

Chapter 6 Decomposition Algorithms for Algebraic partial Differential Equations

Recall that a partial diff ring (R, Δ) is a commutative ring R with unity together with a finite set $\Delta = \{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m\}$ of mutually commuting derivation operators (i.e., $\forall a \in R, \delta_i(\delta_j(a)) = \delta_j(\delta_i(a))$.)

Example: $(\mathbb{C}\langle x_1, \dots, x_m \rangle, \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} \right\})$

Notation. $\mathbb{H} = \{ \delta_1^{i_1} \delta_2^{i_2} \dots \delta_m^{i_m} \mid i_j \in \mathbb{N}, j=1, \dots, m \}$.

Let (K, Δ) be a diff field of char 0 with $\Delta = \{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m\}$.

We consider the diff poly ring

$$K\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} = K[\mathbb{H}(Y_i) : i=1, \dots, n].$$

$(K\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\})$ is Ritt-Noetherian, i.e., for every radical Δ -ideal $J \subseteq K\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$, $\exists f_1, \dots, f_e$ s.t. $J = \{f_1, \dots, f_e\}$.

A diff ranking \mathcal{Q} on $K\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ is a total order on

$$\mathbb{H}(Y) = \{ \theta(Y_j) \mid \theta \in \mathbb{H}, j=1, \dots, n \} \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} \textcircled{1} u < \theta(u), \forall \theta \in \mathbb{H} \setminus \{1\} \\ \textcircled{2} u < v \Rightarrow \theta(u) < \theta(v) \text{ for } \theta \in \mathbb{H}. \end{cases}$$

Remark: In the ordinary diff case ($m=1$), there is a unique ranking on $K\{Y\}$; but here even for $n=1$ and $m=2$, there are uncountable number of rankings on $K\{Y\}$.

For example, we can define $R_1: \delta_1^{i_1} \delta_2^{i_2}(\gamma) < \delta_1^{j_1} \delta_2^{j_2}(\gamma) \Leftrightarrow (i_1, i_2) <_{\text{lex}} (j_1, j_2)$
 and $R_2: \delta_1^{i_1} \delta_2^{i_2}(\gamma) < \delta_1^{j_1} \delta_2^{j_2}(\gamma) \Leftrightarrow i_1 + i_2 < j_1 + j_2$ or $i_1 + i_2 = j_1 + j_2$
 & $(i_1, i_2) <_{\text{lex}} (j_1, j_2)$.

Fix a ranking R . Given a Δ -poly $f \in K\{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n\} \setminus K$,

$$\text{ld}(f) = \max \{ u \in \Theta(\gamma) \mid \deg(f, u) > 0 \}.$$

Rewrite $f = I_0(\text{ld}(f))^d + I_1(\text{ld}(f))^{d-1} + \dots + I_{d-1}(\text{ld}(f)) + I_0$,

$$I_f := I_0$$

$$S_f := \frac{\partial f}{\partial \text{ld}(f)}$$

$$\gamma_k(f) := (\text{ld}(f), d) \quad (\text{or } \text{ld}(f)^d)$$

Concerning autoreduced sets, in the partial diff case here,
 we need Dickson's lemma to prove

- i) Every autoreduced set is finite.
- ii) Every nonempty set of autoreduced set has a minimal element.
- iii) A strictly decreasing sequence of autoreduced sets has finite terms.

$$\star: A_1 < A_2 < \dots < A_\ell \quad (\text{i.e., } \gamma_k(A_1) <_{\text{lex}} \gamma_k(A_2) <_{\text{lex}} \dots < \gamma_k(A_\ell))$$

Remark In an autoreduced set A , there may be two Δ -polys whose leaders are derivatives of the same γ_i .

Example ($m=2$): $A = \delta_1(\gamma_1), \delta_2(\gamma_1)$.

We now give Δ -Reduction algorithms.

Lemma 6.1 Let A be an autoreduced set. There is a mechanical procedure to compute, for any $F \in K\{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n\}$, the partial remainder \tilde{F} of F with respect to A , and $s_A \in N(A \setminus A)$ such that the rank of \tilde{F} is lower than or equal to that of F and

$$\prod_{A \in A} s_A^{s_A} F \equiv \tilde{F} \pmod{[A]}.$$

Moreover, $\prod_{A \in A} s_A^{s_A} F - \tilde{F}$ can be written as a linear combination over $K\{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n\}$ of derivatives $\theta(A)$ such that $\theta(\text{ld}(A))$ is lower than or equal to the leader of F .

Proof. If F is partially reduced w.r.t. A , set $\tilde{F} = F$ and $s_A = 0$.

Obviously, \tilde{F} and the numbers s_A have the desired properties.

We suppose that F is not partially reduced w.r.t. \mathcal{A} .

Let $D(F, \mathcal{A}) = \{ \partial(u_{\mathcal{A}}) \mid \partial \in \mathbb{A} \setminus \{1\}, A \in \mathcal{A}, \deg(F, \partial(u_{\mathcal{A}})) > 0 \}$. ($u_{\mathcal{A}} = \text{ld}(F)$)

Then $D(F, \mathcal{A}) \neq \emptyset$. Let $v = v(F, \mathcal{A}) = \max D(F, \mathcal{A})$ (unique) and let

$C \triangleq \max \{ A \in \mathcal{A} \mid \partial(u_{\mathcal{A}}) = v \}$ (unique).

Since $\partial(C) = S_c \cdot v - T$ for $T \in K \langle Y \rangle$ and the rank of T is lower than v . Letting $e = \deg(F, v)$, we may write

$F = \sum_{i=0}^e J_i \cdot v^i$, where $J_i \in K \langle Y_1, \dots, Y_n \rangle$ are free of v .

Then $S_c^e F = \sum_{i=0}^e S_c^{e-i} J_i (S_c v)^i \equiv \sum_{i=0}^e S_c^{e-i} J_i T^i \pmod{\langle \partial(C) \rangle}$.

Obviously, the Δ -poly $G = \sum_{i=0}^e S_c^{e-i} J_i T^i$ cannot involve a proper derivative of any $u_{\mathcal{A}}$ as high as v , $\partial(u_{\mathcal{A}}) = v \leq u_{\mathcal{F}}$, and the rank of G is no higher than that of F . Then

either $D(G, \mathcal{A}) = \emptyset$ or $v(G, \mathcal{A}) < v(F, \mathcal{A})$. Perform the above procedure for G . Since a strictly decreasing sequence of derivatives in $\mathbb{A} \langle Y \rangle$ is finite, this procedure terminates with $D(\tilde{F}, \mathcal{A}) = \emptyset$.

And the obtained \tilde{F} satisfies the desired properties.

□

Prop 6.2 Let A be an autoreduced set in $K\{Y\}$ and $F \in K\{Y\}$. There is a mechanical procedure to compute the remainder F_0 of F w.r.t. A and $i_A, s_A \in \mathbb{N} (A \neq \emptyset)$ s.t. $(\Delta\text{-rem}(F, A))$ the rank of F_0 is lower than or equal to that of F , and $\prod_{A \in A} I_A^{i_A} S_A^{s_A} \cdot F \equiv F_0 \pmod{[A]}$.

More precisely, $\prod_{A \in A} I_A^{i_A} S_A^{s_A} \cdot F - F_0$ can be written as a linear combination over $K\{Y\}$ of derivatives $\partial(A)$ such that $A \in A$ and $\partial(A) \leq \text{ld}(F)$.

Proof. Let \tilde{F} be the partial remainder of F w.r.t. A as computed in Lemma 6.1. Let $A = A_1, \dots, A_l$ and $A_k = I_k u_{A_k}^{d_k} + I_{k1} u_{A_k}^{d_{k-1}} + \dots + I_{kd} u_{A_k}^{d_k}$.

Let $i_k = \begin{cases} \deg(F, u_{A_k}) - d_k + 1 & \deg(F, u_{A_k}) \geq d_k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

Then $I_{A_k}^{i_k} \tilde{F} \equiv \tilde{F}^{(i_k)} \pmod{[A_k]}$ where $\tilde{F}^{(i_k)}$ is partially reduced w.r.t. A , is reduced w.r.t. A_k , and has rank lower than or equal to the rank of \tilde{F} .

Then perform this pseudo reduction procedure for $\tilde{F}^{(l)}$ and continuing in this way, we can successively compute $i_{l-1}, \tilde{F}^{(l-1)}, i_{l-2}, \tilde{F}^{(l-2)}, \dots, i_1, \tilde{F}^{(1)}$ where $\tilde{F}^{(k)}$ is partially reduced w.r.t. A , is reduced w.r.t. A_k, \dots, A_l , and has rank lower than or equal to the rank of \tilde{F} and $I_k^{i_k} \dots I_l^{i_l} \tilde{F} \equiv \tilde{F}^{(k)} \pmod{(A_k, \dots, A_l)}$. Take $F_0 := \tilde{F}^{(1)}$ which satisfies the desired property. \square .

Coherence of Autoreduced Sets

In the ordinary diff case, an autoreduced set is a characteristic set of a prime δ -ideal if and only if it is irreducible. In the partial diff case, irreducible autoreduced set might be contradictory as shown in the following example:

Example 1 Let $K = (\mathbb{C}(x_1, x_2), \{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\})$ and $\{A_1, A_2\} \subseteq K\{y_1, y_2\}$

$$A_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}(y_2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}(y_1),$$

$$A_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}(y_2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}(y_1) - y_1$$

Take the elimination ranking $\gamma_1 < \gamma_2$ with

$$\frac{\partial^{l_1+l_2}(y_1)}{\partial x_1^{l_1} \partial x_2^{l_2}} < \frac{\partial^{l_1'+l_2'}(x_1)}{\partial x_1^{l_1'} \partial x_2^{l_2'}} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} l_2 > l_2' \text{ or} \\ l_2 = l_2' \ \& \ l_1 > l_1'. \end{array}$$

So A_1, A_2 is an irreducible autoreduced set.

But $\{A_1, A_2\}$ has no solutions. (For, $\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial x_1} = 1$)

A necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a solution to a system of diff equations such as

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} = f(x_1, x_2) \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2} = g(x_1, x_2) \end{cases}$$

is that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_1}$.

Coherence is a property that generalizes this condition for systems given by autoreduced sets. Coherence implies formal integrability and is a cousin concept of Riquier's passivity (Riquier-Janet approach). Informally speaking,

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Coherence} \longleftrightarrow \text{passivity} \\ \text{Gröbner basis} \longleftrightarrow \text{Involutive/Riquier bases.} \end{array}$$

Two derivatives $u, v \in \mathbb{H}(Y)$ have a common derivative if $\exists \phi, \psi \in \mathbb{H}$ s.t. $\phi(u) = \psi(v)$. This happens when u and v are derivatives of the same γ_i .

Assume $u = \delta_1^{e_1} \dots \delta_m^{e_m}(\gamma_i)$ and $v = \delta_1^{t_1} \dots \delta_m^{t_m}(\gamma_i)$. Then

any $\delta_1^{g_1} \dots \delta_m^{g_m}(\gamma_i)$ with $g_i \geq \max\{e_i, t_i\}$ is a common derivative of u and v . If we take $g_i = \max\{e_i, t_i\}$, we obtain the **lowest common derivative of u and v** and denote it by **$\text{lcd}(u, v)$** .

Def 6.3 Let a ranking be fixed. An autoreduced set $\mathcal{A} \subseteq K\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ is called **coherent** if whenever $A, A' \in \mathcal{A}$ and V is a common derivative of u_A and $u_{A'}$, say $V = \theta(u_A) = \theta'(u_{A'})$, then

$$S_{A'}(\theta A) - S_A(\theta' A') \in (\mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{A} < V}) : H_{\mathcal{A}}^{\infty}$$

where $\mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{A} < V} = \{ \tau(A) \mid \tau \in \mathbb{H}, A \in \mathcal{A}, \tau(u_A) < V \}$.

Testing coherence can be done with finitely many

test. For each pair of Δ -polys A, A' in an autoreduced set, it is sufficient to look at the Δ -poly corresponding to the lowest common derivative between U_A and $U_{A'}$.

Def 6.4 Let A and B be two Δ -polys in an autoreduced set. We define the Δ -polynomial of A and B , $\Delta(A, B)$, as follows:

$$\Delta(a, b) = \begin{cases} S_B \cdot \theta(A) - S_A \cdot \tau(B), & \text{if } \text{lcd}(U_A, U_B) = \theta(U_A) = \tau(U_B); \\ 0, & \text{if } U_A \text{ and } U_B \text{ have no common derivatives.} \end{cases}$$

Lemma 6.5 If a, b are elems of a Δ -ring R . For any $\theta \in \Theta$ with $\text{ord}(\theta) = e$,

$$a^{e+1} \theta(b) \in (\tau(ab) \mid \tau \in \Theta, \tau \mid \theta).$$

Proof. If $e=0$, it is trivial. Sp the property is true for all θ of order $\leq e$. Let $\theta \in \Theta$ with $\text{ord}(\theta) = e+1$. Then $\exists \delta_i \in \Delta$ and $\theta' \in \Theta$ s.t. $\theta = \delta_i \theta'$. Since $\text{ord}(\theta') = e$, $a^{e+1} \theta'(b) \in (\tau(ab) \mid \tau \mid \theta')$. That is,

$$a^{e+1} \theta'(b) = \sum_{\tau \in \theta'} C_\tau \cdot \tau(ab) \Rightarrow \delta_i(a^{e+1} \theta'(b)) = a^{e+1} \theta(b) + (e+1)a^e \cdot \delta_i(a) \theta'(b) = \sum_{\tau \in \theta'} [\delta_i(C_\tau) \tau(ab) + C_\tau \delta_i \tau(ab)].$$

Thus, $a^{e+2} \theta(b) \in (\tau(ab) \mid \tau \in \theta)$. \square

Prop 6.6 Let \mathcal{A} be an ordered set.

If for all $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$, we have $\Delta(A, B) \in (\bigoplus_{\mathcal{A} < \nu} \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty) : H_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty$ where $\nu = \text{lcd}(u_A, u_B)$, then \mathcal{A} is coherent.

Proof. First we show for any $\nu \in \bigoplus(\mathcal{Y})$,

if $f \in (\bigoplus_{\mathcal{A} < \nu} \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty) : H_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty$, then

$$\theta f \in (\bigoplus_{\mathcal{A} < \theta \nu} \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty) : H_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty \text{ for any } \theta \in \bigoplus.$$

Indeed, if $f \in (\bigoplus_{\mathcal{A} < \nu} \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty) : H_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty$, then $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$H_{\mathcal{A}}^m \cdot f \in (\bigoplus_{\mathcal{A} < \nu} \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty), \text{ i.e. } H_{\mathcal{A}}^m \cdot f = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{A} < \nu} C_{\tau, A} \tau(A).$$

By Lemma 6.5, $(H_{\mathcal{A}}^m)^{\text{ord}(\theta)+1} \cdot \theta(f) \in (\theta'(H_{\mathcal{A}}^m \cdot f) : \theta' \mid \theta)$.

For any $\theta' \mid \theta$, $\theta'(H_{\mathcal{A}}^m \cdot f) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{A} < \nu} \theta'(C_{\tau, A} \tau(A)) \in (\theta'(A) \mid \theta'(u_A) < \theta(\nu))_{\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{A}}$.

Hence, $\theta(f) \in (\bigoplus_{\mathcal{A} < \theta(\nu)} \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty) : H_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty$.

Now, sps $\Delta(A, B) \in (\mathbb{H}A_{<V}) : H_A^\infty$ ($V = \text{cd}(u_A, u_B)$)
to show \star is coherent.

let $w = \partial_i(V)$ for some $\partial_i \in \mathbb{H}$ be a common
derivative of u_A and u_B . That is, $w = \partial_i \partial'(u_A) = \partial_i \partial''(u_B)$

and $\Delta(A, B) = S_B \partial'(A) - S_A \partial''(B) \in (\mathbb{H}A_{<V}) : H_A^\infty$.

So $\partial_i(\Delta(A, B)) \in (\mathbb{H}A_{<\partial_i V}) : H_A^\infty$.

Thus, $S_B \partial_i \partial'(A) - S_A \partial_i \partial''(B)$

$$= \partial_i (S_B \partial'(A) - S_A \partial''(B)) - \sum_{\substack{\tau \neq \partial_i \\ \tau \in \mathbb{H}}} \binom{\partial_i}{\tau} \frac{\partial_i}{\tau} (S_B \cdot \tau \partial'(A)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{\tau \neq \partial_i \\ \tau \in \mathbb{H}}} \binom{\partial_i}{\tau} \frac{\partial_i}{\tau} (S_A \cdot \tau \partial''(B))$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \tau \partial'(u_A) < w = \partial_i(V) \\ \tau \partial''(u_B) < w = \partial_i(V) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\in (\mathbb{H}A_{<\partial_i V}) : H_A^\infty.$$

So \star is coherent.

□.

The simplest test for coherence is thus the
following. It gives only a sufficient condition.

Prop 6.7 Let A be an autoreduced set.

If for all $A, B \in A$, $\Delta\text{-rem}(\Delta(A, B), A) = 0$,
then A is coherent.

Proof. Note that $\text{ld}(\Delta(A, B)) < v = \text{lcd}(u_A, u_B)$.

By Prop 6.2, $\exists H \in H_A$ s.t.

$$H \cdot \Delta(A, B) \in \left(\bigoplus_{\text{ld}(\Delta(A, B))} A \right) \\ \subseteq \left(\bigoplus_{< v} A \right). \quad \square$$

Thm 6.8 (Rosenfeld's lemma)

Let A be a coherent autoreduced set
in $K\langle Y \rangle$. Let $f \in [A]: H_A^\infty$. If f is partially
reduced w.r.t. A , then $f \in (A): H_A^\infty$.

Proof. Since $f \in [A]: H_A^\infty$, there exists a finite
subset D of $\bigoplus^+ A$ s.t. for some $H \in H_A^\infty$ we can

Write
$$Hf = \sum_{(\theta, A) \in D \subseteq \mathbb{H}^+ \times \mathbb{A}} C_{\theta, A} \theta(A) + \sum_{A \in \mathbb{A}} g_A \cdot A \quad (1)$$

for some $C_{\theta, A}$ and $g_A \in K\langle Y \rangle$, where $\mathbb{H}^+ = \{\theta \in \mathbb{H} \mid \text{ord}(\theta) > 0\}$.

Assume f is partially reduced w.r.t. \mathbb{A} . If $D = \emptyset$, then $f \in (\mathbb{A}) : H_{\mathbb{A}}^{\infty}$. Assume, for contradiction, that there is no relation of type (1) with $D = \emptyset$ for f . And for each relation of type (1), set v to be the highest derivative in $\mathbb{H}^+(\text{ld}(\mathbb{A}))$ that appears effectively in the right hand side. Among all the possible relationships (1) that can be written, take one for which v is minimal.

Let $E = \{(\theta, A) \in D \mid \theta(u_A) = v\}$ and select one, say

$(\theta', A') \in E$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} S_{A'} \cdot Hf &= \sum_{(\theta, A) \in E} C_{\theta, A} S_{A'} \theta(A) + S_{A'} \sum_{(\theta, A) \in D \setminus E} C_{\theta, A} \theta(A) + \sum_{A \in \mathbb{A}} S_{A'} g_A \cdot A \\ &= \sum_{(\theta, A) \in E} C_{\theta, A} (S_{A'} \theta(A) - S_A \theta'(A')) + \left(\sum_{(\theta, A) \in E} C_{\theta, A} S_A \right) \cdot \theta'(A') \\ &\quad + S_{A'} \left[\sum_{(\theta, A) \in D \setminus E} C_{\theta, A} \theta(A) + \sum_{A \in \mathbb{A}} g_A \cdot A \right]. \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

Since \mathbb{A} is coherent, $S_{A'} \theta(A) - S_A \theta'(A') \in (\mathbb{H}^{\mathbb{A} < v}) : H_{\mathbb{A}}^{\infty}$.

So from (2), there exist $H_1 \in H_A^\infty$, $\beta_{\theta, A'}$, g'_A , $\beta_{\theta, A} \in K\{Y\}$ s.t.

$$H_1 f = \beta_{\theta, A'} \cdot \theta'(A') + \sum_{\substack{(\theta, A) \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \times A \\ \theta(u_A) < \nu}} \beta_{\theta, A} \cdot \theta(A) + \sum_{A \in A} g'_A \cdot A. \quad (3)$$

Note that $\theta'(A') = S_{A'} \cdot \nu + T$ with T free of ν .

Substituting $\nu = -\frac{I}{S_{A'}}$ in (3) and multiplying a suitable power of $S_{A'}$ to clear denominators, we have

$$H_2 f = \sum_{\substack{(\theta, A) \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \times A \\ \theta(u_A) < \nu}} \beta'_{\theta, A} \theta(A) + \sum_{A \in A} g''_A \cdot A,$$

for some $H_2 \in H_A^\infty$, $\beta'_{\theta, A}$ and $g''_A \in K\{Y\}$, which is a relation of type (1) for f in which either $D = \phi$ or ν is replaced by a derivative lower than ν . This contradiction completes the proof. \square .

Theorem 6.9 Let A be an autoreduced set in $K\langle Y \rangle$. If A is a characteristic set of a prime Δ -ideal $P \subseteq K\langle Y \rangle$, then $P = [A]:H_A^\infty$, A is coherent, and $[A]:H_A^\infty$ is a prime ideal not containing a nonzero elt reduced w.r.t. A . Conversely, if A is a coherent autoreduced set s.t. $[A]:H_A^\infty$ is prime and doesn't contain a nonzero element reduced w.r.t. A , then A is a characteristic set of a prime Δ -ideal of $K\langle Y \rangle$.

Proof. First, suppose A is a Δ -char set of a prime Δ -ideal P . Then $H_A \notin P$ and $P = [A]:H_A^\infty$ follows.

Since $\Delta(A, B) \in P$ for any $A, B \in A$, $\Delta\text{-rem}(\Delta(A, B), A) = 0$ and by prop 6.7, A is coherent. Let V be the minimal subset of $\mathbb{P}(Y)$ s.t. $A \subseteq K[V]$. Then by Rosenfeld's lemma,

$[A]:H_A^\infty \cap K[V] = ([A]:H_A^\infty \cap K[V])$, which is prime. Thus, $[A]:H_A^\infty = ([A]:H_A^\infty \cap K[V])_{K\langle Y \rangle}$ is prime

and $[A]:H_A^\infty$ contains no nonzero elt reduced w.r.t. A .

Conversely, sps A is a coherent autoreduced set and $(A):H_A^\infty$ is prime which doesn't contain a nonzero elt reduced w.r.t. A . To show $\text{Sat}(A) = [(A):H_A^\infty]$ is prime and A is a char set of $\text{Sat}(A)$. For $f_1, f_2 \in K\langle Y \rangle$ with $f_1, f_2 \in \text{Sat}(A)$, let $\gamma_1 = \Delta\text{-rem}(f_1, A)$ and $\gamma_2 = \Delta\text{-rem}(f_2, A)$. Then $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \text{Sat}(A)$. Since γ_1, γ_2 is partially reduced w.r.t. A , $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in (A):H_A^\infty$ by Rosenfeld's lemma. Since $(A):H_A^\infty$ is prime, $\gamma_1 \in (A):H_A^\infty$ or $\gamma_2 \in (A):H_A^\infty$. So $f_1 \in \text{Sat}(A)$ or $f_2 \in \text{Sat}(A)$. Thus, $\text{Sat}(A)$ is a prime Δ -ideal. Given any $f \in \text{Sat}(A)$, let $\gamma = \Delta\text{-rem}(f, A)$. Since $\gamma \in \text{Sat}(A)$ is reduced w.r.t. A , $\gamma \in (A):H_A^\infty$ and thus $\gamma = 0$. Thus, A is a char set of $\text{Sat}(A)$, a prime Δ -ideal. \square .

Remark: An autoreduced set A is a char set of a prime Δ -ideal $\iff A$ is irreducible and coherent.

$\Sigma \subseteq K\langle Y \rangle$: a finite set of nonzero Δ -polys.
Well-ordering principle

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \Sigma_0 = \Sigma \quad \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_0 \cup R_0 \quad \dots \quad \Sigma_e = \Sigma_{e-1} \cup R_{e-1} \\
 A_0 = \text{b.s.}(\Sigma_0) > A_1 = \text{b.s.}(\Sigma_1) > \dots > A_e \\
 R_0 \neq \emptyset \quad R_1 \neq \emptyset \quad \dots \quad R_e = \emptyset
 \end{array}$$

Here, A_i is a minimal autoreduced set contained in Σ_i ,

$$R_i = \{ \Delta\text{-rem}(g, A_i) \mid g \in \Sigma_i \setminus A_i \text{ or } g = \Delta(A, B) \text{ for } A, B \in A_i \} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Since $A_0 > A_1 > A_2 > \dots$, $\exists e \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $R_e = \emptyset$,

$A = A_e$ is a coherent autoreduced set in $[\Sigma]$

satisfying $\Delta\text{-rem}(\Sigma, A) = \{0\}$.

As in the ordinary diff case, we have the following zero decomposition theorems:

Theorem 6.10 (Zero decomposition theorem: weak form)

There is an algorithmic procedure to compute for any finite $\Sigma \subseteq K\langle Y \rangle$ a finite set of coherent autoreduced sets A_1, \dots, A_e

such that $V(\Sigma) = \bigcup_{i=1}^e V(A_i/H_{A_i})$,

where $\Delta\text{-rem}(\Sigma, A_i) = \{0\}$ for each i .

Theorem 6.11 (Irreducible Decomposition Theorem: partial diff

case) There is an algorithmic procedure which permits

to detect whether $V(\Sigma) = \emptyset$ for any finite subset

$\Sigma \subseteq K\{Y\}$ or in the nonempty case, to decompose

$$\begin{aligned} V(\Sigma) &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{\ell} V(A_i / H_{A_i}) \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{\ell} V(\text{Sat}(A_i)) \end{aligned}$$

in which each A_i is an irreducible coherent autoreduced set.