# Using Buchbergers algorithm in invariant theory 

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#### Abstract

This paper shows how Groebner bases theory could be used in invariant theory. It presents algorithms for representation, basis-construction and -test for the ring $\operatorname{Inv}{ }_{G_{n}}^{K}$ of $G_{n}$-invariant polynomials over the field $K$ for any given group $G_{n}$ of permutations.


## 1 Introduction

Bases for rings of $G_{n}$-invariant polynomials for any given group $G_{n}$ of permutations could be easly computed using the results of E. Noether [Noether16] or [Göbel92].
Moreover, the theorem of E. Noether as well as the results of [Göbel92] provides an algorithm to find a representation of a polynomial $f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ as a polynomial in a subset of the $G_{n}$-invariant polynomials of a basis. Both algorithms have been implemented in a computer algebra system and have proven to perform well. Their only lack is, that they do not use the knowledge of the basis, i.e. they find the needed subset of basis polynomials for the representation of a polynomial $f \in \operatorname{Inv}{\underset{G}{n}}_{K}^{K}$ in every computation once again. This note presents an algorithm to find the representation of a given polynomial $f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ by using the explicit given basis polynomials through Gröbner bases theory [Becker93].
The plan of the paper is as follow: Section 2 presents the basic definitions and gives a short overview over the above mentioned reduction methods. Section 3 contains the details of the representation algorithm and algorithms for basis-construction and -test. Finally, section 4 illustrates the methods by a few examples obtained by an implementation of the algorithms in the computer algebra system MAS [Kredel91].
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## 2 Basics

$N$ is the set of all natural numbers including zero, $R$ is a commutative ring with $1, K$ is field, $K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$ is the commutative polynomial ring over $K$ in the indeterminantes $X_{i}, T_{n}$ is the sets of terms (= power-products of the $X_{i}$ ) in $K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right], M_{n}=\{a t \mid$ $\left.a \in K, t \in T_{n}\right\}$ is the set of monomials in $K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$, and $T_{n}(f), M_{n}(f)$ is the set of terms and monomials in $f \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$ with non-zero coefficients, respectively. deg $(t)$ ( $\operatorname{deg}(f))$ is the total degree of $t \in T_{n}\left(f \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]\right)$.

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An admissible order on $T_{n}$ is a linear order $<$ on $T_{n}$ which turns ( $T_{n}, 1, \cdot,<$ ) into an ordered multiplicative monoid with smallest element $1 . A O\left(T_{n}\right)$ is the set of all admissible orders on $T_{n}$. Any admissible order on $T_{n}$ extends the divisibility relation on $T_{n}$; moreover, it induces in a natural way a linear quasiorder $<$ on $K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]: f<g$ iff there exists $t \in T_{n}(g) \backslash T_{n}(f)$ such that for all $\hat{t}>t, \hat{t} \in T_{n}(f)$ iff $\hat{t} \in T_{n}(g)$. Both the admissible order on $T_{n}$ and the induced quasiorder on $K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$ are well-founded (Noetherian), i.e. admit no infinite, strictly decreasing chain. This is a consequence of the fundamental lemma that is due to Dickson (1913) [Becker93].
For a fixed admissible order $<$ on $T_{n}$ and $f \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$, we let $H T(f), H C(f)$, $H M(f)$ (the highest monomial, highest term, highest coefficient of $f$ ) denote the highest term $t$ w.r.t. $<$ in $T_{n}(f)$, the coefficient $a$ of $t$ in $f$ and the monimal at of f, respectively. $\operatorname{desc}\left(X_{1}^{f_{1}} \ldots X_{n}^{f_{n}}\right)=X_{1}^{e_{1}} \ldots X_{n}^{e_{n}}$ with $\left\{f_{1}, \ldots, f_{n}\right\}=\left\{e_{1}, \ldots, e_{n}\right\}$ and $e_{1} \geq \ldots \geq e_{n}$.
$G_{n}$ is any finite permutation group operating on $n$ indeterminates. The order of $G_{n}$ is denoted by $\left|G_{n}\right| . S_{n}, A_{n}, D_{n}$ and $Z_{n}$ are the symmetric, alternating, dieder and cyclic permutation groups. $f \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$ is $G_{n}$-invariant, if $f=\pi(f):=f\left(\pi\left(X_{1}\right), \pi\left(X_{2}\right), \ldots, \pi\left(X_{n}\right)\right)$ for all $\pi \in G_{n}$. Then $\pi(a)=a, \pi(-f)=-\pi(f), \pi\left(f_{1}+f_{2}\right)=\pi\left(f_{1}\right)+\pi\left(f_{2}\right)$ and $\pi\left(f_{1} \cdot f_{2}\right)=\pi\left(f_{1}\right) \cdot \pi\left(f_{2}\right)$ for $f, f_{1}, f_{2} \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right], a \in K$ and $\pi \in G_{n}$.
orbit $_{G_{n}}(t)=\sum_{s \in\left\{\pi(t) \mid \pi \in G_{n}\right\}} s$ is the $G_{n}$-invariant orbit of $t \in T_{n}$. Then orbit $G_{G_{n}}(t)$ is $G_{n}$ invariant, $\operatorname{deg}\left(\operatorname{orbit}_{G_{n}}(t)\right)=\operatorname{deg}(t)$, and if $f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ and at $\in M_{n}(f)$, then $M_{n}(a$. $\left.\operatorname{orbit}_{G_{n}}(t)\right) \subseteq M_{n}(f) . \quad f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ iff $f$ is a finite $K$-linearcombination of $G_{n}$-invariant orbits.
$\Omega_{G_{n}}$ is the symmetry operator for the group $G_{n}$ with $\Omega_{G_{n}}(f)=\frac{1}{\left|G_{n}\right|} \sum_{\pi \in G_{n}} \pi(f)$. Then $\Omega_{G_{n}}\left(f_{1}+f_{2}\right)=\Omega_{G_{n}}\left(f_{1}\right)+\Omega_{G_{n}}\left(f_{2}\right)$ and $\Omega_{G_{n}}(a f)=a \Omega_{G_{n}}(f)$, for $f, f_{1}, f_{2} \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$ and $a \in K$. It is obvious, that $f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} \Longleftrightarrow f=\Omega_{G_{n}}(f)$ and that $\operatorname{deg}(f)=\operatorname{deg}\left(\Omega_{G_{n}}(f)\right)$. $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ is the commutative ring with 1 of $G_{n}$-invariant polynomials in $K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$. A finite subset $\left\{\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{k}\right\}$ of $G_{n}$-invariant orbits of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} \backslash K$ is a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv} v_{G_{n}}^{K}$, if $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}=\left\{f\left(\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{k}\right) \mid f \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{k}\right]\right\} . \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ is finitely generated, if $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ has a finite basis.
The theorem of E . Noether shows, that $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ has a finite basis, if $\operatorname{char}(K)=0$. This basis is the set of all $G_{n}$-invariant orbits with total degree $\leq\left|G_{n}\right|$. The proof of the theorem is constructive and provides therefore a method based on comparsion of coefficients for the computation of a represention of any $G_{n}$-invariant orbit in $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$. The theorem does not hold for polynomial rings over fields with $\operatorname{char}(K) \neq 0$ and even more, it is wrong over an arbitrary ground ring $R$.
The work reported in [Göbel92] presents a top-down-reduction method and shows, that $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ has a finite basis. This basis is the set of all special $G_{n}$-invariant orbits with maximal variable degree $\leq \max \{1, n-1\}$ and total degree $\leq \max \{n, n(n-1) / 2\}$. The standard algorithm reduces every non special orbit, and furthermore, the method works for arbitrary ground rings $R$. Special $G_{n}$-invariant orbits are defined as follow: Let $t=X_{1}^{e_{1}} \ldots X_{n}^{e_{n}} \in T_{n}$ and let $I \subseteq\{1, \ldots, n\}$ a set of indices. Then $t$ is k-connected w.r.t. $I$, if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. $|I|=k$ and $\max \left\{e_{1}, \ldots, e_{n}\right\}=\max \left\{e_{i} \mid i \in I\right\}$
2. The absolute difference between the decreasing ordered elements of the set $\left\{e_{i} \mid i \in I\right\}$
is less than one.
$t$ is maximal k-connected, if $t$ is not ( $k+1$ )-connected or $k=n$. $f \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$ is (maximal) k -connected, if $t$ is (maximal) k -connected for all $t \in T_{n}(f)$. Let $t=X_{1}^{e_{1}} \ldots X_{n}^{e_{n}} \in T_{n}$ maximal n-connected and let $e_{i}=0$ for a $1 \leq i \leq n$ or $e_{1}=\ldots=e_{n}=1$. Then $t$ is a special term and orbit ${G_{n}}(t)$ is a special $G_{n}$-invariant orbit. It is obvious, that every special $G_{n}$-invariant orbit has a maximal variable degree $\leq \max \{1, n-1\}$ and total degree $\leq \max \{n, n(n-1) / 2\}$ and that there exists only a finite number of special $G_{n}$-invariant orbits.
$R G B().(E R G B()$.$) is the (extended) Buchberger algorithm. Then for any finite C=$ $\left\{f_{1}, \ldots, f_{l}\right\} \subset K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]\left\{p_{1}, \ldots, p_{r}\right\}=R G B(C)\left(\left\{p_{1}=\sum g_{1 i} f_{i}, \ldots, p_{r}=\sum g_{r i} f_{i}\right\}=\right.$ $E R G B(C))$ is the (extended) reduced Groebner basis of the finitely generated ideal $I d(C)$ w.r.t. a given term order $<\in A O\left(T_{n}\right)$.

## 3 Representation, basis-construction and -test

Lemma 3.1 Let $B=\left\{\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l}\right\}$ a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ and $P=R G B(B)$. Then $f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} \Longrightarrow f \in I d(B)$ and $f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} \Longrightarrow f \xrightarrow[P]{\longrightarrow} 0$.

Proof $f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} \Longrightarrow f=p\left(\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l}\right), p \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{l}\right] \Longrightarrow f \in I d(B) \Longrightarrow f \underset{P}{\longrightarrow} 0$.
Lemma 3.2 Let $B_{1}=\left\{\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l_{1}}\right\}, B_{2}=\left\{\gamma_{1}, \ldots, \gamma_{l_{2}}\right\}$ finite bases of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$. Then $\operatorname{Id}\left(B_{1}\right)=I d\left(B_{2}\right)$.

Proof

1. $\operatorname{Id}\left(B_{1}\right) \subseteq I d\left(B_{2}\right): f \in I d\left(B_{1}\right) \Longrightarrow f=\sum_{i=1}^{l_{1}} g_{i} \psi_{i}=\sum_{i=1}^{l_{1}} g_{i} p_{i}\left(\gamma_{1}, \ldots, \gamma_{l_{2}}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{l_{2}} h_{i} \gamma_{i}$ $\Longrightarrow f \in I d\left(B_{2}\right)$.
2. $I d\left(B_{2}\right) \subseteq I d\left(B_{1}\right): f \in I d\left(B_{2}\right) \Longrightarrow f=\sum_{i=1}^{l_{2}} \hat{g}_{i} \gamma_{i}=\sum_{i=1}^{l_{2}} \hat{g}_{i} \hat{p}_{i}\left(\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l_{1}}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{l_{1}} \hat{h}_{i} \psi_{i}$ $\Longrightarrow f \in I d\left(B_{1}\right)$.

Lemma 3.3 There exists an algorithm for every finite basis $B$ of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$, which represents any $f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ as a polynomial over the field $K$ in the polynomials of the finite basis $B$.

Proof We present such an algorithm:
Algorithm 3.4

1. INPUT $f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} ;$ finite basis $B=\left\{\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l}\right\}$ of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} ;\left\{p_{1}=\sum_{i=1}^{l} g_{1 i} \psi_{i}, \ldots, p_{r}=\right.$ $\left.\left.\sum_{i=1}^{l} g_{r i} \psi_{i}\right\}=E R G B(B)\right)$; term order $<\in A O\left(T_{n}\right)$;
2. IF $f \in K$ THEN $q:=f$; RETURN; ENDIF;
3. $f:=\sum_{i=1}^{r} g_{i} p_{i}=\sum_{i=1}^{l} \hat{g}_{i} \psi_{i}$;
4. $f:=\Omega_{G_{n}}(f)=\sum_{i=1}^{l} \Omega\left(\hat{g}_{i}\right) \psi_{i}$;
5. FOR $i=1$ TO $l$ DO $\begin{aligned} & \text { Recursive call } \\ & \text { for } \Omega_{G_{n}}\left(\hat{g}_{i}\right)\end{aligned}\left[\begin{array}{rl}q_{i} & \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{l}\right] \\ \Omega_{G_{n}}\left(\hat{g}_{i}\right) & =q_{i}\left(\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l}\right)\end{array}\right]$;
6. $\quad q:=\sum_{i=1}^{l} q_{i} X_{i}$;
7. OUTPUT $q \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{l}\right]$ with $f=q\left(\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l}\right)$;

Termination \& correctness Termination is obvious, because $\operatorname{deg}\left(\Omega_{G_{n}}\left(\hat{g}_{i}\right)\right)<\operatorname{deg}(f)$ for $1 \leq i \leq l$. The algorithm is correct, because every $f \in \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ has a representation as a polynomial over the field $K$ in the $G_{n}$-invariant orbits of the finite basis $B$.
This proves lemma 3.3.
Corollary 3.5 Let $B$ a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ and $\hat{B} \subseteq \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} \backslash K$ finite with $R G B(\hat{B})=$ $R G B(B)$ w.r.t. $<\in A O\left(T_{n}\right)$. Then $\hat{B}$ is a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$.

Proof This is a direct consequence of lemma 3.3 and algorithm 3.4.
Corollary 3.5 enables us to decide

- if any arbitrary finite subset of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} \backslash K$ is a basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$, and furthermore,
- if a subset of a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ is a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv} v_{G_{n}}^{K}$.

Lemma 3.6 There exists an algorithm to decide, if a finite subset $B \subseteq \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} \backslash K$ is a basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$.

Proof We present such an algorithm:

## Algorithm 3.7

1. INPUT $B=\left\{\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l}\right\} \subseteq \operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} \backslash K$; term order $<\in A O\left(T_{n}\right)$;
2. $I \operatorname{Sor} N O T:=R G B(B)=R G B\left(\left\{\right.\right.$ orbit $_{G_{n}}(t) \mid t \in T_{n}$ special $\left.\}\right)$;
3. OUTPUT $I$ Sor NOT $:=$ true (false), if $B$ is (not) a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$;

Termination \& correctness Termination is obvious. Correctness is a consequence of corollary 3.5, because $\left\{\operatorname{orbit}_{G_{n}}(t) \mid t \in T_{n}\right.$ special $\}$ is a basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$.
This proves lemma 3.6.

## Definition 3.8

1. Let $B=\left\{\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l}\right\}$ a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$. Then $B$ is called reduced, if $B \backslash\left\{\psi_{i}\right\}$ is not a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ for $1 \leq i \leq l$.
2. Let $<\in A O\left(T_{n}\right)$ and $B=\left\{f_{1}, \ldots, f_{l}\right\}$ with $f_{i} \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right], 1 \leq i \leq l$. Then C $=\left(g_{1}, g_{2}, \ldots, g_{l}\right):=\operatorname{ord}(B,<)$, if $\left\{g_{1}, \ldots, g_{l}\right\}=B$ and $g_{1} \leq \ldots \leq g_{l}, g_{1}:=\operatorname{first}(C)$ and $\left(g_{2}, \ldots, g_{l}\right):=\operatorname{red}(C)$.
3. Let $<\in A O\left(T_{n}\right)$ and $B_{1}=\left(f_{11}, \ldots, f_{11_{1}}\right), B_{2}=\left(f_{21}, \ldots, f_{2 l_{2}}\right)$ with $f_{i j} \in K\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$, $1 \leq i \leq 2,1 \leq j \leq l_{1}, l_{2}$. Then $B_{1}<_{M} B_{2}$, if $\left(f_{1 i}=f_{2 i}\right.$ for $1 \leq i<j$ and $f_{1 j}<f_{2 j}$ for a $j \in\left\{1, \ldots, \min \left\{l_{1}, l_{2}\right\}\right\}$ ) or ( $f_{1 i}=f_{2 i}$ for $1 \leq i \leq l_{1}$ and $l_{1}<l_{2}$ ).

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Lemma 3.9 Let $<\in A O\left(T_{n}\right)$ and $B$ a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv}{ }_{G_{n}}^{K}$. Then there exists an algorithm, which computes a finite basis $\hat{B} \subseteq B$, such that $\operatorname{ord}(\hat{B},<)<_{M} \operatorname{ord}(C,<)$ for every reduced finite basis $C \subseteq B$ of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ with $C \neq B$.
Furthermore, the finite basis $\hat{B}$ is reduced, if $\left(\gamma_{1}, \ldots, \gamma_{l}\right)=\operatorname{ord}(B,<)$ and $\operatorname{deg}\left(\gamma_{k_{1}}\right) \leq$ $\operatorname{deg}\left(\gamma_{k_{2}}\right)$ for all $1 \leq k_{1} \leq k_{2} \leq l$.

Proof We present such an algorithm:
Algorithm 3.10

1. INPUT $B=\left\{\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l}\right\}$ finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K} ;$ term order $<\in A O\left(T_{n}\right)$;
2. $\hat{B}:=\emptyset ; P:=\emptyset$;
3. $L:=\operatorname{ord}(B,<)$;
4. WHILE $L \neq()$ DO
5. $\quad \gamma:=\operatorname{first}(L) ; L:=\operatorname{red}(L)$;
6. $\quad \gamma \xrightarrow[P]{\longrightarrow} h$;
7. IF $h \neq 0$ THEN $\hat{B}:=\hat{B} \cup\{\gamma\} ; P:=R G B(P \cup\{h\})$; ENDIF;
8. ENDWHILE;
9. OUTPUT finite basis $\hat{B}$ with $\operatorname{ord}(\hat{B},<)<_{M} \operatorname{ord}(C,<)$ for every reduced finite basis $C \subseteq B$ of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$ with $C \neq \hat{B}$;

Termination \& correctness The algorithm terminates, because $B$ is a finite set of $G_{n}$ invariant orbits. For the correctness assume, that there exists a reduced finite basis $C \subseteq B$ with $C \neq \hat{B}$ such that $\left(\gamma_{1}, \ldots, \gamma_{l_{1}}\right)=\operatorname{ord}(C,<)<_{M} \operatorname{ord}(\hat{B},<)=\left(\hat{\psi}_{1}, \ldots \hat{\psi}_{l_{2}}\right)$. Then there exists a $1 \leq j \leq l_{2}$ with $\gamma_{i}=\hat{\psi}_{i}$ for $1 \leq i<j$ and $\gamma_{j}<\hat{\psi}_{j}$. Then $\gamma_{j} \xrightarrow[P]{ } 0$ with $P=R G B\left(\left\{\gamma_{1}, \ldots, \gamma_{j-1}\right\}\right)=R G B\left(\left\{\hat{\psi}_{1}, \ldots \hat{\psi}_{j-1}\right\}\right) . \Longrightarrow C \backslash\left\{\gamma_{j}\right\}$ is a finite basis (contradiction).
Assume now, that $\left(\gamma_{1}, \ldots, \gamma_{l}\right)=\operatorname{ord}(B,<)$ such that $\operatorname{deg}\left(\gamma_{k_{1}}\right) \leq \operatorname{deg}\left(\gamma_{k_{2}}\right)$ for all $1 \leq k_{1} \leq$ $k_{2} \leq l$ and $\hat{B}$ with $\left(\hat{\psi}_{1}, \ldots \hat{\psi}_{l_{2}}\right)=\operatorname{ord}(\hat{B},<)$ is not reduced. Then there exists a max. $j<\bar{l}_{2}$ such that $\hat{B} \backslash\left\{\hat{\psi}_{j}\right\}$ is a basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{K}$.

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\begin{aligned}
& \Longrightarrow \hat{\psi}_{j} \notin I d\left(\hat{\psi}_{1}, \ldots, \hat{\psi}_{j-1}\right), \hat{\psi}_{j} \in I d\left(\hat{\psi}_{1}, \ldots, \hat{\psi}_{j-1}, \hat{\psi}_{j+1}, \ldots, \hat{\psi}_{l_{2}}\right) \\
& \Longrightarrow \hat{\psi}_{j}=\sum_{i<j} h_{i} \hat{\psi}_{i}+\sum_{i>j} h_{i} \hat{\psi}_{i} \\
& \Longrightarrow h_{i} \in K \text { for } i>j \text { and } \operatorname{deg}\left(\hat{\psi}_{i}\right)=\operatorname{deg}\left(\hat{\psi}_{j}\right) \\
& \Longrightarrow h_{i}=0 \text { for } i>j \text { and } \operatorname{deg}\left(\hat{\psi}_{i}\right)>\operatorname{deg}\left(\hat{\psi}_{j}\right) \\
& \Longrightarrow \exists k>j \text { with } \hat{\psi}_{k}=\sum_{i<k} g_{i} \hat{\psi}_{i} \\
& \Longrightarrow \hat{\psi}_{k} \in I d\left(\hat{\psi}_{1}, \ldots, \hat{\psi}_{k-1}\right) \Longrightarrow \hat{\psi}_{k} \notin \hat{B} \text { (contradiction) }
\end{aligned}
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This proves lemma 3.9.

## 4 Examples

Definition 4.1 Let $t_{1}, t_{2} \in T_{n}$. Then orbit $G_{G_{n}}\left(t_{1}\right)<_{\text {lex }}^{*} \operatorname{orbit}_{G_{n}}\left(t_{2}\right)$, if $\left(\operatorname{desc}\left(t_{1}\right) \ll_{\text {lex }} \operatorname{desc}\left(t_{2}\right)\right)$ or $\left(\operatorname{desc}\left(t_{1}\right)=l_{l e x} \operatorname{desc}\left(t_{2}\right)\right.$ and $\left.\operatorname{orbit}_{G_{n}}\left(t_{1}\right)<_{l e x} \operatorname{orbit}_{G_{n}}\left(t_{2}\right)\right)$.

Remark 4.2 Algorithm 3.10 computes for every $n$ with $<_{\text {lex }}$ as term order a smallest finite basis $B$ of $\operatorname{Inv}_{S_{n}}^{Q}\left(\operatorname{Inv}_{A_{n}}^{Q}\right)$ for $B=\left\{o r b i t_{S_{n}}(t) \mid t \in T_{n}\right.$ special $\}\left(B=\left\{o r b i t_{A_{n}}(t) \mid t \in\right.\right.$ $T_{n}$ special $\}$ ) and $L:=\operatorname{ord}\left(B,<_{l e x}^{*}\right)$. The polynomials in $B$ are the elementary symmetric polynomials (and orbit $A_{n}\left(X_{1}^{n-1} X_{2}^{n-2} \ldots X_{n-2}^{2} X_{n}\right)$ ).

Examples 4.3 The following complete lists of highest terms of $G_{n}$-invariant orbits of a finite basis of $\operatorname{Inv}_{G_{n}}^{Q}$ as well as the numbers of $G_{n}$-invariant orbits in the tables below where obtained by using algorithm 3.10 with $<_{l e x}$ as term order, $B=$ orbit $_{G_{n}}(t) \mid t \in T_{n}$ special $\}$ and $L:=\operatorname{ord}\left(B,<_{\text {lex }}^{*}\right)$.

- $\operatorname{Inv}_{Z_{1}}^{Q}, \operatorname{Inv}_{D_{1}}^{Q}: X_{1}$
- $\operatorname{Inv} v_{Z_{2}}^{Q}, \operatorname{Inv}_{D_{2}}^{Q}: X_{1}, X_{1} X_{2}$
- $\operatorname{Inv}_{Z_{3}}^{Q}: X_{1}, X_{1} X_{2}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3}, X_{1}^{2} X_{3}$
- $\operatorname{Inv}_{Z_{4}}^{Q}: X_{1}, X_{1} X_{3}, X_{1} X_{2}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3} X_{4}, X_{1}^{2} X_{4}, X_{1}^{2} X_{3} X_{4}$
- Inv $Z_{5}^{Q}: X_{1}, X_{1} X_{3}, X_{1} X_{2}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{4}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3} X_{4}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3} X_{4} X_{5}, X_{1}^{2} X_{5}$, $X_{1}^{2} X_{4}, X_{1}^{2} X_{4} X_{5}, X_{1}^{2} X_{3} X_{5}, X_{1}^{2} X_{3} X_{4}, X_{1}^{2} X_{3} X_{4} X_{5}, X_{1}^{2} X_{2} X_{4} X_{5}, X_{1}^{2} X_{2} X_{3} X_{5}$
- $\operatorname{Inv}_{D_{3}}^{Q}: X_{1}, X_{1} X_{2}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3}$
- $\operatorname{Inv}_{D_{4}}^{Q}: X_{1}, X_{1} X_{3}, X_{1} X_{2}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3} X_{4}$
- $\operatorname{Inv}_{D_{3}}^{Q}: X_{1}, X_{1} X_{3}, X_{1} X_{2}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{4}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3} X_{4}, X_{1} X_{2} X_{3} X_{4} X_{5}, X_{1}^{2} X_{3} X_{4}$, $X_{1}^{2} X_{2} X_{3} X_{5}$


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| n | Number of $S_{n}$-invariant orbits over $Q$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | special | total degree $\leq\left\|S_{n}\right\|$ | special/total degree $\leq\left\|S_{n}\right\|$ | basis |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 22 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 8 | 1291 | 8 | 4 |
| 5 | 16 | $\ldots$ | 16 | 5 |
| 6 | 32 | $\ldots$ | 32 | 6 |


| n | Number of $A_{n}$-invariant orbits over $Q$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | special | total degree $\leq\left\|A_{n}\right\|$ | special/total degree $\leq\left\|A_{n}\right\|$ | basis |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| 4 | 9 | 181 | 9 | 5 |
| 5 | 17 | $\ldots$ | 17 | 6 |
| 6 | 33 | $\ldots$ | 33 | 7 |


| $\mathbf{n}$ | Number of $D_{n}$-invariant orbits over $Q$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | special | total degree $\leq\left\|D_{n}\right\|$ | special/total degree $\leq\left\|D_{n}\right\|$ | basis |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 22 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 14 | 91 | 14 | 5 |
| 5 | 61 | 346 | 61 | 9 |
| 6 | 414 | 1724 | 294 | 12 |
| 7 | 3416 | 8576 | 1481 | 26 |


|  | Number of $Z_{n}$-invariant orbits over $Q$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | special | total degree $\leq\left\|Z_{n}\right\|$ | special/total degree $\leq\left\|Z_{n}\right\|$ | basis |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| 4 | 20 | 19 | 11 | 7 |
| 5 | 109 | 51 | 27 | 15 |
| 6 | 784 | 159 | 89 | 20 |
| 7 | 6757 | 491 | 266 | 49 |

