

Polynomial Systems Solving

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Abstract

This work is a survey on the subject Polynomial Systems Solving. First , Polynomial Systems definition is studied , then their solution techniques are studied, finally application areas are discussed.

1 Introduction

1.1 Polynomial

A polynomial is a mathematical expression involving a sum of powers in one or more variables (indeterminates) multiplied by coefficients. A polynomial of order/degree \mathbf{d} in one variable ($\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{C}$) (i.e., a univariate polynomial) with constant coefficients ($\mathbf{a_i} \in \mathbf{Q}$) is given by [25]

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_dx^d \quad (1)$$

1.1.1 Properties of Polynomials

Properties of polynomials are as follows :

1. A polynomial may not have a term with negative and fractional exponent (x^{-n} and $x^{1/n}$).
2. $x \in \mathbf{C}$ and $a_i \in \mathbf{Q}$
3. Every term ($\mathbf{a_i x^i}$) may be called as monomial (in some books only $\mathbf{x^i}$ is called as monomial).

1.1.2 Solution of Polynomials

Polynomials of orders one to four are solvable using only rational operations and finite root extractions. [25]

1. A first-order equation is trivially solvable.
2. A second-order equation is soluble using the quadratic equation.
3. A third-order equation is solvable using the cubic equation.
4. A fourth-order equation is solvable using the quartic equation.

5. It was proved by Abel and Galois using group theory that general equations of fifth and higher order cannot be solved rationally with finite root extractions (Abel's impossibility theorem).

Solutions of the general quintic equation may be given in terms of **Jacobi theta functions** or **hypergeometric functions** in one variable.[25]

1. Hermite and Kronecker proved that higher order polynomials are not soluble in the same manner.
2. Klein showed that the work of Hermite was implicit in the group properties of the icosahedron. Klein's method of solving the quintic in terms of hypergeometric functions in one variable can be extended to the sextic, but for higher order polynomials, either hypergeometric functions in several variables or "Siegel functions" must be used (Belardinelli 1960, King 1996, Chow 1999).
3. In the 1880s, Poincaré created functions which give the solution to the nth order polynomial equation in finite form. These functions turned out to be "natural" generalizations of the elliptic functions.

1.2 Polynomial System

A system of (multivariate) polynomial equations is a set of simultaneous equations $f_1 = 0, \dots, f_m = 0$ where the f_i are polynomials in several variables, say x_1, \dots, x_n , over some field k (usually \mathbb{C} or \mathbb{R}). [24].

In abstract algebra books, a **Polynomial System** is called as **Polynomial Ring** or **Polynomial Algebra**. [25] Abstract algebraic notions are explained in the section 2.

A **Univariate Polynomial System** (coefficients $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $i, j, n \in \mathbb{N}$) may be given as m equations:

$$\begin{cases} a_{10} + a_{11}x + a_{12}x^2 + a_{13}x^3 + a_{14}x^4 + \dots + a_{1d}x^d = 0 \\ a_{20} + a_{21}x + a_{22}x^2 + a_{23}x^3 + a_{24}x^4 + \dots + a_{2d}x^d = 0 \\ a_{30} + a_{31}x + a_{32}x^2 + a_{33}x^3 + a_{34}x^4 + \dots + a_{3d}x^d = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m0} + a_{m1}x + a_{m2}x^2 + a_{m3}x^3 + a_{m4}x^4 + \dots + a_{md}x^d = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

A **Bivariate Polynomial System** (variables $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, coefficients $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $i, j, n \in \mathbb{N}$) may be given as m equations :

$$\begin{cases} a_{00} + a_{01}xy + a_{02}xy^2 + a_{03}xy^3 + \dots + a_{0(d \times d)}x^d y^d = 0 \\ a_{10} + a_{11}xy + a_{12}xy^2 + a_{13}xy^3 + \dots + a_{1(d \times d)}x^d y^d = 0 \\ a_{20} + a_{21}xy + a_{22}xy^2 + a_{23}xy^3 + \dots + a_{2(d \times d)}x^d y^d = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m00} + a_{m11}xy + a_{m12}xy^2 + a_{m13}xy^3 + \dots + a_{m(d \times d)}x^d y^d = 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

A **Multivariate Polynomial System** (N variables $x_1 \dots x_N \in \mathbb{R}$, coefficients $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $i, j, n \in \mathbb{N}$) may be given as m equations :

$$\begin{cases} a_{00} + \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n}^d a_{0i} x_1^{i_1} x_2^{i_2} \dots x_n^{i_n} = 0 \\ a_{10} + \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n}^d a_{1i} x_1^{i_1} x_2^{i_2} \dots x_n^{i_n} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m0} + \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n}^d a_{mi} x_1^{i_1} x_2^{i_2} \dots x_n^{i_n} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

2 Abstract Algebraic Notions

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3 Geometrical Meaning

4 Previous Work

5 Polynomial Systems Solution Methods

6 Solver Software

7 Applications

8 Conclusion

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