

# Effective Polynomial system solving

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**Challenge** : Dealing with semi-algebraic sets.

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- decomposing  $\mathcal{V}$  into simple parts.

## Different approaches

- Numerical methods
  - ★ homotopy (Somese, Verschelde, etc . . . ).
  - ★ interval analysis (J.P. Merlet, ).
  - ★ Weierstrass (Newton-like) ( A. Bellido, O. Ruatta, J.C. Yakoubsohn, etc . . . ).
- Algebraic methods
  - ★ Matrix methods (J. Canny, I. Emiris, B. Mourrain, . . . ).
  - ★ Geometric methods ( P. Aubry, M. Kalkbrener, D. Lazard, M. Moreno and M. Giusti, G. Lecerf, J. Heintz . . . ).
  - ★ Rewriting methods (B. Buchberger, J.C. Faugère, . . . ).

# The quotient algebra

Key structure!

$$A = \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I$$

## Problems :

- Where to read the information about the points?
- How to compute with it? (representation)
- Is there a **best** representation? (numerical conditioning, memory size, **stability**. . . )

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about the points?**

## From $A$ to the $\zeta_i$

**Theorem :** [Stickelberger] If  $\mathcal{V} = \zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_k$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

We will call the *multiplication by  $p$* ,  $\mathcal{M}_p$  the operator  $A \rightarrow A$ . The operator  $\mathcal{M}_p$   
 $f \rightarrow fp$

has the following properties :

- The eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{M}_p$  are the numbers  $p(\zeta_1), \dots, p(\zeta_k)$  counted with multiplicities.
- The common eigenvectors to all the  $\mathcal{M}_p^t$  are the evaluations to the  $\zeta_i$ .

From here it is easy to compute the Chow form of  $I$  i.e. compute

$$\text{Det}(\mathcal{M}_{u_0 + u_1 x_1 + \dots + u_n x_n})$$

## From $A$ to the $\zeta_i$ (continued)

**Theorem :** *[Hermite]*  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $Q_h$  be the quadratic form  $Q_h : A \rightarrow A$ . Then we have the following two properties :  
 $p \rightarrow \text{Tr}(hp^2)$

- The number of complex root  $\zeta_i$  such as  $h(\zeta_i) \neq 0$  is the rank of the quadratic form  $Q_h$ .
- The number of real roots  $\zeta_i$  such as  $h(\zeta_i) > 0$  and the number of real roots such as  $h(\zeta_i) < 0$  is the signature of  $Q_h$ .



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**Theorem :** [Rouillier] Let  $u \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  we define :

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**Proposition :** *A separating element can be chosen in the family :*

$$\mathcal{U} = \{x_1 + jx_2 + \dots + j^{n-1}x_n, j = 0 \dots nk(k-1)/2\}$$

*we also have :*

$$u \text{ is separating the } \zeta_i \Leftrightarrow \deg(\text{minpol}((M_u))) == \dim(A)$$

# Representation of $A$

## Working in $A$

**Finding Canonical representation of the elements of  $\mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$**

**(Normal Forms)**

- $\mathcal{V}$  contains only points  $\Rightarrow A$  is a finite dimensionnal  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space.
- As a  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space  $\mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is spanned by the monomials.
- Finding a basis of  $A$  can be reduced to finding a **monomial** basis of  $A$  (noted  $B$ ).

Suppose that we know  $B$ , a monomial basis of  $A$ . Then we have the equality :

$$\mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n] = \langle B \rangle \oplus \langle I \rangle$$

( $\langle I \rangle$  denotes the  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space generated by  $I$ )

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## Macaulay Construction

If the  $f_i$  are *generic* of degree  $d_i$  then we have :

- the set  $E_0 = \{x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}, \alpha_i < d_i\}$  is a basis of  $A$ .
- the sets  $E_i = \{x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}, \sum_{j=1..n} \alpha_j \leq \sum_{j=1..n} (d_j - 1) + 1, \forall n \geq j \geq i, \alpha_j < d_j\}$

**Algorithm 2.** INPUT:  $f_0 \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  whom we want the multiplication operator  
 $f_1, \dots, f_s$  *generic* polynomials

OUTPUT: The multiplication matrix of  $f_0$  in  $A$

- construct the matrix : 
$$\begin{pmatrix} E_0 f_0 & E_1 f_1 & \dots & E_n f_n \\ \hline A & & & C \\ \hline B & & & D \end{pmatrix}$$

- return the *Schur complement* =  $A - CD^{-1}B$



## Matrix methods

Study of the Sylvester endomorphism :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E_0 \rangle \times \langle E_1 \rangle \times \cdots \times \langle E_s \rangle &\longrightarrow \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \\ (p_0, p_1, \dots, p_s) &\longrightarrow \sum_{i=0..s} p_i f_i \end{aligned}$$

- $E_0$  must be a basis of  $A$ .
- $E_i$  must be wide enough for the Schur complement of the bloc  $A$  gives the multiplication operator.

Ex: Sparse resultant (J. Canny, I. Emiris. . . ), etc...

## Gröbner bases

**Algorithm 3.** INPUT :  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  generating  $I$ . (any dimensional)

An admissible monomial order  $\gamma$

OUTPUT : A representation of  $A$

- $G = \{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$
- **repeat**
  - ★  $G' = G$
  - ★ for all pair  $(p, q)$ ,  $p, q \in G'$  do
    - \*  $S = \overline{S(p, q)}^{G'}$
    - \* if  $S \neq 0$  then  $G = G \cup S$
- **until**  $G' == G$
- return  $G$

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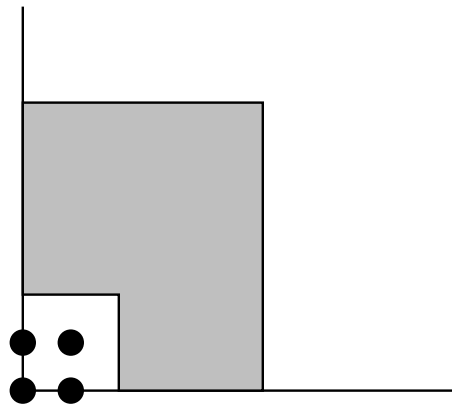
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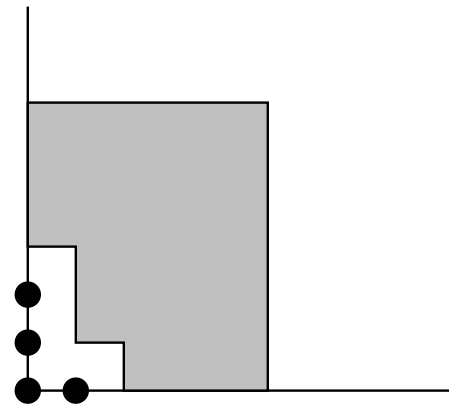
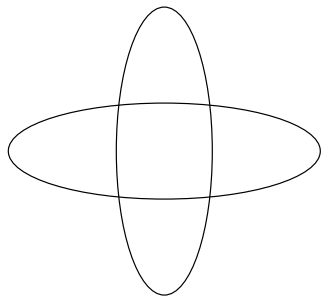
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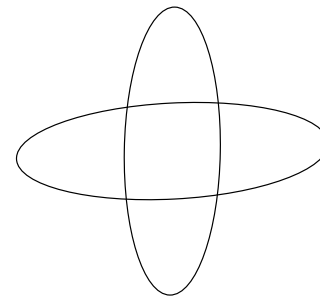
ex:  $p_1 = ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + n_1(x_1, x_2)$   
 $p_2 = cx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + n_2(x_1, x_2)$



$$n_1 = n_2 = 0$$



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**Computing better representations**



## Notations

- A **Normal form** is :
  - A monomial basis  $B$  of  $A$
  - An algorithm to project  $\mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  onto  $B$
- A **choice function refining the degree**,  $\gamma$ , is a function that takes a polynomial  $p$  and returns one monomial  $\gamma(p)$  of the support of  $p$  such that  $\deg(\gamma(p)) = \deg(p)$ .
- Let  $S$  be a **subset** of  $\mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$   $S^+$  is the set :

$$S^+ = x_1 S \cup \dots \cup x_n S$$

- $P \subset \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n], M \subset \{x^\alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^n\}, (P|M)$  , is the matrix whose columns are index by  $M$  and lines by  $P$ .
- Let  $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , the **C-polynomial of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$**  is  $C(p_1, p_2) = \frac{lcm(\gamma(p_1), \gamma(p_2))}{\gamma(p_1)} \frac{lcm(\gamma(p_1), \gamma(p_2))}{\gamma(p_2)}$ , and  $\deg_C(C(p_1, p_2)) = \deg(lcm(\gamma(p_1), \gamma(p_2)))$ .

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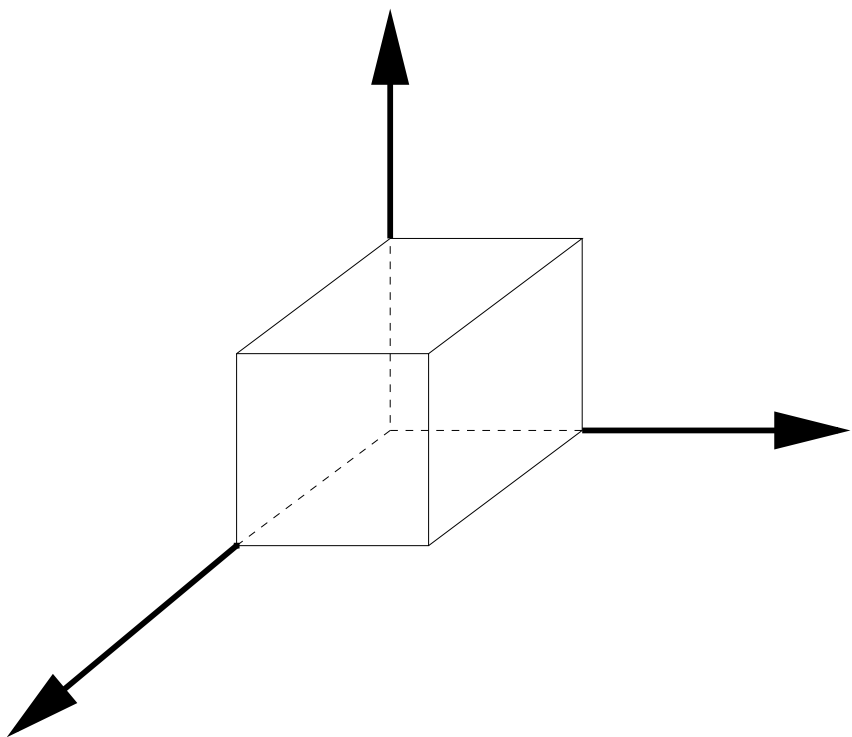
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**Algorithm 4. [Mourrain, T.]** INPUT :  $F = f_1, \dots, f_s$  generic polynomials  
OUTPUT : *The representation of  $A$  given by Macaulay.*

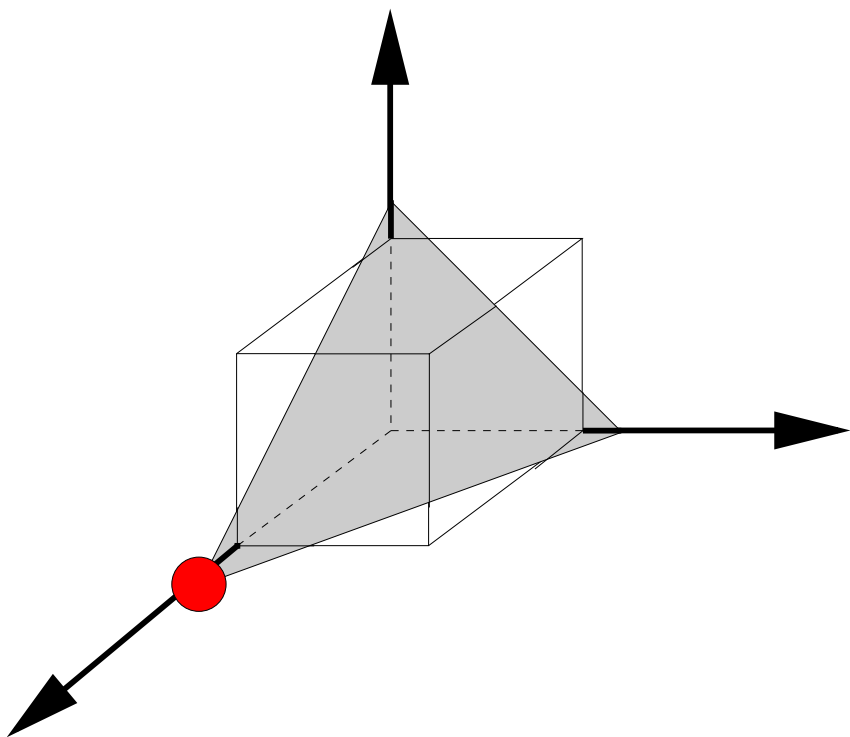
- $k = \min(\deg(f_i), i = 1..s)$ .
- $P_k = F[k]$ ,  $M_k = \{x_i^k, f_i \in P_k\}$
- **while**  $k \leq \sum_{i=1..s}(d_i - 1) + 1$  **do**
  - ★  $P_{k+1} = P_k^+ \cap B^+ \cup \text{proj}(P[k+1])$ ,  $M_{k+1} = M_k^+ \cap B^+ \cup \{x_i^{k+1}, f_i \in P[k+1]\}$
  - ★ *Solve the linear system  $(P_{k+1} | M_{k+1})X = P_{k+1}$ .*
  - ★  $k = k + 1$
- *return  $P_i, i = \min(\deg(f_i), i = 1..s) .. \sum_{i=1..s}(d_i - 1) + 1$*

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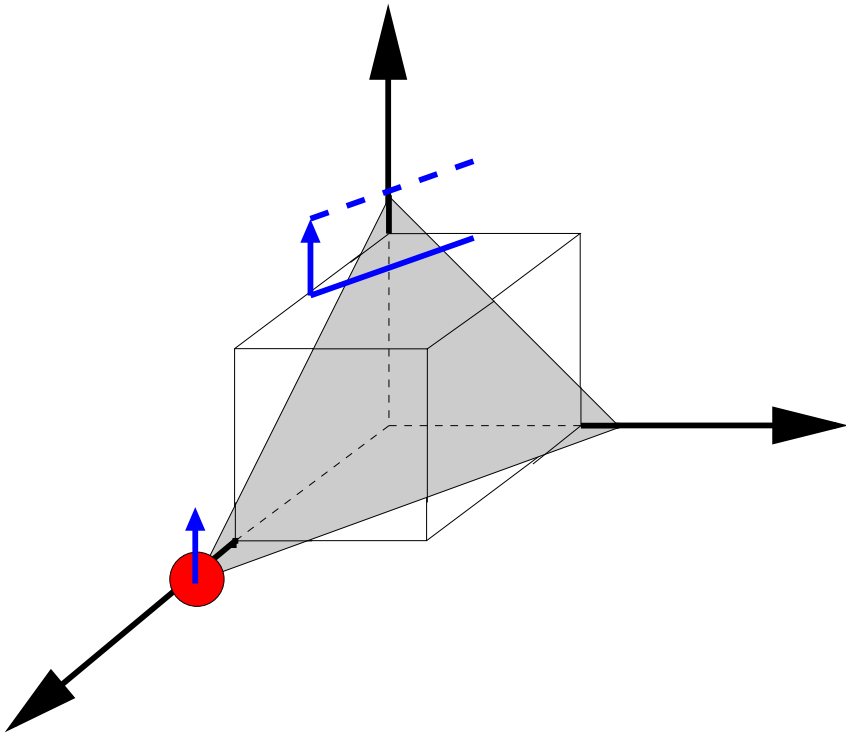
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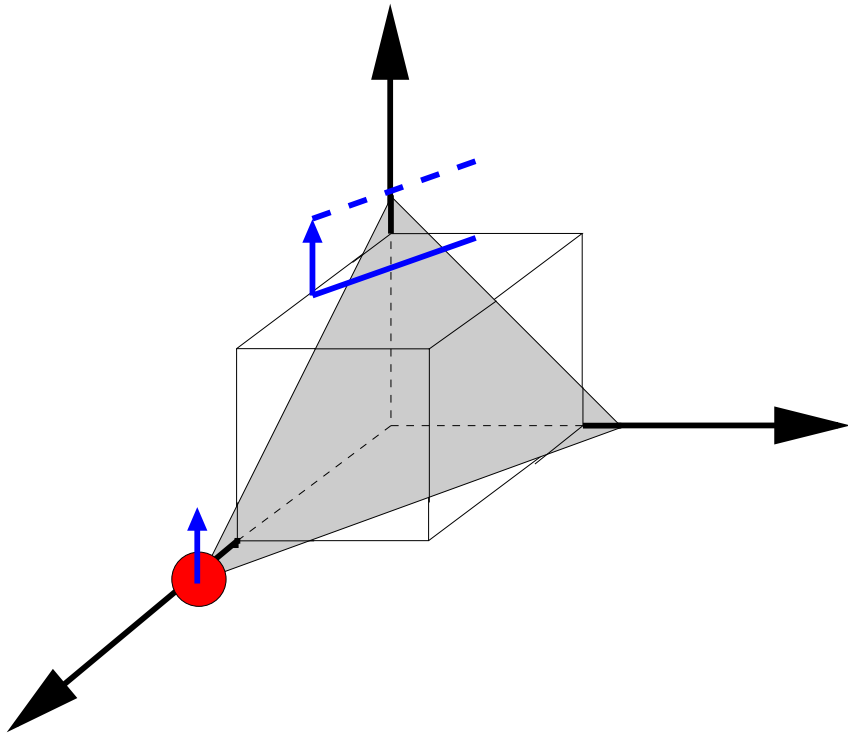
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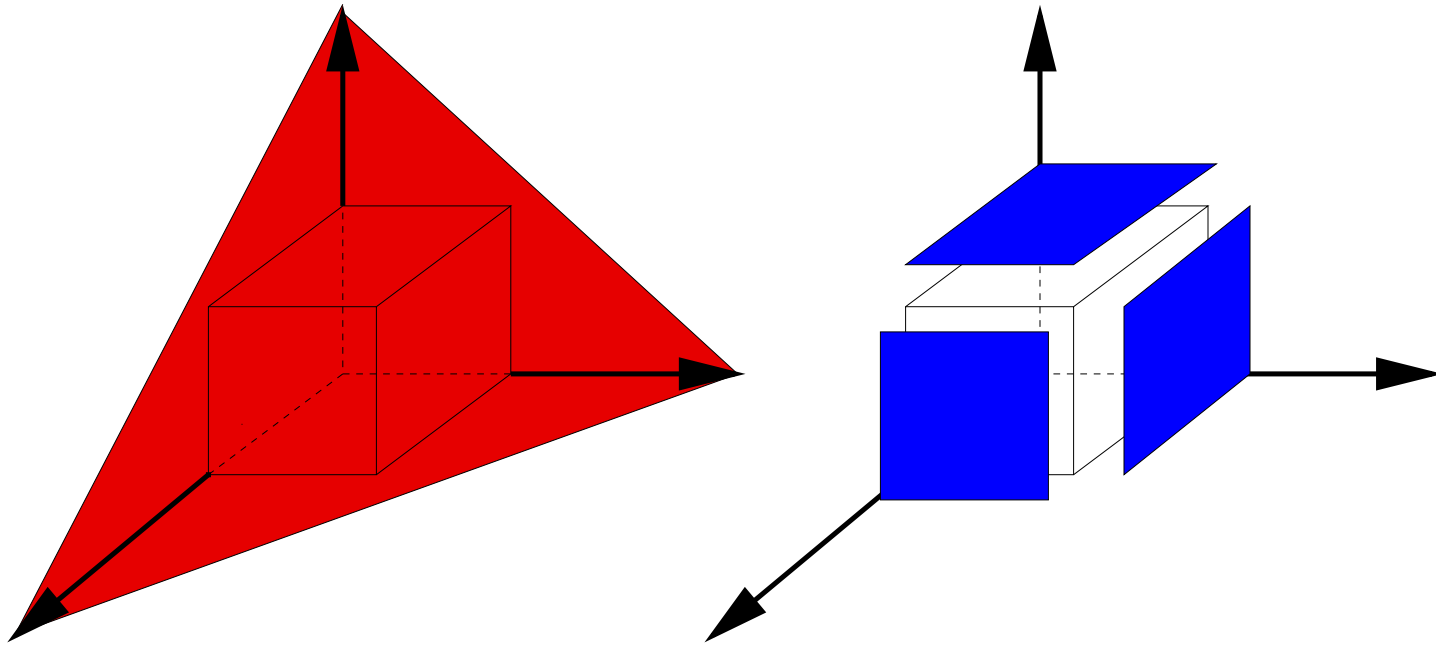


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n	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
size of the matrices	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	20	30	42	56	72	90	110
	30	60	105	168	252	360	495
	20	60	140	280	504	840	1320
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Sum	80	192	448	1024	2304	5120	11264
Macaulay	462	1 716	6 435	24 310	92 378	352 716	1 352 078
Nb points	32	64	128	256	512	1024	2048

Table 1: Size of the systems to invert

## What to do if $B$ is not known?

**Algorithm 5. [Mourrain]** INPUT :  $F = f_1, \dots, f_n$   
 $L$  a  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space connex to 1  
OUTPUT : *The multiplicative structure of  $A$*

1)  $K_0 = \langle f_1, \dots, f_n \rangle, n = 0$

2) **repeat**

★  $K_{n+1} = K_n^+ \cap L$

★  $n = n + 1$

3) **until**  $K_n == K_{n-1}$

4) Compute  $B$  a supplementary of  $K_n$  in  $L$

5) If  $B^+ \not\subset L, L = L^+$  and go back to 1)

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## Properties

- ⊕ Very good numerical stability.
- ⊕ Possibility to take into account the geometry of the problem.
- ⊖ **VERY** expensive computation.

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What we should do to mimic Gröbner bases :

- try since the first step to guess what will be  $B$
- check our guess is correct
- do not compute polynomials that go *too far* from  $B$

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- **Compute**  $P_{k+1} = P_k^+ \cap b^+$  and take into account the  $f_i$  of degree  $k + 1$

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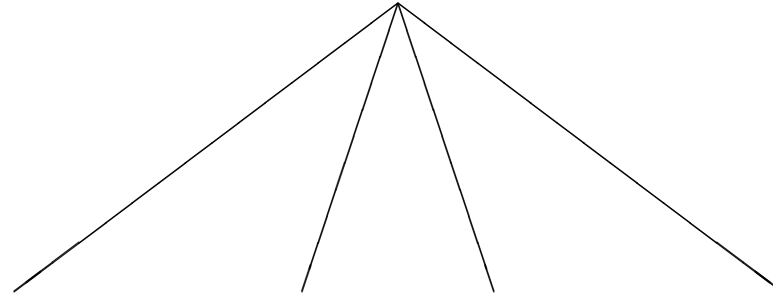
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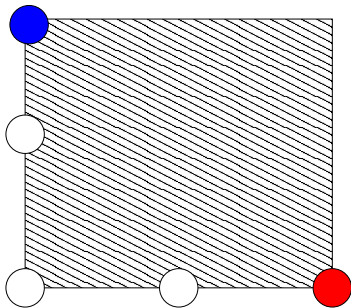


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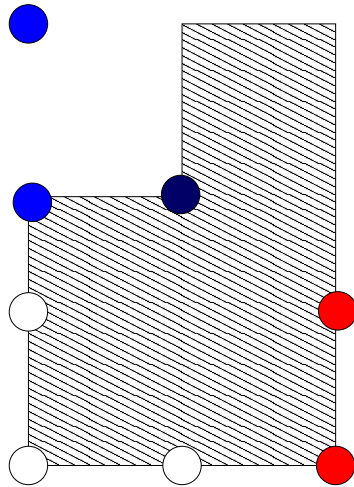
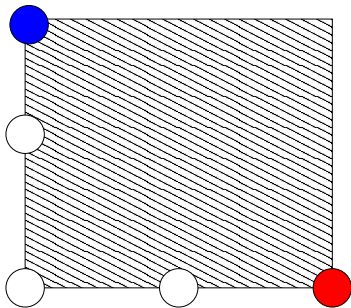


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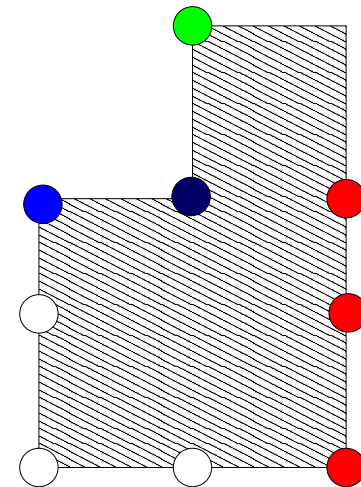
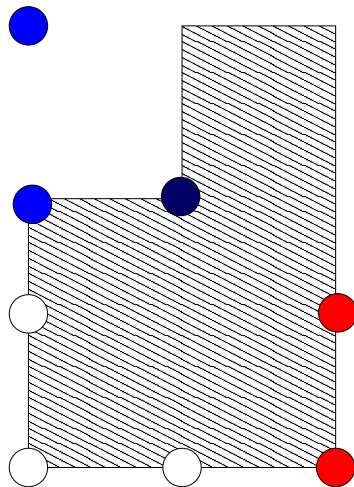
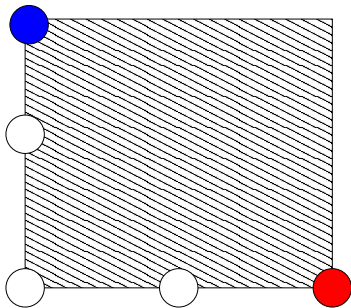


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The solutions:

- put in stand by non fully reduced polynomials.
- at the end of each step determine what will be the polynomial set to consider.
- use a linear form from the first quadrant to avoid dead-locks.

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- Use and optimize the infinitesimals for real life applications.