

# The Noro Algorithm for Computing the Global $b$ -function

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Let  $K$  be a field and  $D = K\langle x, \partial \rangle = K\langle x_1, \dots, x_n, \partial_1, \dots, \partial_n \rangle$  the  $n$ -dimensional Weyl algebra over  $K$ .

## Definition

Let  $0 \neq w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a weight vector. For  $p = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} c_{\alpha\beta} x^\alpha \partial^\beta \in D$  put  $m = \max_{\alpha, \beta} \{-w\alpha + w\beta \mid c_{\alpha\beta} \neq 0\}$ .

We call

$$\text{in}_{(-w, w)}(p) := \sum_{\substack{\alpha, \beta \\ -w\alpha + w\beta = m}} c_{\alpha\beta} x^\alpha \partial^\beta \in D$$

the *initial form* of  $p$  w.r.t. to  $w$ .

For a  $D$ -ideal  $I$ ,  $\text{in}_{(-w, w)}(I) = K \cdot \{\text{in}_{(-w, w)}(p) \mid p \in I\}$  is a  $D$ -ideal.

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Recall: For a polynomial  $f$ , the Malgrange ideal

$I_f = \langle t - f, \partial_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \partial_t, \dots, \partial_n + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \partial_t \rangle \subseteq D\langle t, \partial_t \rangle$  is holonomic.

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Let  $w = (1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  be a weight vector such that the weight of  $\partial_t$  is 1, and  $B(s)$  the  $b$ -function of  $I_f$  w.r.t.  $w$ .

We call  $b(s) = B(-s - 1)$  the *global b-function of  $f$* .

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Step 1: weighted homogenization to improve the efficiency  
for  $I = I_f$

Step 2: method of indeterminate coefficient

# Computation of $\text{in}_{(-w,w)}(I)$

- ① Define a (non-term) monomial order  $<_{(-w,w)}$  with a term order  $<$ :

$$x^\alpha \partial^\beta <_{(-w,w)} x^\gamma \partial^\delta$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -w\alpha + w\beta < -w\gamma + w\delta$$

or  $-w\alpha + w\beta = -w\gamma + w\delta$  and  $x^\alpha \partial^\beta < x^\gamma \partial^\delta$

Compute a Gröbner basis  $G$  of  $I$  w.r.t.  $<_{(-w,w)}$ .

- ②  $G_{(-w,w)} = \{\text{in}_{(-w,w)}(g) \mid g \in G\}$  is a Gröbner basis of  $\text{in}_{(-w,w)}(I)$  w.r.t.  $<$ .

# Weighted homogenization

Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$ . Consider  $D_{(u,v)}^{(h)} = K\langle x, \partial, h \rangle$  with non commutative relations  $\partial_i x_i = x_i \partial_i + h^{u_i+v_i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

For  $p = \sum c_{\lambda\alpha\beta} h^\lambda x^\alpha \partial^\beta$  define the *weighted total degree* of  $p$ :

$$\deg_{(u,v)}(p) = \max\{\lambda + u\alpha + v\beta \mid c_{\lambda\alpha\beta} \neq 0\}$$

For  $p = \sum c_{\alpha\beta} x^\alpha \partial^\beta$  define the *weighted homogenization* of  $p$ :

$$H_{(u,v)}(p) = \sum c_{\alpha\beta} h^{\deg_{(u,v)}(p) - (u\alpha + v\beta)} x^\alpha \partial^\beta$$

For a monomial order  $<$  in  $D$  define a term order  $<^h$  in  $D_{(u,v)}^{(h)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p &<^h q \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad &\deg_{(u,v)}(p) < \deg_{(u,v)}(q) \\ \text{or} \quad &\deg_{(u,v)}(p) = \deg_{(u,v)}(q) \text{ and } p|_{h=1} < q|_{h=1} \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem

Let  $F$  be a finite subset of  $D$ .

If  $G^h$  is a Gröbner basis of  $\langle H_{(u,v)}(F) \rangle$  w.r.t.  $<^h$ , then  $G^h|_{h=1}$  is a Gröbner basis of  $\langle F \rangle$  w.r.t.  $<$ .

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For  $f = \sum c_\alpha x^\alpha \in K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $u \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$  let  $\deg_u(f) = \max_\alpha \{u\alpha\}$  denote the weighted total degree of  $f$  w.r.t.  $u$ .

Choose a weight vector  $(\hat{u}, \hat{v})$  in  $K\langle t, x, \partial_t, \partial \rangle$  defined by

$$\hat{u} = (\deg_u(f), u_1, \dots, u_n),$$

$$\hat{v} = (1, \deg_u(f) - u_1 + 1, \dots, \deg_u(f) - u_n + 1).$$

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### Lemma

For any term order  $<_0$  such that the leading monomials of  $H_{(\hat{u}, \hat{v})}(F)$  are  $t, \partial_1, \dots, \partial_n$ ,  $H_{(\hat{u}, \hat{v})}(F)$  is a Gröbner basis of  $\langle H_{(\hat{u}, \hat{v})}(F) \rangle$  w.r.t.  $<_0$ .

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \notin p\mathbb{Z} \right\}$  and  $\phi_p : \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  be the canonical projection.

### Algorithm: ModularChangeOfOrdering( $G_0, <_0, <$ )

**Input:** a Gröbner basis  $G_0 \subset D$  w.r.t.  $<_0$  with each element having the monic head term a term order  $<$

**Output:** the reduced Gröbner basis  $G$  of  $G_0$  w.r.t.  $<$   
do

$p \leftarrow$  a new prime such that  $G_0 \subset \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[x, \partial]$

$G_p \leftarrow$  the reduced Gröbner basis w.r.t.  $<$

If there exists  $G \subset \langle G_0 \rangle$  such that  $\phi_p(G) = G_p$   
then return  $G$

end do

# Computation of the minimal polynomial in $D/J$

Saito, Sturmfels, Takayama:

- ① Compute  $J' = J \cap K[\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n]$
- ② Compute  $J' \cap K[s]$

But we can make use of the Gröbner basis we have already computed.

Algorithm: MinimalPolynomial( $G, <, P$ )

Input: a Gröbner basis  $G$  of a  $D$ -ideal  $J$  w.r.t.  $<$ ,  
 $P \in D$  such that  $J \cap K[P] \neq \{0\}$

Output:  $b(s) \in K[s]$  such that  $J \cap K[P] = \langle b(P) \rangle$

$i \leftarrow 1$

do {

If there exist  $a_{i-1}, \dots, a_0 \in K$  such that

$$\text{NF}(P^i, G) + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} a_j \text{NF}(P^j, G) = 0$$

then return  $s^i + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} a_j s^j$

else  $i \leftarrow i + 1$

}

# Assumptions

- $K = \mathbb{Q}$
- $J$  a  $D$ -ideal,  $P \in D$  such that  $J \cap \mathbb{Q}[P] = \langle b(P) \rangle$  for  $b(s) \in \mathbb{Z}[s]$
- $G$  a Gröbner basis of  $J$  w.r.t. a term order  $<$  such that each element in  $G$  is monic w.r.t.  $<$ .
- $P$  has integral coefficients
- $b$  is primitive over  $\mathbb{Z}$

## Lemma

For a prime  $p$  such that  $G \subset \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}\langle x, \partial \rangle$ ,  $\phi_p(G)$  is a Gröbner basis of  $\langle \phi_p(G) \rangle$  w.r.t.  $<$  and  $\phi_p(b(P)) \in \langle \phi_p(G) \rangle$ .

## Theorem

Let  $b_p(s)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\phi_p(P)$  in  $\phi_p(D)/\langle \phi_p(G) \rangle$ .  
If there exists  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[s]$  such that  $\deg(f(s)) = \deg(b_p(s))$  and  
 $f(P) \in \langle G \rangle$ , then  $f(s) = b(s)$ .

Algorithm: ModularMinimalPolynomial( $G, <, P$ )

Input: a Gröbner basis  $G$  of a  $D$ -ideal  $J$  w.r.t.  $<$ ,  
 each element in  $G$  is monic w.r.t.  $<$ ,  
 $P \in D$  such that  $P$  is integral and  $J \cap \mathbb{Q}[P] \neq \{0\}$

Output:  $b(s) \in \mathbb{Q}[s]$  such that  $J \cap \mathbb{Q}[P] = \langle b(P) \rangle$

start:

$p \leftarrow$  a new prime such that  $G \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}\langle x, \partial \rangle$

$i \leftarrow 1$

do {

If there exist  $a_{i-1}, \dots, a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  such that

$$(L_p) \quad \phi_p(\text{NF}(P^i, G)) + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} a_j \phi_p(\text{NF}(P^j, G)) = 0$$

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else goto start

} else  $i \leftarrow i + 1$

}

## Algorithm

Input: an integral polynomial  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  
an optional weight vector  $u$

Output: the global  $b$ -function of  $f$

If  $u$  is not given  $u \leftarrow (1, \dots, 1)$

$d \leftarrow \deg_u(f)$

$\hat{u} \leftarrow (d, u_1, \dots, u_n)$

$\hat{v} \leftarrow (1, d + a - u_1, \dots, d + 1 - u_n)$

$\hat{f} \leftarrow H_{(\hat{u}, \hat{v})}(f)$

$\hat{G}_f \leftarrow \{t - \hat{f}, \partial_1 + \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial x_1} \partial_t, \dots, \partial_n + \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial x_n} \partial_t\}$

$<_0 \leftarrow$  a term order s.t.  $\hat{G}_f$  is a Gröbner basis w.r.t.  $<_0$

$< \leftarrow$  the wgrlex order w.r.t.  $(\hat{u}, \hat{v})$

$<_{(-w,w)}^h \leftarrow$  the homogenized term order with a tie breaker  $<$

$G^h \leftarrow \text{ModularChangeOfOrdering}(\hat{G}_f, <_0, <_{(-w,w)}^h)$

$G \leftarrow \text{in}_{(-w,w)}(G^h |_{h=1})$

$B(s) \leftarrow \text{ModularMinimalPolynomial}(G, <, t\partial_t)$

return  $B(-s - 1)$