

Numerical algebraic geometry

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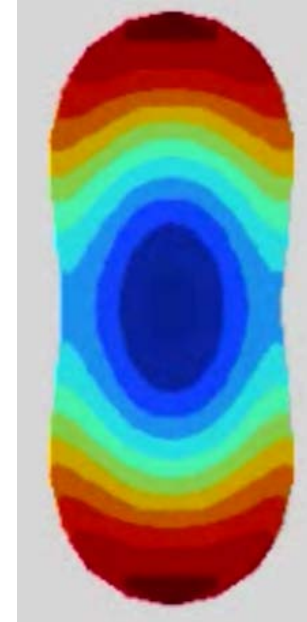
Example applications



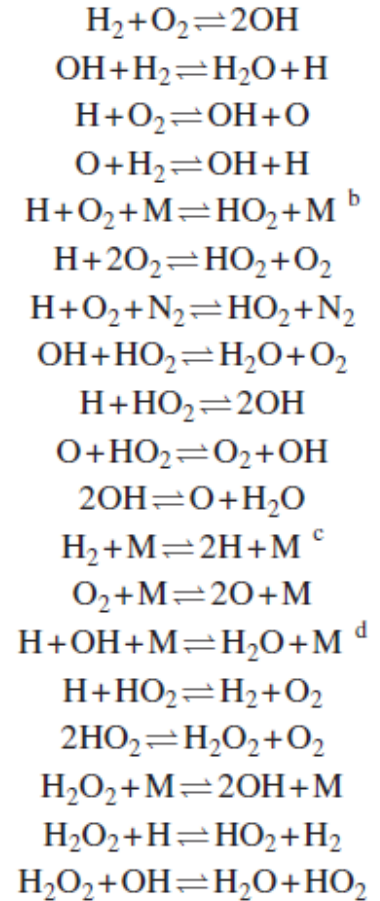
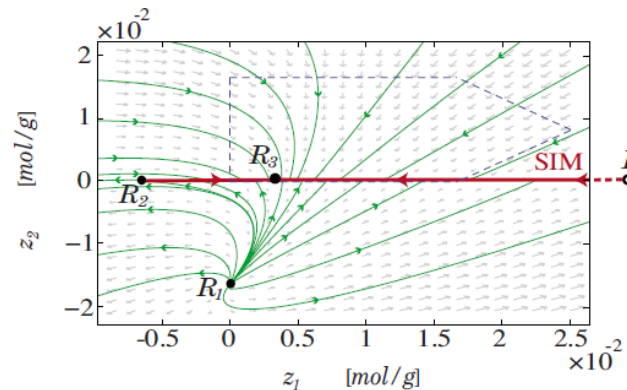
Inverse 6R problem



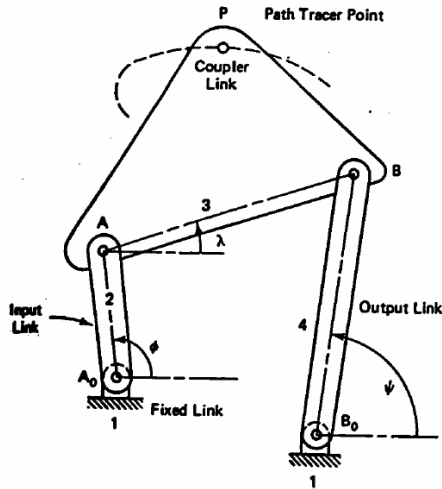
Zebrafish patterning



Bifurcations of tumor models



The Four-Bar Linkage



Nine-point problem

Overview

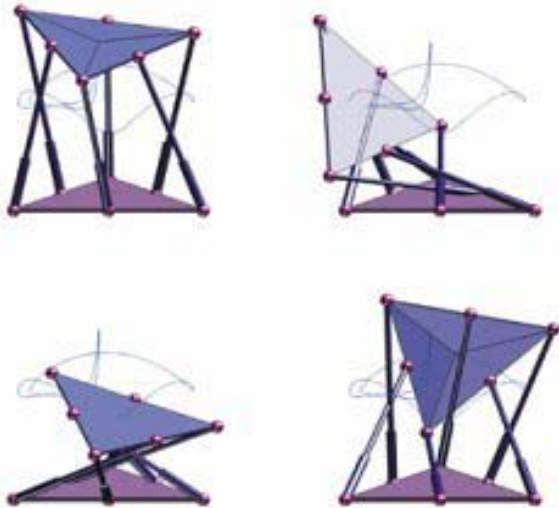
- ▶ Homotopy continuation
- ▶ Basic numerical algebraic geometry
- ▶ Regeneration
- ▶ Rank-deficiency sets

Joint work with

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- ▶ C. Peterson (Colorado State)
- ▶ A. Sommese (Notre Dame)
- ▶ C. Wampler (General Motors R&D)

General references

The Numerical Solution of Systems of Polynomials Arising in Engineering and Science



Andrew J. Sommese • Charles W. Wampler, II

T.Y. Li, Numerical solution of polynomial systems by homotopy continuation methods, in *Handbook of Numerical Analysis*, Volume XI, 209–304, North-Holland, 2003.

General references

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Bertini: Software for Numerical Algebraic Geometry.
Available at www.nd.edu/~sommese/bertini.



Homotopy continuation

Main problem in numerical algebraic geometry:
Describe all $x \in \mathbb{C}^N$ where

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_N) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, \dots, x_N) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

and each f_i is polynomial.

Homotopy continuation

Basic isolated root finding:

Assume $n = N$ (“square”). Compute the isolated solutions of

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_N) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, \dots, x_N) \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

Homotopy continuation

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- ▶ Compute the isolated roots of $g \in \mathcal{F}$ (general enough).
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Computing the roots of g is very interesting when nontrivial.

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Homotopy continuation

Example

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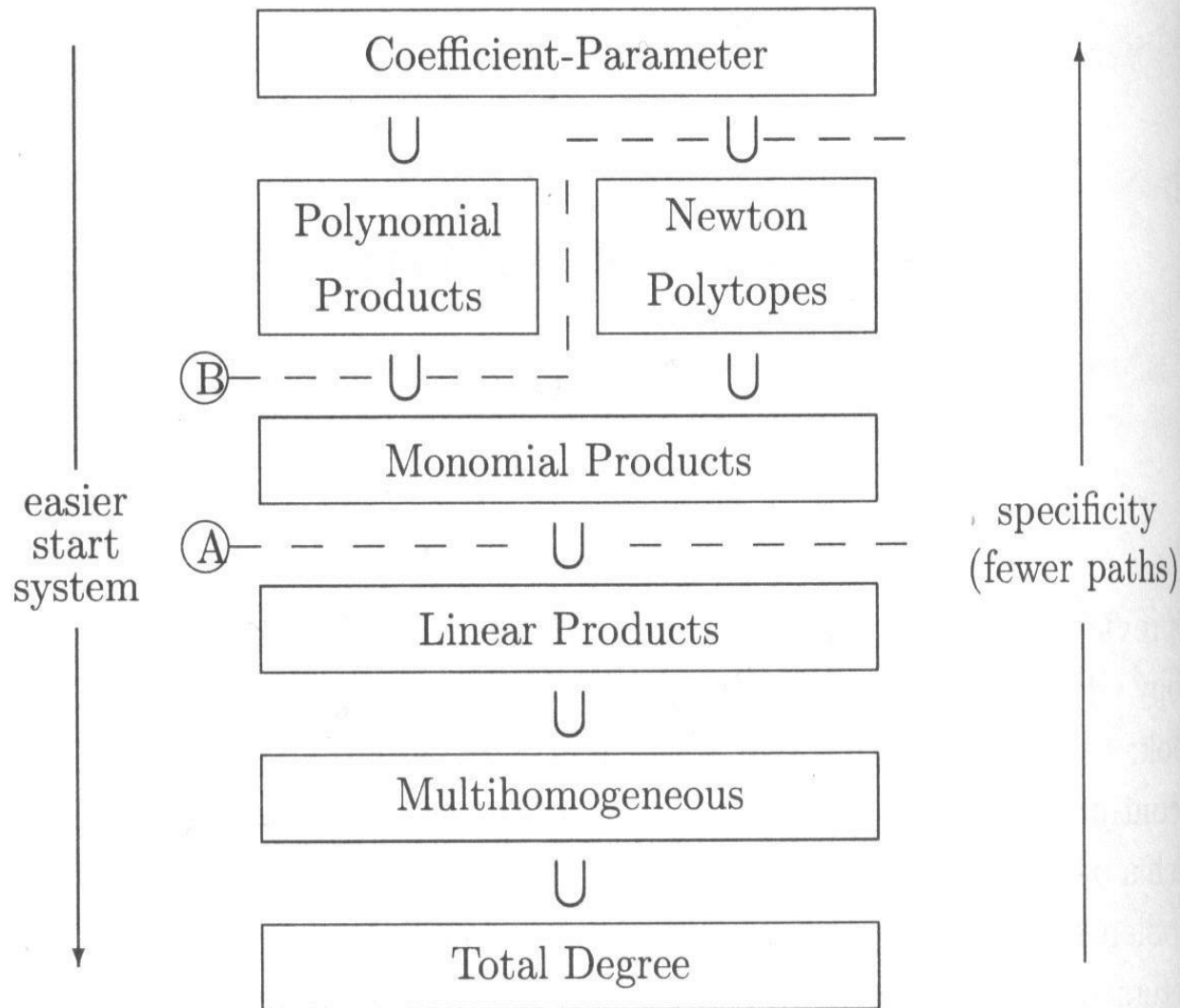
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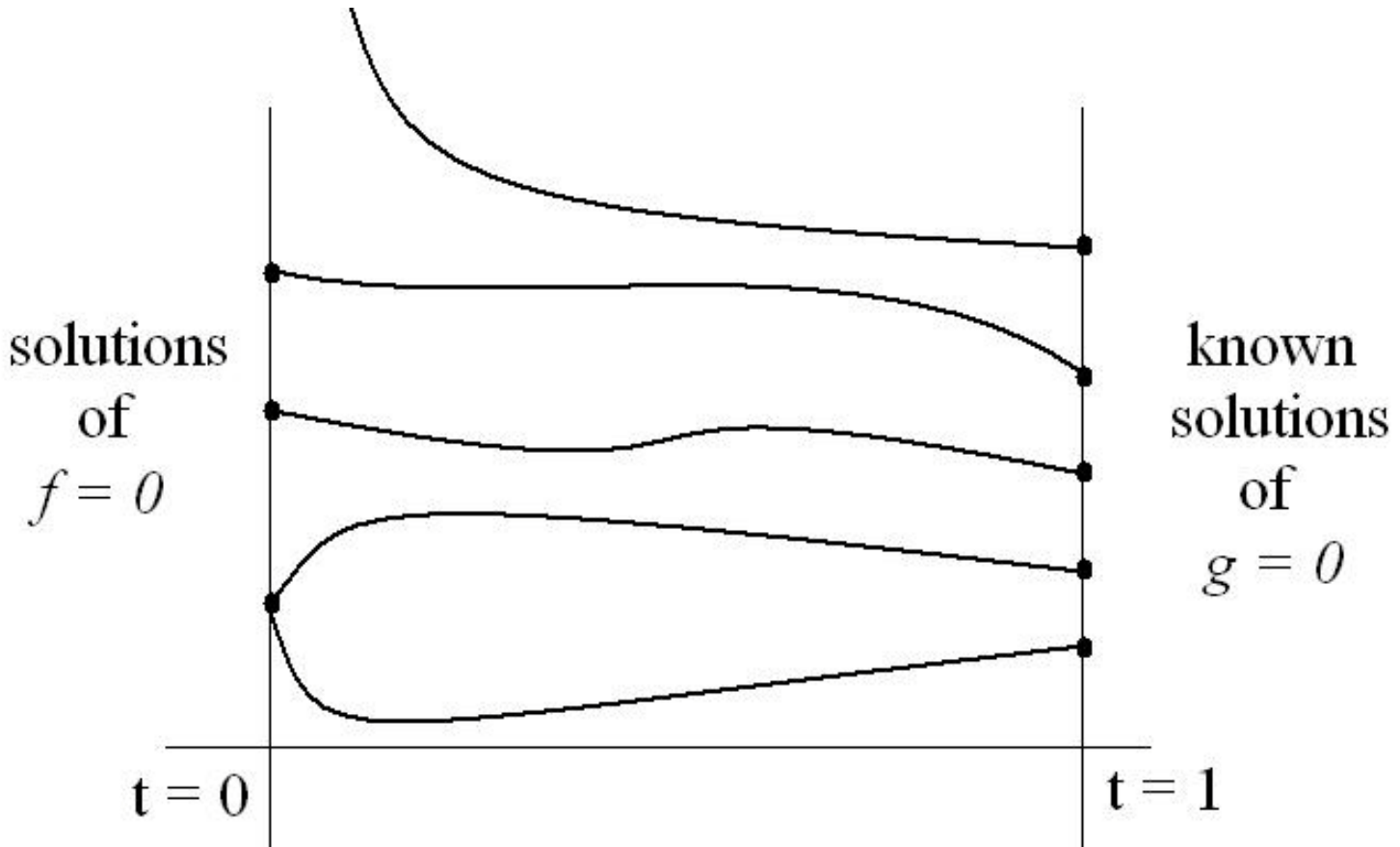
4. "Optimal": $\mathcal{F} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x^2 - (a_1 + a_2)x + a_1a_2 \\ (x - a_1)y + a_3x + a_4 \end{bmatrix} : a_i \in \mathbb{C} \right\},$

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 - 1 \\ (x + 1)y - 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Bound: } 1.$$

Homotopy continuation



Homotopy continuation



$$H(x, t) = (1 - t)f(x) + tg(x) \equiv 0$$

Homotopy continuation

For a properly constructed homotopy:

- ▶ Solution paths $x(t)$ exist
- ▶ Solution paths $x(t)$ satisfy the Davidenko differential equation

$$0 \equiv \frac{dH(x(t), t)}{dt} = \frac{\partial H(x(t), t)}{\partial x} x'(t) + \frac{\partial H(x(t), t)}{\partial t}.$$

- ▶ For $t \neq 0$, $\frac{\partial H(x(t), t)}{\partial x}$ is invertible.
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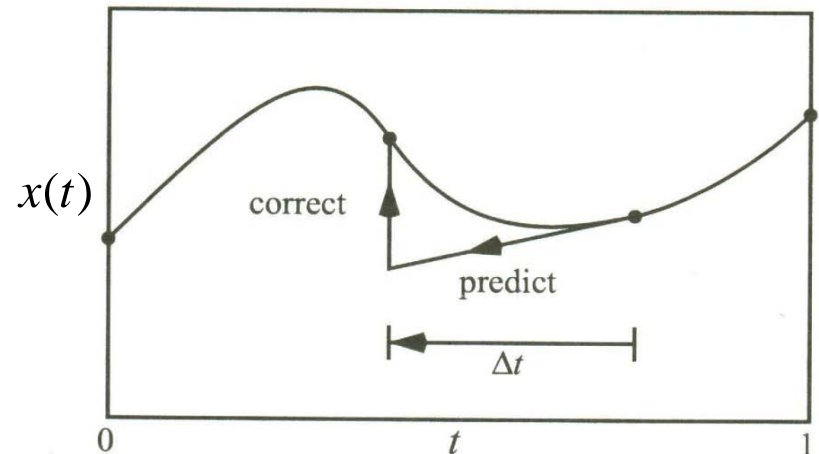
Track solution paths using a predictor-corrector scheme.

Predict using Davidenko's differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial H(x(t), t)}{\partial x} x'(t) = -\frac{\partial H(x(t), t)}{\partial t}.$$

Correct using Newton's method:

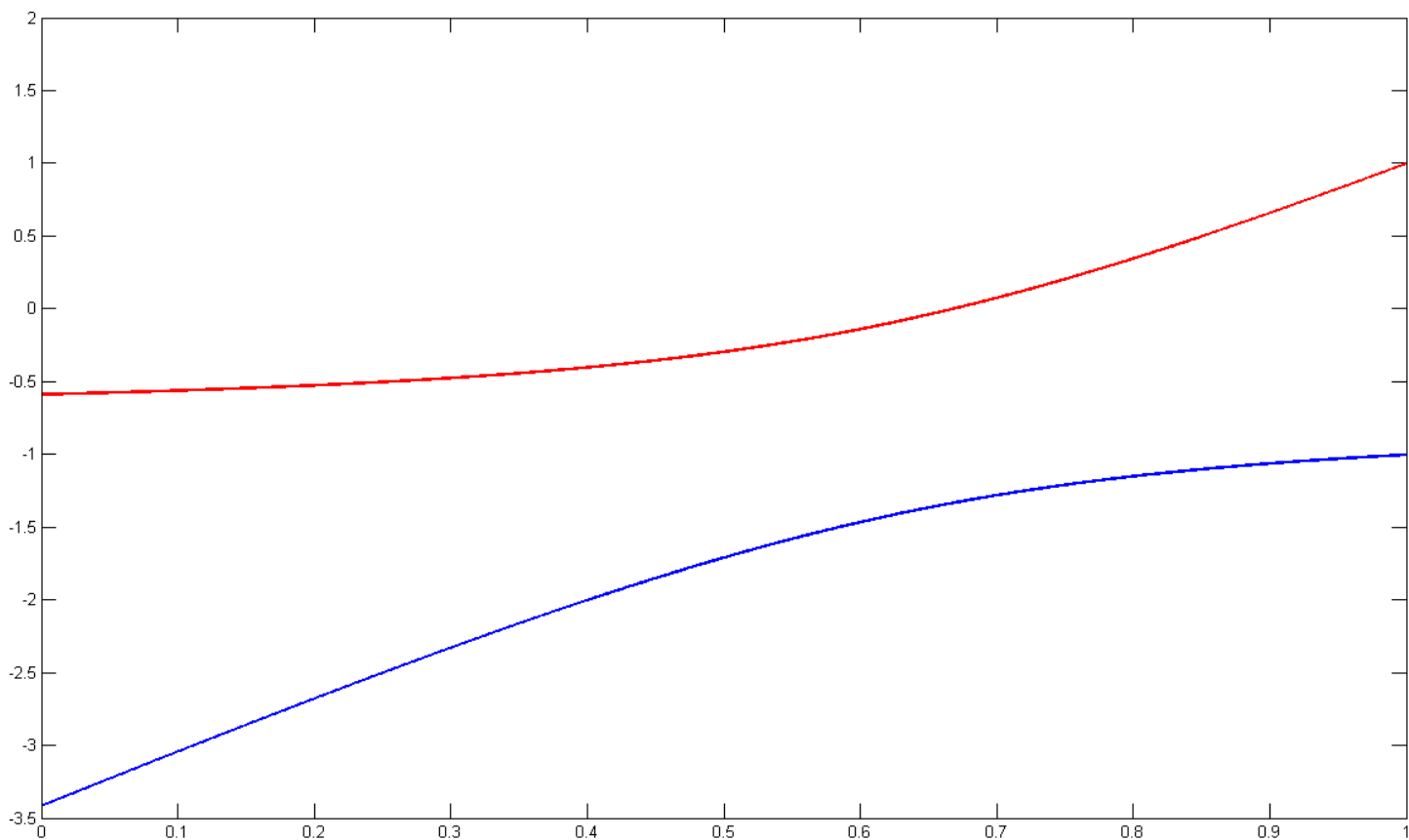
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Example

$$f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 2$$

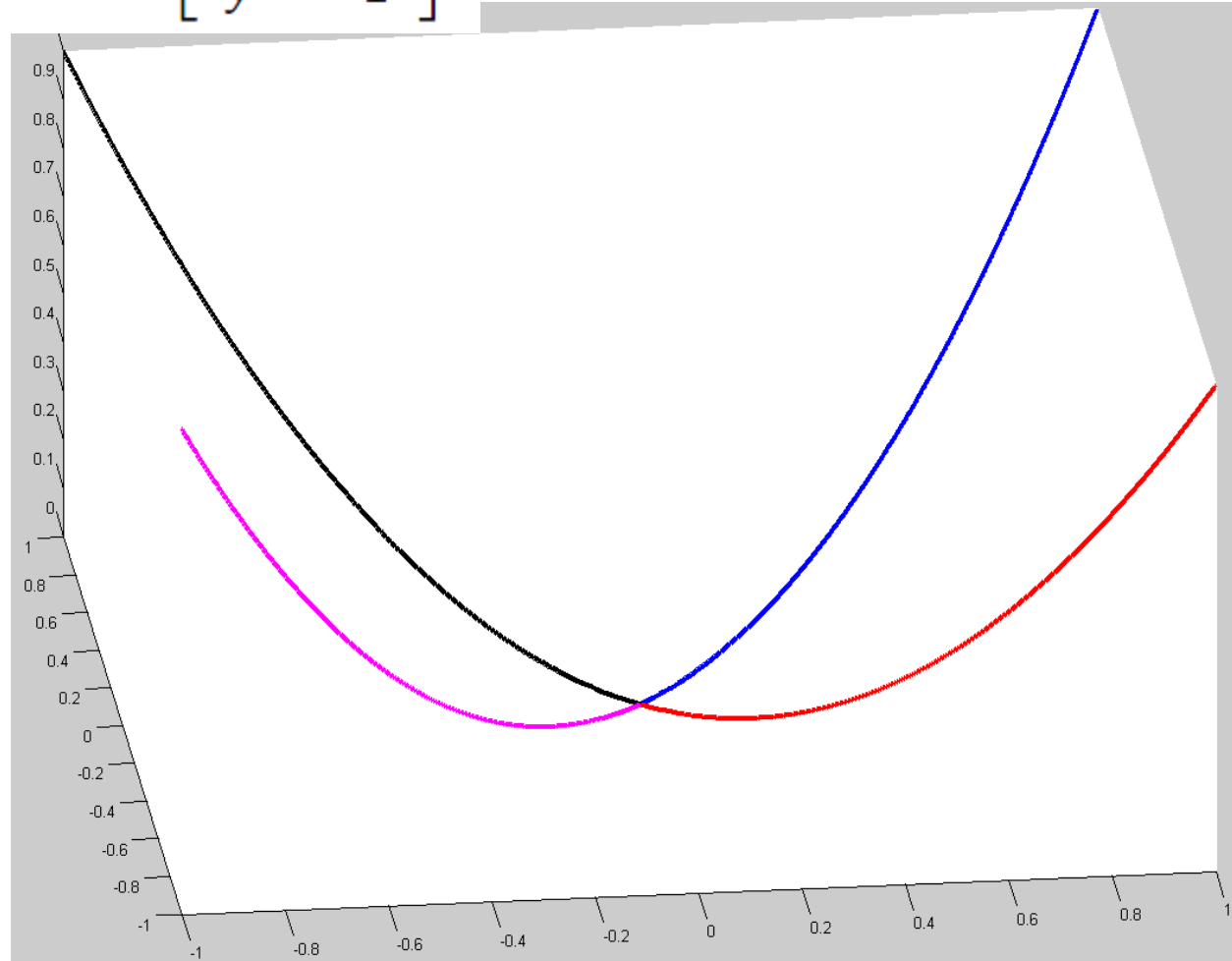
$$H(x, t) = (1 - t)f(x) + t(x^2 - 1).$$



Example

$$f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

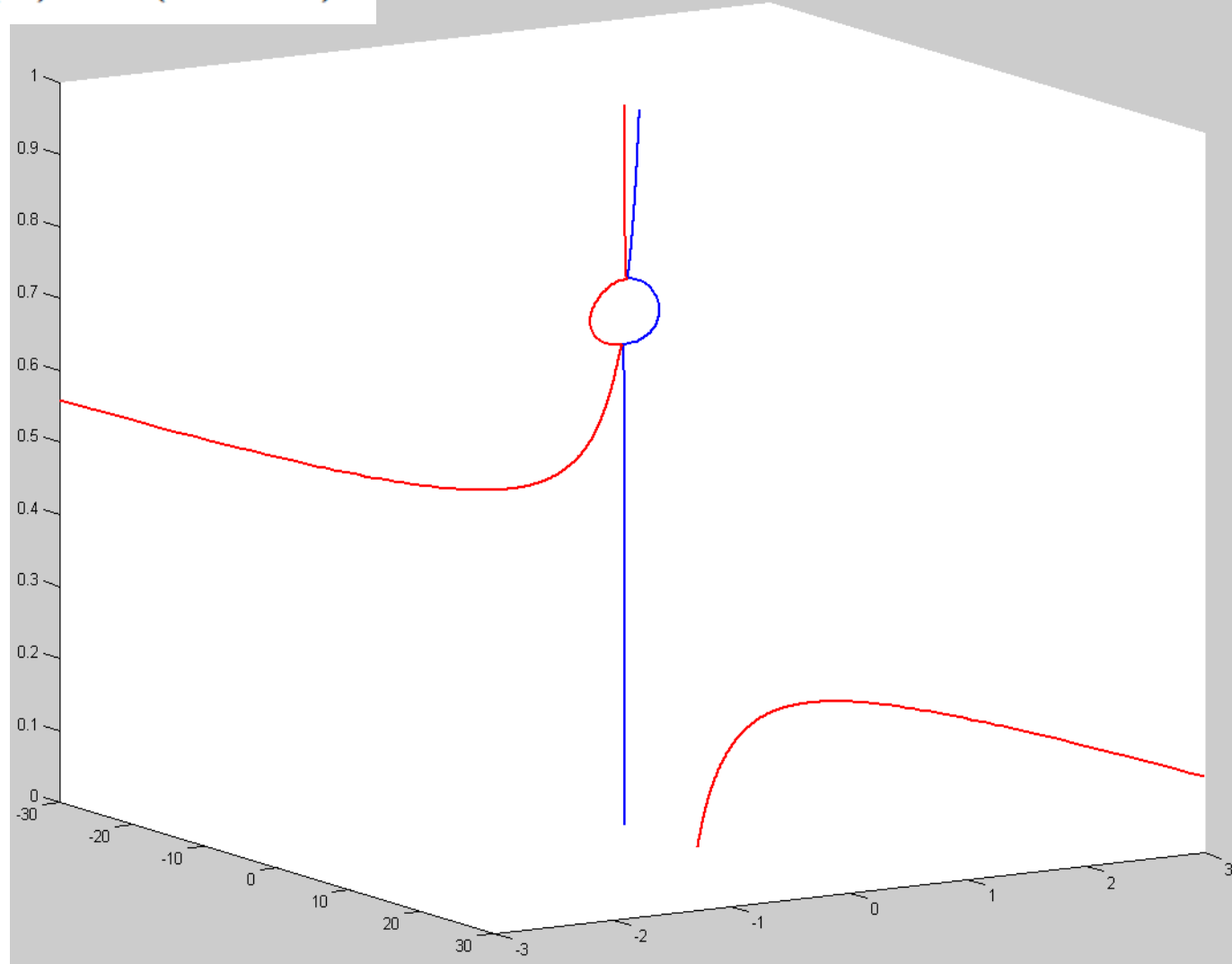
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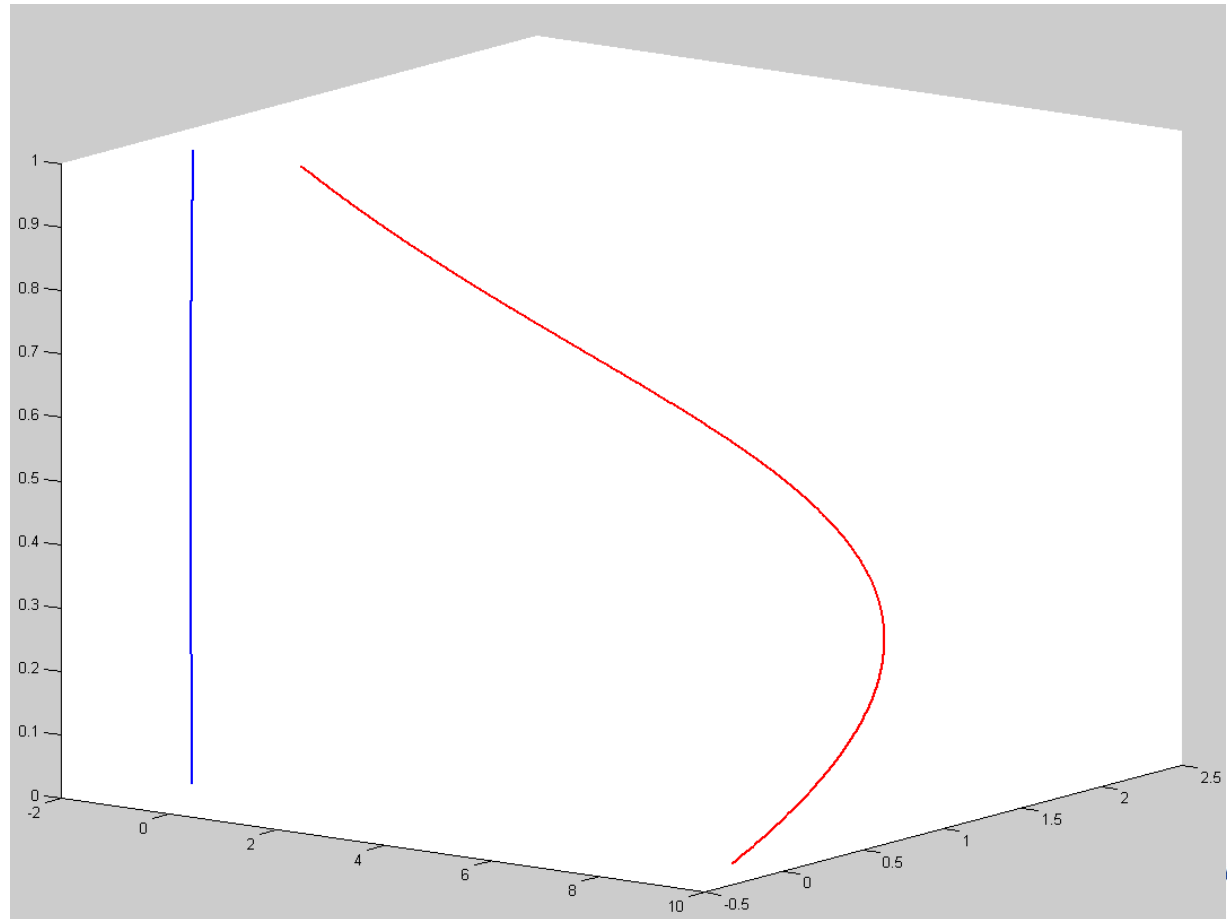


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For random $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$H(x, t) = (1 - t)f(x) + \gamma t(x^2 - 1).$$



Homotopy continuation

Singular endpoints occur frequently.

- ▶ Endgames: compute the endpoint by staying sufficiently far away from $t = 0$.
- ▶ Deflation: restore quadratic convergence of Newton iterations.

Example

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad H = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 - t \\ y^2 - t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 0 \\ 0 & 2y \end{bmatrix}.$$

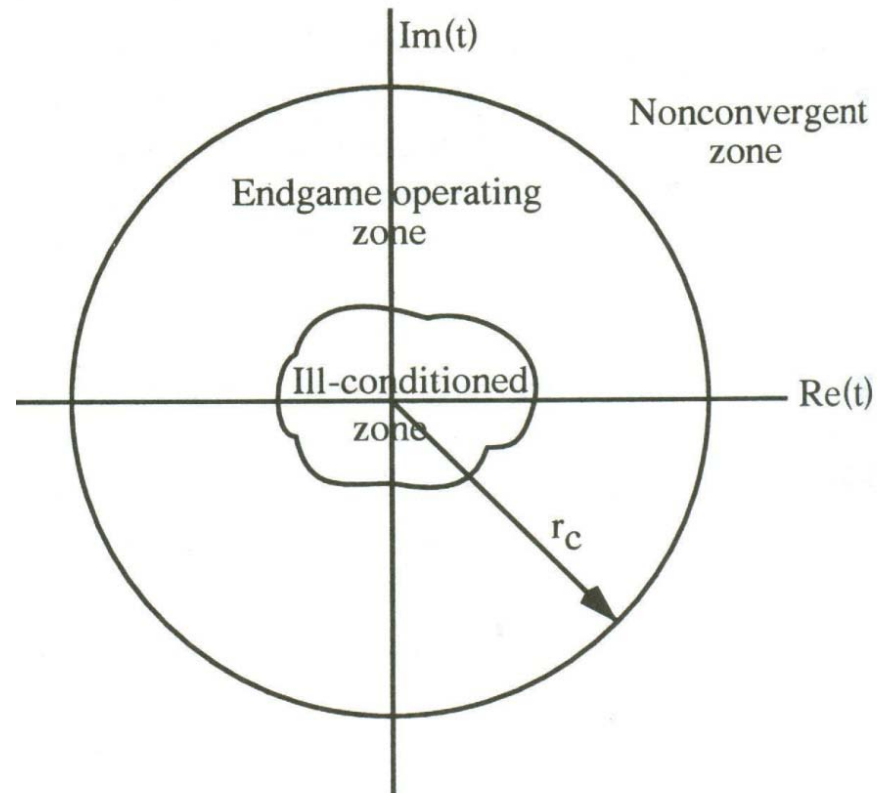
$$J \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

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Endgame algorithms accurately compute the endpoint of the path by using the local Puiseux series expansion:

$$x(t) = x(0) + \sum_{j \geq 1} a_j t^{j/c}.$$

Use high enough precision to ensure reliable numerical computations.

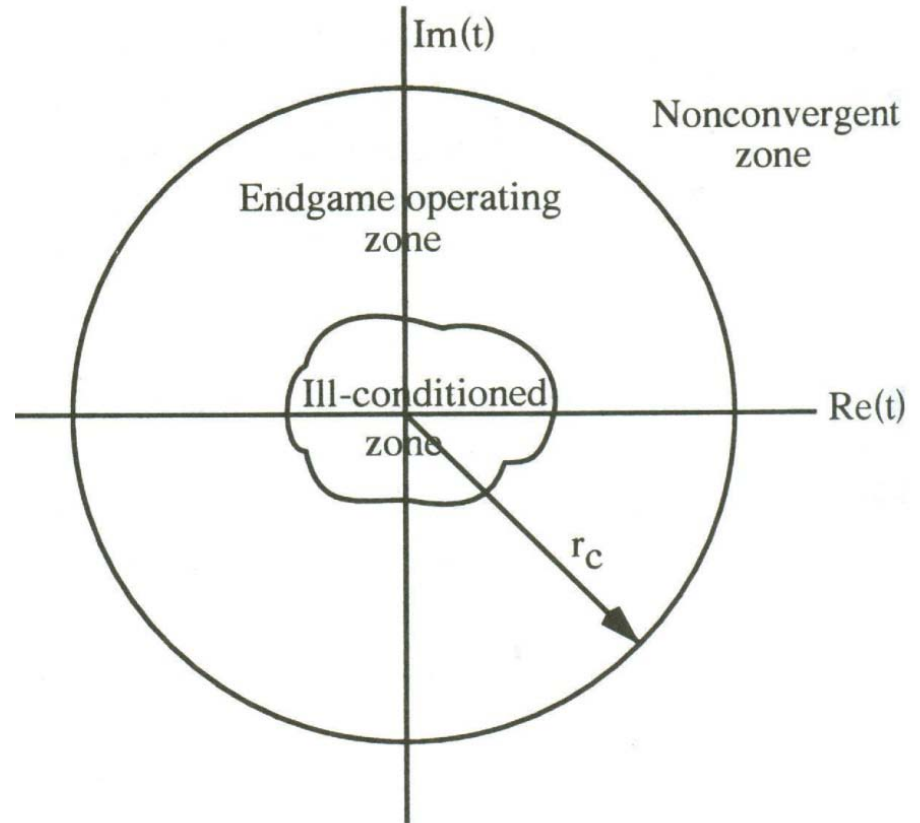


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Cauchy integral theorem:

$$x(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi c} \int_0^{2\pi c} x(Re^{i\theta}) d\theta.$$



Homotopy continuation

Deflation for isolated solutions

A. Leykin, J. Verschelde, and A. Zhao, Newton's method with deflation for isolated singularities of polynomial systems, *Theor. Comput. Sci.*, 359, 111–122, 2006.

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ (0, 0), \text{mult } 4 \end{array} \implies \begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ y^2 \\ 2x\lambda_1 \\ 2y\lambda_2 \\ \alpha_1\lambda_1 + \alpha_2\lambda_2 - 1 \\ \beta_1\lambda_1 + \beta_2\lambda_2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ (0, 0, \widehat{\lambda}_1, \widehat{\lambda}_2), \text{mult } 1 \end{array}$$

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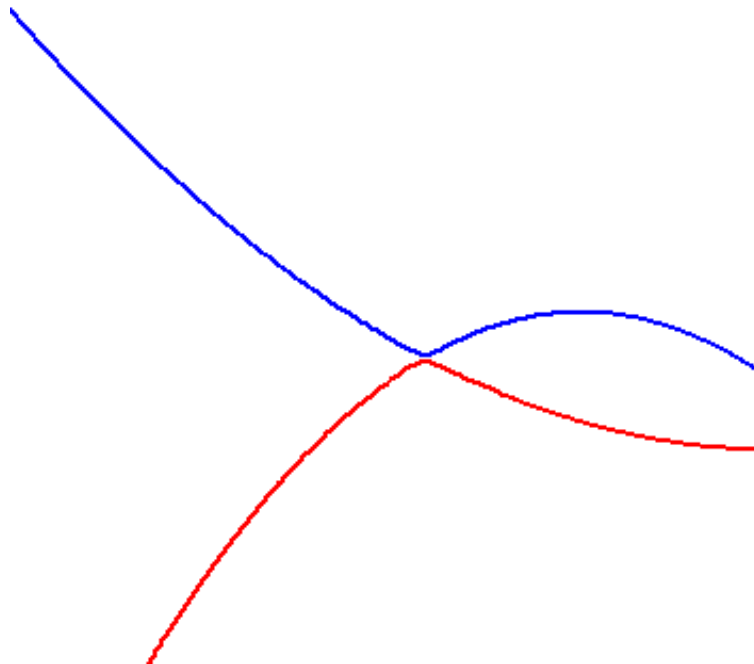
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Near singularities arise often that can make path tracking numerically challenging.

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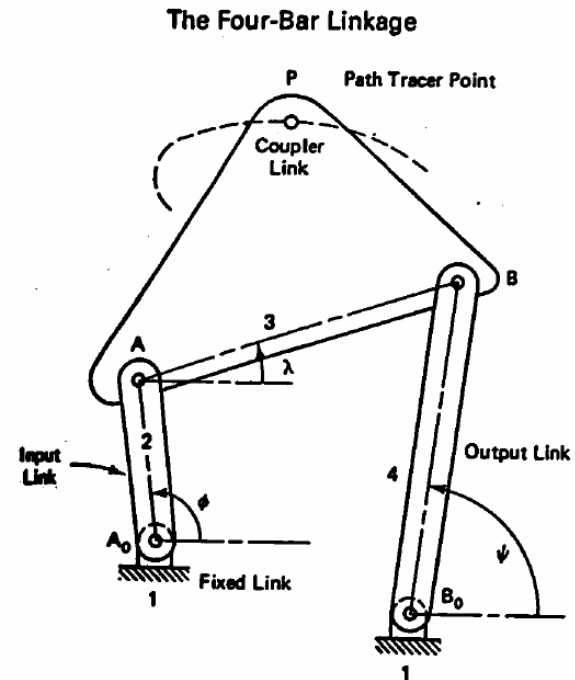
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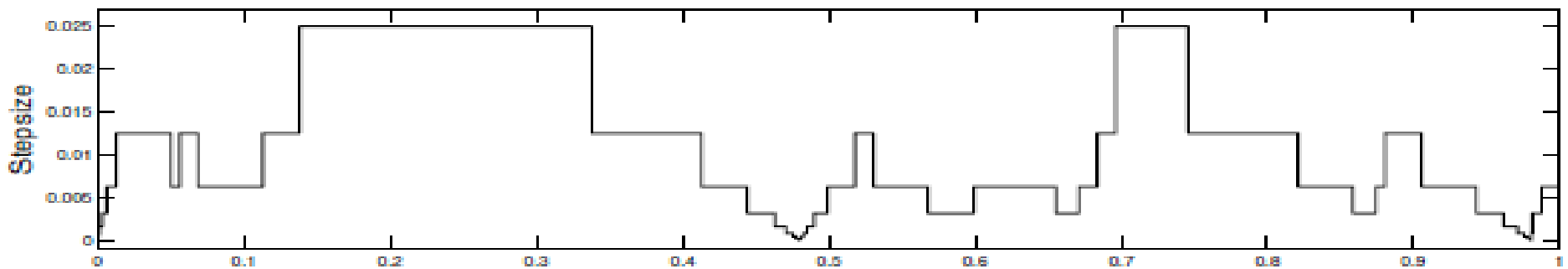
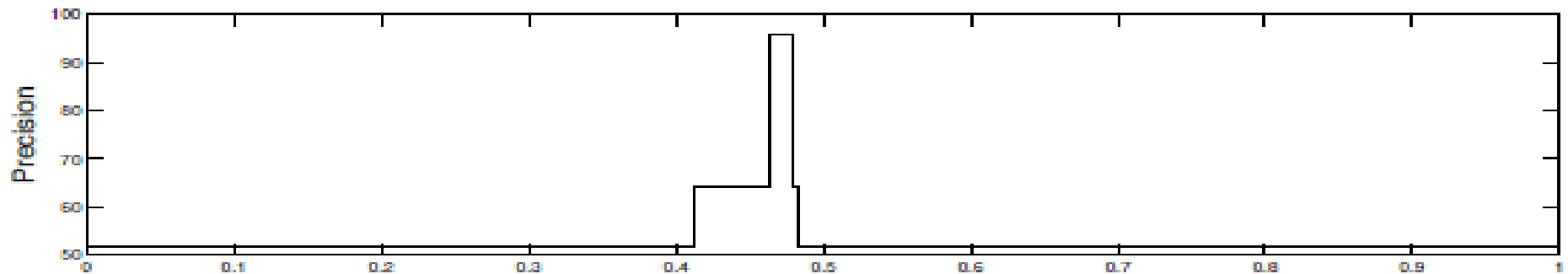
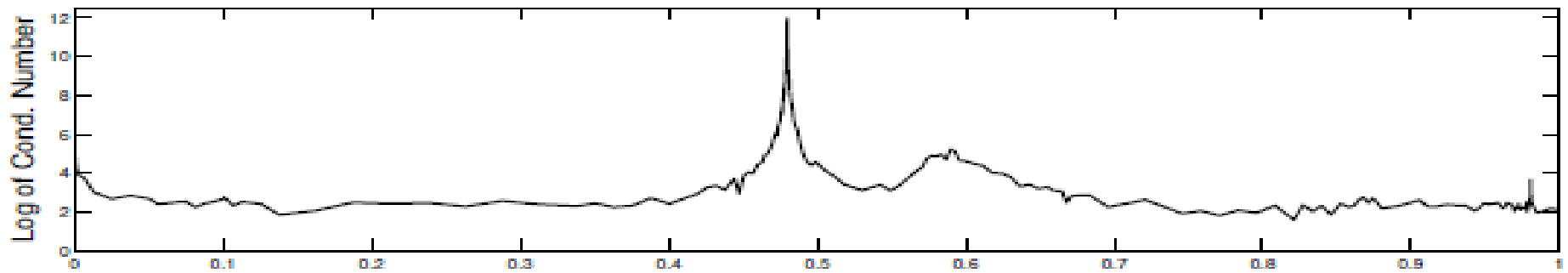
Applied the method of

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to the nine-point problem for four-bar linkages.

Out of 143,360 paths,
1184 paths (0.83%) needed higher
precision to successfully track past
near-singularity conditions.





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Using only double precision is fast, but can lead to path crossings

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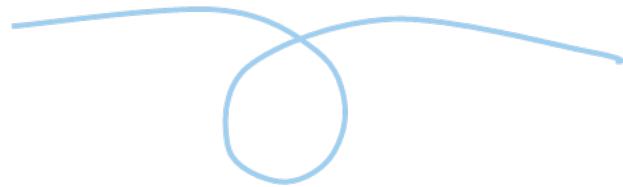
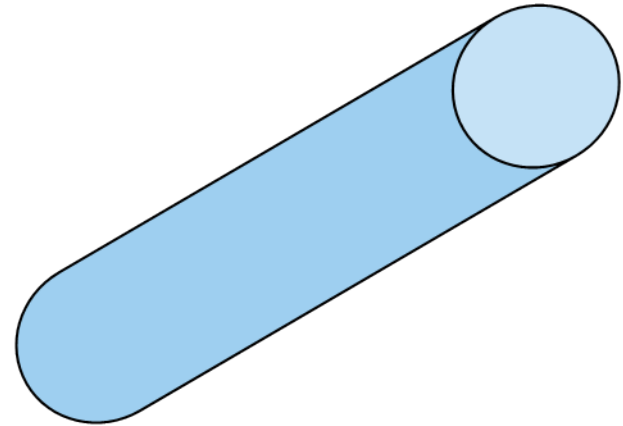
and results may not be correct.

H. Tari, H.J. Su, and T.Y. Li, A constrained homotopy technique for excluding unwanted solutions from polynomial equations arising in kinematics problems. To appear in *Mechanism and Machine Theory*.

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Positive-dimensional solution sets can be handled by intersecting with random linear spaces to reduce down to the isolated case.

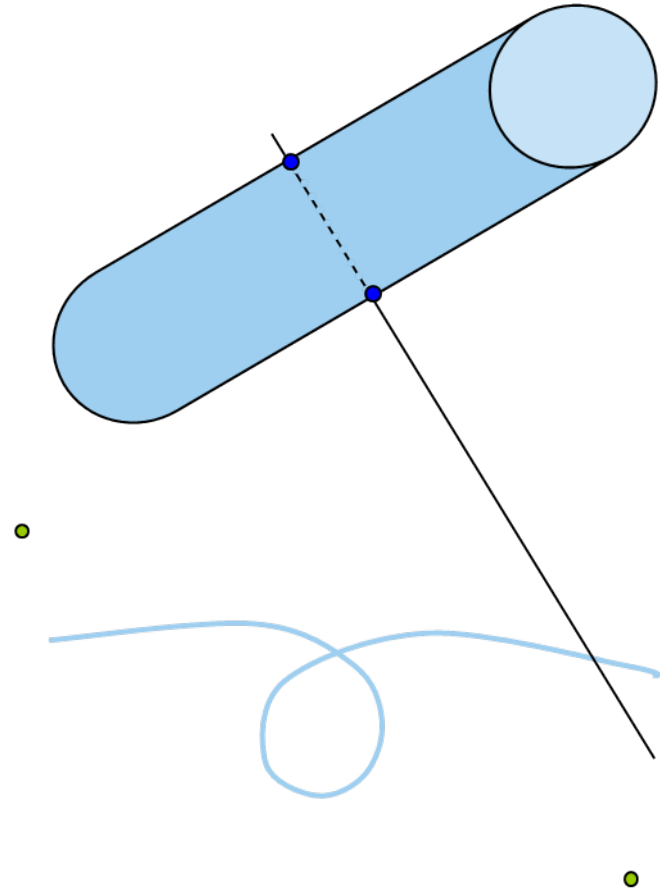
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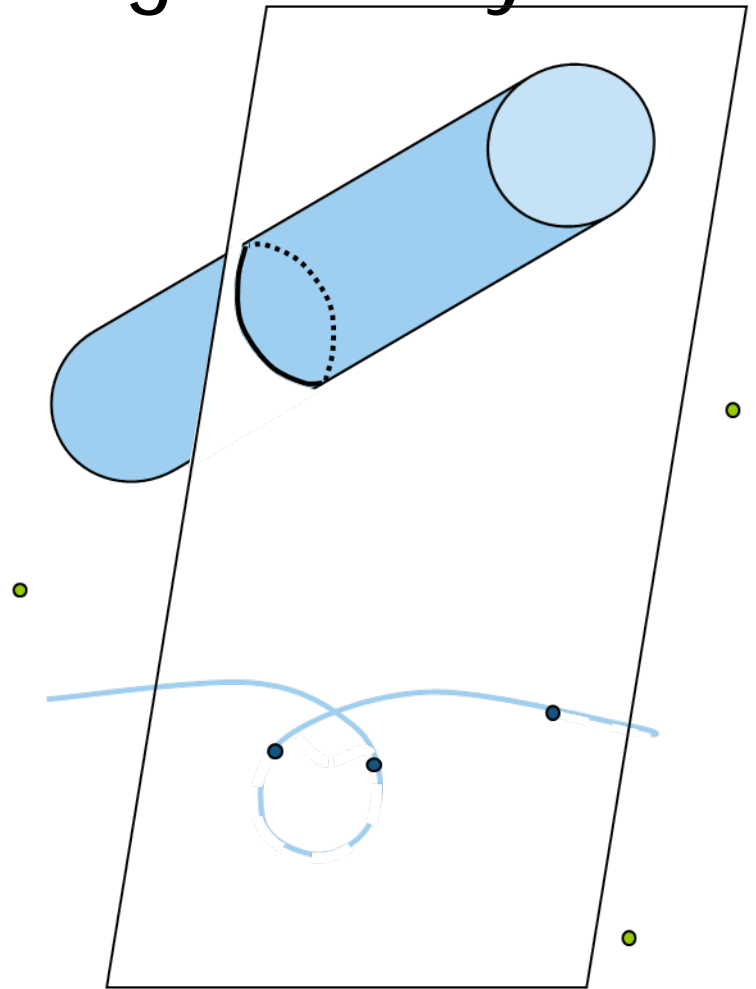
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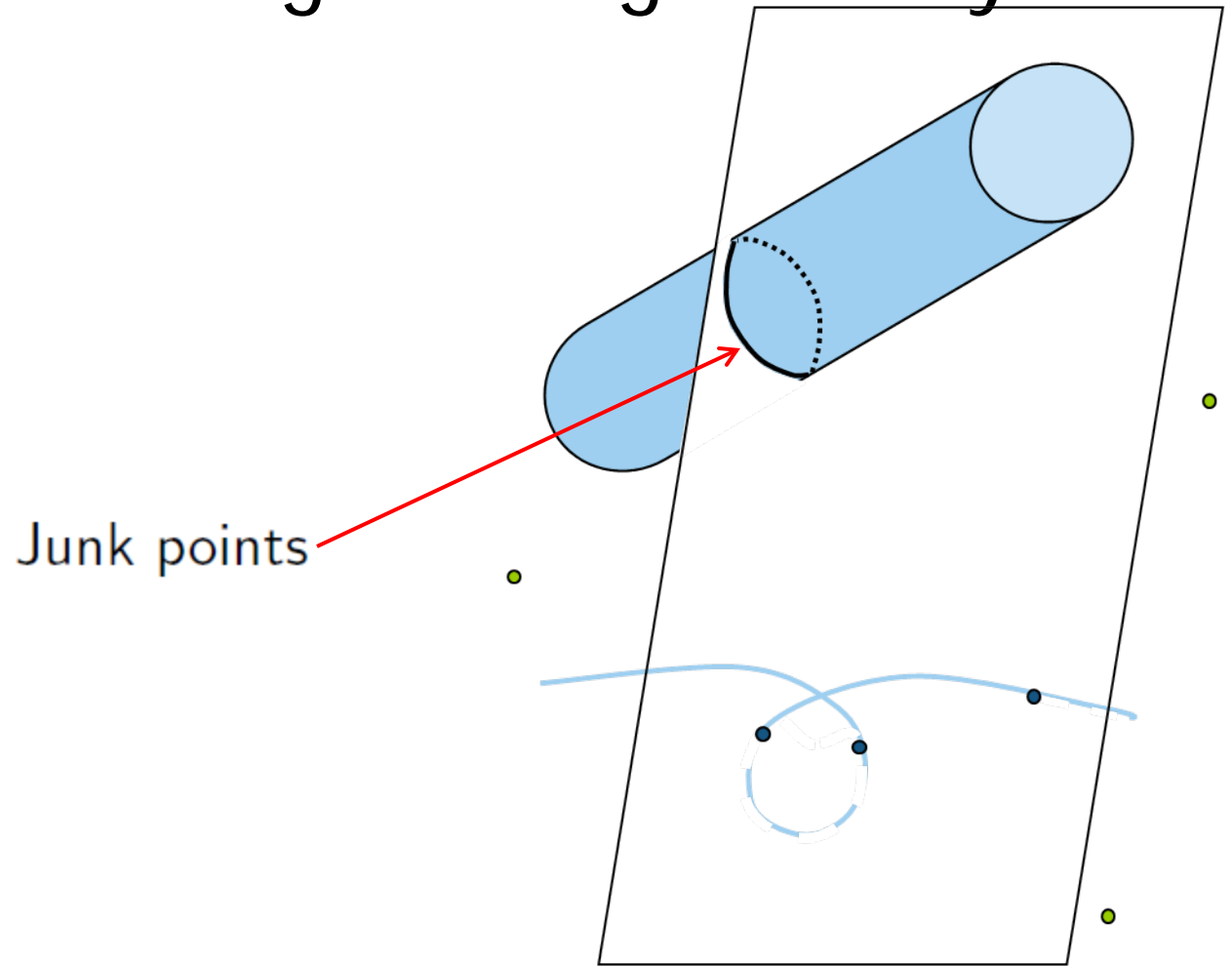
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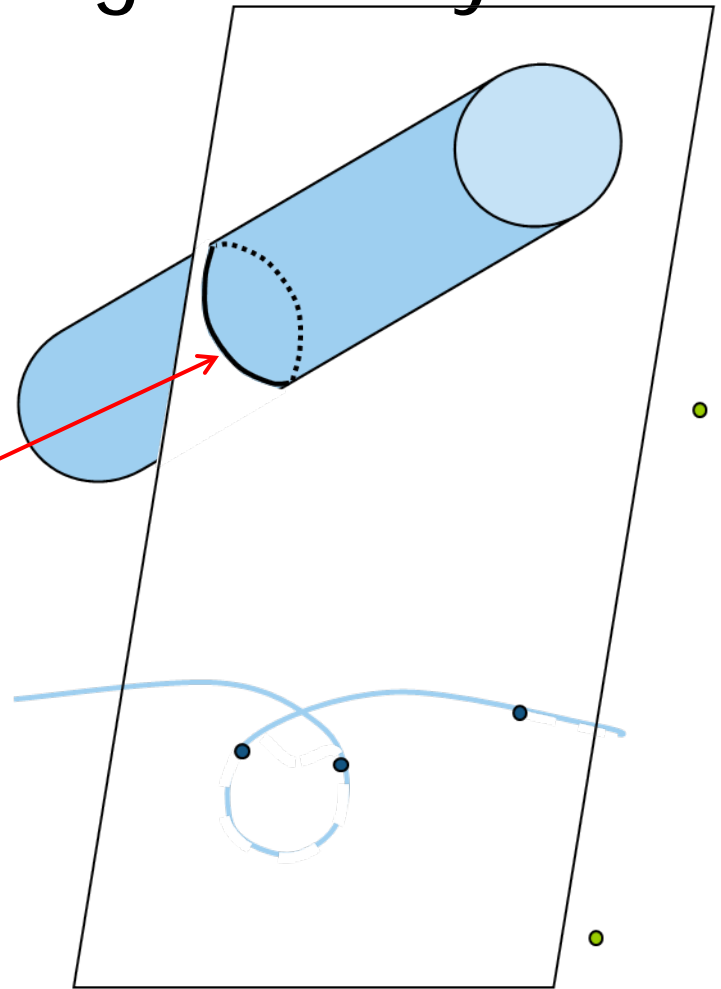


Numerical algebraic geometry

Compute a local Hilbert function
to determine if isolated.

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A.J. Sommese, A numerical local dimension test
for points on the solution set of a system of
polynomial equations. *SIAM J. Num. Anal.*,
47(5), 3608–3623, 2009.

Junk points



Numerical algebraic geometry

Numerical irreducible decomposition algorithm:

1. Compute a *witness superset* \widehat{W}_k for each dimension k .
 - ▶ Compute a superset of the isolated roots of $\begin{bmatrix} f \\ \mathcal{L}_k \end{bmatrix}$.
2. Compute a *witness set* W_k for each k .
 - ▶ Remove the nonisolated roots of $\begin{bmatrix} f \\ \mathcal{L}_k \end{bmatrix}$ from \widehat{W}_k .
3. Partition W_k into sets corresponding to the irreducible components of dimension k .

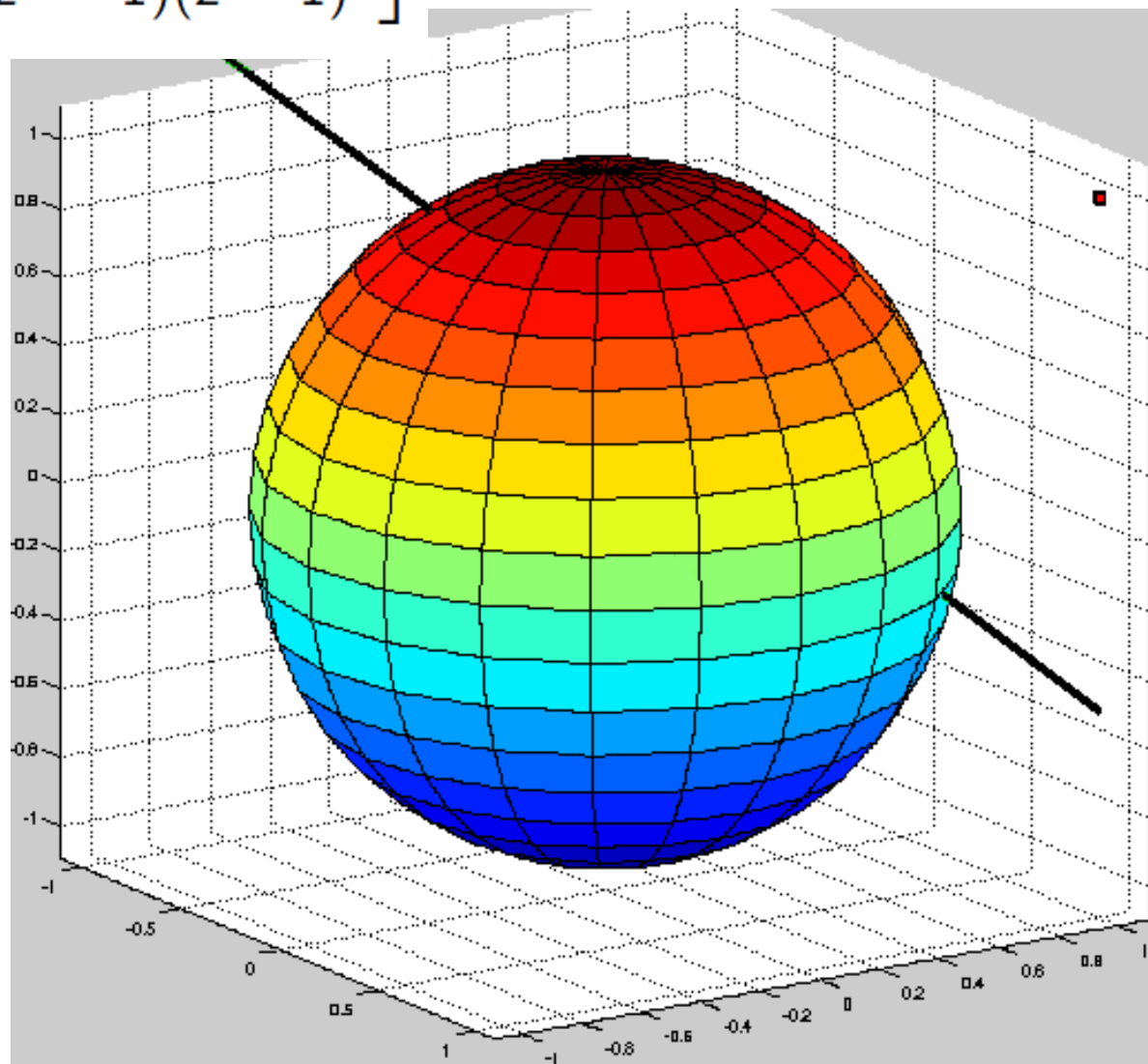
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Extension of numerical irreducible decomposition to numerical primary decomposition:

A. Leykin, Numerical primary decomposition. *ISSAC 2008*, 165–172, ACM, New York, 2008.

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Dimension 2:

Let L_1, L_2 be random linear polynomials. Solve $\begin{bmatrix} f \\ L_1 \\ L_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$.

$g_2 = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 + \alpha_2 f_2 + \alpha_3 f_3 \\ L_1 \\ L_2 \end{bmatrix}$ has 2 nonsingular roots that

satisfy $f = 0$.

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Dimension 1:

$$\text{Solve } \begin{bmatrix} f \\ L_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

$$g_1 = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 + \alpha_2 f_2 + \alpha_3 f_3 \\ f_2 + \beta_3 f_3 \\ L_1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has 8 singular roots that}$$

satisfy $f = 0$ - all are **junk points**.

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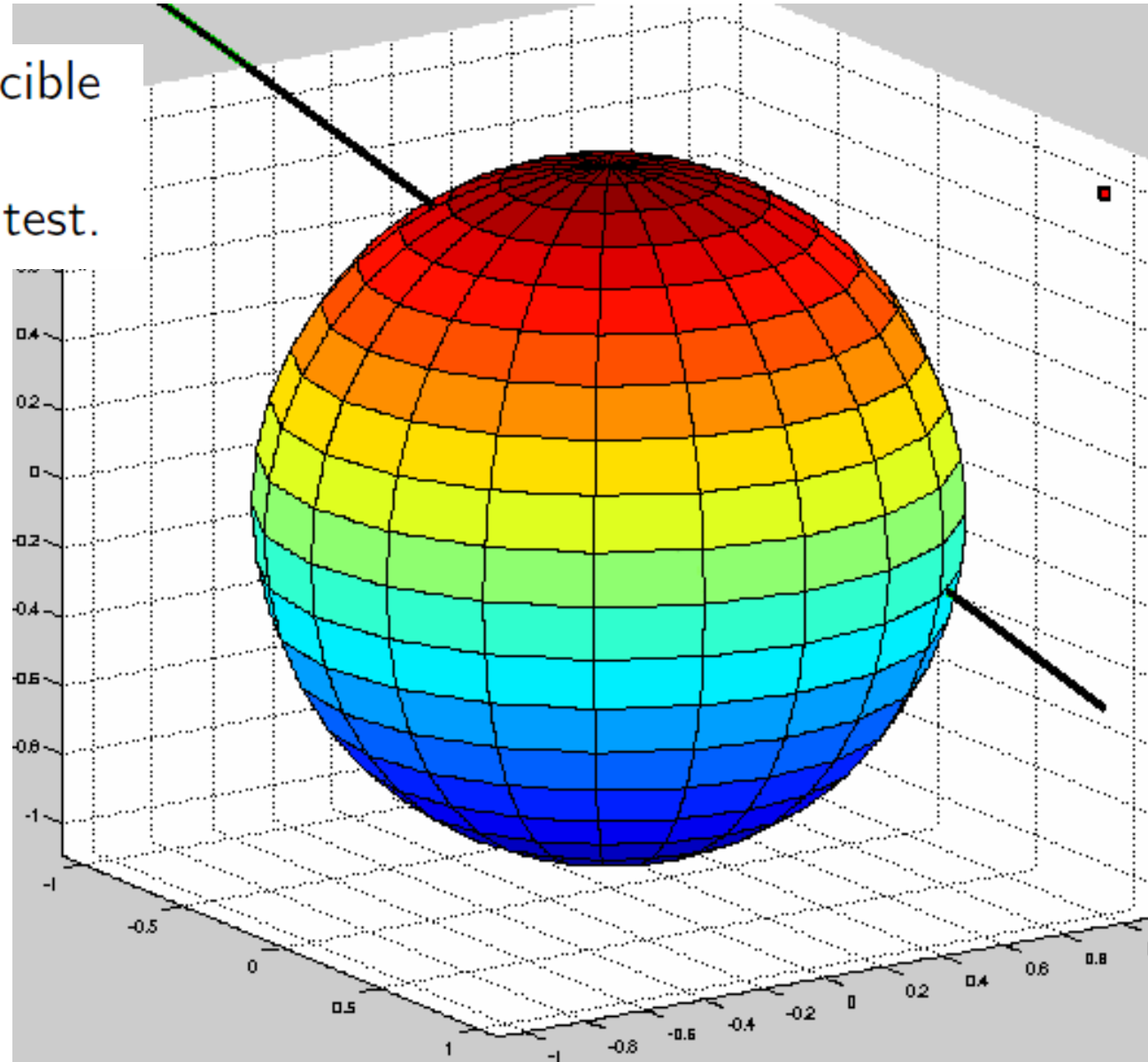
Dimension 0:

Solve $f = 0$.

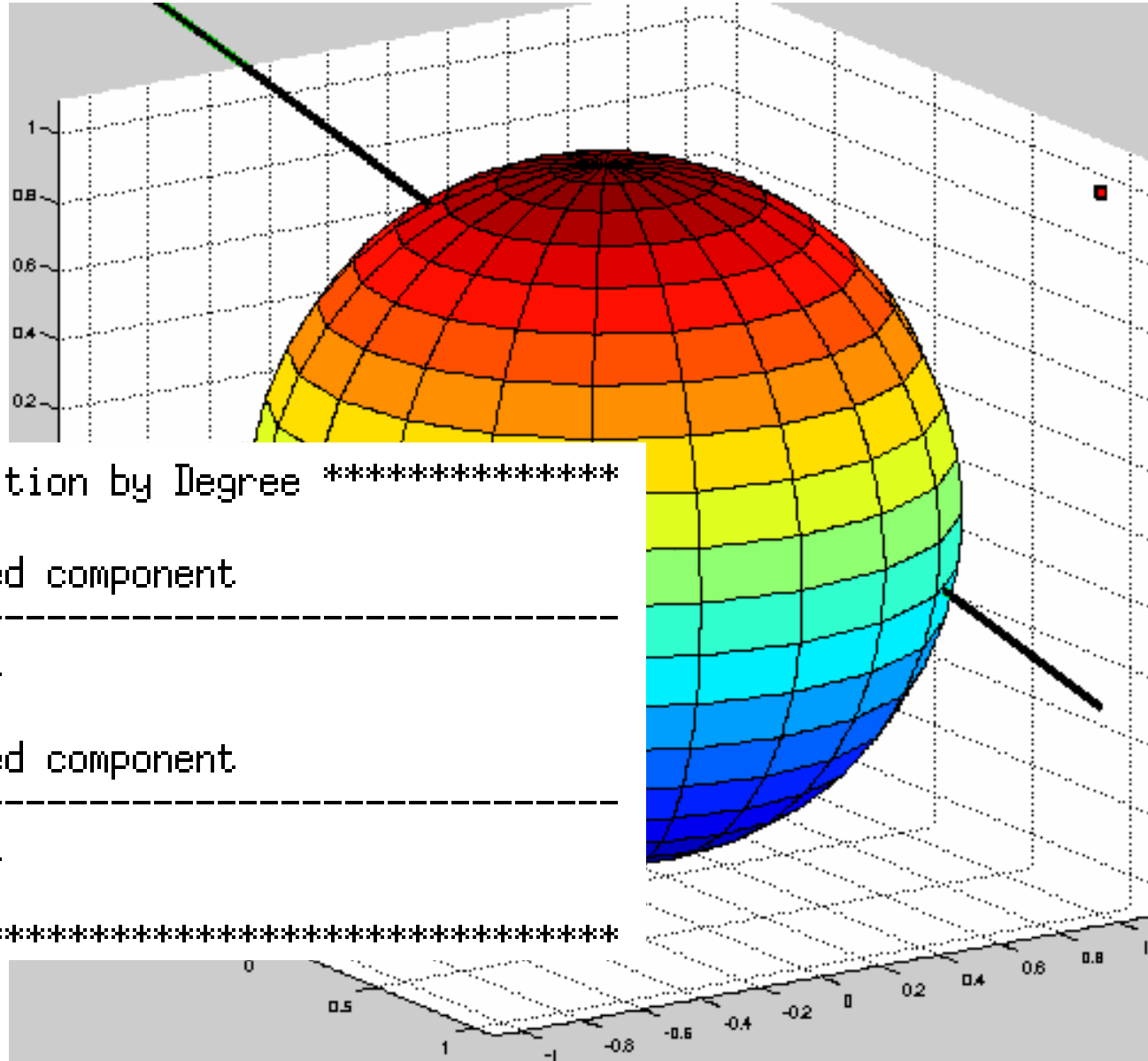
1 nonsingular root and 26 singular roots - all are **junk points**.

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Decompose into irreducible components by using monodromy and trace test.



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Bertini:

***** Decomposition by Degree *****

Dimension 2: 1 classified component

degree 2: 1 component

Dimension 0: 1 classified component

degree 1: 1 component



Regeneration

Given the roots of $\begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_k \\ L_{k+1} \\ L_{k+2} \\ \vdots \\ L_n \end{bmatrix}$, regeneration computes the roots of $\begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_k \\ f_{k+1} \\ L_{k+2} \\ \vdots \\ L_n \end{bmatrix}$.

J.D. Hauenstein, A.J. Sommese, and C.W. Wampler, Regeneration homotopies for solving systems of polynomials. To appear in *Mathematics of Computation*.

Regeneration

Regeneration is effective at computing nonsingular isolated solutions of large scale structured polynomial systems arising in many applications.

The *regenerative cascade* algorithm applies regeneration to

$$\mathfrak{R}(f) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 + \alpha_{1,2}f_2 + \alpha_{1,3}f_3 + \cdots + \alpha_{1,n}f_n \\ f_2 + \alpha_{2,3}f_3 + \cdots + \alpha_{2,n}f_n \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix}$$

in order to compute witness supersets of f .

Regeneration

Step 1:

Move L_{k+1} to $\mathcal{L}_1, \dots, \mathcal{L}_{\deg f_{k+1}}$ using

$$H_i(x, t) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_k \\ \mathcal{L}_i(1-t) + tL_{k+1} \\ L_{k+2} \\ \vdots \\ L_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Regeneration

Step 2:

Introduce f_{k+1} using

$$H(x, t) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_k \\ f_{k+1}(1-t) + t \prod_{i=1}^{\deg f_{k+1}} \mathcal{L}_i \\ L_{k+2} \\ \vdots \\ L_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

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For example: $n = 3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_1 = x_1 x_5 - x_2 x_4$$

$$f_3 = x_4 x_8 - x_5 x_7$$

$$f_2 = x_2 x_6 - x_3 x_5$$

$$f_4 = x_5 x_9 - x_6 x_8$$

Regeneration

Adjacent minor system:

n	Membership test			Local dimension test		
	Regen cascade	Dim-by-dim	Cascade	Regen cascade	Dim-by-dim	Cascade
3	0.1s	0.1s	0.2s	0.1s	0.1s	0.2s
4	0.8s	1.1s	1.3s	0.6s	0.8s	1.1s
5	6.2s	11.9s	11.2s	3.1s	4.6s	7.4s
6	1m1s	2m14s	1m34s	15.6s	29.0s	48.4s
7	10m36s	25m39s	14m54s	1m16s	3m8s	5m23s
8	2h12m54s	5h21m48s	2h33m5s	6m33s	19m45s	29m22s

J.D. Hauenstein, Regeneration, local dimension, and applications in numerical algebraic geometry. Ph.D. Thesis, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, April 2009.

Rank-deficiency sets

Given $A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1}(x) & \cdots & a_{1,n}(x) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1}(x) & \cdots & a_{m,n}(x) \end{bmatrix}$, compute the sets

$$S_k(A) = \{x \mid \text{rank } A(x) \leq k\} \text{ and } S_{k,f}(A) = S_k(A) \cap V(f).$$

Rank-deficiency sets

One way to compute $S_k(A)$ is by creating a polynomial system consisting of the $(k + 1) \times (k + 1)$ minors of A .

- ▶ Could yield impractically large system: $\binom{m}{k+1} \binom{n}{k+1}$.
- ▶ Each polynomial could consist of many terms.
- ▶ Each polynomial could be of high degree.

Rank-deficiency sets

$$\text{Let } A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1}(x) & \cdots & a_{1,n}(x) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1}(x) & \cdots & a_{m,n}(x) \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } m \geq n.$$

Our approach uses the fact that

$$S_k(A) = \{x \mid \text{rank } A(x) \leq k\} = \{x \mid \text{nullity } A(x) \geq n - k\}.$$

D.J. Bates, J.D. Hauenstein, C. Peterson, and A.J. Sommese, Numerical decomposition of the rank-deficiency set of a matrix of multivariate polynomials. *Approximate Commutative Algebra*, edited by L. Robbiano and J. Abbott, *Texts and Monographs in Symbolic Computation*, Springer, 55–77, 2009.

Rank-deficiency sets

Let $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1,1} & \cdots & \lambda_{1,n-k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_{k,1} & \cdots & \lambda_{k,n-k} \end{bmatrix}$ and $B \in U(n)$ be random.

We want to solve

$$A(x)B \begin{bmatrix} I_{n-k} \\ \Lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

Remarks

- ▶ Added $k(n - k)$ new variables.
- ▶ Consists of $m(n - k)$ functions:
 - ▶ naturally 2-homogeneous
 - ▶ degree in x is same as in $A(x)$
 - ▶ linear in λ 's
 - ▶ straight-line formulation

Rank-deficiency sets

Example

Compute $S_2(A)$ for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b & c \\ -a & 0 & d & e \\ -b & -d & 0 & f \\ -c & -e & -f & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Determinants: Solve 12 cubics on \mathbb{C}^6 .

Nullity: Solve 8 polynomials of type (1, 1) on $\mathbb{C}^6 \times \mathbb{C}^4$.

$$S_2(A) = V(af + cd - be)$$

Rank-deficiency sets

Example

Compute the singular points of

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \\ x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_3x_4 + x_4x_1 \\ x_1x_2x_3 + x_2x_3x_4 + x_3x_4x_1 + x_4x_1x_2 \\ x_1x_2x_3x_4 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

on the irreducible component $C = \{(x_1, x_2, -x_1, -x_2) \mid x_1x_2 = 1\}$.

Rank-deficiency sets

Note that $\text{rank } Jf = 3$ generically on C .

Starting with a witness set for C , we compute

$$S_2(Jf) \cap C = \{(1, 1, -1, -1), (-1, -1, 1, 1), (i, -i, -i, i), (-i, i, i, -i)\}.$$