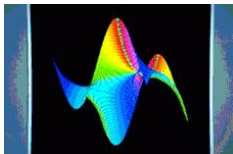


Newton Iteration: From Numerics to Combinatorics, and Back

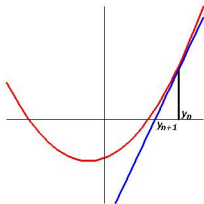
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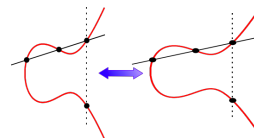


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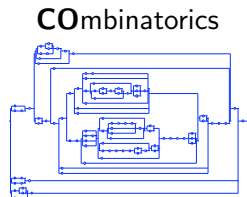
I Introduction



ANalysis



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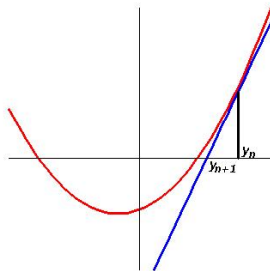
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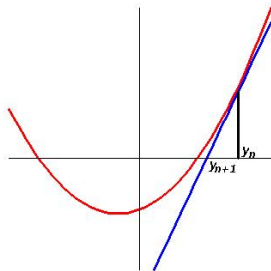
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Proof: simple root at ζ

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$$\phi(y) = y - 1 - y^2/8$$

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$$y_0 = 0.$$

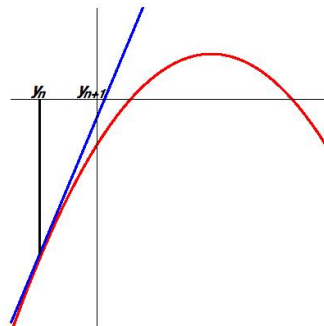
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$$y_4 = 1.17157287525062017874740884$$

$$y_5 = 1.17157287525380990239662075$$



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[Newton 1671]

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Diagram 6: A blue node connected to two white nodes.

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[Décoste, Labelle, Leroux 1982]

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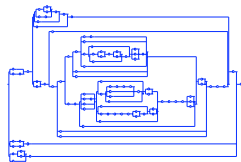
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Motivation: Random Generation

$$\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{P},$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{Seq}(\mathcal{Z} \cup \mathcal{P}, \text{card} > 1),$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \text{Set}(\mathcal{Z} \cup \mathcal{S}, \text{card} > 0).$$



Definition (Generating function)

$$Y(z) = y_0 + y_1 z + \cdots + y_n z^n + \cdots \quad (y_n: \text{nb of objects of size } n).$$

Algorithms for **uniform random generation** in size N use either

- $(y_0, \dots, y_N)$ (recursive method);
- $Y(x)$ for some $x > 0$ (Boltzmann sampler).

[Nijenhuis & Wilf 1978; Flajolet, Zimmermann, Van Cutsem 1994;
Duchon, Flajolet, Louchard, Schaeffer 2004]

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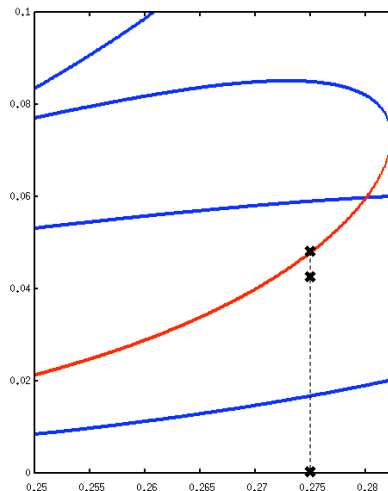
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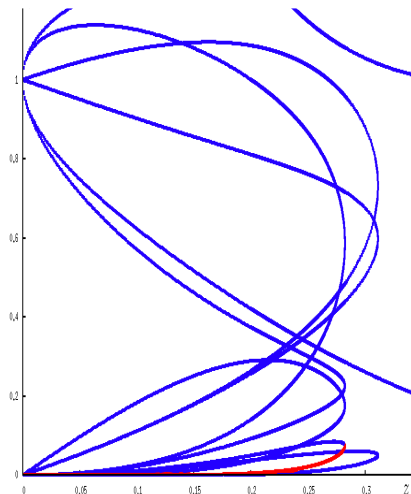
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[Pivoteau, Salvy, Soria 2008]

II Newton Iteration: Algorithms

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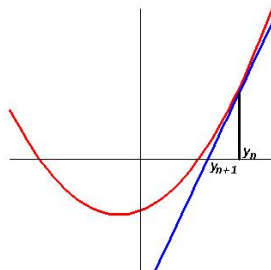
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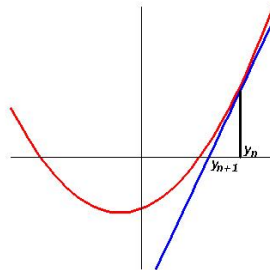
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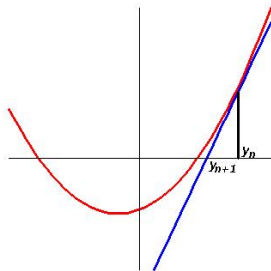
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Useful in conjunction with **fast multiplication** (quasi-linear):

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- N -bit integers: $O(N \log N \log \log N)$ bit ops.

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[Schulz 1933; Cook 1966; Sieveking 1972; Kung 1974; Brent 1975]

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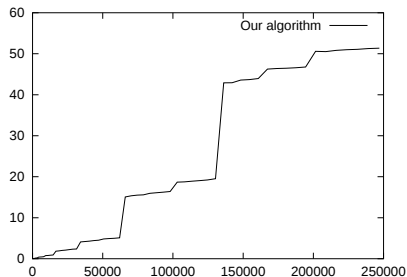
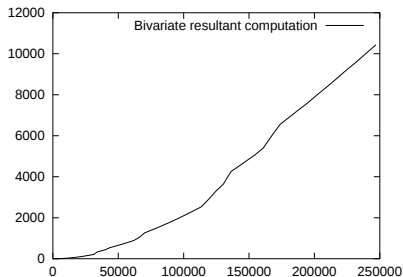
Easy in Newton representation: $\sum \alpha^s \sum \beta^s = \sum (\alpha\beta)^s$ and

$$\sum \frac{\sum (\alpha + \beta)^s}{s!} t^s = \left(\sum \frac{\sum \alpha^s}{s!} t^s \right) \left(\sum \frac{\sum \beta^s}{s!} t^s \right).$$

[Schönhage 1982; Bostan, Flajolet, Salvy, Schost 2006]

Timings

Applications (crypto): over finite fields, degree > 200000 expected.



Timings in seconds vs. output degree N , over $\mathbb{F}_p$, 26 bits prime p

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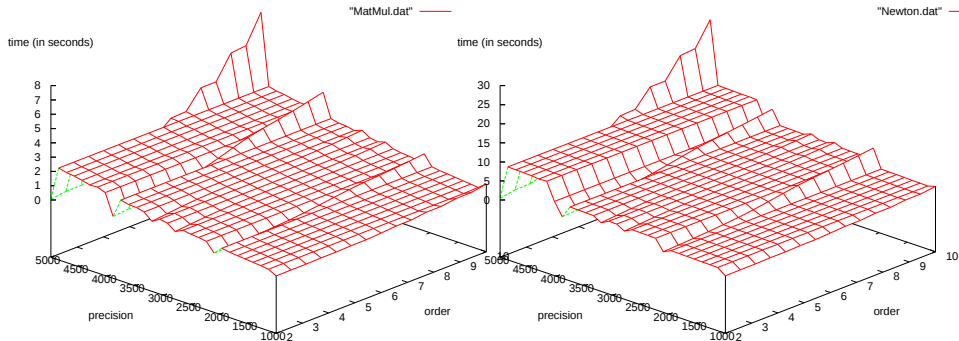
Algorithm

- ① Convert into a system $\Phi : Y \mapsto Y' - A(t)Y$ ($D\Phi = \Phi$);
- ② $D\Phi|_Y(U) = \Phi(Y)$ rewrites $U' - AU = Y' - AY$;
- ③ Variation of constants: $U = Y \int Y^{-1}(Y' - AY)$;
- ④ Y^{-1} by Newton iteration too.

Special case: good exponential.

[Bostan, Chyzak, Ollivier, Salvy, Schost, Sedoglavic 2007]

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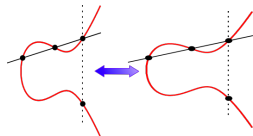


Polynomial matrix multiplication vs. solving $Y' = AY$.

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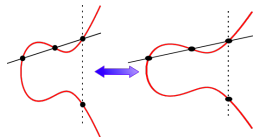
Differential:

$$D\phi|_y : u \mapsto 2(x^3 + Ax + B)y'u' - (3y^2 + \tilde{A})u.$$

Solve the **linear** differential equation

$$D\phi|_y u = \phi(y)$$

at each iteration.

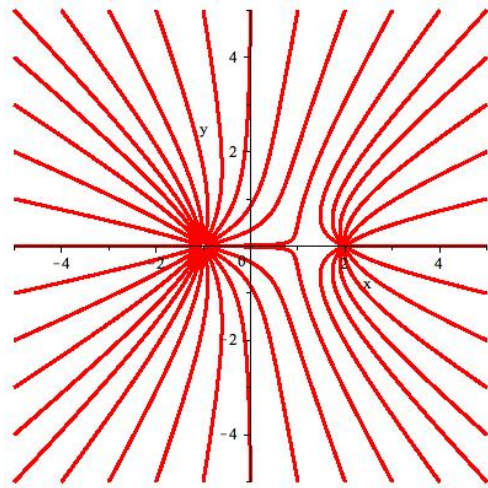


Again, **quasi-linear** complexity.

[Bostan, Morain, Salvy, Schost 2008]

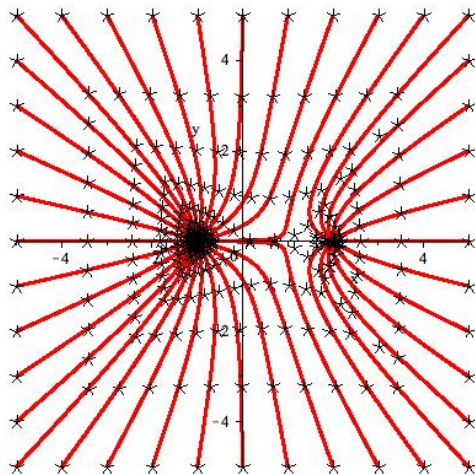
III Newton Iteration: Numerical Convergence

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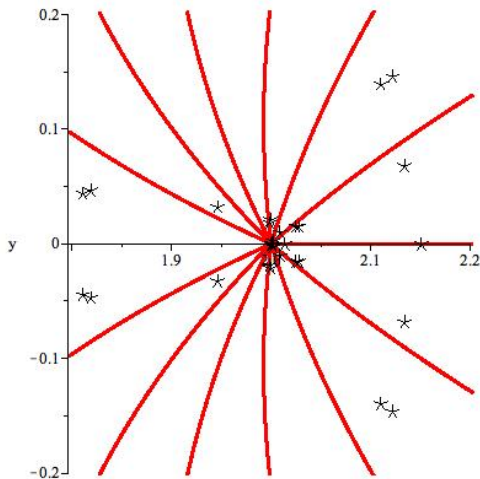
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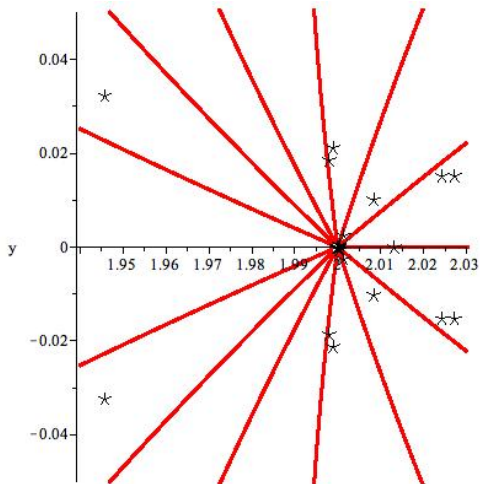
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Definition (Approximate Zero)

A point such that the sequence $z_0 = z$, $z_{k+1} := z_k - f'(z_k)^{-1}f(z_k)$ is well defined and satisfies

$$\|z_k - \zeta\| \leq \frac{\|z - \zeta\|}{2^{2^k - 1}}, \quad k \geq 0.$$

Theorem (Smale's α -theorem)

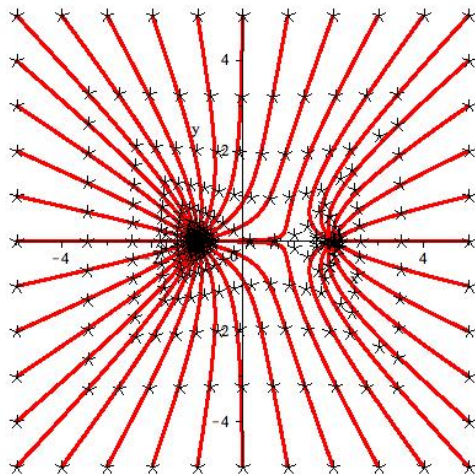
If

$$|f'(z_0)^{-1}f(z_0)| \sup_k \left| f'(z_0)^{-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(z_0)}{k!} \right|^{1/(k-1)} < 0.130\dots,$$

then z_0 is an approximate zero.

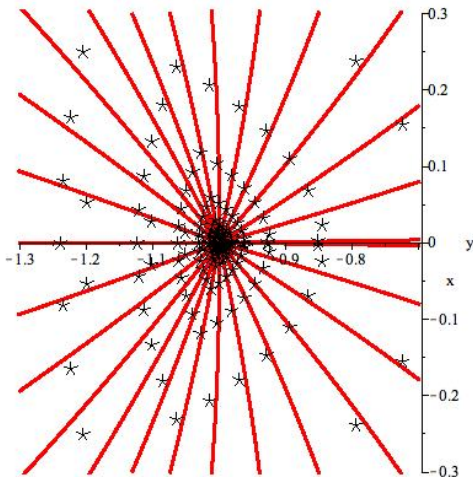
Also, a version for analytic maps in higher dimension.

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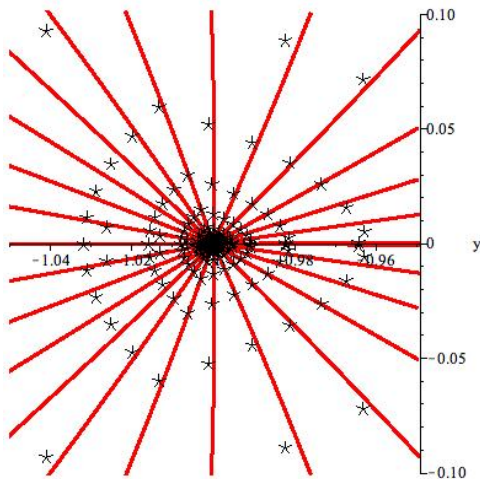
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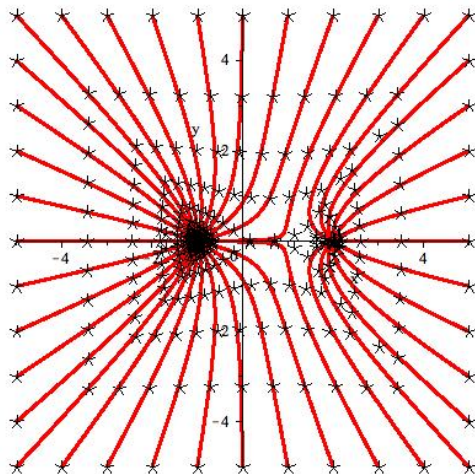
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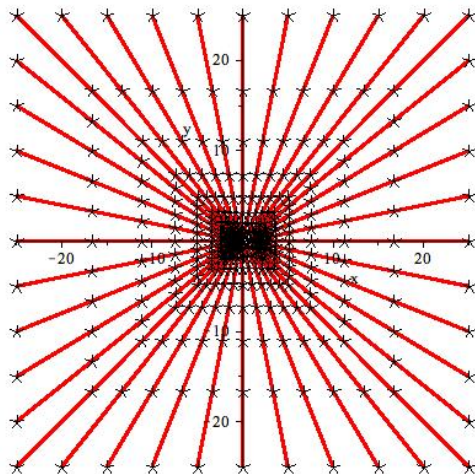
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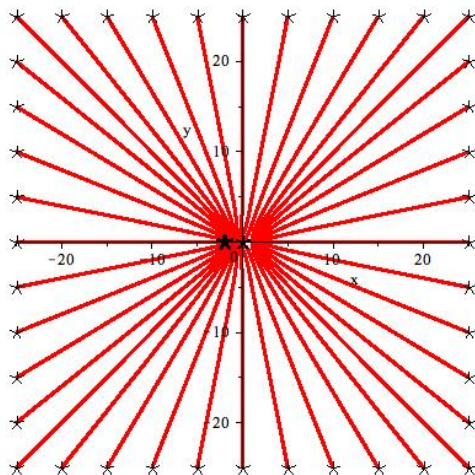
- ③ Mixture: Schröder iteration on a derivative.

Can be used to speed-up the location of multiple roots or clusters of roots $\rightarrow \alpha$ -theorems for clusters.

Also extends to systems (with a reasonable complexity).

[Giusti, Lecerf, Salvy, Yakoubsohn 2005 & 2007]

Multiplicities and Scales



IV Combinatorial Newton Iteration

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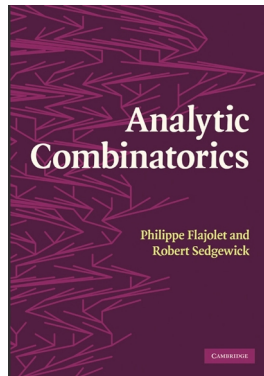
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$\text{CYC}(\mathcal{C})$	$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\phi(k)}{k} \log \frac{1}{1-C(z^k)}$

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Combinatorial Newton Iteration

Theorem

For any well-founded system $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Y})$, starting with $\mathcal{Y}_0 = \emptyset$, each iteration

$$\mathcal{Y}_{n+1} = \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{Y}_n) = \mathcal{Y}_n \cup \bigcup_{k \geq 0} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Y}_n) \right)^k \times (\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Y}_n) - \mathcal{Y}_n)$$

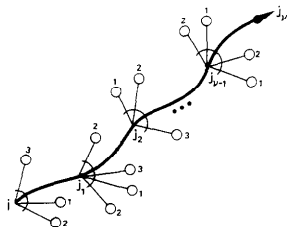
doubles the contact with $\mathcal{Y}$.

Generation by increasing Strahler numbers.

The big $\bigcup_{k \geq 0}$ can itself be computed by a Newton iteration.

→ Efficient enumeration, numerical evaluation.

[Pivoteau, Salvy, Soria 2008]



Examples of Polynomial Systems

Random generation following given XML grammars

Grammar	nb eqs	max deg	nb sols	oracle (s.)	FGb (s.)
rss	10	5	2	0.02	0.03
PNML	22	4	4	0.05	0.1
xslt	40	3	10	0.4	1.5
relaxng	34	4	32	0.4	3.3
xhtml-basic	53	3	13	1.2	18
mathml2	182	2	18	3.7	882
xhtml	93	6	56	3.4	1124
xhtml-strict	80	6	32	3.0	1590
xmlschema	59	10	24	0.5	6592
SVG	117	10		5.8	>1.5Go
docbook	407	11		67.7	>1.5Go
OpenDoc	500			3.9	

[Darrasse 2008]

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- 2 Next steps:
 - faster location of singularity;
 - faster iteration close to the singularity (Schröder?).