

# The formal translation equation for iteration groups of type II

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Formal functional equations for iteration groups of type I see H.F. and L. Reich: *The formal translation equation and formal cocycle equations for iteration groups of type I*, Aequationes Math., 76: 54-91, 2008.

The study of iteration groups of type II is much more complicate and interesting than the study of iteration groups of type I.



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(T) implies  $c_1(s+t) = c_1(s)c_1(t)$ ,  $s, t \in \mathbb{C}$ .

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

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

$$\exists k \geq 2: F(s, x) = x + c_k(s)x^k + \sum_{n>k} c_n(s)x^n$$

$c_k$  is additive,  $c_n(s) = P_n(c_k(s))$ ,  $P_n(y) \in \mathbb{C}[y]$ .



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# Differentiation in $(\mathbb{C}[y])[[x]]$

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We are looking for relations between the solutions  $G(y, x)$  of  $(T_{\text{formal}})$  and the infinitesimal generator  $H(x)$  of  $G$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} G(y, x) \Big|_{y=0} = x^k + \sum_{n>k} h_n x^n = H(x).$$

Here  $h_k := 1$ . Notice that in the situation of an analytic iteration group the coefficient of  $x^k$  in  $H(x)$  may be different from 1.



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

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Differentiation of ( $T_{\text{formal}}$ ) with respect to  $y$  yields

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} G(t, x) \Big|_{t=y+z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} G(y, G(z, x)).$$

For  $y = 0$  we get

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} G(z, x) = H(G(z, x)). \quad (D_{\text{formal}})$$

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Aczél–Jabotinsky differential equation

$$H(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} G(y, x) = H(G(y, x)). \quad (AJ_{\text{formal}})$$

# The differential equation ( $\text{PD}_{\text{formal}}$ ) and (B)

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1. For any generator  $H(x) = x^k + \sum_{n>k} h_n x^n$  the differential equation ( $\text{PD}_{\text{formal}}$ ) together with (B) has exactly one solution. It is given by

$$G(y, x) = x + yx^k + \sum_{n>k} P_n(y)x^n \in (\mathbb{C}[y])[[x]].$$

2. The polynomials  $P_n$ ,  $n \geq k$ , have a formal degree  $\lfloor (n-1)/(k-1) \rfloor$  and they are of the form

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

where  $\Phi_n$  are polynomials in  $y$  and in the coefficients  $h_{k+1}, \dots, h_{n-k}$ . They satisfy  $\Phi_n(0, h_{k+1}, \dots, h_{n-k}) = 0$ .

The polynomial  $\Phi_{2k}$  is of the form

$$\Phi_{2k}(y) = \begin{cases} \Phi_4(y) = y^3 & \text{if } k = 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } k > 2. \end{cases}$$

For  $n \geq 2k$  a formal degree of  $\Phi_n$  as a polynomial in  $y$  is  $\lfloor (n-1)/(k-1) \rfloor$ .

3. Each solution  $G(y, x)$  of  $(\text{PD}_{\text{formal}})$  and  $(\text{B})$  is a solution of  $(\text{T}_{\text{formal}})$ .

We prove that

$$U(y, z, x) := G(y + z, x)$$

$$V(y, z, x) := G(z, G(y, x))$$

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satisfy the system

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(y, z, x) = H(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(y, z, x)$$

$$f(0, z, x) = G(z, x),$$

and we further prove that this system has a unique solution in  $(\mathbb{C}[y, z])[[x]]$ . This shows that  $G$  satisfies  $(\text{T}_{\text{formal}})$ .

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# The differential equation $(D_{\text{formal}})$ and $(B)$

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The same result for  $(D_{\text{formal}})$  and  $(B)$ .

Computations are more involved since we have to determine  $H(G(y, x))$ .

**Lemma.**  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$[G(z, x)]^v = x^v + vP_k(z)x^{v+k-1} + \sum_{n>v+k-1} \left( vP_{n-v+1}(z) + Q_n^{(v)}(z) \right) x^n$$

for

$$Q_n^{(v)}(z) = \sum_{\substack{(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{n-v}) \in \mathbb{N}_0^{n-v-k+2} \\ \sum j_i = v \\ \sum i j_i = n}} \binom{v}{j_1 j_2 \dots j_{n-v}} \prod_{i=k}^{n-v} P_i(z)^{j_i}.$$

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# The Aczél–Jabotinsky equation ( $\text{AJ}_{\text{formal}}$ ) and (B)

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More solutions for ( $\text{AJ}_{\text{formal}}$ ) and (B).

**Theorem.** For any polynomial  $P_k(y) \in \mathbb{C}[y]$  with  $P_k(0) = 0$  the differential equation ( $\text{AJ}_{\text{formal}}$ ) together with (B) has exactly one solution of the form

$$G(y, x) = x + P_k(y)x^k + \sum_{n>k} P_n(y)x^n \in (\mathbb{C}[y])[[x]].$$

The polynomials  $P_n(y)$  for  $n > k$  depend on  $P_k(y)$  as described above.

For  $P_k(y) = y$  we obtain the same solutions as of ( $\text{PD}_{\text{formal}}$ ) (or ( $\text{D}_{\text{formal}}$ )) and (B).

Computations are even more involved.



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$$G(y, x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \phi_n(x) y^n \in (\mathbb{C}[[x]])[[y]]$$

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$$\phi_n(x) = \sum_{r \geq k} P_{r,n} x^r = \sum_{r \geq n(k-1)+1} P_{r,n} x^r, \quad n \geq 1.$$

$(\phi_n(x))_{n \geq 0}$  and  $(\phi_n(x)y^n)_{n \geq 0}$  are summable families.

This allows us to rewrite  $(PD_{\text{formal}})$  and  $(B)$  as

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} n \phi_n(x) y^{n-1} = H(x) \sum_{n \geq 0} \phi'_n(x) y^n \tag{1}$$

$$\phi_0(x) = x \tag{2}$$

(1) is satisfied if and only if

$$\phi_{n+1}(x) = \frac{1}{n+1} H(x) \phi'_n(x) \quad (1_n)$$

holds true for all  $n \geq 0$ .

$$\phi_1(x) = H(x),$$

$$\phi_2(x) = H(x)H'(x)/2,$$

$$\phi_3(x) = H(x)(H(x)H'(x))'/6 = (H(x)H'(x)^2 + H(x)^2H''(x))/6. \quad (3)$$

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**Theorem.** For any generator  $H(x) = \sum_{n \geq k} h_n x^n$ ,  $k \geq 2$ ,  $h_k \neq 0$ , the system ((1), (2)) has a unique solution. The order of  $\phi_n(x)$  is equal to  $n(k-1)+1$  and  $\phi_n(0) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

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1. The coefficients  $P_{r,2}$ ,  $r \geq 2k - 1$ , of  $\phi_2(x)$  are of the form

$$P_{2k-1,2} = \frac{k}{2} h_k^2$$

$$P_{2k,2} = \frac{2k+1}{2} h_k h_{k+1}$$

$$P_{r,2} = \begin{cases} \frac{r+1}{2} \left( h_k h_{r+1-k} + \sum_{v=k+1}^{r/2} h_v h_{r+1-v} \right) & \text{if } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ \frac{r+1}{2} \left( h_k h_{r+1-k} + \sum_{v=k+1}^{(r-1)/2} h_v h_{r+1-v} + \frac{1}{2} h_{(r+1)/2}^2 \right) & \text{if } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2}. \end{cases}$$

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## 2. Two coefficients of $\phi_{n+1}(x)$ :

$$P_{(n+1)(k-1)+1, n+1} = \frac{h_k^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \prod_{j=1}^n (j(k-1) + 1), \quad n \geq 0,$$

and

$$P_{(n+1)(k-1)+2, n+1} = \frac{h_k^n h_{k+1}}{(n+1)!} \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} \prod_{s=r+1}^{n+1} ((s-1)(k-1) + 2) \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (j(k-1) + 1)$$

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## 3. For $n \geq 1$ we have $\phi_n(x) =$

$$\frac{1}{n!} \sum_{r \geq n(k-1)+1} \left( \sum_{(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1})}^{*r} \prod_{s=1}^{n-1} h_{\mathbf{v}_s} \left( r + s - \sum_{t=1}^s \mathbf{v}_t \right) h_{r+(n-1)-\sum_{t=1}^{n-1} \mathbf{v}_t} \right) x^r$$

In  $\sum_{(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1})}^{*r}$  we are taking the sum over all  $(n-1)$ -tuples  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1})$  of integers, such that  $k \leq \mathbf{v}_s \leq r - (n-s)k + (n-1) - \sum_{t=1}^{s-1} \mathbf{v}_t$ .

#### 4. A generalization of (3):

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

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

$$K(1, 0, 0, \dots) := 1, \quad K(v) := \sum_{\substack{u \in I_{n-1} \\ u \prec v}} \tilde{K}(u, v) K(u), \quad v \in I_n, \quad n > 1,$$

$$\tilde{K}(u, v) := \begin{cases} u_0 & \text{if } (\prec_1) \text{ is applied} \\ u_{s-1} & \text{if } (\prec_2) \text{ is applied,} \end{cases}$$

$u \prec v$  if either  $(\prec_1)$  or  $(\prec_2)$ , where

$$u_0 = v_0, \quad u_1 = v_1 - 1, \quad u_j = v_j \text{ for } j > 1 \quad (\prec_1)$$

$$u_0 = v_0 - 1, \quad \exists s > 1 : u_{s-1} = v_{s-1} + 1, \quad u_s = v_s - 1, \quad u_j = v_j, \quad j \notin \{0, s-1, s\} \quad (\prec_2)$$



## 5. Solution as a Lie–Gröbner-series:

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

where

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

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$$\Gamma_1 := \{f(x) \in \mathbb{C}[[x]] \mid f(x) \equiv x \pmod{x^2}\}$$

**Theorem.** For each  $G(y, x)$  with generator  $H(x) = \sum_{n \geq k} h_n x^n$ , there exist some  $S(x) \in \Gamma_1$  and exactly one  $h \in \mathbb{C}$ , so that

$$x^k + hx^{2k-1}$$

is the generator of  $S^{-1}(G(y, S(x)))$ .

We say  $S^{-1}(G(y, S(x)))$  is in normal form.

We try to study the dependence of iteration groups of type II on the parameter  $h$ .

We assume that  $h$  is an indeterminate and we write

$$G(y, x) = \sum_{r \geq 0} G_r(y, x) h^r \in (\mathbb{C}[[x, y]])[[h]].$$

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where

$$G_r(y, x) = \sum_{n \geq r} \sum_{\substack{(j_1, \dots, j_r) \\ 1 \leq j_1 \\ j_s \geq j_{s-1} + 2, s \geq 2 \\ j_r \leq n+r-1}} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n+r-1} [i]}{\prod_{s=1}^r [j_s]} \frac{x^{[n+r]}}{n!} y^n, \quad r \geq 0,$$

and

$$[r] := r(k-1) + 1.$$

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$[r] := r(k-1) + 1$  and  $P_r$  are polynomials of degree  $r$ .

Moreover  $P_0 = 1$  and  $P_1(z) = -z/(k-1)$ .

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Moreover  $P_0 = 1$  and  $P_1(z) = -z/(k-1)$ .

$G_0(y, x) = x(1 - (k-1)yx^{k-1})^{-1/(k-1)}$  is the only remaining term of  $G(y, x)$  if  $h = 0$ . These functions play an important role in the theory of reversible formal power series (see J. Haneczok: *Conjugacy type problems in the ring of formal power series*, to appear in Grazer Math. Ber.)

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