

# Combined use of $\lambda$ -symmetries and solvable structures for finding explicit exact solutions of ordinary differential equations

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## Definition (standard prolongation of vector fields)

Let  $\mathbf{X} = \xi(t, x)\partial_t + \eta(t, x)\partial_x$  be a smooth vector field defined on  $M$ . The (standard)  $n$ th-order prolongation of  $\mathbf{X}$  is the vector field

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$$\mathbf{X}^{[\lambda, (n)]} = \xi(t, x)\partial_t + \sum_{i=0}^n \eta^{[\lambda, (i)]}(t, x^{(i)})\partial_{x_i}, \quad (8)$$

defined on  $M^{(n)}$ , where  $\eta^{[\lambda, (0)]}(t, x) = \eta(t, x)$  and, for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$\eta^{[\lambda, (i)]}(t, x^{(i)}) = D_t \left( \eta^{[\lambda, (i-1)]}(t, x^{(i-1)}) \right) - D_t(\xi(t, x))x_i + \lambda \left( \eta^{[\lambda, (i-1)]}(t, x^{(i-1)}) - \xi(t, x)x_i \right). \quad (9)$$



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$$\left(s^3 - \frac{16}{3}\delta s + 8K_0\right)\psi''(s) + \frac{1}{2}\left(3s^2 - \frac{16}{3}\delta\right)\psi'(s) - \frac{1}{2}s\psi(s) = 0. \quad (36)$$



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## Theorem

A complete set of first integrals  $\{I_0, I_1, I_2, I_3\}$  to equation (27) is given by

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where  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are two linearly independent solutions to the linear second-order ODE (36) and  $s = u_1^2 - 2uu_2$ .

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where the prime symbol denotes derivation with respect to  $t$ .

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- If  $\psi = \psi(s; K_0)$  is a solution to the linear equation (36), then  $\phi(t; K_0) = \psi(s(t; K_0); K_0)$  verifies the following Schrödinger-type equation:

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- The implicit general solution (38) can be expressed as follows:

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- We can eliminate  $u_1$  to obtain the following parametrized general solution to equation (27):

$$x(t) = \frac{K_3(K_1 - K_2)(\phi_1(t; K_0) - K_2\phi_2(t; K_0))}{\phi_1(t; K_0) - K_1\phi_2(t; K_0)},$$

$$u(t) = \frac{K_3(K_1 - K_2)^2}{4(\phi_1(t; K_0) - K_1\phi_2(t; K_0))^2},$$

where  $K_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ ,  $K_3 > 0$ , and  $K_1 \neq K_2$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\phi_1 = \phi_1(t; K_0)$  and  $\phi_2 = \phi_2(t; K_0)$  be two linearly independent solutions to the one-parameter family of Schrödinger-type equations (42) such that  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(t; K_0) = 1$ . Then the exact four-parameter solution to the static Euler-Bernoulli beam equation (24) is given in parametric form by

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= K_3(K_1 - K_2) \frac{\phi_1(t; K_0) - K_2\phi_2(t; K_0)}{\phi_1(t; K_0) - K_1\phi_2(t; K_0)}, \\y(t) &= \pm \left( \frac{K_3^{1/2} (K_1 - K_2)}{2(\phi_1(t; K_0) - K_1\phi_2(t; K_0))} \right)^3, \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

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where  $\alpha(t)$ ,  $\beta_1(t)$  and  $\beta_2(t)$  are given in (46).

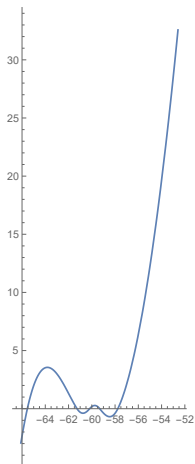


Figure:  $\delta = 1$ ,  $K_0 = -\frac{16}{27}$ ,  $K_1 = -1$ ,  $K_2 = 3$ ,  $K_3 = 10$ ,  $t \in (0.89, 6.2)$

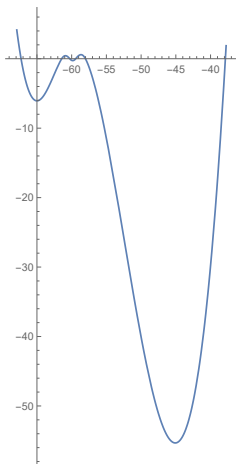


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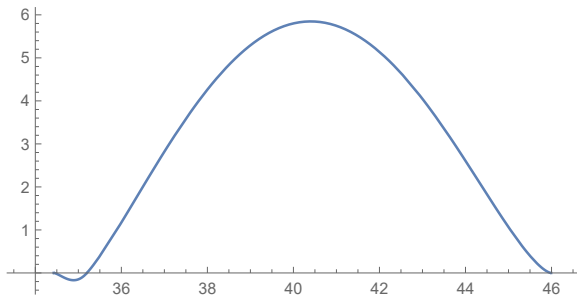


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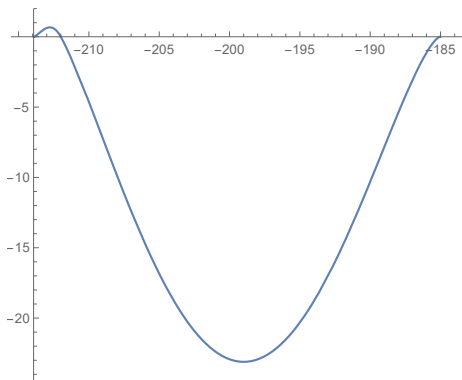


Figure:  $\delta = 1$ ,  $K_0 = \frac{16}{27}$ ,  $K_1 = 1$ ,  $K_2 = 3$ ,  $K_3 = 100$ ,  $t \in (-15, 15)$

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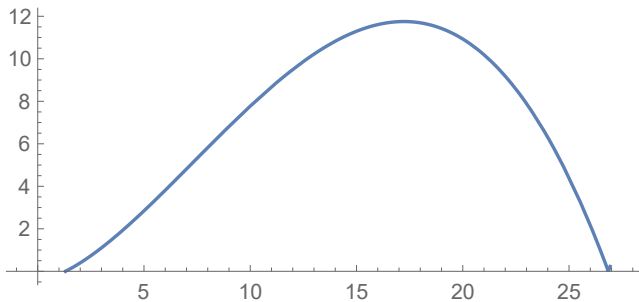


Figure:  $\delta = 1, K_0 = 0, K_1 = 0.3, K_2 = -1, K_3 = 1$

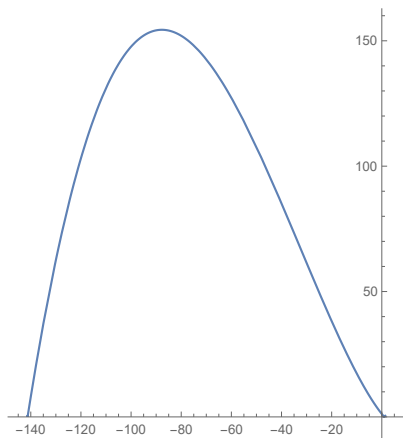


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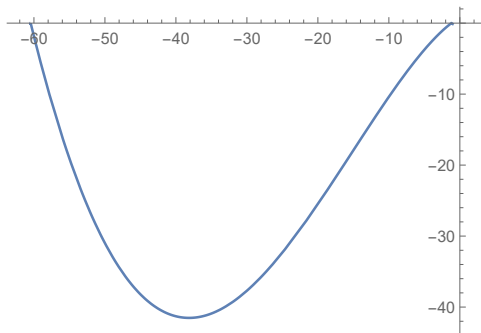


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- A fundamental set of solutions  $\{\phi_1, \phi_2\}$  to equation (42) such that  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(t) = 1$  is determined by

$$\phi_1(t) = \wp(t) \exp(-t\zeta(\gamma)) \frac{\sigma(t)\sigma(\gamma)}{\sigma(t-\gamma)}, \quad \phi_2(t) = \frac{1}{\wp'(\gamma)} \exp(t\zeta(\gamma)) \frac{\sigma(t-\gamma)}{\sigma(t)\sigma(\gamma)},$$

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## Theorem

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is given in parametric form through

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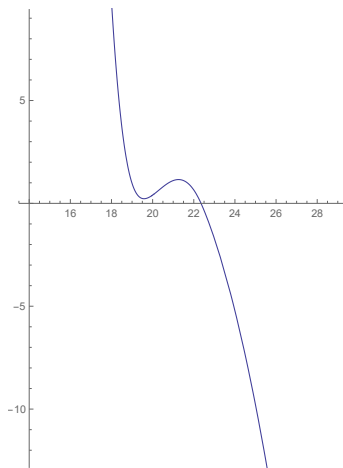


Figure:  $\delta = 1, K_0 = 1, K_1 = -1, K_2 = -3, K_3 = 10, t \in (-1.6, 1)$

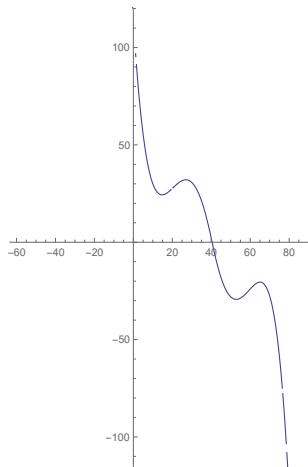


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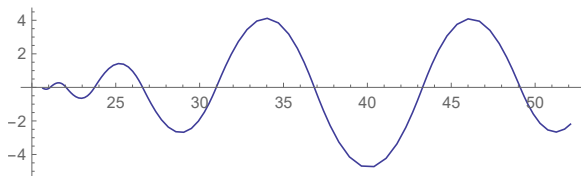


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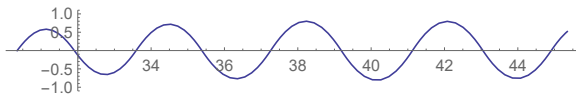


Figure:  $\delta = 1, K_0 = 0.01, K_1 = -1, K_2 = -3, K_3 = 10, t \in (-100, 100)$

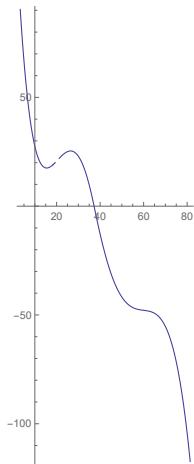


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$$u_1^2 - 2uu_2 = s_0(K_0).$$

## A singular two-parameter family of solutions

- We study the singular case in which the function  $C(s; K_0)^2$  is not defined.
- That situation occurs if  $s = s_0(K_0)$ , being  $s_0(K_0)$  one of the roots of the polynomial  $s^3 - \frac{16}{3} \delta s + 8K_0 = 0$ .
- According to the value of  $s$ ,  $s = s_0(K_0)$  yields the following second-order equation

$$u_1^2 - 2uu_2 = s_0(K_0).$$

- The solutions  $u = f(x)$  are of the form

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c, \quad (48)$$

where the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  satisfy the condition  $s_0(K_0) = b^2 - 4ac$ .

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- Solutions (48) verifying (49) correspond to solutions of (24) of the form

$$y(x) = \pm(ax^2 + bx + c)^{3/2}, \quad (50)$$

when the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  satisfy (49).