# Constructing Faithful Maps over Arbitrary Fields

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**Finite Characteristic**: Entries in "inverse" have denominators that are partial derivatives of some annihilators, which can become zero.

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# The [PSS16] Criterion

A given set of polynomials  $\{f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k\} \in \mathbb{F}[x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n]$  is algebraically independent if and only if for a random  $z \in \mathbb{F}^n$ ,  $\{\mathcal{H}_t(f_1), \mathcal{H}_t(f_2), \ldots, \mathcal{H}_t(f_k)\}$  are linearly independent in

$$\frac{\mathbb{F}(\mathsf{z})[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]}{\mathcal{I}_t}$$

where *t* is the inseparable degree of  $\{f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k\}$  and

$$\mathcal{I}_{t} = \langle \mathcal{H}_{t}(f_{1}), \mathcal{H}_{t}(f_{2}), \dots, \mathcal{H}_{t}(f_{k}) \rangle_{\mathbb{F}(z)}^{\geq 2} \mod \langle \mathbf{x} \rangle^{t+1} \subseteq \mathbb{F}(\mathbf{z})[\mathbf{x}].$$

# Alternate Statement for the [PSS16] Criterion

 $\{f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k\}$  is algebraically independent if and only if for every  $(v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_k)$  with  $v_i$ s in  $\mathcal{I}_t$ ,

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