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Interpolation of Ideals

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Let K denote an algebraically closed field. We study the relation between an ideal I in $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ and its cross sections $I_a = I + \langle x_1 - a \rangle$. In particular, we study under what conditions I can be recovered from the set $I_S = \{(a, I_a) : a \in S\}$ with S a subset of K . For instance, we show that an ideal $I = \bigcap_i Q_i$, where Q_i is primary and $Q_i \cap K[x_1] = \{0\}$, is uniquely determined by I_S when S is infinite. Moreover, there exists a function $B(d, n)$ such that, if I is generated by polynomials of degree at most d , then I is uniquely determined by I_S when $|S| \geq B(d, n)$. If I is also known to be principal, the reconstruction can be done when $|S| \geq 2d$, and in this case, we prove that the bound is sharp.

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