

# Implicitization of rational hypersurfaces and syzygies II

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# Recalling the problem

$$\phi : \mathbf{P}^{n-1} \dashrightarrow \mathbf{P}^n,$$

$f := (f_0, \dots, f_n)$ ,  $f_i \in R := k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  homogeneous of degree  $d \geq 1$ , such that the closure of its image is a hypersurface  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Goal:** Compute the equation  $H$  of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

- $I := (f_0, \dots, f_n) \subset R$  be the ideal generated by the  $f_i$ 's,
- $X := \text{Proj}(R/I) \subset \mathbf{P}^{n-1}$  be the subscheme defined by  $I$ , i.e. the **base points** of  $\phi$ .

If  $\Gamma_0 \subset \mathbf{P}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{P}^n$  is the graph of  $\phi : (\mathbf{P}^{n-1} - X) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  and  $\Gamma$  the Zariski closure of  $\Gamma_0$ , one has :

$$\mathcal{H} = \overline{\phi(\mathbf{P}^{n-1} - X)} = \overline{\pi(\Gamma_0)} = \pi(\Gamma)$$

$$\Gamma = \text{Proj}(\mathcal{R}_I)$$

with

$$\mathcal{R}_I := R \oplus I \oplus I^2 \oplus \dots = R \oplus It \oplus I^2 t^2 \oplus \dots$$

$\mathcal{R}_I$  is the **Rees algebra** associated to  $I$ .

If  $\mathfrak{P} := \ker(s)$ ,  $\mathfrak{P}_1$  (the degree 1 part of  $\mathfrak{P}$ ) is the module of syzygies of the  $f_i$ 's :

$$a_0T_0 + \cdots + a_nT_n \in \mathfrak{P}_1 \iff a_0f_0 + \cdots + a_nf_n = 0.$$

By definition,  $\mathcal{S}_I := \text{Sym}_R(I)$  is the **symmetric algebra** associated to  $I$ . Let  $V := \text{Proj}(\mathcal{S}_I)$  the associated variety. We have natural onto maps

$$S \longrightarrow S/\langle \mathfrak{P}_1 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{S}_I \simeq S/\langle \mathfrak{P}_1 \rangle \longrightarrow S/\mathfrak{P} \simeq \mathcal{R}_I$$

which correspond to the embeddings

$$\Gamma \subseteq V \subset \mathbf{P}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{P}^n.$$

## Theorem

*If  $\dim X = 0$ ,  $\Gamma = V$  if and only if  $X$  is locally a complete intersection.*

In fact,  $\mathfrak{P} = \langle \mathfrak{P}_1 \rangle^{sat}$ .

# Approximation complexes

## Proposition ([Busé- Jouanolou '02])

Assume that  $\Gamma = V$  and let  $\eta$  be such that  $H_m^0(\mathcal{S}_I)_\mu = 0$  for all  $\mu \geq \eta$ . Then,

$$\text{ann}_{k[T_0, \dots, T_n]}(\mathcal{S}_I^\eta) = \mathfrak{P} \cap k[T_0, \dots, T_n] = \langle H \rangle.$$

So, we can use **graded** pieces of a **resolution** of  $\mathcal{S}_I$  to compute  $H$ .

$\mathcal{S}_I$  has a known *canonical* resolution via the **approximation complexes** introduced and studied by **Herzog, Simis and Vasconcelos**.

In particular, the  **$\mathcal{Z}$ -complex**, constructed by means of two **Koszul** complexes, gives a **representation matrix** for  $\mathcal{H}$  which *generalizes what we saw for rational curves*, once one gets a **bound** for the exponent  $\eta$  in the Proposition.

# Approximation complexes

Let  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_r)$  be an  $r$ -tuple of elements in a ring  $A$ . The (homological) **Koszul complex**  $K_\bullet(y; A)$  is the complex with modules  $K_p(y; A) := \bigwedge^p A^r \simeq A^{\binom{p}{r}}$  and maps  $d_p : K_p(y; A) \rightarrow K_{p-1}(y; A)$

$$g \cdot e_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e_{i_p} \mapsto g \cdot \sum_{j=1}^p (-1)^{j+1} y_{i_j} e_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \widehat{e_{i_j}} \cdots \wedge e_{i_p}.$$

$Z_p(y; A) := \ker(d_p)$  are the cycles and  $H_p(y; A) := Z_p(y; A) / \text{im}(d_{p+1})$  the homologies.

We consider  $f_i \in R \subset S$  as elements of  $S$  and the two complexes  $K_\bullet(f; S)$  and  $K_\bullet(T; S)$  where  $T := (T_0, \dots, T_n)$ .

These complexes have the **same** modules  $K_p = \bigwedge^p S^{n+1} \simeq S^{\binom{p}{n+1}}$  and differentials  $d_\bullet^f$  and  $d_\bullet^T$ .

# Approximation complexes

It directly follows from the definitions that  $d_{p-1}^f \circ d_p^T + d_{p-1}^T \circ d_p^f = 0$ , so that  $d_p^T(Z_p(f; S)) \subset Z_{p-1}(f; S)$ .

The complex  $\mathcal{Z}_\bullet := (Z_\bullet(f; S), d_\bullet^T)$  is called **Z-complex** associated to the  $f_i$ 's.

- Notice that  $Z_p(f; S) = S \otimes_R Z_p(f; R)$  and

- $Z_0(f; R) = R$ ,

- $Z_1(f; R) = \text{Syz}_R(f_0, \dots, f_n)$ ,

- the map  $d_1^T : S \otimes_R \text{Syz}_R(f_0, \dots, f_n) \rightarrow S$  is defined by :

$$(a_0, \dots, a_n) \mapsto a_0 T_0 + \dots + a_n T_n.$$

We will look at **graded** pieces *in the variables we want to eliminate*.

# Aproximation complexes

The cokernel of the last map (in the piece of degree  $\mu$ ) is  $S_I^\mu$ .

## Theorem

*If  $X$  is lci and  $H_m^0(\mathcal{S}_I)_\mu = 0$ , then the gcd of the maximal minors of any matrix representing this map equals  $H^{\deg(\phi)}$ .*

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# Main tools

## Linear syzygies

Given polynomials  $f_0, \dots, f_3 \in \mathbb{K}[s_1, s_2]$ , a **syzygy** on  $f_0, \dots, f_3$  is a 4-tuple of polynomials  $(h_0, \dots, h_3)$  such that  $\sum_{i=0}^3 h_i f_i = 0$ .

## Dealing with monomials: toric embeddings

We set one variable  $X_i$  for each integer point  $p_i$  in  $Q$  and we record **multiplicatively** (by **binomial** equations), the **affine** relations among these points. We then translate  $f_i(s)$  to  $g_i(X)$ .

# The method distilled in simplest terms

## Basic general algorithm [BDD] sparse, [BCJ] classic

- **INPUT:**  $(f_0(s), f_1(s), f_2(s), f_3(s))$  with Newton polytopes contained in  $P$  (a lattice polygon in the first quadrant), satisfying suitable hypotheses.
- **STEP 1:** Consider syzygies  $(h_0, \dots, h_3)$  with  $N(h_i) \subset 2P = \{p_1 + p_2, p_i \in P\}$ . Let  $(h_0^{(j)}, \dots, h_3^{(j)}), j = 1, \dots, N$ , be a  $\mathbb{K}$ -basis of such syzygies.
- **STEP 2:** Represent the syzygies as linear forms  $L_j = h_0^{(j)}T_0 + \dots + h_3^{(j)}T_3$ . Write  $h_i^{(j)} = \sum_{\beta \in 2P \cap \mathbb{Z}^2} h_{i,\beta}^{(j)} s^\beta$  and switch:

$$L_j = \sum_i h_i^{(j)} T_i = \sum_{\beta} \left( \sum_i h_{i,\beta}^{(j)} T_i \right) s^\beta.$$

- **OUTPUT:** The matrix  $M$  of linear forms  $\ell_{j,\beta} := \sum_i h_{i,\beta}^{(j)} T_i$ .

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# The toric embedding in naive terms

## Example

Assume  $Q$  is the unit square, with 4 integer points:

$$p_0 = (0, 0), p_1 = (1, 0), p_2 = (0, 1), p_3 = (1, 1).$$

A polynomial  $f$  with Newton polytope  $Q$  looks like

$$f(s_1, s_2) = a_{(0,0)} + a_{(1,0)} s_1 + a_{(0,1)} s_2 + a_{(1,1)} s_1 s_2.$$

We take 4 new variables  $X_0, \dots, X_3$  together with  $X_0 X_3 - X_1 X_2 = 0 \iff p_0 + p_3 = p_1 + p_2$ . and so to the multiplicative relation  $s^{p_0} s^{p_3} = s^{p_1} s^{p_2}$  between the monomials with these exponents.

The associated variety  $\mathcal{T}$  lies in  $\mathbb{P}^{4-1}$  with coordinate ring  $A = \mathbb{K}[X_0, \dots, X_3] / \langle X_0 X_3 - X_1 X_2 \rangle$ .  $f$  gets translated to:

$$g(X_0, \dots, X_3) = a_{(0,0)} X_0 + a_{(1,0)} X_1 + a_{(0,1)} X_2 + a_{(1,1)} X_3,$$

with the relation  $X_0 X_3 - X_1 X_2 = 0$ .

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# Hypotheses

## Theorem

$H_m^0(\text{Sym}_A(I))_\nu = 0$  for all  $\nu \geq \nu_0 = 2d - \alpha$ , where  $\alpha \leq 2$  is the biggest integer such that  $\alpha \cdot N'(f)$  has **no** interior lattice point.

This bound can be *improved* in the presence of *base points*.

So, here are the hypotheses we need:

## Theorem (BDD)

Suppose that there are only *finitely many* isolated *base points* of  $g$  which are a *local complete intersection*.

Then for all  $\nu \geq 2d - \alpha$  the *first* matrix  $M_\nu$  of  $(Z_\bullet)_\nu$  is a *matrix representation* of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

As we said above, the bound can be *improved* depending on the *base points*.

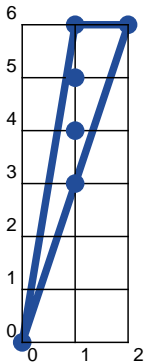
# Testing the hypotheses?

We'd need to check whether there are only **finitely many** isolated **base points** of  $g$  which are a **local complete intersection**.

- This can be checked in **particular** cases.
- But what if we don't check this and run the algorithm? ... **nothing bad!**
- We just check whether  $M_\nu$  has **full rank**.
  - ▶ If the rank is **not** maximal, then there is a base point  $p$  which is **not** an almost local complete intersection.
  - ▶ If the rank is **maximal**, it may happen that the rank of  $M_\nu$  drops at some other places besides  $\mathcal{S}$  due to the existence of a **non** complete intersection base point.

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- Consider the parametrization with 6 monomials:  
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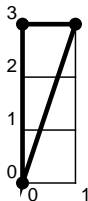
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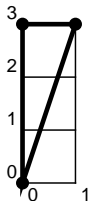
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# Use implicitization.m2

Check all 6 assertions in the example with the M2 code in:

```
http://mate.dm.uba.ar/~nbotbol/Implicitization.m2
```

# Choosing $Q$

How to choose the **best** polygon?

# What if bad base points?

How to read the information in  $M_{\nu_0}$  even if it is **not** of full rank ?

# Improving the M2 algorithm without a toric embedding

[Botbol'10] shows how to improve the algorithm working with the multihomogeneous Cox ring of the toric variety instead of using any projective embedding.

Design **ad-hoc** good strategies to compute the syzygies (**structured linear algebra**) in the **sparse** case, without explicitly considering the toric embedding or the multihomogeneous setting.

Can we improve the sizes/ performance in the case of **unmixed systems** (i.e. the input polynomials may have **different** monomial supports)?

# Integrating prediction of structure and homologic tools

How to **integrate** the prediction of the Newton polytope of the implicit equation (via convex geometry/intersection theory/tropical tools) with these homological methods? How to **predict** particular coefficients without needing the whole computation?

# Inputs

- If you have Macaulay2 in your PC, just:
- download the file “Implicitization.m2” from <http://mate.dm.uba.ar/~nbotbol/Implicitization.m2>
- run M2
- copy the code below

```
-- Exercise code
S = QQ[s,t];
f0 = 2 + s^2 * t^6
f1 = s * t^6 + 2
f2 = s * t^5 - 3 * s * t^3
f3 = s * t^4 + 5 * s^2 * t^6
--
needsPackage ``Polyhedra``;
load ``Implicitization.m2``;
L = {f0, f1, f2, f3}
```

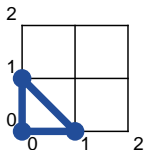
```
latticePoints polynomialsToPolytope L
tEmb=newToricEmbedding L
A= teToricRing tEmb
describe A
```

```
g = teToricRationalMap L;
```

## Also checking the rank drop

```
rM=representationMatrix (teToricRationalMap L, 2);  
R = QQ[s, t, X_0..X_3];  
Eq = sub(sub(rM, R), {X_0 => (sub(f0, R)), X_1 => (sub(f1, R)),  
             X_2 => (sub(f2, R)), X_3 => (sub(f3, R))});  
rank rM  
rank Eq
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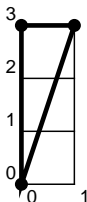
# We get a warning that the rank is not maximal



```

Q2=convexHull matrix{{0,0,1},{0,1,0}}
gQ2 = teToricRationalMap (L,Q2)
rMQ2=representationMatrix (gQ2,14);
R = QQ[s,t,X_0..X_3];
EqQ2 = sub(sub(rMQ2,R),{X_0 => (sub(f0,R)),X_1 => (sub(f1,R)),
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Q1=convexHull matrix{{0,0,1},{0,3,3}}
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tEmb1=newToricEmbedding L
A1= teToricRing tEmb1
describe A1
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```

# And the implicit equation again

```
rMQ1=representationMatrix (gQ1,2);
R = QQ[s,t,X_0..X_3];
EqQ1 = sub(sub(rMQ1,R),{X_0 => (sub(f0,R)),X_1 => (sub(f1,R)),
            X_2 => (sub(f2,R)),X_3 => (sub(f3,R))});
rank rMQ1
rank EqQ1
iEq1 = implicitEq (L,2,Q1)
(factor iEq1)#2#0
```

```
iEq = implicitEq (L, 2)
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```

```
ring r = 0, (t, x1, x2, x3, s, u), dp;  
poly f0 = s2 + s3 * t;  
poly f1 = s3 * t6 + 1;  
poly f2 = s * t2 + 2 * s3 * t5;  
poly f3 = s2 + s3 * t6;  
ideal i = f1 - x1 * f0, f2 - x2 * f0, f3 - x3 * f0, u * f0 - 1;  
list k = eliminate(i, s*t*u);  
k;
```

## Another example of Singular code for elimination

```
ring r = 0, (x, y, s, t, a, b, c, d), dp;  
ideal i = ax + by, cx + dy, (xs - 1) * (ty - 1);  
ideal j = std(i);  
ideal k = eliminate(j, xyst);  
k;  
ad - bc.
```