

## How to use NonADE

To check the associated double cover of a given square root in two variables for non-simple singularities, first copy the content of the `NonADE.txt` file and paste it in the free Magma Online Calculator (<http://magma.maths.usyd.edu.au/calc/>).

The function can be used via:

```
> NonADE(basering,polynomial);
```

Its first input is the ring of polynomials in three variables with coefficients in a field  $k$ , e.g.,  $k[x, y, z]$ . Its second input is the homogeneous squarefree polynomial that defines the projective branch curve of the double cover. The output lists all non-simple singularities that the double cover has over  $k$ . The function returns the empty list if the double cover is smooth or has only simple singularities.

To see how `NonADE` is to be applied in practice, let us consider the following alphabet, which is discussed in Section 3.4 of the paper:

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ \sqrt{X+1}, \sqrt{X-1}, \sqrt{Y+1}, \sqrt{X+Y+1}, \sqrt{16X+(4+Y)^2} \right\}.$$

We write  $f_1, \dots, f_5$  for the square root arguments. To show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is not rationalizable, we consider  $J = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , define

$$f(X, Y) := \prod_{j \in J} f_j = (X+1)(X-1)(Y+1)(X+Y+1)(16X+(4+Y)^2),$$

and denote the associated double cover of  $\sqrt{f}$  by  $\bar{S}$ . In other words,  $\bar{S}$  is the hypersurface in the weighted projective space  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}(1, 1, 1, 3)$ , which is defined by the equation

$$u^2 = (x+z)(x-z)(y+z)(x+y+z)(16xz+(4z+y)^2).$$

The branch curve of  $\bar{S}$  is, therefore, given by the projective curve  $\bar{B} \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^2$ , defined as the zeros of the polynomial

$$F(x, y, z) := (x+z)(x-z)(y+z)(x+y+z)(16xz+(4z+y)^2).$$

Since  $\deg(f) = \deg(F) = 6$ , we can prove that  $\mathcal{A}$  is not simultaneously rationalizable by showing that  $\bar{S}$  has at most simple singularities.

Before we can use `NonADE`, though, there is one important subtlety that we have to address first: not all singular points of  $\bar{S}$  have rational coordinates. This is problematic because, while Magma does allow us to choose  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  as our base field, it will not allow us to choose  $k = \mathbb{C}$ . That means, if we would determine the singular points of  $\bar{S}$  over  $k = \mathbb{Q}$ , `NonADE` would only classify the singular points of  $\bar{S}$  that have purely rational coordinates and would, therefore, miss two of the singular points that  $\bar{S}$  has over the complex numbers.

We can resolve this problem by first computing the singular points with a different computer algebra software that will not only be sensitive to singularities over  $\mathbb{Q}$  but to all singular points of  $\overline{S}$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Since all singularities of a double cover stem from its branch locus, it suffices to look at the singularities of  $\overline{B}$ . For example, we can compute the singular points of  $\overline{B}$  in *Mathematica* via

```
> F:= (x+z)*(x-z)*(y+z)*(x+y+z)*(16*x*z+(4*z+y)^2)
> Solve[F==0 && D[F,x]==0 && D[F,y]==0 && D[F,z]==0]
```

giving us the output

```
{{x -> -z, y -> 0}, {x -> -z, y -> -8 z}, {x -> -z, y -> -z},
{x -> z, y -> (-4 - 4 i) z}, {x -> z, y -> (-4 + 4 i) z},
{x -> z, y -> -2 z}, {x -> z, y -> -z},
{x -> -(9 z)/16, y -> -z}, {x -> -9 z, y -> 8 z},
{x -> 0, z -> 0}, {y -> 0, z -> 0}, {x -> 0, y -> -z},
{x -> 0, y -> 0, z -> 0}}
```

which tells us that  $\overline{B}$  has twelve different singular points as a curve over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Notice that we ignore the trivial solution since  $[0 : 0 : 0]$  is not an element of  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^2$ . From the *Mathematica* output, we see that two of the singular points have an irrational number in their coordinates: the complex unit  $i$ . Therefore, the coordinates of the two corresponding singularities of  $\overline{S}$  will also involve the complex unit.

Knowing which irrationalities occur, we can perform the remaining analysis in *Magma*: to ensure that *NonADE* takes all singular points of  $\overline{S}$  into account, we have to adjoin  $i$  to the coefficient field  $\mathbb{Q}$  of our base ring. Put differently, we have to pass from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to the extension field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ .

A convenient way to construct an extension field for  $\mathbb{Q}$  is to consider a quotient ring of the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Q}[q]$  that corresponds to the irrational numbers we want to be contained in the extension field. In our example, we want to extend  $\mathbb{Q}$  by  $i$ , i.e., we want to adjoin an element  $i$  that satisfies  $i^2 + 1 = 0$ . The field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  is, therefore, isomorphic to the quotient  $\mathbb{Q}[q]/(q^2 + 1)$ . In *Magma*, we can define  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  via

```
> QQ:=Rationals();
> E<i>:=ext<QQ|[Polynomial([1,0,1])]>>;
```

where *Polynomial*([1,0,1]) specifies the coefficients of the polynomial  $g(q)$  in the quotient  $\mathbb{Q}[q]/g$ —in our case  $g = 1 \cdot q^0 + 0 \cdot q^1 + 1 \cdot q^2$ .

If the singular points would contain more than one irrationality, e.g., the imaginary unit  $i$  and, in addition, the irrational number  $a := \sqrt{5}$ , then the corresponding extension field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}, \sqrt{5})$  can be created via

```
> QQ:=Rationals();
> E<i,a>:=ext<QQ|[Polynomial([1,0,1]), Polynomial([-5,0,1])]>;
```

Now, we can easily prove the non-rationalizability of  $\mathcal{A}$  using `NonADE`:

```
> <paste content of NonADE.txt here>
> k:=Rationals();
> E<i>:=ext<k|[Polynomial([1,0,1])]>;
> R<x,y,z>:=PolynomialRing(E,3);
> F:=(x+z)*(x-z)*(y+z)*(x+y+z)*(16*x*z+(4*z+y)^2);
> NonADE(R,F);
[]
```

Since `NonADE` returns the empty list, we conclude that  $\overline{S}$  has at most simple singularities. As a result,  $\mathcal{A}$  is not rationalizable.

Note: The `Magma` code of this example can be found in the `Example.txt` file.