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Satisfiability Checking

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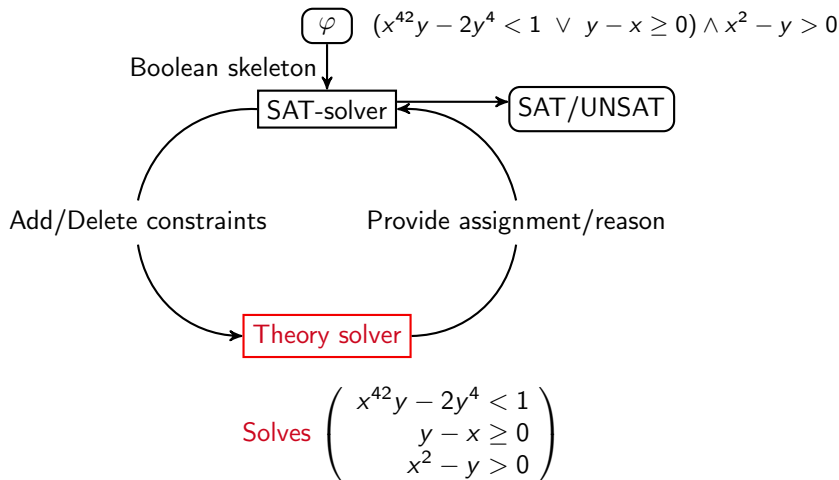
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Reals \mathbb{R}	<p>linear real arithmetic</p> <p>decidable</p> <p>Gauß+ Fourier-Motzkin</p> <p>Simplex</p>	<p>non-linear real arithmetic</p> <p>decidable</p> <p>Interval constraint propagation</p> <p>Subtropical satisfiability</p> <p>Virtual substitution</p> <p>Cylindrical algebraic decomposition</p>
Integers \mathbb{Z}	<p>linear integer arithmetic</p> <p>decidable</p> <p>Branch-and-bound</p>	<p>non-linear integer arithmetic</p> <p><u>undecidable</u></p> <p>Bit-blasting</p> <p>Branch-and-bound</p> <p>Interval constraint propagation</p>

Notations

- Unless noted otherwise, **vectors** are **row vectors**.
- **Assume:** variables x_1, \dots, x_d , **coefficient domain** D (we use \mathbb{Q}).
- **Monomial:** product of variables (the empty product represents the constant 1).
Examples: xy^2 , u^3vz^2 , 1 变量乘积
- **Term:** product of a coefficient and a monomial.
Examples: $2xy^2$, $3u^3vz^2$, -5 变量乘积 \times 系数
- **Polynomial (in normal form):** sum of terms with pairwise different monomials.
Example: $2xy^2 + 3u^3vz^2 - 5$
 $D[x_1, \dots, x_d]$ ($d \geq 1$): set of all polynomials in variables x_1, \dots, x_d with coefficients from D . 最简式
- **Polynomial constraint (in canonical form):** $p \sim 0$, $\sim \in \{<, \leq, =, \geq, >\}$.
Example: $2xy^2 + 3u^3vz^2 - 5 < 0$
- A polynomial in one variable is called **univariate**.
A polynomial in more than one variables is called **multivariate**.
Multivariate polynomials can be seen as univariate polynomials with polynomial coefficients (notation: $p \in \mathbb{D}[x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}][x_d]$).
 $x + xy^2 + 2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (1)x + (y)^2 \cdot x + 2 = 0$ 将 y 化为 x 的系数

Reminder: SMT



The subtropical method is an efficient but **incomplete** way to check polynomial constraint sets for satisfiability.

In this lecture:

- Let $p \sim 0$ with $p \in \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_d]$ ($d \geq 1$) and $\sim \in \{>, \geq, =, \leq, <\}$.
- Either quickly find a positive solution to $p \sim 0$ or return unknown.

If a solution is found: The constraint is satisfiable.

Else: $p \sim 0$ might still be satisfiable

\leadsto combine with a complete technique.

Not shown here:

- 1 extension to the negative space;
- 2 deal with multiple constraints at once.

Subtropical satisfiability



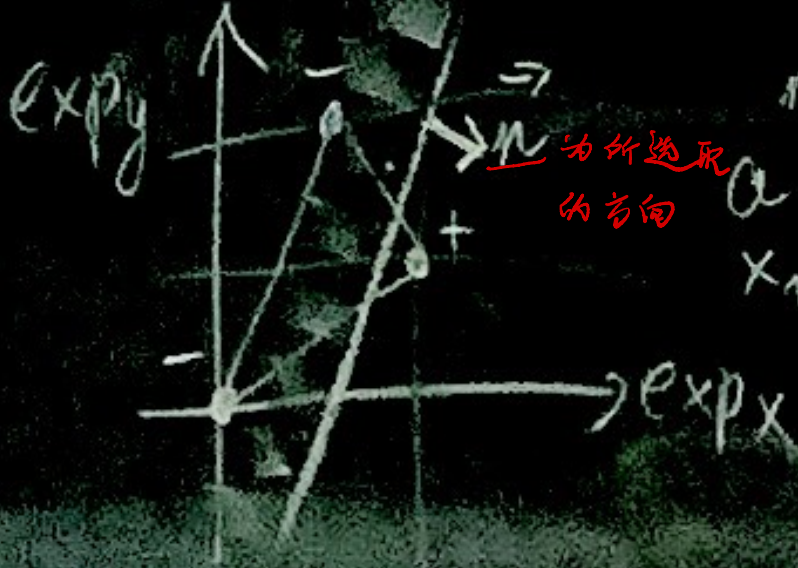
$2x^5 + x^2 + 2^{100} \cdot x^0$ 最低次项, x 减小 ($x \rightarrow 0$), dominate
最高次项, x 足够大, dominate

- First we discuss We now know a method to find a (positive) solution for $p > 0$.
- Constraints $p < 0$ can be transformed to $-p > 0$, to which the previous method can be applied.
- Handle $p \leq 0$ resp. $p \geq 0$ strict as $p < 0$ resp. $p > 0$.
- For equalities $p = 0$:
 - 1 If $p(1, \dots, 1) = 0$ we have a solution.
If $p(1, \dots, 1) > 0$, consider $-p = 0$ instead of $p = 0$.
Assume we now have $p(1, \dots, 1) < 0$.
 - 2 Find a (positive) solution v for $p(v) > 0$.
 - 3 By the Intermediate Value Theorem (a continuous function with positive and negative values has a root) we are now able to construct a root of p using the knowledge gained in steps 1 and 2.

选取指向 + 的方向, 使得 $+(x^2y)$ 的指数较大, 占主导

$$x^2y - y^2x - 2 > 0$$

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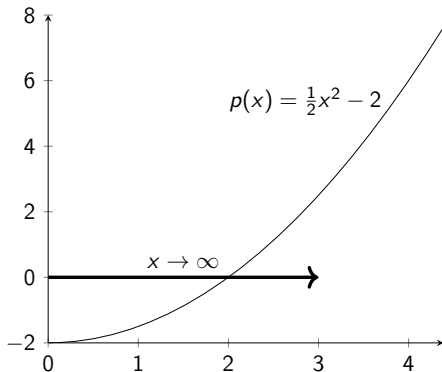
$a^{n_1}, a^{n_2}, a^{n_d}$
 x_1, x_2, x_d

Intuition: The univariate case

单变量

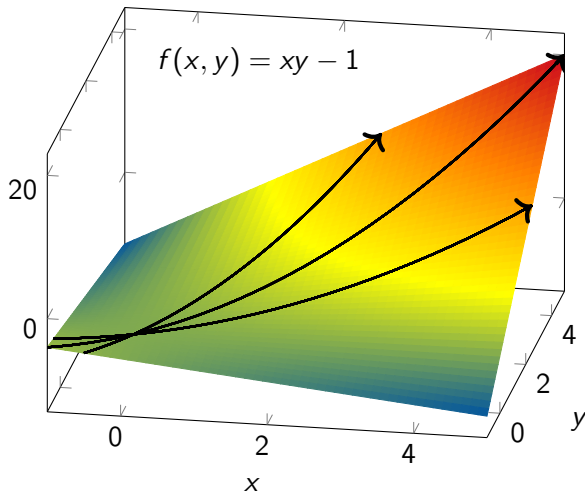
We observe for a univariate $p(x)$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} p(x) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if the coefficient of the monomial with the} \\ & \text{largest exponent is positive} \\ -\infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



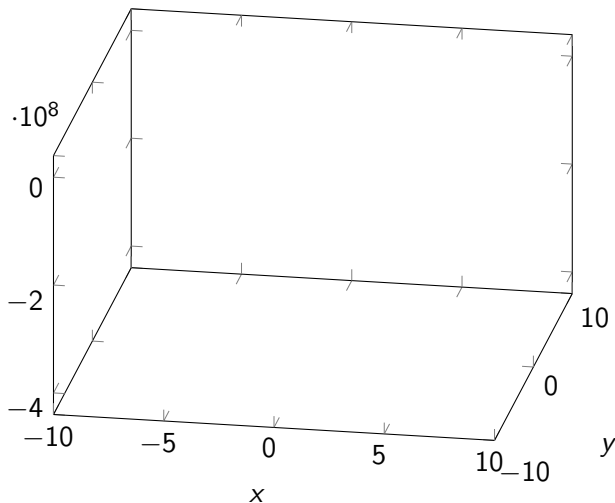
Leading coefficient in $p(x)$ is positive \Rightarrow Large enough x satisfies $p(x) > 0$.

Intuition: The multivariate case I



Intuition: The multivariate case II

$$f(x, y) = y + 2xy^3 - 3x^2y^2 - x^3 - 4x^4y^4$$



Handling multivariate polynomials

多变量

- Let $p \in \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_d]$ and $n = (n_1, \dots, n_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$.
- We consider the value of

$$p(a^{n_1}, \dots, a^{n_d})$$

for increasing $a \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

- For large enough a , one of p 's terms will become “dominating”: its absolute value will be larger than the sum of the absolute values of all other terms.
- Thus the coefficient of the dominating term will determine the sign of the polynomial.
- Since we want to satisfy $p > 0$, we search for a direction for which the dominating term has a positive coefficient.

How do we find such a direction?

The frame of a multivariate polynomial p

Definition

For $p = \sum_{i=1,2,\dots,k} c_i x_1^{e_{i,1}} \dots x_d^{e_{i,d}} \in \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_d]$ with $k > 0$ and $(e_{i,1}, \dots, e_{i,d}) \neq (e_{j,1}, \dots, e_{j,d})$ for $i \neq j$ we define:

$$\text{frame}(p) = \{(e_{i,1}, \dots, e_{i,d}) \mid i \in \{1, \dots, k\} \wedge c_i \neq 0\}$$

$$\text{frame}^+(p) = \{(e_{i,1}, \dots, e_{i,d}) \mid i \in \{1, \dots, k\} \wedge c_i > 0\}$$

$$\text{frame}^-(p) = \{(e_{i,1}, \dots, e_{i,d}) \mid i \in \{1, \dots, k\} \wedge c_i < 0\}$$

Example:

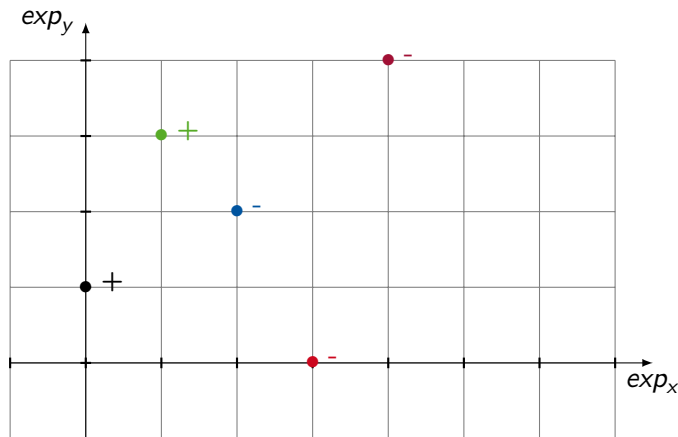
$$p(x, y) = y + 2xy^3 - 3x^2y^2 - x^3 - 4x^4y^4$$

$$\text{frame}(p) = \{(0, 1), (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 0), (4, 4)\}$$

$$\text{frame}^+(p) = \{(0, 1), (1, 3)\}$$

$$\text{frame}^-(p) = \{(2, 2), (3, 0), (4, 4)\}$$

The **frame** of a multivariate polynomial p



$$p(x, y) = y + 2xy^3 - 3x^2y^2 - x^3 - 4x^4y^4$$
$$\text{frame}(p) = \underbrace{\{(0, 1)\}}_{+}, \underbrace{\{(1, 3)\}}_{+}, \underbrace{\{(2, 2)\}}_{-}, \underbrace{\{(3, 0)\}}_{-}, \underbrace{\{(4, 4)\}}_{-}$$

The Newton polytope of a polynomial p

Convex hull

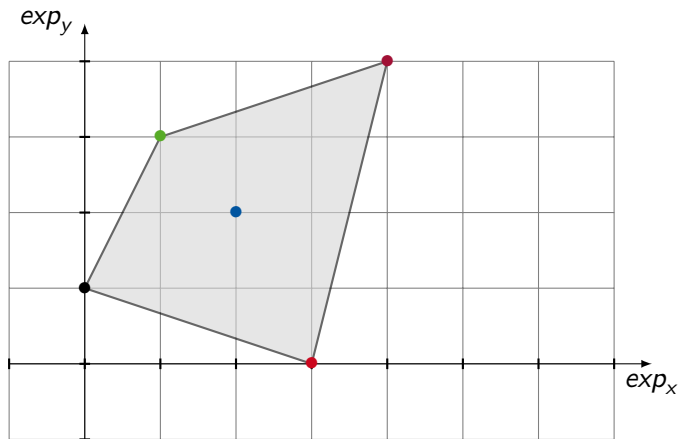
Given $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, the *convex hull* $\text{conv}(S) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is the **smallest** (inclusion-minimal) **convex set** containing S .

Newton polytope

The *Newton polytope* of a polynomial $p \neq 0$ is the **convex hull of its frame**:
 $\text{Newton}(p) = \text{conv}(\text{frame}(p))$ newton polytope 牛顿凸包: 以次幂数Frame为点集的凸包

This is indeed a polytope because the convex hull of finite non-empty set of points is bounded.

The Newton polytope of a polynomial p visualized



$$p(x, y) = y + 2xy^3 - 3x^2y^2 - x^3 - 4x^4y^4$$

The shaded region is the Newton polytope $\text{Newton}(p)$ of p .

The vertices of a Newton polytope

A face of a convex polytope is any intersection of the polytope with a halfspace, such that, none of the interior points of the polytope lie on the boundary of the halfspace.

Faces of a polytope

Given a polytope $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, the face of P with respect to a vector $n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is:

$$\text{face}(n, P) = \{v \in P \mid nv^T \geq nu^T \text{ for all } u \in P\}.$$

face为凸包在某一向量上的边界



Vertices of a polytope

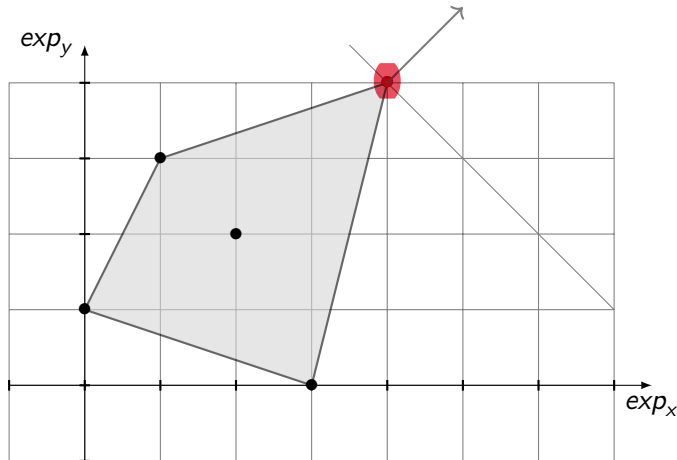
The faces of dimension 0 are called vertices. The set of all vertices of a given polytope P is $V(P)$.

vertex: 0维face

edge: 1维face

Note: $v \in V(P)$ iff there exists $n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $nv^T > nu^T$ for all $u \in P \setminus \{v\}$.

The faces of a Newton polytope visualized



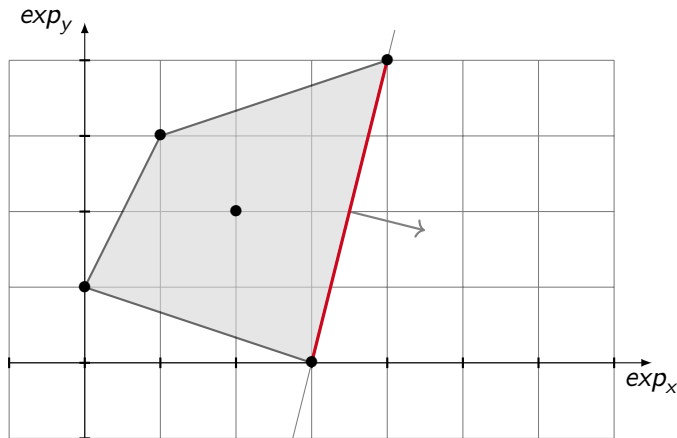
The shaded region is the Newton polytope P of p .

$face((1,1), P) = \{(4,4)\}$ has dimension 0.

$(1,1)$ 为向量

i.e. $(4,4)$ is a vertex of P .

The faces of a Newton polytope visualized



The shaded region is the Newton polytope P of p .

$\text{face}((4, -1), P) = \{(3, 0) + t(1, 4) \mid 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ has dimension 1.

I.e., it is a face but not a vertex of P .

Hyperplanes separating vertices of the polytope

Hyperplanes

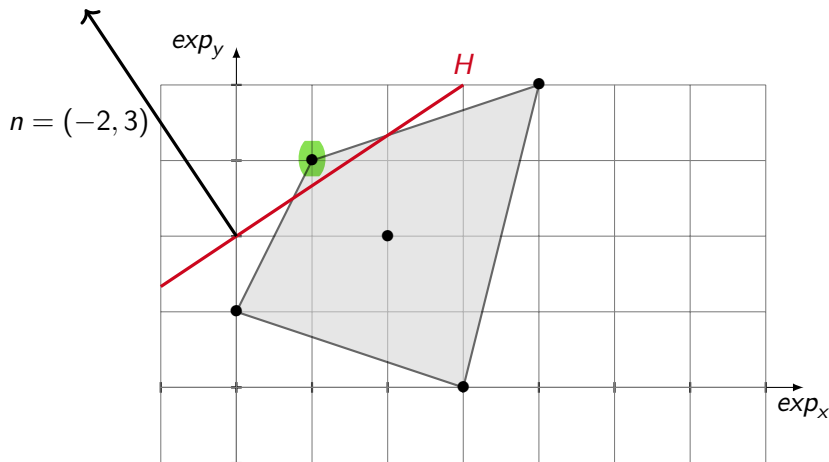
A **hyperplane** H is the solution set of an equation $nx^T = b$ for some $d > 0$, $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$, $n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$.

Lemma 1

For each $p \in \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_d]$, $v \in \text{frame}(p)$ and $n \in \mathbb{R}^d$, the following are equivalent:

- 1 v is a **vertex** of $\text{Newton}(p)$ with respect to n .
- 2 There exists $b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that the hyperplane $H : nx^T = b$ strictly separates v from $\text{frame}(p) \setminus \{v\}$. The **normal vector** n is directed from H towards v .
hyperplane H 将 v 从点集中分开
从 H 指向 v 的为正交向量 n

Hyperplanes separating vertices of the polytope visualized



The shaded region is the Newton polytope P of p .

$-2x + 3y - 6 = 0$ strictly separates $(1, 3)$ from $\text{frame}(p) \setminus \{(1, 3)\}$.

Vertices as dominating monomials

If v is a vertex of the Newton polytope with respect to n , then the corresponding monomial will dominate the entire polynomial in the direction of n .

Lemma 2 v 是 n 方向上的face且为vertex, 则 v 会在 n 方向上dominate

Assume

- a polynomial $p \in \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_d]$, $p \neq 0$;
- a vertex $v \in \text{frame}(p)$ of $\text{Newton}(p)$ with respect to $n \in \mathbb{R}^d$, where
- c_v is the corresponding coefficient to v in p ;
- $(a^n)^v = (a^{n_1})^{v_1} (a^{n_2})^{v_2} \dots (a^{n_d})^{v_d}$.

Then there exists $a_0 \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a \geq a_0$:

- 1 $|c_v(a^n)^v| > |\sum_{u \in \text{frame}(p) \setminus \{v\}} c_u(a^n)^u|$ and
绝对值
rest of the polytope 的绝对值
- 2 $\text{sign}(p(a^{n_1}, \dots, a^{n_d})) = \text{sign}(c_v)$.

Thus solution for $p > 0$ can be given based on some $v \in \text{frame}^+(p)$ that is a vertex of $\text{Newton}(p)$.

Example

- Assume

$$p(x, y) = y + 2xy^3 - 3x^2y^2 - x^3 - 4x^4y^4$$

- $(1, 3) \in V(\text{Newton}(p))$ with normal vector $(-2, 3)$.
- Lemma 2 $\Rightarrow p(a^{-2}, a^3) > 0$ for sufficiently large a .
- For example: $a = 2$, $p(2^{-2}, 2^3) = \frac{51193}{256}$.
- Generally, a suitable a can be found by starting with $a = 2$ and doubling a until the constraint is satisfied.

a 从 2 开始, $2^1, 2^2, 2^3 \dots 2^n$

The linear problem

- **Remaining problem:** Find a hyperplane $H : nx^T = b$ separating a $v \in \text{frame}^+(p)$ from $\text{frame}(p) \setminus \{v\}$ where $\text{frame}(p) \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ and $n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ points from H towards v .
- This can be expressed as a linear problem with $d + 1$ real variables $n_1 \dots, n_d, b$:

$$nv^T > b \wedge \bigwedge_{u \in \text{frame}(p) \setminus \{v\}} nu^T < b$$

Example:

有2个frame+, 选择hyperplane使得法向量指向其中一个即可

- **Constraint:** $p(x, y) = y + 2xy^3 - 3x^2y^2 - x^3 - 4x^4y^4 > 0$
- Check the separating hyperplane existence for each $v \in \text{frame}^+(p)$.
- **Encoding for $(1, 3) \in \text{frame}^+(p)$:**

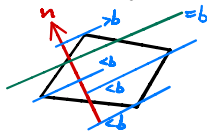
$$1 \cdot n_x + 3 \cdot n_y > b \quad \wedge \quad 0 \cdot n_x + 1 \cdot n_y < b$$

$$\wedge 2 \cdot n_x + 2 \cdot n_y < b$$

$$\wedge 3 \cdot n_x + 0 \cdot n_y < b$$

$$\wedge 4 \cdot n_x + 4 \cdot n_y < b$$

$\leadsto (n_x, n_y) = (-2, 3), b = 6$ is a solution



Example I

- Constraint: $\underbrace{2x^2y - 3x - 4y}_{p(x,y)} > 0$

- $frame^+(p) = \{(2, 1)\}$, $frame^-(p) = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$

- Halfplane encoding for the only positive frame point $(2, 1)$:

$$2n_x + 1n_y > b \wedge 1n_x + 0n_y < b \wedge 0n_x + 1n_y < b$$

$n = (n_x, n_y)$ is normal vector, 指向 V

- Solution: $n_x = 1$, $n_y = 0$, $b = 1.5$

- $p(a^1, a^0) = 2a^2 - 3a - 4$

- Check $a = 2$: $p(a^1, a^0) = 2 \cdot 2^2 - 3 \cdot 2 - 4 = -2 < 0$

- Check $a = 4$: $p(a^1, a^0) = p(4, 1) = 2 \cdot 4^2 - 3 \cdot 4 - 4 = 16 > 0$

- Solution found: $x = a^1 = 4$, $y = a^0 = 1$

Example II

- Constraint: $\underbrace{2x^3y^2 - 3x^4y}_{p(x,y)} > 0$

- $frame^+(p) = \{(3, 2)\}$, $frame^-(p) = \{(4, 1)\}$

- Halfplane encoding for only positive frame point (3, 2):

$$3n_x + 2n_y > b \wedge 4n_x + 1n_y < b$$

- Solution: $n_x = -1$, $n_y = 1$, $b = -2$

- $p(a^{-1}, a^1) = 2a^{-3}a^2 - 3a^{-4}a = 2a^{-1} - 3a^{-3}$

- Check $a = 2$: $p(a^{-1}, a^1) = 2 \cdot 2^{-1} - 3 \cdot 2^{-3} = 1 - 3/8 = 5/8 > 0$

- Solution found: $x = a^{-1} = 0.5$, $y = a^1 = 2$

Subtropical satisfiability

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Constructing the root

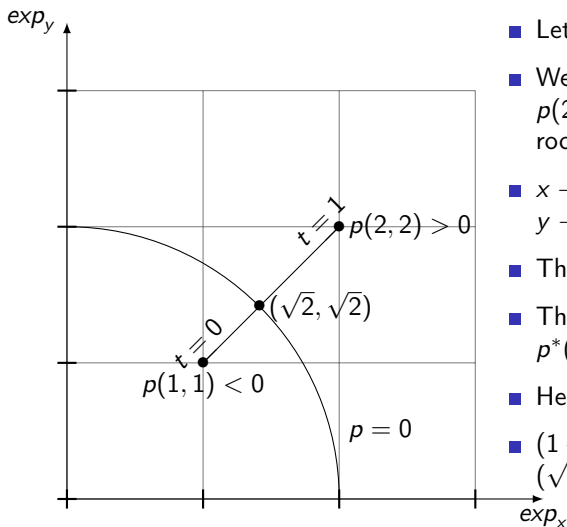
Given: $p(1, \dots, 1) < 0 < p(v)$ for some real coordinates v .

Find root of p on the line from $(1, \dots, 1)$ to v .

The Intermediate Value Theorem tells us this root exists.

- 1 Construct a new **univariate** polynomial p^* from p by parameterising the variables in a new variable t such that we traverse the line from $(1, \dots, 1)$ to v for $t \in [0, 1]$.
- 2 Find root t_0 of this new polynomial p^* by common techniques e.g. bisection.
- 3 Construct root of p as point on the line from $(1, \dots, 1)$ to v for parameter t_0 .

Constructing the root



- Let $p(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 4$.
- We have $p(1, 1) < 0$ and $p(2, 2) > 0$ and can construct a root of p on $(1, 1) - (2, 2)$.
- $x \rightarrow 1 + (2 - 1) \cdot t = 1 + t$
 $y \rightarrow 1 + (2 - 1) \cdot t = 1 + t$
- Then $p^* = (1 + t)^2 + (1 + t)^2 - 4$.
- There ex. $t \in [0, 1]$ such that $p^*(t) = 0$.
- Here we have: $t = \sqrt{2} - 1$.
- $(1 + (\sqrt{2} - 1), 1 + (\sqrt{2} - 1)) = (\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$ is a root of p .

Example III

- Constraint: $\underbrace{x-2y}_{p(x,y)} = 0$
- $p(1,1) = 1 - 2 \cdot 1 = -1 < 0$
- Assume we computed solution for $p(x,y) > 0$: $x = 1$, $y = 0$
- Connecting line: $(x,y) = (1,1) + t \cdot (1-1, 0-1)$ for some $0 \leq t \leq 1$
 $\leadsto x = 1$, $y = 1 - t$

Substituted in $p(x,y) = 0$:

$$p(1, 1 - t) = 1 - 2(1 - t) = 1 - 2 + 2t = 2t - 1 = 0$$

Solution: $t = 0.5$

- $x_0 = 1$, $y_0 = 1 - t = 1 - 0.5 = 0.5$
- Control: $p(x_0, y_0) = p(1, 0.5) = 1 - 2 \cdot 0.5 = 0$

Example IV

- Constraint: $\underbrace{2x^2y - 3x - 4y}_{p(x,y)} = 0$

- $p(1, 1) = 2 \cdot 1^2 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 1 - 4 \cdot 1 = -5 < 0$

- Solution for $p(x, y) > 0$ from Example I: $p(4, 1) = 16 > 0$

- Connecting line: $(x, y) = (1, 1) + t \cdot (4 - 1, 1 - 1) = (1, 1) + t(3, 0)$
for some $0 \leq t \leq 1$

$$\leadsto x = 1 + 3t, y = 1$$

Substituted in $p = 0$:

$$2(1 + 3t)^2(1) - 3(1 + 3t) - 4(1) = 18t^2 + 3t - 5 = 0$$

Solution: $t = \frac{\sqrt{41}-1}{12} \approx 0.450260353$

- $x_0 = 1 + 3t \approx 2,350781059, y_0 = 1$

- Control: $p(x_0, y_0) = 0$

- Which sufficient condition is used by the subtropical satisfiability method for the existence of a real-valued solution of a multivariate polynomial constraint?
- If the sufficient condition holds, how can we construct a solution?