

# Boulos El Hilany

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Employment and Education

- Since May 2023 **Postdoc**, *Institut für Analysis und Algebra, TU Braunschweig, Germany, Applied Algebra Group.*  
Mentor: Timo de Wolff
- May 2021 – April 2023 **Walter Benjamin Programme fellow**, *Institut für Analysis und Algebra, TU Braunschweig, Germany, Applied Algebra Group.*  
Mentor: Timo de Wolff
- May 2020 – April 2021 **Postdoc**, *Johann Radon Institute for Computational and Applied Mathematics, Linz, Austria, Symbolic Computations Group.*  
Mentor: Niels Lubbes
- Dec. 2018 – April 2020 **Visiting Researcher**, *Institute for Mathematics in the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland, Algebraic Geometry Group.*  
Mentor: Zbigniew Jelonek
- Dec. 2017 – Nov. 2018 **Visiting Researcher**, *Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany.*  
Mentor: Gaetan Borot
- May 2016 – Nov. 2017 **Postdoc**, *University of Tübingen, Germany, Geometry Group.*  
Mentor: Johannes Rau
- Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2016 **PhD Student**, *University of Savoy Mont Blanc, Chambéry, France, Mathematics Laboratory (LAMA).*  
Advisor: Frédéric Bihan
- Oct. 2012 – June 2013 **2<sup>nd</sup> Masters in pure mathematics; Riemannian Geometry**, *Lebanese University, École Doctorale de Sciences et Technologies, Hadath, Beirut, Lebanon.*
- Oct. 2011 – June 2012 **1<sup>st</sup> masters year in pure mathematics**, *Lebanese University, Faculty of Science 2, Fanar, Beirut, Lebanon.*
- Oct. 2008 – June 2011 **Bachelor in pure mathematics**, *Lebanese University, Faculty of Science 2, Fanar, Beirut, Lebanon.*

### Awards and Scholarships

- 2021 – 2023 **DFG Walter Benjamin Programme**, *Project title: "Classifying polynomial maps by means of polyhedral geometry", €187 400.*  
Single PI

### Research Topics

- Topology of polynomial maps

- Real algebraic geometry and real Hurwitz theory
- Geometry of sparse polynomial systems
- Tropical and convex geometry

## Publications

1. **Computing the non-properness set of real polynomial maps in the plane**  
with Elias Tsigaridas, *To appear in Vietnam Journal of Mathematics*, (2023),  
, [ArXiv 2101.05245](#)
2. **Coupler curves of moving graphs and counting realizations of rigid graphs**  
with Georg Grasegger and Niels Lubbes, *To appear in Mathematics of Computations*, (2023),  
, [ArXiv 2205.02612](#)
3. **Counting isolated points outside the image of a polynomial map**  
*Advances in Geometry* Vol. **22**, no. **3**, pp. 355–374, (2022),  
[doi:10.1515/advgeom-2021-0042](#) [ArXiv 1909.08339](#)
4. **A note on generic polynomial maps having a fiber of maximal dimension**  
*Colloquium Mathematicum* Vol. **166**, pp. 129–136, (2021),  
[doi.org/10.4064/cm8162-8-2020](#), [ArXiv 1910.01333](#)
5. **Signed counts of real simple rational functions**  
with Johannes Rau, *Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics* Vol. **52**, pp. 369–403, (2020),  
[doi.org/10.1007/s10801-019-00906-6](#), [ArXiv 1712.05639](#)
6. **Constructing polynomial systems with many positive solutions using tropical geometry**  
*Revista Matemática Complutense* Vol. **31**, no. **2**, pp. 525–544, (2018),  
[doi.org/10.1007/s13163-017-0254-1](#) [ArXiv 1703.02272](#)
7. **Characterization of circuits supporting polynomial systems with the maximal number of positive solutions**  
*Journal of Discrete & Computational Geometry*, Vol. **58**, No. **2**, pp. 355–370, (2017),  
[doi.org/10.1007/s00454-017-9897-4](#) [ArXiv 1603.01813](#)
8. **A sharp bound on the number of real intersection points of a sparse plane curve with a line**  
with Frédéric Bihan, *Journal of Symbolic Computations*, Vol. **81**, pp. 88–96, (2017),  
[doi.org/10.1016/j.jsc.2016.12.003](#) , [ArXiv 1506.03309](#)

## Preprints

- **The tropical non-properness set of a polynomial map**  
see [ArXiv 2207.00989](#)
- **The tropical discriminant of a polynomial map on a plane**  
see [ArXiv 2202.05052](#)
- **Describing the Jelonek set of polynomial maps via Newton polytopes**  
see [ArXiv 1909.07016](#)
- **Counting positive intersection points of a trinomial and a  $t$ -nomial curves via Grothendieck's dessins d'enfant**  
see [ArXiv 1512.05688](#)

## Theses

### 1. Tropical Geometry and Polynomial Systems

Doctorate, 2016

### 2. Tropical Curves and Amoebas

Masters, 2013

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## Invited talks

- Jul. 2023 **SIAM conference AG23, TU Eindhoven, Netherlands**, Minisymposium talk.  
The polyhedral type of a complex polynomial map on the plane.
- Jun. 2023 **Colloquium, MIC Limerick, Ireland**, on-line.  
Linear independence and modeling clay
- Jun. 2023 **Oka Theory and Complex Geometry Conference, Sophus Lie center, Nordfjordeid, Norway**.  
The polyhedral type of a complex polynomial map on the plane.
- Dec. 2022 **GKŁW Conference, IMPAN, Warsaw, Poland**.  
The bifurcation set of a tropical polynomial map
- Nov. 2022 **Colloquium, TU Dortmund, Germany**.  
Das charakteristische Polynom eines linearen Endomorphismus
- Oct. 2022 **Real Algebraic Geometry Conference, CIRM Luminy, France**.  
Coupler curves of moving graphs and counting realizations of rigid graphs
- Sept. 2022 **DMV Annual Meeting 2022, Nonlinear Algebra in the Sciences Minisymposium**.  
The tropical bifurcation set of a polynomial map on a plane
- July. 2022 **Applied Analysis and Algebra meeting, Braunschweig and Osnabrück universities**.  
The tropical bifurcation set of a polynomial map on a plane
- Feb. 2022 **Latin American Real and Tropical Geometry Seminar, LAGARTOS**.  
The tropical discriminant of a polynomial map on a plane
- Oct. 2021 **Applied Algebra and Analysis online seminar, TU Braunschweig**.  
An algorithm for counting realizations of minimally rigid graphs using intersection theory
- Oct. 2021 **Workshop on Real Polynomials: Counting and Stability (on-line), Oaxaca, Mexico**.  
A polyherdal description for the non-properness set of a polynomial map
- Sep. 2021 **Conference on Geometry: Theory and Applications 2021, Gozd Martuljek, Slovenia**.  
An algorithm for counting realizations of minimally rigid graphs using intersection theory
- July 2021 **MEGA 2021 (on-line), UiT – The Arctic University of Norway**.  
Computing efficiently the non-properness set of polynomial maps on the plane
- July 2021 **Geometric Structures Research Seminar (on-line), SISSA, Italy**.  
Computing efficiently the non-properness set of polynomial maps on the plane
- May 2021 **Ouragan Seminar (on-line), Inria Paris, France**.  
Computing efficiently the non-properness set of polynomial maps on the plane
- March 2021 **Singularity Theory Seminar (on-line), Universidade Federal do Ceará, Brazil**.  
Computing efficiently the non-properness set of polynomial maps on the plane

- Feb. 2021 **DFG Funding Opportunities workshop (non-scientific talk)**, *TU Braunschweig, Germany*.  
How I obtained a grant
- Oct. 2020 **Geometry team seminar (on-line)**, *LAMA, Université Savoie Mont Blanc, Chambéry*.  
Counting isolated points outside the image of a polynomial map
- Sep. 2020 **Applied Algebra and Analysis online seminar (on-line)**, *TU Braunschweig*.  
Counting isolated points outside the image of a polynomial map
- July 2020 **Discrete Mathematics Research Seminar (on-line)**, *RICAM, Linz*.  
Counting isolated points outside the image of a polynomial map
- June 2020 **Seminar in Real and Complex Geometry (on-line)**, *TAU University*.  
Counting isolated points outside the image of a polynomial map
- March 2020 **Colloquium**, *Innsbrück University, Austria*.  
Discrete geometry and topological structures from polynomial equations.
- Feb. – 2020 **Young Researchers Colloquium**, *IMPAN, Warsaw*.  
On polynomial maps having fibers of maximal dimension
- Dec. – 2019 **Gdańsk-Kraków-Łódź-Warszawa Seminar in Singularity Theory**, *Jagellonian University, Kraków*.  
Describing the Jelonek set of polynomial maps via Newton polytopes
- Oct. 2019 **Algebraic Geometry Seminar**, *MIMUW, Warsaw*.  
Describing the Jelonek set of polynomial maps via Newton polytopes
- Sep. 2019 **Einstein workshop on Real Applied Algebraic Geometry**, *TU Berlin*.  
Describing the Jelonek set of polynomial maps via Newton polytopes
- Jul. 2019 **SIAM conference on Applied Algebraic Geometry**, *Bern University*.  
Characterizing circuits supporting polynomial systems having maximal number of positive solutions
- June 2019 **Algebra group seminar**, *University of Tübingen*.  
Describing the Jelonek set of polynomial maps via Newton polytopes
- 2019 **Geometry and Singularity Theory seminar**, *IMPAN, Warsaw*.  
On polynomial maps having fibers of maximal dimension
- 2019 **Geometry and Singularity Theory seminar**, *IMPAN, Warsaw*.  
Counting isolated points outside the image of a polynomial map
- 2019 **Geometry and Singularity Theory seminar**, *IMPAN, Warsaw*.  
Constructing polynomial systems with many positive solutions using tropical geometry
- Feb. 2018 **IMPANGA Seminar**, *IMPAN, Warsaw*.  
Signed counts of real simple rational functions
- June 2018 **6th Workshop on Combinatorics of Moduli Spaces, Cluster Algebras, and Topological Recursion**, *Steklov Mathematical Institute, Moscow*.  
Signed counts of real simple rational functions
- May. 2018 **Düsseldorf Research Seminar in Pure Mathematics**, *Heinrich Heine University*.  
Constructing polynomial systems with many positive solutions using tropical geometry

- Oct. 2018 **ASGARD: Real algebraic geometry and tropical mathematics**, *Oslo University, Norway*.  
Signed counts of real simple rational functions
- Oct. 2018 **Working group on Grothendieck-Teichmüller groups**, *MPIM, Bonn, Germany*.  
Belyii Theorem via dessins d'enfants
- Sep. 2018 **Image Processing and Computer Vision conference**, *Tübingen University, Germany*.  
The equations for the moduli space of  $n$  points on the line
- June 2017 **Reading Group on Real Algebraic Geometry**, *Max Plank Institute MIS, Leipzig*.  
Topology of real K3 surfaces
- Feb. 2017 **Workshop on Tropical algebra and applications**, *Mittag Leffler Institute, Sweden*.  
Constructing polynomial systems with many positive solutions using tropical geometry
- Dec. 2017 **Algorithmic algebra group weekly seminar**, *TU Berlin, Germany*.  
Signed counts of real simple rational functions
- Aug. 2017 **Nonarchimedean and Tropical Geometry conference**, *Universität Regensburg, Germany*.  
Constructing polynomial systems with many positive solutions using tropical geometry
- July 2017 **Geometry group seminar**, *Tübingen University, Germany*.  
Real Hurwitz numbers and simple rational functions
- June 2017 **Geometry team seminar**, *LAMA, Université Savoie Mont Blanc, Chambéry*.  
Nombres de Hurwitz réels et fonctions rationnelles simples
- March 2016 **Geometry group seminar**, *Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken, Germany*.  
Constructing polynomial systems with many positive solutions using tropical geometry

## Further Conferences and Workshops

- August 2021 **SIAM AG 2021**, Texas A& M, USA.
- April 2021 **(Polytop)ics: Recent advances on polytopes**, MPI MIS, Leipzig, Germany.
- July 2021 **Tropical Moduli Spaces School**, Mittag Leffler Institute, Sweden.
- Sep. 2019 **Curves and Surfaces, A History of Shapes**, Hotel Bellavista - Levico Terme, Italy.
- June 2019 **Gdańsk-Kraków-Łódź-Warszawa Seminar in Singularity Theory**, IMPAN, Warsaw, Poland.
- June 2019 **New Perspectives in Gromov-Witten Theory**, Institut de mathématiques de Jussieu, France.
- July 2018 **Tropical Geometry in Europe**, Institut de mathématiques de Toulouse, France.
- June 2018 **Random matrices, maps, and gauge theories**, ENS de Lyon, France.
- Nov. 2017 **Young Researchers in String Mathematics**, MPI Für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany.
- Sep. 2017 **Perspectives in Real Geometry**, CIRM, Marseilles, France.
- May 2017 **Geometric aspects of singularities**, Université de Lille, France.

- March 2017 **Tropical curve counts, Motivic integration and Nonarchimedean Geometry**, Universität Tübingen, Germany.
- March 2017 **Workshop on Enumerative Geometry**, IHP, Paris, France.
- Jan. 2016 **Singularity Workshop Meeting**, CIRM, Marseilles, France.
- Jan. 2015 **Singularities and Tropical Geometry**, IMJ-PRG, Paris, France.
- June 2015 **Algebraic Complexity Meeting**, ENS de Lyon, France.
- June 2015 **MEGA 2015**, Povo center, Trento, Italy.
- Feb. 2015 **Jeunes Chercheurs en Singularité**, CIRM, Marseilles, France.
- Jan. 2014 **Tropical Geometry in its Complex and Symplectic Aspects**, Bernoulli Center, EPFL, Switzerland.

## Organized Conferences and Workshops

- July 2021 **Workshop on Real Algebraic and Convex Geometry**, TU Braunschweig.  
joint with Khazhgali Kozhasov and Timo de Wolff
- July 2017 **Image Processing and Computer Vision**, Universität Tübingen, Germany.  
joint with Domenico Monaco and Jonas Ziefle
- July 2015 **Colloque Inter'Actions**, Université Grenoble Alpes, France.  
joint with Clément Charpentier, Benjamin Druart, Burak Ekici, Guillaume Idelon-Riton, Julien Korinman, Teddy Mignot, Pedro Montero, Charlotte Perrin, Federico Zertuche

## Teaching

- Apr. – Jul. 2023 **Algebra for bachelor students in informatics, 30 hrs**, TU Braunschweig, Germany, In German.
- Oct. 2022 – Feb. 2023 **Discrete Mathematics lectures for bachelor students, 30 hrs**, TU Braunschweig, Germany, In German.
- Apr. – Sep. 2022 **Topology lectures for bachelor students, 61 hrs**, TU Braunschweig, Germany, In German.
- Sep. 2017 **Teaching assistant for refugees, 15 hrs**, Universität Tübingen, Germany.
- [Université Savoie Mont Blanc, France](#)
- 2015 – 2016 **Ramp-up math courses, 20 hrs**, In French.
- 2015 – 2016 **Fourier Series, 25 hrs**.
- 2015 – 2016 **Linear Algebra I, 15 hrs**.
- 2015 – 2016 **Calculus I, 55 hrs**.
- 2014 – 2015 **Inferential Statistics, 30 hrs**.
- 2014 – 2015 **Statistics and Probability, 12 hrs**.

### [Students \(co-\)supervision](#)

#### Bachelor theses:

- The Alexander polynomial,
- Tropical  $j$ -invariant

## Other Professional Activities

### Committee

LAMA, University of Savoy: Representative for all PhD students in the institute committee meetings and institute evaluation.

### Refereeing

#### Reports for:

1. Journal für die Reine und Angewandte Mathematik
2. Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics
3. Journal of Algebra
4. International Journal of Differential Equations
5. Revista Matemática Complutense

### Paper reviews for AMS: Mathematical reviews

Articles reviewed (**11** in total). Article No.: 3693663, 3717977, 3718078, 3860888, 3906126, 4016892, 3902912, 3913874, 4048722, 4330408, 4372667, 4447397

## Languages

Arabic	<b>Mothertongue</b>
Ukrainian	<b>Mothertongue</b>
English	<b>Expert</b>
Russian	<b>Expert</b>
French	<b>Expert</b>
German	<b>Advanced</b>
Polish	<b>Basic</b>