

Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the **4-th Workshop on Satisfiability Checking and Symbolic Computation** (SC-square) held on 10th July 2019 in Bern (Switzerland) as part of the *SIAM Conference on Applied Algebraic Geometry*, SIAM AG 2019. This workshop continues the series founded during the SC-Square project: project number 712689 under the auspices of *H2020 FETOPEN Coordination and Support Activity*. The project's goal was to bring together two communities, namely *Symbolic Computation* and *SAT/SMT Satisfiability Checking*, to benefit mutually through shared knowledge and experience, and to build bridges enabling future fruitful collaboration.

The Symbolic Computation community is concerned with finding algorithms that can compute exact solutions to quite general and complex mathematical problems. The approach is firmly grounded in mathematics, and particularly in computational algebraic geometry. Combining techniques from many fields including modern algebra, geometry and analysis, they represent the state-of-the-art in mathematical insight into real-valued polynomial problems.

Conversely, the SAT/SMT community takes a strongly practical approach to solving a variety of logical problems arising from the verification and synthesis of computer hardware and software. More recently attention has been turned to supporting “algebraic theories” such as reasoning over real and floating-point numbers. This is driven by a desire to apply SMT techniques in ever wider fields.

These two communities have numerous interests in common, such as providing capable, efficient, scalable and flexible tools for solving a variety of mathematical, engineering and computation problems. However, until the SC-Square Project they were largely oblivious of one another. This project has brought them together, and in these proceedings we see some of the early fruits of this new-found collaboration, and hints to future directions where joint understanding will hopefully lead to startling progress.

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