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# Nearly Optimal Refinement of Real Roots of a Univariate Polynomial

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## Abstract

We assume that a real square-free polynomial  $A$  has a degree  $d$ , a maximum coefficient bitsize  $\tau$  and a real root lying in an isolating interval and having no nonreal roots nearby (we quantify this assumption). Then we combine the *Double Exponential Sieve* algorithm (also called the *Bisection of the Exponents*), the bisection, and Newton iteration to decrease the width of this inclusion interval by a factor of  $t = 2^{-L}$ . The algorithm has Boolean complexity  $\tilde{O}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ . This substantially decreases the known bound  $\tilde{O}_B(d^3 + d^2L)$ . Furthermore we readily extend our algorithm to support the same complexity bound for the refinement of  $r$  real roots, for any  $r \leq d$ , by incorporating the known efficient algorithms for multipoint polynomial evaluation. The main ingredient for the latter ones is an efficient algorithm for (approximate) polynomial division; we present a variation based on structured matrices computation with quasi-optimal Boolean complexity.

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## 1 Introduction

The problem of the approximation of the real roots of a univariate polynomial appears very often as an important ingredient of various algorithms in computer algebra and nonlinear computational geometry, for example the algorithms that compute the topology of real plane algebraic curves [11, 26], solve the systems of polynomial equations [14, 19, 31], isolate the real roots of

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polynomials with coefficients in an extension field [24, 49], or compute cylindrical algebraic decomposition [2, 13]. Typically one starts the approximation of a real root with its isolation, by including it into an interval that contains no other roots. This gives a crude initial approximation, and then one rapidly refines this approximation, e.g., by Newton’s method. In the present paper we study just the refinement stage, that is, given a polynomial  $A$ , which has a degree  $d$  and a maximum coefficient bitsize  $\tau$ , and an interval with rational endpoints that contains one of its real roots (an isolating interval), we devise an algorithm that refines this *inclusion interval* to decrease its width by a factor  $t = 2^{-L}$ , for some positive integer  $L$ .

The overall Boolean complexity of the known real root-finding algorithms is the same as for complex root-finders, obtained in [39] (see also [34], [37], [32, Chapter 15]), that is,  $\tilde{O}_B(d^3 + d^2L)$ . This is within polylogarithmic factors from the optimum provided  $\tau = \mathcal{O}(L)$ . The upper bound is also the record bound for the real root-refinement problem, but the lower bound does not apply to the latter problem anymore, and our current new upper bound  $\tilde{O}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$  covers the complexity of the refinement of a single real root as well as all real roots of a univariate polynomial. Next we supply more details and recall some related results.

The known real root-finders and root-refiners are most efficient in the important special case where the polynomial has only real roots. In this context we refer to the work of Ben-Or and Tiwari [3] that introduced interlacing polynomials and *Double Exponential Sieve*. Pan and Linzer [38] and Bini and Pan [7], see also [5, 6], modified the approach of [3] (they called it *Bisection of Exponents*) to approximate the eigenvalues of a real symmetric tridiagonal matrix by using Courant-Fischer minimax characterization theorem. In [41] a variant of the refinement algorithms in [7, 38] is used, for the approximation of all the real roots of a polynomial. We also wish to cite the highly efficient theoretical and practical real root-finders (for polynomials with only real roots) by means of Quasi-Laguerre Iteration [15], [16].

Collins and Krandick [12] presented a variant of Newton’s algorithm where all the evaluations involve only dyadic numbers, as well as a comparison with the case where operations are performed with rationals of arbitrary size. Quadratic convergence of Newton’s iterations is guaranteed by point estimates and  $\alpha$ -theory of Smale, e.g. [9], [43]. For robust approximation of zeros based on bigfloats operations we refer the reader to [48]. A very interesting and efficient algorithm that combines bisection and Newton iterations is the *Quadratic Interval Refinement* (qir) by Abbott [1]. For a detailed analysis of the Boolean complexity of qir we refer the reader to [25]. Kerber and Sagraloff [26] modify qir to use interval arithmetic and approximations; they achieve a bound of  $\tilde{O}_B(d^3\tau^2 + dL)$ . A factor of  $\tau$  could be saved if we use fast algorithms for root isolation of univariate polynomials, e.g. [45], [37, 47]. The algorithm of [44], based on Kantorovich point estimates, is efficient in practice but has unknown complexity.

We revisit the approach of [3], [7, 38] to devise our *Real Root Refinement* ( $R_3$ ) algorithm and present a detailed analysis under the bit complexity model, based on exact operations with rationals (Thm. 12). We also introduce an approximate variant ( $\alpha R_3$ ) based on interval arithmetic, Sec. 2.1, where we use multi-precision floating point numbers for computations and for the representation of the endpoints of intervals, and where we estimate in advance the maximum precision needed. To obtain this estimate we use tools from Kerber and Sagraloff [26] for evaluating a polynomial at a rational number by applying interval arithmetic. We also study the Newton operator under both exact and approximate models of computing (Sec. 2.3). We estimate the Boolean complexity of approximate variants of Double Exponential Sieve (Lem. 4) and Newton iteration (Lem. 10).

The Boolean complexity of  $R_3$  and  $\alpha R_3$  is  $\tilde{O}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$  (Theorem 12). To deduce our complexity estimates we assume that there is no complex root of the polynomial in the complex disc that has the isolating interval as its diameter. Such an interval could be the outcome of root-finding algorithms. We detail this issue in Section 2.5.

In Section 2.4 we readily extend our algorithm to support the complexity bounds  $\tilde{O}_B(d^2\tau + d^2L)$  and  $\tilde{O}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ , respectively, for the refinement of up to  $d$  real roots, by incorporating the known efficient algorithms for multipoint polynomial evaluation. The latter algorithms essentially amount to recursive application of polynomial multiplication and division, which are in turn reduced to multiplication and division of long integers. This technique (known as “binary segmentation”) employs Kronecker products and involves  $d$ -fold precision increase. We present FFT-based alternative which uses structured matrices, avoids the precision increase, and still supports nearly optimal Boolean complexity bounds (see Sections 3) The results can be of independent interest. In Section 4 we present a simple alternative working for the average input.

A preliminary version of our results appeared in [42].

The paper is structured as follows. First we introduce our notation. Section 2 presents a high level description of the real root refinement algorithm. We detail its three steps, in Sec. 2.1, Sec. 2.2, and Sec. 2.3. In Section 2.4 we estimate the overall complexity of refining a single root and all the real roots. In Section 3 we present and analyze the algorithms for polynomial multiplication (Section 3.1) and division (Section 3.2). Section 4 estimates the expected number of steps of DES and  $\alpha$ DES when the input polynomial is random of type Weyl, Sec. 4.1, or  $SO(2)$ , Sec. 4.2. Finally, in Section 5 we conclude and suggest some directions for further study.

**Notation.** In what follows  $\mathcal{O}_B$ , resp.  $\mathcal{O}$ , means bit, resp. arithmetic, complexity and  $\tilde{O}_B$ , resp.  $\tilde{O}$ , means that we are ignoring logarithmic factors. “Ops” stands for “arithmetic operations”. “lg” stands for “log<sub>2</sub>”. For a polynomial  $A = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i x^i \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ,  $\deg(A) = d$  denotes its degree and  $\mathcal{L}(A) = \tau$  the maximum bitsize of its coefficients, including a bit for the sign. For  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(a) \geq 1$  is the maximum bitsize of the numerator and the denominator.  $\mu(\lambda)$  denotes the bit complexity of multiplying two integers of size  $\lambda$ ; we have  $\mu(\lambda) = \tilde{O}_B(\lambda)$ .  $2^\Gamma$  is an upper bound on the magnitude of the roots of  $A$ . We write  $\Delta_\alpha(A)$  or just  $\Delta_\alpha$  to denote the minimum distance between a root  $\alpha$  of a polynomial  $A$  and any other root. We call this quantity *local separation bound*. We also write  $\Delta_i$  instead of  $\Delta_{\alpha_i}$ .  $\Delta(A) = \min_\alpha \Delta_\alpha(A)$  or just  $\Delta$  denotes the *separation bound*, that is the minimum distance between all the roots of  $A$ . The Mahler bound (or measure) of  $A$  is  $\mathcal{M}(A) = a_d \prod_{|\alpha| \geq 1} |\alpha|$ , where  $\alpha$  runs through the complex roots of  $A$ , e.g. [33, 52]. If  $A \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  and  $\mathcal{L}(A) = \tau$ , then  $\mathcal{M}(A) \leq \|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{d+1} \|A\|_\infty = 2^\tau \sqrt{d+1}$ . If we evaluate a function  $F$  (e.g.  $F = A$ ) at a number  $c$  using interval arithmetic, then we denote the resulting interval by  $[F(c)]$ , provided that we fix the evaluation algorithm and the precision of computing. We write  $D(c, r) = \{x : |x - c| \leq r\}$ .

## 2 The $R_3$ and $\alpha R_3$ algorithms

In what follows  $A = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i x^i \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  with  $\mathcal{L}(A) = \tau$ . Let  $\alpha_1$  be the real root of  $A$  that lies in an (isolating) interval  $I = [a .. b]$ . The width of  $I$ ,  $w = (b - a)/2$ , has bitsize  $\mathcal{L}(w) = \mathcal{O}(|\lg \Delta(A)|) = \mathcal{O}(d\tau)$ , in the worst case (see also Prop. 1). We write  $|I| = b - a$  and  $m = (a + b)/2$ . We wish to refine  $I$  to include  $\alpha_1$  into a subinterval of the width  $t = 2^{-L}w$ . We define the isolation ratio of a real isolating interval  $I$  of a root  $\alpha$  of  $A$  as  $\text{ir}(I) = 2|m - \alpha_c|/|I|$ , where  $\alpha_c$  is the root of  $A$  that is

the closest to  $\alpha$ .

The high-level description that we present follows [3] and [38]. For details and various improvements we refer the reader to [5, 7, 38, 41]. The algorithm for refining the isolating interval of a real root  $\alpha_1$  consists of three steps: Double Exponential Sieve (DES), Bisection (BIS) and Newton iteration (NEWTON). We denote the approximate variants by  $\alpha$ DES,  $\alpha$ BIS, and  $\alpha$ NEWTON, respectively. The three procedures are as follows:

- (1) DES or  $\alpha$ DES achieves an isolation ratio at least 3.
- (2) Sufficiently many bisections (BIS or  $\alpha$ BIS), but  $\tilde{O}(\lg d)$ , increase the isolation ratio.
- (3) Then Newton iteration, NEWTON or  $\alpha$ NEWTON, converges quadratically and yields an inclusion interval of the desired width.

In the sequel we describe the three sub-algorithms in detail and analyze them.

The following proposition estimates the separation bounds for a univariate (integer) polynomial. For variants and proofs see, e.g. [13, 17, 24, 33]. We use a variant from [27, Thm. 4].

**Proposition 1.** *Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  is a square-free univariate polynomial of degree  $d$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(A) = \tau$ , and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d$ , are the  $d$  distinct roots of  $A$ . Let  $\mathbf{SR}_0(A, A')$  be the resultant of  $A$  and its derivative,  $A'$ , w.r.t.  $x$ , and  $\Delta_i = \Delta_i(A) = \Delta_{\alpha_i}(A)$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, d$ . Then*

$$|\alpha_i| \leq 2^\Gamma \leq 2\|A\|_\infty \leq 2^{\tau+1}, \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\sum_i \lg \Delta_i(A) &\leq 30d \lg \mathcal{M}(A) + 3\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{SR}_0(A, A')) & (2) \\ &\leq 36d\tau + 42d \lg d. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.** [26] *Suppose we evaluate  $A$  at  $c$ , where  $|c| \leq 2^{\Gamma+2}$ , and suppose we use a working precision (or fixed precision arithmetic)  $\rho$ . Then*

$$\text{width}[A(c)] \leq 2^{-\rho+1} (d+1)^2 2^\tau |c|^d.$$

The following lemma generalizes [26, Lemma 4].

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $x_0$  be such that  $|x_0 - \alpha_i| \geq \Delta_i/c$  for all real  $\alpha_i$  such that  $i \neq 1$  and  $c \geq 2$ . Then*

$$|A(x_0)| > |a_d| |x_0 - \alpha_1| c^{1-d} \mathcal{M}(A)^{-1} 2^{\lg \prod_i \Delta_i - 1}.$$

**Proof:** Let  $\Im(\alpha)$  be the imaginary part of  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $|x_0 - \alpha_i| \geq |\Im(\alpha_i)| \geq \Delta_i/2 \geq \Delta_i/c$ , and so  $|x_0 - \alpha_i| \geq \Delta_i/c$  is true for all the roots of  $A$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} |A(x_0)| &= |a_d| \prod_{i=1}^d |x_0 - \alpha_i| = |a_d| |x_0 - \alpha_1| \prod_{i=2}^d |x_0 - \alpha_i| \\ &\geq |a_d| |x_0 - \alpha_1| \frac{c}{\Delta_1} \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{\Delta_i}{c} \\ &\geq |a_d| |x_0 - \alpha_1| c^{1-d} \mathcal{M}(A)^{-1} 2^{\lg \prod_i \Delta_i - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

For the last inequality we use  $\Delta_1 \leq 2\mathcal{M}(A)$ , which in turn relies on  $\Delta_1 = |\alpha_1 - \alpha_{c_1}| \leq |\alpha_1| + |\alpha_{c_1}| \leq 2\mathcal{M}(A)$ , where  $\alpha_{c_1}$  is a the root closest to  $\alpha_1$ .  $\square$

## 2.1 Double Exponential Sieve

In this subsection we follow [3], [7] and [41] to compute an interval that contains the real root and has endpoints “far away” from the endpoints of the initial interval. The difficult case is when the real root is very close to one of the endpoints of  $I$ . Next we outline this procedure referring the reader to [41] for its detailed treatment and efficient implementation.

Initially let  $\alpha_1 \in I = [a..b]$  for  $a < b$ . We compute a new interval  $\bar{I} = [\bar{a}..\bar{b}]$  containing  $\alpha_1$  and such that either  $0 \leq \bar{b} - \bar{a} \leq 2t$  or  $\text{ir}(\bar{I}) \geq 3$ . In the first case the midpoint of  $\bar{I}$ ,  $\bar{m} = (\bar{a} + \bar{b})/2$ , approximates  $\alpha_1$  within a desired error bound  $t$ , and hence we return either  $[\bar{a}..\bar{m}]$  or  $[\bar{m}..\bar{b}]$ , depending on the sign of  $A(\bar{m})$ . In the second case we can apply bisections to increase the isolation ratio to the level supporting Newton’s iteration. We present the analysis of the bisection iteration in the next subsection.

During the first step of DES, we decide whether  $\alpha_1$  lies in  $[a.. \frac{a+b}{2}]$  or  $[\frac{a+b}{2}..b]$ . W.l.o.g. assume that  $a = 0$  and  $b = 2$  because our claims are invariant in the shifts and scaling the variable  $x$ . Furthermore assume that  $\alpha_1 \in [0..1]$  for the other case is treated similarly. Now the bound  $\text{ir}(\bar{I}) \geq 3$  follows where

$$\bar{b} \leq 2\bar{a} . \quad (3)$$

Next, we write  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $b_0 = 1$ ,  $I_0 = [0..1]$  and evaluate  $A$  at the sequence of points  $c_k = a_0 + 2w_0/2^{2^k}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, g_1$ , where  $2w_0 = b_0 - a_0$  and  $g_1 - 1$  is the maximum index such that  $\alpha_1 \in [0..c_{g_1}]$ . If  $g_1 = 1$ , then we write  $a' = c_{g_1}$ ,  $b' = 1$ , obtain that  $\alpha_1 \in [a'..b']$  and  $\text{ir}([a'..b']) \geq 5/3$ , and yield an interval  $\bar{I}$  with  $\text{ir}(\bar{I}) \geq 3$  in at most two bisections. Otherwise (if  $g_1 > 1$ ) we reapply the DES procedure to the interval  $[c_{g_1}..1]$ , denote by  $g_2$  the number of evaluations of  $A(x)$  with  $x < \alpha_1$  in this process and ensure (3) unless  $g_2 < g_1$ . Recursively we obtain a strictly decreasing sequence of intervals  $I_i$ , each defined by means of  $g_i$  evaluations of  $A(x)$  where the sequence  $g_1, g_2, \dots$  strictly decreases. This means that the overall number of evaluations of  $A(x)$  in the DES procedure is at most  $1 + \sum_{i=1}^g g_i \leq 1 + (g_1 + 1)g_1/2$  for  $u \leq g_1$ . Moreover,  $g_1 = \lceil \lg(\lg w + L - 1) \rceil = \mathcal{O}(\lg(\tau + L))$  because otherwise we would have  $0 \leq \bar{b} - \bar{a} \leq 2t$ .

The next lemma provides an approximate variant of the algorithm where at each step of the procedure we use exactly the number of bits needed. We call this variant  $\alpha$ DES, by using the acronym of *approximation* Double Exponential Sieve.

**Lemma 4 ( $\alpha$ DES).** *The procedure  $\alpha$ DES compresses the isolating interval  $I$  to an interval  $J$  such that  $|J| \leq 1/2^L$  or  $\text{ir}(J) \geq 3$  using a working precision and time*

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{O}(-g_1 \lg w + 2^{g_1} + g_1(\lg \mathcal{M}(A) + \tau + d\Gamma - \lg \prod_i \Delta_i)) \quad \text{bits and} \\ & \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2 \tau g_1^2 - dg_1^2 \lg w + dg_1 2^{g_1} + dg_1^2(\lg \mathcal{M}(A) + \tau + d\Gamma - \lg \prod_i \Delta_i)), \end{aligned}$$

that is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(d\tau + L)$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ , respectively.

**Proof:** Initially  $\alpha_1$  lies in the interval  $I = I_0 = [a..b]$ . Let  $w = w_0 = |b - a|$  be its width. We want to compute the maximum integer  $g_1$  such that  $\alpha_1 \in (a..a + w/2^{2^{g_1}})$ . For this we need to evaluate  $A$  on  $a + w/2^{2^k}$ , for  $k = 1, \dots, g_1$ . It might happen that the evaluation of  $A$  at one of these numbers is zero. To avoid that, at each step, we evaluate  $A$  at two points, instead of one. This multiple evaluation technique is borrowed from [26].

For each step  $k$  we define two points,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  such that

$$a < m_1 = a + w/2^{2^k+1} < m_2 = a + w/2^{2^k} < b$$

and evaluate the polynomial  $A$  over them. At least one of them is not a root of  $A$ . Let  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ . Then for all  $i \neq 1$  we obtain  $|m_j - \alpha_i| \geq w/2^{2^k+1} \Rightarrow w \leq 2^{2^k+1}|m_j - \alpha_i|$  and  $|\alpha_1 - m_j| \leq w/2^{2^k}$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_i &\leq |\alpha_1 - \alpha_i| \leq |\alpha_1 - m_j| + |m_j - \alpha_i| \\ &\leq w/2^{2^k} + |m_j - \alpha_i| \leq |m_j - \alpha_i|2^{2^k+1}/2^{2^k} + |m_j - \alpha_i| \\ &\leq 3|m_j - \alpha_i| . \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 3 with  $c = 3$  we deduce that

$$|A(m_j)| > |m_j - \alpha_1||a_d| 3^{1-d} \mathcal{M}(A)^{-1} 2^{\lg \prod_i \Delta_i - 1} .$$

For at least one of the  $m_j$ 's it holds that  $|m_j - \alpha_1| > w/2^{2^k+2}$  (actually this is the half of the distance between  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ ), and hence

$$|A(m_j)| > |a_d| \frac{w}{2^{2^k+2}} 3^{1-d} \mathcal{M}(A)^{-1} 2^{\lg \prod_i \Delta_i - 1} \geq w 3^{1-d} 2^{-2^{s_1} - 3 + \lg \prod_i \Delta_i - \lg \mathcal{M}(A) + \lg |a_d|} .$$

By virtue of Lemma 2 the precision,  $\rho_1$ , needed for this step, satisfies the equation

$$2^{-\rho_1+1}(d+1)^2 2^{\tau+(\Gamma+2)d} < w 3^{1-d} 2^{-2^{s_1} - 3 + \lg \prod_i \Delta_i - \lg \mathcal{M}(A) + \lg |a_d|} ,$$

and thus

$$\rho_1 = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(-\lg w + 2^{s_1} + \lg \mathcal{M}(A) + \tau + d\Gamma - \lg \prod_i \Delta_i) .$$

To support our computation of the desired interval  $J$  we double the precision of computing at every DES step. We perform  $\lceil \lg \rho_1 \rceil$  steps overall; each is essentially an evaluation of  $A$ . By applying Horner's rule we yield the cost bound  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B((d\tau + \rho_1)d)$ . Similarly, at the  $i$ -th step of  $\alpha$ DES we perform  $g_i \lceil \lg \rho_i \rceil$  evaluations, each at the cost of  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B((d\tau + \rho_i)d)$ , where

$$\rho_i = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(-\lg w_{i-1} + 2^{s_i} + \lg \mathcal{M}(A) + \tau + d\Gamma - \lg \prod_i \Delta_i) .$$

Summarizing, we bound the overall cost of performing  $v$  steps by

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B \left( \sum_{i=1}^v (d\tau + \rho_i) d g_i \lg \rho_i \right) .$$

The sequence of  $g_i$ 's is strictly decreasing, that is  $g_i > g_{i+1}$ , and so  $v < g_1^2$ . The output intervals  $I_i$  have widths  $w_i < w/2^{2^i}$ , and so

$$\sum_{i=0}^{v-1} \lg w_i = g_1 \lg w - 2^{s_1} + 1 ,$$

$$\sum_i \rho_i = \mathcal{O}(-g_1 \lg w + 2^{s_1} + (\lg \mathcal{M}(A) + \tau + d\Gamma - \lg \prod_i \Delta_i) g_1) ,$$

and the overall cost is bounded by

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2\tau g_1^2 - dg_1^2 \lg w + dg_1 2^{g_1} + (\lg \mathcal{M}(A) + \tau + d\Gamma - \lg \prod_i \Delta_i) d g_1^2) .$$

By noticing that  $|a_d| \geq 1$ ,  $\lg w = \mathcal{O}(d\tau)$ ,  $\Gamma = \mathcal{O}(\tau)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\lg \mathcal{M}(A)) = \mathcal{O}(\tau + \lg d)$  and using Prop. 1 to bound  $\lg \prod_i \Delta_i$ , we obtain that the maximum precision needed is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(d\tau + L)$  and that the complexity of  $\alpha$ DES is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 5 (DES).** *We call this procedure DES if it uses only exact arithmetic with rational numbers. It performs  $g_1^2 = \mathcal{O}(\lg^2(\tau + L))$  evaluations of  $A$  at numbers of bitsize  $\mathcal{O}(L)$ . Using Horner's rule, each evaluation costs  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B((\tau + L)d^2)$ . Hence, the overall complexity is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B((\tau + L)d^2 \lg^2(\tau + L)) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B((\tau + L)d^2)$ . This bound is greater by a factor of  $d$  than the one supported by  $\alpha$ DES. However, since we are working with exact arithmetic in the bit complexity model, Horner's arithmetic is not optimal. To see this, notice that the output of the evaluation is of bitsize  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}((\tau + L)d)$ . If we use the divide and conquer approach [10, 23], each evaluation costs  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B((\tau + L)d)$  and the overall complexity is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B((\tau + L)d \lg^2(\tau + L)) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B((\tau + L)d)$ . This bound is the same as the one supported by  $\alpha$ DES.*

*Nevertheless, this approach has some drawbacks. First, we are forced to work with full precision right from the beginning. Even though this does not affect the worst case bound it is a serious disadvantage for implementations. Second, this approach does not scale well, in the case where we want to refine all the real roots of  $A$ . Then we have to multiply the bound by  $d$ , which is not the case for the approximate algorithm. For further details we refer the reader to Section 2.4.*

## 2.2 Bisection(s)

This section covers the second step of the refinement algorithm. Recall that the isolation ratio of a real isolating interval  $I$  of a root  $\alpha_1$  is defined as  $\text{ir}(I) = 2|m - \alpha_{c_1}|/|I|$ , where  $\alpha_{c_1}$  is the root of  $A$  closest to  $\alpha$  [38]. Our goal is, using bisections, to achieve an isolation ratio of  $\text{ir}(I) \geq 5d^2$ , which ensures the quadratic convergence of Newton's iteration right from the start [43, Corollary 4.5].

If  $\text{ir}(I) = 1 + \delta$  for an interval  $I = [a .. b]$ , then after  $k$  bisection steps, we obtain an interval  $I_k$ , such that  $\text{ir}(I_k) \geq 1 + 2^k\delta$ . The details appear in Alg. 2. We increase the isolation ratio by applying bisections, which evaluate  $A$ . We set *dir* equal to  $-1$ ,  $0$ , or  $1$  to indicate the search direction. If the initial isolation ratio is  $\text{ir}(I) = 1 + 2\delta$ , then  $k$  bisections increase the isolation ratio at least to  $\text{ir}(I_k) = 1 + 2^k\delta$ , where  $I_k$  is the refined isolating interval. The value *left* or *right* of the variable *dir* specifies whether the closest real root of  $A$  not belonging to the interval  $I$  lies to the left or the right of the midpoint of  $I$ . We may know this value in advance, but if we do not know it, then we temporarily set *dir* =  $\emptyset$ , perform a single bisection, and obtain the correct value of *dir*. Even if this observation does not affect the asymptotic behavior of the algorithm, it can help us save a constant number of bisections, which can be useful in practical implementation of the algorithm.

If the initial isolation ratio is  $r = 1 + 2 \cdot 2^{\lg(r-1)-1}$ , then after  $k$  steps it becomes  $1 + 2^k \cdot 2^{\lg(r-1)-1}$ . If our goal is to achieve an isolation ratio  $R$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2^k \cdot 2^{\lg(r-1)-1} \geq R &\Leftrightarrow 2^k \cdot 2^{\lg(r-1)-1} \geq R - 1 \Leftrightarrow \\ k + \lg(r - 1) - 1 \geq \lg(R - 1) &\Leftrightarrow k \geq 1 + \lg \frac{R - 1}{r - 1} . \end{aligned}$$



In our case  $R = 5d^2$ . From the previous step  $\alpha$ DES guarantees an isolation ratio at least 3, and thus we need to perform  $k = \mathcal{O}(\lg d)$  bisections.

Each bisection consists of an evaluation of  $A$  over the midpoint of the corresponding interval and setting  $dir$  accordingly. We will perform this in an approximate way using the algorithm from [26]. We need the following lemma for the approximate variant,  $\alpha$ BIS.

**Lemma 6.** [26] *The approximate bisection for a root  $\alpha_1 \in I = [a..b]$  of  $A$  requires a working precision of  $\rho = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(-\lg w + \tau + d\Gamma + \lg \prod_i \Delta_i)$  bits and has bit complexity  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d(-\lg w + \tau + d\Gamma + \lg \prod_i \Delta_i))$ , where  $w$  is the width of  $I$ .*

A single bisection halves an interval of width  $w$ ,  $k$  bisections decrease the width to  $w_k = w/2^k$ .

In the worst case the interval has the width  $w2^{-L}$ , and so the number of bits needed in the worst case is  $\rho = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(-\lg w + L + \tau + d\Gamma + \lg \prod_i \Delta_i)$ . We perform  $\mathcal{O}(\lg d)$  bisections, and so the overall cost is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d(-\lg w + L + \tau + d\Gamma + \lg \prod_i \Delta_i))$ .

Recall that  $-\lg w = -\mathcal{O}(\lg \Delta(A)) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(d\tau)$ .

**Lemma 7 ( $\alpha$ BIS).** *The cost of  $\alpha$ BIS is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d(-\lg w + L + \tau + d\Gamma + \lg \prod_i \Delta_i))$ , that is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ .*

**Remark 8 (BIS).** *A single bisection using only exact arithmetic with rational numbers involves  $\mathcal{O}(\lg d)$  evaluations of polynomial  $A$  over numbers of bitsize  $\mathcal{O}(L - \lg w)$ , in the worst case. Each evaluation costs  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d(\tau - \lg w + L))$ , using the divide and conquer scheme [10, 23]. Hence, the overall complexity is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d(\tau - \lg w + L) \lg d) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d(d\tau + L)) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ .*

### 2.3 Bounding the Newton operator

The last step of our algorithm consists in performing a suitable number of Newton iterations sufficient to refine the isolating interval up to the required width. The bisections of the previous step ensure that Newton iteration converges quadratically, right from the beginning. This follows by virtue of [43, Corollary 4.5], which we reproduce next.

**Theorem 9.** *Suppose both discs  $D(m, r)$  and  $D(m, r/s)$  for  $s \geq 5d^2$  contain a single simple root  $\alpha$  of a polynomial  $A = A(x)$  of degree  $d$ . Then Newton's iteration*

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - A(x_k)/A'(x_k), k = 0, 1, \dots \quad (4)$$

*converges quadratically to the root  $\alpha$  right from the start provided  $x_0 = m$ .*

First, we estimate the precision needed at each step of Newton iteration. Given an interval  $[a_k..b_k]$ , let  $m_k = (a_k + b_k)/2$  be its middle point and apply the Newton operator, that is

$$NA(m_k) = m_k - \frac{A(m_k)}{A'(m_k)},$$

where  $A_k = A(m_k)$ ,  $A'_k = A'(m_k)$ , and  $A'$  is the derivative of  $A$ . Assume that  $A_k > 0$  and  $A'_k < 0$ . The other sign combinations could be treated similarly. Suppose we compute  $A_k$  and  $A'_k$  using interval arithmetic and a working precision  $\rho$  to be specified later. We can assume that their interval representation,  $[A_k] = [A_k - \epsilon..A_k + \epsilon]$  and  $[A'_k] = [A'_k - \epsilon..A'_k + \epsilon]$ , have the same width,  $\epsilon$ .

The interval evaluation of Newton operator, using the same working precision  $\rho$ , results in the interval

$$[NA(m_k)] = \left[ m_k - \epsilon - \frac{A_k - \epsilon}{A'_k - \epsilon} .. m_k + \epsilon - \frac{A_k + \epsilon}{A'_k + \epsilon} \right] .$$

Its width,  $[NA(m_k)]$  is  $2\epsilon - \frac{A_k + \epsilon}{A'_k + \epsilon} + \frac{A_k - \epsilon}{A'_k - \epsilon}$ , and now we ensure the upper bound  $t = 2^{-L}w$ .

$$2\epsilon - \frac{A_k + \epsilon}{A'_k + \epsilon} + \frac{A_k - \epsilon}{A'_k - \epsilon} \leq t \Rightarrow$$

$$P(\epsilon) = 2\epsilon^3 - t\epsilon^2 - 2(A_k - A'_k + A_k'^2)\epsilon + tA_k'^2 \geq 0 .$$

The coefficient list of  $P$  has two sign variations, and hence from Descartes' rule of signs it follows that  $P$  has at most two positive real roots. If such a pair of roots exists, let them be  $\epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2$  and assume that  $P$  is positive between 0 and  $\epsilon_1$ . For the width of  $[NA(m_k)]$  to be smaller than  $t = 2^{-L}w$ , it suffices if  $0 < \epsilon \leq \min\{1, \epsilon_1\}$ . To guarantee this we estimate a (positive) lower bound on the roots of the  $P$  and require  $\epsilon$  to be smaller than it. Combine Lemma 2 and Cauchy's bound, e.g. [33, 52] to obtain

$$\epsilon \leq \frac{tA_k'^2}{t + 2(A_k - A'_k + A_k'^2)} ,$$

and assume working with a precision  $\rho$  that satisfies

$$2^{-\rho+1}(d+1)^2 2^{\tau+d(\Gamma+2)} \leq \epsilon \leq \frac{tA_k'^2}{t + 2(A_k - A'_k + A_k'^2)} . \quad (5)$$

Hence, we can express  $\rho$  as a function of the desired width.

It remains to bound the evaluations  $A_k$  and  $A'_k$ . At the  $k$ -th step, given an interval  $I_k$ , we apply Newton operator on its midpoint,  $m_k$ , and deduce that  $\Delta_i < 2|m_k - \alpha_i|$  for all  $i \neq 1$ . Indeed  $|m_k - \alpha_i| \geq |\alpha_1 - \alpha_i| \geq \Delta_i$  where  $m_k \leq \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_i$ , whereas  $|\alpha_1 - m_k| \leq |m_k - \alpha_i|$  where  $\alpha_1 \leq m_k \leq \alpha_i$  because  $\alpha_i$  lies outside the isolating interval. Therefore  $\Delta_i \leq |\alpha_i - \alpha_1| \leq |\alpha_i - m_k| + |\alpha_1 - m_k| \leq 2|m_k - \alpha_i|$ .

So using Lemma 3 we obtain

$$|A_k| \geq |m_k - \alpha_1| |a_d| 3^{1-d} \mathcal{M}(A)^{-1} 2^{\lg \Pi_i \Delta_i - 1} . \quad (6)$$

For the approximations by Newton iterations [7, 41], having quadratic convergence, we have

$$|m_k - \alpha_1| = 2^{4-2^k} |m_0 - \alpha_1| . \quad (7)$$

Furthermore

$$|m_0 - \alpha_1| \geq t = 2^{-L}w ,$$

for otherwise the iteration would not refine the initial interval to the required length. Therefore

$$|m_k - \alpha_1| = 2^{4-2^k} |m_0 - \alpha_1| \geq 2^{4-2^k-L+\lg w} , \quad (8)$$

which leads to the bound

$$|A_k| \geq |a_d| 2^{4-2^k-L+\lg w} 3^{1-d} \mathcal{M}(A)^{-1} 2^{\lg \Pi_i \Delta_i - 1} . \quad (9)$$

We need a similar bound on  $|A'_k|$ . Let  $\alpha'_i$  be the roots of  $A'$ . We assume that  $A'$  is square-free. This is no loss of generality since we can estimate the required quantities using the square-free part of  $A'$ .

Let  $\alpha'_1$  and  $\alpha'_2$  denote the two roots of  $A'$  that are located on the left and on the right of  $\alpha_1$ , respectively, and are the closest to  $\alpha_1$ . Let  $\alpha'$  denote any other root of  $A'$ . Then  $|m_k - \alpha'_i| \geq |\alpha' - \alpha'_i| \geq \Delta'_i$ , where  $\Delta'_i$  is the local separation bound of  $\alpha'_i$  and where  $\alpha'$  is either  $\alpha'_1$  or  $\alpha'_2$  depending on which side from  $m_k$  the root  $\alpha'_i$  lies. To see this assume that  $\alpha'_i$  lies on the right of  $\alpha'_2$ . Then  $m_k \leq \alpha'_2 \leq \alpha'_i$ , and so  $|m_k - \alpha'_2| \geq |\alpha'_2 - \alpha'_i| \geq \Delta'_i$ . A similar argument applies when  $\alpha'_i$  lies on the left of  $\alpha'_1$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |A'_k| &= |A'(m_k)| = |d a_d| \prod_{i=1}^{d-1} |m_k - \alpha'_i| = \\ &= |d a_d| |m_k - \alpha'_1| |m_k - \alpha'_2| \prod_{i=3}^d |m_k - \alpha'_i| \\ &\geq |d a_d| |m_k - \alpha'_1| |m_k - \alpha'_2| \frac{1}{\Delta'_1 \Delta'_2} \prod_{i=1}^d \Delta'_i \\ &\geq |d a_d| |m_k - \alpha'_1| |m_k - \alpha'_2| \mathcal{M}(A')^{-2} 2^{-2} 2^{\lg \Pi_i \Delta'_i} , \end{aligned}$$

where we use the inequality  $\Delta'_i \leq 2\mathcal{M}(A')$ .

Let us bound the distances  $|m_k - \alpha'_1|$  and  $|m_k - \alpha'_2|$ . Consider the complex disc  $D(m_0, |I_0|/2)$ , having the interval  $I_0$  as its diameter. It follows from the quadratic convergence of Newton operator that this disc satisfies the assumptions of Thm. 9. Therefore the roots  $\alpha'_1$  and  $\alpha'_2$  lie outside the  $5d^2$ -dilation of this disc, that is lie much farther than  $\alpha_1$  from the center  $m_0$ . Likewise  $\alpha'_1$  and  $\alpha'_2$  lie outside the  $5d^2$ -dilations of the discs  $D(m_k, |I_k|/2)$ , with the centers at  $m_k$  and radii  $|I_k|/2$ , that is the centers  $m_k$  lie much closer to  $\alpha_1$  than to  $\alpha'_1$  and  $\alpha'_2$ . So using Eq. (8) we obtain  $|m_k - \alpha'_1| \geq |m_k - \alpha_1| \geq 2^{4-2^k-L+\lg w}$ . Hence

$$|A'_k| \geq |d a_d| 2^{8-2^{k+1}-2L+2\lg w} \mathcal{M}(A')^{-2} 2^{-2+\lg \Pi_i \Delta'_i} . \quad (10)$$

Now we can bound the right-hand side of inequality (5). First, we bound the numerator. For all  $m_k$  it holds that  $|m_k| \leq 2^\Gamma \leq 2^{\tau+1}$ , see Eq. (1). Thus

$$|A'_k| = |A'(m_k)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^d i |a_i| 2^{(i-1)\Gamma} \leq d 2^\tau 2^{(d-1)\Gamma} \leq 2^{d\tau+d+\lg d-1} \leq 2^{2d\tau+\lg d} ,$$

and so

$$t A_k'^2 \leq 2^{-L+\lg w+4d\tau+2\lg d} . \quad (11)$$

Next, we bound the denominator of the upper bound in (5). To simplify the notation write  $|A_k| \geq 2^{-\ell_1} > 0$  and  $|A'_k| \geq 2^{-\ell_2} > 0$  where  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$  are defined by equations (9) and (10). Recall that we assume  $A'_k$  to be negative and hence  $-A'_k > 0$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} t + 2(A_k - A'_k + A_k'^2) &\geq 2^{\min\{-\ell_1, -2\ell_2, -L+\lg w\}} \\ &\geq 2^{-\max\{\ell_1, 2\ell_2, L-\lg w\}} , \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\frac{1}{t + 2(A_k - A'_k + A_k'^2)} \leq 2^{\max\{\ell_1, 2\ell_2, L - \lg w\}} . \quad (12)$$

By combining bounds (5), (9)–(12) we deduce that the precision

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}} \left( L - \lg w + 2^k + d\tau + \lg (\mathcal{M}(A) \mathcal{M}(A')) - \lg \left( \prod_i \Delta_i \prod_i \Delta'_i \right) \right)$$

is sufficient.

We want to achieve the bound  $|m_k - \alpha_1| \leq w/2^L$ . Using Eq. (7) we obtain

$$|m_k - \alpha_1| \leq 2^{4-2^k} \frac{w}{2} \leq \frac{w}{2^L} \Rightarrow k \geq \lg(L + 3) .$$

Hence, we need to apply the Newton operator  $k = \mathcal{O}(\lg L)$  times, to refine the interval by a factor of  $2^{-L}$ . Note that  $|a_d| \geq 1$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\lg \mathcal{M}(A)) = \mathcal{O}(\tau + \lg d)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\lg \mathcal{M}(A')) = \mathcal{O}(\tau \lg d)$ ,  $-\lg w = \mathcal{O}(d\tau)$ , use Prop. 1 to bound  $\lg \prod_i \Delta_i$  and  $\lg \prod_i \Delta'_i$ , and obtain that the precision  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(d\tau + L)$  is sufficient for us. So the Boolean complexity of  $\alpha_{\text{DES}}$  is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ .

**Lemma 10 ( $\alpha_{\text{NEWTON}}$ ).** *The maximum number of bits needed by Newton iterations is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(d\tau + L)$  and the overall complexity of the Newton step is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ .*

We should mention that there is no need to realize the Newton iteration using interval arithmetic. However, it is easier to estimate theoretically the working precision needed using the formalization of interval arithmetic.

**Remark 11 (NEWTON).** *We can also estimate the complexity of Newton iterations in the case where only exact arithmetic with rational numbers is used. We need to perform  $\mathcal{O}(\lg L)$  Newton iterations, each consisting of an evaluation of  $A$  and its derivative over the numbers of bitsize  $\mathcal{O}(\tau + L - \lg w)$ , in the worst case. The cost of these evaluations is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d(\tau + L - \lg w))$ . Hence the overall complexity is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d(\tau + L - \lg w) \lg L) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ .*

## 2.4 Overall complexity of $\mathbb{R}_3$ and $\alpha\mathbb{R}_3$

The following theorem summarizes our estimates of the previous sections.

**Theorem 12 ( $\alpha\mathbb{R}_3$ ).** *We can refine an isolating interval of a real root of  $A$  to decrease its width by a factor of  $2^{-L}$  by using  $\alpha\mathbb{R}_3$  or  $\mathbb{R}_3$  with Boolean complexity  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ .*

The bound of Th. 12 for  $\alpha\mathbb{R}_3$  holds even where we refine all the real roots of the polynomial  $A$ . Indeed the bound is dominated by the cost of the evaluation of a polynomial at at most  $r$  rational points  $x_1, \dots, x_r$ , where  $r \leq d$  is the number of real roots that we refine. We can perform this evaluation efficiently by applying the following theorem by Kirrinnis [28, Thm. 3.9] for  $p_j = x - x_j$  and  $j = 1, \dots, r$ .

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $p_j$  be monic polynomials with their roots inside the unit disc of degree  $n_j$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Let  $f$  be a polynomial of degree  $m \geq n$  such that  $\|f\|_1 \leq 1$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the polynomials  $\tilde{f}_j$  of degree  $n_j - 1$  with  $|f \bmod p_j - \tilde{f}_j| < 2^{-s}$  can be computed simultaneously in time  $\mathcal{O}_B(\mu(n \lg n + m)(s + m))$ , that is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B((n + m)(s + m))$ .*

Results similar to Kirrinnis' appear in [30], and in the case where all the polynomials  $p_j$  are linear (still sufficient for our applications), in [50, Lemma 11].

To extend Theorem 13 to polynomials that can have any norm we should normalize them. If the polynomial  $f$  in the theorem has coefficients of maximum bitsize  $\tau$ , then we just need to add the term  $m\tau$  to the complexity bound. We are interested in evaluating a polynomial at rational numbers that lie between its real roots, thus in our case all  $p_j$  are linear ( $n_j = 1$  for all  $j$  in Theorem 13). To comply with the assumptions of the theorem we apply a homothetic transformation to move all the roots into the unit disc, and then we divide the coefficients of the polynomial with a suitable number to ensure that the norm is less than 1. This adds the term  $d\tau$  to the complexity bound. The discussion leads to the following theorem.

**Theorem 14 ( $\alpha R_3$ ).** *We can refine the isolating intervals of all the real roots of  $A$  to decrease their width by a factor of  $2^{-L}$  using  $\alpha R_3$  with Boolean complexity  $\tilde{O}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ .*

The algorithm supporting the Kirrinnis' theorem employs the classical reduction of multipoint evaluation to polynomial multiplication via polynomial division (cf. [4], [51]) and by following [21], [47] represents polynomials  $A(x) = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i x^i$  with nonnegative integer coefficients as integers  $\sum_{i=0}^d a_i 2^{hi}$  for a sufficiently large integer  $5p$ ,  $h > \lg \|A\|_\infty$  and reduces polynomial multiplication to integer multiplication, for which one can apply the algorithms having low asymptotic Boolean complexity [51], [22]. The representation of a polynomial as an integer is called sometimes binary segmentation (cf. [47], [4, Remark 3.9.2]), can be linked to the Kronecker's product, and implies dramatic growth of the precision of the binary numbers involved, which is not always desired. Is such a growth necessary for multipoint evaluation of polynomials at a low Boolean cost? The answer is "no" because we can properly use FFT instead of binary segmentation and Kronecker's product. In the next section we elaborate upon this approach for polynomial multiplication and division. Further extension to multipoint polynomial evaluation and interpolation is much simpler and is better known (see Kirrinnis [28], [30], or [50]). We refer the reader to [40] on a distinct approach to bounding the precision of computing for multipoint polynomial evaluation and interpolation.

In the exact version,  $R_3$ , we perform evaluations at numbers of bitsize  $L$ . The output of such an evaluation results in rational numbers of bitsize  $\tilde{O}(d(\tau + L))$ . When we isolate all the  $r$  real roots, the bitsize of the output is  $\tilde{O}(rd(\tau + L)) = \tilde{O}(d^2(\tau + L))$ , which is also a lower bound on the Boolean complexity of the refinement process. This exceeds the bound for  $\alpha R_3$  by a factor of  $d$ . This result shows the superiority of approximation methods.

## 2.5 Requirements for the isolating intervals

Our algorithms support the complexity bound of Thm. 12 provided that we are given a real  $m$  and a positive  $r$  such that the *root-isolation disc*  $D(m, r) = \{x : |x - m| < r\}$  contains a single simple real root  $\alpha$  of the polynomial  $A$  and no other its roots, and furthermore  $\alpha$  is not very close to the boundary circle of the disc, namely

$$|\alpha - m|(1 + c'/d^c) \leq r, \quad (13)$$

for two real constants  $c' > 0$  and  $c$ . Namely, under the latter assumption it is sufficient to apply  $\mathcal{O}(\log d)$  bisections to strengthen bound (13) to the level  $5d^2|\alpha - m| \leq r$ . Then we can apply Theorem 9 to ensure quadratic convergence of Newton's iteration, and then complete our algorithms and proofs.

**Algorithm 1:** ISOLATION\_DISCS( $A, I_1, \dots, I_r$ )**Input:**  $A \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ , and isolating intervals  $I_1, \dots, I_r$ **Output:** Isolation ratio for convergence of Newton.

- 1 Apply a fixed number of bisections as well as bisections of exponent to all  $r$  input intervals  $I_1, \dots, I_r$ , which transforms them into subintervals  $\bar{I}_1, \dots, \bar{I}_r$ .
- 2 Recall that the Möbius map  $z = \frac{x+\sqrt{-1}}{x-\sqrt{-1}}$  maps the real line  $\{x : \Im(x) = 0\}$  into the unit circle  $C_1 = \{z : |z| = 1\}$ . Note that  $x = \sqrt{-1} \frac{z-1}{z+1}$  and compute the coefficients of the polynomial  $B(z) = (z+1)^n A(\sqrt{-1} \frac{z-1}{z+1})$ .
- 3 Apply the root-radii algorithm (cf. [37], [47]) to approximate the root radii of this polynomial. In particular this defines an annulus about the circle  $C_1$ , which contains the images of the  $r$  real roots of the polynomial  $A(x)$  and no images of its nonreal roots.
- 4 Compute the boundary circles of the image of this annulus in the converse map  $x = \sqrt{-1} \frac{z-1}{z+1}$ .
- 5 For all subintervals  $\bar{I}_1, \dots, \bar{I}_r$  compute at first the distances  $\bar{d}_1, \dots, \bar{d}_r$  from their midpoints to these two boundary circles and then the ratios  $2\bar{d}_1/|\bar{I}_1|, \dots, 2\bar{d}_r/|\bar{I}_r|$ .
- 6 RETURN the minimum of the ratios as the guaranteed isolation ratio for the input intervals.

Is it simple to ensure bound (13) at a low cost? For the worst case input this is not simpler than to approximate the root  $\alpha$  very closely. Indeed the divide-and-conquer algorithms (cf. [37], [47]) can compute a real isolation interval for a single simple root, but produce such intervals already well isolated from all other roots, and then our construction is not needed. On the other hand root-finders working on the real line such as the subdivision algorithms produce such intervals independently of the distribution of nonreal roots on the complex plane. In this case we cannot exclude any unfavorable distribution of them. On the average input, however, violation of the isolation assumption (13) seems to be rather pathological (see Section 4).

A natural question arises: How can we test whether this assumption holds for a given polynomial  $A$  and a real interval  $I$  containing its single simple root  $\alpha$ ? In fact very easily: we can just apply our algorithms. They compute a sequence of real inclusion intervals  $(a_h .. b_h)$ , for  $h = 0, 1, \dots$ , where  $(a_0 .. b_0) = I$  and  $b_h > a_h$  for all  $h$ . We verify the inclusion property by checking whether  $A(a_h)A(b_h) < 0$  and either observe that  $h$  bisection steps decrease the width of the isolating interval by a factor of  $2^h$  or otherwise conclude that the assumption (13) is certainly violated. This *test by action* requires negligible extra cost.

Alternatively, given  $m$  and  $r$ , we can test whether the disc  $D(m, r)$  contains only one root by applying the Schur–Conn test, partial inverses of Descartes’ rule of sign, e.g. [18], or the root-radii algorithms of [47] (cf. [35, Section 4]), which approximate the distances from  $m$  to all roots of  $A$  within, say 1% error. These a priori tests, however, have no advantage versus the test by action and have a little greater Boolean cost.

**Remark 15.** Suppose we have  $r$  real intervals  $I_1, \dots, I_r$ , each containing a single simple root of  $A$ . In this case our algorithm ISOLATION\_DISCS (Alg. 1) is a single a priori test of the existence of all the  $r$  root-isolation discs. Our present paper does not use this algorithm, but it may be of independent interest, and our next research plan includes estimation of its Boolean complexity,

which seems to be dominated at Stage 3. This stage is quite inexpensive, according to the estimates in [47] and [37].

### 3 Approximate FFT-based polynomial multiplication and division

In this section we present efficient algorithms and the complexity results for multiplying and dividing univariate polynomials approximately. These results are the main ingredients of the fast algorithms for multipoint evaluation and interpolation. The evaluation is involved into our record fast real root-refinement, but all these results are also interesting on their own right because, unlike the previous papers such as [46], [47] and [28], we keep the Boolean cost bounds of these computations at the record level by employing FFT rather than the Kronecker product and thus decreasing the precision of computing dramatically.

#### 3.1 Approximate polynomial multiplication

We need the following lemma on the evaluation of a polynomial at the powers of a root of unity. A similar result appears in [46, Section 3] where Bluestein's technique from [8] is applied (see also [29, Chapter 4.3.3, Exercise 16]). We use that lemma to provide a bound on the Boolean complexity of multiplying two univariate polynomials when their coefficients are known up to a fixed precision. An algorithm for this problem appeared in [46, Theorem 2.2] based on employing Kronecker's product, but we rely on FFT instead.

**Lemma 16.** *Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  of a degree at most  $d$  such that  $\|A\|_\infty \leq 2^\tau$ . Let  $K = 2^k \geq d$  for a positive integer  $k$ . Assume that we know the coefficients of  $A$  up to the precision  $-\ell - \tau - \lg K - 3$ ; that is the input is assumed to be a polynomial  $\tilde{A}$  such that  $\|A - \tilde{A}\|_\infty \leq 2^{-\ell - \tau - \lg K - 3} \geq 10$ . Let  $\omega = \exp(\frac{2\pi}{K}\sqrt{-1})$  denote a  $K$ -th root of unity. Then we can evaluate the polynomial  $A$  at  $1, \omega, \dots, \omega^{K-1}$  in  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(K \lg K \mu(\ell + \tau + \lg K))$  such that*

$$\max_{0 \leq i \leq K-1} |A(\omega^i) - \widetilde{A}(\omega^i)| \leq 2^{-\ell} . \quad (14)$$

Moreover,  $|A(\omega^i)| \leq K \|A\|_\infty \leq 2^{\tau + \lg K}$ , for all  $0 \leq i \leq K - 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mathbf{fft}_\lambda(A)$  denote the vector output by the FFT algorithm applied with rounding to the precision of  $\lambda$  bits and let  $\mathbf{dft}(A)$  denote the exact vector of the discrete Fourier transform. Then Corollary 4.1 (Chapter 3, Section 4) from [4] implies that

$$\|\mathbf{fft}_\lambda(A) - \mathbf{dft}(A)\|_\infty = \max_i |A(\omega^i) - \widetilde{A}(\omega^i)| \leq 5 \cdot 2^{-\lambda} \sqrt{K} \lg K \|A\|_\infty \leq 2^{-\lambda + \tau + \lg K + 3} .$$

Therefore, we can obtain the output with the accuracy of  $2^{-\ell}$  bits if we use a precision of  $\lambda \geq \ell + \tau + \lg K + 3$  bits in the input and throughout the computations by this algorithm. This implies the claimed complexity bound because the algorithm uses  $1.5k \lg K$  ops [4, Problem 2.2a]. Moreover  $|A(\omega^i)| \leq \sum_{i=0}^d |a_i| \leq K \|A\|_\infty \leq 2^{\tau + \lg K}$ , for all  $0 \leq i \leq K - 1$ , because  $|\omega| = 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 17.** *Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  of degree at most  $d$ , such that  $\|A\|_\infty \leq 2^{\tau_1}$  and  $\|B\|_\infty \leq 2^{\tau_2}$ . Let  $C$  denote the product  $AB$  and let  $K = 2^k \geq 2d + 1$  for a positive integer  $k$ . Write  $\lambda = \ell + 2\tau_1 + 2\tau_2 +$*

$5.1 \lg K + 4$ . Assume that we know the coefficients of  $A$  and  $B$  up to the precision  $\lambda$ , that is that the input includes two polynomials  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  such that  $\|A - \tilde{A}\|_\infty \leq 2^{-\lambda}$  and  $\|B - \tilde{B}\|_\infty \leq 2^{-\lambda}$ . Then we can compute in  $\mathcal{O}_B(d \lg d \mu(\ell + \tau_1 + \tau_2 + \lg d))$  a polynomial  $\tilde{C}$  such that  $\|C - \tilde{C}\|_\infty \leq 2^{-\ell}$ . Moreover,  $\|C\|_\infty \leq 2^{\tau_1 + \tau_2 + 2 \lg K}$  for all  $i$ .

**Proof:** We briefly recall polynomial multiplication algorithm based on FFT and on the seminal evaluation–interpolation techniques of Toom 1963. We refer the reader to [4] for a more detailed presentation. Let  $\omega = \exp(\frac{2\pi}{K}\sqrt{-1})$  denote a primitive  $K$ -th root of unity. First we apply FFT to evaluate  $A$  and  $B$  at  $1, \omega, \dots, \omega^{K-1}$  by using  $O(K \lg K)$  ops. Then, in  $K$  multiplications, we obtain the values

$$C(1) = A(1)B(1), C(\omega) = A(\omega)B(\omega), \dots, C(\omega^{K-1}) = A(\omega^{K-1})B(\omega^{K-1}).$$

Let  $\mathbf{c}_\omega$  denote the vector of these  $K$  values. From its coordinates we recover the coefficients of the polynomial  $C$  by interpolation, which amounts to performing the inverse FFT of size  $K$ , that is FFT at the numbers  $1, \frac{1}{\omega}, \dots, \frac{1}{\omega^{K-1}}$  whose output values are divided by  $K$ . Note that  $\frac{1}{\omega^i} = \omega^{K-i}$ , and so, up to scaling by  $1/K$ , the inverse FFT is just a “shuffled” version of FFT; its cost is  $O(K \lg K)$ .

For the values of the polynomials  $A$  and  $B$  at the powers of  $\omega$  we deduce from Lemma 16 that

$$\max_i |A(\omega^i) - \widetilde{A}(\omega^i)| \leq 2^{-\lambda + \tau_1 + \lg K + 3} \quad \text{and} \quad \max_i |B(\omega^i) - \widetilde{B}(\omega^i)| \leq 2^{-\lambda + \tau_2 + \lg K + 3}. \quad (15)$$

By combining the two inequalities of Eq. (15) with the assumed bounds  $\|A\|_\infty \leq 2^\tau$  and  $\|B\|_\infty \leq 2^\tau$ , we obtain

$$\|\mathbf{c}_\omega - \widetilde{\mathbf{c}}_\omega\|_\infty = \max_i \left| C(\omega^i) - \widetilde{C}(\omega^i) \right| \leq 2^{-\lambda + \tau_1 + \tau_2 + 2 \lg K + 4},$$

that is we yield the coordinates of the vector  $\mathbf{c}_\omega$  up to  $(\lambda - \tau_1 - \tau_2 - 2 \lg K - 4)$  bits of precision.

Moreover, Lemma 16 implies that  $|A(\omega^i)| \leq 2^{\tau_1 + \lg K}$  and  $|B(\omega^i)| \leq 2^{\tau_2 + \lg K}$ , for all  $0 \leq i \leq K$ .

Multiply pairwise with no errors the  $K$  pairs of the values of  $A$  and  $B$  at  $\omega^i$  for all  $i$  and obtain the numbers  $C(\omega^i)$  such that

$$|C(\omega^i)| = |A(\omega^i)B(\omega^i)| \leq 2^{\tau_1 + \tau_2 + 2 \lg K} \text{ for all } i,$$

and so

$$\|\mathbf{c}_\omega\|_\infty = \max_i |C(\omega^i)| \leq 2^{\tau_1 + \tau_2 + 2 \lg K}.$$

By applying again Corollary 4.1 (Chapter 3, Section 4) from [4] to the vector  $\mathbf{c}_\omega$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{fft}_\lambda(\mathbf{c}_\omega) - \mathbf{dft}(\mathbf{c}_\omega)\|_\infty &\leq 5 \cdot 2^{-\lambda + \tau_1 + \tau_2 + 2 \lg K + 4} \sqrt{K} \lg K \|\mathbf{c}_\omega\|_\infty \\ &\leq 5 \cdot 2^{-\lambda + \tau_1 + \tau_2 + 2 \lg K + 4} \sqrt{K} \lg K 2^{\tau_1 + \tau_2 + 2 \lg K} \\ &\leq 5 \cdot 2^{-\lambda + 2\tau_1 + 2\tau_2 + 5.1 \lg K + 4} \end{aligned}$$

because  $\sqrt{K} \lg K \leq 1.1K$  for  $K \geq 1$ .

We can compute the output values accurate up to  $\ell$  bits of precision if we employ the coefficients of the input polynomials up to  $\ell + 2\tau_1 + 2\tau_2 + 5.1 \lg K + 4$  bits and if we perform all computations with the precision of  $\ell + 2\tau_1 + 2\tau_2 + 5.1 \lg K + 4$  bits. We use  $O(K \lg K)$  ops, and so the bit complexity of the algorithm is  $\mathcal{O}_B(K \lg K \mu(\ell + \tau_1 + \tau_2 + \lg K))$  or  $\mathcal{O}_B(d \lg d \mu(\ell + \tau_1 + \tau_2 + \lg d))$ .  $\square$





case, embed the matrix  $T$  into a lower triangular Toeplitz  $q \times q$  matrix  $\bar{T} = \bar{t}(Z_q)$  for  $q = 2^k$  and  $k = \lceil \lg(n+1) \rceil$  with the leading (that is northwestern) block  $T = t(Z_q)$ , such that  $t(Z_q) = \bar{t}(Z_q) \bmod Z_q^{n+1}$ , compute the inverse matrix  $\bar{T}^{-1}$  and output its leading  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  block  $T^{-1}$ .

Now represent  $T$  as the  $2 \times 2$  block matrix,  $T = \begin{bmatrix} T_0 & 0 \\ T_1 & T_0 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  are  $\frac{q}{2} \times \frac{q}{2}$  Toeplitz submatrices of the Toeplitz matrix  $T$ ,  $T_0$  is invertible, and observe that

$$T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} T_0 & 0 \\ T_1 & T_0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} T_0^{-1} & 0 \\ -T_0^{-1} T_1 T_0^{-1} & T_0^{-1} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (17)$$

We only seek the first column of the matrix  $T^{-1}$ . Its computation amounts to solving the same problem for the half-size triangular Toeplitz matrix  $T_0$  and to multiplication of each of the  $\frac{q}{2} \times \frac{q}{2}$  Toeplitz matrices  $T_1$  and  $T_0^{-1}$  by a vector. Let  $TTI(s)$  and  $TM(s)$  denote the arithmetic cost of  $s \times s$  triangular Toeplitz matrix inversion and multiplying an  $s \times s$  Toeplitz matrix by a vector, respectively. Then the above analysis implies that  $TTI(q) \leq TTI(q/2) + 2TM(q/2)$ . Reapply this bound to  $TTI(q/2^g)$  for  $g = 1, 2, \dots$  recursively, and deduce that  $TTI(q) \leq \sum_{g=1}^h TM(q/2^g)$ . The following simple lemma (cf. [36, equations (2.4.3) and (2.4.4)]) reduce Toeplitz-by-vector multiplication to polynomial multiplication and the extraction of a subvector of the coefficient vector of the product, thus implying that  $TM(s) \leq cs \lg s$  for a constant  $c$  and consequently  $TTI(q) < 2cq \lg q$ .

**Lemma 18.** *The vector equation*

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_0 & & & O \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & u_0 & \\ u_m & \ddots & \vdots & \\ O & & \ddots & u_m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 \\ \vdots \\ p_m \\ \vdots \\ p_{m+n} \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

is equivalent to the polynomial equation

$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^m u_i x^i \right) \left( \sum_{i=0}^n v_i x^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{m+n} p_i x^i. \quad (19)$$

We wish to estimate the Boolean (rather than arithmetic) cost of inverting a triangular Toeplitz matrix  $T$  and then extend this to the Boolean cost bound of computing the vector  $T^{-1}\mathbf{s}$  and of polynomial division. So next we assume that the input polynomials are known up to some precision  $2^{-\lambda}$  and employ the above reduction of the problem to recursive (approximate) polynomial multiplications.

To study the Boolean complexity of this procedure, we need the following corollary, which is a direct consequence of Lemma 17, and inequality  $\lg(2d+1) \leq 2 + \lg d$ .

**Corollary 19 (Bounds for the product  $P_0^2 P_1$ ).** *Let  $P_0$  be of degree  $d$  such that  $\|P_0\|_\infty \leq 2^{\tau_0}$ , and its coefficients are known up to a precision  $2^{-\lambda}$ . Similarly, let  $P_1$  be of degree  $2d$ ,  $\|P_1\|_\infty \leq 2^{\tau_1}$ , and*

its coefficients are known up to a precision  $2^{-\nu}$ . Then the polynomial  $P = P_0^2 P_1$  is of degree  $4d$ ,  $\|P_0^2 P_1\|_\infty \leq 2^{2\tau_0 + \tau_1 + 6 \lg d + 8}$ , and the coefficients are known up to the precision  $2^{-\nu + 8\tau_0 + 2\tau_1 + 15 \lg d + 40}$ .

We will estimate by induction the cost of inverting the matrix  $T$ , by using Eq. (17) recursively.

**Lemma 20.** *Let  $n + 1 = 2^h$  for a positive integer  $h$  and let  $T$  be a lower triangular Toeplitz  $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$  matrix of Eq. (16), having ones on the diagonal. Let its subdiagonal entries be complex numbers of magnitude at most  $2^\tau$ . Write  $T^{-1} = (T_{i,j}^{-1})_{i,j=0}^n$ . Then*

$$\left| \lg \max_{i,j} |T_{i,j}^{-1}| \right| \leq (2n - 1)\tau + 3n - 20 \lg n .$$

Furthermore, to compute the entries of  $T^{-1}$  up to the precision of  $\ell$  bits, that is to compute a matrix  $\tilde{T}^{-1} = (\tilde{T}_{i,j}^{-1})_{i,j=0}^n$  such that

$$\max_{i,j} |T_{i,j}^{-1} - \tilde{T}_{i,j}^{-1}| \leq 2^{-\ell} ,$$

it is sufficient to know the entries of  $T$  up to precision of  $\ell + 16n\tau + 56n + 6\tau + 2 \lg n - 68$ , that is  $\mathcal{O}(\ell + n\tau)$  bits, and the computation of  $\tilde{T}^{-1}$  costs  $\mathcal{O}_B(n \lg^2 n \cdot \mu(\ell + n\tau))$ , that is  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(n\ell + n^2\tau)$ .

**Proof:** We will prove the claimed estimates by applying the reduction of the inversion to recursive multiplication of polynomials defined by equation (17) and Lemma 18.

Consider the  $\frac{n+1}{2} \times \frac{n+1}{2}$  Toeplitz matrices  $T_0^{-1}$  and  $T_1$  of equation (17). The Toeplitz matrix  $T_0^{-1}$  is triangular, and so its first column,  $\mathbf{p} = (p_i)_{i=0}^{(n-1)/2}$ , with  $p_0 = 1$ , defines this matrix and the polynomial  $p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{(n-1)/2} p_i x^i$  of degree  $(n-1)/2$ . Likewise the vector  $\mathbf{t} = (t_{n-i})_{i=1}^n$  (made up of two overlapping vectors, that is, the reversed first row,  $(t_{n-1}, t_{n-2}, \dots, t_{(n-1)/2})$ , of the matrix  $T_1$  and its first column,  $(t_{(n-1)/2}, t_{(n-3)/2}, \dots, t_0)^T$ ) defines this matrix and the polynomial  $t(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n t_{n-i} x^{i-1}$  of degree  $n-1$ . The first column of the  $\frac{n+1}{2} \times \frac{n+1}{2}$  Toeplitz matrix  $T_1 T_0^{-1}$  is a subvector,  $\mathbf{v}$ , of dimension  $(n+1)/2$  of the coefficient vector of the polynomial product  $t(x)p(x)$ , having degree  $3(n-1)/2$ . Likewise the first column of the  $\frac{n+1}{2} \times \frac{n+1}{2}$  matrix  $-T_0^{-1} T_1 T_0^{-1}$  is the vector  $\mathbf{q} = -T_0^{-1} \mathbf{v}$ , which is a subvector of dimension  $(n+1)/2$  of the coefficient vector of the polynomial product  $p(x)v(x)$  of degree  $n-1$ , where the polynomial  $v(x)$  of degree  $(n-1)/2$  is defined by its coefficient vector  $\mathbf{v}$ . In sum the vector  $\mathbf{q}$  is the coefficient vector of a polynomial  $q(x)$  obtained by two successive multiplications of polynomials. (Namely we first compute the polynomial  $t(x)p(x)$ , then truncate it to obtain the polynomial  $v(x)$ , then compute the polynomial  $-p(x)v(x)$ , and finally truncate it to obtain the polynomial  $q(x)$ .) The truncation can only decrease the degree of a polynomial and the maximum length of its coefficients, and so we can bound the precision and the cost of computing the matrix product  $-T_0^{-1} T_1 T_0^{-1}$  by the bounds on the precision and the cost of computing the polynomial product  $P_0^2 P_1$ , estimated in Corollary 19 for  $P_0 = p(x)$ ,  $P_1 = t(x)$ , and  $d = (n-1)/2$ .

Recall that  $n + 1 = 2^k$  by assumption and that the polynomial  $P_0^2 P_1$  has degree  $2n - 2$ . We write  $k = \lceil \lg(2n - 2) \rceil$  and then prove by induction that

$$\lg \|P_0^2 P_1\|_\infty \leq (2^{k+1} - 1)\tau + 3 \cdot 2^k - 20k . \quad (20)$$

Under the assumption that the input elements are known up to a precision of  $\lambda$  bits, we compute a polynomial  $\widetilde{P_0^2 P_1}$  such that

$$\lg \left\| P_0^2 P_1 - \widetilde{P_0^2 P_1} \right\|_\infty \leq 16 \cdot 2^k \tau + 56 \cdot 2^k + 6\tau + 2k - 68 . \quad (21)$$

We proceed by induction. Let the base case be  $n + 1 = 4$ , and then invert the matrix

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ t_2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ t_1 & t_2 & 1 & 0 \\ t_0 & t_1 & t_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_0 & 0 \\ T_1 & T_0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } T_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ t_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, T_0^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -t_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & t_2 \\ t_0 & t_1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $|t_i| \leq 2^\tau$ . The associated polynomials are  $P_0(x) = 1 - t_2x$ , for  $T_0^{-1}$ , and  $P_1(x) = t_2 + t_1x + t_0x^2$ , for  $T_1$ . Therefore  $P_1P_0 = (1 - t_2x)(t_2 + t_1x + t_0x^2) = t_2 + (t_1 - t_2^2)x + (t_0 - t_1t_2)x^2 - t_0t_2x^3$ . The subvector  $\mathbf{v} = (t_1 - t_2^2, t_0 - t_1t_2)^T$  of the coefficient vector of the polynomial product  $P_1P_0$  is the first column of the matrix product  $T_1T_0^{-1}$ . Furthermore the vector  $-T_0^{-1}\mathbf{v} = (t_2^2 - t_1, 2t_1t_2 - t_2^3 - t_0)^T$  is a subvector of the coefficient vector of the polynomial product  $P_0v = (1 - t_2x)(t_1 - t_2^2 + (t_0 - t_1t_2)x)$  where  $v$  denotes the polynomial  $t_1 - t_2^2 + (t_0 - t_1t_2)x$  with the coefficient vector  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Now we overestimate the magnitude of the coefficients of this product by estimating the norm of the polynomial  $P_0^2P_1 = (1 - t_2x)^2(t_2 + t_1x + t_0x^2) = t_2 + (t_1 - 2t_2^2)x + (t_0 - 2t_1t_2 + t_2^3)x^2 + (t_2^2t_1 - 2t_2t_0)x^3 + t_2^2t_0x^4$ . By overestimating the coefficient of  $x^2$  we obtain

$$\|P_0^2P_1\|_\infty \leq (2^\tau)^3 + 2 \cdot 2^\tau 2^\tau + 2^\tau \leq 3 \cdot 2^{3\tau} \leq 2^{3\tau+2},$$

and therefore

$$\lg\|P_0^2P_1\|_\infty \leq 3\tau + 2 \leq 7\tau - 28,$$

where the right-hand side represents bound Eq. (20) for  $k = 2$ , and it true for all  $\tau \geq 8$ .

We perform the multiplication using the algorithm of Lemma 17. and then deduce that

$$\lg\|P_0^2P_1 - \widetilde{P_0^2P_1}\|_\infty \leq 10\tau + 4\lg 2 + 42 \leq 70\tau + 160,$$

where the right-hand side represents bound Eq. (21) for  $k = 2$ .

It remains to prove the induction. Suppose the claimed bounds are true for  $n + 1 = 2^k$  and extend them to  $n + 1 = 2^{k+1}$ . In this case  $P_0$  is a polynomial of degree  $d = 2^{k-1} - 1$ . Apply the induction hypothesis and obtain  $\|P_0\|_\infty \leq 2^{(2^k-1)\tau+3\cdot 2^{k-1}-20(k-1)}$  and

$$\lg\|P_0 - \widetilde{P_0}\|_\infty \leq -\lambda + 16 \cdot 2^{k-1}\tau + 56 \cdot 2^{k-1} + 6\tau + 2(k-1) - 68. \quad (22)$$

The polynomial  $P_1$  has degree  $2^k - 2$ , and we can assume that we know its coefficients up to the same precision as those of  $P_0$  and that  $\|P_1\|_\infty \leq 2^\tau$ , because the coefficients are the entries of the input matrix  $T$ .

We form the product  $P_0^2P_1$  and its approximation, based on Cor. 19. In our case we have  $d = 2^{k-1} - 1$ ,  $\tau_0 = (2^k - 1)\tau + 3 \cdot 2^{k-1} - 20(k - 1)$ ,  $\tau_1 = \tau$ , and  $-\nu = -\lambda + 16 \cdot 2^{k-1}\tau + 56 \cdot 2^{k-1} + 6\tau + 2(k - 1) - 68$ .

We apply Cor 19 and obtain

$$\lg\|P_0^2P_1\|_\infty \leq 2\tau_0 + \tau_1 + 6\lg 2^{k-1} + 8 = (2^{k+1} - 1)\tau + 3 \cdot 2^k - 34k + 42 \leq (2^{k+1} - 1)\tau + 3 \cdot 2^k - 20k,$$

where the last inequality, which is due to Eq. (20), is true for all  $k \geq 3$ . We also estimate that it is sufficient to compute the product  $P_0^2P_1$  with the bit-precision

$$\lg\|P_0^2P_1 - \widetilde{P_0^2P_1}\|_\infty \leq -\nu + 8\tau_0 + 2\tau_1 + 15k + 40 \leq -\lambda + 16 \cdot 2^k\tau + 56 \cdot 2^k + 6\tau + 2k - 68.$$

Combine this bound with the previous ones and deduce that it is sufficient to perform all the computations by using at most  $\ell + 16 \cdot 2^k \tau + 56 \cdot 2^k + 6\tau + 2k - 68 = \ell + 16n\tau + 56n + 6\tau + 2 \lg n - 68$ , that is  $\mathcal{O}(\ell + n\tau)$  bits of precision.

We perform  $k$  steps overall, for  $1 \leq k \leq \lg(n+1)$ . At each step we apply two multiplications of polynomials of degrees at most  $2^{k-1}$  whose coefficients have magnitude less than  $2^{\mathcal{O}(n\tau)}$ , and use a precision of at most  $\ell + 16n\tau + 56n + 6\tau + 2 \lg n - 68 = \mathcal{O}(\ell + n\tau)$  bits. By combining these estimates together, we obtain

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\lg n} k \cdot 2 \mathcal{O}_B(2^k \cdot \lg 2^k \cdot \mu(\ell + n\tau)) = \mathcal{O}_B(n \lg^2(n) \mu(\ell + n\tau)),$$

that concludes the proof.  $\square$

Estimating the complexity of approximate polynomial division we assume for simplicity that  $m = 2n$ .

**Theorem 21.** *Let  $s, t \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  denote two polynomials of degrees at most  $2n$  and  $n$ , respectively, such that  $\|s\|_\infty \leq 2^{\tau_1}$  and  $\|t\|_\infty \leq 2^{\tau_2}$ . Suppose we are given the coefficients of these polynomials up to the precision  $\lambda = \ell + 30n\tau_2 + \tau_1 + 80n$ , that is we are given two polynomials  $\tilde{s}$  and  $\tilde{t}$  such that  $\|s - \tilde{s}\|_\infty \leq 2^{-\lambda}$  and  $\|t - \tilde{t}\|_\infty \leq 2^{-\lambda}$ . Let  $q$  and  $r$  denote the quotient and the remainder of the division of the polynomials  $s$  by  $t$ , that is  $s = t \cdot q + r$  and  $\deg r < \deg t$ . Then within the cost bounds in  $\mathcal{O}_B(n \lg^2 n \cdot \mu(\ell + n\tau_2 + \tau_1))$ , that is in  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(n\ell + n^2\tau_2 + n\tau_1)$ , we can compute two polynomials  $\tilde{q}$  and  $\tilde{r}$  such that  $\|q - \tilde{q}\|_\infty \leq 2^{-\ell}$  and  $\|r - \tilde{r}\|_\infty \leq 2^{-\ell}$ . Moreover,  $\|q\|_\infty \leq 2^{2n\tau_2 + 10n}$  and  $\|r\|_\infty \leq 2^{3n\tau_2 + \tau_1 + 12n}$ .*

**Proof:** We compute the coefficients of  $q(x)$  using Eq. (16), that is  $\mathbf{q} = T^{-1} \mathbf{s}$ . Each coefficient of the vector  $\mathbf{q}$  comes as an inner product of two vectors, i.e.  $q_i = \sum_{j=0}^n T_{i,j}^{-1} s_j$ .

From Lemma 20 we know that  $|\lg|T_{i,j}^{-1}|| \leq (2n-1)\tau_2 + c_1$ , where  $c_1 = 3n - 20 \lg n$  and  $|\lg|T_{i,j}^{-1} - \tilde{T}_{i,j}^{-1}|| \leq \lambda + 16n\tau_2 + c_2$ , where  $c_2 = 56n + 6\tau_2 + 2 \lg n - 68$ . For the coefficients of  $s$ ,  $s_j$ , we deduce that  $\lg|s_j| \leq \tau_2$  and  $\lg|s_j - \tilde{s}_j| \leq -\lambda$ .

Therefore  $\lg|T_{i,j}^{-1} s_j| \leq 2n\tau_2 + c_1$  and  $\lg|T_{i,j}^{-1} s_j - \tilde{T}_{i,j}^{-1} \tilde{s}_j| \leq -\lambda + 16n\tau_2 + \tau_2 + c_1 + c_2$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ , and so

$$\lg\|q\|_\infty \leq \max_i \lg|\sum_j T_{i,j}^{-1} s_j| \leq 2n\tau_2 + c_1 + \lg n \leq 2n\tau_2 + 10n$$

and

$$\lg\|q - \tilde{q}\|_\infty \leq \lg|\sum_j T_{i,j}^{-1} s_j - \sum_j \tilde{T}_{i,j}^{-1} \tilde{s}_j| \leq -\lambda + 16n\tau_2 + \tau_2 + c_1 + c_2 + \lg n \leq -\lambda + 23n\tau_2 + 64n.$$

To compute the remainder  $r(x) = s(x) - t(x)q(x)$  we only need an approximate polynomial multiplication and a subtraction.

Recall the bounds  $\lg\|t\|_\infty \leq \tau_2$  and  $\lg\|t - \tilde{t}\|_\infty \leq -\lambda$ , apply Lemma 17, and deduce that  $\lg\|tq\|_\infty \leq 3n\tau_2 + c_1 + 4 \lg n$  and  $\lg\|tq - \tilde{t}\tilde{q}\|_\infty \leq -\lambda + 24n\tau_2 + 3c_1 + c_2 + 10 \lg n + 20$ .

To cover the impact of the subtraction, we apply some simplifications that make bounds less scary (albeit less accurate wrt the constants involved), and thus obtain

$$\lg\|r\|_\infty \leq 3n\tau_2 + c_1 + 4 \lg n + \tau_1 \leq 3n\tau_2 + \tau_1 + 12n$$

and

$$\lg\|r - \tilde{r}\|_\infty \leq -\lambda + 24n\tau_2 + \tau_1 + 3c_1 + c_2 + 10\lg n + 22 \leq -\lambda 30n\tau_2 + \tau_1 + 80n .$$

The overall complexity is dominated at the stage of computing the entries of the matrix  $\tilde{T}_{ij}^{-1}$ .  $\square$

## 4 Average case analysis of DES and $\alpha$ DES

The most time consuming part of  $R_3$  and  $\alpha R_3$  is the  $\alpha$ DES procedure. It requires, in the worst case,

$$g_1^2 = \lceil \lg(L - 1 + \lg w) \rceil^2 = \mathcal{O}(\lg^2(\tau + L))$$

evaluations of our input polynomial  $A$ . The worst case occurs where some extraneous roots of  $A$  lie very close to the endpoints of the initial interval  $I$ . However, in practice this behavior is rare, if it occurs at all. To explain this phenomenon, Pan and Linzer [38] estimated the average number of steps of DES under the assumption that a real root is uniformly distributed in an interval and concluded that in this case  $R_3$ , and hence  $\alpha R_3$ , needed a constant number of steps, with a high probability.

Even though the assumption on the equidistribution of the real roots in [38] is plausible, we are not aware of any distribution on the coefficients that results in such a behavior for the roots. We consider an average case analysis where the root we approximate is a real root of a random Weyl or  $SO(2)$  polynomial [20]. The density function of the real roots is considerably different from uniform in these cases, but we also arrive at the same conclusion, that is the algorithms  $R_3$  and  $\alpha R_3$  perform a constant number of steps with high probability.

### 4.1 Weyl polynomials

Weyl polynomials, are random polynomials of the form  $A = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i x^i / \sqrt{i!}$ , with independent standard normal coefficients  $a_i$ . Alternatively, we could consider them as  $A = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i x^i$ , where  $a_i$  are normal variables having mean 0 and variance  $1/\sqrt{i!}$ . As the degree grows, the real roots, except for a constant number of them, are in the interval  $[-\sqrt{d} .. \sqrt{d}]$ . Their (asymptotic) probability density function is  $f(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{d}}$ . Then the probability value

$$\text{Probability}[\alpha_1 \in [a .. a + w/2^{2^k}]] = \Pr[g_1 > k] = \int_a^{a+w/2^{2^k}} f(t)dt = \frac{w}{2^{2^k+1}\sqrt{d}}$$

rapidly converges to 0 as  $k$  or  $d$  grows large.

### 4.2 $SO(2)$ polynomials

Random polynomials of the form  $A = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i x^i$ , where the coefficients are i.d. normals with mean zero and variances  $\binom{d}{i}$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq d$  are called  $SO(2)$  polynomials. Alternatively, we can define them as  $A = \sum_{i=0}^d \sqrt{\binom{d}{i}} a_i x^i$ , where  $a_i$  are i.i.d. standard normals. They are called  $SO(2)$  because the joint probability distribution of their zeros is  $SO(2)$  invariant, after homogenization.

The (asymptotic) probability density function of the real roots of  $SO(2)$  random polynomials is  $f(t) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+t^2)}$ .

Assume that the isolating interval  $I = [a..b]$  is a subset of  $(0..1)$ , and let its width be  $w$ . We can treat similarly the case where  $I$  is a subset of  $(1..∞)$ . Then the probability value

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Probability} \left[ \alpha_1 \in [a..a+w/2^{2^k}] \right] &= \Pr[g_1 > k] \\ &= \int_a^{a+w/2^{2^k}} f(t)dt = \arctan(a) - \arctan(a+w/2^{2^k}) \\ &= \arctan \frac{w/2^{2^k}}{1+a^2 w/2^{2^k}} \leq \frac{w}{2^{2^k} + a^2 w} - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{w}{2^{2^k} + a^2 w} \right)^3, \end{aligned}$$

rapidly converges to 0 as in the case of Weyl polynomials. However, now there is no dependence on the degree but only on the endpoints of the (initial) isolating interval.

## 5 Conclusions and future work

We present an approximate variant of a real root refinement algorithm that is based on the *Bisection of the Exponents*, or *Double Exponential Sieve* algorithm, bisection and Newton operator. The complexity of the algorithm is  $\tilde{O}_B(d^2\tau + dL)$ . We are currently implementing the presented algorithm for real root refinement and the first results are quite encouraging. We plan to report a detailed experimental analysis in the near future.

Can we combine  $\alpha$ DES with the approximate version of `qir` in [26] to provide an alternative method to guarantee quadratic behavior? We believe that this is a very interesting approach to explore.

For random polynomials, it is reasonable to assume that we can derive an even faster algorithm for real root refinement that takes advantage of the distribution of the roots.

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**Algorithm 2:**INCRISOLATIONRATIO\_BY\_SUBDIV( $A, I, r, R, dir$ )**Input:**  $A \in \mathbb{Z}[X], I = [a, b], L \in \mathbb{Z}$ **Output:**  $(r, I)$ , where  $r \geq R$ **Data:** Initially  $r < R$ . The direction of the closest root,  $dir$ , may or may not be given.

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1 if  $dir = \emptyset$  then
2    $m \leftarrow \frac{a+b}{2}$ ;
3    $s_m \leftarrow \text{sgn}(A(m))$ ;
4   if  $s = 0$  then  $I = [m..m]$ ; RETURN  $(r = \infty, I)$  ;
5   if  $s_l \cdot s_m < 0$  then  $I \leftarrow [a..m]$ ;  $dir = left$  ;
6   if  $s_r \cdot s_m < 0$  then  $I \leftarrow [m..b]$ ;  $dir = right$  ;
7    $r \leftarrow 2(r - 1) + 1$ ;

8 while  $r < R$  do
9    $m \leftarrow \frac{a+b}{2}$ ;
10   $s_m \leftarrow \text{sgn}(A(m))$ ;
11  if  $s = 0$  then  $I = [m..m]$ ; RETURN  $(r = \infty, I)$  ;
12  if  $s_l \cdot s_m < 0$  then  $I \leftarrow [a..m]$ ;  $cdir = left$  ;
13  if  $s_r \cdot s_m < 0$  then  $I \leftarrow [m..b]$ ;  $cdir = right$  ;
14  if  $cdir \neq dir$  then
15     $r \leftarrow 2(r - 1) + 1$ 
16  else
17     $r \leftarrow 2(r + 1) - 1$ 

18 RETURN  $(r, I)$ 

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## 6 Appendix

**Algorithm 3:** NEWTON( $A, I, t$ )

**Input:**  $A \in \mathbb{Z}[X], I = [a, b], t \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Output:** Interval  $J$  such that  $w(J) < 2^{-L}w$

**Data:** It holds that  $\text{ir}(I) > 20d^2$

1  $x_1 \leftarrow \mathfrak{m}(I)$  ;

2  $x_0 \leftarrow \infty$  ;

3 **while**  $|x_1 - x_0| > 2^{-L}w$  **do**

4     SWAP( $x_1, x_0$ ) ;

5      $x_1 \leftarrow x_0 - A(x_0)/A'(x_0)$  ;

6 RETURN  $[x_0..x_1]$