

PSFAFFIAN DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS OVER EXPONENTIAL  
 O-MINIMAL STRUCTURES

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In this paper, we continue investigations into the asymptotic behavior of solutions of differential equations over o-minimal structures.

Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be an expansion of the real field  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ .

A differentiable map  $F = (F_1, \dots, F_l): (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  is  **$\mathfrak{R}$ -Pfaffian** if there exists  $G: \mathbb{R}^{1+l} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  definable in  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that  $F'(t) = G(t, F(t))$  for all  $t \in (a, b)$  and each component function  $G_i: \mathbb{R}^{1+l} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is independent of the last  $l - i$  variables ( $i = 1, \dots, l$ ). If  $\mathfrak{R}$  is o-minimal and  $F: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  is  $\mathfrak{R}$ -Pfaffian, then  $(\mathfrak{R}, F)$  is o-minimal (Proposition 7). We say that  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  is ultimately  $\mathfrak{R}$ -Pfaffian if there exists  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the restriction  $F \upharpoonright (r, \infty)$  is  $\mathfrak{R}$ -Pfaffian. (In general, **ultimately** abbreviates “for all sufficiently large positive arguments”.)

The structure  $\mathfrak{R}$  is **closed under asymptotic integration** if for each ultimately non-zero unary (that is,  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ) function  $f$  definable in  $\mathfrak{R}$  there is an ultimately differentiable unary function  $g$  definable in  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} [g'(t)/f(t)] = 1$ . If  $\mathfrak{R}$  is closed under asymptotic integration, then  $\mathfrak{R}$  is o-minimal and defines  $e^x: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (Proposition 2).

Note that the above definitions make sense for expansions of arbitrary ordered fields.

**THEOREM 1.** *If  $\mathfrak{R}$  is o-minimal, then the following are equivalent:*

1. *For every ultimately  $\mathfrak{R}$ -Pfaffian function  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  there exists  $u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  definable in  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that ultimately  $F(t) \leq u(t)$ .*
2.  *$\mathfrak{R}$  is closed under asymptotic integration.*
3. *Every structure elementarily equivalent to  $\mathfrak{R}$  is closed under asymptotic integration.*
4. *For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f: \mathbb{R}^{m+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  definable in  $\mathfrak{R}$  there exists  $u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  definable in  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} u(t) = +\infty$  and, for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} f(a, t)u'(t) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(a, t)(1/u)'(t)| = +\infty.$$

5. *For every  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , ultimately  $\mathfrak{R}$ -Pfaffian  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  and  $h: \mathbb{R}^{1+l} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  definable in  $\mathfrak{R}$  there exists  $u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  definable in  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that ultimately  $h(t, F(t)) \leq u(t)$ .*

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