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(\mathbf{T}) implies $c_1(s+t) = c_1(s)c_1(t)$, $s, t \in \mathbb{C}$, whence c_1 is an exponential function.



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Iteration groups of type I and II

Type I

If $c_1 \neq 1$, then $F(s, x)$ is of type I.

Then $c_n(s) = P_n(c_1(s))$, $s \in \mathbb{C}$, $P_n(y) \in \mathbb{C}[y]$, $n \geq 1$.

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Type II

If $F(s, x) \neq x$ and if $c_1 = 1$, then $F(s, x)$ is of type II.

There exists an integer $k \geq 2$ so that $F(s, x) = x + c_k(s)x^k + \sum_{n>k} c_n(s)x^n$,

where $c_k(s+t) = c_k(s) + c_k(t)$, $s, t \in \mathbb{C}$, whence c_k is additive, and $c_n(s) = P_n(c_k(s))$, $s \in \mathbb{C}$, $P_n(y) \in \mathbb{C}[y]$, $n \geq k$.

The cocycle equations

In connection with the problem of a covariant embedding of the linear functional equation $\varphi(p(x)) = a(x)\varphi(x) + b(x)$ with respect to an iteration group $(F(s, x))_{s \in \mathbb{C}}$ we have to solve the two cocycle equations

$$\alpha(s + t, x) = \alpha(s, x)\alpha(t, F(s, x)), \quad s, t \in \mathbb{C}, \quad (\text{Co1})$$

$$\beta(s + t, x) = \beta(s, x)\alpha(t, F(s, x)) + \beta(t, F(s, x)), \quad s, t \in \mathbb{C}, \quad (\text{Co2})$$

under the boundary conditions

$$\alpha(0, x) = 1, \quad \beta(0, x) = 0, \quad (\text{B1})$$

for

$$\alpha(s, x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \alpha_n(s) x^n, \quad \beta(s, x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \beta_n(s) x^n.$$



Formal equations

If a is a nontrivial additive function, (or if e is a nontrivial exponential function) and if a polynomial relation $P(a(s), a(t)) = 0$ (or $P(e(s), e(t)) = 0$) holds true for all $s, t \in \mathbb{C}$, then $P = 0$.

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Differentiation is now a purely algebraic process!

The formal translation equation

Formal translation equation in $(\mathbb{C}[y, z])[[x]]$ for iteration groups of type II

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Theorem. Let $c_k \neq 0$ be an additive function. Then

$F(s, x) = x + c_k(s)x^k + \sum_{n>k} P_n(c_k(s))x^n$ is a solution of (\mathbf{T}) if and only if $G(y, x) = x + yx^k + \sum_{n>k} P_n(y)x^n$ is a solution of $(\mathbf{T}_{\text{formal}})$ and (\mathbf{B}) .

The first cocycle equation

Let $F(s, x)$ be an iteration group. If $\alpha(s, x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \alpha_n(s) x^n$ is a solution of (Co1), then α_0 is an exponential function and

$$\hat{\alpha}(s, x) := \frac{\alpha(s, x)}{\alpha_0(s)} = 1 + \frac{\alpha_1(s)}{\alpha_0(s)} x + \dots$$

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Substitution into the logarithmic series yields

$$\gamma(s, x) := \log(\hat{\alpha}(s, x)) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \gamma_n(s) x^n$$

satisfying

$$\gamma(s + t, x) = \gamma(s, x) + \gamma(t, F(s, x)) \quad (\text{Co1}_{\log})$$

together with $\gamma(0, x) = 0$.

If $F(s, x) = x + \sum_{n \geq k} P_n(c_k(s))x^n$ is an iteration group of type II, then each coefficient function $\gamma_n(s)$ is a polynomial $\tilde{P}_n(c_k(s))$ and for all $s, t \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \tilde{P}_n(c_k(s) + c_k(t))x^n = \sum_{n \geq 1} \tilde{P}_n(c_k(s))x^n + \sum_{n \geq 1} \tilde{P}_n(c_k(t)) \left[x + \sum_{r \geq k} P_r(c_k(s))x^r \right]^n .$$

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Theorem. Let $c_k \neq 0$ be an additive function. Then

$\gamma(s, x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \tilde{P}_n(c_k(s))x^n$ is a solution of $(\text{Co1}_{\text{log}})$ satisfying $\gamma(0, x) = 0$ if and only if $\Gamma(y, x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \tilde{P}_n(y)x^n$ is a solution of $(\text{Co1}_{\text{formal}})$ satisfying $\Gamma(0, x) = 0$.

Three equations derived from $(Co1_{\text{formal}})$

Differentiation of $(Co1_{\text{formal}})$ with respect to y and setting $y = 0$ yields

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \Gamma(z, x) = K(\Gamma(z, x)), \quad (Co1D_{\text{formal}})$$

where $K(x) := \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Gamma(y, x)|_{y=0}$.



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By applying the exponential series we obtain the solutions of (Co1) as

$$\alpha_1(s) \frac{\tilde{E}(G(c_k(s), x))}{\tilde{E}(x)} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \exp\left(\int \kappa_j [G(\sigma, x)]^j d\sigma \Big|_{\sigma=c_k(s)}\right),$$

where $\tilde{E}(x) = \exp(E(x)) = 1 + \dots$

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$$\tilde{P}_n(y) = \begin{cases} \kappa_n y & n < k \\ \kappa_k y + \frac{\kappa_1}{2} y^2 & n = k \\ \kappa_n y + \frac{(n-k+1)\kappa_{n-k+1}}{2} y^2 + \tilde{Q}_n(y, \kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_{n-k}) & n > k, \end{cases}$$

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Similarities to the solutions $G(y, x) = x + yx^k + \sum_{n > k} P_n(y)x^n$ of $(\text{T}_{\text{formal}})$ of type II depending on the formal generator $H(x) = \sum_{n \geq k} h_n x^n$:

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$$P_n(y) = \begin{cases} h_n y & \text{if } k \leq n < 2k - 1 \\ h_{2k-1} y + \frac{k}{2} y^2 & \text{if } n = 2k - 1 \\ h_n y + \frac{n+1}{2} h_{n-k+1} y^2 + \Phi_n(y, h_{k+1}, \dots, h_{n-k}) & \text{if } n \geq 2k, \end{cases}$$

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Reordering the summands

Solution of (Co1_{formal}): $\Gamma(y, x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \tilde{P}_n(y) x^n \in (\mathbb{C}[y])[[x]]$

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This allows us to rewrite (Co1PD_{formal}) as

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} n \psi_n(x) y^{n-1} = K(x) + H(x) \sum_{n \geq 1} \psi'_n(x) y^n. \quad (1)$$

(1) is satisfied if and only if

$$\psi_1(x) = K(x)$$

$$\psi_{n+1}(x) = \frac{1}{n+1} H(x) \psi_n'(x), \quad n \geq 1,$$

holds true. $\psi_1(x) = K(x),$

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Similarities to formal iteration groups $G(y, x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \phi_n(x) y^n$ of type II:

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Some results

Generalizing the representations given on the previous slide:

$$\psi_n(x) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{i \in J_n} L(i) K^{(i-1)}(x) \prod_{j=0}^{n-2} [H^{(j)}(x)]^{i_j}, \quad n \geq 2,$$

$$J_n = \left\{ (i_j)_{j \geq -1} \mid i_{-1} \geq 1, i_j \geq 0, \sum_{j \geq 0} i_j = n - 1, \sum_{j \geq 1} j i_j = n - 1 - i_{-1} \right\},$$

where $L: \bigcup_{n \geq 2} J_n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is recursively determined.

Some results

Generalizing the representations given on the previous slide:

$$\Psi_n(x) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{i \in J_n} L(i) K^{(i-1)}(x) \prod_{j=0}^{n-2} [H^{(j)}(x)]^{i_j}, \quad n \geq 2,$$

$$J_n = \left\{ (i_j)_{j \geq -1} \mid i_{-1} \geq 1, i_j \geq 0, \sum_{j \geq 0} i_j = n - 1, \sum_{j \geq 1} j i_j = n - 1 - i_{-1} \right\},$$

where $L: \bigcup_{n \geq 2} J_n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is recursively determined.

Similarities to iteration groups of type II:

$$\Phi_n(x) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{i \in I_n} L(i) \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} [H^{(j)}(x)]^{i_j}, \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$I_n = \left\{ (i_j)_{j \geq 0} \mid i_j \geq 0, i_0 \geq 1, \sum_{j \geq 0} i_j = n, \sum_{j \geq 1} j i_j = n - 1 \right\},$$

where $L: \bigcup_{n \geq 1} I_n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is recursively determined.

Solution as a Lie–Gröbner-series

$$\Gamma(y, x) := \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n!} D^{n-1}(K(x)) y^n,$$

where

$$D: \mathbb{C}[[x]] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[[x]], \quad D(f(x)) := H(x)f'(x).$$

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Similarities to iteration groups of type II:

$$G(y, x) := \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{n!} D^n(x) y^n,$$

where

$$D: \mathbb{C}[[x]] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[[x]], \quad D(f(x)) := H(x)f'(x).$$



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