

Condition-based Probabilistic Complexity of Symbolic Algorithms:

DESCARTES Solver
& Beyond!

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Efficient Symbolic & Numerical
Algorithms For Polynomial Systems

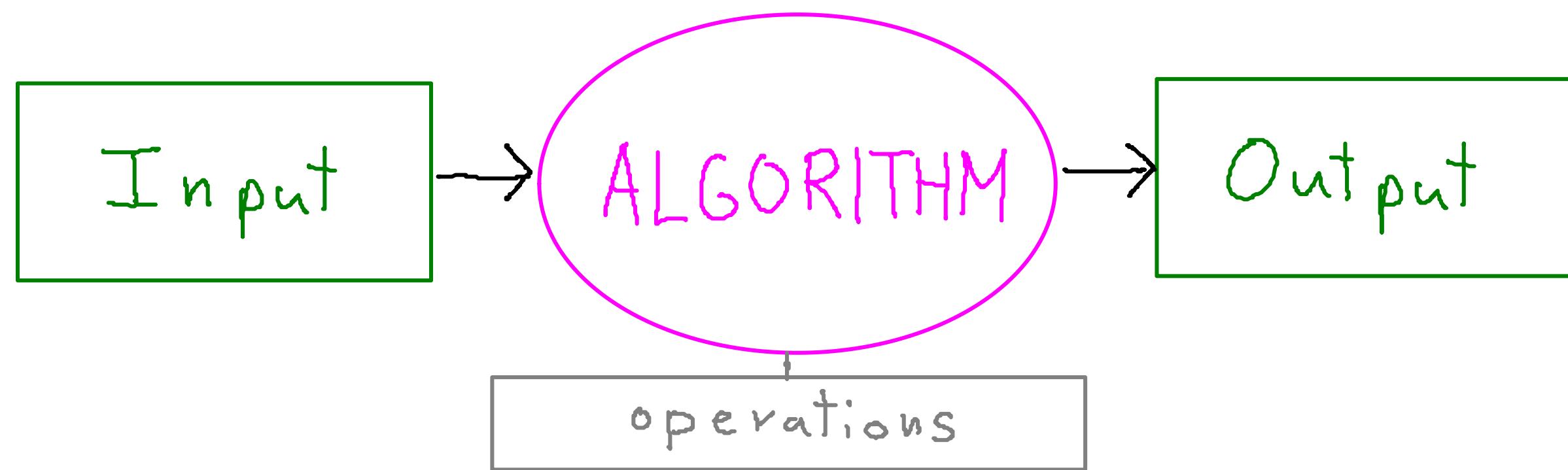
Why

does an Algorithm
perform well?



Complexity
of
Algorithms

Complexity of (Traditional) Algorithms



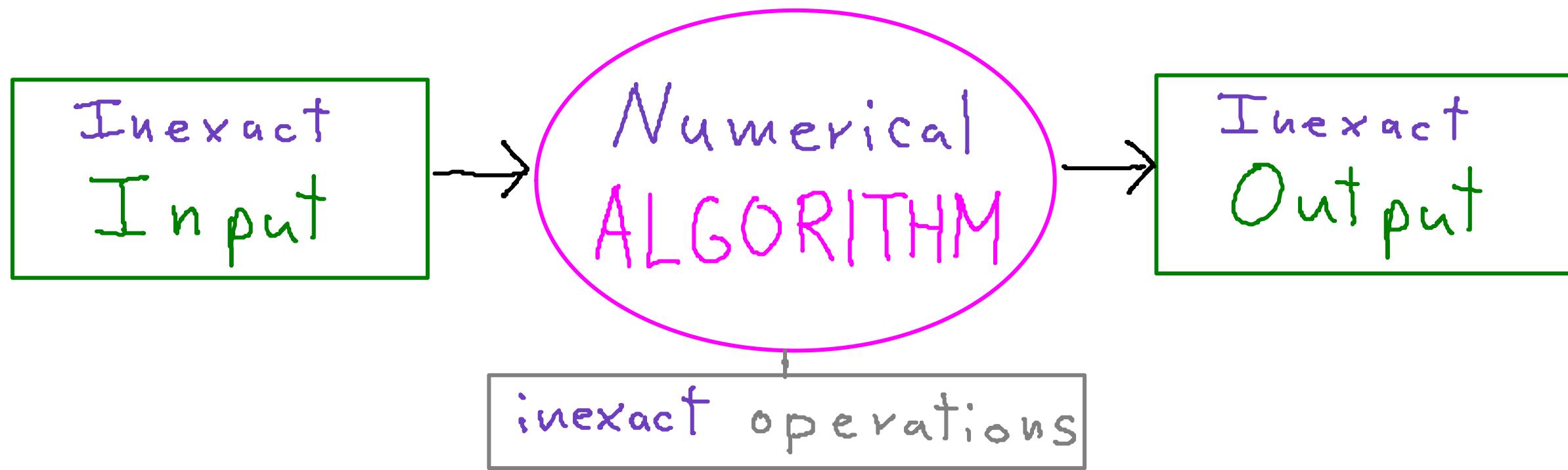
Worst-case form of complexity estimate:

$$\text{run-time}(\text{ALGORITHM}, \text{Input}) \leq f(\text{size}(\text{Input}))$$



Sometimes size has several parameters
(e.g. #variables, degree...)

Complexity of Numerical Algorithms



⚠️ usual form of complexity fails!

ALL INPUTS OF THE SAME SIZE ARE EQUAL,
BUT SOME INPUTS ARE MORE EQUAL
THAN OTHERS

Condition Numbers

(Turing) (Goldstine, von Neumann)

$\text{cond}(\text{Input})$:

measure of numerical sensitivity of Input

cond big \Rightarrow

small variations of Input
 \rightarrow big variations of Output

cond small \Rightarrow

'big' variations of Input
 \rightarrow small variations of Output



cond is a property of the computational problem,
not of the algorithm!

Turing Condition Number

$$A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$$

$$\text{cond}(A) := \|A\| \|A^{-1}\|$$

Linear System: $Ax = b$

$$\text{rel-error}(x) \lesssim \text{cond}(A) \max \left\{ \text{rel-error}(A), \text{rel-error}(b) \right\}$$

Condition-based Complexity

(Turing) (Goldstine, von Neumann)

$$\text{run-time}(\text{ALGORITHM}, \text{Input}) \leq f(\text{size}(\text{Input}), \text{cond}(\text{Input}))$$

Can we have
a complexity estimate
of a numerical algorithm
only depending on size?

Randomize your Input

(Goldstine & von Neumann) (Smale) (Demmel)

Random Input → Probabilistic Complexity



How do we randomize the Input?

Choice depends on the context!

Probabilistic Complexity

(Goldstine & von Neumann) (Smale) (Demmel)

$$\underset{\text{input}}{P} \left[\text{run-time}(\text{ALGORITHM}, \text{input}) \geq t \right] \leq g(s, t)$$

where $\text{size}(\text{input}) \leq s$

...and if we are lucky

$$\underset{\text{input}}{E} \left[\text{run-time}(\text{ALGORITHM}, \text{input}) \right] \leq g(s)$$

Smoothed Complexity

(Spielman & Teng)

$$\sup_{\substack{\text{Input} \\ \text{size(Input)}=s}} P_{\text{noise}} \left[\text{runtime}(\text{ALGORITHM}, \text{Input} + \sigma \text{noise}) \geq t \right] \leq g(s, t, \sigma)$$

... and if we are lucky

$$\sup_{\substack{\text{Input} \\ \text{size(Input)}=s}} E_{\text{noise}} \left[\text{runtime}(\text{ALGORITHM}, \text{Input} + \sigma \text{noise}) \right] \leq g(s, \sigma)$$

Why Smoothed is better?

Worst-case form of complexity estimate

$$\text{run-time}(\text{ALGORITHM}, \text{Input}) \leq f(\text{size}(\text{Input}))$$

$$\uparrow \sigma \rightarrow 0$$

Smoothed form of complexity estimates

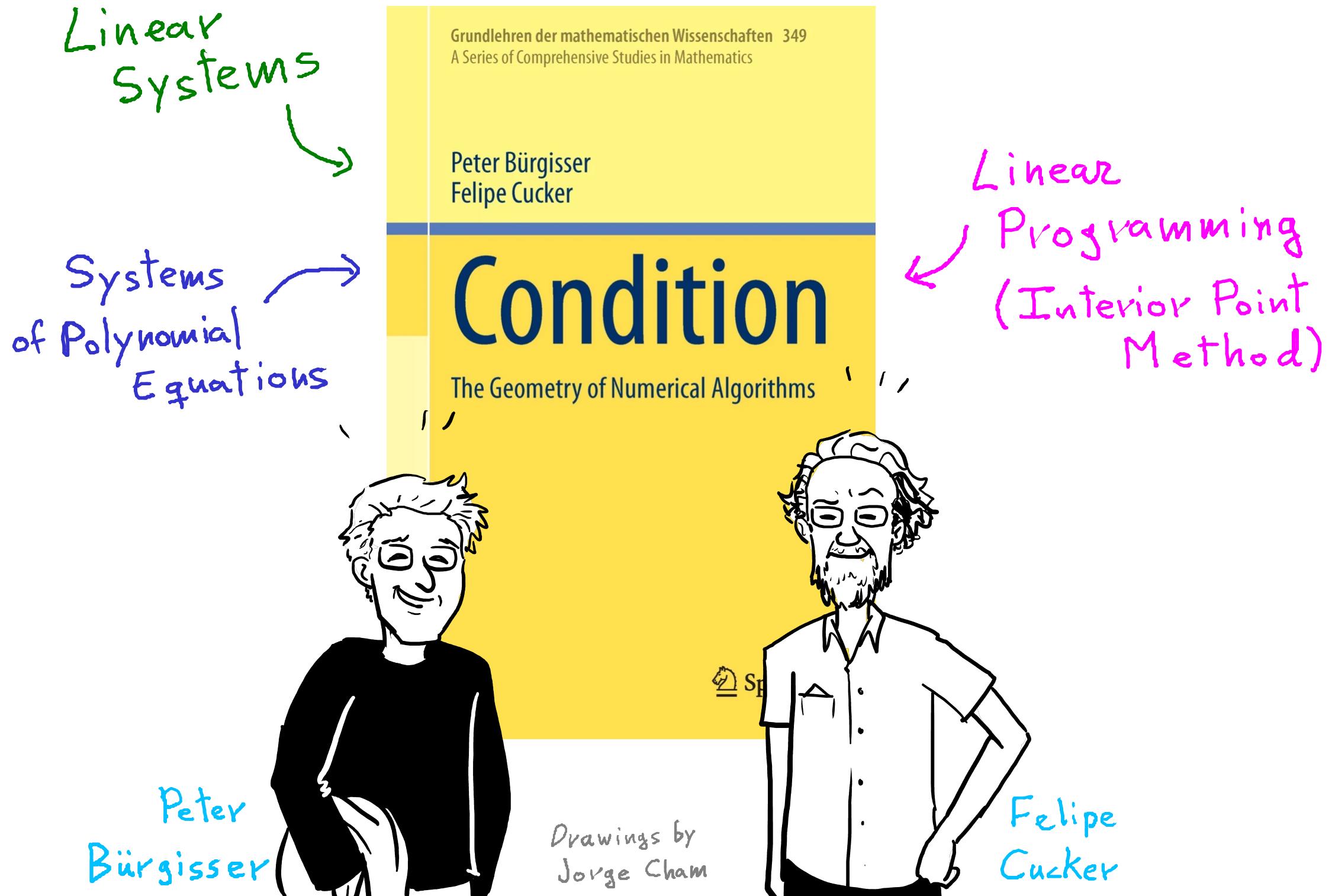
$$\sup_{\substack{\text{Input} \\ \text{size}(\text{Input})=s}} P_{\text{noise}} \left[\text{run-time}(\text{ALGORITHM}, \text{Input} + \sigma \text{noise}) \geq t \right] \leq f(s, t, \sigma)$$

$$\downarrow \sigma \rightarrow \infty$$

Probabilistic form of complexity estimates

$$P_{\text{input}} \left[\text{run-time}(\text{ALGORITHM}, \text{input}) \geq t \right] \leq f(s, t)$$

Where to find all the details?



This framework

is also useful

For symbolic algorithms:

the case of

DESCARTES' Solver

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Photo while working on this project

Real Root Isolation I: The Problem

INPUT:

$$f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$



OUTPUT:

Intervals J_1, \dots, J_k s.t.

0) $J_i = (a_i, b_i)$ with $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Q}$

1) $Z(f) \cap \mathbb{R} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k J_i$

2) $\forall i, \# Z(f) \cap J_i = 1$

We can also
handle
continuous
inputs!

INPUT SIZE PARAMETERS:

d : degree of f

r : bit-size of coefficients of f

MEASURE OF RUN-TIME

Bit complexity

DESCARTES SOLVER I:

Rule of Signs

$V(\gamma) := \# \text{ sign variations of } \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots$

THM (Descartes' rule of signs)

$$\#\mathcal{Z}(\gamma, \mathbb{R}) \leq V(\gamma)$$

Moreover,

$$V(\gamma) \leq 1 \Rightarrow \text{Equality}$$

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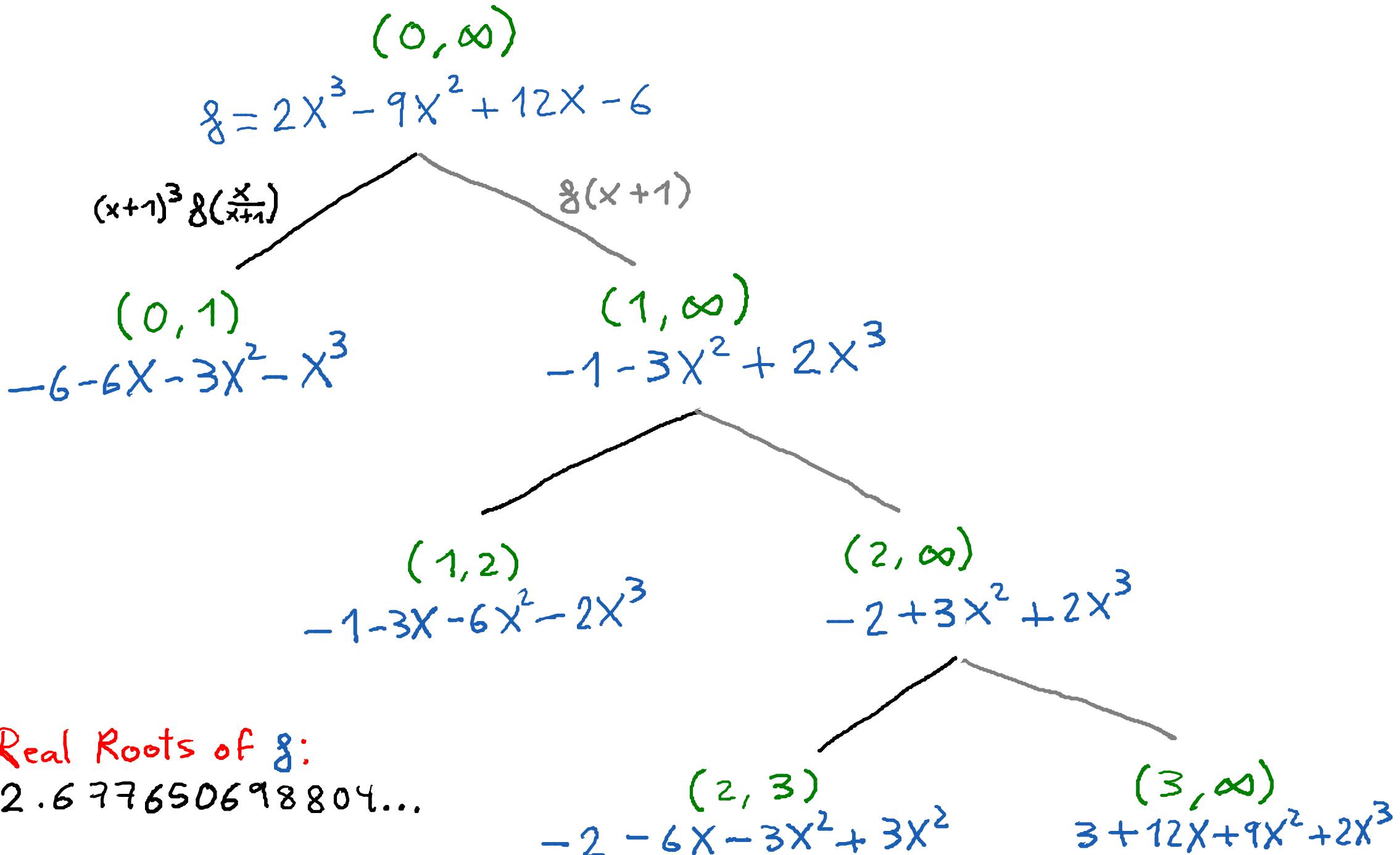
$$\#\mathcal{Z}(\gamma, (a, b)) \leq V(\gamma, (a, b)) := V\left((x+1)^d \cdot \gamma\left(\frac{bx+a}{x+1}\right)\right)$$

↑
 $(0, \infty) \rightarrow (a, b)$
bijection



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DESCARTES SOLVER II: Rule of Signs in Action



DESCARTES SOLVER III:

The Descartes' Oracle

- 1) Overcounting: $\#Z(g, J) \leq V(g, J)$
- 2) Exactness I: $V(g, J) \leq 1 \Rightarrow$ Equality
- 3) Exactness II:

$$\#Z(g, D(m(J)), c_w(J)) \leq K \Rightarrow V(g, J) \leq K$$

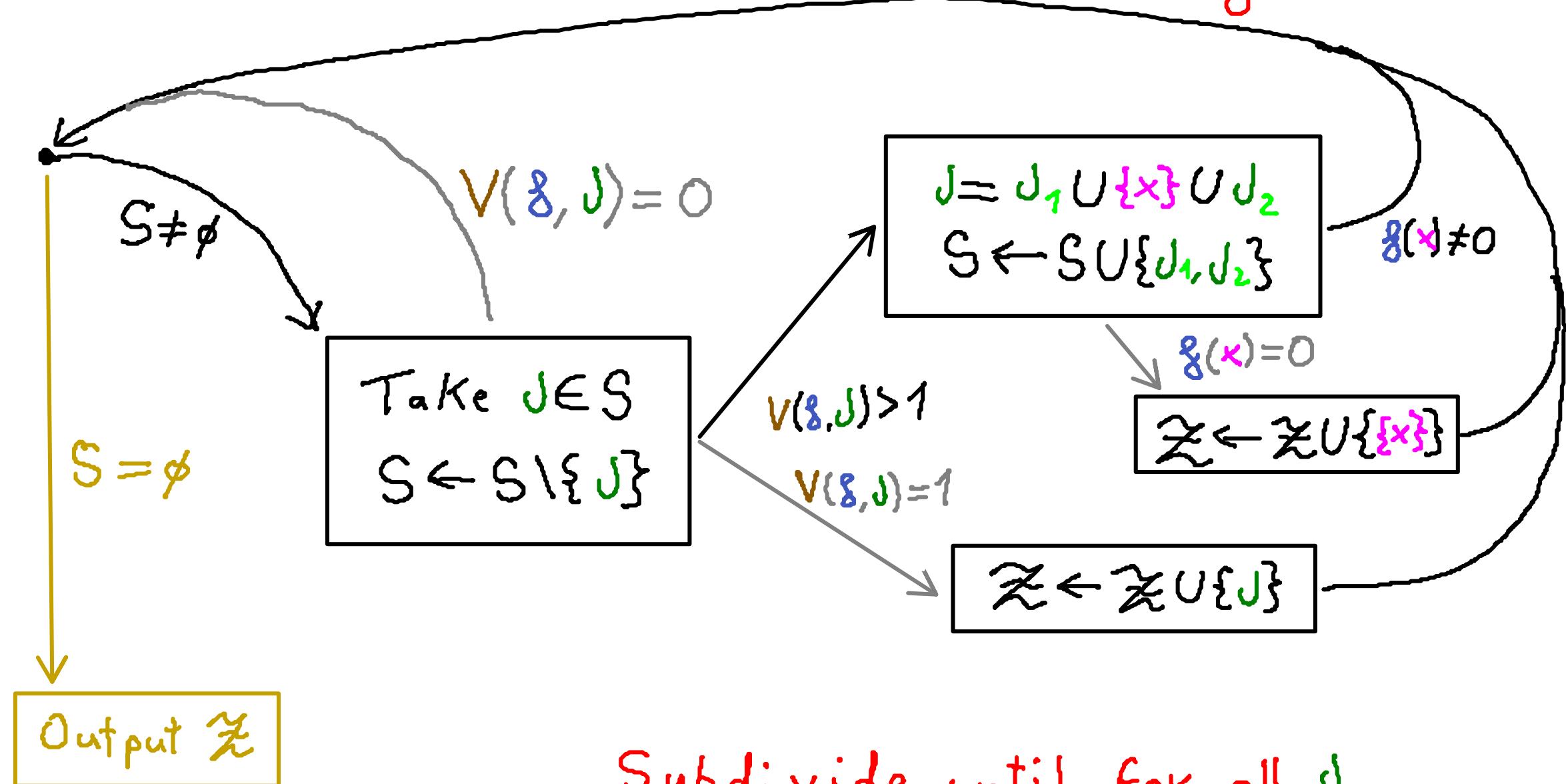
Obreshkoff's Thm: Descartes sees the complex roots around!

- 4) Subadditivity:

$$\bigcup_{J_i \subseteq J} \Rightarrow \sum V(g, J_i) \leq V(g, J)$$

DESCARTES SOLVER IV

The Algorithm



Subdivide until for all J ,
 $V(g, J) \leq 1$!

Real Root Isolation II:

The State of the Art

STURM SOLVER

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^4 \gamma^2)$$

DESCARTES SOLVER

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^4 \gamma^2)$$

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$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^3 + d^2 \gamma)$$

(Sagraloff & Mehlhorn; 2016)

PAN'S ALGORITHM

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2 \gamma)$$

(Pan; 2002)

Q: Can we beat the champion?

Real Root Isolation III:

What do we wish?

$$\tilde{O}_B(d\gamma)$$

We wish to find real roots
almost as fast as we read the polynomial!

Real Root Isolation IV:

Are we being pessimistic?

DESCARTES SOLVER

seems to behave faster in practice!

Why?

SPOILER:

DESCARTES

is almost-optimal on average!

What do we mean?

Real Root Isolation V:

Beyond Pessimism

$$\mathbb{E}_g \left\{ \text{cost}(\text{SOLVER}, g)^l \mid \text{bit-size}(g) \leq \tau, \deg(g) \leq d \right\}$$

What's a 'good' random model for g ?

↑
Many choices of randomness 🎲

Beyond pessimism I: Uniform Random Bit Polynomials & A SIMPLE MAIN THEOREM

$$f = \sum_{k=0}^d f_k x^k$$

s.t. $f_k \sim \mathcal{U}([-2^\gamma, 2^\gamma] \cap \mathbb{Z})$ independent

SIMPLE MAIN THM

$$\mathbb{E} \text{cost}(\text{DESCARTES}, f) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2 + d\gamma)$$

On average, DESCARTES is almost optimal!

Beyond pessimism II:

Random Bit Polynomials

$$F = \sum_{k=0}^d F_k X^k \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$$

bit-size of F :

$$\gamma(F) := \min\{\gamma \mid \forall k, P(|F_k| \leq 2^\gamma) = 1\}$$

weight of F :

$$w(F) := \max \left\{ P(F_k = c) \mid c \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \{0, d\} \right\}$$

No middle indexes!

uniformity of F : $u(F) := \ln(w(F)(1 + 2^{\gamma(F)+1}))$

Beyond pessimism III:

MAIN THEOREM

MAIN THM

$$\mathbb{E} \text{cost}(\text{DESCARTES}, F) = \tilde{O}_B(d^2 + d\gamma)(1 + u(F))^4$$

Note: F uniform $\Rightarrow u(F) = 0$

Claim: For many cases, $u(F) = O(1)$

IF $\gamma = \Omega(d)$, almost like reading!

On average, DESCARTES is almost optimal!

Beyond pessimism IV:

Examples of Random Bit Polynomials I

- Support control $\{0, d\} \subseteq A$

$$F = \sum_{k \in A} f_k X^k \quad \text{with } f_k \sim \mathcal{U}([-2^\gamma, 2^\gamma] \cap \mathbb{Z})$$

... then $u(F) = 0$

- Sign control $\sigma \in \{-1, +1\}^{\{0, \dots, d\}}$

$$F = \sum_{k=1}^d f_k X^k \quad \text{with } f_k \sim \mathcal{U}(\sigma_k ([1, 2^\gamma] \cap \mathbb{N}))$$

... then $u(F) \leq \ln 3$

Beyond pessimism V:

Examples of Random Bit Polynomials II

- Exact bitsize

$$F = \sum_{k=1}^d F_k X^k \quad \text{with } F_k \sim \mathcal{U}\left(\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \lfloor \log n \rfloor = r\}\right)$$

... then $u(F) \leq \ln 3$

+ their combinations

Our random model is flexible!

SUMMING UP:

DESCARTES

is almost-optimal on average!

A
n
d

Condition numbers?

$$C(g) := \max_{x \in [-1, 1]} \max \left\{ |g(x)|, |g'(x)|/d \right\}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^d |g_k|$$

$C(g) = \infty \iff g$ has a singular root in $[-1, 1]$

Property A.

$$\text{separation}(g) \geq \frac{1}{12d C(g)}$$

Property B.

$C(g)$ easy to handle probabilistically

Condition Numbers

can (& will) explain

Symbolic Algorithms!

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Transl.: Thank you for your attention!