
Coq and Gröbner basis

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Motivations

1st Calculemus Meeting

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Challenge: Formalizing Buchberger's algorithm

Motivations

Proving + Computing

Benefits:

- formalizing mathematics
- theorems using computations
- **certified implementation**
- education
- ...

Book

Algorithms for computer algebra

Geddes and Czapor and Labahn

Coq

Coq

Calculus of Inductive Constructions

$$\lambda x_{\alpha}. B_{\beta} : \alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

$$F_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} A_{\alpha} : \beta$$

$$((\lambda x. B) C) \rightsquigarrow B[x \leftarrow C]$$

Functional Programming

Functions:

$$\mathit{fst} : \alpha * \beta \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$\mathit{snd} : \alpha * \beta \rightarrow \beta$$

$$\mathit{pair} : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha * \beta$$

New Function:

$$\lambda x. (\mathit{pair} (\mathit{snd} x) (\mathit{fst} x)) : \alpha * \beta \rightarrow \beta * \alpha$$

Coq

Calculus of Inductive Constructions

```
Inductive N: Set:=  
  0 : N  
| S : N → N.
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Fixpoint + (a, b:N) : N :=  
match a with  
  0 => b  
| (S a') => (S (a' + b))  
end
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Natural Deduction

Rules:

$$\frac{A \wedge B}{A} \wedge elim_1$$

$$\frac{A \wedge B}{B} \wedge elim_2$$

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \wedge intro$$

$$\frac{A^i \quad \dots \quad B}{A \Rightarrow B} \Rightarrow intro[i]$$

Natural Deduction

Proof:

$$\frac{\frac{A \wedge B^1}{B} \wedge elim_2 \quad \frac{A \wedge B^1}{A} \wedge elim_1}{B \wedge A} \wedge intro$$
$$\frac{B \wedge A}{A \wedge B \Rightarrow B \wedge A} \Rightarrow intro[1]$$

Curry Howard

Rules:

$$\wedge elim_1 : A \wedge B \rightarrow A$$

$$\wedge elim_2 : A \wedge B \rightarrow B$$

$$\wedge intro : A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \wedge B$$

Proof:

$$\lambda x. (\wedge intro (\wedge elim_2 x) (\wedge elim_1 x)) :$$

$$A \wedge B \rightarrow B \wedge A$$

Coq

Calculus of Inductive Constructions

Inductive *Even*: $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=$
 Even0 : (*Even* 0)
 | EvenSS :
 $\forall n, (\text{Even } n) \rightarrow (\text{Even } (\text{S } (\text{S } n)))$.

Theorem Even2: (*Even* (S (S 0))) :=
 (EvenSS 0 Even0).

Coq

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Fixpoint nat_ind (  
  P:  ℕ -> Prop,  
  Hb:  (P 0),  
  Hr:  ∀ n, (P n) -> (P (S n)),  
  n:  ℕ      ) : (P n) :=  
  match n with  
    0 => Hb  
  | (S n') => Hr n' (nat_ind P Hb Hr n')  
end
```

nat_ind:

$$\forall P, (P\ 0) \rightarrow (\forall n, (P\ n) \rightarrow (P\ (S\ n))) \rightarrow \forall n, (P\ n)$$

Intuitionistic Logic

$\exists x, y \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$ such that $x^y \in \mathbb{Q}$

Proof:

Let us consider $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$, there are two cases:

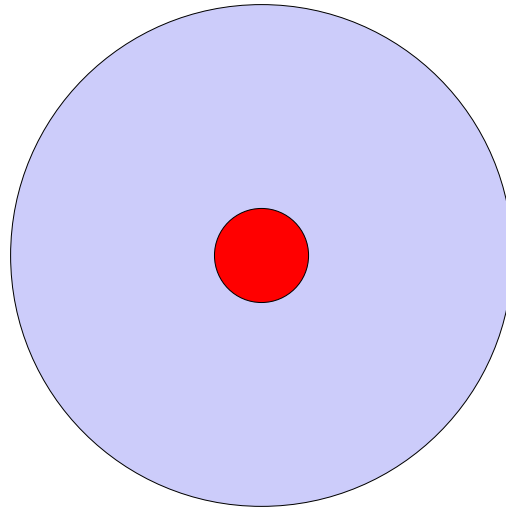
If $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}} \in \mathbb{Q}$, we take $x = \sqrt{2}$ and $y = \sqrt{2}$

Otherwise $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}} \notin \mathbb{Q}$, we have

$$(\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}})^{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}^{(\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2})} = \sqrt{2}^2 = 2$$

we take $x = \sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$ and $y = \sqrt{2}$

Trust



Small trusted computing base

Gröbner Basis

Polynomials

Coefficient (a): $[parameter\ A]$

$1, -2, 0$

Monomial (m): $[(list_n\ \mathbb{N})]$

$x, x^2, y^3, x^2z^4, \mathbf{1}$

Polynomials in Coq

Inductive *list*: Set -> Prop :=

 nil : $\forall A, (list\ A)$

| cons :

$\forall A, A \rightarrow (list\ A) \rightarrow (list\ A).$

(cons \mathbb{N} 0 (cons \mathbb{N} (S 0) (nil \mathbb{N}))): (list \mathbb{N})

Polynomials in Coq

```
Inductive list_n: Set -> ℕ -> Prop :=  
  nil_n : ∀ A, (list_n A 0)  
| cons_n :  
  ∀ A, ∀ p, A -> (list_n A p) -> (list_n A (S p)).
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(cons_n ℕ 0 (S 0) (nil_n ℕ)): (list_n (S 0) ℕ)
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Polynomials

Term (t): $[(A * \textit{Monomial})]$

$$2x, 4x^2, 5x^2z^4, 4$$

Polynomial (p): $[\{p : (\textit{list term}) \mid (\textit{canonical p})\}]$

$$2x + 4x^2 + 5x^2z^4 + 4$$

Operations on Polynomials

An admissible monomial ordering: [*parameter* <]

$$5x^2z^4 + 4x^2 + 2x + 4$$

$$x^2z^4 > x^2 > 2x > 4$$

We write

$$5x^2z^4 \overset{\triangleright}{+} 4x^2 \overset{\triangleright}{+} 2x \overset{\triangleright}{+} 4$$

Operations on Polynomials

Adding 2 polynomials:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2y \\ + \quad x^2y \\ \hline 3x^2y \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} > \\ + \\ > \\ + \\ > \\ + \\ > \\ + \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 4x^2 \\ 4x^2 \\ 4x^2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} > \\ + \\ > \\ + \\ > \\ + \\ > \\ + \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{array}$$

Induction on Polynomials

Structural Induction:

$$(P\ 0) \wedge (\forall a. \forall p. (P\ p) \Rightarrow (P\ (a\hat{+}\ p))) \Rightarrow \forall p. (P\ p)$$

Induction on Polynomials

Lexical ordering over polynomials $<_p$:

$$- 0 <_p t^{\dot{+}p}$$

$$- m_1 < m_2 \Rightarrow a_1 m_1^{\dot{+}p} <_p a_2 m_2^{\dot{+}p}$$

$$- p <_p q \Rightarrow a_1 m^{\dot{+}p} <_p a_2 m^{\dot{+}p}$$

Induction using the ordering:

$$(\forall p. (\forall q. q <_p p \Rightarrow (P q))) \Rightarrow (P p) \Rightarrow \forall p. (P p)$$

Polynomial Ideals

A set of polynomials I is an *ideal* iff:

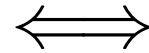
$$\forall p, q \in I, p + q \in I$$

$$\forall p \in I, \forall t \in T, t.p \in I$$

Polynomial Ideals

The set S generates an ideal $\langle S \rangle$:

$$p \in \langle S \rangle$$



$$\exists k \in \mathbb{N}, p = \sum_{i < k} t_i \cdot p_i \quad (\forall i < k. t_i \in T \text{ and } p_i \in S.)$$

S is a *basis* for the ideal I iff $\langle S \rangle = I$

Polynomial Ideals

Buchberger's algorithm:

$$\forall p. p \in \langle S \rangle \vee p \notin \langle S \rangle$$

Reduction

Cancelling terms of p by polynomials of S .

Example: $p = 3x^2y^2 + 2z^3$ and $S = \{xy + 1, z + 2\}$

We have

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2y^2 \\ - 3x^2y^2 \\ \hline + 2z^3 \\ + 3xy \\ \hline - 3xy + 2z^3 \end{array}$$

So $p \rightarrow_S -3xy + 2z^3$

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So $p \rightarrow_S 3x^2y^2 - 4z^2$

Reduction

$$p \rightarrow_S^+ q \iff p \rightarrow_S p_1 \dots \rightarrow_S \dots \rightarrow_S p_n \rightarrow_S q$$

$$p \rightarrow_S^* q \iff p \rightarrow_S^+ q \wedge \forall r. \neg(q \rightarrow_S r)$$

Reduction

Properties:

$$\forall p q, p \rightarrow_S q \Rightarrow q < p$$

$$\forall p q, p \rightarrow_S q \Rightarrow (p \in \langle S \rangle \iff q \in \langle S \rangle)$$

It follows

$$\forall p, \exists q. p \rightarrow_S^* q$$

$$\text{if } p \rightarrow_S^* 0 \text{ then } p \in \langle S \rangle$$

Reduction

Key Properties:

$$\forall p, q, p - q \rightarrow_S^* 0 \Rightarrow \exists r. (p \rightarrow_S^+ r \wedge q \rightarrow_S^+ r)$$

$$\forall p, q, r. p \rightarrow_S q \Rightarrow \exists s. p - r \rightarrow_S^+ s \wedge q - r \rightarrow_S^+ s$$

Gröbner Basis

Definition

S is a Gröbner basis $\iff \forall p \in \langle S \rangle . p \rightarrow_S^* 0$

Buchberger's algorithm:

Completion algorithm à la KB

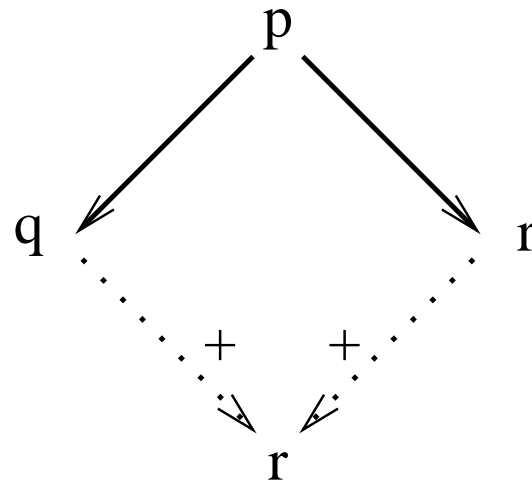
$S \longrightarrow S'$ such that $\langle S \rangle = \langle S' \rangle$ and S' is a Gröbner basis.

$p \in \langle S \rangle \iff p \rightarrow_{S'}^* 0$

Gröbner Basis

Theorem:

if \rightarrow_S confluent then S is a Gröbner basis.



Gröbner Basis

We take an arbitrary $p = \sum_{i < k} t_i \cdot p_i$ with $p_i \in S$.

We want to prove that $p \rightarrow_S^* 0$

This is done by induction on k .

If $k = 0$, we have $p = 0$, so $p \rightarrow_S^* 0$.

Gröbner Basis

If $k \neq 0$, we take $q = \sum_{i < k-1} t_i \cdot p_i$.

We have $q \rightarrow_S^* 0$ by induction.

We have $p - q = t_k p_k$ so $p - q \rightarrow_S^+ 0$.

It implies that there exists r such that $p \rightarrow_S^+ r$
and $q \rightarrow_S^+ r$. **Key Property 1**

$q \rightarrow_S^* 0$ and $q \rightarrow_S^+ r$, by the main hypothesis

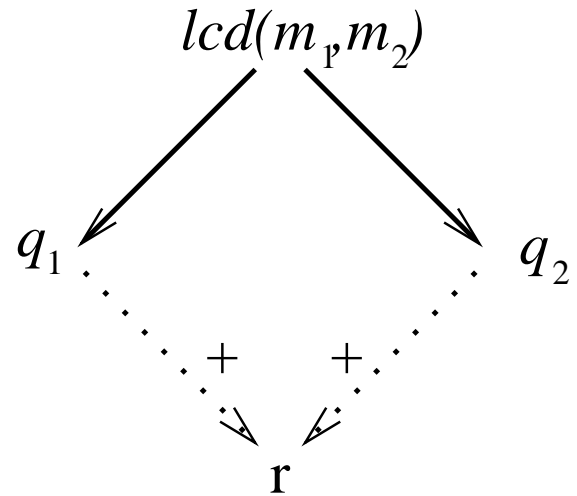
we have $r \rightarrow_S^* 0$.

$p \rightarrow_S^* r$ and $r \rightarrow_S^* 0$, so $p \rightarrow_S^* 0$.

Spolynomials

$$p_1 = a_1 m_1 \overset{>}{+} p'_1 \in S$$

$$p_2 = a_2 m_2 \overset{>}{+} p'_2 \in S$$



$$Spoly(p_1, p_2) = q_2 - q_1$$

Spolynomials

Theorem:

if for all $p_1, p_2 \in S$. $Spoly(p_1, p_2) \rightarrow_S^* 0$

then for all $p \in \langle S \rangle$, $p \rightarrow_S^* 0$

Spolynomials

We prove that to get

$$\forall p \text{ if } p \rightarrow_S^* q \text{ and } p \rightarrow_S^* r \text{ then } q = r.$$

it is sufficient to prove that

$$\forall p \ q \in S, \text{ Spoly}(p, q) \rightarrow_S^* 0$$

Spolynomials

We take an arbitrary p and proceed by induction using $<$.

We suppose that if $q < p$ and $q \rightarrow_S^* r$ and $q \rightarrow_S^* s$ then $r = s$.

If p is irreducible, we have $r = p = s$.

Spolynomials

If p is reducible, we have p_1 et p_2 such that

$$p \rightarrow_S p_1 \rightarrow_S^* r \text{ et } p \rightarrow_S p_2 \rightarrow_S^* s.$$

Since $p_1 < p$ and $p_2 < p$,

it is sufficient to find a p_3 such that

$$p_1 \rightarrow_S^* p_3 \text{ and } p_2 \rightarrow_S^* p_3$$

to get $r = p_3 = s$ by the induction hypothesis.

Spolynomials

There are 4 possible cases for the reductions to p_1 and p_2 .

Case 1: $p = t \overset{\triangleright}{+} q \rightarrow_S t \overset{\triangleright}{+} q_1 = p_1$ and
 $p = t \overset{\triangleright}{+} q \rightarrow_S t \overset{\triangleright}{+} q_2 = p_2$.

We have $q < p$, $q \rightarrow_S q_1$ **et** $q \rightarrow_S q_2$.

If we take q_3 such that $q_1 \rightarrow_S^* q_3$ we have $q_2 \rightarrow_S^* q_3$ by induction.

If we take p_3 such that $t \overset{\triangleright}{+} q_3 \rightarrow_S^* p_3$ then $p_1 \rightarrow_S^* p_3$ and $p_2 \rightarrow_S^* p_3$.

Spolynomials

Case 2: $p = t^{\succ} q \rightarrow_S q - q_3 = p_1$ and
 $p = t^{\succ} q \rightarrow_S t^{\succ} q_2 = p_2.$

We have $q \rightarrow_S q_2,$

so we get that there exists q_4 such that

$q_1 - q_3 \rightarrow_S^+ q_4$ and $q_2 - q_3 \rightarrow_S^+ q_4.$ **Key Property 2**

As we have $t^{\succ} q_2 \rightarrow_S q_2 - q_3,$ we get $p_2 \rightarrow_S^+ q_4.$

If we take p_3 such that $q_4 \rightarrow_S^* p_3$ we have

$p_1 \rightarrow_S^* p_3$ and $p_2 \rightarrow_S^* p_3.$

Spolynomials

Case 3: $p = t^{\triangleright}q \rightarrow_S t^{\triangleright}q_2 = p_1$ and
 $p = t^{\triangleright}q \rightarrow_S q - q_3 = p_2.$

symmetric to case 2.

Spolynomials

Case 4: $p = t^{\dot{+}} q \rightarrow_S q - q_2 = p_1$ and
 $p = t^{\dot{+}} q \rightarrow_S q - q_3 = p_2$.

We have $p_1 - p_2 = q_2 - q_3 = aSpoly(r_1, r_2)$.

By the induction hypothesis $Spoly(r_1, r_2) \rightarrow_S^* 0$.

We have $p_1 - p_2 \rightarrow_S^* 0$.

So there exists p_4 such that $p_1 \rightarrow_S^+ p_4$ et $p_2 \rightarrow_S^+ p_4$.

Key Property 1

If we take p_3 such that $p_4 \rightarrow_S^* p_3$,

We have $p_1 \rightarrow_S^* p_3$ and $p_2 \rightarrow_S^* p_3$.

Algorithm

Init:



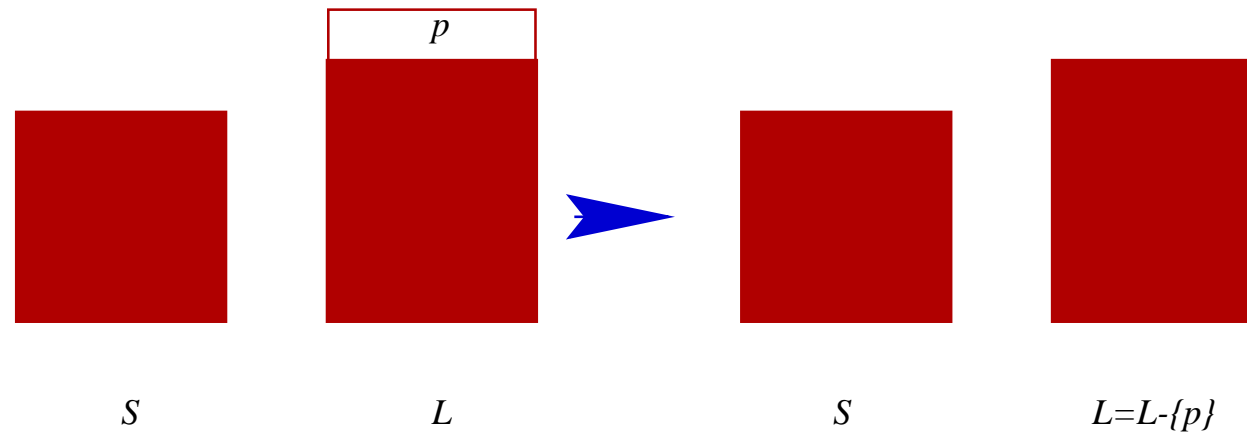
$S=S$



$L=Spoly(S*S)$

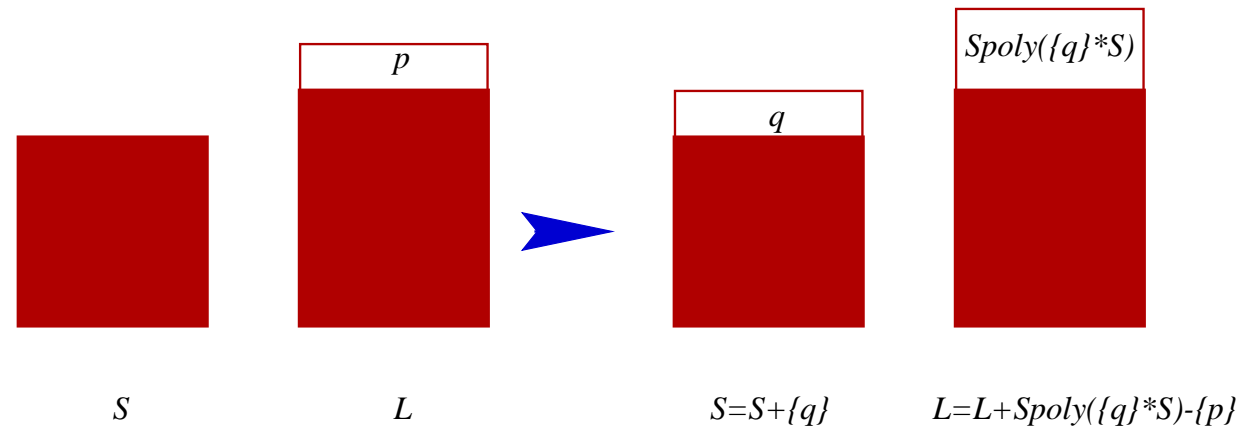
Algorithm

Case: $p \rightarrow_S^* 0$



Algorithm

Case: $p \rightarrow_S^* q$ ($q \neq 0$)

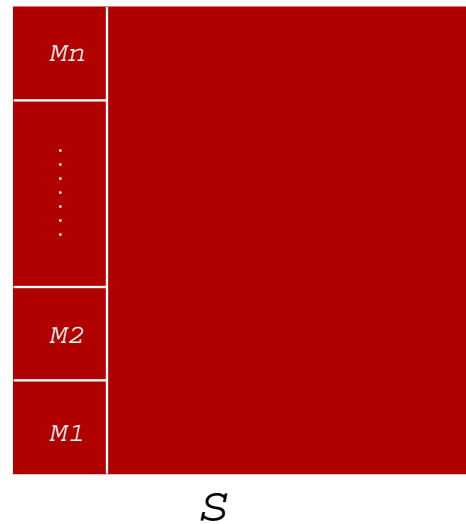


Correctness

$$p \in \langle S' \rangle \Rightarrow q \in \langle S \rangle \Rightarrow \text{Spoly}(p, q) \in \langle S \rangle$$

$$S \subset S' \Rightarrow p \rightarrow_S^* 0 \Rightarrow p \rightarrow_{S'}^* 0$$

Termination



Dickson's lemma

The algorithm

```
let rec SpolyL p l1 l2 = match l2 with  
| [] -> l1  
| (q::l2) ->(spoly p q)::(SpolyL p l1 l2)
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let rec SpolyProp l = match l with  
| [] -> []  
| (p::l) -> (SpolyL p (SpolyProp l) l)
```

The algorithm

```
let rec buchf l1 l2 = match l2 with
| [] -> l1
| (p::l2) ->
    let r = (reducef l1 p) in
    if (zeroP r)
    then (buchf l1 l2)
    else
        (buchf (r:: l1) (SpolyL r l2 l1))
    end

let buch l1 = buchf l1 (SpolyProd l1)
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Lessons Learned

Choosing a 'right' proof path

Never underestimate the foundation work

Prove once, use everywhere

Wikipedia effect

What more?

Dickson Lemma

Constructive Proof:

Henrik Persson: Open Induction

Using Gröbner Basis

Proof Procedure:

Jérôme Creci, Loïc Pottier: Gb tactic

Using Gröbner Basis

Ring Tactic: $\forall x \ y \in \mathbb{R}, (x + y)z = zx + yz$

Gb Tactic:

$$\forall x \ y \in \mathbb{C}, x^2 + y^2 = 0 \rightarrow xy = 0 \rightarrow x + y = 0$$

Using Gröbner Basis

$$P_1 = 0, \dots, P_r = 0 \rightarrow P = 0$$

$$\iff$$

$$\exists n, P^n \in \langle P_1, \dots, P_r \rangle$$

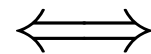
Using Gröbner Basis

If

$$\mathcal{F} = \{t(1 - zP) - e_0, tP_1 - e_1, \dots, tP_r - e_r\} \cup \\ \{e_i e_j \mid 0 \leq i < j \leq r\} \cup \{te_i \mid 0 \leq i \leq r\}$$

then

$$\exists n, P^n \in \langle P_1, \dots, P_r \rangle$$



$$kt - Re_0 - Re_1 \dots R_r e_r \in \text{Gb}(\mathcal{F})$$

for $t > x_1 > \dots > x_m > z > e_0 > \dots > e_r$

More Polynomials

Subresultants and PRS 98%

Cylindrical Algebraic Decomposition 60%

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More Polynomials

Finding a 'right' proof path

Polynomial representation:

$$A[x, y] \text{ as } (A[x])[y]$$

Horner: $a_0 + X^{n_0}(a_1 + X^{n_1}(\dots))$