

A Maple package for solving algebraic differential equations by algebro-geometric methods*

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AGADE (Algebro-Geometric methods for solving Algebraic Differential Equations) is a software package for computing various types of symbolic solutions for algebraic differential equations (ADEs). This project is still in an early stage of development. We plan to present solution algorithms for finding rational general solutions of first-order (non-linear) ordinary ADEs based on the approaches in Feng and Gao [1, 2] and Ngô and Winkler [3, 4]. The computation of this type of solution, which must contain a transcendental constant, requires knowledge of explicit degree bounds for rational invariant algebraic curves in the case of non-autonomous ADEs. Such a bound is, however, only known in the generic non-dicritical case [5]. An algorithmic way of completely deciding the existence of—and in the positive case, computing—rational general solutions is known for the subclass where the transcendental constant appears rationally [6]. An implementation of the latter method will be part of a subsequent release, however. Later versions of the package will also provide methods for other solution types such as algebraic, radical or formal power series solutions, as well as semi-algorithmic procedures for partial ADEs and systems thereof. An overview can be found in Grasegger and Winkler [7, 8]. All solution methods utilize an approach known as the algebro-geometric method for solving ADEs [9]. A crucial step in this approach is the parametrization of an algebraic variety obtained from the differential equation, where the type of the parametric equations follows from the solution class one is interested in. Given a suitable parametrization of this variety, one obtains an associated system of differential equations whose solution set is in one-to-one correspondence with the solutions of the original ADE. Due to its special form, solutions of the associated system can be computed by well-known methods and are then transformed back to solutions of the original differential equation. This software package is developed for the widely used computer algebra system Maple[†].

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