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# Kiumars Kaveh: Khovanskii bases, Newton-Okounkov polytopes and tropical geometry

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A (graded) algebra,  $v$  valuation full-rank

$S(A, v)$  fin. gen.  $\rightsquigarrow$  Eff. computation in  $A$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Toric degen.

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Application in Kähler/Sympl. geometry

$k$  field

$$X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n} \text{ monomial}$$

$>$  term order on  $\mathbb{N}^n$

$\circ$  unique maximum

$$f = \sum C_\alpha x^\alpha, \quad \text{in}_>(f) = C_\beta x^\beta$$

$$\beta = \min \{ \alpha \mid C_\alpha \neq 0 \}$$

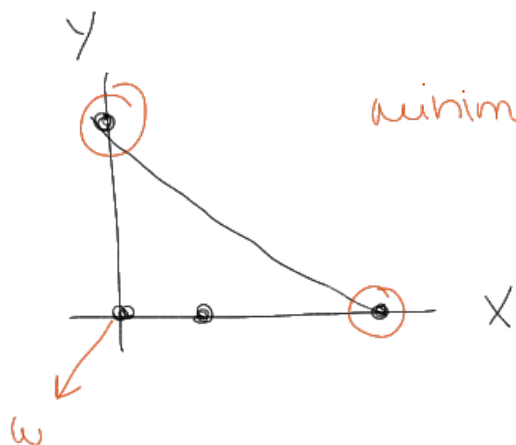
$$\underline{I} \subset k[X] \quad \text{in}_>(\underline{I}) = \langle \text{in}_>(f) \mid f \in \underline{I} \rangle$$

$$\omega \in \mathbb{Q}^n$$

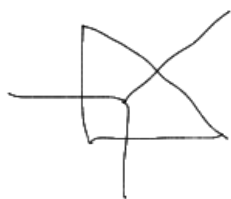
$$\text{in}_\omega(f) = \sum_{\beta} C_\beta x^\beta \rightsquigarrow \min \{ \omega \cdot \alpha \mid C_\alpha \neq 0 \}$$

attained at  $\beta$

Ex:  $f(x, y) = y^2 + x^3 - ax - b$



Newton Polytope



Gröbner fan

Def:  $\text{in}_w(I) = \langle \text{in}_w(f) \mid f \in I \rangle$

Def:  $\mathcal{G}^{\text{fin.}} \subset I$  is a Gröbner basis wrt  $\prec$  if  $\text{in}_\prec(\mathcal{G})$  generate (as ideal)  $\text{in}_\prec(I)$

- Given Gröbner basis for  $I \Rightarrow$  effective comp.  
e.g. given  $f \in K[x]$  can test if  $f \in I$

Remark:  $\text{in}_\prec(I)$  is fin. gen.

replace  $I \rightsquigarrow A \subset_{\text{subalg.}} k[x]$

Def: (SAGBI basis)

fin.  $B \subset A$  is a SAGBI basis if  $\text{in}_<(B)$

gen.  $\text{in}_<(A)$  as  $k$ -algebra.

Semigroup algebra

Remark:  $\text{in}_<(A)$  may not be fin. gen. algebra

Example (Göbel) 😞

$A = k[x_1, x_2, x_3]^{A_3} >$  lex order (some, e.g. opp.)

$\text{in}_<(A)$  is not fin. gen.

Example 😊 ♡

$\text{Gr}(2, n)$  2-planes in  $k^n$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_n \end{bmatrix} \longmapsto (p_{ij})$$

$$p_{ij} := \det \begin{pmatrix} x_i & x_j \\ y_i & y_j \end{pmatrix} \quad i < j$$

$\text{Gr}(2, n) \longleftrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{\binom{n}{2}-1}$  Plücker embedding

Plücker ideal = ideal of rel's among  $p_{ij}$ 's  
(quadratic relations)

$$A = k[P_{ij}] \subset k[x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n]$$

↳ Plücker algebra

Theorem (Sturmfels)

$\{P_{ij}\}$  SAGBI basis for  $A$

wrt (some natural) term order  $\succ$

Fact: SAGBI basis

$$\Rightarrow \text{Spec}(A) \xrightarrow{\text{deg.}} \text{Spec}(\text{in}_\alpha(A))$$

toric variety (eupl. non normal)

Extend the setup to arbitrary algebra:

$A$  fin. gen.  $k$ -algebra (domain),  $d = \dim_k(A)$

$$v: A \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d \quad (\text{or } \mathbb{Q}^d)$$

( $v|_k$  trivial)  $\succ$

$$(\star) k_v = k \quad \text{i.e.} \quad v(f) = v(g) \Rightarrow v(f - cg) > v(f) \\ \exists 0 \neq c \in k$$

Proposition:  $k_v = \bar{k}$  &  $\text{rank}(v) = d$  then

( $\star$ ) is satisfied.

Example:  $v: k[x] \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}^n$

$$v(f) = \min \{ \alpha \mid c_\alpha \neq 0 \}$$

$$\sum c_\alpha x^\alpha$$

Def:  $\mathcal{B} \subset A$  fin. subset is a (Macaulay) basis, if  
 $v(\mathcal{B})$  generates  $S(A, v)$  value semigrp  
 $S(A, v) = \{ v(f) \mid 0 \neq f \in A \}$

Example:  $A = k[x]_{\text{homog.}}$

$$\{ zy^2 - x^3 - axz^2 - bz^3 = 0 \} \subset \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$v(f) = (\deg(f), \text{ord}_p(f))$$

$p$  generic pt  $\Rightarrow S(A, v)$  not fin. gen.

$p = \infty \Rightarrow S(A, v)$  fin. gen.

see e.g.

Lazarfeld-Pustata  
Anderson

Remark: (not serious) issue of  $S(A, v)$  not well-ordered (max.)  
 ordered. If  $A = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} A_i$  OK  $\checkmark$

• Subduction algorithm  $\mathcal{B} = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$

Input:  $(A, v)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $f \in A \setminus \{0\}$

Output:  $f$  as polynomial in elts of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

$$v(f) = \sum_i v(b_i) k_i$$

replace  $f$  by  $f - \sum \prod b_i^{k_i}$  & repeat

$\hookrightarrow$  reason for effective computations

Remark:  $(A, \nu) \rightsquigarrow \{A_{\nu \geq 0}\}$  filtration

$$\text{gr}_\nu(A) = \bigoplus_a A_{\nu \geq a} / A_{\nu > a}$$

Proposition:  $S(A, \nu)$  is fin. gen  $\Leftrightarrow \text{gr}_\nu(A)$  fin. gen

Prop  $\text{gr}_\nu(A) \cong k[S(A, \nu)]$

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Remark: If  $\nu$  is not of max. rank, still things work (but not last Prop.)

Examples: homog. coord. rings of flag varieties  
& more general spherical when there ex.  
natural valuation with fin. Khovanskii basis

Def:  $\nu$  "subdivisive valuation" if it has finite Khovanskii basis for which subdivision algo always terminates.

Question: When do we have a subdivisive valuation  $\nu$  on  $A$ ?

# Tropical variety

$$I \subset k[x^{\pm}] \quad (\text{or } k[x])$$

$$\text{Trop}(I) \subset \mathbb{Q}^n$$

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$$\{ \omega \in \mathbb{Q}^n \mid \text{in}_{\omega}(I) \text{ is monomial-free} \}$$

- $\text{Trop}(I)$  encodes "behaviour at  $\infty$ " of  $V(I) \subset (k^*)^n$
- $\text{Trop}(I)$  is a polyhedral fan  
rational

$$\omega_1, \omega_2 \in C \subset \text{Trop}(I) \quad \text{cone } C$$

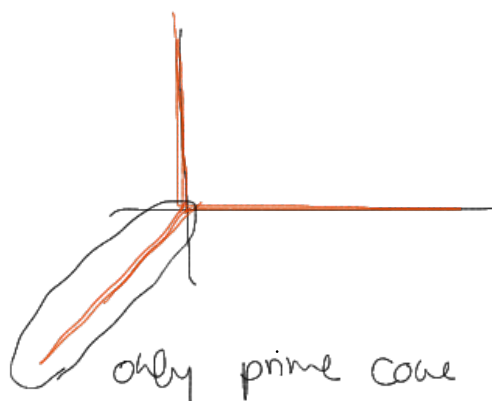
rel. int.

$$\text{then } \text{in}_{\omega_1}(I) = \text{in}_{\omega_2}(I)$$

Def: A cone  $C \subset \text{Trop}(I)$  is prime if  $\text{in}_C(I)$  is a prime ideal.

$\text{in}_{\omega}(I)$   
 $\forall \omega \in C^{\circ}$

Example:  $y^2 - x^3 - ax - b$



## Theorem (K-Manoh)

A  $k$ -algebra,  $A = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} A_i$

$\mathcal{B} = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  algebra generators for  $A$

$I$  ideal of rel's among  $b_i$ 's

$$k[x] / I \cong A$$

Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a Khovanskii basis for subadditive valuation  $v$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{Trop}(I)$  contains a "prime" cone.

" $\Leftarrow$ "

maximal dim.

$\{u_1, \dots, u_d\} \subset \mathbb{C}$  prime (max.) cone gen.

$v_M$  weight valuation

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -u_1 & - \\ -u_2 & - \\ \vdots & - \\ -u_d & - \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_1, \dots, x_n$

weight of  $x_i$  is  $i$ th column of  $M$ .

Theorem:  $v_M$  is subadditive valuation

•  $S(A, v) = \text{semigrp gen. by columns of } M$



Example:  $zy^2 - x^3 - axz^2 - bz^3$

$$\mathbb{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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generators of  $S(A, v_M) = S(A, v)$

same as  $v(f) = (\deg f, \text{ord}_\infty f)$

→ wonderful compactification fits into this setting

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why prime case?

$$f = \sum c_\alpha x^\alpha$$

$$\tilde{v}_M(f) := \min \{ M\alpha \mid c_\alpha \neq 0 \} \quad \text{usual val. ass. to matrix}$$

$$k[x] \rightarrow k[x]/I = A$$

in gen. only quasi-val. on  $A$

↳ need prime to be valuation

$$\text{gr}_{\tilde{v}_M}(A) = k[x] / \text{inc}(I)$$