can deduce that

$$\mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_{s-1}) : g_s \subseteq \mathbb{I}(\text{Lp}(g_1), \dots, \text{Lp}(g_{s-1})).$$

□

Corollary 42.8.6 (Möller). *With the present notation and setting $H := \{\text{Lp}(g_i), 1 \leq i < s\} \cup \{g_s\}$ we have*

$$\mathcal{Z}(H) \subset \mathcal{Z}(J).$$

□

Algorithm 42.8.7 (Möller). With the present notation, the algorithm described in Figure 42.1 produces a triangular set decomposition of the zero-dimensional ideal J .

Fig. 42.1. Möller's Algorithm

$\mathfrak{T} := \text{Solve}(J)$
where
 $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ is a zero-dimensional ideal,
 $<$ is the lex ordering induced by $Z_1 < \dots < Z_r$
 $\{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$, $\text{lc}(g_i) = 1$, $\mathbf{T}(g_1) < \dots < \mathbf{T}(g_s)$ is the reduced Gröbner basis of J wrt $<$.
 $\mathfrak{T} = \{t_1, \dots, t_v\}$ is a finite set of triangular sets such that

$$\mathcal{Z}(J) = \bigsqcup_{j=1}^v \mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{I}(t_j)).$$

Let G be the reduced Gröbner basis wrt $<$ of $\mathbb{I}(\text{Lp}(g_1), \dots, \text{Lp}(g_{s-1}))$;
 $\mathfrak{U} := \text{Solve}(\mathbb{I}(\text{Lp}(g_1), \dots, \text{Lp}(g_{s-1})))$
 $\mathfrak{T}' := \{t \cup \{\text{NF}(g_s, t)\} : t \in \mathfrak{U}\}$
 $i = 1$, $G_{s-1} := \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$;
While $\text{Lp}(g_{s-i}) \notin J$ **do**
 Compute a reduced Gröbner basis G'_{s-i} of $\mathbb{I}(G_{s-i}) : \text{Lp}(g_{s-i})^\infty$,
 Compute a reduced Gröbner basis G_{s-i-1} of $\mathbb{I}(G_{s-i}) + \mathbb{I}(\text{Lp}(g_{s-i}))$,
 $\mathfrak{T}_i := \text{Solve}(\mathbb{I}(G'_{s-i}))$
 $\mathfrak{T} := \mathfrak{T}' \cup \mathfrak{T}_i$
 $i := i + 1$

In fact \mathfrak{T} is obtained, according Proposition 42.8.2 by the disjoint union of

- \mathfrak{T}' which gives the triangular set decomposition of $\mathbb{I}(H)$, and
- \mathfrak{T}_i which gives the triangular set decomposition of $J_i : \text{Lp}(g_i)^\infty$, for $i, l < i < s$ ⁵⁴ where l is the value for which $\{g_1, \dots, g_l\} = H \cap K[Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}]$.

⁵⁴ Remark that Proposition 42.8.2(6) apparently requires, before the **While**-loop, to compute

The correctness of the **While**-loop is a direct consequence of the ordering of the basis elements⁵⁵ and on the fact that

$$\text{Lp}(g_{s-i}) \in \mathbf{J} \implies (\mathbb{I}(G_{s-i} : \text{Lp}(g_{s-i}^\infty)) = \mathcal{Q} \iff \mathcal{Z}(\mathbb{I}(G_{s-i} : \text{Lp}(g_{s-i}^\infty))) = \emptyset.$$

□

Example 42.8.8. To illustrate the algorithm let us consider Example 39.2.3 where, denoting

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &:= \{Z_1^2 - Z_1, g_3, g_4\} \\ &\cup \{2Z_1Z_3 - 2Z_3 + 3Z_2^2 + 6Z_1Z_2 - 9Z_2 - 2Z_1 + 2\} \\ &\cup \{2Z_2Z_3 - 2Z_3 + 3Z_2^2 - 4Z_1Z_2 - 5Z_2 + 4Z_1 + 2\} \\ h_1 &:= 2Z_3^2 - 8Z_3 + 15Z_2^2 + 30Z_1Z_2 - 45Z_2 + 6 \\ H_2 &:= \{Z_1^2 - Z_1, Z_1Z_2\} \\ h_2 &:= Z_2^2 - 2Z_2, \\ h_3 &:= 2Z_3 + 3Z_2 - 4Z_1 - 2, \\ H_3 &:= \{Z_1^2 - Z_1, Z_1Z_2\} \\ h_4 &:= Z_2^2 - Z_2 \\ h_5 &:= Z_3 + 3Z_2 - 2Z_1 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &:= \{g_1, \dots, g_8\} \\ J_2 &:= \mathbb{I}(\{\text{Lp}(g_i), 1 \leq i \leq 7\}) = \mathbb{I}(Z_1 - 2, Z_2) \\ \mathbf{t}_1 &:= \{Z_1 - 2, Z_2\} \\ \text{Solve}(J_2) &:= \{\mathbf{t}_1\} \\ \mathbf{t}_1 &:= \{Z_1 - 2, Z_2, Z_3^3 - 3Z_3^2 + 2Z_3\} \\ J_3 &:= J_1 : (Z_1 - 2) = \mathbb{I}(H_1 \cup \{h_1\}) \\ J_5 &:= \mathbb{I}(\{\text{Lp}(h) : h \in H_1\}) = \mathbb{I}(Z_1 - 1, Z_2 - 1) \\ \mathbf{t}_2 &:= \mathbb{I}(\{Z_1 - 1, Z_2 - 1\}) \\ \text{Solve}(J_5) &:= \{\mathbf{t}_2\} \\ \mathbf{t}_2 &:= \{Z_1 - 1, Z_2 - 1, Z_3^2 - 4Z_3 + 3\} \end{aligned}$$

- a reduced Gröbner basis G'_s of $\mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_s) : g_s^\infty$,
- a reduced Gröbner basis G_{s-1} of $\mathbb{I}(g_1, \dots, g_s) + \mathbb{I}(g_s)$,
- the triangular set decomposition of $\mathbb{I}(G'_s)$

but this computation is trivial and returns $G'_s = \{1\}$ and $G_{s-1} = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$.

⁵⁵ For each $l \geq i$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lp}(g_{s-i}) \in \mathbf{J} &\iff g_{s-i} \in k[Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}] \\ &\implies g_{s-i} \in k[Z_1, \dots, Z_{r-1}] \\ &\iff \text{Lp}(g_{s-i}) \in \mathbf{J} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
J_6 &:= J_3 : (Z_2 - 1) = \mathbb{I}(H_2 \cup \{h_3, h_2\}) \\
J_7 &:= \mathbb{I}(\{\text{LP}(h) : h \in H_2\}) = \mathbb{I}(Z_1, Z_1^2 - Z_1) = \mathbb{I}(Z_1) \\
t_3 &:= \{Z_1, h_2, h_3\} = \{Z_1, Z_2^2 - 2Z_2, 2Z_3 + 3Z_2 - 2\} \\
J_8 &:= J_6 : Z_1 = \mathbb{I}(Z_1 - 1, Z_2) \\
t_4 &:= \{Z_1 - 1, Z_2, h_3\} = \{Z_1 - 1, Z_2, 2Z_3 - 6\} \\
\text{Solve}(J_6) &:= \{t_3, t_4\} \\
J_9 &:= (J_3 + \mathbb{I}(Z_2 - 1)) : (Z_1 - 1) := \mathbb{I}(Z_1, Z_2 - 1, Z_3 + 2) \\
t_5 &:= \{Z_1, Z_2 - 1, Z_3 + 2\} \\
\text{Solve}(J_9) &:= \{t_5\} \\
\text{Solve}(J_3) &:= \{t_i, 2 \leq i \leq 5\} \\
J_4 &:= (J_3 + \mathbb{I}(Z_2 - 1)) : (Z_1 + Z_2 - 2) = \mathcal{Q} \\
\text{Solve}(J_4) &:= \emptyset \\
\text{Solve}(J_1) &:= \{t_i, 1 \leq i \leq 5\}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathcal{Z}(J) = \{\mathbf{b}_j : 1 \leq j \leq 9\} = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^5 \mathcal{Z}(t_i)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{Z}(t_1) &= \{\mathbf{b}_3, \mathbf{b}_8, \mathbf{b}_9\} & \mathcal{Z}(t_2) &= \{\mathbf{b}_6, \mathbf{b}_7\} \\
\mathcal{Z}(t_3) &= \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_4\} & \mathcal{Z}(t_4) &= \{\mathbf{b}_5\} & \mathcal{Z}(t_5) &= \{\mathbf{b}_2\}
\end{aligned}$$

□

42.9 Rouillier: Rational Univariate Representation

Let us assume we are given a zero-dimensional ideal $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ via a Gröbner representation

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

and let us remark that, via a direct application of Alonso–Raimondo–Traverso Algorithm (Remark 40.8.1) we can reduce ourselves with good complexity to the case in which

- (1) J is radical,
- (2) we have a linear form $Y := \sum_h c_h Z_h$ which is a *separating element* of $\mathcal{Z}(J)$.

where we recall that

Definition 42.9.1. A polynomial $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ is called a separating element of $\mathcal{Z}(J)$ iff, for each $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$, we have $\alpha \neq \beta \implies f(\alpha) \neq f(\beta)$. □

The application of Alonso–Raimondo–Traverso Algorithm has the further advantage that the obtained separating linear form $Y := \sum_h c_h Z_h$ is an *allgemeine* coordinate for J so that (Corollary 34.3.4) Alonso–Raimondo–Traverso Algorithm returns a triangular set

$$(g_0(Y), Z_1 - g_1(Y), \dots, Z_r - g_r(Y)) \subset K[Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_r], \quad (42.1)$$

of the ideal $J^+ := J + (Y - \sum_h c_h Z_h) \subset K[Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$, where $g_i \in K[Y]$, $\deg(g_i) < \deg(g_0) = \#(\mathcal{Z}(J))$ and (J being radical) g_0 is squarefree.

Example 42.9.2. For the radical ideal $J \subset \mathbb{C}[Z_1, Z_2, Z_3]$ discussed in Examples 39.2.3 and 40.3.2 and the separating element/*allgemeine* coordinate $Y = -3Z_1 + Z_2 + 3Z_3$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_0 &= Y^9 + Y^8 - 90Y^7 - 142Y^6 + 2489Y^5 \\ &\quad + 4689Y^4 - 20880Y^3 - 31428Y^2 + 45360Y, \\ 389188800g_1 &= -8611Y^8 + 29288Y^7 + 697698Y^6 \\ &\quad - 2278040Y^5 - 15347699Y^4 + 56296512Y^3 \\ &\quad + 44649972Y^2 - 473227920Y + 778377600, \\ 640640g_2 &= 19Y^8 - 108Y^7 - 1426Y^6 + 7808Y^5 \\ &\quad + 31851Y^4 - 167652Y^3 - 185004Y^2 + 955152Y, \\ 778377600g_3 &= -24917Y^8 + 102316Y^7 + 1972926Y^6 \\ &\quad - 7718320Y^5 - 43595053Y^4 + 180492084Y^3 \\ &\quad + 164226564Y^2 - 1073833200Y + 1556755200. \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 42.9.3 (Alonso–Becker–Roy–Wörmann). *With the current notation and setting*

$$\mathcal{Z}(J) := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\} \subset K^r, \quad \alpha_i = (a_1^{(i)}, \dots, a_r^{(i)}), \beta_i := \sum_h c_h a_h^{(i)}$$

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

$$J^+ = \mathbb{I}(g_0(Y), g'_0(Y)Z_1 - h_1(Y), \dots, g'_0(Y)Z_r - h_r(Y)) \subset K[Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]. \quad (42.2)$$

Moreover, for each $\iota, 1 \leq \iota \leq r$, we have

$$h_\iota(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^s a_\iota^{(i)} \prod_{j \neq i} (Y - \beta_j). \quad (42.3)$$

Proof. $g_0(Y)$ being squarefree, $g'_0(Y)$ is invertible in $K[Y]/g_0$; thus $h_i := \mathbf{Rem}(g'_0 g_i, g_0)$ satisfy the required property.

Since $g'_0(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^s \prod_{j \neq i} (Y - \beta_j)$, for each $l, 1 \leq l \leq s$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} g'_0(\beta_l) a_l^{(l)} &= a_l^{(l)} \sum_{i=1}^s \prod_{j \neq i} (\beta_l - \beta_j) \\ &= a_l^{(l)} \prod_{j \neq l} (\beta_l - \beta_j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^s a_l^{(i)} \prod_{j \neq i} (\beta_l - \beta_j) \\ &= h_l(\beta_l). \end{aligned}$$

□

Remark 42.9.4. Compare Proposition 42.9.3 with Kronecker's result (41.3); the only difference is that here the assumption of the *primality* of the ideal J is relaxed to *radicality*. □

Remark 42.9.5 (Alonso–Becker–Roy–Wörmann). Denoting S the size of the elements $a_{ij}^{(i)}$ in the matrices A_i , clearly (42.3) grants that the coefficients in the Kronecker parametrization (42.2) have size $\mathcal{O}(Ss)$ giving a strong advantage with the $\mathcal{O}(Ss^2)$ size of the coefficients of the *allgemeine basis* (42.1). □

Example 42.9.6. In the setting discussed in Examples 42.9.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} g'_0(Y) &= 9Y^8 + 8Y^7 - 630Y^6 - 852Y^5 + 12445Y^4 \\ &\quad + 18756Y^3 - 62640Y^2 - 62856Y + 45360, \\ h_1(Y) &= 9Y^8 + 5Y^7 - 638Y^6 - 668Y^5 + 13655Y^4 \\ &\quad + 15591Y^3 - 92178Y^2 - 76896Y + 90720, \\ h_2(Y) &= 5Y^8 - 348Y^6 - 62Y^5 + 7155Y^4 + 2790Y^3 - 39852Y^2 - 20088Y, \\ h_3(Y) &= 7Y^8 + 65Y^7 - 380Y^6 - 3966Y^5 + 3455Y^4 \\ &\quad + 56421Y^3 - 5562Y^2 - 191160Y + 90720. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 42.9.7 (Alonso–Becker–Roy–Wörmann).

For each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$, there is $h_f(Y) \in K[Y]$ such that

$$g'_0(Y) f(Z_1, \dots, Z_r) - h_f(Y) \in \mathbf{J}^+, \deg(h_f) < \deg(g_0).$$

Proof. It is sufficient to set $h_f(Y) := \mathbf{Rem}(f(h_1(Y), \dots, h_r(Y)), g_0(Y))$. □

Both Proposition 42.9.3 and Corollary 42.9.7 are existential results; thus we need a computational definition of $h_f(Y)$; to obtain it we consider a new variable S , the extension field $K(S)$, the ideal

$$J^e := JK(S)[Z_1, \dots, Z_r] \subset K(S)[Z_1, \dots, Z_r] = \mathcal{Q} \otimes_K K(S),$$

the algebra $\bar{A} := K(S)[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]/J^e = A \otimes_K K(S)$, the element $\bar{f} := Y + Sf \in \bar{A}$, the matrix $A_{\bar{f}}$.

Theorem 42.9.8 (Alonso–Becker–Roy–Wörmann). *With the current notation, it holds:*

(1) *the minimal polynomial $m_{\bar{f}}(T) \in K(S)[T]$ of $A_{\bar{f}}$ is*

$$m_{\bar{f}}(T) = \prod_{i=1}^s (T - \beta_i - Sf(\alpha_i)) \in K[S, T];$$

(2) *denoting $p(S, T) := \frac{\partial m_{\bar{f}}}{\partial S}$, we have*

$$p(0, T) = - \sum_{i=1}^s f(\alpha_i) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^r (T - \beta_j);$$

(3) *for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$ it holds $f(\alpha) = \frac{p(0, \alpha)}{g'_0(\alpha)}$;*

(4) $h_f(T) = p(0, T)$.

Proof. (1) is obvious, (2) requires a trivial verification and (4) is a direct consequence of (3); so we have just to prove (3): for each $\iota, 1 \leq \iota \leq s$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(0, \alpha_\iota) &= - \sum_{i=1}^s f(\alpha_i) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^r (\beta_\iota - \beta_j) \\ &= -f(\alpha_\iota) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq \iota}}^r (\beta_\iota - \beta_j) \\ &= -f(\alpha_\iota) g'_0(\alpha_\iota). \end{aligned}$$

□

Remark 42.9.9 (Alonso–Becker–Roy–Wörmann).

The computation of the Kronecker parametrization (42.2) does not require to assume that J is radical; assuming as known $s = \#\mathcal{Z}(J)$ (an efficient way for computing it is discussed in Corollary 42.9.13 below) and denoting $\chi(T)$ and $m(T)$ respectively the characteristic and the minimal polynomials of A_Y we have

$$g_0(T) = \sqrt{\chi(T)} = \sqrt{m(T)}.$$

Once a linear form Y is fixed, the minimal polynomial $m(T)$ of A_Y which coincides with the minimal polynomial of the element $Y \in A$ can be directly obtained by checking the successive powers $[1], [Y], [Y^2], \dots$ for linear dependency; Y is then a separating element if and only if $\deg(\sqrt{m}) = \#\mathcal{Z}(J)$.

In order to make this approach effective, all one needs is the availability of a finite set of linear forms which is granted to contain at least a separating element. Such a finite set is provided by Chistov–Grigoriev Corollary 35.6.4. \square

Remark 42.9.10. Alternatively, once $\#\mathcal{Z}(J)$ is known, a separating linear form Y can be obtained by an easy adaptation of Alonso–Raimondo Algorithm 35.7.1⁵⁶ aimed to avoid the evaluation of the swelling coefficients of the g_i s, $i > 0$:

- (1) set $Y := \sum_i a_i Z_i$, $J := 1$
- (2) by linear algebra on the Gröbner descriptions of

$$[1], [Y], [Y^2], \dots$$

compute the minimal polynomial $m(T) \in K[T]$ such that $m(T) \in J^+$.

- (3) if $d := \deg(\sqrt{m}) < \#\mathcal{Z}(J)$ then set $j := J$ and
 - (a) while $j \leq r$, verify, whether

$$[(\sqrt{m})'(Y)Z_j], [1], [Y], [Y^2], \dots, [Y^{d-1}]$$

are linearly dependent;

- (b) if so, set $j := j + 1$ and go to (3.a);
- (c) if instead they are linearly dependent, set $J := j$, $Y := Y + cZ_j$, $a_j := a_j + c$ and go to (2)
- (4) when $\deg(\sqrt{m}) = \#\mathcal{Z}(J)$, then
 - $J^+ + (\sqrt{m})$ is radical,
 - $Y := \sum_i a_i Z_i$ is a separating linear form and
 - \sqrt{m} is its minimal polynomial.

\square

Lemma 42.9.11. *Let $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ be a separating element of $\mathcal{Z}(J)$ and let $s = \#\mathcal{Z}(J)$. Then $\{1, [f], [f^2], \dots, [f^{s-1}]\}$ is a K -linearly independent set of \mathbf{A} .*

Proof. Assume that $m(T) := \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} a_i T^i \in k[Y]$ is such that $m(f) \equiv 0 \pmod{J}$; since f a separating element of $\mathcal{Z}(J)$, the polynomial $m(T)$ has the s distinct roots $\{f(\alpha), \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J)\}$ giving a contradiction. \square

For every polynomial $h \in \mathcal{Q}$, we can consider the bilinear map

$$\ell_h : \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A} \rightarrow K, (p, q) \mapsto \text{Tr}(A_{hpq})$$

and the corresponding quadratic form associated to ℓ_h

$$Q_h(x_1, \dots, x_s) := \sum_{j,l} \gamma_{j,l}^{(h)} x_j x_l$$

which satisfies $\ell_h(p, p) = \text{Tr}(A_{hp^2}) = \sum_{j,l} \gamma_{j,l}^{(h)} c_j c_l = Q_h(c_1, \dots, c_s)$ for each $p = \sum_{i=1}^s c_i [b_i] \in \mathbf{A} = \text{Span}_K\{[b_1], \dots, [b_s]\}$.

⁵⁶ Compare also Remark 40.8.1.

Proposition 42.9.12 (Rouillier). *For a polynomial $h \in \mathcal{Q}$, the quadratic form Q_h has $\#\{\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J) : h(\alpha) \neq 0\}$ as rank.*

Proof. Let $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ be a separating element of $\mathcal{Z}(J)$. By the Lemma above, the set $\{1, [f], [f^2], \dots, [f^{s-1}]\}$ is K -linearly independent and thus can be completed to a basis

$$\{1, [f], [f^2], \dots, [f^{s-1}], [b_{s+1}], \dots, [b_s]\} = \{[b_1], \dots, [b_s]\}$$

of A . For each $p \in \mathcal{Q}$ let $c_j \in K$ be such that

$$[p] = \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} c_j [f]^j + \sum_{j=s+1}^s c_j [b_j].$$

Thus, setting $Y_i := \sum_{j=1}^s c_j b_j(\alpha_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq s$, by Corollary 40.5.2 we have

$$Q_h = \text{Tr}(A_{hp^2}) = \sum_{i=1}^s s_i h(\alpha_i) \left(\sum_{j=1}^s c_j b_j(\alpha_i) \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^s s_i h(\alpha_i) Y_i^2.$$

The matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & f(\alpha_1) & f(\alpha_1)^2 & \cdots & f(\alpha_1)^{s-1} \\ 1 & f(\alpha_2) & f(\alpha_2)^2 & \cdots & f(\alpha_2)^{s-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & f(\alpha_s) & f(\alpha_s)^2 & \cdots & f(\alpha_s)^{s-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

is invertible — being Vandermonde since $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ separates $\mathcal{Z}(J)$, — and a submatrix of the one associated to the linear forms that define the linear change of variables Y_i .

Thus the Y_i s are linearly independent and (compare Theorem 13.5.2) the rank of Q_h is the number of roots of J which are not roots of h .

Corollary 42.9.13. *The rank of*

$$Q_1(x_1, \dots, x_s) := \sum_{j,l} \gamma_{j,l}^{(1)} x_j x_l = \sum_{j,l} \text{Tr}(A_{b_j b_l}) x_j x_l$$

is $s = \#\mathcal{Z}(J)$. □

Once a Kronecker parametrization (42.2) is obtained via Theorem 42.9.8, the multiplicity of each root can be obtained in the following way: denoting, for each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$, B_f the matrix representing the endomorphism

$$\bar{\Phi} : \mathcal{Q}/\sqrt{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}/\sqrt{J}, \bar{\Phi}([g]) \mapsto [fg]$$

we have

Lemma 42.9.14 (Alonso–Becker–Roy–Wörmann). *Let Y be a separating linear form of $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J})$; then*

(1) *The matrix*
$$\begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Tr}(B_1) & \cdots & \operatorname{Tr}(B_{Y^{s-1}}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \operatorname{Tr}(B_{Y^{s-1}}) & \cdots & \operatorname{Tr}(B_{Y^{2s-2}}) \end{pmatrix},$$
 is invertible;

(2) *let $a_0, \dots, a_{s-1} \in K$ be the unique solution of the linear system*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Tr}(B_1) & \cdots & \operatorname{Tr}(B_{Y^{s-1}}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \operatorname{Tr}(B_{Y^{s-1}}) & \cdots & \operatorname{Tr}(B_{Y^{2s-2}}) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{s-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Tr}(A_1) \\ \vdots \\ \operatorname{Tr}(A_{Y^{s-1}}) \end{pmatrix}$$

and let $F(Y) := \sum_{l=0}^{s-1} a_l Y^l$; then

$$F(\alpha_i) = s_i = \operatorname{mult}(\alpha_i, \mathbf{J}), \forall \alpha_i \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J}).$$

Proof. (1) holds since the matrix is Hankel.

Ad(2): we have, for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq s$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^s s_i \beta_i^j &= \operatorname{Tr}(A_{Y^j}) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{s-1} a_l \operatorname{Tr}(B_{Y^{j+l}}) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{s-1} a_l \sum_{i=1}^s \beta_i^{j+l} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^s \left(\sum_{l=0}^{s-1} a_l \beta_i^l \right) \beta_i^j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^s F(\alpha_i) \beta_i^j; \end{aligned}$$

since the matrix (β_i^j) is Vandermonde, we have $F(\alpha_i) = s_i$ for each i . \square

Up to now, in order to represent the roots of \mathfrak{l} we alternatively,

- assumed \mathbf{J} to be radical in order to apply Corollary 34.3.4 or
- applied Proposition 42.9.3, using the minimal polynomial $m(Y)$ of $Y \in \mathbf{A}$.

In both cases, we lose the multiplicity of each root, which we recover via Lemma 42.9.14.

An improvement allows to remove the requirement that \mathbf{J} be radical and to directly use the characteristic polynomial $\chi(T) = \prod_{i=1}^s (T - \beta_i)^{s_i}$, thus directly deducing multiplicities.

Proposition 42.9.15 (Rouillier). *Let $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ be a zero-dimensional ideal, not necessarily radical and set*

$$\mathcal{Z}(J) := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\} \subset K^r, \quad \alpha_i = (a_1^{(i)}, \dots, a_r^{(i)}), s_i := \text{mult}(\alpha_i, J).$$

Let $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ be a separating element of $\mathcal{Z}(J)$; denote $\chi := \chi_f := \sum_{i=0}^s c_i T^{s-i}$ the characteristic polynomial of A_f and $\beta_i := f(\alpha_i)$.

$$\text{For each } h \in \mathcal{Q} \text{ denote } \gamma_h(T) := \sum_{i=1}^s s_i h(\alpha_i) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^s (T - \beta_j).$$

Then:

- (1) $\chi = \chi_f = \prod_{i=1}^s (T - \beta_i)^{s_i}$.
- (2) $\frac{\chi'(T)}{\chi(T)} = \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{\text{Tr}(A_{f^j})}{T^{j+1}}$;
- (3) $(s - i)c_i = \sum_{j=0}^i c_{i-j} \text{Tr}(A_{f^j})$ for $i = 0, \dots, s$;
- (4) $\gamma_h(\beta_l) = s_l h(\alpha_l) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq l}}^s (\beta_l - \beta_j)$;
- (5) $h(\alpha_l) = \frac{\gamma_h(\beta_l)}{\gamma_1(\beta_l)}$ for $1 \leq l \leq s$;
- (6) $\gamma_h(T) = \sqrt{\chi(T)} \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{\text{Tr}(A_{hf^j})}{T^{j+1}}$;
- (7) setting $\sqrt{\chi} := \sum_{i=0}^s a_i T^{s-i}$, it holds

$$\gamma_h(T) = \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \sum_{j=0}^{s-i-1} \text{Tr}(A_{hf^j}) a_i T^{s-i-j-1},$$

- (8) $\gamma_1(T) = \frac{\chi'(T)}{\text{gcd}(\chi(T), \chi'(T))}$;
- (9) $\text{gcd}(\gamma_1(T), \chi(T)) = 1$;
- (10) for each i , $s_i = \frac{\gamma_1(\beta_i)}{(\sqrt{\chi})'(\beta_i)}$;
- (11) the squarefree decomposition (Definition 4.7.2) $\chi = \prod_l \chi_l^l$ of χ is obtained via $\chi_l := \text{gcd}(\gamma_1(T) - l(\sqrt{\chi})'(T), \sqrt{\chi})$.

Proof.

- (1) See Corollary 40.5.2.
- (2) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\chi'(T)}{\chi(T)} &= \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{s_i}{T - \beta_i} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{s_i}{T} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\beta_i}{T}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{s_i}{T} \sum_{j \geq 0} \left(\frac{\beta_i}{T}\right)^j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^s s_i \beta_i^j}{T^{j+1}} \\
 &= \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{\text{Tr}(A_{f^j})}{T^{j+1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(3) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=0}^s (s-i)c_i T^{s-i-1} &= \chi'(T) \\
 &= \chi(T) \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{\text{Tr}(A_{f^j})}{T^{j+1}} \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{s-1} \sum_{j=0}^{s-l-1} c_l \text{Tr}(A_{f^j}) T^{s-l-j-1} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \sum_{j=0}^i c_{i-j} \text{Tr}(A_{f^j}) T^{s-i-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(4) We have $\gamma_h(\beta_l) = \sum_{i=1}^s s_i h(\alpha_i) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^s (\beta_l - \beta_j) = s_l h(\alpha_l) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq l}}^s (\beta_l - \beta_j)$.

(5) Obvious.

(6) We have

$$\frac{\gamma_h(T)}{\sqrt{\chi(T)}} = \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{s_i h(\alpha_i)}{T - \beta_i} = \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^s s_i h(\alpha_i) \beta_i^j}{T^{j+1}} = \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{\text{Tr}(A_{h f^j})}{T^{j+1}}.$$

(7) A direct consequence of (6).

(8) Obvious.

(9) Obvious.

(10) $\frac{\gamma_1(T)}{(\sqrt{\chi})'(T)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^s s_i \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^s (T - \beta_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^s \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^s (T - \beta_j)}$ whence the claim.

(11) The claim follows easily from

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_1(T) - l(\sqrt{\chi})'(T) &= \sum_{i=1}^s (s_i - l) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^s (T - \beta_j) \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ s_i \neq l}}^s (s_i - l) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^s (T - \beta_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ s_i=l}}^s (T - \beta_i) \right) \left(\sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ s_i \neq l}}^s (s_i - l) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i, s_j \neq l}}^s (T - \beta_j) \right)$$

□

Definition 42.9.16 (Rouillier). Let $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ be a zero-dimensional ideal. A Univariate Representation (χ, Φ) of J is the assignment of polynomials $\chi(T), \gamma_0(T), \gamma_1(T), \dots, \gamma_r(T) \in K[T]$ which defines a K -isomorphism

$$\Phi : \{\alpha \in K : \chi(\alpha) = 0\} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(J) : \alpha \mapsto \left(\frac{\gamma_1(\alpha)}{\gamma_0(\alpha)}, \dots, \frac{\gamma_r(\alpha)}{\gamma_0(\alpha)} \right)$$

which satisfies $\text{mult}(\Phi(\alpha), J) = \text{mult}(\alpha, \mathbb{I}(\chi))$.

If moreover $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ is a separating element of $\mathcal{Z}(J)$ and $\chi := \chi_f$ is the characteristic polynomial of A_f , the univariate representation (χ, Φ) is called the Rational Univariate Representation (RUR) of J associated to f . □

Corollary 42.9.17 (Rouillier). With the assumptions and notations of Proposition 42.9.15 and setting

$$\Phi : \{f(\alpha), \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}(J)\} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(J) : \beta = f(\alpha) \mapsto \left(\frac{\gamma_{Z_r}(\beta)}{\gamma_1(\beta)}, \dots, \frac{\gamma_{Z_1}(\beta)}{\gamma_1(\beta)} \right) = \alpha$$

(χ_f, Φ) is the Rational Univariate Representation of J associated to f . □

Remark 42.9.18 (Rouillier). For a Rational Univariate Representation

$$(\chi, \Phi), \Phi : \{\alpha \in K : \chi(\alpha) = 0\} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(J) : \alpha \mapsto \left(\frac{\gamma_1(\alpha)}{\gamma_0(\alpha)}, \dots, \frac{\gamma_r(\alpha)}{\gamma_0(\alpha)} \right)$$

of J and a factorization $\chi(T) = \prod_i \chi_i(T)$, $\text{gcd}(\chi_i, \chi_j) = 1$ setting

$$\gamma_{ji}(T) := \mathbf{Rem}(\gamma_j(T), \chi_i) \text{ for each } i, j$$

and

$$\Phi_i : \{\alpha \in K : \chi_i(\alpha) = 0\} \rightarrow \left\{ \left(\frac{\gamma_{1i}(\alpha)}{\gamma_{0i}(\alpha)}, \dots, \frac{\gamma_{ni}(\alpha)}{\gamma_{0i}(\alpha)} \right) \right\}$$

we have that (χ_i, Φ_i) is a Rational Univariate Representation, for each i , and it holds $\mathcal{Z}(J) = \sqcup_i \left\{ \left(\frac{\gamma_{1i}(\alpha)}{\gamma_{0i}(\alpha)}, \dots, \frac{\gamma_{ni}(\alpha)}{\gamma_{0i}(\alpha)} \right) : \alpha \in K, \chi_i(\alpha) = 0 \right\}$. □

Remark 42.9.19. If J is radical, the representation of $\mathcal{Z}(J)$ proposed in Proposition 42.9.3 is a RUR of J associated to $\sum_h c_h Z_h$. □

Algorithm 42.9.20 (Rouillier). Given a zero-dimensional ideal $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ via a Gröbner representation

$$\mathbf{b} = \{[b_1], \dots, [b_s]\} \subset \mathbf{A} = \mathcal{Q}/J, A_h := \begin{pmatrix} a_{ij}^{(h)} \end{pmatrix} = M([Z_h], \mathbf{b}), 1 \leq h \leq r$$

and assuming to have the matrices A_{b_i} representing the endomorphisms $\Phi_{b_i} : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$, a RUR of J associated to a linear form can therefore be computed by the following procedure:

- (1) For each $j, l, 1 \leq i \leq s$ compute $\text{Tr}(A_{b_j b_l})$;
- (2) Compute $s := \#\mathcal{Z}(J)$ as rank of $Q_1(x_1, \dots, x_s) := \sum_{j,l} \text{Tr}(A_{b_j b_l}) x_j x_l$ (Corollary 42.3.6);
- (3) Repeatedly, choose (via Corollary 35.6.4) a linear form $Y := \sum_h c_h Z_h$ and compute, via Proposition 42.9.15(3), the characteristic polynomial χ_Y of A_Y until $\deg(\sqrt{\chi_Y}) = \#\mathcal{Z}(J)$ thus granting that Y is a separating element.
 Alternatively deduce via Remark 42.9.10 a separating linear form $Y := \sum_h c_h Z_h$ and compute the characteristic polynomial χ_Y of A_Y via Proposition 42.9.15(3).
- (4) Compute $\gamma_1(T), \gamma_{Z_1}(T), \dots, \gamma_{Z_r}(T)$ via Proposition 42.9.15(6-7).

It can be proved that its complexity is in $\mathcal{O}(s^3 + rs^2)$ arithmetic operations in K and that, in the case $K = \mathbb{Q}$, the cost is in $\mathcal{O}((s^3 + rs^2)M(ls^2))$ binary arithmetic operations, where l denotes the bit-size of the entries of the matrices A_h and $M(\ell)$ denotes the cost of multiplying two integers of bit-size ℓ . □

Remark 42.9.21 (Dahen). Clearly (Compare Proposition 42.9.3) the relation between the elements of the *Allegemiane* basis (42.1) and the RUR (42.2) is given by $h_i := \mathbf{Rem}(g'_0 g_i, g_0)$.

The better behaviour of Kronecker's parametrization w.r.t. *Allegemiane* bases can be generalized to triangular sets.

In fact, given a *triangularizable* zero-dimensional ideal $J \subset \mathbb{Q}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ via a set $G := (g_1, \dots, g_m) \subset \mathbb{Q}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$, denoting

$$T := (f_1, \dots, f_r) \subset \mathbb{Q}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

its triangular set and, for each $i, 1 \leq i < r$,

$$N_{i+1} := NF \left(f_{i+1} \prod_{j=1}^i \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial Z_j}, \mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_i) \right)$$

the normal form of $f_{i+1} \prod_{j=1}^i \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial Z_j}$ w.r.t. the Gröbner basis (f_1, \dots, f_i) , both theoretical and practical analysis suggest that the *height*⁵⁷ of the triangular set $N := (f_1, N_2, \dots, N_r)$ of J is better than the one of T ⁵⁸. □

⁵⁷ for a set $G := (g_1, \dots, g_m) \subset \mathbb{Q}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ its height is the value $h(G) := \max(\log(c(g_i, \tau) : 1 \leq i \leq r, \tau \in \mathcal{W}))$.

⁵⁸ We have $h(T) = \mathcal{O}(rhd^{2r})$ and $h(N) = \mathcal{O}(rhd^r)$ where $d = \max(\deg(g_i))$ and $h = h(G)$.

43. Lagrange II

Given a (squarefree) polynomial $f \in k[T]$, a natural question¹ is to determine its Galois group (Definition 14.1.3) over k . Based on classical techniques as the representation of a group of finite order as a permutation group (Section 43.1) and as a permutation group of the set of roots of a separable polynomial (Section 43.2), Lagrange resolvents (Section 43.3 and 43.5) and Cayley modules (Section 43.4) recently the problem has been completely solved (Section 43.6 and 43.7) by Annick Valibouze and Jean-Marie Arnaudies for polynomials f of degree bounded by 11.

43.1 Representation of Groups as Permutation Groups

Let² G be a finite group.

Example 43.1.1. Throughout this section, as an example we take as G the alternative group A_4 whose 12 elements we denote

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 &= \text{Id}, & g_2 &= (1, 3, 2), & g_3 &= (1, 2), (3, 4), \\ g_4 &= (1, 2, 3), & g_5 &= (2, 4, 3), & g_6 &= (2, 3, 4), \\ g_7 &= (1, 4, 3), & g_8 &= (1, 4, 2), & g_9 &= (1, 3, 4), \\ g_{10} &= (1, 3), (2, 4), & g_{11} &= (1, 2, 4), & g_{12} &= (1, 4), (2, 3) \end{aligned}$$

and whose corresponding multiplication table is

¹ Other equally natural questions are

- to solve f by radicals, in case it is possible, and
- the *Galois inverse problem* of determining, given a finite group G , a polynomial $f \in k[T]$ for which G is its Galois group.

Such questions are just mentioned here but not discussed in this book.

² For this theory, compare Burnside W., *Theory of groups of finite order*, Cambridge University Press (1911) Ch. XII

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	7	1	3	8	5	10	12	6	9	11
3	3	6	1	9	8	2	11	5	4	12	7	10
4	4	1	5	2	7	10	3	6	11	8	12	9
5	5	10	4	11	6	1	12	7	2	9	3	8
6	6	9	11	3	1	5	8	12	10	2	4	7
7	7	8	2	12	10	4	9	3	1	11	5	6
8	8	12	9	7	2	3	10	11	6	4	1	5
9	9	3	8	6	11	12	1	2	7	5	10	4
10	10	11	12	5	4	7	6	9	8	1	2	3
11	11	5	6	10	12	9	4	1	3	7	8	2
12	12	7	10	8	9	11	2	4	5	3	6	1

□

Impose on the set of the subgroups $H \subset G$ the relation

$$H_1 \sim H_2 \iff \text{exists } \tau \in G : H_1 = \tau^{-1}H_2\tau$$

and denotes $\mathcal{E} := \{\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_s\}$, the set of all the conjugacy classes.

We associate to each such class its *degree*

$$\text{deg}(\mathcal{C}_i) := [G : H], H \in \mathcal{C}_i,$$

and its *weight*

$$w(\mathcal{C}_i) := \#G / \text{deg}(\mathcal{C}_i) = \#H, H \in \mathcal{C}_i,$$

we enumerate \mathcal{E} so that³

$$w(\mathcal{C}_1) \leq w(\mathcal{C}_2) \leq \dots \leq w(\mathcal{C}_s)$$

and we impose a partial ordering \preceq on \mathcal{E} setting $\mathcal{C}_i \preceq \mathcal{C}_j$ if the following equivalent conditions

- there are $H \in \mathcal{C}_i$ and $H' \in \mathcal{C}_j$ such that $H \subset H'$,
- for each $H \in \mathcal{C}_i$ there is $H' \in \mathcal{C}_j$ such that $H \subset H'$,

hold.

Since in this setting we have $[G : H'] = [G : H][H : H']$ we also have $\mathcal{C}_i \preceq \mathcal{C}_j \implies i \leq j$.

Example 43.1.2. $G = A_4$ has five conjugacy classes, each consisting of the subgroups of order (respectively) 1, 2, 3, 4, 12:

\mathcal{C}_1 has $\text{deg}(\mathcal{C}_1) = 12, w(\mathcal{C}_1) = 1$ and consists of

$$H_{11} := H_1 := \{\text{Id}\};$$

³ In particular: $\mathcal{C}_1 = \{\{\text{Id}_G\}\}$ and $\mathcal{C}_s = \{G\}$.

\mathcal{C}_2 has $\deg(\mathcal{C}_2) = 6, w(\mathcal{C}_2) = 2$ and contains of

$$\begin{aligned} H_{21} &:= H_2 &:= \{\text{Id}, g_3\}, \\ H_{22} &:= g_4 H_2 g_4^{-1} &= \{\text{Id}, g_{10}\}, \\ H_{23} &:= g_2 H_2 g_2^{-1} &= \{\text{Id}, g_{12}\}; \end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{C}_3 has $\deg(\mathcal{C}_3) = 4, w(\mathcal{C}_3) = 3$ and contains of

$$\begin{aligned} H_{31} &:= H_3 &:= \{\text{Id}, g_2, g_4\}, \\ H_{32} &:= g_7 H_3 g_7^{-1} &= \{\text{Id}, g_5, g_6\}, \\ H_{33} &:= g_5 H_3 g_5^{-1} &= \{\text{Id}, g_7, g_9\}, \\ H_{34} &:= g_6 H_3 g_6^{-1} &= \{\text{Id}, g_8, g_{11}\}; \end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{C}_4 has $\deg(\mathcal{C}_4) = 3, w(\mathcal{C}_4) = 4$ and contains of

$$H_{41} := H_4 := \{\text{Id}, g_3, g_{10}, g_{12}\};$$

\mathcal{C}_5 has $\deg(\mathcal{C}_5) = 1, w(\mathcal{C}_5) = 12$ and consists of

$$H_{51} := H_5 := G.$$

Naturally we have

$$\mathcal{C}_1 \prec \mathcal{C}_2 \prec \mathcal{C}_4 \prec \mathcal{C}_5, \quad \mathcal{C}_1 \prec \mathcal{C}_3 \prec \mathcal{C}_5.$$

□

Let now E be a finite set, $n := \#E$, and denote S_E the group of the permutations of the set E .

Definition 43.1.3. *Each group morphism $\Phi : G \rightarrow S_E$ is called a representation of G as a permutation group of degree n .*

It is said to be

- faithful if $\ker(\Phi) = \{\text{Id}_G\}$,
- transitive if for each $x, x_0 \in E$ there is $g \in G : \Phi(g)(x_0) = x$.

A representation $\Psi : G \rightarrow S_F$ is called equivalent to Φ (denoted: $\psi \sim \Phi$) if there is a bijection $\Theta : E \rightarrow F$ satisfying $\Psi(g) = \Theta \circ \Phi(g) \circ \Theta^{-1}$ for each $g \in G$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{\Psi(g)} & F \\ \uparrow \Theta & & \uparrow \Theta \\ E & \xrightarrow{\Phi(g)} & E \end{array}$$

□

Remark that

- (1) $\ker(\Phi) = \bigcap_{x \in E} \{g \in G : \Phi(g)(x) = x\}$;
- (2) if Ψ is equivalent to Φ we have

- $\ker(\Phi) = \ker(\Psi)$,
 - $\{\{g \in G : \Phi(g)(x) = x\} : x \in E\} = \{\{g \in G : \Psi(g)(x) = x\} : x \in F\}$;
- (3) if Φ is transitive, then the set

$$\mathcal{C}_\Phi := \{\{g \in G : \Phi(g)(x) = x\} : x \in E\} \in \mathcal{E}$$

is a conjugacy class which is called the conjugacy class *associated to* Φ .

Assuming Φ to be transitive, fixing $x_0 \in E$, and denoting

- $H_0 := \{g \in G : \Phi(g)(x_0) = x_0\}$,
- $(G/H_0)_l := \{gH_0 : g \in G\}$ the set of the left classes of H_0 ,
- Θ the bijection $\Theta : E \rightarrow (G/H_0)_l$ defined $\Theta(x) = \{g \in G : \Phi(g)(x_0) = x\}$,
- $\rho : G \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_{(G/H_0)_l}$ the representation $\rho(h)(H') = hH'$, for each $h \in G$ and each $H' \in (G/H_0)_l$

then

Lemma 43.1.4. $\rho \sim \Phi$. □

Corollary 43.1.5. For a finite group G , denote $\bar{\mathcal{E}}$ the set of all transitive representations of G as permutation group and \mathfrak{E} the set of the equivalency classes of the transitive representations of G as permutation group: $\mathfrak{E} := \bar{\mathcal{E}} / \sim$.

We obtain a bijection between \mathfrak{E} and \mathcal{E} by associating to each $\Gamma \in \mathfrak{E}$ the conjugacy class \mathcal{C}_Φ associated to each $\Phi : G \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_E$ belonging to Γ .

In particular, there are transitive representations of G as permutation group of degree n only if $n = [G : H]$ for some subgroup $H \subset G$. □

On the basis of this, we can associate to each $\mathcal{C}_i \in \mathcal{E}$ a transitive representation $\rho_i : G \mapsto \mathfrak{S}_{d_i}$, $d_i = \#\mathcal{C}_i$ over the set of left classes of some $H \in \mathcal{C}_i$.

Example 43.1.6. With $G := A_4$ and $H_2 = \{\text{Id}, g_3\}$ we can consider the left classes of H_2 which are

$$\begin{aligned} L_{21} &:= \{\text{Id}, g_3\}, & L_{22} &:= \{g_2, g_7\}, & L_{23} &:= \{g_4, g_5\}, \\ L_{24} &:= \{g_6, g_{11}\}, & L_{25} &:= \{g_8, g_9\}, & L_{26} &:= \{g_{10}, g_{12}\} \end{aligned}$$

thus obtaining a representation $\rho_2 : G \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_6$ in which we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_2(g_1) &= \text{Id}, & \rho_2(g_2) &= (1, 2, 3)(4, 5, 6), \\ \rho_2(g_3) &= (2, 4)(3, 5) & \rho_2(g_4) &= (1, 3, 2)(4, 6, 5), \\ \rho_2(g_5) &= (1, 3, 4)(2, 6, 5), & \rho_2(g_6) &= (1, 4, 3)(2, 5, 6), \\ \rho_2(g_7) &= (1, 2, 5)(3, 6, 4), & \rho_2(g_8) &= (1, 5, 4)(2, 6, 3), \\ \rho_2(g_9) &= (1, 5, 2)(3, 4, 6), & \rho_2(g_{10}) &= (1, 6)(2, 4), \\ \rho_2(g_{11}) &= (1, 4, 5)(2, 3, 6), & \rho_2(g_{12}) &= (1, 6)(3, 5). \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, with $H_3 = \{\text{Id}, g_2, g_4\}$, the left classes of H_3 are

$$\begin{aligned} L_{31} &:= \{\text{Id}, g_2, g_4\}, & L_{32} &:= \{g_3, g_6, g_9\} \\ L_{33} &:= \{g_5, g_{10}, g_{11}\}, & L_{34} &:= \{g_7, g_8, g_{12}\}, \end{aligned}$$

thus obtaining the representation $\rho_3 : G \rightarrow S_4$ in which

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_3(g_1) &= \text{Id}, & \rho_3(g_2) &= (2, 4, 3), \\ \rho_3(g_3) &= (1, 2)(3, 4), & \rho_3(g_4) &= (2, 3, 4), \\ \rho_3(g_5) &= (1, 3, 2), & \rho_3(g_6) &= (1, 2, 3), \\ \rho_3(g_7) &= (1, 4, 2), & \rho_3(g_8) &= (1, 4, 3), \\ \rho_3(g_9) &= (1, 2, 4), & \rho_3(g_{10}) &= (1, 3)(2, 4), \\ \rho_3(g_{11}) &= (1, 3, 4), & \rho_3(g_{12}) &= (1, 4)(2, 3). \end{aligned}$$

Finally the left classes of $H_4 = \{\text{Id}, g_3, g_{10}, g_{12}\}$ are

$$\begin{aligned} L_{41} &:= \{\text{Id}, g_3, g_{10}, g_{12}\}, \\ L_{42} &:= \{g_2, g_6, g_7, g_{11}\}, \\ L_{43} &:= \{g_4, g_5, g_8, g_9\}, \end{aligned}$$

thus obtaining the representation $\rho_4 : G \rightarrow S_3$ in which

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_4(g_1) &= \rho_4(g_3) = \rho_4(g_{10}) = \rho_4(g_{12}) = \text{Id}, \\ \rho_4(g_2) &= \rho_4(g_6) = \rho_4(g_7) = \rho_4(g_{11}) = (1, 2, 3), \\ \rho_4(g_4) &= \rho_4(g_5) = \rho_4(g_8) = \rho_4(g_9) = (1, 3, 2). \end{aligned}$$

□

Let $\Phi : G \rightarrow S_E$ be a (not necessarily transitive) representation of G as permutation group. Let $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{E}$ be a conjugacy class and let $H \subset G$ be any member of \mathcal{C} ; the number

$$m := \#\{e \in E : \Phi(h)(e) = e : h \in H\}$$

is clearly independent on the choice of $H \in \mathcal{C}$ but depends on the representation Φ of G as permutation group and on the conjugacy class \mathcal{C} .

Definition 43.1.7. *Such number m is called the mark of \mathcal{C} in the representation Φ .*

More in general if we consider the H -orbits of E and we denote α_i the number of orbits consisting of i elements⁴ such numbers are independent on the choice of H and depend only on Φ and \mathcal{C} .

Remark that we have the relation $\#E = n = \sum_i i\alpha_i$.

Example 43.1.8. Let us choose the representation $\rho_4 : G \rightarrow S_3$ of G as permutation group and the group $H := H_2$.

Then we have 3 orbits of cardinality 1, so that $m = 3$.

If we instead choose $\rho_5 : G \rightarrow S_{12}$ for $H := H_2$ we obviously have 6 orbits all of cardinality 2. □

⁴ So that, in particular $m = \alpha_1$.

Setting $\mathcal{C} := \mathcal{C}_i \preceq \mathcal{C}_j =: \mathcal{C}'$, using freely the corrent notation⁵ and defining

- $B_{\mathcal{C}'} := \{C \in (G/H)_l : C \subset \mathcal{C}'\}$, for each $\mathcal{C}' \in (G/H')_l$,
- $\mathbf{B} := \{B_{\mathcal{C}'} : \mathcal{C}' \in (G/H')_l\}$

we have the partition $(G/H)_l = \sqcup_{B \in \mathbf{B}} B$ in terms of the left-action of G . Thus we have a left-action of G on \mathbf{B} which can be identified, via $\mathcal{C}' \mapsto B_{\mathcal{C}'}$, with the one on $(G/H')_l$.

Let us fix, for any conjugacy class \mathcal{C}_j , an associated transitive representation $\rho_j : G \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{C}_j}$, $\rho_j(g) : H' \mapsto gH'$.

By the consideration above on the action of G on \mathbf{B} , the mark of \mathcal{C} in the representation ρ_j ⁶ is independent not only on the choice of $H \in \mathcal{C}_i$ but also on the choice of the transitive representation ρ_j . Such number therefore depends only on the couple $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}') = (\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j)$ and is called the *incidence number* or *mark* of $(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j)$ and will be denoted $J(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j) = m_i^j$.

$$\text{It satisfies } m_i^j = \begin{cases} 0 & i > j \\ \#G & i = j = 1 \\ 1 & j = s \\ \text{deg}(\mathcal{C}_j) & i = 1. \end{cases}$$

Example 43.1.9. The matrix of *incidence number* for A_4 are

	1	2	3	4	5
1	12	6	4	3	1
2	0	2	0	3	1
3	0	0	1	0	1
4	0	0	0	3	1
5	0	0	0	0	1

□

Let $\Phi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_E$ be a representation of G as permutation group and let us consider any orbit $\omega := \{\Phi(g)(x) : g \in G\}$; by restriction we thus obtain a representation $G \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_\omega$ which necessarily is equivalent to one of the representations defined by a \mathcal{C}_i , $1 \leq i \leq s$. Denoting, for each i , a_i the number of orbits ω thus equivalent to \mathcal{C}_i we can therefore associate to Φ the⁷

symbol $[\sum_{i=1}^s a_i \mathcal{C}_i]$ denoting that the representation $[\Phi]$ is made up of a_1 representations equivalent to $[\mathcal{C}_1]$, a_2 representations equivalent to $[\mathcal{C}_2]$, and so on.

With modern notation we associate to Φ an element $\sum_{i=1}^s a_i \mathcal{C}_i$ in the free \mathbb{Z} -module $\mathcal{L}_G = \sum_{i=1}^s \mathbb{Z} \mathcal{C}_i$ with basis \mathcal{E} .

In conclusion:

⁵ In particular $H \in \mathcal{C}$, $H' \in \mathcal{C}'$ and $H \subset H'$.

⁶ *Id est* the number of elements $H' \in \mathcal{C}_j$ which satisfy $\rho_j(h)(H') = H'$ for each $h \in H$.

⁷ Burnside W., op. cit., p. 238

Proposition 43.1.10. *The application $U : \Phi \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^s a_i \mathcal{C}_i$ defines a bijection between the set of all equivalence classes of the representations of G as permutation group of degree n and the set of elements $\sum_{i=1}^s a_i \mathcal{C}_i \in \mathcal{L}_G$ such that $a_i \in \mathbb{N}$ for each i and $\sum_{i=1}^s a_i \deg(\mathcal{C}_i) = n$.*

If we moreover denote, for each j μ_j the mark of \mathcal{C}_j in the representation Φ we have the relations

$$\mu_j = \sum_{i=1}^s a_i m_i^j.$$

□

In the same way, if we consider the H -orbits of the elements in \mathcal{C}_j and we denote $a(\nu)_i^j$ the number of such orbits consisting of ν elements⁸ such numbers are independent also on the choice of the transitive representation ρ_j , thus depending only on the couple $(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j)$.

Remark that we have the relation

$$\sum_{\nu} \nu a(\nu)_i^j = \deg(\mathcal{C}_j).$$

Let us consider any such sequence $A_i^j := (a(1)_i^j, a(2)_i^j, \dots, a(\nu)_i^j, \dots)$ and let us remark that $a(\nu)_i^j \neq 0 \implies \nu \leq \deg(\mathcal{C}_j)$ so that, in particular, there are at most a finite number of values ν for which $a(\nu)_i^j \geq 1$.

The sequences A_i^j can be stored more compactly as

$$B_i^j := [(a_1, \nu_1), \dots, (a_r, \nu_r)] : r \geq 1, 1 \leq \nu_1 < \nu_2 < \dots, a_i \geq 1 \text{ for each } i,$$

where ν_l are the values for which $a_l := a(\nu_l)_i^j \neq 0$.

Definition 43.1.11. *The partition array defined by G is the array, whose rows and columns are indexed by conjugacy classes of G and whose (i, j) th entry is B_i^j*

Example 43.1.12. The array (A_i^j) for A_4 is

	1	2	3	4	5
1	(12, 0, ...)	(6, 0, ...)	(4, 0, ...)	(3, 0, ...)	(1, 0, ...)
2	(0, 6, 0, ...)	(2, 2, 0, ...)	(0, 2, 0, ...)	(3, 0, ...)	(1, 0, ...)
3	(0, 0, 4, 0, ...)	(0, 0, 2, 0, ...)	(1, 0, 1, 0, ...)	(0, 0, 1, 0, ...)	(1, 0, ...)
4	(0, 0, 0, 3, 0, ...)	(0, 3, 0, ...)	(0, 0, 0, 1, 0, ...)	(3, 0, ...)	(1, 0, ...)
5	(0, ..., 0, 1, 0, ...)	(0, ..., 0, 1, 0, ...)	(0, 0, 0, 1, 0, ...)	(0, 0, 1, 0, ...)	(1, 0, ...)

and the corresponding partition array defined by A_4 is

	1	2	3	4	5
1	[(12, 1)]	[(6, 1)]	[(4, 1)]	[(3, 1)]	[(1, 1)]
2	[(6, 2)]	[(2, 1), (2, 2)]	[(2, 2)]	[(3, 1)]	[(1, 1)]
3	[(4, 3)]	[(2, 3)]	[(1, 1), (3, 1)]	[(1, 3)]	[(1, 1)]
4	[(3, 4)]	[(3, 2)]	[(1, 4)]	[(3, 1)]	[(1, 1)]
5	[(1, 12)]	[(1, 6)]	[(1, 4)]	[(1, 3)]	[(1, 1)]

⁸ So that, in particular $m_i^j = a(1)_i^j$.

Proposition 43.1.13. *The rows of partition array defined by G are all different.*

Proof. For any values $i, j, 1 \leq j < i \leq s$ it is sufficient to show that $B_j^j \neq B_i^j$. Let us fix elements $H_i \in \mathcal{C}_i$ and $H_j \in \mathcal{C}_j$ and denote $N_j := \{g \in G : gH_jg^{-1}\}$ the normalizer of H_j in G . Thus the claim follows from

$$a(1)_j^j = [N_j : H_j] \neq 0 = m_i^j = a(1)_i^j.$$

□

43.2 Representation as Permutation Group of Roots

Let $f(T) := T^n + a_1T^{n-1} + \dots + a_iT^{n-i} + \dots + a_{n-1}T + a_n \in k[T]$ be a monic, separable polynomial of degree n over a field k ; denote

- \mathfrak{k} the algebraic closure of k ,
- $\mathfrak{R}_f := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\} \subset \mathfrak{k}$ the set of the roots of f ,
- $K_f := k[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n], k \subset K_f \subset \mathfrak{k}$ its splitting field,
- $G(K_f/k)$ its Galois group

so that, in particular

$$f(T) = T^n + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T^{n-i} = \prod_{j=1}^n (T - \alpha_j).$$

We have the natural representation of $G(K_f/k)$ as a permutation group of the roots of f

$$G(K_f/k) \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{R}_f} = \mathfrak{S}_n, \sigma \mapsto s_\sigma : \sigma(\alpha_i) = \alpha_{s_\sigma(i)};$$

remark that

- the representation is independent on the enumeration of the roots⁹;
- $G(K_f/k)$ is transitive.

Assume now that f has a factorization $f = \prod_{j=1}^r p_j$ into irreducible components. $G(K_f/k)$ then operates transitively over each \mathfrak{R}_{p_j} ; denoting, for each j , \mathcal{C}_{i_j} the conjugacy class of the subgroup $G(K_{p_j}/k) \subset G(K_f/k)$ we have $G(K_f/k) = \sum_j \mathcal{C}_{i_j} \in \mathcal{L}_{G(K_f/k)}$.

⁹ More precisely, let $t \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ and defined $\beta_i := \alpha_{t(i)}$ for each i ; then for each $\sigma \in G(K_f/k)$ we have

$$\sigma(\beta_i) = \sigma(\alpha_{t(i)}) = \alpha_{s_\sigma t(i)} = \beta_{t^{-1}s_\sigma t(i)} \text{ for each } i;$$

so a different enumeration of roots simply give an equivalent representation of $G(K_f/k)$.

Conversely, let us assume k to be infinite and let $K, k \subset K \subset k$ be a finite extension of k , $[K : k] = n$, and let us consider a faithful representation $G(K/k) \rightarrow S_n$ of degree n and the corresponding orbits $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_r$ of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$; if we set $n_i := \#\omega_i$, we can reenumerate both the orbits and the elements in $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ so that $\omega_1 = \{1, \dots, n_1\}, \omega_2 = \{n_1 + 1, \dots, n_2\}, \dots, \omega_r = \{\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} n_i + 1, \dots, n\}, n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_r$. We can then fix any element $a_i \in \omega_i, n_{i-1} < a_i \leq n_i$ and denote

$$\begin{aligned} G_i &:= \{g \in G(K/k) : g(a_i) = a_i\}, \\ K_i &:= \{\alpha \in K : g(\alpha) = \alpha, g \in G_i\}, \\ \xi_i &\in K_i \text{ a primitive element so that } K_i = k[\xi_i], \\ P_i &\in k[T] \text{ its minimal polynomial,} \\ \mathfrak{R}_i &:= \{\xi_{i1}, \dots, \xi_{in_i}\} \text{ the conjugates of } \xi_i. \end{aligned}$$

Then, since k is assumed to be infinite, we can assume that the sets \mathfrak{R}_i are disjoint; therefore $f := \prod_i P_i$ is separable. Clearly

$$\{\sigma \in G(K/k) : \sigma(\xi_{ij}) = \xi_{ij} \text{ for each } i, j\} = \{\text{Id}_{G(K/k)}\}$$

so that $K = k(\xi_{11}, \dots, \xi_{ij}, \dots, \xi_{rn_r})$.

Corollary 43.2.1. *If k is infinite, for each finite extension $K, k \subset K \subset k$ the Galois field $G(K/k)$ can be faithfully represented as $G(K_f/k)$ for a separable polynomial $f \in k[T]$. \square*

43.3 Universal Lagrange Resolvent

Let us fix an integer n and let us denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} &:= k[X_1, \dots, X_n], \\ \mathcal{F} &:= k(X_1, \dots, X_n), \\ \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n &\text{ the elementary symmetric functions of } X_1, \dots, X_n, \\ \mathcal{I} &\subset \mathcal{A} \text{ the ideal generated by } \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n, \\ \mathcal{S} &:= k[\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n], \\ \mathcal{K} &:= k(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n), \\ F(T) &\in \mathcal{S}[T] \text{ the polynomial} \end{aligned}$$

$$F(T) = T^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \sigma_i T^{n-i} = \prod_{j=1}^n (T - X_j).$$

We have

- (1) $\mathcal{F} \supset \mathcal{K}$ is an algebraic extension $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{K}_F$;
- (2) \mathcal{A} is the integral closure of \mathcal{S} in \mathcal{F} ;
- (3) the representation of $G(\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{K}) \hookrightarrow S_{\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}} = S_n$ as a permutation group of the roots of F is an isomorphism.

Under this isomorphism, we can therefore associate to each subgroup $H \subset S_n$ the corresponding invariant field

$$l(H) := \{\alpha \in \mathcal{F} : h(\alpha) = \alpha, \text{ for each } h \in H\}$$

and we have

- (4) $\mathcal{F} \supset l(H)$ is an algebraic extension;
- (5) $l(H)$ is a separable extension of \mathcal{K} ;
- (6) $H = G(\mathcal{F}/l(H))$;
- (7) the integral closure of \mathcal{S} in $l(H)$ is $\mathcal{A}_H := \mathcal{A} \cap l(H)$;
- (8) there are elements $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}_H$ which are \mathcal{K} -primitive for $l(H)$, *id est* which satisfy $l(H) = \mathcal{K}[\Psi]$;
- (9) \mathcal{A}_H , being integrally closed and noetherian, is a finite \mathcal{S} -module;
- (10) $l(H) = \{\frac{a}{b} : a \in \mathcal{A}_H, b \in \mathcal{S}, b \neq 0\} \subset k(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)[X_1, \dots, X_n] = \mathcal{K}[X_1, \dots, X_n]^{10}$;
- (11) $l(H)$ is the fraction field of \mathcal{A}_H ;
- (12) the rank of \mathcal{A}_H as a \mathcal{S} -module is $\dim_{\mathcal{K}}(l(H)) = [S_n : H] := \frac{n!}{\#H}$;
- (13) the finite set $\mathcal{B} := \{X_1^{a_1} X_2^{a_2} \dots X_n^{a_n}, 0 \leq a_i < i\}$, $\#\mathcal{B} = n!$ is both a k -basis of \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I} and a basis of \mathcal{A} as an \mathcal{S} -module;

On the basis of (8) we can introduce the following

Definition 43.3.1. Each \mathcal{K} -primitive element $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}_H$ for $l(H)$ is called a resolvent of H and is said to be homogeneous if it is a homogeneous polynomial in \mathcal{A} .

The minimal polynomial $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi} \in \mathcal{S}[T]$ of Ψ over \mathcal{K} is called the Lagrange resolvent of H associated to Ψ .

Example 43.3.2. The Vandermonde determinant

$$\Psi := \prod_{i>j} (X_j - X_i) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ X_1 & X_2 & \dots & X_n \\ X_1^2 & X_2^2 & \dots & X_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_1^{n-1} & X_2^{n-1} & \dots & X_n^{n-1} \end{vmatrix}$$

is a \mathcal{K} -primitive element for A_4 ; its minimal polynomial is $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi} := T^2 - \text{Disc}(F) \in \mathcal{S}[T]$, where $\text{Disc}(F) := \prod_{i>j} (X_j - X_i)^2$ is the discriminant of the polynomial $F(T) \in \mathcal{S}[T]$. □

¹⁰ In fact if $x \in l(H)$, then there are $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{A}$, $\beta \neq 0$ such that $x = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$. It is sufficient to define

$$b := \prod_{\sigma \in S_n} \sigma(\beta) \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \{0\}, \quad a := \alpha \prod_{\sigma \in S_n \setminus \{\text{Id}\}} \sigma(\beta) \in \mathcal{A}_H$$

in order to have $x = \frac{a}{b}$.

Lemma 43.3.3. *If $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}$ and $H := \{g \in S_n : g(\Psi) = \Psi\}$ then Ψ is a resolvent of H . \square*

Remark 43.3.4. Each group H possesses homogeneous resolvents provided k is infinite. In fact, if $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}_H$ is a \mathcal{K} -primitive element of degree d , denote, Ψ_t the homogeneization of Ψ by $t\sigma_1$,

$$\Psi_t = (t\sigma_1)^d \Psi \left(\frac{X_1}{t\sigma_1}, \dots, \frac{X_n}{t\sigma_1} \right).$$

Consider now a set of $e := [S_n : H]$ elements

$$\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_e\} \subset S_n$$

such that $\{\tau_1 H, \dots, \tau_e H\}$ is the set of all the left classes and let us denote $P_t(T) := \prod_{i=1}^e (T - \tau_i(\Psi_t))$ and $\mathcal{D}(t) := \text{Disc}(P_t) \in \mathcal{S}[t]$ its discriminant. Since $P_{\frac{1}{\sigma_1}}(T) = \mathcal{L}_\Psi$, $\mathcal{D}(\frac{1}{\sigma_1}) \neq 0$; thus $\mathcal{D}(t) \neq 0$ and, k being infinite, there is $\lambda \in k$ such that $\mathcal{D}(\lambda) \neq 0$ so that Ψ_λ , which is homogeneous of degree d , is \mathcal{K} -primitive, thus being the required homogeneous resolvent. Its corresponding Lagrange resolvent is $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi_\lambda} = P_\lambda(T)$. \square

Theorem 43.3.5 (Lagrange). *Let $H \subset S_n$ be a subgroup and $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}_H$ a resolvent of H . Denoting $\Delta_\Psi := \text{Disc}(\mathcal{L}_\Psi)$ the discriminant of the Lagrange resolvent of Ψ , we have*

$$\mathcal{A}_H \subset \left\{ \frac{f(\Psi)}{\Delta_\Psi}, f \in \mathcal{S}[T] \right\}.$$

Proof. Let $e = [S_n : H]$ and $\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_e\} \subset S_n$ be such that $\{\tau_1 H, \dots, \tau_e H\}$ is the set of all the left cosets of H , with $\tau_1 = \text{Id}_{S_n}$. Set $\Psi_i := \tau_i(\Psi)$ for each i so that

$$\mathcal{L}_\Psi = \prod_{i=1}^e (T - \Psi_i) = T^e + \sum_{i=1}^e (-1)^i C_i T^{e-i}, C_i \in \mathcal{S}.$$

If we denote S_1, \dots, S_{e-1} the elementary symmetric functions on Ψ_2, \dots, Ψ_e , since

$$\begin{aligned} & T^{e-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{e-1} (-1)^j S_j T^{e-j-1} \\ &= \prod_{i=2}^e (T - \Psi_i) \\ &= \frac{\mathcal{L}_\Psi}{T - \Psi_1} \\ &= T^{e-1} + (\Psi_1 - C_1)T^{e-2} + (\Psi_1^2 - C_1\Psi_1 - C_2)T^{e-3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

is a polynomial in $\mathcal{S}[\Psi][T]$, we have $S_j \in \mathcal{S}[\Psi]$ for each j .

Consider $g \in \mathcal{A}_H$, denote $g_i := \tau_i(g)$ for each i and set, for each $m, 0 \leq m < e$,

$$h_m := \sum_{j=1}^e g_j \Psi_j^m = \sum_{j=1}^e \tau_j(g \Psi^m) \in \mathcal{S}.$$

The g_i s can be solved *à la* Cremer in terms of the h_m : setting

$$\mathcal{D} := \left| \begin{array}{cccc} h_0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ h_1 & \Psi_2 & \cdots & \Psi_e \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_{e-1} & \Psi_2^{e-1} & \cdots & \Psi_e^{e-1} \end{array} \right| \text{ and } \delta_\Psi := \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \Psi_1 & \Psi_2 & \cdots & \Psi_e \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Psi_1^{e-1} & \Psi_2^{e-1} & \cdots & \Psi_e^{e-1} \end{array} \right|$$

so that

$$\delta_\Psi^2 = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq e} (\Psi_j - \Psi_i)^2 = \text{Disc}(\mathcal{L}_\Psi) = \Delta_\Psi$$

we have $g = \frac{\delta_\Psi \mathcal{D}}{\Delta_\Psi}$.

We prove our claim if we show that $\mathcal{E} := \delta_\Psi \mathcal{D} \in \mathcal{S}[\Psi]$: we know that \mathcal{E} can be expressed as $E(\Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_n)$ with $E \in \mathcal{S}[\Psi][T_2, \dots, T_n]$ symmetric in T_2, \dots, T_e ; thus the Fundamental Theorem on Symmetric Functions grants the existence of a polynomial $F \in \mathcal{S}[\Psi][Y_1, \dots, Y_{e-1}]$ for which

$$E(\Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_n) = F(S_1, \dots, S_{e-1}) \in \mathcal{S}[\Psi]$$

as claimed. □

43.4 Cauchy modules

Let us use the same notation as in Sections 43.2 and 43.3 and let us consider a monic, separable polynomial

$$f(T) := T^n + a_1 T^{n-1} + \cdots + a_i T^{n-i} + \cdots + a_{n-1} T + a_n \in k[T]$$

Definition 43.4.1 (Ampère). *The n interpolating functions*

$$f_i(T) = f_i(X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, T) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}][T], 1 \leq i \leq n$$

are recursively defined as

$$f_1(T) := f(T) \text{ and } f_i(T) := \frac{f_{i-1}(T) - f_{i-1}(X_{i-1})}{T - X_{i-1}}, 1 < i \leq n.$$

□

Definition 43.4.2. *The polynomials $f_i(X_i) = f_i(X_1, \dots, X_i), 1 \leq i \leq n$ are called the Cauchy modules associated to f .* □

Example 43.4.3. For $n = 5$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1(X_1) &= X_1^5 + X_1^4 a_1 + X_1^3 a_2 + X_1^2 a_3 + X_1 a_4 + a_5, \\
f_2(X_2) &= X_2^4 + X_2^3 X_1 + X_2^2 X_1^2 + X_2 X_1^3 + X_1^4 \\
&\quad + a_1(X_2^3 + X_2^2 X_1 + X_2 X_1^2 + X_1^3) \\
&\quad + a_2(X_2^2 + X_2 X_1 + X_1^2) \\
&\quad + a_3(X_2 + X_1) + a_4, \\
f_3(X_3) &= X_3^3 + X_3^2 X_2 + X_3 X_2^2 + X_2^3 + X_3^2 X_1 \\
&\quad + X_3 X_2 X_1 + X_2^2 X_1 + X_3 X_1^2 + X_2 X_1^2 + X_1^3 \\
&\quad + a_1(X_3^2 + X_3 X_2 + X_2^2 + X_3 X_1 + X_2 X_1 + X_1^2) \\
&\quad + a_2(X_3 + X_2 + X_1) + a_3, \\
f_4(X_4) &= X_4^2 + X_4 X_3 + X_3^2 + X_4 X_2 + X_3 X_2 \\
&\quad + X_2^2 + X_4 X_1 + X_3 X_1 + X_2 X_1 + X_1^2 \\
&\quad + a_1(X_4 + X_3 + X_2 + X_1) + a_2, \\
f_5(X_5) &= X_5 + X_4 + X_3 + X_2 + X_1 + a_1
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 43.4.4 (Cauchy). *The Cauchy modules satisfy $\deg_i(f_i) + i = n + 1$ and $\text{lc}(f_i) = 1$ for each i .*

Moreover, under the further assumption that the roots are all distinct, for each i , the roots of $f_i(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, X_i)$ are $\{\alpha_j, i \leq j \leq n\}$. □

Proof. The claims being true by definition for $i = 1$ we inductively have $f_i(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \alpha_j) = \frac{f_{i-1}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-2}, \alpha_j) - f_{i-1}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-2}, \alpha_{i-1})}{\alpha_j - \alpha_{i-1}} = 0$ for each $j, i \leq j \leq n$. □

Lemma 43.4.5 (Cauchy). *Assume $g \in k[X]$ is such that there is $u \in k$ for which $g(\alpha) = u$ for each root $\alpha \in \mathfrak{R}_f$ of f . Then $\mathbf{Rem}(g, f) = u$.*

Proof. The polynomial $\mathbf{Rem}(g, f) - u$ has degree less than $\deg(f)$ and vanishes in each root of f ; therefore is zero. □

Let $g_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{A} = k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}][X_n]$ be symmetric in the variables X_1, \dots, X_n and recursively denote

$g_{n-1} := \mathbf{Rem}(g_n, f_n(X_n)) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]$ the remainder of the division of g_n by f_n in $k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}][X_n]$;

$g_{n-2} := \mathbf{Rem}(g_{n-1}, f_{n-1}(X_{n-1})) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-2}]$ the remainder of the division of g_{n-1} by f_{n-1} in $k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-2}][X_{n-1}]$;

...

$g_i := \mathbf{Rem}(g_{i+1}, f_{i+1}(X_{i+1})) \in k[X_1, \dots, X_i]$ the remainder of the division of g_{i+1} by f_{i+1} in $k[X_1, \dots, X_i][X_{i+1}]$;

...

$g_1 := \mathbf{Rem}(g_2, f_2(X_2)) \in k[X_1]$ the remainder of the division of g_2 by f_2 in $k[X_1][X_2]$;

$g_0 := \mathbf{Rem}(g_1, f_1(X_1)) \in k$ the remainder of the division of g_1 by f_1 in $k[X_1]$,

remarking that we can assume $g_i \in k[X_1, \dots, X_i]$ instead of the weaker $g_i \in k(X_1, \dots, X_i)$ because $\text{lc}(f_i) = 1$.

Remark 43.4.6 (Cauchy). Each g_i is a symmetric polynomial in the variables X_1, \dots, X_i .

Moreover, repeatedly applying Lemma 43.4.5, if $\#\mathfrak{R}_f = n$, *id est* all the roots of f are distinct we have that, for each i , $g_i(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$ satisfies

$$g_i(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) = g_{i+1}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_j), i < j \leq n$$

so that $g_0 = g_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$.

Donc alors la valeur $[g_0]$ de $[g_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)]$, déterminée comme nous l'avons dit ci-dessus, sera une fonction rationnelle et même entière, par conséquent une fonction continue des coefficients renfermés dans $f(x)$. D'ailleurs chacun de ces coefficients représentera, au signe près, ou la somme des racines de l'équation $[f(x) = 0]$, ou la somme formée avec les produits qu'on obtient en multipliant ces racines deux à deux, trois à trois, etc. Donc la valeur trouvée de $[g_0]$ pourra être encore considérée comme une fonction continue des racines de l'équation $[f(x) = 0]$; et dans la formule

$$[g_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = g_0]$$

qui se vérifiera toutes les fois que les racines $[(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)]$ seront inégales, les deux membres varieront par degré insensible en même temps que ces racines.

[...]

Il est maintenant facile de s'assurer que [the result] s'étende, avec la formule $[g_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = g_0]$, au cas même où l'équation $[f(x) = 0]$ offre des racines égales. Car des racines égales de l'équation $[f(x) = 0]$ peuvent être considérées des valeurs variables de racines supposées d'abord inégales, mais très peu différentes les unes des autres; et puisque la formule $[g_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = g_0]$, dont les deux membres varient par degrés insensibles avec les racines, par conséquent avec leurs différences, continuera de subsister pour des valeurs de ces différences aussi rapprochées de zéro que l'on voudra, elle subsistera également dans le cas même où ces différences viendront à s'évanouir. ¹¹

¹¹ A. Cauchy *Usage des fonctions interpolaires dans la détermination des fonctions symétriques des racines d'une équation algébrique donnée* C.R. Acad. Sci. Paris **11** (1840) p.933,

In: A. Cauchy *Oeuvres* t. V, Gauthier-Villars (1882) Paris, pp. 476–7.

Thus we have:

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$$f(x)$$

une fonction entière de x , du degré n , et

$$f(a, x) = \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}, f(a, b, x) = \frac{f(a, x) - f(a, b)}{x - b}, \dots$$

les fonctions interpolaires de divers ordres qui renfermant avec la variable x diverses valeurs particulières a, b, c, \dots de cette variable. Concevons d'ailleurs que les letters

$$a, b, c, \dots, h, k$$

représentent les n racines de l'équation

$$f(x) = 0$$

et désignon par

$$F(a, b, c, \dots, h, k)$$

une fonction entière mais symétrique de ces racines. Pour éliminer de cette même fonction les racines

$$k, h, \dots, c, b, a$$

il suffira de la diviser successivement par les divers terms de la suite

$$f(a, b, c, \dots, h, k), f(a, b, c, \dots, h), \dots, f(a, b, c), f(a, b), f(a),$$

considérés le premier comme fonction de k , le second comme fonction de h, \dots , l'avant-dernier comme fonction de b , le dernier comme fonction de a . Le dernier des rests ainsi obtenus sera indépendant de a, b, c, \dots, h, k , et représentera nécessairement la valeur U de la fonction symétrique

$$F(a, b, c, \dots, h, k)$$

exprimée à l'aide des coefficients que renferme le premier membre de l'équation $[f(x) = 0]$.¹²

In conclusion the argument above gives:

Theorem 43.4.7 (Cauchy). Let $g_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{A}$ be a symmetric polynomial in the variables X_1, \dots, X_n and let g_{n-1}, \dots, g_0 be obtained as above by successively dividing $g_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ by $f_n(X_n), f_{n-1}(X_{n-1}), \dots, f_1(X_1)$.

The last remainder g_0 will be independent of X_1, \dots, X_n and gives the value $g_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ as a function of the coefficients a_1, \dots, a_n of f . \square

¹² A. Cauchy, op. cit., pp. 474–5.

Example 43.4.8. For $n = 3$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(X_1) &= X_1^3 + X_1^2 a_1 + X_1 a_2 + a_3, \\ f_2(X_2) &= X_2^2 + X_2 X_1 + X_1^2 + a_1(X_2 + X_1) + a_2, \\ f_3(X_3) &= X_3 + X_2 + X_1 + a_1 \end{aligned}$$

For the symmetric polynomial

$$g = X_3^3 X_2 + X_3 X_2^3 + X_3^3 X_1 + X_2^3 X_1 + X_3 X_1^3 + X_2 X_1^3$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_2(X_1, X_2) &= -2X_2^4 - 4X_2^3 X_1 - 6X_2^2 X_1^2 - 4X_2 X_1^3 - 2X_1^4 \\ &\quad + a_1(-4X_2^3 - 9X_2^2 X_1 - 9X_2 X_1^2 - 4X_1^3) \\ &\quad + a_1^2(-3X_2^2 - 6X_2 X_1 - 3X_1^2) - a_1^3(X_2 - X_1) \\ g_1(X_1) &= X_1^3 a_1 + X_1^2 a_1^2 + X_1 a_1 a_2 + a_1^2 a_2 - 2a_2^2, \\ g_0 &= a_1^2 a_2 - 2a_2^2 - a_1 a_3. \end{aligned}$$

□

Let us now extend the notations of Sections 43.2 and 43.3 by denoting

\mathbb{F} the prime field of k ,

$J = \mathbb{I}(\sigma_1 + a_1, \sigma_2 - a_2, \dots, \sigma_n - (-1)^n a_n) \subset \mathcal{A}$

$A := k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$,

$J^e := Jk[X_1, \dots, X_n]$,

$\mathcal{B} := \{X_1^{a_1} X_2^{a_2} \cdots X_n^{a_n}, 0 \leq a_i < i\}$,

$\mathcal{B}' := \{X_1^{a_1} X_2^{a_2} \cdots X_n^{a_n}, 0 \leq a_i < n - i\}$,

$\Gamma := G(K_f/k) \subset S_n$,

$R : \Gamma \hookrightarrow S_{\mathfrak{R}_f} = S_n$ the canonical representation of Γ as a permutation group of the roots of f defined by

$$R(u) = s_u : u(\alpha_i) = \alpha_{s_u(i)};$$

$\tilde{\cdot} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow K_f \subset k$ the k -algebra morphism defined by

$$\tilde{g} = g(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n), \text{ for each } g \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Remark 43.4.9. For each $g \in \mathcal{A}$ and each $s \in S_n$ we have

$$\widetilde{s(g)} = s(g)(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = s(g(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)) = s(\tilde{g})$$

where S_n is interpreted as

$S_n = G(\mathcal{F}/K)$ in the left hand side and

$S_n = G(K_f/k)$ in the right hand side.

Remark 43.4.10. For each $g(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{A} = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ which is symmetric in the variables X_1, \dots, X_n we have both

- $\tilde{g} \in k$ and
- $g - \tilde{g} \in J$.

Moreover, with the present notation Cauchy's Theorem 43.4.7 can be read as

Let $g(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{A}$ be a symmetric polynomial in the variables X_1, \dots, X_n ; set $g_n := g$, and let g_{n-1}, \dots, g_0 be obtained by successively dividing $g_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ by $f_n(X_n), f_{n-1}(X_{n-1}), \dots, f_1(X_1)$. The last remainder g_0 satisfies

$$g_0 = \tilde{g} \in \mathbb{F}(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

□

Proposition 43.4.11 (Machi–Valibouze). *The reduced Gröbner basis of J (and also of J^e) w.r.t. any termordering $<$ induced by $X_1 < X_2 < \dots < X_n$ is $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$.*

□

Proof. Remark that for each i we have $\mathbf{T}(f_i) = X_i^{n-i+1}$ for any term-ordering $<$ induced by $X_1 < X_2 < \dots < X_n$. Therefore Buchberger's First Criterion (Lemma 22.5.1) grants that $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$ is the Gröbner basis of the ideal it generates w.r.t. any such termordering.

We have therefore just to prove that

$$J = \mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_n).$$

Clearly, Cauchy's Theorem grants $J \subseteq \mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_n)$ and equality is a direct consequence of the remark that $\mathbf{N}(\mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_n)) = \mathcal{B}'$ so that

$$\dim(\mathbf{A}/J) = \#\mathcal{B} = n! = \#\mathcal{B}' = \dim(\mathbf{A}/\mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_n)).$$

□

To complete our argument, we need to consider the "generic" monic polynomial

$$f(T) = T^n + a_1 T^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} T + a_n \in \mathbb{F}(a_1, \dots, a_n)[T]$$

and express the associated Cauchy modules f_i , which are symmetric polynomials in X_1, \dots, X_i , as elements in

$$f_i \in \mathbb{F}(a_1, \dots, a_n)(X_1, \dots, X_i).$$

Lemma 43.4.12. *With the present notation it holds:*

- (1) $f_n(T) - f_n(X_n) = T - X_n$;
- (2) $f(T) = f_{\nu+1}(T) \prod_{j=1}^{\nu} (T - X_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} f_i(X_i) \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (T - X_j)$ for each $\nu, 1 \leq \nu < n$;
- (3) $f(T) = F(T) + \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(X_i) \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (T - X_j)$;
- (4) $f(T) - F(T) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (a_i - (-1)^i \sigma_i) T^{n-i} = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(X_i) \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (T - X_j)$.

Proof. (1) requires just a trivial verification;

(2) We have

$$f_i(T)(T - X_{i-1}) = f_{i-1}(T) - f_{i-1}(X_{i-1})$$

so that ($i = 1$) $f(T) = f_1(T) = f_2(T)(T - X_1) + f_1(X_1)$.

Thus, inductively,

$$\begin{aligned} f(T) &= f_\nu(T) \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} (T - X_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu-1} f_i(X_i) \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (T - X_j) \\ &= \left(f_\nu(X_\nu) + f_{\nu+1}(T)(T - X_\nu) \right) \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} (T - X_j) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu-1} f_i(X_i) \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (T - X_j) \\ &= f_{\nu+1}(T) \prod_{j=1}^{\nu} (T - X_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} f_i(X_i) \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (T - X_j); \end{aligned}$$

(3) (1) implies

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(T) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (T - X_j) &= f_n(X_n) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (T - X_j) + \prod_{j=1}^n (T - X_j) \\ &= f_n(X_n) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (T - X_j) + F(T). \end{aligned}$$

The claim then follows by substituting this result in the formula of (2) for $\nu := n - 1$.

(4) Trivial. □

Denoting $h_d(X_1, \dots, X_i)$ the d^{th} complete sum in $k[X_1, \dots, X_i]$, *id est* (Compare Definition 6.3.2) the sum of all terms of degree d in $k[X_1, \dots, X_i]$ we have

Proposition 43.4.13. *It holds, setting $a_0 = 1$,*

- (1) $\frac{h_d(X_1, \dots, X_{i-2}, X_i) - h_d(X_1, \dots, X_{i-2}, X_{i-1})}{X_i - X_{i-1}} = h_{d-1}(X_1, \dots, X_i)$ for each d and each $i \leq n$;
- (2) $f_i(X_i) = \sum_{d=0}^{n-i+1} a_{n-i+1-d} h_d(X_1, \dots, X_i)$.

Proof. (1) Trivial

(2) Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& f_i(X_i) \\
= & \frac{f_{i-1}(X_i) - f_{i-1}(X_{i-1})}{X_i - X_{i-1}} \\
= & \sum_{d=0}^{n-i+2} a_{n-i+2-d} \frac{h_d(X_1, \dots, X_{i-2}, X_i) - h_d(X_1, \dots, X_{i-2}, X_{i-1})}{X_i - X_{i-1}} \\
= & \sum_{d=1}^{n-i+2} a_{n-i+2-d} h_{d-1}(X_1, \dots, X_i) \\
= & \sum_{d=0}^{n-i+1} a_{n-i+1-d} h_d(X_1, \dots, X_i).
\end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary 43.4.14. (Compare Proposition 6.3.15 and Fact 6.3.14)

The Gröbner basis of $\mathcal{I} = \mathbb{I}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$ w.r.t. the lex termordering < induced by $X_1 > X_2 > \dots > X_n$ is

$$\{h_{n-i+1}(X_1, \dots, X_i), 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

Proof. We have just to apply Propositions 43.4.11 and 43.4.13 with $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$. □

Historical Remark 43.4.15. When stating Proposition 6.3.15 and Fact 6.3.14, I was completely unaware of Propositions 43.4.13 and of Cauchy's Theorem 43.4.7 which imply Propositions 43.4.11.

Only later I realized that they were reported in Valibouze's *Habilitation* where the history is also told:

L'idéal [J] des relations symétriques est engendré par les n polynômes $[\sigma_1 - a_1, \sigma_2 - a_2, \dots, \sigma_n - a_n]$. Augustin Cauchy utilise les fonctions interpolaires introduites par Ampère pour calculer un système de générateurs qui se révèle être une base standard réduite, pour l'ordre lexicographique, de l'idéal [J]. Cette base standard sert à tester l'appartenance à l'idéal [J] et à évaluer sur k un polynôme symétrique en les racines de f. Comme elle est réduite, la base standard de [J] permet de retrouver la base naturelle de $[A/J]$. Cauchy calcule cette base standard pour $n = 4$ et en 1990 et avec Antonio Machì nous la calculons pour tout n en utilisant des séries génératrices tronquées $[\dots]$. Alain Lascoux suggère une démonstration plus courte qui fait appel aux A-anneaux et aux différences divisées sur les S-fonctions.

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□

¹³ Valibouze A., *Théorie de Galois constructive*, Mémoire d'Habilitation, Paris 6 (1998) p. 23.

43.5 Resolvents and Polynomial Roots

Let us consider again the monic, separable polynomial

$$f(T) := T^n + a_1T^{n-1} + \cdots + a_iT^{n-i} + \cdots + a_{n-1}T + a_n \in k[T]$$

and use freely the same notation as in Sections 43.2 and 43.3.

Definition 43.5.1. Let $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}_H$ be a resolvent of $H \subset \mathcal{S}_n$ and let

$$\mathcal{L}_\Psi[\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n, T] \in k[\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n][T] = \mathcal{S}[T]$$

be the Lagrange resolvent of H associated to Ψ .

The (H, Ψ) -Lagrange resolvent of f is the polynomial

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Psi, f}[T] := \mathcal{L}_\Psi[-a_1, \dots, (-1)^i a_i, \dots, (-1)^n a_n, T] \in k[T].$$

If $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi, f}$ is separable, one says that Ψ is f -separable.

Proposition 43.5.2. If k is an infinite field and $A \subset k$ is a ring whose fraction field is k , there is a resolvent $\Psi \in A[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ of H for which $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi, f}$ is separable; moreover Ψ can be chosen homogeneous.

Proof. Since the roots α_i of f are distinct, the $n!$ polynomials

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n U_i \alpha_{s(i)} \right) - 1 \in k[U_1, \dots, U_n],$$

where s runs among the elements of \mathcal{S}_n , are all different.

Thus denoting, for each $H' \in (\mathcal{S}_n/H)_l$,

$$\phi_{H'} := \prod_{s \in H'} \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n U_i \alpha_{s(i)} \right) - 1 \right) \in k[U_1, \dots, U_n]$$

we have $\gcd(\phi_{H'}, \phi_{H''}) = 1$ for each $H', H'' \in (\mathcal{S}_n/H)_l$, $H' \neq H''$.

Since A is infinite, we can choose $u_1, \dots, u_n \in A$ such that the elements $\phi_{H'}(u_1, \dots, u_n)$, $H' \in (\mathcal{S}_n/H)_l$ are all distinct.

For such values, we set

$$\Psi := \prod_{s \in H} \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i X_{s(i)} \right) - 1 \right) \in \mathfrak{l}(H) \cap A[X_1, \dots, X_n].$$

Its conjugates in \mathcal{K} are the polynomials

$$\Psi_{H'} := \prod_{s \in H'} \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i X_{s(i)} \right) - 1 \right), H' \in (\mathcal{S}_n/H)_l$$

which are all distinct so that $\Psi \in A[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ is the required resolvent of H .

We have $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi, f} = \prod_{H' \in (\mathcal{S}_n/H)_l} (T - \Psi_{H'}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n))$ which is therefore separable.

The same argument as in Remark 43.3.4 proves that Ψ can be made homogeneous: denote

$$\begin{aligned} (\Psi_{H'})_t &= (t\sigma_1)^{\deg(\Psi_{H'})} \Psi_{H'}\left(\frac{X_1}{t\sigma_1}, \dots, \frac{X_n}{t\sigma_1}\right), \\ P_t(T) &:= \prod_{H' \in (\mathcal{S}_n/H)_l} (T - (\Psi_{H'})_t) \\ \mathcal{D}(t) &:= \text{Disc}(P_t) \in \mathcal{S}[t] = k[\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n, t], \\ D(t) &:= \mathcal{D}(a_1, \dots, a_n, t) \in A[t]. \end{aligned}$$

We clearly have $D(t) \neq 0$ so that, A being infinite, there is $\lambda \in A$ such that $D(\lambda) \neq 0$; thus

$$\Theta := \Psi_\lambda \in \mathfrak{l}(H) \cap A[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

is homogeneous of degree $\deg(\Psi) = \#(H)$, and its conjugates in \mathcal{F} are

$$\Theta_{H'} := (\Psi_{H'})_\lambda \in A[X_1, \dots, X_n], H' \in (\mathcal{S}_n/H)_l.$$

Denoting, for each $H' \in (\mathcal{S}_n/H)_l$, $\theta_{H'} := \Theta_{H'}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ we have $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f} = \prod_{H' \in (\mathcal{S}_n/H)_l} (T - \theta_{H'})$ whose discriminant satisfies $D(\lambda) \neq 0$.
Therefore

- the $\Theta_{H'}$ s are all distinct,
- Θ is a homogeneous resolvent of H ,
- $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}$ is separable. □

Let us now denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z} &:= \mathcal{Z}(J^e) = \{(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in k^n : p(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) = 0, \text{ for each } p \in J^e\} \subset k^n; \\ \Gamma &:= G(K_f/k) \subset \mathcal{S}_n, \\ H &:= (\mathcal{S}_n/\Gamma)_r := \{\Gamma s : s \in \mathcal{S}_n\} \text{ the set of the right classes of } \Gamma := \\ &\quad G(K_f/k) \subset \mathcal{S}_n, \\ N &:= \#\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 43.5.3. *It holds*

- (1) $\mathcal{Z} = \{(\alpha_{s(1)}, \dots, \alpha_{s(n)}) : s \in \mathcal{S}_n\}$;
- (2) $\mathcal{A}/J \cong \text{Span}_k(\mathcal{B}')$, $\mathcal{A}/J^e \cong \text{Span}_k(\mathcal{B}')$;
- (3) both J and J^e are radical.

Proof. (1) is obvious; (2) is a trivial consequence of Proposition 43.4.11; (3) follows from

$$\dim_k(\mathcal{A}/\sqrt{J}) = \#\mathcal{Z} = n! = \dim_k(\mathcal{A}/J).$$

□

For each $\Gamma' \in H$ let us denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_{\Gamma'} &:= \{(\alpha_{s(1)}, \dots, \alpha_{s(n)}) : s \in \Gamma'\}, \\ P_{\Gamma'} &:= \prod_{s \in \Gamma'} (T - \sum_{i=1}^n U_i \alpha_{s(i)}); \\ \mathfrak{m}_{\Gamma'} &:= \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{W}_{\Gamma'}) = \{g \in \mathcal{A} : g(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) = 0 \text{ for each } (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in \mathcal{W}_{\Gamma'}\}. \end{aligned}$$

We also denote $W := W_\Gamma$, $\Psi := P_\Gamma$, $\mathfrak{m} := \mathfrak{m}_\Gamma$.

Lemma 43.5.4. *With the present notation, it holds*

(1) *the u -resultant of Z*

$$\Psi_Z := \prod_{s \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \left(T - \sum_{i=1}^n U_i \alpha_{s(i)} \right) \in k[U_1, \dots, U_n][T]$$

- factorizes into irreducible components as $\Psi_Z = \prod_{\Gamma' \in H} P_{\Gamma'}$;*
- (2) *the irreducible components of Z are the $W_{\Gamma'}s$: $Z = \bigcup_{\Gamma' \in H} W_{\Gamma'}$;*
- (3) *each $\mathfrak{m}_{\Gamma'}$ is maximal in \mathcal{A} ;*
- (4) $J = \bigcap_{\Gamma' \in H} \mathfrak{m}_{\Gamma'}$;
- (5) $\mathfrak{m}_{\Gamma'} = \mathcal{Z}(W_{\Gamma'})$ for each $\Gamma' \in H$;
- (6) $K_f \cong \mathcal{A}/\mathfrak{m}_{\Gamma'}$ for each $\Gamma' \in H$. □

Lemma 43.5.5 (Arnaudiès–Valibouze). *Let $g \in \mathfrak{m}$, $g \notin \bigcap_{\substack{\Gamma' \in H \\ \Gamma' \neq \Gamma}} \mathfrak{m}_{\Gamma'}$. Then \mathfrak{m} is generated by*

$$\{\sigma_1 + a_1, \sigma_2 - a_2, \dots, \sigma_n - (-1)^n a_n, g\}.$$

Proof. Denoting $\mathfrak{a} := J + (g)$, by assumption we have $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{a}) = W = \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{m})$, whence

- (1) there is $\rho \in \mathbb{N}$ for which¹⁴ $\mathfrak{m}^\rho \subset \mathfrak{a}$,
- (2) $J \subset \mathfrak{a} \subset \sqrt{\mathfrak{a}} = \mathfrak{m}$.

Since $\left(\bigcap_{\substack{\Gamma' \in H \\ \Gamma' \neq \Gamma}} \mathfrak{m}_{\Gamma'} \right) + \mathfrak{m}^\rho = \mathcal{A}$ there are $u \in \left(\bigcap_{\substack{\Gamma' \in H \\ \Gamma' \neq \Gamma}} \mathfrak{m}_{\Gamma'} \right)$ and $v \in \mathfrak{m}^\rho$ for which $1 = u + v$. Therefore for each $x \in \mathfrak{m}$, we have $x = xu + xv$ with

$$xu \in \mathfrak{m}^\rho \subset \mathfrak{a}, \quad xv \in \mathfrak{m} \left(\bigcap_{\substack{\Gamma' \in H \\ \Gamma' \neq \Gamma}} \mathfrak{m}_{\Gamma'} \right) = \bigcap_{\Gamma' \in H} \mathfrak{m}_{\Gamma'} = J \subset \mathfrak{a}$$

so that $x \in \mathfrak{a}$. □

Let Θ be a resolvent of a subgroup H of \mathfrak{S}_n and denote

- $\theta := \tilde{\Theta} = \Theta(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$;
- $\Theta_1 = \Theta, \Theta_2, \dots, \Theta_\nu$ the distinct conjugates $s(\Theta)$, $s \in \mathfrak{S}_n$, of Θ in $\mathcal{F} \supset \mathcal{K}$;
- $H_i := \{s \in \mathfrak{S}_n : s(\Theta) = \Theta_i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq \nu$.

Remarking that θ is a root of the (H, Θ) -Lagrange resolvent $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}[T]$, let us assume that

- (1) θ is a simple root of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}[T]$, and wlog

¹⁴ \mathcal{A} is noetherian.

(2) its conjugates in K_f are $\theta, \widetilde{\Theta}_2, \dots, \widetilde{\Theta}_r, 1 \leq r \leq \nu$,

and denote

- $h := \prod_{i=1}^r (T - \widetilde{\Theta}_i)$ the monic irreducible factor of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}[T]$ in $k[T]$;
- $O := \{\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_r\}$;
- $S := \{s \in \mathcal{S}_n : s(\Theta_i) \in O, \text{ for each } i, 1 \leq i \leq r\}$;
- $g := h(\Theta) \in \mathcal{A} = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq r$.

Theorem 43.5.6 (Arnaudiès–Valibouze). *With the present notation we have*

- (1) *The Γ -orbit of Θ in \mathcal{F} is O ,*
- (2) *$\Gamma \subset S \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^r H_i$ and $[S : \Gamma] = [S \cap H : \Gamma \cap H]$,*
- (3) *$\Gamma = S = \bigcup_{i=1}^r H_i \iff \mathbf{m} = \mathbb{I}(\sigma_1 + a_1, \sigma_2 - a_2, \dots, \sigma_n - (-1)^n a_n, g)$.*

Proof.

(1) For $s \in \Gamma$, since $h \in k[T]$, we have

$$h(\widetilde{s(\Theta)}) = h(s(\widetilde{\Theta})) = s(h(\widetilde{\Theta})) = s(0) = 0$$

therefore $s(\Theta) \in O$.

For each $i, 1 \leq i \leq r$, since h is irreducible, there is $s \in \Gamma$ for which $\widetilde{s(\Theta)} = s(\widetilde{\Theta}) = \widetilde{\Theta}_i$; since, with the same argument above, we have $h(\widetilde{s(\Theta)}) = 0$ then necessarily $s(\Theta) = \Theta_i$.

(2) The inclusion $S \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^r H_i$ being trivial, let us prove $\Gamma \subset S$: for $s \in \Gamma$ we have

$$s\left(\{\widetilde{\Theta}_1, \dots, \widetilde{\Theta}_r\}\right) = \{\widetilde{\Theta}_1, \dots, \widetilde{\Theta}_r\};$$

therefore the same argument as above allows to deduce

$$\begin{aligned} s \in \Gamma &\implies s(\widetilde{\Theta}_i) = \widetilde{s(\Theta_i)} \text{ for each } i, 1 \leq i \leq r, \\ &\implies s(\widetilde{\Theta}_i) \in \{\widetilde{\Theta}_1, \dots, \widetilde{\Theta}_r\} \text{ for each } i, 1 \leq i \leq r, \\ &\implies s(\Theta_i) \in \{\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_r\} \text{ for each } i, 1 \leq i \leq r, \\ &\implies s \in S. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

- O is the S -orbit of Θ ,
- $\{s \in S : s(\Theta) = \Theta\} = S \cap H$,
- $\{s \in \Gamma : s(\Theta) = \Theta\} = \Gamma \cap H$,

whence $r = [S : S \cap H] = [\Gamma : \Gamma \cap H]$ so that

$$[S : S \cap H][S \cap H : \Gamma \cap H] = [S : \Gamma][\Gamma : \Gamma \cap H]$$

gives the required $[S : \Gamma] = [S \cap H : \Gamma \cap H]$.

(3) Clearly $g(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) = 0$ for each $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in W_\Gamma$.

Therefore, Lemma 43.5.5 reduces the statement to $\Gamma = S = \bigcup_{i=1}^r H_i$ iff

$$g(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \neq 0 \text{ for each } (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in \bigcup_{\substack{\Gamma' \in H \\ \Gamma' \neq \Gamma}} W_{\Gamma'}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & g(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \neq 0 \text{ for each } (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in \bigcup_{\substack{\Gamma' \in H \\ \Gamma' \neq \Gamma}} W_{\Gamma'} \\ \iff & h(\Theta(\alpha_{s(1)}, \dots, \alpha_{s(n)})) \neq 0 \text{ for each } s \in S_n \setminus \Gamma \\ \iff & h(\widetilde{s(\Theta)}) \neq 0 \text{ for each } s \in S_n \setminus \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Since h is a simple factor of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}[T]$ the only $s \in S_n$ for which $h(\widetilde{s(\Theta)}) = 0$ are those satisfying $s(\Theta) \in O$ *id est* the elements in $\bigcup_{i=1}^r H_i$.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{m} = \mathbb{I}(\sigma_1 + a_1, \sigma_2 - a_2, \dots, \sigma_n - (-1)^n a_n, g) \\ \iff & g(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \neq 0 \text{ for each } (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in \bigcup_{\substack{\Gamma' \in H \\ \Gamma' \neq \Gamma}} W_{\Gamma'} \\ \iff & h(\widetilde{s(\Theta)}) \neq 0 \text{ for each } s \in S_n \setminus \Gamma \\ \iff & s \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^r H_i \text{ implies } s \in S_n \setminus \Gamma \\ \iff & \bigcup_{i=1}^r H_i \subset \Gamma \end{aligned}$$

which, by (2) is equivalent to $\Gamma = S = \bigcup_{i=1}^r H_i$.

43.6 Lagrange resolvent and Galois group

Let

- H be a subgroup of S_n ,
- $e := [S_n : H]$,
- Θ a resolvent of H ,
- $\Theta = \Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_e$ its distinct conjugates in \mathcal{F} over \mathcal{K} ,
- $H_i := \{s \in S_n : s(\Theta_1) = \Theta_i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq e$,
- $\theta := \widetilde{\Theta}$,
- ν the multiplicity of θ in $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}[T]$,

so that

- (A) $\mathcal{L}_\Theta[T] = \prod_{i=1}^e (T - \Theta_i)$,
 (B) $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta,f}[T] = \prod_{i=1}^e (T - \widetilde{\Theta}_i)$,
 (C) $(\mathcal{S}_n/H)_l = \{H_i, 1 \leq i \leq e\}$, $H_1 = H$;

we wlog assume that

- (D) $\widetilde{\Theta}_i = \theta \iff i \leq \nu$,

and denote

- $O := \{\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_\nu\}$;
- $S := \{s \in \mathcal{S}_n : s(\Theta_i) \in O, 1 \leq i \leq \nu\}$.

Proposition 43.6.1. *With the present notation*

- (1) *if θ is a simple root of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta,f}[T]$ then*

$$G(K_f/k(\theta)) = \{s \in G(K_f/k) : s(\theta) = \theta\} = G(K_f/k) \cap H;$$

- (2) *if $\nu > 1$, then*

$$G(K_f/k(\theta)) = \{s \in G(K_f/k) : s(\theta) = \theta\} = G(K_f/k) \cap S;$$

moreover

- (a) $[k(\theta) : k] = [G(K_f/k) : G(K_f/k) \cap S]$,
 (b) $G(K_f/k) \cap S \supset G(K_f/k) \cap H$ and
 (c) $[G(K_f/k) : G(K_f/k) \cap H] \leq \nu[k(\theta) : k]$.

Proof.

- (1) For each $s \in G(K_f/k)$ and each $p \in \mathcal{A}$ we have (Remark 43.4.9) $\widetilde{s(p)} = s(\widetilde{p})$; so for each $s \in G(K_f/k) \cap H$ we have

$$\theta = \widetilde{\Theta} = s(\widetilde{\Theta}) = s(\widetilde{\Theta}) = s(\theta)$$

so that $G(K_f/k) \cap H \subset G(K_f/k(\theta))$.

If, instead $s \in G(K_f/k) \setminus H$, $\Theta' := s(\Theta)$ is a conjugate of Θ in \mathcal{F} over \mathcal{K} distinct from θ ; since $\mathcal{S}_n = G(\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{K})$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta,f}[T] = \prod_{s \in \mathcal{S}_n} (T - \widetilde{s(\Theta)})$ necessarily

$$s(\theta) = s(\widetilde{\Theta}) = \widetilde{s(\Theta)} = \widetilde{\Theta'} \neq \widetilde{\Theta} = \theta$$

and $s \notin G(K_f/k(\theta))$.

- (2) For each $s \in G(K_f/k)$ we have $s \in \{s \in G(K_f/k) : s(\theta) = \theta\}$ iff, for each i , $1 \leq i \leq \nu$, $\widetilde{s(\Theta_i)} = \theta$ which is equivalent to $s(\Theta_i) \in O$; thus $s \in S$ and the claim.

Moreover:

- (a) since $[K_f : k(\theta)] = \#G(K_f/k(\theta)) = \#(G(K_f/k) \cap S)$ we have

$$[k(\theta) : k] = \frac{[K_f : k]}{[K_f : k(\theta)]} = \frac{\#G(K_f/k)}{\#(G(K_f/k) \cap S)} = [G(K_f/k) : G(K_f/k) \cap S];$$

(b) $s \in H \implies s(\Theta_1) = \Theta_1 \implies s \in S$ so that

$$G(K_f/k) \cap H \subset G(K_f/k) \cap S;$$

(c) also we have

$$G(K_f/k) \cap S = \{s \in G(K_f/k) : s(\Theta_i) \in O, 1 \leq i\}$$

and $G(K_f/k) \cap H = \{s \in S : s(\Theta) = \Theta\}$; thus

$$\begin{aligned} [G(K_f/k) \cap S : G(K_f/k) \cap H] &= \#\{s(\Theta) : s \in G(K_f/k) \cap S\} \\ &\leq \#\{s(\Theta) : s \in G(K_f/k) \cap H\} \\ &= \nu \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &[G(K_f/k) : G(K_f/k) \cap H] \\ &= [G(K_f/k) : G(K_f/k) \cap S][G(K_f/k) \cap S : G(K_f/k) \cap H] \\ &\leq [k(\theta) : k]\nu. \end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary 43.6.2. *With the present notation*

- (1) if $\nu = 1$ then the degree of θ over k is $[G(K_f/k) : G(K_f/k) \cap H]$;
- (2) $\theta \in k \iff G(K_f/k) \subseteq S$;
- (3) $H_i \cap G(K_f/k) \subset S$ for each $i \leq \nu$;
- (4) $H_i \cap G(K_f/k) = \emptyset$ for each $i > \nu$;
- (5) $G(K_f/k) \cap S = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\nu} H_i \cap G(K_f/k)$. □

Let us denote

- $h(T) \in k[T]$ the monic irreducible component of $\mathcal{L}_{\theta, f}$ for which $h(\theta) = 0$,
- $\theta_1 = \theta, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_d$ the $G(K_f/k)$ -conjugates of θ ;
- $\mathcal{R} := \{\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_e\}$,
- $S(\Phi) := \{s \in S_n : s(\Phi) = \Phi\}$ for each $\Phi \in \mathcal{R}$,
- $\mathcal{R}_i := \{\Phi \in \mathcal{R} : \tilde{\Phi} = \theta_i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq d$,
- $S_i := \{s \in S_n : s(\Phi) \in \mathcal{R}_i, \text{ for each } \Phi \in \mathcal{R}_i\}$,
- \mathcal{O} the set of the $G(K_f/k)$ -orbits of $\mathcal{R} = \bigcup_{i=1}^d \mathcal{R}_i$;

so that

- (E) $h^\nu \mid \mathcal{L}_{\theta, f}, h^{\nu+1} \nmid \mathcal{L}_{\theta, f}$,
- (F) $h(T) = \prod_{i=1}^d (T - \theta_i)$,
- (G) $S_1 = S, \mathcal{R}_1 = \mathcal{O}$,
- (H) $\#\mathcal{R}_i = \nu$, and (Proposition 43.6.1) $d = [G(K_f/k) : G(K_f/k) \cap S_i]$ for each i ,

For each $\Omega \in \mathcal{O}$, $\{\Omega \cap \mathcal{R}_i, 1 \leq i \leq d\}$ is the set, for each j , of the $G(K_f/k) \cap S_j$ orbits of Ω ; thus such set is independent on the choice of j but depends only on Ω . Thus we have, for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq d$, each $j, 1 \leq j \leq d$, and each $\Phi \in \Omega \cap \mathcal{R}_j$

$$m_\Omega := \#(\Omega \cap \mathcal{R}_i) = [G(K_f/k) \cap S_j : G(K_f/k) \cap S(\Phi)];$$

as a consequence

- (I) $\#\Omega = dm_\Omega$ for each $\Omega \in \mathcal{O}$,
- (J) $\sum_{\Omega \in \mathcal{O}} m_\Omega = \#\mathcal{R}_1 = \nu$,
- (K) $h^\nu(T) = \prod_{\Omega \in \mathcal{O}} \prod_{\Phi \in \Omega} (T - \tilde{\Phi})$.

Let us now introduce a *second* resolvent Ψ of the *same* subgroup H and set $\Psi_i := s(\Psi), s \in H_i$.

Definition 43.6.3. *Two monic (not necessarily irreducible nor squarefree) factors F and G of, respectively, $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta,f}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi,f}$ are said parallel iff there is $J \subset \{1, \dots, e\}$ for which*

$$F(T) = \sum_{j \in J} (T - \tilde{\Theta}_j) \quad \text{and} \quad G(T) = \sum_{j \in J} (T - \tilde{\Psi}_j).$$

□

If F and G are parallel and either $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta,f}$ or $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi,f}$ is f -separable then J is unique.

Denoting, for each $\Omega \in \mathcal{O}$

- $J_\Omega := \{j : 1 \leq j \leq e, \Theta_j \in \Omega, \}$,
- $P_\Omega(T) := \prod_{j \in J_\Omega} (T - \tilde{\Psi}_j)$,

by definition, the factor in $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi,f}$ parallel to $h^\nu(T)$ is

$$\prod_{\Omega \in \mathcal{O}} \prod_{\Psi \in \Omega} (T - \tilde{\Psi}) = \prod_{\Omega \in \mathcal{O}} \prod_{j \in J_\Omega} (T - \tilde{\Psi}_j) = \prod_{\Omega \in \mathcal{O}} P_\Omega(T).$$

Moreover for each $\Omega \in \mathcal{O}$, $\{\Psi_j : j \in J_\Omega\}$ is a $G(K_f/k)$ -orbit, so that

- (L) $P_\Omega(T) \in k[T]$ for each $\Omega \in \mathcal{O}$,
- (M) $\deg(P_\Omega) = \#\Omega = dm_\Omega$.

In conclusion of this *tour de force*, we have

Theorem 43.6.4 (Arnaudiès–Valibouze). *Under the present notation, the factor of $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi,f}$ which is parallel to h^ν is $\prod_{\Omega \in \mathcal{O}} P_\Omega$; moreover for each $\Omega \in \mathcal{O}$ the polynomial $P_\Omega(T)$ is an irreducible factor in $k[T]$ of $\mathcal{L}_{\Psi,f}$; moreover $\deg(h) \mid \deg(P_\Omega)$.* □

Let us impose on each \mathbb{N}^e , $e \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, the ordering \preceq defined by

$$(b_1, \dots, b_e) \preceq (a_1, \dots, a_e) \iff b_i \leq a_i \text{ for each } i.$$

Let us fix a subgroup H of S_n and let us denote (using the same notation as Section 43.1)

- \mathcal{E} the set of all conjugacy classes of the subgroups of S_n ,
- $\mathcal{C}_i \in \mathcal{E}$ the conjugacy class to which $G(K_f/k)$ belongs,
- $\mathcal{C}_j \in \mathcal{E}$ the conjugacy class to which H belongs,
- $e := [S_n : H]$,
- (a_1, \dots, a_e) the sequence such that $A_i^j := (a_1, \dots, a_e, 0, \dots, 0, \dots)$.

Theorem 43.6.5. *With such notation, let Θ be a resolvent of a subgroup H of S_n ; let us assume that each irreducible factor of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}$ is separable and let us denote, for each $j, 1 \leq j \leq e$, b_j the number of irreducible factors of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}$. Then*

- (1) $(b_1, \dots, b_e) \preceq (a_1, \dots, a_e)$,
- (2) if $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}$ is separable, id est Θ is f -separable, then

$$(b_1, \dots, b_e) = (a_1, \dots, a_e).$$

Proof. Let $\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_e\} \subset S_n$ be such that $\{\tau_1 H, \dots, \tau_e H\}$ is the set of all the left cosets of H , with $\tau_1 = \text{Id}_{S_n}$. Denote, for each i , $H_i := \tau_i H \tau_i^{-1}$, $\Theta_i := \tau_i(\Theta)$ and $\theta_i := \widetilde{\Theta}_i$ so that $H_1 = H$ and $\Theta_1 = \Theta$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} &= \prod_{i=1}^e (T - \Theta_i), \\ \mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f} &= \prod_{i=1}^e (T - \theta_i), \\ H_i &= \{\tau \in S_n : \tau(\Theta_i) = \Theta_i\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us fix a value $j, 1 \leq j \leq e$, and a k -irreducible simple factor p of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}$, $\deg(p) = j$; then $p = \prod_{i \in J} (T - \theta_i)$ for some $J \subset \{1, \dots, e\}$, $\#J = j$.

If $i \in J$, by Corollary 43.6.2.(1), $j = \deg(p) = [G(K_f/k) : G(K_f/k) \cap H_i]$; let us therefore denote, for each j ,

$$n_j := \#\{i : 1 \leq i \leq e, j = [G(K_f/k) : G(K_f/k) \cap H_i]\}.$$

Clearly we have both $jb_j \leq n_j$ and $A_i^j := (n_1, \frac{n_2}{2}, \dots, \frac{n_e}{e}, 0, \dots, 0, \dots)$ which proves (1).

If, moreover $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}$ is separable, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^e j b_j = \deg(\mathcal{L}_{\Theta, f}) = e = \sum_{j=1}^e j \frac{n_j}{j}$$

and, since $jb_j \leq n_j = j \frac{n_j}{j}$ for each j , we obtain (2). □

43.7 Computing Galois groups of a polynomial

Given a value n let us denote

- $\mathcal{E} := \{\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_s\}$, the set of all the conjugacy classes of S_n ,
- for each $j, 1 \leq j \leq s$,
 - H_j a subgroup $H_j \in \mathcal{C}_j$,
 - $e_j := [S_n : H_j]$
 - $\tau_{j1} = \text{Id}_{S_n}, \dots, \tau_{je_j} \in S_n$ elements such that $\{\tau_{j1}H_j, \dots, \tau_{je_j}H_j\}$ is the set of all the left cosets of H_j ,
 - Θ_j a resolvent of H_j ,
 - $\Theta_{jm} := \tau_{jm}(\Theta_j), 1 \leq m \leq e_j$,
 - $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_j} := \prod_{m=1}^{e_j} (T - \Theta_{jm})$.

If $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_j, f}$ is f -separable, we denote, for each $j \leq s$

- a_{jm} the number of irreducible factors of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_j, f}$ whose degree is m , for each $m, 1 \leq m \leq e_j$;
- $\pi(\Theta_j, f) = (a_{j1}, \dots, a_{je_j})$.

Then combining Proposition 43.1.13 and Theorem 43.6.4 we obtain

Theorem 43.7.1. *With the present notation and under the assumption that all resolvents $\Theta_j, 1 \leq j \leq s$ are f -separable, then the conjugacy class of $G(K_f/k)$ is \mathcal{C}_r where r denotes the index of the row of the partition array B_i^j coinciding with the array*

$$(\pi(\Theta_1, f), \pi(\Theta_2, f), \dots, \pi(\Theta_s, f)).$$

□

This gives an effective method for computing the conjugacy class of $G(K_f/k)$; it requires to

- (1) determine the partition array B_i^j ,
- (2) choose suitable f -separable resultants Θ_i ,
- (3) compute $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_j, f}$,
- (4) factorize them deducing the values $\pi(\Theta_j, f)$, and
- (5) deduce the conjugacy class of $G(K_f/k)$ by comparing the values of the partition array B_i^j .

Let us remark that

- steps (4) and (5) don't require any special comment;
- we briefly discuss step (3) in Algorithm 43.7.2;
- the hard task is steps (1) and (2) which have been systematically solved by Arnaudiès and Valibouze for $n \leq 11$ ¹⁵.

¹⁵ Here I report their result for $n = 4$; for $5 \leq n \leq 11$ I refer to the survey Valibouze A., *Computation of the Galois Groups of the Resolvent Factors for the Direct and Inverse Galois problems* L. N. Comp. Sci. **948** (1995), 456–468, Springer, and to the LITP reports quoted there.

Algorithm 43.7.2. The computation of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_j, f}$ is a direct application of the results of Proposition 43.4.11; it is sufficient to compute the Gröbner basis G of the ideal generated by

$$\{f_1, \dots, f_n, T - \Theta_j\} \subset k[T, X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

w.r.t. the lex ordering induced by $T < X_1 < X_2 \dots < X_n$; then we have

$$\{\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_j, f}\} = G \cap k[T].$$

□

We report here the results by Arnaudiès—Valibouze for $n = 5$; the following table lists the 11 conjugacy classes of S_4 , reporting for a chosen element $H_j \in C_j$, their structure, their generators and their order:

H_1	I_4	$[\]$	1
H_2	S_2	$[(3, 4)]$	2
H_3	S_2	$[(1, 2)(3, 4)]$	2
H_4	A_3	$[(1, 2, 3)]$	3
H_5	$S_2 \times S_2$	$[(1, 2), (3, 4)]$	4
H_6	V_4	$[(1, 2)(3, 4), (1, 3)(2, 4)]$	4
H_7	Z_4	$[(1, 2)(3, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4)]$	4
H_8	S_3	$[(2, 3, 4), (3, 4)]$	6
H_9	D_4	$[(3, 4), (1, 2)(3, 4), (1, 3)(2, 4)]$	8
H_{10}	A_4	$[(1, 2)(3, 4), (1, 3)(2, 4), (2, 3, 4)]$	12
H_{11}	S_4	$[(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4)]$	24

where A_n denotes the alternative group, D_n the dihedral group, V_4 the *Viergruppe*, $I_n := \{\text{Ids}_n\}$. The corresponding resultants are¹⁶

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_1 &= u_1X_1 + u_2X_2 + u_3X_3, \\ \Theta_2 &= X_1 + X_3X_4, \\ \Theta_3 &= X_1X_2 + X_1X_3 + X_2X_4, \\ \Theta_4 &= (X_2 - X_3)(X_3 - X_4)(X_4 - X_2), \\ \Theta_5 &= X_1X_2, \\ \Theta_6 &= X_1X_3 + X_2X_4 - X_1X_2 - X_3X_4, \\ \Theta_7 &= X_1X_2^2 + X_2X_3^2 + X_3X_4^2 + X_4X_1^2, \\ \Theta_8 &= X_1, \\ \Theta_9 &= X_1X_2 + X_3X_4, \\ \Theta_{10} &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (X_j - X_i), \\ \Theta_{11} &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 43.1. Partition Array for S_4

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	[(24, 1)]	[(12, 1)]	[(12, 1)]	[(8, 1)]	[(6, 1)]	[(6, 1)]
2	[(12, 2)]	[(2, 1), (5, 2)]	[(6, 2)]	[(4, 2)]	[(2, 1), (2, 2)]	[(3, 2)]
3	[(12, 2)]	[(6, 2)]	[(4, 1), (4, 2)]	[(4, 2)]	[(2, 1), (2, 2)]	[(6, 1)]
4	[(8, 3)]	[(4, 3)]	[(4, 3)]	[(2, 1), (2, 3)]	[(2, 3)]	[(2, 3)]
5	[(6, 4)]	[(2, 2), (2, 4)]	[(2, 2), (2, 4)]	[(2, 4)]	[(2, 1), (1, 4)]	[(3, 2)]
6	[(6, 4)]	[(3, 4)]	[(6, 2)]	[(2, 4)]	[(3, 2)]	[(6, 1)]
7	[(6, 4)]	[(3, 4)]	[(2, 2), (2, 4)]	[(2, 4)]	[(1, 2), (1, 4)]	[(3, 2)]
8	[(4, 6)]	[(2, 3), (1, 6)]	[(2, 6)]	[(1, 2), (1, 6)]	[(2, 3)]	[(1, 6)]
9	[(3, 8)]	[(1, 4), (1, 8)]	[(3, 4)]	[(8, 1)]	[(1, 2), (1, 4)]	[(3, 2)]
10	[(2, 12)]	[(1, 12)]	[(2, 6)]	[(2, 4)]	[(1, 6)]	[(2, 3)]
11	[(1, 24)]	[(1, 12)]	[(1, 12)]	[(1, 8)]	[(1, 6)]	[(1, 6)]

	7	8	9	10	11
1	[(6, 1)]	[(4, 1)]	[(3, 1)]	[(2, 1)]	[(1, 1)]
2	[(3, 2)]	[(2, 1), (1, 2)]	[(1, 1), (1, 2)]	[(1, 2)]	[(1, 1)]
3	[(2, 1), (2, 2)]	[(2, 2)]	[(3, 1)]	[(2, 1)]	[(1, 1)]
4	[(2, 3)]	[(1, 1), (1, 3)]	[(1, 3)]	[(2, 1)]	[(1, 1)]
5	[(1, 2), (1, 4)]	[(2, 2)]	[(1, 1), (1, 2)]	[(1, 2)]	[(1, 1)]
6	[(3, 2)]	[(1, 4)]	[(3, 1)]	[(2, 1)]	[(1, 1)]
7	[(2, 1), (1, 4)]	[(1, 4)]	[(1, 1), (1, 2)]	[(1, 2)]	[(1, 1)]
8	[(1, 6)]	[(1, 1), (1, 3)]	[(1, 3)]	[(1, 2)]	[(1, 1)]
9	[(1, 2), (1, 4)]	[(1, 4)]	[(1, 1), (1, 2)]	[(1, 2)]	[(1, 1)]
10	[(1, 6)]	[(1, 4)]	[(1, 3)]	[(2, 1)]	[(1, 1)]
11	[(1, 6)]	[(1, 4)]	[(1, 3)]	[(1, 2)]	[(1, 1)]

Finally the partition array is report in Figure 43.1.

This table is applied as follows: one

- computes the discriminant $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_{10},f}$ of f and checks whether $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_{10},f}$ is a square in which case

$$G(K_f/k) = H_j, j \in \{1, 3, 4, 6, 10\};$$

- computes a factorization of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_8,f}$; if $\pi(\Theta_8, f)$ is
 - $[(4, 1)] \implies G(K_f/k) = H_1,$
 - $[(2, 1), (1, 2)] \implies G(K_f/k) = H_2,$
 - $[(2, 2)]$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_{10},f}$ is a square $\implies G(K_f/k) = H_3,$
 - $[(2, 2)]$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_{10},f}$ is not a square $\implies G(K_f/k) = H_5,$
 - $[(1, 1), (1, 3)]$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_{10},f}$ is a square $\implies G(K_f/k) = H_4,$
 - $[(1, 1), (1, 3)]$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_{10},f}$ is not a square $\implies G(K_f/k) = H_8,$
 - $[(1, 4)],$ then computes a factorization of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_9,f}$; if $\pi(\Theta_9, f)$ is
 - o $[(1, 3)]$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_{10},f}$ is a square $\implies G(K_f/k) = H_{10},$
 - o $[(1, 3)]$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_{10},f}$ is not a square $\implies G(K_f/k) = H_{11},$
 - o $[(3, 1)] \implies G(K_f/k) = H_6,$
 - o $[(1, 1), (1, 2)]$ then computes a factorization of $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_4,f}^{17}$; if $\pi(\Theta_4, f)$ is
 - ◇ $[(1, 8)] \implies H_9,$
 - ◇ $[(2, 4)] \implies H_7.$

¹⁶ where u_1, u_2, u_3 are distinct and non zero values.

¹⁷ one could similarly use $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_i,f}, i \in \{1, 2, 3, 7\}.$

44. Kronecker IV

The main effort in the research toward solving techniques has always been devoted to 'practical' complexity, namely smooth and fast software tools¹ while 'theoretical' complexity has never been deeply considered. The noteworthy exception is the TERA group based in École Polytechnique, Buenos Aires and Santander around Marc Giusti, Joos Heintz and Luis M.Pardo which in a series of papers produced in the Nineties² devised a solver with good complexity. The input is assumed to be a finite set of polynomials generating a zero-dimensional ideal $J \subset \mathcal{Q}$ and given by a straight-line program, the output being

- a system of coordinates in Noetherian position for the ideal,
- a primitive element of \mathcal{Q}/J ,
- its minimal polynomial $q(T) = g_0(T) \in K[T]$ and
- either
 - an *Allgemaine* Basis $(g_0(T), Z_1 - g_1(T), \dots, Z_r - g_r(T))$ or
 - a Kronecker/RUR presentation

$$q(T), \frac{\partial q}{\partial T}(T)Z_1 - w_1(Y_1, \dots, Y_d, T), \dots, \frac{\partial q}{\partial T}(T)Z_r - w_r(T).$$

¹ The most effort within the **PoSSo** group was devoted toward an efficient memory management!

² Of which here and in the Bibliography I quoted only the most relevant ones:

- Giusti M., Heintz J., Morais J.E., Pardo L.M., *When Polynomial Equation Systems can be "Solved" Fast?*, L. N. Comp. Sci. **948** (1995), 205–231, Springer
- Giusti M., Heintz J., Morais J.E., Morgensten J., Pardo L.M., *Straight-line programs in geometric elimination theory*, J. Pure Appl. Algebra **124** (1998), 101–146
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- Morais J.E., *Resolución eficaz de sistemas de ecuaciones polinomiales*, Ph. D. Thesis, Univ. Cantabria, Santander (1997)
- Giusti M., Lecerf G., Salvy B., *A Gröbner Free Alternative for Polynomial System Solving*, J. of Complexity **17** (2001), 154–211
- Lecerf G., *Une alternative aux méthodes de réécriture pour résolution des systèmes algébriques* Ph.D. Thesis, École Polytechnique (2001)

The relevant result is that such algorithm has (low) polynomial complexity wrt the natural measure of the data (number of variables, degree of input polynomials, number of roots, size of the straight-line program).

What is amazing is that this good-complexity theoretical result has produced a software solver whose practical performances compare with the best available Gröbner-based solvers.

After posing the problem approached by the TERA group (Section 44.1), discussing the technical tools, mainly an appropriate Newton-Hensel lifting (Section 44.2 and 44.3), and presenting the general structure of the Kronecker package (Section 44.4) I deeply discuss its three steps (Sections 44.5, 44.6 and 44.7), its genericity conditions showing that the 'good' choices live in an open Zariski set (Section 44.8) and sketch its complexity analysis (Sections 44.9).

44.1 Kronecker parametrization

Let

$\mathfrak{l} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ be an unmixed radical ideal,
 $d := \dim(\mathfrak{l})$, $r := n - d = r(\mathfrak{l})$ the dimension and the rank of \mathfrak{l} ;
 $M := (c_{ij}) \in GL(n, k)$ be an invertible $n \times n$ square matrices with entries in k such that, denoting $Y_i := \sum_j c_{ij} X_j$ for each i ,

$$\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} = \{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$$

is a Noether position (Definition 27.9.4) for \mathfrak{l} ;
 $K := k(V_1, \dots, V_d)$, and $\mathbb{K} \subset \Omega(k)$ its algebraic closure;
 $J := \mathfrak{l}K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$, the 0-dimensional extension of \mathfrak{l} ;
 $s := \deg(J)$ the multiplicity (Definition 27.12.9 and 27.13.7) of \mathfrak{l} .

Recall (Section 34.2) that a K -linear form

$$U := \lambda_1 Z_1 + \dots + \lambda_r Z_r, \lambda_i \in K, \lambda_1 \neq 0,$$

is a primitive element of $K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]/J$ iff

$$\text{Span}_K\{1, U, U^2, \dots, U^{s-1}\} \cong K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]/J.$$

Definition 44.1.1 (Giusti–Heintz–Morales–Pardo). *With the notation above, the assignment of*

a matrix $M := (c_{ij}) \in GL(n, k)$ such that, setting $Y_i := \sum_j c_{ij} X_j$,

$$\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} = \{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$$

is a Noether position for \mathfrak{l} ;

a primitive element

$$U := \lambda_1 Z_1 + \cdots + \lambda_r Z_r, \lambda_i \in K, \lambda_1 \neq 0,$$

of $K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]/\mathbf{J}$;

the minimal polynomial $q(T) := g_0(T) \in k[V_1, \dots, V_d][T]$ of U ;

the parametrization $(g_1(T), \dots, g_r(T))$, $g_i \in k[V_1, \dots, V_d][T]$ of the variety $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l})$ such that $Z_i - g_i(U) \in \mathbf{J}$ for each i ,

is called a geometric resolution of the variety $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l})$.

Remark 44.1.2 (Giusti–Lecerf–Salvy).

Recalling Kronecker’s result (41.3) and Proposition 42.9.3, one can remark that for each polynomial $p(T) \in K[T]$ which is relatively prime with $q(T)$, and thus invertible in $K[T]/q(T)$, one obtains, setting

$$w_i(T) := \mathbf{Rem}(p(T)g_i(T), g_0(T)) \in k[V_1, \dots, V_d][T], 1 \leq i \leq r,$$

another parametrization $(\frac{w_1(T)}{p(T)}, \dots, \frac{w_r(T)}{p(T)})$ of the variety $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{l})$, with

$$p(U)Z_i - w_i(U) \in \mathbf{J} \text{ for each } i.$$

In particular the results (41.3) by Kronecker (where g_0 is assumed irreducible) and of Proposition 42.9.3 (where g_0 is assumed squarefree) are obtained setting $p := \frac{\partial q}{\partial T}$. \square

Definition 44.1.3 (Giusti–Lecerf–Salvy). A parametrization

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q(V_1, \dots, V_d, T) = 0, \\ \frac{\partial q}{\partial T}(V_1, \dots, V_d, T)Z_1 = w_1(V_1, \dots, V_d, T) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial q}{\partial T}(V_1, \dots, V_d, T)Z_r = w_r(V_1, \dots, V_d, T) \end{array} \right.$$

of a radical and equidimensional ideal $\mathbf{l} \subset \mathcal{P}$, $\dim(\mathbf{l}) = d$, in ‘generic’ position is called a Kronecker parametrization of \mathbf{l} . \square

The discussion above allows to state

Proposition 44.1.4 (Giusti–Lecerf–Salvy). With the notation above one can wlog assume

- (1) $q(T) := g_0(T) \in k[V_1, \dots, V_d][T]$;
- (2) for each $i \leq r$, $w_i \in k[V_1, \dots, V_d][T]$;
- (3) for each $i \leq r$, $\frac{\partial q}{\partial T}g_i(T) \equiv w_i(T) \pmod{q(T)}$,
- (4) $q(U) \in \mathbf{l}$,
- (5) for each $i \leq r$, $\frac{\partial q}{\partial T}(U)Z_i - w_i(U) \in \mathbf{l}$;
- (6) $\deg(q) = \deg_T(q) = \deg(\mathbf{J})$,
- (7) $\deg(w_i) < \deg_T(q) = \deg(\mathbf{J})$ for each $i \leq r$.

Moreover, for any radical ideal \mathfrak{l} , given any system of coordinate

$$\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} = \{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$$

which is in Noether position for \mathfrak{l} and any primitive element, there is a unique geometric resolution of the variety $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{l})$.

Proof. To prove that, we consider (compare Sections 41.8 and 41.9) new variables $\Lambda_{d+1}, \dots, \Lambda_n$, the field $K_\Lambda := K(\Lambda_{d+1}, \dots, \Lambda_n)$, the extension $\mathfrak{l}_\Lambda := \mathfrak{l}K_\Lambda[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ of \mathfrak{l} in $K_\Lambda[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$, the $K(\Lambda_{d+1}, \dots, \Lambda_n)$ -linear form

$$U_\Lambda := \Lambda_{d+1}Z_1 + \dots + \Lambda_n Z_r$$

which is a primitive element of \mathfrak{l}_Λ , and its characteristic polynomial $q_\Lambda(T) \in (K_\Lambda[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]/\mathfrak{l}_\Lambda)[T]$, which is squarefree, monic and of degree $\deg(\mathfrak{l}^e)$.

Differentiating $q_\Lambda(T)$ with respect to each Λ_{d+i} we deduce the geometric resolution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_\Lambda(V_1, \dots, V_d, T) = 0, \\ \frac{\partial q_\Lambda}{\partial T}(V_1, \dots, V_d, T)Z_1 = -\frac{\partial q_\Lambda}{\partial \Lambda_{d+1}}(V_1, \dots, V_d, T) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial q_\Lambda}{\partial T}(V_1, \dots, V_d, T)Z_r = -\frac{\partial q_\Lambda}{\partial \Lambda_n}(V_1, \dots, V_d, T) \end{array} \right.$$

□

On the basis of these considerations, the TERA group aimed to solve the following

Problem 44.1.5 (Giusti–Heintz–Morales–Pardo). *Let*

$$f_1, \dots, f_r, g \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

and denote, for each ρ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_\rho &:= \{\alpha \in K^r : f_1(\alpha) = \dots = f_\rho(\alpha) = 0 \neq g(\alpha)\} \\ J_\rho &:= \mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_\rho) : g^\infty, \\ L_\rho &:= \sqrt{J_\rho}, \\ V_\rho &:= \mathcal{Z}(J_\rho) \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\mathcal{I}(Z_\rho) = \mathcal{I}(V_\rho) = L_\rho, \quad V_\rho = \mathcal{Z}(L_\rho) = \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{I}(Z_\rho).$$

Assuming that

- (1) Z_r is finite;
- (2) for each ρ , $\dim(L_\rho) = r - \rho$;
- (3) the Jacobian matrix $\left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial Z_j}\right)$ of f_1, \dots, f_ρ w.r.t. Z_1, \dots, Z_r has rank ρ at each point of V_ρ ,

compute a parametrization

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q(U) = 0, \\ Z_1 = w_1(U) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = w_r(U) \end{array} \right.$$

of Z_r , where $q(U) \in K[U]$ and $w_i(U) \in K(U)$ for each i . □

Remark 44.1.6. This problem can be easily justified via the considerations of Remark 35.3.9, Theorem 35.6.8 and Remark 35.6.9 on the ARGH-scheme; at each step of computation one obtains an ideal $\mathfrak{f} \subset \mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ and a polynomial $g \in \mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ and one needs to compute the roots of the ideal

$$\left(\sqrt{\mathfrak{f} : g^\infty}\right)^e = \sqrt{\mathfrak{f}^e : g^\infty} \subset \mathbb{Q}(V_1, \dots, V_d)[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

where we wlog assume that $\{V_1, \dots, V_d, Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$ is in Noether position for \mathfrak{f} and $d = \dim(\mathfrak{f})$.

Denoting (g_1, \dots, g_s) any basis of \mathfrak{f}^e it is sufficient (cf. Corollary 36.1.6) to perform a generic linear combination $f_i := \sum_{j=1}^s \lambda_{ij} g_j$ to obtain a regular sequence f_1, \dots, f_r .

Thus the setting related to the ARGH-scheme coincides with the one of Problem 44.1.5; such problem thus can be interpreted as *solving an ARGH-component of a given ideal by producing its Kronecker parametrization*.

Moreover, in this setting

- (1) \mathfrak{f}^e is zero-dimensional;
 - (2) each L_ρ has rank ρ since f_1, \dots, f_r is a regular sequence;
 - (3) it has been proved³ that the Jacobian condition is satisfied by any generic combination of the basis elements.
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44.2 Lifting Points

The variety $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_r)$ is a subvariety of the δ -dimensional variety, V_ρ ,

$$V_\rho \supset \mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_r), \delta = r - \rho,$$

defined by the polynomials f_1, \dots, f_ρ which satisfy conditions (2-3) of Problem 44.1.5. We call this sequence of polynomials a *lifting system* of V_ρ . Let us now consider a new system of coordinates $\{Y_1, \dots, Y_r\}$ which is a Noether position for L_ρ and the projection $\phi : K^r \mapsto K^\delta$ defined by $\phi(a_1, \dots, a_r) = (a_1, \dots, a_\delta)$.

³ Krick T., Pardo L.M., *Une approche informatique pour l'approximation diophantienne*, C.R. Acad. Sci. Paris **318** (1994), 407–412.

Definition 44.2.1. A point $\mathfrak{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_\delta) \in \mathbb{K}^\delta$ is called a lifting point of \mathbb{V}_ρ w.r.t. the lifting system f_1, \dots, f_ρ (and the frame $\{Y_1, \dots, Y_r\}$) if the Jacobian matrix of f_1, \dots, f_ρ w.r.t. $Y_{\delta+1}, \dots, Y_r$ is invertible at each point of the variety $\mathbb{V}_\mathfrak{p} := \mathbb{V}_\rho \cap \phi^{-1}(p_1, \dots, p_\delta)$ whose 0-dimensional ideal $\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{V}_\mathfrak{p})$ we denote $\mathbb{L}_\mathfrak{p}$.

Definition 44.2.2. With the notation above, the assignment of

- a lifting system f_1, \dots, f_ρ of \mathbb{V}_ρ
- a matrix $M := (c_{ij}) \in GL(r, K)$ such that $\{Y_1, \dots, Y_r\}, Y_i := \sum_j c_{ij} Z_j$, is a Noether position for \mathbb{V}_ρ ;
- a lifting point $\mathfrak{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_\delta)$ of \mathbb{V}_ρ w.r.t. the lifting system f_1, \dots, f_ρ and the frame $\{Y_1, \dots, Y_r\}$;
- a primitive element $U := \lambda_{\delta+1} Y_{\delta+1} + \dots + \lambda_r Y_r, \lambda_i \in K, \lambda_{\delta+1} \neq 0$, of $K[Y_{\delta+1}, \dots, Y_r]/\mathbb{L}_\mathfrak{p}$;
- the minimal polynomial $q(T)$ of U ;
- the parametrization $(g_{\delta+1}(T), \dots, g_r(T))$ of $\mathbb{V}_\mathfrak{p}$

so that

- $Y_j - g_j(U) \in \mathbb{L}_\mathfrak{p}$ for each $j, \delta < j \leq r$,
- $\mathbb{V}_\mathfrak{p} = \{(p_1, \dots, p_\delta, g_{\delta+1}(\alpha), \dots, g_r(\alpha)) : \alpha \in \mathcal{R}\}, \mathcal{R} := \{\alpha \in K : q(\alpha) = 0\}$

is called a lifting fiber of \mathbb{V}_ρ .

Remark 44.2.3. Denoting

$$M^{-1} := (d_{ij}) \in GL(r, K) \text{ the inverse of } M,$$

$$h_i(Y_1, \dots, Y_r) := f_i(\sum_j d_{1j} Y_j, \dots, \sum_j d_{rj} Y_j),$$

the following relations are satisfied by the data above:

- (1) $U(g_{\delta+1}(T), \dots, g_r(T)) = \lambda_{\delta+1} g_{\delta+1}(T) + \dots + \lambda_r g_r(T) = T$,
- (2) $h_i(p_1, \dots, p_\delta, g_{\delta+1}(T), \dots, g_r(T)) \in \mathbb{I}(q(U))$,
- (3) $s := \deg(\mathbb{L}_\mathfrak{p}) = \deg(\mathbb{L}_r)$.

Moreover, by Proposition 44.1.4, for any lifting fiber of \mathbb{V}_ρ , there exists a unique geometric resolution of \mathbb{V}_ρ for the same Noether position and primitive element. □

Proposition 44.2.4. The specialization of the minimal polynomial and the parametrization of this geometric resolution on the lifting point \mathfrak{p} gives exactly the minimal polynomial and the parametrization of the lifting fiber.

Proof. Assume that U is not a primitive element of \mathbb{V}_ρ ; we can then choose a primitive element U' of \mathbb{V}_ρ which is also a primitive element for $\mathbb{V}_\mathfrak{p}$ too. The specialization of the corresponding Kronecker parametrization of \mathbb{V}_ρ gives a parametrization of $\mathbb{V}_\mathfrak{p}$. By linear algebra on

$$\text{Span}_K \{1, U', U'^2, \dots, U'^{s-1}\} \cong K[Y_{\delta+1}, \dots, Y_r]/\mathbb{L}_\mathfrak{p}$$

one can compute the minimal polynomial of U whose degree is necessarily less than s giving the required contradiction. □

Lemma 44.2.5. *With the notation and assumptions above, the set of points $(p_1, \dots, p_\delta, \lambda_{\delta+1}, \dots, \lambda_r) \in K^r$ such that either*

- $\mathfrak{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_\delta)$ *is not a lifting point or*
- $U := \lambda_{\delta+1}Y_{\delta+1} + \dots + \lambda_r Y_r$ *is not a primitive element for $\mathbb{V}_{\mathfrak{p}}$*

are contained into an algebraic proper subset of K^r .

Proof. Let J the Jacobian matrix of f_1, \dots, f_ρ w.r.t. $Y_{\delta+1}, \dots, Y_r$.

The integral dependency relation of $\det(J)$ modulo \mathbb{L}_ρ is given by a monic polynomial $F(U) \in K[Y_1, \dots, Y_\delta][U]$.

By assumption, $\det(J)$ is not a zero-divisor of $K[Y_1, \dots, Y_r]/\mathbb{L}_\rho$, so that $A(Y_1, \dots, Y_\delta) := F(0) \neq 0$ satisfies $A \in \mathbb{L}_\rho + (\det(J))$.

Each point $\mathfrak{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_\delta)$ such that $A(p_1, \dots, p_\delta) \neq 0$ is a lifting point. Let now fix a lifting point $\mathfrak{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_\delta)$ and consider (Compare Proposition 44.1.4)

- the ideal $\mathbb{L}_A := \mathbb{L}_{\mathfrak{p}}K(A_{\delta+1}, \dots, A_r)[Y_{\delta+1}, \dots, Y_r]$,
- $Y_A := A_{\delta+1}Y_{\delta+1} + \dots + A_r Y_r \in K(A_{\delta+1}, \dots, A_r)[Y_{\delta+1}, \dots, Y_r]/\mathbb{L}_A$
- $q_A(T) \in (K(A_{\delta+1}, \dots, A_r)[Y_{\delta+1}, \dots, Y_r]/\mathbb{L}_A)[T]$ its minimal polynomial,
- $\text{Disc}(q) \in K(A_{\delta+1}, \dots, A_r)$ its discriminant (cf. Theorem 10.6.5).

Then any point $(\lambda_{\delta+1}, \dots, \lambda_r)$ such that $\text{Disc}(q)(\lambda_{\delta+1}, \dots, \lambda_r) \neq 0$ gives a primitive element $Y := \lambda_{\delta+1}Y_{\delta+1} + \dots + \lambda_r Y_r$ for $\mathbb{V}_{\mathfrak{p}}$. \square

44.3 Newton–Hensel Lifting

Proposition 44.3.1. *Let*

- R *be an integral domain,*
- I *an ideal of R ,*
- $I^* \subset R[T]$ *its extension,*
- $\mathbf{f} := (f_1, \dots, f_r), f_i \in R[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$,
- $U := \lambda_1 Z_1 + \dots + \lambda_r Z_r, \lambda_i \in R$ *a linear form,*
- $q(T) \in R[T]$ *a monic polynomial, $s := \deg(q) > 1$,*
- $\mathbf{v} := (v_1(T), \dots, v_r(T)), v_i(T) \in R[T], \deg(v_i) < s$,
- $J = \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial Z_j} \right)$ *the Jacobian matrix of f_1, \dots, f_r w.r.t. Z_1, \dots, Z_r*

and assume that the following relations

- (A) $f_j(v_1(T), \dots, v_r(T)) \equiv 0 \pmod{I^* + (q)}$, *for each j ,*
- (B) $T \equiv \lambda_1 v_1(T) + \dots + \lambda_r v_r(T) \pmod{I^* + (q)}$,
- (C) $J(v_1(T), \dots, v_r(T))$ *is invertible modulo $I^* + (q)$,*

hold in $R[T]$; then the following objects exist and can be computed:

- *a monic polynomial $Q(T) \in R[T]$,*
- $\mathbf{V} := (V_1(T), \dots, V_r(T)), V_i(T) \in R[T]$,

such that in $R[T]$ hold

- (1) $\deg(Q) = s$,
- (2) $Q(T) \equiv q(T) \pmod{I^*}$,
- (3) $\deg(V_i) < s$, for each i ,
- (4) $V_i(T) \equiv v_i(T) \pmod{I^*}$, for each i ,
- (5) $f_j(V_1(T), \dots, V_r(T)) \equiv 0 \pmod{(I^*)^2 + (Q)}$, for each j ,
- (6) $T \equiv \lambda_1 V_1(T) + \dots + \lambda_r V_r(T) \pmod{(I^*)^2 + (Q)}$.

Proof. Consider a generic vector

$$\mathbf{w} := (w_1(T), \dots, w_r(T)), w_i(T) \in R[T], \deg(w_i) < s$$

and write the Taylor expansion of \mathbf{f} between \mathbf{w} and \mathbf{v} :

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}) + J(\mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}) + \dots$$

Since the aim is to find a such vector \mathbf{w} which moreover satisfies

$$\mathbf{w} \equiv \mathbf{v} \pmod{I^*} \text{ and } \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}) \equiv 0 \pmod{(I^*)^2 + (q)},$$

we use such conditions on the expansion above obtaining

$$0 \equiv \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}) \equiv \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}) + J(\mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}) \pmod{(I^*)^2 + (q)}$$

thus deducing, thanks of assumption (C), the existence and the uniqueness of the solution

$$\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{v} - J^{-1}(\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}) \pmod{(I^*)^2 + (q)}.$$

The polynomial

$$\Delta(T) := U(\mathbf{w}) - T = \lambda_1 w_1(T) + \dots + \lambda_r w_r(T) - T \in R[T],$$

is such that $\deg(\Delta) < s$ and assumptions (B-C) allow to deduce that all his coefficients are member of I .

Setting $Y := T + \Delta(T)$ we have

$$\Delta(Y) = \Delta(T) + \Delta'(T)(Y - T) + \dots = \Delta(T) + \Delta'(T)\Delta(T) + \dots$$

hence $\Delta(Y) \equiv \Delta(T) = Y - T \pmod{I^2}$.

Therefore defining $p(T), u_i(T)$ as the unique polynomials such that

$$p - q'\Delta, u_i - w'_i\Delta \in (q), \deg(p) < s, \deg(u_i) < s,$$

we have, $\pmod{(I^*)^2 + (q)}$,

$$Q(Y) := q(Y) - p(Y) \equiv q(Y) - \Delta(Y)q'(Y) \equiv q(T) - (Y - T)q'(T) \equiv q(T)$$

and

$$V_i(Y) := w_i(Y) - u_i(Y) \equiv w_i(Y) - \Delta(Y)w'_i(Y) \equiv w_i(T) - (Y - T)w'_i(T) \equiv w_i(T)$$

We have therefore the ideal equality

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H} &:= (q(T), Y - T - \Delta(T), Z_1 - w_1(T), \dots, Z_r - w_r(T)) \\ &= (Q(Y), T - Y - \Delta(Y), Z_1 - V_1(Y), \dots, Z_r - V_r(Y)) \end{aligned}$$

in the ring $(R/I^2)[U, Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$.

Therefore Q and \mathbf{V} satisfy the required conditions:

- (1) $\deg(p) < \mathfrak{s} = \deg(q) \implies \deg(Q) = \mathfrak{s}$;
- (2) it is sufficient to remark that $p \in I$;
- (3) $\deg(u_i) < \mathfrak{s}, \deg(w_i) < \mathfrak{s} \implies \deg(V_i) < \mathfrak{s}$, for each i ;
- (4) it is sufficient to remark that $u_i \in I$.
- (5) We have

$$f_j(V_1(Y), \dots, V_r(Y)) \equiv f_j(Z_1, \dots, Z_r) \equiv f_j(w_1(T), \dots, w_r(T)) \pmod{\mathbf{H}}$$

and $f_j(w_1(T), \dots, w_r(T)) \in (I^*)^2 + (q)$ hence

$$f_j(V_1(Y), \dots, V_r(Y)) \in ((I^*)^2 + \mathbf{L}) \cap R[Y] = (I^*)^2 + (Q(Y)).$$

- (6) Since, $\text{mod}(I^*)^2 + \mathbf{H}$,

$$\begin{aligned} Y - U(V_1(Y), \dots, V_r(Y)) &\equiv Y - U(Z_1, \dots, Z_r) \\ &\equiv Y - U(w_1(T), \dots, w_r(T)) \\ &= Y - T - \Delta(T) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

we have $Y - U(V_1(Y), \dots, V_r(Y)) \in ((I^*)^2 + \mathbf{L}) \cap R[Y] = (I^*)^2 + (Q(Y))$. \square

Corollary 44.3.2. *With the same notation and assumptions as in Proposition 44.3.1 for any $\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ the following objects exist and can be computed*

- a monic polynomial $Q(T) \in R[T]$,
- $\mathbf{V} := (V_1(T), \dots, V_r(T)), V_i(T) \in R[T]$,

such that

- (1) $\deg(Q) = \mathfrak{s}$,
- (2) $Q(T) \equiv q(T) \pmod{I^*}$
- (3) $\deg(V_i) < \mathfrak{s}$, for each i ,
- (4) $V_i(T) \equiv v_i(T) \pmod{I^*}$, for each i ,
- (5) $f_j(V_1(T), \dots, V_r(T)) \equiv 0 \pmod{(I^*)^{\epsilon+1} + (Q)}$, for each j ,
- (6) $T \equiv \lambda_1 V_1(T) + \dots + \lambda_r V_r(T) \pmod{(I^*)^{\epsilon+1} + (Q)}$

hold in $R[T]$. \square

44.4 Kronecker Package: Description

The solution of Problem 44.1.5 is incremental on the number of equations to be solved, thus iteratively solving each system V_ρ , each resolution being encoded by means of a lifting fiber.

Thus, at each step the algorithm depends on the choice of a Noether position for V_ρ , a lifting point and a primitive element, Zariski-openness granting that such choices can be done randomly.

Let us therefore assume we have

- the $\delta = r - \rho$ -dimensional variety $V_\rho \subset \mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_r)$,
- the projection $\phi : K^r \mapsto K^\delta$ defined by $\phi(a_1, \dots, a_r) = (a_1, \dots, a_\delta)$,
- the lifting system f_1, \dots, f_ρ of V_ρ ,
- a frame of coordinates which is in Noether position for V_ρ and which, by simplicity, we assume to be $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$,
- a lifting point $\mathfrak{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_\delta)$ of V_ρ w.r.t. the lifting system f_1, \dots, f_ρ and the frame $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$,
- the primitive element $U := \lambda_{\delta+1}Z_{\delta+1} + \dots + \lambda_r Z_r, \lambda_i \in k, \lambda_{\delta+1} \neq 0$, of $K[Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]/L_{\mathfrak{p}}$,
- the minimal polynomial $q(T)$ of U ,
- the parametrization $(v_{\delta+1}(T), v_{\delta+2}(T), \dots, v_r(T))$ of both $V_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and V_ρ .

Up to now we simply assume that

- the Noether position $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$,
- the lifting point $\mathfrak{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_\delta)$, and
- the primitive element $\lambda_{\delta+1}Z_{\delta+1} + \dots + \lambda_r Z_r$

are sufficiently generic in order to satisfy all the conditions of genericity required by the algorithm; we will discuss deeper such conditions in Section 44.8.

Lifting Step Thus we are assuming to have a geometric resolution

$$\begin{cases} q(T) = 0, \\ Z_{\delta+1} = v_{\delta+1}(T) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = v_r(T) \end{cases}$$

for the primitive element

$$U := \lambda_{\delta+1}Z_{\delta+1} + \dots + \lambda_r Z_r \in K[Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]/L_{\mathfrak{p}}$$

of the variety $V_{\mathfrak{p}}$ defined by

$$\mathfrak{a} := (p_1, \dots, p_\delta, \alpha_{\delta+1}, \dots, \alpha_r) \in V_{\mathfrak{p}} \iff f_1(\mathfrak{a}) = \dots = f_\rho(\mathfrak{a}) = 0 \neq g(\mathfrak{a})$$

and the 0-dimensional radical ideal

$$\mathbf{L}_p := \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{V}_p) = \mathbf{L}_\rho + (Z_1 - p_1, \dots, Z_\delta - p_\delta)$$

and we compute a geometric resolution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q(Z_\delta, T) = 0, \\ Z_{\delta+1} = V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, T) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = V_r(Z_\delta, T) \end{array} \right.$$

for the primitive element

$$U := \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} \lambda_{\delta+i} Z_{\delta+i} \in k(Z_\delta)[Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]/\mathbf{L}_D^e$$

of the variety \mathbf{V}_D defined by

$$\mathbf{a} = (p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1}, \alpha_\delta, \dots, \alpha_r) \in \mathbf{V}_D \iff f_1(\mathbf{a}) = \dots = f_\rho(\mathbf{a}) = 0 \neq g(\mathbf{a})$$

and the 1-dimensional radical ideal

$$\mathbf{L}_D := \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{V}_D) = \mathbf{L}_\rho + (Z_1 - p_1, \dots, Z_{\delta-1} - p_{\delta-1}).$$

Intersection Step From this date we compute a geometric resolution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q(Z) = 0, \\ Z_\delta = v_\delta(Z) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = v_r(Z) \end{array} \right.$$

for the primitive element

$$U := \sum_{j=0}^{\rho} \lambda_{\delta+j} Z_{\delta+j} \in K[Z_\delta, \dots, Z_r]/\mathbf{L}'$$

of the 0-dimensional radical ideal

$$\mathbf{L}' := \sqrt{\mathbf{L}_r + (Z_1 - p_1, \dots, Z_{\delta-1} - p_{\delta-1}, f_{\rho+1})}.$$

Cleaning Step We now remove the points $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{L}')$ such that $g(\mathbf{a}) = 0$ thus getting the required geometric resolution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q'(T) = 0, \\ Z_\delta = v'_\delta(T) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = v'_r(T) \end{array} \right.$$

for the primitive element

$$U := \lambda_\delta Z_\delta + \cdots + \lambda_r Z_r \in K[Z_\delta, \dots, Z_r]/\mathbb{L}_{\rho'}$$

and the lifting point $\mathbf{p}' := (p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1})$ of the variety $\mathbb{V}_{\rho'}$ defined by

$$\mathbf{a} := (p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1}, \alpha_\delta, \dots, \alpha_r) \in \mathbb{V}_{\rho'} \iff f_1(\mathbf{a}) = \dots = f_{\rho+1}(\mathbf{a}) = 0 \neq g(\mathbf{a})$$

and the 0-dimensional radical ideal

$$\mathbb{L}_{\rho'} := \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{V}_{\rho'}) = \mathbb{L}_{\rho+1} + (Z_1 - p_1, \dots, Z_{\delta-1} - p_{\delta-1}).$$

44.5 Kronecker Package: Lifting Step

Defining

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &:= \deg(\mathbb{L}_{\rho}) + 1 = \deg(\mathbb{L}_{\rho'}) + 1 \\ h_i(Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r) &:= f_i(p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1}, Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r) \end{aligned}$$

we can apply Corollary 44.3.2 to the data

$$\begin{aligned} R &:= K[Z_\delta], \\ I &:= \mathbb{I}(Z_\delta) \subset R, \\ I^* &:= \mathbb{I}(Z_\delta) \subset K[Z_\delta, T], \\ \mathbf{f} &:= (h_1, \dots, h_r), h_i \in R[Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r], \\ U &:= \lambda_{\delta+1} Z_{\delta+1} + \cdots + \lambda_r Z_r, \\ q(T) &\in R[T] \text{ the minimal polynomial of } U, \\ \mathbf{v} &:= (v_{\delta+1}(T), v_{\delta+2}(T), \dots, v_r(T)), \end{aligned}$$

thus obtaining

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{a monic polynomial } Q(T) \in K[Z_\delta][T], \\ \mathbf{V} &:= (V_{\delta+1}(T), \dots, V_r(T)), V_i(T) \in K[Z_\delta][T], \end{aligned}$$

such that

- (1) $h_j(V_{\delta+1}(T), \dots, V_r(T)) \equiv 0 \pmod{I^{\epsilon+1} + (Q)}$, for each j ,
- (2) $T \equiv \lambda_{\delta+1} V_1(T) + \dots + \lambda_r V_r(T) \pmod{I^{\epsilon+1} + (Q)}$

id est

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{a polynomial } Q(Z_\delta, T) \in K[Z_\delta, T], \\ \mathbf{V} &:= (V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, T), \dots, V_r(Z_\delta, T)), V_i(Z_\delta, T) \in K[Z_\delta, T], \end{aligned}$$

such that

- (1) $f_j(p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1}, Z_\delta, V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, T), \dots, V_r(Z_\delta, T)) \equiv 0 \pmod{Q}$, for each j ,
- (2) $T \equiv \lambda_{\delta+1} V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, T) + \dots + \lambda_r V_r(Z_\delta, T) \pmod{Q}$.

We therefore have the parametrization

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q(Z_\delta, T) = 0, \\ Z_{\delta+1} = V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, T) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = V_r(Z_\delta, T) \end{array} \right.$$

of

$$V_D := \{\mathbf{a} = (p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1}, \alpha_\delta, \dots, \alpha_r) \in K^r : f_1(\mathbf{a}) = \dots = f_\rho(\mathbf{a}) = 0 \neq g(\mathbf{a})\}$$

and the 1-dimensional radical ideal

$$L_D := \mathcal{I}(V_D) = L_\rho + (Z_1 - p_1, \dots, Z_{\delta-1} - p_{\delta-1}).$$

44.6 Kronecker Package: Intersection Step

Let us therefore assume to have a 1-dimensional ideal

$$I \subset K[Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]$$

and its radical $L := \sqrt{I}$ given by means of a geometric resolution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q(Z_\delta, T) = 0, \\ Z_{\delta+1} = V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, T) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = V_r(Z_\delta, T) \end{array} \right.$$

for

- the Noether position $\{Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r\}$ for L and
- the primitive element $U := \lambda_{\delta+1}Z_{\delta+1} + \dots + \lambda_r Z_r$, $\lambda_i \in K \subset K(Z_\delta)$,

and a polynomial $f \in K[Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]$ such that $L + (f)$ is 0-dimensional⁴.

Let us consider $Q(Z_\delta, T)$ and $f(Z_\delta, V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, T), \dots, V_r(Z_\delta, T))$ as polynomials in $K[Z_\delta][T]$ and their resultant:

Lemma 44.6.1. *Denoting*

- $A(Z_\delta) := \text{Res}(Q, f(Z_\delta, V_{\delta+1}, \dots, V_r)) \in K[Z_\delta]$,
- $B := K[Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]/L$,
- $B' := K(Z_\delta)[Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]/L^e$,
- $F(T) \in K[Z_\delta][T]$ the integral dependency relation of f modulo L ,

⁴ We apply the results of this section to the case $L := L_D$ and

$$f(Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r) := f_{\rho+1}(p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1}, Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r).$$

- Φ_f the endomorphism of multiplication by f in B' ,
- $\chi_f(T) \in K(Z_\delta)[T]$ the characteristic polynomial of Φ_f ,
- $m_f(T) \in K(Z_\delta)[T]$ the monic polynomial of Φ_f ,
- $W := \mathcal{Z}(L^e) = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_t\}$, $\sigma_i := \text{mult}(\mathbf{b}_i, L^e)$,
- $\phi : K^{\rho+1} \mapsto K$ the projection $\phi(\alpha, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_\rho) = \alpha$,
- for each $\alpha \in K$, $W_\alpha := \{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_s\} = \pi^{-1}(\alpha) \cap \mathcal{Z}(L)$, each \mathbf{a}_i being counted with the proper multiplication $s_i := \text{mult}(\mathbf{a}_i, L)$, $\sum_i s_i = \text{deg}(L^e)$,

we have

- (1) $m_f(T), \chi_f(T) \in K[Z_\delta][T]$;
- (2) setting $\chi_f := \sum_i C_i(Z_\delta)T^i$ and $s := \text{deg}(L^e)$ we have $C_i(Z_\delta) \in K[Z_\delta]$ and $\text{deg}(C_i) \leq (s - i) \text{deg}(f)$;
- (3) $C_0(Z_\delta) \in L + (f)$;
- (4) $C_0(\alpha) = \prod_{\mathbf{a}_i \in W_\alpha} f(\mathbf{a}_i)^{s_i}$.
- (5) $C_0(Z_\delta)$ and $A(Z_\delta)$ coincide up to the sign;
- (6) $\text{deg}(A) \leq s \text{deg}(f)$;
- (7) $\{\alpha \in K : A(\alpha) = 0\} = \{\phi(\mathbf{b}) : \mathbf{b} \in W, f(\mathbf{b}) = 0\}$;

Proof. Since $F(\Phi_f) = 0$ we deduce that $m_f \mid F$ and, since both are monic, Gauss Lemma (Corollary 6.1.5) implies (1). We moreover know (Corollary 40.5.2) that $\chi(Z_\delta, T) = \prod_{i=1}^t (T - f(Z_\delta, \mathbf{b}_i))^{\sigma_i}$ so that we deduce (2).

Remark that B is a finite $K[Z_\delta]$ -module of rank $s := \text{deg}(L^e)$.

Since any $K[Z_\delta]$ -basis of B induces a $K(Z_\delta)$ -basis of B' (cf. Section 36.3), the characteristic polynomial of Φ_f in B and B' coincide, so that Cayley-Hamilton theorem in B implies $\chi(Z_\delta, f) \in L$ and hence (3).

Moreover, for each $\alpha \in K$, denoting $B_0 := K[Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]/L + (Z_\delta - \alpha)$ and remarking that the specialization at α of the $K[Z_\delta]$ -basis of B gives a K -basis of B_0 , we deduce that $C_0(\alpha)$ is the constant coefficient of the characteristic polynomial

$$\chi(T) = \prod_{i=1}^s (T - f(\mathbf{a}_i))^{s_i}$$

of the multiplication by f in B_0 whence (4).

Since

- $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{Z}(L + (f)) \implies C_0(\pi(\mathbf{a})) = 0$ for each $\mathbf{a} \in K^{\rho+1}$ as a consequence of (3) and,
- for each $\alpha \in K$ which annihilates C_0 , (4) implies the existence of $\mathbf{a} \in \pi^{-1}(\alpha) \cap \mathcal{Z}(L)$ which annihilates $f(\mathbf{a})$,

we obtain (5) of which (6-7) are direct consequences. □

Since probably Z_δ is not a primitive element for

$$K[Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]/\sqrt{L + (f)},$$

while this is true for a generic element $\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + U$, let us therefore introduce a new variable Z , denote

$$\hat{\cdot} : K[Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r][T] \mapsto K[Z, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r][T]$$

the substitution

$$\hat{g} := g(\lambda_\delta^{-1}(Z - T), T, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r) \text{ for each } g(Z_\delta, T, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r),$$

and assume that $Z = (\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + T)$ has the required properties, as it is true for almost choices of λ_δ .

Definition 44.6.2. A point $\lambda_\delta \in k$ is called a Liouville point w.r.t. the above geometric resolution of \mathbb{L} if

- (1) $\lambda_\delta \neq 0$
- (2) \hat{Q} is monic in T and $\deg_T(\hat{Q}) = \deg_T(Q) = \mathfrak{s} = \deg(\mathbb{L})$,
- (3) \hat{Q} is squarefree and relatively prime with \hat{P} , $P := \frac{\partial Q}{\partial T}$.

Lemma 44.6.3. With the above notation, if λ_δ is a Liouville point then the variables $\{Z, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r\}$ are in Noether position w.r.t. $\hat{\mathbb{L}} := \{\hat{f} : f \in \mathbb{L}\}$ and

$$\begin{cases} \hat{Q}(Z, T) = 0, \\ Z_{\delta+1} = \hat{V}_{\delta+1}(Z, T) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = \hat{V}_r(Z, T) \end{cases}$$

is a geometric resolution of $\hat{\mathbb{L}}$ for the primitive element U .

Proof. First of all, $\hat{\mathbb{L}} \cap K[Z] = \{0\}$, since for each $h(Z) \in \hat{\mathbb{L}} \cap K[Z]$, $Q(Z_\delta, T) \mid h(\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + T)$ and $\hat{Q}(Z, T) \mid h(Z)$; since $\hat{Q}(Z, T)$ is monic in T this implies $h(Z) = 0$ as required.

Thus, in order to prove that $\{Z, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r\}$ is in Noether position it is sufficient to prove that each Z_i is dependent over Z : denote $\mathbb{L}_1 := \hat{\mathbb{L}} + (T - U) \subset K[Z, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r, T]$ and consider a bivariate polynomial $h(Z_\delta, Z_i) \in \mathbb{L}$, monic and whose total degree is bounded by $\deg_{Z_i}(h)$, whose existence is implied by the assumption that $\{Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r\}$ is in Noether position w.r.t. \mathbb{L} ; then $h(\lambda_\delta^{-1}(Z - T), Z_i) \in \mathbb{L}$ and (since $\hat{Q}(Z, T) \in \mathbb{L}$ and its total degree is bounded by \mathfrak{s}) we can deduce the existence of a polynomial $H(Z, Z_i) \in \mathbb{L}$, monic and whose total degree is bounded by $\deg_{Z_i}(h)$, i.e. the dependency of Z_i over Z .

Since \hat{Q} remains squarefree, U remains primitive. □

Lemma 44.6.4. Almost each $\lambda_\delta \in K$ is a Liouville point.

Proof. Setting $W := \lambda_\delta^{-1}Z$ we have

$$\hat{Q}(Z, T) = Q(\lambda_\delta^{-1}(Z - T), T) = Q(W - \lambda_\delta^{-1}T, T).$$

Both

the discriminant of $Q(W - AT, T)$ and the resultant, in $K[W, A][T]$ of $Q(W - AT, T)$ with $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial T}(W - AT, T)$

are polynomials in $K[W, A]$ and do not vanish for $A = 0$; hence almost all choice for $\lambda_\delta \neq 0$ grants (3). Also denoting $h(Z, T) := H(Q)$ (Definition 23.2.1) the homogeneous part of maximal degree s of Q so that the coefficient of T^s in $\hat{Q}(Z, T)$ is $h(-\lambda_\delta^{-1}, 1)$; since again $h(0, 1) \neq 0$, almost all choice for $\lambda_\delta \neq 0$ grants (2). \square

Remark 44.6.5. If $\lambda_\delta \in K$ is a Liouville point w.r.t. the above geometric resolution of \mathbf{L} , and \hat{f} denotes the polynomial $\hat{f} := f(\lambda_\delta^{-1}(Z - T), Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r)$, the resultant $A(Z) \in K[Z]$ of the polynomials (in $K[Z][T]$) $\hat{Q}(Z, T)$ and $f(\lambda_\delta^{-1}(Z - T), \hat{V}_{\delta+1}(Z, T), \dots, \hat{V}_r(Z, T))$ satisfies $A(\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + U) \in \mathbf{L}$: in fact we already proved (Lemma 44.6.1) that $A(Z) \in \hat{\mathbf{L}} + (\hat{f})$; thus replacing Z with $\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + U$ we obtain $A(\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + U) \in \mathbf{L}$.

Moreover each root $(\alpha, \beta_{\delta+1}, \dots, \beta_r) \in \pi^{-1}(\alpha)$ of $\hat{\mathbf{L}}$, where $A(\alpha) = 0$, corresponds to the root $(\beta_\delta, \beta_{\delta+1}, \dots, \beta_r)$ of $\mathbf{L} + (f)$ where

$$\beta_\delta = \lambda_\delta^{-1} \left(\alpha - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{\delta+j} \beta_{\delta+j} \right),$$

or equivalently, $\alpha = \sum_{j=0}^p \lambda_{\delta+j} \beta_{\delta+j}$.

This is not yet sufficient to describe $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{L} + (f))$ because we still miss the parametrization of the coordinates. Denoting

$$\begin{aligned} &T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r \text{ new variables,} \\ &K_t := K(T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r), \\ &\mathbf{L}_t := \mathbf{L}K_t[Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r], \\ &U_t := U + T_{\delta+1}Z_{\delta+1} + \dots + T_r Z_r = \sum_{j=1}^p (\lambda_{\delta+j} + T_{\delta+j})Z_{\delta+j}, \end{aligned}$$

let us assume to have the geometric resolution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_t(Z_\delta, T) = 0, \\ Z_{\delta+1} = V_{t, \delta+1}(Z_\delta, T) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = V_{t, r}(Z_\delta, T) \end{array} \right.$$

of \mathbf{L}_t for the primitive element U_t . Since, for a Liouville point λ_δ for \mathbf{L} , $\lambda_\delta + T_\delta$ is a Liouville point for \mathbf{L}_t , in this setting the resultant computation returns a polynomial $A_t(Z) \in K_t[Z]$ such that $A_t((\lambda_\delta + T_\delta)Z_\delta + T) \in \mathbf{L}_t$; more precisely, if we express $A_t(Z)$ as

$$A_t(Z) = A(Z) + T_\delta A_\delta(Z) + T_{\delta+1} A_{\delta+1}(Z) + \dots + T_r A_r(Z) + B$$

where $A_i(Z) \in K[Z]$ and $B(T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r, Z) \in (T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r)^2$ and we evaluate it in

$$(\lambda_\delta + T_\delta)Z_\delta + U_t = (\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + U) + Z_\delta T_\delta + T_{\delta+1}Z_{\delta+1} + \cdots + T_r Z_r,$$

Taylor expansion allows to deduce that both $A(\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + U)$ and

$$A'(\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + U) + Z_{\delta+j}A_{\delta+j}(\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + U), 0 \leq j \leq \rho$$

are members of \mathbf{L} .

The roots of the polynomial $A_t(Z)$ are the values of the linear form

$$U_t := \sum_{j=0}^{\rho} \lambda_{\delta+j}(Z_{\delta+j} + T_{\delta+j})$$

at the roots of $\mathbf{L} + (f)$. Thus denoting $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{L} + (f)) =: \{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_s\}$, and U the linear form $U := \sum_{j=0}^{\rho} \lambda_{\delta+j}Z_{\delta+j}$ we have $A_t(Z) = \prod_{j=1}^s (Z - U_t(\mathbf{a}_j))^{s_j} \in \mathbf{L}_t$ and

$$\prod_{j=1}^s (Z - U_t(\mathbf{a}_j))^{s_j} \equiv A(Z) + \sum_{i=0}^r A_{\delta+i}(Z)T_{\delta+i} \pmod{\mathbf{L}_t + (T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r)^2}.$$

Thus, by expansion, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A(Z) &:= \prod_{j=1}^s (Z - U(\mathbf{a}_j))^{s_j} \\ A_{\delta+i}(Z) &:= - \sum_{h=1}^s Z_{\delta+i}(\mathbf{a}_h) s_h (Z - U(\mathbf{a}_h))^{s_h-1} \prod_{j=1, j \neq h}^s (Z - U(\mathbf{a}_j))^{s_j}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $D(Z) := \gcd(A, A') = \prod_{j=1}^s (Z - U(\mathbf{a}_j))^{s_j-1}$ divides each $A_{\delta+i}$ so that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A(Z)/D(Z) = 0, \\ A'(Z)/D(Z)Z_\delta = A_\delta(Z)/D(Z) \\ A'(Z)/D(Z)Z_{\delta+1} = A_{\delta+1}(Z)/D(Z) \\ \vdots \\ A'(Z)/D(Z)Z_r = A_r(Z)/D(Z) \end{array} \right.$$

is the required geometric resolution of $\mathbf{L} + (f)$ for the primitive element $U := \sum_{j=0}^{\rho} \lambda_{\delta+j}Z_{\delta+j}$.

Finally, euclidean arithmetic allows to compute the inverse of A'/D modulo A/D and gives a representation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q(Z) = 0, \\ Z_\delta = v_\delta(Z) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = v_r(Z) \end{array} \right.$$

□

In order to successfully apply Remark 44.6.5, we need to compute the geometric resolution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_t(Z_\delta, T) = 0, \\ Z_{\delta+1} = V_{t, \delta+1}(Z_\delta, T) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = V_{t, r}(Z_\delta, T) \end{array} \right.$$

of \mathbf{L}_t for the primitive element U_t starting with our data:

- the parametrization

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q(Z_\delta, T) = 0, \\ Z_{\delta+1} = V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, T) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = V_r(Z_\delta, T) \end{array} \right.$$

of $\mathbf{L} := \mathbf{L}_D$ and

- the primitive element $U := \lambda_{\delta+1}Z_{\delta+1} + \cdots + \lambda_r Z_r$.

Since in $K_t[Z_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]/\mathbf{L}_t$ we have $Z_i \equiv V_i(Z_\delta, U) \pmod{\mathbf{L}_t}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} U_t &\equiv U + T_{\delta+1}V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, U) + \cdots + T_r V_r(Z_\delta, U) \\ &\equiv U + T_{\delta+1}V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, U_t) + \cdots + T_r V_r(Z_\delta, U_t) \end{aligned}$$

modulo $\mathbf{L}_t + (T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r)^2$, whence

$$U \equiv U_t - T_{\delta+1}V_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, U_t) - \cdots - T_r V_r(Z_\delta, U_t).$$

Therefore replacing U in the parametrization and applying Taylor expansion we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} q_t(Z_\delta, T) &:= Q(Z_\delta, T) - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial T} \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} T_{\delta+i} V_{\delta+i}(Z_\delta, T) \\ &\equiv Q(Z_\delta, T) - T_{\delta+1} W_{\delta+1}(Z_\delta, T) - \cdots - T_r W_r(Z_\delta, T) \end{aligned}$$

modulo $\mathbf{L}_t + (T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r)^2$ and

$$V_{t, \delta+i}(Z_\delta, T) := V_{\delta+i}(Z_\delta, T) - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial T} \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} T_{\delta+i} V_{\delta+i}(Z_\delta, T)$$

modulo $\mathbf{L}_t + (q_t) + (T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r)^2$.

Algorithm 44.6.6. In conclusion we have to compute

- the data q_t and $V_{t, \delta+i}$ with the formulae above;

- the resultant $A_t(Z)$ of the polynomials $q_t(\lambda_\delta^{-1}(Z - T), T)$ and

$$f_{\rho+1}(p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1}, \lambda_\delta^{-1}(Z - T), \hat{V}_{t,\delta+1}(Z_\delta, T), \dots, \hat{V}_{t,r}(Z_\delta(Z_\delta, T)))$$

- and, by expansion, the data $A, D, A_\delta, \dots, A_r$.

This computation, mainly the one of $A_t(Z)$, for complexity reason (see the discussion in page 240) is not performed in $K(Z_\delta)[T]$ but in

$$R[T], \quad R := K[T_\delta, \dots, T_r][Z_\delta]/(Z_\delta - p)^{ds+1}$$

where $p \in k$ is a ‘generic’ value, $d := \deg(f)$, $s := \deg(Q)$ so that ds counts the roots, with multiplicity, of $L + (f)$.

44.7 Kronecker Package:Cleaning Step

So now we have the geometric resolution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q(Z) = 0, \\ Z_\delta = v_\delta(Z) \\ \vdots \\ Z_r = v_r(Z) \end{array} \right.$$

of $L + (f)$ and we need to remove from $W := \mathcal{Z}(L + (f)) =: \{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_s\}$ the roots such that $g(\mathbf{a}_i) = 0$.

This is easily performed by computing

$$\begin{aligned} G(Z) &:= g(p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1}, v_\delta(Z), \dots, v_r(Z)), \\ e(Z) &:= \gcd(q, G), \\ q' &:= q/e, \\ w'_i &:= v_i \bmod q. \end{aligned}$$

We need however to be sure that the lifting point $\mathbf{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1})$ is not bad: it is sufficient to be sure that

$$\mathbf{p} \notin \pi(W'' \cap \mathcal{Z}(g))$$

where we are denoting

$$\begin{aligned} W' &:= \{\mathbf{a} \in W : g(\mathbf{a}) \neq 0\}, \\ W'' &:= \mathcal{ZI}(W'), \\ \pi : K^r &\mapsto K^{\delta-1} \text{ the projection } \pi(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{\delta-1}). \end{aligned}$$

A such point is called a *cleaning point*. Clearly almost all lifting points are cleaning points: the bad points are the projections of the intersection of a variety with dimension $\delta - 1$ and the hypersurface g ; such projection over $K^{\delta-1}$ has dimension $\delta - 2$.

44.8 Genericity conditions

With the same notation and assumption as in Section 44.4 we are now discussing the genericity conditions; we therefore begin with

- a Noether position $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$,
- a lifting point $\mathfrak{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_\delta)$,
- a primitive element $U := \lambda_{\delta+1}Z_{\delta+1} + \dots + \lambda_r Z_r$ of $K[Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r]/\mathbb{L}_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

for V_ρ .

The computation we sketched in Section 44.4 and discussed in the next Sections returns a lifting fiber of $V_{\rho+1}$ for the lifting point $(p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1})$ and the primitive element $\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + \lambda_{\delta+1}Z_{\delta+1} + \dots + \lambda_r Z_r$ provided the following conditions hold:

- $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$ is in Noether position for $V_{\rho+1}$;
- $\mathfrak{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1})$ is a lifting point for $V_{\rho+1}$;
- λ_δ is a Liouville point for L_D ;
- $\lambda_\delta Z_\delta + \lambda_{\delta+1}Z_{\delta+1} + \dots + \lambda_r Z_r$ is a primitive element for $V_{\rho+1}$;
- $\mathfrak{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_{\delta-1})$ is a cleaning point for W'' .

We need moreover three further assumptions:

- (1) $\{Z_0, \dots, Z_r\}$ is in Noether position for each homogeneous ideal ${}^h\mathbb{L}_\rho \subset K[Z_0, \dots, Z_r]$;
- (2) p_δ is lucky for the truncated computation;
- (3) U and λ_δ are lucky for the resultant computation of Remark 44.6.5.

In fact

- (1) consider, as an example, the 1-dimensional prime ideal \mathfrak{p} generated by $f(Z_1, Z_2) := Z_1^2 - Z_2 \in K[Z_1, Z_2]$. While the variables are in Noether position, any specialization of Z_1 returns a single point, notwithstanding $\deg(f) = 2$.

On the otherside, this does not happen for a really generic frame of coordinates: if we perform a generic change of coordinates obtaining

$$f(Y_1, Y_2) := d_{11}^2 Y_1^2 + d_{11}d_{12}Y_1Y_2 + d_{12}^2 Y_2^2 - d_{21}Y_1 + d_{22}Y_2$$

each evaluation of Y_1 returns two points.

More in general we need to avoid a degeneration in which

$$\deg(f(p_1, \dots, p_\delta, Z_{\delta+1}, \dots, Z_r) < \deg(f);$$

this cannot occur if $\{Z_0, Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$ is in Noether position for the homogeneous ideal ${}^h\mathbb{L}_r$;

- (2) gcd and resultant computation of polynomials have good complexity if performed over $L[T]$ where L is a field, but this implies the ability of performing zero-testing and inverting, which is out of the present model. The computation, e.g., of the resultant

$$A(Z_\delta) := \text{Res}(Q, f(Z_\delta, V_{\delta+1}, \dots, V_r))$$

which satisfies $\deg(A) \leq \eta := \deg(L^e) \deg(f)$ costs

$$M(\eta) := \mathcal{O}(\eta \log^2(\eta) \log \log(\eta))$$

arithmetical operations in $K(Z_\delta)$ if it is performed in this *field* where we don't have a good complexity model for zero-testing and inverting; the result of this computation gives a polynomial $A(Z_\delta) \in K[Z_\delta]$ of degree η .

Let us now fix a value $p \in K$ and, remarking that $K(Z_\delta) \subset K[[Z_\delta]]$, consider the *ring*

$$R := K[[Z_\delta]]/(Z_\delta - p)^{\eta+1} \cong \text{Span}_K\{1, \dots, Z_\delta^\eta\}$$

where we can perform both

- zero-testing: an element $g = \sum_{i=0}^\eta c_i Z_\delta^i \in R$ is zero iff $c_i = 0$ for each i iff $g(p) = 0$,
- inverting: the inverse in R of the invertible polynomial g , $g(p) \neq 0$, is the polynomial $s(Z_\delta)$, $\deg(s) \leq \eta$ which satisfies

$$s(Z_\delta)g(Z_\delta) + t(Z_\delta)(Z_\delta - p)^{\eta+1} = \text{gcd}(g(Z_\delta), (Z_\delta - p)^{\eta+1}) = 1$$

for a suitable $t(Z_\delta)$, $\deg(t) < \deg(g)$.

Thus any element

$$g(Z_\delta) := d(Z_\delta)/r(Z_\delta) \in K(Z_\delta), d(Z_\delta), r(Z_\delta) \in K[Z_\delta]$$

can be canonically represented by an element $\dot{g} \in \text{Span}_K\{1, \dots, Z_\delta^\eta\}$ such that $\dot{g}(Z_\delta)r(Z_\delta) \equiv d(Z_\delta) \pmod{(Z_\delta - p)^{\eta+1}}$.

Thus the same algorithm which, if performed on $K(Z_\delta)$, returns $A(Z_\delta)$ with complexity $M(\eta)$ can be performed also on R with the same complexity $M(\eta)$ returning some polynomial $B(Z_\delta) := \sum_{i=0}^\eta c_i Z_\delta^i \in K[Z_\delta]$ of degree bounded by η .

Can we assume that such polynomial $B(Z_\delta)$ is the *true* resultant $A(Z_\delta)$, i.e. that $B(Z_\delta) = \dot{A}(Z_\delta) = A(Z_\delta)$? The answer is obvious: the solution is correct iff in each step of the computation, the algorithm in R gives the same answer as the algorithm in $K(Z_\delta)$, *id est*

- when zero-testing $g(Z_\delta) \in K(Z_\delta)$, $g = 0 \iff \dot{g}(p) = 0$,
- when computing the inverse $h(Z_\delta) := g^{-1}(Z_\delta)$ of $g(Z_\delta) \in K(Z_\delta)$, the polynomial $s(Z_\delta)$ such that $s(Z_\delta)\dot{g}(Z_\delta) \equiv 1 \pmod{(Z_\delta - p)^{\eta+1}}$ satisfies $s = \dot{h}$.

This behaviour depends on the choice of $p \in K$; there are some values p in which some wrong answer is returned failing this approach; but almost all choices are "lucky" thus allowing to produce the correct answer $B(Z_\delta) = \hat{A}(Z_\delta) = A(Z_\delta)$ with the good $M(\eta)$ complexity while computing in the ring R instead than in the field $K(Z_\delta)$.

- (3) In a similar way a better complexity is obtained if the computation (see Remark 44.6.5) of the resultant $A(Z) \in K[Z]$ of the polynomials $\hat{q}_t(Z, T)$ and $f(\lambda_\delta^{-1}(Z-T), \hat{V}_{\delta+1}(Z, T), \dots, \hat{V}_r(Z, T))$ in $K[Z][T]$ can be performed with the ring arithmetics of $K[Z]$ instead of the field arithmetics of $K(Z)$. Such ability depends on a lucky choice of the Liouville point λ_δ and of the primitive U .

44.9 Complexity consideration

We record here the following⁵

Fact 44.9.1. *Let R be an integral domain and K be a field. Denoting*

$$M(n) := \mathcal{O}(n \log^2(n) \log \log(n)),$$

the following holds

- (1) *The bit-complexity of the arithmetic operations (addition, multiplication, quotient, remainder and gcd) of integers of bit-size⁶ n cost $M(n)$.*
- (2) *Multiplication and division of polynomials in $R[T]$ whose degree is bounded by n cost $\mathcal{O}(n \log(n) \log \log(n))$ arithmetical operations in R .*
- (3) *gcd and resultant computation of polynomials in $K[T]$ whose degree is bounded by n cost $M(n)$ arithmetical operations in K .*
- (4) *Multiplication of two n -square matrices in R costs $\mathcal{O}(n^\omega)$ arithmetical operations in R , with $\omega < 2.39$.*
- (5) *Inversion of an n -square matrix in K costs $\mathcal{O}(n^\omega)$ arithmetical operations in K .*
- (6) *If $D = k[T]/q(T)$ where k is a field and q a squarefree monic polynomial, inversion of an n -square matrix in D costs $\mathcal{O}(n^\Omega)$ arithmetical operations (addition, multiplication, determinant, adjoint matrix) in D where $\Omega < 4$;*

⁵ Cf.

- Aho A.V., Hopcroft J.E., Ullman J.D., *The design and analysis of computer algorithms*, Addison–Wesley (1974)
- Bini D., Pan V, *Polynomial and matrix computations* Birkhäuser (1994)
- Bürgisser P., Clausen M., Shorolahi M.A., *Algebraic Complexity Theory*, Springer (1997)

⁶ i.e. integers m such that $\log(m) \leq n$.

(7) performing a linear substitution into a polynomial $p \in K[X]$ of degree d costs $M(d)$ arithmetical operations in K . \square

Definition 44.9.2. A polynomial $f \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ is said to be given by a straight-line program of size L if there is a sequence $\{Q_1, \dots, Q_L\} \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ where $f \in \{Q_1, \dots, Q_L\}$ and, for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq L$ either

- $Q_i \in \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$,
- $Q_i \in k$, or
- there are $j_1, j_2 < i$ such that, either
 - $Q_i = Q_{j_1} + Q_{j_2}$,
 - $Q_i = Q_{j_1} - Q_{j_2}$,
 - $Q_i = Q_{j_1} \cdot Q_{j_2}$, \square

Theorem 44.9.3. Let

$$f_1, \dots, f_r, g \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

be polynomials of degree bounded by D and given by a straight-line program of size at most L ; with the same notation and assumptions as in Problem 44.1.5, a geometric resolution of Z_r can be computed with

$$\mathcal{O}(r(rL + r^\Omega)M^2(DS))$$

arithmetical operations in K where

$$S := \max(\deg(Z_\rho), 1 \leq \rho < r) \leq D^{r-1}$$

by means of a probabilistic algorithm.

Its probability of returning correct results relies on choices of elements of K ; choices which give a non correct result are contained into a closed Zariski set.

Proof (sketch). Let us remark that

- The computation of Proposition 44.3.1 costs $\mathcal{O}((rL + r^\Omega)M(S)a(2))$ where $a(j)$ is the cost of arithmetical operations in R/I^j :
 - the evaluation of \mathbf{f} and J has complexity $\mathcal{O}(rL)$,
 - the inversion of J costs $\mathcal{O}(r^\Omega)$,
 - the updating of Q and \mathbf{V} costs $\mathcal{O}(r^2)$,
 all these costs being evaluated in terms of arithmetical operations in $R/I^2[T]$ each such operation costing $M(S)a(2)$.
- The computation of Corollary 44.3.2 costs $\mathcal{O}((rL + r^\Omega)M(S) \sum_{j=0}^{\log_2(\epsilon)} a(2^j))$.
- The Lifting Step costs $\mathcal{O}((rL + r^\Omega)M^2(S))$ since $a(j) = M(j)$ so that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\log_2(S+1)} M(2^j) \leq M(S) \sum_{j=0}^{\log_2(S+1)} 1/2^j \in \mathcal{O}(M(S))$$

- The Intersection Step costs $\mathcal{O}(r(L + r^2)\mathbf{M}(S)\mathbf{M}(dS))$:
 - if $p \in K[Z_\delta, U]$ is stored in a two dimensional array of size $\mathcal{O}(S^2)$, $S := \deg(p)$, the computation of \hat{p} costs $\mathcal{O}(SM(S))$ arithmetical operations in K : it is sufficient to compute \hat{p}_i for each homogeneous component p_i of p of degree i ; in this setting, since also \hat{p}_i is homogeneous of degree i , it is sufficient to compute $\hat{p}_i(Z_\delta, 1) = p_i(\lambda_\delta^{-1}(Z_\delta - 1), 1)$ i.e. to perform a linear transformation over each univariate polynomial $p_i(Z_\delta, 1) \in K[Z_\delta]$; thus the cost is in $\mathcal{O}\left(\sum_{i=0}^S \mathbf{M}(i)\right) \subset \mathcal{O}(SM(S))$
 - the computation of $\text{Res}(Q, f(Z_\delta, V_{\delta+1}, \dots, V_r))$ costs

$$\mathcal{O}((L + r^2)\mathbf{M}(s)\mathbf{M}(ds)) \leq \mathcal{O}((L + r^2)\mathbf{M}(S)\mathbf{M}(DS))$$

arithmetical operations in K , where L is the size of the f , $d := \deg(f) \leq D$, $s := \deg(Q) \leq S$: the computation is in fact performed in $k[[Z_\delta]]/((Z_\delta - p)^{ds+1})$;

- the computation of $A_t(Z)$ costs $\mathcal{O}((r - D)(L + r^2)\mathbf{M}(S)\mathbf{M}(DS))$ arithmetical operations in K : apply the result above to

$$K[T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r]/(T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r)^2;$$

- the computation of the geometric resolution of L_t costs $\mathcal{O}(r^2\mathbf{M}(S)\mathbf{M}(DS))$ arithmetical operations in K :
 - the arithmetics in $L := (K[Z_\delta]/(Z_\delta - p)^{ds+1})$ costs

$$\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{M}(ds)) \leq \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{M}(DS)),$$

- the computation of the polynomials $W_{\delta+i}$ requires $\mathcal{O}(r\mathbf{M}(S))$ arithmetical operations in L
- the computation of the polynomials $V_{t,d+i}$ requires $\mathcal{O}(r)$ arithmetical operations in $K[T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_r]/(q_t) + (T_\delta, T_{\delta+1}, \dots, T_n)^2$ which means $\mathcal{O}(r^2\mathbf{M}(S))$ arithmetical operations in L and $\mathcal{O}(r^2\mathbf{M}(S)\mathbf{M}(DS))$ in K ;
- removing multiplicity costs $\mathcal{O}(r\mathbf{M}(s))$, $s := \deg(A_t) \leq S$.
- The Cleaning Step costs $\mathcal{O}((L + r^2)\mathbf{M}(S))$. □

Remark 44.9.4. Therefore 'generic' choices give the complete answer.

Moreover the result can be checked by evaluating the input polynomial; if they satisfy the required equations, at most the algorithm failed to recover *all* roots.

In the special case in which $g = 1$, i.e. the case in which we want to compute the roots $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_r)$, since Bezout's theorem informs that the number of solutions is $\prod_{i=1}^r \deg(f_i)$, it is therefore possible to check whether the algorithm recovered all solutions. □

It is worthwhile to compare the complexity of this algorithm, with a Gröbner basis approach; let us therefore assume that each polynomial is given by a dense representation:

Corollary 44.9.5. *Let*

$$f_1, \dots, f_r \in K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$$

be polynomials of degree bounded by $D \geq n$ and let $g := 1$; with the same notation and assumptions as in Problem 44.1.5, a geometric resolution of Z_r can be computed with $\mathcal{O}(D^{3(r+\mathcal{O}(1))})$ arithmetic operations in K by means of the probabilistic algorithm of Theorem 44.9.3.

Proof. By Bezout's theorem $DS \leq D^r$ so that $M(DS)$ is in $D^{r+\mathcal{O}(1)}$ and $L \leq r \binom{D+r}{r}$ which is in $D^{r+\mathcal{O}(1)}$ too. \square

Remark 44.9.6. We recall that the degree bound of a 0-dimensional Gröbner basis is, with the present notation, $\mathcal{O}(D^r)$ (cf. Sections 38.3 and 38.4) so that the dense representation of each polynomial costs $\gamma := \mathcal{O}(D^{r^2})$ and a rough evaluation of the cost of Gröbner basis computation returns $\mathcal{O}(D^{4r^2})$ (cf. the final comments of Chapter 22). \square

45. Duval II

This conclusive chapter of the Part on ‘algebraic solving’ can be devoted to nothing but the application to multivariate systems of the Kronecker’s Philosophy expounded in the first volume that ‘solving’ does not mean *producing programs which compute the roots of polynomial equation systems*; it means *producing programs which compute **with** their roots*.

In the multivariate case, given a finitely generated (zero-dimensional) ideal $J \subset K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$, such philosophy will be put in effect if we were able to consider each its root $(a_1, \dots, a_r) \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$ given by means of a proper suitable representation of the ideal itself.

The considerations performed on the univariate case in the first Part (Chapters 8 and 11; in particular Sections 8.2, 8.3 and 11.4) and Gröbner’s reinterpretation of both Kronecker’s Theory and of the Primitive Element Theorem (Section 8.4) in terms of *Allgemeine Basissätze* (Section 34.2), which explicitly link root representation with lex Gröbner bases and triangular sets, give the *leitmotif* of this chapter (see also Section 34.5): I will consider the roots $(a_1, \dots, a_r) \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$ given if

- the ideal $J \subset K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$ is represented by means of one of the Gröbner-related techniques discussed in the Second Volume, so that

$$K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]/J \rightarrow \bigoplus_{(a_1, \dots, a_r) \in \mathcal{Z}(J)} K[a_1, \dots, a_r],$$

- and procedures on $K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]/J$ are given which allow to perform (via Duval splitting) the four operations and zero-testing on each $K[a_1, \dots, a_r]$.

This approach will be illustrated by the following instances:

- (1) the Kronecker–Duval Model, where I have just to quote the approach endorsed by the Project **PoSSo**¹;
- (2) the representation of \sqrt{J} by means of an *Allgemeine Basis* (Definition 34.2.2, Equation (42.1));
- (3) the representation of J by means of Kronecker’s parametrizations (Section 41.9, Chapter 44) and Rational Universal Representations (Proposition 42.9.3, Definition 42.9.16;

¹ Polynomial System Solving, ESPRIT-BRA 6846

- (4) the representation of J by means of a Gröbner representation (Definition 29.3.3);
- (5) the representation of J by means of the linear representation w.r.t. the term ordering \prec . (Definition 29.3.3);

45.1 Kronecker–Duval Model

In relation with Kronecker–Duval Model, I have just to suggest to reread Chaptres 5, 6, 12, Section 34.5 and Chapter 42 under the light put by the following quotation²:

The standard method for computing with algebraic numbers consists in working in a *tower* of fields, each field being defined by the minimal polynomial of an algebraic number, defined over the preceding field. The computation in such a field needs addition, multiplication and extended gcd of univariate polynomials, as well as Euclidean division, and, recursively, similar operations in the smaller fields.

[...]

[Duval’s] dynamic evaluation may be viewed as a lazy factorization: in representation of algebraic numbers, the reducibility of a polynomial may only posing a problem when testing equalities or when inverting elements.

When such an operation is needed, a gcd computation (already needed for inverting) allows to detect if there is a reducibility problem and, in this case, to get a partial factorization of the reducible polynomial.

It follows that, for dynamic evaluation, an algebraic number is represented as a root of a (possibly reducible) square free polynomial. When a factorization occurs from a non trivial gcd, the computation splits in two cases, depending on which factor has the algebraic number as a root. Sometimes, one of the cases is irrelevant, but frequently both cases are of interest, and one needs to carry on two independent computations.

Thus the domain of computation is a reduced artinian ring which is implemented as a family of towers. The evaluation is dynamic in the sense that the towers change during the computation.

[...]

Towers are equivalent with special algebraic systems, the *triangular systems* where each polynomial introduces a new variable. More generally, any finite set of algebraic numbers may be represented as a solution of a zero dimensional algebraic system.

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² Whose author is Daniel Lazard

45.2 Allgemeine Representation

Let us consider

- K an infinite, perfect field, where, if $p := \text{char}(K) \neq 0$, it is possible to extract p th roots;
 - \mathbb{K} its algebraic closure;
 - $\mathcal{Q} = K[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$,
 - $\mathcal{W} := \{Z_1^{a_1} \cdots Z_r^{a_r} : (a_1, \dots, a_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r\}$;
 - $\mathfrak{J} \subset \mathcal{Q}$ a zero-dimensional ideal;
 - $\mathfrak{J} = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{q}_i$ its irredundant primary representation in \mathcal{Q} ;
 - for each i , $1 \leq i \leq r$
 - $\mathfrak{m}_i = \sqrt{\mathfrak{q}_i}$, the associated maximal prime,
 - $K_i := \mathcal{Q}/\mathfrak{m}_i$, $K \subset K_i \subset \mathbb{K}$,
 - $\mathcal{Q}_i := K_i[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$,
 - the irredundant primary representations $\mathfrak{q}_i = \bigcap_{j=1}^{r_i} \mathfrak{q}_{ij}$ and $\mathfrak{m}_i = \bigcap_{j=1}^{r_i} \mathfrak{m}_{ij}$ in \mathcal{Q}_i ,
 - the roots $\mathbf{b}_{ij} := (b_1^{(ij)}, \dots, b_r^{(ij)}) \in K_i^{r_i} \subset K^r$, $1 \leq j \leq r_i$,
 - $d_{ij} := \text{mult}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}, \mathfrak{J}) = \text{deg}(\mathfrak{q}_{ij})$ for each j , $1 \leq j \leq r_i$,
- which satisfy:
- (1) $\mathfrak{m}_{ij} = (Z_1 - b_1^{(ij)}, \dots, Z_r - b_r^{(ij)})$,
 - (2) the \mathbf{b}_{ij} s, $1 \leq j \leq r_i$, are K -conjugate for each i ,
 - (3) up to a renumeration, $\sqrt{\mathfrak{q}_{ij}} = \mathfrak{m}_{ij}$,
 - (4) $\mathfrak{m}_i = \mathfrak{m}_{ij} \cap \mathcal{Q}$,
 - (5) $\mathfrak{q}_i = \mathfrak{q}_{ij} \cap \mathcal{Q}$,
 - (6) for each j, l , $1 \leq j, l \leq r_i$, $d_{ij} = d_{il} =: d_i$,
 - (7) $r_i = \text{deg}(\mathfrak{m}_i) = [K_i : K]$,
 - (8) $\text{deg}(\mathfrak{q}_i) = d_i r_i$,
 - (9) $\mathfrak{J} = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \bigcap_{j=1}^{r_i} \mathfrak{q}_{ij}$, $\sqrt{\mathfrak{J}} = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \bigcap_{j=1}^{r_i} \mathfrak{m}_{ij}$ are the irredundant primary representations in $\mathbb{K}[Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$,
 - (10) $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{J}) = \{\mathbf{b}_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq j \leq r_j\}$;
- $Y := Z_1 + \sum_{i=2}^r c_i Z_i$ an *allgemeine* coordinate (Definition 34.4.7) for \mathfrak{J} ;
 - $\mathfrak{J}^+ = \mathfrak{J} + (Y - Z_1 - \sum_{l=2}^r c_l Z_l) \subset K[Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_r]$,
 - g_0 the monic primitive generator of $\mathfrak{J}^+ \cap K[Y]$,
 - for each i
 - $\mathfrak{m}_i^+ = \mathfrak{m}_i + (Y - Z_1 - \sum_{l=2}^r c_l Z_l)$,
 - $\mathfrak{q}_i^+ = \mathfrak{q}_i + (Y - Z_1 - \sum_{l=2}^r c_l Z_l)$,
 - $h_i \in K[Z_1]$ the monic polynomial such that $(h_i) = \mathfrak{m}_i^+ \cap K[Z_1]$,
 - for each j , $1 \leq j \leq r_i$
 - $\mathfrak{m}_{ij}^+ = \mathfrak{m}_{ij} + (Y - Z_1 - \sum_{l=2}^r c_l Z_l)$,
 - $\mathfrak{q}_{ij}^+ = \mathfrak{q}_{ij} + (Y - Z_1 - \sum_{l=2}^r c_l Z_l)$,
 - $\beta_{ij} = b_1^{(ij)} + \sum_{l=2}^r c_l b_l^{(ij)}$,
- which satisfy:
- (11) $h_i = \prod_{j=1}^{r_i} (Y - \beta_{ij})$ for each i ,

- (12) $g_0(Y) = \prod_{i=1}^r h_i^{d_i} = \prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{j=1}^{r_i} (Y - \beta_{ij})^{d_i}$,
- (13) $R := \deg(g_0) = \sum_{i=1}^r r_i d_i = \deg(J)$,
- (14) $f_0 := \text{SQFR}(g_0) = \prod_{i=1}^r h_i = \prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{j=1}^{r_i} (Y - \beta_{ij})$.

As a consequence we have the isomorphisms (defined by canonical projection and chinese remaindering):

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{Q}/J & \cong & \mathcal{Q}[Y]/J^+ & \cong & K[Y]/(g_0) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{Q}/q_i & \cong & \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{Q}[Y]/q_i^+ & \cong & \bigoplus_{i=1}^r K[Y]/(h_i^{d_i}) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \bigoplus_{j=1}^{r_j} \mathcal{Q}_i/q_{ij} & \cong & \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \bigoplus_{j=1}^{r_j} \mathcal{Q}_i[Y]/q_{ij}^+ & \cong & \bigoplus_{i=1}^r K_i[Y]/(Y - \beta_{ij})^{d_i}
 \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{Q}/\sqrt{J} & \cong & \mathcal{Q}[Y]/\sqrt{J^+} & \cong & K[Y]/(f_0) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{Q}/m_i & \cong & \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{Q}[Y]/m_i^+ & \cong & \bigoplus_{i=1}^r K[Y]/(h_i) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \bigoplus_{j=1}^{r_j} \mathcal{Q}_i/m_{ij} & \cong & \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \bigoplus_{j=1}^{r_j} \mathcal{Q}_i[Y]/m_{ij}^+ & \cong & \bigoplus_{i=1}^r K_i[Y]/(Y - \beta_{ij})
 \end{array}$$

Let us now assume that J is radical, so that $g_0 = f_0$ and the reduced Gröbner basis w.r.t. the lex ordering induced by $Y < Z_1 < \dots < Z_r$ is the *allgemaine* basis (see Theorem 34.2.1)

$$(g_0(Y), Z_1 - g_1(Y), \dots, Z_r - g_r(Y))$$

of J^+ and let us show how to apply it in order to perform arithmetical manipulation over each root \mathbf{b}_{ij} :

canonical representation: all arithmetical expressions

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = p(b_1^{(ij)}, \dots, b_r^{(ij)}), \quad p \in \mathcal{Q}$$

of each root $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$ have a canonical representation

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \widehat{p}(\beta_{ij})$$

where $\widehat{p}(Y) := \mathbf{Rem}(p(g_1(Y), \dots, g_r(Y)), g_0(Y)) \in K[Y]$.

Remark 45.2.1. For each $q(Y) \in K[Y]$, $\deg(q) < \deg(g_0)$, the polynomial $p = \check{q} \in \mathcal{Q}$ defined by

$$\check{q}(Z_1, \dots, Z_r) := q(Z_1 + \sum_{i=1}^r c_i Z_i)$$

satisfies the relations

$$\widehat{\check{q}} = \widehat{p} = q \text{ and } \check{q}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = q(\beta_{ij}).$$

□

vector space arithmetics: given two arithmetical expressions $p_1, p_2 \in \mathcal{Q}$ of the roots $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J})$ and values $c_1, c_2 \in K$, the arithmetical expression $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) := c_1 p_1(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) + c_2 p_2(\mathbf{b}_{ij})$ has the canonical representation $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \widehat{p}(\beta_{ij})$ where

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{p}(Y) &:= c_1 \widehat{p}_1(Y) + c_2 \widehat{p}_2(Y) \\ &= c_1 \mathbf{Rem}(p_1(g_1(Y), \dots, g_r(Y)), g_0(Y)) \\ &\quad + c_2 \mathbf{Rem}(p_2(g_1(Y), \dots, g_r(Y)), g_0(Y));\end{aligned}$$

multiplication: with the same notation the arithmetical expression

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) := p_1(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) p_2(\mathbf{b}_{ij})$$

has the canonical representation $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \widehat{p}(\beta_{ij})$ where

$$\widehat{p}(Y) := \mathbf{Rem}((\widehat{p}_1(Y) \widehat{p}_2(Y)), g_0(Y));$$

zero testing: given an arithmetical expression $p \in \mathcal{Q}$ we have

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0 \iff \widehat{p}(Y) := \mathbf{Rem}(p(g_1(Y), \dots, g_r(Y)), g_0(Y)) = 0;$$

inverse and division: given an arithmetical expression $p \in \mathcal{Q}$, our aim is to produce

- a factorization $g_0 = g_0^{(0)} g_0^{(1)}$,
 - a polynomial $q(Y) \in K[Y]$, $\deg(q) < \deg(g_0^{(1)})$
- such that
- if $g_0^{(0)} = g_0, 1 = g_0^{(1)}$ then, for each $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J})$, $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \widehat{p}(\beta_{ij}) = 0$;
 - if $g_0^{(1)} = g_0, 1 = g_0^{(0)}$ then, for each $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J})$,

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \widehat{p}(\beta_{ij}) \neq 0 \text{ and } p^{-1}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \check{q}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = q(\beta_{ij});$$

- otherwise, for each $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J})$, we have
 - $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \widehat{p}(\beta_{ij}) = 0 \iff g_0^{(0)}(\beta_{ij}) = 0$,
 - $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \widehat{p}(\beta_{ij}) \neq 0 \iff g_0^{(1)}(\beta_{ij}) = 0$, in which case

$$p^{-1}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \check{q}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = q(\beta_{ij}),$$

so that, denoting

- $I_0 := \{i : 1 \leq i \leq r, h_i \mid g_0^{(0)}\} = \{i : h_i \mid \widehat{p}\} \subset \{1, \dots, r\}$,
- $I_1 := \{i : 1 \leq i \leq r, i \notin I_0\} = \{i : h_i \mid g_0^{(1)}\} = \{i : h_i \nmid \widehat{p}\} \subset \{1, \dots, r\}$,
- $J_\iota := \bigcap_{i \in I_\iota} \mathfrak{q}_i, \iota \in \{0, 1\}$,
- $Z_\iota := \{\mathbf{b}_{ij} : i \in I_\iota\}, \iota \in \{0, 1\}$,
- $g_j^{(\iota)} := \mathbf{Rem}(g_j, g_0^{(\iota)}) \in K[Y], \iota \in \{0, 1\}, 1 \leq j \leq r$,

one has

$$(a) \quad g_0^{(\iota)} = \prod_{i \in I_\iota} h_i = \prod_{i \in I_\iota} \prod_{j=1}^{r_i} (Y - \beta_{ij}), \quad \iota \in \{0, 1\};$$

- (b) for $\iota \in \{0, 1\}$, $(g_0^{(\iota)}(Y), Z_1 - g_1^{(\iota)}(Y), \dots, Z_r - g_r^{(\iota)}(Y))$ is the *Allgemaine basis* of J_ι^+ *id est* its reduced Gröbner basis w.r.t. the lex ordering induced by $Y < Z_1 < \dots < Z_r$;
- (c) $Z_\iota = \mathcal{Z}(J_\iota)$, $\iota \in \{0, 1\}$;
- (d) $Z_0 = \{\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(I) : p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0\}$;
- (e) $Z_1 = \{\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J) : p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \neq 0\}$;
- (f) $J = J_0 \cap J_1$,
- (g) the following isomorphisms hold

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{Q}/J & \cong & \mathcal{Q}[Y]/J^+ & \cong & K[Y]/(g_0) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{Q}/J_0 \oplus \mathcal{Q}/J_1 & \cong & \mathcal{Q}[Y]/J_0^+ \oplus \mathcal{Q}[Y]/J_1^+ & \cong & K[Y]/(g_0^{(0)}) \oplus K[Y]/(g_0^{(1)}) \end{array}$$

- (h) $g_0^{(\iota)}$ is squarefree, $\iota \in \{0, 1\}$;
- (i) $J_\iota = \sqrt{J_\iota}$, $\iota \in \{0, 1\}$.

In order to produce both the required factorization $g_0 := g_0^{(0)}g_0^{(1)}$ and polynomial $q(Y) \in K[Y]$, $\deg(q) < \deg(g_0^{(1)})$, having the properties listed above, we simply apply Lazard’s Theorem 11.3.2 and compute:

- $g_0^{(0)} := \gcd(g_0, \widehat{p}) \in K[Y]$;
- $s, t \in K[Y]$ such that $s\widehat{p} + tg_0 = g_0^{(0)}$;
- $g_0^{(1)} := \frac{g_0}{g_0^{(0)}}$;
- $u, v \in K[Y]$ such that $ug_0^{(0)} + vg_0^{(1)} = 1$;
- $q := \mathbf{Rem}(su, g_0^{(1)})$.

In fact this computation is simply a reformulation of Lazard’s Theorem 11.3.2: denoting $p_1(Y) := \frac{\widehat{p}(Y)}{g_0^{(0)}(Y)}$ we have:

- if $g_0^{(0)}(\beta_{ij}) = 0$ then $\widehat{p}(\beta_{ij}) = g_0^{(0)}(\beta_{ij})p_1(\beta_{ij}) = 0$;
- if $g_0^{(1)}(\beta_{ij}) = 0$ then

$$\begin{aligned} q(\beta_{ij})\widehat{p}(\beta_{ij}) &= s(\beta_{ij})u(\beta_{ij})\widehat{p}(\beta_{ij}) \\ &= u(\beta_{ij})s(\beta_{ij})\widehat{p}(\beta_{ij}) + u(\beta_{ij})t(\beta_{ij})g_0(\beta_{ij}) \\ &= u(\beta_{ij})g_0^{(0)}(\beta_{ij}) \\ &= u(\beta_{ij})g_0^{(0)}(\beta_{ij}) + v(\beta_{ij})g_0^{(1)}(\beta_{ij}) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Remark that $g_0^{(0)} = 1$ implies $g_0^{(1)} = g_0$, $v = 0$, $u = 1$ and

$$\mathbf{Rem}(su, g_0^{(1)}) = \mathbf{Rem}(s, g_0^{(1)}).$$

45.3 Kronecker Parametrization and Rational Universal Representation

While using the same notation as in the previous section, let us now assume to have a Rational Universal Representation

$$(\chi(Y), \gamma_0(Y), \gamma_1(Y), \dots, \gamma_r(Y))$$

of J , so that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}(J) &= \{ \mathbf{b}_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq j \leq r_j \} \\ &= \left\{ \left(\frac{\gamma_1(\alpha)}{\gamma_0(\alpha)}, \dots, \frac{\gamma_r(\alpha)}{\gamma_0(\alpha)} \right) : \alpha \in K, \chi(\alpha) = 0 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and we denote for each i, j , α_{ij} the root of $\chi(T)$ for which

$$\mathbf{b}_{ij} = \left(\frac{\gamma_1(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})}, \dots, \frac{\gamma_r(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})} \right)$$

and $\psi_i := \prod_j (T - \alpha_{ij})$ for each i observing that we have

$$\chi(T) = \prod_{ij} (T - \alpha_{ij})^{d_i} = \prod_i \psi_i^{d_i}.$$

We also denote $\gamma_{-1}(Y) \in K[Y]$, the unique polynomial which satisfies

$$\gamma_0(Y)\gamma_{-1}(Y) \equiv 1 \pmod{\chi}, \quad \deg(\gamma_{-1}) < \deg(\chi).$$

If J is radical, then χ is squarefree, $\gamma_0 = \chi'$, $d_i = 1$ and the representation is a Kronecker parametrization.

With the present notation, if the given RUR is associated to the *allgemeine* coordinate $Z_1 + \sum_{i=2}^r c_i Z_i$, then we have $\chi = g_0$, $\alpha_{ij} = \beta_{ij}$ for each i, j and $\psi_i = h_i$ for each i .

Let us now show how to adapt the considerations of the previous section in this setting:

canonical representation: all arithmetical expressions

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = p(b_1^{(ij)}, \dots, b_r^{(ij)}), \quad p \in \mathcal{Q}$$

of each root $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$ have a canonical representation

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \frac{\widehat{p}(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})}$$

where

$$\widehat{p}(Y) = \mathbf{Rem}(p(\gamma_1(Y), \dots, \gamma_r(Y)), \chi(Y)) \in K[Y].$$

vector space arithmetics: given two arithmetical expressions $p_1, p_2 \in \mathcal{Q}$ of the roots $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{J})$ and values $c_1, c_2 \in K$, the arithmetical expression $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) := c_1 p_1(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) + c_2 p_2(\mathbf{b}_{ij})$ has the canonical representation $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) := \frac{\widehat{p}(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})}$ where

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{p}(Y) &:= c_1 \widehat{p}_1(Y) + c_2 \widehat{p}_2(Y) \\ &= c_1 \mathbf{Rem}(p_1(\gamma_1(Y), \dots, \gamma_r(Y)), \chi(Y)) \\ &\quad + c_2 \mathbf{Rem}(p_2(\gamma_1(Y), \dots, \gamma_r(Y)), \chi(Y)); \end{aligned}$$

multiplication: the arithmetical expression $p_1(\mathbf{b}_{ij})p_2(\mathbf{b}_{ij})$ has the canonical representation $\frac{q(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})}$ where

$$q(Y) := \mathbf{Rem}(\widehat{p}_1(Y)\widehat{p}_2(Y)\gamma_{-1}(Y), \chi(Y)),$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{q(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})} &= \frac{\widehat{p}_1(\alpha_{ij})\widehat{p}_2(\alpha_{ij})\gamma_{-1}(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})} \\ &= \frac{(p_1(\mathbf{b}_{ij})\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})) \cdot (p_2(\mathbf{b}_{ij})\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})) \cdot \gamma_{-1}(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})} \\ &= p_1(\mathbf{b}_{ij})p_2(\mathbf{b}_{ij}); \end{aligned}$$

zero testing: given an arithmetical expression $p \in \mathcal{Q}$ we have

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0 \iff \widehat{p}(Y) = \mathbf{Rem}(p(\gamma_1(Y), \dots, \gamma_r(Y)), \chi(Y)) = 0;$$

inverse and division: Even while χ is not necessarily squarefree, Lazard's Theorem 11.3.2 can be applied essentially in the same way in order to compute the required factorization $\chi := \chi^{(0)}\chi^{(1)}$ and the polynomial $q(Y) \in K[Y]$, $\deg(q) < \deg(\chi^{(1)})$, having the required properties.

We begin by remarking that of all the data related to the multiplicity of the primary components of \mathbf{J} — namely r, r_i, d_i — the only available to us is³

$$R = \deg(\chi) = \sum_{i=1}^r r_i d_i$$

but that is all we need, since

Lemma 45.3.1. *With the present notation, it holds*

$$\gcd(\chi, \widehat{p}^R) = \prod_{i \in I_0} \psi_i^{d_i}$$

where $I_0 = \{i : 1 \leq i \leq r, \psi_i \mid \widehat{p}\}$.

Proof. In fact, for each i , $\psi_i \mid p \iff \psi_i^{d_i} \mid p^R \iff \psi_i^{d_i} \mid \gcd(\chi, p^R)$. \square

³ cf. (13) of the properties listed in page 248.

Corollary 45.3.2. *Denoting*

- $\chi^{(0)} := \gcd(\chi, \gamma_{-1}^2 \widehat{p}^R) \in K[Y]$;
- $s, t \in K[Y]$ such that $s\gamma_{-1}^2 \widehat{p}^R + t\chi = \chi^{(0)}$;
- $\chi^{(1)} := \frac{\chi}{\chi^{(0)}}$;
- $u, v \in K[Y]$ such that $u\chi^{(0)} + v\chi^{(1)} = 1$;
- $q := \mathbf{Rem}(us\widehat{p}^{R-1}, \chi^{(1)})$

then

- if $\chi^{(0)} = \chi, 1 = \chi^{(1)}$ then, for each $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$, $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0$;
- if $\chi^{(1)} = \chi, 1 = \chi^{(0)}$ then, for each $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$,

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \frac{\widehat{p}(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})} \neq 0 \text{ and } p^{-1}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \frac{q(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})};$$

- otherwise, for each $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$, we have
 - $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0 \iff \chi^{(0)}(\alpha_{ij}) = 0$,
 - $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \frac{\widehat{p}(\beta_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})} \neq 0 \iff \chi^{(1)}(\alpha_{ij}) = 0$, in which case

$$p^{-1}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \frac{q(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})}.$$

Proof. Since for each $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$, $\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij}) \neq 0$ and $\gamma_{-1}(\alpha_{ij}) \neq 0$, Lazard's Theorem 11.3.2 grants that:

- denoting $p_1 := \frac{\gamma_{-1}^2 \widehat{p}^R}{\chi_0^{(0)}}$ we have

$$\chi_0^{(0)}(\alpha_{ij}) = 0 \implies \widehat{p}^R(\alpha_{ij}) = \chi_0^{(0)}(\alpha_{ij})p_1(\alpha_{ij})\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij}) = 0.$$

- $\chi^{(1)}(\alpha_{ij}) = 0$ implies $\widehat{p}^R(\alpha_{ij}) \neq 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\widehat{p}(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})} \cdot \frac{q(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})} \\ &= \widehat{p}(\alpha_{ij})q(\alpha_{ij})\gamma_{-1}^2(\alpha_{ij}) \\ &= \widehat{p}(\alpha_{ij}) (u(\alpha_{ij})s(\alpha_{ij})\widehat{p}^{R-1}(\alpha_{ij})) \gamma_{-1}^2(\alpha_{ij}) \\ &= u(\alpha_{ij})s(\alpha_{ij})\gamma_{-1}^2(\alpha_{ij})\widehat{p}^R(\alpha_{ij}) + u(\alpha_{ij})t(\alpha_{ij})\chi(\alpha_{ij}) \\ &= u(\alpha_{ij})\chi^{(0)}(\alpha_{ij}) \\ &= u(\alpha_{ij})\chi^{(0)}(\alpha_{ij}) + v(\alpha_{ij})\chi^{(1)}(\alpha_{ij}) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

□

Therefore denoting

- $I_0 := \{i : 1 \leq i \leq r, \psi_i \mid \chi^{(0)}\} = \{i : \psi_i \mid \widehat{p}\} \subset \{1, \dots, r\}$,
- $I_1 := \{i : 1 \leq i \leq r, i \notin I_0\} = \{i : \psi_i \mid \chi^{(1)}\} = \{i : \psi_i \nmid \widehat{p}\} \subset \{1, \dots, r\}$,
- $J_\iota := \bigcap_{i \in I_\iota} \mathfrak{q}_i, \iota \in \{0, 1\}$,
- $Z_\iota := \{\mathbf{b}_{ij} : i \in I_\iota\}, \iota \in \{0, 1\}$,

- $\gamma_j^{(\iota)} := \mathbf{Rem}(\gamma_j, \chi^{(\iota)}) \in K[Y], \iota \in \{0, 1\}, 0 \leq j \leq r,$
one has

Corollary 45.3.3. *With the present notation, the following holds:*

- (a) $\chi^{(\iota)} = \prod_{i \in I_\iota} \psi_i^{d_i} = \prod_{i \in I_\iota} \prod_{j=1}^{r_i} (Y - \alpha_{ij})^{d_i}, \iota \in \{0, 1\};$
- (b) for $\iota \in \{0, 1\}, (\chi^{(\iota)}(Y), \gamma_0^{(\iota)}(Y), \gamma_1^{(\iota)}(Y), \dots, \gamma_r^{(\iota)}(Y))$ is the Rational Universal Representation of $J_\iota;$
- (c) $Z_\iota = \left\{ \left(\frac{\gamma_0^{(\iota)}(\alpha)}{\gamma_0^{(\iota)}(\alpha)}, \dots, \frac{\gamma_r^{(\iota)}(\alpha)}{\gamma_0^{(\iota)}(\alpha)} \right) : \alpha \in K, \chi^{(\iota)}(\alpha) = 0 \right\}, \iota \in \{0, 1\};$
- (d) $Z_\iota = \mathcal{Z}(J_\iota), \iota \in \{0, 1\};$
- (e) $Z_0 = \{\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(I) : p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0\};$
- (f) $Z_1 = \{\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J) : p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \neq 0\};$
- (g) $J = J_0 \cap J_1,$

If moreover J is radical and the given Rational Universal Representation is a Kronecker Parametrization, setting

$$\xi_j^{(\iota)} := \mathbf{Rem}\left(\gamma_j \frac{\partial \chi^{(\iota)}}{\partial Y} \gamma_{-1}, \chi^{(\iota)}\right) \in K[Y], \iota \in \{0, 1\}, 1 \leq j \leq n,$$

it holds

- (h) $\chi^{(\iota)}$ is squarefree, $\iota \in \{0, 1\};$
- (i) $J_\iota = \sqrt{J_\iota}, \iota \in \{0, 1\}.$
- (j) $\chi^{(\iota)} = \prod_{i \in I_\iota} \psi_i = \prod_{i \in I_\iota} \prod_{j=1}^{r_i} (Y - \beta_{ij}), \iota \in \{0, 1\};$
- (k) for $\iota \in \{0, 1\},$

$$\left(\chi^{(\iota)}(Y), \frac{\partial \chi^{(\iota)}}{\partial Y} Z_1 - \xi_1^{(\iota)}(Y), \dots, \frac{\partial \chi^{(\iota)}}{\partial Y} Z_r - \xi_r^{(\iota)}(Y) \right)$$

is the Kronecker Parametrization of $J_\iota.$

□

Proof. The only non-trivial statements are (b) which is Remark 42.9.18 and (k) for which it is sufficient to remark that, by construction, for each $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in Z_\iota,$ and each $l, 1 \leq l \leq n,$ one has

$$\begin{aligned} b_l^{(ij)} &= \frac{\gamma_l(\alpha_{ij})}{\gamma_0(\alpha_{ij})} \\ &= \gamma_l(\alpha_{ij}) \gamma_{-1}(\alpha_{ij}) \\ &= \frac{\gamma_j^{(\iota)}(\alpha_{ij}) \frac{\partial \chi^{(\iota)}}{\partial Y}(\alpha_{ij}) \gamma_{-1}(\alpha_{ij})}{\frac{\partial \chi^{(\iota)}}{\partial Y}(\alpha_{ij})} \\ &= \frac{\xi_l^{(\iota)}(\alpha_{ij})}{\frac{\partial \chi^{(\iota)}}{\partial Y}(\alpha_{ij})}. \end{aligned}$$

□

45.4 Gröbner representation

Using the same notation as in Section 45.2, let us begin by assuming that the zero-dimensional ideal J , $\deg(J) = R$, is given by means of a Gröbner representation (Definition 29.3.3)

$$\mathbf{q} = \{q_1, \dots, q_R\}, q_1 = 1, \quad \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{q}) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{lj}^{(h)} \end{pmatrix} \in K^{R^2}, 1 \leq h \leq r \right\}$$

so that

- (1) $\mathcal{Q}/J \cong \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q})$,
- (2) $Z_h q_l = \sum_j a_{lj}^{(h)} q_j$ for each $l, j, h, 1 \leq l, j \leq R, 1 \leq h \leq n$, in \mathcal{Q}/J ,

and by recalling that⁴ for each $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ its Gröbner description (Definition 29.3.3)

$$\text{Rep}(f, \mathbf{q}) := (\gamma(f, q_1, \mathbf{q}), \dots, \gamma(f, q_R, \mathbf{q})) \in K^R$$

in terms of this Gröbner representation which satisfies

$$f - \sum_j \gamma(f, q_j, \mathbf{q}) q_j \in J$$

can be efficiently computed both when f is represented as a linear combination of terms in \mathcal{W} or via a recursive Horner representation.

In other terms as we already observed in Historical Remark 29.3.4, we can efficiently compute the structure constants

$$\gamma_{ij}^{(l)} := \gamma(q_i q_j, q_l, \mathbf{q})$$

which satisfy

- (3) $q_i q_j = \sum_l \gamma_{ij}^{(l)} q_l$ for each $l, j, h, 1 \leq i, j, l \leq R$.

As a consequence we can adapt Definition 29.3.3 saying that

Definition 45.4.1. A Gröbner representation of J is the assignement of

- (a) a K -linearly independent set $\mathbf{q} = \{q_1, \dots, q_R\}$,
- (b) the set $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{q}) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{lj}^{(h)} \end{pmatrix} \in K^{R^2}, 1 \leq h \leq n \right\}$ of n square matrices
- (c) R^3 values $\gamma_{ij}^{(l)} \in K$

which satisfy

- (1) $\mathcal{Q}/J \cong \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q})$,
- (2) $Z_h q_l \equiv \sum_j a_{lj}^{(h)} q_j \pmod{J}$, for each $l, j, h, 1 \leq l, j \leq R, 1 \leq h \leq n$,
- (3) $q_i q_j \equiv \sum_l \gamma_{ij}^{(l)} q_l \pmod{J}$ for each $l, j, h, 1 \leq i, j, l \leq R$.

⁴ Compare the discussion in Section 29.3 and in particular Algorithm 29.3.8.

The values $\gamma_{ij}^{(l)} := \gamma(q_i q_j, q_l, \mathbf{q})$ are called the structural constants of the K -algebra $\mathcal{Q}/J = \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q})$

The linear representation of J w.r.t. the term ordering \prec is the Gröbner representation $(\mathbf{N}_\prec(J), \mathcal{M}, \gamma_{ij}^{(l)})$ where $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{N}_\prec(J))$. \square

The application of Gröbner representations as a tool for effectively perform Kronecker's Philosophy requires the solution of the following

Problem 45.4.2. *Given*

- a zero-dimensional ideal $J' \supset J$ and
- a K -basis $\mathbf{q}' = \{q'_1, \dots, q'_S\} \subset \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q})$

such that $\mathcal{Q}/J' = \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q}')$, compute a Gröbner representation of J' . \square

We postpone discussing the solution of this problem to the end of the section, after we will have expound our application.

Since a Gröbner representation of J gives the natural arithmetics of a K -algebra, in order to apply it for carrying into effect Kronecker's Philosophy, we just need to focus on inversion and division.

On the basis of the discussion in Section 29.3 and in particular Algorithm 29.3.8 we can wlog assume that each arithmetical expression given via a polynomial p is represented either via a recursive Horner representation or as a linear combination of terms in \mathcal{W} ; thus it can be easily expressed as $p = \sum_l \gamma(p, q_l, \mathbf{q}) q_l$.

canonical representation: all arithmetical expressions

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = p(b_1^{(ij)}, \dots, b_r^{(ij)}), \quad p \in \mathcal{Q}$$

of each root $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$ have the canonical representation

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = \sum_l \gamma(p, q_l, \mathbf{q}) q_l(\mathbf{b}_{ij});$$

vector space arithmetics: given two such arithmetical expressions $p_1, p_2 \in \mathcal{Q}$ of the roots $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$ and values $c_1, c_2 \in K$, the arithmetical expression $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) := c_1 p_1(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) + c_2 p_2(\mathbf{b}_{ij})$ has the canonical representation

$$\sum_j \left(c_1 \gamma(p_1, q_l, \mathbf{q}) + c_2 \gamma(p_2, q_l, \mathbf{q}) \right) q_l(\mathbf{b}_{ij});$$

multiplication: with the same notation the arithmetical expression

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) := p_1(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) p_2(\mathbf{b}_{ij})$$

has the canonical representation

$$\sum_\lambda \left(\sum_l \sum_\kappa \gamma(p_1, q_l, \mathbf{q}) \gamma_{l\kappa}^{(\lambda)} \gamma(p_2, q_\kappa, \mathbf{q}) \right) q_\lambda(\mathbf{b}_{ij});$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\lambda} \left(\sum_{\iota} \sum_{\kappa} \gamma(p_1, q_{\iota}, \mathbf{q}) \gamma_{\iota\kappa}^{(\lambda)} \gamma(p_2, q_{\kappa}, \mathbf{q}) \right) q_{\lambda}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \\
 &= \sum_{\iota} \sum_{\kappa} \gamma(p_1, q_{\iota}, \mathbf{q}) \gamma(p_2, q_{\kappa}, \mathbf{q}) \left(\sum_{\lambda} \gamma_{\iota\kappa}^{(\lambda)} q_{\lambda}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{\iota} \sum_{\kappa} \gamma(p_1, q_{\iota}, \mathbf{q}) \gamma(p_2, q_{\kappa}, \mathbf{q}) q_{\iota}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) q_{\kappa}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \\
 &= \left(\sum_{\iota} \gamma(p_1, q_{\iota}, \mathbf{q}) q_{\iota}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{\kappa} \gamma(p_2, q_{\kappa}, \mathbf{q}) q_{\kappa}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \right) \\
 &= p_1(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) p_2(\mathbf{b}_{ij}).
 \end{aligned}$$

zero testing: given an arithmetical expression $p \in \mathcal{Q}$ we have

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0 \iff \gamma(p, q_i, \mathbf{q}) = 0 \text{ for each } i.$$

inverse and division: Linear algebra, namely Gaussian algorithm, is all we need to deal with division.

Let us consider any $p \in \mathcal{Q}$ given by the canonical representation

$$p \equiv \sum_{\iota=1}^R \gamma(p, q_{\iota}, \mathbf{q}) q_{\iota} \pmod{\mathbf{J}}$$

and let us remark that, for each $i \leq r$, setting

$$\delta := \begin{cases} 1 & \mathbf{J} = \sqrt{\mathbf{J}} \\ R = \deg(\mathbf{J}) & \mathbf{J} \neq \sqrt{\mathbf{J}} \end{cases}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0 &\iff p \in \mathfrak{m}_i \iff p^{\delta} \in \mathfrak{q}_i \iff \mathfrak{q}_i : p^{\delta} = 1; \\
 p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \neq 0 &\iff p \notin \mathfrak{m}_i \iff p^{\delta} \notin \mathfrak{q}_i \iff \mathfrak{q}_i : p^{\delta} = \mathfrak{q}_i; \\
 p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0 &\iff \mathfrak{q}_i + (p^{\delta}) = \mathfrak{q}_i \iff \mathfrak{m}_i + (p) = \mathfrak{m}_i; \\
 p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \neq 0 &\iff \mathfrak{q}_i + (p^{\delta}) = (1) \iff \mathfrak{m}_i + (p) = (1);
 \end{aligned}$$

therefore, denoting

- A the matrix $A := (\gamma(p^{\delta-1} q_{\kappa}, q_{\lambda}, \mathbf{q}))_{\lambda\kappa}$
- $I_0 := \{i : 1 \leq i \leq r, p^{\delta} \in \mathfrak{q}_i\} = \{i : p \in \mathfrak{m}_i\} = \{i : p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0\} \subset \{1, \dots, r\}$,
- $I_1 := \{i : 1 \leq i \leq r, i \notin I_0\} = \{i : p^{\delta} \notin \mathfrak{q}_i\} = \{i : p \notin \mathfrak{m}_i\} = \{i : p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \neq 0\} \subset \{1, \dots, r\}$,
- $J_{\iota} := \cap_{i \in I_{\iota}} \mathfrak{q}_i$, $\iota \in \{0, 1\}$,
- $Z_{\iota} := \{\mathbf{b}_{ij} : i \in I_{\iota}\}$, $\iota \in \{0, 1\}$;
- $\mathbf{b} = \{b_1, \dots, b_R\}$ another K -basis of $\mathcal{Q}/\mathbf{J} = \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{b})$,
- $\phi : \mathcal{Q}/\mathbf{J} \cong \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q}) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}/\mathbf{J} \cong \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{b})$ the morphism defined by $\phi(g) = p^{\delta} g$ for each $g \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q})$,

- $C := (c_{\iota\kappa})$ the matrix representing the morphism ϕ ,
- $\pi : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}/J \cong \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q})$ the canonical projection,
- $S := \deg(J_0)$,

we have

- (1) $J = J_0 \cap J_1$;
- (2) $J_0 + J_1 = (1)$;
- (3) $J_0 = J + (p^\delta)$, $J_1 = J : p^\delta$;
- (4) $Z_\iota = \mathcal{Z}(J_\iota)$, $\iota \in \{0, 1\}$;
- (5) $Z_0 = \{\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(I) : p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0\}$;
- (6) $Z_1 = \{\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J) : p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \neq 0\}$;
- (7) $\phi(q_\kappa) = p^\delta q_\kappa = \sum_{\iota=1}^R b_\iota c_{\iota\kappa}$, $1 \leq \kappa \leq R$;
- (8) $\text{Im}(\phi) \subset \mathcal{Q}/J$ is the principal ideal generated by $\pi(p^\delta)$;
- (9) $\pi^{-1}(\text{Im}(\phi)) = J_0 = J + (p^\delta)$;
- (10) $\ker(\phi) = \{\pi(g) : g \in \mathcal{Q}, \pi(gp^\delta) = 0\} \subset \mathcal{Q}/J$
- (11) $\ker(\phi\pi) = \{g \in \mathcal{Q} : gp^\delta \in J\} = J : p^\delta = J_1$;
- (12) S is the rank of C .

Remark 45.4.3. If J is radical, *id est* $\delta = 1$, then both J_0 and J_1 are radical.

In this case, the procedure outlined here, which requires the evaluation of $p^{\delta-1}$ and $p^{\delta-1}q'_\ell$ in order to compute both p^δ and $p \cdot (p^{\delta-1}q'_\ell)$, is simplified since we need just to evaluate pq'_ℓ . \square

If we now perform Gaussian column reduction on $C := (c_{\iota\kappa})$ performing the same transformation on the identity we obtain two matrices

$$D := (d_{\iota\ell}) \text{ and } E := (e_{\kappa\ell})$$

which satisfy

- (13) $D = CE$;
- (14) E is invertible;
- (15) D is lower triangular, so that $\ell > \iota \implies d_{\iota\ell} = 0$;
- (16) $\ell > S = \deg(J_0) \implies d_{\iota\ell} = 0$ for each ι ;
- (17) $\mathbf{q}' := \{q'_1, \dots, q'_S\}$, $q'_\ell := \sum_{\iota=1}^R b_\iota d_{\iota\ell}$, $1 \leq \ell \leq S$, is a linear basis both of $\text{Im}(\phi)$ and $\pi(J_0) \subset \mathcal{Q}/J$;
- (18) for each ℓ , $1 \leq \ell \leq S$, $\chi_\ell := \sum_{\kappa=1}^R q_\kappa e_{\kappa\ell} \in \text{Span}_K(\mathbf{q})$ satisfies

$$p^\delta \chi_\ell = \phi(\chi_\ell) = q'_\ell;$$

- (19) for each ℓ , $1 \leq \ell \leq S$, $p^{\delta-1}\chi_\ell$ has the representation⁵

$$p^{\delta-1}\chi_\ell = \sum_{\lambda=1}^R q_\lambda \left(\sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(p^{\delta-1}q_\kappa, q_\lambda, \mathbf{q}) e_{\kappa\ell} \right);$$

⁵ We have

$$p^{\delta-1}\chi_\ell = \sum_{\kappa=1}^R p^{\delta-1}q_\kappa e_{\kappa\ell}$$

- (20) $\mathbf{q}'' := \{\chi_{S+1}, \dots, \chi_R\}$, $\chi_\ell := \sum_{\kappa=1}^R q_\kappa e_{\kappa\ell}$, $S+1 \leq \ell \leq R$, is a linear basis of both $\ker(\phi)$ and $\pi(\mathbf{J}_1) \subset \mathcal{Q}/\mathbf{J}$;
- (21) $\{q'_1, \dots, q'_S\} \cup \{\chi_{S+1}, \dots, \chi_R\}$ is a K -basis of \mathcal{Q}/\mathbf{J} ,
- (22) there is a linear relation (mod \mathbf{J})

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= \sum_{\ell=1}^S c_\ell q'_\ell + \sum_{\ell=S+1}^R c_\ell \chi_\ell \\
 &= \sum_{\ell=1}^S c_\ell p^\delta \chi_\ell + \sum_{\ell=S+1}^R c_\ell \chi_\ell \\
 &= p \sum_{\ell=1}^S c_\ell \left(\sum_{\lambda=1}^R q_\lambda \left(\sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(p^{\delta-1} q_\kappa, q_\lambda, \mathbf{q}) e_{\kappa\ell} \right) \right) + \sum_{\ell=S+1}^R c_\ell \chi_\ell \\
 &= p \left(\sum_{\lambda=1}^R q_\lambda \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^S \sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(p^{\delta-1} q_\kappa, q_\lambda, \mathbf{q}) e_{\kappa\ell} c_\ell \right) \right) + \sum_{\ell=S+1}^R c_\ell \chi_\ell;
 \end{aligned}$$

(23) denoting

$$\eta_\lambda := \sum_{\ell=1}^S \sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(p^{\delta-1} q_\kappa, q_\lambda, \mathbf{q}) e_{\kappa\ell} c_\ell, \quad 1 \leq \lambda \leq R,$$

and setting

$$q := \sum_{\lambda=1}^R q_\lambda \eta_\lambda$$

we have $1 \equiv qp \pmod{\mathbf{J}_1}$;

- (24) for each κ , $S < \kappa \leq R$, there is a value⁶ $\rho(\kappa)$ for which $e_{\rho(\kappa)\kappa} = 1$ and $e_{\rho(\kappa)\ell} = 0$ for each $\ell \neq \kappa$.

As a consequence

Corollary 45.4.4. *With the present notation it holds*

- if $S = 0$ then C is the null-matrix, $\mathbf{J}_1 = (1)$, $\mathbf{J}_0 = \mathbf{J}$ and $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0$;
- if $S = R$ then C is invertible, $\mathbf{J}_0 = (1)$, $\mathbf{J}_1 = \mathbf{J}$,

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \neq 0 \text{ and } p^{-1}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = q(\mathbf{b}_{ij});$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{\kappa=1}^R \sum_{\lambda=1}^R q_\lambda \gamma(p^{\delta-1} q_\kappa, q_\lambda, \mathbf{q}) e_{\kappa\ell} \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda=1}^R q_\lambda \left(\sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(p^{\delta-1} q_\kappa, q_\lambda, \mathbf{q}) e_{\kappa\ell} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

⁶ Remark that the κ^{th} column of D , which is null, corresponds to a repeated transformation of the $\rho(\kappa)^{\text{th}}$ column of C which is never chosen as a *pivot* element.

- otherwise, for each $\mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J)$, we have
 - $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = 0 \iff \mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J_0)$,
 - $p(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) \neq 0 \iff \mathbf{b}_{ij} \in \mathcal{Z}(J_1)$, in which case

$$p^{-1}(\mathbf{b}_{ij}) = q(\mathbf{b}_{ij}).$$

□

In conclusion Gaussian reduction is all we need in order to obtain the Duval splitting $J = J_0 \cap J_1$; what we have to do is:

- compute the canonical representation of $p^{\delta-1}$;
- compute the matrix A representing the canonical representation of $p^{\delta-1}q_\kappa, 1 \leq \kappa \leq R$;
- compute the canonical representation of

$$p^\delta = p \cdot p^{\delta-1} \text{ and } p \cdot (p^{\delta-1}q_\kappa), 1 \leq \kappa \leq R;$$

thus obtaining the matrix C ;

- perform Gaussian column-reduction on C deducing D and E ;
- extract the K -linearly independent bases \mathbf{q}' and \mathbf{q}'' of, respectively, $\pi(J_0)$ and $\pi(J_1)$;
- apply the solution discussed below of Problem 45.4.2 in order to obtain a Gröbner representation of both J_0 and J_1 ;
- compute, for each $\kappa, \lambda, 1 \leq \kappa \leq S, 1 \leq \lambda \leq R$, the values

$$\epsilon_{\kappa,\lambda} := \sum_{\iota=1}^R e_{\iota\kappa} \gamma(p^{\delta-1}q_\iota, q_\lambda, \mathbf{q});$$

- compute the unique solution (c_1, \dots, c_R) of the linear equations

$$\begin{cases} 1 = \sum_{\ell=1}^S c_\ell \left(\sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(p^{\delta-1}q_\kappa, q_1, \mathbf{q}) e_{\kappa\ell} \right) + \sum_{\ell=S+1}^R c_\ell e_{1\ell} \\ 0 = \sum_{\ell=1}^S c_\ell \left(\sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(p^{\delta-1}q_\kappa, q_2, \mathbf{q}) e_{\kappa\ell} \right) + \sum_{\ell=S+1}^R c_\ell e_{2\ell} \\ \dots \\ 0 = \sum_{\ell=1}^S c_\ell \left(\sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(p^{\delta-1}q_\kappa, q_R, \mathbf{q}) e_{\kappa\ell} \right) + \sum_{\ell=S+1}^R c_\ell e_{R\ell} \end{cases}$$

- compute $\eta_\lambda := \sum_{\ell=1}^S \sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(p^{\delta-1}q_\kappa, q_\lambda, \mathbf{q}) e_{\kappa\ell} c_\kappa, 1 \leq \lambda \leq R$,
- return $q := \sum_{\lambda=1}^R q_\lambda \eta_\lambda$.

Remark 45.4.5. It is clear that this algorithm is essentially a refinement of Traverso's Algorithm 29.3.8 for computing J_0 extended and adapted in order to obtain also $J_1 := \pi^{-1}(\ker(\psi))$ and q . □

Example 45.4.6. Let us consider the ideal

$$J := \mathbb{I}(Z_1^3 - Z_1^2, Z_1 Z_2, Z_2^2 - Z_2) \subset K[Z_1, Z_2] = \mathcal{Q}$$

whose roots are $\{(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1)\}$, $(0, 0)$ having multiplicity 2 and the primary component (X_1^2, X_2) , the Lagrange basis

$$q_1 := 1 - Z_1^2 - Z_2, q_2 := Z_1 - Z_1^2, q_3 := Z_1^2, q_4 := Z_2,$$

and the polynomial $p := 1 - Z_1 + Z_2 = q_1 - q_2 + 2q_4$.

We thus have

$$A := \left(\begin{array}{c|cccc} & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & q_4 \\ \hline q_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ q_2 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ q_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ q_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right) \text{ and } C := \left(\begin{array}{c|cccc} & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & q_4 \\ \hline Z_1^2 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 16 \\ Z_1 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

and we deduce

$$D := \left(\begin{array}{c|ccc|c} Z_1^2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) E := \left(\begin{array}{c|ccc|c} q_1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ q_2 & -4 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ q_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ q_4 & -\frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & -\frac{1}{16} & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Thus we have

- $J_0 = J + \mathbb{I}(p^3) = J + \{q'_1, q'_2, q'_3\} = J + \{Z_1^2 - 1, Z_2, Z_1 - 1\} = \mathbb{I}(Z_2, Z_1 - 1)$,
- $\mathcal{Z}(J_0) = \{(1, 0)\} = Z_0$
- $\phi(\chi_1) = \phi(-q_1 - 4q_2 - \frac{1}{16}q_4) = \phi(5Z_1^2 + \frac{15}{16}Z_2 - 4Z_1 - 1) = q'_1$,
- $\phi(\chi_2) = \phi(\frac{1}{16}q_4) = \phi(\frac{1}{16}Z_2) = q'_2$,
- $\phi(\chi_3) = \phi(-q_1 - 3q_2 - \frac{1}{16}q_4) = \phi(4Z_1^2 + \frac{15}{16}Z_2 - 3Z_1 - 1) = q'_3$,
- $AE = \left(\begin{array}{c|ccc|c} q_1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ q_2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ q_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ q_4 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{array} \right) \text{ and}$

$$p^3\chi_1 = -q_1 - q_2 - \frac{1}{2}q_4, \quad p^3\chi_2 = \frac{1}{2}q_4, \quad p^3\chi_3 = -q_1 - \frac{1}{2}q_4;$$

- $J_1 = J : p^3 = J + \{\chi_4\} = J + \{q_3\} = J + \{Z_1^2\} = \mathbb{I}(Z_1^2, Z_1Z_2, Z_2^2 - Z_2)$,
- $\mathcal{Z}(J_1) = \{(0, 0), (0, 1)\} = Z_1$,
- $\{q'_1, q'_2, q'_3, \chi_4\} = \{Z_1^2 - 1, Z_2, Z_1 - 1, Z_1^2\}$ is a K -basis of \mathcal{Q}/J ;
- $1 = -q'_1 + \chi_4$;
- $(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_R) = AE(-1, 0, 0, 1)^T = (1, 1, 0, \frac{1}{2})$
- $q := q_1 + q_2 + \frac{1}{2}q_4 = -2Z_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}Z_2 + Z_1 + 1$ satisfies

$$1 \equiv qp \pmod{J_1}.$$

- $\rho_4 = 3, e_{3\ell} = 0, \ell \neq 4$.

Example 45.4.7. Let us consider the radical ideal $J \subset K[Z_1, Z_2, Z_3]$ discussed in Example 39.2.3, 40.3.2 and 42.8.8 for which we choose

$$\mathfrak{q} := \mathbf{N}(J) := \{1, Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_1^2, Z_1Z_2, Z_2^2, Z_1Z_3, Z_3^2\}$$

and the algebraic expression $p = Z_1Z_3$ so that we have

$$Z_0 = \mathcal{Z}(J_0) = \{b_i : i \in \{1, 2, 4, 9\}\}, Z_1 = \mathcal{Z}(J_1) = \{b_i : i \in \{3, 5, 6, 7, 8\}\}.$$

We thus have

$$C := \left(\begin{array}{c|cccccccc} & 1 & Z_1 & Z_2 & Z_3 & Z_1^2 & Z_1Z_2 & Z_2^2 & Z_1Z_3 & Z_3^2 \\ \hline Z_3^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 6 \\ Z_1Z_3 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 4 & 7 & -1 & -1 & 12 & 7 \\ Z_2^2 & 0 & 3 & -3 & 15 & 9 & -3 & -3 & 42 & 36 \\ Z_1Z_2 & 0 & 6 & -3 & 30 & 18 & -3 & -3 & 84 & 72 \\ Z_1^2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ Z_3 & 0 & -2 & 2 & -8 & -6 & 2 & 2 & -24 & -18 \\ Z_2 & 0 & -9 & 9 & -45 & -27 & 9 & 9 & -126 & -108 \\ Z_1 & 0 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -9 & -3 & -3 & -12 & -6 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 6 & 6 & -2 & -2 & 20 & 12 \end{array} \right),$$

whence we compute $D := \left(\begin{array}{c|cccc|cccc} Z_3^2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_1Z_3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_2^2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_1Z_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_1^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline Z_3 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-2}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_2 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-1}{3} & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

and $E := \left(\begin{array}{c|cccc|cccc} 1 & \frac{-7}{6} & 1 & \frac{-37}{9} & 2 & \frac{-8}{3} & 2 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ \hline Z_1 & \frac{5}{6} & 0 & \frac{17}{9} & -1 & \frac{4}{3} & -3 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ Z_2 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ Z_3 & \frac{13}{6} & 0 & \frac{10}{9} & \frac{-2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ \hline Z_1^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_1Z_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_2^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline Z_1Z_3 & \frac{-5}{6} & 0 & \frac{-5}{9} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{-1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ Z_3^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right).$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= -\frac{1}{2}(Z_3^2 + Z_3 + Z_1 - 2) - \frac{1}{2}Z_1Z_3 - \frac{3}{2}(3Z_2^2 - 2Z_3 - 9Z_2 - Z_1 + 2) \\ &\quad - 9Z_1Z_2 - \frac{1}{2}(Z_1^2 - 2Z_1) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(Z_1^2 - 3Z_1 + 2) + 9(Z_1Z_2 - Z_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$+\frac{9}{2}(Z_2^2 - Z_2) + \frac{1}{2}(Z_3^2 + Z_1Z_3 - 5Z_3 - Z_1 + 4)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} J_0 &= \mathbb{I}(Z_3^2 + Z_3 + Z_1 - 2, Z_1Z_3, 3Z_2^2 - 2Z_3 - 9Z_2 - Z_1 + 2, Z_1Z_2, Z_1^2 - 2Z_1) \\ J_1 &= \mathbb{I}(Z_1^2 - 3Z_1 + 2, Z_1Z_2 - Z_2, Z_2^2 - Z_2, Z_3^2 + Z_1Z_3 - 5Z_3 - Z_1 + 4) \\ q &= 24^{-1} (2Z_3^2 + 4Z_1Z_3 + 33Z_2^2 + 66Z_1Z_2 - 18Z_1^2 - 20Z_3 - 99Z_2 + 38Z_1 + 18) \end{aligned}$$

□

Let us now finally discuss a solution of Problem 45.4.2:

- for each l, λ, h compute the values

$$b_{l\lambda}^{(h)} := \sum_{i=1}^R \gamma(q'_l, q_i, \mathbf{q}) a_{i\lambda}^{(h)}$$

which satisfy, for each l, h , $(\text{mod } J')$

$$\sum_{\lambda=1}^R b_{l\lambda}^{(h)} q_\lambda = \sum_{\lambda=1}^R \left(\sum_{i=1}^R \gamma(q'_l, q_i, \mathbf{q}) a_{i\lambda}^{(h)} \right) q_\lambda \equiv \sum_{i=1}^R \gamma(q'_l, q_i, \mathbf{q}) Z_h q_i \equiv Z_h q'_l \in J';$$

- by linear algebra, for each l, h compute the unique values $a'_{lj}^{(h)}$, $1 \leq j \leq S$ satisfying

$$\sum_{j=1}^S a'_{lj}^{(h)} q'_j = \sum_{\lambda=1}^R b_{l\lambda}^{(h)} q_\lambda \equiv Z_h q'_l \pmod{J'};$$

- for each i, j, λ compute the values

$$\delta_{ij}^{(\lambda)} := \left(\sum_{\iota} \sum_{\kappa} \gamma(q'_i, q_\iota, \mathbf{q}) \gamma_{\iota\kappa}^{(\lambda)} \gamma(q'_j, q_\kappa, \mathbf{q}) \right)$$

which satisfy, for each i, j , $(\text{mod } J')$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\lambda=1}^R \delta_{ij}^{(\lambda)} q_\lambda &= \sum_{\lambda=1}^R \left(\sum_{\iota=1}^R \sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(q'_i, q_\iota, \mathbf{q}) \gamma_{\iota\kappa}^{(\lambda)} \gamma(q'_j, q_\kappa, \mathbf{q}) \right) q_\lambda \\ &\equiv \sum_{\iota=1}^R \sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(q'_i, q_\iota, \mathbf{q}) \gamma(q'_j, q_\kappa, \mathbf{q}) \left(\sum_{\lambda=1}^R \gamma_{\iota\kappa}^{(\lambda)} q_\lambda \right) \\ &\equiv \sum_{\iota=1}^R \sum_{\kappa=1}^R \gamma(q'_i, q_\iota, \mathbf{q}) \gamma(q'_j, q_\kappa, \mathbf{q}) q_\iota q_\kappa \\ &= q'_i q'_j \in J'; \end{aligned}$$

- by linear algebra, for each i, j compute the unique values $\gamma'_{ij}^{(l)}, 1 \leq l \leq S$ satisfying

$$\sum_{l=1}^S \gamma'_{ij}^{(l)} q'_l = \sum_{\lambda=1}^R \delta_{ij}^{(\lambda)} q_\lambda \equiv q'_i q'_j \pmod{J'};$$

thus the data

- (a) $\mathbf{q}' = \{q'_1, \dots, q'_S\}$,
- (b) $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{q}') := \left\{ \left(a'_{ij}^{(h)} \right) \right\}$
- (c) the structure constants $\gamma'_{ij}^{(l)}$

are the required Gröbner representation of J' .

45.5 Linear representation

Let us now specialize the results of the previous section to the case in which

- (A) $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{N}_{\prec}(J)$ ordered so that $1 = q_1 \prec q_2 \prec \dots \prec q_R$;
- (B) at each step of the Gaussian algorithm, as *pivot* element among all possible choices we systematically choose the mostleft available column;
- (C) $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{N}_{\succ}(J)$ ordered so that $b_1 \succ \dots \succ b_{R-1} \succ b_R = 1$, so that $q_i = b_{R-i+1}$ for each i .

Remark 45.5.1. Given any Gröbner representation of J and a term ordering \prec , a direct application of Möller’s Algorithm 28.2.7 to the functionals $\gamma(\cdot, q_i, \mathbf{q})$ returns $\mathbf{N}_{\prec}(J)$. □

Example 45.5.2. Conditions (A-B) are satisfied by both Example 45.4.6 and 45.4.6 which further satisfies also condition (C).

Therefore the reader can easily verify our claims on these examples. □

As a consequence of (B) in the transformation of C into D each column, which is not a *pivot* element, is modified only by means of columns to its left. Therefore, since in (24) the set $J := \{\rho(\kappa) : S < \kappa \leq R\}$ denotes the indices corresponding to the columns of C which have not being used as *pivot* element, the assumption (B) allows to reformulate (24) as:

(24)' denoting $\rho(\kappa) := \max\{\ell : e_{\ell\kappa} \neq 0\}$ for each $\kappa, S < \kappa \leq R$, and $J := \{\rho(\kappa) : S < \kappa \leq R\}$ we have $e_{\ell\kappa} = 0$ for each $\ell \notin J$.

Thus we trivially have

Corollary 45.5.3. *If assumptions (A-B) are satisfied, then*

$$\mathbf{N}(J_1) = \{b_i, 1 \leq i \leq R, i \notin J\}.$$

□

In the same mood, as a direct consequence of the ordered imposed on \mathbf{b} by condition (C) we also get

Corollary 45.5.4. *If assumptions (A-C) are satisfied, then*

$$\mathbf{N}(J_0) = \{b_{S+1}, \dots, b_R\}.$$

□

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