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# Linear Algebra for Computing Gröbner Bases of Linear Recurrent Multidimensional Sequences

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## Abstract

In 1988, Sakata extended the Berlekamp – Massey (BM) algorithm from 1 dimension to  $n$  dimensions. The so-called Berlekamp – Massey – Sakata (BMS) algorithm can be used on a table for finding a Gröbner basis of a 0-dimensional ideal of relations satisfied by said table. We investigate this problem using linear algebra techniques, such as what have been done for the BM algorithm by Kaltofen and Yuhasz, with motivations such as accelerating change of basis algorithms (FGLM) or improving their complexity.

We first recall the definition of multidimensional linear recurrent sequences for 0-dimensional ideals given by Sakata or Fitzpatrick and Norton.

We design several algorithms for computing a Gröbner basis of the ideal of relations. The first one performs a lot of table queries and is analogous to a change of variables on the ideal of relations. Under genericity assumptions, this probabilistic technique essentially reduces the problem to using the efficient 1-dimensional BM algorithm.

Each probe to the table can be expensive. We thus consider the table in the *black-box* model and look for minimizing the number of probes to the table in our complexity model. We thus design a second algorithm, SCALAR-FGLM, requiring, in general, less probes to the table.

This FGLM-like algorithm allows us to compute the relations of the table by extracting a full rank submatrix of a *multi-Hankel* matrix (a multivariate generalization of Hankel matrices). Under some additional assumptions, we make this

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algorithm adaptive and reduce further the number of table probes.

The number of probes of SCALAR-FGLM can be estimated by counting precisely the number of distinct elements in a multi-Hankel matrix; we can relate this quantity with the *geometry* of the final staircase. Hence, in favorable cases such as convex ones, the complexity is essentially linear in the size of the output.

Linear algebra techniques are also of interest in the complexity estimate of SCALAR-FGLM. When using the LEX ordering for the Gröbner basis computation, the multi-Hankel matrices are block Hankel with embedded blocks, called *multilevel block Hankel*. Whenever the Gröbner basis polynomials degrees in all variables but one are bounded, these matrices are quasi-Hankel with a bounded displacement rank. Therefore, we can use fast algorithms for quasi-Hankel matrices to speedup the computation, as designed by Bostan, Jeannerod and Schost, and obtain a quasi-linear complexity in the size of the Gröbner basis staircase.

As a direct application to this, we decode  $n$ -cyclic codes, a generalization in dimension  $n > 1$  of Reed Solomon codes. We also design algorithms for computing the generating series of a linear recurrent sequence.

*Keywords:* BMS, FGLM algorithms, Gröbner basis computation, 0-dimensional ideal, multidimensional linear recurrent sequence

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## 1. Introduction

A fundamental problem in Computer Science is to estimate the linear complexity of an infinite sequence  $S$ : this is the smallest length of a recurrence with constant coefficients satisfied by  $S$  or the length of the shortest linear feedback shift register (LFSR) which generates it.

The Berlekamp – Massey algorithm (BM, Berlekamp (1968); Massey (1969)) solves this problem for sequences with one parameter, i.e. in the one-dimensional case. For  $n$ -dimensional sequences, the definition of recurrence relation with constant coefficients was proposed by several authors Chabanne and Norton (1992); Fitzpatrick and Norton (1990); Saints and Heegard (1995); Sakata (1988, 1990).

Sakata extended BM algorithm to 2 dimensions in Sakata (1988) and then to  $n$  dimensions in Sakata (1990, 2009). The so-called Berlekamp – Massey – Sakata algorithm (BMS) computes a Gröbner basis of the ideal of relations satisfied by the input sequence, (Sakata, 1990, Lemma 5).

Direct and important applications of this generalization can be found in Coding Theory:  $n$ -dimensional cyclic codes, a generalization of Reed Solomon codes, can be decoded using BMS algorithm, Sakata (1991). As the output of BMS algorithm is a Gröbner basis, a natural application is the computation of a Gröbner basis of

an ideal for another order, in fact the latest versions of SPARSE-FGLM rely heavily on BM and BMS.

### *Related work*

In the 18th century, Gauß was interested in predicting the next term of a sequence. Given a discrete set  $(u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ , find the best coefficients, in the least-squares sense,  $(\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  that will approximate  $u_i$  by  $-\sum_{k=1}^d \alpha_{n-k} u_k$ .

This yields a linear system whose matrix is Toeplitz and symmetric. This problem has also been extensively used in Digital Signal Processing theory and applications. Numerically, Levinson – Durbin recursion method can be used to solve this problem. Hence, to some extent, the original Levinson – Durbin problem in Norbert Wiener’s Ph.D. thesis, Levinson (1947); Wiener (1949), predates the Hankel interpretation of the Berlekamp – Massey algorithm, see for instance Jonckheere and Ma (1989).

We refer to Kaltofen and Pan (1991); Kaltofen and Yuhasz (2013a,b). A very nice classification of the BM algorithms for solving this problem, and generalization to matrix sequences, can be found in the latter two. Of particular importance for us is the solution of the underlying linear system in Toeplitz/Hankel form. Let us also recall that BM can be considered as a simplified version of the extended Euclidean algorithm. Indeed, BM called on sequence  $(u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{2d-1})$  will do the same computations as the extended Euclidean algorithm with input polynomials  $x^{2d}$  and  $u_0 x^{2d-1} + u_1 x^{2d-2} + \dots + u_{2d-1}$ .

BM algorithm has two classical forms: an algebraic form, handling polynomials, and a matrix form, yielding a Hankel linear system. BMS algorithm, Sakata (1988, 1990), extends the algebraic form of BM to  $n$  dimensions. For a 0-dimensional ideal, according to Sakata (1990), BMS can be used for computing a Gröbner basis.

### *Contributions*

First of all, we recall what are linear recurrent sequences in  $n$  dimensions, following Fitzpatrick and Norton (1990); Sakata (1988) and give some characterizations thereof. We link them with 0-dimensional ideals and define their order as the degree of the ideal generated by the relations satisfied by the sequence (see Section 2). Classically, this number is also the size of the staircase of the Gröbner basis (the canonical set of generators for the residue class ring).

As a first step, we try to rely on the BM algorithm to solve the  $n$  dimensional case: applying a random change of variables yields a new table whose relations are simpler, see Section 3. Exploiting this property yields Theorem 1.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{i_1, \dots, i_n})_{i_1, \dots, i_n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a  $n$ -dimensional linear recursive sequence over  $\mathbb{K}$ . Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . When the size of  $\mathbb{K}$  is large enough, we can find an equivalent basis of its relations for all  $i_1 + \dots + i_n \leq 2d$  in randomized time in  $O(n^{2d} + nM(d) \log d)$  operations in  $\mathbb{K}$ , where  $M(d)$  is the complexity of multiplying two polynomials of degree at most  $d - 1$ .*

*Multi-Hankel* straightforward interpretation (a multivariate generalization of the Hankel interpretation) of the problem allows us to characterize the output and to give properties of our algorithms. It also helps to simplify the proofs of our results. The objective of these algorithms is to extract a maximum full rank submatrix of such a multi-Hankel matrix. This is exactly what does our first FGLM-like algorithm, SCALAR-FGLM, in Sections 4. It can be observed that if one were to build a linear recurrent sequence from an ideal  $J$ , SCALAR-FGLM would not necessarily return  $J$  as the ideal of relations of the sequence independently from the initial conditions. The first result is that the output ideal is necessarily *Gorenstein*, see Brachat et al. (2010); Gorenstein (1952); Macaulay (1934). In particular, if the solution points of  $J$  have no multiplicities, then the output is the expected one, that is  $J$ . This linear algebra interpretation allows us to also notice that BMS can only return Gorenstein ideals.

Sections 4 and 5 are devoted to FGLM-like algorithms for computing Gröbner bases of the ideal of relations, namely SCALAR-FGLM and ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM. As for BM and BMS algorithms, SCALAR-FGLM needs an upper bound on the order of the sequence to compute the Gröbner basis of the ideal of relations. On the one hand, whenever the order of the sequence is relatively big, this algorithm is efficient. On the other hand, when the order of the sequence is abnormally small, we propose an output sensitive probabilistic algorithm, called ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM: this time an estimate of the order of the sequence is given.

An important parameter of the complexity of the algorithms is the number of table queries. Indeed, in some applications, it is very costly to compute *one* element  $u_{i_1, i_2, \dots}$  of the table; thus the number of table queries has to be minimized. In fact, the main drawback of the change of variables is the large number of queries to the original table. The FGLM application is a kind of application wherein the knowledge of a table element is expensive as each query requires a matrix-vector product to be computed. Though the number of table queries can be sharply estimated by counting the number of distinct elements in a multi-Hankel matrix. This quantity can also be linked to the geometry of the staircase of the computed Gröbner basis.

**Theorem 2.** *The number of queries to the table is the cardinal of set  $2S = \{u v \mid (u, v) \in S^2\}$  where  $S$  is the staircase of the ideal.*

We show that in favorable cases such as convex ones, the complexity is essentially linear in the size of the output. However, we also exhibit pathological cases

where the complexity grows quadratically.

In Sections 5.2 and 5.3, to illustrate the efficiency of the proposed algorithms, we report experiments for two applications: SPARSE-FGLM and the decoding of  $n$ -dimensional cyclic codes. The results of the experiments are fully in line with the theory: for instance, in coding theory, when  $t$  errors are generated randomly, they can be recovered in  $O(t)$  evaluation of the syndromes.

For the LEX ordering, multi-Hankel matrices are heavily structured. If  $d_i$  is the maximal degree of the polynomials in  $x_i$ , then the matrix is quasi-Hankel with displacement rank  $d_2 \cdots d_n$ . This allows us to use fast quasi-Hankel arithmetic, see Bostan et al. (2007), in Section 6, to solve the underlying linear system in  $O((d_2 \cdots d_n)^{\omega-1} M(d_1 \cdots d_n) \log(d_1 \cdots d_n))$  operations in the base field. Whenever  $d_2, \dots, d_n$  are bounded, denoting  $\delta = d_2 \cdots d_n$ , this complexity is quasi-linear in the size of the staircase of the Gröbner basis:  $O(\delta^{\omega-1} M(d_1 \delta) \log(d_1 \delta)) = O(M(d) \log d)$ .

In Section 7, we recall that the generating series of recurrent linear sequence is of special interest. It is a rational fraction whose denominator factors through univariate polynomials. We propose several algorithms for computing this rational fraction, a deterministic one based on SCALAR-FGLM and a fast probabilistic one using BM. On the one hand, thanks to its factorization into univariate polynomials, the denominator can be computed in  $O(n M(d) \log d)$  operations in the base field through our fast probabilistic algorithm. On the other hand, though not mandatory, expanding the numerator can be done in at most  $O(n d^{n-1} M(d))$  operations in the base field. This is coherent with the fact that the numerator is a dense multivariate polynomial of degree  $d_i \leq d$  in each  $x_i$ .

As stated above, BMS is an extension to the algebraic form of BM. We left as an open question whether our algorithms could be seen as a matrix version of BMS.

Amongst the changes from the ISSAC version of the paper (Berthomieu et al. (2015)), we now mention that only Gorenstein ideals can be recovered as ideal of relations. This gives another probabilistic test for the Gorenstein property, see also Daleo and Hauenstein (2015). ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM, presented in the ISSAC paper and in Section 5, could fail on sequences satisfying a relation for a while and then switching not to satisfy it anymore. In particular, it fails if the first element is 0. EXTENDED ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM, or Algorithm 5, extends ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM through an input parameter allowing to check multiple table elements at a time. This parameter represents the trade-off between an exact computation and the output-sensitivity of ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM. Finally, Section 7 with the generating series characterization of recurrent sequences and the algorithms to compute the generating series was not present in the ISSAC version of the paper.

## 2. Definition and characterization of linear recurrent sequences

This section is devoted to characterizing linear recurrent (with constant coefficients) sequences. This is done in Definition 1 and in Proposition 4. In Section 2.3, we adopt an FGLM viewpoint to describe a multidimensional linear recurrent sequence.

We shall use standard notation, with bolding letters corresponding to vectors or sequences. In particular, we let  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . As usual, we write  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}}$  for  $x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_n^{i_n}$  and  $|\mathbf{i}| = i_1 + \cdots + i_n$ . When needed  $e_i$  shall be the  $i$ th element of the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ . In the remaining part of the paper,  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{\mathbf{i}})_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  shall be a  $n$ -dimensional sequence over a field  $\mathbb{K}$ .

Let us recall that a one-dimensional sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  is linear recurrent if there exists  $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{d-1} \in \mathbb{K}$  such that for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$

$$u_{i+d} = - \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} \alpha_k u_{i+k}.$$

Such a relation shall be called *linear recurrent relation (with constant coefficients)*.

Furthermore, if  $d$  is minimal, then  $\mathbf{u}$  is said to be *linear recurrent of order  $d$* . It is quite easy to see that the knowledge of  $u_0, \dots, u_{d-1}, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{d-1}$  allows one to compute any term  $u_i$  of  $\mathbf{u}$ . In Section 7, we also remind the reader that the generating series is a rational fraction,

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} u_i x^i \in \mathbb{K}(x).$$

Extending the notion of linear recurrent relation satisfied by a multi-dimensional sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{\mathbf{i}})_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  is straightforward, see (Saints and Heegard, 1995, Definition 21): let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}^n$ , let  $\alpha = (\alpha_{\mathbf{k}})_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}}$  be nonzero, then  $\mathbf{u}$  satisfies the linear relation defined by  $\alpha$  if for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}^n$ ,

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} u_{i+\mathbf{k}} = 0.$$

In (Chabanne and Norton, 1992, Definition 2), the authors proposes that a sequence shall be called linear recurrent if it satisfies one linear recurrent relation. On the one hand, such sequences may not allow one to compute any term from a finite number of initial terms nor may they have a generating series that is a rational fraction. For instance  $\mathbf{u} = (1/i!)_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  satisfies  $u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j} = 0$  for all  $(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  but one needs to know infinitely many initial conditions  $u_{i,0} = 1/i!$  to compute any term and the generating series is  $\frac{\exp x}{1-y} \notin \mathbb{K}(x, y)$ .

On the other hands, there exist sequences satisfying a linear recurrent relation with a generating series that is a rational fraction, yet they do not allow one to compute any term of the sequences from a finite number of initial terms. An example of this kind is  $u_{i,j} = \binom{i}{j}$  which satisfies Pascal's rule  $u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j} = 0$ , its generating series is

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2} \binom{i}{j} x^i y^j = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} x^i (1+y)^i = \frac{1}{1-x-xy} \in \mathbb{K}(x,y),$$

yet one cannot compute all the terms of sequence without the infinitely many initial conditions  $u_{i,0} = 1$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $u_{0,j} = 0$  for all  $j \geq 1$ .

This motivates us to follow Sakata (1988) and Fitzpatrick and Norton (1990) to define linear recurrent sequences. They were called "rectilinear recurrent sequences" in the latter.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{\mathbf{i}})_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  be a  $n$ -dimensional sequence with coefficients in  $\mathbb{K}$ . The sequence  $\mathbf{u}$  is linear recurrent if from a nonzero finite number of initial terms  $u_{\mathbf{i}}, \mathbf{i} \in S$ , and a finite number of linear recurrence relations, without any contradiction, one can compute any term of the sequence.

In (Sakata, 2009, p. 147), the following sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  is exhibited with relations contradicting themselves. The set of initial terms is  $\{u_{0,0}, u_{1,0}, u_{0,1}\}$  and the set of relations is  $\{u_{i+2,j} - u_{i,j} = 0, u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i,j} = 0, u_{i,j+2} - u_{i,j} = 0\}$ . It is then clear that  $u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j+1} = 0$  implying, in particular, that the set of initial conditions is only  $\{u_{0,0}, u_{1,0}\}$ . Therefore, if  $u_{0,1}$  were initialised with a different value from  $u_{1,0}$ , then the sequence would be inconsistent and one could not compute any term.

In Section 7, Proposition 19, we recall that the generating series of a  $n$ -dimensional linear recurrent sequence is a rational fraction whose denominator can be factored into univariate polynomials. This is coherent with the binomial counter-example where the denominator of the generating series,  $1 - x - xy$ , cannot be factored into univariate polynomials.

**Remark 3.** A linear recurrent sequence is a special case of a holonomic (or P-recursive) sequence whose recurrence relations only have constant coefficients, Koutschan (2013).

Binomial sequence  $\mathbf{u} = \left(\binom{i}{j}\right)_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  is holonomic satisfying for all  $(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  both relations

$$(i-j+1)u_{i+1,j} - (i+1)u_{i,j} = 0, \quad (j+1)u_{i,j+1} - (i-j)u_{i,j} = 0.$$



### 2.1. Ideal of relations

For a one-dimensional linear recurrent sequence  $\mathbf{u}$  satisfying the smallest relation  $R(i) = u_{i+d} + \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} \alpha_k u_{i+k} = 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and with  $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k$ , polynomial  $\text{Pol}_{\mathbf{u}}(R)(x) = x^d + \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} \alpha_k x^k$  is called the *characteristic polynomial* of the sequence. One can prove that the vector space of sequences satisfying  $R$  has dimension  $d$ , corresponding to the  $d$  initial conditions  $u_0, \dots, u_{d-1}$  one can choose. Another way of seeing this vector space of dimension  $d$  is recalling that if  $\zeta \neq 0$  is a root of  $\text{Pol}_{\mathbf{u}}(R)$  with multiplicity  $\mu$ , then sequences  $(i^m \zeta^i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ , with  $0 \leq m < \mu$  satisfy  $R$ , hence  $d$  independent sequences.

For a linear recurrence relation on a multidimensional sequence, we can as well define its associated polynomial, as follows.

**Definition 2.** Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  be a sequence with coefficients in  $\mathbb{K}$ . Let  $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{N}^n$  be finite a subset of  $\mathbb{N}^n$  and let  $\alpha = (\alpha_{\mathbf{k}})_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}}$  such that for all  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$ ,  $R(\mathbf{i}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{k}} = 0$ .

Then, the associated polynomial of  $R$  is

$$\text{Pol}_{\mathbf{u}}(R)(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}}.$$

Conversely, from any polynomial  $P \in \mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]$ ,  $P = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}}$ , we define the non-instantiated associated relation  $\text{Rel}_{\mathbf{u}}(P)(\mathbf{i}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{k}}$ .

In the end, we can always shift any polynomials so that it is enough to evaluate such a relation in  $\mathbf{i} = (0, \dots, 0)$ , consequently we will use the following convention:

$$\begin{aligned} [x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_n^{i_n}]_{\mathbf{u}} &= [x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_n^{i_n}] = u_{i_1, \dots, i_n}, \\ [P]_{\mathbf{u}} &= [P] = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{k}}. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.** If  $P(x, y) = xy - x - 1 \in \mathbb{K}[x, y]$  then  $[P] = u_{1,1} - u_{1,0} - u_{0,0}$  and  $[x^2 y P] = u_{3,2} - u_{3,1} - u_{2,1}$ .

Let us now recall classical definitions and properties of Gröbner bases and admissible monomial orders. These will be used in Proposition 4, which can be seen as another equivalent definition of linear recurrent sequence.

An *admissible monomial order*  $<$  is an order on monomials of  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]$  s.t. for any monomial  $s \neq 1$ ,  $1 < s$  and for any monomials  $t, m$ , s.t.  $t < s$ ,  $m s < m t$ . This implies that there does not exist any infinite strictly decreasing sequences of monomials.

The leading term of a polynomial  $P$  for  $<$ , denoted  $\text{LT}_{<}(P)$  or  $\text{LT}(P)$  if no confusion can arise, is the greatest monomial of  $P$  multiplied by its coefficient.

A Gröbner basis of an ideal  $I$  for  $<$  is a finite subset  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $I$  such that for all  $f \in I$ , there exists  $g \in \mathcal{G}$  s.t.  $\text{LT}_{<}(g) \mid \text{LT}_{<}(f)$ . The set of monomials in  $\mathbf{x}$  that are not divisible by any  $\text{LT}_{<}(g)$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{G}$  forms a canonical basis of the algebra  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$ . It is called the *staircase* of  $\mathcal{G}$  since these are exactly the monomials below  $\{\text{LT}_{<}(g), g \in \mathcal{G}\}$ . If the algebra  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$  has finite dimension over  $\mathbb{K}$ , then equivalently all the polynomials in  $I$  have finitely many common solutions over the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $I$  is said *0-dimensional*.

For a *homogeneous ideal*  $I$ , i.e. spanned by homogeneous polynomials, a *truncated Gröbner basis of  $I$  up to degree  $d$*  for  $<$ , or  *$d$ -truncated Gröbner basis*, is a finite subset  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $I$  s.t. for all  $f \in I$ , if  $\deg f \leq d$  then there exists  $g \in \mathcal{G}$  s.t.  $\text{LT}(g) \mid \text{LT}(f)$ . This can be computed using any Gröbner basis algorithm by discarding critical pairs of degree greater than  $d$ .

For an affine ideal  $I$ , an analogous definition of  $d$ -truncated Gröbner basis exists. It is the output of a Gröbner basis algorithm discarding critical pair  $(f, \varphi)$  s.t.  $\deg \text{LT}(f) + \deg \text{LT}(\varphi) - \deg \text{lcm}(\text{LT}(f), \text{LT}(\varphi)) > d$ , i.e. of degree higher than  $d$ . In this situation, a  $d$ -truncated Gröbner basis  $\mathcal{G}$  will span the subspace of polynomials  $\sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}} h_g g$  with  $\deg h_g \leq d - \deg g$ .

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a  $n$ -dimensional sequence defined over a field  $\mathbb{K}$ . The set of all the polynomials  $\text{Pol}_{\mathbf{u}}(R)$ , with  $R$  a linear recurrence relation satisfied by  $\mathbf{u}$ , is an ideal of  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]$  called the ideal of relations.*

*Furthermore,  $\mathbf{u}$  is linear recurrent if and only if its ideal of relations has dimension 0.*

*Proof.* We shall take the convention that the void relation, associated to the zero polynomial, is always true. Whenever two relations  $R_1(\mathbf{i}) = 0$  and  $R_2(\mathbf{i}) = 0$  are true for all  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , then  $(R_1 - R_2)(\mathbf{i})$  is also true, hence the set of all the polynomials  $\text{Pol}_{\mathbf{u}}(R)$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]$ . For any  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and any relation  $R(\mathbf{i}) = 0$  true for all  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , polynomial  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}} \text{Pol}_{\mathbf{u}}(R)$  is associated to relation  $R(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k})$  which is also true. Hence, the set is an ideal.

Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a  $n$ -dimensional linear recurrent sequence,  $\mathcal{K}$  be a finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}^n$  of initial conditions of  $\mathbf{u}$ . Given  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n \setminus \mathcal{K}$ , there exists  $\alpha = (\alpha_{\mathbf{k}})_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}}$  s.t.

$$u_{\mathbf{i}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{k}},$$

hence  $(\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} - \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}}) \in I$ . Therefore, in  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$ , all monomials  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}}$  with  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n \setminus \mathcal{K}$  reduce to a linear combination of the  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}}$ ,  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}$ , hence  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$  has finite dimension and  $I$  is 0-dimensional.

Conversely, let  $\mathcal{G} = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$  be a minimal reduced Gröbner basis of  $I$  for a monomial order  $<$ . There exists a finite subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{N}^n$  s.t. for all  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ,  $g_j = \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{j}} - \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in S} \gamma_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}}$  with  $\gamma_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}} \in \mathbb{K}$ . Let us prove we can set a finite number of terms of  $\mathbf{u}$  and then compute any term. Let  $u_{\mathbf{i}}$  be any term of the sequence. If  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}}$  is in the staircase of  $\mathcal{G}$ , then we set  $u_{\mathbf{i}}$ . Otherwise there exist  $j$  and  $\mathbf{i}'$  s.t.  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} = \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}'} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{j}}$ , hence  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}'} g_j = \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} - \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in S} \gamma_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}'+\mathbf{k}} \in I$ . By recurrence on the  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}'+\mathbf{k}} < \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}}$ , there exist  $\alpha_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{k}} \in \mathbb{K}$  s.t.  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} - \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in S} \alpha_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{k}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}} \in I$ . Therefore  $u_{\mathbf{i}} - \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in S} \alpha_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{k}} = 0$  and one can compute any  $u_{\mathbf{i}}$  from a finite number of initial terms.  $\square$

In other words,  $\mathbf{u}$  is linear recurrent if and only if  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$  is a finite dimensional  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space. This dimension shall be called the *order* of  $\mathbf{u}$ .

This is related to the definition of *holonomic* function in an Ore algebra  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{K}(\mathbf{z})\langle \partial_{\mathbf{z}} \rangle$ , see (Koutschan, 2013, Definition 1). If  $\text{Ann}(f)$  is the left ideal of polynomials vanishing on  $f = \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n} u_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{z}^{\mathbf{i}}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}/\text{Ann}(f)$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Example 2.** Consider the following sequences:

1.  $\mathbf{u} = \left( (2^i + 3^i) 7^j \right)_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  is linear recurrent of order 2 satisfying relations

$$\forall (i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2, u_{i+2, j} - 5 u_{i+1, j} + 6 u_{i, j} = 0, \quad u_{i, j+1} - 7 u_{i, j} = 0.$$

Its ideal of relations is  $\langle (x-2)(x-3), y-7 \rangle$  and has two solutions with multiplicity 1.

2.  $\mathbf{u} = \left( (i+1) 2^i 7^j \right)_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  is linear recurrent of order 2 satisfying relations

$$\forall (i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2, u_{i+2, j} - 4 u_{i+1, j} + 4 u_{i, j} = 0, \quad u_{i, j+1} - 7 u_{i, j} = 0.$$

Its ideal of relations is  $\langle (x-2)^2, y-7 \rangle$  and has one solution with multiplicity 2.

3.  $\mathbf{u} = \left( \binom{i}{j} \right)_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  is not linear recurrent, however it is holonomic. Calling BMS or Algorithms 3 and 4 on this sequence for all  $w_{i,j}$ ,  $i+j \leq 2d$ , one obtains relations

$$u_{i+1, j+1} - u_{i, j+1} - u_{i, j} = 0,$$

the famous Pascal's rule, together with

$$\sum_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} (-1)^{d-k} u_{i+k, j} = 0, \quad u_{i, j+d} = 0.$$

From the polynomial point of view, they form a  $d$ -truncated Gröbner basis of  $I = \langle (x-1)^d, xy-x-y, y^d \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle$ . Let us notice that 1 is reached by these polynomials only as a linear combinations of degree  $d+1$  and the ideal  $\langle 1 \rangle$  has not dimension 0 but  $-1$ . From the sequence point of view, one needs to add infinitely many initial conditions to compute the whole sequence.

## 2.2. Gorenstein ideals

In the proof of Proposition 4, we showed that given a Gröbner basis  $\mathcal{G}$  of an ideal  $J$  and initial conditions  $\{u_{\mathbf{i}}, \mathbf{i} \in \mathcal{K}\}$ , with  $\mathcal{K}$  the staircase of  $\mathcal{G}$ , one could compute any term  $u_{\mathbf{i}}$  of sequence  $\mathbf{u}$ . However, it is not true that the ideal of relations of  $\mathbf{u}$  shall be  $J$ .

Let  $a \neq 0, b$  be any. Consider the sequence  $\mathbf{u}$  built from  $J = \langle x^2 \rangle$  and initial conditions  $\{u_0 = a, u_1 = b\}$ . It is quite clear that the ideal of relations of  $\mathbf{u}$  is  $I = \langle x \rangle \supset J$  if and only if  $b = 0$  and that it is  $J$  otherwise.

More generally, let  $J = \langle Q \rangle$  be the ideal used to build sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  and let  $I = \langle P \rangle$  be the ideal of relations of  $\mathbf{u}$ . Since  $[Q]_{\mathbf{u}} = 0$ , then  $Q \in I$  and  $J \subseteq I$ . Therefore, if the ideal of relations is bigger then there are relations between the initial conditions.

For multidimensional sequences, the situation is more complex. The ideal of relations can intrinsically be bigger than the ideal used to build the sequence whatever the initial conditions are. Let  $J = \langle x^2, xy, y^2 \rangle$  with initial conditions  $\{u_{0,0} = a, u_{1,0} = b, u_{0,1} = c\}$  with  $a \neq 0, b, c$  any. It is easy to check that for all  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $c u_{i+1,j} - b u_{i,j+1} = 0$  meaning that  $c x - b y$  must be in  $I$ . Hence, whenever  $b$  and  $c$  are not 0, the ideal is in fact  $I = \langle x - by/c, y^2 \rangle \supset J$ . If  $b = 0, c \neq 0$  then  $I = \langle x, y^2 \rangle$ , else if  $b \neq 0, c = 0$  then  $I = \langle x^2, y \rangle$  else  $b = c = 0$  and  $I = \langle x, y \rangle$ . All these cases are generalizations of the dimension 1 situation.

Proposition 3.3 in Brachat et al. (2010) proves that the ideal of relations of a linear recurrent sequence is necessarily *Gorenstein*, Gorenstein (1952); Macaulay (1934), and problems occur only if  $J$  has a zero of multiplicity at least 2. The following theorem can also be found in (Elkadi and Mourrain, 2007, Theorem 8.3).

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]$  be a 0-dimensional ideal and let  $R = \mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$ . Ideal  $I$  (resp. ring  $R$ ) is Gorenstein if equivalently*

1.  *$R$  and its dual are isomorphic as  $R$ -modules;*
2. *there exists a  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear form  $\tau$  on  $R$  such that the following bilinear form is non degenerate*

$$R \times R \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$$

$$(a, b) \mapsto \tau(ab).$$

On the one hand, this result is important for the SPARSE-FGLM application. If the input ideal is not Gorenstein, the output ideal will be bigger. However, this can be easily tested by comparing the degrees of the input and output ideals. On the other hand, this yields a probabilistic test for the Gorenstein property of an ideal  $J$ . Pick at random initial conditions, construct a sequence thanks to these initial conditions and  $J$  and then compute the ideal  $I$  of relations of the sequence. If

$I = J$ , then  $J$  is Gorenstein. We refer to Daleo and Hauenstein (2015) for another test on the Gorenstein property of an ideal.

Let us however mention that even though an ideal  $J$  has a zero of multiplicity at least 2,  $J$  can still be the ideal of relations of a sequence  $\mathbf{u}$ . For instance, with the complete intersection, hence Gorenstein, ideal  $J = \langle x^2, y^2 \rangle$  and initial conditions  $\{u_{0,0} = u_{1,0} = u_{0,1} = u_{1,1} = 1\}$ .

### 2.3. Matrix multiplications in the quotient ring point of view

This section introduces a key point of view for the adaptive Algorithm 4, designed in Section 5.

In Proposition 4, we showed that the initial terms of a sequence and the ideal of relations are enough to allow one to compute any term of the sequence. In fact, adopting a FGLM viewpoint, we show that any term is a scalar product between two vectors, one of them being the vector of the initial terms.

Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{\mathbf{i}})_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  be a linear recurrent sequence over  $\mathbb{K}$ . Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the staircase of a Gröbner basis of its ideal of relations  $I$ , then  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$  is a  $\mathbb{K}$ -algebra whose canonical basis as a vector space is  $(\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}})_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}}$ . Let us define  $T_j$  the multiplication matrices by  $x_j$  in  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$  for all  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Identity element  $1 \in \mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$  is represented by the first vector of the canonical basis  $\mathbf{1} = (1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$ . For any  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , the vector representing  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}}$  in  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$  is  $T_1^{i_1} \cdots T_n^{i_n} \cdot \mathbf{1}$ . Now, to express  $u_{\mathbf{i}}$  in terms of the  $u_{\mathbf{k}}$ ,  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}$ , it suffices to perform the scalar product  $u_{\mathbf{i}} = \langle \mathbf{r}, T_1^{i_1} \cdots T_n^{i_n} \cdot \mathbf{1} \rangle$  where  $\mathbf{r} = (u_{\mathbf{0}}, \dots) = (u_{\mathbf{k}})_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}}$ .

## 3. Randomized reduction: from BMS to BM

When solving algebraic systems coming from applications, computation difficulties might appear because of the choices of the variables. In general, a random linear change of variables is first applied on the system so that it has better chances to behave as a generic system. After the computations, the inverse map is applied to the results.

In this section, we introduce an action of  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{K})$ , the group of invertible matrices of size  $n$ , on a  $n$ -dimensional sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{\mathbf{i}})_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n}$ . With good probability, this randomized preprocessing will yield a new sequence that will have one linear recurrence relation of the form  $u_{\mathbf{i}+d\mathbf{e}_1} - \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} \alpha_k u_{\mathbf{i}+k\mathbf{e}_1} = 0$ , for all  $\mathbf{i}$  and other relations of the type  $u_{\mathbf{i}+e_j} - \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} \beta_{j,k} u_{\mathbf{i}+k\mathbf{e}_1} = 0$ . These recurrence relations means that the first one should be computed by calling BM on the subsequence  $(u_{i_1 e_1})_{i_1 \in \mathbb{N}}$  while each other one is found by solving a special linear system.

Therefore, the bottleneck of the execution of BMS on this sequence would be the computation of the first relation.

### 3.1. Linear Transformation of the Table

In this section, we describe the action of  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{K})$  over the set  $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}^n}$  of  $n$ -dimensional sequences over  $\mathbb{K}$ . For a matrix  $A = (a_{i,j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{K})$ , we denote

$$A \mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\xi} = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_{1,k} x_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} x_k \right).$$

Then, by extension, for all  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , we let

$$(A \mathbf{x})^{\mathbf{i}} = \boldsymbol{\xi}^{\mathbf{i}} = \prod_{k=1}^n \xi_k^{i_k}.$$

We define the action of  $A$  on an  $n$ -dimensional sequence as follows.

**Definition 3.** Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{\mathbf{i}})_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  be a  $n$ -dimensional sequence. We define the action of an invertible matrix  $A \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{K})$  on  $\mathbf{u}$  as  $A \cdot \mathbf{u} = \left( \left[ (A \mathbf{x})^{\mathbf{i}} \right]_{\mathbf{u}} \right)_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n}$ .

For  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{K})$  and  $\mathbf{v} = A \cdot \mathbf{u}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} v_{0,0} &= u_{0,0}, \\ v_{1,0} &= a u_{1,0} + b u_{0,1}, & v_{0,1} &= c u_{1,0} + d u_{0,1}, \\ v_{2,0} &= a^2 u_{2,0} + 2 a b u_{1,1} + b^2 u_{0,2}, & v_{1,1} &= a c u_{2,0} + (a d + b c) u_{1,1} + b d u_{0,2}, \dots \end{aligned}$$

The following proposition shows that the action of  $A$  on a sequence  $\mathbf{u}$  extends to polynomials naturally, i.e. as the classical action of  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{K})$  on polynomials in  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]$ .

**Proposition 6.** Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a  $n$ -dimensional sequence. Let  $P$  be a polynomial associated to a linear recurrent relation of  $\mathbf{u}$ . Let  $A$  be an invertible matrix of size  $n$  and let  $\mathbf{v} = A \cdot \mathbf{u}$ . Then polynomial  $P(A^{-1} \mathbf{x})$  is associated to a linear recurrent relation of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . Since  $v_{\mathbf{i}}$  is merely the polynomial  $(A \mathbf{x})^{\mathbf{i}}$  evaluated in  $\mathbf{u}$ , any polynomial  $P(A^{-1} \mathbf{x})$  evaluated in  $\mathbf{v}$  will yield  $P(\mathbf{x})$  evaluated in  $\mathbf{u}$ . Therefore,  $\left[ P(A^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \right]_{\mathbf{v}} = 0$  if and only if  $\left[ P(\mathbf{x}) \right]_{\mathbf{u}} = 0$ .  $\square$

Therefore, the preprocessing of applying a randomized invertible linear map on the table can be seen as applying – the same – randomized invertible linear transformation on the variables appearing in the ideal of relations of the table.

### 3.2. Essential reduction to BM

We design an algorithm that computes the ideal of relations of a sequence  $\mathbf{u}$  using a randomized linear transformation of the table and running BM on the new table.

Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  be a  $n$ -dimensional linear recurrent sequence and let  $I \in \mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]$  be its ideal of relation. We shall introduce a new variable  $t$  and a new ideal  $J = I + (t - 1)$  in  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}, t]$ . Ideal  $J$  is consequently the ideal of relation of the  $n + 1$ -dimensional sequence  $\mathbf{v} = (v_{\mathbf{i}, j})_{(\mathbf{i}, j) \in \mathbb{N}^n \times \mathbb{N}}$  defined by

$$\forall \mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n, \forall j \in \mathbb{N}, v_{\mathbf{i}, j} = u_{\mathbf{i}},$$

where  $t$  represents the last coordinate.

Generically, when applying a change of coordinates fixing each  $x_i$  and mapping  $t$  onto  $t + \sum_{k=1}^n c_k x_k$  for some  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{K}$ , the minimal reduced Gröbner basis of the new ideal  $J'$  obtained from  $J$  for the LEX order with  $t < x_1 < \dots < x_n$  is in *shape position*. This means the Gröbner basis is  $\langle f(t), x_1 - f_1(t), \dots, x_n - f_n(t) \rangle$ , with  $\forall k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\deg f_k < \deg f$ , see Gianni and Mora (1989); Lakshman (1990).

As  $f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^d \alpha_k t^k$  depends only on  $t$ , it is found by running BM on the subsequence  $(v_{\mathbf{0}, j})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ , with  $\mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . Each polynomial  $x_k - f_k(t)$ , for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , is then found by solving the linear system

$$u_{e_k, p+d} - \sum_{\ell=0}^{d-1} \beta_{k, \ell} u_{e_k, p+\ell}, \quad \forall p, 0 \leq p \leq d-1,$$

whose matrix is Hankel.

Therefore, after applying a linear transformation on the table, finding its relations essentially comes down to running BM on a 1-dimensional subsequence. This is summed up in Algorithm 1.

We mention that the degrees of  $I, J$  and  $J'$  coincide and are all  $d$  and that one can also obtain a set of generator of  $I \subset \mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]$ , the ideal relations of the original sequence, i.e. the polynomials not in  $t$ , by computing a new Gröbner basis of the ideal for an order eliminating  $t$ , i.e. any monomial ordering wherein a monomial divisible by  $t$  is greater than any monomial only in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , for instance LEX with  $x_1 < \dots < x_n < t$ .

For instance, one can use Poteaux and Schost (2013)'s Las Vegas algorithm to change the order of a triangular set with complexity essentially that of modular composition  $O(C(d)) \subseteq O(d^{(\omega+1)/2})$  operations.

**Algorithm 1:** BM for  $n$ -dimensional sequences.

**Input:** A  $n$ -dimensional sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$ .

**Output:** An equivalent basis of relations of  $\mathbf{u}$ .

Pick at random  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{K}$  and let  $\xi = 1 + c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n$ .

Compute  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = (\tilde{v}_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} = \left( \left( [\xi^j]_{\mathbf{u}} \right)_j \right)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

Compute  $f$  of degree  $d$  by running BM on  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$ .

**For**  $k$  **from** 1 **to**  $n$  **do**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Solve the Hankel linear system} \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_{e_k,0} & \cdots & u_{e_k,d-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{e_k,d-1} & \cdots & u_{e_k,2d-2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{k,0} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{k,d-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{e_k,d} \\ \vdots \\ u_{e_k,2d-1} \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right].$$

**Return**  $f, x_1 - \sum_{\ell=0}^{d-1} \beta_{1,\ell} t^\ell, \dots, x_n - \sum_{\ell=0}^{d-1} \beta_{n,\ell} t^\ell$ .

### 3.3. Complexity results

**Proposition 7.** Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . Computing terms  $v_{\mathbf{i}}$  for all  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$  such that  $|\mathbf{i}| \leq d$  can be done in  $O(n^{2d})$  operations in  $\mathbb{K}$ ,  $O(n^{2d})$  memory space and  $O(n^d)$  queries to the table elements.

*Proof.* According to 3.1, for any  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$  with  $|\mathbf{i}| \leq d$ , one needs to compute  $\xi^{\mathbf{i}} = \xi^{i_1} \dots \xi^{i_n}$ , where  $\xi = A \mathbf{x}$ .

Introducing a new set of variables  $z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n$ , we can get all the  $\xi^{\mathbf{i}}$  with  $|\mathbf{i}| \leq d$  by expanding

$$(z_0 + \xi_1 z_1 + \dots + \xi_n z_n)^d.$$

This allows us to directly determine all the polynomials we need to compute  $v_{\mathbf{i}}$ ,  $|\mathbf{i}| \leq d$ .

Linear form  $z_0 + \xi_1 z_1 + \dots + \xi_n z_n$  has  $n^2 + 1$  monomials, therefore its  $d$ th power has  $\binom{n^2+d}{d} \in O(n^{2d})$  monomials, that must be all stored, and one needs to perform  $O(n^{2d})$  operations in  $\mathbb{K}$  to compute them.

To obtain each  $v_{\mathbf{i}}$ , we evaluate the polynomial by replacing  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}}$  by  $u_{\mathbf{i}}$ . For a given  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$ ,  $|\mathbf{i}| \leq d$ , all the replacements of an  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}}$  by  $u_{\mathbf{i}}$  requires a lonely query to the table, hence a global total of  $O(n^d)$  queries.

For  $\delta \in \{0, \dots, d\}$ , each of the  $O(n^\delta)$  different polynomials of degree  $\delta$  has  $O(n^\delta)$  coefficients. Thus  $O\left(\sum_{\delta=0}^d n^{2\delta}\right) = O(n^{2d})$  multiplications must be performed.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Besides the change of basis in  $O(n^{2d})$ , we need to run BM once in  $O(M(d) \log d)$  operations in  $\mathbb{K}$ . Then, each Hankel system can be solved in  $O(M(d) \log d)$  operations, according to Bostan et al. (2007).  $\square$



#### 4. Multi-Hankel Solver

This section is devoted to the design of a FGLM-like algorithm for computing the Gröbner bases of the ideal of relations of a sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{\mathbf{i}})_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n}$ , with coefficients in  $\mathbb{K}$ .

We fix  $<$  to be an admissible monomial ordering on  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ,  $\mathcal{T}$  is the ordered set of terms that we can make from  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . For  $P \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , we let  $\mathcal{T}(P)$  denote the set of terms appearing in  $P$  and  $\text{LT}(P) = \text{LT}_{<}(P)$  is the maximum of  $\mathcal{T}(P)$ . For any  $D \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is the set of all terms of degree less than or equal to  $D$  sorted by increasing order (wrt.  $<$ ).

From the algorithm point of view, it is impossible for us to check that a relation is valid for all  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . Indeed, at some point of the algorithm we will have a finite subset of indices  $T \subset \mathbb{N}^n$  and we will try to find relations that are valid for those indices:

$$\forall \mathbf{i} \in T, u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{d}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{k}} = 0.$$

**Definition 4.** Let  $T$  be a finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}^n$ . We say that a polynomial  $P \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is valid up to  $T$  if  $\text{Rel}_{\mathbf{u}}(P)(\mathbf{i}) = [\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} P]_{\mathbf{u}} = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{i} \in T$ . In that case we write that  $\text{NF}(P, \mathbf{u}, T) = 0$ .

Let  $T$  be a finite subset of  $\mathcal{T}$ . We say that a polynomial  $P \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is valid up to  $T$  if  $[t P] = 0$  for all  $t \in T$ . In that case we write that  $\text{NF}(P, \mathbf{u}, T) = 0$ .

##### 4.1. Staircase

We assume now that  $T \subset \mathcal{T}$  is a finite set of terms. Equivalently,  $T'$  is the set of exponents of all  $t \in T$ . Any BMS-style algorithm will generate *minimal* relations; hence it is important that the two following properties be satisfied when establishing a new relation  $u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{d}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{k}}$ :

- (a) There are scalars  $\alpha_{\mathbf{k}} \in \mathbb{K}$  so that  $\forall \mathbf{i} \in T', u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{d}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{k}} = 0$ ;
- (b) There are no nonzero relations  $\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} \beta_{\mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{k}} = 0$  which are valid for all  $\mathbf{i} \in T'$ .

We can translate these properties in polynomial terms:

- (a) There is a monic polynomial  $P \in \mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]$  of leading term  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{d}}$  s.t.  $\text{NF}(P, \mathbf{u}, T) = 0$ ;
- (b) There are no nonzero relations  $\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}(P-\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{d}})} \beta_t \text{Rel}_{\mathbf{u}}(t)(\mathbf{i}) = 0$  which are valid for all  $\mathbf{i} \in T'$ . Equivalently, there are no nonzero relations  $\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}(P-\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{d}})} \beta_t [m t] = 0$  which are valid for all  $m \in T$ .

In other words, we need to identify a set of terms for which there is *no* linear relations.

**Definition 5.** Let  $T$  be a finite subset of  $\mathcal{T}$ . We say that a finite set  $S \subset T$  of terms is a useful staircase wrt.  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $T$  and  $<$  if

$$\sum_{t \in S} \beta_t [m t] = 0, \quad \forall m \in S$$

implies that  $\beta_t = 0$  for all  $t \in S$ ,  $S$  is maximal for the inclusion and minimal for  $<$ . We compare two ordered sets for  $<$  by seeing them as tuples of their elements and then comparing them lexicographically.

Let us mention that these “useful staircases” are not necessarily staircases in the sense of Gröbner bases since they are not always stable under division.

**Example 3.** In dimension 1, consider the set  $T = \{1, x, x^2\}$  of monomials of degree less than or equal to 2 and the table  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by

$$u_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \leq 2, \\ i - 2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For  $m \in T$ , we have the following potential relations

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1 [1] + \alpha_x [x] + \alpha_{x^2} [x^2] & = 0 \\ \alpha_1 [x] + \alpha_x [x^2] + \alpha_{x^2} [x^3] & = \alpha_{x^2} = 0 \\ \alpha_1 [x^2] + \alpha_x [x^3] + \alpha_{x^2} [x^4] & = \alpha_x + 2\alpha_{x^2} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the useful staircase is  $\{x, x^2\}$  and this set is not stable under division because 1 is not inside. Using the stability criterion, we can recover the complete staircase  $\{1, x, x^2\}$ .

Notice though, that if  $T$  is big enough, the useful staircase shall coincide with the classical staircase: let us take this time  $T = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$  and the same table. The potential relations become

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1 [1] + \alpha_x [x] + \alpha_{x^2} [x^2] + \alpha_{x^3} [x^3] & = \alpha_{x^3} = 0 \\ \alpha_1 [x] + \alpha_x [x^2] + \alpha_{x^2} [x^3] + \alpha_{x^3} [x^4] & = \alpha_{x^2} + 2\alpha_{x^3} = 0 \\ \alpha_1 [x^2] + \alpha_x [x^3] + \alpha_{x^2} [x^4] + \alpha_{x^3} [x^5] & = \alpha_x + 2\alpha_{x^2} + 3\alpha_{x^3} = 0 \\ \alpha_1 [x^3] + \alpha_x [x^4] + \alpha_{x^2} [x^5] + \alpha_{x^3} [x^6] & = \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_x + 3\alpha_{x^2} + 4\alpha_{x^3} = 0, \end{cases}$$

and the useful staircase is  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ .

Algorithm 2 transforms a useful staircase into a staircase.

**Algorithm 2:** Stabilize

**Input:** A useful staircase  $S'$

**Output:** A staircase

$S := []$

**For**  $s \in S'$  **do**  $S := S \cup \{t \mid t \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } t|s\}$ .

**Return**  $S$ .

4.2. Linear Algebra to find relations

We design a simple algorithm for checking that a finite set  $S \subseteq T$  is a useful staircase wrt.  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $T$  and  $\prec$ . Let us first start with an example:

**Example 4.** We consider sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  defined by

$$u_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 1, j = 2, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and we look for a relation  $P(x, y) = \alpha_{x^2} x^2 + \alpha_{xy} xy + \alpha_{y^2} y^2 + \alpha_x x + \alpha_y y + \alpha_1$ . That is, we try to find  $(\alpha_s)_{\deg s \leq 2}$  s.t.  $[tP] = 0$  for all  $t \in T$ :

$$\forall (i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2, i+j \leq 2, \alpha_1 u_{i,j} + \alpha_y u_{i,j+1} + \alpha_x u_{i+1,j} + \alpha_{y^2} u_{i,j+2} + \alpha_{xy} u_{i+1,j+1} + \alpha_{x^2} u_{i+2,j} = 0.$$

Finding a useful staircase  $S$  is equivalent to extracting a full rank matrix with as many low-labeled columns as possible in the following multi-Hankel matrix:

$$H_T = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & y & x & y^2 & xy & x^2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ y \\ x \\ y^2 \\ xy \\ x^2 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} u_{0,0} & u_{0,1} & u_{1,0} & u_{0,2} & u_{1,1} & u_{2,0} \\ u_{0,1} & u_{0,2} & u_{1,1} & u_{0,3} & u_{1,2} & u_{2,1} \\ u_{1,0} & u_{1,1} & u_{2,0} & u_{1,2} & u_{2,1} & u_{3,0} \\ u_{0,2} & u_{0,3} & u_{1,2} & u_{0,4} & u_{1,3} & u_{2,2} \\ u_{1,1} & u_{1,2} & u_{2,1} & u_{1,3} & u_{2,2} & u_{3,1} \\ u_{2,0} & u_{2,1} & u_{3,0} & u_{2,2} & u_{3,1} & u_{4,0} \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & y & x & y^2 & xy & x^2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ y \\ x \\ y^2 \\ xy \\ x^2 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}.$$

In this example, columns labeled  $1, x^2$  are clearly linearly dependent from the lower-labeled columns so that  $S' = \{y, x, y^2, xy\}$  is the useful staircase and  $\det(H_{S'}) = 1 \neq 0$ . Furthermore, we can now try to find a relation  $Q(x, y) = x^2 - \alpha_{xy} xy - \alpha_{y^2} y^2 - \alpha_x x - \alpha_y y$ . Again this is equivalent to finding  $\alpha_y, \dots, \alpha_{xy}$  s.t.  $\text{Rel}(Q)(i, j) = 0$  for all  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  with  $i + j \leq 2$ . Finally, this comes down to solving the linear system:

$$H_{S'} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_y \\ \alpha_x \\ \alpha_{y^2} \\ \alpha_{xy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{2,1} \\ u_{3,0} \\ u_{2,2} \\ u_{3,1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $H_S$  is full rank we find  $\alpha_y = \alpha_x = \alpha_{x^2} = \alpha_{xy} = 0$  and the relation  $Q(x, y) = x^2$ .

For the more general case of two list of terms, we are now in a position to define the structured matrix associated to these lists.

**Definition 6.** Let  $T$  and  $S$  be two finite subsets of  $\mathcal{T}$ . We consider the polynomial  $P_S(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{s \in S} a_s s$  and the linear equations  $[t P_S] = 0$  for all  $t \in T$ . Then, we generate the coefficient matrix  $H_{T,S}$  from the previous linear system of equations in the unknown variables  $a_s$  for  $s \in S$ :

$$H_{T,S} =_{t \in T} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \dots & s \in S & \dots \\ \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \cdots & [s t]_{\mathbf{u}} & \cdots & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

When  $T = S$  we simply write  $H_T$  for the multi-Hankel matrix  $H_{T,S}$ .

The following two computations are the key of our algorithms and make use of linear algebra techniques:

- (a) Assuming two finite sets  $S$  and  $T$  are such that  $\#T \geq \#S$ , then checking that  $S \subset \mathcal{T}$  is a useful staircase wrt.  $T$  is equivalent to checking that the matrix  $H_{T,S}$  has full rank;
- (b) Given a finite set of terms  $T$ , computing a monic polynomial  $P \in \mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]$  of support  $\mathcal{T}(P)$  s.t.  $\text{NF}(P, \mathbf{u}, T) = 0$  is equivalent to solving a linear system

$$H_{T,S} \times \mathbf{a} + H_{T,(\text{LT}(P))} = 0,$$

where  $S = \mathcal{T}(P - \text{LT}(P))$  is the support of the polynomial  $P$  except the leading term. If  $\mathbf{a}$  is a solution then  $P = \text{LT}(P) + \sum_{s \in S} a_s s$  is a polynomial s.t.  $\text{NF}(P, \mathbf{u}, T) = 0$ .

**Proposition 8.** Let  $T$  be a finite subset of  $\mathcal{T}$ . If the finite set of terms  $S \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  is a useful staircase wrt.  $\mathbf{u}, T$  and  $<$  then:

$$\det(H_S) \neq 0 \text{ and } \text{rank } H_S = \text{rank } H_{T,S} = \text{rank } H_T.$$

*Proof.* This is another wording of Definition 5. □

The two statements of Proposition 9 are easy to prove but they are the basis of the algorithm: according to them we know that we can proceed degree by degree.

**Proposition 9.** *If  $S' \subseteq S$  are finite set of terms, then  $\text{rank } H_S \geq \text{rank } H_{S'}$ . Moreover, assuming  $S$  is a finite subset of terms s.t.  $\det(H_S) \neq 0$  and  $t \in \mathcal{T} \setminus S$  then*

$$\text{rank } H_{S \cup \{t\}} = \text{ColRank } H_{S, S \cup \{t\}} = \text{RowRank } H_{S \cup \{t\}, S}.$$

*Proof.*  $H_{S'}$  is a submatrix of  $H_S$  and  $H_S$  is symmetric. □

### 4.3. An FGLM-like Algorithm

The algorithm we want to design cannot check all the infinitely many elements of the table  $\mathbf{u}$ . That is why we need a bound  $d \geq 0$  given by the user on the order of the sequence. Let us recall that the *order* of a linear recurrent sequence is the size of the staircase of a Gröbner basis of its ideal of relations. This also means that if the order is  $d$ , no monomials of degree greater or equal to  $d$  appear in the staircase. We let  $T$  be the set of all monomials of degree less than  $d$  and  $<$  be an admissible monomial ordering.

The output of BMS algorithm run on sequence  $\mathbf{u}$  and bound  $d \geq 0$  is a  $d$ -truncated Gröbner basis of the ideal of relations of  $\mathbf{u}$ . We shall try to adapt existing Gröbner basis algorithms to obtain the same result. To this end, we can try to slightly modify the FGLM algorithm Faugère et al. (1993). Let us notice that when running the FGLM algorithm, the user already knows the quotient ring structure thanks to the input Gröbner basis and its staircase. In this scalar case, we aim to determine the structure of the quotient ring and therefore cannot rely on this knowledge during the computation. This is a fundamental difference between both situations.

To ease the presentation, we shall split our algorithm in two steps. The first step is devoted to the staircase computation wrt. to  $<$ , the monomial ordering, and to  $d$ , the bound on the degree. The second step concerns the  $d$ -truncated Gröbner basis computation. It is worth mentioning that in a real implementation, both steps should be combined to increase the efficiency of the algorithm.

**Example 5.** *Let us trace Algorithm 3 on Example 2, item 3.*

*We consider the table  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  defined by  $u_{i,j} = \binom{i}{j}$  and we fix  $d = 2$ ,  $<$  the DRL ordering with  $y < x$ , i.e.  $x^i y^j < x^k y^\ell$  if and only if*

$$(i + j < k + \ell) \vee ((i + j = k + \ell) \wedge (j > \ell)).$$

**Algorithm 3:** SCALAR-FGLM.

**Input:** A sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{K}$ ,  $d$  a given bound and  $<$  a monomial ordering.

**Output:** A reduced  $(d + 1)$ -truncated Gröbner basis wrt.  $<$  of the ideal of relations of  $\mathbf{u}$ .

Build the matrix  $H_{\mathcal{T}_d}$ .

Extract a submatrix of maximal rank. // as in Section 4.2

Find  $S'$  the useful staircase s.t.  $\text{rank } H_{\mathcal{T}_d} = \text{rank } H_{S'}$ .

$S := \text{Stabilize}(S')$ . // the staircase (stable under division)

$L := \mathcal{T}_{d+1} \setminus S$ . // list of next terms to study

$G := []$ . // the future Gröbner basis

**While**  $L \neq \emptyset$  **do**

$t := \min_{<}(L)$  and remove  $t$  from  $L$ .

Find  $\alpha$  s.t.  $H_{S'} \alpha + H_{S',\{t\}} = 0$ .

$G := G \cup [t + \sum_{s \in S'} \alpha_s s]$ .

Sort  $L$  by increasing order (wrt.  $<$ ) and remove multiples of  $\text{LT}(G)$ .

**Return**  $G$ .

Then  $\mathcal{T}_2 = \{1, y, x, y^2, xy, x^2\}$  and matrix  $H_{\mathcal{T}_2}$  is as follows

$$H_{\mathcal{T}_2} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & y & x & y^2 & xy & x^2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ y \\ x \\ y^2 \\ xy \\ x^2 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}.$$

We can verify easily that the column (resp. row) labeled  $xy$  is the sum of the second and third columns (resp. rows) labeled 1 and  $y$  and that the other columns (resp. rows) are all linearly independent. Therefore, the useful staircase is  $S' = \{1, y, x, y^2, x^2\}$ . As  $S'$  is stable under division,  $S = \text{Stabilize}(S') = S'$  and we initialize  $L = [xy, y^3, xy^2, x^2y, x^3]$ .

In the **while** loop, we start with  $t = xy$  and we need to solve the linear system

$$H_S \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence  $G = [xy - y - 1]$ . We update  $L = [y^3, x^3]$ . Then we take  $t = y^3$ , find  $G = [xy - x - y, y^3]$  and update  $L = [x^3]$ .

Finally, setting  $t = x^3$ , let us find  $G = [xy - x - y, y^3, x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1]$  and update  $L = []$ .

As we stated in Example 2,  $G$  is not a full Gröbner basis but only a 3-truncated Gröbner basis of the ideal.

**Theorem 10.** *Algorithm 3 is correct, terminates and its output is a  $(d+1)$ -truncated Gröbner basis. Moreover, if  $\mathbf{u}$  is a recurrent linear sequence of order  $D$ , taking  $d = D$  suffices to recover a full Gröbner basis of the sequence.*

*Proof.* Algorithm 3 clearly terminates since the size of  $L$  decreases at each step.

Taking the basis monomials in increasing order ensures that the set  $S'$  contains monomials of smallest degrees. Let us first show that the staircase of the ideal of  $u$  contains the useful staircase: any polynomial with leading term outside the staircase of the ideal of  $\mathbf{u}$  reduces to a polynomial with support in the staircase.

Let us denote  $\mathbb{K}$  the field of coefficients of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $I \in \mathbb{K}[x]$  the ideal computed by Algorithm 3. Suppose that one element  $e$  of the useful staircase lies outside the staircase. On the one hand as  $e$  is not in the staircase  $S$ , one can find  $\alpha_s \in \mathbb{K}$ ,  $s \in S$  such that  $e - \sum_{s \in S} \alpha_s s = 0$  in  $\mathbb{K}[\mathbf{x}]/I$ . Therefore, column labeled  $e$  is a linear combination of lower-labeled columns  $s$ ,  $s \in S$  with coefficients  $\alpha_s$ . On the other hand, as  $e$  is in the useful staircase, column labeled  $e$  should be linearly independent from the previous ones, which are all lower-labeled than  $e$  by construction of the matrix. This is a contradiction.

Conversely, if  $S'$  does not contain a maximal (for the natural order on the table) element of the staircase for  $\mathbf{u}$ , then this element can be written as a linear combination of smaller terms, which contradicts the fact it belongs to the staircase. The stabilization of these maximal elements is therefore the full staircase of the ideal of  $\mathbf{u}$ .

The set  $G$  contains elements with leading terms that do not divide each other. Let us consider  $f$  and  $g$  in  $G$  (with leading terms in  $\mathcal{T}_{d+1}$ ) and their  $S$ -polynomials  $S(f, g)$ . Then either the leading term of  $S(f, g)$  is in  $\mathcal{T}_{d+1} \setminus S'$  or it is in  $S'$ . In the latter case, it means there is a relation in  $H_{S'}$ , so it cannot be a new relation. In the former case, the relation was already found by the main loop. So no  $S(f, g)$  produces a new relation. When  $d$  is the order of the linear recurrent sequence, then it is also the size of the staircase and the result is a Gröbner basis.  $\square$

Given a useful staircase  $S$ , it is important that  $2S = \{st, s, t \in S\}$  be not too big compared to  $S$ , when counting the number of table queries. We shall see how to bound the cardinality of  $2S$  in Section 5.1.

## 5. Adaptive algorithm

Sections 3 and 4 were devoted to the designs of two algorithms to recover the relations of a table.

The main drawback of the Algorithm 1 is the number of table queries. Indeed, in the generic case where the new ideal is in shape position, running BM on the new table means accessing all elements of index  $(i_1, 0, \dots, 0)$  with  $0 \leq i_1 \leq 2d - 1$ . These elements are obtain from all the elements  $u_{\mathbf{i}}$ ,  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$  of index degree  $|\mathbf{i}| = 2d - 1$  in the original table  $\mathbf{u}$ . Hence, we need to access all the  $\binom{n+2d}{2d-1}$  terms  $u_{\mathbf{i}}$ ,  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$  with  $|\mathbf{i}| \leq 2d - 1$ .

Likewise, Algorithm 3 is efficient when the given bound on the degree of the polynomials is small compared to the order of the sequence: otherwise we need to access once again all the elements of order the order of the sequence by construction of the matrix. In other word, if  $d$  is the order of the recurrence of  $\mathbf{u}$  then both algorithm are efficient whenever

$$\max \deg G \approx d^{1/n}.$$

Unfortunately, this is not always the case, especially if the monomial ordering is a LEX ordering and using Algorithms 1 or 3 on these examples would increase too much the number of accesses to the table. In this section, we design an adaptive algorithm taking into account the shape of the final Gröbner basis.

In the FGLM algorithm, when we discover a relation

$$f = t + \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \alpha_s s$$

then we *know* for all  $m \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $mf$  is still a valid relation. In constrast, in Algorithm 3, finding a relation

$$[f]_{\mathbf{u}} = [t]_{\mathbf{u}} + \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \alpha_s [s]_{\mathbf{u}} = 0 \quad (1)$$

need not imply  $[mf]_{\mathbf{u}} = 0$ . In fact, in the 1-dimensional BM algorithm, this is the reason why the relation must be updated.

Recall that from Section 2.3, we can see any  $n$ -dimensional linear recurrent sequence  $\mathbf{u}$  can be written as

$$\forall i \in \mathbb{N}^n, u_{\mathbf{i}} = \langle \mathbf{r}, T_1^{i_1} \cdots T_n^{i_n} \cdot \mathbf{1} \rangle,$$

where  $\mathbf{r}$  is a vector depending on the initial conditions and  $T_i$  are multiplication matrices associated to the Gröbner basis  $G$ . Therefore, relation (1) can be rewritten

$$\langle \mathbf{r}, \text{NormalForm}(f, G) \rangle = 0. \quad (2)$$



Therefore, if  $\mathbf{r}$  is random enough, we deduce that  $\text{NormalForm}(f, G) = 0$  so that  $\text{NormalForm}(mf, G) = 0$  for all  $m \in \mathcal{T}$  which implies that  $[mf]_{\mathbf{u}} = 0$ .

We would like to point out that in some applications, it is possible to check afterwards that the relation is correct, we refer for instance to Remark 16 in Section 5.2. Accordingly, we design Algorithm 4 which is an FGLM algorithm using this property.

We proceed term by term to discover the new staircase. This is equivalent to increasing the rank of the multi-Hankel matrix by 1. We start with matrix  $H_{\emptyset}$  and proceed by induction. Assuming we found a subset of term  $S \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  such that  $H_S$  has full rank, we set  $t$  to be the minimum of  $\mathcal{T} \setminus S$ . If  $\text{rank } H_{S \cup \{t\}} = \text{rank } H_S + 1$ , then  $S$  is updated to  $S \cup \{t\}$ , otherwise we consider  $t'$  the minimum of  $\mathcal{T} \setminus (S \cup \{t\})$ .

Instead of taking a bound on the degrees of the polynomials, this algorithm takes a lower bound on the size of the staircase. It also ensures to return a truncated Gröbner basis whose staircase has size at least this lower bound.

We shall see later that for many applications the complexity can be reduced drastically; depending on the shape (for instance the convexity) of the final staircase, the number of queries to the table can often be linear in the order of the recurrence, similarly to the one-dimensional case. In the following algorithm, for any list of terms  $G$ ,  $\text{MinGBasis}(G)$  is the corresponding minimal Gröbner basis.

**Remark 11.** *Depending on the origin of sequence  $\mathbf{u}$ , it is possible that  $u_i$  has no meaning whatsoever for certain  $\mathbf{i}$ . For instance, in error correcting codes, see e.g. Section 5.3, there exists a bound  $B \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $u_i$  cannot be computed for  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$  with  $i_k > B$ . It suffices to change two lines: the first one is  $L := L \cup [x_i t \mid i = 1, \dots, n] \setminus [t]$  where only monomials  $x_i t$ , with  $[x_i t]_{\mathbf{u}}$  computable, should be added to  $L$ . The second one is  $G := G \cup [t' + \sum_{i=1}^{\#S} x_i \cdot S_i]$  with  $H_S \mathbf{x} + H_{S, \{t'\}} = 0$  which should be skipped as soon as a term  $[s t']_{\mathbf{u}}$  cannot be computed for  $s \in S$ .*

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $S$  and  $G$  be the output of Algorithm 4. Then  $S$  is a staircase of size  $\geq d$  and  $G$  is a list of valid relations, that is to say  $\text{NF}(f, \mathbf{u}, S) = 0$  for all  $f \in G$ .*

**Example 6.** *We give the trace of the algorithm on Example 2, item 1, i.e. sequence  $\mathbf{u} = ((2^i + 3^i) 7^j)_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$ , with bound  $d = 2$  and  $<$  the DRL ordering with  $y < x$ .*

*We start with  $L = [1], S = [], G' = []$ . Setting  $t = 1$  yields matrix  $H = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 14 & 98 \end{pmatrix}$  with max rank. Thus  $S = [1]$  and we update  $L = [y, x]$ .*

*Now, we set  $t = y$  and have matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 14 \\ 14 & 98 \end{pmatrix}$  of rank 1, hence  $G' = [y]$  and  $L = [x]$ .*

*Letting  $t = x$  yields matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 5 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$  of rank 2 which let us update  $S = [1, x]$  and  $L = [x^2]$ . As  $\#S \geq d$ , we reach the early termination part of the algorithm.*

**Algorithm 4:** ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM (simple version).

**Input:** A sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{K}$ ,  $d$  a given bound and  $<$  a monomial ordering.

**Output:** A reduced Gröbner basis of a zero-dimensional ideal of degree  $\geq d$ .

$L := [1]$ . // list of next terms to study

$S := []$ . // the useful staircase wrt. the new ordering  $<$

$G' := []$ . // leading terms of the final Gröbner basis

**While**  $L \neq \emptyset$  **do**

$t := L[0]$ .

**If**  $H_{S \cup \{t\}}$  *is full rank* **then**

$S := S \cup [t]$  and  $L := L \cup [x_i t \mid i = 1, \dots, n] \setminus [t]$ .

        Sort  $L$  by increasing order (wrt.  $<$ ) and remove duplicates and multiples of  $G'$ .

**If**  $\#S \geq d$  **then** // early termination

$G := []$  and  $G' := \text{MinGBasis}(G' \cup L \cup \mathcal{T}_{\deg t+1} \setminus S)$ .

**For all**  $t' \in G'$  **do**

$G := G \cup [t' + \sum_{i=1}^{\#S} x_i \cdot S_i]$  with  $H_S \mathbf{x} + H_{S, \{t'\}} = 0$ .

**Return**  $S$  and  $G$ .

**Else**

$G' := G' \cup [t]$  and remove multiples of  $t$  in  $L$ .

**Error** “Run Algorithm 3”.

We have  $G' = \text{MinGBasis}([y] \cup [x^2] \cup [y^2, xy, x^2] \setminus [1, x]) = [y, x^2]$ . Solving the two linear systems yields  $G = [y - 7, x^2 - 5x + 6]$ .

**Remark 13.** It is worth mentioning that on the one hand if  $d$  is set too small, since Algorithm 3 does not check whether a relation is valid on the following terms or not, it might return clearly wrong result. On the other hand, for greater  $d$ , it might return an error coming from the wrong relations setting  $L = []$  but yielding a staircase of size less than  $d$ .

For instance, on sequence  $((-1)^{ij})_{(i,j)}$ , Algorithm 4 shall produce  $[y - 1, x - 1]$  when  $d$  is set to 1 and an error if  $d$  is set to 2 or more. Yet, the ideal of relations is  $\langle y^2 - 1, x^2 - 1 \rangle$ .

This remarks motivates an extension of Algorithm 4. As said before, its drawback is that given a computed staircase  $S$ , it only checks elements at distance 1 of  $S$ , i.e. elements of form  $x_i s$ ,  $s \in S$  to find new relations. Following algorithm extends this behavior to check elements at distance  $e$ , where  $e$  is an input parameter, i.e. elements  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} s$ ,  $s \in S$  with  $|\mathbf{i}| \leq e$ .

**Example 7.** Let us detail how Algorithm 5 works on  $\mathbf{u} = ((-1)^{ij})_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  with parameters  $d = 4$  and  $e = 2$ .

Lists  $L, S, G'$  are initialized with  $L = [1, y, x]$ ,  $S = []$ ,  $G' = []$  while  $t = [1, y]$  and matrix  $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  has rank 1. Hence  $S = [1]$ ,  $L = [y, x, y^2, xy, x^2]$ .

Now  $t = [y, x]$  and matrix  $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  has rank 3. Hence  $S = [1, y, x]$ ,  $L = [y^2, xy, x^2, y^3, xy^2, x^2y, x^3]$ .

Taking  $t = [y^2, xy]$ , matrix  $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  has rank 4 with clearly the 4th column, labeled  $y^2$ , linearly dependent from the previous ones, thus  $S = [1, y, x, xy]$  and  $L = [y^2, x^2, y^3, xy^2, x^2y, x^3, xy^3, x^2y^2, x^3y]$ .

The staircase size being greater than 4, we find  $G' = [y^2, x^2]$ . Solving the linear systems yields  $G = [y^2 - 1, x^2 - 1]$ .

**Remark 14.** The only difference between EXTENDED ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM and ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM is parameter  $e$  allowing one to check elements at distance  $e$  from the uncovered staircase. Should this parameter be as big as the order of the sequence, the algorithm would behave as SCALAR-FGLM. Therefore, this parameter represents the trade-off between an exact computation and the output-sensitivity of ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM.

**Algorithm 5:** EXTENDED ADAPTIVE SCALAR-FGLM (simple version).

**Input:** A sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{K}$ ,  $d$  a given bound,  $e$  the maximal distance for the allowed neighbors and  $<$  a monomial ordering.

**Output:** A reduced Gröbner basis of a zero-dimensional ideal of degree  $\geq d$ .

$L := [\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} \mid |\mathbf{i}| \leq e].$  // list of next terms to study

Sort  $L$  by increasing order (wrt.  $<$ ).

$S := [].$  // the useful staircase wrt. the new ordering  $<$

$G' := [].$  // leading terms of the final Gröbner basis

**While**  $L \neq \emptyset$  **do**

$e' := \min(e, \#L).$

$t := [L[0], \dots, L[e' - 1]].$

**If**  $\text{rank } H_{S \cup t} > \text{rank } H_S$  **then**

$S' := S, S := \text{usefulStaircase}(S \cup t).$

$L := L \cup [\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} u \mid |\mathbf{i}| \leq e, u \in t] \setminus S.$

        Sort  $L$  by increasing order (wrt.  $<$ ) and remove duplicates and multiples of  $G'$ .

**If**  $\#S \geq d$  **then** // early termination

$G := []$  and

$G' := \text{MinGBasis}((G' \cup L \cup \bigcup_{t' \in S \setminus S'} \mathcal{T}_{\deg t'+1}) \setminus \text{Stabilize}(S)).$

**For all**  $t' \in G'$  **do**

$G := G \cup [u + \sum_{i=1}^{\#S} x_i \cdot S_i]$  with  $H_S \mathbf{x} + H_{S, \{u\}} = 0.$

**Return**  $S$  and  $G.$

**Else**

$G' := G' \cup [t[1]]$  and remove multiples of  $t[1]$  of degree at least  $\deg t + e$  in  $L.$

**Error** “Run Algorithm 3”.

5.1. *Relation between the number of table queries and the geometry of the final basis*

The complexity of Algorithms 3, 4 and 5 depend on two main parameters: the number of table queries and the linear algebra part. Section 6 deals with the latter while we shall focus on the former in this section.

In the *black-box* model, it may be possible that computing *a single* element  $u_i$  of the table is very costly, we refer for instance to Section 5.2. Hence, it is important to minimize the number of queries.

Estimating this number is equivalent to counting the number of distinct elements in  $H_S$  where  $S$  can be any value of the variable in Algorithm 4. We denote by  $S$  the value at the end of the algorithm. Similarly to the original FGLM algorithm we can bound the number of monomials  $t$  that we have to consider using  $\#L \leq n\#S$ . Hence it is crucial to bound the number of elements in  $H_S$  where  $S$  is the final staircase. Restating Theorem 2, the necessary number of queries to  $\mathbf{u}$  to build  $H_S$  is the cardinal of  $2S = \{uv \mid (u, v) \in S^2\}$  the dilated set of  $S$ .

Obviously  $\#(2S) \leq \#S(\#S - 1)/2 \leq (\#S)^2/2$  in the worst case; however in many applications we have  $\#(2S) \leq c\#S$  for some constant  $c$ . (Ruzsa, 1994, Theorem 1.1) states that sets  $S$  satisfying this condition are exactly those included in a bigger set whose elements are in arithmetical progression of dimension  $d$  and of size  $C\#S$  for some constant  $C$ . In other words,  $S$  is included in a  $d$ -dimensional parallelotope with  $C\#S$  points.

**Proposition 15.** *We give several estimations on  $\#(2S)$  depending on the shape of the final staircase for  $d \rightarrow \infty$ .*

(a) (*Dimension 1 – BM*)  $n = 1$ ,  $S_d = \{1, x, \dots, x^{d-1}\}$  then  $2S_d = S_{2d-1}$   $\#(2S_d) = 2d - 1$  and

$$\frac{\#(2S_d)}{\#S_d} = \frac{2d - 1}{d} \approx 2;$$

(b) (*Dimension 1 – worst case*)  $n = 1$ ,  $S_d = \{1, x^2, x^4, \dots, x^{2^{d-1}}\}$  then  $\#(2S_d) = \binom{d+1}{2} + 1$  and

$$\frac{\#(2S_d)}{\#S_d} = \frac{\binom{d+1}{2} + 1}{d} \approx \frac{d}{2};$$

(c) (*Algorithm 3*)  $S_d = \{t \in \mathcal{T} \mid \deg t < d\}$  then  $2S_d = S_{2d-1}$  and  $\#(2S_d) = \binom{n+2d-2}{n}$  and

$$\frac{\#(2S_d)}{\#S_d} = \frac{\binom{n+2d-2}{n}}{\binom{n+d-1}{n}} \approx \frac{(n+2d)^n}{(n+d)^n} \approx 2^n;$$

(d) (*Shape position*) When  $G = \{x_1 - h_1(x_n), \dots, x_{n-1} - h_{n-1}(x_n), h_n(x_n)\}$ , with  $\deg h_n = d$ , then  $S_d = \{1, x_n, \dots, x_n^{d-1}\}$ . Again

$$\frac{\#(2S_d)}{\#S_d} \approx 2;$$

(e) (*Dimension  $n$  – worst case*)  $S_d = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{1, x_i, x_i^2, \dots, x_i^{d/n}\}$  then

$$\frac{\#(2S_d)}{\#S_d} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{n-1}{n} \#S_d.$$

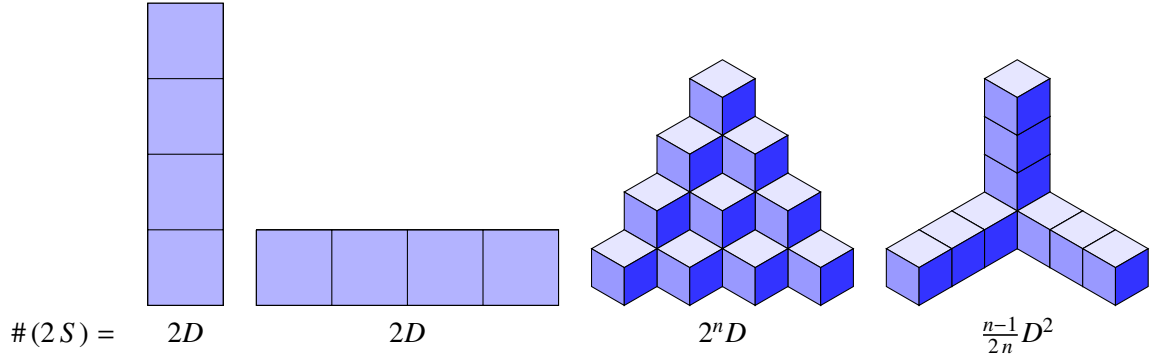


Figure 1: Behavior of  $\#(2S)$  wrt.  $D = \#S$  (the area in blue)

*Proof.*

- Clearly  $2S_d = S_{2d-1}$ .
- $S_{2d} = S_d \cup \{x^{2^i+2^j} \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq d-1\} \cup \{x^{2^d}\}$ . Note that  $S_d$  is *not stable* under division in that case.
- Noticing  $2S_d = S_{2d-1}$  and  $\#S_d = \binom{n+d-1}{n}$ , we have

$$\frac{\#S_{2d-1}}{\#S_d} = 2^n - 2^{n-1} \binom{n+1}{2} \frac{1}{d-1} + O\left(\frac{1}{d^2}\right).$$

- Same as item a.
- We define  $S'(n, d) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{x_i^j \mid j = 0, \dots, d\}$  and it easy to show that  $\#(2S'(n, d)) = n(n-1)d^2 + 2nd + 1$ . Hence  $S_d = S'(n, d/n)$  and

$$\frac{\#(2S_d)}{\#S_d} = \frac{\frac{n-1}{2n} d^2 + 2d + 1}{d + 1} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{n-1}{n} d. \quad \square$$

## 5.2. Application to the SPARSE-FGLM algorithm

The SPARSE-FGLM, Faugère and Mou (2011), is a natural application of the previous algorithm: for a 0-dimensional polynomial system we compute a first Gröbner basis (most of the time wrt. a total degree ordering). Then, we compute the  $D \times D$  multiplication matrices  $T_i$  wrt. the variable  $x_i$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . We consider the table  $u_i = \langle \mathbf{r}, T_1^{i_1} \dots T_n^{i_n} \cdot \mathbf{1} \rangle$  where  $\mathbf{r}$  is a random vector and  $\mathbf{1} = [1, 0, \dots]^T$ . The computation of one element of the table from the previous ones can be reduced to one matrix-vector multiplication.

**Remark 16.** Assuming that we store the vectors  $\mathbf{V}_i = T_1^{i_1} \dots T_n^{i_n} \cdot \mathbf{1}$  for the visited indices  $\mathbf{i}$ , any relation  $g = \sum_{s \in S} \alpha_s s \in G$  computed by the algorithm can be easily checked: if  $\sum_{s \in S} \alpha_s \mathbf{V}_s = 0$  then we have a proof that  $g \in I$ . Note, that in addition, we know precisely the bound  $d$  since it is the number of solutions (with multiplicities). Hence it is always possible to check the correctness of Algorithm 4.

Even if the sparsity of the multiplication matrices can be used to speed up the computation, it is important not to precompute *all* the elements of the table in advance. Hence a *black-box* representation is recommended. As shown in Faugère and Mou (2011), when the lexicographical basis is in shape position, the Gröbner basis can be computed very efficiently; in particular, the number of table queries is  $2D$ , in this situation we can also use the change of variables designed in Section 3 to compute the Gröbner basis. This is why, in the experiments of the following paragraphs, we consider examples which are far from the shape position and we compute the LEX basis.

### Cyclic- $n$ problem

This is a well known benchmark; there are  $n$  equations in  $n$  variables, the  $i$ th equation is of degree  $i$  and is invariant by the action of the  $n$ th Cyclic group; since there is a linear equation, the actual number of variables is  $n - 1$ . We report in Table 5.2, the number of rank computations and the normalized number of table queries (the number divided by the number of solutions). This number is always less than  $2^{n-1}$ .

Example	$n$	$D$	Nb Ranks	# Queries/ $D$
Cyclic-5	5	70	76	7.4
Cyclic-6	6	156	167	9.4
Cyclic-7	7	924	953	21.7

### Ideal of points

Given a set  $P \subset \mathbb{K}^n$  of  $t$  distinct points, we define the ideal  $I_P = \{f \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \mid f(\mathbf{p}) = 0 \forall \mathbf{p} \in P\}$ . We consider two such sets.

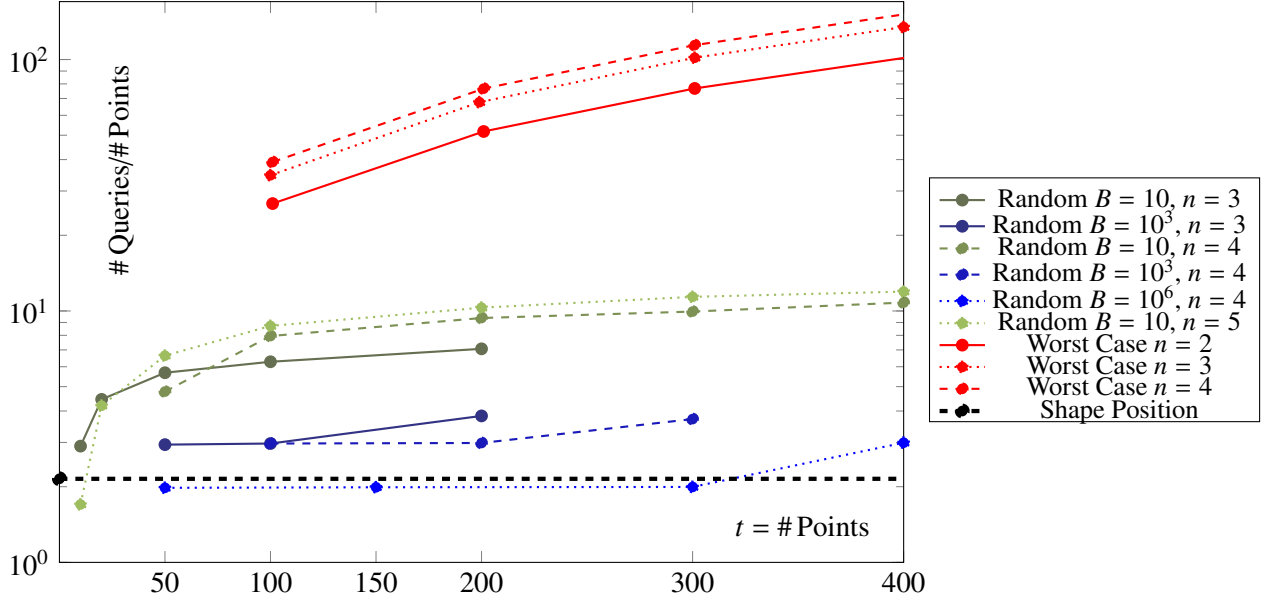


Figure 2: Number of table queries divided by number of points.

- (Random) For any integer  $B$ , we generate exactly  $t$  points in  $P_B \subset \mathbb{K}^n$  with coordinates randomly chosen in  $\{0, \dots, B-1\}$ . Since  $B$  is a bound on the degree of the univariate polynomial in the LEX Gröbner basis, this basis is far from the shape position when  $t \gg B$ .
- (Worst Case)  $P_t = \{i e_j, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq t/n\}$ .

In both cases we report the ratio between the number of queries and the number of points. As expected in the first case, this ratio is a constant  $c \in [2, 2^n]$  depending on the value of  $B$ . In the second case, we expect a linear behavior, from Proposition 15. In Figure 5.2, the points below the thick dashed black line correspond to Gröbner bases in shape positions.

### 5.3. Application to error correcting codes

In Coding Theory,  $n$ -dimensional cyclic codes with  $n > 1$  are generalizations of Reed Solomon codes. We give a simplified description of such codes. Let  $\ell$  be an integer and  $a \in \mathbb{F}_p$  such that  $a^j \neq 1$  for  $0 < j < p-1$ . We work with polynomials in  $R = \mathbb{F}_p[\mathbf{x}] / \langle x_1^{p-1} - 1, \dots, x_n^{p-1} - 1 \rangle$ . Then we define the generating polynomials  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{j=0}^{\ell-1} (x_i - a^j)$ . When we send a message  $\mathcal{M}$  we split this message into  $n$  blocks  $\mathcal{M}^{(k)} = (c_1^{(k)}, c_2^{(k)}, \dots)$  where  $c_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$  and we generate  $n$  multivariate polynomials  $U_k(\mathbf{x}) = c_1^{(k)} + c_2^{(k)} x_1 + c_3^{(k)} x_2 + \dots$ . The transmitter sends



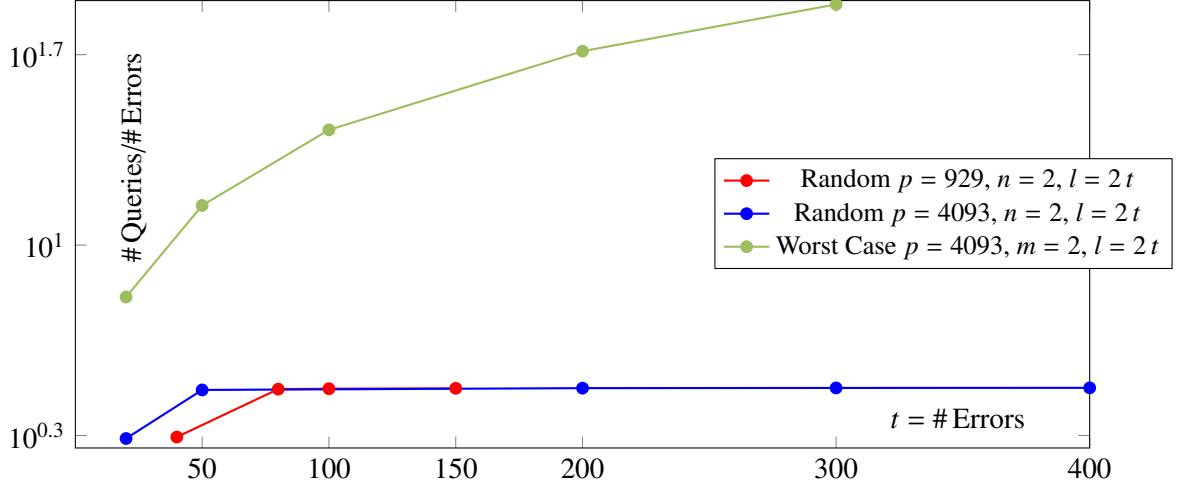


Figure 3: Number of table queries divided by number of points.

the encoded message  $M(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^n g_k(\mathbf{x})U_k(\mathbf{x})$ . The receiver interprets the received word as a multivariate polynomial  $N(\mathbf{x}) = M(\mathbf{x}) + e(\mathbf{x})$  where  $e(\mathbf{x}) \in R$  is the error polynomial. If the length of  $e(\mathbf{x})$  is less than  $t = \frac{\ell}{2}$  the goal is to recover it. To this end, we build the table  $u_{i_1, \dots, i_n} := N(a^{i_1}, \dots, a^{i_n}) \equiv e(a^{i_1}, \dots, a^{i_n})$  in  $R$  for  $0 \leq i_j < t$  and we apply Algorithm 4 to obtain a LEX Gröbner basis  $G$ . It is easy to recover all the solutions in the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ; next, by computing the discrete logarithm wrt.  $a$  of all the components we recover the position of the nonzero monomials in  $e(\mathbf{x})$ . Lastly, we solve a linear system to find the coefficients of  $e(\mathbf{x})$ .

In the experiments of Table 5.3, we consider two cases: (random case) we randomly generate the support and the coefficients of the error polynomial  $e(\mathbf{x})$ ; (worst case) we take  $e(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^{t/n} c_{i,j} x_i^j$ .

## 6. Multilevel block Hankel Arithmetic

This section is devoted to the complexity of Algorithms 3 and 4. Multi-Hankel matrices are structured but exploiting this structured might not be so easy at a first glance. When the chosen monomial ordering  $<$  is a LEX order, then the matrices are multilevel block Hankel, see Fasino and Tilli (2000) and Serra-Capizzano (2002) for results on multilevel block Hankel or multilevel block Toeplitz matrices.

We recall that a Gröbner basis of a 0-dimensional ideal  $I$  for LEX order on  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  with  $x_1 < \dots < x_n$  is of special form and interest. The least polynomial is univariate in  $x_1$  and shall be called  $P_{1,1}$ . Then, for each  $k > 1$ , there are polynomials  $P_{k,1}, \dots, P_{k,n_k} \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_k]$  with  $\deg_{\mathcal{E}_{x_k}} P_{k,\ell} \leq d_k$ , for all  $\ell$ ,  $1 \leq \ell \leq n_k$ .

Furthermore,  $\text{LT}(P_{k,m_k})$  is a pure power of  $x_k$ . We also remind the reader that

$$\forall k, 1 \leq k \leq n, I \cap \mathbb{K}[x_1, \dots, x_k] = \langle P_{1,1}, \dots, P_{k,1}, \dots, P_{k,m_k} \rangle.$$

**Definition 7.** A multilevel block Hankel matrix of depth 0 is a scalar while a multilevel block Hankel matrix of depth 1 is a Hankel matrix.

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a multilevel block Hankel matrix of depth  $n + 1$  is a block Hankel matrix whose blocks are multilevel block Hankel matrices of depth  $n$ .

In the remaining part of the section, a multilevel block Hankel matrix of depth  $n$  shall be called  $n$ -multiblock Hankel.

Following Algorithms 3 and 4, a multi-Hankel matrix is built from an increasing set of monomials. For the LEX ordering with  $x_1 < \dots < x_n$ , the set of monomials is at first  $S^1 = \{1, x_1, \dots, x_1^{d_1-1}\}$  and the matrix  $H_S$  is indeed Hankel, as in BM.

Because of the relation induced by  $P_{1,1}$  no more pure powers of  $x_1$  are needed and we shall introduce  $x_2$ . The set of monomials of the useful staircase, see Definition 5, is now  $S^2 = S_0^1 \cup x_2 S_1^1 \cup \dots \cup x_2^{d_2-1} S_{d_2-1}^1$  with  $S_1^1, \dots, S_{d_2-1}^1 \subseteq S_0^1 = S^1$ . For any  $i, j$ , we let  $H_{x_2^i S_i^1, x_2^j S_j^1}$  be Hankel rectangular. This construction yields the following matrix

$$H_{S^2} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{S_0^1} & H_{S_0^1, x_2 S_1^1} & \cdots & H_{S_0^1, x_2^{d_2-1} S_{d_2-1}^1} \\ H_{x_2 S_1^1, S_0^1} & H_{x_2 S_1^1} & \cdots & H_{x_2 S_1^1, x_2^{d_2-1} S_{d_2-1}^1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ H_{x_2^{d_2-1} S_{d_2-1}^1, S_0^1} & H_{x_2^{d_2-1} S_{d_2-1}^1, x_2 S_1^1} & \cdots & H_{x_2^{d_2-1} S_{d_2-1}^1} \end{pmatrix}$$

We can extend  $H_{S^2}$  so that each block is square, by replacing each rectangular block  $H_{x_2^i S_i^1, x_2^j S_j^1}$  by  $H_{x_2^i S_i^1, x_2^j S_j^1}$ . The extended matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{S^1} & H_{S^1, x_2 S^1} & \cdots & H_{S^1, x_2^{d_2-1} S^1} \\ H_{x_2 S^1, S^1} & H_{x_2 S^1} & \cdots & H_{x_2 S^1, x_2^{d_2-1} S^1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ H_{x_2^{d_2-1} S^1, S^1} & H_{x_2^{d_2-1} S^1, x_2 S^1} & \cdots & H_{x_2^{d_2-1} S^1} \end{pmatrix}$$

is 2-multiblock Hankel and has the same rank as the original  $H_{S^2}$  by construction and the definition of useful staircase.

More generally, assuming, when reaching variable  $x_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the constructed matrix  $H_{S^k}$  can be embedded in a  $k$ -multiblock Hankel matrix. Then, for variable  $x_{k+1}$ , we shall consider the matrix  $H_{S^{k+1}}$  that is block Hankel with blocks

$H_{x_{k+1}^i S_i^k, x_{k+1}^j S_j^k}$ ,  $0 \leq i, j \leq d_{k+1} - 1$  such that  $S_1^k, \dots, S_{d_{k+1}-1}^k \subseteq S_0^k = S^k$ . That is, they will have the same shape as  $H_{S^k}$  and thus can be embedded in a  $k$ -multiblock Hankel. When replacing each block  $H_{x_{k+1}^i S_i^k, x_{k+1}^j S_j^k}$  by  $H_{x_{k+1}^i S^k, x_{k+1}^j S^k}$ , the matrix is  $(k+1)$ -multiblock Hankel.

**Example 8.** We consider the following sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{i,j,k})_{(i,j,k) \in \mathbb{N}^3}$  defined as follows

$$\forall (i, j, k) \in \mathbb{N}^3, u_{i,j,k} = 2^i + (1+j)(1+k).$$

The Gröbner basis of the ideal of relations  $I$  returned by Algorithm 3 for LEX with  $x < y < z$  is

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \langle x^2 - 3x + 2, xy - y - x + 1, y^2 - 2y + 1, xz - z - x + 1, z^2 - 2z + 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle (x-1)(x-2), (x-1)(y-1), (y-1)^2, (x-1)(z-1), (z-1)^2 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The set of monomials  $S^1$  is thus  $\{1, x\}$  and matrix  $H_{S^1}$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is Hankel.

The set of monomials  $S^2$  is  $\{1, x, y\}$  and extending it yields  $S_e^2 = S^1 \cup yS^1 = \{1, x, y, xy\}$ . Matrix  $H_{S^2}$  and 2-multiblock Hankel matrix  $H_{S_e^2}$  are as follows

$$H_{S^2} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right), \quad H_{S_e^2} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 & 5 & 7 \end{array} \right).$$

Finally, the set of monomials  $S^3$  is  $\{1, x, y, z, yz\}$  while the extended set is  $S_e^3 = S_e^2 \cup zS_e^2 = \{1, x, y, xy, z, xz, yz, xyz\}$ . Then the matrices are

$$H_{S^3} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 & 5 & 7 \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & 4 & 7 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 7 & 10 \end{array} \right), \quad H_{S_e^3} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc|cc} 2 & 3 & 3 & 4 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 6 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 & 5 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 4 & 6 & 5 & 7 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 10 \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 4 & 5 & 7 & 8 \\ 4 & 6 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 7 & 8 & 10 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 7 & 8 & 10 & 11 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 10 & 8 & 10 & 11 & 13 \end{array} \right).$$

A displacement operator  $\varphi$  for a matrix  $H$  is a linear operator acting on matrices s.t.  $\varphi(H)$  has small rank.

It is well known that the best displacement operator for Hankel matrices comes from a “shift of the coefficients along the anti-diagonals”. That is, denoting

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

then for  $H$  Hankel,  $\varphi(H) = H - ZHZ$  has rank at most 2.

Solving linear systems with a Hankel matrix can be done in  $O(M(d) \log d)$  operations in the base field, where  $M(d)$  is the complexity for multiplying two polynomials of degree at most  $d - 1$ .

Hankel-like matrices, which are small sums of Hankel matrices, or equivalently which are matrices sent on low-rank matrices by the aforementioned displacement operator  $\varphi$ , can also be solved fast. For  $H$  of size  $d$ , and  $\alpha = \text{rank } \varphi(H)$ , the linear system can be solved in  $O(\alpha^{\omega-1} M(d) \log d)$  operations in the base. We refer the reader to Bostan et al. (2007).

Block Hankel matrices are also of interest by themselves. Deflating the operator  $\varphi$  by replacing 1’s by identity matrices of size the blocks’ size gives a new displacement operator. Sending block Hankel matrices to matrices of rank twice the size of the blocks. But 2-multiblock Hankel matrix has Hankel blocks, therefore, it seems natural to apply  $\varphi$  to each blocks. It is quite easy to show that the rank of the resulting matrix is at most  $2 \min(d_1, d_2)$  where  $d_2$  is the number of blocks and  $d_1$  the size of the blocks.

For  $(n + 1)$ -multiblock Hankel matrix, this can be generalized: we deflate the displacement operator for  $n$ -multiblock Hankel matrices, apply it and then apply the displacement operator for  $n$ -multiblock Hankel matrices to each block.

Consequently, for  $n$ -multiblock Hankel matrices and embedding blocks of sizes  $d_1, \dots, d_n$ , one can find a displacement operator, different from the Hankel matrices displacement operator, s.t. the displacement rank is at most  $2 \prod_{i=1}^n d_i / \max_{i=1}^n d_i$ .

We let as an open question if one could use this structure to improve the complexity estimate of solving such a system.

### 6.1. Complexity comparisons

In this section, we estimate the complexity of Algorithm 3 and compare it with BMS. This complexity shall depend on two parameters:  $n$  the dimension of the sequence and  $d$  the size of the staircase of the (truncated) Gröbner basis outputted by the algorithm.

In Sakata (2009), BMS complexity is given in terms of another parameter:  $\mu$ , the cardinality of the Gröbner basis. BMS complexity is then  $O(\mu d^2)$ . While  $n, d$

do not depend on  $\omega$ , we recall that  $\mu$  does. Sakata uses the approximation  $\mu \in O(d)$  to give an upper bound on BMS, that is  $O(d^3)$ .

To this day, (Faugère et al., 1993, Cor. 2.1) gives the only known upper bound on  $\mu$  in terms of  $n$  and  $d$ :  $\mu \leq nd$ . This allows us to estimate the complexity of BMS as  $O(nd^3)$  operations in  $\mathbb{K}$ .

Our multiblock Hankel point of view seems to overestimate the complexity of Algorithm 3, in particular because the  $n$ -multiblock Hankel matrix is bigger than the actual computed matrix, see Example 8.

We give a situation where we can estimate the complexity of Algorithm 3.

**Proposition 17.** *Let  $\mu$  be the number of polynomials in the output Gröbner basis. Then the number of operations in the base field to compute the Gröbner basis is no more than*

$$O\left(\mu d_2^{\omega-1} \cdots d_n^{\omega-1} \mathbf{M}(d_1 \cdots d_n) \log(d_1 \cdots d_n)\right).$$

*In particular, in the shape position case,  $d_2 = \cdots = d_n = 1$ ,  $\mu = n$  and the complexity comes down to  $O(n \mathbf{M}(d) \log d)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\delta = d_2 \cdots d_n$ . For the LEX order, the extended multiblock Hankel matrix  $H$  is in fact quasi-Hankel. As  $H$  is a block matrix with  $\delta$  blocks on each row and column, with blocks of size  $d_1$ , then  $\varphi(H)$  contains  $\delta$  column vectors of size  $\delta d_1$  and  $\delta(d_1 - 1)$  column vectors of size  $\delta$  deflated into vectors of size  $\delta d_1$ . Thus, at most  $2\delta$  columns of  $\varphi(H)$  are independent and the displacement rank of  $H$  is  $2\delta$ . By a result of Bostan et al. (2007), one can solve a linear system with  $H$  as the matrix in  $O\left(\delta^{\omega-1} \mathbf{M}(d_1 \delta) \log(d_1 \delta)\right)$ . One such system must be solved for each polynomial in the Gröbner basis, hence a factor  $\mu$  in the complexity estimate. The *shape position* case is then straightforward.  $\square$

**Corollary 18.** *Assume  $d_2, \dots, d_n$  are bounded and  $d_1$  is not. Then,  $\mu$  is also necessarily bounded and the number of operations in the base field to compute the Gröbner basis is no more than*

$$O\left(\mu d_2^{\omega-1} \cdots d_n^{\omega-1} \mathbf{M}(d_1 \cdots d_n) \log(d_1 \cdots d_n)\right) = O(\mathbf{M}(d) \log d).$$

*Proof.* Let  $x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_n^{i_n}$  be the leading monomial of a polynomial of the Gröbner basis. Since  $i_2, \dots, i_n$  are respectively bounded by  $d_2, \dots, d_n$ , we have a bounded number of choices for  $i_2, \dots, i_n$ , independent from  $d_1$ . Thanks to the divisibility property, only one  $i_1$  can then be chosen. Therefore,  $\mu$  is bounded.  $\square$

Let us notice that, whenever  $n$  is fixed, BMS is cubic in  $d$  while Algorithm 3 is quasi-linear in  $d$ , under Corollary 18 hypotheses.

It is classical that BM is equivalent to solving a Hankel linear system, the special case  $n = 1$  of Algorithm 3, therefore both have the same complexity. However, we are not able to say if either of our algorithms can be seen as a matrix version of BMS. Should Algorithm 3 or 4 be equivalent to BMS, we could improve BMS complexity. On the one hand, finding loop invariants in these algorithms could also be the key to reach this goal and make their complexities sharper. On the other hand, it could also help us finding optimal termination criteria, in order to reduce the number of table queries.

## 7. Computing the generating series

Given a sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  defined over  $\mathbb{K}$ , its generating series  $S \in \mathbb{K}[[\mathbf{x}]]$  is defined as

$$S = \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n} u_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}}.$$

Whenever  $n = 1$ , it is classical that  $S \in \mathbb{K}(x)$  if and only if  $\mathbf{u}$  is linear recurrent. For multivariate sequences, only the if part of the statement remains true. Indeed, as shown in Section 2, Example 2,  $u_{i,j} = \binom{i}{j}$  is not linear recurrent, yet holonomic, and its generating series is

$$S = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2} \binom{i}{j} x^i y^j = \frac{1}{1-x-xy} \in \mathbb{K}(x,y).$$

On the other hand, the holonomic condition cannot be sufficient to have a generating series as a rational fraction. Unidimensional sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (1/i!)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is holonomic and its generating sequence, the exponential, is not in  $\mathbb{K}(x)$ .

If  $\mathbf{u}$  is linear recurrent, then  $S$  can be computed from the ideal of relations and finitely many terms of  $\mathbf{u}$ . As the ideal of relations of  $\mathbf{u}$  is zero-dimensional, let us all recall that for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $I \cap \mathbb{K}[x_k] = (P_k(x_k))$  with  $P_k$  nonzero and monic. In other words, for any  $x_k$ , there exist univariate polynomials in  $x_k$  in  $I$  and  $P_k$  is their monic greatest common divisor.

For a given polynomial  $P \in \mathbb{K}[x]$  of degree  $d$ , we denote  $Q = x^d P(1/x)$  its *reciprocal polynomial*, i.e. if  $P = \sum_{i=0}^d p_i x^i$ , then  $Q = \sum_{i=0}^d p_i x^{d-i}$ . Notice, that such a  $Q$  cannot be a multiple of  $x$ .

**Proposition 19.** *Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  a linear recurrent sequence and let  $I$  be its ideal of relations. For  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , let  $P_k(x_k)$  be the monic polynomial spanning  $I \cap \mathbb{K}[x_k]$ ,  $d_k$  denote its degree and  $Q_k(x_k)$  be  $P_k$ 's reciprocal. Then,*

$$S = \frac{\left( Q_1(x_1) \cdots Q_n(x_n) \sum_{\mathbf{i}=(0,\dots,0)}^{(d_1-1,\dots,d_n-1)} u_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} \right) \bmod (x_1^{d_1}, \dots, x_n^{d_n})}{Q_1(x_1) \cdots Q_n(x_n)}.$$

Reciprocally, if  $S$  is a rational fraction of  $\mathbb{K}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  whose denominator can be factored as  $Q_1(x_1) \cdots Q_n(x_n)$ , then  $\mathbf{u}$  is linear recurrent.

*Proof.* We shall prove this by induction on  $n$ , the number of variables.

Assuming  $n = 1$ , then by definition  $I = (P(x))$  with  $P$  nonzero, monic and of degree  $d$ . Let  $P = p_0 + \cdots + p_d x^d$ , with  $p_d = 1$ , then  $Q(x) = p_0 x^d + \cdots + 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x)S &= \sum_{k=0}^d p_k \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} u_i x^{i+d-k} = \sum_{k=0}^d \sum_{i=-k}^{\infty} p_k u_{i+k} x^{i+d} \\ &= (p_d u_0) + (p_{d-1} u_0 + p_d u_1) x + \cdots + (p_1 u_0 + \cdots + p_d u_{d-1}) x^{d-1} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^d p_k u_{i+k} \right) x^{i+d} \\ &= (p_d u_0) + (p_{d-1} u_0 + p_d u_1) x + \cdots + (p_1 u_0 + \cdots + p_d u_{d-1}) x^{d-1} \\ &= Q(x) \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} u_i x^i \bmod x^d. \end{aligned}$$

Reciprocally, if  $S = (a_0 + \cdots + a_{d-1} x^{d-1})/Q(x)$  with  $Q = q_0 + \cdots + q_d x^d$ ,  $q_0 = 1$  and  $q_1, \dots, q_d$  any, then it is clear that  $S$  satisfies

$$S = v_0 + \cdots + v_{d-1} x^{d-1} - (q_1 x + \cdots + q_d x^d) S.$$

On the left-hand-side of the equation, for  $i \geq d$ , the coefficient of  $x^i$  is merely  $u_i$ , while on the right-hand-side it is  $-q_1 u_{i-1} - \cdots - q_d u_{i-d}$ , hence  $\mathbf{u}$  is linear recurrent.

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , let us assume the statement holds for all  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and let us prove the statement still holds for  $n + 1$ . Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_{\mathbf{i},j})_{(\mathbf{i},j) \in \mathbb{N}^n \times \mathbb{N}}$  be a linear recurrent sequence. Let  $I$  be the ideal of relations of  $\mathbf{u}$ , for all  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n + 1$ , let  $(P_k(x_k)) = I \cap \mathbb{K}[x_k]$  and let  $Q_k$  be the reciprocal of  $P_k$ .

For  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , each sequence  $\mathbf{v}^{(\mathbf{i})} = (v_j^{(\mathbf{i})})_{j \in \mathbb{N}} = (u_{\mathbf{i},j})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is one-dimensional linear recurrent satisfying the recurrence relation

$$v_{j+d_{n+1}}^{(\mathbf{i})} + p_{n+1,d_{n+1}-1} v_{j+d_{n+1}-1}^{(\mathbf{i})} + \cdots + p_{0,d_{n+1}-1} v_j^{(\mathbf{i})} = 0,$$

where  $P_{n+1}(x_{n+1}) = x_{n+1}^{d_{n+1}} + p_{n+1,d_{n+1}-1} x_{n+1}^{d_{n+1}-1} + \cdots + p_{0,d_{n+1}-1}$ . Thus, one has

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} u_{\mathbf{i},j} x_{n+1}^j \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} = \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} v_j^{(\mathbf{i})} x_{n+1}^j \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n} \frac{Q_{n+1}(x_{n+1}) \sum_{j=0}^{d_{n+1}-1} u_{\mathbf{i},j} x_{n+1}^j \bmod x_{n+1}^{d_{n+1}}}{Q_{n+1}(x_{n+1})} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n} S_{\mathbf{i}}(x_{n+1}) \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}}. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $(S_{\mathbf{i}}(x_{n+1}))_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  is  $n$ -dimensional linear recurrent sequence over  $\mathbb{K}(x_{n+1})$  satisfying the relations associated to  $P_1(x_1), \dots, P_n(x_n)$ . Hence

$$S = \frac{\left( Q_1(x_1) \cdots Q_n(x_n) \sum_{\mathbf{i}=(0,\dots,0)}^{(d_1-1,\dots,d_n-1)} S_{\mathbf{i}}(x_{n+1}) \right) \bmod (x_1^{d_1}, \dots, x_n^{d_n})}{Q_1(x_1) \cdots Q_n(x_n)}$$

$$S = \frac{\left( \left( \prod_{k=1}^{n+1} Q_k(x_k) \right) \sum_{(\mathbf{i},j)=(0,\dots,0)}^{(d_1-1,\dots,d_{n+1}-1)} u_{\mathbf{i},j} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{i}} x_{n+1}^j \right) \bmod (x_1^{d_1}, \dots, x_{n+1}^{d_{n+1}})}{Q_1(x_1) \cdots Q_{n+1}(x_{n+1})}$$

Reciprocally, let us assume  $S = A(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) / (Q_1(x_1) \cdots Q_{n+1}(x_{n+1}))$ . Then,  $S$  can be seen as a rational fraction in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  over  $\mathbb{K}(x_{n+1})$ . By the induction hypothesis, this means it is the generating series of some linear recurrent sequence  $(S_{\mathbf{i}}(x_{n+1}))_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n} = (B_{\mathbf{i}}(x_{n+1}) / Q_{n+1}(x_{n+1}))_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  satisfying the relations associated to  $P_1(x_1), \dots, P_n(x_n)$ . Hence, each  $S_{\mathbf{i}}$  is a linear recurrent sequence satisfying the relation associated to  $P_{n+1}(x_{n+1})$ . Finally,  $\mathbf{u}$  satisfies also those  $n + 1$  relations which makes its ideal of relations zero-dimensional. By Definition 4,  $\mathbf{u}$  is linear recurrent.  $\square$

### 7.1. Algorithms for computing the generating series

Based on Proposition 19, this section is devoted to the design of several algorithms for computing the generating series. The first one is a deterministic algorithm using Algorithms 3 and 4, the second one uses our probabilistic essential reduction to one call to BM introduced in Section 3.2 while the last one is another probabilistic algorithm using  $n$  calls to BM. These algorithms differ on the method to obtain all the  $n$  univariate polynomials  $P_1 \in \mathbb{K}[x_1], \dots, P_n \in \mathbb{K}[x_n]$ , needed to compute the generating series, see Proposition 19.

If needed, their common last step is expanding the numerator. For each  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , we need to multiply a univariate polynomial of degree less than  $d_k$  by  $d_1 \cdots d_n / d_k$  univariate polynomials of degree less than  $d_k$ . Since  $d_1, \dots, d_n \leq d$ , this is can be done in  $O(n d^{n-1} M(d))$  operations in the base field.

Calling BMS or Algorithms 3 or 4 on a  $n$ -dimensional sequence with a LEX ordering with  $x_1 < \cdots < x_n$  yields a Gröbner basis with  $P_1$  but not  $P_2, \dots, P_n$  which are also needed. For each  $k$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq n$ , we apply a change of ordering on the outputed ideal to obtain a LEX Gröbner basis with  $x_k < x_1 < \cdots < x_{k-1} < x_{k+1} < \cdots < x_n$  yielding  $P_k \in \mathbb{K}[x_k]$ .

Following Algorithm 7 uses Algorithm 1 and resultants computations to determine the  $n$  univariate polynomials. It works if the output of Algorithm 1 is in shape position.

**Proposition 20.** *Given a  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional linear recurrent sequence over  $\mathbb{K}$  whose ideal of relations is in shape position, Algorithm 7 computes its  $n + 1$  univariate polynomials in  $O(n d M(d) \log d)$  operations in  $\mathbb{K}$ .*



**Algorithm 6:** Deterministic computation of the generating series.

**Input:** A sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$ .

**Output:** The  $n$  univariate polynomials needed for the generating series.

Compute  $G_1 := \{P_1, P_{2,1}, \dots, P_{n,m_n}\}$  as returned by Algorithm 1 for LEX  $x_1 < \dots < x_n$ .

**For  $k$  from 2 to  $n$  do**

Compute  $G_k := \{P_k\} \cup \{P_{i,j}^{(k)} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq k, 1 \leq j \leq m_j^{(k)}\}$  as returned by FGLM called on  $G_1$  with LEX  $x_k < x_1 < \dots < x_{k-1} < x_{k+1} < \dots < x_n$ .

**Return**  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ .

**Algorithm 7:** Probabilistic computation of the generating series.

**Input:** A sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$ .

**Output:** The  $n$  univariate polynomials needed for the generating series.

Compute  $f_0 \in \mathbb{K}[t], f_1 \in \mathbb{K}[x_1, t], \dots, f_n \in \mathbb{K}[x_n, t]$  as returned by Algorithm 1.

**For  $k$  from 1 to  $n$  do**

Compute  $P_k$  the resultant of  $f_0$  and  $f_k$  in  $t$ .

**Return**  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ .

*Proof.* Calling Algorithm 1 counts for  $O(nM(d) \log d)$  operations in  $\mathbb{K}$ . Then, each resultant computation is the resultant of two polynomials of degree at most  $d$ , one of them being bivariate and of degree 1 in the second variable. By evaluating the second variable and interpolating the results, each resultant can be computed in  $O(dM(d) \log d)$  operations, hence a global complexity in  $O(ndM(d) \log d)$  operations in  $\mathbb{K}$ .  $\square$

For all  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $N_1, \dots, N_{k-1}, N_{k+1}, \dots, N_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , sequence  $\mathbf{u}^{(k)} = (u_i^{(k)})_{i \in \mathbb{N}} = (u_{N_1, \dots, N_{k-1}, i, N_{k+1}, \dots, N_n})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is linear recurrent of dimension 1 satisfying the relation associated to  $P_k$ . Therefore, running Berlekamp – Massey on this sequence yields a factor of  $P_k$ . Assuming  $P_k$  has degree  $d$ , with good probability however, sequence

$$\left( \sum_{\ell=1}^d \alpha_\ell u_{N_{\ell,1}, \dots, N_{\ell,k-1}, i, N_{\ell,k+1}, \dots, N_{\ell,n}} \right)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$$

should not satisfy any relation associated to a strict factor of  $P_k$  and running Berlekamp – Massey on it should yield  $P_k$ .

**Example 9.** Sequence  $\mathbf{u} = ((-1)^{ij})_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  is linear recurrent of order 4 whose ideal of relations is  $\langle x^2 - 1, y^2 - 1 \rangle$ .

For any even  $N$ , sequence  $(u_{i,N})_{i \in \mathbb{N}} = (1)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  satisfies the relation associated to  $x - 1$ , while for any odd  $N$ , sequence  $(u_{i,N})_{i \in \mathbb{N}} = ((-1)^i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  satisfies the relation associated to  $x + 1$ . Therefore  $x^2 - 1$  cannot be found by a single run of Berlekamp – Massey on the first coordinate.

Let  $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{K}$ ,

$$\mathbf{v} = (\alpha_1 u_{N_1, i} + \alpha_2 u_{i, N_2})_{i \in \mathbb{N}} = (\alpha_1 (-1)^{N_1 i} + \alpha_2 (-1)^{N_2 i})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

For random  $N_1, N_2$ , with probability  $1/2$ ,  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are not both even nor odd. Assuming wlog. that  $N_1$  is even and  $N_2$  is odd, the sequence is  $(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 (-1)^i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  which satisfies at best  $x^2 - 1$  as long as  $\alpha_1 \neq 0, \alpha_2 \neq 0$ .

**Algorithm 8:** Fast probabilistic computation of the generating series.

**Input:** A sequence  $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n}$ .

**Output:** The  $n$  univariate polynomials needed for the generating series.

**For  $k$  from 1 to  $n$  do**

**For  $\ell$  from 1 to  $d$  do**

        Pick at random  $\alpha_\ell \in \mathbb{K}$ .

        Pick at random  $N_{\ell, 1}, \dots, N_{\ell, k-1}, N_{\ell, k+1}, \dots, N_{\ell, n}$  in  $\{0, \dots, d-1\}$ .

    Compute  $P_k$  as returned by BM on sequence

$$\left( \sum_{\ell=1}^d \alpha_\ell u_{N_{\ell, 1}, \dots, N_{\ell, k-1}, i, N_{\ell, k+1}, \dots, N_{\ell, n}} \right)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$$

**Return**  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ .

**Proposition 21.** Given a  $n$ -dimensional linear recurrent sequence over  $\mathbb{K}$ , Algorithm 8 computes its  $n$  univariate polynomials in  $O(n M(d) \log d)$  operations in  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $2 n d^2$  queries to the sequence.

*Proof.* Each sequence is made by combining  $d$  subsequences. Each call to BM amounts for  $O(M(d) \log d)$  operations in  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $2 d$  queries to the sequence elements, hence  $2 n d^2$  queries to sequence.  $\square$

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