

# On recent advances on regular chains.

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# Characteristic sets, triangular sets and regular chains

- Characteristic sets

- (i) of prime ideals [Ritt, 1932]
- (ii) (or representations) of differential ideals [Boulier, Lazard, Ollivier & Petitot, 1995-1997], [Morrison, 1999], [Hubert, 2000]
- (iii) of finite polynomial sets [Wu, 1987] [Chou & Gao, 1990] [Gallo & Mishra, 1990] [Wang, 1992]

- Triangular sets

- (i) with  $\# \text{equations} = \# \text{unknowns}$  and *monic* polynomials [Lazard, 1992] [D5, 1985]
- (ii) with *monic* and *square-free* polynomials [Lazard, 1991]

- Regular chains

- introduced in [Kalkbrener, 1991] [Yang & Zhang, 1994]
- compared with other notions in [Aubry, Lazard & Moreno Maza, 1999]
- adapted to differential algebra [Boulier & Lemaire, 2000] [Lemaire, 2002]

# The *as many polynomials as unknowns* case.

- In [Lazard, 1992] a subset

$$T = \{T_1, \dots, T_n\} \subseteq \mathbf{k}[x_1 < \dots < x_n]$$

is a **triangular set** if for  $i = 1 \dots n$

$$T_i = 1 x_i^{d_i} + a_{i-1} x_i^{d_i-1} + \dots + a_1 x_i + a_0$$

with

$$a_{i-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0 \in \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}].$$

- **Algorithmic properties.** Let  $p \in \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  with  $\deg(p, x_n) > 0$  and define  $\mathcal{I} = (T)$ .
  - One can decide whether  $p \in \mathcal{I}$ . Indeed  $T$  is a Gr. basis of  $\mathcal{I}$  w.r.t.  $x_1 < \dots < x_n$ .
  - One can decide whether  $p^{-1} \bmod \mathcal{I}$  exists. Indeed, ...

- (1) For  $n = 1$  by computing  $\gcd(p, T_1)$ .  
This may split  $T_1$  into 2 factors.
- (2.1) For  $n = 2$  one can try to compute  $\gcd(p, T_2)$  modulo  $T_1$  (by running the Eucl. algo as if  $\mathbf{k}[x_1]/(T_1)$  was a field).
- (2.2) Then, for  $n = 2$  one can search for  $p^{-1} \bmod \mathcal{I}$  (by trying to compute  $\gcd(p, T_2)$ ).

If  $p$  is not invertible mod.  $\mathcal{I}$  then triang. sets  $T', T''$  appear s.t.  $\sqrt{\mathcal{I}} = \sqrt{\mathcal{I}'} \cap \sqrt{\mathcal{I}''}$ .

- For  $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n][y]$  one can compute  $g_1, \dots, g_s \in \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n][y]$  and triangular sets  $T_1, \dots, T_s \subseteq \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  s.t.

(1) a Bézout relation  $\dots p_1 + \dots p_2 = g_i$  holds modulo  $T_i$ .

(2)  $g_i$  is *monic* ( $\text{lc}(g_i, y)$  is inv. mod  $\mathcal{I}_i$ ).

(3)  $\sqrt{\mathcal{I}} = \cap_i \sqrt{\mathcal{I}_i}$ .

- Generalisation to non-monic  $T_i$ 's

(2) For  $n = 2$

$$T = \begin{cases} x_1^{d_1} + \dots + a_1 x_1 + a_0 \\ h_2 x_2^{d_2} + \dots + b_1 x_2 + b_0 \end{cases}$$

is a **triangular set** if  $h_2^{-1}$  exists modulo  $T_1$ . Then the previous properties remain valid by changing  $\mathcal{I}$  to  $(T) : h_2^\infty$ .

(3) For  $n = 3$

$$T = \begin{cases} x_1^{d_1} + \dots + a_1 x_1 + a_0 \\ h_2 x_2^{d_2} + \dots + b_1 x_2 + b_0 \\ h_3 x_3^{d_3} + \dots + c_1 x_3 + c_0 \end{cases}$$

is a **triangular set** if  $h_2^{-1}$  exists modulo  $T_1$  and  $h_3^{-1}$  exists modulo  $(\{T_1, T_2\}) : h_2^\infty$ . Here  $\mathcal{I}$  changes to  $(T) : (h_2 h_3)^\infty$ .

( $n$ )  $\mathcal{I}$  changes to **Sat** $(T) = (T) : (h_2 \cdots, h_n)^\infty$ .

# Regular chains

- The subset  $T \subseteq \mathbf{k}[x_1 < \cdots < x_n]$  is a **regular chain** if
  - either  $T = \emptyset$
  - or  $T = T' \cup \{t\}$  where  $T'$  is a regular chain and
    - \*  $t = h_t x_i^{d_i} + a_{i-1} x_i^{d_i-1} + \cdots + a_1 x_i + a_0$
    - \*  $T', \{h_t a_{i-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0\} \subseteq \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}]$ .
    - \*  $h_t$  is regular modulo **Sat**( $T'$ ).
- **Notations**
  - Let  $h$  be the product of the **initials** of  $T$  and  $s$  be the product of the **separants** of  $T$ .

- Let  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ ,  $A$  the set of the  $x \in X$  s.t.  $x$  is the greatest variable of some  $t \in T$ . Define  $B = X \setminus A$ .
- **Reduction to dimension zero.**
  - For every prime  $\mathcal{P}$  associated with  $\mathbf{Sat}(T)$   $\dim(\mathcal{P}) = n - m$  and  $\mathcal{P} \cap \mathbf{k}[B] = \{0\}$ .
  - $\Rightarrow$  Every non-zero  $p \in \mathbf{k}[B]$  is regular modulo  $\mathbf{Sat}(T)$ .
  - $\Rightarrow T$  can be viewed as a **triangular set** in  $\mathbf{k}(B)[A]$ .
  - For every prime  $\mathcal{P}$  associated with  $\mathcal{J} = (T) : s^\infty$  we have  $\dim(\mathcal{P}) = n - m$  and  $\mathcal{P} \cap \mathbf{k}[B] = \{0\}$ .  
Moreover  $\mathcal{J}$  is radical (Lazard's Lemma).

# Characteristic sets

- **Notations.** Let  $F \subseteq \mathbf{k}[x_1 < \cdots < x_n]$  s.t.  $F \cap \mathbf{k} \subseteq \{0\}$ . Let  $C \subseteq F$  s.t.
  - two different polynomials in  $C$  have different greatest variables,
  - $C$  is (algebraically) auto-reduced.
- **Definition** The subset  $C$  is a **characteristic set** of  $F$  if every  $f \in F$  reduced w.r.t.  $C$  is zero.
- **Properties.** If  $C$  char. set of an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  then for all  $p \in \mathcal{I}$  we have  $\text{prem}(p, C) = 0$ . Moreover,

$$\mathbf{Sat}(C) = \{p \mid \text{prem}(p, C) = 0\}$$



$C$  regular chain



$C$  characteristic set of  $\mathbf{Sat}(C)$



# Regular differential chains

- **Notations.** Let  $R = \mathbf{k}\{U\}$  a ring of differential polynomials. Let  $C \subseteq R$  such that
  - two different polynomials in  $C$  have different greatest leaders (variables),
  - $C$  is (differentially) auto-reduced and coherent.
- **Definition.** The subset  $C$  is a **regular differential chain** if  $C$  is a regular chain such that  $\mathbf{Sat}(C)$  is radical.
- **Properties.**

$$[C] : (h s)^\infty = \{p \mid \text{full-rem}(p, C) = 0\}$$



$C$  regular differential chain



$C$  characteristic set of  $[C] : (h s)^\infty$

# Canonicity of regular chains

- Let  $T \subseteq \mathbf{k}[X]$  be a regular chain with  $A \subseteq X$  as the set of the leading variables of  $T$ . Define  $B = X \setminus A$ .
- **Canonicity.** Assume that
  - $T$  is auto-reduced,
  - for every  $t \in T$  we have  $h_t \in \mathbf{k}[B]$ ,
  - every  $t \in T$  is primitive as a polynomial in  $(\mathbf{k}[B])[A]$ .

Then  $T$  depends only on **Sat**( $T$ ) and the ordering on the variables.

- Among the  $T$  such that  $\mathcal{P} = \text{Sat}(T)$  which one is the one ?

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{cases} x^{31} - x^6 - x - y \\ x^8 - z \\ x^{10} - t \end{cases} \quad \text{with } x > y > z > t.$$

$$(T_1) = \begin{cases} (t^4 - t)x - ty - z^2 \\ tzy^2 + 2z^3y - t^8 + 2t^5 + t^3 - t^2 \\ z^5 - t^4 \end{cases}$$

$$(T_2) = \begin{cases} (t^4 - t)x - ty - z^2 \\ t^3y^2 + 2t^2z^2y + (-t^6 + 2t^3 + t - 1)z^4 \\ z^5 - t^4 \end{cases}$$

- Push the *non-algebraic* variables down, normalize the initials and clear.

# Regular chains and prime ideals

- Every prime ideal  $\mathcal{P}$  in a polynomial ring  $\mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  may be given by a regular chain.

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{cases} ax + by - c \\ dx + ey - f \\ gx + hy - i \end{cases}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$T = \begin{cases} gx + hy - i \\ (hd - eg)y - id + fg \\ (ie - fh)a + (ch - ib)d + (fb - ce)g \end{cases}$$

- The relation between both is  $\mathcal{P} = \text{Sat}(T)$ .
- The lex. basis is

$$\begin{cases} xa + yb - c \\ xd + ye - f \\ \boxed{xg + yh - i} \\ yae - ydb - af + dc \\ yah - ygb - ai + gc \\ \boxed{ydh - yge - di + gf} \\ \boxed{aei - ahf - dbi + dhc + gbf - gec} \end{cases}$$

- The common zeros of every polynomial system can be decomposed into finitely many triangular sets

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(\mathcal{P}) = & \mathbf{W}(T) \cup \mathbf{W} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} dx + ey - f \\ hy - i \\ (ie - fh)a + (-ib + ch)d \\ g \end{array} \right. \\
 & \cup \mathbf{W} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} gx + hy - i \\ (ha - bg)y - ia + cg \\ hd - eg \\ ie - fh \end{array} \right. \\
 & \cup \mathbf{W} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \\ (hd - eg)y - id + fg \\ fb - ce \\ ie - fh \end{array} \right. \\
 & \cup \mathbf{W} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ax + by - c \\ hy - i \\ d \\ g \\ ie - fh \end{array} \right. \cup \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{W}(T)$  denotes the zeros of  $T$  that do not cancel its initials. Note that we have  $\overline{\mathbf{W}(T)} = V(\text{Sat}(T))$ .

- For  $F \subseteq \mathbf{k}[X]$  one can compute decompositions of the form
  - $V(F) = \cup_{i=1}^{\ell} \overline{\mathbf{W}(T_i)}$  or
  - $V(F) = \cup_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{W}(T_i)$ .

# Ranking conversions

- For  $\mathcal{R} = x > y > z > s > t$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{R}} = t > s > z > y > x$  we have:

$$\text{palgie}\left(\begin{cases} x - t^3 \\ y - s^2 - 1 \\ z - st \end{cases}, \mathcal{R}, \overline{\mathcal{R}}\right) = \begin{cases} st - z \\ (xy + x)s - z^3 \\ z^6 - x^2y^3 - 3x^2y^2 - 3x^2y - x^2 \end{cases}$$

- For  $\mathcal{R} = \dots > v_{xx} > v_{xy} > \dots > u_{xy} > u_{yy} > v_x > v_y > u_x > u_y > v > u$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{R}} = \dots > u_x > u_y > u > \dots > v_{xx} > v_{xy} > v_{yy} > v_x > v_y > v$  we have:

$$\text{pardi}\left(\begin{cases} v_{xx} - u_x \\ 4u v_y - (u_x u_y + u_x u_y u) \\ u_x^2 - 4u \\ u_y^2 - 2u \end{cases}, \mathcal{R}, \overline{\mathcal{R}}\right) = \begin{cases} u - v_{yy}^2 \\ v_{xx} - 2v_{yy} \\ v_y v_{xy} - v_{yy}^3 + v_{yy} \\ v_{yy}^4 - 2v_{yy}^2 - 2v_y^2 + 1 \end{cases}$$

# PARDI, PODI, PALGIE

**Input:** In  $k[X]$

- two rankings  $\mathcal{R}, \overline{\mathcal{R}}$  over  $X$ ,
- a  $\mathcal{R}$ -triangular  $C$  set such that **Sat**( $C$ ) is prime.

**Output:** a  $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$ -triangular set  $\overline{C}$  such that **Sat**( $C$ ) = **Sat**( $\overline{C}$ ).

**PALGIE:** *Prime ALgebraic Ideal* implemented in Aldor, C and Maple,

**PODI:** *Prime Ordinary Differential Ideal*, implemented in C,

**PARDI:** *Prime pARTial Differential Ideal*, implemented in Maple.



## Si tu veux arriver à temps, ménage ta monture

- The main difficulty while computing triangular decompositions is the generation of superfluous components.
- If we could generate components by decreasing order of dimension we could remove superfluous components as soon as they appear by inclusion test.
- However while we are building a large component we may have to consider special cases and then build small components.
- Hence we need to be able to delay some parts of each computation (gcd, regularity-test, enlarging a triangular set).



# Delayed Splits

- $F, F_1, \dots, F_d, T, T_1, \dots, T_d \subseteq \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .  $T, T_i$  triangular sets.

We put  $\mathbf{Z}(F, T) := \mathbf{V}(F) \cap \mathbf{W}(T)$  and define

$\mathbf{Z}(F, T) \longrightarrow_D (\mathbf{Z}(F_1, T_1), \dots, \mathbf{Z}(F_d, T_d))$  if we have:

$$(D_1) \quad \mathbf{Z}(F_i, T_i) \prec \mathbf{Z}(F, T),$$

$$(D_2) \quad \mathbf{Z}(F, T) \subseteq \mathbf{Z}(F_1, T_1) \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{Z}(F_d, T_d),$$

$$(D_3) \quad \mathbf{Sat}(T) \subseteq \mathbf{Sat}(T_i),$$

$$(D_4) \quad F_i \neq \emptyset \implies F \subseteq F_i,$$

$$(D_5) \quad F_i = \emptyset \implies \mathbf{W}(T_i) \subseteq \mathbf{V}(F).$$

This implies:

$$\mathbf{V}(F) \cap \mathbf{W}(T) \subseteq \mathbf{Z}(F_1, T_1) \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{Z}(F_d, T_d) \subseteq \mathbf{V}(F) \cap \overline{\mathbf{W}(T)}$$

# Decomposing by means of Delayed Splits

• For  $p \notin \mathbf{Sat}(T)$  decompose  $(p, T) = ([F_1, T_1], \dots, [F_d, T_d])$  such that

$$(i) \mathbf{Z}(p, T) \longrightarrow_D ([F_1, T_1], \dots, [F_d, T_d]),$$

$$(ii) \dim(T_i) < \dim(T) \implies F_i \neq \emptyset.$$

solve( $F \subseteq \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ):  $L$ -split of  $\mathbf{V}(F)$  by regular c

$Tasks := [[F, \emptyset]]$

**while**  $Tasks \neq []$  **repeat**

    choose and remove a process  $[F_1, T_1]$  from  $Tasks$

$F_1 = \emptyset \implies$  **output**  $T_1$

    choose and remove a polynomial  $p$  Ritt-minimal

$p \in \mathbf{Sat}(T_1) \implies Tasks := \text{cons}([F_1, T_1], Tasks)$

**for**  $[G, U] \in \text{decompose}(p, T_1)$  **repeat**

$Tasks := \text{cons}([F_1 \cup G, U], Tasks)$