
Contract type : Public service fixed-term contract  
Level of qualifications required : Graduate degree or equivalent  
Function : PhD Position

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Context

Job environments

As part as a partnership between 2 teams Inria : GAIA and Ouragan

Main objective

The main objective of the PhD thesis is to develop a symbolic-numeric algorithm for the computation of certified numerical approximations of roots of polynomials and quasi-polynomials defined in an exact way. This problem is at the basis of many theoretical problems (computing Puiseux series, cylindrical algebraic decomposition, ...) and practical ones (certified curves plotting, stability of differential time-delay systems, ...)

Assignment

Assignments

Under the supervision of Adrien Poteaux and Yacine Bouzidi, the PhD student will study the problem of the computation of certified numerical approximations of roots of a polynomial given in an exact way. To achieve that, we shall follow the strategy developed by Poteaux [4]:

1. Compute the multiplicities of the roots of the polynomial modulo a well-chosen prime number \( p \).
2. Compute numerical approximations of the roots using the knowledge of the multiplicities.

Firstly, the PhD thesis will be devoted to the numerical computation of certified numerical approximations of the roots. Additionally, this method will provide approximations of the real roots of the polynomial.

Secondly, this algorithm will be used in problems such as the cylindrical algebraic decomposition (CAD) (and its application to the computation of the topology of curves) and the computation of Puiseux series (certified structure, real branches). These algorithms will be applied in automatic control problems such as the theory of parametric robust control currently developed in collaboration with Safran Electronics & Defense [5].

General Information

- **Theme/Domain**: Algorithmics, Computer Algebra and Cryptology, Scientific computing (BAP E)  
- **Town/city**: Villeneuve d'Ascq  
- **Inria Center**: CRI Lille - Nord Europe  
- **Starting date**: 2018-10-01  
- **Duration of contract**: 3 years  
- **Deadline to apply**: 2018-05-02

Contacts

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The keys to success

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This work is intended for candidates having a master degree or equivalent in either mathematics or computer science. The candidate should have good notions in algebra, algorithmic and programming. A good knowledge in computer algebra and interval arithmetic would be an asset.

Conditions for application

Candidates will be treated firstly with a complete file: CV + letter of motivation + one or more letters of recommendation + transcripts from previous years.

Defence Security:

This position is likely to be situated in a restricted area (ZRR), as defined in Decree No. 2011-1425 relating to the protection of national scientific and technical potential (PPST). Authorisation to enter an area is granted by the director of the unit, following a favourable Ministerial decision, as defined in the decree of 3 July 2012 relating to the PPST. An unfavourable Ministerial decision in respect of a position situated in a ZRR would result in the cancellation of the appointment.

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Finally, we will extend the above algorithms to quasi-polynomials (polynomials in $s$ and $\exp(-hs)$, $h>0$) for the study of the stability and the stabilization of differential time-delay systems.

**For a better knowledge of the proposed research topic**

For computing these roots, some algorithms proceed by numerical approximations [4]. In the presence of multiple roots, such algorithms do not provide guarantees on the certification of the result. Other algorithms perform the exact computation of the squarefree part of the polynomial before isolating the roots [3]. This operation turns out to be computationally costly in practice. Finally, recent methods perform changes of variables that shear the zeros in a generic position [1], but they have the drawback of breaking the system structure (symmetries, sparseness, etc.).

**Bibliography**


**Main activities**

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- An exhaustive state of the art will be done on the subject.
- Acquire an expertise in interval arithmetic and certified numerical computations.
- Develop a prototype of a symbolic-numeric algorithm for the isolation of the roots of univariate polynomials with algebraic coefficients.
- By means of theoretical tools, study and improve the certification, the convergence and the complexity of such an algorithm.
- Extend this algorithm to quasi-polynomials and study the stability and the stabilization of differential time-delay systems.

**Further activities:**

- Use the developed algorithm for the computation of the CAD, the computation of algebraic curves and the computation of the Puiseux series, and test its practical efficiency.
- Develop a dedicated C library for academic and industrial uses.

**Skills**

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English spoken and written

**Benefits package**

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- Subsidised catering service
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- Social security
- Paid leave
- Sports facilities
- Flexible working hours

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The gross monthly salary is 1982€ for 1st and 2nd year and 2085€ gross for the 3rd year.