

Lectures 4+5: Irreducible decomposition of binomial ideals

Thm (KM) Every binomial ideal $I \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n] = k[M^n]$ can be expressed as

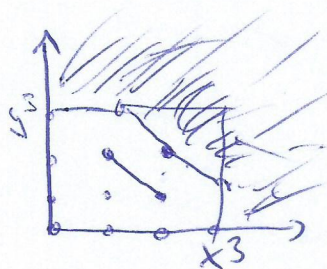
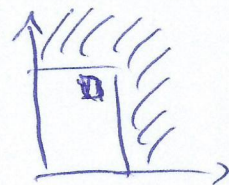
$$I = \bigcap_i J_i \quad \text{such that}$$

- J_i are binomial, (meso)primary and coprincipal

Remarks: • just primary requires $k = \bar{k}$

- coprincipal generalizes the "one outer corner" condition of irreducible monomial ideals

Ex: $\langle xy^2 - x^2y, x^3, y^3 \rangle = I$



Quotient M^n / ν_I
 $\bullet \infty$
 $\bullet \leftarrow$ cogenerator
 modulo ν_I

$I \subseteq k[x, y, z]$ there is an entire class of

monomials that cogenerate the component,

but they are z -translates of a unique monomial.

Think:

Coprincipal \Leftrightarrow unique monomial in the socle up to invertible directions.

Coprincipal is not a simple socle condition since there can be binomials or larger polys in the socle.

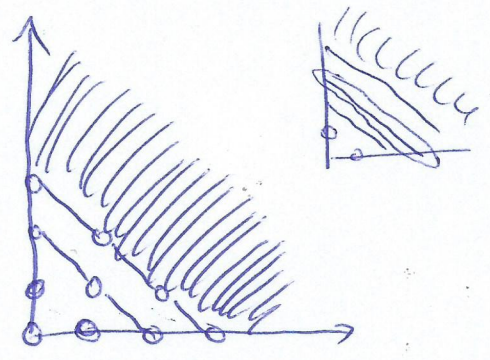
First we deal with binomials in the socle.

Ex: $\langle x^2 - xy, xy - y^2, x^3 \rangle$

is coprincipal, but

$x - y \in \text{soc}(I)$

can be seen combinatorially



Def: \sim congruence on Q (e.g. \mathbb{N}^4)

$P \subseteq Q$ a monoid prime ideal.

Localization Q_P make

every element outside of P

invertible \Rightarrow make monomial,

outside of $m_P = \langle x_i : x_i \in P \rangle$

invertible.

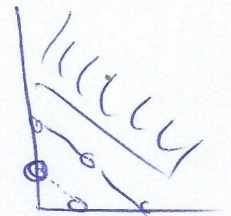
(co)generator, x^4

$x \cdot x^4 \in$

" $w \in Q$ is a key witness for P if there exists an $a \in Q$ such that for all $p \in P$

$\bar{w} \neq \bar{a}$ but $\bar{w} + \bar{p} = \bar{a} + \bar{p}$

and in $\{\bar{w}, \bar{a}\}$ \bar{w} is not maximal.



In the example x, y are witnesses, and so are

x^2, xy, y^2

because $\bar{x}^2 \neq \bar{0}$ but $\bar{x}^3 = \bar{0}$
 $\bar{x}^2 y = \bar{0}$

Def: A congruence is socular if its key witnesses generate the same principal ideal in Q_P

Def. The socular collapse of a congruence identifies a and b if a and b are not cogenerators but become equal upon addition of any $p \in P$.

After doing this finitely many times, the result is a socular congruence, the socular closure of \sim .

Lift this to binomial ideals:

Def: Fix $I \subseteq k[x^1, \dots, x^n]$ a binomial ideal and P a monoid prime. (m_P a monomial prime)
The P -socle of I is

$$\text{SOC}_P(I) = \left\{ f \in \frac{k[x^1, \dots, x^n]_P}{I_P} : m_P \cdot f = 0 \right\}$$

Here $-_P$ means monomial localization (i.e. inverting monomials outside m_P).

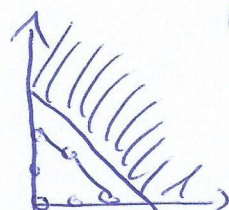
Def. A binomial is binocular if it is P -coprincipal and every binomial in its P -socle is a (monomial) cogenerator. ($\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ here)

But: Arithmetic problems. $I = \langle x^2 - xy, xy + y^2 \rangle$ More $\mathbb{F}_4, \mathbb{F}_3$

$$(x \pm y) \notin \text{soc}$$

$$\text{because } x^2 + xy \notin I$$

$$\text{and } xy - y^2 \notin I$$

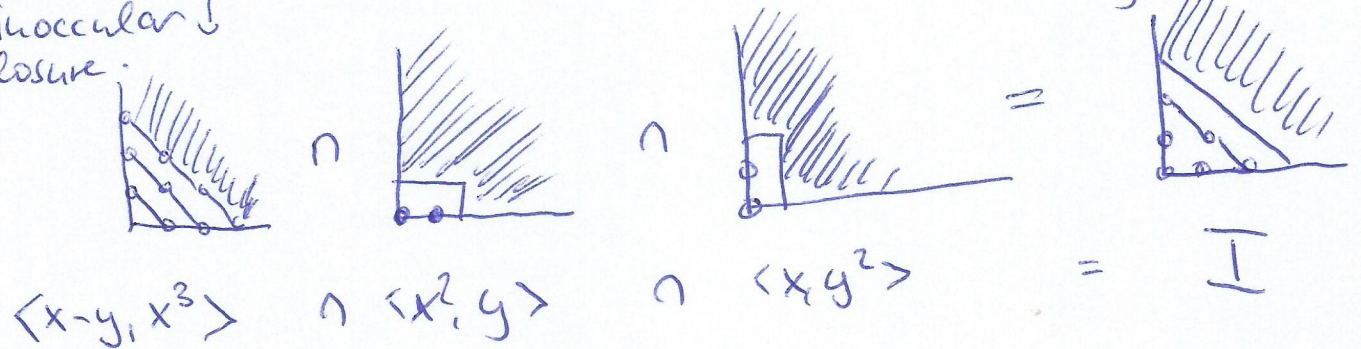


From here define binocular closure, then show that the intersection of binocular closures of coprincipal components for key witnesses yields the original ideal.

Ex: $\langle x^2 - xy, xy - y^2, x^3 \rangle = I$ Witnesses: $\begin{matrix} x^2\text{-class} \\ -x \\ -y \end{matrix}$

1) Make coprincipal witnesses

2) Binocular closure



Lemma: Fix $I \in K[x^u]$ binomial ideal.

and W_1, \dots, W_s arbitrary ideals containing I .

The following are equivalent:

1) $I = W_1 \cap \dots \cap W_s$

2) The natural map $R/I \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^s R/W_i$ is injective.

3) The natural map $\text{soc}_P(I) \rightarrow \bigoplus_i \text{soc}_P(W_i)$ is injective

for any monoid prime P associated to I .

4) The nat. map. $\text{soc}_P \rightarrow \bigoplus_i \text{soc}_P(W_i)_P$ is injective

for any $P \in \text{Ass}(R/I)$.

Pf: (1) \Leftrightarrow (2): The kernel of $R \rightarrow \bigoplus_i R/W_i$

Assume (1) and (2).

Localization is exact:

$$R_P/I_P \rightarrow \bigoplus_i R_P/(W_i)_P \text{ is injective.}$$

$$\text{soc}_P(I) \subseteq R_P/I_P \text{ submodule. } \Rightarrow (3)$$

(3) \Rightarrow (4) Localization still exact.

\mathcal{P} be associated to I , gives by ES an associated monoid prime \mathcal{P} (resp. $m_{\mathcal{P}}$)

with $m_{\mathcal{P}} \in \mathcal{P}$ but every monomial outside of \mathcal{P} lies outside of $m_{\mathcal{P}}$

\Rightarrow Localization at \mathcal{P} inverts more than in (3)

$$(\text{soc}_P(I))_{\mathcal{P}} \rightarrow \bigoplus_i R_P/(W_i)_P \text{ injective}$$

$$\text{but } \text{soc}_P(I) \subseteq (\text{soc}_P(I))_{\mathcal{P}}, \Rightarrow (4)$$

(4) \Rightarrow (1). Fix $f \in R/I$. Let \mathcal{P} be minimal prime over the annihilator of f .

Then $\bar{f} \in R_{\mathcal{P}}/I_{\mathcal{P}}$ is not zero.

Since \mathcal{P} is minimal some power of \mathcal{P} annihilates

f , or: $\exists a \in \mathcal{P}$. $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{f} \neq 0$ but annihilated by \mathcal{P}

$\bar{a} \bar{f} \in \text{soc}_P(I)$ so $\bar{a} \bar{f} \neq 0 \pmod{\text{one } (W_i^*)_P}$ by (4)

but then $a f \notin W_i^* \Rightarrow f \notin W_i^*$

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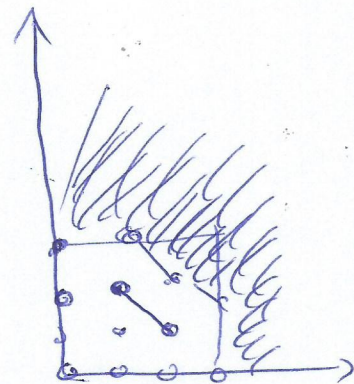
Nonexistence of binomial irred. dec.

Ex: $I = \langle x^2y - xy^2, x^3, y^3 \rangle$

This is coprincipal, binocular.

$\langle x, y \rangle$ - primary.

co-generator is $x^2y \sim y^2x$



$$\text{soc}(I) = \mathbb{k} \left\{ \underbrace{x^2 + y^2 - xy}_\alpha, \underbrace{x^2y}_\beta \right\}$$

Any irreducible dec. has two components.

$$I = I_1 \cap I_2$$

By Lemma

$$R = \mathbb{k}[x, y]$$

$$\mathbb{k} R/I \rightarrow R/I_1 \oplus R/I_2$$

is inj.

$$\text{soc}(I) \rightarrow \text{soc}(I_1) \oplus \text{soc}(I_2) \text{ is injective.}$$

Isb of 2d VS over \mathbb{k} . Let $f = \lambda \alpha + \mu \beta$ be

a generator of $\text{soc}(I_1)$ for some λ .

for dimension reasons $f \in I_2$ Now remains to

show. $(I+f) = I_2$, have $I+f \subseteq I_2$ and thus

a map $\text{soc}(I+f) \rightarrow \text{soc}(I_2)$

from $R/(I+f) \rightarrow R/I_2$.

$$\text{Since } R/I \rightarrow R/I+f \rightarrow R/I_2$$

$$\text{soc}(I) \rightarrow \text{soc}(I+f) \rightarrow \text{soc}(I_2)$$

2d

1d

1d

$\text{soc}(I+f)$ spanned by α and β but modulo f

$(I + f)$ is irreducible and equals I_2
 $\rightarrow I_2$ is not binomial. □

Problem: Which binomial have binomial irreducible decompositions?

To produce irreducible dec, assume for simplicity Artinian quotient R/I . (coprincipal with cogenerator x^w)
 Decompose R/I as $k\{x^w\} \oplus w^+$

Let $w_\infty^+ \subseteq w^+$ be the largest R/I submodule.

$$\text{Irr}(I) = "I + w_\infty^+" = \text{Ker}(R \rightarrow (R/I)/w_\infty^+)$$

Ex: $\langle x^2y - y^2x, x^3, y^3, z^2 \rangle \subseteq k[x, y, z]$

Socle generator ~~$(x^2y - y^2x)$~~ $(x^2 - xy + y^2)z^2$

$$\text{Irr}(I) = I + (\del{x^2y - y^2x}) (x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

Irreducible decomposition arises from irreducible closures of coprincipal components at (essential) key witnesses. □