

REAL ROOTS

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ABSTRACT. The Macaulay2 package `RealRoots` contains methods for studying real roots of univariate polynomials and real solutions of multivariate systems as well as `@@@`. It updates and expands the capabilities of the package “RealRoots” given by `@@@`. For univariate polynomials, counting roots in intervals, isolating roots symbolically, and stability. For multivariate systems there are general methods of elimination for zero dimensional systems or univariate eliminant of zero-dimensional systems, this includes the rational univariate representative. For real multivariate, we have the trace form.

INTRODUCTION

1. REAL UNIVARIATE SYSTEMS

Theorem 1 (Budan-Fourier). *Let $f \in \mathbb{R}[t]$ be a univariate polynomial and $a < b$ two numbers in $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$. Then*

$$\text{var}(\delta f, a) - \text{var}(\delta f, b) \geq r(f, a, b),$$

and the difference is even.

Theorem 2 (Sylvester). *Let $f, g \in \mathbb{R}[t]$ and $\text{Syl}(f, f'g)$ denote the Sylvester Sequence of f and $f'g$. The number of roots of f in $(a, b]$ where g is positive minus the number of roots of f in $[a, b)$ where g is negative is counted by the difference in variation*

$$\text{var}(\text{Syl}(f, f'g), a) - \text{var}(\text{Syl}(f, f'g), b).$$

Theorem 3 (Sturm). *Let f be a univariate polynomial and $a, b \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ with $a < b$ and $f(a), f(b) \neq 0$. Then the number of zeroes of f in the interval $(a, b]$ is the difference*

$$\text{var}(F, a) - \text{var}(F, b),$$

where F is the Sturm sequence of f .

Theorem 4. *Let $f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j x^j$ with $n \geq 1$ and $a_n > 0$. Then f is Hurwitz stable if and only if all the Hurwitz determinants $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n$ are all positive.*

2. ELIMINATIONS

3. REAL MULTIVARIATE SYSTEMS

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