



Efficiently solving connectivity queries on real algebraic curves

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Data representation and quantitative estimate

Theorem

In a *generic* system of coordinates there exist...

Zero-dimensional parametrization of
$$\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$$
 finite

...polynomials
$$(\lambda, \vartheta_2, \ldots, \vartheta_n) \subset \mathbb{Z}[x_1]$$
 s.t.

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ \left(\boldsymbol{x}_1, \frac{\vartheta_2(\boldsymbol{x}_1)}{\lambda'(\boldsymbol{x}_1)}, \dots, \frac{\vartheta_n(\boldsymbol{x}_1)}{\lambda'(\boldsymbol{x}_1)} \right) \middle| \lambda(\boldsymbol{x}_1) = 0 \right\}$$

One-dimensional parametrization of
$$\mathscr{C} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$$
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...polynomials $(\omega, \rho_3, \dots, \rho_n) \subset \mathbb{Z}[x_1, x_2]$ s.t.
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Magnitude of a polynomial
$$f \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$$
 has magnitude (δ, τ) if $\deg(f) \leq \delta$ and $|\text{coeffs}(f)| \leq 2^{\tau}$

Soft-O notation
$$\tilde{O}(N) = O(N \log(N)^a), \ a > 0$$

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Cylindrical Algebraic Decomposition [Collins, '75] [Kerber, Sagraloff; '12]



Multiple projections [Seidel, Wolpert; '05]



[Burr, Choi, Galehouse, Yap; '05]

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Computing connectivity - Main Result				
Ambient dimension	Bit complexity	Reference		
$n \ge 2$	$\tilde{O}(\delta^5(\delta+\tau))$ NEW!	[Islam, Poteaux, P.; 2023]		
Avoid computation of the complete topology!				

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TriSecants are exceptional secants

Proof: Trisecant lemma for singular projective curves

Kaminski Kanel-Belov Teicher: '08

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Planar topology computation

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Cylindrical algebraic decomposition

Method introduced by G. Collins in 1975































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Witness apparent singularities

•
$$\mathscr{R} = (\omega, \rho_3, \dots, \rho_n) \subset \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$$
 encoding $\mathscr{C} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ in generic position

•
$$\mathcal{A}(x,y) = \partial_{x_2}^2 \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \partial_{x_1} \boldsymbol{\rho_3} - \partial_{x_1 x_2}^2 \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \partial_{x_2} \boldsymbol{\rho_3} \in \mathbb{Z}[x,y]$$

Proposition - Generalization of [El Kahoui; '08]

A node (α, β) is an **apparent singularity** if and only if $\mathcal{A}(\alpha, \beta) \neq 0$



Computational aspect **Q**

- 1. Non-vanishing can be tested using gcd computations
- 2. Gcd computations can be done modulo a prime number

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Generic projection: avoid bad directions



For plane and space projection			
Г	Dim. of	Bad directions	Bad directions
	bad directions	for π_2	for π_3
Γ	≤ 1	Ø	Ø
	≤ 2	$< \infty$	Ø