

# P-recursive moment sequences of piecewise D-finite functions and Prony-type algebraic systems

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## General form of solution

Exponential polynomials (Binet's formula)

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where  $\{\xi_i\}$  are the roots of the **characteristic polynomial**  
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## Algebraic approach[Eckhoff(1995)]

- Approximate  $f$  by a piecewise polynomial  $\Phi$ 
  - ▶ jumps at  $\{\xi_i\}$  with magnitudes  $\{a_{i,j}\}$ .
- Recover  $\Phi$  from the perturbed Prony-type system

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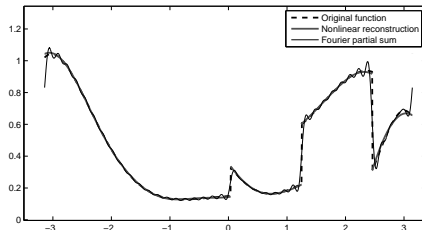
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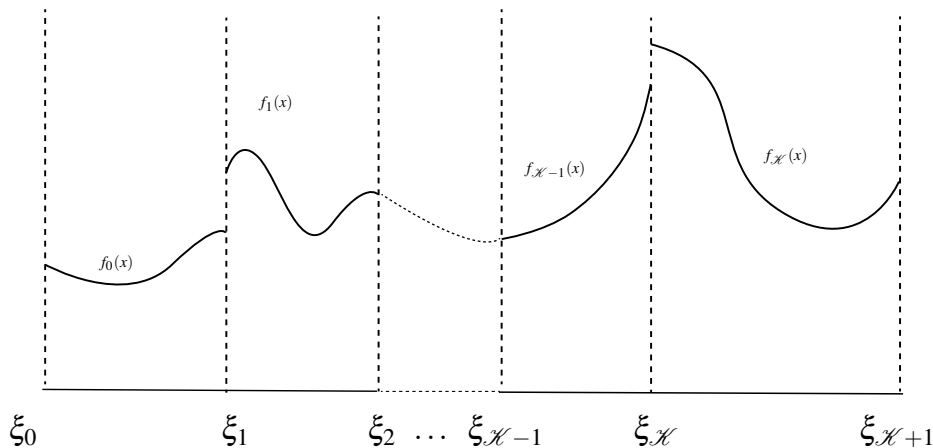


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## Lemma

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# Unbounded example

## Legendre differential equation

$$\mathfrak{D}_m = \left(1 - x^2\right) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{d}{dx} + m(m+1) \mathfrak{J}.$$

- For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  solutions are the Legendre orthogonal polynomials  $\{L_m\}$
- First  $m - 1$  moments of  $L_m$  are zero
- Conclusion:  $\sigma(\mathfrak{D}_m) = m$
- $\implies$  **No uniform bound in terms of  $d, n$  for generic  $\mathfrak{D}$ !**



## Theorem (DB,GB 2012)

*Assume that the leading coefficient of the operator  $\mathfrak{D}$  does not vanish on any two consecutive jump points  $\xi_j, \xi_{j+1}$ . Then*

$$\sigma(\mathfrak{D}) \leq (\mathcal{K} + 2)n + d - 1.$$

# Proof outline

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# Resonant Fuchsian operators

## Theorem (DB,GB 2012)

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be of Fuchsian type, and consider moments in  $[0, 1]$ . If  $\mathcal{D}$  has at most one negative integer characteristic exponent at the point  $z = 0$ , then

$$\sigma(\mathcal{D}, 0) = 2n + d - 1.$$

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- 1 Write functional equation for the Mellin transform  
$$M[f](s) = \int_0^1 t^s f(s) \, ds.$$
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# Moment generating function

$$\underbrace{\sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^d a_{i,j} (-1)^j (i+k)_j m_{i-j+k}}_{\mu_k} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{X}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_{i,j}(k)_j \xi_i^{k-j}}_{\varepsilon_k}$$

$$I_g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{m_k}{z^{k+1}} = \int_a^b \frac{f(t) dt}{t-z}$$

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*The Cauchy integral  $I_g$  satisfies at the neighborhood of  $\infty$  the inhomogeneous ODE*

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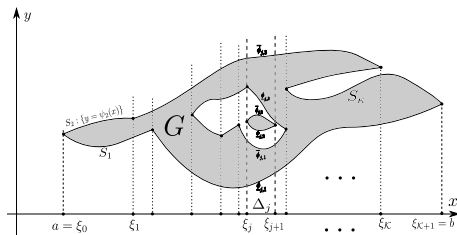
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$$\iint_{\Omega} f(x + iy) dx dy = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^{k_j-1} c_{ij} f^{(j)}(z_i)$$

# D-finite domains



$$m_{\alpha, \beta} = \int_a^b x^\alpha \Psi_\beta(x) dx = \sum_{j=0}^{\mathcal{K}} \int_{\Delta_j} x^\alpha \Psi_{\beta, j}(x) dx$$

$$\Psi_{\beta, j} = \frac{1}{\beta+1} \sum_{l=1}^{s_j} \{ \overline{\phi}_{j,l}^{\beta+1}(x) - \underline{\phi}_{j,l}^{\beta+1}(x) \}$$

- $\Psi_\beta$  are piecewise D-finite, are reconstructed via the 1D algorithm.
- $\{ \phi_{j,l} \}$  are reconstructed pointwise via solving Prony-type system.

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