### Algebras and varieties

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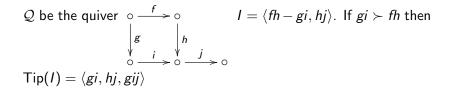
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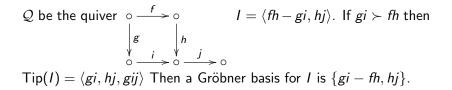
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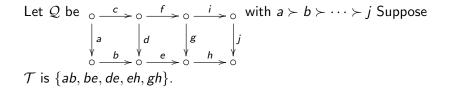
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**Fact**: If *I* can generated by weight homogeneous elements, then the reduced Gröbner basis is composed of weight homogeneous elements.

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