

Do It Yourself: Buchberger and Janet Bases over effective rings

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Part 1

The classical Buchberger Theory and Algorithm in the framework of polynomial rings over a field [1, 2, 3] has been generalized to a framework that is even non-necessarily commutative, namely that of (non necessarily commutative) monoid rings over a (non necessarily free) monoid and a principal ideal ring. This has been done through a series of milestone papers: Zacharias' [29] approach to canonical forms, Spear's [26] theorem which extends Buchberger Theory to each effectively given ring, Möller's [15] reformulation of Buchberger Algorithm in terms of lifting.

Consider a field \mathbb{F} and the (commutative) polynomial rings $\mathbb{F}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ [1, 2, 3, 4] over it. In order to compute Gröbner bases, Buchberger test/completion is applied. It states that *a basis F is Gröbner if and only if each element in the set of all S-polynomials*

$$\left\{ S(f_{\alpha'}, f_{\alpha}) := \frac{\text{lcm}(\mathbf{M}(f_{\alpha}), \mathbf{M}(f_{\alpha'}))}{\mathbf{M}(f_{\alpha})} f_{\alpha} - \frac{\text{lcm}(\mathbf{M}(f_{\alpha}), \mathbf{M}(f_{\alpha'}))}{\mathbf{M}(f_{\alpha'})} f_{\alpha'} : f_{\alpha}, f_{\alpha'} \in F \right\}$$

between two polynomials in F , reduces to 0.

The idea remains the same also in the more general setting of free monoid rings $\mathbb{F}\langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$ over a field. Of course, the analogous of S-polynomials, i.e. *matches* are more complex, besides being potentially infinitely many; for instance,

$$\mathbf{M}(f_{\alpha})w f_{\alpha'} - f_{\alpha}w \mathbf{M}(f_{\alpha'}), w \in \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle.$$

These S-polynomials are not to be considered due to Buchberger's first Criterion, which states (in Möller's language) that such S-polynomial lifts to the trivial syzygy $f_{\alpha}w f_{\alpha'} - f_{\alpha}w f_{\alpha'}$.

As it is well known, both in the commutative and in the non-commutative setting, the test/completion based on the lifting theorem [15] is definitely more efficient than Buchberger test/completion, which is then discarded by the good implementations. Moeller lifting theorem says that *a generating set F is a Gröbner basis if and only if each element in a minimal basis of the syzygies among the leading monomials $\{\mathbf{M}(f_{\alpha}) : f_{\alpha} \in F\}$ lifts, via Buchberger reduction, to a syzygy among the elements of F .*

It is also worth to remark that the lifting theorem allowed [8] to give their (more efficient) criteria.

Gebauer-Moeller criteria detect at least as many "useless" pairs as Buchberger's two criteria [4], but *they do not need to verify whether a pair satisfies*

the conditions required by the Second Criterion and thus they avoid the consequent bottleneck needed for listing and ordering the S-pairs (in the commutative case they are $(\#F)^2$, while a careful informal analysis in that setting suggests that the S-pairs needed by Gebauer–Möller Criterion are $n\#F$).

Part 2

The reformulation in the language of filtration-valuation terms [27, 16, 19] of Möller’s Lifting Theorem and of Spear’s [26] intuition that a Buchberger Theory defined in a ring can be exported to its quotients, allowed [16] to provide a framework in which Buchberger Theory may be generalized to a setting that specializes to useful cases such as monoid rings [13, 14], solvable polynomial rings [12] and Ore extensions [22, 5, 6, 20].

However, there was a weak point in [16]: the proposal of this paper could be applied only to rings/modules that were presented as vector spaces over a field. Differently, the universal property grants to a ring a representation accordingly to Spear’s Theorem, *i.e.* as quotient of a monoid ring over the integers.

Anyway Buchberger Theory of monoid rings over the integers is strongly established [15] and Zacharias’ Thesis [29] provided the natural setting for describing canonical forms of the elements of each ring which can be presented as quotient $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$ of a free monoid ring $\mathcal{Q} := \mathbb{Z}\langle \bar{\mathbf{Z}} \rangle$ over \mathbb{Z} and the monoid $\langle \bar{\mathbf{Z}} \rangle$ of all words over the alphabet $\bar{\mathbf{Z}}$ modulo a bilateral ideal $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{Q}$ of which a Gröbner basis is available.

Thus, since the universal property of the free monoid ring $\mathcal{Q} := \mathbb{Z}\langle \bar{\mathbf{Z}} \rangle$ over \mathbb{Z} and the monoid $\langle \bar{\mathbf{Z}} \rangle$ of all words over the alphabet $\bar{\mathbf{Z}}$ grants that each ring with identity \mathcal{A} can be presented as a quotient $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$ of a free monoid ring \mathcal{Q} modulo a bilateral ideal $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{Q}$, in order to impose a Buchberger Theory/Algorithm, based on Möller’s Lifting Theorem over any effective associative ring it is enough to present effectively \mathcal{A} and its elements via Zacharias canonical forms and use Spear’s theorem in order to impose on \mathcal{A} the natural filtration of \mathcal{Q} .

In the case of solvable polynomial rings and Ore extensions, the filtration/graduation approach grants that, in the left/right case the arithmetics required by Möller’s Lifting Theorem [6, 20] boils down to the arithmetics of polynomial commutative ring. The computation of bilateral Gröbner bases can be performed via Kandri-Rody—Weispfenning completion¹. A more efficient solution is obtained by means of restricted Gröbner bases [28] and the related Weispfenning multiplication [7].

Part 3

In 1920 Janet [11] introduced both the notion of Gröbner bases and a computational algorithm [9, 10] which essentially anticipated Buchberger’s [1, 2]

¹Extend the left Gröbner basis $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$ with $F := \{g_i \star X_j\}$ and compute the left Gröbner basis H of $G \cup F$ until $G = H$ which then is the bilateral basis of $\mathbb{I}_2(G)$.

Algorithm². Janet's idea is quite similar to the strongest formulation given by Moller's Lifting Theorem [15]. This has been explicitly remarked by Schwartz [24].

Our extension of Buchberger Theory and Algorithm on each \mathcal{R} -module \mathcal{A} [17, 7], where both \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{A} are assumed to be effectively given through their Zacharias representation [18] suggested us to investigate whether and under which conditions Janet's approach can be extended to more general settings.

Janet completion has a strong combinatorial component. Therefore we need that, with the terminology of [17, 7], the associated graded ring \mathcal{G} of \mathcal{A} is an Ore-like extension [22, 6]; an interesting class of such rings, much wider than solvable polynomial rings [12] on which Seiler [25] applied Janet approach, has been recently proposed [20]:

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{R}\langle X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_m \rangle / \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I} = \mathbb{I}(G) \text{ with}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G = & \{X_j X_i - a_{ij} X_i X_j - d_{ij} : 1 \leq i < j \leq n\} \\ & \cup \{Y_l X_j - b_{jl} v_{jl} X_j Y_l - e_{jl} : 1 \leq j \leq n, 1 \leq l \leq m\} \\ & \cup \{Y_k Y_l - c_{lk} Y_l Y_k - f_{lk} : 1 \leq l < k \leq m\} \end{aligned}$$

a Gröbner basis of \mathcal{I} with respect to the lexicographical ordering $<$ on $\Gamma := \{X_1^{d_1} \dots X_n^{d_n} Y_1^{e_1} \dots Y_m^{e_m} \mid (d_1, \dots, d_n, e_1, \dots, e_m) \in \mathbb{N}^{n+m}\}$ induced by $X_1 < \dots < X_n < Y_1 < \dots < Y_m$ where a_{ij}, b_{jl}, c_{lk} are invertible elements in \mathcal{R} , $v_{jl} \in \{X_1^{d_1} \dots X_j^{d_j} \mid (d_1, \dots, d_j) \in \mathbb{N}^j\}$, $d_{ij}, e_{jl}, f_{lk} \in \mathcal{A}$ with $\mathbf{T}(d_{ij}) < X_i X_j$, $\mathbf{T}(e_{jl}) < X_j Y_l$, $\mathbf{T}(f_{lk}) < Y_k Y_l$. The associated graded ring \mathcal{G} can be obtained setting $d_{ij} = e_{jl} = f_{lk} = 0$. Unless we restrict to the case in which each $v_{jl} = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{A}}$, noetherianity is not sufficient to grant termination and finiteness.

The main problem arises when the coefficient ring \mathcal{D} , on which $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{D}\langle \bar{v} \rangle / I$ is a module, is not a field but just a PID³; as it was remarked by Seiler [25] one needs at least to follow the standard approach in Buchberger Theory and speak about *weak* and *strong* bases.

In the *strong* cases, basing on [23, 15, 21], we guess that the test/completion for involutiveness of a continuous involutive division, which in the field case ([10, Th.6.5]) is local involutivity, should be reformulated as

Claim 1. *Let L be a continuous involutive division. A polynomial set F is strong L -involutive if*

- for each $f \in F$ and each non-multiplicative variable $x \in NM_L(lc(f), lc(F))$, the related J -prolongation $f \cdot x_i$,
- for each $f, g \in F$ the related P -prolongation $s \frac{lcm(\mathbf{T}(f), \mathbf{T}(g))}{\mathbf{T}(f)} f + t \frac{lcm(\mathbf{T}(g), \mathbf{T}(f))}{\mathbf{T}(g)} g$, where t, s are the Bézout values such that $slc(f) + tlc(g) = \gcd(lc(f), lc(g))$,

²Up to Second Buchberger Criterion [4] but probably including the other criteria proposed by Gebauer and Möller [8].

³the PIR case is not so complicated; indeed it simply requires to deal with proper annihilators.

- for each $f \in F$ the related A -prolongation af , a being the annihilator of $lc(f)$

reduce all of them to zero modulo F .

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