

4.) Let  $I = \langle x_1x_3, x_1x_4, x_2x_4 \rangle$  in  $\mathbb{F}[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$ , and let  $I_d$  be the  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space of homogeneous polynomials of degree  $d$  in  $I$ .

Note that all monomials in  $\mathbb{F}[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$  are in  $I$  except those of the form  $x_1^i x_2^j, x_2^i x_3^j, x_3^i x_4^j$  where  $i, j \geq 0$ . Basically, any monomial which is divisible by three of  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  is divisible by one of the generators of  $I$ . On the other hand, monomials of the form  $x_1^i x_2^j, x_2^i x_3^j$ , or  $x_3^i x_4^j$  where  $i, j \geq 0$  are not in  $I$ .

To count these, there are  $\binom{d+3}{3}$  monomials in 4 variables of degree  $d$ . There are  $d+1$  monomials of the form  $x_1^i x_2^j$  with  $i+j=d$ . If we count these for  $x_2^i x_3^j, x_3^i x_4^j$  as well, then we get  $3(d+1)$  monomials, but we have overcounted  $x_2^d$  and  $x_3^d$  once each. Putting this all together gives that the number of monic polynomials in  $I$  of degree  $d$  is  $\binom{d+3}{3} - 3d - 1$ . So

$$H_I(d) = \dim_{\mathbb{F}} I_d = \binom{d+3}{3} - 3d - 1.$$

To compute  $H(I; x)$ , we will use the following identity:

$$\sum_{d \geq 0} \binom{d+n-1}{n-1} x^d = \sum_{d \geq 0} (\#\{\text{monomials of degree } d \text{ in } n \text{ variables}\}) x^d = \frac{1}{(1-x)^n}.$$

Then write  $H(d) = \binom{d+3}{3} - 3\binom{d+1}{1} + 2\binom{d}{0}$ . This gives that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d \geq 0} H(d) x^d &= \sum_{d \geq 0} \binom{d+3}{3} x^d - 3 \sum_{d \geq 0} \binom{d+1}{1} x^d + 2 \sum_{d \geq 0} \binom{d}{0} x^d \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-t)^4} - \frac{3}{(1-t)^2} + \frac{2}{(1-t)} \end{aligned}$$