

## AN EXISTENCE THEOREM FOR SYSTEMS OF IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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This note is based on the thesis [1] of the first author written under the guidance of the second author. The main technical input is Theorem 6 below. It will be proved in more generality in the subsequent paper [4].

Let  $f_1, \dots, f_l$  be differential polynomials in one derivative and  $N$  variables with coefficients in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Suppose  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is an open interval and  $c : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$  is a  $C^\infty$ -map with  $f_1(c(t)) = \dots = f_l(c(t)) = 0$  ( $t \in I$ ). Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be the differential ideal generated by  $f_1, \dots, f_l$  in the differential polynomial ring  $\mathbb{R}\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{a}$  is certainly a semi real ideal, i.e. for all  $g_1, \dots, g_m \in \mathbb{R}\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$  we have  $1 + \sum_{j=1}^m g_j^2 \notin \mathfrak{a}$ . This follows immediately from our assumption that  $c$  is a differential solution of the generators  $f_1, \dots, f_l$  of  $\mathfrak{a}$ . We'll prove here the converse of this observation, in other words we'll prove

**THEOREM 1.** *If  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a differential ideal of  $\mathbb{R}\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$  and  $\mathfrak{a}$  is semi real, then there is some nonempty open interval  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and an analytic map  $c : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$  with  $f(c(t)) = 0$  ( $f \in \mathfrak{a}$ ,  $t \in I$ ).*

In order to find an analytic map  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_N) : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$  solving each relation  $f = 0$  with  $f \in \mathfrak{a}$  it is enough to find a nonempty open interval  $I$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  together with a differential homomorphism  $\mathbb{R}\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}/\mathfrak{a} \rightarrow C^\omega(I)$  - then take  $c_i :=$ the image of  $X_i \bmod \mathfrak{a}$  under this map. We divide this problem into an algebraic part (Theorem 2) and an analytic part (Proposition 3).

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**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $F$  be a differential field and let  $A$  be a differentially finitely generated  $F$ -algebra. Suppose  $A$  is semi real, i.e.  $-1$  is not a sum of squares in  $A$ . There is a real, differential  $F$ -algebra  $C$ , which is an integral domain and finitely generated as an  $F$ -algebra, together with a differential  $F$ -algebra homomorphism  $A \rightarrow C$ .*

**PROPOSITION 3.** *Let  $C$  be a real, differential  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra, which is an integral domain and finitely generated as an  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra. Then there is a differential  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra homomorphism  $C \rightarrow C^\omega(I)$  for some open interval  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .*

Clearly 1 follows from 2 and 3 applied to  $A = \mathbb{R}\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}/\mathfrak{a}$ . Before we prove Theorem 2 and Proposition 3 we need some real algebraic preparations.

**DEFINITION 1.** A ring  $A$  is called *semi real* if  $-1$  is not a sum of squares in  $A$ .  $A$  is called *real* if  $a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2 = 0$  implies  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ . An ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $A$  is called (*semi*) *real* if the ring  $A/\mathfrak{a}$  is (semi) real.

**DEFINITION 2.** Let  $A$  be a differential ring in  $K$  derivatives and let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of  $A$ . We define

$$\mathfrak{a}^\# := \{a \in \mathfrak{a} \mid \text{every derivative of } a \text{ is in } \mathfrak{a}\}$$

The useful construction  $\mathfrak{a}^\#$  was first introduced by Keigher in [2]. Clearly  $\mathfrak{a}^\#$  is the largest differential ideal of  $A$  contained in  $\mathfrak{a}$ . Let  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$  a ring homomorphism into a ring  $B$ . Let  $B[[T]]$  be the power series ring over  $B$  in one variable  $T$ .  $B[[T]]$  is a differential ring with the standard derivative  $\frac{d}{dT}$ . We define the *Taylor morphism*  $T_\sigma : A \rightarrow B[[T]]$  by

$$T_\sigma(a) := \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\sigma(d^n a)}{n!} T^n.$$

Here  $d^n a$  denotes the  $n$ -th derivative of  $a \in A$ .

The Leibniz rule implies that  $T_\sigma$  is a differential homomorphism. If  $\sigma : A \rightarrow A/\mathfrak{a}$  is the residue map corresponding to an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $A$ , then clearly  $\mathfrak{a}^\#$  is the kernel of  $T_\sigma$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.** *Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal in the differential ring  $A$ . If  $\mathfrak{a}$  is prime, semi real, real respectively then  $\mathfrak{a}^\#$  is prime, semi real, real respectively.*

**PROOF.** If  $\mathfrak{a}$  is prime, semi real, real respectively, then  $A/\mathfrak{a}$  is a domain, semi real, real respectively. Hence the power series ring  $A/\mathfrak{a}[[T]]$  is a domain, semi real, real respectively and so  $\mathfrak{a}^\# = \text{Ker}(T_{A \rightarrow A/\mathfrak{a}})$  is prime, semi real, real respectively. ■

**PROPOSITION 5.** *Let  $A$  be a differential ring and let  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A$  be a differential ideal. Then  $\mathfrak{p}$  is maximal among the proper, semi real and differential ideals of  $A$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{p}$  is maximal among the proper, real and differential ideals of  $A$ . In this case  $\mathfrak{p}$  is prime.*

**PROOF.** Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be maximal among all proper, semi real and differential ideals of  $A$ . The Proposition is proved if we can show that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is real and prime. By classical real algebra (c.f [3], III, §3, Satz 2), there is a real prime ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$  of  $A$  containing  $\mathfrak{p}$ . By Proposition 4,  $\mathfrak{q}^\#$  is a real, differential prime ideal of  $A$ . Since  $\mathfrak{q}^\#$  contains  $\mathfrak{p}$ , the maximality of  $\mathfrak{p}$  implies  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{q}^\#$ , thus  $\mathfrak{p}$  is real and prime. ■

Finally we use a structure theorem for differential algebras (in one derivative), as explained in [4].

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $S = (S, d)$  be a differential domain in one derivative, containing  $\mathbb{Z}$  and let  $R = (R, d) \subseteq (S, d)$  be a differential subring such that  $S$  is differentially finitely generated over  $R$ . Then there are  $R$ -subalgebras  $B$  and  $U$  of  $S$  and an element  $h \in B$ ,  $h \neq 0$  such that:*

- (a)  $B$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -algebra and  $B_h$  is a finitely presented  $R$ -algebra.
- (b)  $S_h = (B \cdot U)_h$  is a differentially finitely presented  $R$ -algebra.
- (c) The homomorphism  $B \otimes_R U \rightarrow B \cdot U$  induced by multiplication is an isomorphism of  $R$ -algebras.
- (d)  $U$  is a differential polynomial ring over  $R$  in finitely many variables.

**PROOF.** This is Theorem 1 in [4] for the case of one derivative. Take  $U := P_{\{d\}}$  and replace  $B$  by  $B \cdot P_\emptyset$  in [4], Theorem 1. ■

**Proof of Theorem 2.** Since  $A$  is semi real,  $A$  contains an ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ , which is maximal among all proper, semi real and differential ideals of  $A$ . By Proposition 5,  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a real, differential prime ideal. Let  $S$  be the differential  $F$ -algebra  $S := A/\mathfrak{p}$ . Take  $F$ -subalgebras  $B, U$  of  $S$  and an element  $h \in B$ ,  $h \neq 0$  as in Theorem 6. Since  $S$  is real,  $B$  and  $B_h$  are real, too. It is enough to show that  $U = F$ , then the differential map  $A \rightarrow A/\mathfrak{p} = S \hookrightarrow S_h = B_h =: C$  has the required properties. Suppose  $U \neq F$ . Since  $B_h$  is a finitely generated, real  $F$ -algebra, Tarski's principle gives an homomorphism  $\varphi : B_h \rightarrow \overline{F}$  into a real closed field  $\overline{F}$  containing  $F$ . Since  $U \neq F$  is a differential polynomial ring, there is a differential  $F$ -algebra homomorphism  $\tau : U \rightarrow F$  with non trivial kernel. By Theorem 6, there is an  $F$ -algebra homomorphism  $\sigma : S \rightarrow \overline{F}$ , extending  $\varphi|_B$  and  $\tau$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{q} := \text{Ker } \sigma$  is a real ideal of  $S$  containing  $\text{Ker } \tau$ . By Proposition 4,  $\mathfrak{q}^\#$  is a real, differential ideal of  $S$ . Since  $\tau$  is a differential homomorphism,  $\mathfrak{q}^\#$  contains  $\text{Ker } \tau$ , hence  $\mathfrak{q}^\#$  is a non trivial, real, differential ideal of  $S$ , which contradicts the maximality of  $\mathfrak{p}$ . ■

**Proof of Proposition 3.** Let  $C = \mathbb{R}[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  and let  $g_i \in \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  such that  $g_i(a)$  is the derivative of  $a_i$  in  $C$ . We consider the ring  $\mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  as a differential ring with derivation  $d : \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  defined by  $dX_i = g_i$ . Then the homomorphism  $\lambda : \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n] \rightarrow C$  sending  $X_i$  to  $a_i$  is differential. Since  $C$  is a real, finitely generated  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra, there is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra homomorphism  $\varepsilon : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The fundamental theorem on ordinary differential equations gives an open interval  $I$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  containing 0 and analytic maps  $c_i : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) such that  $c_i(0) = \varepsilon(a_i)$  and

$$c_i'(t) = g_i(c_1(t), \dots, c_n(t)) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

Now a straight forward computation shows that the Taylor morphism  $T_\varepsilon$  of  $\varepsilon : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  maps  $a_i$  to the Taylor expansion of  $c_i$  at 0. By shrinking  $I$  if necessary, we get that  $T_\varepsilon$  has values in  $C^\omega(I)$ , which proves Proposition 3. ■

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