

# A Formalisation of Sturm's Theorem

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## Abstract

*Sturm sequences* are a method for computing the number of real roots of a real polynomial inside a given interval efficiently. In this project, this fact and a number of methods to construct Sturm sequences efficiently have been formalised with the interactive theorem prover Isabelle/HOL. Building upon this, an Isabelle/HOL proof method was then implemented to prove statements about the number of roots of a real polynomial and related properties.

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# 1 Miscellaneous

```
theory Misc-Polynomial
imports HOL-Computational-Algebra.Polynomial HOL-Computational-Algebra.Polynomial-Factorial
Pure-ex.Guess
begin
```

## 1.1 Analysis

```
lemma fun-eq-in-ivl:
assumes a ≤ b ∀ x::real. a ≤ x ∧ x ≤ b → eventually (λξ. f ξ = f x) (at x)
shows f a = f b
⟨proof⟩
```

## 1.2 Polynomials

### 1.2.1 General simplification lemmas

```
lemma pderiv-div:
assumes [simp]: q dvd p q ≠ 0
shows pderiv (p div q) = (q * pderiv p - p * pderiv q) div (q * q)
q*q dvd (q * pderiv p - p * pderiv q)
⟨proof⟩
```

### 1.2.2 Divisibility of polynomials

Two polynomials that are coprime have no common roots.

```
lemma coprime-imp-no-common-roots:
¬ (poly p x = 0 ∧ poly q x = 0) if coprime p q
for x :: 'a :: field
⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma poly-div:
assumes poly q x ≠ 0 and (q::'a :: field poly) dvd p
shows poly (p div q) x = poly p x / poly q x
⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma poly-div-gcd-squarefree-aux:
assumes pderiv (p::('a::{field-char-0,field-gcd}) poly) ≠ 0
defines d ≡ gcd p (pderiv p)
shows coprime (p div d) (pderiv (p div d)) and
    ⋀x. poly (p div d) x = 0 ↔ poly p x = 0
⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma normalize-field:
normalize (x :: 'a :: {field,normalization-semidom}) = (if x = 0 then 0 else 1)
⟨proof⟩
```

```

lemma normalize-field-eq-1 [simp]:
   $x \neq 0 \implies \text{normalize}(x :: 'a :: \{\text{field}, \text{normalization-semidom}\}) = 1$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

```

lemma unit-factor-field [simp]:
   $\text{unit-factor}(x :: 'a :: \{\text{field}, \text{normalization-semidom}\}) = x$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

Dividing a polynomial by its gcd with its derivative yields a squarefree polynomial with the same roots.

```

lemma poly-div-gcd-squarefree:
  assumes  $(p :: ('a :: \{\text{field-char-0}, \text{field-gcd}\}) \text{ poly}) \neq 0$ 
  defines  $d \equiv \text{gcd } p (\text{pderiv } p)$ 
  shows  $\text{coprime}(p \text{ div } d) (\text{pderiv}(p \text{ div } d)) (\text{is } ?A) \text{ and}$ 
     $\bigwedge x. \text{poly}(p \text{ div } d) x = 0 \longleftrightarrow \text{poly } p x = 0 (\text{is } \bigwedge x. ?B x)$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

### 1.2.3 Sign changes of a polynomial

If a polynomial has different signs at two points, it has a root inbetween.

```

lemma poly-different-sign-imp-root:
  assumes  $a < b \text{ and } \text{sgn}(\text{poly } p a) \neq \text{sgn}(\text{poly } p (b :: \text{real}))$ 
  shows  $\exists x. a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \wedge \text{poly } p x = 0$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

```

lemma poly-different-sign-imp-root':
  assumes  $\text{sgn}(\text{poly } p a) \neq \text{sgn}(\text{poly } p (b :: \text{real}))$ 
  shows  $\exists x. \text{poly } p x = 0$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

```

lemma no-roots-inbetween-imp-same-sign:
  assumes  $a < b \forall x. a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p x \neq (0 :: \text{real})$ 
  shows  $\text{sgn}(\text{poly } p a) = \text{sgn}(\text{poly } p b)$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

### 1.2.4 Limits of polynomials

```

lemma poly-neighbourhood-without-roots:
  assumes  $(p :: \text{real poly}) \neq 0$ 
  shows  $\text{eventually}(\lambda x. \text{poly } p x \neq 0) (\text{at } x_0)$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

```

lemma poly-neighbourhood-same-sign:
  assumes  $\text{poly } p (x_0 :: \text{real}) \neq 0$ 
  shows  $\text{eventually}(\lambda x. \text{sgn}(\text{poly } p x) = \text{sgn}(\text{poly } p x_0)) (\text{at } x_0)$ 
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 

```

```

lemma poly-lhopital:
  assumes poly p (x::real) = 0 poly q x = 0 q ≠ 0
  assumes (λx. poly (pderiv p) x / poly (pderiv q) x) -x→ y
  shows (λx. poly p x / poly q x) -x→ y
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma poly-roots-bounds:
  assumes p ≠ 0
  obtains l u
  where l ≤ (u :: real)
    and poly p l ≠ 0
    and poly p u ≠ 0
    and {x. x > l ∧ x ≤ u ∧ poly p x = 0} = {x. poly p x = 0}
    and ∫x. x ≤ l ⇒ sgn (poly p x) = sgn (poly p l)
    and ∫x. x ≥ u ⇒ sgn (poly p x) = sgn (poly p u)
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

definition poly-inf :: ('a::real-normed-vector) poly ⇒ 'a where
  poly-inf p ≡ sgn (coeff p (degree p))
definition poly-neg-inf :: ('a::real-normed-vector) poly ⇒ 'a where
  poly-neg-inf p ≡ if even (degree p) then sgn (coeff p (degree p))
                    else -sgn (coeff p (degree p))
lemma poly-inf-0-iff[simp]:
  poly-inf p = 0 ↔ p = 0 poly-neg-inf p = 0 ↔ p = 0
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma poly-inf-mult[simp]:
  fixes p :: ('a::real-normed-field) poly
  shows poly-inf (p*q) = poly-inf p * poly-inf q
        poly-neg-inf (p*q) = poly-neg-inf p * poly-neg-inf q
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma poly-neq-0-at-infinity:
  assumes (p :: real poly) ≠ 0
  shows eventually (λx. poly p x ≠ 0) at-infinity
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma poly-limit-aux:
  fixes p :: real poly
  defines n ≡ degree p
  shows ((λx. poly p x / x ^ n) —> coeff p n) at-infinity
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma poly-at-top-at-top:
  fixes p :: real poly
  assumes degree p ≥ 1 coeff p (degree p) > 0
  shows LIM x at-top. poly p x :> at-top
  ⟨proof⟩

lemma poly-at-bot-at-top:
  fixes p :: real poly
  assumes degree p ≥ 1 coeff p (degree p) < 0
  shows LIM x at-top. poly p x :> at-bot
  ⟨proof⟩

lemma poly-lim-inf:
  eventually (λx::real. sgn (poly p x) = poly-inf p) at-top
  ⟨proof⟩

lemma poly-at-top-or-bot-at-bot:
  fixes p :: real poly
  assumes degree p ≥ 1 coeff p (degree p) > 0
  shows LIM x at-bot. poly p x :> (if even (degree p) then at-top else at-bot)
  ⟨proof⟩

lemma poly-at-bot-or-top-at-bot:
  fixes p :: real poly
  assumes degree p ≥ 1 coeff p (degree p) < 0
  shows LIM x at-bot. poly p x :> (if even (degree p) then at-bot else at-top)
  ⟨proof⟩

lemma poly-lim-neg-inf:
  eventually (λx::real. sgn (poly p x) = poly-neg-inf p) at-bot
  ⟨proof⟩

```

### 1.2.5 Signs of polynomials for sufficiently large values

```

lemma polys-inf-sign-thresholds:
  assumes finite (ps :: real poly set)
  obtains l u
  where l ≤ u
  and ⋀p. [p ∈ ps; p ≠ 0] ==>
    {x. l < x ∧ x ≤ u ∧ poly p x = 0} = {x. poly p x = 0}
  and ⋀p x. [p ∈ ps; x ≥ u] ==> sgn (poly p x) = poly-inf p
  and ⋀p x. [p ∈ ps; x ≤ l] ==> sgn (poly p x) = poly-neg-inf p
  ⟨proof⟩

```

### 1.2.6 Positivity of polynomials

**lemma** *poly-pos*:

$$(\forall x:\text{real}. \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow \text{poly-inf } p = 1 \wedge (\forall x. \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0)$$

*(proof)*

**lemma** *poly-pos-greater*:

$$(\forall x:\text{real}. x > a \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$$

$$\text{poly-inf } p = 1 \wedge (\forall x. x > a \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0)$$

*(proof)*

**lemma** *poly-pos-geq*:

$$(\forall x:\text{real}. x \geq a \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$$

$$\text{poly-inf } p = 1 \wedge (\forall x. x \geq a \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0)$$

*(proof)*

**lemma** *poly-pos-less*:

$$(\forall x:\text{real}. x < a \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$$

$$\text{poly-neg-inf } p = 1 \wedge (\forall x. x < a \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0)$$

*(proof)*

**lemma** *poly-pos-leq*:

$$(\forall x:\text{real}. x \leq a \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$$

$$\text{poly-neg-inf } p = 1 \wedge (\forall x. x \leq a \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0)$$

*(proof)*

**lemma** *poly-pos-between-less-less*:

$$(\forall x:\text{real}. a < x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$$

$$(a \geq b \vee \text{poly } p ((a+b)/2) > 0) \wedge (\forall x. a < x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0)$$

*(proof)*

**lemma** *poly-pos-between-less-leq*:

$$(\forall x:\text{real}. a < x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$$

$$(a \geq b \vee \text{poly } p b > 0) \wedge (\forall x. a < x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0)$$

*(proof)*

**lemma** *poly-pos-between-leq-less*:

$$(\forall x:\text{real}. a \leq x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$$

$$(a \geq b \vee \text{poly } p a > 0) \wedge (\forall x. a \leq x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0)$$

*(proof)*

**lemma** *poly-pos-between-leq-leq*:

$$(\forall x:\text{real}. a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$$

$$(a > b \vee \text{poly } p a > 0) \wedge (\forall x. a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0)$$

*(proof)*

**end**

## 2 Proof of Sturm's Theorem

```

theory Sturm-Theorem
imports HOL-Computational-Algebra.Polynomial
  Lib/Sturm-Library HOL-Computational-Algebra.Field-as-Ring
begin

```

### 2.1 Sign changes of polynomial sequences

For a given sequence of polynomials, this function computes the number of sign changes of the sequence of polynomials evaluated at a given position  $x$ . A sign change is a change from a negative value to a positive one or vice versa; zeros in the sequence are ignored.

**definition** *sign-changes where*

```

sign-changes ps (x::real) =
  length (remdups-adj (filter (λx. x ≠ 0) (map (λp. sgn (poly p x)) ps))) - 1

```

The number of sign changes of a sequence distributes over a list in the sense that the number of sign changes of a sequence  $p_1, \dots, p_i, \dots, p_n$  at  $x$  is the same as the sum of the sign changes of the sequence  $p_1, \dots, p_i$  and  $p_i, \dots, p_n$  as long as  $p_i(x) ≠ 0$ .

**lemma** *sign-changes-distrib:*

```

poly p x ≠ 0 ==>
sign-changes (ps1 @ [p] @ ps2) x =
sign-changes (ps1 @ [p]) x + sign-changes ([p] @ ps2) x
⟨proof⟩

```

The following two congruences state that the number of sign changes is the same if all the involved signs are the same.

**lemma** *sign-changes-cong:*

```

assumes length ps = length ps'
assumes ∀ i < length ps. sgn (poly (ps!i) x) = sgn (poly (ps'!i) y)
shows sign-changes ps x = sign-changes ps' y
⟨proof⟩

```

**lemma** *sign-changes-cong':*

```

assumes ∀ p ∈ set ps. sgn (poly p x) = sgn (poly p y)
shows sign-changes ps x = sign-changes ps y
⟨proof⟩

```

For a sequence of polynomials of length 3, if the first and the third polynomial have opposite and nonzero sign at some  $x$ , the number of sign changes is always 1, irrespective of the sign of the second polynomial.

**lemma** *sign-changes-sturm-triple:*

```

assumes poly p x ≠ 0 and sgn (poly r x) = - sgn (poly p x)
shows sign-changes [p,q,r] x = 1
⟨proof⟩

```

Finally, we define two additional functions that count the sign changes “at infinity”.

```
definition sign-changes-inf where
sign-changes-inf ps =
  length (remdups-adj (filter (λx. x ≠ 0) (map poly-inf ps))) - 1

definition sign-changes-neg-inf where
sign-changes-neg-inf ps =
  length (remdups-adj (filter (λx. x ≠ 0) (map poly-neg-inf ps))) - 1
```

## 2.2 Definition of Sturm sequences locale

We first define the notion of a “Quasi-Sturm sequence”, which is a weakening of a Sturm sequence that captures the properties that are fulfilled by a nonempty suffix of a Sturm sequence:

- The sequence is nonempty.
- The last polynomial does not change its sign.
- If the middle one of three adjacent polynomials has a root at  $x$ , the other two have opposite and nonzero signs at  $x$ .

```
locale quasi-sturm-seq =
  fixes ps :: (real poly) list
  assumes last-ps-sgn-const[simp]:
     $\bigwedge x y. \text{sgn} (\text{poly} (\text{last } ps) x) = \text{sgn} (\text{poly} (\text{last } ps) y)$ 
  assumes ps-not-Nil[simp]: ps ≠ []
  assumes signs:  $\bigwedge i x. [\exists i < \text{length } ps - 2; \text{poly} (ps ! (i+1)) x = 0]$ 
     $\implies (\text{poly} (ps ! (i+2)) x) * (\text{poly} (ps ! i) x) < 0$ 
```

Now we define a Sturm sequence  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  of a polynomial  $p$  in the following way:

- The sequence contains at least two elements.
- $p$  is the first polynomial, i.e.  $p_1 = p$ .
- At any root  $x$  of  $p$ ,  $p_2$  and  $p$  have opposite sign left of  $x$  and the same sign right of  $x$  in some neighbourhood around  $x$ .
- The first two polynomials in the sequence have no common roots.
- If the middle one of three adjacent polynomials has a root at  $x$ , the other two have opposite and nonzero signs at  $x$ .

```
locale sturm-seq = quasi-sturm-seq +
  fixes p :: real poly
```

```

assumes hd-ps-p[simp]: hd ps = p
assumes length-ps-ge-2[simp]: length ps ≥ 2
assumes deriv: ∀x₀. poly p x₀ = 0 ⇒
  eventually (λx. sgn (poly (p * ps!1) x) =
    (if x > x₀ then 1 else -1)) (at x₀)
assumes p-squarefree: ∀x. ¬(poly p x = 0 ∧ poly (ps!1) x = 0)
begin

```

Any Sturm sequence is obviously a Quasi-Sturm sequence.

```

lemma quasi-sturm-seq: quasi-sturm-seq ps ⟨proof⟩⟨proof⟩⟨proof⟩⟨proof⟩end
⟨proof⟩

```

Any suffix of a Quasi-Sturm sequence is again a Quasi-Sturm sequence.

```

lemma quasi-sturm-seq-Cons:
assumes quasi-sturm-seq (p#ps) and ps ≠ []
shows quasi-sturm-seq ps
⟨proof⟩

```

### 2.3 Auxiliary lemmas about roots and sign changes

```

lemma sturm-adjacent-root-aux:
assumes i < length (ps :: real poly list) - 1
assumes poly (ps ! i) x = 0 and poly (ps ! (i + 1)) x = 0
assumes ∀i. [| i < length ps - 2; poly (ps ! (i+1)) x = 0 |]
  ⇒ sgn (poly (ps ! (i+2)) x) = - sgn (poly (ps ! i) x)
shows ∀j ≤ i + 1. poly (ps ! j) x = 0
⟨proof⟩

```

This function splits the sign list of a Sturm sequence at a position  $x$  that is not a root of  $p$  into a list of sublists such that the number of sign changes within every sublist is constant in the neighbourhood of  $x$ , thus proving that the total number is also constant.

```

fun split-sign-changes where
split-sign-changes [p] (x :: real) = [[p]] |
split-sign-changes [p,q] x = [[p,q]] |
split-sign-changes (p#q#r#ps) x =
  (if poly p x ≠ 0 ∧ poly q x = 0 then
    [p,q,r] # split-sign-changes (r#ps) x
  else
    [p,q] # split-sign-changes (q#r#ps) x)

```

```

lemma (in quasi-sturm-seq) split-sign-changes-subset[dest]:
  ps' ∈ set (split-sign-changes ps x) ⇒ set ps' ⊆ set ps
⟨proof⟩

```

A custom induction rule for *split-sign-changes* that uses the fact that all the intermediate parameters in calls of *split-sign-changes* are quasi-Sturm sequences.

**lemma (in quasi-sturm-seq) split-sign-changes-induct:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket \bigwedge p x. P [p] x; \bigwedge p q x. \text{quasi-sturm-seq} [p, q] \implies P [p, q] x; \\ & \quad \bigwedge p q r ps x. \text{quasi-sturm-seq} (p \# q \# r \# ps) \implies \\ & \quad \quad \llbracket \text{poly } p x \neq 0 \implies \text{poly } q x = 0 \implies P (r \# ps) x; \\ & \quad \quad \text{poly } q x \neq 0 \implies P (q \# r \# ps) x; \\ & \quad \quad \text{poly } p x = 0 \implies P (q \# r \# ps) x \rrbracket \\ & \quad \implies P (p \# q \# r \# ps) x \rrbracket \implies P ps x \end{aligned}$$

*(proof)*

The total number of sign changes in the split list is the same as the number of sign changes in the original list.

**lemma (in quasi-sturm-seq) split-sign-changes-correct:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{assumes } \text{poly } (\text{hd } ps) x_0 \neq 0 \\ & \text{defines } \text{sign-changes}' \equiv \lambda ps x. \\ & \quad \sum ps' \leftarrow \text{split-sign-changes } ps x. \text{sign-changes } ps' x \\ & \text{shows } \text{sign-changes}' ps x_0 = \text{sign-changes } ps x_0 \end{aligned}$$

*(proof)*

We now prove that if  $p(x) \neq 0$ , the number of sign changes of a Sturm sequence of  $p$  at  $x$  is constant in a neighbourhood of  $x$ .

**lemma (in quasi-sturm-seq) split-sign-changes-correct-nbh:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{assumes } \text{poly } (\text{hd } ps) x_0 \neq 0 \\ & \text{defines } \text{sign-changes}' \equiv \lambda x_0 ps x. \\ & \quad \sum ps' \leftarrow \text{split-sign-changes } ps x_0. \text{sign-changes } ps' x \\ & \text{shows } \text{eventually } (\lambda x. \text{sign-changes}' x_0 ps x = \text{sign-changes } ps x) \text{ (at } x_0) \end{aligned}$$

*(proof)*

**lemma (in quasi-sturm-seq) hd-nonzero-imp-sign-changes-const-aux:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{assumes } \text{poly } (\text{hd } ps) x_0 \neq 0 \text{ and } ps' \in \text{set } (\text{split-sign-changes } ps x_0) \\ & \text{shows } \text{eventually } (\lambda x. \text{sign-changes } ps' x = \text{sign-changes } ps' x_0) \text{ (at } x_0) \end{aligned}$$

*(proof)*

**lemma (in quasi-sturm-seq) hd-nonzero-imp-sign-changes-const:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{assumes } \text{poly } (\text{hd } ps) x_0 \neq 0 \\ & \text{shows } \text{eventually } (\lambda x. \text{sign-changes } ps x = \text{sign-changes } ps x_0) \text{ (at } x_0) \end{aligned}$$

*(proof)*

**lemma (in sturm-seq) p-nonzero-imp-sign-changes-const:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{poly } p x_0 \neq 0 \implies \\ & \quad \text{eventually } (\lambda x. \text{sign-changes } ps x = \text{sign-changes } ps x_0) \text{ (at } x_0) \end{aligned}$$

*(proof)*

If  $x$  is a root of  $p$  and  $p$  is not the zero polynomial, the number of sign changes of a Sturm chain of  $p$  decreases by 1 at  $x$ .

**lemma (in sturm-seq) p-zero:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{assumes } \text{poly } p x_0 = 0 \text{ } p \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

**shows** eventually  $(\lambda x. \text{sign-changes } ps \ x = \text{sign-changes } ps \ x_0 + (\text{if } x < x_0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 0))$  (at  $x_0$ )  
**(proof)**

With these two results, we can now show that if  $p$  is nonzero, the number of roots in an interval of the form  $(a; b]$  is the difference of the sign changes of a Sturm sequence of  $p$  at  $a$  and  $b$ .

First, however, we prove the following auxiliary lemma that shows that if a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is locally constant at any  $x \in (a; b]$ , it is constant across the entire interval  $(a; b]$ :

**lemma** *count-roots-between-aux*:

**assumes**  $a \leq b$   
**assumes**  $\forall x : \text{real}. a < x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow \text{eventually } (\lambda \xi. f \ \xi = (f \ x : \text{nat})) \ (\text{at } x)$   
**shows**  $\forall x. a < x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow f \ x = f \ b$   
**(proof)**

Now we can prove the actual root-counting theorem:

**theorem (in sturm-seq)** *count-roots-between*:

**assumes** [simp]:  $p \neq 0$   $a \leq b$   
**shows**  $\text{sign-changes } ps \ a - \text{sign-changes } ps \ b = \text{card } \{x. x > a \wedge x \leq b \wedge \text{poly } p \ x = 0\}$   
**(proof)**

By applying this result to a sufficiently large upper bound, we can effectively count the number of roots “between  $a$  and infinity”, i.e. the roots greater than  $a$ :

**lemma (in sturm-seq)** *count-roots-above*:

**assumes**  $p \neq 0$   
**shows**  $\text{sign-changes } ps \ a - \text{sign-changes-inf } ps = \text{card } \{x. x > a \wedge \text{poly } p \ x = 0\}$   
**(proof)**

The same works analogously for the number of roots below  $a$  and the total number of roots.

**lemma (in sturm-seq)** *count-roots-below*:

**assumes**  $p \neq 0$   
**shows**  $\text{sign-changes-neg-inf } ps - \text{sign-changes } ps \ a = \text{card } \{x. x \leq a \wedge \text{poly } p \ x = 0\}$   
**(proof)**

**lemma (in sturm-seq)** *count-roots*:

**assumes**  $p \neq 0$   
**shows**  $\text{sign-changes-neg-inf } ps - \text{sign-changes-inf } ps = \text{card } \{x. \text{poly } p \ x = 0\}$   
**(proof)**

## 2.4 Constructing Sturm sequences

### 2.5 The canonical Sturm sequence

In this subsection, we will present the canonical Sturm sequence construction for a polynomial  $p$  without multiple roots that is very similar to the Euclidean algorithm:

$$p_i = \begin{cases} p & \text{for } i = 1 \\ p' & \text{for } i = 2 \\ -p_{i-2} \bmod p_{i-1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We break off the sequence at the first constant polynomial.

```
<proof>
function sturm-aux where
  sturm-aux (p :: real poly) q =
    (if degree q = 0 then [p,q] else p  $\#$  sturm-aux q (-(p mod q)))
    <proof>
termination <proof>
definition sturm where sturm p = sturm-aux p (pderiv p)
```

Next, we show some simple facts about this construction:

```
lemma sturm-0[simp]: sturm 0 = [0,0]
<proof>
```

```
lemma [simp]: sturm-aux p q = []  $\longleftrightarrow$  False
<proof>
```

```
lemma sturm-neq-Nil[simp]: sturm p  $\neq$  [] <proof>
```

```
lemma [simp]: hd (sturm p) = p
<proof>
```

```
lemma [simp]: p  $\in$  set (sturm p)
<proof>
```

```
lemma [simp]: length (sturm p)  $\geq$  2
<proof>
```

```
lemma [simp]: degree (last (sturm p)) = 0
<proof>
```

```
lemma [simp]: sturm-aux p q ! 0 = p
<proof>
```

```
lemma [simp]: sturm-aux p q ! Suc 0 = q
<proof>
```

```
lemma [simp]: sturm p ! 0 = p
```

*(proof)*  
**lemma** [simp]: *sturm p ! Suc 0 = pderiv p*  
*(proof)*

**lemma** *sturm-indices*:

**assumes**  $i < \text{length}(\text{sturm } p) - 2$   
**shows**  $\text{sturm } p!(i+2) = -(\text{sturm } p!i \bmod \text{sturm } p!(i+1))$   
*(proof)*

If the Sturm sequence construction is applied to polynomials  $p$  and  $q$ , the greatest common divisor of  $p$  and  $q$  is a divisor of every element in the sequence. This is obvious from the similarity to Euclid's algorithm for computing the GCD.

**lemma** *sturm-aux-gcd*:  $r \in \text{set}(\text{sturm-aux } p \ q) \implies \text{gcd } p \ q \text{ dvd } r$   
*(proof)*

**lemma** *sturm-gcd*:  $r \in \text{set}(\text{sturm } p) \implies \text{gcd } p \ (\text{pderiv } p) \text{ dvd } r$   
*(proof)*

If two adjacent polynomials in the result of the canonical Sturm chain construction both have a root at some  $x$ , this  $x$  is a root of all polynomials in the sequence.

**lemma** *sturm-adjacent-root-propagate-left*:

**assumes**  $i < \text{length}(\text{sturm } (p :: \text{real poly})) - 1$   
**assumes**  $\text{poly}(\text{sturm } p ! i) x = 0$   
**and**  $\text{poly}(\text{sturm } p ! (i + 1)) x = 0$   
**shows**  $\forall j \leq i+1. \text{poly}(\text{sturm } p ! j) x = 0$   
*(proof)*

Consequently, if this is the case in the canonical Sturm chain of  $p$ ,  $p$  must have multiple roots.

**lemma** *sturm-adjacent-root-not-squarefree*:

**assumes**  $i < \text{length}(\text{sturm } (p :: \text{real poly})) - 1$   
 $\text{poly}(\text{sturm } p ! i) x = 0 \ \text{poly}(\text{sturm } p ! (i + 1)) x = 0$   
**shows**  $\neg \text{rsquarefree } p$   
*(proof)*

Since the second element of the sequence is chosen to be the derivative of  $p$ ,  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  fulfil the property demanded by the definition of a Sturm sequence that they locally have opposite sign left of a root  $x$  of  $p$  and the same sign to the right of  $x$ .

**lemma** *sturm-firsttwo-signs-aux*:

**assumes**  $(p :: \text{real poly}) \neq 0 \ q \neq 0$   
**assumes**  $q\text{-pderiv}$ :  
 $\text{eventually } (\lambda x. \text{sgn}(\text{poly } q x) = \text{sgn}(\text{poly}(\text{pderiv } p) x)) \text{ (at } x_0)$   
**assumes**  $p\text{-0: } \text{poly } p (x_0 :: \text{real}) = 0$

**shows** eventually  $(\lambda x. \text{sgn} (\text{poly} (p*q) x) = (\text{if } x > x_0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } -1))$  (at  $x_0$ )  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *sturm-firsttwo-signs*:  
**fixes**  $ps :: \text{real poly list}$   
**assumes**  $\text{squarefree}: \text{rsquarefree } p$   
**assumes**  $p\text{-}0: \text{poly } p (x_0::\text{real}) = 0$   
**shows** eventually  $(\lambda x. \text{sgn} (\text{poly} (p * \text{sturm } p ! 1) x) =$   
 $(\text{if } x > x_0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } -1))$  (at  $x_0$ )  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

The construction also obviously fulfils the property about three adjacent polynomials in the sequence.

**lemma** *sturm-signs*:  
**assumes**  $\text{squarefree}: \text{rsquarefree } p$   
**assumes**  $i\text{-in-range}: i < \text{length} (\text{sturm } (p :: \text{real poly})) - 2$   
**assumes**  $q\text{-}0: \text{poly } (\text{sturm } p ! (i+1)) x = 0$  (**is**  $\text{poly } ?q x = 0$ )  
**shows**  $\text{poly } (\text{sturm } p ! (i+2)) x * \text{poly } (\text{sturm } p ! i) x < 0$   
(**is**  $\text{poly } ?p x * \text{poly } ?r x < 0$ )  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

Finally, if  $p$  contains no multiple roots,  $\text{sturm } p$ , i.e. the canonical Sturm sequence for  $p$ , is a Sturm sequence and can be used to determine the number of roots of  $p$ .

**lemma** *sturm-seq-sturm*[simp]:  
**assumes**  $\text{rsquarefree } p$   
**shows**  $\text{sturm-seq } (\text{sturm } p) p$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

### 2.5.1 Canonical squarefree Sturm sequence

The previous construction does not work for polynomials with multiple roots, but we can simply “divide away” multiple roots by dividing  $p$  by the GCD of  $p$  and  $p'$ . The resulting polynomial has the same roots as  $p$ , but with multiplicity 1, allowing us to again use the canonical construction.

**definition** *sturm-squarefree where*  
 $\text{sturm-squarefree } p = \text{sturm } (p \text{ div } (\text{gcd } p (\text{pderiv } p)))$

**lemma** *sturm-squarefree-not-Nil*[simp]:  $\text{sturm-squarefree } p \neq []$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *sturm-seq-sturm-squarefree*:  
**assumes** [simp]:  $p \neq 0$   
**defines** [simp]:  $p' \equiv p \text{ div } \text{gcd } p (\text{pderiv } p)$   
**shows**  $\text{sturm-seq } (\text{sturm-squarefree } p) p'$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

### 2.5.2 Optimisation for multiple roots

We can also define the following non-canonical Sturm sequence that is obtained by taking the canonical Sturm sequence of  $p$  (possibly with multiple roots) and then dividing the entire sequence by the GCD of  $p$  and its derivative.

```
definition sturm-squarefree' where
sturm-squarefree' p = (let d = gcd p (pderiv p)
                        in map (λp'. p' div d) (sturm p))
```

This construction also has all the desired properties:

```
lemma sturm-squarefree'-adjacent-root-propagate-left:
assumes p ≠ 0
assumes i < length (sturm-squarefree' (p :: real poly)) – 1
assumes poly (sturm-squarefree' p ! i) x = 0
and poly (sturm-squarefree' p ! (i + 1)) x = 0
shows ∀ j ≤ i + 1. poly (sturm-squarefree' p ! j) x = 0
⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma sturm-squarefree'-adjacent-roots:
assumes p ≠ 0
i < length (sturm-squarefree' (p :: real poly)) – 1
poly (sturm-squarefree' p ! i) x = 0
poly (sturm-squarefree' p ! (i + 1)) x = 0
shows False
⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma sturm-squarefree'-signs:
assumes p ≠ 0
assumes i-in-range: i < length (sturm-squarefree' (p :: real poly)) – 2
assumes q-0: poly (sturm-squarefree' p ! (i+1)) x = 0 (is poly ?q x = 0)
shows poly (sturm-squarefree' p ! (i+2)) x *
poly (sturm-squarefree' p ! i) x < 0
(is poly ?r x * poly ?p x < 0)
⟨proof⟩
```

This approach indeed also yields a valid squarefree Sturm sequence for the polynomial  $p/\gcd(p, p')$ .

```
lemma sturm-seq-sturm-squarefree':
assumes (p :: real poly) ≠ 0
defines d ≡ gcd p (pderiv p)
shows sturm-seq (sturm-squarefree' p) (p div d)
(is sturm-seq ?ps' ?p')
⟨proof⟩
```

This construction is obviously more expensive to compute than the one that *first* divides  $p$  by  $\gcd(p, p')$  and *then* applies the canonical construction. In this construction, we *first* compute the canonical Sturm sequence of  $p$  as

if it had no multiple roots and *then* divide by the GCD. However, it can be seen quite easily that unless  $x$  is a multiple root of  $p$ , i.e. as long as  $\gcd(P, P') \neq 0$ , the number of sign changes in a sequence of polynomials does not actually change when we divide the polynomials by  $\gcd(p, p')$ . Therefore we can use the canonical Sturm sequence even in the non-square-free case as long as the borders of the interval we are interested in are not multiple roots of the polynomial.

```
lemma sign-changes-mult-aux:
  assumes d ≠ (0::real)
  shows length (remdups-adj (filter (λx. x ≠ 0) (map ((*) d ∘ f) xs))) =
    length (remdups-adj (filter (λx. x ≠ 0) (map f xs)))
  ⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma sturm-sturm-squarefree'-same-sign-changes:
  fixes p :: real poly
  defines ps ≡ sturm p and ps' ≡ sturm-squarefree' p
  shows poly p x ≠ 0 ∨ poly (pderiv p) x ≠ 0 ⇒
    sign-changes ps' x = sign-changes ps x
    p ≠ 0 ⇒ sign-changes-inf ps' = sign-changes-inf ps
    p ≠ 0 ⇒ sign-changes-neg-inf ps' = sign-changes-neg-inf ps
  ⟨proof⟩
```

## 2.6 Root-counting functions

With all these results, we can now define functions that count roots in bounded and unbounded intervals:

```
definition count-roots-between where
count-roots-between p a b = (if a ≤ b ∧ p ≠ 0 then
  (let ps = sturm-squarefree p
    in sign-changes ps a - sign-changes ps b) else 0)
```

```
definition count-roots where
count-roots p = (if (p::real poly) = 0 then 0 else
  (let ps = sturm-squarefree p
    in sign-changes-neg-inf ps - sign-changes-inf ps))
```

```
definition count-roots-above where
count-roots-above p a = (if (p::real poly) = 0 then 0 else
  (let ps = sturm-squarefree p
    in sign-changes ps a - sign-changes-inf ps))
```

```
definition count-roots-below where
count-roots-below p a = (if (p::real poly) = 0 then 0 else
  (let ps = sturm-squarefree p
    in sign-changes-neg-inf ps - sign-changes ps a))
```

**lemma** *count-roots-between-correct*:

*count-roots-between p a b = card {x. a < x ∧ x ≤ b ∧ poly p x = 0}*

*(proof)*

**lemma** *count-roots-correct*:

**fixes** *p :: real poly*

**shows** *count-roots p = card {x. poly p x = 0}* (**is** *- = card ?S*)

*(proof)*

**lemma** *count-roots-above-correct*:

**fixes** *p :: real poly*

**shows** *count-roots-above p a = card {x. x > a ∧ poly p x = 0}*

(**is** *- = card ?S*)

*(proof)*

**lemma** *count-roots-below-correct*:

**fixes** *p :: real poly*

**shows** *count-roots-below p a = card {x. x ≤ a ∧ poly p x = 0}*

(**is** *- = card ?S*)

*(proof)*

The optimisation explained above can be used to prove more efficient code equations that use the more efficient construction in the case that the interval borders are not multiple roots:

**lemma** *count-roots-between[code]*:

*count-roots-between p a b =*

(let *q = pderiv p*

in if *a > b ∨ p = 0* then 0

else if (*poly p a ≠ 0 ∨ poly q a ≠ 0*) ∧ (*poly p b ≠ 0 ∨ poly q b ≠ 0*)

then (let *ps = sturm p*

in *sign-changes ps a - sign-changes ps b*)

else (let *ps = sturm-squarefree p*

in *sign-changes ps a - sign-changes ps b*))

*(proof)*

**lemma** *count-roots-code[code]*:

*count-roots (p::real poly) =*

(if *p = 0* then 0

else let *ps = sturm p*

in *sign-changes-neg-inf ps - sign-changes-inf ps*)

*(proof)*

**lemma** *count-roots-above-code[code]*:

*count-roots-above p a =*

(let *q = pderiv p*

in if *p = 0* then 0

else if (*poly p a ≠ 0 ∨ poly q a ≠ 0*)

∨ (*poly p a = 0* ∧ *poly q a = 0*))

```

then (let ps = sturm p
      in sign-changes ps a - sign-changes-inf ps)
else (let ps = sturm-squarefree p
      in sign-changes ps a - sign-changes-inf ps))
⟨proof⟩

lemma count-roots-below-code[code]:
count-roots-below p a =
(let q = pderiv p
in if p = 0 then 0
else if poly p a ≠ 0 ∨ poly q a ≠ 0
then (let ps = sturm p
      in sign-changes-neg-inf ps - sign-changes ps a)
else (let ps = sturm-squarefree p
      in sign-changes-neg-inf ps - sign-changes ps a))
⟨proof⟩

```

end

### 3 The “sturm” proof method

```

theory Sturm-Method
imports Sturm-Theorem
begin

```

#### 3.1 Preliminary lemmas

In this subsection, we prove lemmas that reduce root counting and related statements to simple, computable expressions using the *count-roots* function family.

```

lemma poly-card-roots-less-leq:
card {x. a < x ∧ x ≤ b ∧ poly p x = 0} = count-roots-between p a b
⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma poly-card-roots-leq-leq:
card {x. a ≤ x ∧ x ≤ b ∧ poly p x = 0} =
(count-roots-between p a b +
(if (a ≤ b ∧ poly p a = 0 ∧ p ≠ 0) ∨ (a = b ∧ p = 0) then 1 else 0))
⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma poly-card-roots-less-less:
card {x. a < x ∧ x < b ∧ poly p x = 0} =
(count-roots-between p a b -
(if poly p b = 0 ∧ a < b ∧ p ≠ 0 then 1 else 0))
⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma poly-card-roots-leq-less:
card {x::real. a ≤ x ∧ x < b ∧ poly p x = 0} =

```

$(\text{count-roots-between } p \ a \ b +$   
 $(\text{if } p \neq 0 \wedge a < b \wedge \text{poly } p \ a = 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 0) -$   
 $(\text{if } p \neq 0 \wedge a < b \wedge \text{poly } p \ b = 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 0))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-card-roots*:  
 $\text{card } \{x : \text{real}. \text{poly } p \ x = 0\} = \text{count-roots } p$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-no-roots*:  
 $(\forall x. \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0) \longleftrightarrow (\text{p } \neq 0 \wedge \text{count-roots } p = 0)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-pos*:  
 $(\forall x. \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow (\text{p } \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly-inf } p = 1 \wedge \text{count-roots } p = 0)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-card-roots-greater*:  
 $\text{card } \{x : \text{real}. x > a \wedge \text{poly } p \ x = 0\} = \text{count-roots-above } p \ a$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-card-roots-leq*:  
 $\text{card } \{x : \text{real}. x \leq a \wedge \text{poly } p \ x = 0\} = \text{count-roots-below } p \ a$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-card-roots-geq*:  
 $\text{card } \{x : \text{real}. x \geq a \wedge \text{poly } p \ x = 0\} = (\text{count-roots-above } p \ a + (\text{if } \text{poly } p \ a = 0 \wedge \text{p } \neq 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 0))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-card-roots-less*:  
 $\text{card } \{x : \text{real}. x < a \wedge \text{poly } p \ x = 0\} =$   
 $(\text{count-roots-below } p \ a - (\text{if } \text{poly } p \ a = 0 \wedge \text{p } \neq 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 0))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-no-roots-less-leq*:  
 $(\forall x. a < x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $((a \geq b \vee (p \neq 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-between } p \ a \ b = 0)))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-pos-between-less-leq*:  
 $(\forall x. a < x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $((a \geq b \vee (p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly } p \ b > 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-between } p \ a \ b = 0)))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-no-roots-leq-leq*:  
 $(\forall x. a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $((a > b \vee (p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly } p \ a \neq 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-between } p \ a \ b = 0)))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-pos-between-leq-leq*:  
 $(\forall x. a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $((a > b \vee (p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly } p \ a > 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-between } p \ a \ b = 0)))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-no-roots-less-less*:  
 $(\forall x. a < x \wedge x < b \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $((a \geq b \vee p \neq 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-between } p \ a \ b =$   
 $(\text{if poly } p \ b = 0 \text{ then 1 else 0})))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-pos-between-less-less*:  
 $(\forall x. a < x \wedge x < b \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $((a \geq b \vee (p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly } p \ ((a+b)/2) > 0 \wedge$   
 $\text{count-roots-between } p \ a \ b = (\text{if poly } p \ b = 0 \text{ then 1 else 0})))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-no-roots-leq-less*:  
 $(\forall x. a \leq x \wedge x < b \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $((a \geq b \vee p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly } p \ a \neq 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-between } p \ a \ b =$   
 $(\text{if } a < b \wedge \text{poly } p \ b = 0 \text{ then 1 else 0})))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-pos-between-leq-less*:  
 $(\forall x. a \leq x \wedge x < b \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $((a \geq b \vee (p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly } p \ a > 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-between } p \ a \ b =$   
 $(\text{if } a < b \wedge \text{poly } p \ b = 0 \text{ then 1 else 0})))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-no-roots-greater*:  
 $(\forall x. x > a \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $((p \neq 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-above } p \ a = 0))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-pos-greater*:  
 $(\forall x. x > a \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $((p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly-inf } p = 1 \wedge \text{count-roots-above } p \ a = 0))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-no-roots-leq*:

$(\forall x. x \leq a \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0) \leftrightarrow$   
 $(p \neq 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-below } p \ a = 0))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-pos-leq*:

$(\forall x. x \leq a \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \leftrightarrow$   
 $(p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly-neg-inf } p = 1 \wedge \text{count-roots-below } p \ a = 0)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-no-roots-geq*:

$(\forall x. x \geq a \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0) \leftrightarrow$   
 $(p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly } p \ a \neq 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-above } p \ a = 0))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-pos-geq*:

$(\forall x. x \geq a \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \leftrightarrow$   
 $(p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly-inf } p = 1 \wedge \text{poly } p \ a \neq 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-above } p \ a = 0)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-no-roots-less*:

$(\forall x. x < a \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x \neq 0) \leftrightarrow$   
 $((p \neq 0 \wedge \text{count-roots-below } p \ a = (\text{if poly } p \ a = 0 \text{ then 1 else 0})))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *poly-pos-less*:

$(\forall x. x < a \rightarrow \text{poly } p \ x > 0) \leftrightarrow$   
 $(p \neq 0 \wedge \text{poly-neg-inf } p = 1 \wedge \text{count-roots-below } p \ a =$   
 $(\text{if poly } p \ a = 0 \text{ then 1 else 0}))$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemmas** *sturm-card-substs* = *poly-card-roots* *poly-card-roots-less-leq*  
*poly-card-roots-leq-less* *poly-card-roots-less-less* *poly-card-roots-leq-leq*  
*poly-card-roots-less* *poly-card-roots-leq* *poly-card-roots-greater*  
*poly-card-roots-geq*

**lemmas** *sturm-prop-substs* = *poly-no-roots* *poly-no-roots-less-leq*  
*poly-no-roots-leq-leq* *poly-no-roots-less-less* *poly-no-roots-leq-less*  
*poly-no-roots-leq* *poly-no-roots-less* *poly-no-roots-geq*  
*poly-no-roots-greater*  
*poly-pos* *poly-pos-greater* *poly-pos-geq* *poly-pos-less* *poly-pos-leq*  
*poly-pos-between-leq-less* *poly-pos-between-less-leq*  
*poly-pos-between-leq-leq* *poly-pos-between-less-less*

## 3.2 Reification

This subsection defines a number of equations to automatically convert statements about roots of polynomials into a canonical form so that they can be proven using the above substitutions.

**definition**  $PR\text{-TAG } x \equiv x$

**lemma**  $sturm\text{-id-}PR\text{-prio0}:$

$$\begin{aligned}\{x::real. P x\} &= \{x::real. (PR\text{-TAG } P) x\} \\ (\forall x::real. f x < g x) &= (\forall x::real. PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f x < g x) x) \\ (\forall x::real. P x) &= (\forall x::real. \neg( (PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. \neg P x)) x)) \\ \langle proof \rangle\end{aligned}$$

**lemma**  $sturm\text{-id-}PR\text{-prio1}:$

$$\begin{aligned}\{x::real. x < a \wedge P x\} &= \{x::real. x < a \wedge (PR\text{-TAG } P) x\} \\ \{x::real. x \leq a \wedge P x\} &= \{x::real. x \leq a \wedge (PR\text{-TAG } P) x\} \\ \{x::real. x \geq b \wedge P x\} &= \{x::real. x \geq b \wedge (PR\text{-TAG } P) x\} \\ \{x::real. x > b \wedge P x\} &= \{x::real. x > b \wedge (PR\text{-TAG } P) x\} \\ (\forall x::real < a. f x < g x) &= (\forall x::real < a. PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f x < g x) x) \\ (\forall x::real \leq a. f x < g x) &= (\forall x::real \leq a. PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f x < g x) x) \\ (\forall x::real > a. f x < g x) &= (\forall x::real > a. PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f x < g x) x) \\ (\forall x::real \geq a. f x < g x) &= (\forall x::real \geq a. PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f x < g x) x) \\ (\forall x::real < a. P x) &= (\forall x::real < a. \neg( (PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. \neg P x)) x)) \\ (\forall x::real > a. P x) &= (\forall x::real > a. \neg( (PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. \neg P x)) x)) \\ (\forall x::real \leq a. P x) &= (\forall x::real \leq a. \neg( (PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. \neg P x)) x)) \\ (\forall x::real \geq a. P x) &= (\forall x::real \geq a. \neg( (PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. \neg P x)) x)) \\ \langle proof \rangle\end{aligned}$$

**lemma**  $sturm\text{-id-}PR\text{-prio2}:$

$$\begin{aligned}\{x::real. x > a \wedge x \leq b \wedge P x\} &= \\ \{x::real. x > a \wedge x \leq b \wedge PR\text{-TAG } P x\} &= \\ \{x::real. x \geq a \wedge x \leq b \wedge P x\} &= \\ \{x::real. x \geq a \wedge x \leq b \wedge PR\text{-TAG } P x\} &= \\ \{x::real. x \geq a \wedge x < b \wedge P x\} &= \\ \{x::real. x \geq a \wedge x < b \wedge PR\text{-TAG } P x\} &= \\ \{x::real. x > a \wedge x < b \wedge P x\} &= \\ \{x::real. x > a \wedge x < b \wedge PR\text{-TAG } P x\} &= \\ (\forall x::real. a < x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow f x < g x) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a < x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f x < g x) x) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow f x < g x) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f x < g x) x) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a < x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow f x < g x) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a < x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f x < g x) x) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a \leq x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow f x < g x) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a \leq x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f x < g x) x) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a < x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow P x) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a < x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow \neg( (PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. \neg P x)) x)) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow P x) &= \\ (\forall x::real. a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \longrightarrow \neg( (PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. \neg P x)) x))\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\forall x::real. a \leq x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow P x) = \\
(\forall x::real. a \leq x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow \neg(PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. \neg P x)) x) \\
(\forall x::real. a < x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow P x) = \\
(\forall x::real. a < x \wedge x < b \longrightarrow \neg(PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. \neg P x)) x)
\end{aligned}$$

*(proof)*

**lemma** *PR-TAG-intro-prio0:*

**fixes**  $P :: real \Rightarrow bool$  **and**  $f :: real \Rightarrow real$   
**shows**

$$\begin{aligned}
PR\text{-TAG } P = P' \implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. \neg(\neg P x)) = P' \\
\llbracket PR\text{-TAG } P = (\lambda x. poly p x = 0); PR\text{-TAG } Q = (\lambda x. poly q x = 0) \rrbracket \\
\implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. P x \wedge Q x) = (\lambda x. poly (gcd p q) x = 0) \text{ and} \\
\llbracket PR\text{-TAG } P = (\lambda x. poly p x = 0); PR\text{-TAG } Q = (\lambda x. poly q x = 0) \rrbracket \\
\implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. P x \vee Q x) = (\lambda x. poly (p*q) x = 0) \text{ and}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\llbracket PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x); PR\text{-TAG } g = (\lambda x. poly q x) \rrbracket \\
\implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x = g x) = (\lambda x. poly (p-q) x = 0) \\
\llbracket PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x); PR\text{-TAG } g = (\lambda x. poly q x) \rrbracket \\
\implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x \neq g x) = (\lambda x. poly (p-q) x \neq 0) \\
\llbracket PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x); PR\text{-TAG } g = (\lambda x. poly q x) \rrbracket \\
\implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x < g x) = (\lambda x. poly (q-p) x > 0) \\
\llbracket PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x); PR\text{-TAG } g = (\lambda x. poly q x) \rrbracket \\
\implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x \leq g x) = (\lambda x. poly (q-p) x \geq 0)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x) \implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. \neg f x) = (\lambda x. poly (-p) x) \\
\llbracket PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x); PR\text{-TAG } g = (\lambda x. poly q x) \rrbracket \\
\implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x + g x) = (\lambda x. poly (p+q) x) \\
\llbracket PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x); PR\text{-TAG } g = (\lambda x. poly q x) \rrbracket \\
\implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x - g x) = (\lambda x. poly (p-q) x) \\
\llbracket PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x); PR\text{-TAG } g = (\lambda x. poly q x) \rrbracket \\
\implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x * g x) = (\lambda x. poly (p*q) x) \\
PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x) \implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. (f x) \hat{n}) = (\lambda x. poly (p \hat{n}) x) \\
PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. poly p x :: real) = (\lambda x. poly p x) \\
PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. x :: real) = (\lambda x. poly [:0,1:] x) \\
PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. a :: real) = (\lambda x. poly [:a:] x)
\end{aligned}$$

*(proof)*

**lemma** *PR-TAG-intro-prio1:*

**fixes**  $f :: real \Rightarrow real$   
**shows**

$$\begin{aligned}
PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x) \implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x = 0) = (\lambda x. poly p x = 0) \\
PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x) \implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x \neq 0) = (\lambda x. poly p x \neq 0) \\
PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x) \implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. 0 = f x) = (\lambda x. poly p x = 0) \\
PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x) \implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. 0 \neq f x) = (\lambda x. poly p x \neq 0) \\
PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x) \implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x \geq 0) = (\lambda x. poly p x \geq 0) \\
PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. poly p x) \implies PR\text{-TAG} (\lambda x. f x > 0) = (\lambda x. poly p x > 0)
\end{aligned}$$

$PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x) \implies PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f \ x \leq 0) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (-p) \ x \geq 0)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x) \implies PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f \ x < 0) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (-p) \ x > 0)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x) \implies$   
 $\quad PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. 0 \leq f \ x) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (-p) \ x \leq 0)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x) \implies$   
 $\quad PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. 0 < f \ x) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (-p) \ x < 0)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $\implies PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. a * f \ x) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (\text{smult } a \ p) \ x)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $\implies PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f \ x * a) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (\text{smult } a \ p) \ x)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } f = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $\implies PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f \ x / a) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (\text{smult } (\text{inverse } a) \ p) \ x)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. x^{\wedge}n :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (\text{monom } 1 \ n) \ x)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *PR-TAG-intro-prio2*:

$PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. 1 / b) = (\lambda x. \text{inverse } b)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. a / b) = (\lambda x. a / b)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. a / b * x^{\wedge}n :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (\text{monom } (a/b) \ n) \ x)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. x^{\wedge}n * a / b :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (\text{monom } (a/b) \ n) \ x)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. a * x^{\wedge}n :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (\text{monom } a \ n) \ x)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. x^{\wedge}n * a :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (\text{monom } a \ n) \ x)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. x^{\wedge}n / a :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } (\text{monom } (\text{inverse } a) \ n) \ x)$   
  
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f \ x \wedge (\text{Suc } (\text{Suc } 0)) :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $\implies PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f \ x * f \ x :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. (f \ x) \wedge \text{Suc } n :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $\implies PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. (f \ x)^{\wedge}n * f \ x :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. (f \ x) \wedge \text{Suc } n :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $\implies PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. f \ x * (f \ x)^{\wedge}n :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. (f \ x)^{\wedge}(m+n) :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $\implies PR\text{-TAG } (\lambda x. (f \ x)^{\wedge}m * (f \ x)^{\wedge}n :: \text{real}) = (\lambda x. \text{poly } p \ x)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *sturm-meta-spec*:  $(\bigwedge x :: \text{real}. P \ x) \implies P \ x \langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *sturm-imp-conv*:

$(a < x \rightarrow x < b \rightarrow c) \leftrightarrow (a < x \wedge x < b \rightarrow c)$   
 $(a \leq x \rightarrow x < b \rightarrow c) \leftrightarrow (a \leq x \wedge x < b \rightarrow c)$   
 $(a < x \rightarrow x \leq b \rightarrow c) \leftrightarrow (a < x \wedge x \leq b \rightarrow c)$   
 $(a \leq x \rightarrow x \leq b \rightarrow c) \leftrightarrow (a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \rightarrow c)$   
 $(x < b \rightarrow a < x \rightarrow c) \leftrightarrow (a < x \wedge x < b \rightarrow c)$   
 $(x < b \rightarrow a \leq x \rightarrow c) \leftrightarrow (a \leq x \wedge x < b \rightarrow c)$   
 $(x \leq b \rightarrow a < x \rightarrow c) \leftrightarrow (a < x \wedge x \leq b \rightarrow c)$   
 $(x \leq b \rightarrow a \leq x \rightarrow c) \leftrightarrow (a \leq x \wedge x \leq b \rightarrow c)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

### 3.3 Setup for the “sturm” method

$\langle ML \rangle$

```

end

theory Sturm
imports Sturm-Method
begin

end

```

## 4 Example usage of the “sturm” method

```

theory Sturm-Ex
imports .. /Sturm
begin

```

In this section, we give a variety of statements about real polynomials that can b proven by the *sturm* method.

```

lemma
   $\forall x::real. x^2 + 1 \neq 0$ 
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma
  fixes x :: real
  shows  $x^2 + 1 \neq 0$  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma  $(x::real) > 1 \implies x^3 > 1$  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma  $\forall x::real. x*x \neq -1$  ⟨proof⟩

```

**schematic-goal** A:

```

card { $x::real. -0.010831 < x \wedge x < 0.010831 \wedge$ 
       $1/120*x^5 + 1/24*x^4 + 1/6*x^3 - 49/16777216*x^2 - 17/2097152*x =$ 
       $0\}$ 
      = ?n
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma card { $x::real. x^3 + x = 2*x^2 \wedge x^3 - 6*x^2 + 11*x = 6\} = 1$ 
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

schematic-goal card { $x::real. x^3 + x = 2*x^2 \vee x^3 - 6*x^2 + 11*x = 6\}$ 
  = ?n ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma
  card { $x::real. -0.010831 < x \wedge x < 0.010831 \wedge$ 
        poly [:0, -17/2097152, -49/16777216, 1/6, 1/24, 1/120:] x = 0} = 3
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

lemma  $\forall x::real. x*x \neq 0 \vee x*x - 1 \neq 2*x$  ⟨proof⟩

```

**lemma**  $(x::real)*x+1 \neq 0 \wedge (x^2+1)*(x^2+2) \neq 0$   $\langle proof \rangle$

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**lemma fixes**  $x::real$

**shows**  $-7.29347719 \leq x \implies 0 < x^5 + 30*x^4 + 420*x^3 + 3360*x^2 + 15120*x + 30240$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma fixes**  $x::real$

**shows**  $0 < x^6 + 42*x^5 + 840*x^4 + 10080*x^3 + 75600*x^2 + 332640*x + 665280$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**schematic-goal**  $card \{x::real. x^7 + 56*x^6 + 1512*x^5 + 25200*x^4 + 277200*x^3 + 1995840*x^2 + 8648640*x = -17297280\} = ?n$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**end**