# Fast construction of a lexicographic Gröbner basis of the vanishing ideal of a set of points 

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- Yet, all those works are somewhat still "incomplete". Why ?
- research articles tend to address some aspects and ignoring some others.
- for example, fully explicit interpolation formulas have not appear clearly...
- ... it is a key for a sharp complexity study.


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(2) The structure of (non-generic) lexGB allows to recycle computations.
- But difficult to estimate in general. Simple strategy is still a work in progress.


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One-one correspondence between standard monomials and leaves

## Lextree II

More than standard monomials, we are interested in leading monomials of a lexGB.
We introduce a new variation of computing standard monomials to compute leading exponents:

Example interlude

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where $h_{p t s}$ is the max bit-size among coordinates of all points in $V$.

- all in all, this is not a bad choice. . . it has moreover good properties...


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