

**Conceptual Aspects to solve Smale's 17–th Problem:  
complexity, probability, polynomial equations and Integral  
Geometry. \***

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SMALE'S LIST

18 Problems, as....

Problem 1: The Riemann Hypothesis

Problem 2: The Poincaré Conjecture (Perelman)

Problem 3: Does  $P = NP$  ?

Problem 4: Integer Zeros of a Polynomial.

Problem 5: Height Bounds for diophantine curves.

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Problem 9: The Linear Programming Problem.

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Problem 14: The Lorentz Attractor Problem. (Tucker, 02)

## 17-th Problem.

Can a zero of  $n$  complex polynomial equations in  $n$  unknowns be found approximately on the average, in polynomial time with a uniform algorithm?.

(Beltrán-**P.** , 06)

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

XIX-th century: Modern Elimination Theory

*Bézout, Cayley, Hilbert, Kronecker, Sturm, Sylvester*

1900–1930: *Macaulay, König,...*

1930–1965: Vanished on the air?

1965–: Monomial orders and standard–Gröbner Basis *Hironaka, Buchberger, ..., Rewriting Techniques*

*Sparse Approach... Bernstein, Kouchnirenko, Sturmfels....*

*Complexity Classes Approach... Cook [P = NP ?]*

1995–: Intrinsic Methods adapted to data structures

*TERA, KRONECKER ....*

**Goal:** *Efficient Algorithmics for Problems Given by Polynomial Equations*

Potential Applications : † Information Theory (Coding, Crypto,...), Game Theory, Graphic and Mechanical Design, Chemist, Robotics, ...

**The Problem: Efficiency**

**Rk.** *Most algorithms for Elimination Problems run in worse than exponential time in the number of variables:*

**Intractable for Practical Applications.**

† Many of them Casual but not Causal

## SOLVING

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INPUT: A list of multivariate polynomial equations:  $f_1, \dots, f_s \in \mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ .

OUTPUT: A description of the solution variety  
 $V(f_1, \dots, f_s) := \{x \in \mathbb{C}^n : f_i(x) = 0 \dots\}$ .

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**Description:** The kind of description determines the kind of problems/questions you may answer about  $V(f_1, \dots, f_s)$

*Example:* Symbolic/Algebraic Computing  $\longrightarrow$  questions involving quantifiers

**Hilbert's Nulltellsatz (HN)** Given  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  decide whether the following holds:

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{C}^n \quad f_i(x) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq s.$$

## DIFFERENT SCHOOLS

**Syntactic** Standard, Gröbner Basis, Rewriting...a Long List

**Structural** :Find the suitable complexity class for the problem NP-hard, PSPACE,...

**Semi-Semantics**: Using combinatorial objects (hence semi-semantic) to control complexity: Sparse School: using Newton polytopes Bernstein. Kouchnirenko, Sturmfels...

**Semantic/Intrinsic**: Mostly the TERA group: *Cantabria* (*P.*, *Morais*, *Montaña*, *Hägele*,...); *Polytechnique* (*Giusti*, *Bostan*, *Lecerf*, *Schost*, *Salvy*...); \* *Buenos Aires* (*Heintz*, *Krick*, *Matera*, *Solerno*, ...); \* *Humboldt* (*Bank*, *Mbakop*, *Lehmann*)

## SOME CONCEPTS UNDERLYING SEMANTIC SCHOOLS

- **Polynomials** viewed as **programs**.
- Parameters of Semantical Objects (algebraic varieties) dominate complexity.

**Degree of  $V$**  (*[Heintz, 83], [Vogel, 83], [Fulton, 81]*) :# of intersection points with generic linear varieties.

**Height of  $V$ :**

*Bit length of the coefficients* **CHOW FORM**

\* *Geometric Degree of a Sequence:*

$$\delta(V_1, \dots, V_r) := \max\{\deg(V_i) : 1 \leq i \leq r\}.$$



A STATEMENT

**Theorem 1** *There is a bounded error probability Turing machine that answers **HN** in time *polynomial* in*

$$L \delta H,$$

*where*

*$L$  is the input length (whatever usual data structure),*

*$\delta$  is the geometric degree of a deformation sequence (Kronecker's deformation) and*

*$H$  is the height of the last equi-dimensional variety computed.*

EXAMPLES

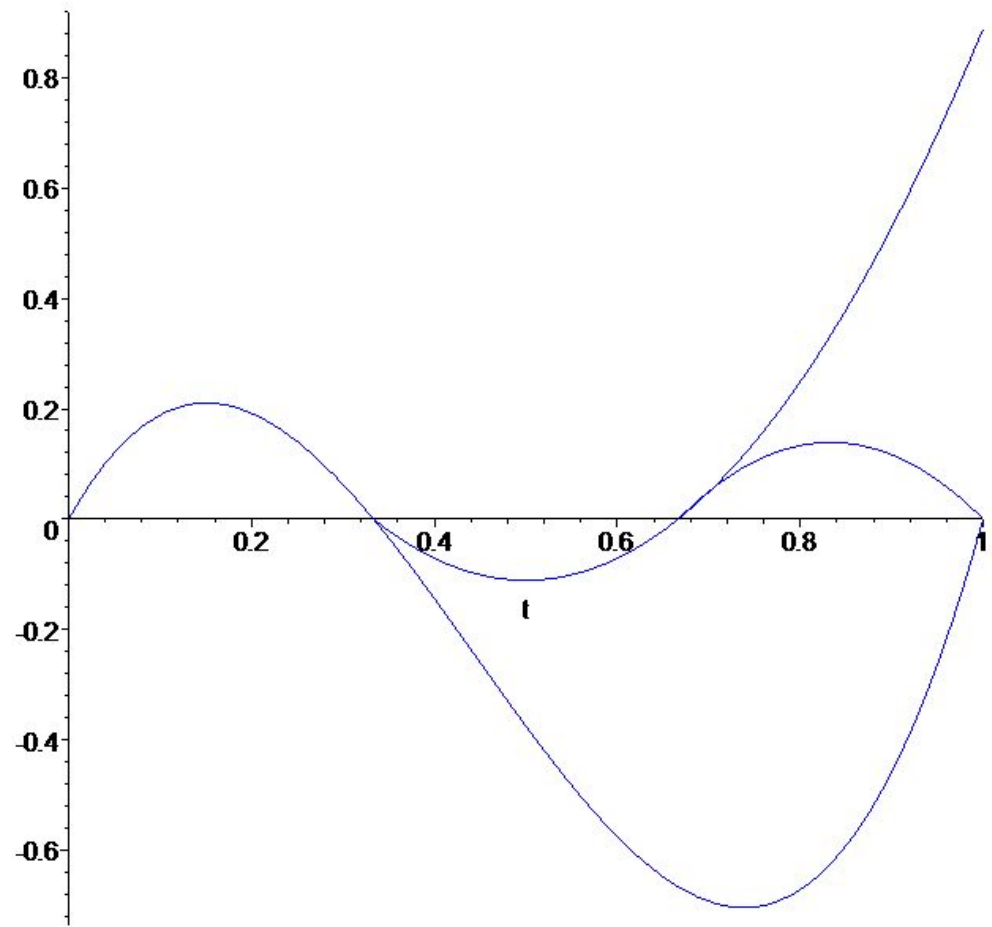
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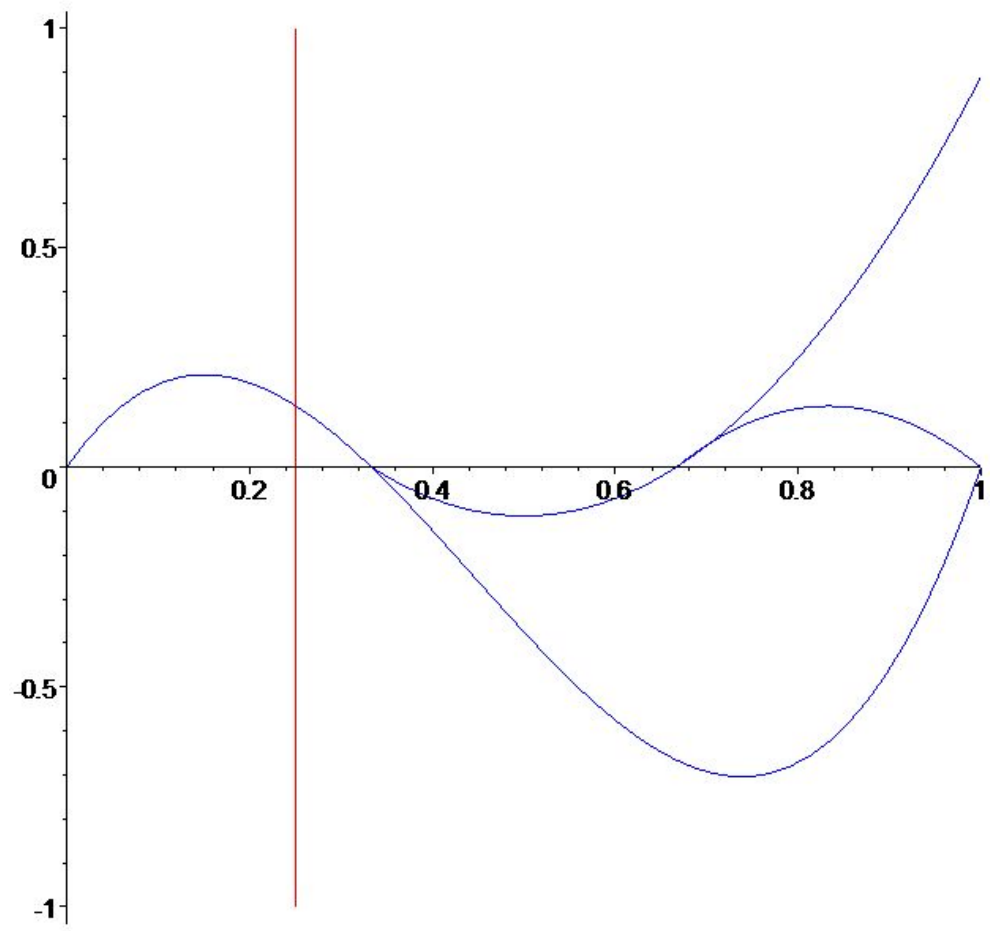
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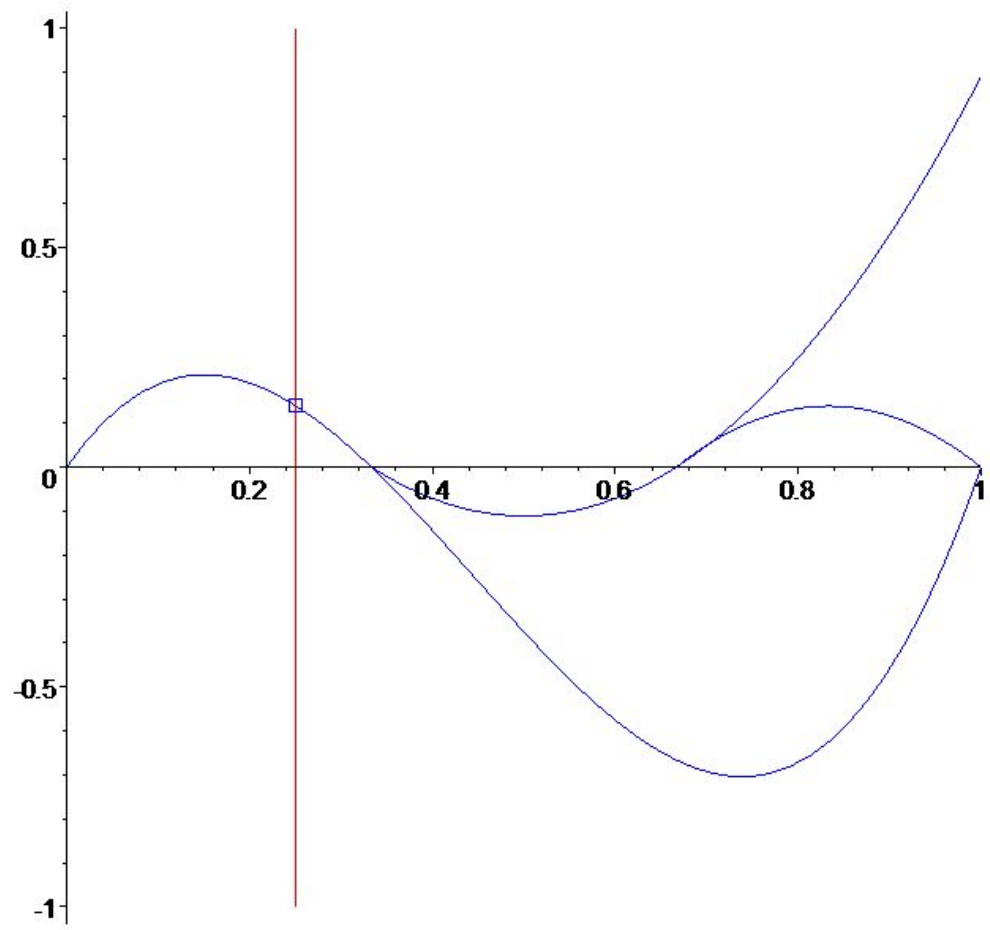
# KRONECKER'S DEFORMATION



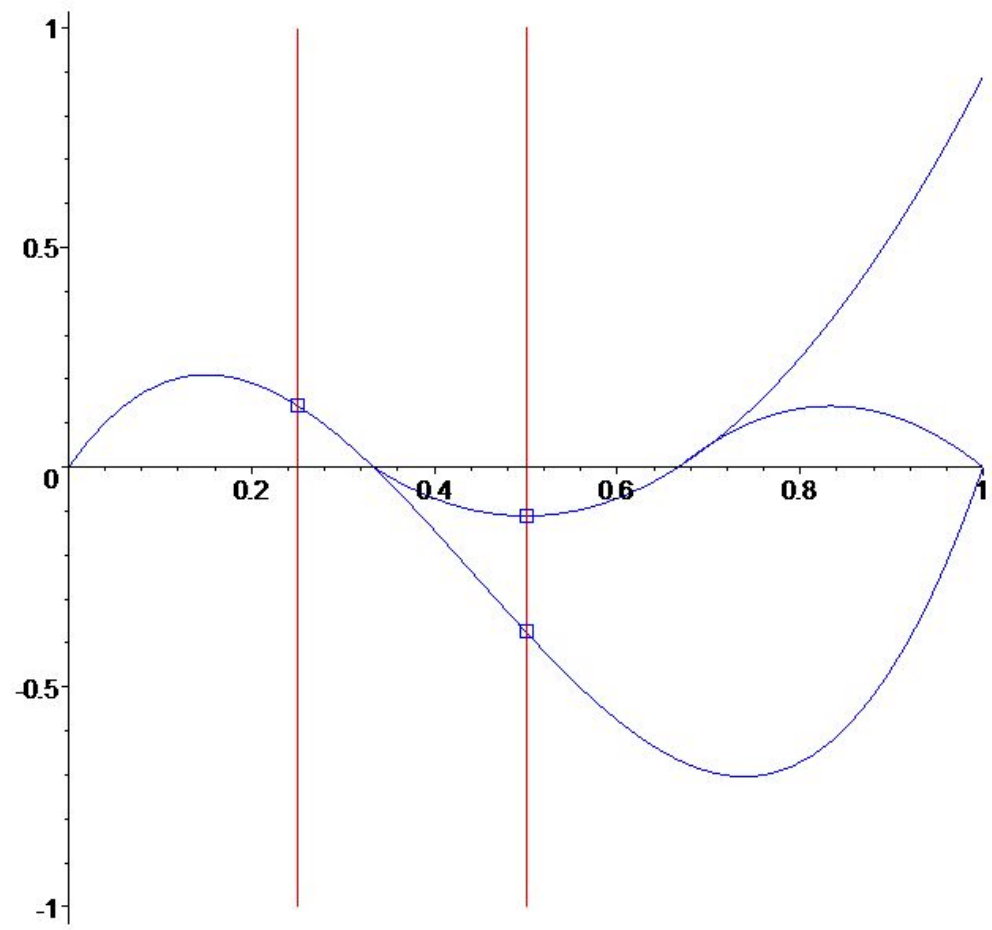
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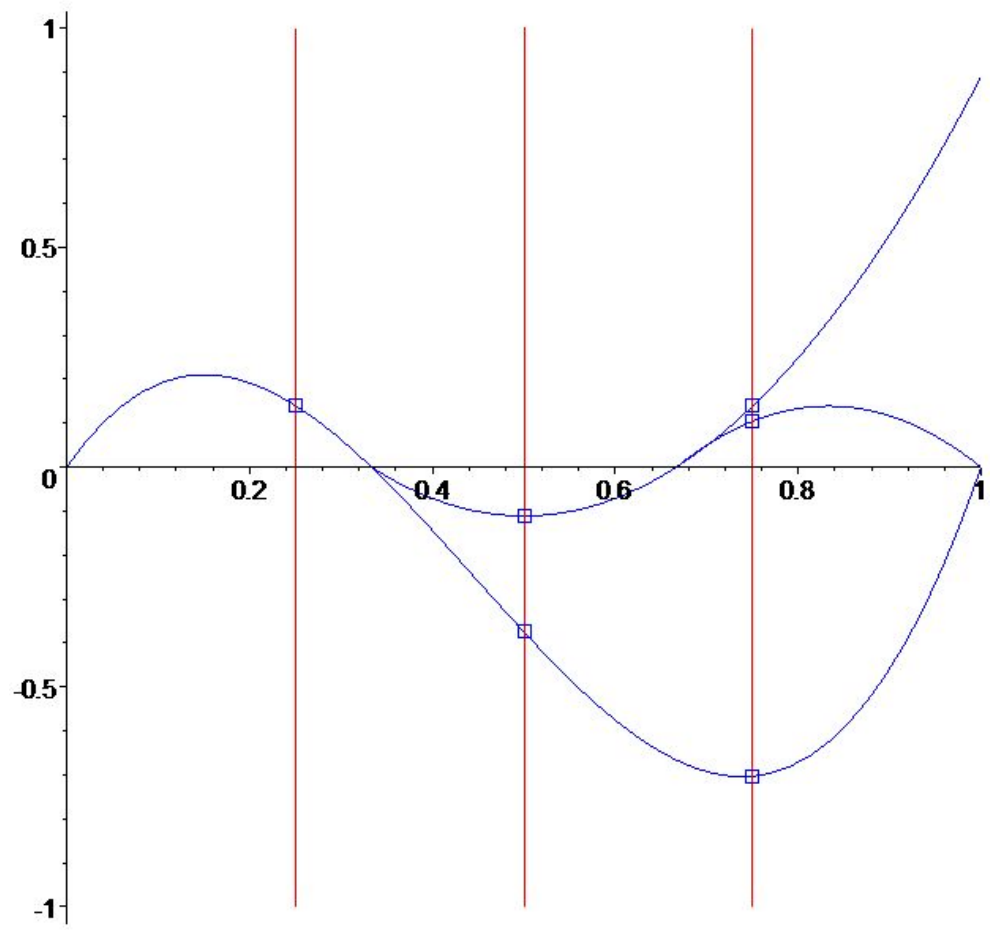
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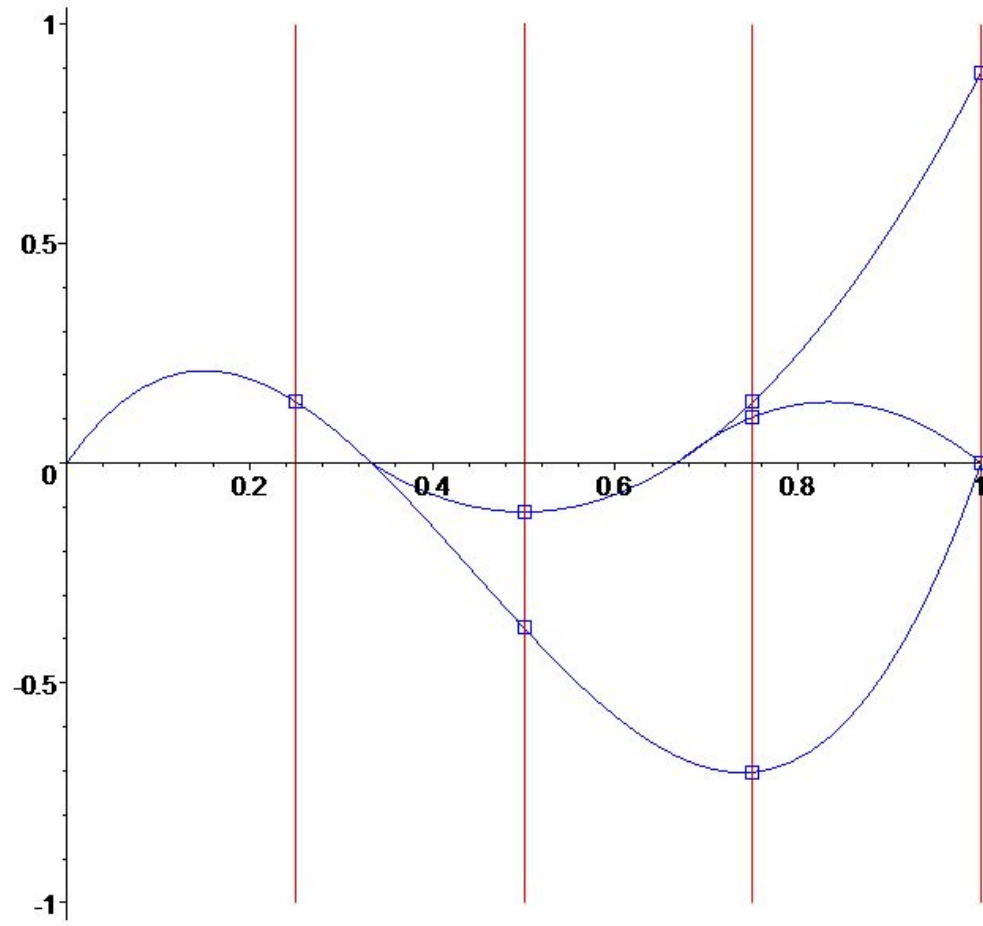
# JUMPING FROM A LIFTING FIBER TO A NEW ONE



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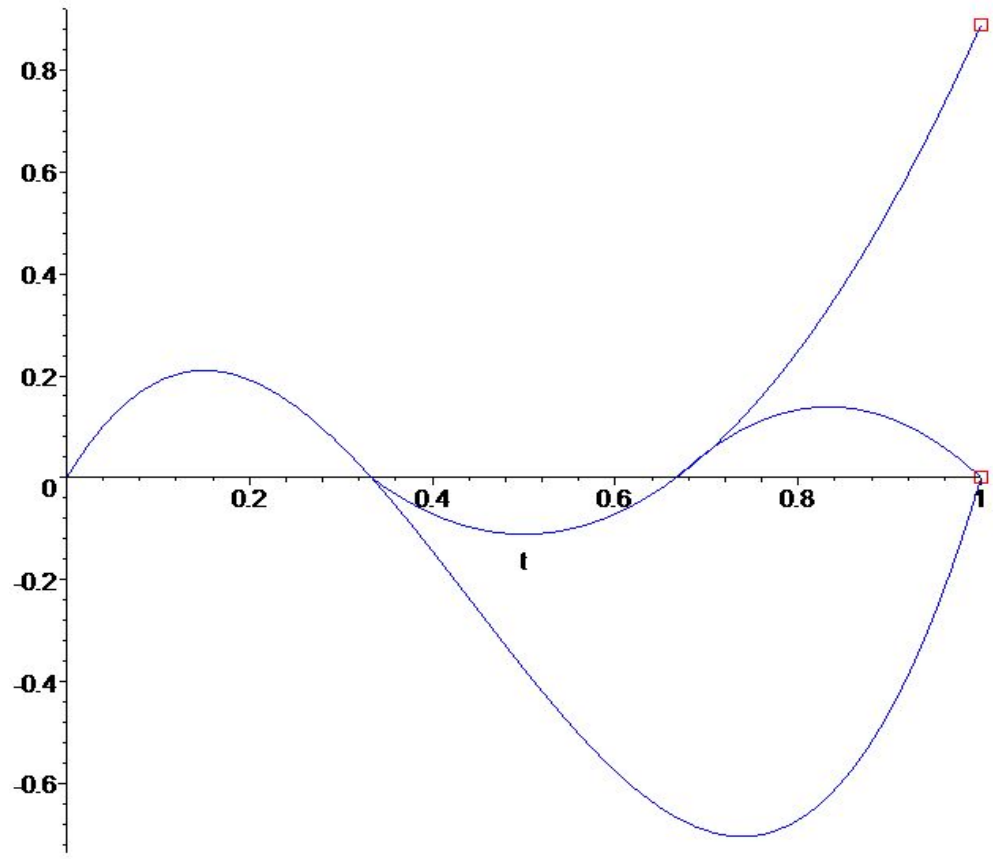


UNTIL THE END





THE TARGET



## THE OUTPUT)

We got:

**A description** of the target variety through a birational isomorphism, even biregular in the zero-dimensional case, that contains information that suffices to answer elimination questions.

But...

**Is that optimal in terms of complexity ?**

*Algorithms based on a deformation:*

*A sequence suite  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  of intermediate varieties to solve before “eliminating”*

## **Universal Solving**

*An algorithm is called **Universal** if its output contains information enough about the variety of solutions to answer **all** elimination questions.*

**Remark 2** *Most Computer Algebra/Symbolic Computation procedures are Universal.*

## LOWER COMPLEXITY BOUNDS

**Theorem** [Castro-Giusti-Heintz-Matera-P.,2003]

*Any universal solving procedure requires exponential running time.*

\* *TERA algorithm is **essentially optimal**.*

\* *Running time is greater than the **Bézout Number**:*

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \deg(f_i) \geq 2^n.$$

\* *No Universal solving procedure may improve this lower complexity bound.*

## Searching Non–Universal Solving Procedures.

*Searching for procedures that compute partial (non–universal) information about the solution variety in polynomial running time.*

**Smale's 17th Problem**

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**Example**

INPUT:  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in \mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  t.q.  $\#V(f_1, \dots, f_n) < \infty$ .

OUTPUT:  $z \in \mathbb{Q}[i]^n$  such that there exists  $\zeta \in V(f_1, \dots, f_n)$  satisfying

$$\|\zeta - z\| < \varepsilon,$$

for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .



## APPROXIMATIONS?

Some Multivariate Elimination and some lattice reduction algorithms (under KLL approach) yield

**Theorem 3 (Castro-Hagele-Morais-P., 01)** *There is a computational equivalence between:*

- *Approximations  $z \in \mathbb{Q}[i]^n$  of some of the zeros  $\zeta \in V(f_1, \dots, f_n)$ ,*
- *A description “à la Kronecker-TERA” of the residual class field of  $\mathbb{Q}_\zeta$ .*

## Theorem (cont.)

*The running time of this computational equivalence is polynomial in:*

- $D_\zeta =$  degree of the residual class field  $\mathbb{Q}_\zeta$ .
- $L =$  input size.
- $H_\zeta =$  height of the residual class field  $\mathbb{Q}_\zeta$ .

Namely, a **“good” approximation contains information that suffices for elimination** (although it is not clear whether you should compute it)

IMMEDIATE APPLICATION

**Theorem 4** *There is an algorithm that performs the following tasks:*

- **INPUT:** *A univariate polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{Q}[T]$ .*
  
- **OUTPUT:** *A primitive element description of the normal closure of  $f$ .*

*The running time of this procedure is polynomial in the following quantities:*

$$d, h, \#Gal_{\mathbb{Q}}(f),$$

*where  $d$  is the degree of  $f$  and  $h$  is the bit length of the coefficients of  $f$ .*

**Remark:** A geometric algorithm such that the complexity is not of order  $d!$  except when unavoidable.

## GOOD APPROXIMATION?

For simplicity we work on the projective space

Systems of homogeneous polynomials:

$$F := [f_1, \dots, f_n] \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)},$$

$$\deg(f_i) = d_i, \quad (d) := (d_1, \dots, d_n),$$

$\mathcal{H}_{(d)}$  := Complex vector space of all equations of given degree.

$$V_{\mathbb{P}}(F) := \{x \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{C}) : F(x) = 0\}.$$

The incidence variety (Room-Kempf, Shub-Smale)

$$V := \{(F, x) \in \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)}) \times \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{C}) : F(x) = 0\}.$$

## PROJECTIVE NEWTON'S OPERATOR

*(M. Shub and S. Smale 1986–1996)*

$$\pi : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

**Notations:** *Projective Metrics :*

*Riemannian :*

$$d_R(\pi(x), \pi(x')) := \arccos \left( \frac{|\langle x, x' \rangle|}{\|x\| \|x'\|} \right).$$

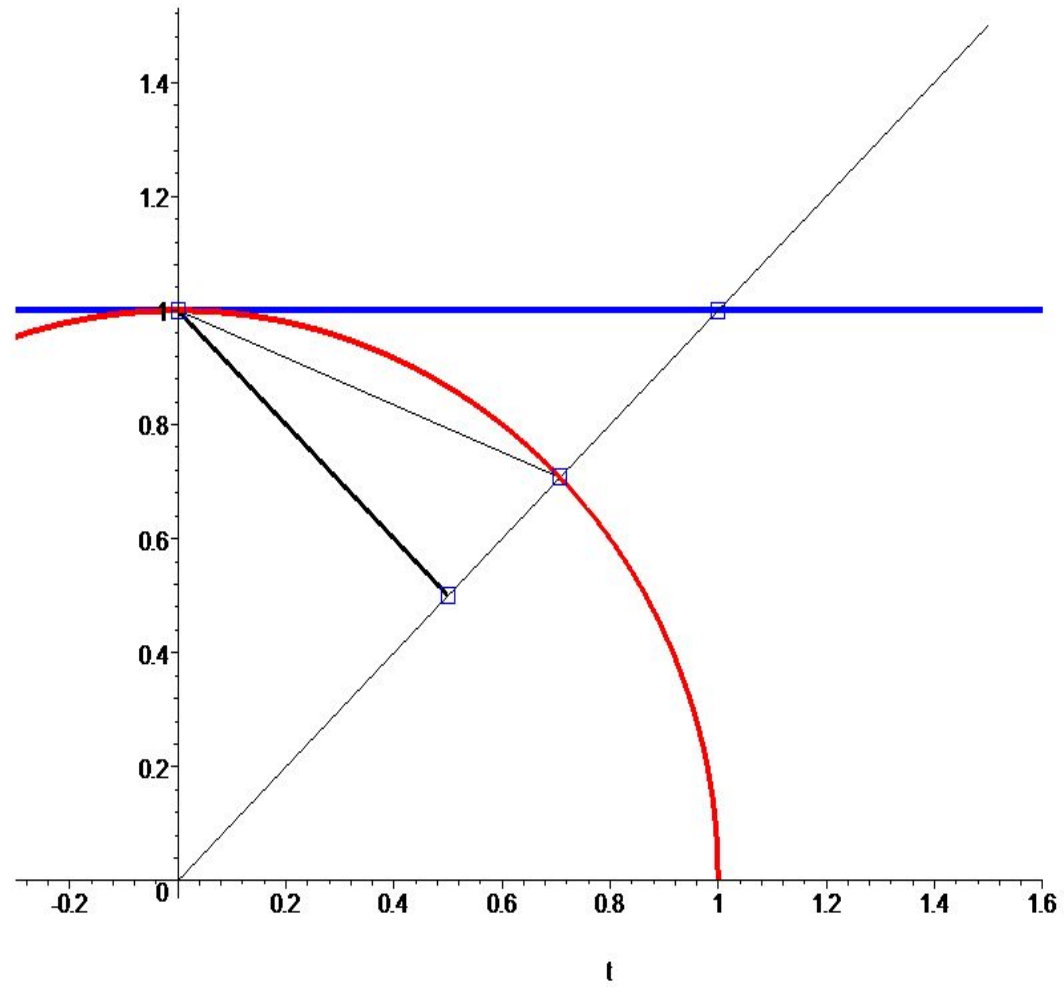
*Fubini–Study :*

$$d_P(\pi(x), \pi(x')) := \sin d_R(\pi(x), \pi(x')).$$

*Tangent Distance :*

$$d_T(\pi(x), \pi(x')) := \tan d_R(\pi(x), \pi(x')).$$

A PICTURE



## NEWTON'S OPERATOR II

Tangent Space at a point  $z \in \mathbf{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})$  :

$$T_z \mathbf{IP}_n(\mathbb{C}) := \{w \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} : \langle w, z \rangle = 0\}.$$

A system of polynomial equations  $F := [f_1, \dots, f_n]$ , Jacobian matrix :

$$DF(z) : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n.$$

If  $z$  is not a critical point, the restriction to the tangent space:

$$T_z f := DF(z) |_{T_z} : T_z \mathbf{IP}_n(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n.$$

The inverse:

$$(T_z f)^{-1} : \mathbb{C}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n+1}.$$



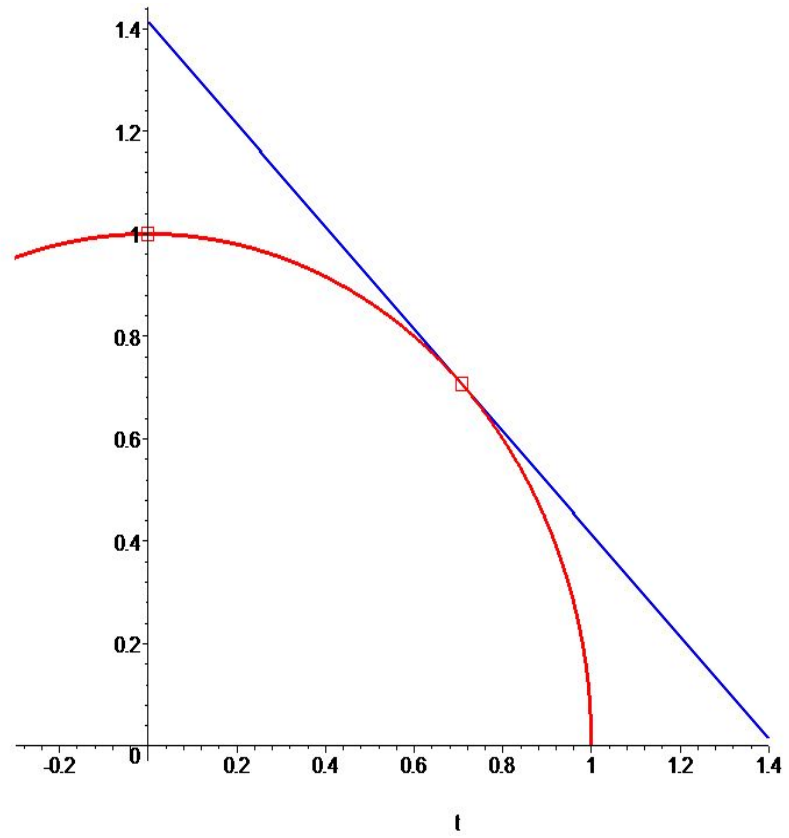
## PROJECTIVE NEWTON'S OPERATOR III

The canonical projection  $\pi : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

For every non-critical  $\pi(z) \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{C})$  Newton's operator is given by:

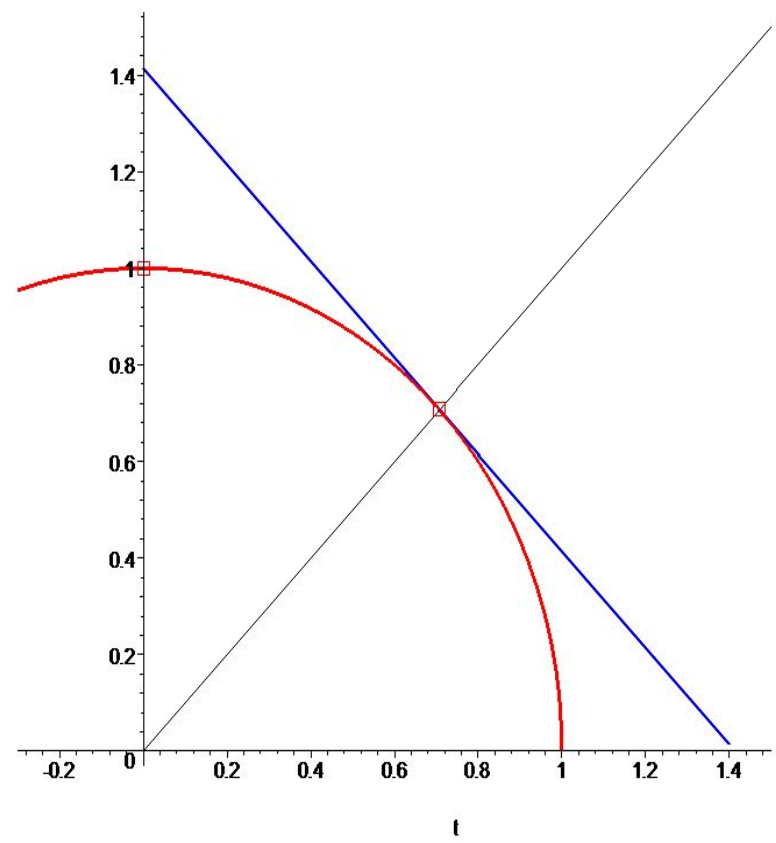
$$N_F(\pi(z)) := \pi \left( z - \left( DF(z) |_{T_z} \right)^{-1} F(z) \right),$$

SOME PICTURES I



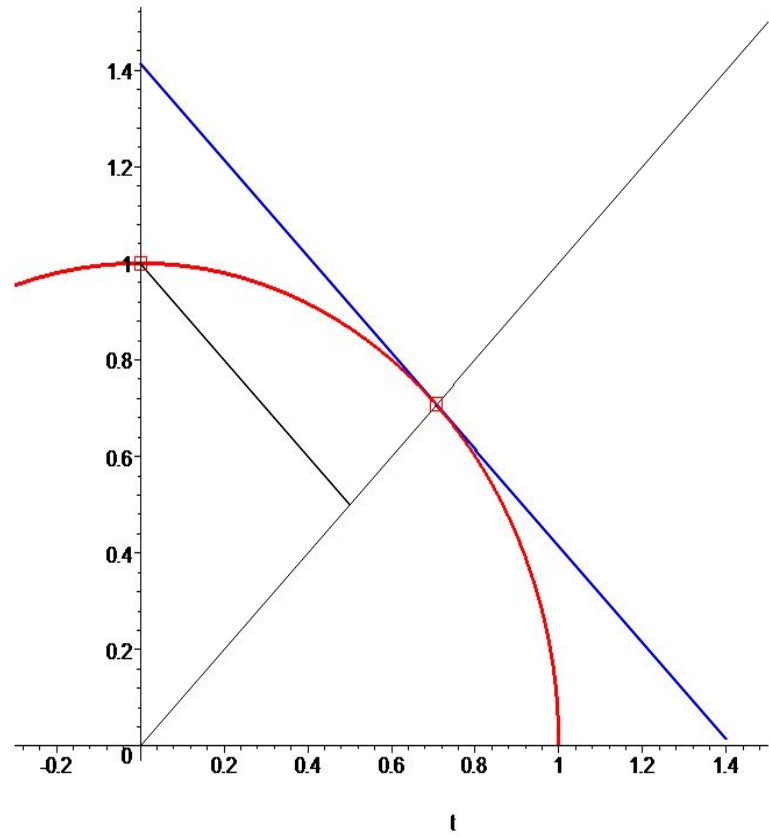
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N. OP. PICTURE II



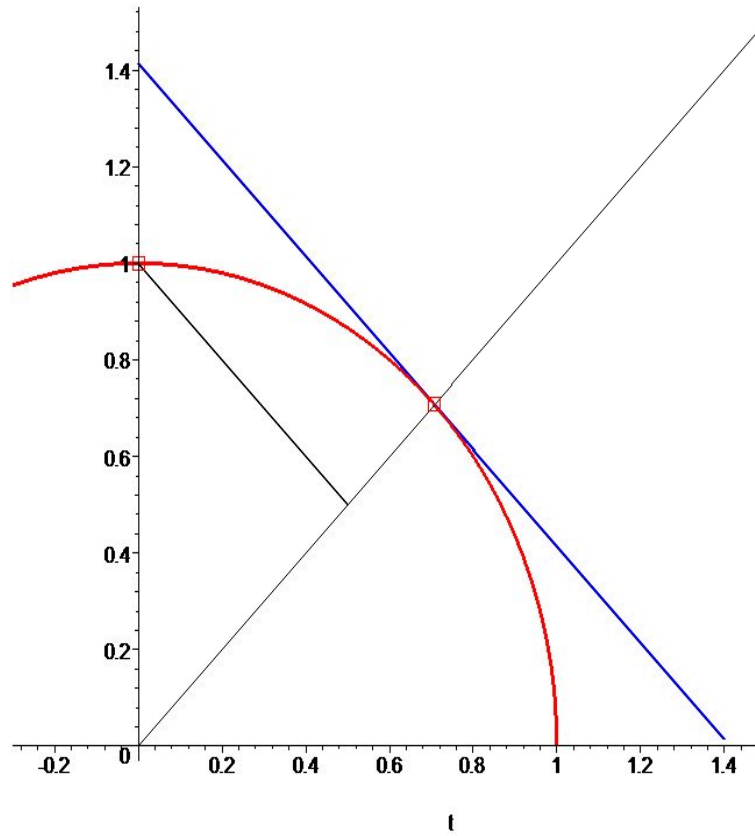
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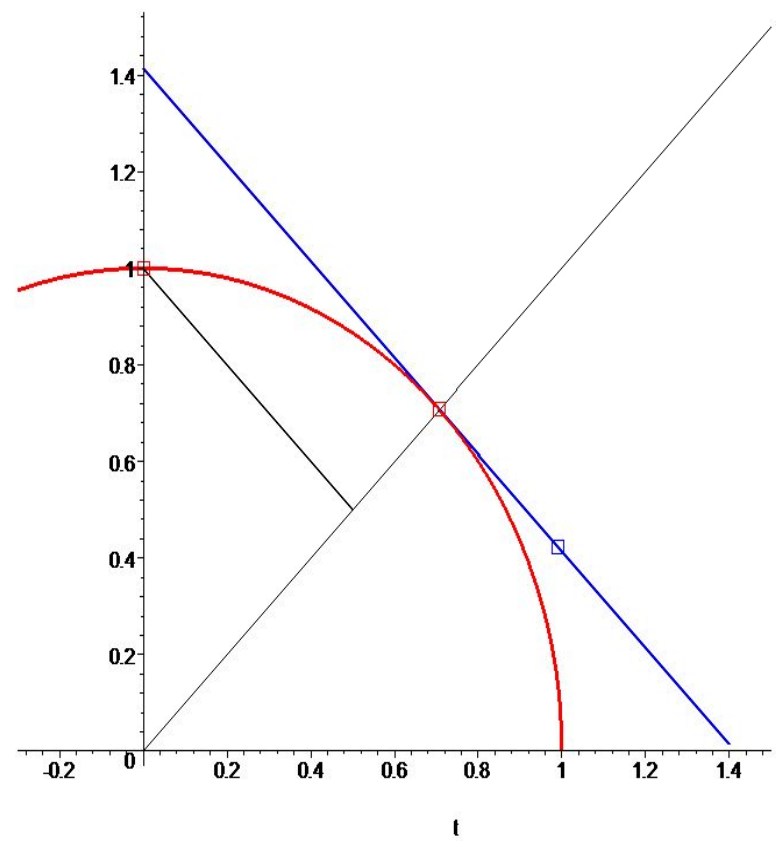
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N. OP. PICTURE IV



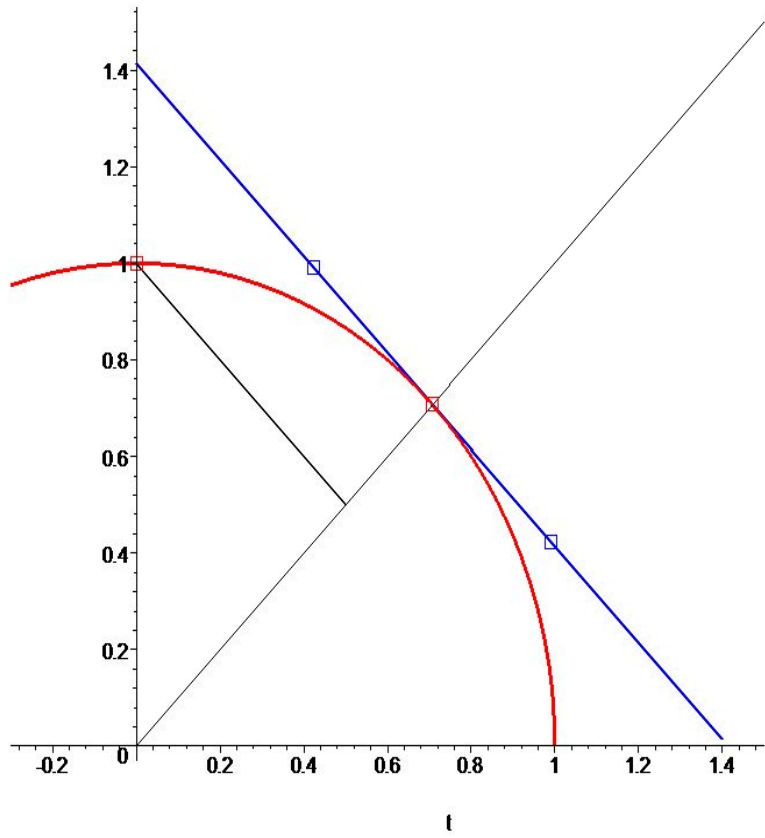
$$f(z) \in T_0\mathbb{C}^n = \mathbb{C}^n \quad T_z\mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

N. OP. PICTURE V



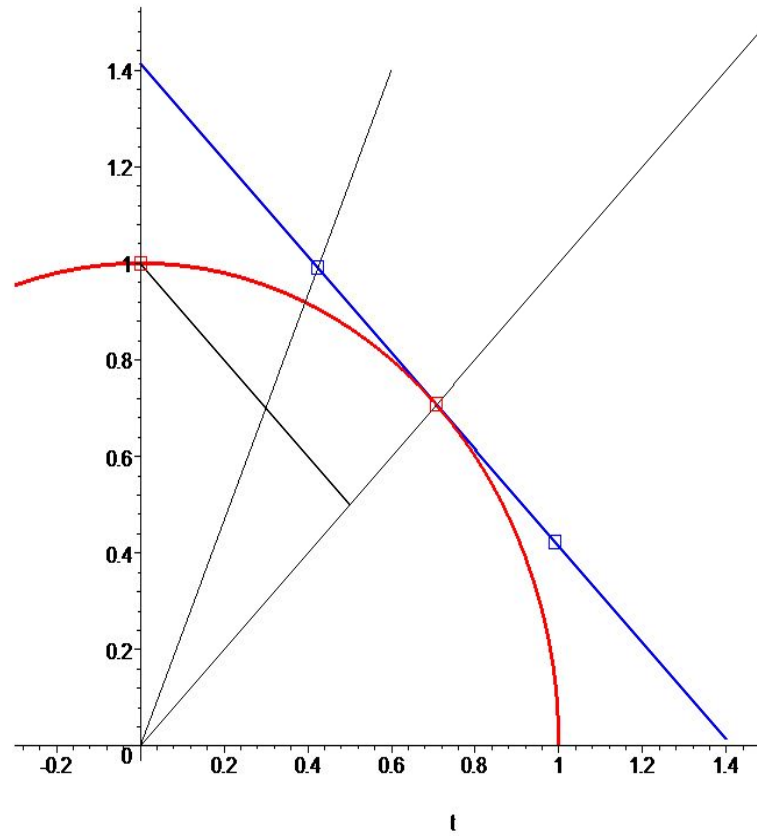
$$T_z f^{-1} f(z) \in T_z \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

N. OP. PICTURE VI



$$-T_z f^{-1} f(z) \in T_z \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

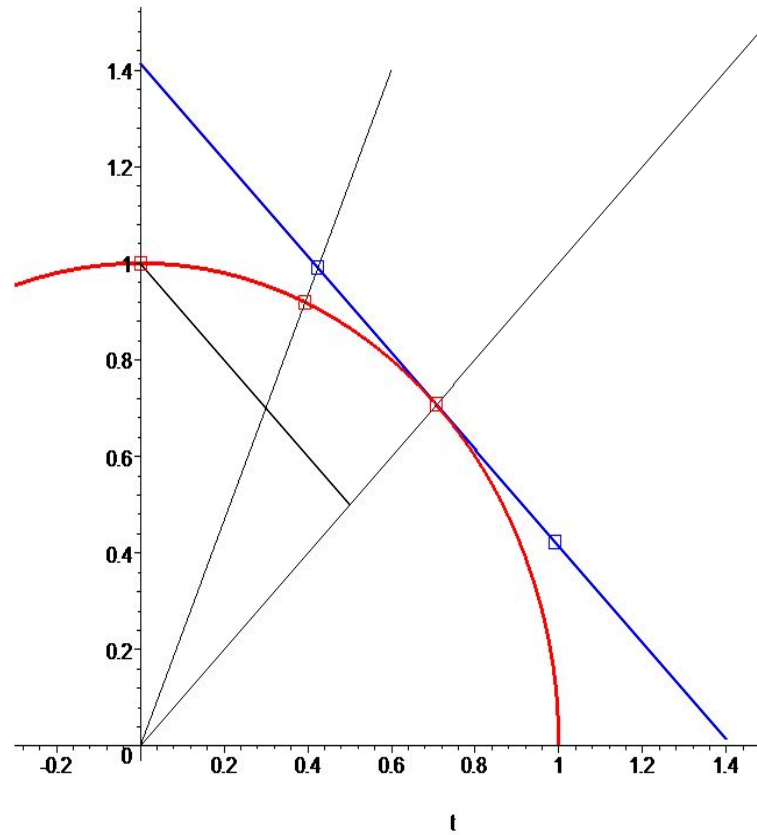
N. OP. PICTURE VII



$$z - T_z f^{-1} f(z) \in T_z \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

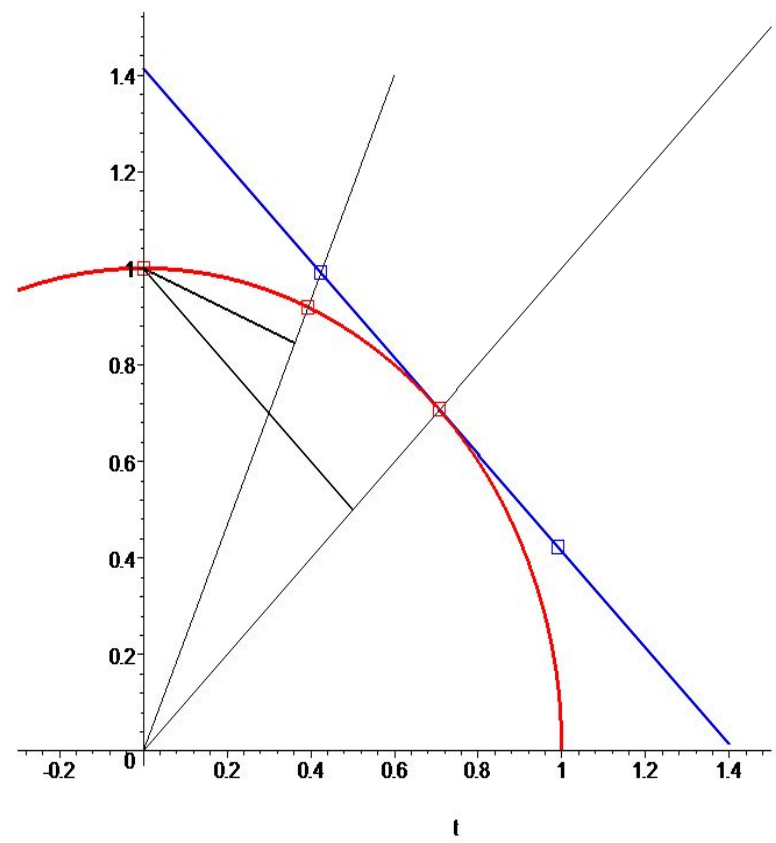


N.OP. PICTURE VIII



$$\pi(z - T_z f^{-1} f(z)) \in \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

N.OP. PICTURE IX



$$\pi(z - T_z f^{-1} f(z)) \in \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

## APPROXIMATE ZEROS

\* INPUT: *A System of Homogeneous Polynomials*

$$F := [f_1, \dots, f_n] \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)},$$

$$\deg(f_i) = d_i, (d) := (d_1, \dots, d_n).$$

A zero  $\zeta \in V(F)$

An **Approximate Zero** (Smale'81) a point  $z \in \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C})$  such that Newton's operator  $N_F$  applied to  $z$  converges very fast to the zero.

$$d_T(N_F^k(z), \zeta) \leq \frac{1}{2^{2^k - 1}}.$$

$d_T :=$  tangent "distance" .

CONDITION NUMBER ([SHUB-SMALE, 86-96])

$$\mu_{norm}(F, \zeta) := \|F\| \|T_z F^{-1} \Delta(\|\zeta^{d_i-1}\| d_i^{1/2})\|.$$

**Condition Number Theorem :** *Discriminant Variety in  $\mathbb{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})$ .*

$$\Sigma_\zeta := \{F \in \mathbb{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)}) : \zeta \in V(F), T_\zeta F \notin GL(n, \mathbb{C})\}.$$

$$\Sigma := \bigcup_{\zeta \in \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})} \Sigma_\zeta. \quad (\text{Systems with a critical zero}).$$

*Fiber Distance :*  $\rho(F, \zeta) := d_P(F, \Sigma_\zeta)$ .

**Theorem 5 (Shub-Smale, 91)**

$$\mu_{norm}(F, \zeta) := \frac{1}{\rho(F, \zeta)}.$$

## SMALE'S $\gamma$ -THEORY

$$d := \max\{d_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

**Theorem 6 (Smale,81)** *Si :*

$$d_T(z, \zeta) \leq \frac{3 - \sqrt{7}}{d^{\frac{3}{2}} \mu_{norm}(F, \zeta)},$$

*then,  $z$  is an approximate zero associated to some zero  $\zeta$  of  $F$ .*

## NON-UNIVERSAL ALGORITHMICS

\* INPUT:

A System  $F \in \mathbb{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})$ ,

\* OUTPUT:

UNIVERSAL SOLVING: **An Approximate Zero  $z$  for each zero  $\zeta \in V(F)$ .**

**Lower Complexity Bound:** Bézout's Number ( $\mathcal{D} := \prod_{i=1}^n d_i$ )  $\Rightarrow$   
**Intractable**

**Or:**

NON-UNIVERSAL SOLVING : **An Approximate Zero  $z$  for some of the zeros  $\zeta \in V(F)$ .**

**Complexity of Non-Universal Solving? (= Smale's 17th Problem)**

# DÉFORMATION HOMOTOPIC DEFORMATION (HD)

Incidence Variety:

$$V := \{(F, \zeta) \in \mathbb{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)}) \times \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C}) : f(\zeta) = 0\}.$$

Two Canonical Projections:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & V & \\ \pi_1 \swarrow & & \searrow \pi_2 \\ \mathbb{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)}) & & \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C}) \end{array}$$

Critical values of  $\pi_1 = \Sigma$ .

In fact, the following is a “covering map”:

$$\pi_1 : V \setminus \Sigma' \longrightarrow \mathbb{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)}) \setminus \Sigma.$$

And the real codimension is:  $\text{codim}_{\mathbb{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})}(\Sigma) \geq 2$ .

NAMELY

Except for a null measure subset, for each  $F, G \in \mathbb{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)}) \setminus \Sigma$ , :

$$[F, G] \cap \Sigma = \emptyset,$$

where

$$[F, G] := \{(1-t)F + tG, \quad t \in [0, 1]\}.$$

and the following is also a “covering space”:

$$\pi_1 : \pi_1^{-1}([F, G]) \longrightarrow [F, G].$$

Namely, for each  $\zeta \in V(G)$  there is a curve:

$$\Gamma(F, G, \zeta) := \{(F_t, \zeta_t) \in V : \zeta_t \in V(F_t), t \in [0, 1]\}.$$



Start at  $(G, \zeta)$  ( $t = 1$ ) and closely follow (by applying Newton's projective operator) a polygonal close to  $\Gamma(F, G, \zeta)$  until you find an approximate zero of  $F$ .

INPUT  $F \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)}$

*With Initial Pair*

$$(G, \zeta) \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)} \times \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C}), \quad G(\zeta) = 0.$$

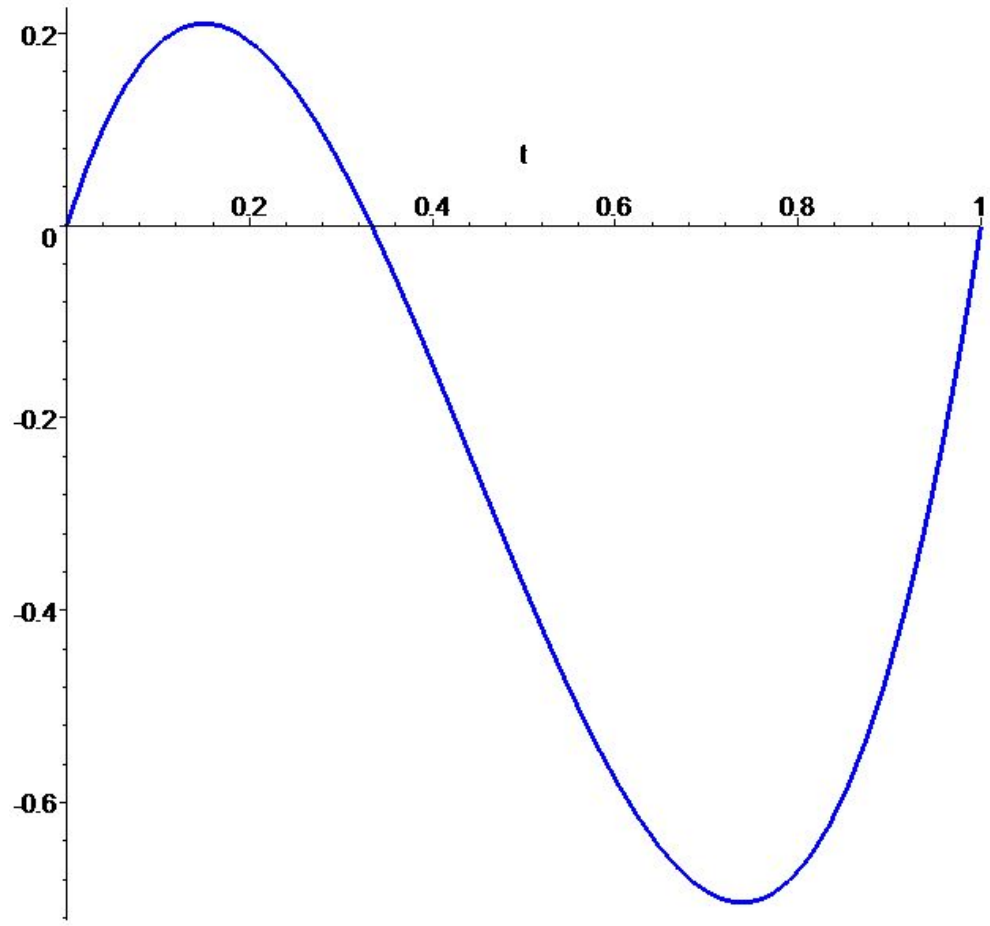
*Following  $[F, G]$  and the curve  $\Gamma$*

OUTPUT

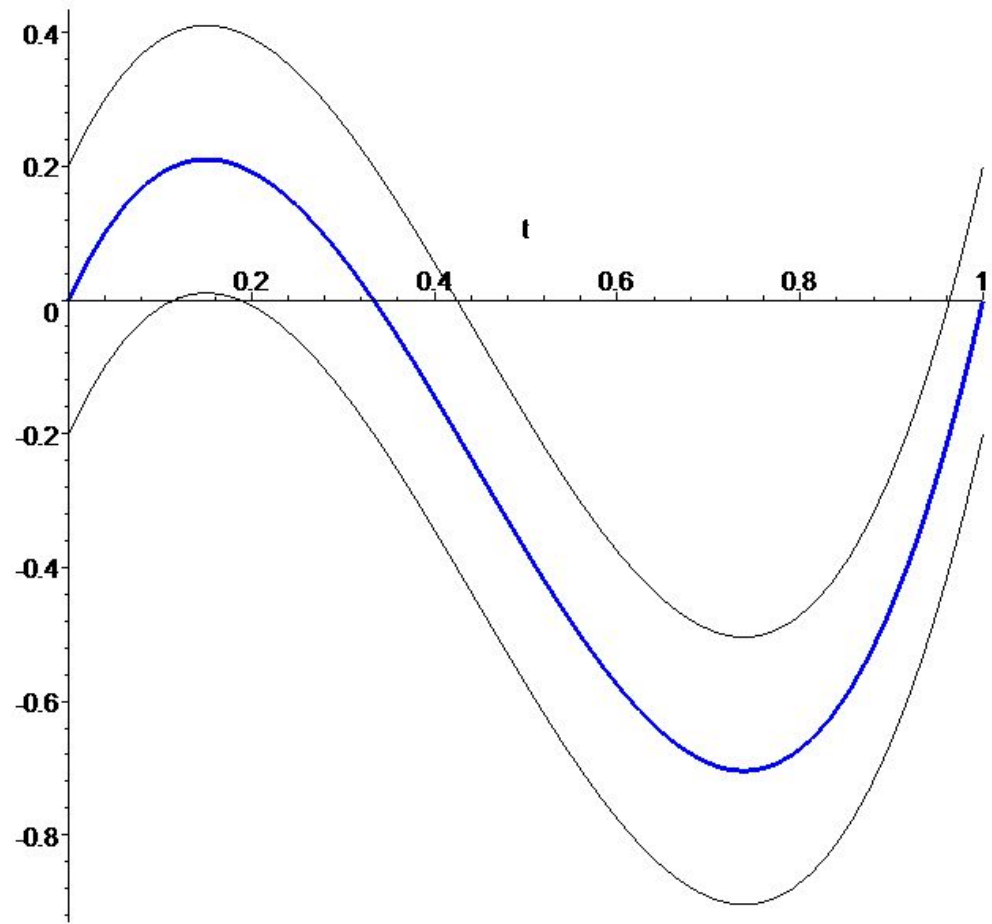
-- *Either ERROR*

-- *Or an approximate zero  $z \in \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})$  associated to some zero  $\zeta \in \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})$  of  $F \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)}$*

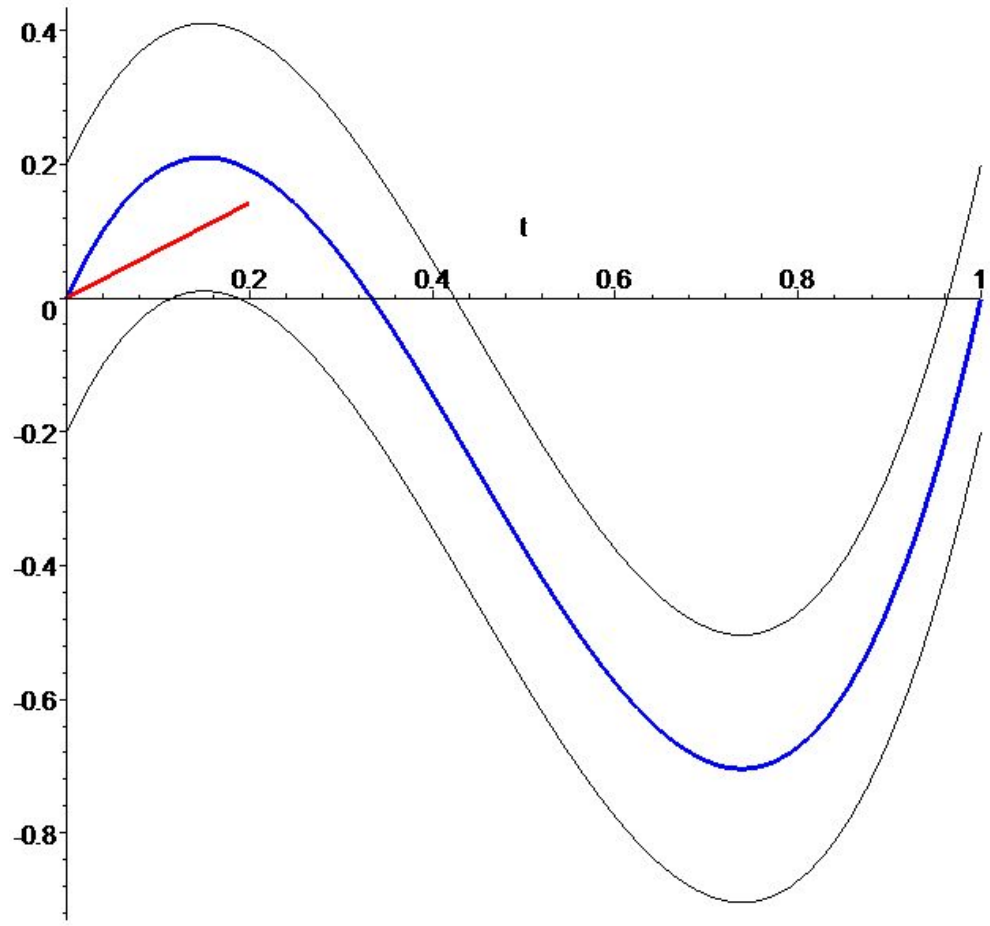
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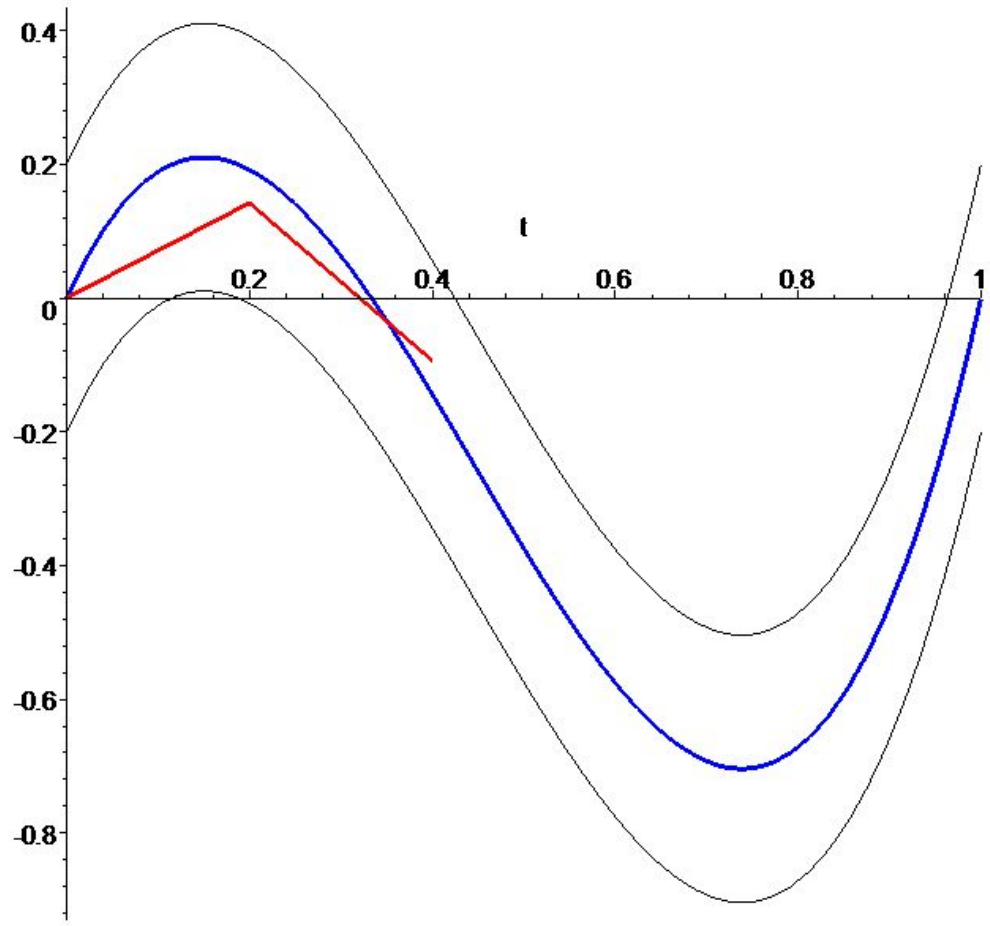
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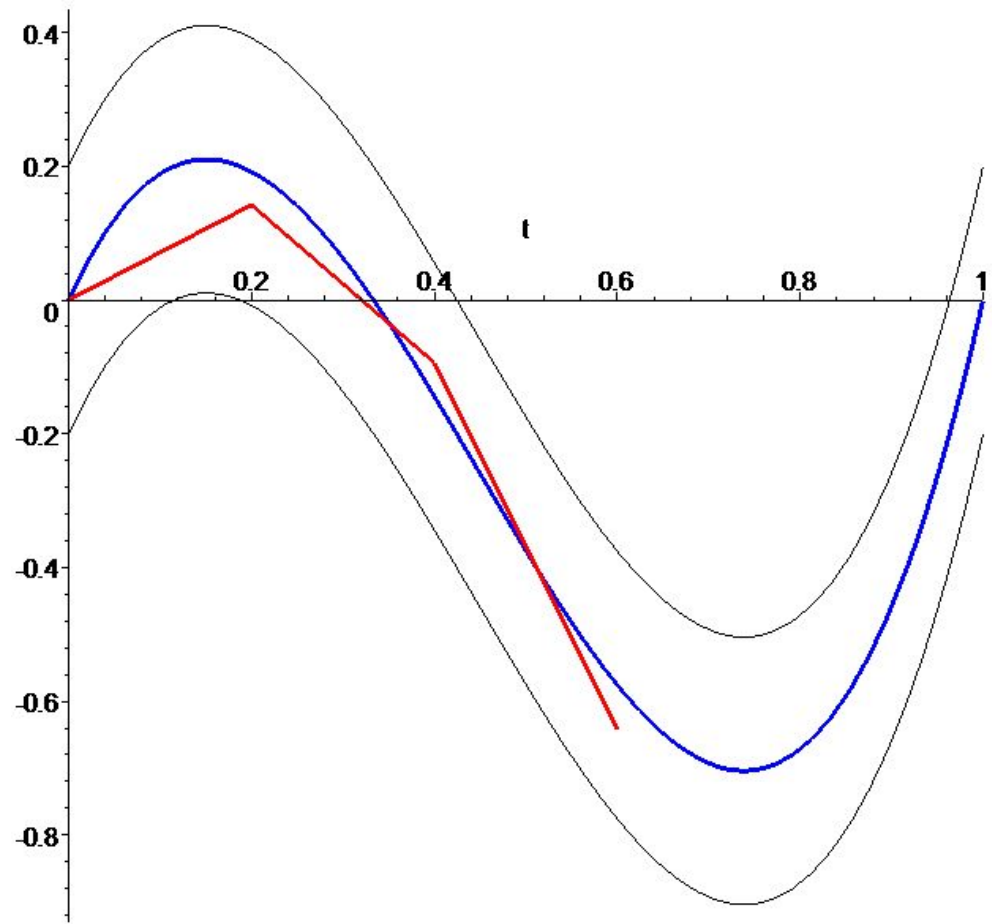
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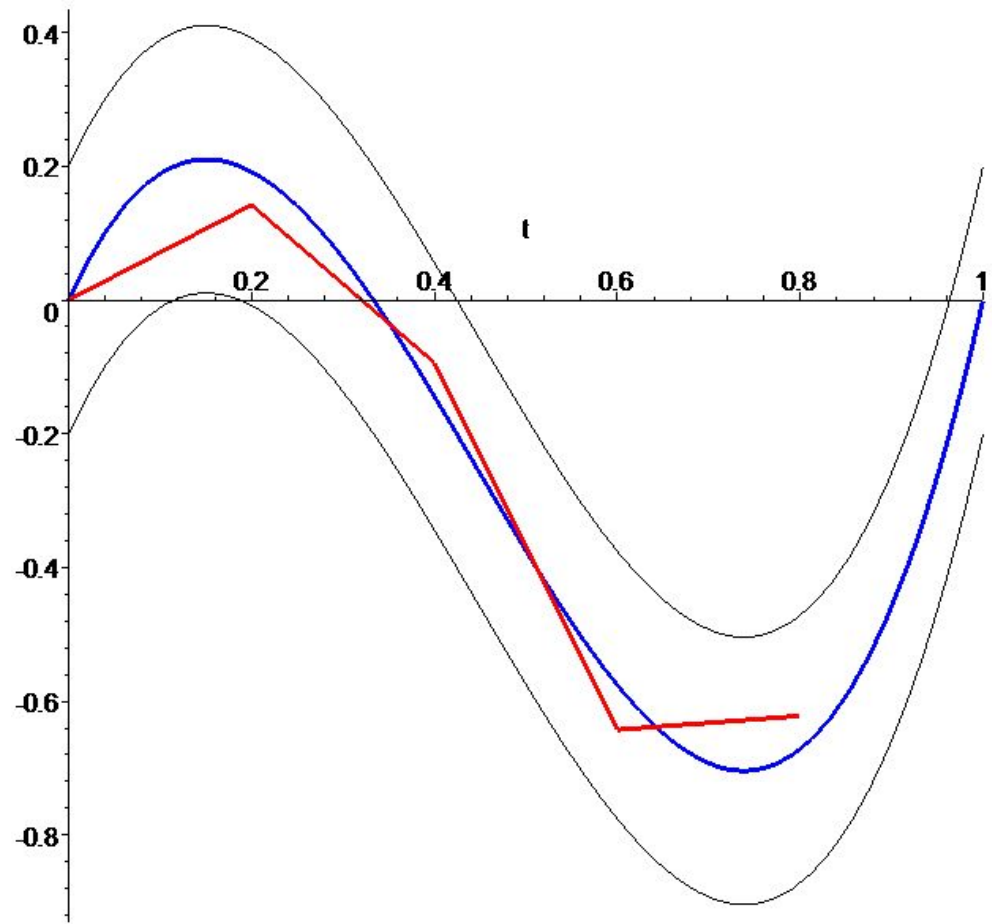
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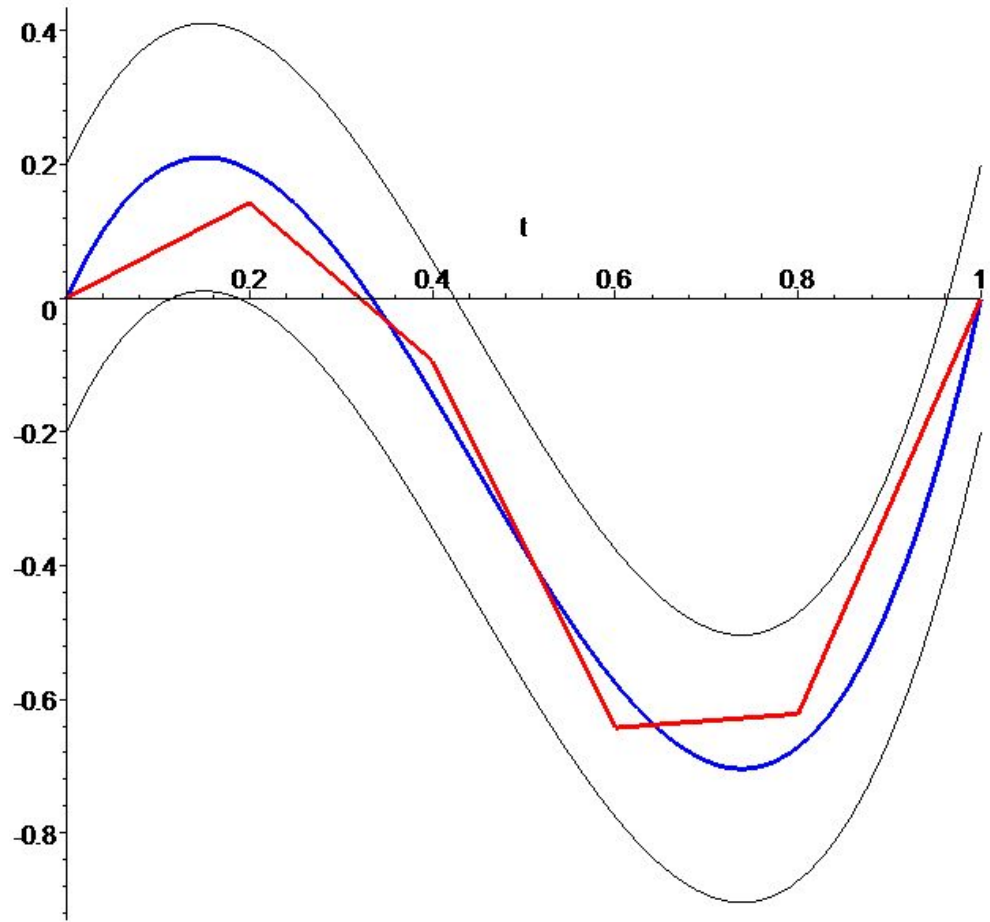
HD PICTURE V



# HD PICTURE VI



HD PICTURE VII





**Problem 1.-** *What is the complexity of this method?*

**Answer.—**

– The complexity of each step is polynomial in the number of variables and the evaluation complexity of the input system. Thus, complexity mainly depends on the number of steps.

– The number of “homotopy steps” is bounded by  $O(\mu_{norm}(\Gamma)^2)$  ([Shub-Smale, 91]), where

$$\mu_{norm}(\Gamma(F, G, \zeta)) := \max\{\mu_{norm}(F_t, \zeta_t) : (F_t, \zeta_t) \in \Gamma(F, G, \zeta)\}.$$

## THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS APPROACH (II)

**Problem 2.-** *worst case complexity is doubly exponential in the number of variables (voir exemple dans [castro-Hagele-Morais-P., 01]), and then?*

**Answer.—**

– “Worst case complexity” does not suffice to explain the behavior. Look at average complexity!

– The word “average” forces to have some probability distribution, . *which one?*

**Answer (Sub-problem 2b).—**

– The set  $\mathbf{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})$  is a complex and compact Riemannian manifold. Thus, it has an associated measure (a volume form in  $d\nu_{\mathbf{IP}}$ ) such that the volume  $\nu_{\mathbf{IP}}[\mathbf{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})]$  is finite. Then we also have a probability distribution.

– The probability measure in  $\mathbf{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})$  equivalent to Gaussian distribution in the affine space  $\mathcal{H}_{(d)}$ .

**Sub-problem 2c.**—*Since computing is discrete, what is the distribution for discrete inputs (namely polynomials with coefficients in a discrete field)?.*

## THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS APPROACH (IV)

**Problem 3.**—*Anyway, this approach is not defining an algorithm (since we have 0 initial pair). Is there a true algorithm of polynomial average complexity?*

**Answers.**—

1.— Yes.

2.— Polynomial in the dimension of the space of inputs (dense encoding of polynomials).

ONCE AGAIN HD

INPUT  $F \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)}$

Apply homotopic deformation (HD) *with initial pair*

$$(G, z) \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)} \times \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C})$$

*following the curve  $\Gamma(F, G, z)$  of  $\Gamma = \pi_1^{-1}([F, G])$  that contains  $(G, z)$ .*

OUTPUT:

- Either ERROR*
- or an approximate zero of  $F$ .*

## HD WITH BOUNDED RESOURCES

HD with resources bounded by a function  $\varphi(f, \varepsilon)$ .

INPUT  $F \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$

Perform  $\varphi(f, \varepsilon)$  steps of homotopic deformation (HD) *with initial pair*

$$(G, z) \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)} \times \mathbf{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

*following the curve  $\Gamma(F, G, z)$  in  $\Gamma = \pi_1^{-1}([F, g])$  that contains  $(G, z)$ .*

OUTPUT:

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- or an approximate zero of  $F$ .*

**Definition** A pair  $(G, \zeta) \in V$  is  $\varepsilon$ -efficient if the resources function for the resources:

$$\varphi(f, \varepsilon) := 10^5 n^5 N^2 d^3 \varepsilon^{-2}.$$

For randomly chosen input system  $F \in \mathbf{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})$  the algorithm HD with initial pair  $(G, z)$  and resources bound  $\varphi$  outputs an approximate zero of  $F$  with probability greater than:

$$1 - \varepsilon.$$

Let  $(G_\varepsilon, \zeta_\varepsilon)$  be an  $\varepsilon$ -efficient initial pair.

INPUT  $F \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$

Perform  $\varphi(f, \varepsilon)$  steps of HD *with initial pair*

$$(G_\varepsilon, \zeta_\varepsilon) \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)} \times \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

*following  $\Gamma(F, G_\varepsilon, \zeta_\varepsilon)$ .*

OUTPUT:

- Either ERROR*
- or an approximate zero of  $F$ .*



## EXISTENCE

**Theorem 7** (*[Shub-Smale, BezV, Beltrán-P, Bez V 1/2]*) *There exist  $\varepsilon$ -efficient initial pairs.*

**Remark 8** *Even with  $\zeta_\varepsilon = (1 : 0 : \cdots : 0)$ .*

**Smale 17th Problem.**— *How to construct  $\varepsilon$ -efficient initial pairs?.*

*[Beltrán- P., 2006]*

A subset  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq V$  (incidence variety) is *a questor set for HD* if:

*for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  the probability that a randomly chosen pair  $(G, \zeta) \in \mathcal{G}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -efficient for HD is greater than*

$$1 - \varepsilon.$$

## HD WITH QUESTOR SETS

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INPUT  $F \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)}, \varepsilon > 0$

Guess at random  $(G, \zeta) \in \mathcal{G}$

Apply  $\varphi(f, \varepsilon)$  deformation steps HD between  $G$  and  $F$ , starting at  $(G, \zeta)$ .

OUTPUT:

- *Either ERROR (with probability smaller than  $\varepsilon$ )*
  - *or an approximate zero of  $F$  (with probability greater than  $1 - \varepsilon$ ).*
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## COMMENTS

*Minor:* It is a probabilistic algorithm

*Relevant:* The questor set  $\mathcal{G}$  must be easy to construct and easy to handle .

**Theorem**[Beltrán, P. 2006] *We succeeded to exhibit a constructible and easy to mhandle questor set.*

TOWARDS A QUESTOR SET I

$e := (1 : 0 : \dots : 0) \in \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C})$  a “pole” in the complex sphere.

$V_e := \{F \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)} : F(e) = 0\}$ . Systems vanishing at the “pole”  $e$ .

$F \in V_e \mapsto F : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ .

The tangent mapping  $T_e F := DF(e)$  restricted to the tangent space  $T_e \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C}) = e^\perp = \mathbb{C}^n \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ ..

$$T_e F := T_e \mathbb{IP}_n(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n.$$

## A FIRST APPROACH

$L_e := \{F \in V_e : T_e F = F\}$ . “linear part” of the systems in  $V_e$ .

$L_e^\perp :=$  Systems in  $V_e$  of order greater than 2 at  $e$ .

**Remark.-**  $V_e, L_e, L_e^\perp$  are linear subspaces of  $\mathcal{H}_{(d)}$  given by their coefficient list.

**Naïve Idea:** Consider

$$\mathcal{G} := \{(G, e) : G \in V_e = L_e^\perp \oplus L_e\}. (?)$$

TOWARDS QUESTOR SETS II ( $L_e$ )

$\mathcal{U}(n+1)$  := unitary matrices defined in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ .

$\mathcal{H}_{(1)}$  :=  $\mathcal{M}_{n \times n+1}(\mathbb{C})$  space of  $n \times (n+1)$  complex matrices.

$$X^{(d)} := \begin{pmatrix} X_0^{d_1-1} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & X_0^{d_n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$V_e^{(1)} := \{(M, U) : M \in \mathcal{H}_{(1)}, U \in \mathcal{U}, UKer(M) = e\}.$$



LINER PART  $L_e$

$$\psi_e : V_e^{(1)} \longrightarrow L_e$$

$$\psi_e(M, U) := X^{(d)}(MU) \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$L_e := \text{Im}(\psi_e(M, U)).$$

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A useful constant

$$T := \left( \frac{n^2 + n}{N} \right)^{n^2 + n} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

TOWARDS A QUESTOR SET III

$$\mathbb{G} := [0, T] \times L_e^\perp \times V_e^{(1)}.$$

$$G : \mathbb{G} \longrightarrow V_e,$$

$$(t, L, M, U) \in \mathbb{G} \longmapsto G(t, L, M, U) \in V_e$$

$$G(t, L, M, U) := \left(1 - t^{\frac{1}{n^2+n}}\right)^{1/2} L + t^{\frac{1}{n^2+n}} \psi_e(M, U) \in V_e,$$

**Theorem 9 (Beltrán-P., 2005a)** *For every degree list  $(d) := (d_1, \dots, d_n)$ , the set*

$$\mathcal{G}_{(d)} := \text{Image}(G) = G(\mathbb{G}).$$

*is questor set of initial pairs for HD. Namely,*

**A system  $(G, e) \in \mathcal{G}_{(d)}$  chosen at random is  $\varepsilon$ -efficient for HD with probability greater than**

$$1 - \varepsilon.$$

## THE ALGORITHM

INPUT:  $F \in \mathcal{H}_{(d)}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Guess at random**  $(G, e) \in \mathcal{G}_{(d)}$  (*Guess*  $(t, L, M)$ ...)

**Apply**  $\varphi(F, \varepsilon)$  **homotopic deformation steps**

OUTPUT: Either “ERROR” or an approximate zero  $z$  of  $F$ .

MEANING (I)

**Theorem 10** [Beltrán-P,06] *There is a probabilistic algorithm (bounded error probability) for non-universal projective solving of systems of homogeneous polynomial equations such that for every positive real number  $\varepsilon > 0$ :*

- *The running time of the algorithm is at most:*

$$O(n^5 N^2 \varepsilon^{-2})$$

- *The probability that the algorithm outputs an approximate zero is greater than:*

$$1 - \varepsilon$$

## CUBIC EQUATIONS

**Corollary 11** [Beltrán-P,06] *There is a probabilistic algorithm (bounded error probability) for non-universal projective solving of systems of homogeneous polynomial equations of degree 3 such that for every positive real number  $\varepsilon > 0$ :*

- *The running time of the algorithm is at most:*

$$O(n^{13}\varepsilon^{-2})$$

- *The probability that the algorithm outputs an approximate zero is greater than:*

$$1 - \varepsilon$$

**Remarque** Taking  $\varepsilon = 1/n^2$ , the algorithm computes approximate zeros with probability greater than

$$1 - 1/n^2.$$

in time

$$O(n^{15}).$$

In [Beltrán-P., 07] we slightly modified our algorithm to get average complexity:

**Definition 12 (Strong Questor Set)** *A subset  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq V$  is a strong questor set if*

$$E_{\mathcal{G}}[A_{\varepsilon}] \leq 10^4 n^5 N^3 d^{3/2} \varepsilon^2,$$

where

$$A_{\varepsilon}(G, z) := \text{Prob}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})}[\mu_{\text{norm}}(F, G, z) > \varepsilon^{-1}].$$



## STRONG QUESTOR SET

**Theorem 13 (Beltrán-P.,07)** *For every strong questor set  $\mathcal{G}$ , there is a measurable subset  $\mathcal{C}$  such that the following holds:*

$$\text{Prob}_{\mathcal{G}}[\mathcal{C}] \geq 4/5.$$

*For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and for every  $(G, z) \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $(G, z)$  is a  $\varepsilon$ -efficient initial pair.*

**Theorem 14 (Beltrán-P.,07)** *The set  $\mathcal{G}_{(d)}$  is a strong questor set.*

**Corollary 15** *There is a bounded error probability algorithm of average polynomial time that for all but a zero measure subset of systems of homogeneous polynomial equations computes projective approximate zeros .*

*By average complexity we mean:*

$$E_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})}[T_{\mathcal{P}}] := \frac{1}{\nu_{\mathbb{P}}[\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})]} \int_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})} T_{\mathcal{P}}(f) d\nu_{\mathbb{P}} = O(n^5 N^3),$$

$T_{\mathcal{P}}(f) :=$  *running time on input  $f$ .*

[Beltrán-P., 07] :

**Corollary 16** *There is a bounded error probability algorithm of average polynomial time that for all but a zero measure subset of systems of homogeneous polynomial equations computes affine approximate zeros.*

*By average complexity we mean:*

$$E_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})}[T_{\mathcal{A}}] := \frac{1}{\nu_{\mathbb{P}}[\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})]} \int_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})} T_{\mathcal{A}}(f) d\nu_{\mathbb{P}} = O(N^5),$$

$T_{\mathcal{A}}(f) :=$  running time on input  $f$ .

[Beltrán-P., 07]

**Theorem 17** *Let  $\delta > 0$  be a positive real number. For every  $F \in \mathbb{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})$ , let*

$$V_A(F) := \{x \in \mathbb{C}^n : f(x) = 0\},$$

*be the set of affine solutions Let*

$$\|V_A(F)\| := \sup\{\|x\| : x \in V_A(F)\} \in [0, \infty],$$

*the maximal norm of its zeros.*

*Then, the probability that for a randomly chosen affine system  $F \in \mathbb{IP}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})$  we have  $\|V_A(F)\| > \delta$  is at most:*

$$D\sqrt{\pi n}\delta^{-1}$$

In fact, we proved:

$$E_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_{(d)})}[\|V_A(f)\|] = \mathcal{D} \frac{\Gamma(1/2)\Gamma(n+1/2)}{\Gamma(n)} \leq \mathcal{D}\sqrt{\pi n}.$$

## IMMEDIATE OPEN QUESTIONS

Real Solving ? : Zero-dimensional Case.

Singular Zeros: Homotopy Techniques?.

Adaptability to Other Input Data Structures: Does it work for straight-line program input structure?.