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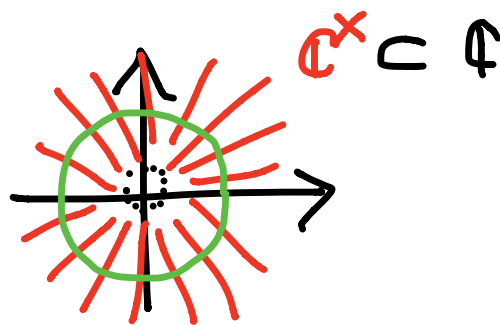
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## Virtual syzygies

$$k = \mathbb{C}$$

$$\mathbb{C}^x = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$$

algebraic torus



Torus action:

$$\bar{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$$

$$\mathbb{C}^x \times \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$$

$$(t, \bar{x}) \longmapsto (tx_0, tx_1, \dots, tx_n) =: t \cdot \bar{x}$$

$$[\bar{x}] := \{ \bar{y} \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} : \exists t \in \mathbb{C}^x \text{ s.t. } \bar{y} = t \cdot \bar{x} \}$$

= line through  $\bar{0}$  containing  $\bar{x}$ , without  $\bar{0}$

Projective space:

$$\mathbb{P}^n := \{ [\bar{x}] : \bar{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\} \}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\} \end{array}$$

$$\text{with } [\bar{x}] = [\bar{y}]$$



$$\exists t \in \mathbb{C}^\times \text{ s.t. } t \cdot \bar{x} = \bar{y}$$

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Why do this?

It helps to compactify  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

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$$\text{For } \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{n+1}, \quad \mathbb{N} := \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$
$$\bar{x}^\alpha := \prod_{i=0}^n x_i^{\alpha_i}, \quad |\alpha| = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i$$

$$f(\bar{x}) = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} \bar{x}^{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] =: S$$

(finite sum)  $\curvearrowright c_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$

$t \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}$  acts on polynomials  $f(\bar{x})$  via

$$\begin{aligned} f(t \cdot \bar{x}) &= \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} (tx_0, tx_1, \dots, tx_n)^{\alpha} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} t^{|\alpha|} \bar{x}^{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

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Def:  $f$  is **homogeneous** if  
 $\forall c_{\alpha} \neq 0, |\alpha|$  is the same.

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Then  $f(\bar{y}) = 0 \forall \bar{y} \in [\bar{x}]$  when  $f(\bar{x}) = 0$   
 when  $f$  is homogeneous.

for  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$

$$I(X) := \langle f(x) \in S : f(\bar{c}) = 0 \forall \bar{c} \in X \rangle$$

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### EXAMPLE

$$\textcircled{1} \mathbb{P}^2 \supset X = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \overset{x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3}{[1:0:0]}, [0:1:0], [0:0:1] \\ \parallel \\ [1,0,0] \end{array} \right\}$$

has

ideal generated by

$$I(X) = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle \cap \langle x_0, x_2 \rangle \cap \langle x_0, x_1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle x_0 x_1, x_0 x_2, x_1 x_2 \rangle$$

$$\textcircled{2} \mathbb{P}^2 \supset Y = \{ [1:0:0], [1:1:0], [2:0:1] \}$$

has  $I(Y) = \langle x_2, x_1 \rangle \cap \langle x_0 - x_1, x_2 \rangle \cap \langle x_0 - 2x_2, x_1 \rangle$

$$= \langle x_1 x_2, x_0 x_2 - 2x_2^2, x_0 x_1 - x_1^2 \rangle$$

DEF:  $I \subseteq S$  is an **ideal** if

1)  $I \neq \emptyset$  ( $\Leftrightarrow 0 \in I$ )

2)  $a, b \in I \Rightarrow a + b \in I$

3)  $a \in I, f \in S \Rightarrow fa \in I$

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**Claim**:  $\mathcal{I}(x) \subseteq S$  is an ideal!

The **ideal generated by**  $f_1, \dots, f_r \in S$  is

(\*)  $\langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^r h_i f_i : h_i \in S \right\}$

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Hilbert's Basis Theorem: In  $S$ ,  
every ideal is finitely generated.

**DEF.** An ideal  $I \subset S$  is **homogeneous** if it has a generating set containing only homogeneous polynomials.

**CLAIM:** For  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $I(X)$  is homogeneous.

**DEF.** Given a homog. ideal  $I = \langle f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r \rangle$

in  $S$ , let

$$V(I) := \{ \bar{c} \in \mathbb{P}^n : f(\bar{c}) = 0 \ \forall f \in I \}$$

$$= \{ \bar{c} \in \mathbb{P}^n : f_1(\bar{c}) = \dots = f_r(\bar{c}) = 0 \}$$

is a **projective algebraic variety**

## EXAMPLE

$$\mathbb{P}^1 \supset X = \{[1:0:0], [0:1:0], [0:0:1]\} \\ = V(I)$$

$$\text{where } I = \langle x_0x_1, x_0x_2, x_1x_2 \rangle$$

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Algebraic geometry:

Geometric properties of  $V(I)$   $\overset{\mathcal{D}}{\longleftrightarrow}$  Algebraic properties of  $S/I$

e.g.

irreducible  $\longleftrightarrow$  domain  
( $\Leftrightarrow I$  a prime ideal)

## REU Exercise 1:

a) Prove  $\underline{(*)}$  is an ideal.

b) Given  $\underline{I} \subseteq S$  a homog. ideal,

set  $\sqrt{\underline{I}} := \{f \in S : \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \text{ s.t. } f^m \in \underline{I}\}$

the radical of  $\underline{I}$ .

- Compute  $\sqrt{\langle x_0^2, x_1^3 \rangle}$

- Show  $\sqrt{\underline{I}}$  is a homog. ideal

c) Given  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ , show  
 $\underline{I}(X) \supseteq \underline{I}(Y)$

Given  $\underline{I} \subseteq \underline{J} \subseteq S$  homog. ideals,  
show  $V(\underline{I}) \supseteq V(\underline{J})$



- d) Find  $I$  s.t.  $I \neq \mathcal{I}(V(I))$
- Given  $I, J \subseteq S$  homog. ideals, show  $V(I \cap J) = V(I) \cup V(J)$
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Not exercises, but related:

FACTS:

- $\mathcal{I}(V(I)) = \sqrt{I}$
- $X$  projective variety  $\Rightarrow$   
 $V(\mathcal{I}(X)) = X$

DEF: A graded minimal free resolution of  $S/I$  ( $I$  a homog. ideal) is

$$F_0 \xleftarrow{\varphi_1} F_1 \xleftarrow{\varphi_2} F_2 \leftarrow \dots$$

such that

$$(i) F_i = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} S(-j)^{\oplus \beta_{i,j}}$$

where  $S(-j)$  means  $S$  with 1 viewed as living in homogeneous degree  $j$

$$(ii) \varphi_i \circ \varphi_{i+1} = 0 \quad (\Leftrightarrow F_* \text{ is a complex}),$$

and in fact, more strongly,

$$\ker \varphi_i = \operatorname{im} \varphi_{i+1}$$

$$(iii) \operatorname{coker} \varphi_1 := F_0 / \operatorname{im} \varphi_1 \cong S/I$$

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$$(iv) \text{ im } \varphi_i \subseteq \langle x_0, \dots, x_n \rangle \cdot F_{i-1} \quad \forall i$$


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(v) all  $\varphi_i$  have degree 0  
 (bearing in mind the degree shifts  $S(-j)$ !)

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**EXAMPLE:**

$$S = F_0 \xleftarrow{[\begin{smallmatrix} x_0 x_1 & x_0 x_2 & x_1 x_2 \end{smallmatrix}]} S(-2) \xleftarrow{[\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{smallmatrix}]} S(-2)^3 \xleftarrow{[\begin{smallmatrix} x_2 & 0 \\ -x_1 & x_1 \\ 0 & -x_2 \end{smallmatrix}]} S(-3) \xleftarrow{2} S(-3)^2 \xleftarrow{2} 0$$

$\varphi_1$

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Hilbert's syzygy Theorem:  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n \Rightarrow$

$S/I(X)$  has a minimal graded free res'n

$$F_0 \leftarrow F_1 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow F_n \leftarrow 0$$

of length  $n = \dim \mathbb{P}^n$ .

Computing minimal free resolutions is not so easy in general, but there are algorithms, involving Gröbner bases, which allow computers to do it!

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## Virtual resolutions

Fix  $\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\alpha}_2, \dots, \bar{\alpha}_N \in \mathbb{Z}^r$

$$(\mathbb{C}^x)^r \times \mathbb{C}^N \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$$

$$(\bar{t}, \bar{x}) \longmapsto (t_{x_1}^{\alpha_1}, t_{x_2}^{\alpha_2}, \dots, t_{x_N}^{\alpha_N})$$

EXAMPLE  $r=2, N=5$

$$(\mathbb{C}^x)^2 \times \mathbb{C}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^5$$

$$(E, \bar{x}) \mapsto (t_1 x_1, t_1 x_2, t_2 x_3, t_2 x_4, t_2 x_5)$$

$$\text{so } \bar{\alpha}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \bar{\alpha}_2$$

$$\bar{\alpha}_3 = \bar{\alpha}_4 = \bar{\alpha}_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$S = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_N]$$

$\cup$

$B =$  **irredundant ideal**, determined by the **fan** of  $X^u$

In above example,

$$S = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_5]$$

$\cup$

$$B = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle \cap \langle x_3, x_4, x_5 \rangle$$

$\uparrow$  not defined yet!

Then we define

$$X := (\mathbb{C}^N \setminus V(B)) // (\mathbb{C}^x)^r$$

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In above example,

$$X = \mathbb{C}^5 \setminus \sqrt{(\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle \cap \langle x_3, x_4, x_5 \rangle)} // (\mathbb{C}^x)^2$$

$$\cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$$

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... switched to projection of  
Macaulay2 software demo,  
showing a resolution of a curve in  
 $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  that took 4 steps.

DEF:  $I \subseteq S$  an ideal  
 $\text{ann}(S/I) := \{f \in S : f \cdot \bar{s} = 0 \ \forall \bar{s} \in S/I\}$

DEF: For  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  
a *virtual resolution* of  $S/I(Y)$  is

$$F_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} F_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_2} F_2 \leftarrow \dots \quad \text{with}$$

- $F_i = \bigoplus_{J \in \mathbb{Z}^r} S(-j) \beta_{iJ}$
- $V\left(\text{ann}\left(\frac{\ker \partial_i}{\text{im } \partial_{i+1}}\right)\right) = \emptyset \ \forall i \geq 1$
- $V(\text{im } \partial_1) = Y$

Virtual Hilbert Syzygy Theorem:

[B. - Erman - Smith 2017]

$$X = \mathbb{P}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{P}^{n_2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}^{n_r}$$

or  
 $X =$  smooth toric of dimension 2

Then  $\forall Y \subseteq X$ ,

$S/\underline{I}(Y)$  has a virtual resolution  
of length  $\leq \dim X$

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Macaulay 2 showed a virtual  
resolution of same curve, now of  
length 2



## Methods to make virtual resolutions (vres's)

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- i) virtual Of Pair (see [BES])
  - ii)  $\text{res}(I \cap B^{\bar{a}})$
  - iii) take subsets of gens of  $I$
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Macaulay 2 demo ...

## REU PROBLEM 1.

→  $X$  a smooth projective toric variety  
 $Z \subset X$  a (finite) set of points of  $X$

Show that  $S/I(Z)$  has a  
virtual resolution of length  $\leq \dim X$

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Macaulay2 has databases of such  $X$ ,

e.g. smooth Fano Toric Variety  $(n, m)$

dim    #

Kleinschmidt  $(n, L)$

## REU Exercise 2

(a) What is  $\mathbb{I}(\left( [a_0:a_1], [b_0:b_1] \right))$ ?  
 $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$

(b) Find a vres of length 2 for  $S/\mathbb{I}(Y)$   
where

$$Y = \left\{ \begin{aligned} &([0:1], [0:1]), \\ &([1:0], [1:1]), \\ &([1:2], [1:0]) \end{aligned} \right\} \subset \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$$

Use  $\mathbb{I}(Y) \cap \mathbb{B}^{\bar{\alpha}}$  method.

Which  $\bar{\alpha}$ 's work for length 2?

(c) Let  $X$  be a smooth Fano Toric Variety  $(3,1)$ .

Use the command `toricPoints`;

with  $(\max X)_i, \{a, b, c\}$

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intersect	3	0, 0, 0
the ideals of	0	0, 0, 0
these		
three:	2	1, 1, 1

Use  $(-)\cap B^{\bar{a}}$  method to make res

of  $Y = \{3 \text{ points}\}$   
above