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Systems of polynomial equations: A new algorithm converting stationary points which are not global minima to singularities

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For every $\varepsilon > 0$, denote the superlevel set of perturbed Christoffel function by

$$S_{\varepsilon} := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \Lambda_{\mu, d, \varepsilon N} \left(x
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$$(S_{\varepsilon}) \supset v_d^{-1} (\operatorname{Im} (M_d (\mu))) \cap K$$
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2. $d_H \left(S_{\varepsilon} \cap K, v_d^{-1} (\operatorname{Im} (M_d (\mu))) \cap K \right) \to 0 \text{ as } \varepsilon \to 0^+$.

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