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# Assignment #4 Solutions.

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## MATH 800 Assignment #4

3.5.10. Compute the discriminant of the quadratic polynomial  $f = ax^2 + bx + c$ . Explain how your answer relates to the quadratic formula, and prove that  $f$  has a multiple root iff its discriminant vanishes.

From Exercise 8, the discriminant is defined to be

$$\text{disc}(f) = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{a} \cdot \text{Res}(f, f', x)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{a} \text{Res}(ax^2 + bx + c, 2ax + b, x)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{a} \det \begin{bmatrix} a & 2a & 0 \\ b & b & 2a \\ c & 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{a} (ab^2 - 2ab^2 + 4a^2c)$$

$$= b^2 - 4ac \quad \checkmark$$

We also compute this in Maple. [see Maple attachment.]

This discriminant is the same as what we refer to as the "discriminant" in the quadratic formula

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

for the roots of  $f$ .

By Proposition 8,  $f$  and  $f'$  have a nonconstant common factor.

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Res}(f, f', x) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{disc}(f) = 0. \quad \checkmark$$

But the only factor of  $f' = 2ax + b$  is  $2ax + b$ , so this must be the common factor.  $\checkmark$

Dividing  $f$  by  $2ax + b$  gives

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{b}{4a} \\ 2ax + b \overline{) ax^2 + bx + c} \\ \underline{-(ax + \frac{b}{2}x)} \phantom{c} \\ \phantom{ax^2 +} \frac{b}{2}x + c \\ \underline{-(\frac{b}{2}x + \frac{b^2}{4a})} \\ \phantom{ax^2 + bx +} c - \frac{b^2}{4a} \end{array}$$

up to scalar



If we swap  $A_m$  with  $B_1$ , then  $A_m$  with  $B_2$ , then ..., then  $A_m$  with  $B_\ell$  we transform  $\text{Syl}(f, g, x) = [A_1 \dots A_m B_1 \dots B_\ell]$  into  $[A_1 \dots A_{m-1} B_1 \dots B_\ell A_m]$  in  $\ell$  swaps.

Swapping  $A_{m-1}$  with  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_\ell$  gets us  $[A_1 \dots A_{m-2} B_1 \dots B_\ell A_{m-1} A_m]$  in another  $\ell$  swaps.

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Continuing in this fashion, we perform  $\ell$  swaps on each  $A_i$  to move it past  $B_1, \dots, B_\ell$ . ✓

Since there are  $m$  of the  $A_i$ 's we perform a total of  $\ell m$  swaps. ✓

The result is  $[B_1 \dots B_\ell A_1 \dots A_m] = \text{Syl}(g, f, x)$ .  
 $\therefore \text{Res}(f, g, x) = \det(\text{Syl}(f, g, x)) = (-1)^{\ell m} \det(\text{Syl}(g, f, x)) = (-1)^{\ell m} \text{Res}(g, f, x)$ . □

3.6.1. [See Maple attachment.]

3.6.3. [See Maple attachment.]

3.6.4. Suppose that  $f, g \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  are polynomials of positive degree.

a) Show that  $y \in \mathbb{C}$  can be written  $y = \alpha + \beta$ , where  $f(\alpha) = g(\beta) = 0$ , iff the equations  $f(x) = g(y-x) = 0$  have a solution with  $y = y$ .

If  $y = \alpha + \beta$  where  $f(\alpha) = g(\beta) = 0$ , then substituting  $(x, y) = (\alpha, y)$  in  $f(x)$  and  $g(y-x)$  gives  $f(\alpha) = 0$  and  $g(y-\alpha) = g(\beta) = 0$ , so  $(x, y) = (\alpha, y)$  is a solution for  $f(x) = g(y-x) = 0$  with  $y = y$ . ✓

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Conversely if there is a solution with  $y = y$  for  $f(x) = g(y-x) = 0$  then this solution has the form  $(x, y) = (\alpha, y)$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Then  $f(\alpha) = 0$  and  $g(y-\alpha) = 0$ . Defining  $\beta = y - \alpha$  gives  $g(\beta) = 0$  and  $y = \alpha + \beta$ . ✓

b) Using Theorem 3, show that  $y$  is a root of  $\text{Res}(f(x), g(y-x), x)$  iff  $y = \alpha + \beta$  where  $f(\alpha) = g(\beta) = 0$ .

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If  $y = y$  is a root of  $\text{Res}(f(x), g(y-x), x) \in \mathbb{C}[y]$ , then by Proposition 3 either  $\text{LC}_x(f(x)) \in \mathbb{C}[y]$  or  $\text{LC}_x(g(y-x)) \in \mathbb{C}[y]$  vanishes at  $y = y$ , or there is an  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t.  $f(x)$  and  $g(y-x)$  vanish at  $(x, y) = (\alpha, y)$ .

But  $f, g \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ , so  $f(x)$  contains no  $y$ 's, and if  $g = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^i$   
 then  $g(y-x) = b_m (y-x)^m + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} b_i (y-x)^i$   
 $= (-1)^m b_m x^m + (\text{lower order terms in } x)$ .

So  $LC_x(f(x))$  and  $LC_x(g(y-x))$  are both constants in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and do not vanish at  $y=y$ .

Thus  $\exists x \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t. the equations  $f(x) = g(y-x) = 0$  vanish at  $(x, y) = (x, y)$ .  
 From part (a) it follows that  $y$  can be written  $y = \alpha + \beta$  where  $f(\alpha) = g(\beta) = 0$ .

Conversely if  $y = \alpha + \beta$  where  $f(\alpha) = g(\beta) = 0$ . Then from part (a) the equations  $f(x) = g(y-x) = 0$  have a solution with  $y = y$ .

That is, there is a solution  $(x, y)$  with  $y = y$  where

$I = \langle f(x), g(y-x) \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}[x, y]$  vanishes.

Then  $\text{Res}(f(x), g(y-x), x) \in I \cap \mathbb{C}[y]$  (by Proposition 1) vanishes  
 at  $y = y$ , that is,  $y = y$  is a root of  $\text{Res}(f(x), g(y-x), x)$ .

c) Construct a polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$  which has  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$  as a root.

Let  $f, g \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  such that  $f(\sqrt{2}) = g(\sqrt{3}) = 0$ . So take  $f = x^2 - 2, g = x^2 - 3$ .  
 Since  $f, g \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ , it follows from part (b) that  $y = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$  is a root of  $R = \text{Res}(f(x), g(y-x), x) \in \mathbb{C}[y]$ . Also, since  $f(x)$  and  $g(y-x)$  are actually in  $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$ , Proposition 1 gives  $R \in \mathbb{Q}[y]$ .  
 It remains to compute  $R$ .

$$R = \text{Res}(x^2 - 2, (y-x)^2 - 3, x) = \text{Res}(x^2 - 2, x^2 - 2xy + y^2 - 3, x)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2y & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & y^2 - 3 & -2y \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & y^2 - 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2y & 1 \\ 0 & y^2 - 3 & -2y \\ -2 & 0 & y^2 - 3 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2y & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & y^2 - 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2y & 1 \\ 0 & y^2 - 3 & -2y \\ 0 & -4y & y^2 - 1 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & y^2 - 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \cdot [(y^2 - 3)(y^2 - 1) - (-4y)(-2y)] - 2 \cdot (-1)(y^2 - 1) = y^4 - 4y^2 - 3 + 8y^2 + 2y^2 - 2 = y^4 - 10y^2 + 1.$$

So  $R = y^4 - 10y^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[y]$  has root  $y = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ ,

or equivalently  $R(x) = x^4 - 10x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  has root  $x = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ .

We verify this:

$$\begin{aligned}R(\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}) &= (\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3})^4 - 10(\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3})^2 + 1 \\ &= (2+2\sqrt{6}+3)^2 - 10(2+2\sqrt{6}+3) + 1 \\ &= 25+20\sqrt{6}+24-50-20\sqrt{6}+1 \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

d) Modify your construction to create a polynomial whose roots are all differences of a root of  $f$  minus a root of  $g$ .

Given  $f, g \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  as before, we will repeat the construction only using  $-\beta$  as a root of  $g$ .

Now the statement in part (a) becomes:

$y \in \mathbb{C}$  can be written  $y = \alpha + (-\beta) = \alpha - \beta$  where  $f(\alpha) = g(-\beta) = 0$  (so  $g(\beta) = 0$ ) iff the equations  $f(x) = g(y-x) = 0$  (i.e.  $f(x) = g(x-y) = 0$ ) have a solution with  $y = y$ .

The statement in part (b) becomes:

$y$  is a root of  $\text{Res}(f(x), g(y-x), x)$  (i.e.  $\text{Res}(f(x), g(x-y), x)$ ) iff  $y = \alpha + (-\beta) = \alpha - \beta$  where  $f(\alpha) = g(-\beta) = 0$  (so  $g(\beta) = 0$ ).

So if we want to construct a polynomial whose roots are  $\alpha - \beta$  for  $\alpha$  a root of  $f$  and  $\beta$  a root of  $g$ , we simply compute  $R = \text{Res}(f(x), g(y-x), x)$ . ✓

We demonstrate to find a polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbb{R}$  which has  $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}$  as a root:

Again we start with  $f = x^2 - 2$ ,  $g = x^2 - 3$ .

$$R = \text{Res}(x^2 - 2, (y-x)^2 - 3, x) = \text{Res}(x^2 - 2, x^2 + 2xy + y^2 - 3, x).$$

But this works out to be the same resultant as before, so we will again get  $R = y^4 - 10y^2 + 1$ , that also has  $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}$  as a root. ✓

- \* 3.6.6. Suppose  $f, g \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  are polynomials of positive degree.  
a) Describe an algorithm for determining when  $f$  and  $g$  have roots that differ by an integer.

2 From Exercise 4, part (d), we know that the roots of  $R = \text{Res}(f(x), g(y-x), x)$  are exactly the differences in the roots of  $f$  and  $g$ . So to determine whether  $f$  and  $g$  have roots that differ by an integer, we simply compute  $R$  and check if it has any integer roots.

We can check if  $R$  has integer roots as follows.

$R$  has coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , so we can scale it so that all coefficients of  $R$  are integers. Then if  $R$  has an integer root  $m$  then  $m$  must divide the constant coefficient of  $R$ . So if we can factor the constant coefficient, we simply need to evaluate  $R$  at each divisor of the constant coefficient to see if  $R$  vanishes there.

Note that if we find any root  $m$  we can divide  $R(y)$  by its factor  $(y-m)$  and continue working with the smaller polynomial.

b) [see Maple attachment.] 2

3.6.7. [see Maple attachment.]

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4.1.1. Recall that  $V(y-x^2, z-x^3)$  is the twisted cubic in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  
 a) Show that  $V((y-x^2)^2 + (z-x^3)^2)$  is also the twisted cubic.

Let  $(a, b, c) \in V(y-x^2, z-x^3) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Then  $b-a^2=0$  and  $c-a^3=0$

$$\Rightarrow (b-a^2)^2 + (c-a^3)^2 = 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b, c) \in V((y-x^2)^2 + (z-x^3)^2). \quad \checkmark$$

Now let  $(a, b, c) \in V((y-x^2)^2 + (z-x^3)^2) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Then  $(b-a^2)^2 + (c-a^3)^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (b-a^2)^2 = 0$  and  $(c-a^3)^2 = 0$  since  $(b-a^2)^2 \geq 0$  and  $(c-a^3)^2 \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow b-a^2=0$  and  $c-a^3=0$

$\Rightarrow (a, b, c) \in V(y-x^2, z-x^3). \quad \checkmark$

$\therefore V((y-x^2)^2 + (z-x^3)^2) = V(y-x^2, z-x^3)$  since we have shown inclusion in both directions.

b) Show that any variety  $V(I) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $I \subset \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , can be defined by a single equation (and, hence, by a principle ideal).

WLOG we can assume that  $I$  is an ideal.

(If not, we have  $V(I) = V(\langle I \rangle)$ , thus introducing an ideal.)

Then  $\exists f_1, \dots, f_s \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  s.t.  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$ . (HBT)  $\checkmark$

2 So  $V(I) = V(f_1, \dots, f_s) = \{a \in \mathbb{R}^n : f_i(a) = 0 \forall 1 \leq i \leq s\}$ .  $\checkmark$

Now consider  $f = \sum_{i=1}^s f_i^2 \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

If  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  vanish at a point  $a$ , then clearly  $f$  also vanishes at  $a$ .

If  $f$  vanishes at a point  $a$ , then

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^s f_i^2\right)(a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^s f_i^2(a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f_i^2(a) = 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq s \quad (\text{since } f_i^2(a) \geq 0 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}^n)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_i(a) = 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq s$$

so  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  also vanish at  $a$ . Note that this only holds

because we are working over  $\mathbb{R}$ , not  $\mathbb{C}$ .  $\checkmark$

$\therefore V(f_1, \dots, f_s) = V(f)$ , that is,  $V(I) = V(\langle f \rangle)$ .  $\checkmark$   
 $\subset$  a principle ideal.  $\checkmark$

4.1.2. Let  $J = \langle x^2 + y^2 - 1, y - 1 \rangle$ . Find  $f \in \mathbb{I}(V(J))$  such that  $f \notin J$ .

$V(J)$  is the set of all points where  $x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0$  and  $y - 1 = 0$ .  
 $\Rightarrow y = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 1 = x^2 + 1 - 1 = x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$   
 so  $V(J) = \{(0, 1)\}$ . ✓

Now  $f = x$  vanishes on  $V(J)$ , so  $f \in \mathbb{I}(V(J))$ . ✓

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To show that  $f \notin J$ , note that  $G = \{x^2 + y^2 - 1, y - 1\}$  is a GB for  $J$  w.r.t. lex order ( $x > y$ ): ✓

$$\begin{aligned} S(x^2 + y^2 - 1, y - 1) &= y(x^2 + y^2 - 1) - x^2(y - 1) \\ &= x^2 + y^3 - y \\ &= 1 \cdot (x^2 + y^2 - 1) + (y^2 - 1)(y - 1) \\ &\rightarrow_G 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\bar{f}^G = x \neq 0$  since  $x \notin \text{LT}(G)$ . ✓

$\therefore f \notin J$ .

4.1.5. Establish that  $\tilde{I}$  as defined in the proof of the Weak Nullstellensatz is an ideal of  $k[\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n]$ .

Proof:  $\tilde{I} = \{f : f \in I\}$  where  $I$  is an ideal of  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and

$\tilde{f} = f(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 + a_2 \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n + a_n \tilde{x}_1)$ , that is,  $\sim$  is the

linear transformation  $x_1 = \tilde{x}_1, x_2 = \tilde{x}_2 + a_2 \tilde{x}_1, \dots, x_n = \tilde{x}_n + a_n \tilde{x}_1$ .

(i)  $0 \in I \Rightarrow \tilde{0} = 0 \in \tilde{I}$  (note that constants are unaffected by  $\sim$ ). ✓

(ii) Let  $q_1, q_2 \in \tilde{I}$ . So  $\exists f_1, f_2 \in I$  s.t.  $q_1 = \tilde{f}_1$  and  $q_2 = \tilde{f}_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \tilde{(f_1 + f_2)} &= (f_1 + f_2)(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 + a_2 \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n + a_n \tilde{x}_1) \\ &= f_1(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 + a_2 \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n + a_n \tilde{x}_1) + f_2(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 + a_2 \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n + a_n \tilde{x}_1) \\ &= \tilde{f}_1 + \tilde{f}_2 = q_1 + q_2. \end{aligned}$$

So  $q_1 + q_2 = \tilde{(f_1 + f_2)} \in \tilde{I}$  because  $f_1 + f_2 \in I$ . ✓

(iii) Let  $g \in \tilde{I}$  and  $h \in k[\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n]$ . So  $\exists f \in I$  s.t.  $g = \tilde{f}$ .

Now let  $h_1 = h(x_1, x_2 - a_2 x_1, \dots, x_n - a_n x_1) \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

Then  $h_1 f \in I$  since  $I$  is an ideal, and

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$$\tilde{(h_1 f)} = (h_1 f)(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 + a_2 \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n + a_n \tilde{x}_1)$$

$$= h_1(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 + a_2 \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n + a_n \tilde{x}_1) \cdot f(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 + a_2 \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n + a_n \tilde{x}_1)$$

$$= h(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 + a_2 \tilde{x}_1 - a_2 \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n + a_n \tilde{x}_1 - a_n \tilde{x}_1) \cdot \tilde{f} = h(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \dots, \tilde{x}_n) \cdot g.$$

So  $hg = \tilde{(h_1 f)} \in \tilde{I}$  because  $h_1 f \in I$ .  $\therefore \tilde{I}$  is an ideal.  $\square$



\* 4.1.10. For the two ideals in  $\mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$  from Exercise 1 that give the same nonempty variety, show that one is contained in the other. Can you find two ideals in  $\mathbb{R}[x, y]$ , neither contained in the other, which give the same nonempty variety? Can you do the same for  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ ?

i) In Exercise 1 we saw that  $V(\langle y-x^2, z-x^3 \rangle) = V(\langle (y-x^2)^2 + (z-x^3)^2 \rangle)$ , the twisted cubic.

Now  $(y-x^2)^2 + (z-x^3)^2 = A(y-x^2) + B(z-x^3)$  where  $A = y-x^2$ ,  $B = z-x^3$ , so  $(y-x^2)^2 + (z-x^3)^2 \in \langle y-x^2, z-x^3 \rangle$ .  
 $\therefore \langle (y-x^2)^2 + (z-x^3)^2 \rangle \subset \langle y-x^2, z-x^3 \rangle$ .

ii) Let  $I_1 = \langle x^2, y \rangle$ ,  $I_2 = \langle x, y^2 \rangle \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$ .

Then  $V(I_1) = V(I_2) = \{(0, 0)\}$ .

$x \in I_2$  but  $x \notin I_1 = \{Ax^2 + By\}$  since every term  $T$  of  $Ax^2 + By$  has either  $\deg_x T \geq 2$  or  $\deg_y T \geq 1$ . So  $I_2 \not\subset I_1$  or  $Ax^2 + By = 0$ . Similarly  $y \in I_1$  but  $y \notin I_2$ , so  $I_1 \not\subset I_2$ .

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iii) In  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ , every ideal is a principal ideal. So for  $I_1 = \langle q_1 \rangle$  and  $I_2 = \langle q_2 \rangle$  to give the same nonempty variety but neither ideal contained in the other, we need  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  to have the same roots but have neither polynomial be a multiple of the other.

For example, let  $q_1 = x^3 - x^2 = x^2(x-1)$  and  $q_2 = x^3 - 2x^2 + x = x(x-1)^2$ .

Then  $V(I_1) = V(I_2) = \{0, 1\}$ .

But  $q_1 \notin I_2$  and  $q_2 \notin I_1$ , so  $I_2 \not\subset I_1$  and  $I_1 \not\subset I_2$ .

4.2.2. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be distinct nonconstant polynomials in  $k[x, y]$  and let  $I = \langle f, g \rangle$ . Is it necessarily true that  $\sqrt{I} = \langle f, g \rangle$ ?

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No. For instance, let  $f = x^3$  and  $g = y^2$ . Then  $I = \langle x^3, y^2 \rangle$  and  $\sqrt{I} = \langle x, y \rangle$ . While it is certainly true that  $\langle f, g \rangle = \langle x^3, y^2 \rangle \subset \sqrt{I}$ , we have  $x, y \in \sqrt{I}$  but  $x, y \notin \langle f, g \rangle$  so  $\sqrt{I} \neq \langle f, g \rangle$ .

4.2.5. Prove that  $\mathbb{I}$  and  $\mathbb{V}$  are inclusion-reversing.

Proof: (for  $\mathbb{I}$ ).

Let  $V_1, V_2 \subset k^n$  be varieties with  $V_1 \subset V_2$ .

If  $f \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is in  $\mathbb{I}(V_2)$  then  $f$  vanishes on  $V_2$ .

Then  $f$  vanishes on  $V_1$ , so  $f \in \mathbb{I}(V_1)$ .

$\therefore \mathbb{I}(V_2) \subset \mathbb{I}(V_1)$ .

\* This is the proof of §1.4 Prop. 8(1).

(for  $\mathbb{V}$ ).

Let  $I_1, I_2 \subset k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be ideals with  $I_1 \subset I_2$ .

If  $a \in k^n$  is in  $\mathbb{V}(I_2)$  then every  $f \in I_2$  vanishes at  $a$ .

Then every  $f \in I_1$  vanishes at  $a$ , so  $a \in \mathbb{V}(I_1)$ .

$\therefore \mathbb{V}(I_2) \subset \mathbb{V}(I_1)$ .  $\square$

4.2.7 [see Maple attachment.]

4.2.12 [see Maple attachment.]

4.2.14. Let  $J = \langle xy, (x-y)x \rangle$ . Describe  $\mathbb{V}(J)$  and show that  $\sqrt{J} = \langle x \rangle$ .

$J = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$  where  $f_1 = xy$  and  $f_2 = x^2 - xy$ . Let  $f_3 = f_1 + f_2 = x^2 \in J$ .

Then  $f_2 = f_3 - f_1 \in \langle f_1, f_3 \rangle$ , so  $J = \langle f_1, f_3 \rangle = \langle xy, x^2 \rangle$ .  $\checkmark$

Then  $\mathbb{V}(J)$  contains all solutions of the system  $\{xy=0, x^2=0\}$ .

$x^2=0 \Rightarrow x=0$ , then  $x=0 \Rightarrow xy=0 \forall y$ , so  $y$  can be anything.  $\checkmark$

2 Thus  $\mathbb{V}(J) = \{(0, a) : a \in k\}$ .  $\checkmark$

Now  $x^2 \in J \Rightarrow x \in \sqrt{J}$ , so  $\langle x \rangle \subset \sqrt{J}$ .  $\checkmark$

Also,  $\sqrt{J} \subset \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(J))$  because  $f \in \sqrt{J}$  implies  $f^m \in J$  for some  $m$ , so

$f^m$  vanishes on  $\mathbb{V}(J)$ , which implies  $f$  vanishes on  $\mathbb{V}(J)$ , thus  $f \in \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(J))$ .

2 But  $\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(J)) = \langle x \rangle$ , so  $\sqrt{J} \subset \langle x \rangle$ .  $\checkmark$

$\therefore \sqrt{J} = \langle x \rangle$ .  $\checkmark$

Additional exercise on resultants:

Consider  $f = x^2 + 2y^2 - 3$  and  $g = x^2 + xy + y^2$ , and let  $I = \langle f, g \rangle$ .  
 a) Compute  $R = \text{Res}(f, g, x)$  (i) using Maple, (ii) by hand.

i) [see Maple attachment.]

$$(ii) \text{Syl}(f, g, x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & y & 1 \\ 2y^2-3 & 0 & y^2 & y \\ 0 & 2y^2-3 & 0 & y \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\text{Res}(f, g, x) = \det(\text{Syl}(f, g, x))$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} y & 1 \\ 2y^2-3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & y \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} -y & 0 \\ 2y^2-3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)(2y^2-3) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2y^2-3 & y \end{vmatrix} \\ &= y(y^3) - (2y^2-3)(y^2-2y^2+3) \\ &= y^4 + 2y^4 - 9y^2 + 9 \\ &= 3y^4 - 9y^2 + 9. \end{aligned}$$

b) Is  $\langle R \rangle = I \cap \mathbb{Q}[y]$ ?

1 [see Maple attachment.]

a) Find  $A, B \in \mathbb{Q}[x, y]$  s.t.  $Af + Bg = R$ .

2 [see Maple attachment.]

Additional exercise on Buchberg's algorithm:

[see Maple attachment.]

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**3.5.10**

We enter the polynomial  $f$  and compute its discriminant.

```
> f := a*x^2+b*x+c;  
R := resultant( f, diff(f,x), x );  
disc := simplify(  
  (-1)^(degree(f,x)*(degree(f,x)-1)/2)/lcoeff(f,x)*R );
```

$$f := ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$R := 4a^2c - b^2a$$

$$disc := -4ac + b^2 \quad \checkmark$$

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**3.6.1**

We enter the given polynomials  $f$  and  $g$ .

```
> f := x^2*y - 3*x*y^2 + x^2 - 3*x*y;  
g := x^3*y + x^3 - 4*y^2 - 3*y + 1;
```

$$f := x^2 y - 3 x y^2 + x^2 - 3 x y$$

$$g := x^3 y + x^3 - 4 y^2 - 3 y + 1$$

We compute  $\text{Res}(f, g, x)$  and  $\text{Res}(f, g, y)$ .

```
> resultant( f, g, x );  
resultant( f, g, y );
```

$$\frac{-(-4y^2 - 3y + 1)(y + 1)^4(4y - 1 - 27y^3)}{0}$$

Since  $\text{Res}(f, g, y) = 0$ , by Proposition 1,  $f$  and  $g$  must have a common factor with degree at least 1 in  $y$ . Also since  $\text{Res}(f, g, x) \neq 0$ ,  $f$  and  $g$  have no common factor containing  $x$ . We verify this by computing the gcd.

```
> gcd( f, g );
```

$$y + 1$$

3

**3.6.3**

**a)**

We enter  $f$  and  $g$ .

```
> f := x*y - 1;  
g := x^2 + y^2 - 4;
```

$$f := x y - 1$$

$$g := x^2 + y^2 - 4$$

We compute  $\text{Res}(f, g, x) \in (I \cap k[y])$ , where  $I$  is generated by  $\{f, g\}$ .

```
> resultant( f, g, x );
```

$$-4y^2 + y^4 + 1$$

We compute a Groebner basis  $G$  for  $I$  w.r.t. lexicographic order,  $y < x$ . By the Elimination Theorem,  $G \cap k[y]$  is a Groebner basis for  $I \cap k[y]$ .

```
> Groebner[Basis]( [f, g], plex(x, y) );
```

$$[-4y^2 + y^4 + 1, -4y + y^3 + x]$$

Since  $G \cap k[y] = \{\text{Res}(f, g, x)\}$ , the resultant does generate the elimination ideal  $I \cap k[y]$ .

**b)**

□ We enter  $f$  and  $g$ .

```
> f := x*y-1;  
g := y*x^2+y^2-4;
```

$$f := xy - 1$$

$$g := x^2y + y^2 - 4$$

□ We compute  $\text{Res}(f, g, x) \in (I \cap k[y])$ , where  $I$  is generated by  $\{f, g\}$ .

```
> resultant( f, g, x );
```

$$-4y^2 + y^4 + y$$

□ We compute a Groebner basis  $G$  for  $I$  w.r.t. lexicographic order,  $y < x$ . By the Elimination Theorem,  $G \cap k[y]$  is a Groebner basis for  $I \cap k[y]$ .

```
> Groebner[Basis]( [f,g], plex(x,y) );
```

$$[1 + y^3 - 4y, x + y^2 - 4]$$

□ Since  $G \cap k[y] \neq \{\text{Res}(f, g, x)\}$ , the resultant does not generate the elimination ideal  $I \cap k[y]$ . Instead  $\langle \text{Res}(f, g, x) \rangle \subseteq (I \cap k[y])$ .

There seems to be some connection between the resultants in  $I \cap k[y]$  and the Extension Theorem regarding partial solutions in  $V(I \cap k[y])$ .

Note that in part (a) the leading coefficient (w.r.t.  $x$ ) of at least one of the generators  $\{f, g\}$  of  $I$  was constant. Thus the Extension Theorem guarantees that any partial solution in  $V(I \cap k[y])$  will extend to a solution in  $V(I)$ . Also notice that here we ended up with  $\text{Res}(f, g, x)$  generating all of  $I \cap k[y]$ .

Now in part (b) the leading coefficients (w.r.t.  $x$ ) of both generators  $\{f, g\}$  of  $I$  were multiples of  $y$ , hence vanished at  $y = 0$ . Thus if  $y = 0$  is a partial solution, the Extension Theorem does not guarantee that it will extend. In fact, we see from the Groebner basis that  $y = 0$  is not a partial solution. Now notice that here we ended up with  $\text{Res}(f, g, x)$  consisting of the generator for  $I \cap k[y]$  with the extra factor  $y - 0$  tacked on. This does not seem to be a coincidence.

### 3.6.6

□ We enter the given polynomials in function form.

```
> f := x -> x^5-2*x^3-2*x^2+4;  
g := x -> x^5+5*x^4+8*x^3+2*x^2-5*x+1;
```

$$f := x \rightarrow x^5 - 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 4$$

$$g := x \rightarrow x^5 + 5x^4 + 8x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 1$$

□ We compute  $\text{Res}(f(x), g(x-y), x)$ . We know that this will give a polynomial in  $y$  whose roots will be the difference of a root of  $f$  minus a root of  $g$ .

```
> R := resultant( f(x), g(y+x), x );
```

$$R := 591325 + 4330965y + 16975312y^6 + 9718360y^7 - 338080y^{14} - 260176y^{15} \\ - 1286472y^{11} - 896052y^{13} - 1726724y^{12} + 13939388y^2 + 26059084y^3 + 7746y^{21} + 280y^{23} \\ + 25y^{24} + y^{25} + 1840y^{22} + 4940y^{18} + 32220y^{19} + 20986y^{20} - 96861y^{17} + 4512519y^9$$

$$+ 1355928 y^{10} - 222853 y^{16} + 6606927 y^8 + 31657034 y^4 + 26744434 y^5$$

We compute the rational roots of this polynomial.

```
> roots( R, y );
```

```
[[ -1, 5]]
```

We see that 1 is a root with multiplicity 5. That means there are 5 pairs consisting of a root  $\alpha$  of  $f$  and a root  $\beta$  of  $g$  that have a difference  $\alpha - \beta = 1$ . We can verify this by factoring  $f$  and  $g$  (completely over  $\mathbb{C}$ ).

```
> factor( f(x), complex );
```

```
factor( g(x), complex );
```

```
(x + 1.414213562)(x + 0.6299605249 + 1.091123636 I)
```

```
(x + 0.6299605249 - 1.091123636 I)(x - 1.259921050)(x - 1.414213562)
```

```
(x + 2.414213562)(x + 1.629960525 + 1.091123636 I)(x + 1.629960525 - 1.091123636 I)
```

```
(x - 0.2599210499)(x - 0.4142135624)
```

### 3.6.7

We enter the polynomials  $f$  and  $g$  from the given parametric equations.

```
> f := u*(1+t^2) - t^2;
```

```
g := v*(1+t^2) - t^3;
```

$$f := u(1 + t^2) - t^2$$

$$g := v(1 + t^2) - t^3$$

We compute  $\text{Res}(f, g, t)$  to eliminate  $t$ . The parametrized curve is then described by the implicit equation  $\text{Res}(f, g, t) = 0$ .

```
> resultant( f, g, t );
```

$$u^3 + v^2 u - v^2$$

To check this against our previous method of implicitization, we compute a Groebner basis  $G$  for the ideal generated by  $f, g$  w.r.t. lex order,  $(u, v) < t$ . Note that since the denominator  $1 + t^2$  is relatively prime to the numerators, we don't have to include the extra polynomial to guarantee that  $1 + t^2$  won't vanish.

```
> Groebner[Basis]( [f, g], plex(t, u, v) );
```

$$[u^3 + v^2 u - v^2, vt - u^2 - v^2, ut - v, t^2 - u^2 - u - v^2]$$

We know that the single polynomial in  $G \cap k[u, v]$  defines the implicit equation for the curve.

This agrees with the equation  $\text{Res}(f, g, t) = 0$ .

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4.2.7

a)

We enter the given  $f$  and the generators for the ideal  $I$ .

```

> f := x+y;
F := expand( [x^3, y^3, x*y*(x+y)] );

```

$$f := x + y$$

$$F := [x^3, y^3, x^2y + xy^2]$$

To determine if  $f \in \sqrt{I}$ , we compute a reduced Groebner basis for the ideal generated by the generators of  $I$  and the polynomial  $1 - tf$ .

```

> Groebner[Basis]( [op(F), 1-t*f], tdeg(x,y,t) );

```

[1]

Since this ideal is generated by 1 (so is all of  $k[x, y, t]$ ), Proposition 8 tells us that  $f \in \sqrt{I}$ .

To determine the smallest  $m$  such that  $f^m \in I$ , we compute a Groebner basis  $G$  for  $I$  and then divide successive powers  $f^i$  by  $G$  until one of them reduces to zero. Then this one is in  $I$ .

```

> G := Groebner[Basis]( F, tdeg(x,y) );

```

$$G := [y^3, x^2y + xy^2, x^3]$$

```

> Groebner[NormalForm]( f, G, tdeg(x,y) );

```

```

for i while (%<> 0) do

```

```

  r:=Groebner[NormalForm]( expand( f^(i+1) ), G, tdeg(x,y) );

```

```

od;

```

```

'i' = i;

```

$$x + y$$

$$x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

0

$i = 3$

*Don't use %/0*

So  $f^3$  is the smallest power of  $f$  that is in  $I$ .

b)

We enter the given  $f$  and the generators for the ideal  $I$ .

```

> f := x^2+3*x*z;
F := [x+z, x^2*y, x-z^2];

```

$$f := x^2 + 3xz$$

$$F := [x + z, x^2y, x - z^2]$$

To determine if  $f \in \sqrt{I}$ , we compute a reduced Groebner basis for the ideal generated by the



generators of  $I$  and the polynomial  $1 - tf$ .

```
> Groebner[Basis]( [op(F), 1-t*f], tdeg(x,y,z,t) );  
[1 + 2 t, z + 1, y, x - 1]
```

Since this ideal is not generated by 1 (so is not all of  $k[x, y, t]$ ), Proposition 8 tells us that **not**  $f \in \sqrt{I}$ .

## 4.2.12

We enter the given polynomial  $f \in Q[x, y]$ .

```
> f :=  
x^5 + 3*x^4*y + 3*x^3*y^2 - 2*x^4*y^2 + x^2*y^3 - 6*x^3*y^3 - 6*x^2*y^4 + x^3*y^4 - 2*x*y^5 + 3*x^2*y^5 + 3*x*y^6 + y^7;
```

$f :=$

$$x^5 + 3x^4y + 3x^3y^2 - 2x^4y^2 + x^2y^3 - 6x^3y^3 - 6x^2y^4 + x^3y^4 - 2xy^5 + 3x^2y^5 + 3xy^6 + y^7$$

By Proposition 12, if  $I$  is the principal ideal generated by  $f$  then  $\sqrt{I}$  is generated by

$$f_{red} = \frac{f}{\text{GCD}\left(f, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}f, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}f\right)}. \text{ We compute this polynomial } f_{red}.$$

```
> g := gcd( f, gcd( diff(f,x), diff(f,y) ) );
```

$$g := x^3 + 2x^2y - x^2y^2 + xy^2 - 2xy^3 - y^4$$

```
> f_red := simplify(f/g);
```

$$f_{red} := x^2 + xy - xy^2 - y^3$$

This is the generator for  $\sqrt{I}$ .

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**Additional exercise on resultants**

**a)**

We enter the generators of  $I$ , the polynomials  $f$  and  $g$ , and compute  $R = \text{Res}(f, g, x)$ .

> f := x^2+2\*y^2-3;

g := x^2+x\*y+y^2;

$$f := x^2 + 2y^2 - 3$$

$$g := x^2 + xy + y^2$$

> R := resultant( f, g, x );

$$R := 3y^4 - 9y^2 + 9$$

**b)**

To determine if  $\langle R \rangle = I \cap Q[y]$ , we compute a Groebner basis  $G$  for  $I$  w.r.t. lex order,  $y < x$ .

> G := Groebner[Basis]( [f,g], plex(x,y) );

$$G := [3 - 3y^2 + y^4, -y^3 + x + 2y]$$

By the Elimination Theorem, the first polynomial  $g$  in  $G$  (in variable  $y$  alone) forms a basis for  $I \cap Q[y]$ . Since  $g$  and  $R$  are constant multiples of each other ( $R = 3g$ ), they generate the same ideal. That is,  $\langle R \rangle = I \cap Q[y]$ .

**c)**

To compute  $A, B$  such that  $Af + Bg = R$  we use the method described in the proof of Proposition 9 in Section 3.5.

We find  $A^{\sim}, B^{\sim}$  such that  $A^{\sim}f + B^{\sim}g = 1$ , where the coefficients of  $A^{\sim}, B^{\sim}$  are the entries in the solution  $x$  of  $\text{Syl}(f, g, x) x = [0, 0, 0, 1]^T$ . We then multiply these by  $R = \text{Res}(f, g, x)$  to get the desired  $A, B$ . We must also remember that Maple defines the Sylvester matrix as the transpose of how we define it.

> with(LinearAlgebra):

Syl := Transpose(SylvesterMatrix( f, g, x ));

$$\text{Syl} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & y & 1 \\ -3+2y^2 & 0 & y^2 & y \\ 0 & -3+2y^2 & 0 & y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

> C := LinearSolve( Syl, Vector( [0,0,0,1] ) ); OK.

$$C := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{y}{3(-3y^2 + y^4 + 3)} \\ \frac{-3 + 2y^2}{3(-3y^2 + y^4 + 3)} \\ -\frac{y}{3(-3y^2 + y^4 + 3)} \\ -\frac{-3 + y^2}{3(-3y^2 + y^4 + 3)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Above we have the coefficients for  $A^{\sim}, B^{\sim}$ . We multiply these by  $R$ , and then build  $A, B$ .

```
> C := simplify(R*C);
```

$$C := \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -3 + 2y^2 \\ -y \\ 3 - y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
> A := C[1]*x+C[2];
```

```
    B := C[3]*x+C[4];
```

$$A := xy - 3 + 2y^2$$

$$B := -xy + 3 - y^2$$

This gives us the polynomials  $A, B \in Q[x, y]$  such that  $Af + Bg = R$ . We verify this equation.

```
> expand( A*f+B*g-R );
```

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> restart;

Error in my grevlex monomial ordering.  
Ignore grevlex GB's Calculated.  
OK

## Additional exercise on Buchberger's algorithm

Fortunately I did all of this work for the last assignment!

### Implementation of the Division Algorithm

We program the multivariate division algorithm. Our procedure takes as input a polynomial  $f$  to divide, an ordered  $s$ -tuple  $[f_1, \dots, f_s]$  to divide by, a variable ordering  $X$ , and a procedure  $LT(g, X)$  that computes the leading term of a polynomial  $g$  with respect to a certain monomial order. The output from our procedure is  $[[a_1, \dots, a_s], r]$  satisfying the conditions given in the division algorithm. The procedure uses a global procedure *monom\_divis* that tests whether one monomial term is divisible by another monomial term. If the optional parameter *verbose = true* is given, the procedure will print out its intermediate calculations.

```
> DIVIDE := proc( f, fL::list, X::list, LT::procedure )
  local s, a, r, p, t, i, verb;
  global monom_divis;
  verb := false;
  if (nargs > 4) then for t in args[5..-1] do
    if (op(1,t) = verbose) then verb := op(2,t) fi;
  od fi;
  s := nops(fL);
  for i from 1 to s do a[i] := 0 od;
  (p,r) := (f,0);
  while (p <> 0) do
    if (verb) then print('p' = p) fi;
    i := 1;
    while (i <= s) and not(monom_divis( LT(p,X), LT(fL[i],X),
X )) do i := i+1 od;
    if (i > s) then
      (p,r) := (p-LT(p,X),r+LT(p,X));
      if (verb) then print('r' = r) fi;
    else
      t := LT(p,X)/LT(fL[i],X);
      (p,a[i]) := (p-expand(t*fL[i]),a[i]+t);
      if (verb) then print(`a[ $|i|$ ]` = a[i]) fi;
    fi;
  od;
  return [[seq(a[i], i=1..s)],r];
end;
```

We write a procedure to compute the multidegree of a polynomial  $f$  in variables  $X$ . The

multideg is dependent on the monomial ordering chosen, so as in the division algorithm we input a procedure to compute leading terms.

```
> multideg := proc( f, X::list, LT::procedure )
  if type( f, `+` ) then return multideg( LT(f,X), X, LT )
  fi;
  return map2( degree, f, X );
end;
```

We write a procedure to test if one monomial term  $m_1$  is divisible by another monomial term  $m_2$  in variables  $X$ . Note that the property of divisibility is independent of the monomial ordering chosen.

```
> monom_divis := proc( m1, m2, X::list )
  local a, i;
  global multideg;
  if type( m1, `+` ) or type( m2, `+` ) then error "inputs
  should be monomials" fi;
  a := multideg( m1, X ) - multideg( m2, X );
  for i in a do if (i < 0) then return false fi od;
  return true;
end;
```

We write a procedure to compute leading terms with respect to lexicographic order.

```
> LTlex := proc( f, X::list ) local c, m;
  c := lcoeff( f, X, 'm' );
  return c*m;
end;
```

We write a procedure to compute leading terms with respect to graded lexicographic order.

```
> LTgrlex := proc( f, X::list ) local d, g, t;
  if not(type( f, `+` )) then return f fi;
  d := max( seq( degree(t), t=f ) );
  g := add( `if`( degree(t) = d, t, 0 ), t=f );
  return LTlex(g,X);
end;
```

We write a procedure to compute leading terms with respect to graded reverse lexicographic order.

```
> LTgrevlex := proc( f, X::list ) local d, g, t, c, m;
  if not(type( f, `+` )) then return f fi;
  d := max( seq( degree(t), t=f ) );
  g := add( `if`( degree(t) = d, t, 0 ), t=f );
  c := tcoeff( g, X, 'm' );
  return c*m;
end;
```

## **Implementation of Buchberger's algorithm**

We begin by programming a procedure to calculate S-polynomials. This procedure computes

$S(f, g)$  with respect to the monomial order defined by the variable ordering  $X$ , and the leading-term procedure  $LT(g, X)$ . If the optional parameter *fractionfree* = *true* is given then the resulting S-polynomial will be scaled so that none of its coefficients are fractions.

```
> S_poly := proc( f, g, X::list, LT )
  local ltf, ltg, a, b, c, lcm, i, fractfree;
    fractfree := false;
    if (nargs > 4) then for c in args[5..-1] do
      if (op(1,c) = fractionfree) then fractfree := op(2,c)
    fi;
  od fi;
  (ltf,ltg) := (LT(f,X),LT(g,X));
  (a,b) := multideg( ltf, X ),multideg( ltg, X );
  lcm := mul( X[i]^max(a[i],b[i]), i=1..nops(a) );
  if (fractfree) then
    c := ilcm( lcoeff( ltf, X ), lcoeff( ltg, X ) );
    lcm := c*lcm;
  fi;
  return expand(lcm/ltf*f)-expand(lcm/ltg*g);
end;
```

We program Buchberger's algorithm as given in lecture and in the textbook. Our procedure takes as input a list of generators  $[f_1, \dots, f_s]$  for an ideal, a variable ordering  $X$ , and a procedure  $LT(g, X)$  that computes leading terms with respect to a certain monomial order. It outputs a Groebner basis  $[g_1, \dots, g_r]$  for the ideal. This Groebner basis will contain no new duplicate polynomials and will preserve the order of the original polynomials. The procedure uses global procedures *S\_poly* for computing S-polynomials and *DIVIDE* to perform the multivariate division algorithm. The optional parameters *verbose* and *fractionfree* can be specified true or false to determine if intermediate calculations will be shown and if S-polynomials will be scaled to be fraction free.

```
> Buchberger := proc( F::list, X::list, LT::procedure )
  local G, G_set, f, g, S, r, i, j, k, verb, fractfree;
  global DIVIDE, S_poly;
  (verb,fractfree) := (false,false);
  if (nargs > 3) then for r in args[4..-1] do
    if (op(1,r) = verbose) then verb := op(2,r);
    elif (op(1,r) = fractionfree) then fractfree := op(2,r)
  fi;
od fi;
(G,G_set) := (F,{op(F)});
j := 1;
while (j <= nops(G)) do
  g := G[j];
  k := nops(G);
```

```

i := 1;
while (i < j) do
  f := G[i];
  S := S_poly( f, g, X, LT, fractionfree=fractfree );
  r := DIVIDE( S, G[1..k], X, LT );
  if (verb) then print('S'(f,g) = S, div = r, 'G' = k)
fi;
  r := r[-1];
  if (r <> 0) and not(member( r, G_set )) then
    (G,G_set) := ([op(G),r],G_set union {r}) fi;
  i := i+1;
od;
j := j+1;
od;
return G;
end:

```

We write a procedure to take any Groebner basis for an ideal with respect to a given monomial order and transform it into the unique reduced Groebner basis for this ideal with respect to the monomial order.

```

> GroebnerReduce := proc( GB::list, X::list, LT::procedure )
local G, rG, g, r, verb;
global DIVIDE;
verb := false;
if (nargs > 3) then for r in args[4..-1] do
  if (op(1,r) = verbose) then verb := op(2,r) fi;
od fi;
(rG,G) := ([],GB);
while (G <> []) do
  (g,G) := (G[1],G[2..-1]);
  r := DIVIDE( g, [op(rG),op(G)], X, LT );
  if (verb) then print('g' = g, rem = r, 'G' =
nops(rG)+nops(G)) fi;
  r := r[-1];
  if (r <> 0) then rG := [op(rG),r/lcoeff( LT(r,X), X )]
fi;
od;
return rG;
end:

```

### **Problem 1**

We enter the given polynomials and the variable ordering.

```

> X := [x,y,z];
f1 := x*y-1;

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f2 := x*z-1;
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X := [x, y, z]
```

```
f1 := x*y-1
```

```
f2 := x*z-1
```

We compute the Groebner basis with respect to lex order, grlex order *and* grevlex order (with the given variable ordering), for the ideal generated by the given polynomials.

```
> G_lex := Buchberger( [f1,f2], X, LTlex, verbose=true );
G_grlex := Buchberger( [f1,f2], X, LTgrlex, verbose=true );
G_grevlex := Buchberger( [f1,f2], X, LTgrevlex, verbose=true );
```

$S(xy-1, xz-1) = -z+y, \text{div} = [[0, 0], -z+y], G=2$  ✓

$S(xy-1, -z+y) = xz-1, \text{div} = [[0, 1, 0], 0], G=3$

$S(xz-1, -z+y) = -y+xz^2, \text{div} = [[0, z, -1], 0], G=3$

$G_{\text{lex}} := [xy-1, xz-1, -z+y]$  ✓

~~Always done~~  $S(xy-1, xz-1) = -z+y, \text{div} = [[0, 0], -z+y], G=2$  ~~OK~~

$S(xy-1, -z+y) = xz-1, \text{div} = [[0, 1, 0], 0], G=3$

$S(xz-1, -z+y) = -y+xz^2, \text{div} = [[0, z, -1], 0], G=3$

$G_{\text{grlex}} := [xy-1, xz-1, -z+y]$

$S(xy-1, xz-1) = -z+y, \text{div} = [[0, 0], -z+y], G=2$

$S(xy-1, -z+y) = -z+xy^2, \text{div} = [[y, 0, 1], 0], G=3$

$S(xz-1, -z+y) = xy-1, \text{div} = [[1, 0, 0], 0], G=3$

$G_{\text{grevlex}} := [xy-1, xz-1, -z+y]$

Now we reduce each Groebner basis and print it with its set of leading terms.

```
> G_lex := GroebnerReduce( G_lex, X, LTlex );
print( lex, G = G_lex, LT(G) = map( LTlex, G_lex, X ) );
G_grlex := GroebnerReduce( G_grlex, X, LTgrlex );
print( grlex, G = G_grlex, LT(G) = map( LTgrlex, G_grlex, X ) );
G_grevlex := GroebnerReduce( G_grevlex, X, LTgrevlex );
print( grevlex, G = G_grevlex, LT(G) = map( LTgrevlex, G_grevlex, X ) );
```

$\text{lex}, G = [xz-1, -z+y], \text{LT}(G) = [xz, y]$  ✓ ✓

$\text{grlex}, G = [xz-1, -z+y], \text{LT}(G) = [xz, y]$  ✓ ✓

$\text{grevlex}, G = [xy-1, -y+z], \text{LT}(G) = [xy, z]$  X ✓

## Problem 2

We enter the given polynomials and the variable ordering.

```
> X := [w, x, y, z];
f1 := 3*x-6*y-2*z;
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f2 := 2*x-4*y+4*w;
f3 := x-2*y-z-w;
```

$$X := [w, x, y, z]$$

$$f1 := 3x - 6y - 2z$$

$$f2 := 2x - 4y + 4w$$

$$f3 := x - 2y - z - w$$

We compute the Groebner basis with respect to lex order, grlex order *and* grevlex order (with the given variable ordering), for the ideal generated by the given polynomials.

```
> G_lex := Buchberger( [f1,f2,f3], X, LTlex );
G_grlex := Buchberger( [f1,f2,f3], X, LTgrlex );
G_grevlex := Buchberger( [f1,f2,f3], X, LTgrevlex );
```

$$G_{lex} := [3x - 6y - 2z, 2x - 4y + 4w, x - 2y - z - w]$$

$$G_{grlex} := [3x - 6y - 2z, 2x - 4y + 4w, x - 2y - z - w]$$

$$G_{grevlex} := [3x - 6y - 2z, 2x - 4y + 4w, x - 2y - z - w]$$

Now we reduce each Groebner basis and print it with its set of leading terms.

```
> G_lex := GroebnerReduce( G_lex, X, LTlex );
print( lex, G = G_lex, LT(G) = map( LTlex, G_lex, X ) );
G_grlex := GroebnerReduce( G_grlex, X, LTgrlex );
print( grlex, G = G_grlex, LT(G) = map( LTgrlex, G_grlex, X ) );
G_grevlex := GroebnerReduce( G_grevlex, X, LTgrevlex );
print( grevlex, G = G_grevlex, LT(G) = map( LTgrevlex, G_grevlex, X ) );
```

$$\text{lex, } G = \left[ x - 2y - \frac{2z}{3}, w + \frac{z}{3} \right], \text{LT}(G) = [x, w] \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{grlex, } G = \left[ x - 2y - \frac{2z}{3}, w + \frac{z}{3} \right], \text{LT}(G) = [x, w] \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{grevlex, } G = \left[ y - \frac{x}{2} - w, z + 3w \right], \text{LT}(G) = [y, z]$$

### **Problem 3**

We enter the given polynomials and the variable ordering.

```
> X := [x,y,z];
f1 := x^2+y+z-1;
f2 := x+y^2+z-1;
f3 := x+y+z^2-1;
```

$$X := [x, y, z]$$

$$f1 := x^2 + y + z - 1$$

$$f2 := x + y^2 + z - 1$$

$$f_3 := x + y + z^2 - 1$$

We compute the Groebner basis with respect to lex order, grlex order *and* grevlex order (with the given variable ordering), for the ideal generated by the given polynomials.

```
> G_lex := Buchberger( [f1, f2, f3], X, LTlex );
G_grlex := Buchberger( [f1, f2, f3], X, LTgrlex );
G_grevlex := Buchberger( [f1, f2, f3], X, LTgrevlex );
```

$$G_{\text{lex}} := \left[ x^2 + y + z - 1, x + y^2 + z - 1, x + y + z^2 - 1, y + y^4 + 2y^2z - 2y^2 + z^2 - z, \right. \\ \left. y^3 + zy + z^2y^2 + z^3 - z^2 - y^2, y^2 + z - y - z^2, -z^4 + z^2 - 2z^2y, 2z^4 - 2z^3 - \frac{1}{2}z^6 + \frac{1}{2}z^2, \right. \\ \left. -2z^4 + 2z^3 + \frac{1}{2}z^6 - \frac{1}{2}z^2 \right]$$

$$G_{\text{grlex}} := [x^2 + y + z - 1, x + y^2 + z - 1, x + y + z^2 - 1]$$

$$G_{\text{grevlex}} := [x^2 + y + z - 1, x + y^2 + z - 1, x + y + z^2 - 1]$$

Now we reduce each Groebner basis and print it with its set of leading terms.

```
> G_lex := GroebnerReduce( G_lex, X, LTlex );
print( lex, G = G_lex, LT(G) = map( LTlex, G_lex, X ) );
G_grlex := GroebnerReduce( G_grlex, X, LTgrlex );
print( grlex, G = G_grlex, LT(G) = map( LTgrlex, G_grlex, X ) );
G_grevlex := GroebnerReduce( G_grevlex, X, LTgrevlex );
print( grevlex, G = G_grevlex, LT(G) = map( LTgrevlex, G_grevlex, X ) );
```

$$\text{lex, } G = \left[ x + y + z^2 - 1, y^2 + z - y - z^2, \frac{1}{2}z^4 - \frac{1}{2}z^2 + z^2y, z^6 - 4z^4 + 4z^3 - z^2 \right],$$

$$\text{LT}(G) = [x, y^2, z^2y, z^6]$$

$$\text{grlex, } G = [x^2 + y + z - 1, x + y^2 + z - 1, x + y + z^2 - 1], \text{LT}(G) = [x^2, y^2, z^2]$$

$$\text{grevlex, } G = [x^2 + y + z - 1, x + y^2 + z - 1, x + y + z^2 - 1], \text{LT}(G) = [x^2, y^2, z^2]$$

#### Problem 4

We enter the given polynomials and the correct variable ordering, **not the one given in the assignment description!**

```
> X := [x, y, z];
f1 := x - z^4;
f2 := y - z^5;
```

$$X := [x, y, z]$$

$$f1 := x - z^4$$

$$f2 := y - z^5$$

We compute the Groebner basis with respect to lex order, grlex order *and* grevlex order (with

the given variable ordering), for the ideal generated by the given polynomials.

```
> G_lex := Buchberger( [f1,f2], X, LTlex );
G_grlex := Buchberger( [f1,f2], X, LTgrlex );
G_grevlex := Buchberger( [f1,f2], X, LTgrevlex );

G_lex := [x-z^4, y-z^5] ✓
G_grlex := [x-z^4, y-z^5, -zx+y, -x^2+z^3y, -z^2y^2+x^3, -y^3z+x^4]
G_grevlex := [x-z^4, y-z^5, -zx+y, -x^2+z^3y, -z^2y^2+x^3, -y^3z+x^4, -y^4+x^5]
```

Now we reduce each Groebner basis and print it with its set of leading terms.

```
> G_lex := GroebnerReduce( G_lex, X, LTlex );
print( lex, G = G_lex, LT(G) = map( LTlex, G_lex, X ) );
G_grlex := GroebnerReduce( G_grlex, X, LTgrlex );
print( grlex, G = G_grlex, LT(G) = map( LTgrlex, G_grlex, X ) );
G_grevlex := GroebnerReduce( G_grevlex, X, LTgrevlex );
print( grevlex, G = G_grevlex, LT(G) = map( LTgrevlex, G_grevlex, X ) );
```

```
lex, G = [x-z^4, y-z^5], LT(G) = [x, y] ✓
grlex, G = [-x+z^4, zx-y, -x^2+z^3y, z^2y^2-x^3, -y^3z+x^4],
LT(G) = [z^4, zx, z^3y, z^2y^2, x^4] ✓
grevlex, G = [-x+z^4, zx-y, -x^2+z^3y, z^2y^2-x^3, y^3z-x^4, -y^4+x^5],
LT(G) = [z^4, zx, z^3y, z^2y^2, y^3z, x^5]
```

## - Problem 5

We enter the given polynomials and the variable ordering.

```
> X := [t,x,y,z];
f1 := t^2+x^2+y^2+z^2;
f2 := t^2+2*x^2-x*y-z^2;
f3 := t+y^3-z^3;
```

$$X := [t, x, y, z]$$

$$f1 := t^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$f2 := t^2 + 2x^2 - xy - z^2$$

$$f3 := t + y^3 - z^3$$

We compute the Groebner basis with respect to lex order, grlex order *and* grevlex order (with the given variable ordering), for the ideal generated by the given polynomials.

```
> G_lex := Buchberger( [f1,f2,f3], X, LTlex );
G_grlex := Buchberger( [f1,f2,f3], X, LTgrlex );
G_grevlex := Buchberger( [f1,f2,f3], X, LTgrevlex );

G_lex := [t^2+x^2+y^2+z^2, t^2+2x^2-xy-z^2, t+y^3-z^3, -x^2+y^2+2z^2+xy,
2y^2+3z^2+y^6-2y^3z^3+z^6+xy, -5y^4-13z^2y^2-5z^6y^2-9z^4-y^12+4y^9z^3-6y^6z^6]
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$$+4y^3z^9 - 5y^8 + 10z^3y^5 - z^{12} - 6z^2y^6 + 12z^5y^3 - 6z^8, 5y^3 + 7yz^2 - 3xz^2 - xz^6 + 5y^7$$

$$+ 3y^5z^2 + y^{11} - 4y^8z^3 + 5y^5z^6 - 10y^4z^3 - 6y^2z^5 - 2y^2z^9 + 3z^6y]$$

$$G_{grlex} := [t^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2, t^2 + 2x^2 - xy - z^2, t + y^3 - z^3, -x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 + xy]$$

$$G_{grevlex} := [t^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2, t^2 + 2x^2 - xy - z^2, t + y^3 - z^3, 2t^2 + 3x^2 + y^2 - xy,$$

$$zxy - 2zx^2 - 2yx^2 - 3x^3 - zt^2 - 2yt^2 - 2xt^2 + t,$$

$$5zx^4 + 7yx^4 - 3x^5 + 5zx^2t^2 + 8yx^2t^2 - 5x^3t^2 + zt^4 + 2yt^4 - 2t^4x - xyt - x^2t - t^3,$$

$$x^3y + 7zx^3 + 7x^4 + 2zyt^2 + 4zxt^2 + 2t^2xy + 6t^2x^2 + t^4 - zt - 2xt,$$

$$5zx^3 + 7x^3y - 3x^4 + zyt^2 + 3zxt^2 + 6t^2xy - 8t^2x^2 - 4t^4 - yt - xt, \frac{32x^5y}{25} - \frac{188x^6}{25}$$

$$- \frac{32x^3yt^2}{25} - \frac{57x^4t^2}{5} + \frac{zt^4x}{25} - \frac{43xyt^4}{25} - \frac{107t^4x^2}{25} + \frac{3zx^2t}{5} - \frac{x^2yt}{25} + \frac{39x^3t}{25} + \frac{zt^3}{5}$$

$$+ \frac{2yt^3}{5} + \frac{29xt^3}{25} - \frac{t^2}{5},$$

$$- \frac{44x^3yt^2}{35} + \frac{8x^4t^2}{5} + \frac{3yzt^4}{35} - \frac{zt^4x}{35} - \frac{32xyt^4}{35} + \frac{86t^4x^2}{35} + \frac{33t^6}{35} - \frac{zt^3}{7} + \frac{yt^3}{5} - \frac{3xt^3}{35}$$

$$, \frac{88yx^4}{35} - \frac{16x^5}{5} - \frac{2zx^2t^2}{7} + \frac{52yx^2t^2}{35} - \frac{38x^3t^2}{7} - \frac{6zt^4}{35} - \frac{12yt^4}{35} - \frac{78t^4x}{35} + \frac{2zxt}{7}$$

$$- \frac{2xyt}{5} + \frac{6x^2t}{35} + \frac{6t^3}{35}, \frac{243x^6}{14} + \frac{1881x^4t^2}{56} + \frac{15yzt^4}{28} - \frac{15zt^4x}{56} + \frac{15xyt^4}{56}$$

$$+ \frac{1203t^4x^2}{56} + \frac{129t^6}{28} - \frac{75zx^2t}{56} - \frac{27x^2yt}{56} - \frac{243x^3t}{56} - \frac{75zt^3}{56} - \frac{3yt^3}{14} - \frac{207xt^3}{56}$$

$$+ \frac{33t^2}{56}, - \frac{162x^6}{7} - \frac{627x^4t^2}{14} - \frac{5yzt^4}{7} + \frac{5zt^4x}{14} - \frac{5xyt^4}{14} - \frac{401t^4x^2}{14} - \frac{43t^6}{7}$$

$$+ \frac{25zx^2t}{14} + \frac{9x^2yt}{14} + \frac{81x^3t}{14} + \frac{25zt^3}{14} + \frac{2yt^3}{7} + \frac{69xt^3}{14} - \frac{11t^2}{14}, - \frac{12yx^4}{35} - \frac{132x^5}{35}$$

$$+ \frac{zx^2t^2}{7} - \frac{58yx^2t^2}{35} - \frac{38x^3t^2}{7} + \frac{4zt^4}{35} - \frac{37yt^4}{35} - \frac{68t^4x}{35} + \frac{yzt}{7} - \frac{4xyt}{35} + \frac{3x^2t}{5}$$

$$+ \frac{16t^3}{35}, \frac{44yx^4}{35} - \frac{8x^5}{5} - \frac{zx^2t^2}{7} + \frac{26yx^2t^2}{35} - \frac{19x^3t^2}{7} - \frac{3zt^4}{35} - \frac{6yt^4}{35} - \frac{39t^4x}{35} + \frac{zxt}{7}$$

$$- \frac{xyt}{5} + \frac{3x^2t}{35} + \frac{3t^3}{35}, - \frac{324x^5}{55} + \frac{8zx^2t^2}{55} - \frac{112yx^2t^2}{55} - \frac{95x^3t^2}{11} + \frac{7zt^4}{55} - \frac{17yt^4}{11}$$

$$- \frac{173t^4x}{55} + \frac{yzt}{5} + \frac{3zxt}{55} - \frac{13xyt}{55} + \frac{48x^2t}{55} + \frac{37t^3}{55},$$

$$\left[ -\frac{44x^3y}{35} + \frac{8x^4}{5} + \frac{3zyt^2}{35} - \frac{zx^2t^2}{35} - \frac{32t^2xy}{35} + \frac{86t^2x^2}{35} + \frac{33t^4}{35} - \frac{zt}{7} - \frac{3xt}{35} + \frac{yt}{5} \right]$$

Now we reduce each Groebner basis and print it with its set of leading terms.

```
> G_lex := GroebnerReduce( G_lex, X, LTlex ):
print( lex, G = G_lex, LT(G) = map( LTlex, G_lex, X ) );
G_grlex := GroebnerReduce( G_grlex, X, LTgrlex ):
print( grlex, G = G_grlex, LT(G) = map( LTgrlex, G_grlex, X ) );
G_grevlex := GroebnerReduce( G_grevlex, X, LTgrevlex ):
print( grevlex, G = G_grevlex, LT(G) = map( LTgrevlex,
G_grevlex, X ) );
```

lex,  $G = [t + y^3 - z^3, x^2 + y^6 - 2y^3z^3 + y^2 + z^6 + z^2, 2y^2 + 3z^2 + y^6 - 2y^3z^3 + z^6 + xy, 5y^4 + 13z^2y^2 + 5z^6y^2 + 9z^4 + y^{12} - 4y^9z^3 + 6y^6z^6 - 4y^3z^9 + 5y^8 - 10z^3y^5 + z^{12} + 6z^2y^6 - 12z^5y^3 + 6z^8, -5y^3 - 7yz^2 + 3xz^2 + xz^6 - 5y^7 - 3y^5z^2 - y^{11} + 4y^8z^3 - 5y^5z^6 + 10y^4z^3 + 6y^2z^5 + 2y^2z^9 - 3z^6y], LT(G) = [t, x^2, xy, y^{12}, xz^6]$

grlex,  $G = [t^2 + xy + 2y^2 + 3z^2, t + y^3 - z^3, x^2 - y^2 - 2z^2 - xy], LT(G) = [t^2, y^3, x^2]$

grevlex,  $G = \left[ -t^2 - 2x^2 + xy + z^2, 2t^2 + 3x^2 + y^2 - xy, \right.$

$$zxy - 2zx^2 - 2yx^2 - 3x^3 - zt^2 - 2yt^2 - 2xt^2 + t,$$

$$zx^3 + \frac{13x^4}{11} + \frac{13zyt^2}{44} + \frac{25zx^2t^2}{44} + \frac{2t^2xy}{11} + \frac{25t^2x^2}{22} + \frac{t^4}{4} - \frac{7zt}{44} + \frac{yt}{44} - \frac{13xt}{44}, x^5$$

$$- \frac{2zx^2t^2}{81} + \frac{28yx^2t^2}{81} + \frac{475x^3t^2}{324} - \frac{7zt^4}{324} + \frac{85yt^4}{324} + \frac{173t^4x}{324} - \frac{11yzt}{324} - \frac{zxt}{108}$$

$$+ \frac{13xyt}{324} - \frac{4x^2t}{27} - \frac{37t^3}{324},$$

$$x^3y - \frac{14x^4}{11} - \frac{3zyt^2}{44} + \frac{zx^2t^2}{44} + \frac{8t^2xy}{11} - \frac{43t^2x^2}{22} - \frac{3t^4}{4} + \frac{5zt}{44} + \frac{3xt}{44} - \frac{7yt}{44} \left. \right],$$

$LT(G) = [z^2, y^2, zxy, zx^3, x^5, x^3y]$

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