



Understanding and Implementing F5

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Overview

Understanding F5

- Description
- Criteria
- Proofs

Implementing F5

- Maple, Singular
- Relation to Buchberger's Criteria
- Some optimizations



Motivation

- challenge!
- compare with other criteria
 - Buchberger criteria
 - Pivoting, Extended First Criteria
- open source / something to work with



Part 1

Understanding F5



Introduction

BA (1965) GB algorithm

GM (1988) fast GB algorithm

- selection strategy: normal
- near-optimal use of Buchberger's Criteria



Introduction

F4 (1999) *FAST* GB algorithm

- selection strategy: increasing total degree
- sparse linear algebra

F5 (2002) *FAAAAAAAAST* GB algorithm (sometimes*)

- incremental selection strategy
 - $(f_1), (f_1, f_2), \dots, (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$
- new criteria
 - Buchberger criteria disregarded
- regular sequence \implies *no reduction to zero*

*“sometimes”: If close to GB, and most real-world systems in engineering are close to GB. (Faugère)



Introduction

F4 (1999) *FAST* GB algorithm

- well understood
- many implementations, widely available

F5 (2002) *FAAAAAAAAST* GB algorithm (sometimes)

- not well understood
- few implementations (5)*
- fewer work

*Stegers' count, (mid-2005)



Introduction

2002 paper “limited length” \rightsquigarrow algorithm vs. proofs?

- full description of algorithm
- sketch of proofs

2002—2007 problems solved w/F5

- no new description of algorithm
- no proofs

2007 HDR ? not in wide circulation



Idea

Linear system:

$$f_1 = 2x + 3y - 8$$

$$f_2 = 4x + 5y - 12$$



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$$(f_3 = 2f_1 - f_2)$$



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Moral:

- $f_3 = 2f_1 - f_2 \rightsquigarrow$ discard f_1 or f_2 from matrix
- linear dependence \rightsquigarrow f_2 is *rewritable* by f_3
- **R** criterion



Linear to non-linear

Compute GB \Leftrightarrow Triangularize Sylvester submatrix
(Lazard, 1983)

- S -poly \longleftrightarrow two rows needing cancellation
- $p \xrightarrow[G]{*} 0$ iff linear dependence in $\text{Syl}(G)$



Linear to non-linear

Example: $f_1 = x^2 - 1$, $f_2 = xy - 1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^3 & x^2y & xy^2 & y^3 & x^2 & xy & y^2 & x & y & 1 & \\ 1 & & & & & & & -1 & & & xf_1 \\ & 1 & & & & & & & -1 & & yf_1 \\ & & 1 & & & & & -1 & & & xf_2 \\ & & & 1 & & & & & -1 & & yf_2 \\ & & & & 1 & & & & & -1 & f_1 \\ & & & & & 1 & & & & & -1 \\ & & & & & & & & & & -1 \\ & & & & & & & & & & f_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



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$$f_3 = yf_1 - xf_2$$



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$$f_4 = f_2 - yf_3$$



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$$f_5 = f_1 - xf_3$$

*Note $f_5 = f_2 \rightsquigarrow$ no new info $\rightsquigarrow f_1 - xf_3$ “useless”



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Higher order cancellations also useless.

Basis: $G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\} \rightsquigarrow$ Reduced basis: $R = \{f_3, f_4\}$



Idea

Signatures: *multiplier* and *index*

$$f_3 = yf_1 - xf_2$$

$$f_4 = f_1 - xf_3$$

$$= f_1 - x(yf_1 - xf_2)$$

$$= (-xy + 1)f_1 + x^2f_2$$

$$f_5 = f_2 - yf_3$$

$$= f_2 - y(yf_1 - xf_2)$$

$$= -y^2f_1 + (xy + 1)f_2$$



Idea

Signature

- “leading term” of representation
- rewritable \rightsquigarrow linear dependence
- remainders (f_3, f_4, f_5) *not rewritable*
- *respect the signatures!!!*
 - consider all cancellations in Syl
 - avoid cancellations that might affect signature
 - top-reduction: new polynomial?



Summary of idea

- compute GB \iff triangularize Syl
- **R** criterion: older rows \rightsquigarrow newer rows
- signatures: track linear dependencies



Basic description of algorithm

- compute GB of $(f_1, f_2) \rightsquigarrow G_2 = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{m_2})$
- compute GB of (f_1, f_2, f_3)
 - same as GB of $(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{m_2}, f_3)$
 $\rightsquigarrow G_3 = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{m_3})$
- **iterate:** after computing G_i , compute GB of $(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{m_i}, f_{i+1})$ $1 < i < m$
- Use signatures to avoid linear dependencies / useless cancellations



New criterion

Question: Could we detect $f_1 - x f_3 \xrightarrow[F]{*} 0$?

Answer: Principal Syzygies (**PS**)

$$f_1 f_2 - f_2 f_1 = 0$$

Sums of monomial multiples of f_1, f_2

↔ linear dependence in Sylvester matrix



New criterion

Example:

$$f_1 - x f_3 = (-xy + 1)f_1 + x^2 f_2.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 f_2 - f_2 f_1 = 0 &\implies (x^2 - 1)f_2 - (xy - 1)f_1 = 0 \\ &\implies x^2 f_2 = (xy - 1)f_1 + f_2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$f_1 - x f_3 = (-xy + 1)f_1 + [(xy - 1)f_1 + f_2] = 1f_2.$$

Lowered signature: already considered any cancellations.

Theorem



Integrate **R** Criterion with **PS** criterion:

Theorem. For $G_{\text{prev}} \subset G$, suppose

- G_{prev} is a Gröbner basis of $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m-1})$, and
- for all $1 \leq i < j \leq m$ such that $S(g_i, g_j) = u g_i - v g_j$ and $g_i \in (f_1, \dots, f_m) \setminus (f_1, \dots, f_{m-1})$ we have (A) or (B) or (C) where
 - (A) $u g_i$ or $v g_j$ has index m and satisfies **PS** wrt G_{prev} ;
 - (B) $u g_i$ or $v g_j$ satisfies **R**;
 - (C) $S(g_i, g_j) \xrightarrow[G]{*} 0$.

Then G is a Gröbner basis of (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m) .

Why? sketch



$$S := S(g_i, g_j) = \sum_{p \in F} h_p p$$

(A) $\implies \exists$ syzygy σ s.t. $S = S - \sigma$ has lower signature

(B) $\implies \exists$ syzygy σ s.t. $S = S - \sigma$ and

rewritable S -polys have lower signature

• new rep \rightsquigarrow new cancellations? \rightsquigarrow new S -polys

• new S -polys satisfy (A), (B), or (C), repeat

• (A), (B), (C) *never* increase signature

• (A), (B) decrease signature of rewritable

• (C) lowers lcms

• finitely many S -polys \implies finitely many signatures

\rightsquigarrow “decrease” signature until no rewritable S -polys

\rightsquigarrow all must satisfy (C) \implies GB

Why? sketch



(Eder)

$$S(g_i, g_i) = h_1^{(1)} f_1 + \dots + h_m^{(1)} f_m$$

↓ (A), (B), (C)

$$S(g_i, g_j) = \mu_1 S(g_{i_1}, g_{j_1}) + h_1^{(2)} g_1 + \dots + h_m^{(2)} g_m \quad \exists \mu_1$$

↓

⋮

$$S(g_i, g_j) = \sum \mu_\lambda S(g_{i_\lambda}, g_{j_\lambda})$$

Why? sketch



(Perry)

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$$S(f_i, f_j) = h_1^{(r)} g_1 + \cdots + h_m^{(r)} g_m$$

$$\text{lt} \left(h_i^{(r)} g_i \right) \preceq \text{lt} \left(S(f_i, f_j) \right) \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$



Part 2

Implementing F5

Challenge



- understanding?
- pseudocode difficult to follow
 - unfamiliar notation
 - fatal & misleading errors
 - complex: subalgorithms, different cases
- some systems work with a broken implementation
 - false sense of confidence...
 - “stages interdependent” (Stegers)



Maple implementation

2007 Modification of “traditional” Buchberger algorithm
Maple programming language (Faugère: C)
excruciatingly slow

Faugère: “very easy”

- Stegers (MAGMA): “considerable effort”
- Perry: months

pseudocode & commentary:

<http://www.math.usm.edu/perry/Research/F5Pseudocode.pdf>



Maple implementation

2008 Slight modification to use matrix
not really F4-ish
slower!!!
gave up



Singular implementation

2008 basic modification of “traditional” Buchberger algorithm

Singular programming language

much faster than Maple

Cyclic-6: <3 minutes vs. >15 minutes

two days’ work (correct pseudocode helps)

to-do move to kernel

sparse linear algebra?

compiled C++ vs. interpreted Singular



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but not always!

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Buchberger's Criteria

Example: (\mathbb{Z}_{29})

$$f_1 = 3x^4y + 18xy^4 + 4x^3yz + 20xy^3z + 3x^2z^3$$

$$f_2 = 3x^3y^2 + 7x^2y^3 + 24y^2z^3$$

$$f_3 = 12xy^4 + 17x^4z + 27y^4z + 11x^3z^2$$

$S(f_1, f_4)$ “caught” by Buchberger's 2nd Criterion (via f_6)

BUT!

skipping $S(f_1, f_4)$ does *not* give a Gröbner basis

- 28 polynomials in result (vs. 30 if no skip)
- 66 S -polynomials do not reduce to zero
 - $S(f_1, f_4)$ is *not* one of these



Buchberger's Criteria

Why fail?

- certainly $S(f_1, f_4)$ should reduce to zero
 - $S(f_1, f_6), S(f_4, f_6)$ reduce to zero
 - distinct lcms \implies no “three-way trap”
- triangularization: missed step!
 - Buchberger's Criteria ignore signature
 - signatures $x^2 z f_1$ and $y^3 f_2$
 - neither signature is considered if we skip
 - top-reduction: some reductions forbidden
 - unmodified F5: top-reduction of $S(f_1, f_4)$ stops with polynomial whose signature is $x^2 z f_1$

Note: in \mathbb{Z}_{11} , does not appear to terminate!



Other optimizations

Stegers, pg. 41

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Yes, *but...*



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- create appropriate signatures

- compute basis for $(g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_M, f_m)$

- signatures $1g_1, 1g_2, \dots, 1g_{M+1}$ $(g_{M+1} = f_m)$

- also basis for (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m) !

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- $S(g_i, g_j) \xrightarrow[R_{\text{prev}}]{*} 0$

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much more efficient than *published* F5



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“A new, *more* efficient algorithm for computing Gröbner bases *with* reduction to zero”?



Some example systems

system	basic	reduce w/ R_{prev}	compute w/ R_{prev}
f633	161.85	160.86	132.24
Katsura6	13.242	12.78	8.74
Katsura7	111.03	97.1	54.3
Cyclic-6	161.35	159.5	118.74

(time in seconds, using Singular timer)

Interpreted Gebauer-Möller algorithm typically slower.



Other optimizations

- \mathbb{Z}_2 : $f^2 = f$ (Bardet, Faugère, Salvy 2003)
- general: syzygies that lower signature?

Conclusion



- algorithm better understood (we hope)
 - termination? unresolved
- new, open-source implementations in interpreted languages
 - slow, okay, yes
 - compilation, linear algebra? \rightsquigarrow significant speedup
- optimization: possibilities

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