1047-13-385 **Hema Srinivasan\*** (srinivasanh@missouri.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Mossouri, Columbia, MO 65211. *Generators of the defining ideals of monomial curves*. Preliminary report.

Let  $I = I(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$  be the ideal of the monomial curve parametrized as  $(t^{a_0}, \dots, t^{a_n})$ . It is well known the ideal I is generated by binomials and that the number of generators of I is 2 or 3 if n = 2. We will discuss some results on the number of minimal generators of I and the structure of the free I for general n. (Received February 02, 2009)