

# MMA 数学特論 I

## Algorithms for polynomial systems: elimination & Gröbner bases

多項式系のアルゴリズム: グレブナー基底 & 消去法

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### Lecture VII: Elimination and Nullstellensatz

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## Review on: Elimination and the Nullstellensatz

All fields are **infinite** in this chapter

- $f_1, \dots, f_s \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  a polynomial system.
- $k_1$  any field extension  $k_1|k$ ,
- $\mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$  the set of common solutions in  $k_1$  of the polynomials  $f_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_1, \dots, f_s) &:= \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in k_1^n \mid \forall 1 \leq i \leq s, f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0\} \\ &= \mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_1) \cap \dots \cap \mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_s)\end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1** Such sets are called **affine varieties defined over  $k$** .

Remark: This depends only of the polynomial system  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  and the field  $k$ , not on the field  $k_1$ . Indeed, we have:

for any field  $k_0$  such that  $k \subset k_0 \subset k_1$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_{k_0}(f_1, \dots, f_s) = \mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_1, \dots, f_s) \cap k_0^n$

## Affine variety over field extensions (example)

Algebraic numbers: Let  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \subsetneq \mathbb{C}$ , be the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}$  ( $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  is called the field of *algebraic numbers*):

$$\overline{\mathbb{Q}} := \{\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \text{ such that } \exists P \in \mathbb{Q}[X], P(\alpha) = 0\},$$

→ Cf. Lecture II

Example: Let  $f_1 = (XY)^2 + Y$  and  $f_2 = (Y - 1)(Y^2 - 2)$  a system of 2 equations.

Over  $\mathbb{Q}$ :  $\{Y = 1\}$  is solution of  $f_2$ , but  $f_1(X, 1) = X^2 + 1$  has no solutions, hence  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f_1, f_2) = \emptyset$ .

Over  $k_1 = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ :  $\mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_1, f_2) = \{(i, 1), (-i, 1)\}$ ,

Over  $k_2 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\sqrt{2}})$ :  $\mathbf{V}_{k_2}(f_1, f_2) = \{(\pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \sqrt{\sqrt{2}})\}$

Over  $k_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}, i)$ :  $\mathbf{V}_{k_3}(f_1, f_2) = \mathbf{V}_{k_2}(f_1, f_2) \cup \mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_1, f_2)$

## Affine variety of an ideal

- let  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$  an ideal of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$
- for all  $f \in I$  and field extension  $k_1|k$ :  $\mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_1, \dots, f_s) \subset \mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f)$ .
- If  $\langle g_1, \dots, g_t \rangle = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$ , then  $\mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_1, \dots, f_s) = \mathbf{V}_{k_1}(g_1, \dots, g_t)$ .
- $\Rightarrow \mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$  depends only on the **ideal**  $I$ : we denote  $\mathbf{V}_{k_1}(I) = \mathbf{V}_{k_1}(f_1, \dots, f_s)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ideals of } k[X_1, \dots, X_n] & \rightarrow & \text{Affine varieties defined over } k \\ I & \mapsto & \mathbf{V}_{k_1}(I) \subset k_1^n \end{array}$$

Properties:

- $\mathbf{V}(\cdot)$  is **decreasing**:  $I \subset J \Rightarrow \mathbf{V}(J) \subset \mathbf{V}(I)$ .
- If  $1 \in I$ , then  $\mathbf{V}(I) = \emptyset$  (1 has no solution)
- $\mathbf{V}(\cdot)$  is not one-one:  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbb{C}}((X - 1)^2) = \mathbf{V}_{\mathbb{C}}(X - 1) = \{1\}$ , but  $\langle (X - 1)^2 \rangle \subsetneq \langle X - 1 \rangle$ .

## Ideal of a set. Field of definition of a variety

- Let  $S \subset k^n$

$$\mathbf{I}_k(S) := \{f \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \mid f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0, \forall (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in S\}.$$

This is an ideal of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  the **vanishing ideal** of  $S$ .

- Let  $V \subset k^n$  be an affine variety.

$$\iff \exists I \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \text{ ideal, such that } V = \mathbf{V}_k(I).$$

Let  $k_0$  be the **smallest** field such that:

$$\exists g_1, \dots, g_s \in k_0[X_1, \dots, X_n], \text{ and } \langle g_1, \dots, g_s \rangle = I.$$

**Definition 2** The field  $k_0$  is called the **field of definition** of  $V$ .

It follows that  $V$  is defined over  $k_0$ .

**Example:**  $n = 1$ . The field of definition of  $\{\sqrt{2}\}$  is  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ . But the field of definition of  $\{\pm\sqrt{2}\}$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

## Properties of vanishing ideals

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Affine varieties (defined over } k_0) & \rightarrow & \text{Ideals of } k_0[X_1, \dots, X_n] \\ V & \mapsto & \mathbf{I}(V) \end{array}$$

- Do not care too much about the field  $k$  where is  $V \subset k^n \dots$
- What is important is its field of definition  $k_0$ .
- $\mathbf{I}(\cdot)$  is a decreasing map:  $V \subset W \Rightarrow \mathbf{I}(W) \subset \mathbf{I}(V)$ .

**Lemma 1** *Given an ideal  $I \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , holds:  $I \subset \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{V}(I))$  (not equal in general).*

PROOF: (on the blackboard, with examples ...)

**Lemma 2** *Let  $V$  and  $W$  be 2 affine varieties, then:  $V \subset W \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{I}(W) \subset \mathbf{I}(V)$ . It follows that the map  $\mathbf{I}(\cdot)$  is one-one:  $V \neq W \Rightarrow \mathbf{I}(V) \neq \mathbf{I}(W)$*

PROOF: (on the blackboard)

## Elimination ideal

Let  $S \subset k^n$ .

For  $\ell = 1, \dots, n - 1$ , and  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in S$  let  $\pi_\ell(s) := (s_{\ell+1}, \dots, s_n)$ .

$\pi_\ell(S) := \{\pi_\ell(s), s \in S\} \rightarrow$  projection that eliminates the first  $\ell$  coordinates.

**!** If  $V$  is an affine variety, then  $\pi_\ell(V)$  is not an affine variety in general.

**Definition 3** Let  $I \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  be an ideal. Let  $0 \leq \ell \leq n - 1$ .

$\ell$ -th elimination ideal of  $I$ :  $E_\ell(I) := I \cap k[X_{\ell+1}, \dots, X_n]$

$E_0(I) = I$ ,  $E_{\ell+1}(I) = E_1(E_\ell(I))$  ( $E_1(\cdot)$  eliminates the first variable).

**Lemma 3** Let  $V = \mathbf{V}(I)$  the affine variety defined by the ideal  $I \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ . The inclusion  $\pi_\ell(V) \subset \mathbf{V}(E_\ell(I))$  holds.

PROOF: (on the blackboard, with counterexamples to equality)

## Elimination theorem

**Theorem 1** Let  $\prec$  be the monomial order  $\text{lex}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , and  $I \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  an ideal.

Let  $G$  be a Gröbner basis of  $I$  for  $\prec$ .

Define for  $0 \leq \ell \leq n - 1$  the set  $G_\ell = G \cap k[X_{\ell+1}, \dots, X_n]$ .

Then  $\langle G_\ell \rangle = E_\ell(I)$  ( $= I \cap k[X_{\ell+1}, \dots, X_n]$ ).

**Important remark:**

Let  $I = \langle A, B \rangle \subset k[X, Y] \rightarrow$  system of 2 polynomials  $A, B$ , 2 unknowns  $X, Y$ .

Then  $E_1(I) = I \cap k[Y]$  verifies:

$$E_1(I) = \langle \text{Res}_X(A, B) \rangle$$

$\rightarrow$  Lex. GB. generalizes resultants.









# Basic solving

## Strategy:

- Solving **univariate** polynomials only:

first, in  $z$

second, in  $y$

third, in  $x$

- finding roots of **univariate** polynomials:

efficient numerical algorithm (like Newton-Raphson or another).

**Remark:** In practice, works well if the Gröbner basis is “purely” triangular,

$$\text{one polynomial in } x \quad x^c + f_{c-1}(z, y)x^{c-1} + \dots$$

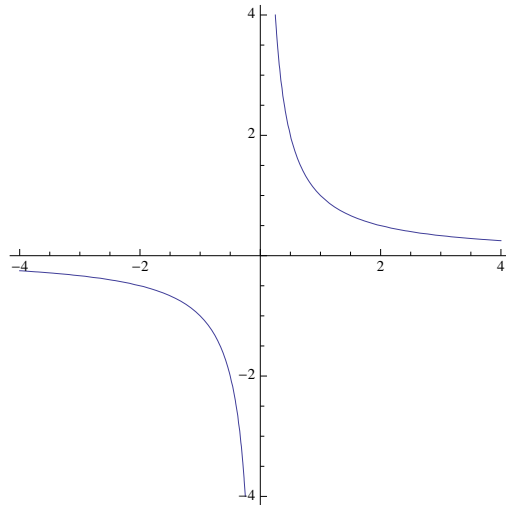
$$\text{one polynomial in } y \quad y^b + g_{b-1}(z)y^{b-1} + \dots$$

$$\text{one polynomial in } z \quad z^a + h_{a-1}z^{a-1} + \dots$$

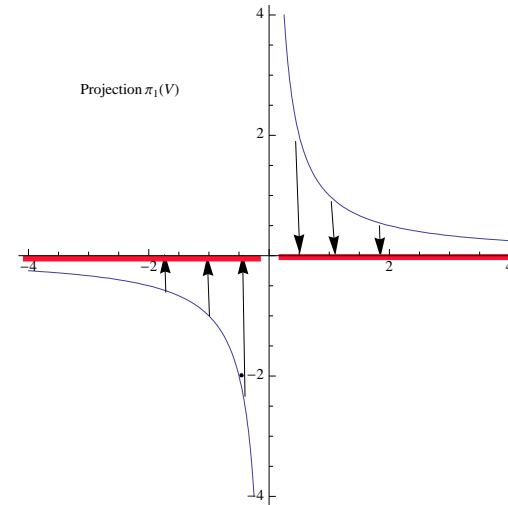
and there are no multiplicities...

## Extension theorem (on a toy example)

The problem:



projection  
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$f(x, y) = yx - 1$  is a Gröbner basis of  $I = \langle f \rangle$  for  $lex(y, x)$ .

Clearly,  $E_1(I) = \langle f \rangle \cap k[x] = \langle 0 \rangle$ .

$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbb{C}}(E_1(I)) = \mathbb{C}.$$

But  $\pi_1(V) = \mathbb{C} - \{0\} \Rightarrow \pi_1(V) \not\subseteq \mathbf{V}(E_1(I))$

$\Rightarrow 0$  is a **useless** solution.

Let us write  $f(x, y) = a_1(x)y + a_0(x)$ ,

$$a_1(x) = x, \text{ and } a_0(x) = -1.$$

We have that  $0$  is a root of  $a_1(x) = x$ . We have  $\mathbf{V}(E_1(I)) = \pi_1(V) \cup \mathbf{V}(a_1)$ .

## Extension theorem (in general)

Generalization: Let  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ .

Let  $E_1(I) = I \cap k[X_2, \dots, X_n]$  (1st elimination ideal of  $I$ , eliminate  $X_1$ )

We write:

$\forall 1 \leq i \leq s$ ,  $f_i = a_i(X_2, \dots, X_n)X_1^{N_i} + \dots$  terms of degree in  $X_1 < N_i$ ,  
where  $a_i \neq 0$ .

Let  $(x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(E_1(I))$  be a partial solution.

**Theorem 2** Suppose that  $(x_2, \dots, x_n) \notin \mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(a_1, \dots, a_s)$ .

Then there exists  $x_1 \in \bar{k}$  such that the partial solution can be extended to a whole solution  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in V = \mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(I)$ .

$$\iff ((x_2, \dots, x_n) \notin \mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(a_1, \dots, a_s) \Rightarrow (x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \pi_1(V))$$

$$\iff \mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(E_1(I)) = \pi_1(V) \cup \mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(a_1, \dots, a_s)$$

## Extension theorem (3 comments)

- The equality  $\mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(E_1(I)) = \pi_1(V) \cup \mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(a_1, \dots, a_s)$  is true **only** over an **algebraically closed** field (like  $\mathbb{C}$ )  $\rightarrow$  we used  $\bar{k}$  and not  $k$
- Link with resultant: (Lect. VI, Part 2, Prop. 3)

$$\begin{aligned} A(X, Y) &= a_m(X)Y^m + a_{m-1}(X)Y^{m-1} + \dots + a_1(X)Y + a_0(X) \\ B(X, Y) &= b_n(X)Y^n + b_{n-1}(X)Y^{n-1} + \dots + b_1(X)Y + b_0(X) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $r(X) = \text{Res}_Y(A, B)$ , the resultant that eliminates  $Y$ .

$$x \in \bar{k}, r(x) = 0 \iff (\exists y \in \bar{k}, A(x, y) = B(x, y) = 0 \text{ or } a_m(x) = b_n(x) = 0)$$

$$\iff \mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(E_1(A, B)) = \mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(r) = \pi_1(V) \cup \mathbf{V}_{\bar{k}}(a_m, b_n), \quad \text{with } \cup \text{ disjoint.}$$

- **!!** In **Theorem 2**, the union  $\cup$  is **not disjoint** in general. **!!**

**But**, the union  $\cup$  is **disjoint** if  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  is a lex GB. (PROOF: *points in  $\mathbf{V}(a_1, \dots, a_s)$  are solutions at the infinity... requires projective tools...*)

## Weak Nullstellensatz

**Fundamental Theorem of Algebra:** Any **non-constant** polynomial  $P(X) \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  has at least one root.

$P$  is not constant  $\iff (1 \notin \langle P \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}[X])$

$P$  has at least one root  $\iff \mathbf{V}_{\mathbb{C}}(P) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Weak Nullstellensatz:** Let  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  be a polynomial system in  $\mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ .

**Theorem 3**  $1 \notin \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle \iff \mathbf{V}(f_1, \dots, f_s) \neq \emptyset$

Or, the polynomial system  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  has a solution if and only if the ideal  $\langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$  has no constant.



## Nullstellensatz (1/2): radical ideal

Let  $I \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  be an ideal.

**Lemma 1** says that  $I \subset \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{V}(I)) \dots$

What is  $\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{V}(I))$  ?

**Definition 4**  $\sqrt{I} := \{f \in k[X_1, \dots, x_n] \text{ such that } \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, f^n \in I\}$  This is an ideal, called the **radical** of  $I$ .

For any ideal  $J$ , always holds  $J \subset \sqrt{J}$ . An ideal  $J$  is **radical**, if  $\sqrt{J} = J$ .

Remark: Let  $f \in k[X]$  a polynomial.

It has a **unique factorization**, that is, there exist irreducible polynomials (Cf. Lect. II, Definition 5)  $P_1, \dots, P_s \in k[X]$  such that:

$$f = P_1^{e_1} \dots P_s^{e_s}.$$

The exponent  $e_i \in \mathbb{N}$  is called the **multiplicity** of  $P_i$ .

Check that:  $\sqrt{\langle f \rangle} = \langle P_1 \dots P_s \rangle$  (this is the **squarefree part** of  $f$ ).

## Nullstellensatz (2/2)

**Theorem 4** *Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  over an algebraically closed field  $k$  (like  $k = \mathbb{C}$ ). We have  $\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{V}(I)) = \sqrt{I}$ .*

PROOF:(on the blackboard...)

Comments:

- True over  $\mathbb{C}$ , not true over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- The radical  $\sqrt{I}$  is **difficult** to compute in general.
- **But**, it is easy to test if  $f \in \sqrt{I}$  (when we know  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$ ):

Rabinovitch's trick:  $f \in \sqrt{I} \iff 1 \in \langle f_1, \dots, f_s, 1 - Yf \rangle$ , ( $Y$  new variable).

## Irreducible varieties and prime ideals

**Definition 5**  $V$  is irreducible if:  $V = V_1 \cup V_2 \Rightarrow V = V_1$  or  $V = V_2$

$V = \mathbf{V}(x^2 - y^2)$  is not irreducible because  $V = \mathbf{V}(x - y) \cup \mathbf{V}(x + y)$ .

Prime ideal: (Lect. II, Def. 6)  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime ideal if  $xy \in \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow x \in \mathfrak{p}$  or  $y \in \mathfrak{p}$ .

**Proposition 1** Let  $V \subset k^n$  be an affine variety.

$V$  is irred.  $\iff \mathbf{I}(V)$  is a prime ideal.

PROOF: (on the blackboard...)

**Proposition 2** Any affine variety  $V$  is a finite union of irreducible varieties. There exists irred. varieties  $V_1, \dots, V_s$  such that:

$$V = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_s.$$

PROOF: (It is an induction proof, that uses the Noetherian property...)

**Corollary 1** Over an algebraically closed field  $k$ , any radical ideal  $I \neq \langle 1 \rangle$  is a finite intersection of prime ideals:

$$I = \bigcap_{i=1}^s \mathfrak{p}_i$$

PROOF: (roughly,  $I = \mathbf{I}(V) = \mathbf{I}(V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_s) = \mathbf{I}(V_1) \cap \dots \cap \mathbf{I}(V_s)$ )

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## The algebra-geometry dictionary

| ALGEBRA                        |   | GEOMETRY   |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$           |   | affine spaces $k_1^n$ ( $k \subset k_1$ )            |
| Ideal $I$                      | $\xrightarrow{\mathbf{V}_{k_1}(\cdot)}$ | affine varieties $\mathbf{V}_{k_1}(I) \subset k_1^n$ |
| Radical ideals $I = \sqrt{I}$  | $\xleftarrow{\mathbf{I}(\cdot)}$        |  |
| Prime ideals $\mathfrak{p}$    | $\longleftrightarrow$                   | irreducible varieties                                |
| Elimination ideals $E_\ell(I)$ | $\dashrightarrow$                       | Projection varieties $\pi_\ell(V)$                   |
| $\sqrt{E_\ell(I)}$             | $\xleftarrow{\mathbf{I}(\cdot)}$        |  |
| $\sqrt{I \cap J}$              | $\longleftrightarrow$                   | $\mathbf{V}(I) \cup \mathbf{V}(J)$                   |