

Exercise Sheet 6

Introduction to Commutative Algebra and Algebraic Geometry

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Exercise 1 (Product criterion).

Let K be a field, $>$ be a monomial order, $f, g \in K[\underline{x}]$, $\gcd(\text{LM}(f), \text{LM}(g)) = 1$. Show that there is a polynomial division with remainder of $\text{spoly}(f, g)$ by (f, g) with remainder 0. *Hint:* Show first that

$$\text{spoly}(f, g) = a_0 f + b_0 g$$

for $a_0 = -\text{tail}(g)$ and $b_0 = \text{tail}(f)$, and then define recursively $a_i = \text{tail}(a_{i-1})$ and $b_i = \text{tail}(b_{i-1})$. Consider the maximal value N such that

$$u \cdot \text{spoly}(f, g) = a_N f + b_N g$$

for some element $u \in K[\underline{x}]^*$, and distinguish the two cases that $\text{LT}(a_N f) + \text{LT}(b_N g)$ vanishes or does not vanish.

Exercise 2.

The degree lexicographical ordering $>_{Dp}$ on Mon_n is defined by

$$x^\alpha >_{Dp} x^\beta :\Leftrightarrow |\alpha| > |\beta| \text{ or } (|\alpha| = |\beta| \text{ and } \exists k : \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_{k-1} = \beta_{k-1}, \alpha_k > \beta_k).$$

A polynomial

$$f = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} a_\alpha \underline{x}^\alpha \in K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

is called *homogeneous* if for all α with $a_\alpha \neq 0$ the absolute value $|\alpha|$ is constant.

Show that a monomial ordering $>$ on Mon_n equals $>_{Dp}$ if and only if $>$ is a degree ordering and for any homogeneous $f \in K[\underline{x}]$ with $\text{LM}(f) \in K[x_k, \dots, x_n]$, we have $f \in K[x_k, \dots, x_n]$, $k = 1, \dots, n$.

Exercise 3.

Apply IDBuchberger to the following triple $(g, G, >)$:

$$g = x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + xyz, \quad G = \left\{ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right\}, \quad >_{dp}.$$