

# Complexity of Deciding Solvability of Polynomial Equations over $p$ -adic Integers

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## Abstract

Consider a system of polynomial equations in  $n$  variables of degrees less than  $d$  with integer coefficients with the lengths less than  $M$ . We show using the construction close to smooth stratification of algebraic varieties that an integer

$$\Delta < 2^M d^{2^n(1+o(1))}$$

corresponds to these polynomials such that for every prime  $p$  the considered system has a solution in the ring of  $p$ -adic numbers if and only if it has a solution modulo  $p^N$  for the least integer  $N$  such that  $p^N$  does not divide  $\Delta$ . This improves the previously known result by B. J. Birch and K. McCann.

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## Introduction

Let  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in \mathbb{Z}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  be polynomials. The degrees

$$\deg_{X_1, \dots, X_n} f_i < d$$

and the length of every coefficient of  $f_i$  is less than  $M$  (it means that the absolute value of every coefficient is less than  $2^{M-1}$ ) for all  $i$ . We shall suppose without loss of generality that  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $k \geq 1$ .

Let  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  be the field of  $p$ -adic numbers and  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  the ring of  $p$ -adic integers.

**THEOREM 1** *For given polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  there is an integer*

$$\Delta < 2^{Md^{2^n(1+o(1))}}$$

*such that for every prime  $p$  the system*

$$f_1 = \dots = f_k = 0 \tag{1}$$

*has a solution in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$  if and only if it has a solution in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^N\mathbb{Z})^n$  for the least integer  $N$  such that  $p^N$  does not divide  $\Delta$ , herewith  $o(1)$  is an infinitesimal when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The integer  $\Delta$  can be constructed within the time polynomial in  $Md^{2^n}$ .*

The previous result was obtained in the well known paper by B. J. Birch and K. McCann [1] for the case of one polynomial  $k = 1$ ,  $f = f_1$ . Let  $L(f)$  denote the maximum of absolute values of coefficients of  $f$ . Then [1] gives

$$\Delta < (2^n dL(f))^{(2d)^{4^n n!}}$$

i.e.

$$\Delta < 2^{Md^{(cn)^n}}$$

for a constant  $c \geq 1$ . So our result improves the highest level exponent from  $n \log(cn)$  to  $n(1+o(1))$ . Note also that the infinitesimal  $o(1)$  in the formulation of Theorem 1 can be obtained explicitly from the proof. It is a rational function of  $n$ ,  $\log n$ ,  $\log \log n$ .

Note also that the analogs of Theorem 1 and Theorem 4, see below, are true if one consider homogeneous polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in \mathbb{Z}[X_0, \dots, X_n]$  and their non-zero solutions, i.e. the solutions in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{n+1} \setminus \{(0, \dots, 0)\}$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^N\mathbb{Z})^{n+1} \setminus \{(0, \dots, 0)\}$  respectively. The proofs are similar if we consider projective spaces instead affine spaces. Further, for homogeneous polynomials the existence of a solution of a system of polynomial equations in  $\mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  is equivalent to the existence of a non-zero solution  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{n+1} \setminus \{(0, \dots, 0)\}$ .

The proof of Theorem 1 is based on the construction which iterates the decomposition of a given algebraic variety into the union of irreducible components and taking the proper closed subset containing all singular points of a component. So the results of [2] is used for the proof. But for recursive estimations we need to prove basing on [2] also some additional facts related to decomposition of algebraic varieties into irreducible components, see Lemma 2. The construction required for the proof of Theorem 1 is closely related to the smooth stratification of algebraic varieties. So we shall define and consider at first the latter.

A related problem of deciding existence of a non-zero of a polynomial given by a black box over p-adics was currently studied in [5].

Denote by  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k)$  the algebraic variety of all zeroes of the polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  in the affine space  $\mathbb{A}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  over the algebraic closure  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  of the field of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**DEFINITION 1** *Denote*

$$V_1 = \mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k).$$

*Suppose that the closed in  $\mathbb{A}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  algebraic variety  $V_r$  is defined for some  $1 \leq r \leq n$ . If  $V_r \neq \emptyset$  consider the decomposition*

$$V_r = \bigcup_{i \in I_r} W_i$$

*into the union of irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  algebraic varieties  $W_i$ . Denote by  $\text{Sing } W_i$  the set of singular points of  $W_i$  and set*

$$V'_{r+1} = \bigcup_{i \in I_r} \text{Sing } W_i \cup \bigcup_{i, j \in I_r, i \neq j} (W_i \cap W_j).$$

*Let the closed in  $\mathbb{A}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  algebraic variety  $V_{r+1}$  be such that  $V_r \supset V_{r+1} \supset V'_{r+1}$  and  $W_i \setminus V_{r+1} \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in I_r$ . Set*

$$S_r = V_r \setminus V_{r+1}, \quad U_i = W_i \setminus V_{r+1}.$$

*Then the quasiprojective algebraic variety  $S_r$  consists of smooth points of different dimensions of the algebraic variety  $V_r$ , the quasiprojective algebraic varieties  $U_i$  are irreducible defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and smooth for all  $i$ . We have the decomposition*

$$S_r = \bigcup_{i \in I_r} U_i$$

into the union of irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  components. We can suppose without loss of generality that  $I_{r_1} \cap I_{r_2} = \emptyset$  for all  $r_1 \neq r_2$ . Denote by  $n_0$  the maximal  $r$  for which  $V_r \neq \emptyset$ . Set  $I = \cup_{1 \leq r \leq n_0} I_r$ . We have the decomposition

$$\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k) = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \quad (2)$$

which gives the smooth stratification of  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k)$  with smooth strata  $U_i$ .

Note that this construction depends on the choice of the varieties  $V_{r+1} \supset V'_{r+1}$ . If we have  $V_{r+1} = V'_{r+1}$  for all  $r$  then (2) is uniquely defined and we shall call it *canonical smooth stratification of  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k)$* . Note also that the codimension of every component of  $V_r$  is at least  $r$ .

Denote by  $V_r^{(s)}$  the union of all irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  components of codimensions  $s$  of the algebraic variety  $V_r$  where  $r \leq s \leq n$ . Note that  $V_r^{(s)}$  can be empty for some  $s$ . So we shall suppose that:

- (a) The degree of the algebraic variety  $V_r^{(s)}$  is less than  $D_r^{(s)}$  for some  $D_r^{(s)} \geq 1$  for all  $r \leq s \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n_0$ .
- (b) Each irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  component  $W_i$  of this union  $V_r^{(s)}$  is given as a set of common zeroes of a family of polynomials  $h_{i,\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ ,  $\alpha \in A_i$ , herewith the number of polynomials  $\#A \leq \mathcal{P}((D_r^{(s)})^n)$  and the lengths of their integer coefficients are less than  $M_r^{(s)}$  for some  $M_r^{(s)} \geq 1$  and a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (c) For every smooth point  $x \in W_i$  there are  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s \in A$  such that  $h_{\alpha_1}, \dots, h_{\alpha_s}$  is a system of local parameters of  $W_i$  in the point  $x$  (i.e.  $h_{\alpha_1}, \dots, h_{\alpha_s}$  generate the ideal of  $W_i$  in the local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{x, \mathbb{A}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})}$  of the point  $x$  in  $\mathbb{A}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$ ).

**DEFINITION 2** Let an algebraic variety  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k)$  be given. Set

$$V_1 = \mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k).$$

Let an algebraic variety  $V_{i_1, \dots, i_k}$  be defined for some  $1 \leq k < n$ , herewith  $i_1 = 1$ . Let  $V_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \neq \emptyset$ . Consider the decomposition

$$V_{i_1, \dots, i_k} = \bigcup_{i_{k+1} \in I_{i_1, \dots, i_k}} W_{i_1, \dots, i_k, i_{k+1}}$$

into the union of irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  components  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_k, i_{k+1}}$ . Let a smooth quasiprojective algebraic variety  $U_{i_1, \dots, i_k, i_{k+1}}$  be a non-empty open in the Zariski topology subset of  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_k, i_{k+1}}$ . Set

$$V_{i_1, \dots, i_k, i_{k+1}} = W_{i_1, \dots, i_k, i_{k+1}} \setminus U_{i_1, \dots, i_k, i_{k+1}}$$

for all  $i_{k+1} \in I_{i_1, \dots, i_k}$ . Let  $n_0$  be maximal  $k$  such that there exists  $V_{i_1, \dots, i_k}$  which is non-empty. Then the family of all  $U_{i_1, \dots, i_{k+1}}$  for all indices  $i_j$  with the described structure and all  $1 \leq k \leq n_0$  defines branched smooth stratification of the algebraic variety  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k)$ .

So the branched smooth stratification depends on the choice of  $U_{i_1, \dots, i_{k+1}}$ . If  $U_{i_1, \dots, i_{k+1}}$  is always the set of all smooth points of  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_{k+1}}$  then such a branched smooth stratification is uniquely defined and we shall call it *canonical branched smooth stratification* of  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k)$ .

Note that the codimension of every algebraic variety  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}}$  is at least  $r$ . For every  $1 \leq r \leq n_0$ ,  $r \leq s \leq n$  denote by  $V_r^{(s)}$  the union of all the algebraic varieties  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}}$  (for all indices  $i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}$ ) which have the codimension  $s$ . We shall suppose that for branched smooth stratification (a)–(c) are satisfied if we replace in them  $W_i$  by  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}}$ , and  $i$  by  $i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}$ .

We shall prove in Section 1 the following results

**THEOREM 2** For given polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  one can construct the canonical smooth stratification of  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k)$  satisfying (a)–(c) with

$$D_r^{(s)} \leq (sd)^{2^s - 1}, \quad M_r^{(s)} \leq (M + n^2)\mathcal{P}((sd)^{2^s - 1})$$

for some polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ . The working time of the algorithm for constructing smooth stratification is polynomial in  $(nd)^{2^n}$  and  $M$ .

**THEOREM 3** For given polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  one can construct the canonical branched smooth stratification of  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k)$  described above satisfying (a)–(c) (with corresponding changes) and such that

$$D_r^{(s)} \leq (sd)^{2^s - 1}, \quad M_r^{(s)} \leq (M + n^2)\mathcal{P}((sd)^{2^s - 1})$$

for some polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ . The working time of the algorithm for constructing this branched smooth stratification is polynomial in  $(nd)^{2^n}$  and  $M$ .

Recall that  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  denotes the ring of  $p$ -adic integers. Denote

$$M_s = \max_{1 \leq r \leq n_0} M_r^{(s)}, \quad D_s = \max_{1 \leq r \leq n_0} D_r^{(s)}$$

for all  $1 \leq s \leq n$ . We shall deduce Theorem 1 from Theorem 3 and the following result which will be proved in Section 2.

**THEOREM 4** *Let polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  be given with the set of zeroes  $V_1$ . Let a branched smooth stratification of  $V_1$  be given with corresponding  $D_s$  and  $M_s$ . Then there is an integer*

$$\Delta < 2^{M\mathcal{P}(d^{n^2}) + \sum_{1 \leq s \leq n} M_s \mathcal{P}((sD_s)^{n^2})} \prod_{0 \leq t < s} (tD_t)^n$$

(for a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ ) such that for every prime  $p$  the system

$$f_1 = \dots = f_k = 0$$

has a solution in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$  if and only if it has a solution in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^N\mathbb{Z})^n$  for the least integer  $N > 0$  such that  $p^N$  does not divide  $\Delta$ . The integer  $\Delta$  can be constructed within the time polynomial in  $n^{n^2}$ ,  $M$ ,  $M_s$ ,  $d^{n^2}$ ,  $D_s^{n^2}$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq n$ .

## 1 Construction of the smooth stratification and branched smooth stratification of an algebraic variety

Our aim now is to prove Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 for the described canonical smooth stratification and branched smooth stratification of  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k)$ .

Let  $u_{i,j}$ ,  $i = 0, s, s+1, \dots, n$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n$  be algebraically independent elements over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Denote for brevity the family

$$\mathcal{U} = \{u_{i,j}\}_{i=0,s,s+1,\dots,n, 0 \leq j \leq n}.$$

Set  $U_i = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq n} u_{i,j} X_j$ . Let  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  be an irreducible projective algebraic variety defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of dimension  $n - s$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq n$ . Then there is a unique (up to a factor  $\pm 1$ ) irreducible polynomial

$$H \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{U}, Z_0, Z_s, \dots, Z_n]$$

homogeneous relative to the variables  $Z_0, Z_s, \dots, Z_n$  such that

$H(\mathcal{U}, U_0, U_s, \dots, U_n)$  is vanishing on  $V$  considered as a subvariety of  $\mathbb{P}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{U})})$ . The polynomial  $H$  has the degrees  $\deg_{u_{i,0}, \dots, u_{i,n}} H = \deg V$  for every  $i$  and  $\deg_{Z_0, Z_s, \dots, Z_n} H = \deg V$ , c.f. [4], [2].

Let  $V$  be an irreducible component of the algebraic variety  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k)$ . Let us show that the lengths of integer coefficients of the polynomial  $H$  are bounded from above by  $(M + n^2)\mathcal{P}(d^s)$  for a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ . Indeed, consider the resultant

$$R_H = \text{Res}_{Z_0}(H'_{Z_0}, H) \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{U}, Z_s, \dots, Z_n] \quad (3)$$

of the polynomial  $H$  relative to  $Z_0$ .

There are finite sets of integers  $A_{i,j}$ ,  $i = 0, s, s+1, \dots, n$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n$  such that  $\#A_{i,j} = \deg V + 1 \leq d^s$ , the length of every element of  $A_{i,j}$  is  $O(n^2 \log(\deg V + 1))$  for all  $i, j$  and if

$$\mathcal{D} = (d_{i,j}) \in \prod_{i=0,s,s+1,\dots,n, 0 \leq j \leq n} A_{i,j}$$

then

$$R_H(\mathcal{D}, Z_s, \dots, Z_n) \neq 0. \quad (4)$$

The construction of system of polynomial equations for the components of an algebraic variety from [2] and (4) imply that the lengths of integer coefficients of the polynomial  $H(\mathcal{D}, Z_0, Z_s, \dots, Z_n)$  are bounded from above by  $(M + n^2)\mathcal{P}(d^s)$ . Using multiple interpolation by all  $\mathcal{D}$  we get that the lengths of integer coefficients of the polynomial  $H$  are bounded from above by  $(M + n^2)\mathcal{P}(d^s)$  and the required assertion is proved.

Let us show that one can construct the polynomial  $H$  within the time polynomial in  $M$ ,  $d^s$ ,  $(\deg V + 1)^{n^2}$ . Indeed, it is sufficient using [2] to construct a generic point of  $V$  within the time polynomial in  $M$ ,  $d^s$  and  $n$ . Then substituting the values of  $U_i/U_0$  (obtained from this generic point) in  $H$ , constructing and solving a linear system relative to the integer coefficients of  $H$  we get these coefficients. The required assertion is proved.

Represent

$$H(\mathcal{U}, U_0, U_s, \dots, U_n) = \sum_{e=(e_{i,j}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{(n-s+2)(n+1)}} \prod_{i=0,s,s+1,\dots,n, 0 \leq j \leq n} u_{i,j}^{e_{i,j}} H_e \quad (5)$$

where  $H_e \in \mathbb{Z}[X_0, \dots, X_n]$  are homogeneous polynomials. Note that if  $H_e \neq 0$  then  $\sum_j e_{i,j} \leq 2 \deg V$  for all  $i$ . Denote  $E' = \{e : H_e \neq 0\}$ . Then  $\#E' \leq \mathcal{P}((\deg V + 1)^{n^2})$  for a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ . Choose a maximal subset  $E \subset E'$  such that the polynomials  $H_e$ ,  $e \in E$  are linearly independent. So  $\#E \leq \mathcal{P}((\deg V + 1)^n)$  for a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ .

We have, c.f. the construction of the system of polynomial equations for the components of an algebraic variety from [2],  $\mathcal{Z}(H_e, e \in E) = V$ . Thus, if the polynomial  $H$  is known then one can construct within the polynomial time the system of homogeneous polynomial equations giving  $V$ .

**DEFINITION 3** *We shall say that the algebraic variety  $V$  is given by the generic projection if the corresponding polynomial  $H$  is given. The system  $H_e = 0$ ,  $e \in E$  for the algebraic variety  $V$  will be called system of polynomial equations corresponding to the generic projection of the algebraic variety  $V$ . So this system depends on the choice of  $E$ .*

It should be underlined that each index  $e \in E$  in this definition has the form  $e = (e_{i,j})$  described above.

**LEMMA 1** *Let  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  be an irreducible projective algebraic variety of degree  $\deg V = D$  and dimension  $n - s$  where  $1 \leq s \leq n$ . Let  $V$  be given by the generic projection and  $H_e = 0$ ,  $e \in E$ , be the corresponding system of polynomial equations. Let  $x \in V$  be a smooth point. Let  $L \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}[X_0, \dots, X_n]$  be a linear form such that  $L(x) \neq 0$ . Then there are  $e_1, \dots, e_s \in E$  such that  $H_{e_1}/L^D, \dots, H_{e_s}/L^D$  is a system of local parameters of  $V$  in the point  $x$ .*

**PROOF** Let  $Y_0, \dots, Y_n$  be linearly independent linear forms with integer coefficients. Consider the projections

$$\pi : V \setminus \mathcal{Z}(Y_0, Y_{s+1}, \dots, Y_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-s}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}), (X_0 : \dots : X_n) \mapsto (Y_0 : Y_{s+1} : \dots : Y_n),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_i : V \setminus \mathcal{Z}(Y_0, Y_i, Y_{s+1}, \dots, Y_n) &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-s+1}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}), \\ (X_0 : \dots : X_n) &\mapsto (Y_0 : Y_i : Y_{s+1} : \dots : Y_n), \quad 1 \leq i \leq s. \end{aligned}$$

There are linear forms  $Y_0, \dots, Y_n$  such that  $Y_0(x) \neq 0$  and

- (i) the projection  $\pi$  is finite, i.e.  $V \cap \mathcal{Z}(Y_0, Y_{s+1}, \dots, Y_n) = \emptyset$ ,
- (ii)  $\pi^{-1}(\pi(x))$  consists of  $\deg V$  different points,
- (iii)  $\#(Y_i/Y_0)(\pi^{-1}(\pi(x))) = \#\pi^{-1}(\pi(x))$  for every  $1 \leq i \leq s$ .

By (ii) the differential  $d_x \pi$  in the point  $x$  of the projection  $\pi$  is an isomorphism. The projection  $\pi_i$  is also finite for every  $1 \leq i \leq s$ . Hence the set  $\pi_i(V)$  is closed in the Zariski topology and  $\pi_i(V)$  is a set of zeroes of a homogeneous polynomial  $h_i \in \mathbb{Z}[Y_0, Y_i, Y_{s+1}, \dots, Y_n]$  of the degree  $\deg h_i = \deg V$  by (iii). By the Zariski main theorem the point  $\pi_i(x)$  is smooth on  $\pi_i(V)$ . The implicit function theorem implies now  $h_1/L^D, \dots, h_s/L^D$  is a system of local parameters of  $V$  in the point  $x$ . But  $h_1, \dots, h_s$  are linear combinations of polynomials  $H_e$ ,  $e \in E$ . Therefore, the required system of local parameters can be chosen among polynomials  $H_e/L^D$ ,  $e \in E$ . The lemma is proved.

**LEMMA 2** *Let  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  be an irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  projective algebraic variety of dimension  $n - s$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq n$ . Let  $V$  be given by the generic projection and  $H = H_V$  be the corresponding polynomial. Let the degree  $\deg V < D'$  and lengths of integer coefficients of  $H_V$  be less than  $M'$ . Let  $F \in \mathbb{Q}[X_0, \dots, X_n]$  be a homogeneous polynomial of the degree  $D''$ ,  $D'' \geq 1$ , and lengths of integer*



coefficients less than  $M''$ . Suppose that  $F$  is not vanishing on  $V$ . Let  $W_1$  be an arbitrary irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  component of the algebraic variety  $V \cap \mathcal{Z}(F)$ . Let the degree  $\deg W_1 = D'''$ . Then the degree of the intersection  $V \cap \mathcal{Z}(F)$  is less than  $D'D''$  and the component  $W_1$  can be given by the generic projection. The corresponding polynomial  $H_{W_1}$  has integer coefficients with the lengths less than

$$(M' + M'' + n^2)\mathcal{P}(D'D'') \quad (6)$$

for a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ . These polynomials  $H_{W_1}$  giving all the components  $W_1$  can be constructed within the time polynomial in  $(D'D'')^{n^2}$ ,  $M'$ ,  $M''$ .

**PROOF** Set  $W = V \cap \mathcal{Z}(F)$ . Denote  $H = H_V$ .

Let  $U_0, U_s, \dots, U_n$  be generic linear forms such as above. Denote for brevity

$$\mathcal{U}' = \{u_{i,j}\}_{i=0,s+1,\dots,n, 0 \leq j \leq n}$$

and the fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{U}')$ ,  $K_1 = \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{U}', Z_0, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n)$

Set

$$R_H^{(1)} = \text{Res}_{Z_s}(H'_{Z_s}, H) \in K_1[u_{s,0}, \dots, u_{s,n}]$$

and

$$R_H^{(2)} = \prod_{0 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (u_{s,i} - u_{s,j}) \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n+2} R^{(1)}(u_{s,0}^i, \dots, u_{s,n}^i)$$

There are integers  $u_0, u_{s+1}, \dots, u_n$  with lengths  $O(\log(nD'))$  such that

$$R_H^{(2)}(u_0, u_{s+1}, \dots, u_n) \neq 0.$$

Set  $Y = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq n} u_j X_j$  and  $L_i = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq n} u_j^{i+2} X_j$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Note that  $X_0, \dots, X_n$  are linear combinations of  $L_0, \dots, L_n$  with rational coefficients with lengths of numerators and denominators  $O(n \log(nD'))$ .

Denote by  $\Phi \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{U}', Z_0, Z, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n]$  (here  $Z$  is a new variable) the homogeneous relative to  $Z_0, Z, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n$  polynomial

$$\Phi(\mathcal{U}', Z_0, Z, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n) = H(\mathcal{U}, Z_0, Z, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n)|_{u_{s,j}=u_j, 0 \leq j \leq n}$$

(one should substitute here the coefficients  $u_j$  instead of generic coefficients  $u_{s,j}$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n$ ). Similarly denote by  $\Phi_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{U}', Z_0, Z, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n]$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , the homogeneous relative to  $Z_0, Z, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n$  polynomial

$$\Phi_i(\mathcal{U}', Z_0, Z, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n) = H(\mathcal{U}, Z_0, Z, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n)|_{u_{s,j}=u_j^{i+2}, 0 \leq j \leq n}.$$

Denote by  $R = \text{Res}_{Z_s}(\Phi'_{Z_s}, \Phi)$  and  $R_i = \text{Res}_{Z_s}((\Phi_i)'_{Z_s}, \Phi_i)$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , the discriminants of the polynomials  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi_i$  respectively. So

$$R = (R_H^{(1)})|_{u_{s,j}=u_j, 0 \leq j \leq n}, \quad R_i = (R_H^{(1)})|_{u_{s,j}=u_j^{i+2}, 0 \leq j \leq n}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq n.$$

The polynomials  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi_i$  are non-zero separable and, therefore, irreducible since  $V$  is irreducible. Hence all the elements  $\theta = Y/U_0$  and  $L_i/U_0$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$  are primitive elements of the extension

$$K(V) \supset K(U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0).$$

For every  $0 \leq i \leq n$  factor using the algorithm from [2] the polynomial  $\Phi_i$  over the field  $K(U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0)[\theta]$  and construct the generic point

$$\chi_i = (L_i/U_0)|_V \in K(U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0)[\theta], \quad 0 \leq i \leq n \quad (7)$$

$$\chi_i = \sum_{0 \leq j < \deg_Y \Phi} \chi_{i,j} \theta^j, \quad \chi_{i,j} \in K(U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0) \quad (8)$$

of the algebraic variety  $V$  over the field  $K$ . So we can write

$$\chi_{i,j} = \chi_{i,j}(U_0, U_{s+1}, \dots, U_n).$$

According to the algorithm for factoring polynomials from [2] the degrees of numerators and denominators (they belong to  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{U}', U_0, U_{s+1}, \dots, U_n]$ ) of all  $\chi_{i,j}$  relative to every  $U_i$ ,  $i = 0, s+1, \dots, n$ , and every  $u_{i,j}$ ,  $i = 0, s+1, \dots, n$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n$  are bounded from above by a polynomial in  $D'$ . The lengths of integer coefficients of these numerators and denominators are bounded from above by  $(M' + n^2)\mathcal{P}(D')$  for a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Denote by  $R = \text{Res}_Z(\Phi'_Z, \Phi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{U}', Z_0, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n]$  the discriminant of  $\Phi$  relative to  $Z$ . Similarly define the discriminants  $R_i$  for the polynomials  $\Phi_i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .

Now we have

$$Z_0^{a_{i,j}} R R_i \chi_{i,j}(Z_0, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n) \in K[Z_0, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n]$$

for some integers  $a_{i,j}$  since

$R_i(1, U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0)\chi_i$  is integral over  $K[U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0]$  and the integral closure of  $K[U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0]$  in  $K(U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0)[\theta]$  is contained in

$$(1/R(1, U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0)) \sum_{0 \leq j < \deg_Y \Phi} K[U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0]\theta^j.$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be an infinitesimal relative to the field  $K$ . Then the mapping of standard part

$$\text{st} : \mathbb{P}^n(\overline{K(\varepsilon)}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n(\overline{K})$$

is defined, see [3] (the standard part of the element  $z \in \mathbb{P}^n(\overline{K(\varepsilon)})$  is an element  $z_1 \in \mathbb{P}^n(\overline{K})$  which is infinitesimal close to  $z$ ). Consider the algebraic variety

$$W_\varepsilon = V \cap \mathcal{Z}(F - \varepsilon U_0^{D''}) \subset \mathbb{P}^n(\overline{K(\varepsilon)}).$$

Let  $W_2$  be an irreducible and defined over  $K(\varepsilon)$  component of  $W_\varepsilon$ . Then we have  $\text{st}(W_\varepsilon) = W$  and  $\text{st}(W_2)$  is a union of some irreducible and defined over  $K$  components of  $W$ , c.f. [3]. Further, the dimension of every component  $W_2$  of  $W_\varepsilon$  is  $n - s - 1$ . Choose and fix  $W_2$  such that  $\text{st}(W_2) \supset W_1$ . So there exists a uniquely defined irreducible polynomial from  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{U}', \varepsilon, Z_0, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n]$  homogeneous relative to  $Z_0, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n$  which is vanishing on  $W_2$ .

Let us show that  $R$  is not vanishing on  $W_2$ . Indeed, if  $R(W_2) = \{0\}$  then  $W_2 \subset V \cap \mathcal{Z}(R)$ . But all the components of  $V \cap \mathcal{Z}(R)$  are defined over  $K$  and have the dimension  $n - s - 1$  since  $\Phi$  is separable. Therefore,  $W_2$  is also defined over  $K$ . Hence, the polynomials  $F$  and  $U_0$  are vanishing on  $W_2$  which contradicts to the fact that no components of  $W$  lie in  $\mathcal{Z}(U_0)$ .

Similarly one can prove that  $R_i$  is not vanishing on  $W_2$  for every  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .

Now the polynomial  $H_1 = H_{W_1}$  can be obtained from the following construction. Denote by

$$N_\theta : K(\varepsilon, U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0)[\theta] \rightarrow K(\varepsilon, U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0)$$

the mapping of the norm of the extension of fields. Denote by  $\tilde{F}$  the polynomial with rational coefficients in  $n + 1$  variables such that  $\tilde{F}(L_0, \dots, L_n) = F$ . Consider the rational function

$$F_1(\varepsilon, U_0, U_{s+1}, \dots, U_n) = N_\theta(\tilde{F}(\chi_0, \dots, \chi_n) - \varepsilon) \in K(\varepsilon, U_{s+1}/U_0, \dots, U_n/U_0).$$

Represent

$$F_1(\varepsilon, U_0, U_{s+1}, \dots, U_n) = F_2(\varepsilon, U_0, U_{s+1}, \dots, U_n)/F_3(\varepsilon, U_0, U_{s+1}, \dots, U_n)$$

where  $F_2, F_3 \in K[\varepsilon, Z_0, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n]$  are homogeneous relative to  $Z_0, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n$  polynomials and  $\text{GCD}(F_2, F_3) = 1$ . Note that the denominator  $F_3$  divides  $(Z_0 R \prod_{0 \leq i \leq n} R_i)^a$  for some integer  $a \geq 1$ . So the rational function

$$F_2(\varepsilon, U_0, U_{s+1}, \dots, U_n)/F_3(\varepsilon, U_0, U_{s+1}, \dots, U_n)$$

is defined on the component  $W_2$  and the polynomial  $F_2(\varepsilon, U_0, U_{s+1}, \dots, U_n)$  is vanishing on  $W_2$ . Since  $W_1$  is a component of  $\text{st}(W_2)$  the polynomial  $H_1$  coincides with an irreducible factor of  $F_2(0, Z_0, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n)$ .

From the described construction using [2] and the ascertained estimations for degrees and lengths of integer coefficients of  $\chi_{i,j}$  we get immediately (6). The lemma is proved.

Now our aim is to prove Theorem 2. In what follows when it is required to construct a system of polynomial equations for any affine algebraic variety  $U \subset \mathbb{A}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  we shall construct system of homogeneous polynomial equations corresponding to the generic projection of its closure in  $\overline{U} \subset \mathbb{P}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  by Lemma 2 and [2]. This will give a system for  $U$ . The condition (c) when it is required will be satisfied by Lemma 1.

Compute using [2] all the irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  components  $W_i$  of the algebraic variety  $\mathcal{Z}(f_1, \dots, f_k) = V_1$ . Then according to [2] the estimations of Theorem 2 for  $D_1^{(s)}$  and  $M_1^{(s)}$  are fulfilled for the components of  $V_1^{(s)}$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq n$ .

Let  $1 \leq r < n$  and suppose that we have constructed recursively all the components  $W_i$ ,  $i \in I_r$  of the algebraic variety  $V_r$ . Further, suppose that (a)–(c) hold and the required estimations for  $D_r^{(s)}$  and  $M_r^{(s)}$  are fulfilled for the components of  $V_r^{(s)}$ ,  $r \leq s \leq n$ .

Let us show how to construct all the components of  $V_{r+1}^{(s)}$  for all  $s$  such that  $r+1 \leq s \leq n$ . Let  $W_i$  and  $W_j$  be irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  components of  $V_r$  of codimensions  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  and degrees  $D_i$  and  $D_j$  respectively, herewith  $s_i \geq s_j$ . Denote by  $B'_i = A^s \times \{1, \dots, n\}^s$ . For every

$$\beta = ((\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s), (j_1, \dots, j_s)) \in B'_i$$

compute the Jacobian

$$J_\beta = \det \left( \frac{\partial h_{\alpha_u}}{\partial X_{j_v}} \right)_{1 \leq u, v \leq s}.$$

Compute a maximal subset  $B_i \subset B'_i$  such that all the Jacobians  $J_\beta$ ,  $\beta \in B_i$  are linearly independent. We have by (c)

$$\text{Sing } W_i = W_i \cap \mathcal{Z}(\{J_\beta\}_{\beta \in B_i}),$$

Further,  $\deg J_\beta \leq s_i(D_i - 1) < s_i D_i$  and the degree of the union of all the components of codimension  $s_i + w$  of  $\text{Sing } W_i$  is less than  $D_i(s_i D_i)^w$ . So if  $s > s_i$  then the degree of the union of all the components of codimension  $s$  of  $\text{Sing } W_i$  is less than  $D_i(s_i D_i)^{s-s_i}$ . Similarly if  $s > s_i$  then the degree of the union of all the components of codimension  $s$  of the intersection  $W_i \cap W_j$  is less than  $D_i D_j^{s-r_i}$ . Note that

$$\sum_{\{i: s_i = u\}} D_i \leq (ud)^{2^u - 1}$$

for every  $r \leq u \leq n$ . Therefore, the degree of  $V_{r+1}^{(s)}$  is less than

$$\sum_{\{i: s_i > s_i\}} D_i (s_i D_i)^{s-s_i} + \sum_{\{(i,j): s_i > s_i \geq s_j\}} D_i D_j^{s-s_i} \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{1 \leq u \leq s-1} \sum_{\{i: s_i = u\}} D_i (uD_i)^{s-u} + \sum_{1 \leq u \leq s-1} \sum_{1 \leq v \leq u} \sum_{\{(i,j): s_i = u, s_j = v\}} D_i D_j^{s-u} \leq \\
& \sum_{1 \leq u \leq s-1} (ud)^{(2^u-1)(s-u+1)} u^{s-u} + \sum_{1 \leq u \leq s-1} \sum_{1 \leq v \leq u} (ud)^{2^u-1} (vd)^{(2^v-1)(s-u)} \leq \\
& d^{2^s-1} \left( \sum_{1 \leq u \leq s-1} u^{2^u-1} (u^{2^u(s-u)} + \sum_{1 \leq v \leq u} v^{(2^v-1)(s-u)}) \right) \leq \\
& d^{2^s-1} \sum_{1 \leq u \leq s-1} u^{2^u-1} (2u^{2^u(s-u)}) \leq d^{2^s-1} \sum_{1 \leq u \leq s-1} 2u^{2^u(s-u+1)-1} \leq \\
& d^{2^s-1} s^{2^s-1} \sum_{1 \leq u \leq s-1} 2(u^{2^u(s-u+1)-1} / s^{2^s-1}) \leq (sd)^{2^s-1} 2(s-1)(1-1/s)^{2^s-1} \leq \\
& (sd)^{2^s-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have proved the required estimations of Theorem 2 for  $D_{r+1}^{(s)}$ .

Now to complete the proof it is sufficient to prove the estimation for  $M_{r+1}^{(s)}$ . Each component of  $V_{r+1}^{(s)}$  is a component of  $\text{Sing } W_i$  or  $W_i \cap W_j$  where  $W_i$  and  $W_j$  are components of  $V_r$ , see above.

Suppose that  $W$  is a component of  $\text{Sing } W_i$ . Then there are polynomials  $F_{u+1}, \dots, F_s$  which are linear combinations of  $J_\beta$ ,  $\beta \in B_i$ , with integer coefficients of the lengths  $O(n \log(s_i D_i))$  satisfying the following property. There is a sequence of irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  algebraic varieties

$$W^{(u)} = W_i, W^{(u+1)}, \dots, W^{(s)} = W$$

such that  $W^{(j+1)}$  is a component of  $W^{(j)} \cap \mathcal{Z}(F_{j+1})$  for every  $u \leq j < s$ . Similarly in the case when  $W$  is a component of  $W_i \cap W_j$  there are analogous sequences of polynomials and irreducible and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  algebraic varieties (for estimations one should take  $s_i \geq s_j$ ).

In the both cases the estimation for  $M_{r+1}^{(s)}$  can be obtained now by subsequent applying Lemma 2 using the ascertained inequalities for  $M_r^{(a)}$ . One should only take the degree of the polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$  from Theorem 2 sufficiently great relative to the degree of the polynomials from Lemma 2. It is convenient also for recursive estimations to write the statement of Theorem 2 in the form

$$M_r^{(s)} \leq 3^s (M + n^2) \mathcal{P}((sd)^{2^s-1})$$

which allows easily to take into account the addition  $M' + M'' + n^2$  when Lemma 2 is applied. The theorem is proved.

The proof of Theorem 3 is completely analogous to the one of Theorem 2 and even easier since one should not consider the intersections of different components but only the sets of singular points of the components. Theorem 3 is also proved.

## 2 Solvability of systems over $p$ -adics and branched smooth stratification

Our aim is to prove Theorem 4. Let  $a \neq 0$  be an integer. Set  $\text{ord}_p(a) = b \in \mathbb{Z}$  if and only if  $a/p^b \in \mathbb{Z}$  but  $a/p^{b+1} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  then set  $[z]$  to be the maximal integer  $z_0$  such that  $z_0 \leq z$  and define  $[z]_+ = \max\{[z], 1\}$ .

It is convenient also to introduce the algebraic variety  $W_1 = \mathbb{A}^n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  and set  $M_0 = M$ ,  $D_0 = d$ . So the codimension  $\text{codim} W_1 = 0$ , the degree  $\text{deg} W_1 = 1$  and  $W_1$  is given by an empty system of equations. Let  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r} \neq \emptyset$  and  $V_{i_1, \dots, i_r} = \emptyset$  for some  $1 \leq r \leq n_0 + 1$ . Then set  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}} = \emptyset$  where  $i_{r+1} \in I_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  and  $I_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  is an one element set. Set also  $\text{deg} W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}} = 0$ ,  $\text{codim} W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}} = n + 1$  if  $V_{i_1, \dots, i_r} = \emptyset$ . In this case the algebraic variety  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}}$  is given by one equation  $1 = 0$ .

We shall construct integers  $c^{(s)}$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq n$ , which are less than  $M_s \mathcal{P}((s+1)D_s)^{n^2}$  for a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$  and satisfy the property described below.

Set

$$\Delta = \prod_{0 \leq s \leq n} (c^{(s)})^{2^s} \prod_{0 \leq t \leq s} ((t+1)D_t)^n.$$

Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  be a point such that  $f_i(x) = 0 \pmod{p^N}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Set  $N_0 = N$  and

$$N_u = \left[ \sum_{u \leq s \leq n} 2^{s-u} \text{ord}_p(c^{(s)}) \prod_{u \leq t \leq s} ((t+1)D_t)^n \right]_+.$$

So  $N_0 = N$  and  $1 \leq N_u \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $0 \leq u \leq n+1$ . If  $N_u = 1$  then  $\text{ord}_p(c^{(s)}) = 0$  and  $N_s = 1$  for all  $s \geq u$ . Recall that  $h_\alpha = 0$ ,  $\alpha \in A_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  is the system of polynomial equations of the algebraic variety  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n_0 + 2$ , from the described construction of branched smooth stratification (and the previous remark).

The property of the integers  $c^{(s)}$  is the following one. Let  $1 \leq r \leq n_0 + 1$  and there is an algebraic variety  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  with the codimension  $\text{codim} W_{i_1, \dots, i_r} = u$ ,  $0 \leq u \leq n$  such that

$$h_\alpha(x) = 0 \pmod{p^{N_u}}. \quad (9)$$

Then the similar statement holds for  $r+1$  or  $r \geq 2$  and there is a point in  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  with coordinates from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Let us show that it is sufficient to construct  $c^{(s)}$  and prove this property to finish the proof of the theorem. Indeed, suppose that  $c^{(s)}$  are constructed and this property is proved. Suppose that there are no points with coordinates from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  in any  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  with  $r \geq 2$ . Then (9) is valid for some empty  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$ ,

$1 \leq r \leq n_0 + 2$ . We get a contradiction  $1 = 0 \pmod{p^{N_u}}$  which proves our assertion.

Thus, suppose that  $0 \leq r \leq n_0 + 1$  and we have proved by induction that there is an algebraic variety  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  with the codimension  $\text{codim } W_{i_1, \dots, i_r} = u$ ,  $0 \leq u \leq n$  such that (9) holds for all  $\alpha$ . Our aim will be to prove the similar statement for  $r + 1$  or if  $r \geq 2$  to show that there is a point in  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  with coordinates from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  (more precisely, in the latter case we shall show how to construct such a point).

If  $r \geq 2$  then the degrees of the Jacobians  $J_\beta$ ,  $\beta \in B$ , (from the considered construction) defining the set of singular points of the algebraic variety  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  are less than  $uD_u$  and lengths of integer coefficients of these Jacobians are less than  $(M + n^2)P_1(uD_u)$  for a polynomial  $P_1$ . Set  $N'_u = N_u/2$  if  $N_u$  is even and  $N'_u = (N_u + 1)/2$  if  $N_u$  is odd. If

$$J_\beta(x) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^{N'_u}}, \quad (10)$$

then the standard Hensel lemma (one should fix the variables to which there are no partial derivatives in the Jacobian matrix) shows that there is a point in  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  with coordinates from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Note that  $[N_u/2]_+ \leq N'_u$  since  $1 \leq N_u \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So we shall suppose without loss of generality that

$$J_\beta(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{[N_u/2]_+}},$$

for all  $\beta$ . Recall that if  $r \geq 2$  then

$$V_{i_1, \dots, i_r} = W_{i_1, \dots, i_r} \cap \mathcal{Z}(\{J_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}).$$

Denote by  $G_\rho = 0$ ,  $\rho \in R$ , the system of polynomial equations defining the algebraic variety  $V_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  in our construction. In the case when  $r \geq 2$  this system consists of all equations  $h_\alpha = 0$  and  $J_\beta = 0$ . When  $r = 1$  the polynomials  $G_\rho$  coincide with the initial polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_k$ .

Set  $\delta = (uD_u)^n$ ,  $\mu = M_u$ ,  $\nu = [N_u/2]_+$  if  $r \geq 2$  and  $\delta = d^n$ ,  $\mu = M$ ,  $\nu = N_0$  if  $r = 1$ . Note that  $\#I_{i_1, \dots, i_r} \leq \delta$  by the Bézout inequality.

Let  $i_{r+1} \in I_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$ . Consider the vector space  $S_{i_{r+1}}$  over the field  $\mathbb{Q}$  of all polynomials of degrees at most  $\deg W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}}$  vanishing on  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}}$ . Note that

$$\deg W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}} \leq \delta.$$

Let the dimension  $\dim S_{i_{r+1}} = w_{i_{r+1}}$ . Note that  $w_{i_{r+1}} \leq \delta^n$ . Set

$$w = \max_{i_{r+1} \in I_{i_1, \dots, i_r}} w_{i_{r+1}}.$$

According to [2] the set of zeroes of the polynomials from  $S_{i_{r+1}}$  coincides with  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}}$  and there is a basis  $s_0, \dots, s_\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  of  $S_{i_{r+1}}$  consisting of polynomials with the lengths of integer coefficients less than  $\mu P_2(\delta^n)$  for a polynomial  $P_2$ . We shall suppose without loss of generality that all the polynomials  $h_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A_{i_1, \dots, i_{r+1}}$  are linearly independent and are contained in the basis  $s_0, \dots, s_\kappa$ .

Consider the polynomials  $G_{i_{r+1}, \gamma} = \sum_j \gamma^j s_j$  where  $0 < \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So the set of zeroes of the family  $G_{i_{r+1}, \gamma}$ ,  $1 \leq \gamma \leq \Gamma_{i_1, \dots, i_r} = w\delta$ , coincides with  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}}$ , any  $w' \leq w_{i_{r+1}}$  of polynomials  $G_{i_{r+1}, \gamma}$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and the lengths of their integer coefficients are less than  $\mu P_3(\delta^n)$  for a polynomial  $P_3$ .

By the efficient Hilbert Nullstellensatz [6] we have

$$c_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \gamma} \left( \prod_{i_{r+1}} G_{i_{r+1}, \gamma} \right)^\delta = \sum_{\rho \in R} G_\rho q_{\rho, \gamma} \quad (11)$$

where  $c_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \gamma} \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $q_{\rho, \gamma} \in \mathbb{Z}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  are polynomials for all  $\rho, \gamma$ . The coefficients of polynomials  $q_{\rho, \gamma}$  can be estimated from solving a linear system. This gives also an estimation for  $c_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \gamma}$ . So we get  $|c_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \gamma}| \leq 2^{\mu P_4(\delta^n)}$  for a polynomial  $P_4$ . Construct  $c_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \gamma}$  solving linear system (11). Construct also the set

$$C_u = \{(i_1, \dots, i_\kappa, \gamma) : \text{codim } W_{i_1, \dots, i_\kappa} = u, 0 \leq \kappa \leq n_0 + 1, 1 \leq \gamma \leq w\delta\}.$$

Define the integers

$$c_1^{(u)} = \prod_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 \leq w\delta} (i_2 - i_1), \quad c_2^{(u)} = \prod_{(i_1, \dots, i_\kappa, \gamma) \in C_u} c_{i_1, \dots, i_\kappa, \gamma}, \quad c^{(u)} = c_1^{(u)} c_2^{(u)}.$$

for  $0 \leq u \leq n$ . We have by our construction  $\#C_u \leq (D_u)^{n_0} w\delta \leq (D_u)^n \delta^{n+1}$  and  $|c^{(u)}| \leq 2^{\mu P_5(\delta^n)}$  for a polynomial  $P_5$ . Hence,  $|c^{(u)}| \leq 2^{M_u P_5((u+1)D_u)^{n^2}}$  for a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ . Compute  $\Delta$ . We get now

$$\Delta \leq 2^{M\mathcal{P}(d^{n^2}) + \sum_{1 \leq s \leq n} M_s \mathcal{P}((sD_s)^{n^2})} \prod_{0 \leq t < s} (tD_t)^n$$

for a polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Let  $V_{i_1, \dots, i_r} \neq \emptyset$ . Denote  $\text{ord}_p(c_2^{(u)}) = m_u''$  and  $\text{ord}_p(c^{(u)}) = m_u$ . Since we chose  $\Gamma_{i_1, \dots, i_r} = w\delta$  there exists  $i_{r+1}$  such that

$$G_{i_{r+1}, \gamma_j}(x) = 0 \pmod{p^{[(\nu - \text{ord}_p(c_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \gamma})) / \delta]_+}}$$

for  $w$  different indices  $\gamma_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq w$ . Hence,

$$G_{i_{r+1}, \gamma_j}(x) = 0 \pmod{p^{[(\nu - m_u'') / \delta]_+}}$$



for  $w$  different indices  $\gamma_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq w$ . The set of zeroes of these polynomials  $G_{i_{r+1}, \gamma_j}$  coincides with  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}}$ . Since every polynomial  $h_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A_{i_1, \dots, i_{r+1}}$  is a linear combination of  $G_{i_{r+1}, \gamma_j}$  we have also by the definition of  $c^{(u)}$

$$h_\alpha(x) = 0 \pmod{p^{[(\nu - m_u)/\delta]_+}}. \quad (12)$$

Let the codimension of  $W_{i_1, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}}$  is  $v$ . Since  $v > u$  we get immediately from (12) that

$$h_\alpha(x) = 0 \pmod{p^{Nv}}.$$

for all  $\alpha \in A_{i_1, \dots, i_{r+1}}$ . The theorem is proved.

**REMARK 1** *It is not necessary to use the result from [6] to prove Theorem 1. For the proof of Theorem 1 it is sufficient to take in (11), e.g.  $\delta^{2^n}$  instead of  $\delta$ .*

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