

$$I_1 \subseteq I_2$$

$$V(I_2) \subseteq V(I_1)$$

$$I_1 = (x) \quad , \quad I_2 = (x, y)$$

Algorithm to compute intersection of ideals

Input : $I = (f_1, \dots, f_r)$, $J = (g_1, \dots, g_s)$ ideals
 $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

- $D = tI + (1-t)J = (tf_1, \dots, tf_r, (1-t)g_1, \dots, (1-t)g_s)$
- Compute a lex GB of D
- Elements of GB with no t 's for a GB for $I \cap J$.

Def | $f, g \in K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

$$h = \text{lcm}(f, g)$$

$$\bullet f|h, g|h$$

$$\bullet \text{If } f|p, g|p \Rightarrow h|p$$

Ex] $\text{lcm}(x^2y, xy^2) = x^2y^2$

more generally if

$$f = c f_1^{a_1} \dots f_r^{a_r}, \quad g = \tilde{c} g_1^{b_1} \dots g_s^{b_s}$$

↑
irr. factors

• It could be that $f_i = \tilde{c} g_i$

$$\text{lcm}(f, g) = f_1^{\max(a_1, b_1)} \dots f_l^{\max(a_l, b_l)} \cdot g^{b_{l+1}} \dots g^{b_s} f_{l+1}^{a_{l+1}} \dots f_r^{a_r}$$

if f, g have no common factors

$$\text{lcm}(f, g) = fg$$

Prop | $\mathcal{I} = (f), \mathcal{J} = (g)$

$$\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{J} = (\text{lcm}(f, g))$$

Thry gives an Algorithm to compute $\text{lcm}(f, g)$
(without factoring) i.e. compute $(f) \cap (g)$

Note

$$\text{lcm}(f, g) \cdot \text{gcd}(f, g) = f \cdot g$$

\therefore our lcm algorithm gives a gcd algorithm

Thm | If \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J} are ideals in $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$
then $V(\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{J}) = V(\mathcal{I}) \cup V(\mathcal{J})$

$$\uparrow = V(\mathcal{I} \cdot \mathcal{J})$$

Proof

$$a \in V(I) \cup V(J)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) = 0 \quad \forall f \text{ in either } I \text{ or } J$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) = 0 \quad \forall f \in I \cap J$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in V(I \cap J)$$

$$\Rightarrow V(I) \cup V(J) \subseteq V(I \cap J)$$

On the other hand

$$I \cap J \subseteq I \cap J$$

$$\Rightarrow V(I \cap J) \subseteq V(I \cap J) = V(I) \cup V(J)$$

$$V(I \cap J) = V(I \cap J)$$

Prop

I, J ideals

$$\sqrt{I \cap J} = \sqrt{I} \cap \sqrt{J}$$

Proof:

$$f \in \sqrt{I \cap J}$$

$$\Rightarrow f^m \in I \cap J$$

$$\therefore f^m \in I, f^m \in J$$

$$\Rightarrow f \in \sqrt{I} \text{ and } f \in \sqrt{J}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{I \cap J} \subseteq \sqrt{I} \cap \sqrt{J}$$

$$f \in \sqrt{I} \cap \sqrt{J} \Rightarrow f^m \in I, f^p \in J$$

$$\therefore f^m f^p \in I \cap J$$

$$\stackrel{\parallel}{f^{m+p}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f \in \sqrt{I \cap J}$$

Zariski closures

Suppose $S \subseteq k^n$ is a set (not necessarily a variety)

$$I(S) = \{ f \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \mid f(a) = 0 \ \forall a \in S \}$$

↑ this is a radical ideal

By the same proof as case $S = V$ a variety

$\therefore V(I(S))$ is a variety which contains S

Prop | $S \subseteq k^n$. $V(I(S))$ is the smallest variety which contains S , i.e. if $S \subseteq W$ for a variety $W \Rightarrow V(I(S)) \subseteq W$

Proof: If $W \supseteq S \Rightarrow I(W) \subseteq I(S)$

$$\Rightarrow V(I(S)) \subseteq V(I(W)) = W$$

Def] The Zariski closure of a subset $S \subseteq k^n$ is the smallest affine variety containing S that is

$$\overline{S} = V(I(S))$$

↑ Zariski closure

Lemma Let S, T be subsets of k^n . Then

• $I(\bar{S}) = I(S)$

• $S \subseteq T \Rightarrow \bar{S} \subseteq \bar{T}$

• $\overline{S \cup T} = \bar{S} \cup \bar{T}$

Thm (closure Thm, part #1)

k alg. closed. $V = V(f_1, \dots, f_s) \subseteq k^n$

$\pi_\ell: k^n \rightarrow k^{n-\ell}$ projection onto last $n-\ell$

coords. $I_\ell = (f_1, \dots, f_s) \cap k[x_{\ell+1}, \dots, x_n]$

\uparrow ℓ th elimination ideal

then $V(I_\ell) = \overline{\pi_\ell(V)}$ — Zariski closure

Proof: Show $V(I_\ell) = V(I(\pi_\ell(V)))$

By a lemma from 3.2

$$\pi_\ell(V) \subseteq V(I_\ell)$$

$\overline{\pi_\ell(V)} \supseteq V(I(\pi_\ell(V)))$ is the smallest

variety containing $\pi_\ell(V)$

$$\therefore \overline{\pi_\ell(V)} \subseteq V(I_\ell)$$

Now suppose $f \in I(\pi_\ell(V))$

$$\text{i.e. } f(a_{l+1}, \dots, a_n) = 0 \quad \forall (a_{l+1}, \dots, a_n) \in \pi_l(V)$$

moving f to $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

$$f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0 \quad \forall (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in V$$

\uparrow since x_1, \dots, x_l don't appear in f .

$$= f \in I(V)$$

$$\text{By Nullstellensatz} \quad \Rightarrow f \in \sqrt{(f_1, \dots, f_s)}$$

$$f^N \in (f_1, \dots, f_s) \quad \text{for some } N$$

$$\therefore f^N \in (f_1, \dots, f_s) \cap k[x_{l+1}, \dots, x_n] \\ = I_l$$

$$\Rightarrow f \in \sqrt{I_l}$$

$$I(\pi_l(V)) \subseteq \sqrt{I_l}$$

$$V(I_l) \subseteq V(I(\pi_l(V))) = \overline{\pi_l(V)}$$

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