1125-15-2428Tulay Ayyildiz Akoglu\* (tayyild@ncsu.edu), 2311 Stinson Drive, Raleigh, NC 27695.Constructing exact Hermite matrices using approximate roots. Preliminary report.

Let  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \ldots, f_N)$  be a system of multivariate polynomials in over rationals with common roots  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \ldots, \xi_k$  and assume that  $I = \langle f_1, \ldots, f_N \rangle$  is a zero dimensional ideal. Hermite matrix of  $\mathbf{f}$  with respect to an auxiliary polynomial g is defined by

$$H_g(\mathbf{f}) := V^T D_g V$$

where V is a Vandermonde matrix and  $D_g$  is a diagonal matrix such that  $[D_g]_{ii} = g(\xi_i)$ . The signature of Hermite matrices gives important information on the signs of the polynomial g on the common real roots of **f**.

Now assume that we are only given approximate roots of  $\mathbf{f}$  and want to find the exact Hermite matrix with respect to g. First, we compute an approximate Hermit matrix  $H_g(\mathbf{f})$  using given approximate roots of  $\mathbf{f}$  and a Vandermonde matrix. Second, we rationalize each entry of the approximate Hermite matrix using rational number reconstruction (via continued fractions) with a preset bound on the denominators. Then we describe a certification procedure to decide whether the rationalized Hermite matrix is the exact one. (Received September 20, 2016)