1131-13-198 **Justin Chen*** (jchen@math.berkeley.edu). Mono: an algebraic study of torus closures. Preliminary report.

Given an ideal I in a polynomial ring, let mono(I) denote the largest monomial ideal contained in I. We study mono as an interesting operation in its own right, guided by questions that arise from comparing the Betti tables of I and mono(I), especially in the case that I is Artinian graded. For instance, how similar are the shapes of the Betti tables of Iand mono(I)? Does I Gorenstein imply mono(I) Gorenstein, or conversely? To what extent is taking mono non-unique? We give many examples to illustrate these questions and their answers. (Received July 14, 2017)