

Differentially algebraic equations in physics

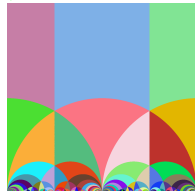
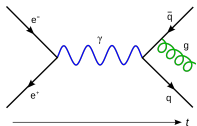
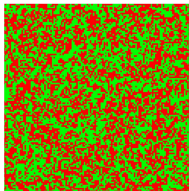
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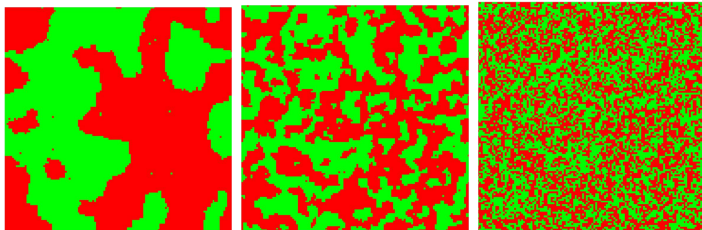
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Hamiltonian of the Ising model

$$H = \sum_{j,k} \{J_v \sigma_{j,k} \sigma_{j+1,k} + J_h \sigma_{j,k} \sigma_{j,k+1}\}$$



- J_v, J_h : vertical and horizontal coupling constants
- The spins take the values $\sigma_{j,k} = \pm 1$.
- The partition function: $\exp(-\frac{1}{k_b T} H)$

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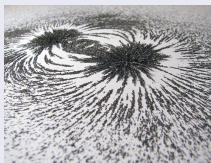
- E.g.: ${}_2F_1(1, 1; 1; z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$, ${}_2F_1(1, 1; 2; z) = -\frac{\ln(1-z)}{z}$
- Partition function 2D square Ising model [Viswanathan, 2014]

$${}_4F_3\left([1, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}], [2, 2, 2], 16k^2\right), \quad k = \frac{\tanh(2\beta J)}{2 \cosh(2\beta J)}$$

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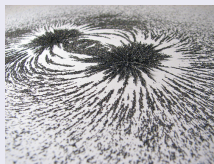
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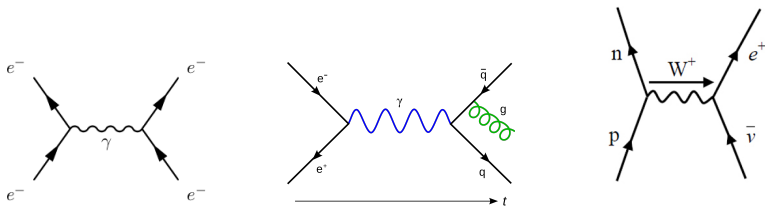
$$x_j = \frac{s}{1 + s^2 - s \cos \phi_j + \sqrt{(1 + s^2 - s \cos \phi_j)^2 - s^2}}$$

$$y_j = \frac{s}{\sqrt{(1 + s^2 - s \cos \phi_j)^2 - s^2}}, \quad (j = 1, 2, 3)$$

$$\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 = 0$$

and $F = f_{23} \left(f_{31} + \frac{f_{23}}{2} \right)$ with $f_{ij} = (\sin \phi_i - \sin \phi_j) \frac{x_i x_j}{1 - x_i x_j}$

Feynman diagrams are D-finite



Feynman diagrams \longrightarrow first order perturbations of n -fold integral of the operator S (scattering operator) giving the probability of such interactions:

$$S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^n}{n!} \overbrace{\int \cdots \int}^{n \text{ times}} \prod_{j=1}^n d^4 x_j T \prod_{j=1}^n L(x_j)$$

$L_v(x_j) \longrightarrow$ Lagrangian of interaction, T the time ordered product of operators, $d^4 x_j$ four-vectors

Multiple integrals of an algebraic object

Theorem (**Kashiwara**)

$$\overbrace{\int \cdots \int}^{n \text{ times}} D\text{-finite function} \, dx_1 \cdots dx_n \rightarrow D\text{-finite function}$$

(D-finite = solution of linear ODE with polynomial coefficients)

Diagonal of a rational function

For a formal power series F given by

$$F(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{m_1=0}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{m_n=0}^{\infty} F_{m_1, \dots, m_n} z_1^{m_1} \cdots z_n^{m_n},$$

the **diagonal** of F is defined as the single variable series:

$$\text{Diag}(F(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)) := \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} F_{m, \dots, m} z^m$$

Example. One of the many diagonals leading to Apéry numbers:

$$\text{Diag} \frac{1}{(1-z_1-z_2)(1-z_3-z_4)-z_1z_2z_3z_4} = \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n+k}{k}^2 z^n$$

${}_2F_1$, modular forms, and physics

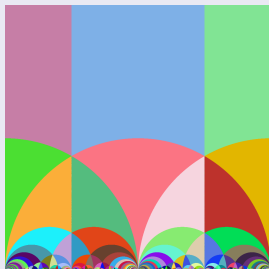
The Gauss hypergeometric function ${}_2F_1 \rightarrow$ **PHYSICS!**, e.g. the differential operator of χ^{2n+1} factorizes into operators that annihilate ${}_2F_1$ functions.

[A. Bostan, S. Boukraa, S. Hassani, M. van Hoeij, J.-M. Maillard, J.-A. Weil, N. Zenine, *The Ising model: from elliptic curves to modular forms and Calabi-Yau equations*, 2011]

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$$E_4(q) = 1 + 240 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^3 \frac{q^n}{1 - q^n}$$
$$= {}_2F_1 \left(\left[\frac{1}{12}, \frac{5}{12} \right], [1], \frac{1728}{j(\tau)} \right)^4$$

$q = \exp(2i\pi\tau)$, $j(\tau) \rightarrow j$ -invariant



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- So, the operator annihilating $F(y(x))$ is

$$L_2^{(p)} = D_x^2 + \left(p(y(x))y'(x) - \frac{y''(x)}{y'(x)} \right) D_x + q(y(x))y'(x)^2$$

- When does the equality $L_2^{(c)} = L_2^{(p)}$ hold?

Proof of our theorem of the Schwarzian condition

Well, identifying $L_2^{(c)} = L_2^{(p)}$ gives us two conditions:

$$\text{Condition 1: } p(x) + 2 \frac{v'(x)}{v(x)} = p(y(x))y'(x) - \frac{y''(x)}{y'(x)}$$

$$\text{Condition 2: } q(x) + p(x) \frac{v'(x)}{v(x)} + \frac{v''(x)}{v(x)} = q(y(x))y''(x)^2$$

Introducing $w(x) := \exp\left(-\int p(x)dx\right)$, i.e. $p(x) = -\frac{w'(x)}{w(x)}$, **Condition 1** rewrites

$$-\frac{w'(x)}{w(x)} + 2 \frac{v'(x)}{v(x)} = -\frac{y''(x)}{y'(x)} + \frac{w'(y(x))}{w(y(x))}$$

Integrating the log-derivative terms we get:

$$-\ln w(x) + 2 \ln v(x) = -\ln y'(x) - \ln w(y(x))$$

Taking exponential gives

$$v(x) = \sqrt{\frac{w(x)}{w(y(x))y'(x)}}$$

inserting it in **Condition 2** gives the Schwarzian condition in the theorem. □

Assuming that the operator is **globally nilpotent** is equivalent to:

$$p(x) = -\frac{w'(x)}{w(x)}$$

The following statements are a consequence of **global nilpotence**:

- The Wronskian is the **n -th root** of a rational function
- The solutions of the differential equation have **rational coefficients**
- The **p -curvature** is a nilpotent matrix mod prime
- Global nilpotence \rightarrow rational coefficients of solutions \rightarrow
 $p(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \ln w(x)$

Modular equation $M(x,y(x))=0$ and modular invariant

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The two corresponding Hauptmoduls (similar to a group generator):

$$x = \frac{1728}{j(k)} \quad y = \frac{1728}{j(k_L)}$$

are related through the **modular equation** $\tau \rightarrow 2\tau$:

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This set of solutions is either:

- **Algebraic**: e.g. ${}_2F_1\left(\left[\frac{1}{12}, \frac{5}{12}\right], [1], x\right)$, we recover “some” commutation like in the case of isogenies (as we will see below)
- **Transcendent**

Schwarzian condition and modular forms: $\tau \rightarrow 2\tau$ and beyond

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It turns out that one can write, for the modular equations corresponding to $\tau \rightarrow N\tau$, the function in the form of (1) above. Thus the equation (1) above encapsulates all the modular equations corresponding to $\tau \rightarrow N\tau$.

Modular equations of higher order

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Similarly for $\tau \rightarrow 4\tau$, we get a series starting in x^4 :

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Generalizing the solution series corresponding to $\tau \rightarrow 2\tau$ we seek solution series of the Schwarzian condition of the form $ax^2 + \dots$:

$$y_2 = ax^2 + \frac{31ax^3}{36} - \frac{a(5952a - 9511)}{13824}x^4 + \dots$$

reducing to the solution of $\tau \rightarrow 2\tau$ when $a = 1/1728$

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$$y_4 = cx^4 + \frac{31c}{18}x^5 + \frac{43909c}{20736}x^6 + \dots$$

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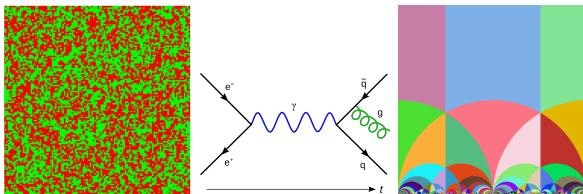
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Conclusion

- The Schwarzian condition encapsulates the infinite number of modular equations $\tau \rightarrow N\tau$.
- Strong incentive to develop more differentially algebraic tools from an algorithmic perspective : to test the non-D-finiteness of the Ising susceptibility for example!
- Strong incentive to examine further the occurrence of non-linear symmetries (like the Landen transformation) in physics.



Questions: non-linear differential Galois group

- Built to generalize the differential Galois group to non-linear ODE's and non linear functional equations having the form $f(x+1) = y(f(x))$.
- Having a finite non-linear differential Galois group guarantees “some integrability” and this is guaranteed by Casale's condition:

$$\nu(y)y''(x)^2 - \nu(x) + \frac{y'''(x)}{y'(x)} - \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{y''(x)}{y'(x)}\right)^2 = 0$$

Modular equations: definition through θ functions

With $q = \exp(i\pi\tau)$, $\tau = iK'/K$ the θ_3 and θ_4 functions are defined as follows:

$$\theta_2 = 2q^{1/4} \prod_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{1 - q^{4n}}{1 - q^{4n-2}} \right), \quad \theta_3 = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2}, \quad \theta_4 = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n^2}$$

where $K = (\pi/2)\theta_3^2(\tau)$ and $K'(\tau) = K(-1\tau)$. We can write the identity:

$$\theta_3(\tau)^2 + \theta_4(\tau)^2 = 2\theta_3(2\tau)^2 = \frac{2}{1 + k'}$$

with $\sqrt{k(\tau)} = \frac{\theta_2(\tau)}{\theta_3(\tau)}$, $\sqrt{k'(\tau)} = \frac{\theta_4(\tau)}{\theta_3(\tau)}$ and $l'(\tau) = k'(p\tau)$ where p is given by a positive integer, we have:

$$\frac{1}{l'} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{k'} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k'}} \right)$$

giving in the case $p = 2$ the modular equation that sends τ to 2τ .

Painlevé equations

- The hypergeometric function, the Bessel function, the Airy function, the Hermite polynomials, are all “special” (appearing in problems related to physics) functions solution of linear differential equations.
- Elliptic functions are also “special” functions: they appear in physics as we shall see here, yet they are solution of simple, yet non-linear differential equations.
- Painlevé was set out to find special functions satisfying non-linear differential equations, yet have nice properties (all their singularities are poles).

Painlevé wanted to classify all differential equations of order two having the form:

$$u_{xx} = R(x, u, u_x)$$

with R being a rational function. Painlevé found 50 equations having this form, six of these were irreducible to known functions; they are known today as the six Painlevé equations.

Magnetic susceptibility = ratio of D-finite functions?

The hypergeometric function:

$${}_2F_1([1/3, 1/3], [1], 27x)$$

is D-finite and verifies the following **linear** differential equation

$$(27x^2 - x) \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} F(x) \right) + (45x - 1) \left(\frac{d}{dx} F(x) \right) + 3F(x) .$$

Similarly the hypergeometric function given by

$${}_2F_1([1/2, 1/2], [1], 16x)$$

verifies the **D-finite** equation

$$(16x^2 - x) \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} F(x) \right) + (32x - 1) \left(\frac{d}{dx} F(x) + 4F(x) \right) .$$

Reminder: A function is D-finite when it is solution of a *linear* differential equation and with *rational* coefficients in x .

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The ratio of these two D-finite functions is given by:

$$\frac{{}_2F_1([1/3, 1/3], [1], 27x)}{{}_2F_1([1/2, 1/2], [1], 16x)}$$

- While the product of two D-finite functions is always D-finite, the ratio of two D-finite functions is generally **not so** (except if the D-finite function at the denominator is an algebraic function)!
- In fact the differential equation that this ratio verifies is non-linear as we can see in the next slide

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2x^2(27x - 1)(-1 + 16x)((27x - 1)(-1 + 16x))\frac{d}{dx}F(x) \\
& \quad -72xF(x) - F(x))\frac{d^3}{dx^3}F(x) \\
& +3x^2(27x - 1)^2(-1 + 16x)^2\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}F(x)\right)^2 \\
& \quad -2x(93312\frac{d}{dx}F(x)x^4 - 7992\frac{d}{dx}F(x)x^3 \\
& -93312x^3F(x) + 87\frac{d}{dx}F(x)x^2 + 168x^2F(x) \\
& +3\frac{d}{dx}F(x)x + 297xF(x) - 4F(x))\frac{d^2}{dx^2}F(x) \\
& +(-1 + 16x)(1944x^3 - 1569x^2 + 58x - 1)\left(\frac{d}{dx}F(x)\right)^2 \\
& +2F(x)(29376x^3 + 5580x^2 - 221x + 1)\frac{d}{dx}F(x) \\
& \quad + (144x^2 - 432x + 1)F(x)^2 = 0
\end{aligned}$$