

Gradient-like decoding of binary linear codes.

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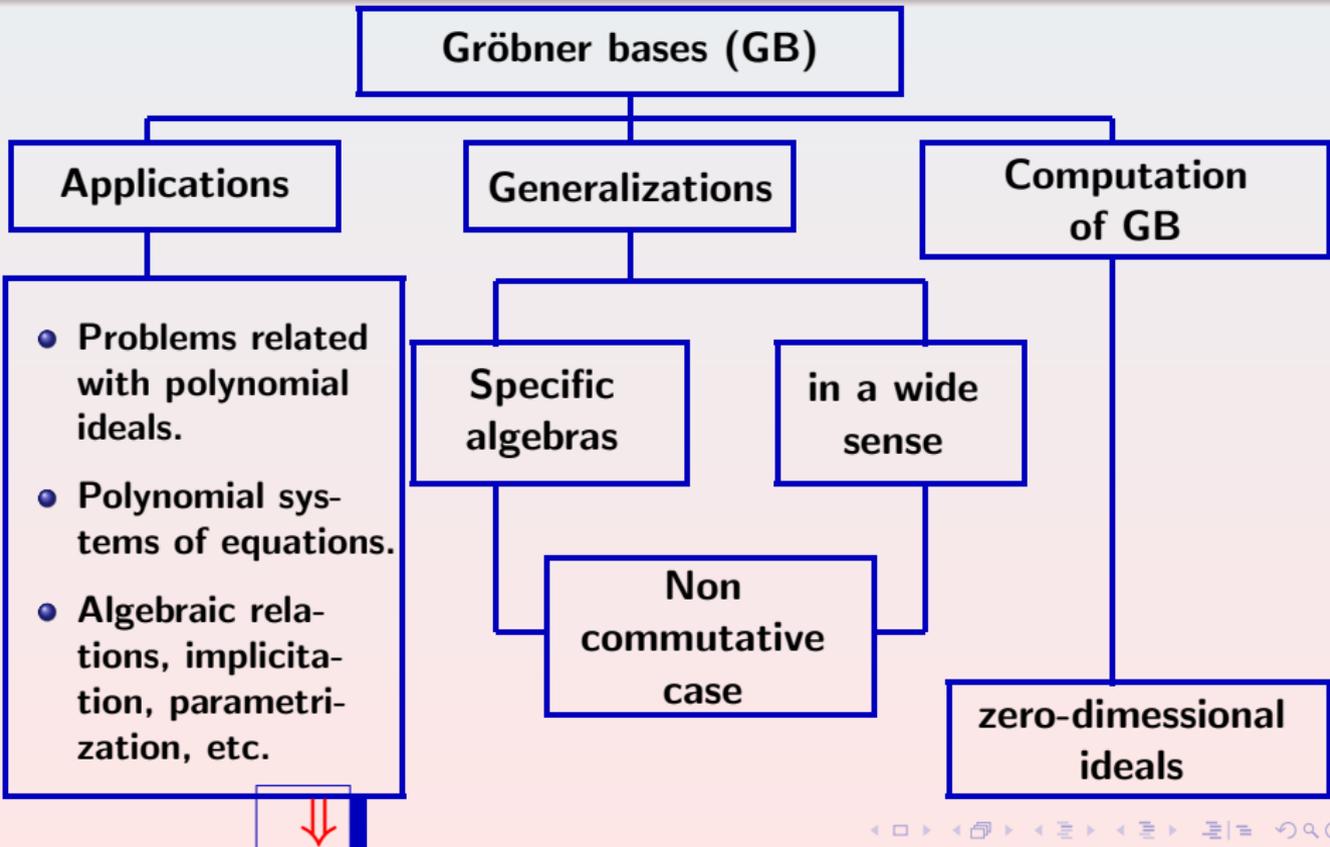
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Input: A set of polynomials F s.t.
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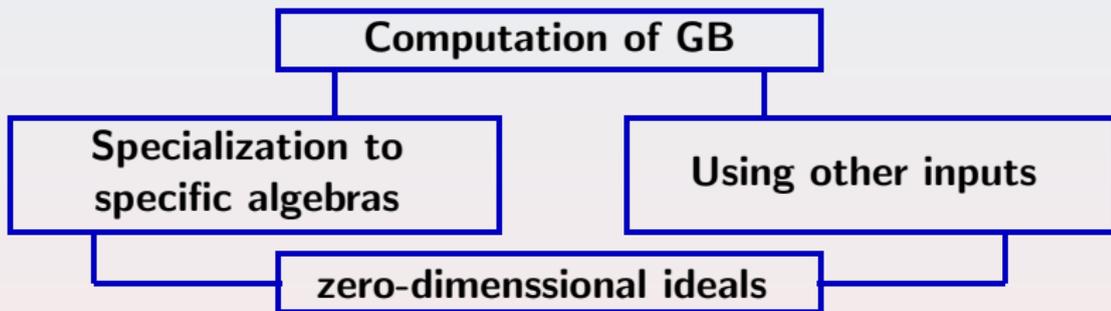
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▶ Ejemplo



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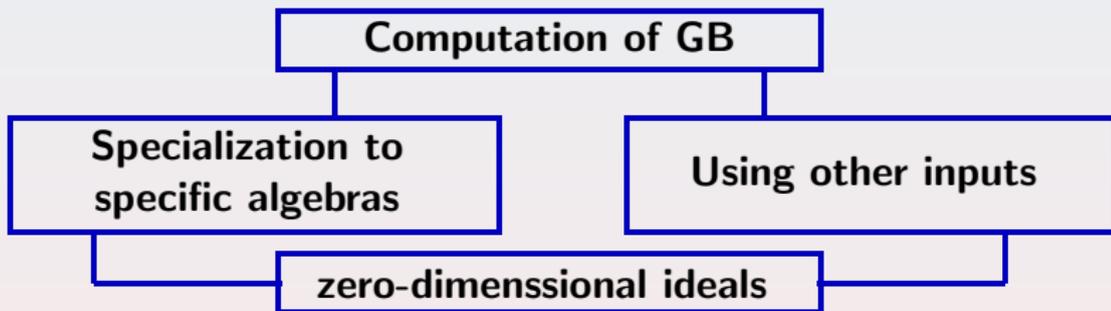


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Computing the reduced Gröbner basis

Let G_T be the reduced Gröbner basis of the ideal $I(\mathcal{C})$ with respect to $<$ (a total degree compatible ordering).

There are different algorithmic ways of computing G_T for this setting.

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