

# Virtual Resolutions of Monomial Ideals

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# Introduction

## Abstract

In the UMN REU, we explored the relationship between the multi-graded regularity and resolution regularity of virtual resolutions of square-free monomial ideals in  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ .

# Multigraded Polynomial Rings

## Example

The polynomial ring  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  with the “standard grading” is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded, with  $\deg(x_i) = 1$ . So  $\deg(x_1^5 x_2^3) = 8$

## Example

Consider the polynomial ring  $k[x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1, y_2]$  for  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  with  $\deg(x_i) = (1, 0)$  and  $\deg(y_i) = (0, 1)$ . Then the degrees of the following monomials are

- $\deg(x_0 x_1) = (2, 0)$
- $\deg(x_1^2 y_1 y_2) = (2, 2)$

# Minimal Free Resolutions

Let  $C_0$  be an ideal of  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  or  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ .

## Definition

A complex  $C_0 \xleftarrow{d_0} C_1 \xleftarrow{d_1} C_2 \xleftarrow{d_2} \dots$  is a minimal free resolution of  $C_0$  if

- 1  $C_i$  are free modules,
- 2 It is minimal
- 3 It is exact

# Example of a Resolution

## Example

This example is taken from [2]. For  $I$  the ideal corresponding to a specific curve in  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ , we have that the minimal free resolution of  $I$  is

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & S(-3, -1)^1 & & & & & \\
 & \oplus & & S(-3, -3)^3 & & & \\
 & S(-2, -2)^1 & & \oplus & & S(-3, -5)^3 & \\
 & \oplus & & S(-2, -5)^6 & & \oplus & \\
 S^1 \leftarrow & S(-2, -3)^2 \leftarrow & & \oplus & \leftarrow & S(-2, -7)^2 \leftarrow & S(-3, -7)^1 \leftarrow 0. \\
 & \oplus & & S(-1, -7)^1 & & \oplus & \\
 & S(-1, -5)^3 & & \oplus & & S(-2, -8)^1 & \\
 & \oplus & & S(-1, -8)^2 & & & \\
 & S(0, -8)^1 & & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$S^1 \leftarrow S^8 \leftarrow S^{12} \leftarrow S^6 \leftarrow S^1 \leftarrow 0.$$

# Virtual Resolutions

## Definition

[2] A complex  $C_0 \xleftarrow{d_0} C_1 \xleftarrow{d_1} C_2 \xleftarrow{d_2} \dots$  is a virtual resolution if

- 1  $C_i$  are free modules,
- 2  $H_i(C_\bullet)$  is irrelevant for  $i > 0$ .

## Remark

For example, for  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  the irrelevant ideal is  $B = \langle x_0, x_1 \rangle \cap \langle y_0, y_1, y_2 \rangle$   
But if  $f \in B$ , then  $f$  is zero on the coordinates where  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  are 0 or where  $b_0, b_1$ , and  $b_2$  are all zero.

## Remark

Over  $\mathbb{P}^n$  minimal free resolutions don't accurately reflect the geometry.  
Virtual free resolutions do.

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However there is a virtual resolution of the form

$$\begin{array}{c} S(-3, -1)^1 \\ \oplus \\ S^1 \leftarrow S(-2, -2)^1 \leftarrow S(-3, -3)^3 \leftarrow 0. \\ \oplus \\ S(-2, -3)^2 \\ S^1 \leftarrow S^4 \leftarrow S^3 \leftarrow 0. \end{array}$$

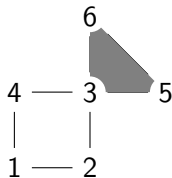
# Squarefree Monomial Ideals

Squarefree monomial ideals are a special case of monomial ideals where none of the variables show up in a generator with degree higher than 1.

## Definition (Stanley-Reisner Correspondence)

For a simplicial complex  $\Delta$  on  $n$  vertices, define  $I_\Delta \subset k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  to be the ideal generated by the minimal non-faces.

## Example



$$I_\Delta = (x_1x_3, x_1x_5, x_1x_6, x_2x_4, x_2x_5, x_2x_6, x_4x_5, x_4x_6)$$



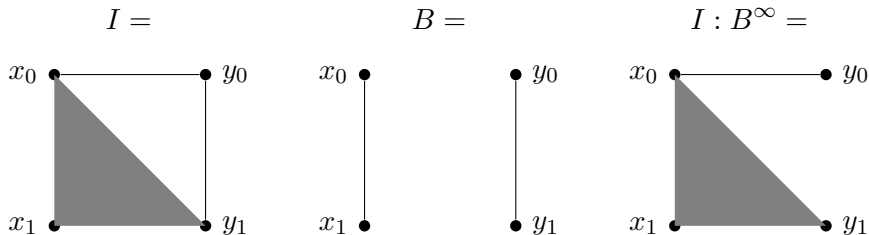
# Saturation

## Definition

The saturation of an ideal  $I$  by an ideal  $B$  is given by

$$I : B^\infty := \left\{ r \in S : r \cdot B^k \subset I \text{ for } k \text{ sufficiently large} \right\}$$

## Example



# Special Case of Virtual Resolutions

## Lemma

*The minimal free virtual resolution of  $I$  is the minimal free resolution of its  $B$ -saturation.*

## Proposition

*Subvarieties of a product of projective spaces correspond to homogeneous  $B$ -saturated radical ideals in the homogeneous coordinate ring*

$$\{\text{Varieties in } \mathbb{P}^n\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{homogeneous } B\text{-saturated radical ideals}\}$$

## Remark

All monomial ideals are homogeneous and a monomial ideal is radical if and only if it is squarefree.

# Multigraded and Resolution Regularity

For a module  $M$ , we have a minimal free resolution  $M \leftarrow F_1 \leftarrow \cdots$  of  $M$ .

## Definition ([1])

The multi-graded regularity  $\text{reg}(M)$  of  $M$  is an infinite set in  $\mathbb{N}^r$ .

## Definition ([3])

The resolution regularity  $\text{res-reg}(M)$  of  $M$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{N}^r$  given by

$$\text{res-reg}(M)_l = \max \{ \mathbf{a}_l : \mathbf{a} + i \cdot e_l \text{ is the degree of a generator in } F_i \}$$

## Remark ([4])

The resolution regularity gives a bound on the multigraded regularity. But in general, it does not give the whole multigraded regularity.

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 S(-1, -5)^3 & & S(-1, -7)^1 & & S(-2, -8)^1 & & \\
 \oplus & & \oplus & & & & \\
 S(0, -8)^1 & & S(-1, -8)^2 & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{res-reg}(S/I) = (2, 7)$$

# A Problem to Consider

## Question

How is  $\text{reg}(S/(I : B^\infty))$  related to  $\text{res-reg}(S/I)$ ?

## Calculating Resolution Regularity in M2

Macaulay2 has a package for multigraded regularity. We made code for resolution regularity.

```
resRegularityHelper = (r,l) -> (  
  max for k in keys betti r list (  
    k#1#l - k#0  
  )  
)
```

```
resRegularity = (r) -> (  
  d := degreeLength ring r;  
  for l from 0 to (d-1) list (  
    resRegularityHelper(r,l)  
  )  
)
```

# Enumerating $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$

$\Delta_I$	$\overline{\Delta_I \setminus \Delta_B}$	$\text{reg } I : B^\infty$	$\text{res-reg } I$
{12}	{ $\emptyset$ }	{{0,0}}	{0,0}
{13}	{13}	{{0,0}}	{0,0}
{12,13}	{13}	{{0,0}}	{0,0}
{13,14}	{13,14}	{{0,1}}	{0,1}
{13,34}	{13}	{{0,0}}	{0,0}
{12,34}	{23}	{{0,0}}	{0,0}
{13,24}	{13,24}	{{0,1},{1,0}}	{1,1}
{12,13,14}	{13,14}	{{0,1}}	{0,1}
{12,13,23}	{13,23}	{{1,0}}	{1,0}
{12,13,24}	{13,24}	{{0,1},{1,0}}	{0,1}
{12,13,34}	{13}	{{0,0}}	{0,0}
{12,13,14,23}	{13,14,23}	{1, 1}	{1, 1}
{12,13,24,34}	{13,24}	{{0,1},{1,0}}	{0,0}
{12,13,23,34}	{13,23}	{{1,0}}	{1,0}
{13, 14, 23, 24}	{13, 14, 23, 24}	{{1,1}}	{1,1}

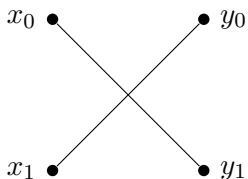
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$\{12,13,14,23,24\}$	$\{13,14,23,24\}$	$\{\{1,1\}\}$	$\{1,1\}$
$\{12,13,14,23,34\}$	$\{13,14,23\}$	$\{\{1,1\}\}$	$\{1,1\}$
$\{12,13,14,23,24,34\}$	$\{13,14,23,24\}$	$\{\{1,1\}\}$	$\{1,1\}$
$\{123\}$	$\{123\}$	$\{\{0,0\}\}$	$\{0,0\}$
$\{123,14\}$	$\{123,14\}$	$\{\{0,1\}\}$	$\{0,1\}$
$\{123,34\}$	$\{123\}$	$\{\{0,0\}\}$	$\{0,0\}$
$\{123,14,34\}$	$\{123, 14\}$	$\{\{0,1\}\}$	$\{0,1\}$
$\{123,14,24\}$	$\{123, 14, 24\}$	$\{\{1,1\}\}$	$\{1,1\}$
$\{123,124\}$	$\{123, 124\}$	$\{\{0,1\}\}$	$\{0,1\}$
$\{123,124,34\}$	$\{123, 124\}$	$\{\{0,1\}\}$	$\{0,1\}$
$\{123,134\}$	$\{123, 134\}$	$\{\{0,0\}\}$	$\{0,0\}$
$\{123,134,24\}$	$\{123, 134, 24\}$	$\{\{0,1\}\}$	$\{0,1\}$
$\{123,124,134\}$	$\{123, 124, 134\}$	$\{\{0,0\}\}$	$\{0,1\}$
$\{123,124,134,234\}$	$\{123,124,134,234\}$	$\{\{1,1\}\}$	$\{1,1\}$

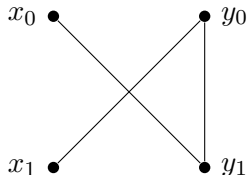
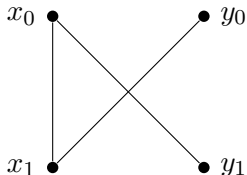


# Example in $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$

$$\text{reg}(I) = \mathbb{N}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$$



The following resolution regularities are  $(0, 1)$  and  $(1, 0)$ .



## Random $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ in M2

We made code to test random examples for ideals in  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ .

```
X = toricProjectiveSpace(1)**toricProjectiveSpace(2)
R = ring X
P=newRing(R,DegreeRank=>1)
phi=map(R,P)
L={...}--degrees of minimal generators of ideal.
I = randomSquareFreeMonomialIdeal(L,P)
print resolutionInformation phi(I);
```

## Further Directions

One might use a combinatorial interpretation of local cohomology to give a combinatorial interpretation of multigraded regularity. There already exists one for resolution regularity [5].

### Proposition [6]

Let  $\Sigma \subset \Delta$  be simplicial complexes, and let  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $F_+ = \text{supp}_+(\mathbf{a})$  and  $F_- = \text{supp}_-(\mathbf{a})$ . Then

$$H_J^i(k[\Delta]) \cong \tilde{H}^{i-1}(\|\text{star}_\Delta(F_+) - \|\Sigma\|, \|\text{del}_{\text{star}_\Delta(F_+)}(F_-)\| - \|\Sigma\|)$$

where  $\|\Delta\|$  denotes the geometric realization of  $\Delta$ .

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# Conclusion

Questions?