

Pf " $\Rightarrow$ " Apply Cor 2.48 to  $S(f, g) \in I$ .

" $\Leftarrow$ " Let  $0 \neq f \in I$ . Write

$$f = \lambda_1 g_1 H_1 + \dots + \lambda_r g_r H_r \quad (I)$$

with  $0 \neq g_i \in \mathcal{G}$  and monomials  $H_i \in \mathcal{S}$  with minimal  $M := \max_{1 \leq i \leq r} (\text{lm}(g_i H_i))$ .

Clearly  $\text{lm}(f) \leq M$ .

$\lambda_i \in K^*$

If  $\text{lm}(f) = M$ , then  $\text{lm}(f) = \text{lm}(g_i H_i) = \text{lm}(g_i) \cdot H_i$ ,  
so  $\text{lm}(f)$  is divisible by the leading mon. of an element of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Assume  $\text{lm}(f) < M$ .

Since the monomial  $M$  has to cancel in the RHS of (I).

w.l.o.g.  $\text{lm}(g_i H_i) = M$  for  $i = 1, \dots, t$   
 $\text{lm}(g_i H_i) < M$  for  $i = t+1, \dots, r$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^t \lambda_i \text{lc}(g_i) = 0. \quad (\text{in part, } t \geq 2)$$

By assumption, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M \cdot S(g_i, g_1)}{\text{rem}(\text{lm}(g_i), \text{lm}(g_1))} &= \frac{M}{\text{lt}(g_i)} \cdot g_i - \frac{M}{\text{lt}(g_1)} \cdot g_1 \\ &= \sum_j P_j^{(i)} \cdot q_j^{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

with  $0 \neq p_j^{(i)} \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $q_j^{(i)} \in \mathcal{K}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  
 and  $\text{lm}(p_j^{(i)} \cdot q_j^{(i)}) \leq \text{lm}\left(\frac{M}{\text{lc}(g_i)} g_i - \frac{M}{\text{lc}(g_1)} g_1\right)$   
 $< M$ .

$$\Rightarrow g_i H_i = \frac{\text{lc}(g_i) H_i}{M} \cdot \sum p_j^{(i)} q_j^{(i)} + \frac{\text{lc}(g_i) H_i H_1}{\text{lc}(g_1) H_1} \cdot g_1 \quad \text{for } i=1, \dots, t$$

$$= \text{lc}(g_i H_i) \cdot \sum p_j^{(i)} q_j^{(i)} + \frac{\text{lc}(g_i) H_1}{\text{lc}(g_1)} \cdot g_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 g_1 H_1 + \dots + \lambda_t g_t H_t = \sum_{i=1}^t \underbrace{\lambda_i \text{lc}(g_i H_i)}_{\in \mathcal{K}} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{G}} p_j^{(i)} q_j^{(i)}}_{\text{lm}(\cdot) < M} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^t \frac{\lambda_i \text{lc}(g_i)}{\text{lc}(g_1)} \cdot g_1 H_1}_{0}$$

$\Rightarrow$  We can rewrite  $f$  as a sum as in (I)

with smaller  $M = \max_{1 \leq i \leq r} (\text{lm}(g_i H_i))$ .  $\square$

similar to:

$\{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid a_1 + \dots + a_n = 0\}$  is spanned by  
 $e_i - e_j$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ .

## Buchberger's algorithm — finite

We can compute a  $\checkmark$  Gröbner basis of

$I = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$  as follows:

construct sets

$$F = G_0, G_1, G_2, \dots$$

of polynomials generating  $I$  such that

$$(\text{lm}(G_0)) \subsetneq (\text{lm}(G_1)) \subsetneq (\text{lm}(G_2)) \subsetneq \dots$$

If  $G_k$  fails Buchberger's criterion, there is a reduction  $r \neq 0$  of some  $S(g_1, g_2)$  with

$g_1, g_2 \in G_k$  (w.r.t.  $G_k$ ).

$\Rightarrow \text{lm}(r)$  is not divisible by any element of  $\text{lm}(G_k)$ .

Take  $G_{k+1} = G_k \cup \{r\}$ .

$\Rightarrow (\text{lm}(G_{k+1})) \supsetneq (\text{lm}(G_k))$ .

By Hilbert's Basis Theorem, this process terminates after a finite number of steps.

Prick You can also after each step replace any element  $g$  of  $G_k$  by its reduction w.r.t.  $G_k \setminus \{g\}$ , one polynomial  $g$  at a time.

Ex  $I = (XY^2, X^2Y+1)$ , lex. order

$$f_1 = XY^2$$

$$G_0 = \{f_1, f_2\}$$

$$f_2 = X^2Y+1$$

$$r = S(f_1, f_2) = X \cdot f_1 - Y \cdot f_2 = -Y$$

is reduced w.r.t.  $\{f_1, f_2\}$ .

$$G_1 = \{\cancel{f_1}, f_2, r\}$$

$$f_2 + X^2 \cdot r = 1$$

$$G_1' = \{1\}$$

is a Gröbner basis

Ex  $I = (X^3 - 2XY, X^2Y - 2Y^2 + X)$ , deg. lex. order

$$f_1 = X^3 - 2XY$$

$$f_2 = X^2Y - 2Y^2 + X$$

$$r = S(f_1, f_2) = Y \cdot f_1 - X \cdot f_2 = -2XY^2 + 2XY^2 - X^2 \\ = -X^2$$

is reduced w.r.t.  $\{f_1, f_2\}$

$$G_1 = \{f_1, f_2, r\}$$

$$f_1' = f_1 + X \cdot r = -2XY$$

$$G_1' = \{f_1', f_2, r\}$$

$$f_2' = f_2 + Y \cdot r = -2Y^2 + X$$

$$G_1'' = \{f_1', f_2', r\}$$

$$S(f_1', f_2') = Y \cdot f_1' - X \cdot f_2' = -X^2$$

reduces to 0 w.r.t.  $\{f_1', f_2', r\}$

$$S(f_1', r) = X \cdot f_1' - 2Y \cdot r = 0$$

$$S(f_2', r) = X^2 \cdot f_2' - 2Y^2 \cdot r = X^3$$

reduces to 0 w.r.t.  $\{f_1', f_2', r\}$

$\Rightarrow \{f_1', f_2', r\}$  is a Gröbner basis.

Often, deg. rev. lex. order is faster than  
lex. order.

## Another aside

Thm Let  $f \in K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and assume that

$$V\left(f, \frac{\partial f}{\partial X_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial X_n}\right) = \emptyset.$$

(There is no  $P \in K^n$  with  $f(P) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial X_1}(P) = \dots = \frac{\partial f}{\partial X_n}(P) = 0$ .)

Then,  $(f)$  is a radical ideal. ( $f$  is squarefree.)

Ex  $X^2 + Y^2 - 1$  is squarefree if  $\text{char}(K) \neq 2$ :

$$V(X^2 + Y^2 - 1, 2X, 2Y) = \emptyset.$$

Warning The theorem is not an equivalence!

Pf of Thm Assume  $f = g^2 h$ , where  $g$  is a nonconstant polynomial and  $h$  is any polynomial.

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial f}{\partial X_i} = g^2 \frac{\partial h}{\partial X_i} + 2g \frac{\partial g}{\partial X_i} h.$$

Let  $P \in V(g)$ . Then,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial X_i}(P) = 0$ . □

## 2.13. Rational functions

Let  $V \subseteq K^n$  be an irreducible variety.

Recall that this means that  $\Gamma(V)$  is an integral domain.

Def The field of rational functions on  $V$  is the field of fractions  $K(V)$  of  $\Gamma(V)$ .

Ex  $V = K^n \rightsquigarrow K(V) = K(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Ex A  $V = V(xy - z^2) \subset K^3$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightsquigarrow K(V) &= \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in K(x, y, z) / (xy - z^2), b \neq 0 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid \begin{array}{l} a, b \text{ regular map on } V, \\ b \text{ not everywhere } 0 \text{ on } V \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\frac{x}{z} = \frac{z}{y}$  in  $K(V)$

because  $xy = z^2$  in  $\Gamma(V)$ .

Def A rational function  $f \in K(V)$  is defined at  $P \in V$  if  $f = \frac{a}{b}$  for some  $a, b \in \Gamma(V)$  with  $b(P) \neq 0$ .

We then write  $f(P) = \frac{a(P)}{b(P)} \in K$ .

Prbls If  $f = \frac{a}{b}$  for some  $a, b$  with

$a(P) \neq 0$  and  $b(P) = 0$ , then  $f$  is not defined at  $P$ .

Pf Assume  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a'}{b'}$  with  $b'(P) \neq 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{a(P)}_{\neq 0} \underbrace{b'(P)}_{\neq 0} = \underbrace{a'(P)}_{=0} \underbrace{b(P)}_{=0} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \square$$

Ex A  $f = \frac{x}{z} = \frac{z}{y}$  is defined at all points  $(x, y, z) \in V$  with  $z \neq 0$  or  $y \neq 0$ .

It is not defined at  $(x, 0, 0)$  for any  $x \neq 0$ .

Lemma 2.51 The set  $U_f$  of points  $P \in V$  at which  $f \in K(V)$  is defined is a nonempty open subset of  $V$  (open w.r.t. the subspace topology on  $V$ ), i.e. it's the intersection of an open subset of  $K^n$  with  $V$ .

Prbls Equivalently: The set of points  $P \in V$  at which  $f$  isn't defined is closed (= algebraic).



Qf  $\exists f = \frac{a}{b}$  with  $b \in \Gamma(U)$  not everywhere 0 on  $V$ .

$\Rightarrow f$  is defined (at least) at every point  $Q \in V$  with  $Q \notin V(b)$ .

$\emptyset \neq V \setminus V(b)$  is an open subset of  $V$ .

For any  $P \in U_f$ , we can find  $a, b$  as above with  $b(P) \neq 0$ , so  $P \in V \setminus V(b)$ .



$\Rightarrow U_f$  is covered by open sets.

$\Rightarrow U$  is open. □

Exe A We know that  $f$  is not defined at any point in  $\{(x, 0, 0) \mid x \neq 0\}$ .

$\Rightarrow f$  is not defined at any point in the Zariski closure  $\{(x, 0, 0) \mid x \in K\}$ .

$\Rightarrow f$  is not defined at  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

For  $K = \mathbb{C}$ , for example, the limit  $f(P)$  as  $P \rightarrow (0, 0, 0)$  can depend on the path!

$$P = (t, t, t) \in V \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} (0, 0, 0) \rightsquigarrow f(P) = \frac{t}{t} = 1 \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} 1$$

$$P = (t^{3/2}, t^{1/2}, t) \in V \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} (0, 0, 0) \rightsquigarrow f(P) = \frac{t^{3/2}}{t^{1/2}} = t \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  no continuous set.  $t \rightarrow (0, 0, 0)$