On the distribution of the zeros of some polynomial maps (P, Q): $\mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$

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Similar arguments prove statement (c) of the Berlinskii's Theorem.

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