Algebraic relations between solutions of differential equations.

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There is no subvariety of \mathbb{C}^{1+2n} invariant by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} + (6y_i^2 + x) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}$$

but the diagonals.

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$$\exists i \text{ such that } y_i \in K^{\text{alg or}}$$

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The problem for other Painlevé equations, $P_N(\alpha)$

•
$$P_2(\alpha) : \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2y^3 + xy + \alpha$$

• $P_3(\alpha) : \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{y} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{x}\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\alpha_1 y^2 + \alpha_2}{x} + \alpha_3 y^3 + \frac{\alpha_4}{y}$
• $P_4(\alpha), \quad P_5(\alpha), \quad P_6(\alpha)$

To give, for $N \in \{2, ..., 6\}$, the parameters α such that *n* distinct solutions of $P_N(\alpha)$ are mutually independent:

$$\operatorname{tr.deg.}_{\mathbb{C}(x)}\mathbb{C}(x)(y_1, y'_1, \dots, y_n, y'_n) = \sum \operatorname{tr.deg.}_{\mathbb{C}(x)}\mathbb{C}(x)(y_i, y'_i)$$

Theorem (J. Nagloo & A. Pillay - 2017)

Let $N \in \{2, ..., 6\}$ and α algebraically independent over \mathbb{Q} . If $y_1, ..., y_n$ are solutions of $P_N(\alpha)$ such that

$$\operatorname{tr.deg.}_{\mathbb{C}(x)}\mathbb{C}(x)(y_1, y_1', \dots y_n, y_n') < 2n$$

then

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$$\exists i \text{ such that } tr.deg._{\mathbb{C}(x)}\mathbb{C}(x)(y_i, y'_i) < 2 \text{ or }$$

$${\it @} \ \exists \ i < j \ {\it such} \ that \ \mathbb{C}(x,y_i,y_i')^{\rm alg} = \mathbb{C}(x,y_i,y_i')^{\rm alg}$$

An analogy with groups

Corollary (of Goursat's Lemma)

Let G_i , $i = 1 \dots n$, be simple groups and $H \subsetneq G_1 \times \dots \times G_n$ a subgroup.

Then

- \exists i such that $pr_i : H \rightarrow G_i$ is not onto, or
- $\exists i < j$ and an isomorphism $\phi : G_i \to G_j$ such that the image of $pr_{i,j} : H \to G_i \times G_j$ is the graph of ϕ .

We want to generalize Nagloo-Pillay Theorem replacing in the proof Model Theory by Group Theory.

We need to use differential Galois theory.

The general framework

The differential equations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_{1}: & y_{1}^{(m_{1})} = E_{1}\left(x, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{1}^{(m_{1}-1)}\right), \\ & \vdots \\ X_{n}: & y_{n}^{(m_{n})} = E_{n}\left(x, y_{n}, \ldots, y_{n}^{(m_{n}-1)}\right). \end{array} \right\} X^{[n]}$$

are seen as rational vector fields on the phase spaces

We want to understand $X^{[n]}$ -invariant algebraic subvarieties of $M^{[n]}$ under some hypothesis on each X_i .

The Theorem

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Assume the Galois groupoids of X_i are big enough. If a solution y(x) of $X^{[n]}$ satisfies

$$\mathrm{tr.deg.}_{\mathbb{C}(x)}\mathbb{C}(x)(y_1,\ldots,y_1^{(m_1-1)},\ldots,y_n,\ldots,y_n^{(m_n-1)})<\sum m_i$$

then

•
$$\exists i \text{ s.t. } \operatorname{tr.deg.}_{\mathbb{C}(x)}\mathbb{C}(x)(y_i, \dots, y_i^{(m_i-1)}) < m_i, \text{ or}$$

• $\exists i < j \text{ s.t. } \mathbb{C}(x, y_i, \dots, y_i^{(m_i-1)})^{\operatorname{alg}} = \mathbb{C}(x, y_j, \dots, y_j^{(m_j-1)})^{\operatorname{alg}}$

Malgrange pseudogroup

- M an alg. variety over C, dim M = m, C(M) the field of rational functions.
- X a rational vector field on M.

Differential invariants of X

- ∂₁,...,∂_m some symbols and C(M)_∞ the ∂-differential field generated by C(M).
- X_∞ the extension of X commuting with ∂s
- $\operatorname{Inv}(X) = \{ H \in \mathbb{C}(M)_{\infty} : X_{\infty} \cdot H = 0 \}$

Example $M = \mathbb{C}^m$, $\mathbb{C}(M) = \mathbb{C}(x_1, \dots, x_m)$, $X = \sum a_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ • $\mathbb{C}(M)_{\infty} = \mathbb{C}(x_{i,\alpha} | i = 1, \dots, m; \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^m)$; $\partial_j(x_{i,\alpha}) = x_{i,\alpha+1_j}$ • $X_{\infty} = \sum_{i,\alpha} \partial^{\alpha}(a_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,\alpha}}$ • $\mathcal{L}_X(\sum w_i(x) dx_i) = 0$ if and only if $\forall j$, $X_{\infty} \cdot (\sum w_i(x) x_{i,1_j}) = 0$. For $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{V}$ a biholomorphism between open subsets of M, $\varphi_{\infty}^* : Mer(\mathcal{V})_{\infty} \to Mer(\mathcal{U})_{\infty}$ is the morphism extending φ^* and commuting with ∂s .

Definition

$$\operatorname{Mal}(X) = \{ \varphi \mid \forall H \in \operatorname{Inv}(X) \ \varphi_{\infty}^{*}(H) = H \}$$

Example If
$$\mathcal{L}_X \omega = 0$$
 then $\forall \varphi \in \operatorname{Mal}(X), \ \varphi^* \omega = \omega$.

Example $X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + E(x_1, x_2, x_3) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}$ θ is a 2-form such that $d\theta = 0$, $i_X \theta = 0$

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In local coordinates x_1, y, z such that $X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$ and $\theta = dy \wedge dz$, $\varphi \in \operatorname{Mal}(X) \Longrightarrow \varphi(x_1, y, z) = (x_1 + c, f(y, z), g(y, z))$ with $\frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(y, z)} = 1$ $\varphi \in \operatorname{Gal}(X/\mathbb{C}(x_1)) \Longrightarrow \dots$ with c = 0

Examples : Painlevé equations, $P_N(\alpha)$

• a vector field
$$X_N(\alpha) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + (\dots,) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}$$

• a 2-form
$$\theta_{N,\alpha}$$
 s.t. $d\theta_{N,\alpha} = 0$ and $i_{X_N(\alpha)}\theta_{N,\alpha} = 0$

Theorem

$$\operatorname{Mal}(X_{N}(\alpha)) = \{ \varphi \mid \varphi^{*}X_{N}(\alpha) = X_{N}(\alpha), \varphi^{*}dx_{1} = dx_{1}, \varphi^{*}\theta = \theta \}$$

- *N* = 1
- *N* = 6 except for Picard parameters (Cantat-Loray)

• N = 2,
$$lpha \in rac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$$
 ($+$ Weil)

• Any N, α general (+ Davy)

These are examples of "big enough" Galois groupoids.

- (M_i, X_i) , i = 1 ... n, and $(M^{[n]}, X^{[n]})$ as before.
- $\pi_i: M_i \to \mathbb{A}^1$ s.t. $d\pi(X_i) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$
- θ_i a closed m_i -form on M_i with $i_{X_i}\theta_i = 0$.

Theorem

Assume
$$\operatorname{Mal}(X_i) = \{ \varphi \mid \varphi^* X_i = X_i, \varphi^* dx_1 = dx_1, \varphi^* \theta_i = \theta_i \}$$

If $V \subsetneq M^{[n]}$ is a $X^{[n]}$ -invariant subvariety then

- \exists *i*, $pr_i(V) \subset M_i$ has dimension < m
- $\exists i < j, pr_{i,j}(V) \subset M_i \underset{{}_{\mathbb{A}^1}}{\times} M_j$ has dimension m.

The proof by induction on n

Assume that projections $pr_1 : V \to M$ et $pr_{2,...n} : V \to M^{[n-1]}$ are dominant.

Theorem

If $\rho : (M, X) \dashrightarrow (N, Y)$ is rational, dominant and $d\rho(X) = Y$ then ρ induced a dominant morphism $\rho_* : \operatorname{Mal}(X) \to \operatorname{Mal}(Y)$.

Assume all pr_i are dominant.

One gets dominant projections $(pr_i)_*$: $\operatorname{Gal}(X^{[n]}/\mathbb{A}^1) \to \operatorname{Gal}(X_i/\mathbb{A}^1)$ and a inclusion $\operatorname{Gal}(X^{[n]}/\mathbb{A}^1) \subset \operatorname{Gal}(X_1/\mathbb{A}^1) \times \ldots \times \operatorname{Gal}(X_n/\mathbb{A}^1)$

Lemma $\operatorname{Gal}(X^{[n]}/\mathbb{A}^1) = \operatorname{Gal}(X_1/\mathbb{A}^1) \times \ldots \times \operatorname{Gal}(X_n/\mathbb{A}^1)$

• As $\operatorname{Gal}(X_i/\mathbb{A}^1)$ are simple and projections are onto, it is enough to prove it for n = 2.

• Lie, Cartan : if G_1 and G_2 are infinite dimensional Lie pseudogroup then there is no $H \subset G_1 \times G_2$ whose projections are finite and onto.

Lemma

 $pr_{2,...,n}: V \to M^{[n-1]}$ is generically finite.

Fibers give a finite dimensional family of subvarieties of dimension < m - 1 in fibres of $M_i \to \mathbb{A}$ and invariant under $\operatorname{Gal}(X_i/\mathbb{A}) \dots$ This pseudogroup acts transitively on germs of curves.

Lemma

If \mathcal{F} is a codimension m $X^{[n]}$ -invariant foliation on V then $\exists i > 1$ s.t. leaves are fibers of pr_i.

Same argument is used on $M^{[n-1]}$ to describe invariants foliations under the action of $\operatorname{Gal}(X^{[n-1]}/\mathbb{A}^1)$.

Apply this to the foliation of V by fibers of pr_1 , the lemma proves the theorem.

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