

# Midway upon the Journey

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# Buchberger's algorithm

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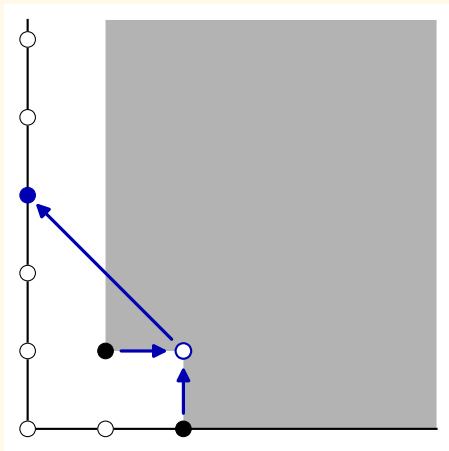
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Expand ideal of **leading terms**  $\rightsquigarrow$  Gröbner basis

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$$x^2 + y^3 - 4, \quad xy - 1$$

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- not  $-4, -1$

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- lexicographic (lex)

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- **graded reverse lexicographic** (grevlex)



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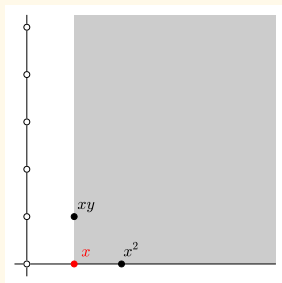
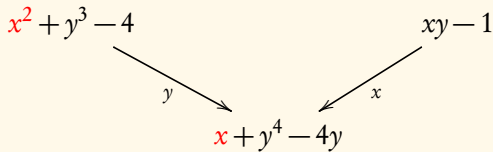
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- **weighted degree orderings (wdeg)**

lex



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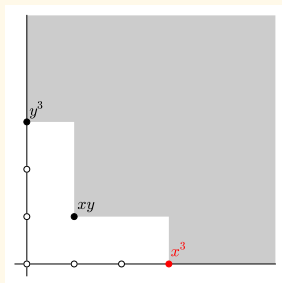
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grevlex

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x^2 + y^3 - 4 & & xy - 1 \\ & \swarrow x & \swarrow x \\ & x^3 + y^2 - 4x & \end{array}$$



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# “Long-term” behavior can vary

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$$x^2 + y^3 - 4, xy - 1$$

	lex	grevlex
#s-polys	3	2
#polys	2	3

# Another example

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_7, \\ x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + \cdots + x_1x_7, \\ x_1x_2x_3 + x_2x_3x_4 + \cdots + x_7x_1x_2, \\ \vdots \\ x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5x_6x_7 - b^7 \end{array} \right\}$$

	lex	grevlex	wdeg
#-spolys	5458	2192	372
#polys	985	443	101
time <sup>†</sup> (sec)	641.699	1.553	0.482

<sup>†</sup>2.5 GHz Intel Core i5, OSX 10.10.4, custom SINGULAR

wdeg uses (5769, 5768, 4588, 2902, 5726, 4904, 1, 3453)

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## Dynamic Gröbner basis computation

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## Dynamic Gröbner basis computation

- smaller basis  $\implies$  easier to work with
- less computation  $\implies$  quicker result?



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MR88 Mora and Robbiano (1988)

GS93 Gritzmann and Sturmfels (1993)

C93 Caboara (1993)

GP O. Golubitsky (preprint)

CP14 Caboara and Perry (2014)

$\omega$ : weight vector

$$x^{\mathbf{a}} > y^{\mathbf{b}} \iff \omega \cdot \mathbf{a} > \omega \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

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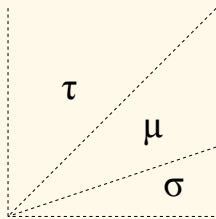
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$$\text{lex: } x^2 + y^3 - 4 \quad \implies \quad \omega = (1, 0)$$

$\omega$ : weight vector

$$\text{grevlex: } x^2 + y^3 - 4 \quad \Leftarrow \quad \omega = (1, 1)$$

open polyhedral cone



Corner vectors identify potential leading terms (CP14)

pre-2014: *simplex*

- pros
  - fast + iterative
  - huge literature
  - many implementations
- cons
  - integer solving *bottleneck*
  - solution  $\rightsquigarrow$  *one ray*

current: *double description method*

- pros
  - iterative + not too slow
  - literature exists
  - solving  $\rightsquigarrow$  *all* rays
  - integer solving *fast* (mostly)
- cons
  - “edge detection” can be slow



## SINGULAR

- C++
- works for many systems
- optimization, debuggin, research
- available online:  
<https://github.com/johnperry-math/Sources.git>

# §3. The straight path

# A “good” ordering?

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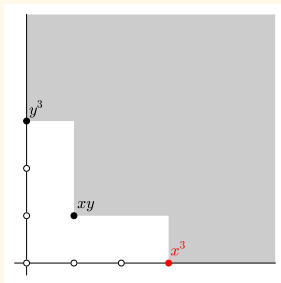
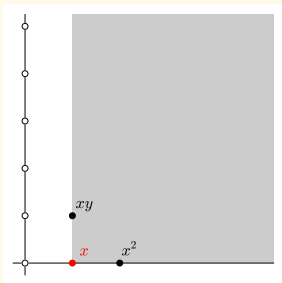
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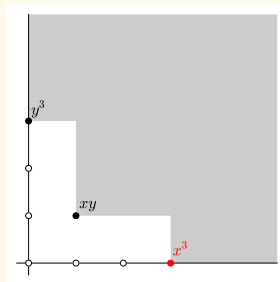
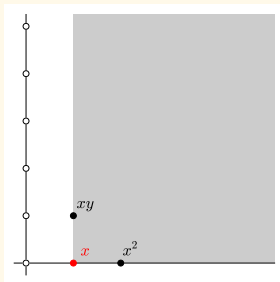
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rightmost diagram nicer

- finite # residues
- no redundant basis elements (yet)

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*(intuitive)* number of dots outside gray region

*(precise)* linear dimension of residues of degree  $d$

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## Definition ( $HP(d)$ )

Eventual value of Hilbert function (after **degree of regularity**)

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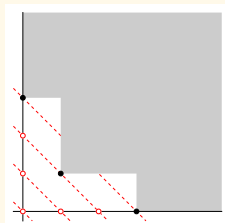
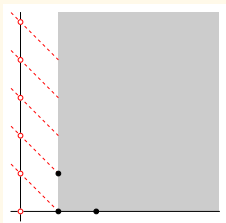
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$HF(d)$	$(1, 1, 1, \dots)$	$(1, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$
$HP(d)$	1	0
$HS(t)$	$1 + 1t + \dots = -\frac{1}{t-1}$	$1 + 2t + 2t^2 + 0t^3 + \dots$



# Hilbert heuristic (C93, GS93)

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Approximate ideal of leading terms

Long-term test

Hilbert polynomial minimized at disagreement of *largest* degree

$$1 + 2t + t^3 + 3t^4 > 7 + 3t + 2t^4$$

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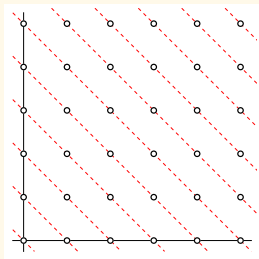
$$1 + 2t + t^3 + 3t^4 > 7 + 3t + 2t^4$$

Short-term test

Hilbert function minimized at disagreement of *smallest* degree

$$(1, 1, 1, \dots) < (1, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$$

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Accurate measure, *but...*

$$\omega = (1, 1)$$

$$(1, 2, 3, 4, \dots)$$

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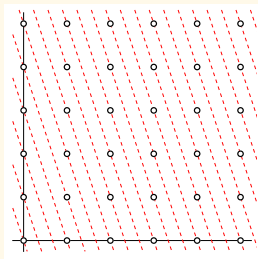
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- new order? nonstandard deg



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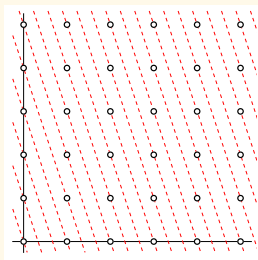
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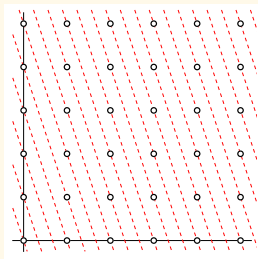
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- no graded *HP*!



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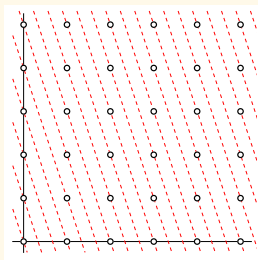
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  - explored in thesis by Mascia



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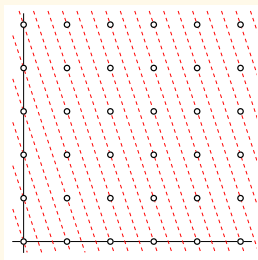
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## Alternate Hilbert Heuristic

- 1 minimize *standard* Hilbert polynomial
- 2 break ties w/*graded* Hilbert function

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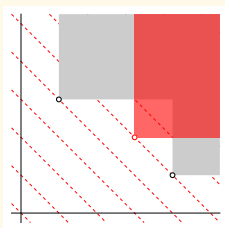
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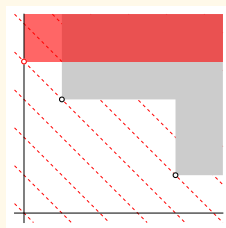


Lower-degree terms an indirect Hilbert heuristic...?

(computation *much* faster!)

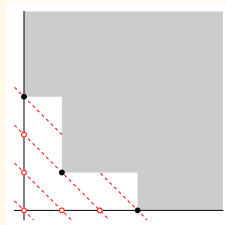
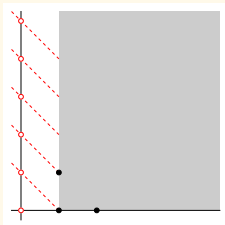


$$\deg(x^3y^2) = 5$$



$$\deg y^4 = 3$$

Not always!



# Critical pair heuristic (Eder)

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*Maximize work at low degree*

- count deg, # of new pairs
- minimize degree of new pairs
- break ties by maximal number at low degree

# Minimum difference in degree

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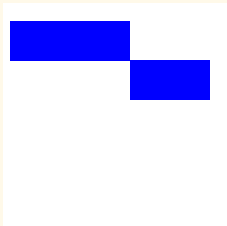
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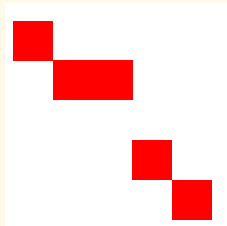
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*Good computational properties of homogeneous polynomials*

- $\max(\deg t) - \min(\deg t) \forall t \in g \dots ?$



homogeneous-ish



not so much!

# Largest component of maximal degree (Faugère)

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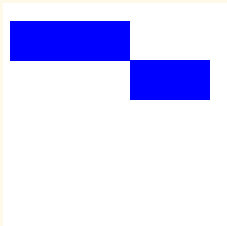
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*Good computational properties of regular systems*

- polys have large component of maximal degree



small component



large component

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Min difference degree, Largest maximal component:

Require weight vector for each term: expensive

- workaround solve integer program for each term
- “simplex oracle” mitigates cost?
- not yet implemented

# §4. Example systems

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	std()	Hilbert	degree	crit pairs
Caboara 1	239	34	114	142
Caboara 2	455	19	24	26
Cyc-7 hom	443	101	108	110
Cyc-8 hom	1182	513	422	595



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#spolys

	std()	Hilbert	degree	crit pairs
Caboara 1	888	125	383	486
Caboara 2	8826	29	36	36
Cyc-7 hom	2192	372	397	402
Cyc-8 hom	7018	2625	2069	3080

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Caboara 2	.527	.047	.060	.064
Cyc-7 hom	1.518	1.605	2.177	1.825
Cyc-8 hom	50.308	235	492	247

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	std()	Hilbert	degree	crit pairs
$7x, 5f$	251	289	<b>BUG!</b>	386
$6x, 4f$	38	12	14	40
$10x, 8f$ (bin)	61	16	7	17
$6x, 10f$ (bin)	3	5	5	5
$6x, 10f$ (trin)	12	12	12	14
$5x, 9f$ (bin)	27	24	28	41
$8x, 5f$ (bin)	50	37	37	105

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$6 x, 4 f$	121	28	32	124
$10 x, 8 f$ (bin)	21	35	10	40
$6 x, 10 f$ (bin)	75	5	5	5
$6 x, 10 f$ (trin)	20	20	20	24
$5 x, 9 f$ (bin)	78	76	83	111
$8 x, 5 f$ (bin)	182	122	141	424

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Good performance in binomial systems

- esp. “Caboara 2” (integer programming)

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	grevlex	Hilbert	wdeg
Cyc-7h	1.518	1.605	<b>0.482</b>
Cyc-8h	50.308	235	<b>43.8</b>

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## DDM v. Simplex?

- wdeg **requires integer solution**
- simplex integer solvers inefficient
  - branch and cut, ...
- DDM's integer solutions free!

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# Signature-based dynamic algorithm

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*Mere blueprints...*

## Pros

- usual pros of signatures
- avoid zero reductions?
  - avoid *most* of them?
  - a lot of time spent computing 0 in dynamic algorithm

## Cons

- inequalities need to preserve signatures
  - including reduction!
- can't use standard, graded Hilbert functions

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- add  $r$ , *ideal does not expand!* ( $x^4 \mid x^5$ )
- $\therefore HF(d)$  does not change!

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Gives Hilbert heuristic in  $\mathbb{X}_{2n}$ !

- can reject<sup>†</sup> polynomials that don't expand  $\mathbb{X}_{2n}$  ideal
- *necessary* polynomials expand ideal

<sup>†</sup>Arri & Perry 2011, Eder & Perry 2011

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## Near term

- bug fixing, optimization
- full tests of heuristics on many ideals

## Mid term

- signature-based dynamic algorithm

## Long term

- parallelization of DDM
- F4-style implementation?
  - refinement  $\leftrightarrow$  swap columns

# Thank you!

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