Anton Leykin* (leykin@math.gatech.edu). Solving polynomial systems via monodromy and trace test.

We revisit two ideas that together with numerical homotopy continuation techniques lead to a methodology for finding subsets of complex solutions of systems of polynomial equations.

Monodromy action can be used to extend a solution subset (e.g., a subset of the so-called witness set of an irreducible positive-dimensional solution component).

Trace test verifies the completeness of a partial solution set (e.g., the completeness of a witness set).

We highlight the recent theoretical developments that lead to new practical algorithms.

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