

## Computer Algebra

Winter Semester 2013 - Problem Set 9

Due January 14, 2014, 12:00

**Problem 1:** Let  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[x]$  be a homogeneous ideal and  $\mathfrak{a}_0 := \mathfrak{a} \cap \mathbb{Z}[x]$ , where  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Let  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  be a prime number,  $\mathfrak{a}_p := \bar{\mathfrak{a}}_0 \subseteq \mathbb{F}_p[x]$ . Prove that

$$H_{\mathbb{Q}[x]/\mathfrak{a}}(n) \leq H_{\mathbb{F}_p[x]/\mathfrak{a}_p}(n) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Problem 2:** Let  $H : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be any function. Show that the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $H(n)$  is a polynomial of degree  $d$  for sufficiently large  $n$ ,
- (ii)  $D(n) := H(n+1) - H(n)$  is a polynomial of degree  $d-1$  for sufficiently large  $n$ ,
- (iii)  $S(n) := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} H(i)$  is a polynomial of degree  $d+1$  for sufficiently large  $n$ .

Moreover, if  $\frac{a_d}{d!}$  is the leading coefficient of  $H$ , then  $D$  and  $S$  have leading coefficient  $\frac{a_d}{(d-1)!}$  and  $\frac{a_d}{(d+1)!}$  respectively.

**Problem 3:** Write a SINGULAR procedure to compute the Hilbert polynomial of  $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I$  for a given homogeneous ideal  $I$ .