

An effective Positivstellensatz over the rational numbers for finite semialgebraic sets

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A little history : Real polynomials

- Real univariate polynomials:

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- Hilbert, 1888: Not every non-negative multivariate pol is a SOS of real pols
- Hilbert's 17th Problem, 1900: Is every non-negative pol a SOS of rational fns ?
- Artin, 1927: **YES!**
- Motzkin, 1967: First effective example of $f \geq 0$ on $\mathbb{R}[x, y]$ but not SOS

$$x^4y^2 + x^2y^4 + 1 - 3x^2y^2 = \frac{x^2y^2(x^2 + y^2 + 1)(x^2 + y^2 - 2)^2 + (x^2 - y^2)^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

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- Scheiderer, 2013: In general **NO!**

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Notes:

- $(f) + (I : f) = (1) \iff f \in I + (f^2)$
- I 0-dimensional and **radical** $\implies (f) + (I : f) = (1)$

Rational setting : Our results - II

$g_1, \dots, g_r, h_1, \dots, h_s \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathbf{x}]$ with $\deg(g_i), \deg(h_j) \leq d, h(g_i), h(h_j) \leq \tau$

$I = (h_1, \dots, h_s) \subset \mathbb{Q}[\mathbf{x}]$ **radical zero-dimensional** ideal

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For $f \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathbf{x}]$ with $h(f) \leq \tau$, if $f \geq 0$ on S then

$$f \equiv \sum_{k=1}^D \frac{1}{\nu_{0,k}} q_{0,k}^2 + \frac{1}{\nu} \sum_{i=1}^r \left(\sum_{k=1}^D \omega_{i,k} q_{i,k}^2 \right) g_i \pmod{I}$$

for some $\nu_{0,k}, \nu, \omega_{i,k} \in \mathbb{N}$ and $q_{i,k} \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathbf{x}]$

with $D \leq \#V_{\mathbb{C}}(I)$, $\deg(q_{i,k}) \leq \deg(f) + \deg(B)$ for B a basis of $\mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}]/I$ and $h(\nu_{0,k}), h(\nu), h(\omega_{i,k}), h(q_{i,k}) \leq cn \log((n+1)d) d^{3n} \delta \tau$ for $\delta := \max\{\deg(f), \deg(B)\}$

Some related work on rational sums of squares

- Peyrl-Parrilo, 2008: Computing sum of squares decompositions with rational coefficients (*global + condition*)
- Powers, 2011: Rational certificates of positivity on **compact** semialgebraic sets (*local + condition*)
- Magron-Safey El Din-Schweighofer, 2019: Algorithms for weighted sum of squares decomposition of non-negative **univariate** polynomials (*global*)
- Magron-Safey El Din, 2021: On exact Reznick, Hilbert-Artin and Putinar's representations (*global and local + condition*)
- Davis-Papp, 2022: Dual certificates and efficient rational sum-of-squares decompositions for polynomial optimization over **compact** sets (*local + cond.*)
- Magron-Safey El Din-Vu, 2023: Sum of squares decompositions of polynomials over their gradient ideals with rational coefficients (*local, 0-dim, radical*)
- K.-Mourrain-Szanto, 2023: **Univariate** rational sums of squares (*local*)

Proof strategy over $K \subset \mathbb{R}$

- 1 Step 1: $f > 0$ on $V_{\mathbb{R}}(I)$ for I a **radical** zero-dimensional ideal
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- 4 Step 4: $f \geq 0$ on S with $1 \in (f) + (I : f)$

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■ A modification [K.-Mourrain-Szanto, 2023]:

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- Square-root-free Cholesky decomposition:

$$f \equiv \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{1}{3}x^2 - \frac{1}{6}x - 1 \right)^2 + \frac{23}{60} \left(\frac{7}{23}x^2 - x \right)^2 + \frac{137}{460}x^4 \pmod{I_{\mathbb{Q}}}$$

Proof strategy over \mathbb{Q} for I radical

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Step 1: A crucial tool

$$I \subset \mathbb{Q}[\mathbf{x}] \text{ zero-dimensional ideal with } V := V_{\mathbb{C}}(I)$$

(Philippon-)Height of V : $h(V)$ defined by means of the primitive Chow form of V

$$\text{Ch}_V = a \prod_{\zeta \in V} (U_0 + U_1 \zeta_1 + \cdots + U_n \zeta_n) \in \mathbb{Z}[U_0, \dots, U_n] \text{ satisfies}$$

- $|h(V) - h(\text{Ch}_V)| \leq 3 \log(n+1) \deg(V)$
- $\sum_{\zeta \in V} \log(\|(1, \zeta)\|_2) \leq h(V)$
- **Arithmetic Bézout Inequality (K.-Pardo-Sombra 2001):**

$$h_1, \dots, h_s \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathbf{x}] \text{ with } d_j := \deg(h_j) \text{ and } \tau_j := h(h_j)$$

Assume $d := d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \cdots \geq d_s$ and $\tau := \max\{\tau_2, \dots, \tau_s\}$. Then

$$h(V(h_1, \dots, h_s)) \leq d^{n-1} \tau_1 + 2n \log(n+1) d^{n-2} d_1 (d + \tau)$$

Step 1 : Arithmetic Shape Lemma (GR/RUR)

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$I = (h_1, \dots, h_s) \subset \mathbb{Q}[\mathbf{x}]$ **radical** zero-dimensional ideal

$$\mathbb{Q}[\mathbf{x}]/I \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbb{Q}[t]/(\omega_0) \simeq \langle 1, t, \dots, t^{D-1} \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

$$x_i \longmapsto \omega_i(t)/\omega_0'(t) \pmod{\omega_0}$$

where for $\ell(\mathbf{x}) = u_1 x_1 + \dots + u_n x_n \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathbf{x}]$ a separating linear form for V ,

$$\omega_0(t) := \text{Ch}_V(t, -\ell) = a \prod_{\zeta \in V} (t - \ell(\zeta)) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$$

and $\omega_i(t) := \partial_{U_i} \text{Ch}_V(t, -\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$ with

$$\deg(\omega_i) \leq D \quad \text{and} \quad h(\omega_i) \leq d^{n-1} \tau_1 + cn \log((n+1)d) d^{n-2} d_1 (d + \tau)$$

Step 1 : Consequences

- Upper and lower bounds for a polynomial $p \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathbf{x}]$ at a root $\zeta \in V$
- Upper bound for the coefficients of the remainder $\bar{p} \in \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{x}]/I$ of $p \in \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{x}]$
- Upper bound for the coefficients of the idempotents $u_\zeta \in \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{x}]$
- Upper bound for the coefficients of a pd matrix $\tilde{Q} \in S^D(\mathbb{R})$ so that

$$f \equiv B \tilde{Q} B^t \pmod{I_{\mathbb{R}}}$$

and lower bound for $\sigma_{\min}(\tilde{Q})$

- Bound for the height of the projection of a pd $\hat{Q} \in S^D(\mathbb{Q})$ on the linear variety

$$\{ Q \in S^D(\mathbb{Q}) : f \equiv B Q B^t \pmod{I} \}$$



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