

Homotopy techniques for analytic combinatorics in several variables

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- Available at
github.com/ACSVMath/ACSVHomotopy
- Competitive to other ACSV software for combinatorial cases.
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- Geometric understanding of (\star)
 - What is degree for generic H ?
- Numerical techniques for (\star)
 - How to improve the performance of monodromy?
 - Solving equation-by-equation (i.e. regeneration)
- How to verify the completeness?

Thank you for your attention

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