

## Re: Solving overdetermined equations

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Martin Rubey <[mrstetex@yahoo.de](mailto:mrstetex@yahoo.de)> wrote in message news:<[87is9mzamj.fsf@univie.ac.at](mailto:87is9mzamj.fsf@univie.ac.at)>...

> *This looks interesting. So here you go, two examples. Please excuse the format,*  
> *but I don't know how to do it better.*

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> *The first one does not have a (nontrivial) solution, I suppose that the second*  
> *one doesn't have one either, but I did not check.*

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> *I don't understand the approach of ALIAS well enough, is there a compilation*  
> *process for every instance of a problem, or does it compile once, so that I can*  
> *test some 20 families of three polynomials each then?*

>

> *Thanks again,*

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> *Martin*

> *[...]*

I rewrote the polynomials in syntax that most math programs will accept (caret instead of double-asterisk for exponents). Also I replaced 'A' by 'a2' for no reason in particular.

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polys = {-30*a2^10 + 96*a2^11 - 108*a2^12 + 48*a2^13 - 6*a2^14 +
(1200*a2^9 - 3648*a2^10 + 4104*a2^11 - 1920*a2^12 + 264*a2^13)*a21 +
(-21450*a2^8 + 61920*a2^9 - 70308*a2^10 + 35040*a2^11 -
5346*a2^12)*a21^2 +
(225660*a2^7 - 619392*a2^8 + 718416*a2^9 - 386496*a2^10 +
66036*a2^11)*a21^3 +
(-1547490*a2^6 + 4055424*a2^7 - 4879332*a2^8 + 2875824*a2^9 -
555882*a2^10)*
a21^4 + (7228920*a2^5 - 18243072*a2^6 + 23219784*a2^7 -
15248448*a2^8 +
3373344*a2^9)*a21^5 + (-23299110*a2^4 + 57524736*a2^5 -
79438428*a2^6 +
59292096*a2^7 - 15218958*a2^8)*a21^6 +
(51166620*a2^3 - 127150080*a2^4 + 196982496*a2^5 - 171232512*a2^6 +
51856836*a2^7)*a21^7 + (-73282320*a2^2 + 193112064*a2^3 -
351587952*a2^4 +
367367424*a2^5 - 134108352*a2^6)*a21^8 +
(61819200*a2 - 192012288*a2^2 + 440774784*a2^3 - 578423808*a2^4 +
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$$\begin{aligned}
 & 261963744*a^2^5)*a^{21^9} + (-23328000 + 112558080*a^2 - 368629056*a^2^2 \\
 + & 649810944*a^2^3 - 380496864*a^2^4)*a^{21^10} + \\
 & (-29491200 + 184757760*a^2 - 493350912*a^2^2 + 398525760*a^2^3)*a^{21^11} \\
 + & (-41990400 + 226934784*a^2 - 284560128*a^2^2)*a^{21^12} + \\
 & (-47775744 + 124001280*a^2)*a^{21^13} - 24883200*a^{21^14}, \\
 & -60*a^{21^10} + 240*a^{21^12} - 360*a^{21^13} + 180*a^{21^14} - 24*a^{21^15} + \\
 & (2400*a^{21^9} - 8160*a^{21^11} + 12240*a^{21^12} - 6480*a^{21^13} + 960*a^{21^14})*a^{21} \\
 + & (-42900*a^2^8 + 121920*a^2^10 - 185040*a^2^11 + 105300*a^2^12 - \\
 & 17520*a^2^13)*a^{21^2} + \\
 & (451320*a^2^7 - 1054080*a^2^9 + 1644480*a^2^10 - 1022760*a^2^11 + \\
 & 193248*a^2^12)* \\
 & a^{21^3} + (-3094980*a^2^6 + 5847840*a^2^8 - 9572760*a^2^9 + \\
 & 6625800*a^2^10 - \\
 & 1438632*a^2^11)*a^{21^4} + (14457840*a^2^5 - 21844800*a^2^7 + \\
 & 38500560*a^2^8 - \\
 & 30248640*a^2^9 + 7644960*a^2^10)*a^{21^5} + \\
 & (-46598220*a^2^4 + 56180160*a^2^6 - 109980000*a^2^7 + 100231560*a^2^8 - \\
 & 29911968*a^2^9)*a^{21^6} + (102333240*a^2^3 - 100149120*a^2^5 + \\
 & 225872640*a^2^6 - \\
 & 244626480*a^2^7 + 87615936*a^2^8)*a^{21^7} + \\
 & (-146564640*a^2^2 + 123047280*a^2^4 - 333670680*a^2^5 + 441555300*a^2^6 \\
 - & \\
 & 193452264*a^2^7)*a^{21^8} + (123638400*a^2 - 102006240*a^2^3 + \\
 & 350613360*a^2^4 - \\
 & 586419120*a^2^5 + 321637632*a^2^6)*a^{21^9} + \\
 & (-46656000 + 54418560*a^2^2 - 255214800*a^2^3 + 564234660*a^2^4 - \\
 & 399148656*a^2^5)* \\
 & a^{21^10} + (-16857600*a^2 + 122160960*a^2^2 - 381727080*a^2^3 + \\
 & 363048288*a^2^4)* \\
 & a^{21^11} + (2304000 - 34554600*a^2 + 171888480*a^2^2 - \\
 & 234380376*a^2^3)*a^{21^12} + \\
 & (4374000 - 46189440*a^2 + 101484576*a^2^2)*a^{21^13} + \\
 & (5598720 - 26386560*a^2)*a^{21^14} + 3110400*a^{21^15}, \\
 & -66*a^{21^10} + 480*a^{21^13} - 810*a^{21^14} + 432*a^{21^15} - 60*a^{21^16} + \\
 & (2640*a^{21^9} - 13440*a^{21^12} + 22680*a^{21^13} - 12960*a^{21^14} + \\
 & 2040*a^{21^15})*a^{21} + \\
 & (-47190*a^2^8 + 156000*a^2^11 - 268110*a^2^12 + 168480*a^2^13 - \\
 & 30660*a^2^14)*a^{21^2} + \\
 & (496452*a^2^7 - 960960*a^2^10 + 1735020*a^2^11 - 1240704*a^2^12 + \\
 & 267360*a^2^13)* \\
 & a^{21^3} + (-3404478*a^2^6 + 3313920*a^2^9 - 6641190*a^2^10 + \\
 & 5664816*a^2^11 - \\
 & 1490820*a^2^12)*a^{21^4} + (15903624*a^2^5 - 6067200*a^2^8 + \\
 & 15046560*a^2^9 - \\
 & 16430688*a^2^10 + 5512920*a^2^11)*a^{21^5} + \\
 & (-51258042*a^2^4 + 4608000*a^2^7 - 18698850*a^2^8 + 29579904*a^2^9 - \\
 & 13520700*a^2^10)* \\
 & a^{21^6} + (112566564*a^2^3 + 9841500*a^2^7 - 30233088*a^2^8 +
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &21209040*a^2^9)*a^{21^7} + \\
 &(-161221104*a^2^2 + 13436928*a^2^7 - 19310400*a^2^8)*a^{21^8} + \\
 &(136002240*a^2 + 7776000*a^2^7)*a^{21^9} - 51321600*a^{21^{10}}, \\
 &240*a^2^{15} - 600*a^2^{16} + 960*a^2^{17} - 720*a^2^{18} + 240*a^2^{19} - 24*a^2^{20} \\
 &+ \\
 &(-15600*a^2^{14} + 37200*a^2^{15} - 58560*a^2^{16} + 44640*a^2^{17} - \\
 &15600*a^2^{18} + \\
 &1680*a^2^{19})*a^{21} + (470400*a^2^{13} - 1068000*a^2^{14} + 1658880*a^2^{15} - \\
 &1292400*a^2^{16} + 476160*a^2^{17} - 55440*a^2^{18})*a^{21^2} + \\
 &(-8729280*a^2^{12} + 18841200*a^2^{13} - 28984320*a^2^{14} + 23221440*a^2^{15} - \\
 &9072960*a^2^{16} + 1146768*a^2^{17})*a^{21^3} + \\
 &(111494880*a^2^{11} - 228534600*a^2^{12} + 349856640*a^2^{13} - \\
 &290239920*a^2^{14} + \\
 &121006560*a^2^{15} - 16675008*a^2^{16})*a^{21^4} + \\
 &(-1038296160*a^2^{10} + 2020315200*a^2^{11} - 3096316800*a^2^{12} + \\
 &2680380000*a^2^{13} - \\
 &1200340320*a^2^{14} + 181179504*a^2^{15})*a^{21^5} + \\
 &(7283239680*a^2^9 - 13461148800*a^2^{10} + 20808345600*a^2^{11} - \\
 &18958859280*a^2^{12} + \\
 &9184757760*a^2^{13} - 1526251248*a^2^{14})*a^{21^6} + \\
 &(-39188417280*a^2^8 + 68936313600*a^2^9 - 108479116800*a^2^{10} + \\
 &105040379520*a^2^{11} - 55481241600*a^2^{12} + 10207299888*a^2^{13})*a^{21^7} \\
 &+ \\
 &(163081291440*a^2^7 - 274154284800*a^2^8 + 444228408000*a^2^9 - \\
 &462219252480*a^2^{10} + 268502785200*a^2^{11} - 55041797160*a^2^{12})*a^{21^8} \\
 &+ \\
 &(-524914190640*a^2^6 + 849320371200*a^2^7 - 1437436056000*a^2^8 + \\
 &1627834867200*a^2^9 - 1050311722800*a^2^{10} + \\
 &241674404160*a^2^{11})*a^{21^9} + \\
 &(1296211057920*a^2^5 - 2042481408000*a^2^6 + 3676192181760*a^2^7 - \\
 &4600000581120*a^2^8 + 3334830714240*a^2^9 - \\
 &868746336384*a^2^{10})*a^{21^{10}} + \\
 &(-2411698069440*a^2^4 + 3772377292800*a^2^5 - 7390505180160*a^2^6 + \\
 &10407395543040*a^2^7 - 8594951361600*a^2^8 + \\
 &2561189840640*a^2^9)*a^{21^{11}} + \\
 &(3272898493440*a^2^3 - 5245560883200*a^2^4 + 11539455713280*a^2^5 - \\
 &18715732992000*a^2^6 + 17908700655360*a^2^7 - \\
 &6181873386240*a^2^8)*a^{21^{12}} + \\
 &(-3058655385600*a^2^2 + 5308816588800*a^2^3 - 13704035051520*a^2^4 + \\
 &26393756221440*a^2^5 - 29905506274560*a^2^6 + \\
 &12149702611968*a^2^7)*a^{21^{13}} + \\
 &(1760237568000*a^2 - 3688292352000*a^2^2 + 11957502320640*a^2^3 - \\
 &28552491601920*a^2^4 + 39441785180160*a^2^5 - \\
 &19254190123008*a^2^6)*a^{21^{14}} + \\
 &(-470292480000 + 1571880960000*a^2 - 7225782681600*a^2^2 + \\
 &22866665472000*a^2^3 - \\
 &40151145323520*a^2^4 + 24225748475904*a^2^5)*a^{21^{15}} + \\
 &(-309657600000 + 2700822528000*a^2 - 12769023098880*a^2^2 + \\
 &30423790632960*a^2^3 - 23633940768768*a^2^4)*a^{21^{16}} + \\
 &(-470292480000 + 4437411102720*a^2 - 16151320166400*a^2^2 + \\
 &17230218559488*a^2^3)*
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & a^{21^{17}} + (-722369249280 + 5358845952000*a^2 - \\
 & 8831585157120*a^2^2)*a^{21^{18}} + \\
 & (-836075520000 + 2837879193600*a^2)*a^{21^{19}} - 429981696000*a^{21^{20}}, \\
 & 264*a^{2^{15}} - 1800*a^{2^{17}} + 3840*a^{2^{18}} - 3240*a^{2^{19}} + 1152*a^{2^{20}} - \\
 & 120*a^{2^{21}} + \\
 & (-17160*a^{2^{14}} + 102600*a^{2^{16}} - 215040*a^{2^{17}} + 184680*a^{2^{18}} - \\
 & 69120*a^{2^{19}} + \\
 & 7800*a^{2^{20}})*a^{21} + (517440*a^{2^{13}} - 2683800*a^{2^{15}} + 5544960*a^{2^{16}} - \\
 & 4879440*a^{2^{17}} + 1935360*a^{2^{18}} - 237720*a^{2^{19}})*a^{21^2} + \\
 & (-9602208*a^{2^{12}} + 42708600*a^{2^{14}} - 87383040*a^{2^{15}} + 79386480*a^{2^{16}} - \\
 & 33606144*a^{2^{17}} + 4515000*a^{2^{18}})*a^{21^3} + \\
 & (122644368*a^{2^{11}} - 462142800*a^{2^{13}} + 942044160*a^{2^{14}} - \\
 & 891100440*a^{2^{15}} + \\
 & 405609984*a^{2^{16}} - 59911320*a^{2^{17}})*a^{21^4} + \\
 & (-1142125776*a^{2^{10}} + 3600644400*a^{2^{12}} - 7369405440*a^{2^{13}} + \\
 & 7327295640*a^{2^{14}} - \\
 & 3614492160*a^{2^{15}} + 590165880*a^{2^{16}})*a^{21^5} + \\
 & (8011563648*a^{2^9} - 20866964400*a^{2^{11}} + 43304079360*a^{2^{12}} - \\
 & 45737537760*a^{2^{13}} + \\
 & 24656246784*a^{2^{14}} - 4476350520*a^{2^{15}})*a^{21^6} + \\
 & (-43107259008*a^{2^8} + 91658444400*a^{2^{10}} - 195228810240*a^{2^{11}} + \\
 & 221609701440*a^{2^{12}} - 131730430464*a^{2^{13}} + 26762120280*a^{2^{14}})*a^{21^7} \\
 & + \\
 & (179389420584*a^{2^7} - 308208191400*a^{2^9} + 683857205760*a^{2^{10}} - \\
 & 845124188760*a^{2^{11}} + 559342215936*a^{2^{12}} - \\
 & 128053935720*a^{2^{13}})*a^{21^8} + \\
 & (-577405609704*a^{2^6} + 796200431400*a^{2^8} - 1873454269440*a^{2^9} + \\
 & 2557023004440*a^{2^{10}} - 1904462148096*a^{2^{11}} + \\
 & 495170807880*a^{2^{12}})*a^{21^9} + \\
 & (1425832163712*a^{2^5} - 1577541036600*a^{2^7} + 4020722903040*a^{2^8} - \\
 & 6158783503440*a^{2^9} + 5223345260544*a^{2^{10}} - \\
 & 1556013804360*a^{2^{11}})*a^{21^{10}} + \\
 & (-2652867876384*a^{2^4} + 2381348251800*a^{2^6} - 6741057745920*a^{2^7} + \\
 & 11800900465200*a^{2^8} - 11550295789056*a^{2^9} + \\
 & 3981973811880*a^{2^{10}})*a^{21^{11}} + \\
 & (3600188342784*a^{2^3} - 2704922985600*a^{2^5} + 8762528609280*a^{2^6} - \\
 & 17905351582440*a^{2^7} + 20540197817856*a^{2^8} - \\
 & 8291201719560*a^{2^9})*a^{21^{12}} + \\
 & (-3364520924160*a^{2^2} + 2265197032800*a^{2^4} - 8713398942720*a^{2^5} + \\
 & 21318266701800*a^{2^6} - 29196404716032*a^{2^7} + \\
 & 13991736602280*a^{2^8})*a^{21^{13}} + \\
 & (1936261324800*a^2 - 1352637273600*a^{2^3} + 6486521057280*a^{2^4} - \\
 & 19625398035840*a^{2^5} + 32831870994432*a^{2^6} - \\
 & 18999078057960*a^{2^7})*a^{21^{14}} + \\
 & (-517321728000 + 543821184000*a^{2^2} - 3491435197440*a^{2^3} + \\
 & 13653978827040*a^{2^4} - 28751031553536*a^{2^5} + \\
 & 20527709142600*a^{2^6})*a^{21^{15}} + \\
 & (-131742720000*a^2 + 1281131769600*a^{2^2} - 6926014149120*a^{2^3} + \\
 & 19146536479872*a^{2^4} - 17358772556160*a^{2^5})*a^{21^{16}} + \\
 & (14515200000 - 286374528000*a^2 + 2412499645440*a^{2^2} - \\
 & 9346960852992*a^{2^3} +
 \end{aligned}$$

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11211772788000*a2^4)*a21^17 + (29393280000 - 515171819520*a2 +
3148207534080*a2^2 - 5328741634560*a2^3)*a21^18 +
(50791587840 - 652736102400*a2 + 1753164518400*a2^2)*a21^19 +
(62705664000 - 356078592000*a2)*a21^20 + 33592320000*a21^21,
288*a2^15 - 4200*a2^18 + 10080*a2^19 - 9072*a2^20 + 3360*a2^21 -
360*a2^22 +
(-18720*a2^14 + 210000*a2^17 - 493920*a2^18 + 453600*a2^19 -
178080*a2^20 +
20880*a2^21)*a21 + (564480*a2^13 - 4704000*a2^16 + 10886400*a2^17
-
10296720*a2^18 + 4327680*a2^19 - 559440*a2^20)*a21^2 +
(-10475136*a2^12 + 62168400*a2^15 - 142450560*a2^16 +
140361984*a2^17 -
63866880*a2^18 + 9177840*a2^19)*a21^3 +
(133793856*a2^11 - 536873400*a2^14 + 1229457600*a2^15 -
1280122704*a2^16 +
638729280*a2^17 - 102997440*a2^18)*a21^4 +
(-1245955392*a2^10 + 3165775200*a2^13 - 7348501440*a2^14 +
8231515488*a2^15 -
4572187200*a2^16 + 836462160*a2^17)*a21^5 +
(8739887616*a2^9 - 12909842400*a2^12 + 31037852160*a2^13 -
38279276784*a2^14 +
24104855040*a2^15 - 5069624400*a2^16)*a21^6 +
(-47026100736*a2^8 + 35952806400*a2^11 - 92643264000*a2^12 +
129754021824*a2^13 - 94780842240*a2^14 + 23295255120*a2^15)*a21^7
+
(195697549728*a2^7 - 65444736000*a2^10 + 191530694880*a2^11 -
318277294272*a2^12 + 277993191840*a2^13 - 81555151320*a2^14)*a21^8
+
(-629897028768*a2^6 + 70318080000*a2^9 - 261245023200*a2^10 +
551135757312*a2^11 - 600770046240*a2^12 +
216485226720*a2^13)*a21^9 +
(1555453269504*a2^5 - 33868800000*a2^8 + 211631616000*a2^9 -
639691831296*a2^10 + 929959349760*a2^11 -
428919999840*a2^12)*a21^10 +
(-2894037683328*a2^4 - 77157360000*a2^8 + 446965972992*a2^9 -
976539110400*a2^10 + 615107105280*a2^11)*a21^11 +
(3927478192128*a2^3 - 142216445952*a2^8 + 623572992000*a2^9 -
603598003200*a2^10)*a21^12 + (-3670386462720*a2^2 -
182891520000*a2^8 +
362797056000*a2^9)*a21^13 + (2112285081600*a2 -
100776960000*a2^8)*a21^14 -
564350976000*a21^15};

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set1 = Take[polys,3];
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set2 = Drop[polys,3];
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Since you wish to avoid solutions where either variable is zero, you can augment the system with a polynomial  $a1*a2*r - 1$  ('r' for "reciprocal"). I show a few Mathematica computations below. These were run on a 2.8 MHz machine, I believe.

The first two indicate that, modulo a certain 9 digit prime, there are no nontrivial solutions.

```
In[6]:= Timing[gb1prime = GroebnerBasis[Append[set1,a1*a2*r-1],
  MonomialOrder->DegreeReverseLexicographic,
  Sort->True, Modulus->Prime[11111111]]]
Out[6]= {0.52 Second, {1}}
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In[7]:= Timing[gb2prime = GroebnerBasis[Append[set2,a1*a2*r-1],
  MonomialOrder->DegreeReverseLexicographic,
  Sort->True, Modulus->Prime[11111111]]]
Out[7]= {2.8 Second, {1}}
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Actually we can get an approximate nonmodular Groebner basis fairly quickly if we use sufficient precision.

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In[15]:= Timing[gb1approx =
  Rationalize[GroebnerBasis[Append[set1,a1*a2*r-1],
  MonomialOrder->DegreeReverseLexicographic,
  Sort->True, CoefficientDomain->InexactNumbers[1000]]]]]
Out[15]= {8.59 Second, {1}}
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In[17]:= Timing[gb2approx =
  Rationalize[GroebnerBasis[Append[set2,a1*a2*r-1],
  MonomialOrder->DegreeReverseLexicographic,
  Sort->True, CoefficientDomain->InexactNumbers[2000]]]]]
Out[17]= {114.31 Second, {1}}
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To get an exact Groebner basis I found it expedient to take two steps. In the first I compute an exact basis for just the original polynomials, and then augment with the extra one that forces nonzero solutions. I show this below with set1. From what is seen above I would expect the analogous computations for set2 to be feasible but several times slower.

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In[18]:= Timing[gb1partial = GroebnerBasis[set1,
  MonomialOrder->DegreeReverseLexicographic,
  Sort->True];]
Out[18]= {24.46 Second, Null}
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In[19]:= Timing[gb1full = GroebnerBasis[Append[gb1partial,a1*a2*r-1],
  MonomialOrder->DegreeReverseLexicographic, Sort->True]]]
Out[19]= {2.8 Second, {1}}
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We showed above that there are no solutions wherein neither variable is zero. If what you had intended was to allow either but not both coordinates to vanish, then you can proceed from here by explicitly setting a1 respectively a2 to zero and solving the resulting system for the other.

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