

# Homotopy Continuation Method For Solving Polynomial Systems

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## Solving polynomial system

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = (p_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, p_n(\mathbf{x})) = 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{C}^n$$

1. Linear Homotopy (Begins in 1979)

2. Nonlinear Homotopy  
(Polyhedral Homotopy)

(1995, The state of the art)

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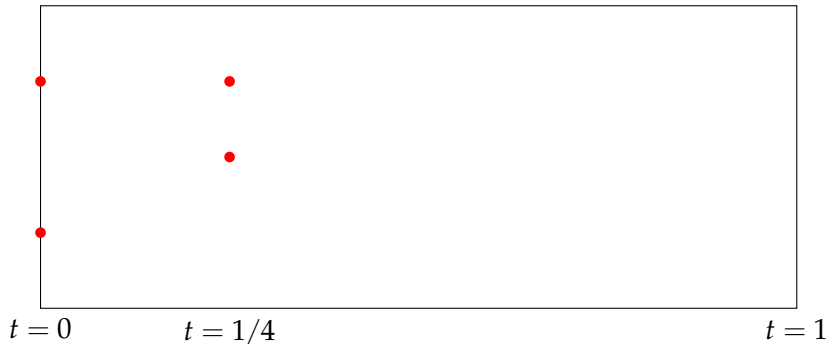
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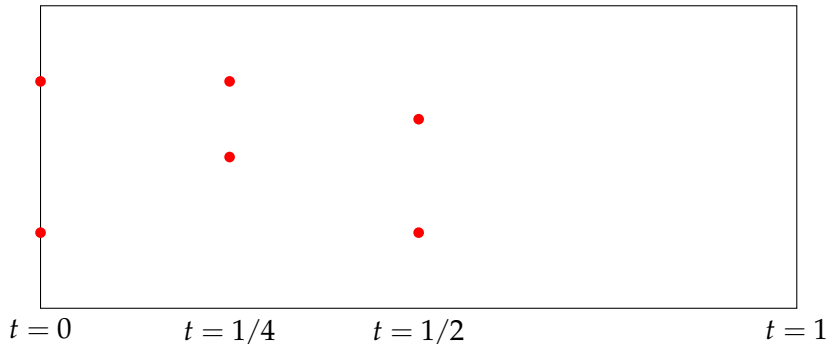
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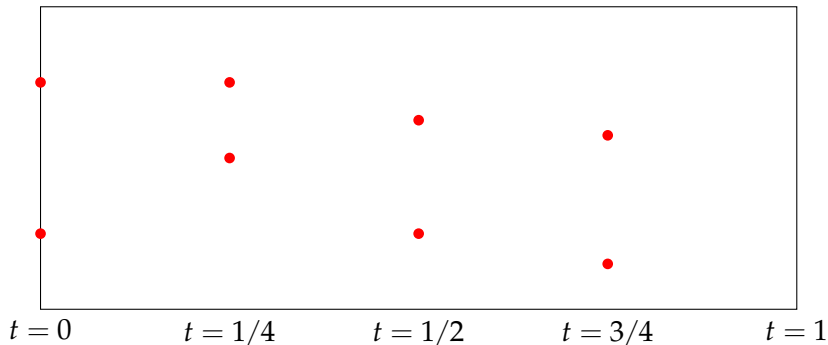
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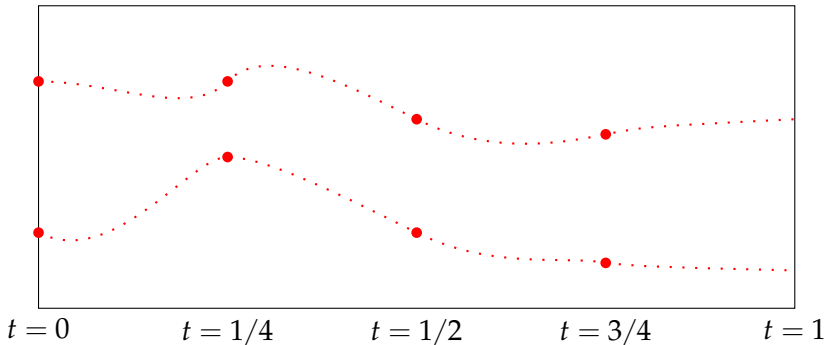
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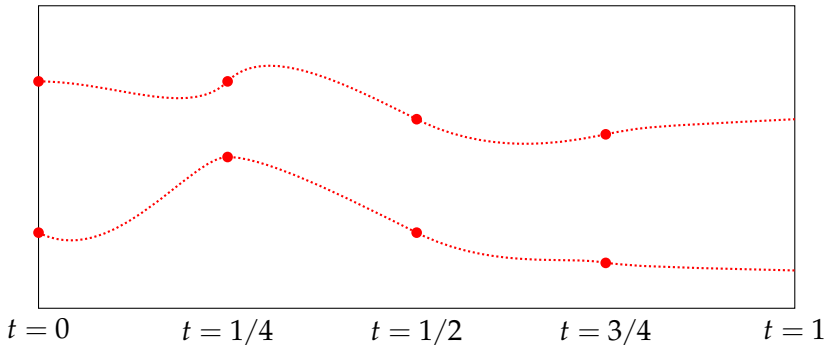
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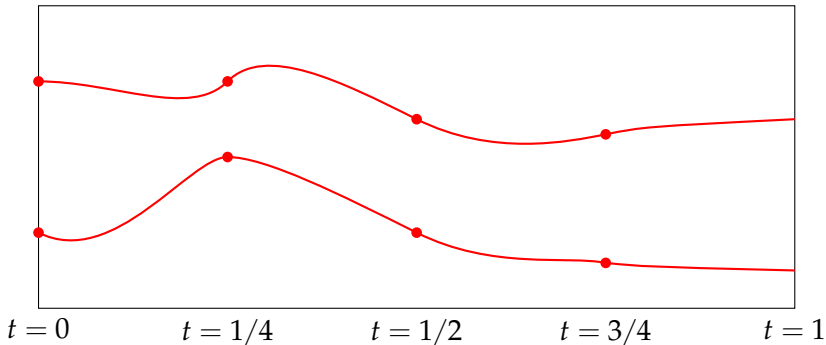
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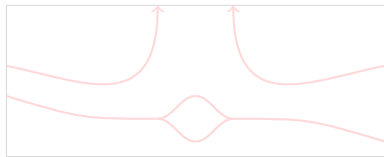
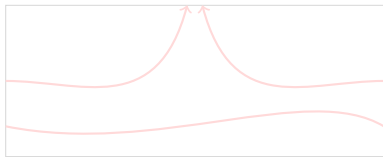
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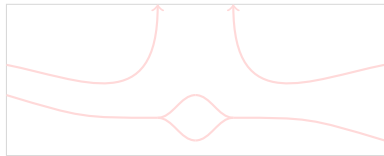
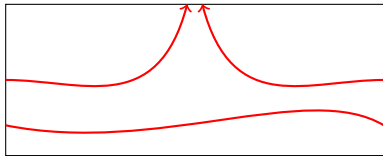


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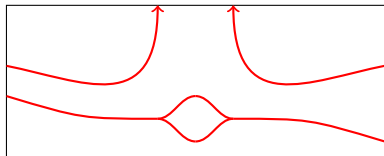
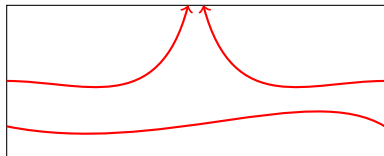




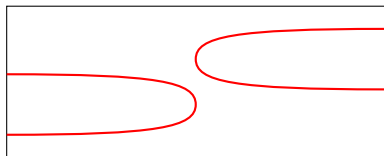
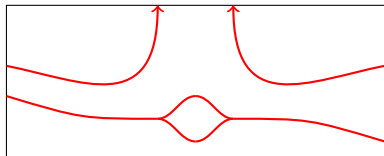
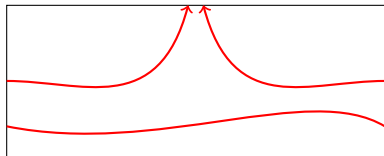
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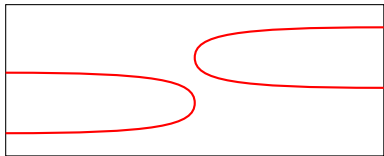
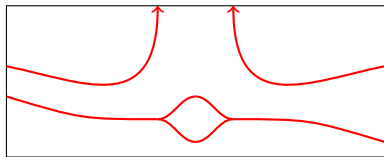
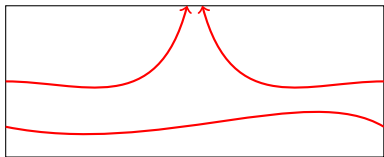
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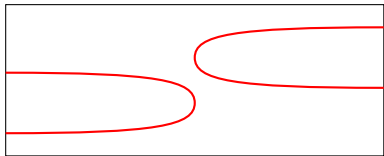
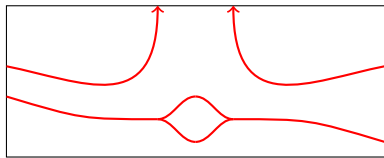
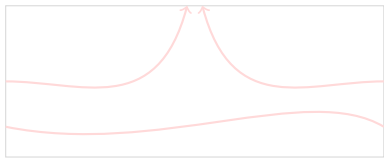
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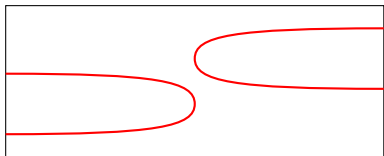
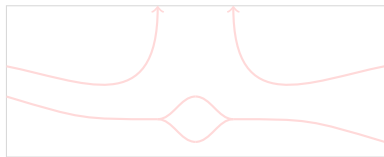
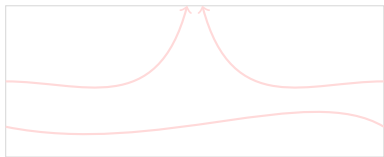
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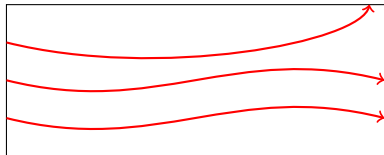
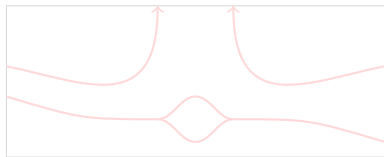
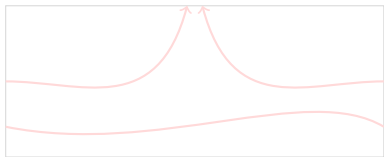














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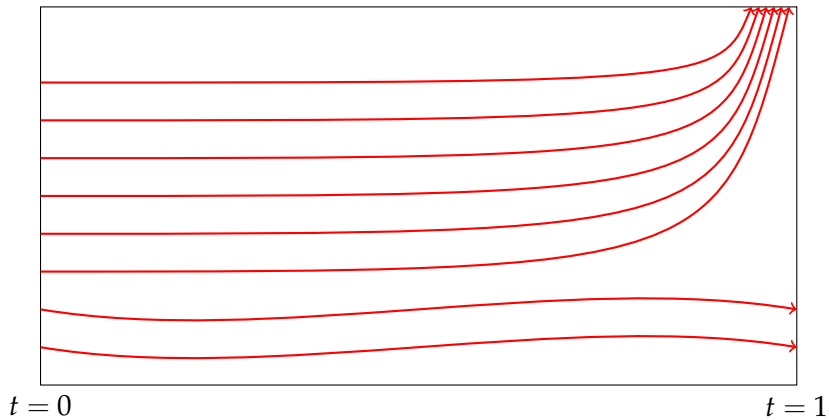


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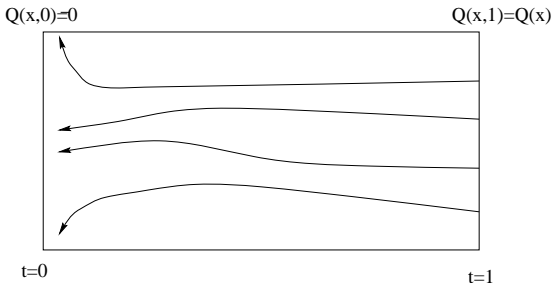
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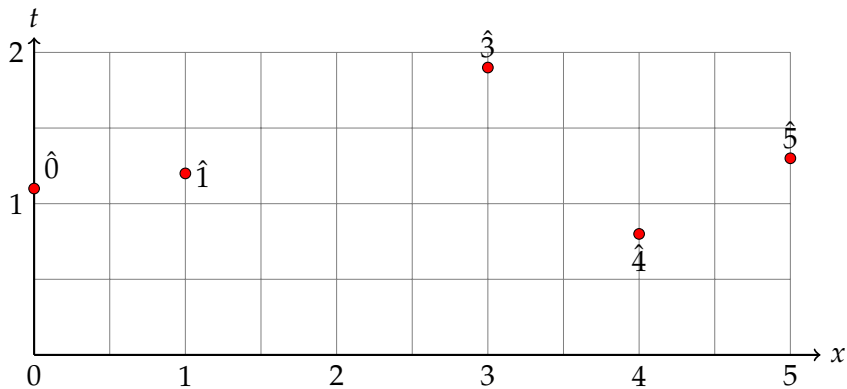
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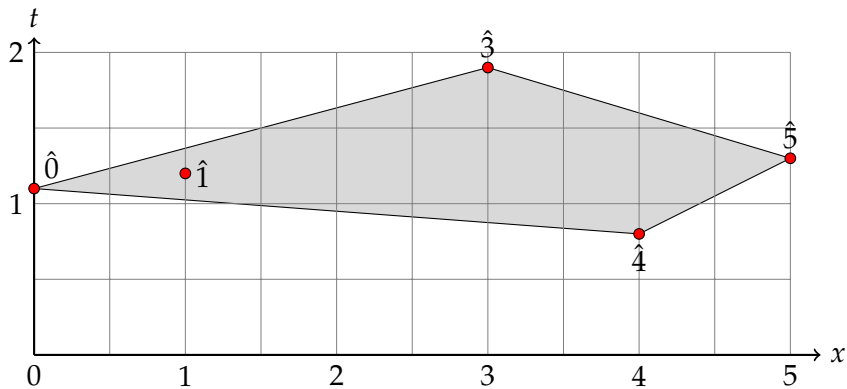
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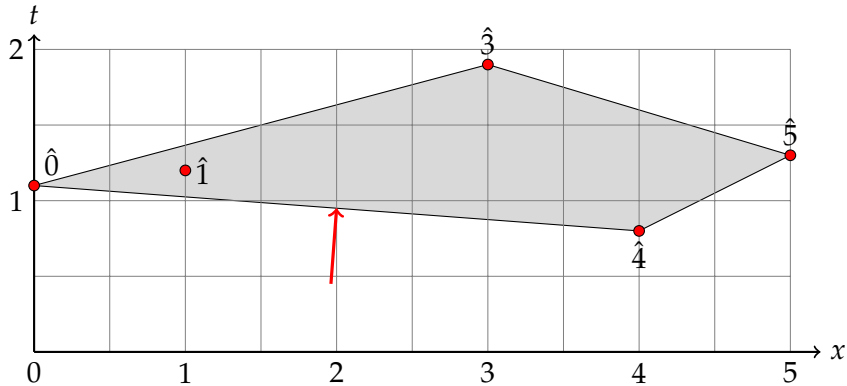
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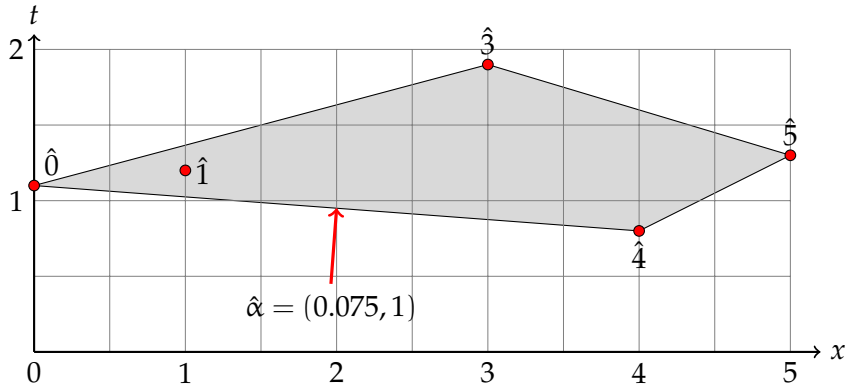
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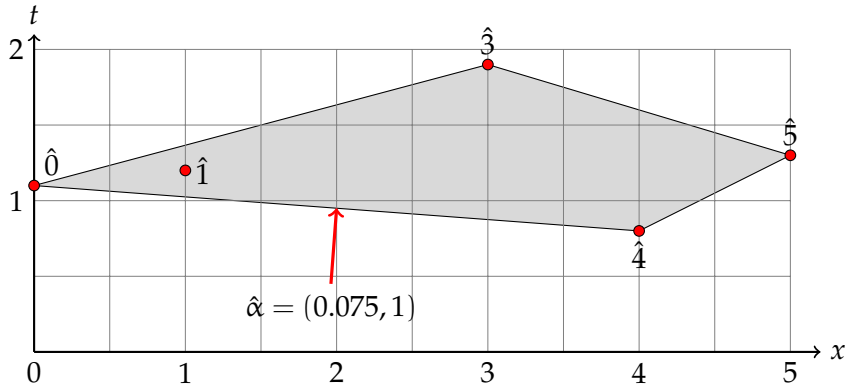
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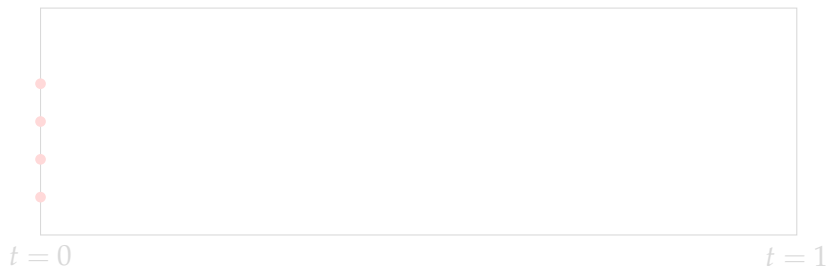
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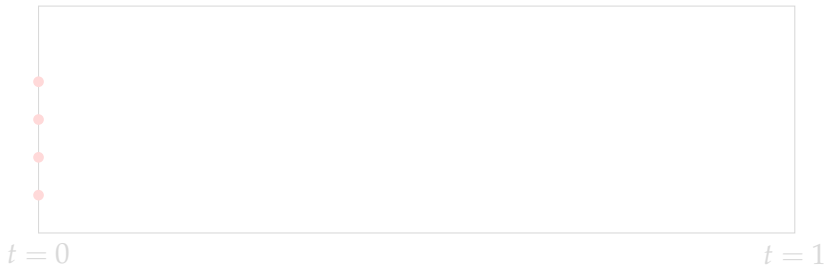
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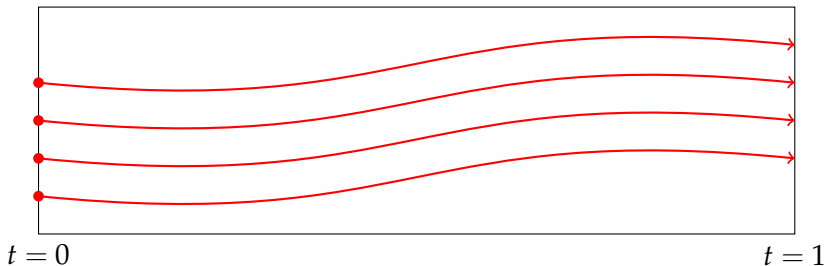
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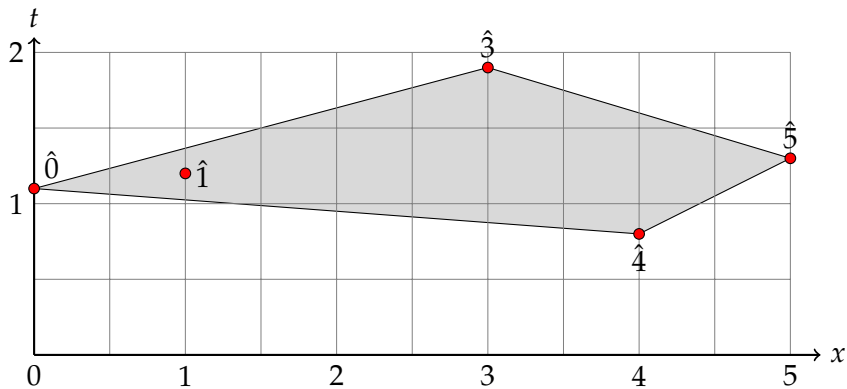


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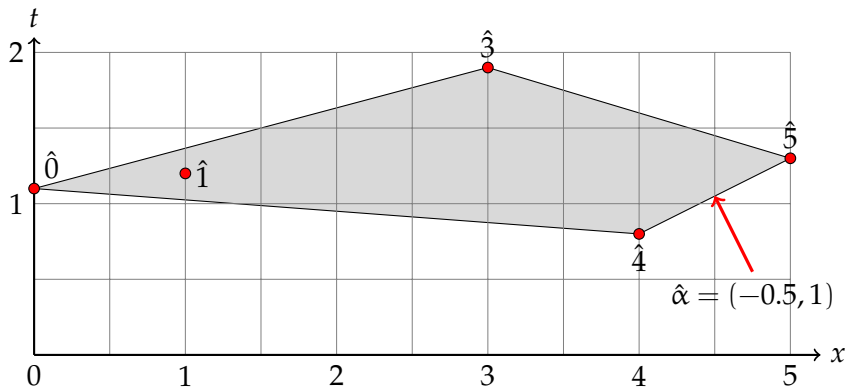
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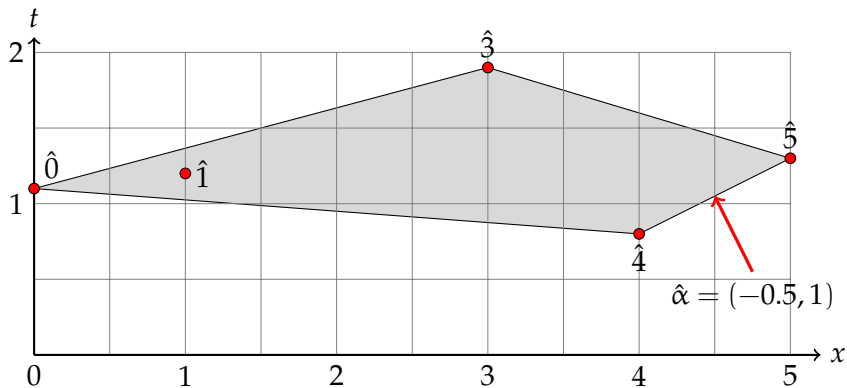
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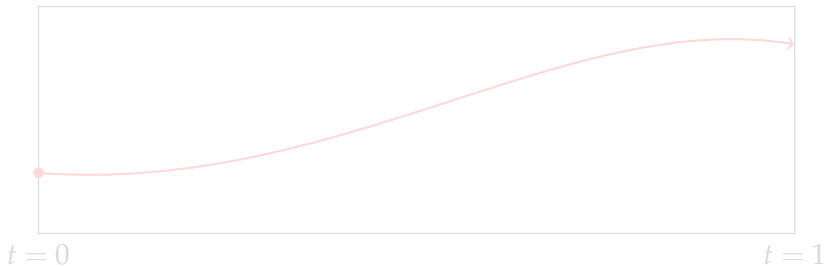
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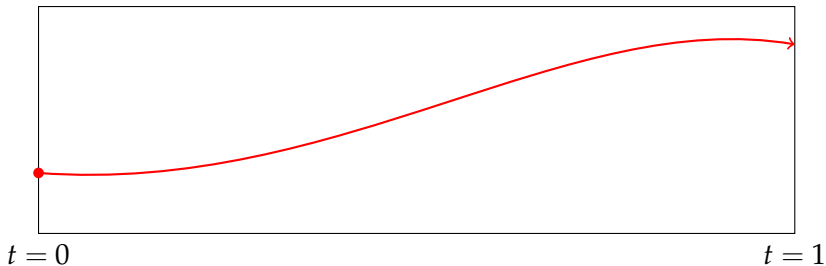
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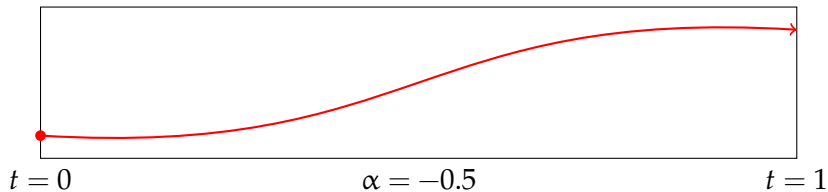
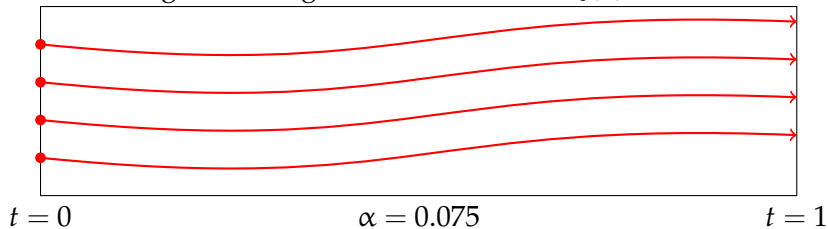


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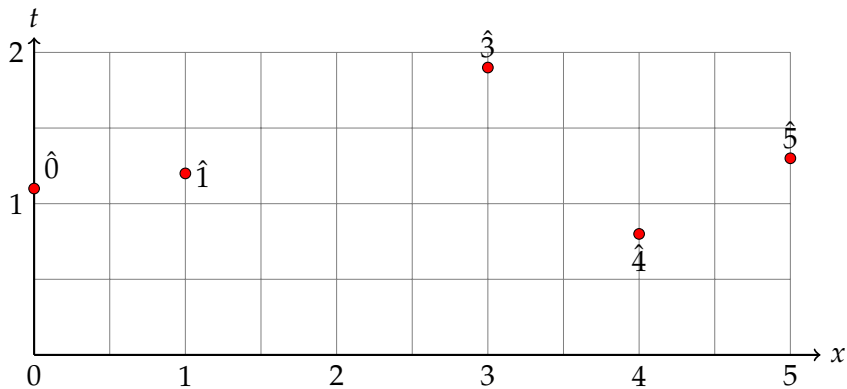
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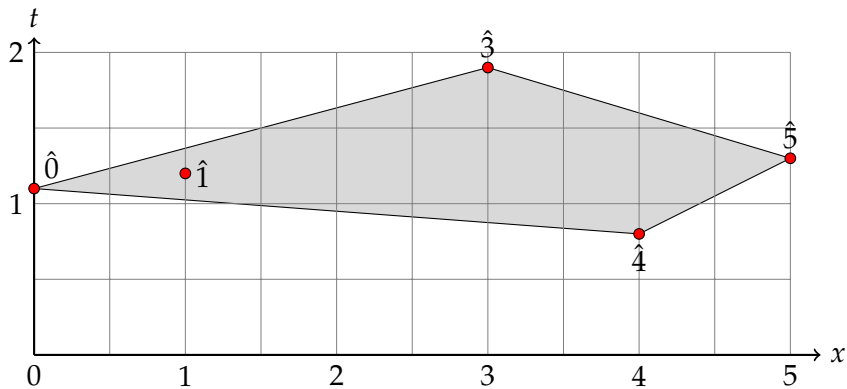
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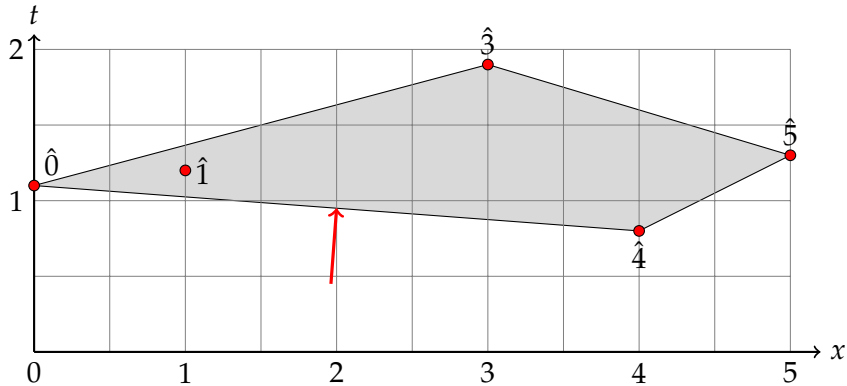
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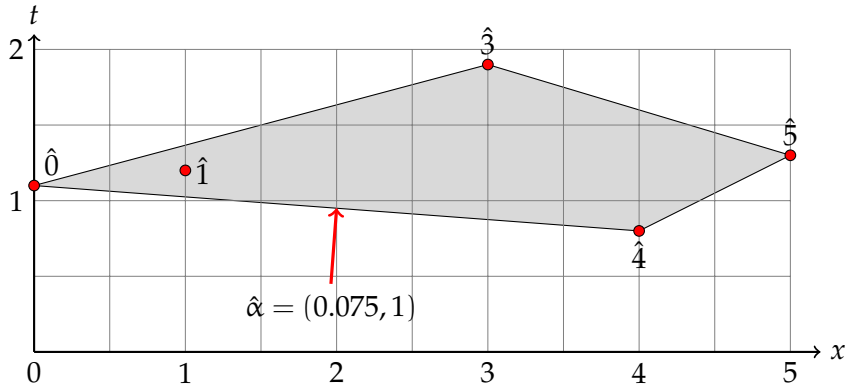
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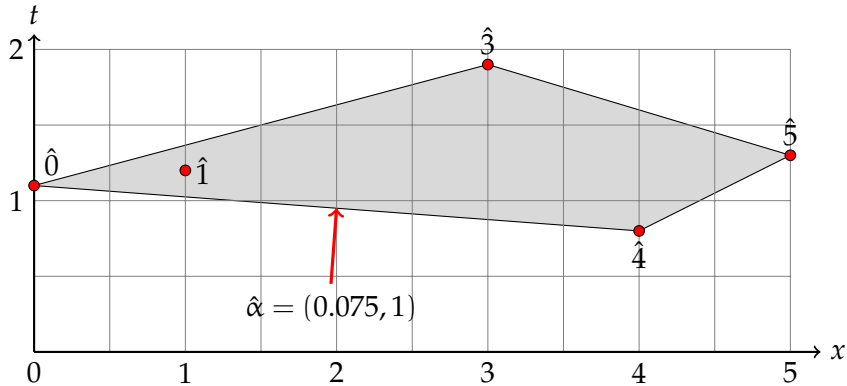
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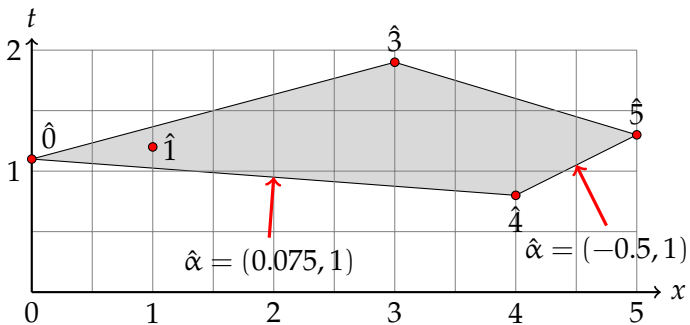
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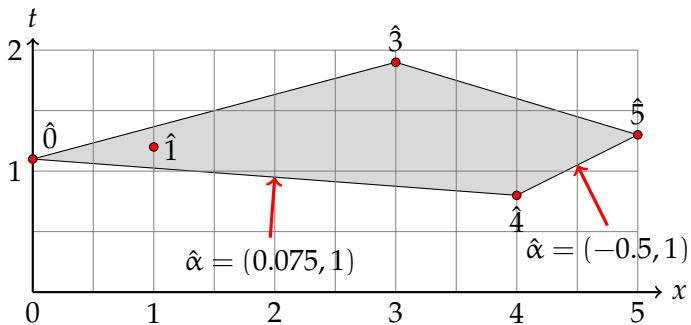
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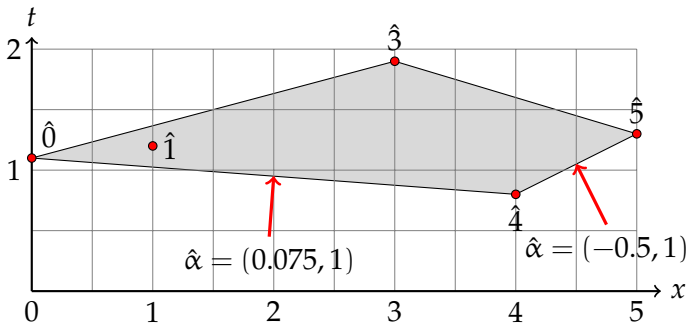
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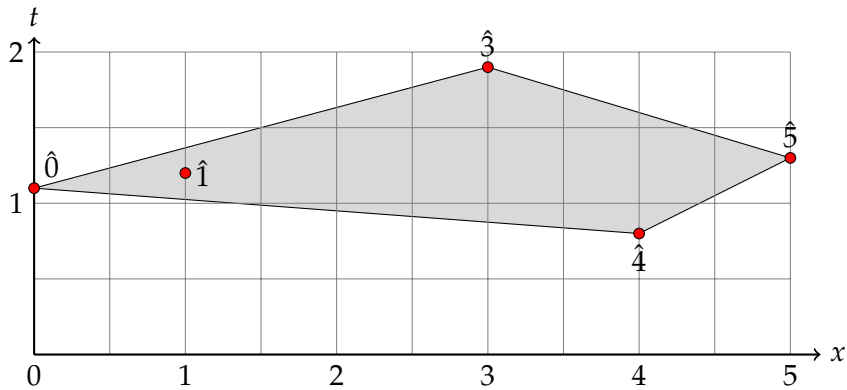


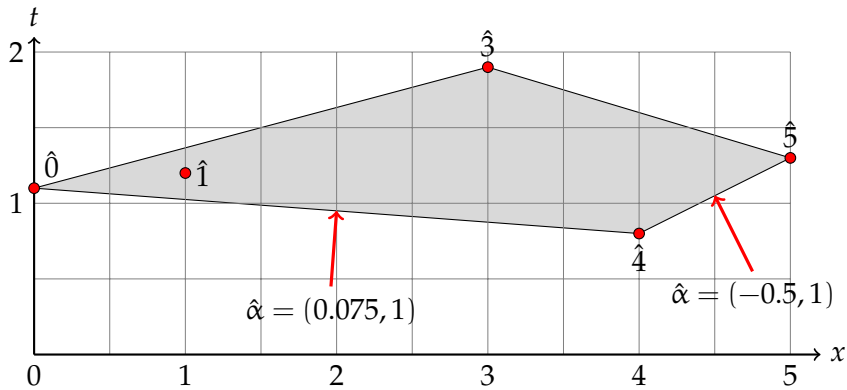
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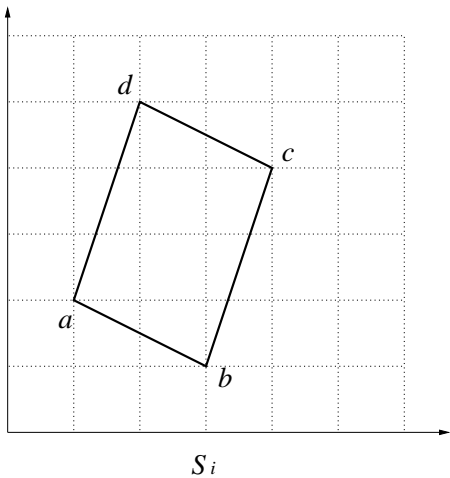
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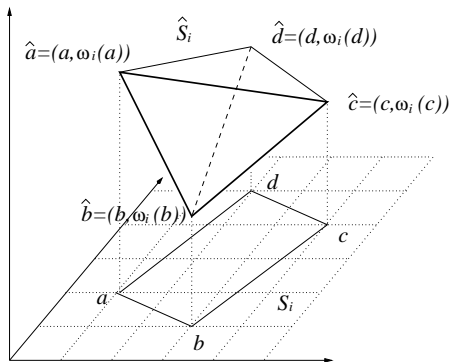


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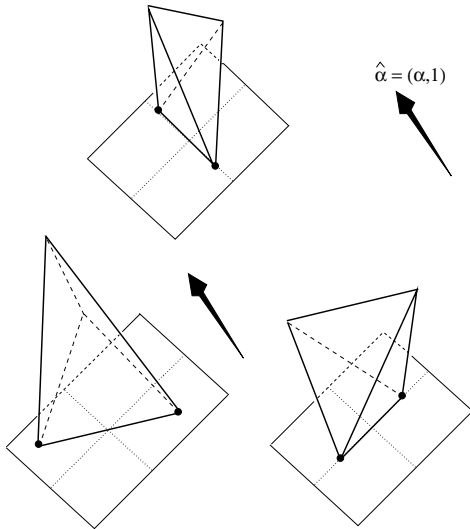
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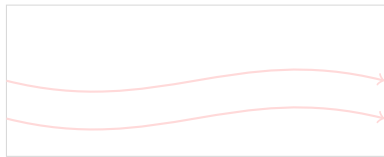
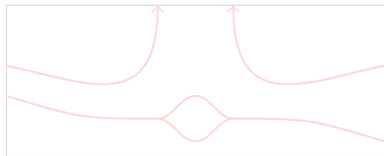
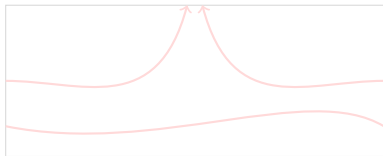
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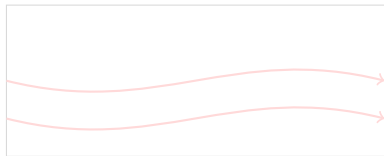
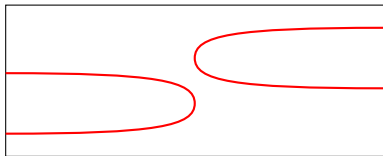
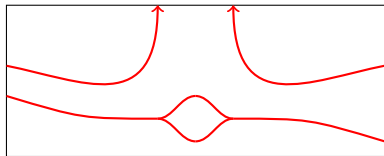
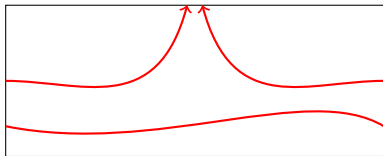
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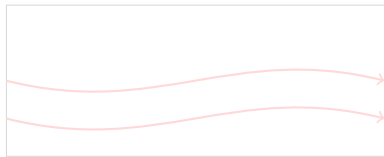
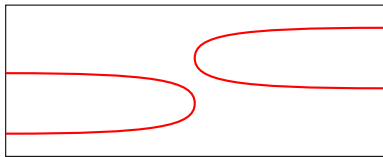
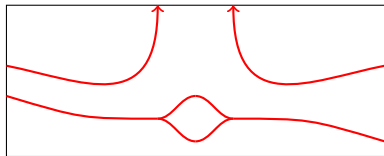
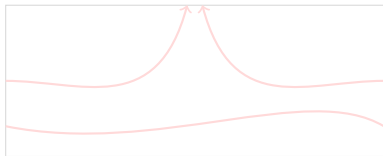
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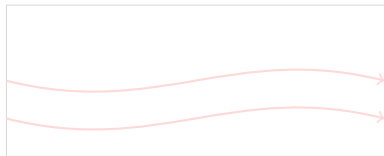
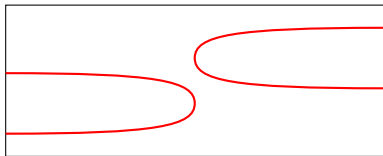
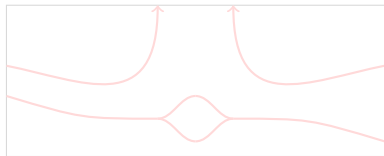
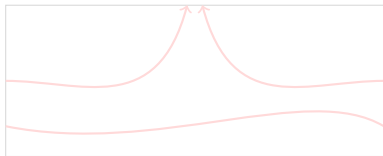
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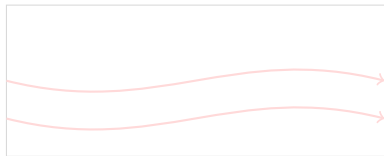
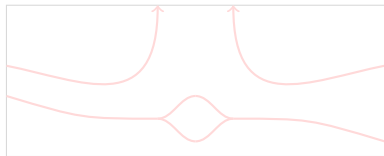
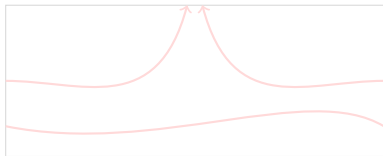
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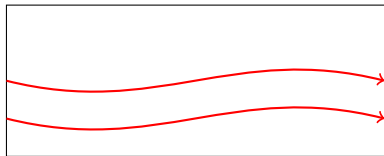
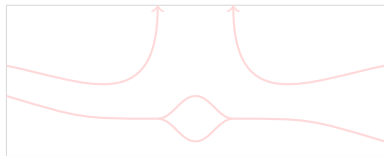
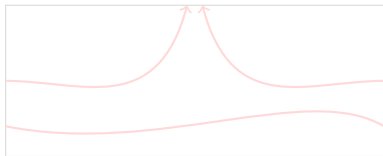
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eco-17	32,768	-	22m23s	-
noon-10	59,029	3h20m45s	5m12s	38.6
noon-11	177,125	-	23m27s	-
noon-12	531,417	-	1h28m00s	-
noon-13	1,594,297	-	7h02m10s	-
katsura-13	8,192	3h40m54s	4m56s	44.8
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katsura-15	32,768	-	1h50m26s	-
cyclic-9	11,016	8m37s	44s	11.8
cyclic-10	35,940	58m02s	2m47s	20.9
cyclic-11	184,756	-	19m40s	-
cyclic-12	500,352	-	1h36m40s	-
reimer-7	40,320	7m47s	2m49s	2.8
reimer-8	362,880	1h44m18s	36m43s	2.8
reimer-9	3,628,800	-	8h47m42s	-

Polynomial system	Total degree	PHoM cpu time	HOM4PS-2.0 cpu time	Speed up
eco-14	1,062,882	9h57m15s	52.9s	677.4
eco-15	3,188,646	-	2m25s	-
eco-17	28,697,814	-	22m23s	-
noon-9	19,683	5h01m06s	1m15s	240.9
noon-10	59,049	-	5m12s	-
noon-13	1,594,323	-	7h02m10s	-
katsura-11	2,048	1h21m13s	28s	174.0
katsura-12	4,096	4h00m09s	1m42s	141.3
katsura-13	8,192	-	4m56s	-
katsura-15	32,768	-	1h50m26s	-
cyclic-8	40,320	32m32s	6.8s	287.0
cyclic-9	362,880	-	44s	-
cyclic-12	479,001,600	-	1h36m40s	-
reimer-6	5,040	1h14m50s	12.1s	371.0
reimer-7	40,320	-	2m49s	-
reimer-9	3,628,800	-	8h47m42s	-

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		PHCpack	HOM4PS-2.0	
noon-9	19,683	33m28s	22.2s	90.5
noon-10	59,049	2h33m27s	1m27s	105.8
noon-11	177,147	-	5m32s	-
noon-13	1,594,323	-	3h7m10s	-
katsura-14	16,384	2h49m00s	2m52s	59.0
katsura-15	32,768	8h22m45s	7m03s	71.3
katsura-16	65,536	-	16m25s	-
katsura-20	1,048,576	-	8h58m00s	-
reimer-6	5,040	15m08s	9.6s	94.5
reimer-7	40,320	3h45m43s	1m58s	114.7
reimer-8	362,880	-	30m43s	-
reimer-9	3,628,800	-	7h52m40s	-

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		PHCpack	HOM4PS-2.0	
eco-14	1,062,882	1h26m04s	52.9s	97.6
eco-15	3,188,646	3h55m23s	2m25s	97.4
eco-17	28,697,814	-	22m23s	-
eco-18	86,093,442	-	1h51m30s	-
cyclic-9	362,880	3h50m48s	44s	314.7
cyclic-10	3,628,800	11h00m23s	2m47s	237.2
cyclic-11	39,916,800	-	19m40s	-
cyclic-12	479,001,600	-	1h36m40s	-

**Use Polyhedral Homotopy**



System	Maximum solvable size					
	PHoM		PHCpack		HOM4PS-2.0	
eco -	14	(1,062,882)	15	(3,188,646)	18	(86,093,442)
noon -	9	(19,683)	10	(59,049)	13	(1,594,323)
katsura -	12	(2,048)	15	(32,768)	20	(1,048,576)
cyclic -	8	(40,320)	10	(3,628,800)	12	(479,001,600)
reimer -	6	(5,040)	7	(40,320)	9	(3,628,800)

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eco-17	2m11s	28,697,814	32,768	-
eco-18	6m30s	86,093,442	65,536	x -
eco-19	26m26s	258,280,326	131,072	-
eco-20	1h29m29s	774,840,978	262,144	-
eco-21	10h08m55s	2,324,522,934	524,288	1
cyclic-11	3m34s	39,916,800	184,756	-
cyclic-12	14m07s	479,001,600	500,352	x -
cyclic-13	1h39m10s	6,227,020,800	2,704,156	-
cyclic-14	7h32m42s	87,178,291,200	8,795,976	4

Solving systems by the polyhedral-linear homotopy with 1  
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System	CPU time	Total degree (=# of paths)	# curve jumping	# of isolated solutions
noon-12	2m23s	531,417+24	-	531,417
noon-13	7m48s	1,594,297+26	x -	1,594,297
noon-14	38m12s	4,782,941+28	-	4,782,941
noon-15	4h14m33s	14,348,877+30	-	14,348,877
katsura-18	9m46s	262,144	-	262,144
katsura-19	23m36s	524,288	2	524,288
katsura-20	55m10s	1,048,576	x 4	1,048,576
katsura-21	2h08m42s	2,097,152	8	2,097,152
katsura-22	4h52m01s	4,194,304	20	4,194,304
katsura-23	11h17m40s	8,388,608	52	8,388,608
reimer-8	2m36s	362,880	-	14,400
reimer-9	28m04s	3,628,800	x 8	86,400
reimer-10	8h40m46s	39,916,800	20	518,400

Solving systems by the classical linear homotopy with 1 master  
and 7 workers

	# of wks	Total time to solve system		Time to find mixed cells		Time to trace curve		Time to check solutions	
	k	cpu(s)	ratio	cpu(s)	ratio	cpu(s)	ratio	cpu(s)	ratio
eco	1	445.32	1.00	120.02	1.00	325.00	1.00	0.30	1.00
-16	2	223.49	1.99	60.66	1.98	162.58	2.00	0.25	1.20
	3	150.69	2.96	40.94	2.93	109.53	2.97	0.22	1.36
	5	91.31	4.88	25.22	4.76	65.89	4.93	0.20	1.59
	7	68.70	6.48	19.99	6.00	48.58	6.69	0.13	2.31
cyc	1	1475.39	1.00	38.15	1.00	1436.49	1.00	0.75	1.00
-11	2	734.96	2.00	19.10	2.00	715.41	2.00	0.45	1.67
	3	494.19	2.99	12.94	2.95	480.86	2.99	0.39	1.92
	5	295.90	4.99	8.05	4.74	287.47	5.00	0.38	1.97
	7	212.87	6.93	6.47	6.00	206.06	6.97	0.34	2.21

The scalability of solving systems by the polyhedral homotopy

System	# of workers	Total time to solve system		Time to trace curve		Time to check solutions	
		cpu(s)	ratio	cpu(s)	ratio	cpu(s)	ratio
noon -12	k						
	1	1003.32	1.00	980.72	1.00	22.50	1.00
	2	501.75	2.00	490.33	2.00	11.42	1.97
	3	335.18	2.99	326.68	3.00	8.50	2.65
	5	201.27	4.98	195.30	5.00	5.97	3.77
	7	143.22	7.00	138.88	7.00	4.34	5.18
reimer -8	1	1088.95	1.00	1087.74	1.00	1.21	1.00
	2	545.08	2.00	543.96	2.00	1.12	1.08
	3	363.89	2.99	362.81	3.00	1.08	1.12
	5	218.69	4.98	217.97	4.99	0.72	1.68
	7	156.54	6.96	155.86	6.98	0.68	1.78
katsura -17	1	1964.22	1.00	1963.12	1.00	1.10	1.00
	2	982.38	2.00	981.35	2.00	1.03	1.07
	3	654.17	3.00	653.22	3.00	0.95	1.16
	5	394.02	4.99	393.18	4.99	0.84	1.31
	7	280.56	7.00	279.85	7.00	0.71	1.55

The scalability of solving systems by the classical linear homotopy

**Thank You!**