

# Progress

We want to prove decidability of the Zero Problem or Infinite Zeros Problem for exponential polynomials with constant coefficients.

**Conjecture 1: [Leon Ehrenpreis]** For a given exponential polynomial of the form  $f(\zeta) = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k e^{i\alpha_k \zeta}$ , where  $b_i$  are real algebraic, then we have:

$$\sum_{j=0}^M \left| \frac{d^{j-1} f}{dz^{j-1}}(z) \right| \geq c \frac{e^{-A|Im(z)|}}{(1+|z|)^p} \quad (1)$$

The following paragraph contains a brief explanation of this conjecture, which has been explained in greater detail in Yger's paper.

We first consider the exponential polynomial of the form

$$f(\zeta) = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k e^{i\alpha_k \zeta}$$

where  $b_k$  are algebraic and the frequencies,  $i\alpha_k$  are purely imaginary.

Consider the basis of  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_M\}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Let the basis of this be  $\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \dots \gamma_n\}$ . So for any exponential polynomial  $g(e^{i\alpha z})$  there exists another polynomial such that the same exponential polynomial can be written in the form  $h(e^{i\gamma z})$ . So for every derivative of  $f$  we have polynomials of the form

$$\frac{d^{j-1} f}{d\zeta^{j-1}}(z) = P_j(e^{i\gamma z})$$

Now according to the conjecture we have the form:

$$\sum_{j=0}^M |P_j(e^{i\gamma z})| = \sum_{j=0}^M \left| \frac{d^{j-1} f}{dz^{j-1}}(z) \right| \geq c \frac{e^{-A|Im(z)|}}{(1+|z|)^p}$$

**Conjecture 2: [We are using]** We have two polynomials  $P_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M)$  and  $P_2(x_1, x_2, \dots)$  such that  $P_1(e^{i\gamma z}) = \sum_{j=1}^M b_j e^{i\gamma_j z}$  and  $P_2(e^{i\gamma z}) = \sum_{j=1}^M c_j e^{i\gamma_j z}$ , where  $b_j$ 's and  $c_j$ 's are algebraic over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_M)$ . If their variety span a codimension of 2 then we will have a polynomial lower bound of the sum of their absolute values for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  in the form

$$|P_1(e^{i\gamma z})| + |P_2(e^{i\gamma z})| \geq c \frac{e^{-A|Im(z)|}}{(1+|z|)^p} \quad (2)$$

for some constants  $c, p, A > 0$  depending on  $P_1, P_2$  and  $\gamma_j$ 's.

**Proposition 3: [Bochnak and Coste]** For two semi-algebraic functions  $f : D \rightarrow R$  and  $g : P \rightarrow D$  we will have  $f \circ g : P \rightarrow R$  is a semi-algebraic function.

**Theorem 4:** For real algebraic  $b_1, \dots, b_s$  that are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and two polynomials  $P_j(x_1, \dots, x_s)$  that generate a variety of dimension  $s-2$  the  $\sum_{j=1,2} |P_j(e^{ib_1 t}, \dots, e^{ib_s t})|$  is bounded below by a polynomial in  $t$ .

*Proof:* We are given two polynomials  $P_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s)$  and  $P_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s)$  such that they have a variety of  $s-2$  dimensions. According to the conjecture 2, we will have

$$|P_1(e^{b_1 t}, e^{b_2 t} \dots e^{b_s t})| + |P_2(e^{b_1 t}, e^{b_2 t} \dots e^{b_s t})| \geq c \frac{e^{-A|Im(t)|}}{(1+|t|)^p}$$

For some constants  $c, A > 0$  and a constant  $p$  depending on  $P_1, P_2$  and  $b_1, b_2 \dots b_s$ .  
Now since  $t$  is purely real we will have  $\text{Im}(t) = 0$ , which implies

$$|P_1(e^{ib_1t}, e^{ib_2t} \dots e^{ib_st})| + |P_2(e^{ib_1t}, e^{ib_2t} \dots e^{ib_st})| \geq \frac{c}{(1+t)^p} \quad (3)$$

for all  $t \geq 0$ .

This gives us a polynomial lower bound of the sum of  $P_1(e^{ib_1t}, e^{ib_2t} \dots e^{ib_st})$  and  $P_2(e^{ib_1t}, e^{ib_2t} \dots e^{ib_st})$ .

**Theorem 5:** The set  $\Gamma_t = \{(x, y, z) | (e^{at}, x, y, z) \in C_j\}$  is semi-algebraic for a fixed value of  $t$ .

**Theorem 6:** Given  $s$  independent frequencies, there exists a parametrization of  $\Gamma_t = \{(x_1, x_2 \dots x_s) | (e^{at}, x_1, x_2, \dots x_s) \in C_j\}$ , as a continuous semi-algebraic function  $h : (0, 1)^n \times [0, \infty)^k \rightarrow [-1, 1]^s$  such that  $h(\mathbf{p}, e^{a_1t}, e^{a_2t}, \dots e^{a_kt})$  gives us the set  $\Gamma_t$  for all values of  $\mathbf{p} \in (0, 1)^n$ .

*Proof:* Suppose we have the cell decomposition of  $C_j$  as a semi-algebraic set

$$\{(\mathbf{u}, x_1, x_2, \dots x_s) | \dots\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{k+s} \quad (4)$$

which as a  $(i_1, i_2, \dots i_{k+s})$ -cell. We inductively construct a parametrization from this given cell structure. Throughout this proof we will denote  $\mathbf{p}_j$  as a parameter which is a tuple of  $c_j$  elements each having values between  $(0, 1)$ .

Consider the last  $s$  coordinates of the  $(i_1, i_2, \dots i_{k+s})$ . We assume that we have constructed a parametrization upto  $j-1$  coordinates of these  $s$  coordinates, and want to construct for the  $j^{\text{th}}$  coordinate. By induction hypothesis we are assuming we already have constructed a continuous semi-algebraic function for parametrization  $h_{j-1} : (0, 1)^{c_{j-1}} \times [0, \infty)^k \rightarrow [-1, 1]^s$ , where  $c_{j-1} = i_{k+1} + i_{k+2} + \dots i_{k+j-1}$ , such that

$$h_{j-1}(\mathbf{p}_{j-1}, \mathbf{u}) = (h_{j-1,1}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{u}), h_{j-1,2}(\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{u}) \dots h_{j-1,j-1}(\mathbf{p}_{j-1}, \mathbf{u})) \quad (5)$$

where each of  $h_{j-1,m}$  gives us the coordinate  $x_m$  from the form as in equation 4 for every  $m = 1, 2, \dots (j-1)$ . Each  $h_{j-1,m}$  has parameter variables  $\mathbf{p}_m$  which is a vector consisting of the first  $c_m$  coordinates of  $\mathbf{p}_{j-1}$ , for a constant  $c_m \leq c_{j-1}$  depending on the number of 1's in the given cell structure between coordinates  $k+1$  and  $k+m$  (we have  $c_m = i_{k+1} + i_{k+2} + \dots i_{k+m}$  where the cell structure is  $(i_1, i_2, \dots i_{k+s})$ ), as not every coordinate of the parameter  $\mathbf{p}$  is required for obtaining the value of  $x_i$  for some  $i$ .

Now we move on to finding a parametric representation of the coordinate  $x_j$  as well, using the previous parametrization and the cell structure of  $C_j$ .

If  $i_{k+j} = 0$  we will have a continuous semi-algebraic function  $f_j : [0, \infty)^k \times [-1, 1]^{j-1} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  such that  $x_j = f_j(\mathbf{u}, x_1, x_2, \dots x_{j-1})$  (from the definition of cell decomposition for a  $(\dots, 0)$ -cell). We define  $h : (0, 1)^{c_{j-1}} \times [0, \infty)^k \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  such that  $h(\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{u}) = f_j(\mathbf{u}, h_{j-1}(\mathbf{p}_{j-1}))$  (In this case  $c_j = c_{j-1}$  as  $i_{k+j} = 0$  and hence  $\mathbf{p}_j = \mathbf{p}_{j-1}$ ).

Now we consider our parameterizing function as  $h_j : (0, 1)^{c_j} \times [0, \infty)^k \rightarrow [-1, 1]^j$  as

$$h_j(\mathbf{p}_j) = (h_{j,1}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{u}), h_{j,2}(\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{u}), \dots h_{j,j}(\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{u}))$$

where each of  $h_{j,m} = h_{j-1,m}$  for all  $m = 1, 2, \dots (j-1)$  and  $h_j = h$  as defined in the previous paragraph.

However if  $i_{k+j} = 1$  we will have two continuous semi-algebraic functions  $f_j, g_j : [0, \infty)^k \times [-1, 1]^{j-1} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  such that  $f_j(\mathbf{u}, x_1, x_2, \dots x_{j-1}) < x_j < g_j(\mathbf{u}, x_1, x_2, \dots x_{j-1})$ , where each of  $x_l$  correspond to the  $(l+k)^{\text{th}}$  coordinate from equation 4 (follows from the definition of  $(\dots, 1)$ -cell). Now construct the continuous semi-algebraic function  $h : [0, \infty)^k \times [-1, 1]^{j-1} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  to give all the values between  $f_j(\mathbf{u}, x_1, x_2, \dots x_{j-1})$  and  $g_j(\mathbf{u}, x_1, x_2, \dots x_{j-1})$  in terms of parameters. We create another parameter  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  such that we get the value of  $x_j$  as  $\lambda f_j(\mathbf{u}, h_{j-1}(\mathbf{p}_{j-1}, \mathbf{u})) + (1-\lambda)g_j(\mathbf{u}, h_{j-1}(\mathbf{p}_{j-1}, \mathbf{u}))$ , which is a convex combination to give all the values in between for values of  $\lambda$ . So we define  $h(\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{u}) = \lambda f_j(\mathbf{u}, h_{j-1}(\mathbf{p}_{j-1}, \mathbf{u})) + (1-\lambda)g_j(\mathbf{u}, h_{j-1}(\mathbf{p}_{j-1}, \mathbf{u}))$  where  $\mathbf{p}_j = (\mathbf{p}_{j-1}, \lambda)$ . In this case another parameter  $\lambda$  is added to the set of parameters  $\mathbf{p}_{j-1}$ , giving  $c_j = c_{j-1} + 1$ .

Now we define our parameterizing function for the  $j$  coordinates by the continuous semialgebraic function  $h_j : [0, \infty)^k \times [-1, 1]^{c_j} \rightarrow [-1, 1]^j$  as

$$h_j(\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{u}) = (h_{j,1}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{u}), h_{j,2}(\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{u}), \dots, h_{j,j}(\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{u}))$$

where each of  $h_{j,m} = h_{j-1,m}$  for all  $m = 1, 2, \dots, (j-1)$  and  $h_{j,j} = h$  as defined in the previous paragraph and  $c_j = c_{j-1} + 1$ .

In this way we inductively construct the parameterizing continuous semi-algebraic function  $h_s : [0, \infty)^k \times [-1, 1]^{c_s} \rightarrow [-1, 1]^s$ , which gives us the parameterization of each of the coordinates  $x_j$ , with parameters from  $(0, 1)^{c_s}$ . Each point in  $\Gamma_t$  is given by  $h_s(\mathbf{p}, e^{at})$  for a uniquely defined parameter  $p \in (0, 1)^{c_s}$ .  $\square$

Next we move on to finding exponential polynomials such that for any  $(x, y, z) \in \Gamma_t$  we will have  $|P_j(x, y, z)| < 2^{-A_j t}$  for some  $A_j > 0$ .

We have, from Theorem 6, the parametric semi-algebraic function  $h(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u}) = (h_1(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{u}), h_2(\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{u}), \dots, h_s(\mathbf{p}_s, \mathbf{u}))$  where  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_s$  are continuous semi-algebraic as well.

We indeed have, from Proposition 2.5.2 of Bochnak, Coste and Roy that there exists a polynomial  $Q_i(\mathbf{x}, y)$  such that  $Q_i(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u}, h_i(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u})) = 0 \forall \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u}$  in domains as specified in Theorem 6.

When we set  $\mathbf{u} = (e^{a_1 t}, e^{a_2 t}, \dots, e^{a_k t})$  we will have  $Q_i(\mathbf{p}, e^{at}, h_i(\mathbf{p}, e^{at}))$  in the form:

$$Q_{i,1}(\mathbf{p}, h_i(\mathbf{p}, e^{at}))e^{b_1 t} + Q_{i,2}(\mathbf{p}, h_i(\mathbf{p}, e^{at}))e^{b_2 t} + \dots + Q_{i,m}(\mathbf{p}, h_i(\mathbf{p}, e^{at}))e^{b_m t} = 0$$

where  $Q_{i,j}$  are polynomials with real algebraic coefficients and  $b_1 > b_2 > \dots > b_m$  for some real algebraic  $b_j$ 's.

This can be rearranged to give:

$$\begin{aligned} |Q_{i,1}(\mathbf{p}, h_i(\mathbf{p}, e^{at}))| &= |Q_{i,2}(\mathbf{p}, h_i(\mathbf{p}, e^{at}))e^{(b_2-b_1)t} + Q_{i,3}(\mathbf{p}, h_i(\mathbf{p}, e^{at}))e^{(b_3-b_1)t} + \dots + Q_{i,m}(\mathbf{p}, h_i(\mathbf{p}, e^{at}))e^{(b_m-b_1)t}| \\ &\implies |Q_{i,1}(\mathbf{p}, h_i(\mathbf{p}, e^{at}))| \leq Ae^{-\epsilon t} \end{aligned}$$

for some constants  $A, \epsilon > 0$  not depending on  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $t$ .

We indeed have  $s$  such polynomials  $Q_{i,1}$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ . However the same argument might not proceed as in Proposition 2.10 of the journal paper as in that case it was a univariate polynomial but we have several multivariate ones. However one idea is definitely to proceed by fixing some coordinates and treat this as a univariate.

Next we want to prove that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_t$  exists and is equal to a semialgebraic set  $\Gamma_*$ . One idea is to show that the semi-algebraic parameterizing function can be "extended to infinity" quite like a semi-algebraic function can be extended to 0 if it is defined in an interval  $(0, r]$  for some  $r > 0$ .

Our claim is that if  $\Gamma_*$  is of codimension  $\leq 1$  then we will have the fact that  $(\cos b_1 t, \cos b_2 t, \dots, \cos b_s t)$  hitting  $\Gamma_t$  infinitely often and hence the zero set as unbounded. Otherwise if  $\Gamma_*$  has codimension  $\geq 2$  we intend to prove that the zero set is indeed bounded.

**Proposition 7:** [Bochnak, Coste, Roy, Proposition 2.5.3] Let  $\phi : (0, r] \rightarrow R$  be a bounded continuous semi-algebraic function defined on an interval  $(0, r] \subset R$ . Then  $\phi$  can be continuously extended to 0.

We intend to use this proposition for multivariates, namely extending a bounded semi-algebraic function  $\phi : (0, r_1] \times (0, r_2] \times \dots \times (0, r_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

**Proposition 8:** Given a bounded continuous semi-algebraic function  $\phi : (0, r_1] \times (0, r_2] \times \dots \times (0, r_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with  $r_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i$ , the function can be continuously extended to  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

*Proof:* We prove this using induction. First we consider the semi-algebraic function  $\phi(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  and assume that we already have extended it to zero for the last  $n-i$  variables, i.e. have a value of  $\phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$  for every value of  $x_1 \in (0, r_1], x_2 \in (0, r_2] \dots x_i \in (0, r_i]$ .

For the base case we show that for every  $x_1, x_2 \dots x_{n-1} \in (0, r_1] \times (0, r_2] \times \dots (0, r_{n-1}]$ , the function  $\phi(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, X)$  as a bounded continuous semi-algebraic function in  $X$  can be continuously extended to 0.

We use a proof similar to that given in Bochnak, Coste and Roy Proposition 2.5.3. Let  $f \in R[X_1, X_2, \dots X_n, Y]$  be a polynomial such that  $\forall x_1, x_2 \dots x_n \in (0, r_1] \times (0, r_2] \times \dots (0, r_n]$  we have  $f(x_1, x_2 \dots x_n, \phi(x_1, x_2, \dots x_n)) = 0$ . We use induction on the degree, say  $d$ , of  $Y$  in  $f$  to prove the base case.

If  $d = 1$ , we will have  $\phi(X_1, X_2, \dots X_{n-1}, X) = \frac{N(X_1, X_2, \dots X_{n-1}, X)}{D(X_1, X_2, \dots X_{n-1}, X)}$  where  $N$  and  $D$  are relatively co-prime wrt  $X$  and  $X$  does not divide  $D(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, X)$  since the absolute value of  $\phi$  is bounded.

**(Obstruction:** It might so be that for some non-zero  $x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}$  in the domain of  $\phi$ ,  $D(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0) = 0$ , can this be disproved from the fact that  $\phi$  is bounded? In fact for the entire proof to go through using this method, we need the fact that  $D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, 0, x_{i+1}, \dots x_n) \neq 0$  for any  $i$  and all other non-zero values of  $x_j$ 's).

Now let us assume that we have extended the last coordinate of  $\phi$  to zero whenever degree of  $f$  is less than or equal to  $d - 1$ , and want to prove it for degree  $d$ . **(Obstruction:** For the univariate case it says that we can suppose  $f$  is never divisible by  $X$ .) We consider a slicing  $(A_i, (\xi_{i,j})_{j=1,2,\dots,l_i})$  of  $(f(X_1, X_2, \dots X_{n-1}, X, Y), \frac{\partial f(X_1, X_2, \dots X_{n-1}, X, Y)}{\partial Y})$  with  $A_1 = (0, r]$  for some small enough  $r$  and  $\phi = \xi_{1,j_0}$  for some  $j_0$  (the fact that the interval  $(0, r]$  is semi-algebraically connected can be used to see that one of  $\xi_{1,j}$  coincides with  $\phi$ ).

If  $\phi(X_1, X_2, \dots X_{n-1}, X)$  is a root of  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial Y}$  for every value of  $X$  in  $(0, r]$  and values of  $x_1, x_2 \dots x_i$ , then it can be used from the induction hypothesis to extend  $\phi(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, X)$  to  $X = 0$ . Otherwise, WLOG let us assume that  $\frac{\partial f(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, X, Y)}{\partial Y}|_{Y=\phi(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, X)} > 0$  for all  $X \in (0, r]$  and  $x_i \in (0, r_i]$ . Now we select two continuous semi-algebraic function  $\rho$  and  $\theta$  from  $(0, r_1] \times (0, r_2] \times \dots (0, r_{n-1}] \times [0, r]$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , such that for every  $x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1} \in (0, r_1] \times (0, r_2] \times \dots (0, r_{n-1}]$  and every  $x$  in  $(0, r]$  we will have  $\rho(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, x) < \phi(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, x) < \theta(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, x)$  and  $\frac{\partial f(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, X, y)}{\partial Y} > 0$  for every  $y$  in  $(\rho(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, x), \theta(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, x))$  (The existence of these two functions has been shown in Bochnak, Coste and Roy Prop. 2.5.3).

Now if for some  $(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1})$ ,  $\rho(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0) = \theta(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0)$  then we define  $\phi(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0) = \rho(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0)$ .

However if  $\rho(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, X) < \theta(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, X)$  and  $\frac{\partial f(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0, y)}{\partial y}$  is never  $< 0$  on the interval  $[\rho(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0), \theta(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0)]$ . We have

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0, \rho(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0)) \leq 0 \leq f(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0, \theta(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0))$$

and  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0, Y)$  is increasing in the interval, implying that it has only one root  $y_0 \in [\rho(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0), \theta(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0)]$ . We define  $\phi(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, 0) = y_0$ . It can be shown for a fixed  $x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}$ ,  $\phi(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{n-1}, X)$  is continuous in a similar fashion as shown in Bochnak, Coste, Roy. However we are left with proving continuity for every one of the variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots X_{n-1}$ . Let us consider  $X_i$ . We will have small constants such that for every small  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $f(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i + \epsilon, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0, y'_0) = 0$  where  $y'_0$  is similarly obtained the described procedure by replacing  $x_i$  by  $x_i + \epsilon$ . Now we indeed have  $\rho$  and  $\theta$  as continuous and  $\exists \delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$  for  $\epsilon$  such that  $|\rho(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i + \epsilon, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0) - \rho(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0)| < \delta_1$  and  $|\theta(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i + \epsilon, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0) - \theta(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0)| < \delta_2$ . **(Note** I am being vague in the following argument as I cannot concretely understand if this is the right way, so please let me know if anything can be built upon this). So we have the intervals  $[\rho(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i + \epsilon, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0), \theta(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i + \epsilon, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0)]$  and  $[\rho(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0), \theta(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0)]$  as roughly similar and both  $y_0$  and  $y'_0$  belong to these. And now since  $f$  is a continuous polynomial we will have, for the roots of  $f(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i + \epsilon, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0, y)$  and  $f(x_1, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots x_{n-1}, 0, y)$  as  $y_0$  and  $y'_0$ , there exists a constant  $\delta$  depending on  $\epsilon$  such that  $|y'_0 - y_0| < \delta$ .

Another thing that can be probably used to show continuity is probably the fact that it is a slicing, and for small  $\epsilon$  if  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n-1}, Y)$  and  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots x_{i-1}, x_i + \epsilon, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n-1}, Y)$  have roots which are not close then from Rolle's theorem we can find a point where the derivative changes sign, from which a contradiction can be brought as it is a slicing of  $(f, \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y})$ .

**Edit:** Continuity can be shown from 3.10 of Basu, Pollack, Roy if I am not wrong in my understanding of that theorem.  $\square$

Now for the induction step we assume that we have continuously extended  $\phi : (0, r_1] \times (0, r_2] \dots (0, r_i] \times [0, r_{i+1}] \times [0, r_{i+2}] \dots [0, r_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . To extend it to  $\phi : (0, r_1] \times (0, r_2] \dots [0, r_i] \times [0, r_{i+1}] \times [0, r_{i+2}] \dots [0, r_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we apply the same proof as of the base case and fix  $x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots x_n$  to 0. In this way we can continuously extend a multivariate bounded continuous semi-algebraic function to  $\mathbf{0}$ .

**Theorem 9:** Given that we have a parametrization of  $\Gamma_t$  as a semi-algebraic function as in Theorem 4,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_t$  exists and is semi-algebraic.

*Proof idea:* We already have the fact that a semi-algebraic function extends to zero. So if we consider the multivariate polynomials in the boolean expression corresponding to the map of the semi-algebraic function  $h(\dots)$  and consider their reverse (something like  $x_1^m x_2^n f(1/x_1, 1/x_2)$  where  $m$  and  $n$  are the degrees of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $f$  respectively) to show that "extending  $h$  to infinity" is same as extending another semi-algebraic function to zero, which can be done, showing that the limit of  $\Gamma_t$  exists.  $\square$

Next we intend to show that roots are unbounded when the codimension of  $\text{Gamma}_t$  is small. Dimension of  $\text{Gamma}_t$  is  $d$  when  $\text{Gamma}_t$  is homeomorphic to the cylinder  $(0, 1)^d$ . This degree can be found from the parameterization which is again obtained from the cell decomposition. When  $C_j$  is a cell of the form  $(i_1, i_2, \dots i_{k+s})$ , the parameterizing function  $h$  is homeomorphic to  $c_s$ , with notation same as that in proof of Theorem 6. Now for small codimension, most of the  $i_j$ 's in the cell decomposition will be 1.

We have these intervals for each coordinate in the output of  $h$  and need to check if for unbounded infinitely many  $t \cos b_j t$  is included in the interval. For low codimension, these intervals would be fixed points and it might be easier to decide if these coincide with  $\cos b_j t$  or not. This is an idea of proceeding with the proof.