# Generic Differential Galois Extensions

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Brian Miller's Algorithm:

$$\begin{split} \int \frac{(3xe^x + 3)\sqrt[3]{(\log x + e^x)^2} - xe^x - 1}{24x\sqrt[3]{(\log x + e^x)^2}(\log x + e^x - \sqrt[3]{\log x + e^x})} \\ &= \frac{1}{8}\log\left(\sqrt[3]{(\log x + e^x)^2} - 1\right) + \frac{1}{24}\log\left(\log x + e^x\right). \end{split}$$

# Liouville's Theorem

# Theorem (Liouville's Theorem)

Let K be a differential field of characteristic zero with constant field C and let  $f \in K$ . If the equation g' = f has a solution  $g \in L$  where L is an elementary extension of K having the same constant field C, then there exist  $v, u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n \in E$  and constants  $c_1, \ldots, c_n \in C$  such that

$$f = v' + \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \frac{u_i'}{u_i}$$

therefore,  $\int f = v + \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \log u_i$ .

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#### **Theorem**

The set of G-torsors (up to G-isomorphism) maps bijectively to the first Galois cohomology set  $H^1(k, G)$ .

# Structure Theorem (Kolchin)

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Let k be a differential field with field of constants  $\mathcal C$  and let  $E\supset k$  be a Picard-Vessiot extension with group G. Then E is the function field k(V) of some k-irreducible G-torsor where the action of the Galois group on E is the same as the action resulting from  $G(\mathcal C)$  acting on V. Moreover, E=k(v), for some E-point  $v\in V$ .

### Generic Extensions

#### Definition.

A Picard-Vessiot extension  $\mathcal{E} \supset \mathcal{F}$  with group G is called *generic* when the following condition holds:

For any differential field F with field of constants  $\mathcal{C}$  there is a PVE  $E \supset F$  with differential Galois group  $H \leq G$  if and only if there are  $f_i \in F$  such that the matrix  $\mathcal{A}(f_1, \ldots, f_k)$  is well defined and the equation  $X' = X \mathcal{A}(f_1, \ldots, f_k)$  gives rise to the extension  $E \supset F$ .

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- 2. Every G-extension of a field L containing K is the splitting field (over L) of the polynomial  $P(\mathbf{a}, X)$  for some  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \ldots, a_n) \in L^n$ . The polynomial  $P(\mathbf{a}, X)$  is called a specialization of  $P(\mathbf{s}, X)$ .

# Goldman's Equation

#### Definition.

Let G be a linear algebraic group over  $\mathcal C$  and assume that a faithful representation in  $\mathsf{GL}_n(\mathcal C)$  is given. Let

$$L(t,y) = Q_0(t_1,\ldots,t_r)y^{(n)} + \cdots + Q_n(t_1,\ldots,t_r)y \in C\{t_1,\ldots,t_r,y\}$$

and write  $(\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_n)$  for a fundamental system of zeros of L(t, y) such that  $C\langle t_1, \ldots, t_r, \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_n \rangle$  is a PVE of  $C\langle t_1, \ldots, t_r \rangle$  with group G. Then L(t, y) = 0 will be called a *generic equation with group G* if:

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- 3. If  $(\omega_1,\ldots,\omega_n)$  is a fundamental system of zeros of  $L(y)=y^{(n)}+a_1y^{(n-1)}+\cdots+a_ny\in F\{y\}$ , where F is any differential field with field of constants  $\mathcal{C}$ , and  $F\langle\omega_1,\ldots,\omega_n\rangle$  is a PVE of F with differential Galois group  $H\leq G$ , then there exists a specialization  $(t_1,\ldots,t_r)\to (\overline{t}_1,\ldots,\overline{t}_r)$  over F with  $\overline{t}_i\in F$  such that  $Q_o(\overline{t}_1,\ldots,\overline{t}_r)\neq 0$  and

$$a_i = Q_i(\overline{t}_1, \ldots, \overline{t}_r)Q_o^{-1}(\overline{t}_1, \ldots, \overline{t}_r).$$

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(3') If F is a differential field with field of constants C and E is a PVE of F with differential Galois group  $H \leq G$ , then there exists a linear differential equation

$$L(y) = y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n y = 0, \qquad a_i \in F$$

such that that  $Q_o(\overline{t}_1,\ldots,\overline{t}_r)\neq 0$ ,  $a_i=Q_i(\overline{t}_1,\ldots,\overline{t}_r)Q_o^{-1}(\overline{t}_1,\ldots,\overline{t}_r)$ ,  $i=1,\ldots,n$ , for suitable  $\overline{t}_i\in F$  and  $E=F\langle \omega_1,\ldots,\omega_n\rangle$  for a fundamental system of zeros of L(y).

# Connected Case (Trivial Torso)

Let  $\dim(G)=n$  and suppose that  $Y_{ij}$ ,  $1\leq i,j\leq n$  are differentially independent indeterminates over  $\mathcal{C}$ , and put  $\mathcal{F}=\mathcal{C}\langle Y_{ij}\rangle$ . Given a faithful representation of G in  $GL_m$ , the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  maps to a Lie subalgebra of  $gl_m$  and a basis  $\{D_1,\ldots,D_n\}$  of the former can be identified with a linearly independent set  $\{A_1,\ldots,A_n\}$  of  $m\times m$  matrices. Let  $\mathcal{A}(Y_{ij})=\sum_{i=1}^n Y_iA_i\in\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})$  and X a generic point of G, then  $X'=A(Y_{ij})X$  gives a derivation on  $\mathcal{F}(G)$ 

#### **Theorem**

The extension  $\mathcal{F}(G) \supset \mathcal{F}$  is a generic Picard-Vessiot extension for G relative to the trivial G-torsor and, furthermore, it descends to subgroups of G as follows:

Let F be a differential field with field of constants C.

- 1. If  $E \supset F$  is a Picard-Vessiot extension with connected differential Galois group  $G' \leq G$  such that E = F(G'), then there is a specializaton  $Y_i \to f_i \in F$  such that the equation  $X' = \mathcal{A}(f_1, \ldots, f_n)X$  gives rise to this extension.
- 2. For every specialization  $Y_i \to f_i \in F$ , the differential equation  $X' = \mathcal{A}(f_1, \ldots, f_n)X$  gives rise to a Picard-Vessiot extension  $E \supset F$  with differential Galois group  $G' \leq G$ .

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- 1.  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{W} \times G^0)$  for some  $\mathcal{K}$ -irreducible H-torsor  $\mathcal{W}$ , and
- 2. for every faithful representation of G in a  $GL_m$ , the  $G^0$ -extension  $\mathcal{F}(G^0) \supset \mathcal{F}$  has an H-equivariant equation  $X' = \mathcal{A}(Y_{ij})X$ , such that, given a Picard-Vessiot G-extension of the form  $k(W \times G^0) \supset k$ , where k is a differential field with field of constants C and W a k-irreducible H-torsor, there is an H-equivariant specialization  $Y_i \to f_i$  with  $f_i \in k(W)$ , such that the  $G^0$ -extension  $k(W)(G^0) \supset k(W)$  has equation  $X' = \mathcal{A}(f_1, \ldots, f_n)X$ .



# Proposition.

Let  $H, G' \leq GL_m$  be algebraic groups over C, with H finite and G' not necessarily connected. Le F be a differential field with field of constants C on which H acts faithfully as a group of differential automorphisms with  $C \subset F^H$ . Let W be an  $F^H$ -irreducible H-torsor such that  $F = F^H(W)$ . Let  $A \in \mathfrak{gl}_m(F)$  and assume that

- 1. A is H-equivariant.
- 2. The Picard-Vessiot extension E of F corresponding to the equation X' = AX has Galois group G'.

Then there is a conjugation action of H on G' such that E is the function field of an  $F^H$ -irreducible  $H \ltimes G'$ -torsor  $W \times V$ , and a Picard-Vessiot extension of  $F^H$  with Galois group  $H \ltimes G'$ . Furthermore the action of the Galois group corresponds to the action of  $H \ltimes G'$  on E induced by the action of  $H \ltimes G'$  on  $W \times V$ .

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$${}^{g}X = Xg, \quad g \in G.$$

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We then have a G-action on T given by

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Define a derivation on T by

$$Y' = YB$$

for some  $B \in M_n(K)$ . The fact that the derivation is expressed by multiplication from the right guarantees that the G-action on T is differential.

It then extends to  $\bar{H}$ , where

$$X' = XA = X(PBP^{-1} - P'P^{-1}),$$

and hence, if we let  $\mathfrak{g}$  denote the Lie algebra Lie(G), we see that

$$A \in \mathfrak{g}(\bar{K}),$$

and

$$B = P^{-1}AP + P^{-1}P' \in [P^{-1}P' + P^{-1}\mathfrak{g}(\bar{K})P] \cap M_n(K).$$



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