

CLO 2.2 Monomial Orderings

Def A monomial ordering on  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  is a relation  $>$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  s.t.

- (i)  $>$  is a total ordering  $LM(f)$  is unique  
 (ii)  $\forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$   $\alpha > \beta \Rightarrow \gamma + \alpha > \gamma + \beta$   $LM(f \cdot g) = LM(f) \cdot LM(g)$ .  
 (iii) Every non-empty subset  $S \subset \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  has a least element (well ordering). ( $\Rightarrow$   $\div$  algorithm terminates).

Ex. In  $k[x]$  there is only one monomial ordering

$$1 < x < x^2 < \dots$$

$1 > x > x^2 > x^3 > \dots$  satisfies (i), (ii) but not (iii).

Lemma 2 A relation  $>$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  is a well-ordering

$\Leftrightarrow$  every strictly decreasing sequence  $\alpha^{(1)} > \alpha^{(2)} > \alpha^{(3)} > \dots$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  is finite.

Proof. We will prove  $>$  is NOT a well ordering  $\Leftrightarrow$   
 $\exists$  an infinite strictly decreasing sequence.

$(\Rightarrow)$  Given  $>$  is not a well ordering  
 $\Rightarrow \exists S \subset \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  with no least element.

$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha^{(1)}, \alpha^{(2)} \in S$  s.t.  $\alpha^{(2)} < \alpha^{(1)}$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha^{(3)} \in S$  s.t.  $\alpha^{(3)} < \alpha^{(2)}$ .

$\Rightarrow \alpha^{(1)} > \alpha^{(2)} > \alpha^{(3)} > \alpha^{(4)} > \dots$

[is an infinite strictly decreasing sequence].

$(\Leftarrow)$  Given an infinite strictly decreasing sequence

$$\alpha^{(1)} > \alpha^{(2)} > \alpha^{(3)} > \dots$$

$S = \{ \alpha^{(1)}, \alpha^{(2)}, \alpha^{(3)}, \dots \}$  has no least element.

Lexicographical Order. Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ .

$u > v$  if  $\exists k$  s.t.  $u_k > v_k$  and  $u_i = v_i$  for  $1 \leq i < k$ .

Prop 4. Lex order is a monomial ordering.

Proof d (iii). TAC suppose lex order is not a well ordering. Then by Lemma 2 there is an infinite strictly decreasing sequence in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ .

$$S = \alpha^{(1)} > \alpha^{(2)} > \alpha^{(3)} > \dots$$

$$= [\alpha_1^{(1)}, \alpha_2^{(1)}, \dots, \alpha_n^{(1)}] > [\alpha_1^{(2)}, \alpha_2^{(2)}, \dots, \alpha_n^{(2)}] > [\alpha_1^{(3)}, \alpha_2^{(3)}, \dots, \alpha_n^{(3)}]$$

In lex order

$$A = \alpha_1^{(1)} \geq \alpha_1^{(2)} \geq \alpha_1^{(3)} \geq \dots \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

But  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  is a well ordering  $\Rightarrow$  this sequence  $A$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  must stop decreasing (must "stabilize") i.e.

$$\exists k \geq 1 \text{ s.t. } \alpha_1^{(k)} = \alpha_1^{(k+1)} = \alpha_1^{(k+2)} = \dots$$

So consider  $S$  starting at  $k$  i.e.

$$\alpha^{(k)} > \alpha^{(k+1)} > \alpha^{(k+2)} > \dots$$

$$[\alpha_1^{(k)}, \alpha_2^{(k)}, \dots, \alpha_n^{(k)}] > [\alpha_1^{(k+1)}, \alpha_2^{(k+1)}, \dots, \alpha_n^{(k+1)}] > [\alpha_1^{(k+2)}, \alpha_2^{(k+2)}, \dots, \alpha_n^{(k+2)}] > \dots$$

In lex order  $B = \alpha_2^{(k)} \geq \alpha_2^{(k+1)} \geq \alpha_2^{(k+2)} \geq \dots$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

which is a well ordering so this sequence  $B$  also must stabilize. So  $\exists l \geq k$  s.t.

$$\alpha_2^{(l)} = \alpha_2^{(l+1)} = \alpha_2^{(l+2)} = \dots$$

Repeating this argument  $n$  times the sequence  $S$  must stop decreasing.

Ex. Let  $>$  be a relation on  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  that satisfies props (i) and (ii) in Def (monomial order). Show that  $>$  is a well ordering  $\Leftrightarrow$  the monomial  $[0, 0, 0, \dots, 0]$

that ' $>$ ' is a well ordering  $\Leftrightarrow$  the monomial  $[0,0,0,\dots,0]$  is the least monomial.

CLO 2.3 A division algorithm for ideals in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .  
 Given  $f_1, \dots, f_s \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $f \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  to divide  $f \div \{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  we want to write

$$f = a_1 f_1 + a_2 f_2 + \dots + a_s f_s + r \text{ in } k[x_1, \dots, x_n].$$

$\nwarrow$  quotients.
 $\nearrow$  remainder

Example. Suppose  $f_1 = xy+1$ ,  $f_2 = y+1$ ,  $f = -x + xy^2$ .

Suppose we choose  $\lt_{lex}$  with  $x > y$ .

$$f_1 = \textcircled{xy} + 1, \quad f_2 = \textcircled{y} + 1, \quad f = \textcircled{xy^2} - x$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{LT} \downarrow \\
 \rightarrow f_1 = \textcircled{xy} + 1 \\
 f_2 = \textcircled{y} + 1 \\
 \text{LT} \uparrow
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 a_1 = y \\
 a_2 = -1 \\
 \hline
 \textcircled{xy^2} - x = f = p_1 \\
 - (a_1 f_1 = xy^2 + y) \\
 \hline
 \textcircled{-x} - y = p_2 \\
 - (-x) \\
 \hline
 -y = p_3 \\
 - (a_2 f_2 = -y - 1) \\
 \hline
 1 = p_4 \\
 - 1 \\
 \hline
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$r = -x + 1.$$

$$\text{LM}(p_i) \quad \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ xy^2 & x & y & 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 a_1 = 0 \\
 a_2 = xy - x \\
 \hline
 f_2 = \textcircled{y} + 1 \\
 f_1 = \textcircled{xy} + 1 \\
 \hline
 \textcircled{xy^2} - x \\
 - (xy^2 + xy) \\
 \hline
 -(-xf_2) \quad -xy - x \\
 - (-xy - x) \\
 \hline
 0
 \end{array}
 \quad r = 0$$

So  $f = a_1 f_1 + a_2 f_2 \Rightarrow f \in \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \{ h_1 f_1 + h_2 f_2 : h_1, h_2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x, y] \}$

The output of the  $\div$  alg. is not unique unlike  $k[x]$ .

The problem is not the  $\div$  algorithm. It's the basis  $\{ f_1, f_2 \}$  for  $I = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$ .