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**A REPRESENTATION OF  
SOLUTIONS FOR A SYSTEM OF  
COMPLEX DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS  
IN THE PLANE AND PERIODIC SOLUTIONS**

**Abstract.** In this article, first we will obtain a representation of the solutions for the system of complex differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}w_z &= A(z, \bar{z})w \\w_{\bar{z}} &= B(z, \bar{z})w, \quad A, B \in C^1(G),\end{aligned}$$

which are defined in a simply-connected domain  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  containing  $z_0 = 0$  and satisfying the functional relations

$$w(z_1 + z_2) = w(z_1) + w(z_2), \quad w(0) = 1; \quad z_1, z_2, z_1 + z_2 \in G.$$

Then we will discuss the conditions under which the solutions of the system are periodic.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

It is trivial that the function  $w = e^z$  defined in a domain in  $\mathbb{C}$  is a particular solution of the system of differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}w_z &= w, \\w_{\bar{z}} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

and the functional relations

$$w(z_1 + z_2) = w(z_1) + w(z_2), \quad w(0) = 1 \quad (1)$$

are satisfied for all  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Tutschke [3] has considered a more general system

$$\begin{aligned}w_z &= A(z, \bar{z})w, \\w_{\bar{z}} &= B(z, \bar{z})w,\end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

and obtained the necessary conditions for the solutions to satisfy (1), as

**Theorem 1** ([3]). *If the coefficients  $A$  and  $B$  of the system (2) satisfy*

$$A(z_0 - z) = A(z), \quad B(z_0 - z) = B(z), \quad (3)$$

*then every solution of (2) satisfies the functional relation (1) for all  $z_1, z_2 \in G$  with  $z_1 + z_2 = z_0$ .*

The condition (3) means that the coefficients  $A$  and  $B$  are symmetric with respect to the point  $\frac{1}{2}z_0$ . In that article, Tutschke has investigated the solutions of (2) satisfying (1) along the straight lines passing through the origin; thus the argument of the points is considered as constant.

**Definition 1.** The solutions of the system (2) satisfying the relations (1) are called *pseudoholomorphic exponential functions*.

## 2. A REPRESENTATION OF SOLUTION

Let  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a simply connected domain with smooth boundary and let  $z_0 = 0$  be a point in  $G$ . Now, let us look for a solution of the system (2) in  $G$  of the form

$$w(z) = \exp[H(z)], \quad H \in C^1(G). \quad (4)$$

Substituting (4) in (2), we find that  $H(z, \bar{z})$  should satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}H_z &= A \\H_{\bar{z}} &= B; \quad A, B \in C^1(G).\end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

If  $w$  is a solution of the system (2), then  $A_{\bar{z}} = B_z$  should hold. Thus we can write

$$dw = w_z dz + w_{\bar{z}} d\bar{z} = (A dz + B d\bar{z}) w. \quad (6)$$

On the other hand, the exact differential of (4) is

$$dw = \exp[H(z)] dH = w dH. \quad (7)$$

Comparing (6) and (7), we get

$$dH = A dz + B d\bar{z}. \quad (8)$$

From (8) we find

$$H(z) = \int_{\gamma(z_0, z)} (A dz + B d\bar{z}), \quad z \neq z_0, \quad (9)$$

where  $\gamma(z_0, z)$  is a smooth curve in  $G$  connecting  $z_0 = 0$  to  $z$ . Besides,  $w(0) = 1$  corresponds to  $H(0) = 0$ . So we can identify  $H$  uniquely. Thus, we have obtained

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a simply-connected domain containing the point  $z_0 = 0$ . If the function  $H$  defined by (9) satisfies the condition  $H(0) = 0$ , then*

$$w(z) = \exp \left[ \int_{\gamma} A dz + B d\bar{z} \right] \quad (10)$$

is a solution of the system (2) satisfying  $w(0) = 1$ . Furthermore, if the coefficients  $A, B$  satisfy (3), then  $w(z)$  satisfies the functional relationship

$$w(z_1 + z_2) = w(z_1) + w(z_2).$$

*Note.* The similar complex system

$$\begin{aligned} w_{\bar{z}} &= A \exp(-w), \\ w_z &= B \exp(-w) \end{aligned}$$

has been investigated previously [2], and a solution of the form

$$w(z, \bar{z}) = \log \left[ \int_{\gamma(z_0, z)} A dz + B d\bar{z} \right]$$

has been obtained, imposing the condition  $w(1) = 0$ .

### 3. PERIODIC SOLUTIONS

It is well known from complex analysis that the function  $w(z) = e^z$  satisfies

$$w(z + 2n\pi i) = \exp[z + 2n\pi i] = w(z), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

In this section, we will investigate the conditions under which the solution (10) satisfies

$$w(z + p) = w(z) \quad (11)$$

for some constant  $p \in \mathbb{C}$ . We have to assume that if  $z \in G$ , then  $z + p \in G$  for  $p \in \mathbb{C}$ . From (10) we can write

$$\begin{aligned} w(z + p) &= \exp \left\{ \int_{z_0}^{z+p} [A(z)dz + B(z)d\bar{z}] \right\} = \\ &= \exp \left\{ \int_{z_0}^z [A(z)dz + B(z)d\bar{z}] \right\} \exp \left\{ \int_z^{z+p} [A(z)dz + B(z)d\bar{z}] \right\} = \end{aligned}$$

$$= w(z) \exp [H(z+p) - H(z)].$$

Thus we can state the following theorem on periodic solutions of the system (2):

**Theorem 3.** *If the function  $H(z)$  defined by (9) satisfies*

$$H(z+p) - H(z) = 2\pi i, \quad (12)$$

*then the solution  $w(z)$  defined by (10) satisfies the property (11) of periodicity. This solution is unique.*

Now let us consider the set

$$P = \{p_n \in \mathbb{C} : n \in \mathbb{Z}, w(z+p_n) = w(z), z+p_n \in G\}.$$

**Corollary 1.** *If  $H$  satisfies the functional relation*

$$H(z+p_m) - H(z) = 2m\pi i, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z},$$

*then  $p_m \in P$ . In particular, if  $H$  is a linear function, then*

$$H(p_m) = 2m\pi i.$$

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $H$  satisfy (12) and let the coefficients  $A, B$  of the system (2) satisfy (3). Then  $w(z) = \exp H(z)$  is a single valued solution satisfying the functional relation (1) and  $w(z+p) = w(z)$ . Conversely, if  $w(z) = \exp [H(z)]$  is a solution of (2) satisfying  $w(z+p) = w(z)$ , then  $H(z)$  satisfies the functional relation*

$$H(z+p_m) - H(z) = 2m\pi i, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (13)$$

*However,  $H(z)$  cannot be determined uniquely from (13).*

**Theorem 4.** *If  $w(z) = \exp H(z)$  is a periodic solution of the system (2), then the coefficients  $A$  and  $B$  are periodic functions with period  $p$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $w(z) = \exp H(z)$  be a periodic solution of (2). Then (13) holds. Let us differentiate both sides of (13) with respect to  $z$  and  $\bar{z}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial H(z+p_m)}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial H(z)}{\partial z} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial H(z+p_m)}{\partial \bar{z}} - \frac{\partial H(z)}{\partial \bar{z}} &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

which leads to

$$\begin{aligned} A(z+p_m) - A(z) &= 0, \\ B(z+p_m) - B(z) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

by (5). But these are the conditions for the coefficients  $A$  and  $B$  to be periodic with period  $p_m$ .

**Example 1.** Let the coefficients of  $A$  and  $B$  of (2) be complex constants subject to  $|A| \neq |B|$ . Then from (9) we have

$$H(z) = Az + B\bar{z}$$

and

$$w(z) = \exp(Az + B\bar{z})$$

is obtained. This solution fulfills the requirements

$$\begin{aligned} w(z_1 + z_2) &= w(z_1)w(z_2), \\ w(0) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Also, we can find by (13) that

$$Ap_m + B\bar{p}_m = 2m\pi i, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z},$$

that is,

$$p_m = \frac{2m\pi i (\bar{A} + B)}{|A|^2 - |B|^2}, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (15)$$

On the other hand, since we can write

$$p_m = \frac{m}{n} p_n$$

for every  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \neq 0$ , the period  $p_m$  is simple (see [1]).

*Note.* If  $|A| = |B|$ , we still can determine the period  $p_m$  by a simple computation as

$$p_m = \frac{im\pi (1 + e^{-i\theta}) A}{|A|^2 (1 + \cos\theta)},$$

where  $A \neq 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $h$  be a complex valued function of  $y = \text{Im } z$  subject to  $h(-y) = h(y)$ . Let us assume that the coefficients  $A$  and  $B$  of (2) are given as

$$\begin{aligned} A(z) &= c_1 + h(y), \\ B(z) &= c_2 - h(y), \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  are constants. In this case the solubility condition  $A_{\bar{z}} = B_z$  holds. Thus (9) yields

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) &= \int_{z_0}^z \{[c_1 + h(y)] dz + [c_2 - h(y)] d\bar{z}\} = \\ &= c_1 z + c_2 \bar{z} + F(z - \bar{z}), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where  $F$  is the primitive of  $h$ . Hence

$$w(z) = \exp[c_1 z + c_2 \bar{z} + F(z - \bar{z})] \quad (18)$$

is a solution of the system (2). The values  $p_n$  satisfying

$$c_1 p_n + c_2 \bar{p}_n + F(z - \bar{z} + p_n - \bar{p}_n) = 2n\pi i + F(z - \bar{z}), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (19)$$

are the periods of the solutions of (18). Restricting ourselves to the real periods, we get

$$p_n = \frac{2n\pi i}{c_1 + c_2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

if  $\operatorname{Re}(c_1 + c_2) = 0$ .

Choosing  $h(y) = iy^{2m}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , the function  $H$  satisfying  $H(0) = 0$  will be obtained as

$$H(z) = c_1 z + c_2 \bar{z} + \frac{(-1)^m i}{2^m (2m+1)} (z - \bar{z})^{2m+1}.$$

So the solution of the system (2) with the coefficients defined by (16) is

$$w(z) = \exp \left[ c_1 z + c_2 \bar{z} + \frac{(-1)^m i}{2^m (2m+1)} (z - \bar{z})^{2m+1} \right]$$

with the period

$$p_n = \frac{2n\pi i}{c_1 + c_2},$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}(c_1 + c_2) = 0$ .

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