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Abstract

The Rees algebra of an ideal I is an invaluable tool in the study of the algebraic properties of I, as it encodes information on the asymptotic growth of the powers of I. Moreover, as Proj(R(I)) is the blowup of an affine scheme along V(I), Rees algebras represent an essential tool in the study of singularities. As the blowup construction describes Proj(R(I)) via parametric equations, a fundamental problem is to find the implicit equations of blowups. This is a difficult problem in general, as a priori one would need to determine all possible relations among the generators of all powers of I. In this talk, I will restrict to the case when I is a codimension-two perfect ideal in a polynomial ring k[x_1,...,x_d], admitting a presentation matrix consisting of linear entries. Most of the existing literature in this setting assumes the so-called G_d condition that the Fitting ideals Fitt_i(I) have codimension at least i+1 for i=1,...,d-1. Moving away from this assumption, we determine the defining ideal of the Rees algebra of I by requiring only that this codimension constraint is satisfied for i=1,...,d-2. This is part of joint work with Edward Price and Matthew Weaver.