

# Computation of Canonical Forms for Ternary Cubics

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# Equivalence under a linear change of variables

$$F \sim \bar{F} \iff \exists g \in GL(m, \mathbb{C}) : \bar{F}(\mathbf{x}) = F(g \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

Example:

- $5x^2 - 2xy + 2y^2$  is equivalent to  $x^2 + y^2$   
under the change of variables  
 $x \rightarrow x + y; \quad y \rightarrow y - 2x.$

Problems:

- Find classes of equivalent polynomials.
- Find invariants which characterize each class.
- Find a "simple" canonical form in each class.
- Match a given  $F$  with its canonical form.

# Symmetry of Polynomials

$$g \in GL(m) \text{ is a symmetry of } F \iff F(g\mathbf{x}) = F(\mathbf{x})$$

- $x^2 + y^2$  is symmetric under any orthogonal map:

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \begin{cases} (\cos(\alpha)x + \sin(\alpha)y, -\sin(\alpha)x + \cos(\alpha)y) \\ (-x, -y) \end{cases}$$

- $x^8 + 14x^4y^4 + y^8$  has a sym. group with 192 elements gen. by:

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \begin{cases} (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(1+i)x, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(1+i)y) \\ (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i(x+y), \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(x-y)) \\ (ix, y) \end{cases}$$

**Problem:** Given  $F$  find its group of symmetries  $G_F$ .

$$F \sim \bar{F} \implies G_{\bar{F}} = gG_Fg^{-1}$$

Why classification of polynomials is difficult?

$$GL(m, \mathbb{C}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}^m \implies GL(m, \mathbb{C}) \curvearrowright P_m^d = \mathbb{C}[x^1, \dots, x^m]^d$$

$P_m^d$  – a linear space parameterized by  $\{c_\alpha\}$  coefficients of polynomials.

$$\dim P_m^d = C_{m+d-1}^d$$

Non-regular action!

- equivalence classes (orbits) have different dimensions.
- equivalence classes are not closed subsets of  $P_m^d$ .

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Continuous invariants  $I(c_\alpha)$  do not distinguish classes.

## Example.

$$(1) \quad x^3 + a x z^2 + z^3 - y^2 z \quad \not\sim \quad (4) \quad x^3 - y^2 z$$

$$\text{for } \varepsilon \neq 0 : \quad x \rightarrow x, \quad y \rightarrow \frac{1}{\varepsilon} y, \quad z \rightarrow \varepsilon^2 z :$$

$$(x^3 + a x z^2 + z^3 - y^2 z) \longrightarrow (x^3 + a \varepsilon^4 x z^2 + \varepsilon^6 z^3 - y^2 z),$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (x^3 + a \varepsilon^4 x z^2 + \varepsilon^6 z^3 - y^2 z) = x^3 - y^2 z.$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{O}}_{(1)} \supset \mathcal{O}_{(4)}.$$

Complete classifications of polynomials in  $m$   
variables of degree  $d$

(known to us).

- $d = 2$  (quadratics  $m$ -ary forms):  $x_1^2 + \cdots + x_k^2$ .
- $m = 2$  (binary forms):  $d = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .
- $m = 3$  (ternary forms):  $d = 1, 2, 3$ .

Some references or partial results for cases when  $m = 2$ ,  
 $d = 5, 6, 7, 8$ ; when  $m = 3$ ,  $d = 4$ ; when  $m = 4$ ,  $d = 3$ .

# Approaches

- **Classical (XIX century)** by Aronhold, Gordan, Cayley, ...  
*Computation of covariants (rational invariants  $I(\mathbf{x}, c_\alpha)$ ).*
- Hilbert  
*The rings of covariants and invariants are finitely generated.*  
*Nullcones.*
- **Algebraic Geometry** by Mumford, Kraft, Vinberg, Popov, ...  
*Description of the algebraic variety that represents the space of orbits.*
- **Algebraic computational algorithms** by Sturmfels, Derkson, Kemper ...

# Differential Geometry (Moving Frame)

## Approach.

by P. Olver.

### Main Idea

- Consider the graphs of polynomials  $u = F(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  in  $C^{m+1}$  dimensional space. Apply Cartan's equivalence method for submanifolds.



### Algorithms

- To decide whether two polynomials are equivalent.
- If yes find a corresponding linear transformation.
- To find the symmetry group of a given polynomial.



## Implementation

- Computing differential invariants.  
*differentiation, algebraic operations, multivariate polynomial elimination by hand (inductive approach of moving frame [Kogan, 2000])*
- Computing the signature variety, parameterized by differential invariants.  
*ranking conversions of regular chains using the PALGIE algorithm [Boulier, Lemaire, Moreno Maza, 2001]*

## Inhomogeneous version

$$u = f(p, q) = F(p, q, 1) \iff F(x, y, z) = z^3 f\left(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{y}{z}\right)$$

$\Gamma_F :$   $u = F(x, y, z)$  homogeneous poly. in 3 variables of degree 3

$g \downarrow$

$\bar{\Gamma}_F :$   $u = F(\alpha x + \beta y + \lambda z, \gamma x + \delta y + \mu z, a x + b y + \eta z),$

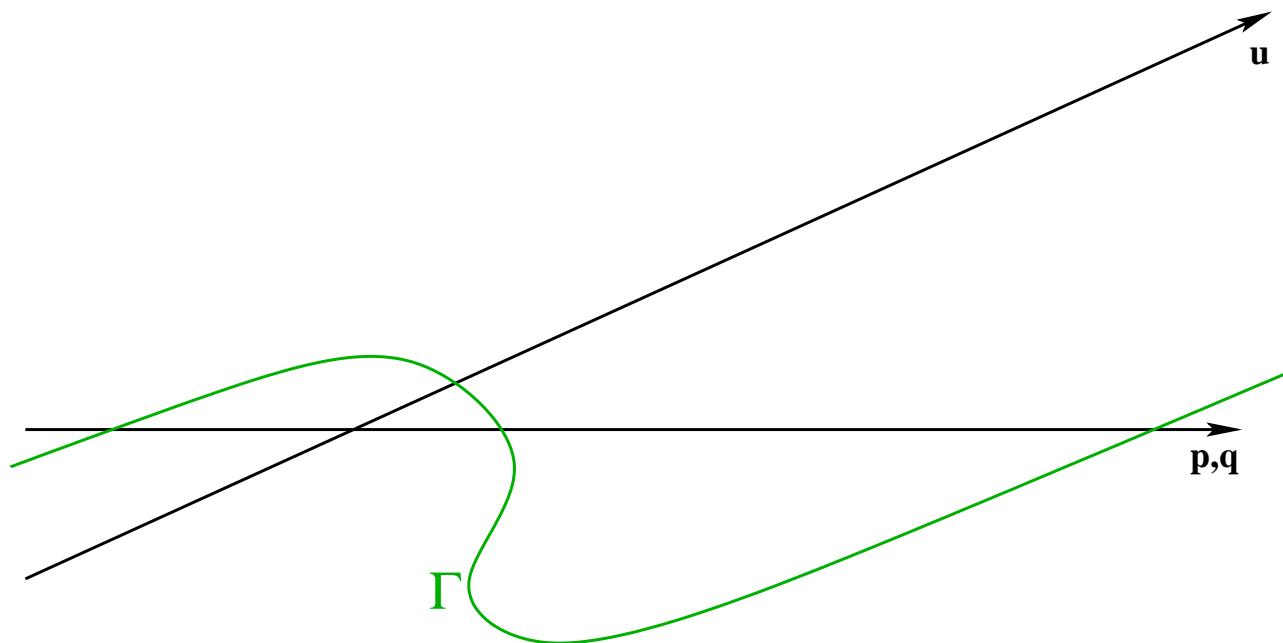
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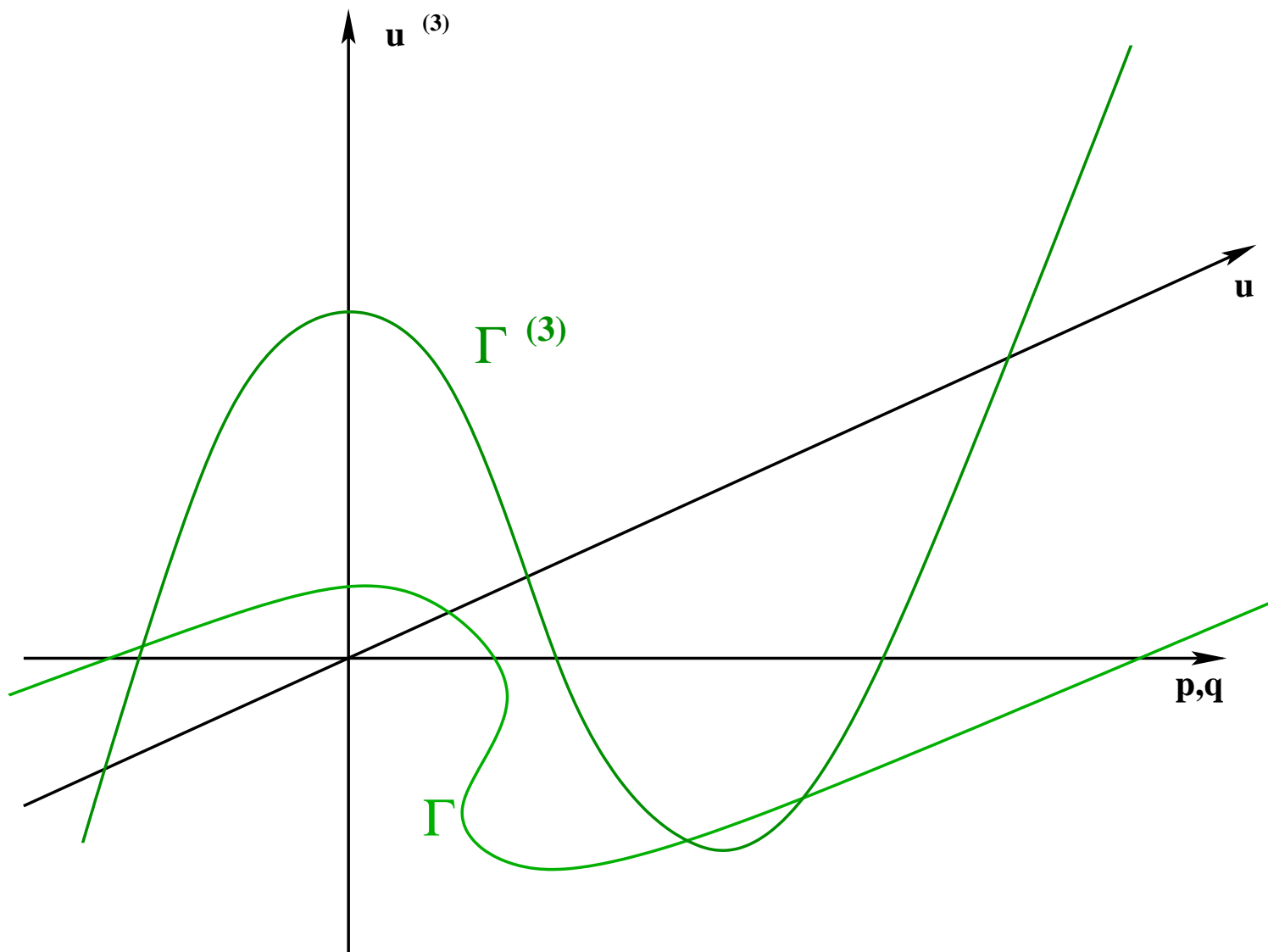
$\Gamma_f :$   $u = f(p, q)$  inhomogeneous poly. in 2 variables of degree  $\leq 3$

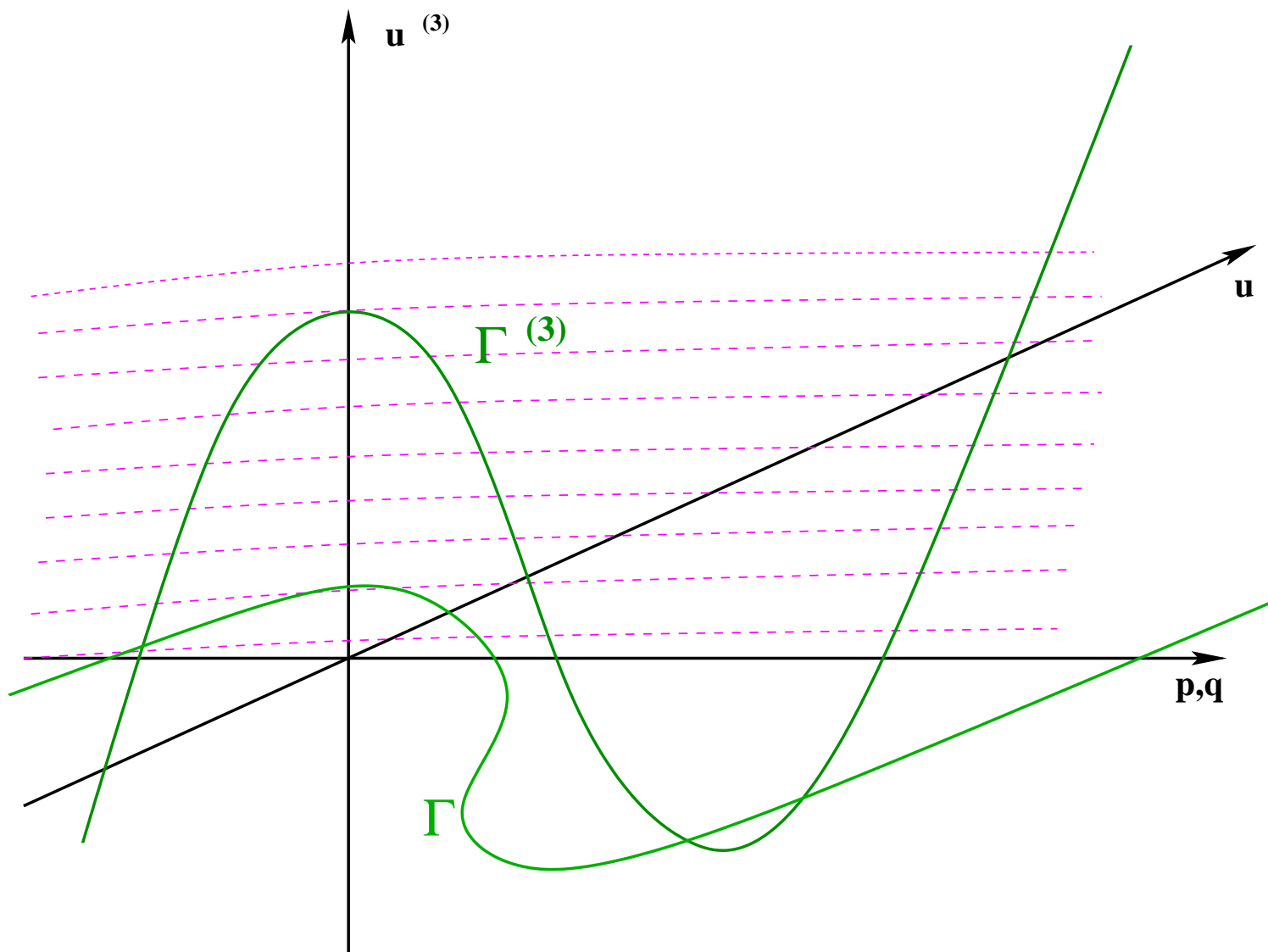
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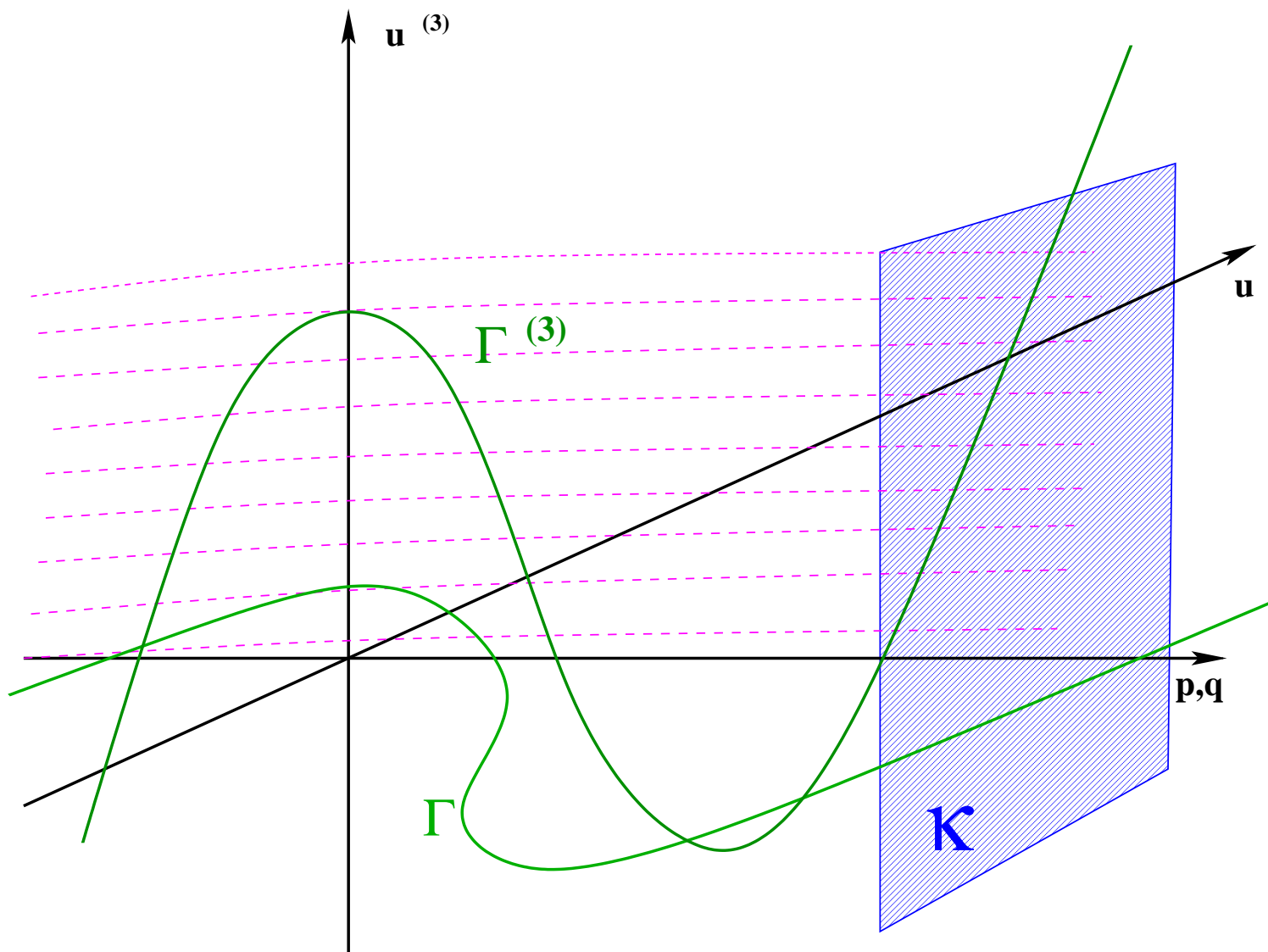
$\bar{\Gamma}_f :$   $u = (a p + b q + \eta)^3 f\left(\frac{\alpha p + \beta q + \lambda}{a p + b q + \eta}, \frac{\gamma p + \delta q + \mu}{a p + b q + \eta}\right).$

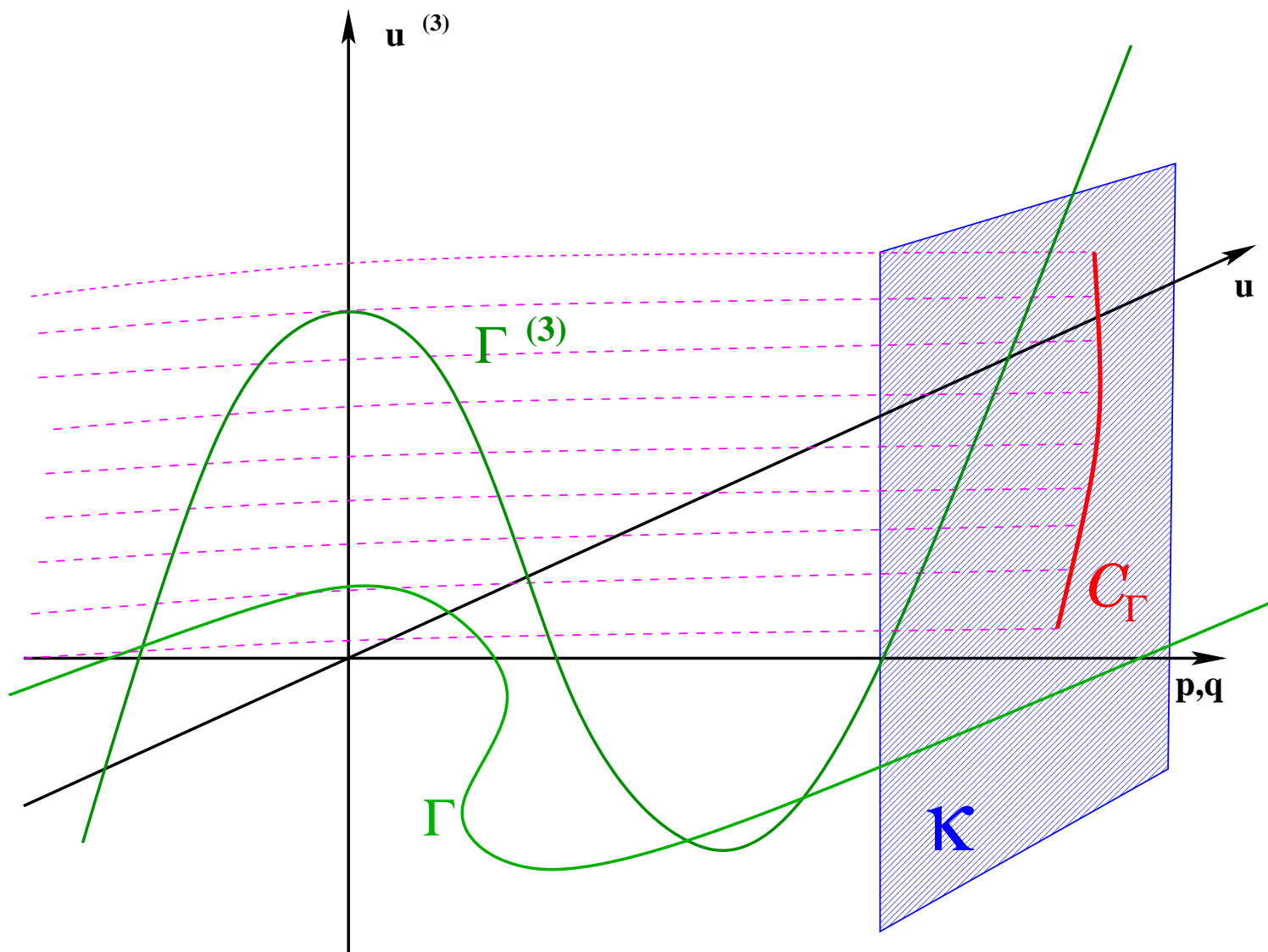
$\Gamma$  is the graph of  $u = f(p, q)$ ,  $\dim \Gamma = 2$ .











## Equivalence and symmetry theorems

**Theorem 1.** (Equivalence)

$$\bar{F} \sim F \iff \mathcal{C}_F = \mathcal{C}_{\bar{F}}.$$

**Computational problem** *decide if two parameterization define the same set (elimination).*

**Theorem 2** (Symmetry)  $\Gamma_F$  is the graph of  $F$ .

$$\dim G_F = \dim \Gamma_F - \dim \mathcal{C}_F$$

For a generic  $F$ :  $\dim \mathcal{C}_F = \dim \Gamma_F$  (maximal)  $\Rightarrow G_F$  is finite and can be computed explicitly.



$\mathcal{C}_\Gamma$  is parameterized by diff. invariants  $i_1, i_2, i_3$ .

$A = i_1^3/i_2^2$  is constant on each of the equivalence class!

### Example.

The signature  $\mathcal{C}_f$  for  $f = p^2 + q^2 + 1$  ( $F = z(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$ ):

$$i_1|_f = 90 \frac{(p^2 + q^2 + 1)^2}{(p^2 - 3 + q^2)^2}, \quad i_2|_f = 270 \frac{(p^2 + q^2 + 1)^3}{(p^2 - 3 + q^2)^3},$$

$$i_3|_f = 180 \frac{(p^2 + q^2 + 1) ((p^2 + q^2 + 3)^2 - 12)}{(p^2 - 3 + q^2)^3}$$

Elimination of  $p$  and  $q \Rightarrow$  equations for 1-dim'l signature variety  $V_f$ :

$$\boxed{i_1 (i_3 - i_2) + 30 i_2 = 0, \quad 10 i_2^2 - i_1^3 = 0.}$$

## Classes of ternary cubics:

- Irreducible:
  - Regular(elliptic curves): (1)- *1-paramteric family*; (2); (3).
  - Singular: (4); (5).
- Reducible into
  - a linear and a quadratic factor: (6); (7).
  - three linear factors: (8); *binary form is disguise* (9), (10), (11).

# Irreducible cubics.

## Regular (Elliptic Curves):

(1)  $\mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{x}^3 + \mathbf{axz}^2 + \mathbf{z}^3 - \mathbf{y}^2\mathbf{z}$ ,  $\mathbf{f} \sim \mathbf{p}^3 + \mathbf{ap} + \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{q}^2$ ,  
*non-equivalent for different values of  $a^3$ ;*

*$a \neq 0$  (else  $F \sim (3)$ ),  $a^3 \neq -27/4$  (else  $F \sim (5)$ ),*

$$|G_F| = 18 \times 3$$

$$\boxed{675 i_1^3 + (10 a)^3 i_2^2 = 0.}$$

(2)  $\mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{x}^3 + \mathbf{xz}^2 - \mathbf{y}^2\mathbf{z}$ ,  $\mathbf{f} \sim \mathbf{p}^3 + \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}^2$ ,

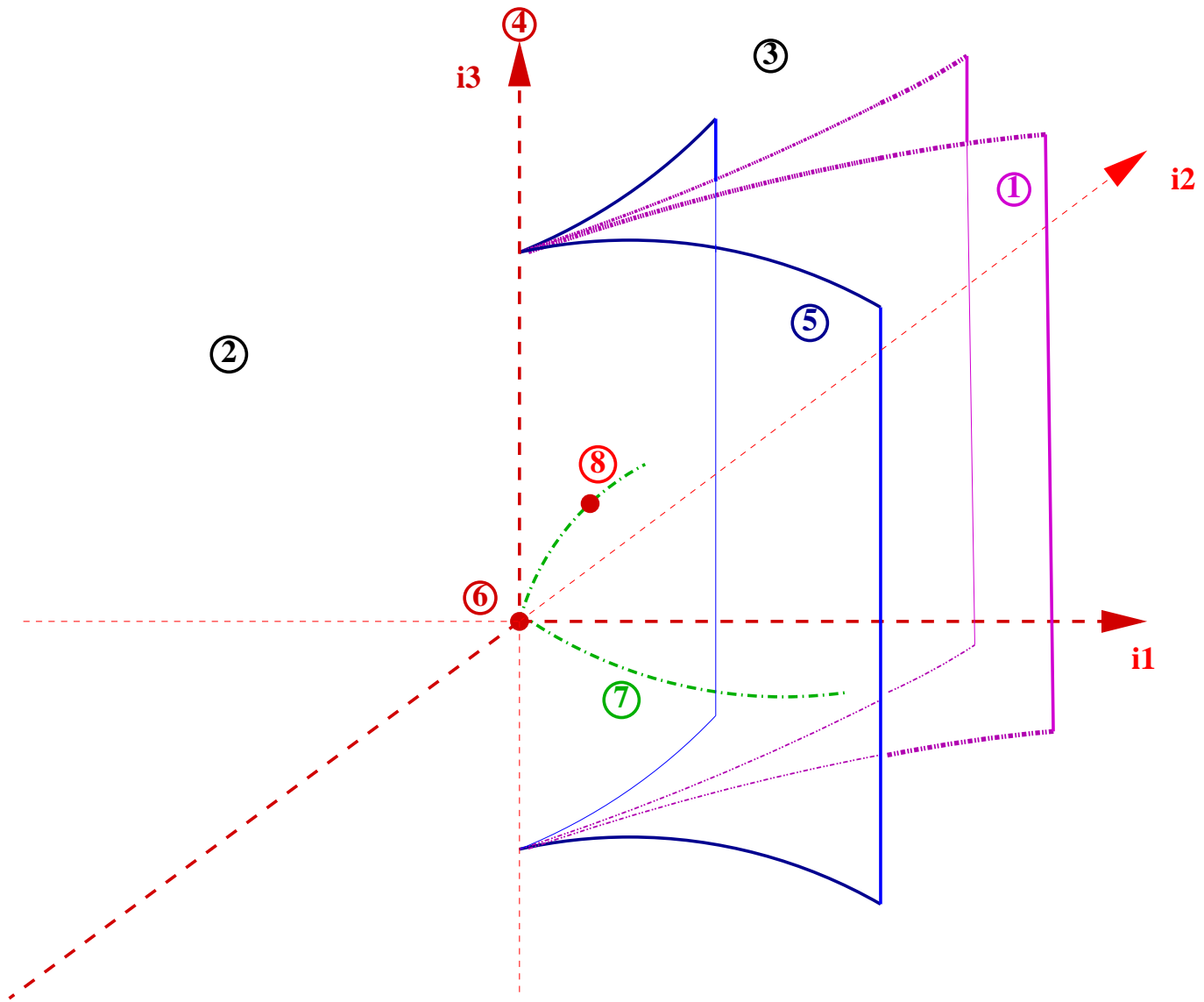
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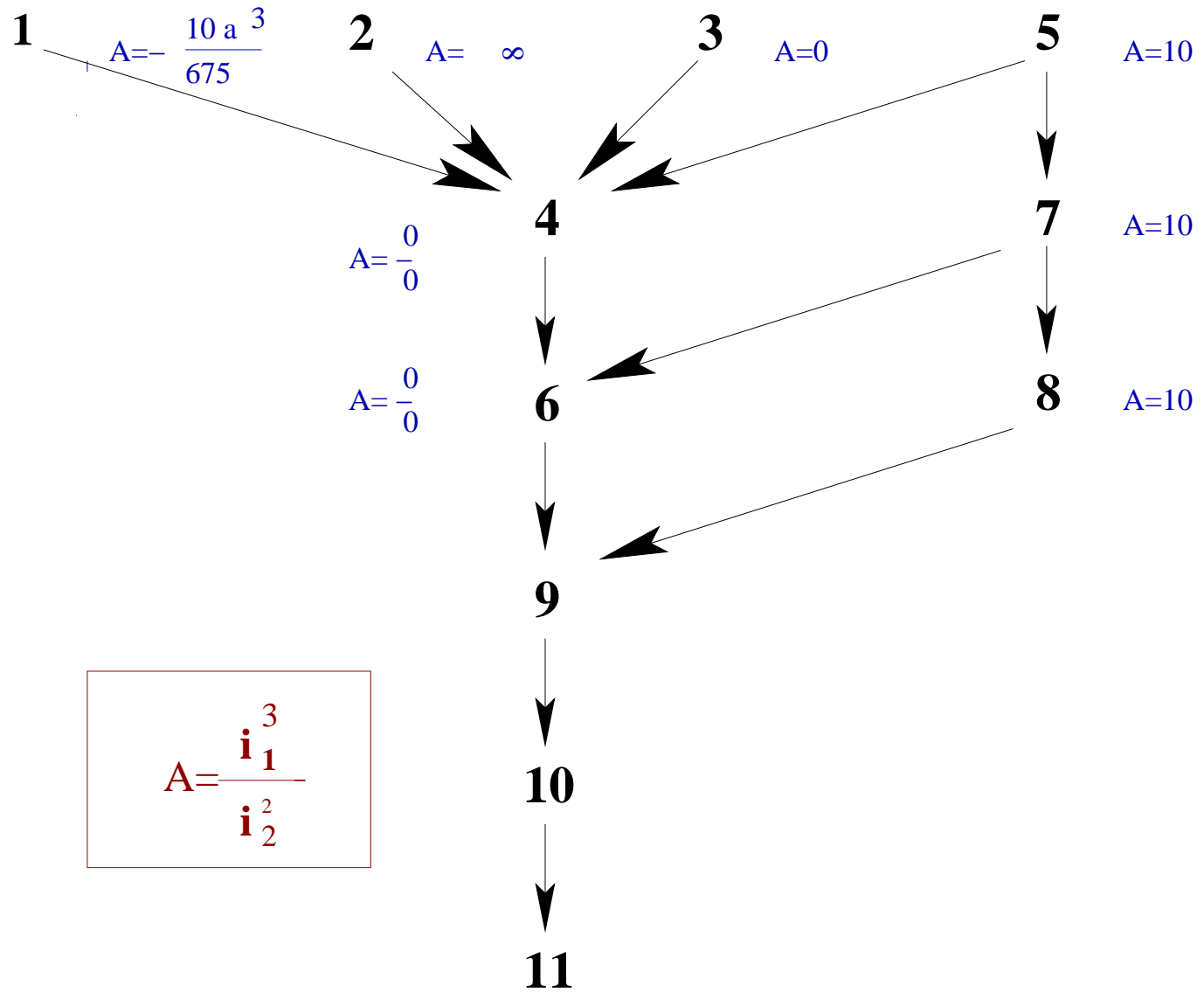
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(3)  $\mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{x}^3 + \mathbf{z}^3 - \mathbf{y}^2\mathbf{z}$ ,  $\mathbf{f} \sim \mathbf{p}^3 + \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{q}^2$ ,

$$|G_F| = 54 \times 3,$$

$$\boxed{i_1 = 0.}$$





## Application to ternary cubics

$$F(x, y, z), \deg F = 3$$

- Fast algorithm to determine the class of  $F$ .
- An algorithm to compute a change of variables from  $F$  to its canonical form.
- Classification of the symmetry groups.
- A geometric description of the equivalence classes, which depicts information about the size of the symmetry group and inclusions of the closures of the classes.

## Conclusions

- Differential invariants for polynomials = covariants in the classical sense.
- The set of differential invariants that parameterize signature depends only on the **group action** and **the number of variables**, but **not on the degree**.
- For  $m=2,3$  the complete set of invariants is computed.

## Further projects

- new classifications (e. g. for binary forms),
- other group actions,
- other fields ( $\mathbb{R}$ , finite fields).

## More results with moving frames

- Binary forms:  $F(x, y)$ ,  $\deg F = n$  ( $F$  is homogeneous).
  - complete set of differential invariants (P. Olver).
  - algorithm (coded in MAPLE) to compute  $G_F$  (Olver, Kogan).
- Ternary forms  $F(x, y, z)$ ,  $\deg F = n$ .
  - complete set of differential invariants (Kogan).
  - necessary and sufficient for  $F$  to be equivalent to  $x^n + y^n + z^n$  (Kogan, thanks to Schost, Lecerf).



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**Singular:**

$$(4) \quad \mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{x}^3 - \mathbf{y}^2\mathbf{z}, \quad \mathbf{f} \sim \mathbf{p}^3 - \mathbf{q}^2,$$
$$G_F \sim x \rightarrow x, y \rightarrow \alpha y, z \rightarrow \alpha^{-2}z, \text{ (1-dim'l)}$$

$$\boxed{i_1 = 0, \quad i_2 = 0.}$$

$$(5) \quad \mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{x}^2(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{y}^2\mathbf{z}, \quad \mathbf{f} \sim \mathbf{p}^2(\mathbf{p} + 1) - \mathbf{q}^2$$
$$|G_F| = 6 \times 3$$

$$\boxed{i_1^3 - 10i_2^2 = 0.}$$

## Reducible cubics:

A linear and an irreducible quadratic factor:

$$(6) \mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{z}(\mathbf{x}^2 + \mathbf{yz}), \quad \mathbf{f} \sim (\mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{q})$$

$G_F \sim$  non-commutative 2-dim'l (affine) group:

$$x \rightarrow x + \alpha z, \quad y \rightarrow -2\alpha x + y - \alpha^2 z, \quad z \rightarrow z,$$

$$x \rightarrow \beta x, \quad y \rightarrow \beta^4 y, \quad z \rightarrow \beta^{-2} z,$$

$$\boxed{i_1 = 0, i_2 = 0, i_3 = 0.}$$

$$(7) \mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{z}(\mathbf{x}^2 + \mathbf{y}^2 + \mathbf{z}^2), \quad \mathbf{f} \sim \mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{q}^2 + \mathbf{1}$$

$G_F \sim$  rotation in the  $xy$  plane (1-dim'l)

$$\boxed{i_1(i_3 - i_2) + 30i_2 = 0, \quad 10i_2^2 - i_1^3 = 0.}$$

### Three linear factors:

(8) non-coplaner  $\iff \mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{xyz}$ ,  $\mathbf{f} \sim \mathbf{pq}$ ;

$$G_F \sim \mathbb{R}^2 : \{x \rightarrow \alpha x, y \rightarrow \beta y, z \rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} z\}.$$

$i_1 = 90, i_2 = 270, i_3 = 180.$
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(9) different, coplaner  $\iff \mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{xy(x+y)}$ ,  $\mathbf{f} \sim \mathbf{pq(p+q)}$

$$G_F \sim 3\text{-dim'l } \{z \mapsto \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z\} \times G_{xy(x+y)},$$

$$(G_{xy(x+y)} \sim S_3 \times Z_3 \subset GL(2, \mathbb{C}) \curvearrowright (x, y) \text{ preserves } xy(x+y)).$$

(10) two repeated  $\iff \mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{x^2y}$ ,  $\mathbf{f} \sim \mathbf{p^2q}$

$$G_F \sim 4\text{-dim'l: } \{x \rightarrow \alpha x, y \rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha^2} y, z \rightarrow \beta x + \gamma y + \delta z\}.$$

(11) three repeated  $\iff \mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{x^3}$ ,  $\mathbf{f} \sim \mathbf{p^3}$ .

$$G_F \sim 4\text{-dim'l } GL(2, \mathbb{C}) \times Z_3 \text{ (} GL(2, \mathbb{C}) \curvearrowright (y, z) \text{ and } Z_3 \curvearrowright x).$$

*(9), (10) and (11) are binary forms in disguise.*

## An example

Parameterization of  $\mathcal{C}_F$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 = (3p + 4)(-q + p)(q + p)(3p^3 + 2p^2 + 3pq^2 - 2q^2) - 6(-3pq^2 - q^2 + p^2)^2 \\ 0 = (-q + p)(q + p)(81p^6 + 972p^5q^2 + 72p^5 + 1269p^4q^2 + 32p^4 - 144p^3q^2 + \\ \quad + 972p^3q^4 + 1107p^2q^4 - 64p^2q^2 + 72pq^4 + 135q^6 + 32q^4) \\ \quad - 6(-3pq^2 - q^2 + p^2)^3 \mathbf{I}_2 \\ 0 = (16p^2 + 72p^3 + 108p^4 + 54p^5 - 16q^2 + 72pq^2 + 81p^2q^2 + \\ \quad + 27p^3q^2 + 27q^4)(-q + p)^2(q + p)^2 - 9(-3pq^2 - q^2 + p^2)^3 \mathbf{I}_3 \end{array} \right.$$

Cartesian equation of  $\mathcal{C}_F$ :

$$7200\mathbf{I}_1^3 - 1692\mathbf{I}_1^2 - 504\mathbf{I}_1\mathbf{I}_2 - 3780\mathbf{I}_1\mathbf{I}_3 - 12\mathbf{I}_2^2 - 180\mathbf{I}_2\mathbf{I}_3 - 675\mathbf{I}_3^2 + 1440\mathbf{I}_1 + 40\mathbf{I}_2 + 300$$

## Ranking conversions

- For  $\mathcal{R} = x > y > z > s > t$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{R}} = t > s > z > y > x$  we have:

$$\text{palgie}\left(\begin{cases} x - t^3 \\ y - s^2 - 1 \\ z - st \end{cases}, \mathcal{R}, \overline{\mathcal{R}}\right) = \begin{cases} st - z \\ (xy + x)s - z^3 \\ z^6 - x^2y^3 - 3x^2y^2 - 3x^2y - x^2 \end{cases}$$

- For  $\mathcal{R} = \dots > v_{xx} > v_{xy} > \dots > u_{xy} > u_{yy} > v_x > v_y > u_x > u_y > v > u$   
we  $\overline{\mathcal{R}} = \dots > u_x > u_y > u > \dots > v_{xx} > v_{xy} > v_{yy} > v_x > v_y > v$  we have:

$$\text{pardi}\left(\begin{cases} v_{xx} - u_x \\ 4uv_y - (u_x u_y + u_x u_y u) \\ u_x^2 - 4u \\ u_y^2 - 2u \end{cases}, \mathcal{R}, \overline{\mathcal{R}}\right) = \begin{cases} u - v_{yy}^2 \\ v_{xx} - 2v_{yy} \\ v_y v_{xy} - v_{yy}^3 + v_{yy} \\ v_{yy}^4 - 2v_{yy}^2 - 2v_y^2 + 1 \end{cases}$$

# PARDI, PODI, PALGIE

**Input:** In  $\mathbf{k}[X]$

- two rankings  $\mathcal{R}, \overline{\mathcal{R}}$  over  $X$ ,
- a  $\mathcal{R}$ -triangular  $C$  set such that  $\mathbf{Sat}(C)$  is prime.

**Output:** a  $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$ -triangular set  $\overline{C}$  such that  $\mathbf{Sat}(C) = \mathbf{Sat}(\overline{C})$ .

**Algo:** three cases:

**PALGIE:** *Prime ALGebraic IdEal* implemented in Aldor, C and Maple,

**PODI:** *Prime Ordinary Differential Ideal*, implemented in C,

**PARDI:** *Prime pARTial Differential Ideal*, implemented in Maple.

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 $P := C; \bar{C} := \emptyset$ 
 $H := \{\text{init}(p, \mathcal{R}) \text{ for } p \in C\}$ 
while ( $P \neq \emptyset$ ) repeat
     $p := \text{first } P; P := \text{rest } P$ 
     $p := \text{red}(p, \bar{C})$ 
     $(p, P', H') := \text{ensureRank}(p, \bar{\mathcal{R}}, C)$ 
     $(P, H) := (P \cup P', H \cup H')$ 
     $p = 0 \implies \text{iterate}$ 
     $v := \text{mvar}(p)$ 
    if ( $\forall q \in \bar{C}$ )  $\text{mvar}(q) \neq v$  then
         $\bar{C} := \bar{C} \cup \{p\}$ 
    else
         $(g, P', H') := \text{gcd}(p, \bar{C}_v, \bar{C}_v^-, C)$ 
         $(P, H) := (P \cup P', H \cup H')$ 
         $\bar{C} := \bar{C} \setminus \{\bar{C}_v\} \cup \{g\}$ 
     $\bar{C} := \text{saturate}(\bar{C}, H)$ 
return  $\bar{C}$ 

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