

# Polynomials over Power Series and their Applications to Symbolic Analysis

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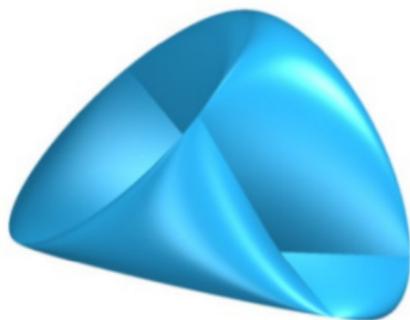


Figure: Steiner's Roman surface

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An implicit formula of Steiner's Roman surface  $S$  is  $f = 0$ , where:

$$\begin{aligned} f := & 4x^4 - 8yx^3 + 9x^2y^2 - 8yzx^2 - 5y^3x + 8y^2zx + y^4 \\ & - 2y^3z + 3y^2z^2 - 2yz^3 + z^4 - 8yx^2 + 8zx^2 + 8y^2x \\ & - 8xyz - 2y^3 + 2y^2z - 2yz^2 + 4x^2 - 4yx + y^2. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

## Does the parametrization reach all points of the surface? (2/8)

- With  $q(s, t) := s^2 + t^2 + s - t + 1$ , consider also the following map

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}: \mathbb{R}^2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (s, t) &\mapsto \left( \frac{s^2}{q(s, t)}, \frac{s^2+t^2}{q(s, t)}, \frac{s^2+st+s+t}{q(s, t)} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

- Do we have  $\text{Image}(\vec{r}) = S$ ?
- A preliminary question is whether  $q(s, t)$  vanishes or not.

```
> R := PolynomialRing([s, t, x, y, z]): q := s^2 + t^2 + s - t + 1 :  
RealTriangularize([q], R);  
  
[]
```

Figure: RegularChains:-RealTriangularize proves  $q(s, t)$  has no real points.

## Does the parametrization reach all points of the surface? (3/8)

Let us verify that the image of the map  $\vec{r}$  is contained in the surface  $S$ .

```
> f := 4·x4 - 8·y·x3 + 9·x2·y2 - 8·y·z·x2 - 5·y3·x + 8·
y2·z·x + y4 - 2·y3·z + 3·y2·z2 - 2·y·z3 + z4 - 8·y·x2 + 8·z·x2 + 8·y2·x - 8·x·y·z - 2
·y3 + 2·y2·z - 2·y·z2 + 4·x2 - 4·y·x + y2;
R := PolynomialRing([s, t, x, y, z]);
dec1 := Triangularize([f], R); S := GeneralConstruct(dec1[1], map(Initial
Equations(dec1[1], R), R), R);
                                dec1 := [regular_chain]
                                S := constructible_set

> q := s2 + t2 + s - t + 1;
F := [q·x - s2, q·y - (s2 + t2), q·z - (s2 + s·t + s + t)];
dec2 := Triangularize(F, R); ImageR := GeneralConstruct(dec2[1], map(Initial, F, R), R);
                                dec2 := [regular_chain]
                                ImageR := constructible_set

> LM1 := Difference(ImageR, S, R); IsEmpty(LM1, R);
                                LM1 := constructible_set
                                true
```

Figure: The command `Difference` computes the points in the image of  $\vec{r}$  that do not belong to surface  $S$ , which is empty.

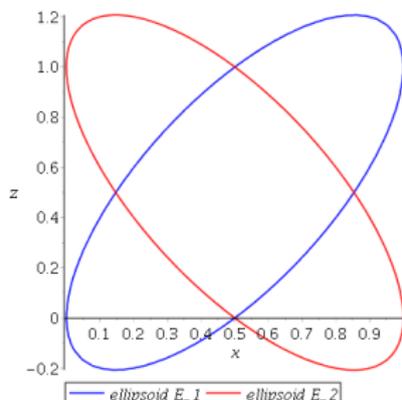
## Does the parametrization reach all points of the surface? (4/8)

- Disproving  $\text{Image}(\vec{r}) = S$  can be done by specialization
- Computing  $\text{Image}(\vec{r}) \cap \{y = 1\}$  yields

$$2x^2 + 2xz + z^2 - 3x - 2z + 1 = 0$$

- While computing  $S \cap \{y = 1\}$  brings more:

$$(2x^2 - 2xz + z^2 - x)(2x^2 + 2xz + z^2 - 3x - 2z + 1) = 0$$



## Does the parametrization reach all points of the surface? (5/8)

```

> R := PolynomialRing([s, t, x, y, z]):
q := s^2 + t^2 + s - t + 1:
F := [x*q - s^2, y*q - (s^2 + t^2), z*q - (s^2 + s*t + s + t)]:
dec2 := Projection([op(F), y - 1], [], [], [], 3, R): Display(% , R)

```

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4x + 2z - 3 = 0 \\ y - 1 = 0 \\ 4z^2 - 4z - 1 = 0 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = 0 \\ y - 1 = 0 \\ z - 1 = 0 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x^2 + (2z - 3)x + z^2 - 2z + 1 = 0 \\ y - 1 = 0 \\ 4z^2 - 4z < 1 \text{ and } z - 1 \neq 0 \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right]$$

```

> f := 4x^4 - 8yx^3 + (9y^2 + (-8z - 8)y + 8z + 4)x^2 + (-5y^3 + (8z + 8)y^2 + (-8z - 4)y)x
+ y^4 + y^3(-2z - 2) + (3z^2 + 2z + 1)y^2 + (-2z^3 - 2z^2)y + z^4:
R := PolynomialRing([s, t, x, y, z]):
dec1 := RealTriangularize([f, y - 1], R): Display(dec1, R);

```

$$\left[ \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x^2 + (2z - 3)x + z^2 - 2z + 1 = 0 \\ y - 1 = 0 \\ 4z^2 - 4z < 1 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4x + 2z - 3 = 0 \\ y - 1 = 0 \\ 4z^2 - 4z - 1 = 0 \end{array} \right. \right] , \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x^2 + (-2z - 1)x + z^2 = 0 \\ y - 1 = 0 \\ 4z^2 - 4z < 1 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4x - 2z - 1 = 0 \\ y - 1 = 0 \\ 4z^2 - 4z - 1 = 0 \end{array} \right. \right] \right]$$

## Does the parametrization reach all points of the surface? (6/8)

$$\begin{aligned} &> \text{Difference}(\text{dec1}, \text{dec2}, R) : \text{Display}(\%, R); \\ &\left[ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x-1=0 \\ y-1=0 \\ z-1=0 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x=0 \\ y-1=0 \\ z=0 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x-1=0 \\ y-1=0 \\ z-1=0 \end{array} \right. , \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4x-2z-1=0 \\ y-1=0 \\ 4z^2-4z-1=0 \end{array} \right. , \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x^2 + (-1-2z)x + z^2 = 0 \\ y-1=0 \\ 4z^2 - 4z < 1 \text{ and } z \neq 0 \text{ and } z-1 \neq 0 \text{ and } 2z-1 \neq 0 \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Figure: The points on Steiner surface  $S$  and the plane  $y = 1$  which do not belong to the intersection of the image of the parametrization  $\vec{r}$  and the plane  $y = 1$ .

Observe that these calculations are done over the **reals**!

## Does the parametrization reach all points of the surface? (7/8)

### The next question

- 1 Therefore,  $\text{Image}(\vec{r}) = S$  does **not** hold!
- 2 Next question: can we recover from  $S$  what  $\text{Image}(\vec{r})$  is missing?
- 3 if the missing point are  $\overline{\text{Image}(\vec{r})} \setminus \text{Image}(\vec{r})$ , then the answer is yes.

### The closure of a constructible set

- 1 Denote by  $\overline{\text{Image}(\vec{r})}$  the closure of  $\text{Image}(\vec{r})$  in the Euclidean topology (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ).
- 2 Thanks to a theorem of David Mumford,  $\overline{\text{Image}(\vec{r})}$  is also the closure of  $\text{Image}(\vec{r})$  in Zariski topology.
- 3 Thus  $\overline{\text{Image}(\vec{r})}$  is the intersection of all algebraic sets containing  $\text{Image}(\vec{r})$ .
- 4 By the way, Gröbner basis techniques can capture Zariski closures over algebraically closed fields.

## Does the parametrization reach all points of the surface? (8/8)

```
> q := s^2 + t^2 + s - t + 1;  
R := [x*q - s^2, y*q - (s^2 + t^2), z*q - (s^2 + s*t + s + t)];  
with(PolynomialIdeals):  
sat := Saturate((op(R)), q);  
closure_of_Image_of_r := EliminationIdeal(sat, {x, y, z});  
  
closure_of_Image_of_r := (4 x^4 - 8 x^3 y + 9 x^2 y^2 - 8 x^2 y z - 5 x y^3 + 8 x y^2 z + y^4 - 2 y^3 z  
+ 3 y^2 z^2 - 2 y z^3 + z^4 - 8 x^2 y + 8 x^2 z + 8 x y^2 - 8 x y z - 2 y^3 + 2 y^2 z - 2 y z^2 + 4 x^2  
- 4 x y + y^2)
```

Figure: Closure of  $\text{Image}(\vec{r})$ .

- We retrieve the polynomial defining the implicit representation of  $S$
- According to the so-called *Elimination Theorem* (see the book *Ideals, varieties and Algorithms*) the algebraic set of the elimination ideal  $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{K}[x_1 < \dots < x_n]$  w.r.t.  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  (for some  $1 \leq k < n$ ) is equal to the **Zariski closure** of the projection of  $V(\mathcal{I})$  onto  $x_1, \dots, x_k$ .

## Summary 1

- Computing Zariski closures of constructible sets (that is, systems of polynomial equations and inequation) and semi-algebraic sets (that is, systems of polynomial equations and inequalities) appear naturally in practice: reachable sets, projection of constructible sets and semi-algebraic sets.
- Gröbner basis techniques can deal with the case of constructible sets.
- We are mainly interested here with the real case, that is, semi-algebraic sets .

## Topological closure and limit points

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $S \subseteq X$  be a subset.

### Topological closure

The **closure** of  $S$ , denoted  $\overline{S}$ , is the intersection of all closed sets containing  $S$ .

### Limit point

- A point  $p \in X$  is a **limit point** of  $S$  if every neighbourhood of  $p$  contains at least one point of  $S$  different from  $p$  itself.
- The limit points of  $S$  which do not belong to  $S$  are called non-trivial, denoted by  $\text{lim}(S)$ .

### Properties

- If  $X$  is a metric space, the point  $p$  is a limit point of  $S$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $(x_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$  of points of  $S \setminus \{p\}$  such that  **$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = p$** .
- We have  $\overline{S} = S \cup \text{lim}(S)$ .

## Zariski topology and the Euclidean topology

### The relation between the two topologies

- With  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ , the affine space  $\mathbb{A}^s$  is endowed with both topologies.
- The basic open sets of the Euclidean topology are the open balls.
- The basic open sets of Zariski topology are the complements of hypersurfaces.
- Thus, a Zariski closed (resp. open) set is closed (resp. open) in the Euclidean topology on  $\mathbb{A}^s$ .
- That is, Zariski topology is coarser than the Euclidean topology.

### The relation between the two closures (D. Mumford)

- Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{A}^s$  be an irreducible affine variety.
- Let  $U \subseteq V$  be nonempty and open in Zariski topology induced on  $V$ .

Then,  $U$  has the same closure in both topologies. In fact, we have

$$V = \overline{U}^Z = \overline{U}^E.$$

## Limit points: a first example

- Let  $S$  be the zero-set of a polynomial system and  $\overline{S}$  be the topological closure  $S$  in the Euclidean topology.
- It can be proved that the set-theoretic difference  $\overline{S} \setminus S$  can be obtained via a *limit computation process* illustrated below

Consider  $S$  below together with a **Puiseux series expansion** around  $z = 0$ :

$$S := \begin{cases} zx - y^2 = 0 \\ y^5 - z^4 = 0 \\ z \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} x = \frac{t^{8/5}}{t} \\ y = t^{4/5} \\ z = t \\ t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Then we have:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{S} \setminus S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Limit points: a second example

Consider  $S$  below together with a **Puiseux series expansion** around  $z = 0$ :

$$S := \begin{cases} zx - y^2 = 0 \\ y^5 - z^2 = 0 \\ z \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} x = t^{-1/5} \\ y = t^{2/5} \\ z = t \\ t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Then we have:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pm\infty \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{S} \setminus S = \emptyset$$

## The Puiseux series solutions of a regular chain (1/2)

### Regular chains in a nutshell

- Regular chains generalize the concept of *triangular system* from linear algebra to polynomial algebra.
- Thus, they are polynomial systems with a triangular shape and additional algebraic properties which support a **back substitution process**.
- Every (non-constant) bivariate polynomial forms a regular chain.

### The solutions of a regular chain

- Like Gröbner bases, regular chains can be used to compute and describe the solutions of polynomial systems over algebraically closed fields, say  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- Regular chains can also be used to solve over real closed fields, say  $\mathbb{R}$  but also Puiseux series.

## The Puiseux series solutions of a regular chain (2/2)

```
> with(AlgebraicGeometryTools):
> R := PolynomialRing([x, y, z]):
> rc := Chain([-z^2+y, x*z-y^2], Empty(R), R):
> br := RegularChainBranches(rc, R, [z]);

                2      3
                br := [[z = T, y = T , x = T ]]
> rc := Chain([y^2*z+y+1, (z+2)*z*x^2+(y+1)*(x+1)], Empty(R), R):
> RegularChainBranches(rc, R, [z]);

                2      2
                (T - 2) (T + 4) (T - 9 T - 54)
[[z = T, y = -T - 1, x = -----],
                432

                5      11      4      3      2
[z = T, y = -T - 1, x = -1/432 T + --- T + 5/432 T - 5/216 T + 1/12 T - 1/2]]
                432
```

## Limit points: yet another example

```
 $\bar{R} := \text{PolynomialRing}([x, y, z]) : rc := \text{Chain}([-y^3 + y^2 + z^5, z^4 * x + y^3 - y^2], \text{Empty}(R), R) :$   
 $\text{Display}(rc, R);$ 
```

$$\begin{cases} z^4 x + y^3 - y^2 = 0 \\ -y^3 + y^2 + z^5 = 0 \\ z^4 \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

```
 $\text{RegularChainBranches}(rc, R, [z]);$ 
```

```
 $\left[ \left[ z = T^2, y = \frac{1}{2} T^5 (-T^5 + 2 \text{RootOf}(-Z^2 + 1)), x = -\frac{1}{8} T^2 (-T^{20} + 6 T^{15} \text{RootOf}(-Z^2 + 1) + 10 T^{10} + 8) \right], \left[ z = T^2, y = -\frac{1}{2} T^5 (T^5 + 2 \text{RootOf}(-Z^2 + 1)), x = \frac{1}{8} T^2 (T^{20} + 6 T^{15} \text{RootOf}(-Z^2 + 1) - 10 T^{10} - 8) \right], \left[ z = T, y = T^5 + 1, x = -T (T^{10} + 2 T^5 + 1) \right] \right]$ 
```

```
 $lp := \text{LimitPoints}(rc, R) : \text{Display}(lp, R);$ 
```

$$\left[ \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{cases}, \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y - 1 = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{cases} \right]$$

Figure: Computation of (non-trivial) limit points with the RegularChains library

## Limit points: statement of our quest

- Let  $R := \{t_2(x_1, x_2), \dots, t_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)\}$
- We regard  $t_i$  as a univariate polynomial w.r.t.  $x_i$ , for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ :
- We denote by  $h_i$  the leading coefficient (also called initial) of  $t_i$  w.r.t.  $x_i$ , and assume that  $h_i$  depends on  $x_1$  only; hence we have
$$t_i = h_i(x_1)x_i^{d_i} + c_{d_i-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})x_i^{d_i-1} + \dots + c_0(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$
- Consider the system

$$W(R) := \begin{cases} t_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ t_2(x_1, x_2) = 0 \\ (h_2 \cdots h_n)(x_1) \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

### Main Goal

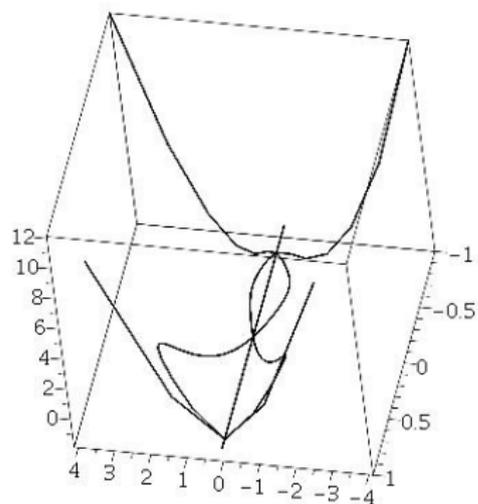
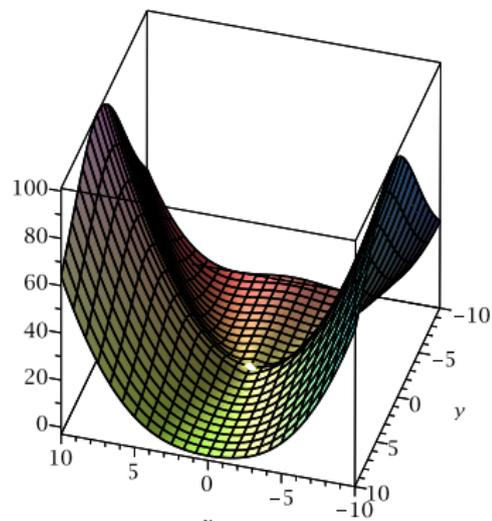
- Where do the points of  $W(R)$  go when  $x_1$  approaches a root of  $h_2 \cdots h_n$ ?
- In other words, we want to compute the points which belong to the topological closure of  $W(R)$  but to  $W(R)$  itself.

## Limit points: yet again another example

```
> R := PolynomialRing([x, y, z]):  
rc := Chain([y^(3)-2*y^(3) + y^(2) + z^(5), z^(4)*x + y^(3)-y^(2)], Empty(R), R) : Display(rc, R);  
br := RegularChainBranches(rc, R, [z], coefficient = complex);  
  
          
$$\begin{cases} z^4 x + y^3 - y^2 = 0 \\ -y^3 + y^2 + z^5 = 0 \\ z^4 \neq 0 \end{cases}$$
  
br := [[ [z = T^2, y = 1/2 T^5 (-T^5 + 2 RootOf(-Z^2 + 1)), x = -1/8 T^2 (-T^20 + 6 T^15 RootOf(-Z^2 + 1) + 10 T^10 + 8) ],  
        [z = T^2, y = -1/2 T^5 (T^5 + 2 RootOf(-Z^2 + 1)), x = 1/8 T^2 (T^20 + 6 T^15 RootOf(-Z^2 + 1) - 10 T^10 - 8) ], [z  
        = T, y = T^5 + 1, x = -T (T^10 + 2 T^5 + 1) ] ] ]  
br := RegularChainBranches(rc, R, [z], coefficient = real);  
          br := [[z = T, y = T^5 + 1, x = -T (T^10 + 2 T^5 + 1) ] ]
```

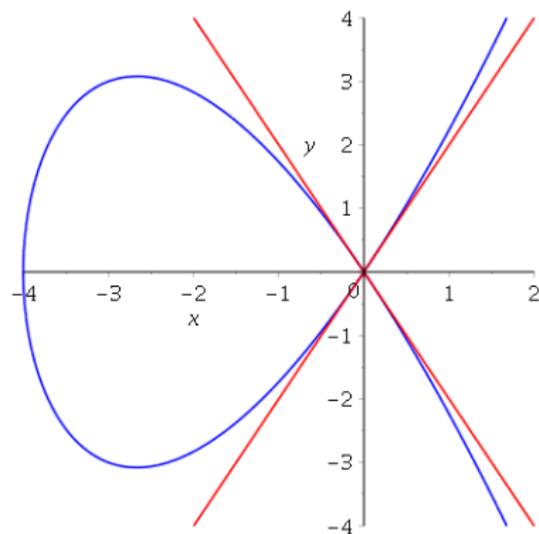
**Figure:** The command `RegularChainBranches` computes a parametrization for the complex and real paths of the quasi-component defined by `rc`. When coefficient argument is set as real, then the command `RegularChainBranches` computes the real branches.

## Application 1: limit of multivariate rational functions



**Figure:** On the left: the surface defined by  $q := \frac{x^4 + 3x^2y - x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = z$  around the origin. On the right: the three paths of discriminant variety of  $q$  going through the point  $(0,0,-1)$ .

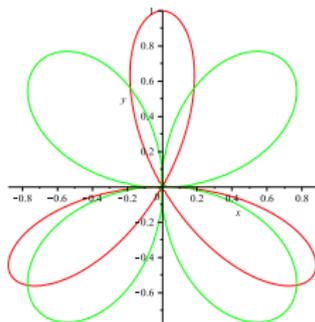
## Application 2: tangent cone computations



**Figure:** The tangent cone of the “fish” given by  $f := y^2 - x^2(x + 4) = 0$  at the origin consists of two tangent lines:  $y = 2x$  and  $y = -2x$ .

## Application 3: computing intersection multiplicities

```
> F := [(x^2 + y^2)^2 + 3x^2y - y^3, (x^2 + y^2)^3 - 4x^2y^2] :  
> plots[implicitplot](Fs, x = -2..2, y = -2..2) :
```



(3)

```
> R := PolynomialRing ([x, y], 101) :  
> TriangularizeWithMultiplicity(F, R);
```

$$\left[ \left[ 1, \begin{cases} x - 1 = 0 \\ y + 14 = 0 \end{cases} \right], \left[ \left[ 1, \begin{cases} x + 1 = 0 \\ y + 14 = 0 \end{cases} \right], \left[ \left[ 1, \begin{cases} x - 47 = 0 \\ y - 14 = 0 \end{cases} \right], \right. \right. \\ \left. \left[ \left[ 1, \begin{cases} x + 47 = 0 \\ y - 14 = 0 \end{cases} \right], \left[ \left[ 14, \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases} \right] \right] \right]$$

The command `RegularChains:-TriangularizeWithMultiplicity` computes the intersection multiplicities for each point of  $V(F)$ . In the above Maple session, computations are performed modulo a prime number for the only reason of keeping output expressions small. The same calculations can be performed with the `TriangularizeWithMultiplicity` command over the reals.

## Summary 2

- The theory of regular chains allows us to reduce the question of computing limit points of constructible sets and semi-algebraic sets to that of computing limit points of zero sets of regular chains.
- We will restrict ourselves here to regular chains in dimension 1, that is, where only one variable is free.
- Then, the above question can be solved by computing the Puiseux series solutions of regular chains.