

**Bounds and Algorithms in Differential Algebra:
the Ordinary Case**

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Ordinary Differential Polynomials

- \mathbb{K} ordinary differential field of characteristic zero with **derivation** $\delta : \mathbb{K} \mapsto \mathbb{K}$.
- $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ **differential indeterminates**.
- $\delta^\infty Y = \{\delta^m y \mid y \in Y, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ set of the **derivatives**.
- $\mathbb{K}\{Y\} = \mathbb{K}[\delta^\infty Y]$ endowed with $\delta : \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \mapsto \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$: **differential ring** of differential polynomials.
- An ideal $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ is **differential** if for all $f \in \mathcal{I}$ we have $\delta f \in \mathcal{I}$.
- For $F \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$, we denote by (F) , $[F]$ and $\{F\}$ the **ideal**, **differential ideal** and **radical differential ideal** generated by F .

Ranking

- Fix \leq a **ranking**: a total order on derivatives such that for all $u, v \in \delta^\infty Y$ we have

$$u < \delta u \text{ and } u < v \Rightarrow \delta u < \delta v.$$

- For $f \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$, let $u_f = \delta^k y_i$ be the derivative of highest rank occurring in f . Then

$$f = i_f u_f^d + t_f \text{ with } d = \deg(f, u_f) \text{ and } i_f = \text{lc}(f, u_f).$$

$$\text{lv}f := y_i, \text{ld}f := u_f, \text{rk}f := u_f^d, \text{sf} := \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_f} = i_{\delta f}.$$

- The **ranks** $u_1^{d_1}$ and $u_2^{d_2}$ are compared as follows:

$$u_1^{d_1} \leq u_2^{d_2} \iff [u_1 < u_2] \text{ or } [u_1 = u_2 \text{ and } d_1 \leq d_2].$$

Reduction

- $f \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ is **algebraically reduced** w.r.t. $g \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$ if

$$\deg(f, u_g) < \deg(g, u_g).$$

- $f \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ is **partially reduced** w.r.t. $g \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$ if

$$(\forall k > 0) \deg(f, \delta^k u_g) = 0.$$

- $f \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ is **(fully) reduced** w.r.t. $g \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$ if **algebraically** and **partially** reduced w.r.t. g .

- $A \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ is **autoreduced** if $A \cap \mathbb{K} = \emptyset$ and all $f \in A$ is reduced w.r.t all $g \in A \setminus \{f\}$.

- **Proposition.** Every *autoreduced* set A is *finite*.

- For autoreduced sets $A, B \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ we write $\boxed{\text{rk}A \leq \text{rk}B}$ whenever

$$[\text{rk}B \subseteq \text{rk}A] \text{ or } [\min(\text{rk}A \setminus \text{rk}B) < \min(\text{rk}B \setminus \text{rk}A)].$$

Regular Ideals and Decompositions

- Let $\mathbb{A}, H \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$. Then, the **saturated ideal** of A w.r.t. H defined by

$$[\mathbb{A}] : H^\infty := \{f \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \mid (\exists m \in \mathbb{N}) h^m f \in [\mathbb{A}]\}$$

is $\mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ or a **differential ideal** containing $[\mathbb{A}]$.

- Define $I_{\mathbb{A}} = \{i_f \mid f \in \mathbb{A}\}$, $S_{\mathbb{A}} = \{s_f \mid f \in \mathbb{A}\}$ and $H_{\mathbb{A}} = I_{\mathbb{A}} \cup S_{\mathbb{A}}$.
- $[\mathbb{A}] : H^\infty$ is called **regular** if: \mathbb{A} is **autoreduced**, we have $\boxed{H_{\mathbb{A}} \subseteq H}$ and every $h \in H$ is **partially reduced** w.r.t. all $a \in \mathbb{A}$.

- **Theorem.** (Rosenfeld, 1959) Assume $[\mathbb{A}] : H^\infty$ is **regular**. Then

$$f \in [\mathbb{A}] : H^\infty \iff \text{part-rem}(f, \mathbb{A}) \in (\mathbb{A}) : H^\infty.$$

- **Theorem.** (Boulier, Lazard, Ollivier & Petitot, 1995) If $[\mathbb{A}] : H^\infty$ is **regular**, then it is also **radical**.

- For $F_0, H_0 \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$, a **regular decomposition** of $\{F_0\} : H_0^\infty$ is a finite set T of pairs (\mathbb{A}, H) with $[\mathbb{A}] : H^\infty$ is **regular** and $\{F_0\} : H_0^\infty = \bigcap_{(\mathbb{A}, H) \in T} [\mathbb{A}] : H^\infty$.

The Rosenfeld-Gröbner Algorithm

Input: $F_0, H_0 \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$.

Output: a regular decomposition of $\{F_0\} : H_0^\infty$.

$T := \emptyset; U := \{(F_0, H_0)\}$

while $U \neq \emptyset$ **do**

 Take and remove any $(F, H) \in U$

 Let $\mathbb{C} \subseteq F$ be autoreduced with least rank

$R := \text{full-rem}(F \setminus \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}) \setminus \{0\}$

$K := \text{full-rem}(H, \mathbb{C}) \cup H_{\mathbb{C}}$

if $R \cap \mathbb{K} = \emptyset$ and $0 \notin K$ **then**

if $R = \emptyset$ **then** $T := T \cup \{(\mathbb{C}, K)\}$

else $U := U \cup \{(\mathbb{C} \cup R, K)\}$

for $h \in H_{\mathbb{C}}$ **repeat** $U := U \cup \{(F \cup \{h\}, H)\}$

return T

Order Bound for the RG algorithm: case $n = 2$

• Let $F \in \mathbb{K}\{y, z\}$. Let $m_y(F)$ and $m_z(F)$ the maximum order of a derivative in F w.r.t y and z . Define $M(F) = m_y(F) + m_z(F)$.

• **Proposition.** For all (F, H) in $\text{RG}(F_0, \emptyset)$, we have $M(F) \leq M(F_0)$.

PROOF \triangleright

• For $(F, H) \in U$, consider \mathbb{C}, H, K as above. We have $|\mathbb{C}| \leq 2$.

• First, look at $|\mathbb{C}| = 1$, say $\text{ld}\mathbb{C} = \{y^{(d_y)}\}$. We have:

$$m_y(\mathbb{C} \cup R) = d_y, m_z(\mathbb{C} \cup R) = m_z(F) + (m_y(F) - d_y).$$

• Second, consider $\text{ld}\mathbb{C} = \{y^{(d_y)}, z^{(d_z)}\}$. We have:

$$M(\mathbb{C} \cup R) = d_y + d_z \leq M(F).$$

• Finally, observe: $G \subseteq F \cup H_{\mathbb{C}} \Rightarrow M(G) \leq M(F)$.

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A Bound for the Orders in the RG Algorithm

- For $F \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$, we define $m_i(F)$ the maximum order of $y_i \in Y$ in F . Then

$$M(F) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i(F).$$

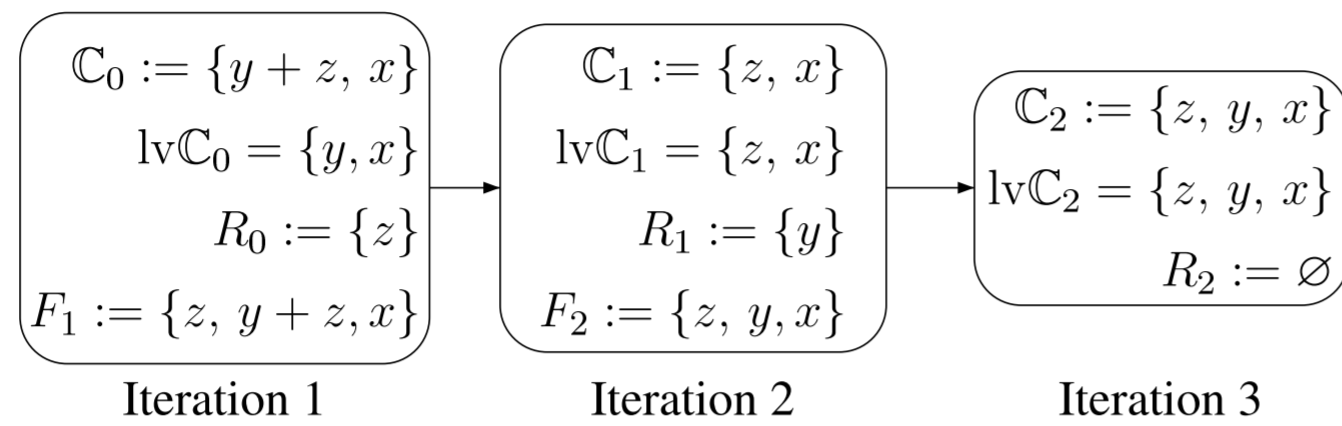
- We shall establish a modified RG Algorithm such that each intermediate system $(F, H) \in U$ satisfies

$$M(F \cup H) \leq (n - 1)! M(F_0 \cup H_0)$$

- We checked this formula for $n = 2$.
- The techniques used for $n = 2$ are hard to generalize to $n > 2$:
 - △ **Difficulty 1**: leading differential indeterminates may become non-leading.
 - △ **Difficulty 2**: orders of non-leading ones may increase.

Difficulties with $n > 2$

- Consider $F_0 = \{y + z, x, x^2 + z\}$ and $H_0 = \emptyset$ for $x > y > z$.



\Rightarrow We will relax the requirement that \mathbb{C} is autoreduced.

Algebraic Computations of Differential Remainders

- **Solution 1:** use weak d-triangular sets:

- $\mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$ is a **weak d-triangular set** if $\text{ld}\mathbb{C}$ is autoreduced, that is, in the ordinary case

$$(\forall f_1, f_2 \in \mathbb{C}) f_1 \neq f_2 \Rightarrow \text{lv}f_1 \neq \text{lv}f_2.$$

- Let \mathbb{C} be weak d-triangular subset of F . Define $R := \text{part-rem}(F \setminus \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C})$. If $y_i \notin \text{lv}\mathbb{C}$ we may have $m_i(R) > m_i(F)$ **unless the ranking is orderly**.

- **Solution 2:** we construct an **algebraic triangular set** \mathbb{B} (i.e. leaders are pairwise distinct) such that

- $\text{part-rem}(F \setminus \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}) = \text{alg-rem}(F, \mathbb{B})$,
- \mathbb{B} satisfies a **bound** on the orders of derivatives occurring in it,
- \mathbb{B} contains a subset \mathbb{B}^0 which can be seen as the *partial autoreduction* of \mathbb{C} .

The Differentiate&Autoreduce Algorithm Informally

Input: a weak d-triangular set $\mathbb{C} = C_1, \dots, C_k$ with $\text{ld } \mathbb{C} = y_1^{(d_1)}, \dots, y_k^{(d_k)}$ and non-negative integers m_1, \dots, m_n such that $m_i(\mathbb{C}) \leq m_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Output: a triangular set \mathbb{B} which can be seen as the algebraic autoreduction of the differential prolongation of \mathbb{C} , i.e. the set

$$\tilde{\mathbb{C}} = \{\delta^j C_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq k, 0 \leq j \leq m_i - d_i\}.$$

- In particular, we have $\text{rk } \mathbb{B} = \text{rk } \tilde{\mathbb{C}}$, unless the process shows $[\mathbb{C}] : H_{\mathbb{C}}^{\infty} = (1)$.

\triangle **Difficulty 3:** Making this autoreduction completely algebraic needs some care.

- Consider $\mathbb{C} = \{y_1, y_2 + y_1'\}$ with $m_1 = 1, m_2 = 2$, and the elimination ranking $y_1 < y_1' < y_1'' < \dots < y_2 < y_2' < y_2'' < \dots$.

- Applying the above formula for $\tilde{\mathbb{C}}$ gives $\{y_1, y_1', y_2 + y_1', y_2' + y_1'', y_2'' + y_1'''\}$.
- If polynomials are reduced-and-added to \mathbb{B} in the order of increasing rank

$$\{y_1\} \rightarrow \{y_1, y_1'\} \rightarrow \{y_1, y_1', y_2\} \rightarrow \{y_1, y_1', y_2, y_2'\} \rightarrow \{y_1, y_1', y_2, y_2, y_2''\}.$$

The Algorithm Differentiate&Autoreduce

Input: $\mathbb{C} = C_1, \dots, C_k$ with $\text{ld } \mathbb{C} = y_1^{(d_1)}, \dots, y_k^{(d_k)}$ and $m_1, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m_i(\mathbb{C}) \leq m_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Output: $\mathbb{B} = \{B_i^j \mid 1 \leq i \leq k, 0 \leq j \leq m_i - d_i\}$ with $\text{rk } B_i^j = \text{rk } C_i^{(j)}$ or $\{1\}$, if $[\mathbb{C}] : H_{\mathbb{C}}^{\infty} = (1)$ is detected.

$\mathbb{D} := \mathbb{C}; \mathbb{B} := \emptyset$

while $\mathbb{D} \neq \emptyset$ **do**

let $f \in \mathbb{D}$ of the least rank; let $y_i^{(d)} = \text{ld } f$

$\bar{f} := \text{alg-rem}(f, \delta\mathbb{B} \setminus \{f\})$

if $\text{rk } \bar{f} \neq \text{rk } f$ **then return** $\{1\}$

$\mathbb{D} := \mathbb{D} \setminus \{f\}$

if $d < m_i$ **then** $\mathbb{D} := \mathbb{D} \cup \{\delta\bar{f}\}$

$\mathbb{B} := \mathbb{B} \cup \{\bar{f}\}$

return \mathbb{B}

Specifications of the Differentiate&Autoreduce Algorithm

• **Proposition.** The above algorithm satisfies the specifications below:

Input: $\mathbb{C} = C_1, \dots, C_k$ with $\text{ld } \mathbb{C} = y_1^{(d_1)}, \dots, y_k^{(d_k)}$ and $m_1, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m_i(\mathbb{C}) \leq m_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Output: $\mathbb{B} = \{B_i^j \mid 1 \leq i \leq k, 0 \leq j \leq m_i - d_i\}$ with

(i) $\text{rk } B_i^j = \text{rk } C_i^{(j)}$,

(ii) $\mathbb{B} \subset [\mathbb{B}^0] \subset [\mathbb{C}] \subset [\mathbb{B}] : H_{\mathbb{B}}^\infty$, where $\mathbb{B}^0 = \{B_i^0 \mid 1 \leq i \leq k\}$,

(iii) $H_{\mathbb{B}} \subset H_{\mathbb{C}}^\infty + [\mathbb{C}]$, $H_{\mathbb{C}} \subset (H_{\mathbb{B}}^\infty + [\mathbb{B}]) : H_{\mathbb{B}}^\infty$,

(iv) B_i^j are partially reduced w.r.t. $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{C_i\}$,

(v) $m_i(\mathbb{B}) \leq \begin{cases} d_i & \text{if } i = 1, \dots, k \\ m_i + \sum_{j=1}^k (m_j - d_j) & \text{if } i = k+1, \dots, n. \end{cases}$

or $\{1\}$, if $[\mathbb{C}] : H_{\mathbb{C}}^\infty = (1)$ is detected.

Proving the Differentiate&Autoreduce Algorithm

• **Lemma.** Let $\mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ be a weak d-triangular set. Let $f, g \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ with $\text{lv } f \notin \text{lv } \mathbb{C}$ and $f \rightarrow_{\mathbb{C}} g$. Then, we have

- $\text{rk } g < \text{rk } f \Rightarrow i_f \in [\mathbb{C}] : H_{\mathbb{C}}^{\infty}$,
- $\text{rk } g = \text{rk } f \Rightarrow (\exists h \in H_{\mathbb{C}}^{\infty}) h \cdot i_f - i_g \in [\mathbb{C}]$ and $h \cdot s_f - s_g \in [\mathbb{C}]$.

• **Lemma.** Let H and K be two sets of differential polynomials, and let I be a differential ideal. If $K \subset (H^{\infty} + I) : H^{\infty}$, then $I : H^{\infty} = I : (H \cup K)^{\infty}$.

• The above lemmas also hold in the PDE case and the purely algebraic case.

Triangular Sets and Characteristic Sets

- $\mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$ is a **triangular set** if the elements of $\text{ld}\mathbb{C}$ are pairwise different.
- The **triangular set** \mathbb{C} is a **weak d-triangular set** if all $f \in \mathbb{C}$ the leader $\text{ld}f$ is reduced w.r.t. $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{f\}$.
- The **weak d-triangular set** \mathbb{C} is a **d-triangular set** if it is **partially auto-reduced**.
- An autoreduced subset of the lowest rank in $X \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ is called a **(Kolchin) characteristic set** of X .
- **Proposition.** Every $X \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ admits a characteristic set.
- **Proposition.** Let \mathcal{I} be a proper ideal of $\mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ and $\mathbb{A} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ autoreduced. Then,

$$\mathbb{A} \text{ characteristic set of } X \iff (\forall f \in \mathcal{I}) \text{ full-rem}(f, \mathbb{A}) = 0.$$

- A differential ideal $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ is **characterizable** if there exists a Kolchin characteristic set \mathbb{A} of \mathcal{I} such that $\mathcal{I} = [\mathbb{A}] : H_{\mathbb{A}}^{\infty}$.

Characteristic Sets and Regular Chains

- Let \mathbb{C} be a triangular set. For all $u \in \text{ld}\mathbb{C}$ define $\mathbb{C}_{\leq u} = \{f \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{rk}f \leq u\}$, $\mathbb{C}_{<u} = \{f \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{rk}f < u\}$ and $\mathbb{C}_{\leq u} = \mathbb{C}_{<u} \cup \{C_u\}$. Recall: ODE case.
- \mathbb{C} is a **regular chain** if for all $u \in \text{ld}\mathbb{C}$ the initial of C_u is **non-zero** and **regular** modulo $(\mathbb{C}_{<u}) : I_{\mathbb{C}_{<u}}^\infty$.
- The regular chain \mathbb{C} is **separable** if for all $u \in \text{ld}\mathbb{C}$ the separant of C_u is **non-zero** and **regular** modulo $(\mathbb{C}_{\leq u}) : I_{\mathbb{C}_{\leq u}}^\infty$.
- The regular chain \mathbb{C} is **differential** if it is a **d-triangular set** and **separable**.
- **Theorem.** (Boulier & Lemaire, 2000) Define $\mathbb{A} = \text{Autoreduce}(\mathbb{C})$.
 - (i) If \mathbb{C} is a differential regular chain, then \mathbb{A} is a characteristic set of $[\mathbb{C}] : H_{\mathbb{C}}^\infty$.
 - (ii) If \mathbb{C} is a characteristic set of $[\mathbb{C}] : H_{\mathbb{C}}^\infty$, then \mathbb{C} is a differential regular chain.

Recall: the Rosenfeld-Gröbner Algorithm

Input: $F_0, H_0 \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$.

Output: a regular decomposition of $\{F_0\} : H_0^\infty$.

$T := \emptyset; U := \{(F_0, H_0)\}$

while $U \neq \emptyset$ **do**

 Take and remove any $(F, H) \in U$

 Let $\mathbb{C} \subseteq F$ be autoreduced with lowest rank

$R := \text{full-rem}(F \setminus \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}) \setminus \{0\}$

$K := \text{full-rem}(H, \mathbb{C}) \cup H_{\mathbb{C}}$

if $R \cap \mathbb{K} = \emptyset$ and $0 \notin K$ **then**

if $R = \emptyset$ **then** $T := T \cup \{(\mathbb{C}, K)\}$

else $U := U \cup \{(\mathbb{C} \cup R, K)\}$

for $h \in H_{\mathbb{C}}$ **repeat** $U := U \cup \{(F \cup \{h\}, H)\}$

return T

The Modified Rosenfeld-Gröbner Algorithm

- Instead of handling pairs (F, H) with $F, H \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$
 - representing $\{F\} : H^\infty$
 - to be processed by **reducing** F, H w.r.t. a **characteristic set** \mathbb{C} of F ,
 - the MRGA handles (F, \mathbb{C}, H) with $F, \mathbb{C}, H \subset \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$ and $H_{\mathbb{C}} \subseteq H$,
 - representing $\{F \cup \mathbb{C}\} : H^\infty$, with \mathbb{C} **d-triangular**,
 - to be processed by
 - (1) **pushing** one $f \in F$ into \mathbb{C} **or** **exchanging** one $f \in F$ with one $C \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\text{lv}f = \text{lv}C$,
 - (2) **reducing** F, H **algebraically** w.r.t. a **partial prolongation** \mathbb{B} of \mathbb{C} .
- \triangle **Trap:** Replacing in RGA **characteristic set** with **weak d-triangular set**
- in each branch $\dots \rightarrow (F_{i,j}, H_{i,j}) \rightarrow (F_{i,j+1}, H_{i,j+1}) \rightarrow \dots$ would **ensure** that we have $\text{lv}C_{i,j} \subseteq \text{lv}C_{i,j+1}$
 - but would **not guarantee termination of the algorithm!!!**

Input: $F_0, H_0 \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$.

Output: a regular decomposition of $\{F_0\} : H_0^\infty$.

$T := \emptyset; U := \{(F_0, \emptyset, H_0)\}$

while $U \neq \emptyset$ **do**

 Take and remove any $(F, \mathbb{C}, H) \in U$

 let $f \in F$ with least rank; let $v = \text{lv}f$

if $v \in \text{lv}\mathbb{C}$ **then** $D := \{C_v\}$ **else** $D := \emptyset$

$G := F \cup D \setminus \{f\}$

$\bar{\mathbb{C}} := \mathbb{C} \cup \{f\} \setminus D$

$\mathbb{B} := \text{Differentiate\&Autoreduce}(\bar{\mathbb{C}}, \{m_i(G \cup \bar{\mathbb{C}} \cup H), 1 \leq i \leq n\})$

if $\mathbb{B} \neq \{1\}$ **then**

$R := \text{alg-rem}(G, \mathbb{B}) \setminus \{0\}$

$K := \text{alg-rem}(H, \mathbb{B}) \cup H_{\mathbb{B}}$

if $R \cap \mathbb{K} = \emptyset$ **and** $0 \notin K$ **then**

if $R = \emptyset$ **then** $T := T \cup \{(\mathbb{B}^0, K)\}$ **else** $U := U \cup \{(R, \mathbb{B}^0, K)\}$

for $h \in \{i_f, s_f\} \setminus \mathbb{K}$ **repeat** $U := U \cup \{(F \cup \{h\}, \mathbb{C}, H)\}$

return T

The Modified Rosenfeld-Gröbner Algorithm and its Bound

- For $F \in \mathbb{K}\{Y\}$ recall $M(F) = \sum_{y \in Y} m_y(F)$. For $Z \subset Y$ with $|Z| = k < n$

$$M_Z(F) := (n - k) \sum_{y \in Z} m_y(F) + \sum_{y \in Y \setminus Z} m_y(F).$$

- The **while**-loop has the following invariants

- (I1) $\{F_0\} : H_0^\infty = \bigcap_{(F, \mathbb{C}, H) \in U} \{F \cup \mathbb{C}\} : H^\infty \cap \bigcap_{(\mathbb{A}, H) \in T} [\mathbb{A}] : H^\infty$

- For all $(F, \mathbb{C}, H) \in U$,

- (I2) \mathbb{C} is d -triangular and $H_{\mathbb{C}} \subset H$, (I3) $F \neq \emptyset$ is reduced w.r.t. \mathbb{C}

- (I4) Let $l = |\text{lv } \mathbb{C}|$. Then, if $l < n$,

$$M_{\text{lv } \mathbb{C}}(F \cup \mathbb{C} \cup H) \leq (n - 1) \dots (n - l) \cdot M(F_0 \cup H_0),$$

otherwise

$$M(F \cup \mathbb{C} \cup H) \leq (n - 1)! \cdot M(F_0 \cup H_0).$$

Comments on the Previous Results

△ **Bad news:** The following idea would certainly not lead to an efficient algorithm:

1. **Prolongate** the input system (F_0, H_0) up to the bound,
2. **Emulate** the MRGA by some efficient algorithm for algebraic triangular decompositions.

△ **Remark:** In practice, the regular ideals output by RGA are decomposed into differential regular chains using Gröbner bases (Boulier et al., 1995) or regular chains (Boulier et Lemaire, 2000). Our bound also holds for these differential regular chains.

△ **Question:** But, may be the idea of **prolongation + algebraic emulation** is still promising for a simpler problem, such as **ranking conversions**.

Ranking Conversions via Algebraic Changes of Order

Given: \mathbb{C} characteristic set of prime ideal \mathcal{I} for \leq and a target ranking \leq' .

Wanted: \mathbb{C}' characteristic set of \mathcal{I} for \leq' .

Idea:

- Consider \mathbb{D} the canonical characteristic set of \mathcal{I} for \leq' .
- Assume we know a **sufficient differential prolongation** of \mathbb{C}
 - containing a **prime algebraic sub-ideal** $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}$ in \mathcal{I} with $\mathbb{D} \subset \tilde{\mathcal{I}}$,
 - and such that this prolongation is **affordable**.
- **Compute** an **algebraic** characteristic set of $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}$ w.r.t. \leq' .
- **Extract** from it a **differential** characteristic set of \mathcal{I} for \leq' .

A Sharper Bound

• **Proposition.** The orders of derivatives occurring in the canonical characteristic set of \mathcal{I} w.r.t. \leq' do not exceed

$$M_1 = |\mathbb{C}| \cdot \max_{C \in \mathbb{C}} \text{ord } C$$

PROOF \triangleright

- This was proved by (Golubitsky, Kondratieva and Ovchinnikov, 2005) if \leq is an **orderly ranking**.
- If \leq is not an orderly ranking, we apply RGA to $(\mathbb{C}, H_{\mathbb{C}})$ for an orderly ranking.
- The number of elements in a characteristic set of a prime (ordinary) differential ideal \mathcal{I} does not depend on the ranking.

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Computing the Target Characteristic Set

- Assume that $\text{ld}_{\leq} \mathbb{C} = \{y_1^{(d_1)}, \dots, y_k^{(d_k)}\}$. Define $m_i = M_1$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$.
- Consider $Q := (\mathbb{A}) : H_{\mathbb{A}}^{\infty}$ where

$$\mathbb{A} = \text{Differentiate\&Autoreduce}(\mathbb{C}, (m_i, 1 \leq i \leq k))$$

Consider $Z := (\delta^{\infty} Y \setminus \delta^{\infty} \text{ld} \mathbb{C}) \cup \text{ld} \mathbb{A}$.

• **Proposition.** We have $Q = \mathcal{I} \cap \mathbb{K}[Z]$. Therefore, Q is a prime (algebraic) ideal of which \mathbb{A} is an algebraic characteristic set for \leq .

• **Proposition.** Let \mathbb{B} be an algebraic characteristic set of Q for \leq' . For all $y \in Y$, let $E_y \in \mathbb{B}$ with $\text{lv} E_y = y$ and E_y has minimum rank with this property. Let $\mathbb{C}' = \text{Autoreduce}(E_y, y \in Y)$. Then, \mathbb{C}' is a characteristic set of \mathcal{I} for \leq' .

Comments on the Previous Results

△ **Remark 1:** Ranking conversions can be done by algebraic transformations.

△ **Remark 2:** The bound M_1 can be improved

$$M_{\mathbb{C}} := \min(M_1, M_2) = \min \left(|\mathbb{C}| \cdot \max_{C \in \mathbb{C}} \text{ord } C, \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-|\mathbb{C}|-1)!} \cdot M(\mathbb{C}) \right).$$

△ **Remark 3:** We have a preliminary implementation

- making use of the PALGIE algorithm (Boulier, Lemaire & MMM, 2001) for the algebraic changes of order
- offering performances comparable to RGA on Hubert's test suite.
- We plan to use the modular algorithm for change of order by (Dahan, Jin, MMM & Schost, 2006)
- and compare with the PODI algorithm (Boulier, Lemaire & MMM, 2001).

△ **Remark 4:** A generalization to the PDE is in progress.

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