

# Triangular decomposition of semi-algebraic systems

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# Real root classification: generically 0-dimensional systems

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```
R := PolynomialRing([x, y, z, epsilon]); F := [x^2 + y + z - 1, x + y^2 + z - 1, x + y + z^2 - 1 + epsilon];
```

*polynomial\_ring*

$$[x^2 + y + z - 1, x + y^2 + z - 1, x + y + z^2 - 1 + \epsilon]$$

```
dec := Triangularize(F, R); map(Equations, dec, R);
```

*[regular\_chain, regular\_chain]*

$$[[2x + z^2 + \epsilon - 1, 2y + z^2 + \epsilon - 1, z^4 + (2\epsilon - 4)z^2 + 4z - 4\epsilon - 1 + \epsilon^2], [x + y - 1, y^2 - y + z, z^2 + \epsilon]]$$

For which values of epsilon does F have 2 solutions each of which has a positive x-coordinate?

```
rrc := RealRootClassification(F, [], [x], [], 1, 2, R); Display(rrc[1][1], R); Display(rrc[2], R)
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*[[regular\_semi\_algebraic\_set], border\_polynomial]*

$$\begin{cases} \epsilon < 0 \text{ and } 16\epsilon < -1 \text{ and } 5\epsilon - 1 \neq 0 \text{ and } 16\epsilon^2 - 71\epsilon + 2 \neq 0 \\ \text{or } \epsilon > 0 \text{ and } 16\epsilon + 1 \neq 0 \text{ and } 5\epsilon < 1 \text{ and } 16\epsilon^2 - 71\epsilon + 2 > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \epsilon, \epsilon - \frac{1}{5}, \epsilon + \frac{1}{16}, \epsilon^2 - \frac{71}{16}\epsilon + \frac{1}{8} \right]$$

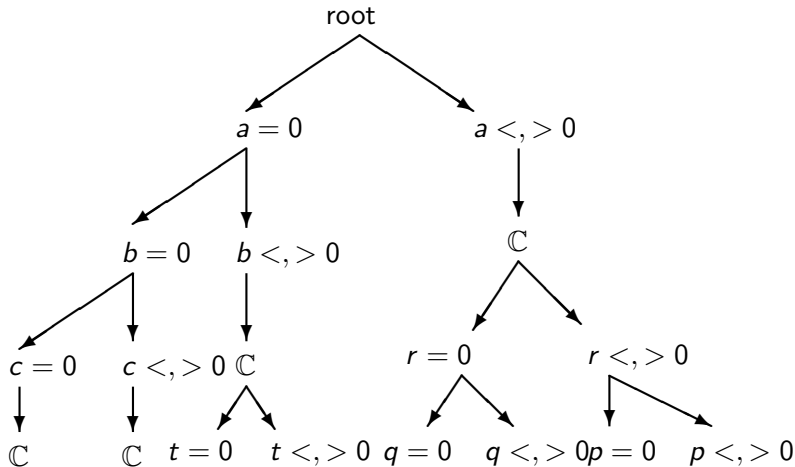
For which values of epsilon does F have 5 solutions?

```
rrc := RealRootClassification(F, [], [], [], 1, 5, R); Display(rrc[2], R)
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# Cylindrical algebraic decomposition of $\{ax^2 + bx + c\}$



The cylindrical algebraic decomposition of  $\{ax^2 + bx + c\}$  is given by the tree above, where  $t = bx + c$ ,  $q = 2ax + b$ , and  $r = 4ac - b^2$ . This is the best possible output for that method, leading to **27 cells!**

# Can a computer program be as good as a high-school student?

For the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , can a computer program produce?

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \\ a \neq 0 \wedge b^2 - 4ac > 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2ax + b = 0 \\ 4ac - b^2 = 0 \\ a \neq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

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# Yes, our new algorithm RealTriangularize can do that!

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R := PolynomialRing([x, c, b, a]); F := [a·x2 + b·x + c];  
polynomial_ring  
[a x2 + b x + c]
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Solving for the real solutions:

```
RealTriangularize(F, R, output = record);
```

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} a x^2 + b x + c = 0 \\ -4 c a + b^2 > 0 \\ a \neq 0 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{l} b x + c = 0 \\ b \neq 0 \\ a = 0 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{l} c = 0 \\ b = 0 \\ a = 0 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{l} 2 a x + b = 0 \\ 4 a c - b^2 = 0 \\ a \neq 0 \end{array} \right]$$

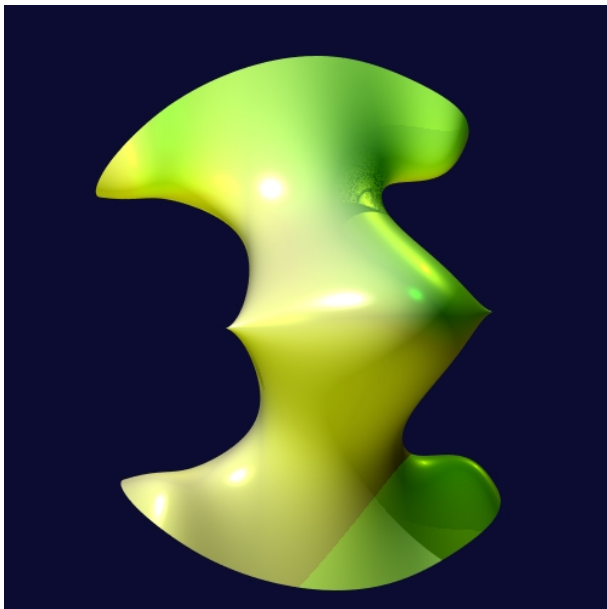
Solving for the complex solutions

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dec := Triangularize(F, R, output = lazard); map(Display, dec, R);
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[regular_chain, regular_chain, regular_chain]
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R := PolynomialRing([x, y, z]); F := [5*x^2 + 2*x*z^2 + 5*y^6 + 15*y^4 + 5*z^2 - 15*y^5 - 5*y^3]
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 5x^2 + 2z^2x + 5y^6 + 15y^4 - 5y^3 - 15y^5 + 5z^2 = 0 \\ 25y^6 - 75y^5 + 75y^4 - z^4 - 25y^3 + 25z^2 < 0 \end{array} \right.$$

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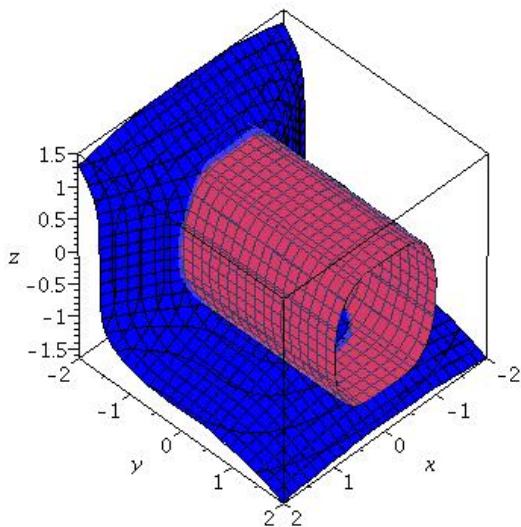
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## Triangularize applied to *sofa* and *cylinder* (1/2)

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# Triangularize applied to *sofa* and *cylinder* (2/2)

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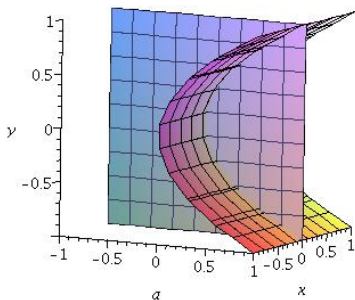
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The system  $[Q, T, P_{>}]$ , where

$$Q := a > 0, \quad T := \begin{cases} y^2 - a = 0 \\ x = 0 \end{cases}, \quad P_{>} := \{y > 0\}$$

is a regular semi-algebraic system.



# Triangular decompositions of semi-algebraic systems (1/2)

## Proposition

Let  $R := [Q, T, P_{>}]$  be a regular semi-algebraic system of  $\mathbb{Q}[u_1, \dots, u_d, \mathbf{y}]$ . Then the zero set of  $R$  is a **nonempty** semi-algebraic set of **dimension  $d$** .

## Theorem

Every semi-algebraic system  $\mathcal{S}$  can be decomposed as a finite union of regular semi-algebraic systems such that the union of their zero sets is the zero set of  $\mathcal{S}$ . We call it a **(full) triangular decomposition** of  $\mathcal{S}$ .



# Triangular decompositions of semi-algebraic systems (2/2)

## Notation

Let  $\mathcal{S} = [F, N_{\geq}, P_{>}, H_{\neq}]$  be a semi-algebraic system of  $\mathbb{Q}[\mathbf{x}]$ . Let  $c$  be the dimension of the constructible set of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  corresponding to  $\mathcal{S}$ .

## Definition

A finite set of regular semi-algebraic systems  $R_i$  is called a **lazy triangular decomposition** of  $\mathcal{S}$  if

- for each  $i$ ,  $Z_{\mathbb{R}}(R_i) \subseteq Z_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S})$  holds, and
- there exists  $G \subset \mathbb{Q}[\mathbf{x}]$  such that

$$Z_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}) \setminus (\cup_{i=1}^t Z_{\mathbb{R}}(R_i)) \subseteq Z_{\mathbb{R}}(G),$$

where the complex zero set  $V(G)$  has dimension less than  $c$ .

# A detailed example

## Original problem

Consider the following question (Brown, McCallum, ISSAC'05): when does  $p(z) = z^3 + az + b$  have a non-real root  $x + iy$  satisfying  $xy < 1$ .

## The equivalent quantifier elimination problem

$(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})[f = g = 0 \wedge y \neq 0 \wedge xy - 1 < 0]$ , where

- $f = \operatorname{Re}(p(x + iy)) = x^3 - 3xy^2 + ax + b$
- $g = \operatorname{Im}(p(x + iy))/y = 3x^2 - y^2 + a$

## The semi-algebraic system to solve

$$\mathcal{S} := \begin{cases} f = 0, \\ g = 0, \\ y \neq 0, \\ xy - 1 < 0 \end{cases}$$

# A lazy triangular decomposition

The command `LazyRealTriangularize` ( $[f, g, y \neq 0, xy - 1 < 0], [y, x, b, a]$ ) returns the following:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \{t_1 = 0, t_2 = 0, 1 - xy > 0\} & h_1 > 0, h_2 \neq 0 \\ \% \text{LazyRealTriangularize}([t_1 = 0, t_2 = 0, f = 0, \\ h_1 = 0, 1 - xy > 0, y \neq 0], [y, x, b, a]) & h_1 = 0 \\ \% \text{LazyRealTriangularize}([t_1 = 0, t_2 = 0, f = 0, \\ h_2 = 0, 1 - xy > 0, y \neq 0], [y, x, b, a]) & h_2 = 0 \\ [] & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 &= 8x^3 + 2ax - b, \quad t_2 = 3x^2 - y^2 + a, \\ h_1 &= 4a^3 + 27b^2, \\ h_2 &= -4a^3b^2 - 27b^4 + 16a^4 + 512a^2 + 4096. \end{aligned}$$

# A full triangular decomposition

Evaluate the output with the `value` command, which yields

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} [\{t_1 = 0, t_2 = 0, 1 - xy > 0\}] & h_1 > 0, h_2 \neq 0 \\ [] & h_1 = 0 \\ [\{t_3 = 0, t_4 = 0, h_2 = 0\}] & h_2 = 0 \\ [] & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

where

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# Outline of the algorithm

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Let  $[T, P]$  be as before and  $B \subset \mathbb{Q}[\mathbf{u}]$ . We say that  $[B_{\neq}, T, P_{>}]$  is a **pre-regular semi-algebraic system** of  $\mathbb{Q}[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}]$  if  $[T, P]$  specializes well at every point of  $B(\mathbf{u}) \neq 0$ .

## Computation in complex space

$$\begin{array}{c} Z_{\mathbb{R}}(F, N_{\geq}, P_{>}, H_{\neq}) \\ \downarrow \\ \bigcup Z_{\mathbb{R}}(B_{\neq}, T, P_{>}) \end{array}$$

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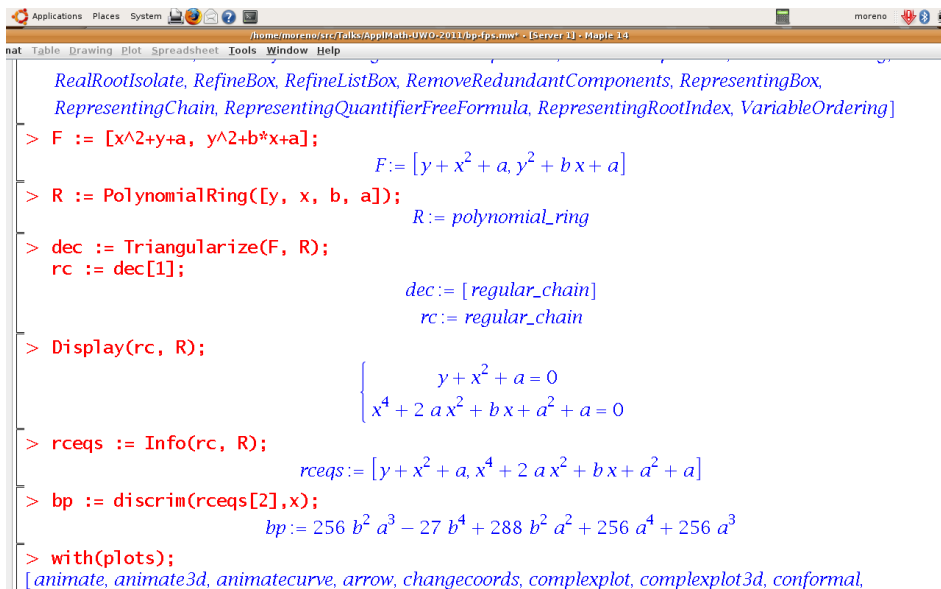
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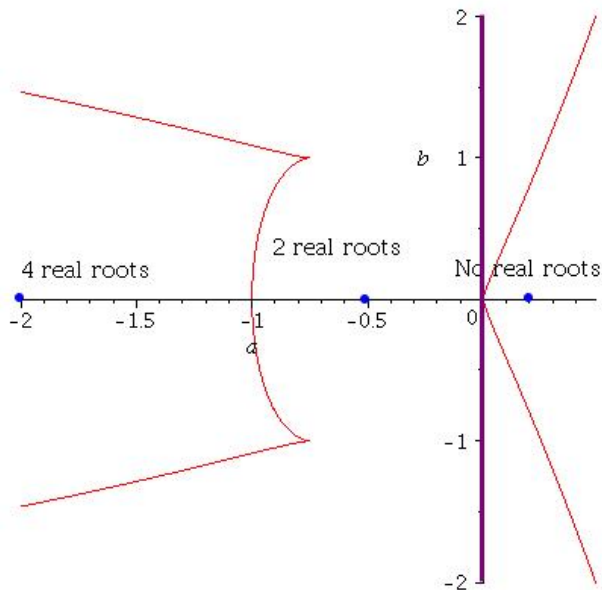
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> F := [x^2+y+a, y^2+b*x+a];
                                     F:= [y + x^2 + a, y^2 + b x + a]
> R := PolynomialRing([y, x, b, a]);
                                     R:= polynomial_ring
> dec := Triangularize(F, R);
rc := dec[1];
                                     dec:= [regular_chain]
                                     rc:= regular_chain
> Display(rc, R);
                                     {
                                     y + x^2 + a = 0
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                                     }
> rceqs := Info(rc, R);
                                     rceqs:= [y + x^2 + a, x^4 + 2 a x^2 + b x + a^2 + a]
> bp := discrim(rceqs[2],x);
                                     bp:= 256 b^2 a^3 - 27 b^4 + 288 b^2 a^2 + 256 a^4 + 256 a^3
> with(plots);
[animate, animate3d, animatecurve, arrow, changecoords, complexplot, complexplot3d, conformal,
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## A detailed example (2/3)



# A detailed example (3/3)

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polynomial_ring
[x^2 + y + a, y^2 + b x + a]
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{
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# LazyRealTriangularize for a system of equations

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**Algorithm 1:** LazyRealTriangularize( $\mathcal{S}$ )

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**Input:** a semi-algebraic system  $\mathcal{S} = [F, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset]$

**Output:** a lazy triangular decomposition of  $\mathcal{S}$

$\mathcal{T} := \text{Triangularize}(F)$

**for**  $T_i \in \mathcal{T}$  **do**

$Bp_i := \text{BorderPolynomial}(T_i, \emptyset)$

    solve  $\exists \mathbf{y} (Bp_i(\mathbf{u}) \neq 0, T_i(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}) = 0)$ ,

    and let  $Q_i$  be the resulting quantifier-free formula

**if**  $Q_i \neq \text{false}$  **then** output  $[Q_i, T_i, \emptyset]$

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# Complexity results (1/2)

## Assumptions

- (H<sub>0</sub>)**  $V(F)$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d$ ,
- (H<sub>1</sub>)**  $x_1, \dots, x_d$  are algebraically independent modulo each associated prime ideal of the ideal generated by  $F$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[\mathbf{x}]$ ,
- (H<sub>2</sub>)**  $F$  consists of  $m := n - d$  polynomials,  $f_1, \dots, f_m$ .

## Geometrical formulation

Hypotheses **(H<sub>0</sub>)** and **(H<sub>1</sub>)** are equivalent to the existence of regular chains  $T_1, \dots, T_e$  of  $\mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  such that

- $x_1, \dots, x_d$  are free w.r.t. each  $T_i$
- $V(F) = V(\text{sat}(T_1)) \cup \dots \cup V(\text{sat}(T_e))$ .

# Complexity results (2/2)

## Notation

Let  $n$ ,  $m$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\bar{h}$  be respectively the number of variables, number of polynomials, maximum total degree and height of polynomials in  $F$ .

## Proposition

Within  $m^{O(1)}(\delta^{O(n^2)})^{d+1} + \delta^{O(m^4)O(n)}$  operations in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , one can compute a Kalkbrener triangular decomposition  $E_1, \dots, E_e$  of  $V(F)$ , where each polynomial of each  $E_i$

- has total degree upper bounded by  $O(\delta^{2m})$ ,
- has height upper bounded by  $O(\delta^{2m}(m\bar{h} + dm\log(\delta) + n\log(n)))$ .

From which, a lazy triangular decomposition of  $F$  can be computed in  $(\delta^{n^2} n 4^n)^{O(n^2)} \bar{h}^{O(1)}$  bit operations.

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# Notations

**Table 1** Notions for Tables 2 and 3

symbol	meaning
#e	number of equations in the system
#v	number of variables in the equations
d	max total degree of the equations
G	Groebner:-Basis (with plex order) in MAPLE 13
T	Triangularize in REGULARCHAINS library of MAPLE
LR	lazy RealTriangularize implemented in MAPLE
R	complete RealTriangularize implemented in MAPLE
Q	QEPCAD B
> 1h	the examples cannot be solved in 1 hour
FAIL	QEPCAD B failed due to prime list exhausted

# Timings for algebraic varieties

**Table 2** Timings for algebraic varieties

system	#v/#e/d	G	T	LR
Hairer-2-BGK	13/ 11/ 4	25	1.924	2.396
Collins-jsc02	5/ 4/ 3	876	0.296	0.820
Leykin-1	8/ 6/ 4	103	3.684	3.924
8-3-config-Li	12/ 7/ 2	109	5.440	6.360
Lichtblau	3/ 2/ 11	126	1.548	11
Cinquin-3-3	4/ 3/ 4	64	0.744	2.016
Cinquin-3-4	4/ 3/ 5	> 1h	10	22
DonatiTraverso-rev	4/ 3/ 8	154	7.100	7.548
Cheaters-homotopy-1	7/ 3/ 7	3527	174	> 1h
hereman-8.8	8/ 6/ 6	> 1h	33	62
L	12/ 4/ 3	> 1h	0.468	0.676
dgp6	17/19/ 2	27	60	63
dgp29	5/ 4/ 15	84	0.008	0.016

# Timings for semi-algebraic systems

**Table 3** Timings for semi-algebraic systems

system	#v/#e/d	T	LR	R	Q
BM05-1	4/ 2/ 3	0.008	0.208	0.568	86
BM05-2	4/ 2/ 4	0.040	2.284	> 1h	FAIL
Solotareff-4b	5/ 4/ 3	0.640	2.248	924	> 1h
Solotareff-4a	5/ 4/ 3	0.424	1.228	8.216	FAIL
putnam	6/ 4/ 2	0.044	0.108	0.948	> 1h
MPV89	6/ 3/ 4	0.016	0.496	2.544	> 1h
IBVP	8/ 5/ 2	0.272	0.560	12	> 1h
Lafferriere37	3/ 3/ 4	0.056	0.184	0.180	10
Xia	6/ 3/ 4	0.164	2.192	230.198	> 1h
SEIT	11/ 4/ 3	0.400	33.914	> 1h	> 1h
p3p-isosceles	7/ 3/ 3	1.348	> 1h	> 1h	> 1h
p3p	8/ 3/ 3	210	> 1h	> 1h	FAIL
Ellipse	6/ 1/ 3	0.012	0.904	> 1h	> 1h

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# Conclusion

- We have proposed adaptations of the notions of regular chains and triangular decompositions in order to **solve semi-algebraic systems symbolically**.
- We have shown that any such system can be decomposed into finitely many **regular semi-algebraic systems**.
- We propose two specifications of such a decomposition and present corresponding algorithms:
- Under some assumptions, one type of decomposition (LazyRealTriangularize) can be computed in **singly exponential time** w.r.t. the number of variables.
- We have implemented both types of decompositions and reported on comparative benchmarks.
- Our experimental results suggest that these approaches are promising.

## Work in progress

- We have obtained geometrical invariants for the notion of border polynomial.
- We have improved the performances of our algorithms by avoiding unnecessary recursive calls
- We have developed an incremental algorithms for decomposing semi-algebraic systems
- We have procedures for performing set theoretical operations on semi-algebraic sets.
- As a consequence we can produce decomposition free of redundant components.

Thank you!

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# Laurent's model for the mad cow disease (1/4)

## The dynamical system ruling the transformation

The normal form  $PrP^C$  is harmless, while the infectious form  $PrP^{Sc}$  catalyzes a transformation from the normal form to the infectious one.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = k_1 - k_2x - ax\frac{(1+by^n)}{1+cy^n} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = ax\frac{(1+by^n)}{1+cy^n} - k_4y \end{cases}$$

where  $x = [PrP^C]$ ,  $y = [PrP^{Sc}]$  and where  $b, c, n, a, k_4, k_1$  are biological constants which can be set as follows:

$$b = 2, \quad c = 1/20, \quad n = 4, \quad a = 1/10, \quad k_4 = 50 \quad \text{and} \quad k_1 = 800.$$

## The dynamical system to study

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{16000+800y^4-20k_2x-k_2xy^4-2x-4xy^4}{20+y^4} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{2(x+2xy^4-500y-25y^5)}{20+y^4} \end{cases}$$

## Laurent's model for the mad cow disease (2/4)

The semi-algebraic system to be solved

$$\mathcal{S} := \begin{cases} 16000 + 800y^4 - 20k_2x - k_2xy^4 - 2x - 4xy^4 & = 0 \\ 2(x + 2xy^4 - 500y - 25y^5) & = 0 \\ k_2 & > 0 \end{cases}$$

### Computations (1/5)

LazyRealTriangularize to this system, yields the following regular semi-algebraic system (and unevaluated recursive calls)

$$\begin{cases} (2y^4 + 1)x - 500y - 25y^5 = 0 \\ (k_2 + 4)y^5 - 64y^4 + (20k_2 + 2)y - 32 = 0 \\ (k_2 > 0) \wedge (R_1 \neq 0) \end{cases}$$

where

$$R_1 = 100000k_2^8 + 1250000k_2^7 + 5410000k_2^6 + 8921000k_2^5 - 9161219950k_2^4 - 5038824999k_2^3 - 1665203348k_2^2 - 882897744k_2 + 1099528405056.$$

## Laurent's model for the mad cow disease (3/4)

### Computations (2/5)

Through the computation of sample points, we easily obtain the following observation. Whenever  $R_1 > 0$  holds, the system has 1 equilibrium, while  $R_2 < 0$  implies that the system has 3 equilibria.

### Computations (3/5)

Now we study the stability of those equilibria. To this end, we consider the two Hurwitz determinants.

Adding to  $\mathcal{S}$  the constraints  $\{\Delta_1 > 0, a_2 > 0\}$

$$\Delta_1 = 54y^8 + 40k_2y^4 + 2082y^4 - 312xy^3 + 20040 + k_2y^8 + 400k_2,$$

$$a_2 = 20000k_2 + 2000 + 50k_2y^8 + 200y^8 + 2000k_2y^4 - 312k_2xy^3 + 4100y^4.$$

we obtain a new semi-algebraic system  $\mathcal{S}'$ .

## Laurent's model for the mad cow disease (4/4)

### Computations (4/5)

Applying LazyRealTriangularize to  $\mathcal{S}'$  in conjunction with sample point computations brings the following conclusion. If  $R_1 > 0$ , then the system has 1 asymptotically stable hyperbolic equilibria.

### Computations (5/5)

If  $R_1 < 0$  and  $R_2 \neq 0$ , then System has 2 asymptotically equilibria, where  $R_2$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} R_2 = & 10004737927168k_2^9 + 624166300700672k_2^8 + 7000539052537600k_2^7 \\ & + 45135589467012800k_2^6 - 840351411856453750k_2^5 - 50098004352248446875k_2^4 \\ & - 27388168989455000000k_2^3 - 8675209266696000000k_2^2 \\ & + 102960917356800000000k_2 + 5932546064102400000000. \end{aligned}$$

To further investigate the number of asymptotically stable hyperbolic equilibria on the hypersurface  $R_2 = 0$  and the equilibria when  $R_1 = 0$ , one can apply SamplePoints on  $\mathcal{S}'$ , which produces 14 points.

# Program verification: an example from Lafferriere (1/4)

## Reachability computation

This problem reduces to determine the set

$$\{(y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (\exists a \in \mathbb{R})(\exists z \in \mathbb{R}) (0 \leq a) \wedge (z \geq 1) \wedge (h_1 = 0) \wedge (h_2 = 0)\}$$

where

$$h_1 = 3y_1 - 2a(-z^4 + z) \quad \text{and} \quad h_2 = 2y_2z^2 - a(z^4 - 1).$$

## The semi-algebraic system to be solved

One wishes to compute the projection of the semi-algebraic set defined by

$$(0 \leq a) \wedge (z \geq 1) \wedge (h_1 = 0) \wedge (h_2 = 0)$$

onto the  $(y_1, y_2)$ -plane.

For the variable ordering  $a > z > y_1 > y_2$ , we obtain the five following regular semi-algebraic systems  $R_1$  to  $R_5$

# Program verification: an example from Lafferriere (2/4)

## The triangular decomposition (1/3)

$$R_2^T = \begin{cases} a \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \end{cases} \quad R_3^T = \begin{cases} z - 1 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \end{cases} \quad R_4^T = \begin{cases} a \\ z - 1 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \end{cases}$$
$$R_2^P = \{ z > 1 \} \quad R_3^P = \{ 0 < a \}$$

The projection on the  $(y_1, y_2)$ -plane of  $Z_{\mathbb{R}}(R_2) \cup Z_{\mathbb{R}}(R_3) \cup Z_{\mathbb{R}}(R_4)$  is clearly equal to the  $(y_1, y_2) = (0, 0)$  point.

# Program verification: an example from Lafferriere (3/4)

## The triangular decomposition (2/3)

$$R_1^T = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (z^4 - 1) a - 2 z^2 y_2 \\ 4 y_2 z^5 + 4 y_2 z^4 + (3 y_1 + 4 y_2) z^3 + 3 y_1 z^2 + 3 y_1 z + 3 y_1 \end{array} \right.$$
$$R_1^Q = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (y_1 + y_2 < 0) \wedge (y_1 < 0) \wedge (0 < y_2) \\ 3y_1^5 - 6y_2y_1^4 - 63y_2^2y_1^3 + 192y_2^3y_1^2 + 112y_2^4y_1 + 16y_2^5 \neq 0 \end{array} \right.$$
$$R_1^P = \{ z > 1 \}$$

The projection on the  $(y_1, y_2)$ -plane of  $Z_{\mathbb{R}}(R_1)$  is given by  $Z_{\mathbb{R}}(R_1^Q)$ .

# Program verification: an example from Lafferriere (4/4)

## The triangular decomposition (3/3)

$$R_5^T = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (z^4 - 1) a - 2 z^2 y_2 \\ t_z \\ 3 y_1^5 - 6 y_2 y_1^4 - 63 y_2^2 y_1^3 + 192 y_2^3 y_1^2 + 112 y_2^4 y_1 + 16 y_2^5 \end{array} \right.$$
$$R_5^Q = \{ 0 < y_2 \} \quad R_5^P = \{ z > 1 \}$$

where  $t_z$  is a large polynomial of degree 4 in  $z$ .

The polynomial with main variable  $y_1$ , say  $t_{y_1}$  is delineable above  $0 < y_2$ .

Using a sample point we check that  $t_{y_1}$  admits a single real root.

## Conclusion

It follows that the projection on the  $(y_1, y_2)$ -plane of  $Z_{\mathbb{R}}(R_5)$  is given by:

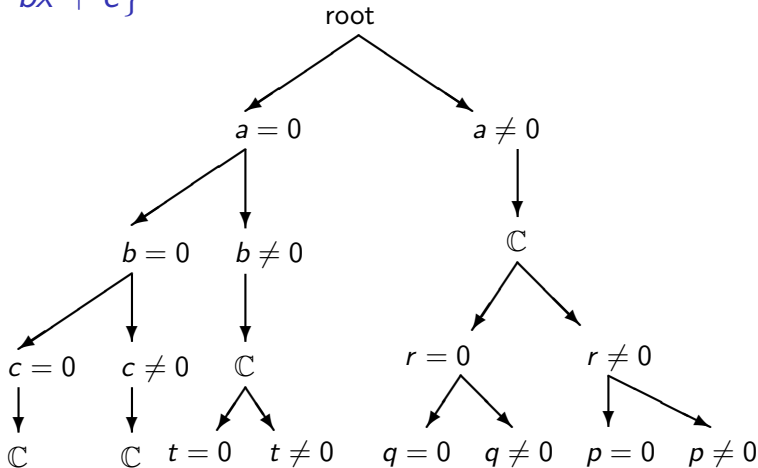
$$(0 < y_2) \wedge (3 y_1^5 - 6 y_2 y_1^4 - 63 y_2^2 y_1^3 + 192 y_2^3 y_1^2 + 112 y_2^4 y_1 + 16 y_2^5).$$



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# Recall: cylindrical algebraic decomposition of $\{ax^2 + bx + c\}$



The cylindrical algebraic decomposition of  $\{ax^2 + bx + c\}$  is given by the tree above, where  $t = bx + c$ ,  $q = 2ax + b$ , and  $r = 4ac - b^2$ . This is the best possible output for that method.

# Cylindrical algebraic decomposition of $\mathbb{R}^n$ (1/2)

## Definition

A CAD of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a **partition** of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , where

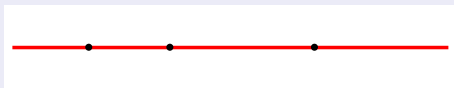
- all the cells are **cylindrically** arranged, that is, for all  $1 \leq j < n$  the projections on the first  $j$  coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_j)$  of any two cells are either identical or disjoint.
- each cell is a **connected semi-algebraic** subset, called a region

## Complexity of CAD

Unfortunately the number of cells can be **doubly exponential** in  $n$ .

## Case of $n = 1$

This is a finite partition of the real line into points and open intervals.

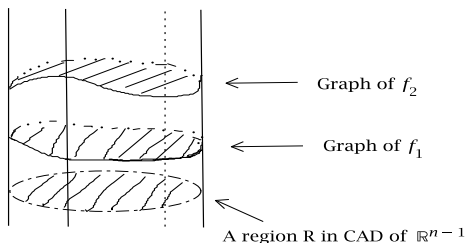


## Cylindrical algebraic decomposition of $\mathbb{R}^n$ (2/2)

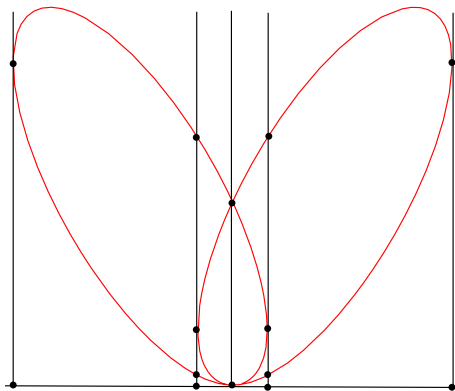
### Case of $n > 1$

From a CAD  $D'$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ , one builds a CAD  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Above each  $R \in D'$ :

- consider finitely many disjoint graphs (called *sections*) of continuous real-valued algebraic functions,
- decomposing the cylinder  $R \times \mathbb{R}^1$ , into sections and *sectors* (located between two consecutive sections), which form a *stack* over  $R$ ,
- then all the sections and sectors are the elements of  $D$ .



# A Cylindrical Algebraic Decomposition of $\mathbb{R}^2$ Induced by the Tacnode Curve



Tacnode curve:  $y^4 - 2y^3 + y^2 - 3x^2y + 2x^4 = 0$ .

# RealTriangularize applied to the Tacnode Curve

```
> R := PolynomialRing([x,y]);  
> F := [y^4-2*y^3+y^2-3*x^2*y+2*x^4];  
> RealTriangularize(F, R, output=record);
```

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{ 4      2      4      3      2  
{ 2 x  - 3 y x  + y  - 2 y  + y  = 0
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{ 2  
{ 8 y  - 16 y < 1
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{ 2 x  - 3 = 0  
{  
{ y - 1 = 0
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{ 2  
{ 8 y  - 16 y - 1 = 0
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