Regularity and computations with multihomogeneous or sparse polynomial systems

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Polynomial systems in applications





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The world is toric

Newton polytopes: sparsity in polynomials
$$F = \sum u_b x^b$$
 $b \in \mathcal{A}$ $x^b = x_1^{b_1} \cdots x_n^{b_n}$ $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow$ Newton polytope $\Delta = conv(\mathcal{A})$ Exploiting the monomial structure. A toric variety is associated to the polytope.

"Hidden" toric structure

$$I_A = \left(\left\langle 2 \times 2 \text{ minors of } \begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2 & K_3 & K_4 \\ c_1^3 & c_2^3 & c_3^3 & c_1 c_2 c_3 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle : (c_1 c_2 c_3)^{\infty} \right).$$

[Michalek-Sturmfels'21], [Craciun-Dickenstein-Shiu-Sturmfels'07]

A balancing ideal corresponding to a chemical reaction network turns out to be toric (prime and gen. by binomials).

Computational algebra vs. commutative algebra



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Motivation: implicitization with elimination matrices

Given a parametric surface $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, construct a matrix $\mathbb{M}(X, Y, Z)$ whose entries depend on (X, Y, Z) such that for $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$

 $p \in \mathcal{S} \iff \text{ corank of } \mathbb{M}(p) > 0$

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Example

 $\phi: V \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3 \quad (s,t) \to (\phi_1(s,t), \phi_2(s,t), \phi_3(s,t))$ $\phi_1 = 1 + 3s - 2st + s^2t, \phi_2 = -1 - 3s + 4st + 5s^2t, \phi_3 = -2 + 5s + 4st - 1s^2t$

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The Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity

Given a (homogeneous) polynomial system $I = \langle f_1, \ldots, f_r \rangle$ in $k[x_0, \ldots, x_n, y_0, \ldots, y_m]$. reg(I) is a degree that describes some algebro-geometric properties of I.



[Castelnuovo'1896] [Mumford'66].

reg(I) relates with the maximal degree of the monomials in the above matrix construction. *Algebraic curves and surfaces: a history of shapes.* [Buse-Catanese-Postinghel'23].

Monomial orders and Gröbner bases

Consider a total multiplicative order < in the monomials of S. (Degree) reverse lexicographical monomial order ($x_0 > \cdots > x_n$).

 $x^a > x^b \iff$ the last non-zero entry of a - b is negative

Leading terms $f = \sum_{a} c_{a\neq 0} c_{a}x^{a} \implies in_{<}(f) = c_{b}x^{b} \quad x^{a} < x^{b}$. Initial ideal $in(I) = (in(f) \quad f \in I)$. The generators of f corresponding to a generators of in(I) are also known as Gröbner basis [Buchberger'65].

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Let $reg_0(in(I))$ be the degree of the generators of in(I).

The generators of in(1) and generic coordinates

Theorem $reg(in(1)) \ge reg_0(in(1))$ $reg(in(1)) \ge reg(1)$ If $reg(in(1)) = reg_0(in(1)) = reg(1)$, then the complexity of Gröbner computations depends on reg(1) (algebra of 1).

Theorem [Galligo'74] For a generic linear change of coordinates $u \in GL(n+1)$, i.e.

 $x_i \rightarrow u_{i0}x_0 + \ldots, u_{in}x_n,$

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in(ul) is constant and known as generic initial ideal (gin(l)).No change in the "geometry": dimension, number of solutions, degree...

"A criterion for detecting m-regularity".

D. Bayer, M. Stillman. Inventiones Mathematicae (1987)

Theorem. reg(I) equals reg(gin(I)) and coincides with the maximal degree of an element of a minimal Gröbner basis of I, in generic coordinates and using the reverse lexicographical order.



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The importance of the Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity



(Multi)-homogeneous polynomial systems

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Same motivation

Given a the monomial structure of the parametric surface $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, construct a matrix $\mathbb{M}(X, Y, Z)$ whose entries depend on (X, Y, Z) such that for $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$

 $p \in \mathcal{S} \iff$ corank of $\mathbb{M}(p) > 0$.

[Khetan-D'Andrea'06], [Botbol'11] - Use toric varieties.

Who takes the role of reg(1)?

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Two groups of variables

Given a (bi-homogeneous) polynomial system $I = \langle f_1, \ldots, f_r \rangle$ in $k[x_0, \ldots, x_n, y_0, \ldots, y_m]$.

reg(I) describes (using bi-degrees) some algebro-geometric properties of I.



[Maclagan-Smith'04], [Botbol-Chardin'12]

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Which monomial order?

Example

$$f_1 = x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1 = 0 \quad f_2 = x_0 y_1 - x_1 y_0 = 0$$

Let $in_x(I)$ and $in_y(I)$ be the reverse lexicographical order $x_0 < x_1 < y_0 < y_1$ (resp. $y_0 < y_1 < x_0 < x_1$).

$$in_x(I) = (x_0y_0, x_0y_1, y_0^2x_1)$$
 $in_y(I) = (x_0y_0, x_1y_0, x_0^2y_1)$

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(Bi)-generic initial ideals

If we change the variables as before, we lose the structure. We structure the changes of coordinates.

 $x_0 \rightarrow x_0 + 12x_1 \quad x_1 \rightarrow x_0 - 2x_1 \quad y_0 \rightarrow y_0 + 3y_1 \quad y_1 \rightarrow y_0 + -5y_1$

The (bi)-generic initial bigin(I) ideals exist.

In the example

$$bigin_x(I) = (x_0y_0, x_0y_1, y_0^2x_1)$$
 $bigin_y(I) = (x_0y_0, x_1y_0, x_0^2y_1)$

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Remark The (bi)-degrees still depend on the order of the variables.

Our results

If we are using the DRL order:

$$x_0 < \cdots < x_n < y_0 < \cdots < y_m$$

Theorem [Bender-Busé-C-Tsigaridas]. There is $1 \le s \le n+1$ such that: $(a,b) \in reg(I) \implies$ No generator of bigin(I) has degree $\ge (a+s,b)$



The regions reg(I) + (s, 0), in xreg(I) + (1, 0) and a third region in terms of the Betti numbers [Aramova-Crona-DeNegri'00,Römer'01]. We also certify where there are generators of bigin(I).

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Sparse polynomial systems and toric varieties.

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The Newton polytopes and the Macaulay matrix.

The Newton polytopes of the polynomials of f_1, \ldots, f_r we consider correspond to "degrees" (nef Cartier divisors) in the homogeneous coordinate ring R of a toric variety X_{Σ} .

$$M_d: \oplus_{i=1}^r S_{d-d_i} \to S_d \quad (g_1, \ldots, g_r) \to \sum_{i=1}^r g_i f_i$$

Big question:

Does multigraded regularity govern these computations?

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Sparse resultants

When r = n + 1, choose minor \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E} of M_d such that:

$${\it Res}_{\mathcal{A}} = rac{{\it det}(\mathcal{M})}{{\it det}(\mathcal{E})}$$

where Res_A is a polynomial in the coefficients of f_1, \ldots, f_r that vanishes when there are solutions.



The combinatorial construction of a minor of M_d based on a mixed subdivision of $\Delta = \sum_{i=0}^n \Delta_i$.

The construction [Canny-Emiris'93], the proof of the formula [D'Andrea-Jerónimo-Sombra'21], smaller matrices (under some conditions) [C-Emiris'22] (with an tropical result on mixed subdivisions).

Sylvester forms

Construction of a (universal) basis $\{s_{\mu}\}$ of $(I^{sat}/I)_d$ for some d.

$$M_d: \oplus_{i=1}^r S_{d-d_i} \oplus (I^{sat}/I)_d \to S_d \quad (g_1, \ldots, g_r, I_\mu) \to \sum_{i=1}^r g_i f_i + \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{I}} s_\mu I_\mu$$



Example in the Hirzebruch surface \mathcal{H}_1 . The dots represent the "degrees" d where a basis of $(I^{sat}/I)_d$ is given.

The classical case [Jouanolou'97], the multihomogeneous case [Busé-Chardin-Nemati'22], a smooth toric variety [Busé-C'23].

The investigation continues.



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