

Really don't understand how to implement Proposition 12 and could use an example. How do I efficiently compute the partial derivatives of f and then also efficiently compute the gcd of all of them?

I've added some sections to our Sage reference about computing partial derivatives (using the gradient function) and gcds and reductions (there's a custom reduction function defined there). See the sections titled "Multivariable polynomials: Partial derivatives" and "Multivariable polynomials: GCDs, factoring, and reduction."

So, for example, if you wanted to compute \sqrt{I} where $I = \langle (x + y^2)^3(x - y) \rangle$, you might do the following:

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R.<x,y> = PolynomialRing(QQ, order='lex')
f = (x+y^2)^3*(x-y)
reduction(f)
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The output of this is $x^2 + x*y^2 - x*y - y^3$, and this is a generator for \sqrt{I} .

Note though that the above only works for principal ideals. That being said, Sage can compute radicals of non-principal ideals as well, using the radical function. For example, if you want to compute a Gröbner basis for \sqrt{I} when $I = \langle x^2 + y^2 - 1, y - 1 \rangle$, you can do the following:

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R.<x,y> = PolynomialRing(QQ, order='deglex')
I = Ideal(x^2+y^2-1,y-1)
I.radical().groebner_basis()
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The output is $[x, y - 1]$.