

21. Nonlinear Singular First Order Partial Differential Equations of Briot-Bouquet Type

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In this paper we will present a generalization of the Briot-Bouquet ordinary differential equation to partial differential equations.

§1. Briot-Bouquet equation. First let us recall the theory of nonlinear ordinary differential equations of the form

$$(1.1) \quad t \frac{du}{dt} = f(t, u), \quad f(0, 0) = 0$$

which was first studied by Briot-Bouquet [1]. Nowadays it is called the Briot-Bouquet equation and the structure of solutions of (1.1) near the origin of C_t is well-known (see Hille [3], Hukuhara-Kimura-Matuda [4], Kimura [5], Gérard [2] etc.). In particular, when

$$\rho = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(0, 0)$$

is in a generic position, we know the following:

Theorem 1. Assume that $f(t, u)$ is a holomorphic function defined near the origin of $C_t \times C_u$. Then we have:

(1) (Holomorphic solutions). If $\rho \in N^*(=\{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$, the equation (1.1) has a unique solution $u_0(t)$ holomorphic near the origin of C_t satisfying $u_0(0) = 0$.

(2) (Singular solutions). If $\rho \in N^* \cup \{a \in \mathbf{R}; a \leq 0\}$, the general solution $u(t)$ of (1.1) near the origin of C_t is given by

$$(1.2) \quad u(t) = ct^\rho + a_{1,0}t + \sum_{i+j \geq 2} a_{i,j}t^i(ct^\rho)^j,$$

where $c \in C$ is arbitrary, the coefficients $a_{i,j} \in C$ are uniquely determined by the equation (1.1), and the series

$$w + a_{1,0}t + \sum_{i+j \geq 2} a_{i,j}t^i w^j$$

is a convergent power series in $\{t, w\}$. The holomorphic solution $u_0(t)$ in (1) is given by the case $c=0$.

§2. Generalization of (1.1) to partial differential equations. Let us consider

$$(2.1) \quad t \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = F\left(t, x, u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right),$$

where $(t, x) \in C_t \times C_x^n$, $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n}\right)$ and $F(t, x, u, v)$

with $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ is a function defined in a polydisk Δ centered at the

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origin of $C_t \times C_x^n \times C_u \times C_v^n$. Put $\Delta_0 = \Delta \cap \{t=0, u=0 \text{ and } v=0\}$. Assume :

- (A₁) $F(t, x, u, v)$ is holomorphic in Δ ,
- (A₂) $F(0, x, 0, 0) = 0$ in Δ_0 ,
- (A₃) $\frac{\partial F}{\partial v_i}(0, x, 0, 0) = 0$ in Δ_0 for $i=1, \dots, n$.

Then we will propose here the following definition.

Definition. If (2.1) satisfies (A₁), (A₂) and (A₃), we say that (2.1) is a partial differential equation of *Briot-Bouquet type* with respect to t .

The reasonability of this definition will be seen in Theorem 2 given in § 3.

§ 3. Main result for (2.1). Denote by :

- $\widetilde{C \setminus \{0\}}$ the universal covering space of $C \setminus \{0\}$;
 - S_θ the sector in $\widetilde{C \setminus \{0\}}$ defined by $\{t \in \widetilde{C \setminus \{0\}}; |\arg t| < \theta\}$;
 - $S(\varepsilon(s)) = \{t \in \widetilde{C \setminus \{0\}}; 0 < |t| < \varepsilon(\arg t)\}$ for some positive-valued function $\varepsilon(s)$ defined and continuous on R_s ;
 - $D(\delta) = \{x \in C^n; |x_i| < \delta, i=1, \dots, n\}$;
 - $C\{x\}$ the ring of germs of holomorphic functions at the origin of C_x^n ;
 - \widetilde{O}_+ the set of all functions $u(t, x)$ satisfying the following conditions (i) and (ii):
- (i) $u(t, x)$ is holomorphic in $S(\varepsilon(s)) \times D(\delta)$ for some $\varepsilon(s)$ and $\delta > 0$;
 - (ii) there is an $a > 0$ such that for any $\theta > 0$ and any compact subset K of $D(\delta)$

$$\max_{x \in K} |u(t, x)| = O(|t|^a)$$

as t tends to zero in S_θ .

Put

$$(3.1) \quad \rho(x) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(0, x, 0, 0).$$

Then the main result for (2.1) is stated as follows :

Theorem 2. Assume (A₁), (A₂), (A₃) and $\rho(0) \notin N^*$. Then we have :

(1) (*Holomorphic solutions*). The equation (2.1) has a unique solution $u_0(t, x)$ holomorphic near the origin of $C_t \times C_x^n$ satisfying $u_0(0, x) \equiv 0$.

(2) (*Singular solutions*). Denote by S_+ the set of all \widetilde{O}_+ -solutions of (2.1). Then :

$$S_+ = \begin{cases} \{u_0\}, & \text{when } \operatorname{Re} \rho(0) \leq 0, \\ \{u_0\} \cup \{U(\varphi); 0 \neq \varphi(x) \in C\{x\}\}, & \text{when } \operatorname{Re} \rho(0) > 0, \end{cases}$$

where u_0 is the holomorphic solution in (1), and $U(\varphi)$ is an \widetilde{O}_+ -solution of (2.1) having the expansion of the following form

$$\begin{cases} U(\varphi) = \sum_{i \geq 1} u_i(x)t^i + \sum_{\substack{i+2j \geq k+2 \\ j \geq 1}} \varphi_{i,j,k}(x)t^{i+j\rho(x)}(\log t)^k, \\ \varphi_{0,1,0}(x) = \varphi(x). \end{cases}$$

Remark 1. Note that the above result is consistent with the one for (1.1). To see this, we have only to recall that (1.1) is transformed into the equation $(t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \rho)w = 0$ under the relation

$$u = w + a_{1,0}t + \sum_{i+j \geq 2} a_{i,j}t^i w^j$$

and therefore in (1.2) the condition $u(t) \in \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_+$ is equivalent to the condition $ct^p \in \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_+$ (see Hukuhara-Kimura-Matuda [4]).

Remark 2. Let us consider

$$(3.2) \quad t \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = G\left(t, x, u, t \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right),$$

where $G(t, x, u, v)$ is a holomorphic function in Δ satisfying $G(0, x, 0, 0) = 0$ in Δ_0 . Then the equation (3.2) is a particular form of partial differential equations of Briot-Bouquet type with respect to t in our sense. In this case, the $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_+$ -solution $U(\varphi)$ in Theorem 2 is reduced to a solution of the following form:

$$\begin{cases} U(\varphi) = \sum_{i+j+k \geq 1} \varphi_{i,j,k}(x) t^i (t^{p(x)})^j (t \log t)^k, \\ \varphi_{0,1,0}(x) = \varphi(x). \end{cases}$$

Thus, our equation (2.1) is quite similar to the Briot-Bouquet equation (1.1) not only in the form of the equation but also in the structure of solutions and therefore the definition in §2 will be reasonable. The holomorphic function $\rho(x)$ defined by (3.1) may be called the characteristic exponent function of (2.1).

Details and proofs will be published elsewhere.

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