

# Tìm nghiệm liouville của phương trình vi phân đại số cấp một bằng phép đổi biến

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## TÓM TẮT

Chúng tôi trình bày một phương pháp tìm nghiệm liouville của phương trình vi phân đại số cấp một bằng phép đổi biến. Cụ thể là một phương trình vi phân đại số cấp một với hệ số thuộc vào một mở rộng liouville được biến đổi thành một phương trình vi phân với hệ số thuộc vào trường vi phân hữu tỷ bằng phép đổi biến trên trường cơ sở. Thêm nữa, sử dụng phép đổi biến giữa các hàm số, phương trình vi phân đại số cấp một với hệ số trên trường vi phân hữu tỷ có thể được biến đổi về dạng phương trình đơn giản hơn phù hợp với các thuật toán đã biết. Một số ví dụ được trình bày để minh họa phương pháp đã đưa ra.

**Từ khóa:** Phương trình vi phân đại số, nghiệm liouville, phép đổi biến

# Finding liouvillian solutions of first-order algebraic ordinary differential equations by change of variables

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## ABSTRACT

We present an approach for determining liouvillian solutions of first-order algebraic ordinary differential equations (AODEs) by means of change of variables. In particular, a first-order AODE with liouvillian coefficients can be transformed into an AODE over rational fields by the change of indeterminate over the ground fields. In addition, by the change of functions, the last AODE can be converted into the one which is suitable for known-algorithms. Some examples are given to illustrate the method.

**Key words:** Algebraic ordinary differential equation, liouvillian solution, change of variables

## 1 INTRODUCTION

The ideas of using geometric properties which satisfy the differential constraint into the problem of solving differential equations are well-known. There are notable works for finding rational general solutions which are based on rational parametrizations of algebraic curves of genus zero such as<sup>1-3</sup>. Recently, by using this technical method, we have presented an algorithm for finding liouvillian solutions of first-order AODEs of genus zero in<sup>4</sup>.

In this paper, we give an approach for solving first-order AODEs which is based on the change of variables. This continues the ideas considered in these works of<sup>4-6</sup>. In more details, we aim to transform certain first-order AODEs into sub-types with respect to the two cases of change of variables, that are the change of the indeterminate over the ground fields and the change of the functions. From these considerations, first-order AODEs with liouvillian coefficients can be converted into the AODEs over  $\mathbb{C}(z)$  (Section 4). Moreover, an AODE (1) can be transformed into an autonomous AODE or a rational one (Section 3) where the algorithms in<sup>4,7,8</sup> can be applied.

## 2 PRELIMINARIES

We present some necessary definitions for this paper which can be found in<sup>9-11</sup>.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $k$  be an algebraic field of characteristic zero. A *derivation* of the field  $k$ , denote by  $'$ , is an operation of  $k$  such that  $\forall a, b \in k$ , the followings hold.

$$(a + b)' = a' + b', \quad (ab)' = a'b + ab'.$$

A field  $k$  equipped with a derivation  $'$  is called a *differential field*. An element  $a \in k$  is called a *constant* if  $a' = 0$ . A field extension  $E$  of  $k$  is called a *differential field extension* of  $k$  if and only if the derivation of  $E$  restricted to  $k$  coincides with the derivation of  $k$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $E$  be a differential field extension of  $k$  and let  $'$  denote the derivation on  $E$ .  $t \in E$  is a *primitive* over  $k$  if  $t' \in k$ .  $t \in E \setminus 0$  is an *hyperexponential* over  $k$  if  $t'/t \in k$ .  $t \in E$  is *liouvillian* over  $k$  if  $t$  is either algebraic, or a primitive or an hyperexponential over  $k$ .  $E$  is a *liouvillian extension* of  $k$  if  $E = k(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ , and there is a tower of differential fields  $k = k_0 \subseteq k_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq k_n = E$  such that for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $k_i = k_{i-1}(t_i)$  and  $t_i$  is liouvillian over  $k_{i-1}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $F(y, w) \in k[y, w]$  be an irreducible polynomial in two variables and  $K$  be the algebraic closure of  $k$ . Then we define an *affine algebraic curve* over  $k$  by the set

$$\mathbb{L} := \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{A}^2(K) / F(a, b) = 0\}.$$

The polynomial  $F(y, w)$  is called the *defining polynomial* of  $\mathbb{L}$ . We may write  $F(y, w) = 0$  to indicate an algebraic curve  $\mathbb{L}$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $k$  be a differential field with a derivation  $'$  and let  $F \in k[y, w]$ . A first-order algebraic ordinary differential equation (AODE) is a differential equation of the form

$$F(Y, Y') = 0. \quad (1)$$

In here,  $F(y, w) = 0$  is called the *corresponding algebraic curve* of the first-order AODE (1).

By abuse of notations, when we refer to an AODE (1), we mean  $k = \mathbb{C}(z)$  with  $' = \frac{d}{dz}$  whose field of constants is  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $z' = 1$ .

**Definition 2.5.**  $\xi$  is called a solution of the AODE (1) if  $F(\xi, \xi') = 0$ . If such  $\xi$  belongs to a liouvillian extension  $E$  of  $k$  then we call it a *liouvillian solution*. If such a solution  $\xi$  does not vanish the separant  $S_F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial Y'}$  then we call it a *liouvillian general solution*.

### 3 THE CHANGE $u = \psi(Y)$

We show how a geometric transformation induces a differential one. Let

$$G(u, u') = 0, \quad (2)$$

be a first-order AODE and  $G(u, v) = 0$  be its algebraic corresponding curve over  $\mathbb{C}(z)$ . As above, let  $F(y, w) = 0$  be the corresponding algebraic curve of the AODE (1). Assume that there is a transformation of the form

$$u = \psi(y, w), v = \gamma(y, w), \quad (3)$$

such that

$$G(u, v) = G(\psi(y, w), \gamma(y, w)) = F(y, w) = 0.$$

Then transformation (3) induces a differential transformation between such two AODEs

$$u = \psi(Y, Y'), u' = \gamma(Y, Y') = \psi'(Y, Y'). \quad (4)$$

**Lemma 3.1.** The transformation (4) must be of the form

$$u = \psi(Y), u' = \psi'(Y). \quad (5)$$

*Proof.* In fact, if the first component of the transformation (4) contains the term  $Y'$  then the second component must include  $Y''$  which is a contradiction if we compare with (3).  $\square$

**Remark 3.1.** The transformation (5) is based on the change  $u = \psi(Y)$  and it can start with any rational function  $\psi(Y) \in \mathbb{C}(Y)$ . However, just simple cases are considered in practical application. Recently, the change  $u = Y^n$  has been studied in<sup>4</sup>. This induced the one called a *power transformation*, and such a transformation may lead to a change of the genus of algebraic curves. By that, it can be applied for solving first-order AODEs whose genera are positive. More details, we refer the readers to<sup>4</sup>.

In the rest of this section, we consider a transformation induced by a rational function  $u$  of the form

$$u = M(Y) = \frac{\alpha Y + \beta}{\gamma Y + \delta},$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \overline{\mathbb{C}(z)}$ ,  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma \neq 0$ . A *Möbius transformation* is a transformation of the form

$$u = \frac{\alpha Y + \beta}{\gamma Y + \delta}, u' = \left( \frac{\alpha Y + \beta}{\gamma Y + \delta} \right)'. \quad (6)$$

The inverse substitution of (6) is

$$Y = \frac{\delta u - \beta}{-\gamma u + \alpha}, Y' = \left( \frac{\delta u - \beta}{-\gamma u + \alpha} \right)'. \quad (7)$$

The Möbius transformation has been studied in<sup>5,12</sup> for finding algebraic and rational solutions, hence, there is no need to elaborate about them. We show that it is also applicable for finding liouvillian solutions. First, there is an expression for  $u'$  (more details, see<sup>5</sup>)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial M(Y)}{\partial Y} &= \frac{\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma}{(\gamma Y + \delta)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial M(Y)}{\partial z} &= \frac{(\alpha'\gamma - \gamma'\alpha)Y^2 + \alpha'\delta - \delta'\alpha}{(\gamma Y + \delta)^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{(\alpha'\delta - \alpha\delta' + \beta'\gamma - \gamma'\beta)Y}{(\gamma Y + \delta)^2}, \quad (8) \\ u' &= \frac{du}{dz} = \frac{d(M(Y))}{dz} \\ &= \frac{\partial M(Y)}{\partial Y} Y' + \frac{\partial M(Y)}{\partial z}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.1.** (Definition 2.1 in<sup>5</sup>) Let

$$F(Y, Y') = \sum a_{ij} Y^i Y'^j$$

be an irreducible polynomial over  $\mathbb{C}(z)$  then we define the *differential total degree* of  $F$  by the number

$$\mu(F) = \max\{i + 2j \mid 0 \neq a_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}(z)\}.$$

Substituting (6) into the AODE (2) and using (8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(u, u') &= G\left(\frac{\alpha Y + \beta}{\gamma Y + \delta}, \left(\frac{\alpha Y + \beta}{\gamma Y + \delta}\right)'\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma}{\gamma Y + \delta}\right)^{\mu(G)} F(Y, Y') = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

In the reverse, from these formulas (7) and (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha - \gamma u)^{\mu(F)} F\left(\frac{\delta u - \beta}{-\gamma u + \alpha}, \left(\frac{\delta u - \beta}{-\gamma u + \alpha}\right)'\right) \\ = G(u, u') = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Moreover,  $\mu(G) = \mu(F)$  in (9) and (10), see<sup>5</sup>.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $F(Y, Y') = 0$  (1) and  $G(u, u') = 0$  (2) be two first-order AODEs. We say  $F$  is *equivalent* to  $G$  if there is a Möbius transformation (6) such that the formula (10) is satisfied.

Möbius transformations preserve the genus among the corresponding algebraic curves since they are birational. In<sup>5</sup>, such transformations induce an equivalence relation among first-order AODEs and they preserve the property of having an algebraic solution of the equivalence class. Next, we prove that they also preserve the property of having a liouvillian solution of the equivalence class.

**Theorem 3.1.** Assume that  $F$  is equivalent to  $G$ . Then  $F$  has a liouvillian solution if and only if so does  $G$ . In the affirmative case, the correspondence of such solution is one to one.

*Proof.* The case of having an algebraic general solution has been proved by Theorem 2.2 in<sup>5</sup>. From formula (10) and since

$$(-c\xi + a)^{\mu(F)} \neq 0,$$

we find that an AODE  $G = 0$  has a liouvillian transcendental solution  $\xi$  if and only if

$$M^{-1}(\xi) = \frac{\delta\xi - \beta}{-\gamma\xi + \alpha}$$

is a transcendental solution  $F = 0$ . Finally, by formula (6), the correspondence of liouvillian solutions between  $F$  and  $G$  is one to one.  $\square$

In<sup>5</sup>, Möbius transformation is used to check if a first-order AODE is equivalent to an autonomous one. If this is the case, then Algorithm 4.4 in<sup>8</sup> can be applied to determine an algebraic general solution. From that, an algebraic solution of the original AODE can be returned. By Theorem 3.1, we continue the idea in<sup>5</sup> for applying Möbius transformations to determine liouvillian solutions. Our idea is illustrated by the following example.

**Example 3.1.** Consider first-order AODE (see<sup>4</sup> Section 3)

$$\begin{aligned} F(Y, Y') &= -z^3 Y^3 + z^2 Y'^2 - 2z^2 Y^2 \\ &\quad + 2z Y Y' - z Y + Y^2 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Putting  $Y = \frac{u-1}{z}$  into the AODE (11) and using formula (10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} z^4 F\left(\frac{u-1}{z}, \left(\frac{u-1}{z}\right)'\right) &= \\ G(u, u') &= u'^2 - u^3 + u^2 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

By Algorithm 4.1 in<sup>7</sup>, a liouvillian solution of the AODE (12) is

$$(\exp i(z+c)+1)^2 u - 2 \exp i(z+c) = 0, \quad i^2 = -1.$$

Therefore, a liouvillian general solution of the AODE (11) is

$$(\exp i(z+c)+1)^2 (zY+1) - 2 \exp i(z+c) = 0.$$

## 4 THE CHANGE $z = \varphi(x)$

This section studies some cases of differential transformations induced by change of variables over the ground fields. Let  $k = \mathbb{C}(x)$  with  $' = \frac{d}{dx}$  and let  $E$  be a liouvillian extension of  $k$ . Consider the differential equation

$$\tilde{F}(y, y') = 0, \quad (13)$$

where  $y$  is a function of  $x$  and  $\tilde{F} \in E[y, w]$ , i.e. a first-order AODE with the coefficients in a liouvillian extension  $E$  of  $\mathbb{C}(x)$ . For briefly, we call it an AODE with *liouvillian coefficients* (see Definition 2.4). Our purpose is to convert an AODE (13) into an AODE (1) over  $\mathbb{C}(z)$  (see Section 3) by means of change of variables  $z = \varphi(x)$ .

**Definition 4.1.** (Definition 2.7 in<sup>13</sup>) Let  $E$  be a liouvillian extension over  $\mathbb{C}(x)$  and  $z \in E \setminus \mathbb{C}$ , then  $z$  is called *rational liouvillian element* over  $\mathbb{C}$  if  $\frac{dz}{dx} \in \mathbb{C}(z)$ .

**Example 4.1.** The element  $z = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1}$  is a rational liouvillian element over  $\mathbb{C}$  since  $z$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{C}(x)$  and

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+1}} \in \mathbb{C}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1}).$$

Since Algorithm 1 in<sup>4</sup> is independent of the particular form of the indeterminate  $z$ , then such  $z$  can be seen as a rational liouvillian element over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Hence, the algorithm can be extended to the case of solving first-order AODEs (13) by a change of variable. Assume that there is a change of variable

$$z = \varphi(x), \quad (14)$$

such that it turns an AODE (13) into (1), i.e.

$$\tilde{F}(y, y') = F(Y, Y') = 0.$$

If this occurs and  $Y(z)$  is a liouvillian solution of the AODE (1), then

$$y(x) = Y \circ \varphi(x)$$

is a liouvillian solution of the AODE (13).

**Remark 4.1.** In the spirit of symbolic computation, there are same meaning between two differential fields  $\left(\mathbb{C}(z), \frac{d}{dz}\right)$  and  $\left(\mathbb{C}(x), \frac{d}{dx}\right)$ . There are no difference between the two derivatives  $y'$  and  $Y'$  but

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx}, \quad Y' = \frac{dY}{dz}.$$

By the chain rule, a relation between  $y'$  and  $Y'$  is expressed

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d(Y \circ \varphi)}{dx} = \frac{dY}{d\varphi} \frac{d\varphi}{dx} = \frac{dY}{dz} \frac{dz}{dx} = Y' \frac{dz}{dx}.$$

## 4.1 The AODEs with transcendental coefficients

In the case of transcendental coefficients, we refer the readers to Chapter V in<sup>10</sup>. Here, we give some examples to illustrate the change (14) in the affirmative cases.

**Example 4.2.** (I-463, page 374 in<sup>14</sup>) Consider first-order AODE

$$yy'^2 - \exp(2x) = 0. \quad (15)$$

The coefficients of the AODE (15) are in  $\mathbb{C}(\exp x)$ . By setting

$$z = \varphi(x) = \exp x,$$

then (15) is converted into an AODE (1)

$$z^2(YY'^2 - 1) = 0.$$

After dividing  $z^2$ , we obtain an autonomous AODE (I-462, page 373 in<sup>14</sup>)

$$YY'^2 - 1 = 0, \quad (16)$$

which has a liouvillian general solution

$$Y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{4}(z+c)^2}.$$

Therefore, a liouvillian general solution of the AODE (15) is

$$y = Y \circ \varphi = \sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{4}(\exp x + c)^2}.$$

**Example 4.3.** (I-387, page 358 in<sup>14</sup>) Consider first-order AODE

$$y'^2 + (y' - y) \exp x = 0. \quad (17)$$

By setting

$$z = \varphi(x) = \exp x,$$

the AODE (17) is converted into an AODE

$$Y'^2 z^2 + Y' z^2 - Y z = 0 \quad (18)$$

which has a proper parametrization

$$\mathcal{P}(t) = (t^2 z + t z, t).$$

By using Algorithm 1 in<sup>4</sup>, the associated ODE respect to  $\mathcal{P}(t)$  is

$$t' = -\frac{t^2}{z(2t+1)}$$

which has only a general solution (see<sup>15</sup>)

$$\ln(t^2 z) - \frac{1}{t} = c.$$

By<sup>16</sup>, this solution is not liouvillian. Therefore, the AODE (17) has no liouvillian solution.

## 4.2 The AODEs with radical coefficients

In case of radical coefficients, assume that there is a change of variables

$$x = r(z) \in \mathbb{C}(z)$$

(by using Algorithm 3.5 in<sup>6</sup>), it always leads to the existence of the inverse substitution (14)

$$z = \varphi(x).$$

Since  $z$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{C}(x)$  and

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \left(\frac{dr}{dz}\right)^{-1} \in \mathbb{C}(z),$$

then  $z$  is a rational liouvillian element over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Therefore, Algorithm 1 in<sup>4</sup> can be applied to solving an AODE with radical coefficients.

**Example 4.4.** Consider the first-order AODE with radical coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}(y, y') = & -x\sqrt{x}y^3 + 4x^2y'^2 - 2xy^2 \\ & + 4xyy' - \sqrt{xy} + y^2 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

MAPLE 2022 finds a solution of the AODE (19) after hundreds of seconds, and it is not explicit (it involves integral signs). On the other hand, by using Algorithm 3.5 in<sup>6</sup>, there is a change

$$z = \varphi(x) = \sqrt{x},$$

which transforms (19) into (11)

$$\begin{aligned} F(Y, Y') = & -z^3Y^3 + z^2Y'^2 - 2z^2Y^2 \\ & + 2zYY' - zY + Y^2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From Example 3.1, then (19) has a liouvillian general solution

$$\begin{aligned} & (\exp i(\sqrt{x} + c) + 1)^2(\sqrt{xy} + 1) \\ & - 2\exp i(\sqrt{x} + c) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 4.2.** More examples of transforming the AODEs with radical coefficients into the AODEs (1) can be found in<sup>6</sup>. Since all of the AODEs (1) obtained here are of genus zero, then they are suitable for Algorithm 1 in<sup>4</sup>.

## 5 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have investigated some ways to convert a first-order AODE into the one where known-algorithms exist. In details, first-order AODEs with liouvillian coefficients can be transformed into first-order AODEs (1) in Section 4. Moreover, an AODE (1) may be converted into an autonomous one by Möbius transformation in Section 3. In addition, if the AODEs (1) are of positive genera, the power transformations (respect to  $u = Y^n$ ) may be applied (more details, see<sup>4</sup>). A full algorithm for finding liouvillian solutions of first-order AODEs will challenge us in the future.

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