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# ***Nonlinear Polynomial Systems: Multiple Roots and their Multiplicities***

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# ***Motivation***

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- **Difficulties in handling roots with high multiplicity**
  - Performance deterioration
  - Lack of robustness in numerical computation
  - Round-off errors during floating point arithmetic
- **Limited research on root multiplicity of a system of equations**
  - Heuristic approaches are needed for practical purposes.

# ***Objectives***

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- **Develop practical algorithms to isolate and compute roots and their multiplicities.**
- **Improve the Interval Projected Polyhedron (IPP) algorithms.**

# Multiplicity of Roots

- **Univariate Case**

- A root  $a$  of  $f(x)=0$  has multiplicity  $k$  if

$$f(a) = f'(a) = \cdots = f^{(k-1)}(a) = 0, \text{ and } f^{(k)}(a) \neq 0$$

- **Bivariate Case**

- Define

$$V_f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{C} \mid f(x, y) = 0\}$$

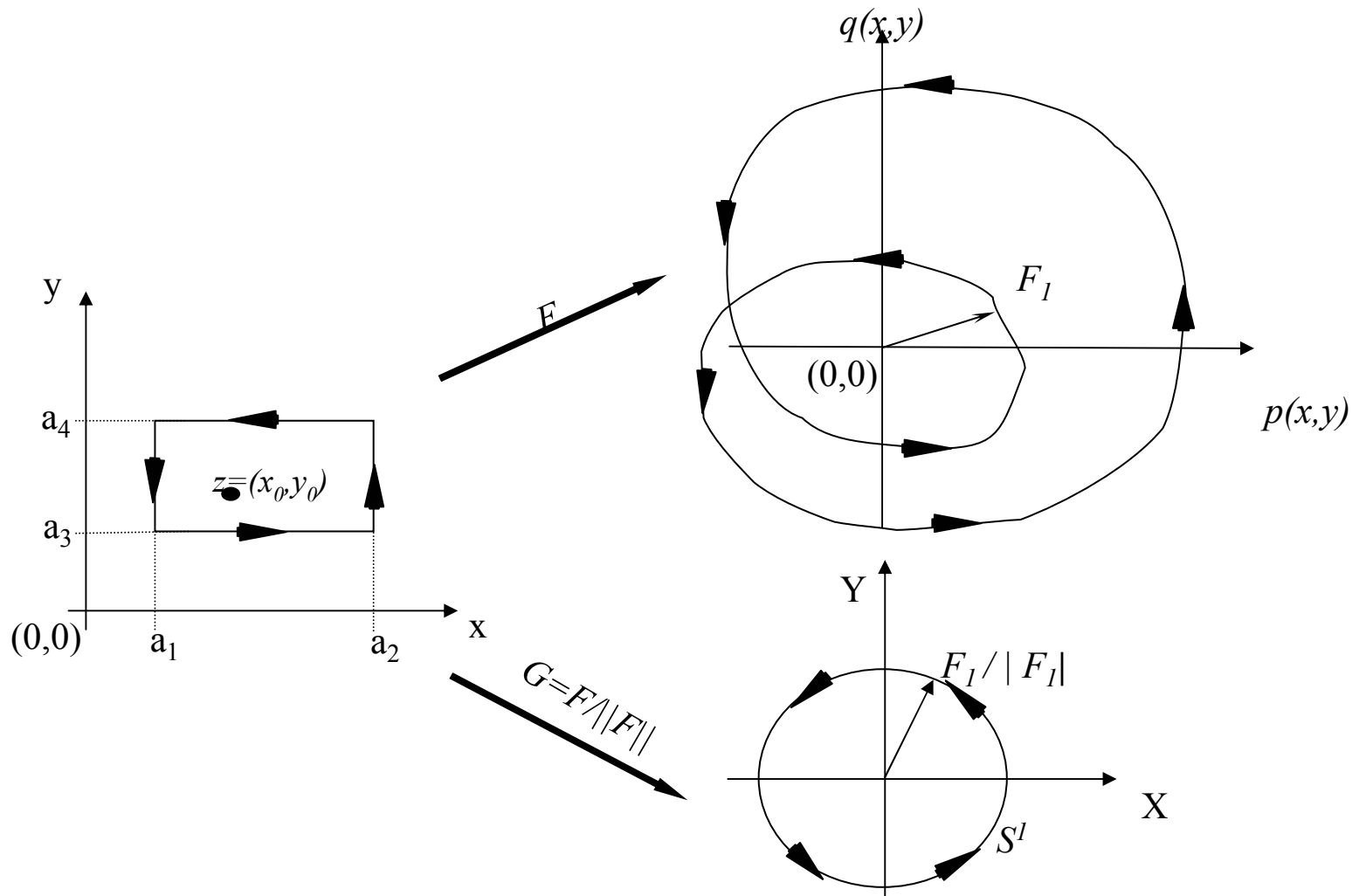
$$V_g = \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{C} \mid g(x, y) = 0\}$$

- Suppose that  $z_0$  is the only common point of  $V_f$  and  $V_g$  lying above  $x_0$ . Consider  $h(x) = \text{Res}_y(f, g)$ , the resultant of  $f, g$  with respect to  $y$ . Then the multiplicity of  $z_0 = (x_0, y_0)$  as a root of the system is the multiplicity of  $x_0$  as a zero of  $h(x)$ .

# Degree of the Gauss Map

- Let  $p(x,y)$ ,  $q(x,y)$  be polynomials with rational coefficients without common factors, of degrees  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , and let  $F=(p, q)$ .
- Let  $A$  be a rectangle in the plane defined by  $a_1 \leq x \leq a_2$ ,  $a_3 \leq y \leq a_4$ ,  $a_1 < a_2$ ,  $a_3 < a_4$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbf{Q}$ ,  $i=1,2,3,4$  so that no zero of  $F$  lies its boundary  $\partial A$ , and  $p \cdot q$  does not vanish at its vertices.
  - Gauss map  $G: \partial A \rightarrow S^1$ ,  $G = F / \|F\|$ , where  $S^1$  is the unit circle.
  - $G$  is continuous (  $\|F\| \neq 0$  on  $\partial A$  ).
  - $\partial A$  and  $S^1$  carry the counterclockwise orientation.
- Degree  $d$  of  $G$  : an integer indicating how many times  $\partial A$  is wrapped around  $S^1$  by  $G$ .

# Illustration of the Gauss Map



# The Cauchy Index

- **Preliminaries**

- $R(x)$  : a rational function  $q(x)/p(x)$ , where  $p, q$  are polynomials.
- $[a,b]$  : a closed interval,  $a < b$ .  $R$  does not become infinite at the end points.

- **Definition of the *Cauchy index***

By the *Cauchy index*,  $I_a^b R$  of  $R$  over  $[a,b]$ , we mean  $I_a^b R = N_-^+ - N_+^-$  where  $N_-^+ (N_+^-)$  denotes the number of points in  $(a,b)$  at which  $R(x)$  jumps from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$  ( $+\infty$  to  $-\infty$ ), respectively, as  $x$  is moving from  $a$  to  $b$ . Notice that  $I_a^b R = -I_b^a R$  from the definition.

# The Cauchy Index (continued)

- **Preliminaries**

- $A$  : a rectangle defined by  $[a_1, a_2] \times [a_3, a_4]$  which encloses a zero.
- $F = (p, q)$  does not vanish on the boundary of  $A$ ,  $\partial A$ .
- $p \cdot q$  is not zero at each vertex of  $A$ .
- Let

$$R_1 = \frac{q(a_1, y)}{p(a_1, y)}, R_2 = \frac{q(a_2, y)}{p(a_2, y)}, R_3 = \frac{q(x, a_3)}{p(x, a_3)}, R_4 = \frac{q(x, a_4)}{p(x, a_4)}.$$

Then, we set (for counterclockwise traversal of  $\partial A$ )

$$I_A F = I_{a_3}^{a_4} R_1 + I_{a_3}^{a_4} R_2 + I_{a_1}^{a_2} R_3 + I_{a_2}^{a_1} R_4.$$

- **Proposition\***

•T. Sakkalis, "The Euclidean Algorithm and the Degree of the Gauss Map",  
SIAM J. Computing. Vol. 19, No. 3, 1990.

$I_A F$  is an even integer and the multiplicity  $d = -\frac{1}{2} I_A F$ .



# Illustrative Example for Multiplicity Computation Using the Cauchy Index

- $p(x) = (x-1/2)^5 = 0$
- A root of  $p(x)$ ,  $[a] = [0.49, 0.51]$ .
- $P(z)$ ; ( $z = x+iy$ )

$$p(z) = \left(x + iy - \frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = f(x, y) + ig(x, y)$$

- Create

$$A = [0.49, 0.51] \times [-0.01, 0.01], \quad a_1 = 0.49, \quad a_2 = 0.51, \quad a_3 = -0.01, \quad a_4 = 0.01$$

- Calculate the Cauchy index
  - Roots of  $f(x, a_3) = 0$
  - Calculation of

$$I_{a_1}^{a_2} R_3 = -3$$

No.	Roots of $f(x, a_3) = 0$ in $[0, 1]$ (from the IPP)
1	[0.46922316412099, 0.46922316512099]
2	[0.49273457408967, 0.492734576204823]
3	[0.499999997363532, 0.500000001889623]
4	[0.507265424645288, 0.507265426808589]
5	[0.530776834861365, 0.530776835861365]

- Roots No. 2, 3, and 4 are selected since they lie within the interval  $[a]$ .

## Illustrative Example (Continued)

- Similarly,  $I_{a_3}^{a_4} R_2 = -2$ ,  $I_{a_2}^{a_1} R_4 = 3$ ,  $I_{a_4}^{a_3} R_1 = 2$
- Calculate  $I_A F = I_{a_4}^{a_3} R_1 + I_{a_3}^{a_4} R_2 + I_{a_1}^{a_2} R_3 + I_{a_2}^{a_1} R_4 = -10$
- The multiplicity  $m$  of the root is  $d = -\frac{1}{2} I_A F = 5$

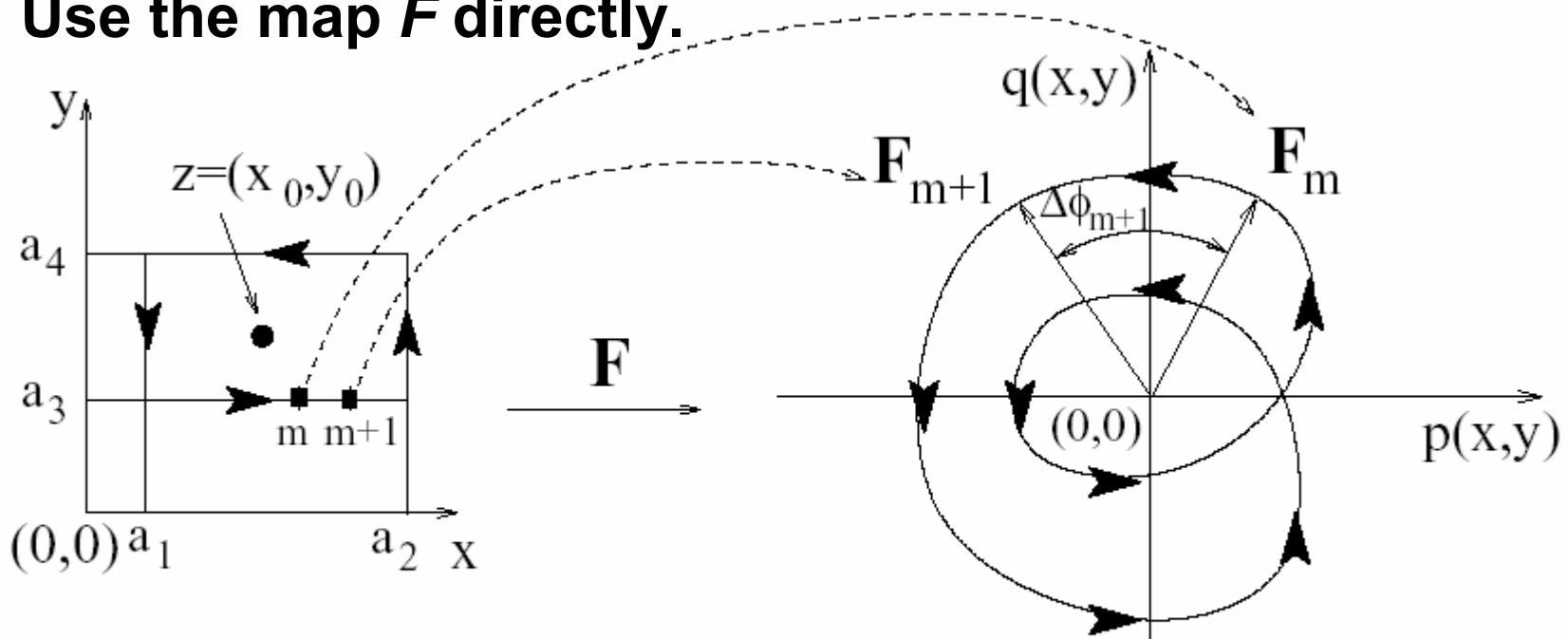
*Note*

–  $I_a^b R = -I_b^a R$ .

– *Counterclockwise orientation of  $\partial A$  is assumed.*

# Direct Computation Method

- Use the map  $F$  directly.

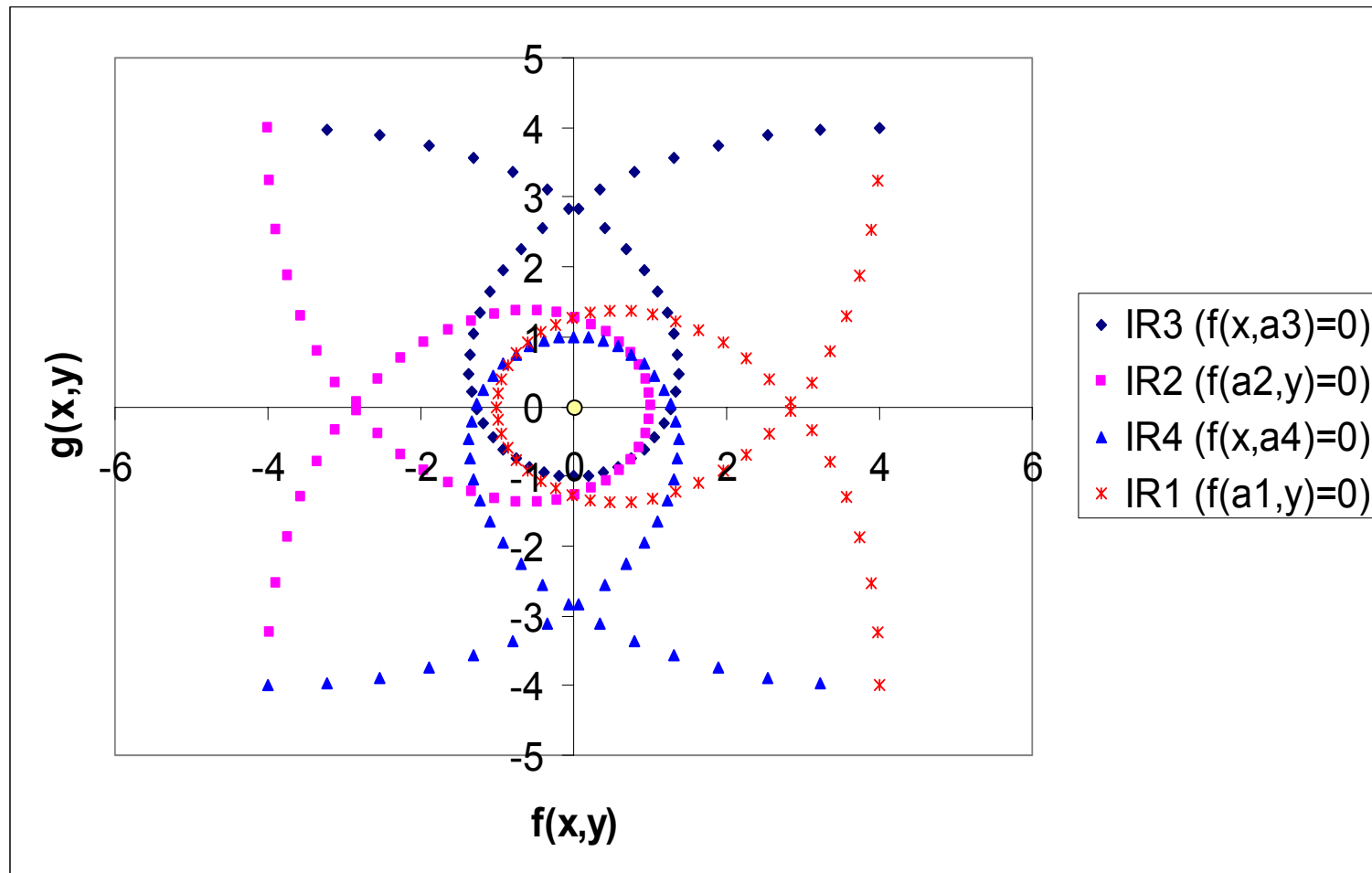


$$\phi_{total} = \sum_{i=0}^n \Delta\phi_{i+1}$$

$$d = \frac{\phi_{total}}{2\pi}$$

# Direct Computation Method

$$F : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2, F(x, y) = (f(x, y), g(x, y)). \quad G : \partial A \rightarrow S^1, G = F / \|F\|,$$



# ***Bisection Algorithm for Solving Univariate Polynomial Equations***

- Univariate polynomial in complex variable  $z$ .  
*(Substitute  $x$  with a complex variable  $z = x+iy$ )*

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z^1 + a_0 = 0$$

- **Input :**

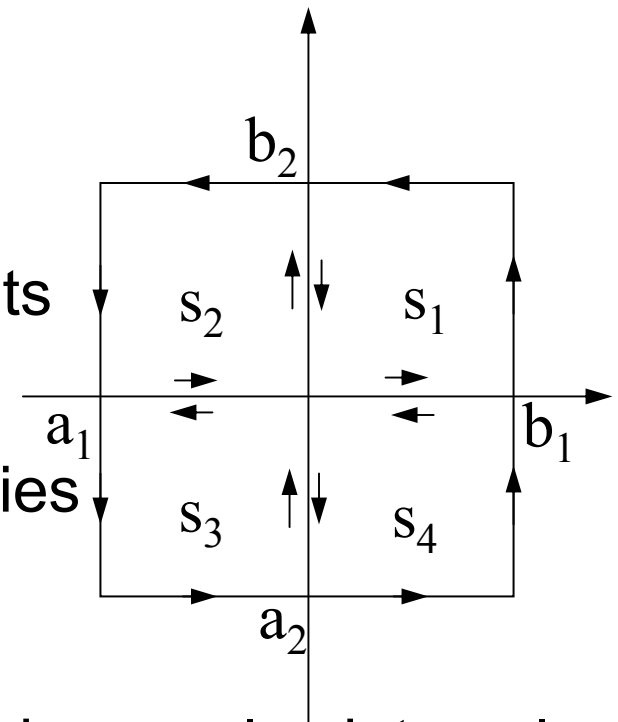
- initial domain :  $S = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2]$
- a complex polynomial :  $p(z)$
- tolerance, number of sample points

- **Output**

- real and complex roots, multiplicities

- **Algorithm**

- Quadtree decomposition
- Direct degree computation method : complex interval arithmetic.



# Examples

- Wilkinson polynomial

$$p(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{20} \left( t - \frac{i}{20} \right)$$

No.	Multiplicity	Roots
1	1	[0.05,0.05]+i[-5.769e-10,5.769e-10]
2	1	[0.1,0.1]+i[-5.866e-10,5.866e-10]
3	1	[0.15,0.15]+i[-5.947e-10,5.947e-10]
4	1	[0.2,0.2]+i[-5.947e-10,5.947e-10]
5	1	[0.25,0.25]+i[-5.898e-10,5.898e-10]
6	1	[0.3,0.3]+i[-5.792e-10,5.792e-10]
7	1	[0.35,0.35]+i[-5.792e-10,5.792e-10]
8	1	[0.4,0.4]+i[-5.792e-10,5.792e-10]
9	1	[0.45,0.45]+i[-5.792e-10,5.792e-10]
10	1	[0.5,0.5]+i[-5.745e-10,5.745e-10]
11	1	[0.55,0.55]+i[-5.745e-10,5.745e-10]
12	1	[0.6,0.6]+i[-5.745e-10,5.745e-10]
13	1	[0.65,0.65]+i[-5.745e-10,5.745e-10]
14	1	[0.7,0.7]+i[-5.745e-10,5.745e-10]
15	1	[0.75,0.75]+i[-5.745e-10,5.745e-10]
16	1	[0.8,0.8]+i[-5.745e-10,5.745e-10]
17	1	[0.85,0.85]+i[-5.745e-10,5.745e-10]
18	1	[0.9,0.9]+i[-5.745e-10,5.745e-10]
19	1	[0.95,0.95]+i[-5.745e-10,5.745e-10]
20	1	[1,1]+i[-5.747e-10,5.747e-10]

- Complicated Polynomial (degree 22)

$$p(t) = (t^2 + t + 1)^2 (t - 1)^4$$

$$(t^3 + t^2 + t + 1)^3 (t - 2)(t - 4)^4$$

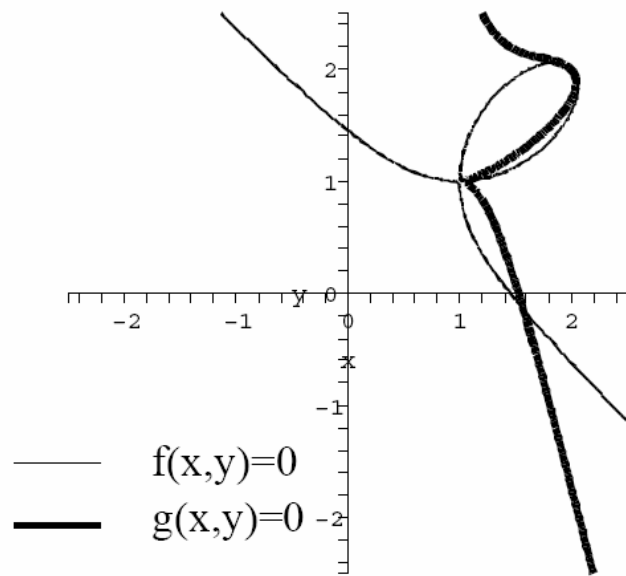
No.	Multiplicity	Roots
1	3	[-5.956e-10,5.956e-10]+i[1,1]
2	4	[1,1]+i[-5.956e-10,5.956e-10]
3	4	[4,4]+i[-5.939e-10,5.939e-10]
4	2	[-0.5,-0.5]+i[0.866,0.866]
5	3	[-1,-1]+i[-5.956e-10,5.956e-10]
6	2	[-0.5,-0.5]+i[-0.866,-0.866]
7	3	[-5.956e-10,5.956e-10]+i[-1,-1]
8	1	[2,2]+i[-5.94e-10,0]

# Solving a Bivariate Polynomial System

- **Change of Coordinates**
  - CR :  $f$  and  $g$  are regular in  $y$ .
  - CU : whenever two points  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$  satisfy  $f=g=0$ , then  $y_0=y_1$ .
- **Solving a Bivariate Polynomial System**
  - Let  $f, g$  satisfy CR and CU and let  $h(x) = \text{Res}_y(f, g)$ . Then the roots of the system  $f=g=0$  are in a one to one correspondence with the roots of  $h(x)$ . Moreover,  $z_i = (x_i, y_i)$  is a real root if and only if  $x_i$  is a real root of  $h(x)$ .
  - Let  $h(x) = \text{Res}_y(f, g)$  and  $l(y) = \text{Res}_x(f, g)$  and  $a_{ij} = [t_i, t_{i+1}] \times [s_j, s_{j+1}]$  where in each subinterval  $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$  or  $[s_j, s_{j+1}]$  there exist precisely one root of  $h(x)$  and  $l(y)$ , respectively. If  $a_{ij}$  encloses a real root of  $f=g=0$ , then the following must be true

$$0 \in f([t_i, t_{i+1}], [s_j, s_{j+1}]) \times g([t_i, t_{i+1}], [s_j, s_{j+1}])$$

# Solving a Bivariate Polynomial System : Example



$$f(x, y) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 4 + y^3 - 3y^2 + 5y - 2xy = 0,$$

$$g(x, y) = 2x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 4 - 4x^2y + 2xy + 9y + 3xy^2 - 8y^2 + y^3 = 0,$$

$$h(x) = 56x^9 - 704x^8 + 3880x^7 - 12304x^6 + 24744x^5 - 32736x^4 + 28504x^3 - 15760x^2 + 5024x - 704.$$

$$l(y) = -56y^9 + 608y^8 - 2824y^7 + 7312y^6 - 11496y^5 + 11136y^4 - 6328y^3 + 1744y^2 - 32y - 64.$$

Root (x,y)	$d$
$[0.999999978, 1.00000001] \times [0.999999994, 1.00000001]$	5
$[1.57142855, 1.57142859] \times [-0.142857209, -0.142857134]$	1
$[1.99999999, 2.00000003] \times [1.99999996, 2.00000003]$	3



# ***Conclusions***

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- **Study of the topological degree and multiple roots of univariate and bivariate polynomial systems in the context of geometric modeling.**
- **Development of practical algorithms for isolating and computing multiple roots of univariate and bivariate polynomial systems.**
- **Basis for further research needed in addressing the general problem of single and multiple roots of nonlinear polynomial systems in  $n$  variables.**

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