

# Solving Linear ODEs in Maple

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# Outline

- History of Linear ODE solver in Maple
  - 1983-1991
  - 1992-present
- Solving linear ODEs with doubly-periodic coefficients
  - in terms of doubly-periodic functions
  - in terms of doubly-periodic functions of second kind

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First version written by undergraduate students at Waterloo:  
Bruce Sutherland, Andre Trudel 1983.

- implements standard algorithms for both linear and nonlinear equations
- user options: solve via laplace transform; solve in terms of series; solve numerically

## History of dsolve/linear: 1983-1991

- Standard algorithms for linear ODEs:
  - e.g. constant coefficients, Euler equations, etc.
- Kovacic's algorithm for 2nd order equations (Carolyn Smith 1983)
  - first decision procedure of any kind in Maple.
- Later some specialized routines for special linear ODEs
  - e.g. Bessel's equation.

## Some Facts: 1983-1991

`dsolve(ode,y(x))`

- either returned a complete solution or nothing
- some algorithms (e.g. Kovacic), but mostly heuristics,
- output a bit clumsy to use

## History: 1992-1993

Progress in 1992 and 1993.

- more decision procedures
  - *rational solver* : from Manuel Bronstein (1992)
  - *exponential solver* : breaking through the order 2 barrier implementation by S. Schwendimann (1993)
- ability to return *partial* solutions using the new *DESol* function.
- try to reduce to second order linear ODEs

## Simple Examples

$$x^2 y'''(x) - (3x^2 - x)y''(x) + (4x^2 - 2x - n^2)y'(x) - (2x^2 - x - n^2)y(x) = 0;$$

$$y(x) = -C1 e^x + -C2 e^x \int J_n(x) dx + -C3 e^x \int Y_n(x) dx$$

$$y'''(x) - 3y''(x) + (x^2 + 3)y'(x) + (x^3 + 7)y(x) = 0;$$

$$y(x) = -C1 e^{-x} + e^{-x} \int DESol(w''(x) - 6w'(x) + (x^3 - 12)w(x), w(x)) dx$$



## Special Functions : 1994-1996

- Need for more methods to solve ODEs having special functions as solutions.
- Attempt to find a fast front-end for finding *special function* solutions of second order linear ODEs (via heuristics)
- Sometimes trivial

$$dsolve(x^2 y''(x) + x y'(x) + (x^2 - a^2) y(x) = 0, y(x));$$

$$y(x) = \_C1 J_a(x) + \_C2 Y_a(x)$$

## Special Functions

But what about (from Abramowitz and Stegun: 9.1.49-9.1.56)?

$$\begin{aligned}
 y''(x) + \left(\lambda^2 - \frac{a^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{x^2}\right)y(x) &= 0 & \Rightarrow y(x) = -C_1 \sqrt{x} J_a(\lambda x) + \dots \\
 y''(x) + \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{4x} - \frac{a^2 - 1}{4x^2}\right)y(x) &= 0 & \Rightarrow y(x) = -C_1 \sqrt{x} J_a(\lambda \sqrt{x}) + \dots \\
 y''(x) + \lambda^2 x^{p-2} y(x) &= 0 & \Rightarrow y(x) = -C_1 \sqrt{x} J_{\frac{1}{p}}\left(\frac{2\lambda}{p} x^{\frac{p}{2}}\right) + \dots \\
 x^2 y''(x) + (1 - 2p)x y'(x) &+ (\lambda^2 q^2 x^{2q} + p^2 - a^2 q^2) y(x) = 0 & \Rightarrow y(x) = -C_1 x^p J_a(\lambda x^q) + \dots \\
 y''(x) - \frac{2a-1}{x} y'(x) + \lambda^2 y(x) &= 0 & \Rightarrow y(x) = -C_1 x^a J_a(\lambda x) + \dots \\
 y^{(n)}(x) - (-1)^n x^{-n} y(x) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

etc. etc.

# Heuristic Special Function Solver (Labahn: 1995-1996)

For common second order linear ODEs (e.g. Bessels, Legendre, Whittaker, Hypergeometric, ... ) do:

- transform to new ODE via  $x \rightarrow ax^b$
- convert new ODE to normal form:  $y''(x) + I(x)y(x) = 0$
- obtain a set of “common” invariants with variables  $a, b$

For a given ODE to we then compute its invariant  $\hat{I}(x)$ , match to set of existing common invariants and build solution.

# Heuristic Special Function Solver

E.g. match

$$x^2 I(x) = a^2 b^2 x^{2b} + (1/4 - b^2 v^2)$$

for general invariant form of Bessels equation or match

$$x^2 I(x) = \frac{A}{ax^b - 1} + \frac{B}{ax^b + 1} + \frac{C}{(ax^b - 1)^2} + \frac{D}{(ax^b + 1)^2}$$

for general invariant form of Legendre equation.

## Example (Kamke 2.220)

Solve:

$$y''(x) - \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \cdot y'(x) + \left( g'(x)^2 + \frac{g'(x)^2}{g(x)^2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{4} - v^2 \right) + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{f'(x)^2}{f(x)^2} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{f''(x)}{2f(x)} - \frac{3}{4} \frac{g''(x)^2}{g'(x)^2} + \frac{g'''(x)}{2g'(x)} \right) \cdot y(x) = 0$$

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Solve: Invariant form of original ode

$$y''(x) - \left( \frac{3g''(x)^2 \cdot g(x)}{g'(x)} - 2g'''(x) \cdot g(x) - (1 - 4v^2) \cdot \frac{g'(x)^3}{g(x)} - 4 \cdot g'(x)^3 \cdot g(x) \right) \cdot y(x) = 0$$

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$$w''(z) - x''(z) \cdot w'(z) + \left( \frac{3x''(z)}{4x'(z)} - \frac{1}{2}x'''(z) + \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{4} - v^2\right)\right) \cdot x'(z) \right) \cdot w(z) = 0.$$



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Solve: New invariant form

$$w''(z) + \frac{4z^2 - 4v^2 + 1}{4z^2} \cdot w(z) = 0.$$

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Inverting substitution gives solution to initial invariant equation.  
Solution of invariant equation gives final solution as

$$y(x) = c_1 \sqrt{\frac{g(x) \cdot f(x)}{g'(x)}} \cdot J_v(g(x)) + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{g(x) \cdot f(x)}{g'(x)}} \cdot Y_v(g(x)).$$

## Additional Improvements (1997-present)

- a new *exponential* solver (M. van Hoeij 1997)
- handling functions in coefficients (G. Labahn 1998)
  - known (e.g.  $\sin(x)$ ) or unknown (e.g.  $f(x)$ )
- using differential factorization (G. Labahn 1999)
- LCLM differential factorizations for orders 3 and 4 (MVH 2000)

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- recognizing MeijerG ODE for higher order (G. Labahn 2001)
  - basis in terms of Meijer G functions (with  $ax^b$  arguments)
  - Meijer G functions converted to special functions
- improved recognition of MeijerG ODE (E. Chev-Terrab 2001)
  - extend to include  $\frac{ax^b+c}{dx^b+e}$  arguments
- new Kovacic algorithm (MVH 2001)
- blended in with newer version of dsolve (E. Chev-Terrab 2001)

## How Good?

- Handles 90% of Kamke's linear ODES. Kamke has approximately
  - 500 second order examples,
  - 82 third order examples,
  - 44 fourth order examples,
  - 11 fifth order examples.
- Handles 95% of Kamke that one can expect Maple to do.
- Implies dsolve/linear can do nearly all easy problems. Rest?

# Linear ODEs having doubly-periodic coefficients

- Introduction
- Decision procedure : I
- Picard's Theorem and consequences
- Second order ODEs
- Decision procedure : II

# Introduction

Problem: Solve

$$a_n(x)y^{(n)}(x) + \cdots + a_1(x)y'(x) + a_0(x)y(x) = 0$$

where  $a_i(x)$  are all *doubly-periodic* with periods  $T$  and  $T'$ .

i.e.  $a_i(x + T) = a_i(x + T') = a_i(x)$  for all  $x$ .

E.g. Weierstrass  $\wp$  function and Jacobi  $sn, cn, \dots$  functions.



## Examples from Kamke

$$2.26: \quad y'' - (n(n+1)\wp(x) + B)y = 0$$

$$2.27: \quad y'' + (n(n+1) \operatorname{sn}^2(x) + b)y = 0$$

$$2.28: \quad y'' = \left( \frac{1}{30} \wp^{(4)}(x) + \frac{7}{3} \wp''(x) + a\wp(x) + b \right) y$$

$$2.72: \quad y'' + a\wp'(x)y' + [\alpha + \beta\wp(x) - 4na\wp^2(x)]y = 0$$

$$2.73: \quad y'' + \frac{\wp^3(x) - \wp(x)\wp'(x) - \wp''(x)}{\wp'(x) + \wp^2(x)} y' + \frac{(\wp'(x))^2 - \wp(x)\wp'(x) - \wp(x)\wp''(x)}{\wp'(x) + \wp^2(x)} y = 0$$

$$2.74: \quad y'' + k^2 \frac{\operatorname{sn}(x) \operatorname{cn}(x)}{dn(x)} y' + n^2 y dn^2(x) = 0$$

and also 2.439–2.441, 3.9–3.14, 3.28, 4.10

# Representations of Doubly-periodic Functions

- Represented as rational functions of  $\wp(x)$ ,  $\wp'(x)$

$$\wp'(x)^2 = 4\wp(x)^3 - g_2\wp(x) - g_3;$$

- Implies that all doubly-periodic functions written as  $R_1(\wp) + R_2(\wp)\wp'$ , where  $R_1(\wp)$ ,  $R_2(\wp)$  are rational functions of  $\wp$ .
- Similar statement can be made for  $sn, cn, dn$  etc.

# First Decision Procedure

- Look for solution of form  $R_1(\wp) + R_2(\wp)\wp'$
- Substitute into ODE; simplify to form  $X(\wp) + Y(\wp)\wp' = 0$ , where  $X(\wp)$ ,  $Y(\wp)$  are linear in  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and their derivatives w.r.t.  $\wp$ .
- Set  $X = 0$ ,  $Y = 0$  to obtain a system of 2 coupled ODEs for  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_1(\wp) \\ R_2(\wp) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where the  $M_{ij}$  are polynomials in  $D_\wp$ , with coefficients rational in  $\wp$ .

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- Does not work well in practice (bad).

# Linear ODEs having doubly-periodic coefficients

(Picard's Theorem : 1877) If the general solution of a linear ODE having doubly-periodic coefficients is single-valued, then there exists a basis of solutions which are **doubly-periodic of the second kind**.

- $F(x)$  is **doubly-periodic of the second kind** if

$$F(x + T) = sF(x), \quad F(x + T') = s'F(x).$$

for two constants  $s, s'$ .

- Expressed in closed form using the Weierstrass  $\wp$ ,  $\zeta$ , and  $\sigma$  functions:  
 $\zeta(x) = -\int \wp(x)dx$  and  $\sigma(x) = \exp(\int \zeta(x)dx)$ .

## How to find second kind of solution? Case of Second Order.

- Let  $y_1, y_2$  be any solutions of  $y''(x) + A(x)y(x) = 0$ .
- Then  $y_1^2, y_1y_2, y_2^2$  are solutions of

$$Y'''(x) + 4A(x)Y'(x) + 2A'(x)Y(x) = 0. \quad (1)$$

- From a solution  $Y$  of (1), can recover solutions  $y_1, y_2$  of original ode:

$$y_1(x) = \exp \int \frac{Y' - C}{2Y} dx, \quad y_2(x) = \exp \int \frac{Y' + C}{2Y} dx,$$

where

$$C^2 = (Y')^2 - 2YY'' - 4AY^2 \text{ with } C \neq 0.$$



## Why should it be easier to find $Y$ ?

- Let  $y_1, y_2$  be solutions of  $y''(x) + A(x)y(x) = 0$ , doubly-periodic of the second kind. Then

$$\begin{aligned}y_1(x + T) &= s_1 y_1(x), & y_2(x + T) &= s_2 y_2(x), \\ y_1(x + T') &= s'_1 y_1(x), & y_2(x + T') &= s'_2 y_2(x).\end{aligned}$$

- Because ODE lacks a term in  $y'$  we get:  $s_1 s_2 = 1, \quad s'_1 s'_2 = 1.$

$$\Rightarrow y_1(x + T)y_2(x + T) = s_1 y_1(x)s_2 y_2(x) = y_1(x)y_2(x).$$

- Similarly for  $T'$ :  $\Rightarrow Y(x) = y_1(x)y_2(x)$  is doubly-periodic.

## Second Decision Procedure

Solve:  $L(D) = A_n(x)y^{(n)}(x) + \cdots + A_0(x)y(x) = 0$  with  $A_i(x)$  doubly-periodic.

- Change variables from  $x$  to  $\wp$ . Changes problem to:

solve  $L(D) = a_n(x)y^{(n)}(x) + \cdots + a_0(x)y(x) = 0$  with  $a_i(x) \in K(x, \sqrt{w(x)})$ .

- Solve by using local information from singularities
- First ensure that  $a_n(x) \in K[x]$  and find singularities of  $a_n(x)$  (over algebraic curve defined by  $\sqrt{w(x)}$ )

- For each singularity:
  - determine a local parameterization,
  - find indicial equation
  - find the smallest negative integer or half-integer root (depending on type of local parameterization)
- Use these to construct universal denominator
- Use singularity at  $\infty$  to determine degrees of numerator
- Use method of undetermined coefficients to find numerator(s)  
 $a(x) + b(x)\sqrt{w(x)}$ . Invert change of variables for  $\wp$  and  $\wp'$ .
- Note: Many computational challenges for efficiency!

## Other Possibilities

For case of higher order equations can try:

- Use symmetric powers for higher order case
  - Follow methods used in rational function case for exp solutions
  - Computational problems
- Use LCLM differential factorization (similar to Kronecker-Trager algorithm)
  - Works with higher order ODES via:  $\text{LCLM}(L, \text{conj}(L))$ .
  - Computationally difficult to do LCLM differential factorization

## Further Work

- Try direct methods for finding doubly-periodic solutions of the second kind based on analyzing local singularities
- Try to find doubly-periodic solutions faster via substitution techniques (in the case where there are parameters)
  - What about unlucky evaluations?

## Example (if time permits)

$$\begin{aligned} L(D)(y(x)) = & \left( 32x^7 + 1224x^6 - 832x^8 + 580x^9 + 288x^2 - 1200x^3 + 1784x^4 - 1732x^5 - 160x^{10} + 16x^{11} \right. \\ & + \left( 4930x^5 + 672x^8 + 8548x^3 + 12x^{10} - 3888x^2 - 1284x^7 - 146x^9 - 9476x^4 - 88x^6 + 720x \right) \\ & \left. \sqrt{x(x-2)(x-3)} \right) y''(x) + \left( -16x^{11} + 864x - 3952x^6 - 836x^9 + 8424x^3 - 7472x^4 + 312x^7 + 1392x^8 - 4320x^2 \right. \\ & + 5892x^5 + 192x^{10} + \left( 2520 - 10843x^5 - 43560x^3 + 164x^9 - 14220x + 33852x^2 - 12x^{10} \right. \\ & + 31474x^4 - 899x^8 - 715x^6 + 2239x^7 \left. \right) \sqrt{x(x-2)(x-3)} \left. \right) y'(x) \\ & + \left( -864x + 4032x^2 - 7224x^3 + 5688x^4 + 2728x^6 - 4160x^5 - 344x^7 - 32x^{10} + 256x^9 - 560x^8 \right. \\ & + \left( -2520 - 18x^9 - 29964x^2 - 955x^7 + 227x^8 + 803x^6 + 5913x^5 + 35012x^3 + 13500x \right. \\ & \left. \left. - 21998x^4 \right) \sqrt{x(x-2)(x-3)} \right) y(x) = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

### Example (cont.)

- Singularities of  $\hat{a}_2(x) = A_2(x)^2 - B_2(x)^2 w(x)$  where  $w(x) = x(x-2)(x-3)$  which introduce negative integer roots are 0 and 1.
- At  $x = 1$ ,  $\sqrt{\omega(x)} = \sqrt{2} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\omega(x)}$  has a Taylor's series expansion

$$\sqrt{\omega(x)} = \sqrt{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}(x-1) - \frac{17}{32}\sqrt{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{15}{128}\sqrt{2}(x-1)^3 - \dots \quad (3)$$

- Hence  $A(x) + B(x)\sqrt{\omega(x)}$  has a series expansion at  $x = 1$ :

$$A(x) + B(x)\sqrt{\omega(x)} = (x-1)^N + c_1(x-1)^{N+1} + c_2(x-1)^{N+2} + \dots \quad (4)$$

- Indicial equation here is  $N(N+2)$ .

### Example (cont.)

- Hence, at this point,

$$A(x) = \frac{\dots}{(x-1)^2 \dots}, \quad B(x) = \frac{\dots}{(x-1)^2 \dots} \quad (5)$$

- Note: In fact,  $\sqrt{\omega(1)} = \pm\sqrt{2}$ , so a second series expansion  $\sqrt{\omega(x)} = -\sqrt{2} + \dots$  should also be used to find an exponent for  $(x-1)$ . The most negative exponent is then used in (5).
- Note also that one of  $A(x)$ ,  $B(x)$  could have a greater (more positive) exponent than  $-2$  in  $(x-1)$ . The indicial equation gives information on the exponent of the entire solution, not (directly) on  $A(x)$  and  $B(x)$  separately.



## Example (cont.)

At singularity  $x = 0$ :

- Again,  $A(x)$ ,  $B(x)$  are rational in  $x$ , so have Laurent expansions at  $x = 0$ .
- *But* at  $x = 0$ ,  $\sqrt{\omega(x)} = 0$ . Hence  $\sqrt{\omega(x)}$  does not have a Taylor expansion at this point. In fact,

$$\sqrt{\omega(x)} = \sqrt{6}\sqrt{x} - \dots$$

- $x$  is not a local parameter for  $\sqrt{\omega(x)}$  at  $x = 0$ , i.e., does not have multiplicity 1 at this point.
- change independent variable from  $x$  to a local parameter, e.g., let  $x = t^2$ .

### Example (cont.)

- Then  $\sqrt{\omega}(t) = \sqrt{6}t - \frac{5}{12}\sqrt{6}t^3 + \dots$  and  $A(t), B(t)$  have Laurent series in  $t$ .
- $A(x) + B(x)\sqrt{\omega(x)}$  has a series expansion at  $t = 0$ :

$$A(t) + B(t)\sqrt{\omega(t)} = t^N + c_1t^{N+1} + c_2t^{N+2} + \dots$$

- Changing from  $x$  to  $t^2$  in (2) yields indicial equation  $N(N + 5) = 0$
- Hence  $N = -5$  and, since  $t = x^{1/2}$ ,

$$A(x) + B(x)\sqrt{\omega(x)} = x^{-5/2} + \dots$$

### Example (cont.)

- Since  $A(x)$  is rational in  $x$ , its exponent in  $x$  cannot be fractional. Thus the lowest it can be is  $-2$ . Hence

$$A = \frac{\dots}{(x-1)^2 x^2}$$

- $B(x)$  occurs in the combination  $B(x)\sqrt{\omega(x)}$ . Since  $\sqrt{\omega(x)}$  has exponent  $\frac{1}{2}$  in  $x$ , the exponent of  $B(x)$  could be as low as  $-3$ . Hence

$$B = \frac{\dots}{(x-1)^2 x^3}$$

## Example (cont.)

At  $x = \infty$

- Bound degree of numerator by investigating behaviour at  $x = \infty$  via  $x = 1/t$ ;
- *But*: find that  $t$  is not a local parameter at 0. Instead, use  $x = 1/t^2$ . Indicial equation is  $2N - 6 = 0$
- Hence  $N = 3$ . As  $t = x^{-1/2}$ ,

$$A(x) + B(x)\sqrt{\omega(x)} = x^{-3/2} + c_1x^{-2} + \dots, \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

## Example (cont.)

- Notice that the powers of  $x$  are *decreasing*. For  $A(x)$ ,

$$\text{degree}(\text{num}(A(x))) - \text{degree}(\text{denom}(A(x))) \leq -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{degree}(\text{num}(A(x))) \leq -\frac{3}{2} + 4 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence } \text{degree}(\text{num}(A(x))) \leq 2.$$

- For  $B(x)\sqrt{\omega(x)}$ , note that, asymptotically,  $\sqrt{\omega(x)}$  behaves as  $x^{3/2}$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .  
So

$$\text{degree}(\text{num}(B(x))) + \frac{3}{2} - \text{degree}(\text{denom}(B(x))) \leq -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{degree}(\text{num}(B(x))) \leq -\frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2} + 5 = 2$$

### Example (cont.)

- Thus

$$A(x) = \frac{a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0}{(x-1)^2 x^2}, \quad B(x) = \frac{b_2 x^2 + b_1 x + b_0}{(x-1)^2 x^3}$$

- Substitution into (2) leads to a linear system of equations for the  $a_i$ ,  $b_i$ . When solved, a solution of (2) is found to be (after simplifying)

$$\frac{4x^2 + 1}{(x-1)^2 x^2} + \frac{(3x-2) \sqrt{x(x-2)(x-3)}}{(x-1)x^3}$$