

3. It suffices to show that  $0 \rightarrow R/J(-d) \xrightarrow{f} R/I' \xrightarrow{g} R/I \rightarrow 0$  is a graded exact sequence, where  $d = \deg(m_k)$  and  $f$  and  $g$  are homomorphisms given by  $g : R/J(-d) \rightarrow R/I$  so that  $[a]_J \mapsto [m_k a]_{I'}$  and  $f : R/I' \rightarrow R/I$  so that  $[a]_{I'} \mapsto [a]_I$ . Note that  $g$  is degree preserving because of the shifting and  $f$  does obviously preserve degree.

We divide the proof in three steps.

- (a) The sequence is exact in  $R/J(-d)$ . For this it is enough to prove that  $\ker(g) = \{0_J\}$  (which in this case is  $J$ ). Suppose that  $g([a]_J) = I'$ , this means that  $m_k a + I' = I'$ , so  $m_k a \in I'$ , hence every monomial of  $m_k a$  is divisible by some element in  $I'$ . It follows that every monomial in  $a$  is divisible by  $(m_k, m_j)$  for some  $j \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ . We conclude that  $a$  is in  $J$ , so  $[a] = 0_J$ .
- (b) The sequence is exact in  $R/I'$ . It suffices to show that  $\text{Im}(g) = \text{Ker}(f)$ . Let  $[a]_{I'} \in \text{Ker}(f)$ , where  $a$  does not have monomials that are multiples of  $m_j$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}$ . We have that  $a + I = I$  so that  $a \in I$  so every monomial of  $a$  is a multiple of  $m_k$ , hence  $a \in \text{Im}(g)$ . Now if  $[a]_{I'} \in \text{Im}(g)$  (taking the representative  $a$  of the class with no monomials in  $I'$ ) then there is a polynomial  $a'$  such that  $a = m_k a'$  and hence  $f([a]_{I'}) = f([m_k a']_{I'}) = m_k a' + I = I$  so  $[a]_{I'} \in \text{Ker}(f)$ . We conclude then that  $\text{Im}(g) = \text{Ker}(f)$ .
- (c) The sequence is exact in  $R/I$  which in this case is equivalent to prove that  $f$  is surjective. This follows from the fact that if  $[a]_I \in R/I$  then  $f([a]_{I'}) = [a]_I$  by definition.

From (a), (b) and (c) we conclude that  $0 \rightarrow R/J(-d) \xrightarrow{f} R/I' \xrightarrow{g} R/I \rightarrow 0$  is a finite graded

free resolution of  $R/I$  (because all the modules are free and the sequence is exact) and so  $H_{R/I}(m) = H_{R/I'}(m) - H_{R/J(-d)}(m)$  or equivalently  $H_{R/I}(m) = H_{R/I'}(m) - H_{R/J}(m-d)$  as desired.