

Construction 0.1. Let $F \in k[x, y, z]_5$ be a generic homogeneous polynomial. By Hilbert's Theorem we know that there exists a unique 7-polyhedron $\{L_1, \dots, L_7\}$ for F . Following the idea of our proof we consider the third partial derivatives of F . These derivatives span a 5-plane $H_\partial \subseteq \mathbb{P}^9$ contained in the 6-plane $H_L = \langle L_1^3, \dots, L_7^3 \rangle$. Consider the projection from H_∂

$$\pi : \mathbb{P}^9 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^3.$$

If $V \subseteq \mathbb{P}^9$ is the Veronese variety then $\pi(V) = \bar{V} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3$ is a surface and hence given by a single equation $\bar{V} = (f = 0)$. By Hilbert's Theorem \bar{V} has a unique singular point of multiplicity 7, the point $P_L = \pi(H_L)$.

Now it is clear that $\langle P_L, H_\partial \rangle = H_L$ and it is easy to find the 7-polyhedron of F computing the intersection

$$V \cdot H_L = \{L_1^3, \dots, L_7^3\}.$$

We give an example of the previous construction in an easiest case. We take $F \in k[x, y]_3$, by Sylvester's Theorem we know that there is a unique 2-polyhedron of F . We compute this polyhedron in a completely analogous way.

Example 1. We consider the polynomial

$$F = x^3 + x^2y - xy^2 + y^3 \in k[x, y]_3$$

i.e. the point $[F] = [1 : 1 : -1 : 1] \in \mathbb{P}^3$. The projection from $[F]$ to the plane $(X = 0) \cong \mathbb{P}^2$ is given by

$$\pi : \mathbb{P}^3 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2, [X : Y : Z : W] \mapsto [Y - X : X + Z : W - X].$$

Using the following sequence of MacAulay2 we compute the projection $C = \pi(X)$ of the twisted cubic curve X .

Macaulay2, version 1.2

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i1 : P3 = QQ[X, Y, Z, W]
o1 = P3
o1 : PolynomialRing
i2 : P1 = QQ[s, t]
o2 = P1
o2 : PolynomialRing
i3 : TC = map(P1, P3, s^3, 3*s^2*t, 3*s*t^2, t^3)
o3 = map(P1, P3, s^3, 3s^2t, 3s*t^2, t^3)
o3 : RingMapP1 <--- P3
i4 : ITC = kernelTC
o4 = ideal(Z^2 - 3Y*W, Y*Z - 9X*W, Y^2 - 3X*Z)
o4 : IdealofP3
i5 : RTC = P3/ITC
o5 = RTC
o5 : QuotientRing
i6 : P2 = QQ[A, B, C]
o6 = P2
o6 : PolynomialRing
i7 : projmap = map(RTC, P2, Y - X, X + Z, W - X)
o7 = map(RTC, P2, -X + Y, X + Z, -X + W)
o7 : RingMapRTC <--- P2
i8 : I = kernelprojmap
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$$o8 = \text{ideal}(14A^3 + 15A^2 * B + 15A * B^2 - 13B^3 - 18A^2 * C + 45A * B * C - 18B^2 * C + 54A * C^2)$$

$$o8 : \text{Ideal of } P^2$$

The latter is the equation of $C = \pi(X)$. Using Bertini we compute the singular point of C ,

$$P = \text{Sing}(C) = [4 : -10 : 9].$$

The line generated by P and $[F]$ is given by the following equations

$$L = (6X - 10Y - 4Z = 5X - 9Y + 4W = 0).$$

We compute the intersection $X \cdot L$, where X is the twisted cubic curve, with Bertini and we find $L_1^3 = [-0.0515957 : 0.4157801 : -1.1168439 : 1]$ and $L_2^3 = [155.0515957 : 86.5842198 : 16.1168439 : 1]$. These points correspond to the linear forms

$$L_1 = -0.3722812x + y, \quad L_2 = 5.3722813x + y.$$

Indeed we have

$$F = 0.99322 \cdot (-0.3722812x + y)^3 + 0.00678 \cdot (5.3722813x + y)^3.$$