**Read**: Chapter 6 of Algebraic and Combinatorial Computational Biology (Robeva & Macauley, 2018). Inferring interactions in molecular networks via primary decompositions of monomial ideals. By M. Macauley and B. Stigler, pages 175–210.

Chapter 3 of *Mathematical Concepts and Methods in Modern Biology* (Robeva & Hodge, 2013). Inferring the topology of gene regulatory networks: an algebraic approach to reverse engineering. By B. Stigler and E. Dimitrova, pages 75–90.

## Exercises.

- 1. Consider the simplicial complex  $\Delta = \{\emptyset, a, b, c, d, e, ab, ac, ad, bc, cd, ce, abc\}$  over the set  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ . The 5-dimensional Boolean lattice  $2^X$  is shown below.
  - (i) Sketch the simplicial complex and find the maximal faces.
  - (ii) Draw a dashed or colored line that "cuts" the Boolean lattice into two halfs below the line are the faces and above are the non-faces.
  - (iii) Circle each node in the Boolean lattice  $2^X$  corresponding to a maximal face of  $\Delta$ .
  - (iv) Box each node that corresponds to a minimal non-face.
  - (v) Find the Stanley-Reisner ideal  $I_{\Delta^c}$  and compute its primary decomposition.



2. Consider a Boolean network  $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$  whose (synchronous) phase spaces consists of the following:

$$(0,0,1) \xrightarrow{f} (1,0,1) \xrightarrow{f} (1,1,1) \xrightarrow{f} (1,1,0) \xrightarrow{f} (0,1,0) \xrightarrow{f} (0,0,0).$$

In this problem, you will reverse-engineer the wiring diagram.

(a) Do the following steps for each k = 1, 2, 3.

i. Write down the corresponding set of *data* 

$$\mathcal{D}_k := \{ (\mathbf{s}_1, t_{1k}), \dots, (\mathbf{s}_5, t_{5k}) \}$$

that arises from the  $k^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of this time-series.

- ii. Compute the monomials  $m(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{s}_j)$  for which  $t_{ik} \neq t_{jk}$ , and find the ideal  $I_{\Delta_k^c}$  of non-disposable sets.
- iii. Find the primary decomposition of  $I_{\Delta_k^c}$ .
- iv. Find all min-sets of  $\mathcal{D}_k$ , and sketch a wiring diagram for each. Only include edges incident to  $x_k$ .
- (b) Repeat Steps (ii)–(iv) from Part (a) but to find the signed min-sets. That is, use the pseudomonomials  $p(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{s}_j)$  to compute the ideal  $J_{\Delta \frac{c}{k}}$  of signed non-disposable sets.
- 3. Consider the following *time series* of a 3-node algebra model over  $\mathbb{F}_3$ :

$$(1,1,1) \xrightarrow{f} (2,0,1) \xrightarrow{f} (2,0,0) \xrightarrow{f} (0,2,2) \xrightarrow{f} (0,2,2).$$

For reference, here are the input vectors  $\mathbf{s}_i$  and output vectors  $\mathbf{t}_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{s}_1 &= (s_{11}, s_{12}, s_{13}) = (1, 1, 1) , \\ \mathbf{s}_2 &= (s_{21}, s_{22}, s_{23}) = (2, 0, 1) , \\ \mathbf{s}_3 &= (s_{31}, s_{32}, s_{33}) = (2, 0, 0) , \\ \mathbf{s}_4 &= (s_{41}, s_{42}, s_{43}) = (0, 2, 2) , \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{t}_1 &= (t_{11}, t_{12}, t_{13}) = (2, 0, 1) , \\ \mathbf{t}_2 &= (t_{21}, t_{22}, t_{23}) = (2, 0, 0) , \\ \mathbf{t}_3 &= (t_{31}, t_{32}, t_{33}) = (0, 2, 2) , \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Find polynomials  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  in  $\mathbb{F}_3[x_1, x_2, x_3]/\langle x_1^3 x_1, x_2^3 x_2, x_3^3 x_3 \rangle$  that fit the data. That is,  $f_j(\mathbf{s}_i) = t_{ij}$  for all i = 1, 2, 3, 4.
- (b) For each i = 1, 2, 3, 4, write down the ideal  $I_i = I(\mathbf{s}_i)$  of polynomials that vanish on the data point  $\mathbf{s}_i$ .
- (c) Compute a Gröbner basis for the ideal I of polynomials that vanish on all of the input data points. You may use Sage, Singular, or Macaulay2, but use the graded reverse lexciographical monomial order GRevLex (this is the default).
- (d) Write the *model space* of the time series using your answer to Part (a) as the particular solution.
- (e) Compute the normal form of  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  with respect to  $\mathcal{G}$  by reducing them modulo the ideal I. Write the model space using this particular solution.
- (f) Repeat Parts (c)–(e) using lex (Lex), and then graded lex (GLex).
- (g) How big is the model space? How big is the vanishing ideal?

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