

Towards a symbolic package for systems of nonlinear difference equations

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Outline

- Thomas decomposition for differential systems
- Difference algebra
- Towards a symbolic package for nonlinear difference equations

1. Thomas decomposition for differential systems

Systems of linear PDEs

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{find: } u = u(x, y) \text{ analytic}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$u(x, y) = a_{0,0} + a_{1,0} x + a_{0,1} y + a_{2,0} \frac{x^2}{2!} + a_{1,1} \frac{xy}{1!1!} + a_{0,2} \frac{y^2}{2!} + \dots$$

Janet's algorithm computes a vector space basis for power series solutions

(Maurice Janet, ~ 1920)

Janet division

The possible ways of decomposing $\text{Mon}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ -multiple closed sets into disjoint cones are studied as

involutive divisions (Gerdt, Blinkov et. al.)

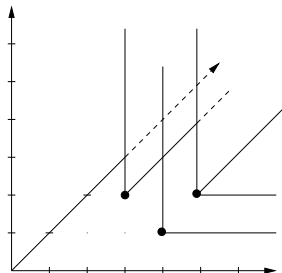
Janet division:

Let $G \subset \text{Mon}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be finite.

For a cone with vertex $x_1^{a_1} \dots x_n^{a_n} \in G$

x_i is a *multiplicative variable* iff

$$a_i = \max\{b_i \mid x^b \in G; b_j = a_j \forall j < i\}$$



Janet division

For $v = x_1^{a_1} \cdots x_n^{a_n}$:

$$x_i \in \mu \iff a_i = \max\{b_i \mid x^b \in G; b_j = a_j \forall j < i\}.$$

Example: $G = \{yz, xyz, x^2yz, x^2y^2\}$

yz		*	y	z
xyz		*	y	z
x^2yz		x	*	z
x^2y^2		x	y	z

Thomas decomposition for nonlinear PDE systems

$K\{u\} = K[u, u_x, u_y, \dots, u_{x,x}, u_{x,y}, u_{y,y}, \dots]$ diff. polynomial ring

$u < \dots < u_y < u_x < \dots < u_{y,y} < u_{x,y} < u_{x,x} < \dots$ (ranking)

algebraic reduction:

$$p = u_{x,x,y}^3 + \dots$$

$$q = c u_{x,x,y}^2 + \dots$$

$$p \rightarrow r = c \cdot p - u_{x,x,y} \cdot q$$

differential reduction:

$$p = u_{x,x,y,y}^3 + \dots$$

$$q = c u_{x,x,y}^2 + \dots$$

$$\partial_y q = \frac{\partial q}{\partial u_{x,x,y}} u_{x,x,y,y} + \dots$$

$$p \rightarrow r = \frac{\partial q}{\partial u_{x,x,y}} \cdot p - u_{x,x,y,y}^2 \cdot \partial_y q$$

reduction requires: initial $c \neq 0$ and separant $\frac{\partial q}{\partial u_{x,x,y}} \neq 0$

Thomas decomposition for nonlinear PDE systems

$$S = \{p_1 = 0, \dots, p_s = 0, q_1 \neq 0, \dots, q_t \neq 0\}$$

Def. *Thomas decomposition* of diff. system S (or $\text{Sol}(S)$):

$$\text{Sol}(S) = \text{Sol}(S_1) \uplus \dots \uplus \text{Sol}(S_r), \quad S_i \text{ simple diff. system}$$

Def. S is *simple* if

- (a) $p_1, \dots, p_s, q_1, \dots, q_t$ have pairwise distinct leaders,
- (b) leading coefficients and discriminants of p_i and q_j do not vanish,
- (c) p_1, \dots, p_s form a passive PDE system,
- (d) q_1, \dots, q_t are reduced modulo p_1, \dots, p_s .

set of *admissible derivations* $\mu_i \subseteq \{\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n\}$ for p_i , $i = 1, \dots, s$

Thomas decomposition for nonlinear PDE systems

$$R = K\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$$

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Thm. $S = \{p_1 = 0, \dots, p_s = 0, q_1 \neq 0, \dots, q_t \neq 0\}$ simple diff. system

E diff. ideal generated by p_1, \dots, p_s

q product of initials and separants of all p_i

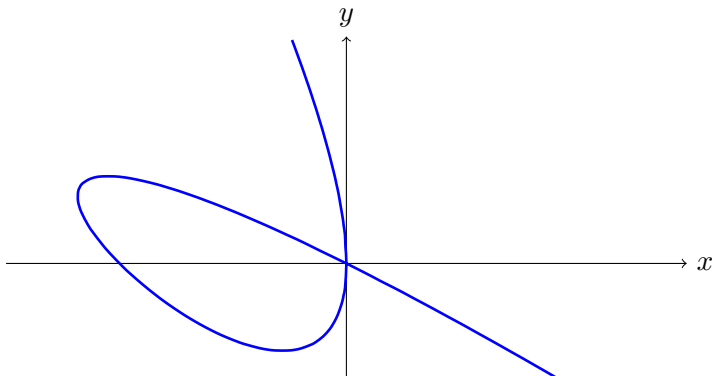
Then

$$E : q^\infty := \{p \in R \mid q^r \cdot p \in E \text{ for some } r \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\} = \mathcal{I}_R(\text{Sol}(S))$$

consists of all diff. polynomials in R vanishing on $\text{Sol}(S)$.

Thomas Decomposition

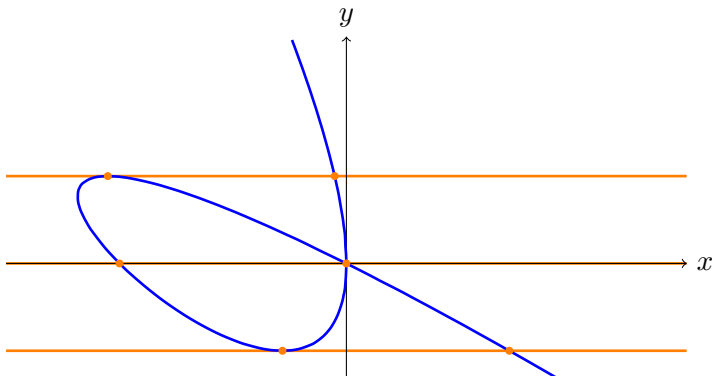
$$p = x^3 + (3y + 1)x^2 + (3y^2 + 2y)x + y^3 = 0$$



$$\text{disc}_x(p) = y^2(4 - 27y^2)$$

Thomas Decomposition

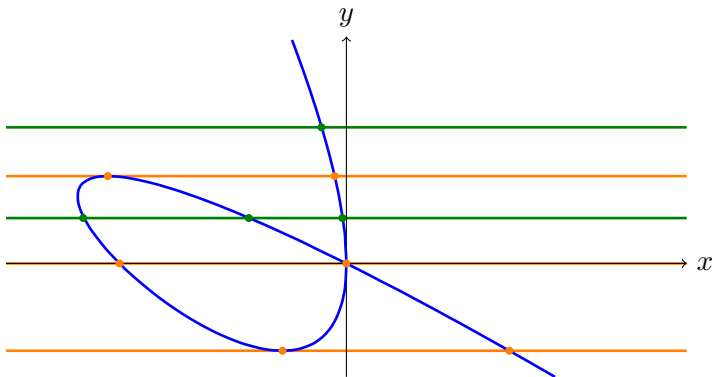
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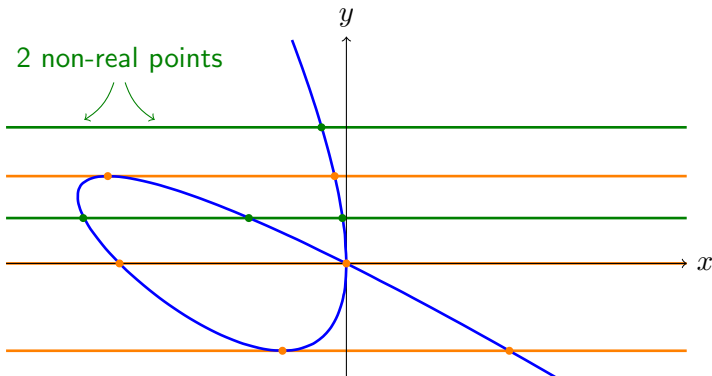
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Thomas Decomposition

$$p = ax^2 + bx + c = 0, \quad p \in \mathbb{Q}[x, c, b, a], \quad x > c > b > a$$

$$a\underline{x}^2 + b\underline{x} + c = 0$$

$$4a\underline{c} - b^2 \neq 0$$

$$a \neq 0$$

$$x_1 \neq x_2$$

$$2a\underline{x} + b = 0$$

$$4a\underline{c} - b^2 = 0$$

$$a \neq 0$$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

$$b\underline{x} + c = 0$$

$$b \neq 0$$

$$a = 0$$

$$x_1$$

$$c = 0$$

$$b = 0$$

$$a = 0$$

$$\text{all } x \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$$

solve $p(x) = 0$ for fixed choice of a, b, c

Thomas Decomposition

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0 \\ (1 - y)t - x = 0 \end{cases} \quad x > y > t$$

$$p_1 := x^2 + y^2 - 1, \quad p_2 := x + ty - t \in \mathbb{Q}[x, y, t]$$

$$p_1 - (x - ty + t)p_2 = (y - 1)((1 + t^2)y - t^2 + 1)$$

Thomas decomposition:

$$(1 + t^2)\underline{x} - 2t = 0$$

$$(1 + t^2)\underline{y} - t^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\underline{t}^2 + 1 \neq 0$$

$$\underline{x} = 0$$

$$\underline{y} - 1 = 0$$

Singular Solutions

$$p = \dot{y}^2 - 4t\dot{y} - 4y + 8t^2 = 0$$

$$p \in \mathbb{Q}(t)\{y\}$$

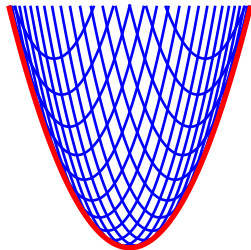
Separant of p : $\frac{\partial p}{\partial \dot{y}} = 2\dot{y} - 4t$

$$\text{res}(p, \frac{\partial p}{\partial \dot{y}}, \dot{y}) = -16y + 16t^2$$

Thomas decomposition:

$$\begin{array}{l} p = 0 \\ y - t^2 \neq 0 \end{array}$$

$$y - t^2 = 0$$



general solution: $y(t) = 2((t + c)^2 + c^2), \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$

essential singular solution: $y(t) = t^2$

Thomas Decomposition

- 1937: J. M. Thomas: “Differential Systems”.
- 1998: D. Wang: implementation for algebraic systems
- 2007: V. Gerdt: “On decomposition of algebraic PDE systems into simple subsystems”
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- since 2009: implementations in Maple for
 - algebraic systems (T. Bächler)
 - systems of PDEs (M. Lange-Hegermann)

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J. Symbolic Computation 47(10):1233–1266, 2012.

Thomas Decomposition

Example.

Thomas decomposition of $\{u_t - 6uu_x + \underline{u_{x,x,x}} = 0, \underline{uu_{t,x}} - u_t u_x = 0\}$:

$$u = 0 \quad \{\partial_t, \partial_x\}$$

$$\underline{u_t} - 6uu_x = 0 \quad \{\partial_t, \partial_x\}$$

$$u_{x,x} = 0 \quad \{*, \partial_x\}$$

$$u \neq 0$$

$$u_t = 0 \quad \{\partial_t, \partial_x\}$$

$$\underline{u_{x,x,x}} - 6uu_x = 0 \quad \{*, \partial_x\}$$

$$u_{x,x} \neq 0$$

$$u \neq 0$$

Generation of Difference Schemes

Laplace equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \oint_{\Gamma} -u_y dx + u_x dy = 0$

midpoint integration \rightsquigarrow

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\theta_x \theta_y^2 - \theta_x) \circ u_y + (\theta_x^2 \theta_y - \theta_y) \circ u_x = 0, \\ 2\Delta h \theta_x \circ u_x - (\theta_x^2 - 1) \circ u = 0, \\ 2\Delta h \theta_y \circ u_y - (\theta_y^2 - 1) \circ u = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_x \circ u_x - \frac{1}{2\Delta h} (\theta_x^2 - 1) \circ u = 0, \\ \theta_y \circ u_x + \theta_x \circ u_y - \frac{1}{2\Delta h} (\theta_x \theta_y ((\theta_x^2 - 1) + (\theta_y^2 - 1))) \circ u = 0, \\ \theta_x^2 \circ u_y - \frac{1}{2\Delta h} (\theta_x^2 \theta_y ((\theta_x^2 - 1) + (\theta_y^2 - 1)) - \theta_y (\theta_x^2 - 1)) \circ u = 0, \\ \theta_y \circ u_y - \frac{1}{2\Delta h} (\theta_y^2 - 1) \circ u = 0, \\ \frac{1}{2\Delta h} (\theta_x^4 \theta_y^2 + \theta_x^2 \theta_y^4 - 4\theta_x^2 \theta_y^2 + \theta_x^2 + \theta_y^2) \circ u = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

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Symmetry, Integrability and Geometry: Methods and Applications, 2006.

2. Difference algebra

Difference algebra

Difference algebra (Ritt, Cohn, Levin, ...)

$\mathbb{Q} \subseteq K$ a difference field with commuting automorphisms $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n$

Difference polynomial ring with comm. endomorphisms $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n$

$K\{u\} := K[\delta_1^{i_1} \cdots \delta_n^{i_n} u \mid i \in (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})^n]$, $u_{(i_1, \dots, i_n)} := \delta_1^{i_1} \cdots \delta_n^{i_n} u$

$K\{u\}$ not Noetherian (e.g., $[uu_1, uu_2, uu_3, \dots] \subseteq K\{u\}$ not fin. gen.)

A difference ideal I of $K\{u\}$ is said to be

- *reflexive* if $\delta(p) \in I$ implies $p \in I$ ($p \in K\{u\}$)
- *perfect* if $\delta_1^{i_1}(p)^{k_1} \cdots \delta_r^{i_r}(p)^{k_r} \in I$ implies $p \in I$

Difference algebra

Thm. (Ritt-Raudenbush).

Every perfect difference ideal of $K\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$ is finitely generated and is intersection of finitely many reflexive prime difference ideals.

Prop. The vanishing ideal in $K\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$ of a set of m -tuples of functions is a perfect difference ideal.

Thm. (Difference Nullstellensatz; Trushin, preprint, 2009).

Every difference field embeds into a difference closed field.

Thm. (Cohn)

Existence of generic zeros of reflexive prime difference ideals in piecewise analytic functions on \mathbb{R}_+

Difference algebra

Shall we assume reflexivity?

$$\begin{cases} u(x+1) - u(x) \neq 0, \\ u(x+2) - u(x+1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Under the assumption of reflexivity we have the consequence

$$u(x+1) - u(x) = 0, \quad \text{contradiction}$$

Otherwise, e.g., if solutions $u: \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are to be found,

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

is a solution. However, there is no solution $u: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Factorization

Examples.

a) $(u(x+3) - u(x))(u(x+2) - u(x))(u(x+1) - u(x)) = 0$

splitting:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u(x+3) - u(x) = 0, \\ u(x+2) - u(x) \neq 0, \\ u(x+1) - u(x) \neq 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u(x+2) - u(x) = 0, \\ u(x+1) - u(x) \neq 0 \end{array} \right. \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u(x+1) - u(x) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

b) (Ritt, Doob, Cohn)

$$P = (u(x+1) - u(x))^2 - 2(u(x+1) + u(x)) + 1 = 0$$

is algebraically irreducible; but solutions in meromorphic functions:

$$(x + c(x))^2, \quad (c(x) \exp(\pi i x) + 1/2)^2, \quad \text{where } c(x+1) = c(x)$$

$$\delta P - P = (u(x+2) - u(x))(u(x+2) - 2u(x+1) + u(x) - 2)$$

Factorization

Examples.

c) (Ritt)

$$\begin{cases} u(x)^2 + 1 = 0, \\ u(x+1) - u(x) = 0, \\ v(x)^2 + 1 = 0, \\ v(x+1) + v(x) = 0. \end{cases}$$

A consequence of this system is

$$u(x)^2 - v(x)^2 = 0,$$

hence

$$(u(x) - v(x))(u(x) + v(x)) = 0.$$

Neither of the two systems obtained by the case splitting admits a solution.

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3. Towards a symbolic package for nonlinear difference equations

Example

$$\begin{cases} u(x+2) - u(x) = 0, \\ u(x+1)^2 - u(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} u(x)^4 - u(x) = 0, & \{*\} \\ u(x+1) - u(x)^2 = 0 & \{\delta\} \end{cases}$$

or

$$\begin{cases} u(x) = 0, \\ \begin{cases} u(x)^3 - u(x) = 0, & \{*\} \\ u(x+1) - u(x)^2 = 0 & \{\delta\} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Solutions:

$$\begin{cases} u(x) = \text{primitive 3rd root of unity,} \\ u(x+1) = \text{other primitive 3rd root of unity, alternating} \end{cases}$$

Input: $L \subset R - K$ finite and a ranking $>$ on R such that $L = S^\#$ for some finite difference system S which is simple as an algebraic system (in the finitely many indeterminates $(u_k)_J$ which occur in it, totally ordered by $>$, not necessarily square-free)

Output: $a \in \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$ and $L' \subset R - K$ finite such that

$$\langle L' \rangle : q^\infty = \langle L \rangle : q^\infty, \quad q := \prod_{\substack{p \in L, \\ \theta \in \text{ld}(L - \{p\}) : \text{ld}(p)}} \text{init}(\theta p), \quad (1)$$

and, in case $a = \text{true}$, there exist no $p_1, p_2 \in L'$, $p_1 \neq p_2$, such that we have $v := \text{ld}(p_1) = \theta \text{ld}(p_2)$ for some $\theta \in \text{Mon}(\Delta)$ and $\deg_v(p_1) \geq \deg_v(\theta p_2)$

Algorithm:

- 1: $L' \leftarrow L$
- 2: **while** there exist $p_1, p_2 \in L'$, $p_1 \neq p_2$ and $\theta \in \text{Mon}(\Delta)$ such that we have $v := \text{ld}(p_1) = \theta \text{ld}(p_2)$ and $\deg_v(p_1) \geq \deg_v(\theta p_2)$ **do**
- 3: $L' \leftarrow L' - \{p_1\}$; $v \leftarrow \text{ld}(p_1)$
- 4: $r \leftarrow \text{init}(\theta p_2) \cdot p_1 - \text{init}(p_1) \cdot v^d \cdot \theta p_2$, where $d := \deg_v(p_1) - \deg_v(\theta p_2)$
- 5: **if** $r \neq 0$ **then**
- 6: **return** (**false**, $L' \cup \{r\}$)
- 7: **end if**
- 8: **end while**
- 9: **return** (**true**, L')

Input: $r \in R$, $T = \{ (p_1, \mu_1), (p_2, \mu_2), \dots, (p_s, \mu_s) \}$, and a ranking $>$ on R , where T is Janet complete (with respect to $>$)

Output: $r' \in R$ and an element b of the multiplicatively closed set generated by

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^s \{ \theta \text{init}(p_i) \mid \theta \in \text{Mon}(\Delta), \theta \text{ld}(p_i) < \text{ld}(r) \} \cup \{1\}$$

such that r' is Janet reduced modulo T , and such that $r' = r$, $b = 1$ if $T = \emptyset$, and $r' + \langle p_1, \dots, p_s \rangle = b \cdot r + \langle p_1, \dots, p_s \rangle$ otherwise

Algorithm:

- 1: $r' \leftarrow r$; $b \leftarrow 1$
- 2: **if** $r' \notin K$ **then**
- 3: $v \leftarrow \text{ld}(r')$
- 4: **while** $r' \notin K$ and there exist $(p, \mu) \in T$ and $\theta \in \text{Mon}(\mu)$ such that $v = \theta \text{ld}(p)$ and $\deg_v(r') \geq \deg_v(\theta p)$ **do**
- 5: $r' \leftarrow \text{init}(\theta p) \cdot r' - \text{init}(r') \cdot v^d \cdot \theta p$, where $d := \deg_v(r') - \deg_v(\theta p)$
- 6: $b \leftarrow \text{init}(\theta p) \cdot b$
- 7: **end while**
- 8: **for** each coefficient c of r' (as a polynomial in v) **do**
- 9: $(r'', b') \leftarrow \text{Janet-reduce}(c, T, >)$
- 10: replace the coefficient $b' \cdot c$ in $b' \cdot r'$ with r'' and replace r' with this result
- 11: $b \leftarrow b' \cdot b$
- 12: **end for**
- 13: **end if**

Input: A finite difference system S over R , a ranking $>$ on R , and a total ordering on Δ (used by Decompose)

Output: A decomposition of S

Algorithm:

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1:  $Q \leftarrow \{S\}; T \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2: repeat
3:   choose  $L \in Q$  and remove  $L$  from  $Q$ 
4:    $L \leftarrow L \cup \{q \neq 0 \mid q \in (\text{Mon}(\Delta) L^{\neq}) \cap K[V]\}$ , where  $K[V]$  is the smallest
      $K$ -subalgebra of  $R$  containing  $L^=$ 
5:   compute a Thomas decomposition  $\{A_1, \dots, A_r\}$  of  $L$  as an algebraic system
6:   for  $i = 1, \dots, r$  do
7:     if  $A_i = \emptyset$  then                                     // no equation and no inequation
8:       return  $\{\emptyset\}$ 
9:     else
10:       $(a, G) \leftarrow \text{Auto-reduce}(A_i^=, >)$ 
11:      if  $a = \text{true}$  then
12:        ...
13:      else
14:        insert  $\{p = 0 \mid p \in G\} \cup \{q \neq 0 \mid q \in A_i^{\neq}\}$  into  $Q$ 
15:      end if
16:    end if
17:  end for
18: until  $Q = \emptyset$ 
19: return  $T$ 
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Algorithm:

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1: ...
10:  $(a, G) \leftarrow \text{Auto-reduce}(A_i^{\bar{=}}, >)$ 
11: if  $a = \text{true}$  then
12:    $J \leftarrow \text{Decompose}(G)$ 
13:    $P \leftarrow \{ \text{NF}(\delta p, J, >) \mid (p, \mu) \in J, \delta \in \bar{\mu} \}$ 
14:   if  $P \subseteq \{0\}$  then // J is passive
15:     replace each inequation  $q \neq 0$  in  $A_i$  with  $\text{NF}(q, J, >) \neq 0$ 
16:     if  $0 \notin A_i^{\neq}$  then
17:       insert  $\{p = 0 \mid (p, \mu) \in J\} \cup \{q \neq 0 \mid q \in A_i^{\neq}\}$  into  $T$ 
18:     end if
19:   else if  $P \cap K \subseteq \{0\}$  then
20:     insert  $\{p = 0 \mid (p, \mu) \in J\} \cup \{p = 0 \mid p \in P - \{0\}\} \cup \{q \neq 0 \mid q \in A_i^{\neq}\}$ 
      into  $Q$ 
21:   end if
22: else
23:   insert  $\{p = 0 \mid p \in G\} \cup \{q \neq 0 \mid q \in A_i^{\neq}\}$  into  $Q$ 
24: end if
25: ...
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Example

$$\begin{cases} (u(x+1, y) - u(x, y+2)) u(x+1, y+1) + u(x+1, y+1)^2 = 0, \\ u(x+1, y+1) - u(x, y) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$u(x, y) = 0 \quad \begin{cases} u(x, y) \neq 0, \\ \underline{u(x+1, y+1)} - u(x, y) = 0, \\ -u(x, y) \underline{u(x, y+2)} + u(x, y) u(x+1, y) + u(x, y)^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

consider

$$-u(x+1, y) \underline{u(x+1, y+2)} + u(x+1, y) u(x+2, y) + u(x+1, y)^2 = 0$$

second simple system:

$$\begin{cases} \underline{u(x+1, y+1)} - u(x, y) = 0, \\ -u(x, y) \underline{u(x, y+2)} + u(x, y) u(x+1, y) + u(x, y)^2 = 0, \\ -u(x+1, y) u(x, y+1) + u(x+1, y) \underline{u(x+2, y)} + u(x+1, y)^2 = 0, \\ u(x, y) \neq 0, \\ u(x+1, y) \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Example

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{u(n,j+1,k)-u(n,j-1,k)}{2h} + \frac{v(n,j,k+1)-v(n,j,k-1)}{2h} = 0, \\ \frac{u(n+1,j,k)-u(n,j,k)}{\tau} + \frac{u(n,j+1,k)^2-u(n,j-1,k)^2}{2h} + \\ \frac{u(n,j,k+1)v(n,j,k+1)-u(n,j,k-1)v(n,j,k-1)}{2h} + \frac{p(n,j+1,k)-p(n,j-1,k)}{2h} - \\ \frac{1}{re} \frac{(u(n,j+1,k)-2u(n,j,k)+u(n,j-1,k))+(u(n,j,k+1)-2u(n,j,k)+u(n,j,k-1))}{h^2} = 0, \\ \frac{v(n+1,j,k)-v(n,j,k)}{\tau} + \frac{u(n,j+1,k)v(n,j+1,k)-u(n,j-1,k)v(n,j-1,k)}{2h} + \\ \frac{v(n,j,k+1)^2-v(n,j,k-1)^2}{2h} + \frac{p(n,j,k+1)-p(n,j,k-1)}{2h} - \\ \frac{1}{re} \frac{(v(n,j+1,k)-2v(n,j,k)+v(n,j-1,k))+(v(n,j,k+1)-2v(n,j,k)+v(n,j,k-1))}{h^2} = 0, \\ \frac{u(n,j+2,k)^2-2u(n,j,k)^2+u(n,j-2,k)^2}{4h^2} + \frac{v(n,j,k+2)^2-2v(n,j,k)^2+v(n,j,k-2)^2}{4h^2} + \\ 2 \frac{u(n,j+1,k+1)v(n,j+1,k+1)-u(n,j+1,k-1)v(n,j+1,k-1)}{4h^2} - \\ 2 \frac{u(n,j-1,k+1)v(n,j-1,k+1)+u(n,j-1,k-1)v(n,j-1,k-1)}{4h^2} + \\ \frac{p(n,j+2,k)-2p(n,j,k)+p(n,j-2,k)}{4h^2} + \frac{p(n,j,k+2)-2p(n,j,k)+p(n,j,k-2)}{4h^2} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Reflexivity

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} \underline{u(x+2)} - u(x) = 0, \\ \underline{v(x+1)} - u(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Consequence: $u(x+2) - v(x+1) = 0$

Under the assumption of reflexivity: $u(x+1) - v(x) = 0$, hence,

$$\begin{cases} \underline{u(x+1)} - v(x) = 0, \\ \underline{v(x+1)} - u(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Algebraic Thomas decomposition of $(*)$ with ranking $u(x+2) < v(x+1) < u(x)$:

$$\begin{cases} \underline{v(x+1)} - u(x+2) = 0, \\ \underline{u(x)} - u(x+2) = 0 \end{cases}$$

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