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**Mots-clé :** Dualité, pas de bébé/pas de géant, séries génératrices

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Many questions concerning zero-dimensional polynomial systems can be reduced to linear algebra operations in some quotient algebra. We assume that the multiplicative structure of the algebra is (partly) known, and we address the question of speeding up the linear algebra phase for two specific questions.

Let  $k$  be a field and  $\mathcal{I}$  a zero-dimensional ideal of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ . Given an element  $u$  of  $A = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\mathcal{I}$ , we consider the following problems:

1. compute its *minimal polynomial*  $m_u$ ;
2. if  $u$  separates the points of  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$  (see definition below), compute *parametrizations* expressing the coordinates of these points in terms of  $u$ .

We suppose that  $k$  is a *perfect* field. This discards many pathologies such as algebraic field extensions of  $k$  without a primitive element. In most applications we have in mind,  $k$  is finite or of characteristic zero, so this assumption is satisfied. The point of working in this setting is to obtain algorithms that can be combined easily with Chinese Remaindering techniques or Hensel lifting.

The computation of a minimal polynomial is of particular interest when  $A$  is a field or a product of fields. This question appears as a basic subroutine for the computation of triangular sets [28], for the study of the intermediate fields between  $k$  and  $A$  [29], in Galois theory [3], . . . For instance, starting from a description of a quotient algebra by means of a Gröbner basis, Lazard’s algorithm `Triangular` [28] produces a “triangular description” through repeated minimal polynomial computations.

In the non-commutative setting of the effective theory of  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules, the *b-function* of a holonomic system of linear partial differential equations plays an

important role. Algorithm 5.1.5. from [45] reduces the computation of the  $b$ -function to that of the minimal polynomial of a linear form over a commutative finite-dimensional quotient algebra.

Another of our initial motivations is the study of algebraic curves and cryptosystems built upon them. Factorization patterns of the minimal polynomials of well-chosen elements help determine the cardinality of the Jacobian of hyperelliptic curves over finite fields, see [12, 18, 48].

In such situations, the element  $u$  will typically not be primitive for  $k \rightarrow A$ . The polynomial  $m_u$  has degree less than the dimension of  $A$ , and of course we want to make use of this fact.

Our second interest is the determination of a parametrization of the coordinates of the solutions of  $\mathcal{I}$ . To this effect, we say that  $u \in A$  *separates* the points of  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$ , or is a *separating element* for  $\mathcal{I}$  if for all points  $P \neq P'$  in  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$ ,  $u$  takes distinct values on  $P$  and  $P'$  (see [1, 44]). Since  $k$  is a perfect field, this is the case if and only if  $u$  is a primitive element of the reduced algebra  $A_{\text{red}} = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\sqrt{\mathcal{I}}$ , see [5]. In this situation, the coordinates of the points in  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$  can be expressed as rational functions of  $u$ .

We call *parametrization* of the algebraic variables  $X$  the data of a separating element  $u$ , its minimal polynomial, and rational functions  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  such that  $x_i = f_i(u)$  holds in  $A_{\text{red}}$ .

Such representations, which go back to Kronecker [26], are well suited to many purposes such as effective computation in the reduced algebra  $A_{\text{red}}$  or counting and isolation of real or complex roots. For instance, using the characteristic polynomial of  $u$  instead of its minimal polynomial, we obtain a *Rational Univariate Representation* of the roots of  $\mathcal{I}$ , using the denomination introduced in [44]. When  $\mathcal{I}$  is a radical ideal, this representation bears the name *Geometric Resolution*, see [20, 19, 21].

In this article, we present some structure theorems related to the two questions mentioned above, then show how algorithmic ideas introduced in the univariate case by Shoup [51, 50] fit into this context. Our algorithms require precomputations, either of some multiplication matrices in  $A$ , or of the whole multiplication table. These objects may be obtained from the computation of a Gröbner basis [11, 16, 15]. We do not address the difficult question of the complexity of these precomputations.

*Computing a minimal polynomial.* Let  $u$  be an element in  $A$  and  $\delta$  a bound on the degree of its minimal polynomial. A natural algorithm for the computation of the minimal polynomial of  $u$  consists in expressing the first  $\delta$  powers of  $u$  on a basis of  $A$  and then looking for a linear dependency between them. This has complexity  $D^\omega$ , where  $\omega$  is the exponent of the complexity of matrix multiplication. Thus  $\omega = 3$  for the naive product, and the best result known to this date is  $\omega \leq 2.376$  [13]. However, the fastest available implementation of which we are aware is based on Strassen's algorithm [52], with exponent 2.81.

A first improvement consists in considering the values taken by a linear form  $\ell$  on the powers of  $u$ . The sequence  $(\ell(u^i))_{i \geq 0}$  admits a minimal recurrence relation, which generically coincides with the minimal polynomial of  $u$ , and can be computed efficiently. This suggests the following algorithm: compute the powers of  $u$ , evaluate  $\ell$  on them, and recover the minimal polynomial. This requires the ability to multiply by  $u$ . The input of this first algorithm will thus be the multiplication matrix of  $u$  in  $A$ .

In the context of polynomial factorization over finite fields, Shoup showed in [51, 50] how to speed up these computations in the univariate case, i.e. when  $A = k[X]/(f)$ . His idea is to adapt Paterson and Stockmeyer's fast composition algorithm [42] using an  $A$ -module structure on the dual space  $\widehat{A}$ . The clever use of this module structure avoids the computation of all the powers of the element  $u$ .

We demonstrate here that this idea extends to multivariate situations, and yields a second method for computing a minimal polynomial. The main difficulty lies in obtaining an efficient implementation of the operations in  $\widehat{A}$ . For the moment, our solution requires a stronger input than above: the whole multiplication table of  $A$ . This input is also used for instance in the algorithms of [1, 44].

These results are presented in a precise fashion in the following theorem. The algorithms require an *a priori* bound  $\delta$  on the degree of the minimal polynomial we want to compute. A trivial bound is the dimension of the quotient algebra. Problem-specific bounds are often available.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $D$  be the dimension of  $A$  as a  $k$ -vector space, and let  $u$  be in  $A$ , with minimal polynomial  $m_u$ . Suppose that  $\delta$  is an a priori bound on the degree of  $m_u$ .*

1. *If the matrix of multiplication by  $u$  is known, then  $m_u$  can be computed by a probabilistic algorithm in  $O(\delta D^2)$  operations in  $k$ .*
2. *If the multiplication table of  $A$  is known, then  $m_u$  can be computed by a probabilistic algorithm in  $O(2^n \delta^{1/2} D^2)$  operations in  $k$ .*

*In both cases, the algorithm chooses  $D$  values in  $k$ . If these values are chosen in a finite subset  $\Gamma$  of  $k$ , all choices except at most  $\delta|\Gamma|^{D-1}$  assure success.*

Roughly speaking, the complexity is  $O(D^3)$  in the first case and  $O(2^n D^{5/2})$  in the second case. For fixed  $n$ , the gain is of order  $\sqrt{D}$ , typical of the baby step/giant step techniques which underlie the second approach.

The probabilistic aspect comes from the choice of a linear form over  $A$ . For unlucky choices, the output of our algorithms is a strict divisor of the actual minimal polynomial. If the degree of the output coincides with the upper bound  $\delta$ , then this output is necessarily correct. Otherwise, we can either estimate the probability of an unlucky choice, or evaluate the candidate minimal polynomial on  $u$ .

*Computing parametrizations.* In the discussion leading to the proof of Theorem 1, we introduce some generating series, depending on both the element  $u$  and a linear form over  $A$ . If  $u$  is separating, we show that such series allow to compute parametrizations of the points of  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$ . This yields formulæ that extend those of Rouillier [44].

Our formulæ are valid under an additional hypothesis, given in Theorem 2 below, and explained in more detail in § 3.2. In short, the minimal polynomial of  $u$  must have the maximal possible degree, and the characteristic of the base field must be zero or large enough. These assumptions are satisfied if  $\mathcal{I}$  is a radical ideal.

To use these formulæ in practice, the computational task is quite similar to that required to compute a minimal polynomial: evaluating some linear forms on the powers of  $u$ . So in a similar fashion, we propose two methods: the direct approach, which requires only multiplication matrices, or its refinement based on Shoup's idea, using the whole multiplication table.

The first approach has the same complexity as the algorithm of [44], at most  $O(D^3)$ , but our input is weaker. The second approach takes the same input as [44].



Its complexity is of order  $O(n2^n D^{5/2})$ . This becomes better when for instance the number of variables is moderate, whereas the dimension of the quotient algebra becomes large. As above, the gain is of order  $\sqrt{D}$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $D$  be the dimension of  $A = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\mathcal{I}$  as a  $k$ -vector space, and let  $u$  be a separating element in  $A$ , with minimal polynomial  $m_u$ . Assume that the characteristic of  $k$  is zero or greater than  $\min\{s \mid \sqrt{\mathcal{I}}^s \subset \mathcal{I}\}$ , and the degree of the minimal polynomial of  $u$  is the degree of the minimal polynomial of a generic element in  $A$ . Let finally  $\delta$  be an a priori bound on the degree of  $m_u$ . Then the following holds:*

1. *If the matrices of multiplication by  $u$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are known, then a parametrization of the algebraic variables can be computed in  $O(\delta D^2 + nD^2)$  operations in  $k$ .*
2. *If the multiplication table of  $A$  is known, then a parametrization can be computed in  $O(n2^n \delta^{1/2} D^2)$  operations in  $k$ .*

*In both cases, the algorithm chooses  $D$  values in  $k$ . If these values are chosen in a finite subset  $\Gamma$  of  $k$ , all choices except at most  $\delta|\Gamma|^{D-1}$  assure success.*

The probabilistic aspect is the same as in Theorem 1, and lies in the choice of a linear form over  $A$ . If  $\mathcal{I}$  is a radical ideal, it is straightforward to check the correctness of the output, see Subsection 3.1. Otherwise, the last assertion in the theorem makes it possible to estimate the probability of choosing an unlucky linear form.

The algorithms mentioned in Theorems 1 and 2 are easily implemented in a computer algebra system such as Magma [9]. Our experiments show their good practical behaviour (see Section 5).

*Related results.* The  $A$ -module  $\widehat{A}$  is called the *canonical module* [47, 27, 14], and has been used in a variety of applications. In particular, the case when the dual  $\widehat{A}$  is a free  $A$ -module of rank 1 has led to new geometric and arithmetic forms of the Nullstellensatz [20, 19], a new proof of the Eisenbud-Levine formula [4], or fast algorithms for isolating roots of complete intersection multivariate systems [36, 35, 37, 38].

One of our main contributions is to propose algorithms using this module structure whenever the operations in  $A$  and  $\widehat{A}$  are effective, even if the dual is not free and of rank 1.

We have focused on the case when the structure of the algebra  $A$  is explicitly given. Our ideas also apply if  $\mathcal{I}$  is given by  $n$  generators without zeros at infinity. In this context, the basis of the results in [35, 37, 38] are fast multiplication algorithms in  $A$ . It might be possible to extend these results so as to obtain similar complexity estimates for the operations in  $\widehat{A}$ , which would lead to improved complexity algorithms in this case.

More generally, any efficient algorithm for the operations in  $A$  and  $\widehat{A}$  can be used in conjunction with the ideas presented here.

In a different context, the *geometric resolution* algorithm of [21] solves polynomial systems of dimension zero without multiplicities. Its complexity is quadratic in a geometric quantity attached to the input system, and linear in its *complexity of evaluation*, that is, the number of arithmetic operations necessary to evaluate the system. An important issue is to extend our algorithmic ideas to this context.

*Outline of the paper.* In Section 2, we define the module structure on the dual of  $A$ , and some useful generating series. In Section 3, we show how both a minimal polynomial and some parametrizations can be read off of such series. A direct approach to compute these series yields at once the first assertions in Theorems 1 and 2. In Section 4, we show how to improve the crucial step: the evaluation of a linear form on the successive powers of an element in  $A$ . This will prove the second parts of Theorems 1 and 2. In Section 5 we present the experimental behaviour of our algorithms. The last section gives the proof of a key proposition in Section 3.

*Notation.* We use the following notation:

- The algebra  $A$  is the quotient  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\mathcal{I}$ ; the images of the variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  in  $A$  are denoted by  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . We denote by  $D$  the dimension of the  $k$ -vector space  $A$ , by  $\Omega = \{\omega_i\}_{i=1, \dots, D}$  a monomial basis of  $A$  and by  $E \subset \mathbb{N}^n$  the set of exponents of the elements in  $\Omega$ .
- The reduced algebra  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\sqrt{\mathcal{I}}$  will be denoted by  $A_{\text{red}}$ .
- The dual  $\text{Hom}_k(A, k)$  of  $A$  is denoted by  $\widehat{A}$ , and the dual basis of  $\Omega$  is  $\widehat{\Omega} = \{\widehat{\omega}_i\}_{i=1, \dots, D}$ .
- For a polynomial  $P \in k[U]$ , we write  $\text{rec}(P)$  for its reciprocal  $U^{\deg(P)} P(\frac{1}{U})$ .
- Given  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  in  $\mathbb{N}^n$ , we write  $X^\alpha$  for the monomial  $X_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots X_n^{\alpha_n}$ , and  $x^\alpha$  for the product  $x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}$ .
- The minimal polynomial of any element  $t$  in a finite-dimensional algebra will be denoted by  $m_t$ .

## 2. ON THE DUAL OF THE QUOTIENT ALGEBRA

Most results in this article involve linear forms defined over the algebra  $A$ . We make frequent use of the following operation, which makes the dual  $\widehat{A}$  a  $A$ -module:

$$\begin{aligned} \circ : A \times \widehat{A} &\rightarrow \widehat{A} \\ (u, \ell) &\mapsto u \circ \ell : v \mapsto \ell(vu). \end{aligned}$$

This section is devoted to basic results related to this operation. As mentioned in the introduction, the case when  $\widehat{A}$  is a free  $A$ -module of rank 1 is of particular interest, but this assumption is not required here.

*Transposed product.* The following lemma (see also [50, 37]) justifies the terminology *transposed product* for the  $A$ -module operation on  $\widehat{A}$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $u$  be in  $A$ . The matrix of the linear operator*

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{A} &\rightarrow \widehat{A} \\ \ell &\mapsto u \circ \ell \end{aligned}$$

*in the dual basis  $\widehat{\Omega}$  is the transposed of the matrix of multiplication by  $u$  in the basis  $\Omega$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\omega$  be in  $\Omega$ . The value  $(u \circ \ell)(\omega)$  is  $\ell(u\omega)$ . It is given by the product between the row-vector of the coefficients of  $\omega u$  on the basis  $\Omega$  and the vector representing  $\ell$  on the dual basis. This implies that the vector representing  $u \circ \ell$  is the product  $\mathbf{M}_u^t \ell$ , where  $\mathbf{M}_u^t$  is the transposed of the matrix  $\mathbf{M}_u$  representing the multiplication by  $u$  in the basis  $\Omega$ .  $\square$

This result has a strong consequence in terms of complexity, based on the *transposition principle*. This principle is actually a theorem about arithmetic circuits. The proof and additional references can be found in [43, 17, 2, 25].

**Transposition principle.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix, and suppose that the product  $\mathbf{v} \mapsto \mathbf{M}\mathbf{v}$  can be computed by an arithmetic circuit of size  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then there is an arithmetic circuit of size  $\mathcal{C}$  that computes the transposed product  $\mathbf{w} \mapsto \mathbf{M}^t\mathbf{w}$ .*

In most applications, the multiplication matrix  $\mathbf{M}_u$  is not known, and its determination might be quite costly. Nevertheless, the transposition principle implies that, whatever the algorithm used for multiplication, there exists an algorithm for transposed multiplication with the same cost, as long as arithmetic circuits are used.

Yet, the algorithms used for (fast) multiplication may not be given by arithmetic circuits. Moreover, even if the proof of the transposition principle is constructive, it is far from obvious how to put it to practice in a computer algebra environment. Therefore, particular attention must be given to design explicit versions of the transposed product (see [24, Problem 6] for similar considerations).

*Generating series.* We associate to every element  $\ell$  of  $\widehat{A}$  a formal power series, noted  $S(\ell)$ . For a subset  $F \subset \mathbb{N}^n$  we also define a truncated series  $S(\ell, F)$ . These series are given by:

$$S(\ell) := \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} \ell(x^\alpha) X^\alpha, \quad S(\ell, F) := \sum_{\alpha \in F} \ell(x^\alpha) X^\alpha.$$

As  $E$  is the set of exponents of the monomial basis  $\Omega$ , a linear form  $\ell$  in  $\widehat{A}$  is uniquely determined by  $S(\ell, E)$ . We consider in the first place series in  $k[[X_1, \dots, X_n]]$ , since this representation is well-suited to algorithmic purposes. Also, given  $u$  in  $A$  and  $\ell$  in  $\widehat{A}$ , we use the univariate Laurent series

$$R(u, \ell) := \sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{\ell(u^i)}{U^{i+1}}.$$

The series  $S(\ell)$  and particularly  $R(u, \ell)$  are used repeatedly in this article. Similar representations appear in [50, 35, 37], and in [44] for specific linear forms. The following proposition gathers the results we will need when using these generating series. The first point is folklore, similar arguments can be found in [35, 37] and [50].

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\ell$  be in  $\widehat{A}$ .*

- *Let  $u = \sum_{\alpha \in E} u_\alpha x^\alpha$  be in  $A$ , let  $F$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{N}^n$  and let  $T$  be the Laurent series*

$$T = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^n} t_\alpha X^\alpha := \left( \sum_{\alpha \in E} \frac{u_\alpha}{X^\alpha} \right) \cdot S(\ell, E + F).$$

*Then the series  $S(u \circ \ell, F)$  is  $\sum_{\alpha \in F} t_\alpha X^\alpha$ .*

- *For  $i$  in  $1, \dots, n$ , let  $m_i \in k[X_i]$  be the minimal polynomial of  $x_i$ , and let  $\delta_i$  be its degree. Then there exists a polynomial  $H_\ell \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  of partial degree in each variable  $X_i$  less than  $\delta_i$ , such that the following holds:*

$$S(\ell) = \frac{H_\ell}{\text{rec}(m_1) \cdots \text{rec}(m_n)}.$$

- Let  $u$  be in  $A$ , with minimal polynomial  $m_u \in k[U]$  of degree  $\delta_u$ . Then there exists a polynomial  $G_{u,\ell} \in k[U]$  of degree less than  $\delta_u$  such that the following holds:

$$R(u, \ell) = \frac{G_{u,\ell}}{m_u}.$$

Moreover, there exists a polynomial  $r_u \in k[L_1, \dots, L_D]$  of degree at most  $\delta_u$ , such that  $G_{u,\ell}$  is coprime to  $m_u$  if and only if  $r_u(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_D) \neq 0$ , where  $(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_D)$  are the coordinates of  $\ell$  on the dual basis  $\widehat{\Omega}$ .

*Proof.* For  $\alpha'$  in  $F$ , the value  $(u \circ \ell)(x^{\alpha'})$  is  $\ell(x^{\alpha'} u) = \sum_{\alpha \in E} u_\alpha \ell(x^{\alpha + \alpha'})$ . The series  $T$  can be written

$$T = \left( \sum_{\alpha \in E} u_\alpha X^{-\alpha} \right) \left( \sum_{\beta \in E+F} \ell(x^\beta) X^\beta \right) = \sum_{\alpha' \in E+F-E} \left( \sum_{\alpha \in E, \beta = \alpha + \alpha'} u_\alpha \ell(x^\beta) \right) X^{\alpha'}.$$

The coefficient of  $X^{\alpha'}$  in  $T$  coincides with  $\ell(ux^{\alpha'})$ , which proves the first point.

We turn to the second point. Taking  $F = \mathbb{N}^n$  shows that for any  $u$  in  $A$ , the series  $S(u \circ \ell)$  is the restriction of  $u(1/X_1, \dots, 1/X_n)S(\ell)$  to the set of monomials with exponent in  $\mathbb{N}^n$ .

Let  $i$  be in  $1, \dots, n$ . Since  $m_i(X_i)$  is zero in  $A$ , the series  $S(m_i(x_i) \circ \ell)$  is zero. Consequently, all the monomials in  $m_i(1/X_i)S(\ell)$  have degree in  $X_i$  between  $-\delta_i$  and  $-1$ . This means that all monomials in  $\text{rec}(m_i)(X_i)S(\ell) = X_i^{\delta_i} m_i(1/X_i)S(\ell)$  have degree in  $X_i$  between  $0$  and  $\delta_i - 1$ . Taking all  $i$  into account shows that the series  $\text{rec}(m_1)(X_1) \cdots \text{rec}(m_n)(X_n)S(\ell)$  is a polynomial, whose partial degree in each variable  $X_i$  is less than  $\delta_i$ .

Let us finally prove the last point. The linear form  $\ell$  induces a linear form on the algebra  $k[U]/m_u$ . The previous point shows that  $\text{rec}(m_u) \sum_{i \geq 0} \ell(u^i) U^i$  is a polynomial of degree less than  $\delta_u$ , so evaluation at  $1/U$  shows that  $m_u R(u, \ell) = m_u \sum_{i \geq 0} \ell(u^i) / U^{i+1}$  is also a polynomial of degree less than  $\delta_u$ , denoted by  $G_{u,\ell}$ .

For  $\omega_i$  in  $\Omega$ , we let  $G_{u,i} \in k[U]$  be  $m_u R(u, \widehat{\omega}_i)$ . If  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_D$  are the coordinates of  $\ell$  on the dual basis, then  $G_{u,\ell}$  is  $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq D} \ell_i G_{u,i}$ . Let now  $r_u \in k[L_1, \dots, L_D]$  be the resultant of  $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq D} L_i G_{u,i}$  and  $m_u$  with respect to  $U$ . Then  $G_{u,\ell}$  and  $m_u$  are coprime if and only if  $r_u(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_D) \neq 0$ .

For any polynomial  $G$  of degree less than  $\delta_u$ , we now prove that there exists  $\ell \in \widehat{A}$  such that  $m_u R(u, \ell) = G$ . This is enough to show that  $r_u$  is a non-zero polynomial. Since  $r_u$  has total degree at most  $\delta_u$ , this will prove the proposition.

The system  $m_u R(u, \ell) = G$  is linear in  $(\ell(1), \dots, \ell(u^{\delta_u-1}))$ , it is triangular with diagonal entries equal to 1 as  $m_u$  is monic. Since  $(1, \dots, u^{\delta_u-1})$  are linearly independent, it is always possible to find  $\ell$  which takes prescribed values on these points.  $\square$

This shows that for a generic choice of  $\ell$ , the irreducible form of the rational series  $R(u, \ell)$  has the minimal polynomial  $m_u$  for denominator. This will be used repeatedly in the rest of this article.

*An algorithm for the transposed product.* The first point in the previous proposition suggests the following algorithm for the transposed product: given  $\ell$  and  $u$ , first compute  $S(\ell, 2E)$ , taking  $F = E$ ; then perform a power series multiplication, and read off the coefficients of  $S(u \circ \ell, E)$ .

The main difficulty lies in determining the truncated series  $S(\ell, 2E)$  from its first terms  $S(\ell, E)$ . The second point of Proposition 1 shows that the series  $S(\ell)$  is rational. When there is only one variable, the quotient  $A$  is given as  $k[X]/(f)$ , so the denominator of  $S(\ell)$  is known *a priori*, as it is the reciprocal polynomial of  $f$ . It is then straightforward to recover the numerator from the first terms  $S(\ell, E)$ , which in turns gives the next terms  $S(\ell, 2E)$  by Taylor expansion. This is the basis of Shoup’s algorithm for the transposed product [50].

In the general case, the denominator is not known in advance. At the moment, we are unable to make use of the rationality of the series  $S(\ell)$ , or even of the stronger form given in the second part of Proposition 1.

### 3. USING THE GENERATING SERIES

We now describe our first algorithms solving the questions mentioned in the introduction: computing the minimal polynomial of an element  $u$  in  $A$ , and the corresponding parametrization, if  $u$  is separating. These algorithms are derived from the study of the generating series introduced in the previous section, and yield the first parts of Theorems 1 and 2.

Similar considerations to those presented in Subsection 3.1 can be found in the literature, in [54, 51, 50, 23]. The main new result is in Subsection 3.2: a generalization of Rouillier’s formulæ [44], which does not require the use of a specific linear form to compute parametrizations. In [44], this specific form, the *trace*, is computed from the multiplication table of  $A$ . Here, we avoid this precomputation. We show that almost any form can be used. Consequently, the algorithms presented in Subsection 3.3 only require multiplication matrices as input.

We stress the fact that all these algorithms are based on the same basic subroutine, the evaluation of a linear form on the successive powers of an element in  $A$ . Thus their complexity is fundamentally dependent on the cost of this particular task, which is the object of Section 4.

**3.1. Computing a minimal polynomial.** Our method to compute a minimal polynomial in  $A$  is based on the following property: If  $u$  is in  $A$  and  $\ell$  is a “generic” linear form on  $A$ , then the minimal polynomial of the sequence  $(\ell(u^i))_{i \geq 0}$  is the minimal polynomial of  $u$  — the minimal polynomial of a sequence of scalars  $\mathcal{L}$  is the monic generator of the ideal of polynomials in  $k[U]$  which cancel  $\mathcal{L}$ .

This principle has been used in a variety of settings. It underlies Wiedemann’s algorithm [54] for solving sparse — or rather, easy-to-evaluate — linear systems, and is the basis of Shoup’s algorithm [51, 50] to compute minimal polynomials in the univariate case  $A = k[X]/(f)$ .

Given an upper bound  $\delta$  on its degree, the minimal polynomial of a sequence of scalars  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfying a linear recurrence can be computed by Berlekamp-Massey’s algorithm, see [6, 33] and [53, chapter 12.4]. This algorithm requires the first  $2\delta$  values of  $\mathcal{L}$ , and amounts to the computation of a  $(\delta, \delta)$  Padé approximant for the generating series  $\sum_{i \geq 0} \mathcal{L}_i U^i$ . This is denoted by `MinimalPolynomial`( $\mathcal{L}$ ) in the algorithm below.

**Computing a minimal polynomial**

**Input:**  $u$  in  $A$ ,  $\ell$  in  $\hat{A}$ , a bound  $\delta$  on the degree of  $m_u$ .  
**Output:** a polynomial  $m_{u,\ell}$  in  $k[U]$ .  
 $\mathcal{L} \leftarrow [\ell(1), \ell(u), \dots, \ell(u^{2^\delta-1})]$ ;  
 $m_{u,\ell} \leftarrow \text{MinimalPolynomial}(\mathcal{L})$ ;  
**return**( $m_{u,\ell}$ );

The next proposition encapsulates the cost and correctness analysis of this algorithm. Similar considerations for Wiedemann's algorithm can be found in [23].

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $u$  be in  $A$  and let  $m_u$  be its minimal polynomial. If  $\delta$  is a bound on  $\deg m_u$ , then besides the evaluation of the sequence  $[\ell(1), \ell(u), \dots, \ell(u^{2^\delta-1})]$ , the previous algorithm requires  $O(\delta^2)$  operations in  $k$ . Its output is the polynomial  $m_u$  if and only if the polynomials  $G_{u,\ell}$  from Proposition 1 and  $m_u$  are coprime. Otherwise, the output  $m_{u,\ell}$  is a strict divisor of  $m_u$ .*

*Proof.* Using a naive version of the extended Euclidean algorithm, the running time of Berlekamp-Massey's algorithm is quadratic in  $\delta$ . This proves the complexity estimate.

Let  $m_{u,\ell}$  be the minimal polynomial of the sequence  $(\ell(u^i))_{i \geq 0}$ . Since  $m_u$  cancels this sequence,  $m_{u,\ell}$  divides  $m_u$ . Let us show that they coincide if and only if the polynomials  $G_{u,\ell}$  and  $m_u$  are coprime, where  $G_{u,\ell}$  is defined in Proposition 1:

$$(1) \quad R(u, \ell) := \sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{\ell(u^i)}{U^{i+1}} = \frac{G_{u,\ell}}{m_u}.$$

To this effect, we recall the following result from [53, Lemma 12.8]. Let  $\delta_{u,\ell}$  be the degree of  $m_{u,\ell}$ . Then the sequence  $\sum_{i \geq 0} \ell(u^i)U^i$  can be written

$$\sum_{i \geq 0} \ell(u^i)U^i = \frac{H_{u,\ell}}{\text{rec}(m_{u,\ell})},$$

$H_{u,\ell}$  being a polynomial of degree less than  $\delta_{u,\ell} = \max(1 + \deg H_{u,\ell}, \deg \text{rec}(m_{u,\ell}))$ , and  $H_{u,\ell}$  and  $\text{rec}(m_{u,\ell})$  being coprime. The above equality can be rewritten as

$$(2) \quad \sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{\ell(u^i)}{U^{i+1}} = \frac{H_{u,\ell}(1/U)}{U \text{rec}(m_{u,\ell})(1/U)} = \frac{U^{\delta_{u,\ell}-1} H_{u,\ell}(1/U)}{m_{u,\ell}},$$

where the numerator is a polynomial.

If  $G_{u,\ell}$  and  $m_u$  are coprime, then since  $m_{u,\ell}$  divides  $m_u$ , equations 1 and 2 show that  $m_{u,\ell}$  and  $m_u$  coincide. Conversely, suppose that  $m_{u,\ell} = m_u$ , and let us show that  $m_u$  and  $G_{u,\ell}$  are coprime. Let then  $h$  be the gcd of  $m_u$  and  $G_{u,\ell}$ . Under our assumption,  $G_{u,\ell}$  is  $U^{\delta_{u,\ell}-1} H_{u,\ell}(1/U)$ , so that

$$h \mid m_{u,\ell} \quad \text{and} \quad h \mid U^{\delta_{u,\ell}-1} H_{u,\ell}(1/U).$$

This implies

$$\text{rec}(h) \mid \text{rec}(m_{u,\ell}) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rec}(h) \mid H_{u,\ell}.$$

Consequently,  $\text{rec}(h)$  is a constant, i.e.  $h$  is a power of  $U$ .

Let us finally show that this implies that  $h$  itself is a constant. Indeed, we have  $\delta_{u,\ell} = \max(1 + \deg H_{u,\ell}, \deg \text{rec}(m_{u,\ell}))$ . We consider both possible cases:

- If  $\delta_{u,\ell} = 1 + \deg H_{u,\ell}$ , then  $U^{\delta_{u,\ell}-1} H_{u,\ell}(1/U)$  is exactly the reciprocal polynomial of  $H_{u,\ell}$ , so its valuation is zero.

- If  $\delta_{u,\ell} = \deg \operatorname{rec}(m_{u,\ell})$ , then  $m_{u,\ell}$  has the same degree as its reciprocal polynomial, so its valuation is zero.

In any case, this implies that the gcd  $h$  has valuation zero. Since  $h$  is a power of  $U$ , it must be a constant, which concludes the proof.  $\square$

Using a fast extended Euclidean algorithm [53, chapter 11.1], the complexity of Berlekamp-Massey's algorithm drops to  $O(\delta \log^2 \delta \log \log \delta)$ . The polynomial  $G_{u,\ell}$  can be computed as a byproduct without affecting the complexity. In any case, the limiting factor in this algorithm is the computation of the sequence  $[\ell(1), \ell(u), \dots, \ell(u^{2^\delta-1})]$ .

If the degree of the output coincides with the known upper bound for  $\deg m_u$ , the output is necessarily correct. A trivial upper bound is the dimension of  $A$ . If the degree of the output reaches this upper bound, then  $u$  is primitive for  $k \rightarrow A$  (thus separating), and the result of the algorithm is correct. Otherwise, Proposition 2 states that the output  $m_{u,\ell}$  is correct if and only if  $m_{u,\ell}(u)$  is zero.

**3.2. Computing parametrizations.** If  $u$  is a separating element for  $\mathcal{I}$ , we want to compute parametrizations giving the values of the variables  $X_j$  on  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$  as functions of  $u$ , that is, rational functions  $f_j(u)$  such that the relations  $x_j = f_j(u)$  hold in the reduced algebra  $A_{\text{red}} = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\sqrt{\mathcal{I}}$ . Following the ideas of Kronecker [26] and Macaulay [30], we propose a method to compute rational parametrizations of the form

$$x_j = \frac{g_j(u)}{g(u)}.$$

Our method requires the following assumptions:

1. the characteristic of  $k$  is zero or larger than  $\min\{s, \sqrt{\mathcal{I}}^s \subset \mathcal{I}\}$ ;
2. the degree of the minimal polynomial of  $u$  is the degree of the minimal polynomial of a generic element in  $A$ .

A *generic element* in  $A$  is defined as  $\sum_{i=1}^D T_i \omega_i$  in  $A \otimes_k k(T_1, \dots, T_D)$ . This element depends on the choice of the basis  $\Omega$ , but the degree of its minimal polynomial does not. As an illustration, consider the case  $A = \mathbb{Q}[X_1, X_2]/(X_1^2, X_2^2)$ . The minimal polynomial of a generic element has degree 3, but  $x_1$ , even though separating, has  $U^2$  for minimal polynomial. The possible defects can be measured using the nilpotency index of the local factors of  $A$ .

If  $\mathcal{I}$  is a radical ideal, assumption 1 is obviously satisfied. Since  $k$  is perfect, a separating element is also primitive, so assumption 2 is also satisfied in this case.

Taking the above assumption for granted, our main result is the following proposition:

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $u$  in  $A$  be a separating element of  $\mathcal{I}$ , such that the above hypothesis is satisfied. Let  $v$  be in  $A$ ,  $\ell$  in  $\hat{A}$ , and let  $G_{u,\ell}$  and  $G_{u,v \circ \ell}$  be the polynomials in  $k[U]$  of degree less than that of  $m_u$  such that*

$$R(u, \ell) = \frac{G_{u,\ell}}{m_u}, \quad R(u, v \circ \ell) = \frac{G_{u,v \circ \ell}}{m_u}.$$

*Then if  $m_u$  and  $G_{u,\ell}$  are coprime, the following equality holds:*

$$v = \frac{G_{u,v \circ \ell}(u)}{G_{u,\ell}(u)} \quad \text{in } A_{\text{red}}.$$

This proposition requires a few comments:

- If the condition on the degree of  $m_u$  is not satisfied, then the conclusion may become false for a generic linear form. Consider again  $A = \mathbb{Q}[X_1, X_2]/(X_1^2, X_2^2)$  with basis  $(1, x_1, x_2, x_1x_2)$ ,  $u = x_1$ ,  $v = x_2$ , and let  $\ell_1, \ell_{x_1}, \ell_{x_2}, \ell_{x_1x_2}$  be the coordinates of  $\ell$  on the dual basis. A short calculation shows that

$$m_u = U^2, \quad R(x_1, \ell) = \frac{\ell_1 U + \ell_{x_1}}{U^2}, \quad R(x_1, x_2 \circ \ell) = \frac{\ell_{x_2} U + \ell_{x_1 x_2}}{U^2};$$

so our formula would wrongly give the value  $\ell_{x_1 x_2}/\ell_{x_2}$  for  $x_2$  instead of 0.

- In [44, Theorem 3.1], a similar result is proved for a particular linear form, the trace, which associates to any element  $v$  in  $A$  the trace of the multiplication map by  $v$ . For this particular form, the hypothesis on the degree of  $m_u$  is not required.
- If  $\mathcal{I}$  is a radical ideal, a direct proof of Proposition 3 is the following: since  $k$  is a perfect field, the trace form generates  $\hat{A}$  as a  $A$ -module [4, 46]. The conclusion follows from the previous remark.

We defer the somewhat lengthy proof of Proposition 3 to the last section.

We now present the algorithm obtained by a straightforward application of the formulæ above with  $v = x_j$ , for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . To this effect, we suppose that polynomials  $m_u$  and  $G_{u,\ell}$  are known;  $u$  is a separating element for  $\mathcal{I}$ , of generic degree and  $\ell$  is a linear form such that  $G_{u,\ell}$  and  $m_u$  are coprime. To justify the algorithm below, we note that the polynomial  $G_{u,x_j \circ \ell}$  is defined as  $m_u \sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{(x_j \circ \ell)(u^i)}{U^{i+1}}$ , thus it can be obtained as the quotient of  $m_u \sum_{i=0}^{\delta_u} (x_j \circ \ell)(u^i) U^{\delta_u - i}$  by  $U^{\delta_u}$ , where  $\delta_u$  is the degree of  $m_u$ .

#### Computing the parametrizations

**Input:**  $u$  in  $A$ ,  $\ell$  in  $\hat{A}$ ,  $m_u$  and  $G_{u,\ell}$  in  $k[U]$ .

**Output:** a parametrization of the algebraic variables.

**for**  $j$  in  $1, \dots, n$  **do**

$c^{(j)} \leftarrow [(x_j \circ \ell)(1), (x_j \circ \ell)(u), \dots, (x_j \circ \ell)(u^{\delta_u})];$

$C_j \leftarrow \sum_{i=0}^{\delta_u} c_i^{(j)} U^{\delta_u - i};$

$G_{u,x_j \circ \ell} \leftarrow m_u \cdot C_j \operatorname{div} U^{\delta_u};$

**return**  $[\frac{G_{u,x_1 \circ \ell}}{G_{u,\ell}}, \dots, \frac{G_{u,x_n \circ \ell}}{G_{u,\ell}}];$

**Proposition 4.** *Besides the evaluation of the sequences*

$$[(x_j \circ \ell)(1), (x_j \circ \ell)(u), \dots, (x_j \circ \ell)(u^{\delta_u})], \quad j \in \{1, \dots, n\},$$

*the previous algorithm requires  $O(nD^2)$  additional operations in  $k$ . Under the hypotheses of Proposition 3, the output is a parametrization of the points in  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$ .*

Indeed, the multiplication has complexity at most quadratic in the degree  $\delta_u \leq D$ . Fast algorithms would yield a result linear in  $D$ , up to logarithmic factors, but the bottleneck is the computation of the sequences  $[(x_j \circ \ell)(1), (x_j \circ \ell)(u), \dots, (x_j \circ \ell)(u^{\delta_u})]$ . The last assertion is a restatement of the conclusion of Proposition 3.

**3.3. Complexity estimates of a naive version.** To put the algorithms of the previous subsections to practice, we must specify the operations in  $A$ . In this subsection, we assume that the *matrices of multiplication* by  $u$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are known and prove the first parts of Theorems 1 and 2.



The algorithm for a minimal polynomial is given in Subsection 3.1. The main task lies in computing the values

$$[\ell(1), \ell(u), \dots, \ell(u^{2^\delta-1})],$$

$\delta$  being an *a priori* bound on the degree of  $m_u$  and  $\ell$  a linear form on  $A$ . To compute the parametrizations corresponding to a separating element  $u$ , we first compute its minimal polynomial as above, then evaluate

$$[(x_j \circ \ell)(1), (x_j \circ \ell)(u), \dots, (x_j \circ \ell)(u^{\delta_u})], \quad j = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $\delta_u \leq \delta$  is the degree of the minimal polynomial of  $u$ .

The other necessary operations and their complexity are given in Propositions 2 and 4. We just need to detail the cost of the successive evaluations of respectively  $\ell$  and  $x_1 \circ \ell, \dots, x_n \circ \ell$ . For the moment, we follow a direct approach. All powers of  $u$  are computed, then the linear forms are evaluated on all of them. A more refined method is introduced in the next section.

- Using its multiplication matrix, one multiplication by  $u$  has cost  $O(D^2)$  operations in  $k$ . Consequently, all the requested powers of  $u$  can be computed within  $O(\delta D^2)$  operations in  $k$ .
- Given the linear form  $\ell$ , each linear form  $x_j \circ \ell$  can be computed using Lemma 1 since the matrix of multiplication by  $x_j$  is known. The total cost is thus within  $O(nD^2)$  operations in  $k$ .
- The evaluation of a single linear form takes  $O(D)$  operations in  $k$ . Evaluating all the linear forms on the powers of  $u$  requires respectively  $O(\delta D)$  or  $O(n\delta_u D)$  operations in  $k$ .

This gives respectively  $O(\delta D^2)$  operations in  $k$  for the minimal polynomial, and  $O(\delta D^2 + nD^2)$  for the parametrizations. The additional costs are given in Propositions 2 and 4. The sums fit into the complexity bounds  $O(\delta D^2)$  and  $O(\delta D^2 + nD^2)$ . This concludes the complexity analysis.

Propositions 2 and 4 show that the output is correct whenever the polynomials  $G_{u,\ell}$  and  $m_u$  are coprime. The last point in Proposition 1 shows that this is the case if and only if the coefficients of  $\ell$  on the dual basis cancel a non-zero polynomial  $r_u$  of degree at most  $\delta_u$ . Zippel-Schwartz's lemma [55, 49] concludes the probability analysis.

#### 4. SPEEDING UP THE POWER PROJECTION

The algorithms presented in the previous section share the same basic subroutine: the evaluation of a linear form on the successive powers of an element in  $A$ . Their complexity fundamentally relies on the cost of this particular operation, called *power projection*.

**Power Projection Problem.** *Let  $u$  be in  $A$ ,  $\ell$  in  $\widehat{A}$  and  $N > 0$ . Compute the sequence  $[\ell(1), \ell(u), \dots, \ell(u^{N-1})]$ .*

The naive solution to this question used in the previous section requires to evaluate all the powers of  $u$ . In this section, we present a result given by Shoup in the univariate case [51, 50], which shows how to avoid the computations of all those powers, by a “transposition” of Paterson and Stockmeyer’s fast evaluation algorithm. This brings a speed-up of order  $\sqrt{N}$  over the naive version.

This approach requires other operations than mere multiplications by  $u$  or  $x_i$ . Thus, we first state the complexity results in terms of the cost of product and

transposed product in  $A$ , denoted respectively by  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{M}^t(A)$ . Next, we put these ideas to practice. For the time being, our effective version of the transposed product requires the whole multiplication table of the algebra  $A$ .

**4.1. Baby step / giant step techniques.** It is noted in [51, 50, 24] that the power projection problem itself is a transposition of the question of polynomial evaluation in  $A$ :

**Polynomial Evaluation Problem.** *Let  $p$  be a polynomial in  $k[T]$  of degree  $N-1$ , and  $u$  in  $A$ . Compute  $p(u)$ .*

For both questions, the point is to avoid the computation of *all* powers  $u^i$ , which leads to a complexity of  $O(N\mathcal{M}(A))$  operations in  $k$ . In [42], Paterson and Stockmeyer propose an algorithm for the polynomial evaluation problem (see also [10]) which saves a factor  $\sqrt{N}$  using a baby step / giant step technique.

The idea underlying this process also applies to the power projection problem and yields the following algorithm, initially presented in [51] for the case  $A = k[X]/(f)$ . As in Paterson and Stockmeyer's, this algorithm takes as input two parameters  $k$  and  $k'$ , which must satisfy  $kk' \geq N$ .

**Power projection**

**Input:**  $u$  in  $A$ ,  $\ell$  in  $\widehat{A}$ ,  $N$ ,  $k$ ,  $k'$ .  
**Output:** the sequence  $[\ell(1), \ell(u), \dots, \ell(u^{N-1})]$ .  
 $u_i \leftarrow u^i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, k$   
**for**  $i \leftarrow 0, \dots, k' - 1$  **do**  
     $c_{ik+j} \leftarrow \ell(u_j)$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, k - 1$   
     $\ell \leftarrow u_k \circ \ell$   
**return**  $[c_0, \dots, c_{N-1}]$ ;

We encapsulate the complexity of this algorithm in the following proposition. A similar result is presented in [50].

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $u$  be in  $A$ ,  $\ell$  in  $\widehat{A}$  and let  $N$  be a positive integer. The sequence  $[\ell(1), \ell(u), \dots, \ell(u^{N-1})]$  can be computed within  $O(N^{1/2}(\mathcal{M}(A) + \mathcal{M}^t(A)) + ND)$  operations in  $k$ .*

*Proof.* We take  $k$  and  $k'$  of the same magnitude, that is

$$k = \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor, \quad k' = \lceil N/k \rceil,$$

where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  and  $\lceil x \rceil$  respectively denote the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ , and the first integer larger than or equal to  $x$ .

The precomputation of the first  $k$  powers of  $u$  requires  $O(N^{1/2})$  multiplications in  $A$ . Each of the  $k'$  passes through the **for** loop requires the evaluation of  $k$  linear forms, plus a transposed multiplication. Since  $kk' = O(N)$ , the overall cost is thus  $O(ND)$  operations for the evaluation of the linear forms and  $O(N^{1/2})$  transposed multiplications. This proves the proposition.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $D$  be the dimension of  $A$  as a  $k$ -vector space, and let  $u$  be in  $A$ . Let  $\delta$  be a bound on the degree of the minimal polynomial of  $u$ . Then:*

- *The minimal polynomial of  $u$  can be computed by a probabilistic algorithm in  $O(\delta^{1/2}(\mathcal{M}(A) + \mathcal{M}^t(A)) + \delta D)$  operations in  $k$ .*

- If  $u$  is a separating element of  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$  such that the hypothesis of Subsection 3.2 is satisfied, a parametrization of the algebraic variables can be computed in

$$O\left(n\delta^{1/2}(\mathcal{M}(A) + \mathcal{M}^t(A)) + nD^2\right)$$

operations in  $k$ .

In both cases, the algorithm chooses  $D$  values in  $k$ . If these values are chosen in a finite subset  $\Gamma$  of  $k$ , all choices except at most  $\delta|\Gamma|^{D-1}$  assure success.

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Subsection 3.3, the difference lies in the complexity analysis of the power projection. Proposition 5 brings the result, taking respectively  $N = 2\delta$  for the minimal polynomial computation, and  $N = \delta_u \leq \delta$  for the parametrizations.  $\square$

Using the transposition principle, these complexity results could be rewritten in terms of  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  only, but this explicit version reflects the underlying algorithm more closely.

**4.2. Complexity estimates for the second approach.** To put such algorithms to practice, we need an effective version of the transposed product. To this effect we suppose that the structure of the algebra  $A$  is given by a monomial basis *and* the corresponding multiplication tensor. This makes it possible to estimate the cost of the product and transposed product, which will conclude the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2.

More precisely, in the following paragraphs, we show that the costs of multiplication and transposed multiplication, denoted by  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{M}^t(A)$  up to now, are in  $O(2^n D^2)$  operations in  $k$ . With these results, the complexity estimates of Corollary 1 become respectively  $O(2^n \delta^{1/2} D^2)$  and  $O(n 2^n \delta^{1/2} D^2)$  operations in  $k$ , which concludes the proof of Theorems 1 and 2.

*A note on Rouillier's algorithm.* The input is now the same as that of [44]. Yet, Rouillier's algorithm uses a particular linear form, the trace. In the present context, computing the trace is straightforward, since we have precomputed the whole multiplication table. Thus, we can apply our baby step/giant step techniques to speed up the deterministic algorithm of [44]. Still, using random linear forms has its benefits. For instance, we may choose forms with many coefficients equal to zero.

To prove the estimates on the complexity of the operations in  $A$  and  $\widehat{A}$ , we recall and introduce some notation.

- We call  $\Omega = \{\omega_i\}_{i=1,\dots,D}$  the monomial basis of  $A$ , and  $E \subset \mathbb{N}^n$  the corresponding set of exponents, so that  $\Omega = x^E$ . We denote by  $\Omega \cdot \Omega$  the set of products  $\{\omega_i \omega_j \mid \omega_i \in \Omega, \omega_j \in \Omega\}$ . The corresponding set of exponents is denoted by  $2E$ , and is the Minkowski sum  $E + E \subset \mathbb{N}^n$ . Its cardinality is bounded by  $2^n |E| = 2^n D$ .
- We assume that the sets  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega \cdot \Omega$  are ordered; the elements of  $A$  will be given by their coefficients on the basis  $\Omega$ . The multiplication tensor in  $A$  is given by a  $|E| \times |2E|$  matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ , with rows indexed by the elements in  $\Omega$  and columns indexed by the elements of  $\Omega \cdot \Omega$ . The columns of  $\mathbf{M}$  give the coordinates of the element in  $\Omega \cdot \Omega$  on the basis  $\Omega$ .

Introducing the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is a convenient way to describe the operations in  $A$  and  $\widehat{A}$  and bound their complexity.

*Multiplication in the quotient.* We first give the cost of the multiplication in  $A$ . This operation is done in a straightforward manner. Two elements  $u$  and  $v$  in  $A$  are multiplied as polynomials in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , then reduced using the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ .

In the algorithm below,  $u$  and  $v$  are given by the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  of their coefficients on the basis  $\Omega$ . Given a vector  $\mathbf{u}$  of size  $D$  and a monomial  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$ ,  $\mathbf{u}[\omega]$  denotes the entry of  $\mathbf{u}$  corresponding to  $\omega$ . The function  $\mathbf{Coefficients}(W, \Omega \cdot \Omega)$  returns the vector of the coefficients of  $W$  on the monomial family  $\Omega \cdot \Omega$ .

**Multiplication in the quotient**

**Input:** the coefficients of  $u, v$  in  $A$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ .  
**Output:** the coefficients of the product  $uv$  in  $A$ .  
 $U \leftarrow \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \mathbf{u}[\omega]\omega$ ;  
 $V \leftarrow \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \mathbf{v}[\omega]\omega$ ;  
 $R \leftarrow UV$ ; # the multiplication is done in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$   
 $\mathbf{c}_W \leftarrow \mathbf{Coefficients}(W, \Omega \cdot \Omega)$ ;  
**return**  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{c}_W$ ;

Given  $u$  and  $v$  in  $A$ , the previous algorithm computes the product  $uv$  in  $A$  within  $O(2^n D^2)$  operations in  $k$ . Indeed, the naive multiplication of two polynomials with support in  $E$  requires  $O(D^2)$  operations. The reduction of the product is done by the matrix-vector product, which requires  $|E||2E| \leq 2^n |E|^2 = 2^n D^2$  operations in  $k$ .

*Transposed multiplication.* Our effective version of the transposed product was described at the end of Section 2. There, we reduced the transposed multiplication  $u \circ \ell$  to two steps. First computing  $S(\ell, 2E)$ , that is, the values of  $\ell$  on the elements of  $\Omega \cdot \Omega$ , then performing a multivariate series multiplication and extracting the required coefficients.

For any  $\eta$  in  $\Omega \cdot \Omega$ , the value  $\ell(\eta)$  is the product between the row  $\mathbf{c}_\ell$  of the coefficients of  $\ell$  on the dual basis and the column of the coefficients of  $\eta$  on the basis  $\Omega$ . In other words, the coefficients of  $S(\ell, 2E)$  are the entries of the product  $\mathbf{c}_\ell \mathbf{M}$ .

This property yields the following algorithm for the transposed product. The linear form  $\ell$  is given as the row-vector  $\mathbf{c}_\ell$  of its coefficients on the dual basis. The other notation was introduced above.

**Transposed multiplication in the quotient**

**Input:**  $u$  in  $A$ ,  $\ell$  in  $\widehat{A}$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ .  
**Output:**  $u \circ \ell$  in  $\widehat{A}$ .  
 $\mathbf{d}_\ell \leftarrow \mathbf{c}_\ell \mathbf{M}$ ;  
 $S \leftarrow \sum_{\eta \in \Omega \cdot \Omega} \mathbf{d}_\ell[\eta] X^\eta$ ;  
 $T \leftarrow u(1/X_1, \dots, 1/X_n) \cdot S$ ;  
**return**  $\mathbf{Coefficients}(T, \Omega)$ ;

Given  $u$  in  $A$  and  $\ell$  in  $\widehat{A}$ , the previous algorithm computes the transposed product  $u \circ \ell$  within  $O(2^n D^2)$  operations in  $k$ . Indeed, the matrix-vector product requires  $|E||2E| \leq 2^n D^2$  operations in  $k$ . Using a naive series multiplication routine, the Laurent series product also requires  $2^n D^2$  operations in  $k$ .

## 5. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

System	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Variables	3	4	6	7	3	3	4	4
Max. Degree	12	12	6	7	12	12	6	6
Solutions	30	192	156	962	1728	1728	1296	1296
Gröbner basis	1	4	4.5	309	0.2	0.2	6.2	170
Reconstruction	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	4	6	7	8

Algorithms of Section 3.3:

Mult. Matrices	0.1	2	1	6	3	4	5	30
Power Projection	0.4	3.6	3	57	695	763	700	1120
Total	0.5	4.6	4	63	698	767	705	1250

Algorithms of Section 4.2:

Mult. Table	0.2	2.5	1.5	80	24	54	403	1330
Power Projection	0.3	2.1	2.2	20	164	250	290	370
Total	0.5	4.6	3.7	100	188	304	693	1700

FIGURE 1. Experimental Data; times are given in seconds

The algorithms underlying Theorems 1 and 2 have been implemented in the Magma computer algebra system [9]. In this section, we compare the methods presented respectively in Subsections 3.3 and 4.2, for the computation of a parametrization of the solutions of a polynomial system. Recall that the two methods differ by their input, respectively some multiplication matrices or the whole multiplication table, and by the computation of the power projection.

Since our complexity estimates are stated in terms of operations in the base field, we insist on computations on a finite field, where such operations have almost constant cost. Our base field is thus  $\text{GF}(9001)$ .

The systems we have chosen are presented in Figure 1. All of them are complete intersection zero-dimensional systems. Systems 1 and 2 were proposed by S. Mallat for the design of foveal wavelets [31]. Systems 3 and 4 are the Cyclic [7] for  $n = 6$  and  $n = 7$ . Systems 5 and 6 are sparse systems, with about 10 monomials of degree at most 4 per equation, and a single higher-degree monomial. Systems 7 and 8 are obtained by applying a linear change of variables on the previous systems.

- The first lines indicate the number of variables and the maximum degree of the input equations, then the dimension of the quotient algebra, that is the number of solutions counted with multiplicities.
- For all systems, the separating element is a randomly chosen linear combination of the variables, and the linear form has only 5 non-zero coefficients on the dual basis. In all cases, we find a minimal polynomial of degree the dimension of the quotient, so the output is correct.

- A basis for the quotient algebra is first computed using Magma’s `GroebnerBasis` function for a Graded Reverse Lexicographical order. Its computation time is given in the line labelled “Gröbner Basis”. The line labelled “Reconstruction” gives the time necessary to perform all reconstruction operations, that is, Berlekamp Massey’s algorithm and univariate polynomial multiplications. Their cost is detailed in Propositions 2 and 4, and is the same for both approaches.
- The computation times are next given for both approaches. For the algorithm of Section 3.3, this includes the computation of some multiplication matrices (using Magma’s `RepresentationMatrix` function), then the naive version of the power projection. For the algorithm of Section 4.2, this includes the computation of the whole multiplication table, which enables a faster version of the power projection.

As was to be expected, the baby steps/giant steps techniques bring a consequent speed up over the naive version of the power projection. On another hand, the precomputation of the whole multiplication table obviously affects this speed-up.

The Sparse systems (columns 5 and 6) were chosen such that the Gröbner basis and the multiplication table were fast to compute. The advantage of using baby step/giant step techniques appears clearly for such examples.

We also implemented Rouillier’s algorithm [44] in Magma, since it shares many subroutines with our algorithms. This algorithm first computes the whole multiplication table, then computes the power projection using the slower technique. Consequently both our approaches are faster.

## 6. PROOF OF PROPOSITION 3

In this section, we prove Proposition 3. The data is a separating element  $u$  and a linear form  $\ell$ . The assumptions are:

1. the characteristic of  $k$  is zero or greater than  $\min\{s, \sqrt{\mathcal{I}} \subset \mathcal{I}\}$ ;
2. the degree of the minimal polynomial of  $u$  is the degree of the minimal polynomial of a generic element in  $A = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\mathcal{I}$ ;
3.  $\ell$  and  $u$  are such that

$$R(u, \ell) := \sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{\ell(u^i)}{U^{i+1}} = \frac{G_{u, \ell}}{m_u},$$

with  $G_{u, \ell}$  and  $m_u$  coprime (the definitions of the series  $R$  and the polynomial  $G_{u, \ell}$  are given in Section 2).

Note that if  $\mathcal{I}$  is a radical ideal, then the first two assumptions are satisfied as soon as  $u$  is a separating element. The ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is radical if  $\sqrt{\mathcal{I}} \subset \mathcal{I}$ . More generally, the number  $\min\{s, \sqrt{\mathcal{I}} \subset \mathcal{I}\}$  is called the *exponent* of  $\mathcal{I}$ .

Our goal is to show that for every  $v$  in  $A$  and for every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$ ,

$$\left( \frac{G_{u, v \circ \ell}}{G_{u, \ell}} \right) (u(\alpha)) = v(\alpha).$$

The proof is divided into three main steps. First we express the degree of  $m_u$  as the sums of the exponents of the primary components of  $\mathcal{I}$ . Then we rewrite the series  $R(u, v \circ \ell)$  using a description of  $\hat{A}$  by differential conditions on the local factors of  $\mathcal{I}$ . Finally, our knowledge of the degree of  $m_u$  will make it possible to read off the required result on the new expression of  $R(u, v \circ \ell)$ .

**6.1. Generic elements and their minimal polynomials.** Given the  $k$ -algebra  $A = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\mathcal{I}$  and its basis  $\Omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_D)$ , we define a *generic element* in  $A$  as  $T := \sum_{i=1}^D T_i \omega_i \in A \otimes_k k(T_1, \dots, T_D)$ . We denote by  $m_\Omega$  the minimal polynomial of  $T$ . This polynomial depends on the choice of the basis  $\Omega$ , but its degree depends only on  $A$ . We will denote this degree by  $\delta(A)$ . The numbers  $\delta(A_\alpha)$  will be used in the next paragraph, for some algebras  $A_\alpha$  to be introduced. They are defined in the same manner.

From now on, we suppose that  $k$  is algebraically closed. Our assumptions still hold over  $\bar{k}$ :

1. the minimal polynomial of  $u$  as an element of  $A$  over  $k$  coincides with its minimal polynomial as an element of  $A \otimes_k \bar{k}$  over  $\bar{k}$ ;
2. the degree of the minimal polynomial of a generic element in  $A$  is the same as in  $A \otimes_k \bar{k}$ ;
3. since  $k$  is perfect, the exponent of  $\mathcal{I} \cdot \bar{k}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  equals that of  $\mathcal{I}$ .

Supposing that  $k$  is algebraically closed yields the proof of the following lemma. The result applies for any affine algebra, and will be used for the algebras  $A_\alpha$  introduced in the next paragraph.

**Lemma 2.** *For every  $t$  in  $A$ ,  $\deg m_t \leq \delta(A)$ , and there exists  $t$  in  $A$  such that  $\deg m_t = \delta(A)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $B$  be  $A \otimes_k k(T_1, \dots, T_D)$  and let  $T$  be  $\sum_{i=1}^D T_i \omega_i$ . The  $k$ -basis  $\Omega$  of  $A$  is also a  $k(T_1, \dots, T_D)$ -basis of  $B$ . We define  $\mathbf{M}_T$  as the matrix of multiplication by  $T$  in this basis; then  $m_\Omega(\mathbf{M}_T) = 0$ .

Let  $t$  be in  $A$ ;  $t$  can be written  $\sum_{i=1}^D t_i \omega_i$ . Both  $\mathbf{M}_T$  and  $m_\Omega$  have their coefficients in  $k[T_1, \dots, T_D]$ , so the equality  $m_\Omega(\mathbf{M}_T) = 0$  can be specialized at  $(t_1, \dots, t_D)$ . The matrix  $\mathbf{M}_T$  specializes into the multiplication matrix of  $t$  in  $A$ , which shows that  $\deg m_t \leq \deg m_\Omega$ .

Consider now the matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{D-1}$  with columns the coefficients of  $T^0, \dots, T^{D-1}$  on the basis  $\Omega$ . The matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{D-1}$  has entries that are polynomial in  $(T_1, \dots, T_D)$ , and has maximal rank, so admits a  $D \times D$  submatrix with non-zero determinant  $\mathcal{D} \in k[T_1, \dots, T_D]$ .

Since  $k$  is algebraically closed, there exists a  $D$ -tuple  $(t_1, \dots, t_D)$  which does not cancel  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then the first  $D-1$  powers of  $t = \sum_{i=1}^D t_i \omega_i$  are independent over  $k$ , so the minimal polynomial of  $t$  has degree  $\deg m_\Omega$ .  $\square$

**6.2. Generic degrees and local factors.** Since  $k$  is algebraically closed, each zero  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{I}$  is in  $k^n$ . Moreover, if we let  $\mathfrak{m}_\alpha \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  be the maximal ideal at  $\alpha$ , then the primary decomposition of the zero-dimensional ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  has the form:

$$\mathcal{I} = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})} \mathcal{I}_\alpha,$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha$  is a  $\mathfrak{m}_\alpha$ -primary ideal. We write  $A_\alpha$  for the local algebra  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\mathcal{I}_\alpha$  and denote by  $N_\alpha$  the exponent of  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha$ , that is the minimal  $s$  such that  $\mathfrak{m}_\alpha^s \subset \mathcal{I}_\alpha$ . This is also the nil-index of the local algebra  $A_\alpha$ .

We now prove that  $\deg m_u = \sum_\alpha N_\alpha$ . The proof is divided in three lemmas.

**Lemma 3.** *The following holds:  $\delta(A) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})} \delta(A_\alpha)$ .*

*Proof.* By the Chinese Remainder Theorem,  $A$  is isomorphic to the product ring  $\prod_\alpha A_\alpha$ . Let  $t \in A$  be such that  $\deg m_t = \delta(A)$ . We denote by  $t_\alpha$  its images in the

$A_\alpha$ . The minimal polynomial of  $t$  equals the least common multiple of the minimal polynomials  $m_{t_\alpha}$ . This shows that  $\delta(A) \leq \sum_\alpha \deg m_{t_\alpha} \leq \sum_\alpha \delta(A_\alpha)$ .

Conversely, for each  $\alpha$  in  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$ , we choose  $t_\alpha$  in  $A_\alpha$  such that the degree of the minimal polynomial of  $t_\alpha$  is  $\delta(A_\alpha)$ . Up to adding well-chosen constants to the  $t_\alpha$ , we can assure that their minimal polynomials are pairwise coprime. Let  $t \in A$  be such that its images in the local algebras  $A_\alpha$  are the elements  $t_\alpha$ . Then the minimal polynomial of  $t$  is the product  $\prod_\alpha m_{t_\alpha}$ , so its degree is  $\sum_\alpha \delta(A_\alpha)$ . This shows that  $\sum_\alpha \delta(A_\alpha) \leq \delta(A)$ .  $\square$

We next relate the degree  $\delta(A_\alpha)$  to the exponents  $N_\alpha$ . To this effect, we suppose without loss of generality that each  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha$  is  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ -primary.

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be a  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ -primary ideal of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , let  $N_{\mathcal{J}}$  be the exponent of  $\mathcal{J}$  and let  $A_{\mathcal{J}}$  be  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\mathcal{J}$ . If the characteristic of  $k$  is zero or greater than  $N_{\mathcal{J}} - 1$  then  $\delta(A_{\mathcal{J}}) = N_{\mathcal{J}}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $D_{\mathcal{J}}$  be the dimension of  $A_{\mathcal{J}}$  and  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{D_{\mathcal{J}}}$  be a monomial basis of  $A_{\mathcal{J}}$ . We suppose that  $\omega_1 = 1$ . Let  $t := \sum_{i=1}^{D_{\mathcal{J}}} t_i \beta_i$  be such that  $\deg m_t = \delta(A_{\mathcal{J}})$ . Then  $t - t_1 \beta_1$  is in  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , so  $(t - t_1 \beta_1)^{N_{\mathcal{J}}} = 0$ . This shows that the degree of the minimal polynomial of  $t$  is at most  $N_{\mathcal{J}}$ , i.e.  $\delta(A_{\mathcal{J}}) \leq N_{\mathcal{J}}$ .

By assumption, there exists a monomial  $M$  of degree  $N_{\mathcal{J}} - 1$  not in  $\mathcal{J}$ . Without loss of generality,  $M$  can be written  $\prod_{i=1}^d X_i^{\alpha_i}$ . We let  $t$  be  $\sum_{i=1}^d X_i$ . The coefficient of  $M$  in  $t^{N_{\mathcal{J}} - 1}$  is

$$\frac{(N_{\mathcal{J}} - 1)!}{\alpha_1! \cdots \alpha_d!},$$

which is well-defined and non-zero since the characteristic of  $k$  is either zero or greater than  $N_{\mathcal{J}} - 1$ . Consequently,  $t^{N_{\mathcal{J}} - 1}$  is not zero, so the minimal polynomial of  $t$  is  $T^{N_{\mathcal{J}}}$ . This shows that  $N_{\mathcal{J}} \leq \delta(A_{\mathcal{J}})$ , which concludes the proof.  $\square$

To apply this result to each local factor, we need to ensure that the characteristic of  $k$  is indeed greater than the exponents of the local factors. This is the objective of the next lemma.

**Lemma 5.** *The exponent of  $\mathcal{I}$  equals  $\max_{\alpha \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})} N_\alpha$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be the exponent of  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $N$  be  $\max_{\alpha \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})} N_\alpha$ . Then  $\sqrt{\mathcal{I}}^N$  is  $\prod_\alpha \mathfrak{m}_\alpha^N$ , which is contained in  $\prod_\alpha \mathcal{I}_\alpha = \mathcal{I}$ , so  $S \leq N$ . Conversely, for any  $\alpha$  in  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$ , we have

$$\mathcal{I}_\alpha + \prod_{\alpha' \neq \alpha} \mathfrak{m}_{\alpha'}^S = (1),$$

Multiplying both sides by  $\mathfrak{m}_\alpha^S$  yields

$$\mathfrak{m}_\alpha^S \mathcal{I}_\alpha + \prod_{\alpha' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})} \mathfrak{m}_{\alpha'}^S = \mathfrak{m}_\alpha^S.$$

Now  $S$  is such that  $\sqrt{\mathcal{I}}^S \subset \mathcal{I}$ , so  $\prod_{\alpha' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})} \mathfrak{m}_{\alpha'}^S \subset \mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{I}_\alpha$ . The previous equality then shows that  $\mathfrak{m}_\alpha^S \subset \mathcal{I}_\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha$ , whence  $S \geq N$ .  $\square$

Consequently, under assumption 1, we can apply Lemma 4 on each local factor  $A_\alpha$ . Together with Lemma 3, this shows that  $\delta(A) = \sum_\alpha \delta(A_\alpha) = \sum_\alpha N_\alpha$ .

Since by assumption 2, the separating element  $u$  is such that  $\deg m_u = \delta(A)$ , then  $\deg m_u = \sum_\alpha N_\alpha$ . As a consequence,  $m_u = \prod (U - u(\alpha))^{N_\alpha}$ . This will be crucial for the conclusion of the proof.



**6.3. Higher order derivations.** We now recall the notion of high order derivation over an algebra, introduced in [41, 39].

Let  $k$  be an arbitrary field and  $R$  be a  $k$ -algebra. A  $k$ -linear map  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called a  $k$ -derivation of order 1 if  $d(xy) = xd(y) + yd(x)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R$ . High order derivations are defined recursively. A  $k$ -linear map  $d : R \rightarrow R$  is called a  $k$ -derivation of order  $N > 1$  if the map  $[d, x] : y \rightarrow d(xy) - xd(y) - yd(x)$  is a  $k$ -derivation of order  $N - 1$  for all  $x \in R$ . For  $N \geq 1$ , we write  $\text{Der}_k^N(R)$  for the set of all  $k$ -derivations of order  $N$ , and we take  $\text{Der}_k^0(R) = k \cdot 1_R$ .

In the particular case  $R = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , the  $k$ -linear map  $\delta^v : R \rightarrow R$  defined on the monomial basis by:

$$\delta^v : X_1^{\mu_1} \dots X_n^{\mu_n} \mapsto \binom{\mu_1}{v_1} \dots \binom{\mu_n}{v_n} X_1^{\mu_1 - v_1} \dots X_n^{\mu_n - v_n}$$

is a  $k$ -derivation and its order equals  $|v| = v_1 + \dots + v_n$ . Moreover,  $\{\delta^v\}_{|v| \leq N}$  is a  $k$ -basis of  $\text{Der}_k^N(R)$ , see for example [39]. Remark that the binomial coefficient  $\binom{\beta}{\alpha}$  is defined over any field, for instance as the coefficient of  $Y^\alpha$  in  $(1 + Y)^\beta$ . The previous definition is valid over any field  $k$ . If  $k$  has characteristic zero, then we recover the well-known definition of differential operators:

$$\delta^v(P) = \frac{1}{v_1! \dots v_n!} \frac{\partial^{v_1 + \dots + v_n}(P)}{\partial X_1^{v_1} \dots \partial X_n^{v_n}}.$$

The following result will allow to make the link between the poles of the rational series  $R(u, \ell)$  and the order of a derivation.

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $R$  be a  $k$ -algebra, let  $u \in R$  and  $D$  a derivation of order  $N$ . Then there exist  $C_{D,u}$  in  $R[U]$  and, for every  $v \in R$ , a polynomial  $T_{D,u,v}$  in  $R[U]$  such that the following equality holds in  $R[[U^{-1}]]$ :*

$$\sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{D(vu^i)}{U^{i+1}} = \frac{vC_{D,u}}{(U-u)^{N+1}} + \frac{T_{D,u,v}}{(U-u)^N}.$$

The subscripts indicate dependency with respect to  $D$ ,  $u$  and possibly  $v$ .

*Proof.* The formula  $D(vu^i) = [D, v](u^i) + vD(u^i) + u^iD(v)$ , together with the fact that the order of  $[D, v]$  is less than the order of  $D$ , and the equality  $\sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{u^i}{U^{i+1}} = \frac{1}{U-u}$  show that it is enough to consider the case  $v = 1$ .

We proceed by induction on  $N$ . If  $D$  is derivation of order 1, then  $D(u^i) = iu^{i-1}D(u)$ , so

$$\sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{D(u^i)}{U^{i+1}} = D(u) \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{iu^{i-1}}{U^{i+1}} = \frac{D(u)}{(U-u)^2}$$

Since  $[D, v]$  has order less than  $D$ , and using  $D(u^i) = [D, u](u^{i-1}) + uD(u^{i-1}) + u^{i-1}D(u)$  and the induction hypothesis we obtain:

$$\sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{D(u^i)}{U^{i+1}} = \frac{1}{U-u} \sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{[D, u](u^i)}{U^{i+1}} + \frac{D(u)}{(U-u)^2}.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**6.4. Dual spaces and high order derivations.** We next exhibit the connection between high order derivations and dual spaces of quotient algebras. The idea to characterize primary ideals by differential conditions in characteristic zero is due to Gröbner [22]. Similar or more general treatment can be found in [32, 34, 8, 40], . . . For the sake of completeness, we gather the needed facts for an arbitrary ground field in the following lemma. We give a complete and short proof, inspired by that of [8].

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $\mathcal{J}$  a  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ -primary ideal of  $R = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and let  $N_{\mathcal{J}}$  be the exponent of  $\mathcal{J}$ . Then there exists a  $k$ -basis of the dual  $\widehat{R/\mathcal{J}}$  consisting of elements*

$$L_i : P + \mathcal{J} \mapsto (D_i P)(0),$$

where all  $D_i$ 's are in  $\text{Der}_k^{N_{\mathcal{J}}-1}(R)$ .

*Proof.* If  $|v| < N_{\mathcal{J}}$ , the map  $R \rightarrow k$ , given by  $P \rightarrow (\delta^v P)(0)$  factors to a  $k$ -linear map  $\delta_*^v : R/(X_1, \dots, X_n)^{N_{\mathcal{J}}} \rightarrow k$ . It is straightforward to verify that the induced maps  $\{\delta_*^v\}_{0 \leq |v| < N_{\mathcal{J}}}$  form the dual  $k$ -basis of the monomial basis  $\{x^\mu\}_{|\mu| < N_{\mathcal{J}}}$  of  $R/(X_1, \dots, X_n)^{N_{\mathcal{J}}}$ . As the dual of  $R/\mathcal{J}$  is a  $k$ -linear subspace of the dual of  $R/(X_1, \dots, X_n)^{N_{\mathcal{J}}}$ , it admits a  $k$ -basis whose elements are of the form  $L_i = \sum_{|v| < N_{\mathcal{J}}} b_v^{(i)} \delta_*^v$ . Taking  $D_i = \sum_{|v| < N_{\mathcal{J}}} b_v^{(i)} \delta^v$ , we see that  $D_i \in \text{Dar}_k^{N_{\mathcal{J}}-1}(R)$  and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**6.5. Conclusion.** The final step of the proof consists in rewriting the series  $R(u, v \circ \ell)$  so as to exhibit its dependence with respect to  $v$ .

Lemma 7 shows that for each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$  there exists a family of derivations  $\Delta^\alpha = \{D_j^\alpha\}_{j=1, \dots, \text{mult}(\alpha)}$  of order  $N_\alpha - 1$ , such that the functionals

$$L_j^\alpha : P + \mathcal{I}_\alpha \mapsto D_j^\alpha(P)(\alpha)$$

form a dual basis for the local factor  $A_\alpha$  of  $A$ , where  $\text{mult}(\alpha) = \dim_k(A_\alpha)$  is the arithmetical multiplicity of  $\alpha$ . In particular, the union  $\Delta := \cup_\alpha \Delta^\alpha$  forms a basis of  $\widehat{A}$ .

If  $D_j^\alpha$  is in  $\Delta^\alpha$ , then using Lemma 6 and evaluating at  $\alpha$ , we see that there exist  $c_{j,u}^\alpha$  in  $k$ , and, for every  $v \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , a polynomial  $t_{j,u,v}^\alpha$  in  $k[U]$  such that

$$(3) \quad R(u, v \circ L_j^\alpha) = \sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{D_j^\alpha(vu^i)(\alpha)}{U^{i+1}} = \frac{v(\alpha)c_{j,u}^\alpha}{(U - u(\alpha))^{N_\alpha}} + \frac{t_{j,u,v}^\alpha(U)}{(U - u(\alpha))^{N_\alpha-1}}$$

holds in  $k[[U^{-1}]]$ .

Let now  $\ell$  be in  $\widehat{A}$ . Using the linearity of  $R(u, v \circ \ell)$  with respect to  $\ell$ , we see that for every  $v$  the equality

$$R(u, v \circ \ell) = \sum_\alpha \frac{v(\alpha)c_{\ell,u}^\alpha}{(U - u(\alpha))^{N_\alpha}} + \sum_\alpha \frac{t_{\ell,u,v}^\alpha(U)}{(U - u(\alpha))^{N_\alpha-1}}$$

holds, where  $c_{\ell,u}^\alpha$  and  $t_{\ell,u,v}^\alpha(U)$  respectively belong to  $k$  and  $k[U]$ , and  $c_{\ell,u}^\alpha$  does not depend on  $v$ .

If one of the coefficients  $c_{\ell,u}^\alpha$  is zero, then for any  $v$ ,  $R(u, v \circ \ell)$  can be written with a denominator of degree less than  $\sum_\alpha N_\alpha$ , that is, of degree less than  $\deg m_u$ .

In particular,  $R(u, \ell)$  admits a denominator of degree less than  $\deg m_u$ . Since, by assumption 3,  $\ell$  is such that

$$R(u, \ell) = \frac{G_{u, \ell}}{m_u},$$

with  $G_{u, \ell}$  and  $m_u$  coprime, none of the coefficients  $c_{\ell, u}^\alpha$  is zero.

Let now  $Q_\alpha$  be the quotient of  $m_u$  by  $(U - u(\alpha))^{N_\alpha}$ . Then  $Q_\alpha$  takes a non-zero value on  $u(\alpha)$ , and vanishes on  $u(\alpha')$ , for all other zeros  $\alpha' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{I})$ . Thus there exists a polynomial  $V_{\ell, v} \in k[U]$  such that

$$G_{u, v \circ \ell} = m_u R(u, v \circ \ell) = \sum_{\alpha} v(\alpha) c_{\ell}^{\alpha} Q_{\alpha}(U) + V_{\ell, v}(U) \prod_{\alpha} (U - u(\alpha)),$$

so  $G_{u, v \circ \ell}(u(\alpha))$  is  $v(\alpha) c_{\ell}^{\alpha} Q_{\alpha}(u(\alpha))$ . Since  $c_{\ell}^{\alpha} Q_{\alpha}(u(\alpha))$  is not zero and is independent from  $v$ , this shows that  $\frac{G_{u, v \circ \ell}}{G_{u, \ell}}$  takes the value  $v(\alpha)$  at  $u(\alpha)$ . This proves the proposition.

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