

# Satisfiability Checking

## Cylindrical Algebraic Decomposition

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# Reminder: Non-linear real arithmetic (NRA)

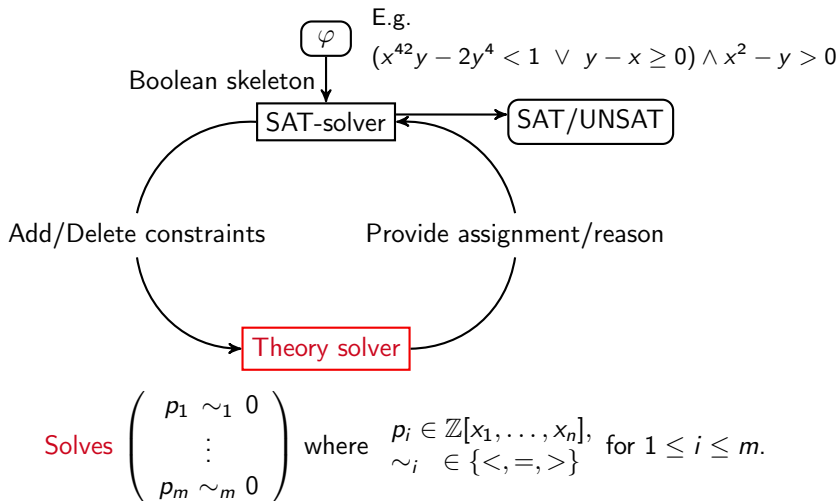
## Syntax

Polynomials: $p$	::=	$0$		$1$		$x$		$p + p$		$p - p$		$(p \cdot p)$
Constraints: $c$	::=	$p = 0$		$p < 0$		$p > 0$						
Formulas: $\varphi$	::=	$c$		$\neg\varphi$		$\varphi \wedge \varphi$		$\exists x\varphi$				

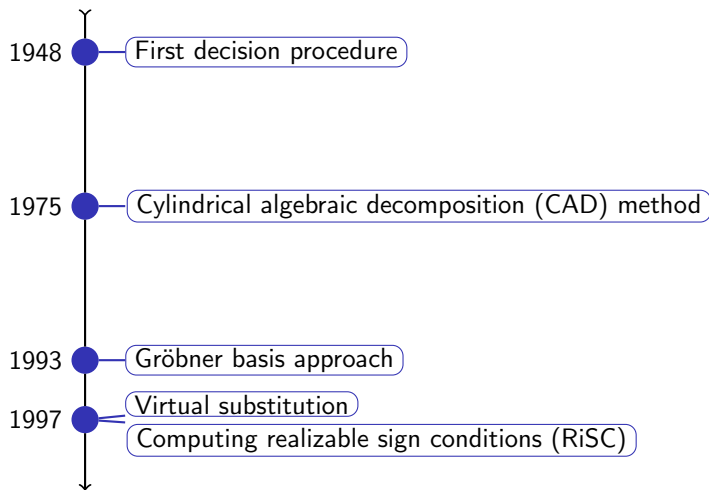
where  $x$  is a variable.

- Normal form:  $p = a_1 x_1^{e_{1,1}} \cdots x_n^{e_{n,1}} + \cdots + a_k x_1^{e_{1,k}} \cdots x_n^{e_{n,k}}$
- $\deg(p) := \max_{1 \leq j \leq k} (\sum_{i=1}^n e_{i,j})$  degree of  $p$
- $\varphi$  is **non-linear** if there is a polynomial  $p$  in  $\varphi$  with  $\deg(p) > 1$ .  
Linear real arithmetic (LRA):  $\deg(p) \leq 1$  for all polynomials  $p$  in  $\varphi$ .
- Syntactic sugar:  $\leq, \geq, \neq, \forall, \vee, \rightarrow, \dots$
- Though CAD can be applied to general NRA formulas, for simplicity, we consider only the **satisfiability check of quantifier-free formulas (existential fragment of NRA)**.

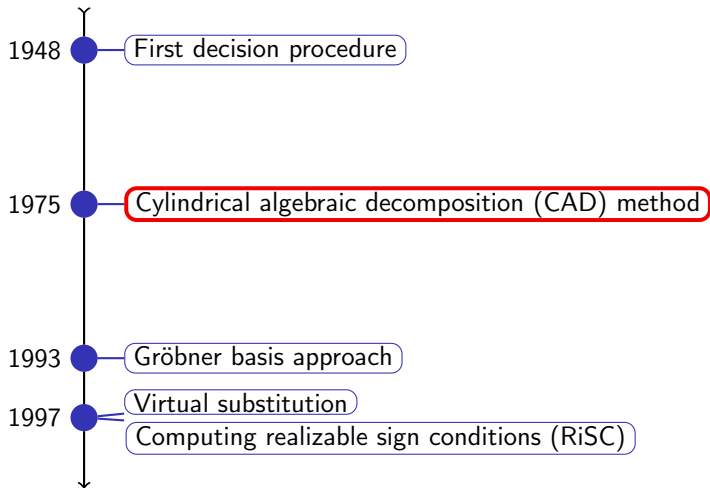
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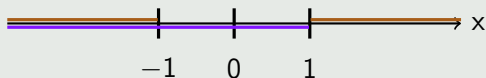
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$$\mathcal{S} \left( \begin{array}{l} x^2 - 1 > 0 \\ 1 - x > 0 \end{array} \right)$$



$$= (-\infty, -1)$$



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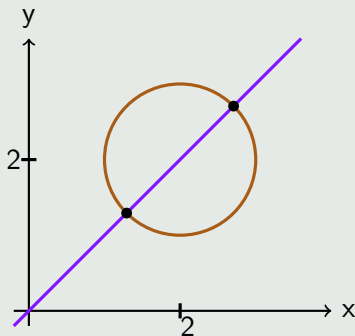
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$$\mathcal{S} \left( \begin{array}{c} (x-2)^2 + \\ (y-2)^2 - 1 = 0 \\ x - y = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \left\{ \left( 2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right), \right. \\ \left. \left( 2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right\}$$



## Region

A **region** of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a non-empty, connected subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Example

- For  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , the sets  $(a, b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $\{a\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  are regions of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- If  $R$  and  $R'$  are regions of  $\mathbb{R}$  then  $R \times R'$  is a region of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

## Sign of a polynomial

Given a polynomial  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\text{sgn}(p(a)) := \begin{cases} -1, & p(a) < 0, \\ 0, & p(a) = 0, \\ 1, & p(a) > 0. \end{cases}$$

Let  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_m) \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^m$ . A region  $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is  **$P$ -sign-invariant** if  $\text{sgn}(p_i)(a) = \text{sgn}(p_i)(b)$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $a, b \in R$ .

## Example: Sign-invariant regions

$$P = (x^2 - 1, 1 - x)$$

$$\text{sgn}(x^2 - 1) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty) \\ 0 & \text{for } x \in [1, 1] \cup [-1, -1] \\ -1 & \text{for } x \in (-1, 1) \end{cases}$$

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with  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$  and  $\sigma_i = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \sim_i \text{ is } < \\ 0 & \text{if } \sim_i \text{ is } = \\ 1 & \text{if } \sim_i \text{ is } > \end{cases}$ .

Let  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^m$  and  $\sigma \in \{-1, 0, 1\}^m$ .

- $\mathcal{S}_\sigma(P)$  can be decomposed into **finitely many  $P$ -sign-invariant regions**.
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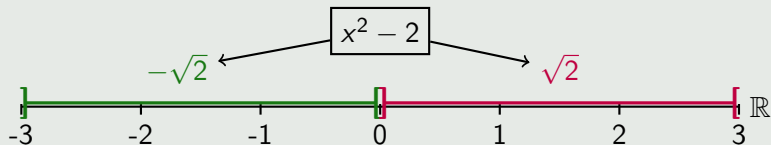
# Representing real roots (real algebraic numbers)

## Interval representation

$$\left( \underbrace{p,}_{\in \mathbb{Z}[x]} \quad \underbrace{(l, r)} \right)$$

exactly one real root of  $p$  in  $(l, r)$

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# Cylindrical algebraic decomposition: Idea

- Assume a finite set  $P \subset \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  of polynomials in  $n$  variables together with a sign condition for each polynomial in  $P$ .
- The **cylindrical algebraic decomposition (CAD)** method produces a decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into a finite number of  $P$ -sign-invariant regions (CAD cells).
- Take an arbitrary element (sample point) from each of the CAD cells.
- If all sign conditions are satisfied for at least one sample point then the problem is satisfiable.
- Otherwise the problem is unsatisfiable.

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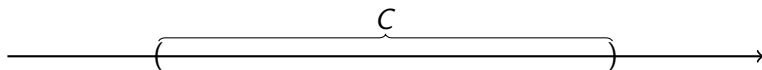
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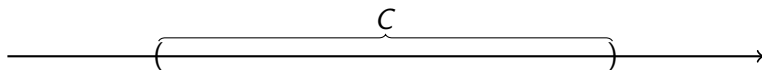


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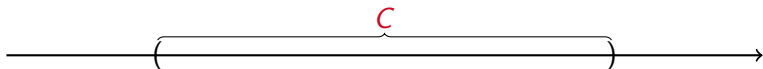


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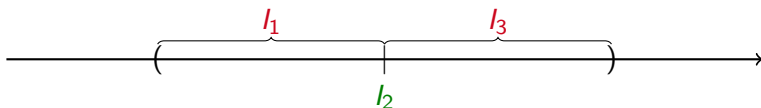




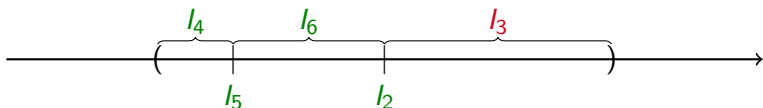
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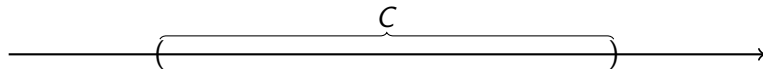
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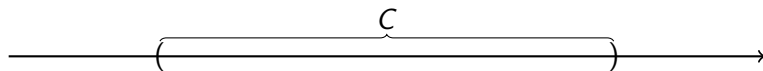


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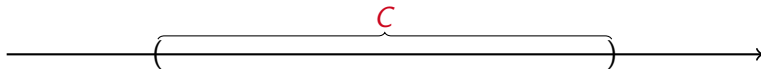
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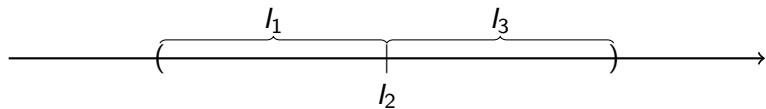
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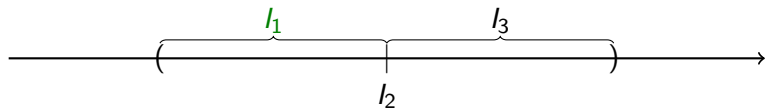
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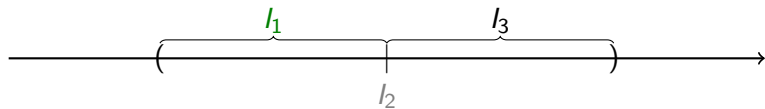
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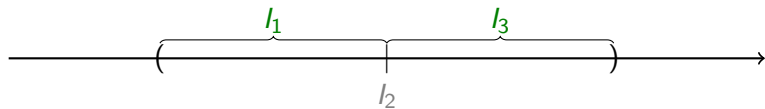
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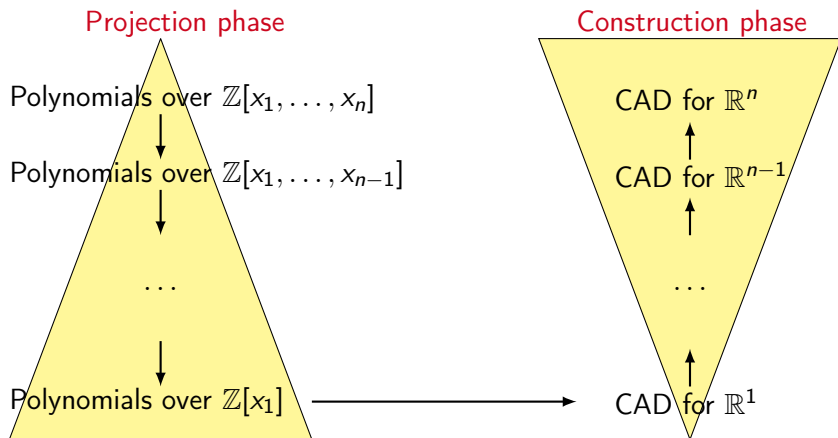


1 Preliminaries

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A CAD for a set  $P$  of polynomials from  $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  splits  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $P$ -sign-invariant regions.



Let  $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  be a region and  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_m) \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^m$ , where  $m \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 2$ .

**Intuition:** If  $P$  is delineable on  $R$  then the real roots of  $P$  vary continuously over  $R$ , while maintaining their number and order.

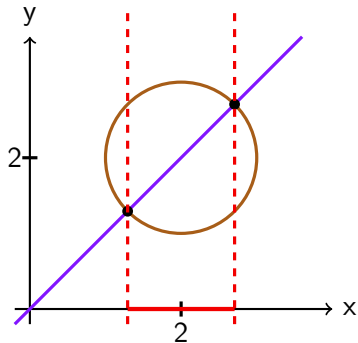
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$P$  is **delineable** on  $R$  if for  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$  with  $i \neq j$  and for all  $a \in R$ :

- 1 the number of roots of  $p_i(a)$  is constant,
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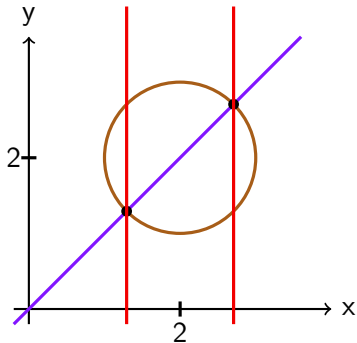


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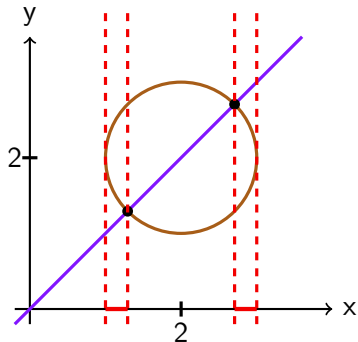


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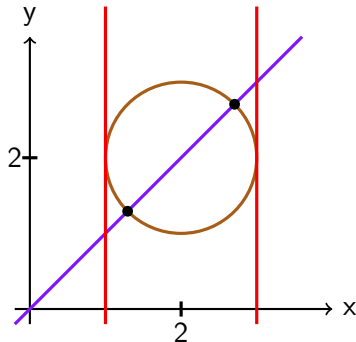


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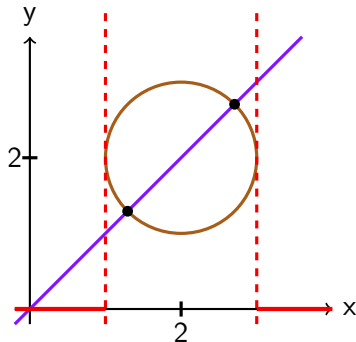


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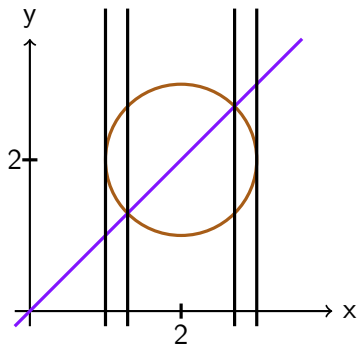
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## Remark

One **sample point** per cell is sufficient in order to represent a CAD.

## Example: CAD with 47 cells

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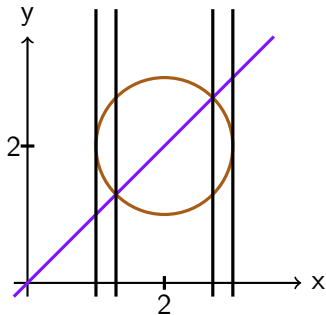
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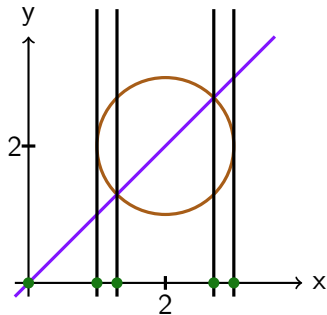


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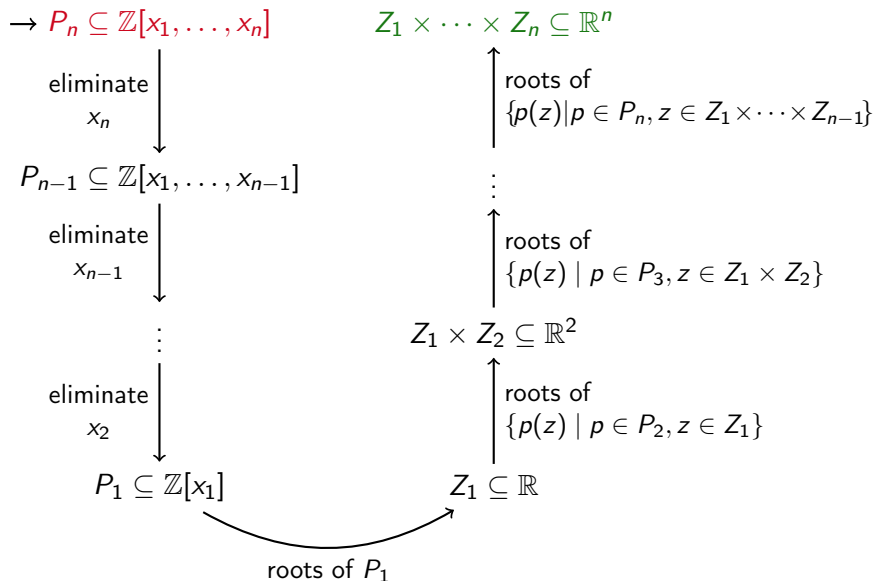
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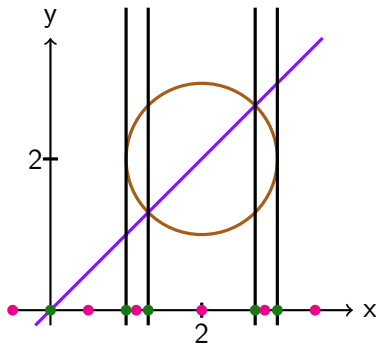
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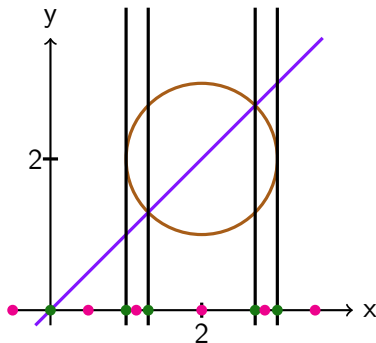
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