

**Math 526 – Algebraic Geometry**  
**Homework # 6**  
**Due: Tuesday, November 12, 2013 8:30 am**

**Problem 1.** For the following  $f \in \mathbb{Q}[x, y, z]$  and  $I \subset \mathbb{Q}[x, y, z]$ :

- a. determine if  $f \in \sqrt{I}$ ;
  - b. if  $f \in \sqrt{I}$ , for each  $m \geq 1$ , compute the normal form of  $f^m$  with respect to  $I$  using the graded lexicographic ordering defined by  $x > y > z$ ;
  - c. if  $f \in \sqrt{I}$ , use (b) to compute the minimum  $m \geq 1$  such that  $f^m \in I$ .
- $f = x + y$ ,  $I = \langle x^3, x^2y + xy^2, y^3 \rangle$
  - $f = x^2 + 3xz$ ,  $I = \langle x + z, x^2y, x - z^2 \rangle$

**Problem 2.** Use the Positivstellensatz to prove  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y+x^2+2=0, x+3 \geq y^2\} = \emptyset$ .

**Problem 3.** For  $f_1 = x^2 - 2$  and  $f_2 = y^8 - z^8$ , compute the prime decomposition for

- (1)  $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle \subset \mathbb{Q}[x, y, z]$ ;
- (2)  $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle \subset \mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$ ;
- (3)  $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ .

**Problem 4.** Let  $I = \langle xz - y^2, x^3 - yz \rangle \subset \mathbb{Q}[x, y, z]$ .

- a. With respect to the lexicographic ordering  $t > x > y > z$ , compute a Gröbner basis for  $t \cdot I + (1-t) \cdot \langle x \rangle$  and for  $t \cdot I + (1-t) \cdot \langle y \rangle$ . (By hand or via software)
- b. Use (a) compute a Gröbner basis for  $I \cap \langle x \rangle$  and  $I \cap \langle y \rangle$  with respect to the lexicographic ordering  $x > y > z$ .
- c. Use (b) to compute  $I : \langle x \rangle$  and  $I : \langle y \rangle$ .
- d. Compute a prime decomposition of  $I$ .