

# Condition-based Low-Degree Approximation of Real Polynomial Systems

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# ! WARNING

There will be one result  
on Eigenvalue Computations,  
the talk will focus  
on real polynomial systems

# PROBLEM

Given a real polynomial system

$$g_1(x) = \dots = g_r(x) = 0$$

in  $n$  variables,

- 1) what can we say about the conditioning of solving?
- 2) what does the condition say about the zero set?

# Conditioning

- The condition number depends on the metric  
— how we measure errors —
- The condition number depends on the encoding  
— how we write the problem —

# Condition à la Demmel-Renegar

— conic framework

$\mathcal{I}$  input space

$\Sigma \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  ill-posed inputs

$$c(i) := \frac{1}{d(i, \Sigma)}$$



Set  $Up$

$$\mathcal{H}_d := \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{R}[x_0, \dots, x_n]_d$$

$\mathbb{P}^n$  Real Projective Space

$$\Sigma = \{ f \in \mathcal{H}_d \mid f \text{ has a singular zero} \}$$

# Weyl Norm

$$\|f\|_w := \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{|\alpha|=d_i} \binom{d_i}{\alpha}^{-1} |f_{i,\alpha}|^2}$$

where

$$f_i := \sum f_{i,\alpha} X^\alpha \quad (X^\alpha := X_0^{\alpha_0} \cdots X_n^{\alpha_n})$$

$$\binom{d_i}{\alpha} = \frac{d_i!}{\alpha_0! \cdots \alpha_n!}$$



# Weyl Condition Number

(Cucker, Krick, Malajovich, Wschebor)

$$\kappa_w(\mathcal{g}) := \frac{\|\mathcal{g}\|_w}{\text{dist}_w(\mathcal{g}, \Sigma)}$$

$$= \sup_{x \in S^n} \frac{\|\mathcal{g}\|_w}{\sqrt{\|\mathcal{g}(x)\|^2 + \|\mathcal{D}_x \mathcal{g}^{-1} \Delta^{1/2}\|^{-2}}}$$

where  $\Delta = \text{diag}(d_i)$  &  $\mathcal{D}_x \mathcal{g}: T_x S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

# Main Theorem (Simple form)

$$\#Z(\mathcal{S}, \mathbb{P}^n)$$

$$\leq D^{n/2} \text{poly}(n, \log D)^n \log^n(2K_w(\mathcal{S}))$$

where  $D = \max d_i$

# MAIN THEOREM (COMPLEX FORM)

There is a cover

$$\{B(x, 1/c\sqrt{D})\}_{x \in \mathcal{G}}$$
 of size  $\mathcal{O}(D^{n/2})$

of  $\mathbb{S}^n$  s.t. for all  $x \in \mathcal{G}$  &  $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{H}_d$ ,

there is  $\Phi_{x,\mathfrak{g}} \in \mathbb{R}[x_0, \dots, x_n]^n$  of degree

$$\leq \text{poly}(n, \log D) \log(2\kappa_w(\mathfrak{g}))$$

s.t.  $\#\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}, T_x \mathbb{S}^n \cap B(x, 1/c\sqrt{D})) \leq \#\mathcal{Z}(\Phi_{x,\mathfrak{g}}, T_x \mathbb{S}^n)$ .

Moreover, for all  $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}, T_x \mathbb{S}^n \cap B(x, 1/c\sqrt{D}))$  there is  $z \in \mathcal{Z}(\Phi_{x,\mathfrak{g}}, T_x \mathbb{S}^n)$  converging quadratically under Newton's method.

# Corollary 1 of MAIN RESULT

• IF  $\#Z(\mathcal{G}) \geq D^n$ , then

$$\kappa_w(\mathcal{G}) \geq 2^{D^{n/2} / \text{poly}(n, \log D)^n}$$

• Real systems with many zeros  
are badly-conditioned

## COROLLARY 2 OF MAIN THEOREM

Let  $f \in \mathcal{H}_d$  be random such that for all  $x \in S^n$ , the  $f_i(x)$  are independent, subgaussian and with anti-concentration. Then:

$$\left( \mathbb{E} \# Z(f, \mathbb{P}^n) e \right)^{1/e} \leq D^{n/2} \text{poly}(n, \log D)^n e^n$$

# COROLLARY 2 OF MAIN THEOREM

Let  $f \in \mathcal{H}_d$ . Under very general random hypotheses,

$$\# z(f, \mathbb{P}^n)^{1/n}$$

is subexponential with constant  $D^{1/2} \text{poly}(n, \log D)$

I.e.

$$\mathbb{P}(\# z(f, \mathbb{P}^n)^{1/n} \geq t) \leq e^{1 - \frac{t}{D^{1/2} \text{poly}(n, \log D)}}$$

# COROLLARY 2 OF MAIN THEOREM

A KSS random polynomial system

$$f \in \mathcal{H}(D, \dots, D)$$

has its number of real zeros  
concentrated around

$$D^{n/2} = \mathbb{E} \# Z(f, \mathbb{P}^n)$$

# COMPARISON WITH LERARIO ET AL.

## OUR APPROACH

Taylor Approx.

Many local approx.

Control the moments

Robust

Exploits analyticity!

(Lerario, Diatta; '22)

## LERARIO'S APPROACH

S. Harmonic Approx.

A global approx.

Control only probability

only KSS

(Breiding, Keneshlou, Lerario; '22)



1-Norm

Setting

Set Up

$$\mathcal{P}_A := \{f \in \mathbb{R}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \mid 0 \in \text{supp } f \subseteq A\}^n$$

$$I^n := [-1, 1]^n$$

$$\Sigma = \{f \in \mathcal{P}_A \mid f \text{ has a singular zero in } I^n\}$$

# 1-Norm

$$\|g\|_1 := \max_{\alpha \in A} \sum |g_{i,\alpha}|$$

where

$$g_i := \sum g_{i,\alpha} X^\alpha \quad (X^\alpha := X_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots X_n^{\alpha_n})$$

# Cubic Condition Number

(TC, Tsigeridas)

$$C_1(\mathcal{F}) := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{I}^n} \frac{\|\mathcal{F}\|_1}{\max\{\|\mathcal{F}(x)\|_\infty, \|\mathcal{D}_x \mathcal{F}^{-1} \Delta\|_{\infty, \infty}^{-1}\}}$$

$$\sim \frac{\|\mathcal{F}\|_1}{\text{dist}_1(\mathcal{F}, \Sigma)}$$

where  $\Delta = \text{diag}(d_i)$  &  $\mathcal{D}_x \mathcal{F}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

# Main Theorem (Simple form)

$$\# Z(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{I}^n) \leq \text{poly}(n)^n \log^{2n}(2D) \log^n(2C_1(\mathcal{F}))$$

where  $D = \max d_i$

# MAIN THEOREM (COMPLEX FORM)

There is a partition into boxes

$\{B\}_{B \in \mathcal{B}}$  of size  $\mathcal{O}(\log^n(2D))$

of  $\mathbb{I}^n$  s.t. for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  &  $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{H}_d$ ,

there is  $\Phi_{B,\mathfrak{g}} \in \mathbb{R}[X_0, \dots, X_n]^n$  of degree

$$\leq \text{poly}(n) \log D \log(2C_1(\mathfrak{g}))$$

s.t.  $\#Z(\mathfrak{g}, B) \leq \#Z(\Phi_{B,\mathfrak{g}})$ .

Moreover, for all  $\mathfrak{g} \in Z(\mathfrak{g}, B)$ , there is  $z \in Z(\Phi_{B,\mathfrak{g}})$  converging quadratically under Newton's method.

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# Main Tricks

- Smale's  $\alpha$ -theory  
is stable under analytic truncation
- Well-conditioned polynomials  
converge fast around zeros  
— as fast as a geometric series

# Smale's $\alpha$ -Theory

$$\alpha(f, x) := \beta(f, x) \gamma(f, x)$$

$$\beta(f, x) := \|\mathcal{D}_x f^{-1} f(x)\| = \|x - N_f(x)\|$$

$$\gamma(f, x) := \max \left\{ 1, \sup_{k \geq 2} \left\| \mathcal{D}_x f^{-1} \frac{1}{k!} \mathcal{D}_x^k f \right\|^{k-1} \right\}$$

**Smale's  $\alpha$ -Theorem** There is absolute  $\alpha_* > 0$ , s.t. if  $\alpha(f, x) < \alpha_*$ , then the Newton method at  $x$  converges quadratically. More concretely,  $\text{dist}(N_f^k(x), z(f)) = \mathcal{O}(2^{-2^k})$

# Truncation Theorem (One version)

Let  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^n$ ,  $\delta \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in B^n$  &

$$\tau(f, x; \delta) := \sup_{k \geq \delta+1} \left\| D_x f^{-1} \frac{2^k}{k!} D_0^k f \right\|$$

Consider

$$f|_{\delta}(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\delta} \frac{1}{k!} D_0^k f(x, \dots, x)$$

Then for

$$\delta - \log(\delta+2) \geq \log \tau(f, x; \delta),$$

$$\alpha(f|_{\delta}, x) \leq \frac{2 \alpha(f, x) + 2^{1-\delta} \gamma(f, x) \tau(f, x; \delta)}{(1 - 2^{-\delta} (\delta+2) \tau(f, x; \delta))^2}$$

I.e.

approximate zero of  $\mathcal{G}$  à la Smale



approximate zero of  $\mathcal{G}_\delta$  à la Smale

+ reverse & more ineqs.

# Moroz's Lemma

W-Lemma: For  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x_0, x_1]_d$  &  $(x_0, x_1) \in S^1$ ,

$$\left| \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dt^k} f((x_0, x_1) + t(x_1, -x_0)) \right|_{t=0} \leq \sqrt{\binom{d}{k}} \|f\|_W$$

1-Lemma: For  $f \in \mathbb{R}[X]_{\leq d}$ ,  $a \in I$

and  $\rho > 0$ , if

either  $2|a| < 1 - \rho$  or  $\rho < \frac{1}{2}d$

then  $\left| \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dt^k} f(a + \rho t) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} k \|f\|_1$

# Multivariate Moroz's 1-Lemma

Let  $g \in \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]_{\leq D}^n$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{I}^n$  &  $\rho \in (0, 1]^n$

Consider

$$g_{a, \rho} := (g; (a + \rho X) / \|g\|_1)$$

where  $P = \text{diag}(\rho)$ .

If for all  $i$ ,

either  $2|a_i| \leq 1 - \rho_i$  or  $\rho_i \leq \frac{1}{2D}$

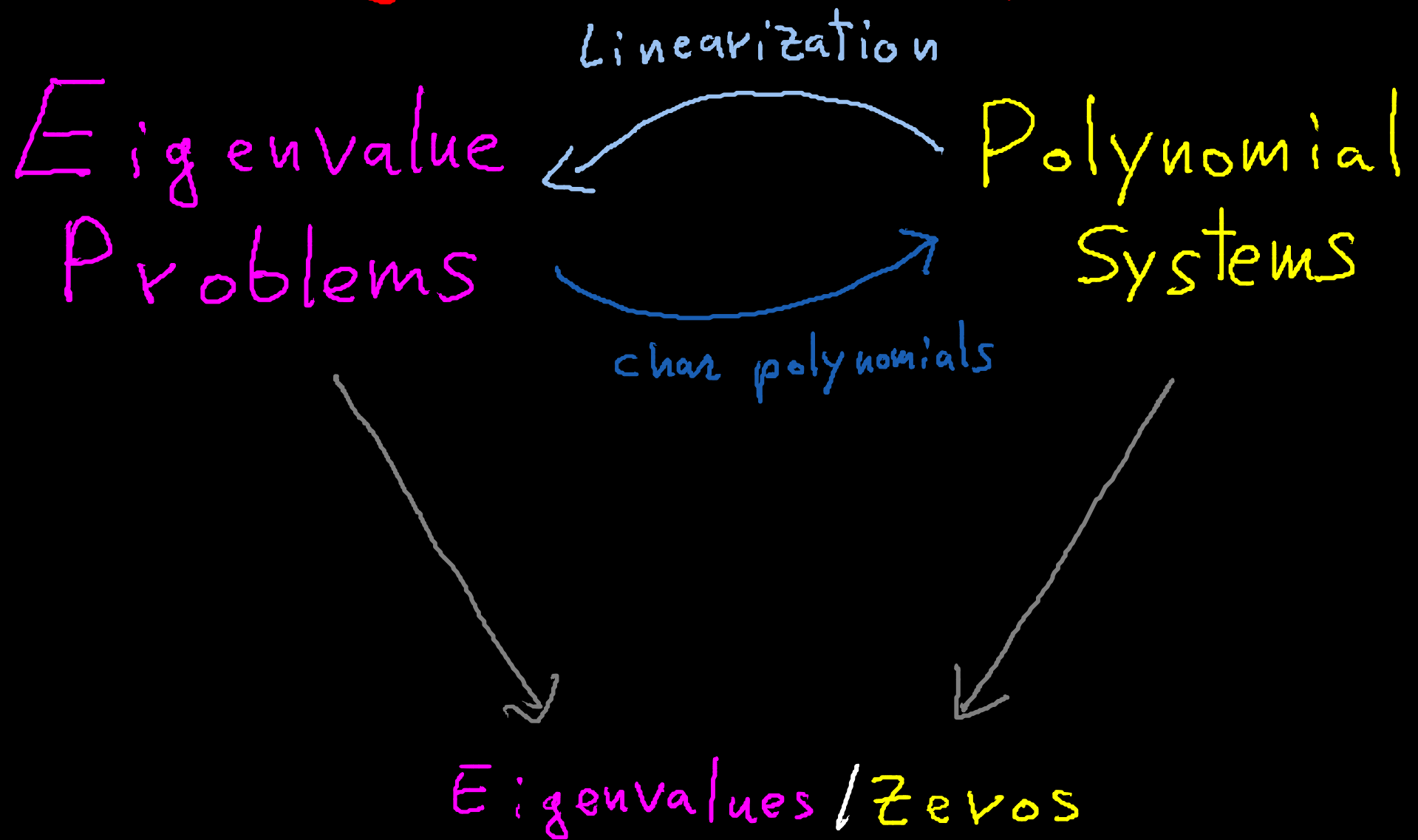
then for all  $e$ ,

$$\left\| \sum_{e!} D^e g_{a, \rho} \right\|_{\infty, \infty} \leq \binom{D+n-1}{n-1} \leq \left( 1 + \frac{\ln(n-1)}{n-1} D \right)^{n-1}$$





# Triangle of competition



# Numerical Analyst's Rule

NEVER USE  
CHARACTERISTIC  
POLYNOMIALS  
TO COMPUTE  
EIGENVALUES

# A Formalization for Hermitian Matrices

THM. Let  $A \in \text{Herm}_d$ . Then

$$\kappa_w(\chi_A^h) \geq 2^{\sqrt{d}/\text{polylog}(d)}$$

$$\& C_1(\chi_A) \geq 2^{d/\text{polylog}(d)}$$

I.e. characteristic polynomials  
of Hermitian matrices are  
badly conditioned.

Future

Work

- Can we make all this into fast algorithms?
  - avoid condition estimation—
- Generalize it beyond zero-dim systems
  - volume & Betti numbers—

Thank You For your attention!

