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The application of algebraic statistics in experimental design so far can be summarised in few items: 1. the interpretation of a zero-dimensional ideal I as a design; 2. the use of particular types of linear bases of $R[\underline{x}]/I$ to build linear regression models; 3. the normal-form operation to compute confounding structures.

Items 2 and 3 above, and in part 1, depend on the choice of a term-ordering. We investigate its role, usefulness and limitations for the applications in design of experiments. (Received September 27, 2005)