# Introduction to linear rewriting: Gröbner bases and reduction operators

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### I. Motivations

- ▷ Effective algebraic computation
- > Formalisation of algebraic computation

### II. Commutative Gröbner bases

- ▶ Polynomial reduction and Gröbner bases

### III. Noncommutative Gröbner bases

- ▶ Noncommutative polynomial reduction
- Anick's resolution and Koszulness

### IV. Reduction operators

- ▶ Lattice characterisation of confluence and completion

### I. MOTIVATIONS

#### **Effective algebraic computation**

Objective: compute with (non)commutative/Lie/tree polynomials

→ membership problem, computation of representatives and linear bases

Application scopes: algebraic geometry/combinatorics, homological algebra, formal analysis of functional equations, cryptography



#### Formalisation of algebraic computation

Paradigms of rewriting: Gröbner bases and adaptations, linear polygraphs, reduction operators

Algebraic tools for rewriting: monomial orders, critical pairs, higher-dimensional rewriting strategies

- solve decision problems (e.g., membership problem)
- compute homological invariants (e.g., Tor, Ext groups)
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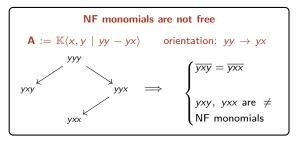


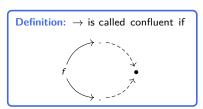
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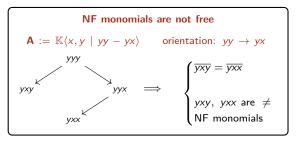
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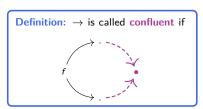
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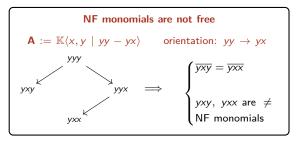
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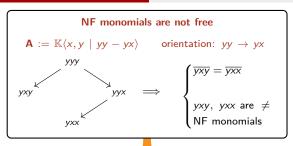


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 $\textbf{"confluence} \leftrightarrow \textbf{freeness"}$ 





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I. Motivations Outline

### Objective and plan of the talk

Sections II and III: basics of (noncommutative) Gröbner bases

- → define Gröbner bases in terms of monomials ideals
- → show rewriting characterisation of Gröbner bases
- → present completion algorithms and Anick's resolution

**Remark.** Gröbner bases have adaptations to many other structures, *e.g.*, Lie algebras, operads, Weyl/Ore algebras, tensor rings

### Section IV: introduction to reduction operators

- → definition of reduction operators for vector spaces
- → lattice characterisations of confluence and completion

### II. COMMUTATIVE GRÖBNER BASES

Question: given  $I \subseteq \mathbb{K}[X]$  and  $g \subseteq \mathbb{K}[X]$ 

how to compute f mod /?

#### **USING REWRITING!**

Case of one variable: we recover Euclidean division, e.g.,

$$f := x^4 + 3x^3 + 2x + 1$$
 and  $g := x^2 + 1$ 

 $f \mod (g)$  is computed by reducing f into NF w.r.t.  $x^2 \rightarrow -1$ 

$$x^{4} + 3x^{3} + 2x + 1 \longrightarrow 3x^{3} - x^{2} + 2x + 1 \longrightarrow -x^{2} - x + 1 \longrightarrow -x + 2$$

→ 
$$f = (x^2 + 3x - 1).(x^2 + 1) - x + 2$$

Case of many variables: requires a suitable notion of "leading monomial"

→ based on monomial orders

**Definition:** a monomial order (on the set of commutative monomials [X]) is an order < on [X] s.t.

< is total, well-founded and admissible, i.e.,

 $\forall m, m_1, m_2 \in [X]: m_1 < m_2 \Rightarrow mm_1 < mm_2$ 



### Leading monomial, leading coefficient and remainder

 $\forall f \in \mathbb{K}[X] \setminus \{0\}$ , we define

- $\rightarrow$  the leading monomial Im(f) of f as being max(supp(f))
- $\rightarrow$  the leading coefficient lc(f) of f as being the coefficient of lm(f) in f
- $\rightarrow$  the remainder of f by rem(f) = lc(f) lm(f) f

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and  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then, we have:  $f \rightarrow_g \frac{\lambda}{\operatorname{lc}(f)} \Big( m' \cdot \operatorname{rem}(g) \Big) + f'$ 

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Proposition: the following assertions are equivalent

- $\rightarrow$  G is a Gröbner basis of I
- $\Rightarrow \forall f \in I, \quad \exists g \in G: \quad \operatorname{Im}(g) \mid \operatorname{Im}(f)$
- ightharpoonup there is a vector space isomorphism  $\mathbb{K}[X]/I \simeq \mathbb{K} \, \mathsf{NF}(G)$
- $\rightarrow$  every  $f \in \mathbb{K}[X]$  admits a unique remainder w.r.t. G
- $\rightarrow$  every S-polynomial of G rewrites into 0



The S-polynomial of  $g, g' \in G$  is

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G is a Gröbner basis of  $I \Leftrightarrow$  the polynomial reduction is confluent

# Ideas of the proof

Step 1: 
$$G$$
 is a G.B. of  $I \Leftrightarrow Im(I) \cap NF(G) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{K}[X] = I \oplus \mathbb{K} NF(G)$ 

Step 2:  $\rightarrow_G$  is confluent  $\Leftrightarrow$  every  $f \in \mathbb{K}[X]$  has a unique NF  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\mathbb{K}[X] = I \oplus \mathbb{K} \operatorname{NF}(G)$ 

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While  $P \neq \emptyset$ :

- $\rightarrow$  remove p from P and reduce spol(p) into NF w.r.t. G
- $\rightarrow$  add spol(p) to G and add all the corresponding pairs to P

Return G

Proof of termination: follows from Dickson's lemma

**Proof of correctness:**  $G \subseteq I$  and every S-polynomials rewrites into 0

#### **EXAMPLE**

Input: 
$$G := \{g_1, g_2\}$$
 with  $g_1 := \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^2 + x$  and  $g_2 := \mathbf{y}^3 + (xy)/2 - 1/2$  <: the deglex order induced by  $y < x$ 

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→ spol
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**Return** 
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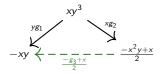
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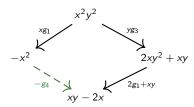
 $\rightarrow$  we may restrict the algorithm by computing S-pol. with nontrivial gcd

Alternatively: we obtain a linear adaptation of Knuth-Bendix algorithm

→ with  $g_1 := xy^2 + x$  and  $g_2 := y^3 + (xy)/2 - 1/2$ , we get

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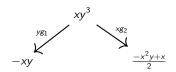




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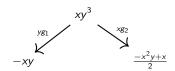


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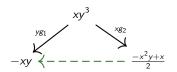


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- → store all reductions into a matrix M
- $\rightarrow$  compute the row echelon form  $\overline{M}$  of M
- $\rightarrow$  add to G each  $\overline{M}_{i\bullet}$  with leading monomial not in  $\langle \operatorname{Im}(G) \rangle$
- $\rightarrow$  add the corresponding pairs to P

# II. NONCOMMUTATIVE GRÖBNER BASES

# OBJECTIVE: adapt G.B. theory to the noncommutative framework

One need noncommutative adaptations of

- monomial orders → definition of noncommutative G.B.
- polynomial reduction  $\rightarrow$  rewriting characterisation of noncommutative G.B.
- S-polynomials → noncommutative Buchberger's/F4 procedures

We apply noncommutative G.B. to homological algebra → Anick's resolution

**Monomial order: total, well-founded** order < on noncommutative monomials  $\langle X \rangle$ , that is admissible *i.e.*,

$$\forall m, m', m_1, m_2 \in [X]: m_1 < m_2 \Rightarrow mm_1m' < mm_2m'$$

**Gröbner bases:** a generating subset G of the ideal  $I \subseteq \mathbb{K}\langle X \rangle$  s.t.  $\operatorname{Im}(I) = \langle \operatorname{Im}(G) \rangle$  (for a fixed monomial order <)

Polynomial reduction: given  $G \subseteq \mathbb{K}\langle X \rangle$  and a monomial order <:

$$\lambda \Big( m \operatorname{Im}(g) m' \Big) + f \longrightarrow_{G} \frac{\lambda}{\operatorname{lc}(g)} \Big( m \operatorname{rem}(g) m' \Big) + f$$

where  $g \in G$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$ ,  $m, m' \in \langle X \rangle$  and  $m \operatorname{Im}(g)m' \notin \operatorname{supp}(f)$ 

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In this case, A admits as a basis

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Ideas of the proof:

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- $\rightarrow$  choice of orientation:  $yx \rightarrow xy + [y, x]$ , where x < y
- → this orientation is confluent (equivalent to Jacobi identity)
- $\Rightarrow$  a basis of  $U(\mathcal{L})$  is composed of NF monomials:  $x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_k^{\alpha_k}$  s.t.  $x_i < x_{i+1}$

# *S*-polynomials

**Ambiguities of**  $G \subseteq \mathbb{K}\langle X \rangle$ : tuples  $\mathfrak{a} = (w_1, w_2, w_3, g, g')$  such that

- $w_1, w_2, w_3 \in \langle X \rangle$  with  $w_2 \neq 1$  and  $g, g' \in G$
- one of the following two conditions holds
  - $\rightarrow w_1w_2 = \text{Im}(g)$  and  $w_2w_3 = \text{Im}(g')$  (overlapping)
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S-polynomials:  $spol(\mathfrak{a}) = gw_3 - w_1g'$  if  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an overlapping

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 if  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an inclusion

Proposition: G is a noncommutative G.B. iff every spol rewrites into 0

Completion procedures: adaptations of Buchberger's and  $F_4$  procedures

Fix  $G \subseteq \mathbb{K}\langle X \rangle$  and a monomial order

**Definition:** Anick's *n*-chains and their tails are defined by induction

- → the unique (-1)-chain is 1, which is its own tail 0-chains are elements of X, which are their own tails
- $\rightarrow$  if  $n \ge 1$ : a *n*-chain with tail *t* is a monomial *mt* such that
  - **i.** m is a (n-1)-chain with tail t'
  - ii. t is a normal form w.r.t. G
  - iii. t't is uniquely reducible, on its right

**Example:** if  $Im(G) = \{xyx, yxy\}$ 

0-chains: x and y 1-chains: xyx and yxy 2-chains: xyxy and yxyx

3-chains: xyxyxy and yxyxyx 4-chains: xyxyxyx and yxyxyxy

#### Framework:

We fix:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbb{K}\langle X \mid R \rangle \stackrel{\varepsilon}{\to} \mathbb{K}$  (with  $\ker(\varepsilon) = \langle X \rangle$ ) and a monomial order <

Assumption: R is a reduced noncommutative Gröbner basis of  $\langle R \rangle$ 

# Construction of Anick's resolution: main steps

ightharpoonup consider the free (left  $\mathbf{A}-$ )modules  $\mathbf{A}\langle\mathcal{C}_n\rangle$  generated by n-chains

$$\left(\textbf{A}\langle\mathcal{C}_{-1}\rangle\simeq\textbf{A},\qquad \textbf{A}\langle\mathcal{C}_{0}\rangle=\textbf{A}\langle X\rangle,\qquad \textbf{A}\langle\mathcal{C}_{1}\rangle\simeq\textbf{A}\langle R\rangle\right)$$

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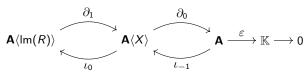
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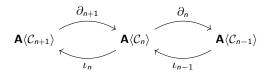
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$$\mathsf{Tor}^{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{K},\mathbb{K}) = \bigoplus_{n} \mathbb{K}\mathcal{C}_{n}$$

- → if **A** is presented by a quadratic Gröbner basis, then it is Koszul
- → if **A** is presented by an *N*-homogeneous Gröbner basis and satisfies the extra-condition, then it is *N*-Koszul

# IV. REDUCTION OPERATORS

#### A brief overview on reduction operators

Bergman, 1978: formalism for rewriting noncommutative polynomials

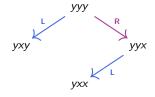
Berger 1998, 2001: lattice characterisation of homogeneous G.B. applied to Koszul duality

C. 2016, 2018: lattice characterisations of confluence and completion with the following applications

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- → computation of syzygies and detection of useless critical pairs

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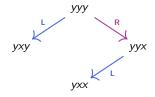
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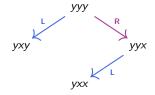
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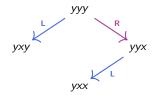


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**Definition:** a **reduction operator** on a vector space V equipped with a well-ordered basis (G, <) is a linear projector of V s.t.

$$\forall g \in G: T(g) = g \text{ or } Im(T(g)) < g$$

Remark. Finite dimensional restrictions of R.O. admit matrix representations, e.g.,



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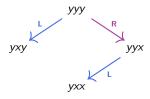
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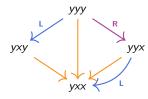
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#### Computing lower bound using Gaussian elimination

Example: consider

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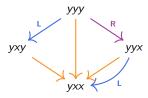
$$\begin{aligned} \ker(\mathsf{L} \wedge \mathsf{R}) &= \ker(\mathsf{L}) + \ker(\mathsf{R}) &= \mathbb{K}\{yyx - yxx, yyy - yxy, yyy - yyx\} \\ \\ &= \mathbb{K}\{\mathsf{yxy-yxx}, \ \mathsf{yyx-yxx}, \ \mathsf{yyy-yxx}\} \end{aligned}$$

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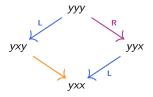


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Moreover, if  $\rightarrow_F$  is not confluent, then F is completed by

$$C(F) := \wedge F \vee (\vee \overline{F})$$

where

$$\sqrt{F} := \ker^{-1} \left( \bigcap_{T \in F} \operatorname{im}(T) \right)$$