



Normality of monomial ideals in two sets of variables

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Abstract

We study the normality of the monomial ideals in two sets of variables $L = I_k J_r + I_s J_t \subset K[X_1, \dots, X_m; Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$, K is a field, $k + r = s + t$, where I_k (resp. J_r) is the ideal of R generated by all the monomials of degree k (resp. r) in the variables X_1, \dots, X_m (resp. Y_1, \dots, Y_n). If L is not normal, we determine one element of the integral closure of all non complete powers of L .

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Introduction

In a recent work [4] G. Restuccia and R. Villarreal introduce the class of square-free ideals of mixed products in a polynomial ring over a field k in two sets of variables. They are square-free monomial ideals generated in the same degree that are integrally closed ([5], §7.5). In [4] the authors studied when each power of a mixed product ideal is complete. In this case the ideal is said normal. This property is linked to properties of graded algebras arising from I . The most important of such algebras is the Rees algebra $Rees(I) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} I^i t^i$ ([1], §1.5, §4.5). An important result says that if I is normal, then $Rees(I)$ is normal ([5], 3.3.18).

It is possible to introduce the same class of mixed product ideals in a polynomial ring in two sets of variables in the not square-free case. More precisely, if $R = K[X_1, \dots, X_m; Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$ is the polynomial ring in two sets

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of variables over a field K , given the non negative integers k, r, s, t such that $k + r = s + t$, we can define the monomial ideals of R :

$$L = I_k J_r + I_s J_t,$$

where I_k (resp. J_r) is the ideal of R generated by all the monomials of degree k (resp. r) in the variables X_1, \dots, X_m (resp. Y_1, \dots, Y_n).

The aim of this work is to study the normality of these monomial ideals as in the square-free case. We obtain again a complete classification of the ideals of this class. If the ideal L is not normal, we determine the powers of L that result complete and for all powers that are not complete we find a monomial that lies in the integral closure of the power but it does not lie in the power. The technics used are similar to those used in [4] and in [3]. The results obtained about the normality coincide with those obtained in [4] in all cases, except for the ideals $L = J_r + I_m$ and $L = J_r + I_m J_t$ that are normal if they are square-free monomial ideals, contrary they are not normal in the not square-free case.

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Let $R = K[X_1, \dots, X_m; Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$ be a polynomial ring over a field K in two sets of variables. Given the non negative integers k, r, s, t such that $k + r = s + t$, we define the monomial ideals of R :

$$L = I_k J_r + I_s J_t,$$

where I_k (resp. J_r) is the ideal of R generated by all the monomials of degree k (resp. r) in the variables X_1, \dots, X_m (resp. Y_1, \dots, Y_n).

It is easy to see that we have the following classes of monomial ideals of R arising from the definition of L :

- 1) $L = J_r + I_r$, with $r > 1$
- 2) $L = J_r + I_m J_t$, with $r = m + t$
- 3) $L = J_r + I_s J_t$, with $r = s + t$ and $s \neq m$
- 4) $L = I_k J_r + I_s J_t$, with $k + r = s + t$
- 5) $L = I_k J_r$, with $k, r > 1$

6) $L = I_k J_r + I_{k+1} J_{r-1}$, with $k, r > 0$.

Definition 1.1 *The integral closure of L is the set of all elements of R which are integral over L . We denote this set by \overline{L} .*

If $L = \overline{L}$, L is said to be integrally closed or complete. If all the powers of L , L^p , $p \geq 1$, are complete, the ideal L is said to be normal.

Remark 1.1 *The monomial ideal I_k (resp. J_r) is normal because $I_k = (I_1)^k$ (resp. $J_r = (J_1)^r$) (see [5], 3.3.18).*

As the integral closure of a monomial ideal is again a monomial ideal, one has the following description for the integral closure of L :

$$\overline{L} = \{f \mid f \text{ is monomial in } R \text{ and } f^i \in L^i, \text{ for some } i \geq 1\},$$

(see [5], 7.3.3).

Now, we study the classes 1), 2), 3), 4). We will prove that they are not normal ideals. In fact, we have the following:

Proposition 1.1 *Let $R = K[X_1, \dots, X_m; Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$ be a polynomial ring over a field K . Let L be one of the following ideals:*

- a) $L = J_r + I_r$, $r > 1$.
- b) $L = J_r + I_m J_t$, with $r = m + t$.
- c) $L = J_r + I_s J_t$, with $r = s + t$ and $s \neq m$.

Then L^i is not integrally closed for all $i \geq 1$.

- 1. *If i is odd, there exists $f = (X_1 Y_1 Y_2^{r-2})^i \in \overline{L^i} / L^i$.*
- 2. *If i is even, there exists $f = (X_1 Y_1^r Y_2^{r-1})^{\frac{i}{2}} \in \overline{L^i} / L^i$.*

Proof.

- a) $L = J_r + I_r$, $r > 1$.

From the equalities

$$1. f^r = X_1^{ri} Y_1^{ri} Y_2^{ri(r-2)} = (X_1^r)^i (Y_1^r)^i (Y_2^r)^{i(r-2)},$$

$$2. f^r = X_1^{r\frac{i}{2}} Y_1^{r^2\frac{i}{2}} Y_2^{\frac{ir}{2}(r-1)} = (X_1^r)^{\frac{i}{2}} (Y_1^r)^{\frac{ir}{2}} (Y_2^r)^{\frac{i}{2}(r-2)},$$

it follows that f^r is in L^{ri} . By a counting degree argument it follows that f is not in L^i .

- b) $L = J_r + I_m J_t$.

From the equalities

$$1. f^m = X_1^{mi} Y_1^{mi} Y_2^{mi(r-2)},$$

it is possible to write f^m as the product of an element of $I_m J_t$ and $m - 1$ elements of J_r , that is

$$f^m = (X_1^m Y_2^t)^i \prod_{s=1}^{m-1} (Y_1^{h_s} Y_2^{k_s})^i,$$

with $h_s + k_s = r$ for all $s = 1, \dots, m - 1$, $\sum_{s=1}^{m-1} h_s = m$ and $\sum_{s=1}^{m-1} k_s = m(r - 2) - t$, it follows that f^m is in L^{mi} .

$$2. f^m = X_1^{\frac{mi}{2}} Y_1^{\frac{mir}{2}} Y_2^{\frac{i}{2}m(r-1)} = (X_1^m Y_2^t)^{\frac{i}{2}} \prod_{s=1}^{\frac{i}{2}(2m-1)} (Y_1^{h_s} Y_2^{k_s})^i$$

with $h_s + k_s = r$ for all $s = 1, \dots, m - 1$, $\sum_{s=1}^{\frac{i}{2}(2m-1)} h_s = rm \frac{i}{2} - t$ and $\sum_{s=1}^{\frac{i}{2}(2m-1)} k_s = m(r - 1) \frac{i}{2}$, it follows that f^m is in L^{mi} .

$$c) L = J_r + I_s J_t$$

We prove that $f^s \in L^{si}$ in the same way of the previous case choosing $m = s$.

Remark 1.2 *In the squarefree case the ideals $J_r + I_r$ and $L = J_r + I_s J_t$ are not normal ideal, while the ideal $L = J_r + I_m J_t$ is normal (see [4]).*

Remark 1.3 *A general case of $L = J_r + I_r$ is the ideal $L = J_r + I_m$, with $r \neq m$. This ideal isn't normal too. In fact we have that L^i is not integrally closed for all $i \geq 1$.*

There are the following cases:

a) If r, m are even, then there exists

$$f = \begin{cases} (X_1^{\frac{m}{2}} Y_1^{\frac{r}{2}-1} Y_2)^i \in \overline{L^i} \setminus L^i, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ (X_1^{\frac{m}{2}} Y_1^r Y_2^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{i}{2}} \in \overline{L^i} \setminus L^i & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

To show that f lies in the integral closure of L^i , it suffices to observe the equalities

$$1. f^2 = (X_1^{\frac{m}{2}} Y_1^{\frac{r}{2}-1} Y_2)^{2i} = (X_1^m)^i (Y_1^{r-2} Y_2^2)^i,$$

it follows that f^2 is in L^{2i} . As $\deg_X(f) = \frac{m}{2}i$ and $\deg_Y(f) = \frac{r}{2}i$, by a counting degree argument it follows that $\deg(f) = \frac{(m+r)}{2}i$ and f is not in L^i .

$$2. f^2 = (X_1^{\frac{m}{2}} Y_1^r Y_2^{\frac{r}{2}})^i = (X_1^m)^{\frac{i}{2}} (Y_1^r)^i (Y_2^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{i}{2}},$$

it follows that f^2 is in L^{2i} . As $\deg_X(f) = \frac{mi}{4}$ and $\deg_Y(f) = \frac{3ri}{4}$, by a counting degree argument it follows that $\deg(f) = \frac{(m+3r)}{4}i$ and f is not in L^i .

b) If $(m, r) = m \neq 1$ odd, then there exists

$$f = \begin{cases} (X_1 X_2 Y_1^{(m-2)\frac{r}{m}})^i \in \overline{L^i} \setminus L^i & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ (X_1 Y_1^{r-\frac{r}{m}} Y_2^r)^{\frac{i}{2}} \in \overline{L^i} \setminus L^i & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

c) If $(m, r) = r \neq 1$ odd, then there exists

$$f = \begin{cases} (X_1^{\frac{m}{r}} Y_1^{\frac{m}{r}} Y_2^{r-2})^i \in \overline{L^i} \setminus L^i & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \\ (X_1^{\frac{m}{r}} Y_1^r Y_2^{r-1})^{\frac{i}{2}} \in \overline{L^i} \setminus L^i & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

We prove the cases b) and c) in the similar way as the case a).

Proposition 1.2 *Let $R = K[X_1, \dots, X_m; Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$ be a polynomial ring over a field K . Let $L = I_k J_r + I_s J_t$ be an ideal of R , with $k > 1, s = k+2, t \geq 1, k+r = s+t$. Then :*

1. *If i is odd, there exists $f = (X_1 X_2^k Y_1^{r-1})^i \in \overline{L^i} / L^i$.*
2. *If i is even, there exists $f = (X_1^k X_2^{k+1} Y_1^{2r-1})^{\frac{i}{2}} \in \overline{L^i} / L^i$.*

Proof.

1. Let $f = (X_1 X_2^k Y_1^{r-1})^i$ be a monomial of R . To show that f lies in the integral closure of L^i , it suffices to observe the equality

$$f^2 = X_1^{2i} X_2^{2ki} Y_1^{2i(r-1)} = (X_2^k Y_1^r)^i (X_1^2 X_2^k Y_1^{r-1})^i,$$

it follows that $f^2 \in L^{2i}$.

2. Let $f = (X_1^k X_2^{k+1} Y_1^{2r-1})^{\frac{i}{2}}$ be a monomial of R . Since

$$f^2 = X_1^{ik} X_2^{i(k+1)} Y_1^{i(2r-1)} = (X_1 X_2^{k-1} Y_1^r)^{\frac{3i}{2}} (X_1^{2k-3} X_2^{5-k} Y_1^{r-2})^{\frac{i}{2}},$$

it follows that $f^2 \in L^{2i}$.

By counting degree argument it follows that f is not in L^i .

Remark 1.4 *In the square-free case, the powers of the ideal $L = I_k J_r + I_s J_t$ are not complete (see [4]).*

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Let $R = K[X_1, \dots, X_m; Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$ be the polynomial ring of Section 1. We consider the remaining two classes of ideals of R examined before.

i) $L = I_k J_r + I_{k+1} J_{r-1}$,

ii) $L = I_k J_r$.

We will be able to prove that they are both normal.

A crucial result for obtaining the normality of i) is the following:

Lemma 2.1 *Let $L = I_k J_r + I_{k+1} J_{r-1}$ and $L' = I_{k-1} J_r + I_k J_{r-1}$ (resp. $L' = I_k J_{r-1} + I_{k+1} J_{r-2}$) $\subset R = K[X_1, \dots, X_m; Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$. If $\wp \subset R$ is a face ideal, such that $X_i \notin \wp$, for some i (resp. $Y_j \notin \wp$, for some j), then*

$$(L)_\wp = (L')_\wp = J_{r-1}.$$

Proof. If we localize L and L' at \wp , the variable X_i is invertible in $(L)_\wp$ and in $(L')_\wp$. Since $X_i^{k-1} \in I_{k-1}$ and $X_i^k \in I_k$, we have $(I_{k-1})_\wp = R$ and $(I_k)_\wp = R$, and it follows $(I_{k-1} J_r)_\wp = (I_{k-1})_\wp (J_r)_\wp = (J_r)_\wp$ and $(I_k J_{r-1})_\wp = (I_k)_\wp (J_{r-1})_\wp = (J_{r-1})_\wp$. Hence

$$(L')_\wp = (J_r)_\wp + (J_{r-1})_\wp = (J_{r-1})_\wp.$$

In the same way we have

$$(L)_\wp = (J_r)_\wp + (J_{r-1})_\wp = (J_{r-1})_\wp.$$

Then $(L)_\wp = (L')_\wp$.

Remark 2.1 *In the square-free case, we have $(I_k)_\wp = (I'_{k-1})_\wp$, where I'_{k-1} is a square-free ideal of R generated by monomials of degree $k-1$ in the variables $X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_m$ and $\wp \subset R$ a face ideal, with the variable $X_i \notin \wp$. The same result is obtained for J_r (see [5], 7.5.1). Hence for all mixed product ideals we have $(L)_\wp = (L')_\wp$.*

In the not square-free case, the result is true only for the ideals $L = I_k J_r + I_{k+1} J_{r-1}$, $L = I_k J_r$, $L = I_k J_r + I_s J_t$, and L' is the ideal generated in the degree $k+r-1$ by all the variables. For other ideals the localization produces the ring R . For example, if $L = I_r + J_r$ and $X_i \notin \wp$, we have $(L)_\wp = (I_r)_\wp + (J_r)_\wp = R + (J_r)_\wp = R$.

Proposition 2.1 *Let $L = I_k J_r + I_{k+1} J_{r-1}$, with $k \geq 0$ and $r \geq 1$. Then L is complete.*

Proof. By induction on $k+r$. If $k+r=1$, then $k=0$, $r=1$ and $L = J_1 + I_1$ is integrally closed.

Assume $k+r > 1$. By induction hypothesis the ideal $L' = I_{k-1} J_r + I_k J_{r-1}$, generated in the degree $k+r-1$, is complete. We set $M = \overline{L}/L$. If $M \neq (0)$, take an associated prime ideal \wp of M . Since $M \hookrightarrow R/L$, an associated prime ideal of M is an associated prime of R/L , this implies that \wp is a face ideal, since the monomial ideal L has a primary decomposition into monomial ideals and every associated prime is a face ideal (see [5], 5.1.3). Suppose that $\wp \neq \mathcal{M}$, where \mathcal{M} is a maximal ideal, then there exists a variable $X_i \notin \wp$. From Lemma 2.1, we have:

$$(L')_\wp = (L)_\wp$$

and

$$M_{\varphi} = (\overline{L}/L)_{\varphi} = (\overline{L})_{\varphi}/(L)_{\varphi} = (\overline{L'})_{\varphi}/(L')_{\varphi} = 0,$$

because L' is complete. Contradiction, because φ is in the support of M . Hence the maximal ideal \mathcal{M} is the only associated prime of M and there exists a monomial $f \in (\overline{L}/L)$ such that $(L : f) = \mathcal{M}$. The support of f contains one of the variables Y_i : if $f = \underline{X}^a$, then $f \in \overline{L} \Rightarrow f^i \in L^i$ for some $i \geq 1$. Hence we must have $r = 1$ and $f^i \in (I_{k+1})^i$. As I_{k+1} is normal then $f \in (I_{k+1}) \subset L$. Contradiction, because $f \notin L$. Let $Y_1 \in \text{supp}(f)$ such that $\text{deg}_{Y_1}(f) \geq \text{deg}_{Y_i}(f)$ for $i = 2, \dots, n$. Then we can write

$$Y_1 f = g\omega,$$

where ω is a monomial of L (of degree $k+r$) and g is a monomial of R . (We observe that $\text{deg}(g) > 0$ because $f^i \in L^i$ and $Y_1 \notin \text{supp}(g)$ because $f \notin L$.)

We assume that Y_j divides g for $j \neq 1$. Let $c = \text{deg}_{Y_1}(f)$, as Y_1^{c+1} divides $Y_1 f$ then Y_1^{c+1} divides ω . Assume that $Y_1 \in \text{supp}(\omega)$ and note that $Y_j \in \text{supp}(\omega)$; if $Y_j \notin \text{supp}(\omega)$ the equality

$$Y_1 f = (\omega Y_j / Y_1)(Y_1 g / Y_j),$$

implies that $f \in L$.

Theorem 2.1 *Let $L = I_k J_r + I_{k+1} J_{r-1}$, with $k \geq 0$ and $r \geq 1$. Then L is normal.*

Proof. By induction on $k+r$. If $k+r = 1$, $L = I_1 + J_1$ is normal. Now we assume $k+r \geq 2$ and we use induction on p , for all $p \geq 1$.

$p = 1$: $L = \overline{L}$ by lemma 2.1.

$p > 1$: we assume L^i complete for $1 \leq i < p$. We set $M = \overline{L^p}/L^p$. If $M \neq (0)$, take an associated prime ideal φ of M . Since $M \hookrightarrow R/L^p$, an associated prime ideal of M is an associated of R/L^p , this implies that φ is a face ideal (since the monomial ideal $L^p = q_1 \cap \dots \cap q_s$ is a primary decomposition into monomial ideals and every associated prime is a face ideal (see [5] 5.1.3)). We suppose that $\varphi \neq \mathcal{M}$, \mathcal{M} is a maximal ideal. If a variable $X_i \notin \varphi$ then (by lemma 2.1):

$$(L'^p)_{\varphi} = (L^p)_{\varphi},$$

where $L' = I_{k-1} J_r + I_k J_{r-1}$ generated in the degree $k+r-1$.

We have

$$M_{\varphi} = (\overline{L^p}/L^p)_{\varphi} = (\overline{L^p})_{\varphi}/(L^p)_{\varphi} = (\overline{L'^p})_{\varphi}/(L'^p)_{\varphi} \subseteq (\overline{L'^{p-1}})_{\varphi}/(L'^{p-1})_{\varphi} = 0,$$

because $(L')^{p-1}$ is complete by induction hypothesis (on $k+r$ and p). This is a contradiction, because φ is in the support of M . Hence the maximal ideal

\mathcal{M} is the only associated prime of M and there exists a monomial $f \in (\overline{L^p}/L^p)$ such that $(L^p : f) = \mathcal{M}$. The support of f contains one of the variables Y_i : if $f = \underline{X}^a$, then $f \in \overline{L^p} \Rightarrow f^i \in L^{pi}$ for some $i \geq 1$. Hence we must have $r = 1$ and $f^i \in (I_{k+1})^{ip}$. As I_{k+1} is normal then $f \in (I_{k+1})^p \subset L^p$. This is a contradiction because $f \notin L^p$. Let $Y_1 \in \text{supp}(f)$ such that $\text{deg}_{Y_1}(f) \geq \text{deg}_{Y_i}(f)$ for $i = 2, \dots, n$. Then we can write

$$Y_1 f = g \omega_1 \cdots \omega_p,$$

where $\omega_1 \cdots \omega_p$ are monomials of L (of degree $k+r$) and g is a monomial of R . (We observe that $\text{deg}(g) > 0$ because $f^i \in L^{ip}$ and $Y_1 \notin \text{supp}(g)$ because $f \notin L^p$.)

Case I) We assume that Y_j divides g for $j \neq 1$. Let $c = \text{deg}_{Y_1}(f)$. As Y_1^{c+1} divides $Y_1 f$ then Y_1^{c+1} divides $\omega_1 \cdots \omega_p$. Assume that $Y_1 \in \text{supp}(\omega_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, c+1$ and note that $Y_j \in \text{supp}(\omega_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, c+1$; if $Y_j \notin \text{supp}(\omega_i)$ the equality

$$Y_1 f = \omega_1 \cdots (\omega_i Y_j / Y_1) \cdots \omega_{c+1} \cdots \omega_p (Y_1 g / Y_j),$$

implies that $f \in L^p$.

Case II) Assume that $g = \underline{X}^a$ and X_j divides g .

a) First suppose that there exists a monomial ω_l of the form

$$\omega_l = (X_{i_1} \cdots X_{i_k})(Y_1 Y_{j_2} \cdots Y_{j_r}),$$

with $1 \leq i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_k \leq m$, $1 \leq j_2 \leq \dots \leq j_r \leq n$ and $Y_1 \in \text{supp}(\omega_l)$. If $Y_1 \notin \text{supp}(\omega_l)$ and $X_j \in \text{supp}(\omega_l)$, then we can write

$$Y_1 f = \omega_1 \cdots \omega_{l-1} (X_{i_1} \cdots X_{i_k} X_j) (Y_{j_2} \cdots Y_{j_r}) \omega_{l+1} \cdots \omega_p (Y_1 g / X_j),$$

it follows $f \in L^p$.

Then there exists a monomial ω_q of the form:

$$\omega_q = \begin{cases} (1) (X_{s_1} \cdots X_{s_{k+1}})(Y_{t_1} \cdots Y_{t_{r-1}}) \\ (2) (X_{s_1} \cdots X_{s_k})(Y_{t_1} \cdots Y_{t_r}) \end{cases},$$

with $1 \leq s_1 \leq \dots \leq s_{k+1} \leq m$, $1 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_r \leq n$ and $X_j \notin \text{supp}(\omega_q)$. In the case (1): $X_{s_1}, \dots, X_{s_{k+1}} \not\subseteq X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_k}$ and let $X_{s_1} \notin \{X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_k}\}$. From the equality

$$Y_1 f = g \omega_l \omega_q \prod_{i \neq l, q} \omega_i = (Y_1 g / X_j) (X_{s_1} \omega_l / Y_1) (X_j \omega_q / X_{s_1}) \prod_{i \neq l, q} \omega_i,$$

it follows $f \in L^p$.

In the case (2): $\{Y_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_r}\} \not\subseteq \{Y_{j_2}, \dots, Y_{j_r}\}$ and let $Y_{t_1} \notin \{Y_{j_2}, \dots, Y_{j_r}\}$.

From the equality

$$Y_1 f = g \omega_l \omega_q \prod_{i \neq l, q} \omega_i = (Y_1 g / X_j)(Y_{t_1} \omega_l / Y_1)(X_j \omega_q / Y_{t_1}) \prod_{i \neq l, q} \omega_i,$$

it follows $f \in L^p$.

b) Suppose that all monomials ω_l that contain Y_1 in their support are

$$\omega_l = (X_{i_1} \cdots X_{i_{k+1}})(Y_1 Y_{j_2} \cdots Y_{j_{r-1}}).$$

There exists

$$\omega_q = \begin{cases} (1) (X_{s_1} \cdots X_{s_k})(Y_{t_1} \cdots Y_{t_r}) \\ (2) (X_{s_1} \cdots X_{s_{k+1}})(Y_{t_1} \cdots Y_{t_{r-1}}) \end{cases} .$$

From now on, by using the same technic used in [5](Prop 7.5.8), we obtain the proof.

Remark 2.2 *In the square-free case, the ideal $L = I_k J_r + I_{k+1} J_{r-1}$ is normal too (see [4]).*

Theorem 2.2 *Let $L = I_k J_r$, with $k, r > 1$. Then L is normal .*

Proof. First we prove that L is complete. It is enough to prove that

$$I_k \cap J_r \text{ is integrally closed and } I_k J_r = I_k \cap J_r.$$

To prove that $\overline{I_k \cap J_r} = \overline{I_k} \cap \overline{J_r}$, it is enough to prove that $\overline{I_k \cap J_r} \subseteq \overline{I_k} \cap \overline{J_r}$, since $\overline{I_k} \cap \overline{J_r} = I_k \cap J_r \subseteq \overline{I_k \cap J_r}$. For all $z \in \overline{I_k \cap J_r}$ there exists an equation $z^l + a_1 z^{l-1} + \cdots + a_{l-1} z + a_l = 0$, with $a_i \in (I_k \cap J_r)^i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, l$. It follows that $a_i \in (I_k)^i$ and $a_i \in (J_r)^i$. Hence $z \in \overline{I_k} \cap \overline{J_r}$.

Now, let $f \in I_k$ and $g \in J_r$, $G.C.D.(f, g) = 1$, it follows that fg is a *l.c.m.*(f, g), hence $fg \in I_k \cap J_r$.

Then L is complete.

For all $i > 0$, it results

$$L^i = (I_k)^i (J_r)^i = (I_k)^i \cap (J_r)^i,$$

hence L^i is integrally closed, because $(I_k)^i$ and $(J_r)^i$ are integrally closed.

Remark 2.3 *In the square-free case, the ideal as $L = I_{k+1}$, $L = I_k J_r$ is normal too (see [4]).*

For computing examples we used the computer algebra program [2], that was able to find the monomials of the integral closure of L^i in the simplest cases.

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