

Recall: For an integer matrix  $A = [a_{11}, \dots, a_{1m}]$

$$I_A = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(z^u - z^v \mid Au = Av)$$

$$= \langle z^u - z^v \mid Au = Av \rangle$$

To simplify this a bit lets rephrase

Suppose  $Au = Av$ ,  $u, v \in \mathbb{N}^m$

define vectors  $r, w^+, w^-$  in  $\mathbb{N}^m$

$$r_i = \min(u_i, v_i)$$

$$w_i^+ = \max(u_i - v_i, 0)$$

$$w_i^- = \max(v_i - u_i, 0)$$

Note that  $u = r + w^+$ ,  $v = r + w^-$ ;  $u - v = w^+ - w^-$

$$\therefore \underbrace{z^r}_{z^r = \gcd(z^u, z^v)} (z^{w^+} - z^{w^-}) = z^u - z^v \in I_A$$

$$A(u - v) = A(w^+ - w^-) \quad \therefore Aw^+ = Aw^-$$

$$\Rightarrow z^{w^+} - z^{w^-} \in I_A$$

(check:  $Au = Av$ )

Ex]  $A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$x^u - x^v = x_1 x_3 x_5 - x_2 x_3 x_4 = x_3 (x_1 x_5 - x_2 x_4)$$

$x^{w^+} - x^{w^-}$

$$w^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad w^- = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Def For  $u \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  define  $u^+, u^- \in \mathbb{N}^m$  as

$$u_i^+ = \max(u_i, 0) = \begin{cases} u_i & \text{if } u_i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$u_i^- = \max(-u_i, 0) = \begin{cases} |u_i| & \text{if } u_i < 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Thm 
$$\mathcal{I}_A = \langle x^{u^+} - x^{u^-} \mid \underbrace{Au=0}_{u \in \ker_{\mathbb{Z}}(A)} \rangle$$

Thm Any reduced Gröbner basis of  $\mathcal{I}_A$  consists of binomials.

Question By Hilbert's basis Thm we know  $\exists$  some finite subset  $M$  of  $\ker_{\mathbb{Z}}(A)$  s.t.

$$\mathcal{I}_A = \langle x^{u^+} - x^{u^-} \mid Au=0 \rangle = \langle x^{u^+} - x^{u^-} \mid \underbrace{u \in M}_{\text{finite}} \rangle$$

What is this set?

$A$ : Markov Basis.

Recall: A (undirected) graph  $G=(V,E)$  is a collection of vertices  $V$ , and edges

$E =$  set of paired vertices, i.e. lines joining vertices

Def 1 Let  $A = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ , The Fibre of A over b  
 as  $\uparrow$  length  $m$  vectors

$$F_{A,b} := \{ u \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid Au = b \}$$

This is a finite set, it is the set of integer points

Def 1 A finite set  $M$  is a Markov basis for  $A$  if the graph  $\mathcal{F}(M, b)$  is connected for all  $b \in NA$

$$\mathcal{F}(M, b) = (V, E), \quad V = F_{A,b}$$

$E =$  there is an edge between  $u, v$  if  $u - v \in \pm M$ .

Def 1 (Non-negative walk) Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , a non-negative walk

from  $u$  to  $v$  on  $M$  is a list  $u_0, \dots, u_s$

on  $u_0 \rightarrow u_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow u_s$

s.t.

$$u = u_0, \quad u_s = v, \quad u_i \in \mathbb{N}^n, \quad u_{i-1} - u_i \in \pm M$$

Note: for such a walk to exist we need  $u - v \in \mathbb{Z}M$

$$\text{Set } I_M = \langle x^{m^+} - x^{m^-} \mid m \in M \rangle$$

Proposition 1 There exists a non-negative walk between  $u, v \in \mathbb{N}^n$  on  $M$  if and only if

$$x^u - x^v \in I_M$$

Proof  $\Rightarrow$  If there exists a non-negative walk then

$$x^u - x^v = \underbrace{x^u - x^{u_1} + x^{u_1} - x^{u_2} + x^{u_2} + \dots}_{u=u_0} + (-x^{u_{s-1}}) + (x^{u_{s-1}}) - x^v$$

$$x^{u_{q-1}} - x^{u_q} = x^r \left( x^{(u_{q-1}-u_q)^+} - x^{(u_{q-1}-u_q)^-} \right)$$

$\swarrow$   
gcd

$\Leftarrow$  Now suppose  $x^u - x^v \in I_M$ , then

$$x^u - x^v = \sum_{i=1}^l x^{r_i} (x^{m_i^+} - x^{m_i^-})$$

Discussion Q for next week  
Why is it enough to take monomial coefficients

$\Rightarrow$  Must exist some index  $i_0$  s.t

$$x^u = x^{r_{i_0}} \cdot x^{m_{i_0}^+}$$

First step of walk  $u_0 = r_{i_0} + m_{i_0}^+$ ,  $u_1 = r_{i_0} + m_{i_0}^-$

then either  $-x^{r_{i_0} + m_{i_0}^-} = -x^v$

or it is canceled by some term  $x^{r_{i_1} + m_{i_1}^+}$

In the second case we take the next steps  $u_2 = r_{i_1} + m_{i_1}^-$

After finitely many steps we have our complete walk.

Thm for A finite set  $M \subseteq \ker_{\mathbb{Z}}(A)$  is a Markov basis  $\iff$  A if and only if

$$I_A = I_M = \langle x^{m^+} - x^{m^-} \mid m \in M \rangle$$

Proof Since  $M \subseteq \ker_{\mathbb{Z}}(A)$  and  $I_A = \langle x^u - x^v \mid u \in \ker_{\mathbb{Z}}(A) \rangle$

then clearly  $I_M \subseteq I_A$

Suppose  $M$  is a Markov basis, then if  $x^u - x^v \in I_A$

then  $Au = Av$ , and since  $M$  is a Markov basis

$\exists$  a non-negative walk from  $u$  to  $v$  in  $M$

$\therefore$  By Prop.  $\Rightarrow x^u - x^v \in I_M$

$\Rightarrow I_A \subseteq I_M \quad \square$

## Projective Varieties

Given a vector space  $V$ ,  $\dim(V) = n+1$ ,

The projective space on  $V$  is

$\mathbb{P}^n := \mathbb{P}(V)$  = The points are lines through the origin in  $V$   
written as  $[a_0 : \dots : a_n] \in \mathbb{P}(V)$

for a line in  $V$  through  $(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in V$ .

Formally:  $\mathbb{P}(V) = (V - \{0\}) / \sim$   
= set of equivalence classes  $[v]$  for  $v \in V - \{0\}$   
where  $v_1 \sim v_2$  iff  $v_1 = \lambda v_2$  for some  
 $\lambda \in K^*$

For  $V = \mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$\mathbb{P}(V)$  is compact in the classical topology

$\mathbb{P}^n(V)$  is covered by (Zariski open) subsets

$$S_i = \{ a \in \mathbb{P}(V) \mid a_i \neq 0 \} = \{ [a_0 : \dots : a_{i-1} : 1 : a_{i+1} : \dots : a_n] \in \mathbb{P}(V) \}$$

To define varieties on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  we need to restrict to homogeneous poly.

For an arbitrary  $f \in K[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  we could have

$$P_1 \sim P_2 \text{ in } \mathbb{P}^n, \text{ but } f(P_1) \neq f(P_2)$$

$(P_1 \neq P_2 \text{ in } K^{n+1})$   
in general

A polynomial  $f \in K[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  is called homogeneous of degree  $d$  if all monomials have the same degree

$$f = \sum c_a x^a, \text{ then } \deg(x^a) = |a| = d \text{ for all } c_a \neq 0$$

Def Let  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  be homogeneous polynomials,  $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$  then the associated projective variety is

$$V(f_1, \dots, f_s) = V(I) = \{ [a_0 : \dots : a_n] \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid f_i(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 0 \ \forall i = 1, \dots, s \}$$

Note: If  $f$  is homogeneous of degree  $d$

$$f(\lambda p_0, \dots, \lambda p_n) = \sum c_a (\lambda p_0)^{a_0} \dots (\lambda p_n)^{a_n} = \sum c_a \lambda^d p^a = \lambda^d f(p)$$

$$\therefore \text{ if } f(p) = 0 \Rightarrow f(\lambda p_0, \dots, \lambda p_n) = 0$$

The ideal  $I$  is called homogeneous if  $\exists$  a generating set for  $I$  consisting of homogeneous polynomials.

E.g.  $\langle x^2y - z^3, x-y \rangle$  is homogeneous

E.x)  $I = \langle x + y^2, y \rangle$  is a homogeneous ideal

$\parallel \hookrightarrow$  a Gröbner basis of  $I$   
 $\langle x, y \rangle$

Given a projective variety  $X = V(I) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  the affine cone  $\hat{X}$  over  $X$  is the variety  $V(I) \subseteq k^{n+1}$ , i.e. the solution set of the same eq.s in  $k^{n+1}$ .

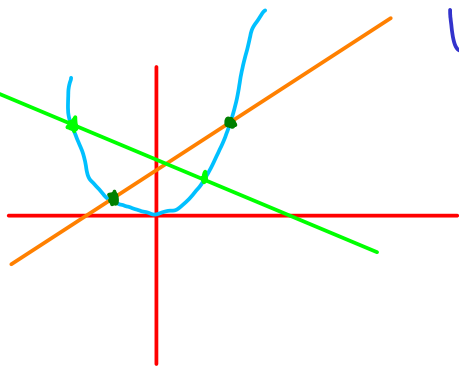
Def (Degree and Dimension) Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ , or  $V \subseteq k^n$ ,  $k$ -alg. closed be an affine or projective variety.

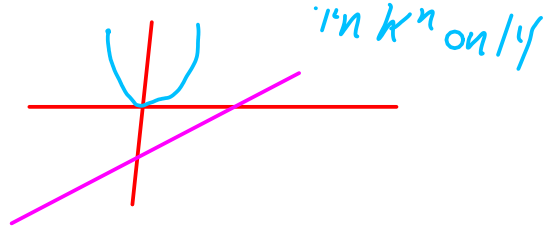
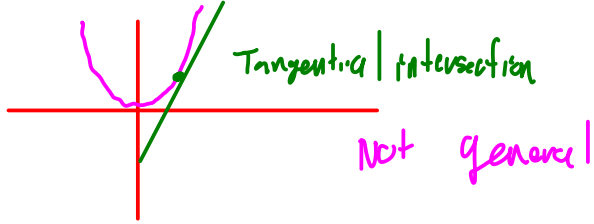
Let  $L(i) = H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_i$  where  $H_i$  are general hyperplanes in  $k^n$ ,  $H_i = V(\lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_n x_n + \lambda_0)$  for general  $\lambda_i \in k$   
in  $\mathbb{P}^n$   $H_i = ( \lambda_0 x_0 + \dots + \lambda_n x_n )$

The dimension of  $V$  is the  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$V \cap L(m) =$  a set of isolated points

$V \cap L(m+1) = \emptyset$





If  $V$  has dimension  $m$ , then the degree of  $V$  is

$$\deg(V) = \#(V \cap L(m))$$

If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  and  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq k^{n+1}$  is its affine cone

$$\dim(X) = \dim(\mathcal{O}) - 1, \quad \deg(X) = \deg(\mathcal{O})$$

If  $Y = V(I)$  is any variety in  $k^n$  we may take its projective closure to obtain a variety  $\bar{Y} = V(\bar{I}) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  where

$$\bar{I} = \left\{ x_0^{\deg(g)} \cdot g\left(\frac{x_1}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_0}\right) \mid g \in I \right\}$$

the homogenization of  $g$

Thm | Let  $I \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be an ideal. If  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$  is a reduced Gröbner basis of  $I$  (in  $G$  ordered lex order), then

$$\bar{I} = \left( x_0^{\deg(g_1)} g_1\left(\frac{x_1}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_0}\right), \dots, x_0^{\deg(g_s)} g_s\left(\frac{x_1}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_0}\right) \right)$$

Cor | If  $Y \subseteq k^n$  then  $\dim(\bar{Y}) = \dim(Y)$   
 $\deg(\bar{Y}) = \deg(Y)$



## Projective toric varieties

Take  $A = [a_0, \dots, a_m]$ . We say that the set  $\{a_0, \dots, a_m\}$  lies in an affine hyperplane if  $\exists w \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  with

$$w \cdot a_i > w \cdot a_j \quad \forall a_i, a_j \in \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$$

Set  $c = w \cdot a_0$

The affine hyper-plane is defined by

$$w \cdot x - c = w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_n x_n - c \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

Hyperplane in  $k^n$   
 $V(w \cdot x - c)$

Lemma / If  $A = \{a_0, \dots, a_m\}$  lies on an affine hyperplane then  $I_A$  is a homogeneous ideal and  $X_A = V(I_A) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ .