

## GradingMat with negative weights should complain (or deal with them properly!!)

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	12 Mar 2024
<b>Priority:</b>	Urgent	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Anna Maria Bigatti	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Category:</b>	Improving	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	CoCoALib-0.99850	<b>Spent time:</b>	1.60 hour
<b>Description</b>			
<pre>W:=mat([[0,1],[1,-1]]); O:=MakeTermOrdMat(W); P:=NewPolyRing(QQ,"x,y",O,2); Use P; wdeg(y); ----&gt; [1, 0] WRONG</pre>			
<b>2024-03</b> new function name: NewPolyRingWeights(QQ,"x,y",W);			
<b>Related issues:</b>			
Related to CoCoALib - Support #1761: MakeTermOrdMat: improve error mesg		<b>Closed</b>	<b>06 Aug 2023</b>
Related to CoCoALib - Design #832: Generalize grading matrix		<b>New</b>	<b>04 Dec 2015</b>
Related to CoCoA-5 - Feature #823: NewPolyRing with weights -- better interface?		<b>Closed</b>	<b>26 Nov 2015</b>

#1 - 12 Mar 2024 12:19 - Anna Maria Bigatti

I investigated and found the confusion: in the lines

```
W:=mat([[0,1],[1,-1]]);
O:=MakeTermOrdMat(W);
P:=NewPolyRing(QQ,"x,y",O,2);
Use P;
wdeg(y); ----> [1, 0] WRONG
```

The call `O:=MakeTermOrdMat(W)`; actually changes `W` (because it just makes a new ordering compatible with `W`): `O` is `[[0, 1], [1, 0]]` and it is passed as `OrdMat`.

However the problem persists (I guess for the same internal implementation) in the shortcut call

```

/**/ P := NewPolyRing(QQ,"x,y", mat([[0,1],[3,-4]])); use P;
/**/ wdeg(y);
[1, 0]

```

whereas it is properly detected in the complete call:

```

/**/ P := NewPolyRing(QQ,"x,y", mat([[0,1],[3,-4]]), 2); use P;
--> ERROR: NOT YET IMPLEMENTED -- please be patient, we're working on it
--> [CoCoALib] MatrixOrdering32bitImpl: temporarily requiring weights to be non-negative
--> P := NewPolyRing(QQ,"x,y", mat([[0,1],[3,-4]]), 2); use P;
-->

```

**#2 - 12 Mar 2024 20:39 - John Abbott**

- Status changed from New to In Progress

The documentation says that if the grading-dim is not specified then it is taken to be 0. Perhaps this is misleading default behaviour? Maybe the default should be the number of rows? [do we require the rows to be in lin indep?]

**#3 - 12 Mar 2024 20:40 - John Abbott**

- Description updated

**#4 - 13 Mar 2024 20:47 - John Abbott**

- Related to Support #1761: MakeTermOrdMat: improve error mesg added

**#5 - 13 Mar 2024 20:48 - John Abbott**

- Related to Design #832: Generalize grading matrix added

**#6 - 14 Mar 2024 08:55 - Anna Maria Bigatti**

- Related to Feature #823: NewPolyRing with weights -- better interface? added

**#7 - 14 Mar 2024 09:51 - Anna Maria Bigatti**

John Abbott wrote:

The documentation says that if the grading-dim is not specified then it is taken to be 0. Perhaps this is misleading default behaviour? Maybe the default should be the number of rows? [do we require the rows to be in lin indep?]

I cannot find the documentation. But it does take the number of rows.  
The implementation in SparsePolyRing.C

```
SparsePolyRing NewPolyRing(const ring& CoeffRing, const std::vector<symbol>& IndetSyms, ConstMatrixView Ws)
```

does the trivial thing (calling MakeTermOrdMat(Ws)) and no specific checks whatsoever.

We had suggested, in [#823](#), to call such function NewPolyRingWeights (or NewPolyRingWithWeights), and now I do think we should, because calling NewPolyRing with a square matrix (say, LexMat(n)) would give GradingDim=n, and I think that is unexpected.

**#8 - 14 Mar 2024 10:12 - Anna Maria Bigatti**

- Description updated

John Abbott wrote:

[do we require the rows to be in lin indep?]

yes

**#9 - 14 Mar 2024 12:04 - Anna Maria Bigatti**

- % Done changed from 20 to 60

Added check in the definition of NewPolyRing(K, X, WeightsMat).  
Should I rename it NewPolyRingWeights? (not yet documented, I believe)

**#10 - 15 Mar 2024 15:37 - Anna Maria Bigatti**

- Description updated

- Status changed from In Progress to Resolved

- % Done changed from 60 to 80

Anna Maria Bigatti wrote:

Added check in the definition of NewPolyRing(K, X, WeightsMat).  
Should I rename it NewPolyRingWeights? (not yet documented, I believe)

Yes, I called it **NewPolyRingWeights** to emphasize its meaning.  
Also in CoCoA-5.

Document in CoCoALib and CoCoA-5, then close this issue.

**#11 - 18 Mar 2024 16:15 - Anna Maria Bigatti**

- Status changed from Resolved to Closed

- % Done changed from 80 to 100