# Satisfiability Checking 24 The cylindrical algebraic decomposition method I

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### Reminder: Real arithmetic (NRA)

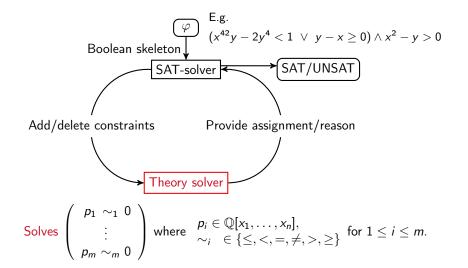
#### Syntax

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Polynomials: p ::= const | x | (p+p) | (p \cdot p) | Constraints: c ::= p = 0 | p < 0 | p > 0 | Formulas: \varphi ::= c | \neg \varphi | \varphi \land \varphi | \exists x. \varphi
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where  $const \in \mathbb{Q}$  is a constant and x a real-valued variable.

- Syntactic sugar:  $\neq$ ,  $\leq$ ,  $\geq$ ,  $\forall$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$ , ...
- Normal form:  $p = a_1 x_1^{e_{1,1}} \cdots x_n^{e_{1,n}} + \cdots + a_k x_1^{e_{k,1}} \cdots x_n^{e_{k,n}}$
- deg(p) := max; {\frac{1,...k}{\frac{1,..
  - Though CAD can be applied to general NRA formulas, for simplicity, here we consider only the satisfiability check of quantifier-free formulas (existential fragment of NRA).

#### Reminder: Connection to SMT



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### NRA solution space (1)

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Solution set 
$$\mathcal{S}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_1 \sim_1 & 0 \\ \vdots \\ p_m \sim_m & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \{ \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid p_i(\mathbf{a}) \sim_i 0 \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq m \},$$
能满足所有constraint的变量取值

where  $p_i \in \mathbb{Q}[x_1,\ldots,x_n]$ ,  $\sim_i \in \{\leq,<,=,\neq,>,\geq\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

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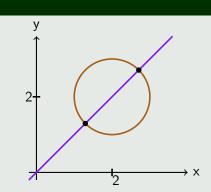
### NRA solution space (2)

Solution set: 
$$\mathcal{S}\left(\begin{array}{c} p_1 \sim_1 0 \\ \vdots \\ p_m \sim_m 0 \end{array}\right) = \{a \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid p_i(a) \sim_i 0 \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq m\},$$
 where  $p_i \in \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_n], \sim_i \in \{\leq, <, =, \neq, >, \geq\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

### Example (two-dimensional)

$$S\begin{pmatrix} (x-2)^2 + \\ (y-2)^2 - 1 = 0 \\ x - y = 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left\{ \left(2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \\ \left(2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \right\}$$



### Sign-invariant regions

## Region

A region of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a non-empty, connected subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

#### Example

- For  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set defined by the interval  $(a, b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and the point set  $\{a\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  are regions of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- If R and R' are regions of  $\mathbb{R}$  then  $R \times R'$  is a region of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

#### Sign of a polynomial

We define 
$$\mathrm{sgn}:\mathbb{R} \to \{-1,0,1\}$$
 by

$$\underline{\operatorname{sgn}}(a) := \begin{cases} -1, & a < 0, \\ 0, & a = 0, \\ 1, & a > 0. \end{cases}$$
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Let  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_m\} \subset \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . A region  $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is  $\mathbb{R$ if  $\operatorname{sgn}(p_i(a)) = \operatorname{sgn}(p_i(b))$  for all  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$  and  $a, b \in R$ . 即在变量取值的某一region上,所有constraint的正负保持不变

### Example: Sign-invariant regions

$$P = \{x^{2} - 1, 1 - x\}$$

$$\operatorname{sgn}(x^{2} - 1) \qquad 1 \qquad 0 \qquad -1 \qquad 0 \qquad 1$$

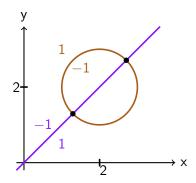
$$\operatorname{sgn}(1 - x) \qquad 1 \qquad 1 \qquad 0 \qquad -1$$

The cylindrical algebraic decomposition method

- decomposes  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into finitely many P-sign-invariant regions,
- selects a sample from each region and
- checks whether the constraints are satisfied by any sample.

### Example: Sign-invariant regions

$$P = \{(x-2)^2 + (y-2)^2 - 1 = 0, x - y = 0\}$$



### Cylindrical algebraic decomposition

#### Definition

- A decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \ge 1$ ) is a finite set  $\mathcal{C}$  of pairwise disjoint regions in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{C}} C = \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- A decomposition  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is semi-algebraic if each  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  can be constructed by finite union intersection and complementation of solution sets of polynomial constraints  $p \sim 0$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .
- A decomposition  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is cylindrical if either n=1 or the set of the projections of the regions in  $\mathcal{C}$  to the first n=1 dimensions is a cylindrical decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ . Projection either induction of  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ .
- A cylindrical algebraic decomposition (CAD) of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a cylindrical and semi-algebraic decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We call  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  a cell.
- A CAD for  $P \subset \mathbb{Q}[x_1, ..., x_n]$   $(m \ge 1)$  is a CAD of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  whose cells are all P-sign-invariant.

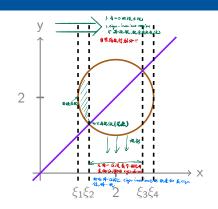
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### Example: CAD with 47 cells

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} (x-2)^2 + \\ (y-2)^2 - 1, \\ x - y \end{pmatrix}$$

The projected CAD cells in  $\mathbb R$  are:

$$(-\infty, \xi_1), \{\xi_1\}, (\xi_1, \xi_2), \{\xi_2\}, (\xi_2, \xi_3), \{\xi_3\}, (\xi_3, \xi_4), \{\xi_4\}, (\xi_4, \infty)$$



#### Reminder

A CAD for P is a

- **decomposition** of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- which is cylindrical,

- semi-algebraic,
- and its cells are P-sign-invariant.

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### Real roots (zeros) of univariate polynomials

The sign of a polynomial changes only at its (real) roots.

#### Remark

A polynomial  $p \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  has between 0 and deg(p) real roots.

#### Example

- $x^3 6x^2 + 11x 6$  has rational roots: 1, 2 and 3.
- $x^3 x^2 2x + 2$  has one rational and two irrational roots: 1,  $-\sqrt{2}$  and  $\sqrt{2}$ .
- $x^5 3x^4 + x^3 x^2 + 2x 2$  has only one real root  $\approx 2.70312$ , not representable by radicals.

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### Representing real roots (real algebraic numbers)

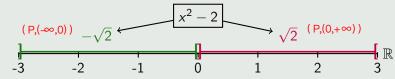
#### Interval representation

An interval representation (of a real root) is a pair (p, l) of a univariate polynomial p with rational coefficients and a non-empty open interval  $I = (\ell, r) \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \ \ell, r \in \mathbb{Q} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}$  such that I contains exactly one real root of p. !! open interval !! 如果为closed interval. 则错误

$$(\underbrace{p,}_{\in \mathbb{Q}[x]} \underbrace{(\ell, r)}_{\text{exactly one re.}})$$

exactly one real root of p in the interval  $(\ell, r)$ 

#### Example



#### Cauchy bound

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#### Cauchy bound

Assume a univariate polynomial

$$p = a_k x^k + a_{k-1} x^{k-1} + \ldots + a_1 x^1 + a_0 x^0 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$$

with  $a_k \neq 0$ . If  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$  is a (real) root of p (i.e.  $p(\xi) = 0$ ) then ai: 常数项a0也包含在内

$$|\xi| \le 1 + \max_{i=0,\dots,k-1} \frac{|a_i|}{|a_k|} := C$$
 (called the Cauchy bound of p).

#### Example

- $x^2 1 \sim C = 2$
- $x^2-2 \Rightarrow C=3$
- $5 \cdot (x^2 2) = 5x^2 10$   $\Rightarrow$  C = 3
- $(x-3) \cdot (x-5) = x^2 8x + 15 \xrightarrow{|x| \text{ in } \{1/8\}} C = 16$

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#### Sturm sequence

A Sturm sequence for p allows us to count the real roots of p in an interval.

#### Sturm's theorem

Assume a square-free (no square factors, i.e., no repeated roots) univariate polynomial  $p = a_k x^k + a_{k-1} x^{k-1} + \ldots + a_1 x^1 + a_0 x^0 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  with  $a_k \neq 0$ . For the Sturm sequence  $p_0, p_1, \ldots, p_l$  with

- $p_0 = p$
- $p_1 = p'$  (where p' is the derivative of p)
- $p_i = -rem(p_{i-2}, p_{i-1})$  for i = 2, ..., I (where rem is the remainder of the polynomial division of  $p_{i-2}$  by  $p_{i-1}$ )  $rac{1}{r} = rem$  is the remainder of the polynomial division of  $p_{i-2}$  by  $p_{i-1}$ )  $rac{1}{r} = rem$  is the remainder of the polynomial division of  $p_{i-2}$  by  $p_{i-1}$ )
- $rem(p_{l-1}, p_l) = 0$  如果余数=0,则暂停

let  $\sigma(\xi)$  denote the number of sign changes (<u>ignoring zeroes</u>) in the sequence

$$p_0(\xi), p_1(\xi), p_2(\xi), \ldots, p_l(\xi)$$
.

Then for each  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with a < b, the number of distinct real roots of p in (a, b) is  $\sigma(a) - \sigma(b)$ .

#### Online tools

If you like you can experiment with the online Sturm sequence calculator

https://planetcalc.com/7719/

### Sturm sequence: Example

$$p = x^2 + x + 1$$
 with Cauchy bound  $C = 2$ ,  $p(-2) \neq 0$   $\rightarrow$  all real roots are in  $(-2, 2]$ 

values at		
-2	2	
+3	+7	
-3	+5	
$-\frac{3}{4}$	$-\frac{3}{4}$	
1	1	
	-2	

Thus this polynomial has 1-1=0 real roots (in (-2,2]).

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#### Sturm sequence: Example

$$p = (x+1)(x+2)(x+3) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6$$
,  $C = 12$ 

Sturm sequence	values at				5年安元县
	-12	-3	-2	-1	12
$p_0 = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6$	_	0	(0)	(0)	+
$p_1 = 3x^2 + 12x + 11$	+	+		+	+
$p_2 = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{4}{3}$	_	_	(0)	+	+
$p_3 = 1$	+	+	<del>-</del>	+	+
# sign changes $\sigma(\cdot)$	3	2	1	0	0

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$p_3 = 1$	+	+	+	+	+
# sign changes	3	2	1	0	0

We can count real roots also for right-open intervals:

- $\sigma(-12) \sigma(12) = 3 0 = 3$  real roots in (-12, 12]  $p(12) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{ there are } 3 0 = 3 \text{ real roots in } (-12, 12)$
- $\sigma(-12) \sigma(-1) = 3 0 = 3$  real roots in (-12, -1] $p(-1) = 0 \Rightarrow$  there are 3 - 1 = 2 real roots in (-12, -1)

### CAD for univariate polynomials

Assume a set  $P = \{p_1 \sim_1 0, \dots, p_k \sim_k 0\}$  of univariate polynomial constraints with  $p_i \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  and  $\sim_i \in \{<, \leq, =, \neq, \geq, >\}$ .

#### Real root isolation:

- Cauchy bounds  $\rightsquigarrow I = [-C, C]$  contains all real roots of  $p_1, \ldots, p_k$ .
- Split  $\rightarrow$  [-C-C], (-C, C), [C, C]
- Sturm sequence  $\sim$  count the real roots of each  $p_i$  in each interval.
- Split each sub-interval that contains either more then one real root of the same polynomial or two different roots of two different polynomials (no check for this introduced here): for (a,b) choose  $a < c < b \rightarrow$  sub-intervals (a,c), [c,c], [c,b)

CAD for  $\mathbb{R}$  with respect to P:

 $[(p_i, l_j), (p_i, l_j)]$  for each  $l_j$  containing a real root of a  $p_i$  and open intervals between them.

### CAD for univariate polynomials: Example

$$x^2 - 2 > 0$$

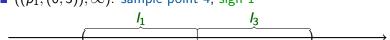
- Cauchy bound: C = (-3, 3) contains all real roots of  $p_1$
- Sturm sequence  $\rightarrow$  Number of real roots of  $p_1$  in (-3,3): 2
- Split (-3,3) into (-3,0), [0,0], (0,3) strum  $\Rightarrow$  ( ) #4 \*\*

   Number of real roots of  $p_1$  in  $I_1 = (-3,0)$ : 1
- Number of real roots of  $p_1$  in  $I_2 = [0,0]$ : 0
- Number of real roots of  $p_1$  in  $I_3 = (0,3)$ : 1

### CAD for univariate polynomials: Example

$$x^2 - 2 > 0$$

- $I_1 = (-3,0), I_3 = (0,3)$
- CAD:  $[(p_1, l_1), (p_1, l_1)], [(p_1, l_3), (p_1, l_3)], (-\infty, (p_1, l_1)), ((p_1, l_1), (p_1, l_3)), ((p_1, l_3), \infty)$
- Take a sample point from each CAD cell and test the constraints.
- $[(p_1,(-3,0)),(p_1,(-3,0))]$ : sample point  $(p_1,(-3,0))$ , sign 0
- $[(p_1,(0,3)),(p_1,(0,3))]$ : sample point  $(p_1,(0,3))$ , sign 0
- $-(-\infty, (p_1, (-3, 0)))$ : sample point -4, sign 1
- $((p_1, (-3, 0)), (p_1, (0, 3)))$ : sample point 0, sign -1
- $((p_1, (0,3)), \infty)$ : sample point 4, sign 1



### CAD for univariate polynomials: Incrementality

- The original method is not incremental.
- We achieve incrementality by refining the CAD.
- Previous split:  $I_1 = (-3, 0), I_2 = [0, 0], I_3 = (0, 3)$
- New constraint:  $x^2 x 1 > 0$
- Cauchy bound (maximum for  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ ):  $C_2 = (-3,3)$
- Number of real roots of  $p_2$  in  $I_1 = (-3,0)$ : 1  $(p_1, l_1) \neq (p_2, l_1) \Rightarrow \text{split}$
- Number of real roots of  $p_2$  in  $I_2 = [0, 0]$ : 0
- Number of real roots of  $p_2$  in  $I_3 = (0,3)$ : 1  $(p_1, l_3) \neq (p_2, l_3) \Rightarrow \text{split}$

#### CAD for univariate polynomials: Infeasible subsets

- The original method cannot generate infeasible subsets.
- For  $\mathbb{R}$  we collect for each CAD interval one constraint which is not satisfied by the interval.
- The multivariate case is more involved, but the basic idea is still similar.

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#### Learning target

- What is a cylindrical algebraic decomposition for a set of polynomials?
- How to compute it for the univariate case?
- How to compute it for the multivariate case?
- Given a graphical representation of the real roots of some polynomials, how to illustrate their CAD graphically?