

Apparent Singularities of D-finite Systems

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Theorem (Fuchs, 1866). Let $L \in \mathbb{C}[x][\partial] \setminus \{0\}$. Then

the origin is an ordinary point of L



L has $\text{ord}(L)$ sols in $\mathbb{C}[[x]]$ with initial exponents $0, 1, \dots, \text{ord}(L) - 1$.

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Example. x^5 is a sol of $xf'(x) - 5f(x) = 0$.

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Remark. If so, then $\text{sol}(L)$ is spanned by formal power series.

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$$\vdots$$

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$$\begin{aligned}x^{e_1} &+ \cdots, & e_1 &= 0, \dots, \alpha_1 - 1, \\x^{\alpha_1} &+ \cdots, \\x^{e_2} &+ \cdots, & e_2 &= \alpha_1 + 1, \dots, \alpha_2 - 1, \\x^{\alpha_2} &+ \cdots, \\&\vdots \\x^{e_r} &+ \cdots, & e_r &= \alpha_{r-1} + 1, \dots, \alpha_r - 1, \\x^{\alpha_r} &+ \cdots.\end{aligned}$$

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A first idea (Fuchs). Assume missing exponents are k_1, \dots, k_ℓ .
Compute the least common left multiple of

$$L, x\partial - k_1, \dots, x\partial - k_\ell$$

in $\mathbb{C}(x)[\partial]$.

Advanced method

Chen, Jaroschek, Kauers and Singer (2013, 2016), construct a desingularized operator M of L s.t.

- ▶ all apparent singularities of L are ordinary points of M ;
- ▶ all singularities of M are non-apparent ones of L ;
- ▶ the degree of leading coeff of M is **minimal**.

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- ▶ Determine the contraction ideals of shift operators
- ▶ The ring of constants can be replaced by a PID

D-finite systems

Notation.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_n = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n][\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n] & \subset & R_n = \mathbb{C}(x_1, \dots, x_n)[\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n] \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{Weyl algebra} & & \text{Rational algebra} \end{array}$$

where $\partial_i = \partial/\partial x_i$.

Definition. A left ideal $I \subset R_n$ is **D-finite** if R_n/I is a finite-dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{C}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

Assume that G_1, \dots, G_m are generators of I . The system

$$G_i(f) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m.$$

is called a **D-finite system**.

D-finite Gröbner bases

Let \prec_{∂} be a graded term order on $\partial_1^{k_1} \cdots \partial_n^{k_n}$, a finite set $G \subset A_n$ is a Gröbner basis w.r.t. \prec_{∂} .

Definition. G is **D-finite** if $R_n \cdot G$ is D-finite. The set

$$\text{PE}(G) = \left\{ (i_1, \dots, i_n) \mid \partial_1^{i_1} \cdots \partial_n^{i_n} \text{ is not reducible w.r.t. } G \right\}.$$

is called the set of **parametric exponents** of G .

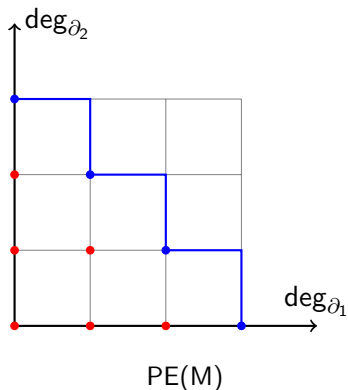
$|\text{PE}(G)|$ is called the **rank** of G .

Example 1

Consider

$$M = \{\partial_1^3, \partial_1^2 \partial_2, \partial_1 \partial_2^2, \partial_2^3\}.$$

Then $\text{PE}(M) = \{(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (2, 0), (1, 1), (0, 2)\}$.



Ordinary points and singularities

Assume that $G \subset A_n$ is a Gröbner basis and its elements are all primitive.

Definition. $c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ is an **ordinary point** of G if c is not a zero of

$$\prod_{g \in G} |c(g)|.$$

Otherwise, c is a **singularity** of G .

Ordinary points and singularities

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$$M = \{\partial_1^3, \partial_1^2 \partial_2, \partial_1 \partial_2^2, \partial_2^3\}.$$

where $\prod_{g \in M} \text{lc}(g) = 1$. The origin is an ordinary point of M .

Example 2. Consider

$$G = \{x_2^2 \partial_2 - x_1^2 \partial_1 + x_1 - x_2, \partial_1^2\},$$

where $\prod_{g \in G} \text{lc}(g) = x_2^2$. The origin is a singularity of G .

Formal power series

Let \prec_x be the order induced by \prec_∂ on $x_1^{k_1} \cdots x_n^{k_n}$.

Let $f \in \mathbb{C}[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$ be of form

$$f = c_{i_1, \dots, i_n} x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_n^{i_n} + \text{higher terms w.r.t. } \prec_x,$$

where $c_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \in \mathbb{C}$ is nonzero.

Definition. Call (i_1, \dots, i_n) the **initial exponent** of f .

Main result

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Remark. an algorithm for computing formal power series sols of D-finite systems at ordinary points.

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Example 2 (cont.) Consider

$$G = \{x_2^2 \partial_2 - x_1^2 \partial_1 + x_1 - x_2, \partial_1^2\},$$

$\{x_1 + x_2, x_1 x_2\}$ are sols of G . The origin is apparent.

We can decide whether a given point is apparent or not and remove it using “a first idea”.

Detecting and removing apparent singularities

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Set

$$S = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (2, 0), (0, 2)\}.$$

Let $M \subset A_2$ be a Gröbner basis with

$$R_2 M = R_2 G \cap \left(\bigcap_{(s,t) \in S} R_2 \{x_1 \partial_1 - s, x_2 \partial_2 - t\} \right)$$

We find

$$M = \{\partial_1^3, \partial_1^2 \partial_2, \partial_1 \partial_2^2, \partial_2^3\}.$$

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Formal power series solutions at apparent singularities

Example 3 Consider the D-finite Gröbner basis of rank 2:

$$H = \{x_2\partial_2 + \partial_1 - x_2 - 1, \partial_1^2 - \partial_1\}.$$

- ▶ Let $M \subset A_2$ be a Gröbner basis of the left ideal

$$R_2H \cap R_2\{x_1\partial_1 - 1, \partial_2\}.$$

Then the origin is an ordinary point of M , which is of rank 3.

- ▶ By [Theorem 1](#), $\text{sol}(M)$ at the origin is spanned by

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= \exp(x_1 + x_2) - x_1 - x_2 \exp(x_2), & f_2 &= x_1, \\ f_3 &= x_2 \exp(x_2). \end{aligned}$$

Formal power series solutions at apparent singularities

- ▶ Make an ansatz $f = \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i f_i$, where c_i is unknown. Then one can show that f is a solution of

$$H_1(f) = 0, \quad H_2(f) = 0,$$

if and only if $(c_1, c_2, c_3)^t$ is a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

A basis of its right kernel is $\{(1, 1, 0)^t, (0, 0, 1)^t\}$. It give rise to a basis of $\text{sol}(H)$ at the origin:

$$\{\exp(x_1 + x_2) - x_2 \exp(x_2), x_2 \exp(x_2)\}.$$

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