

# DEtools

## FindODE

find a linear ODE for a holonomic function

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### Calling Sequence

**FindODE(*f*, *v*, *maxorder*)**

### Parameters

*f* - expression

*v* - either the dependent variable, of the form  $y(x)$ , or a *list* of two *names* [ $Dx, x$ ]

*maxorder* - (optional) *posint*; maximal order of the ODE. Default value: 6

### See Also

[DEtools](#)

[gfun](#)

[\[hlexprtodif  
feql\]](#)

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\[dpolyform\]](#)

### Description

- The input **f** should be a holonomic function, in other words, a function that satisfies a linear ODE with rational function coefficients. The **FindODE** function tries to find such an ODE.
- If **FindODE** fails to find a linear ODE, then *FAIL* is returned.
- When using the *FindODE(f, y(x))* calling sequence, the ODE will be returned in terms of the dependent variable  $y(x)$ , where  $x$  is the independent variable.
- When using the *FindODE(f, [Dx, x])* calling sequence, the result will be given in differential operator form, that is, as a polynomial in the differential operator  $Dx$  whose coefficients are polynomials in the independent variable  $x$ .

- The second argument  $v$  can be omitted if the environment variable `_Envdiffopdomain` is assigned a list of two names, in which case the result will be given in differential operator notation.
- The resulting ODE will be cleared of denominators, that is, its coefficients are polynomials in the independent variable  $x$  without common factors.
- By default, **FindODE** incrementally searches for an ODE up to order 6. This maximal order can be overridden by specifying the optional third argument, **maxorder**.

## Examples

> `with(DEtools) :`

> `FindODE(cos(sqrt(x)), y(x))`

$$y(x) + 2 \frac{d}{dx} y(x) + 4x \left( \frac{d^2}{dx^2} y(x) \right) \quad (1)$$

> `FindODE(exp(x) + sqrt(x), y(x))`

$$(2x + 1)y(x) + (-4x^2 - 1) \left( \frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + (4x^2 - 2x) \left( \frac{d^2}{dx^2} y(x) \right) \quad (2)$$

$$y(x)$$

The hypergeometric 2F1 equation.

> `FindODE(hypergeom([a, b], [c], x), y(x))`

$$ab y(x) + (xa + xb - c + x) \left( \frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + (x^2 - x) \left( \frac{d^2}{dx^2} y(x) \right) \quad (3)$$

The tangent function is not holonomic, so the result is *FAIL*.

> `FindODE(tan(x), y(x))`

*FAIL* (4)

Operator notation.

> `FindODE(cos(sqrt(x)), [Dx, x])`

$$4x D x^2 + 2 D x + 1 \quad (5)$$

The following example is a generating function from the Online Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences (<http://oeis.org/A151357>).

$$\begin{aligned}
> \quad & ogf := x^{-2} \left( \operatorname{Int} \left( \operatorname{Int} \left( \frac{2 \operatorname{hypergeom} \left( \left[ \frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4} \right], [2], \frac{64 x^3 (1+x)}{(1-4x^2)^2} \right)}{(1-4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}, x \right), x \right) \right) \\
& ogf := \frac{\int \frac{2 \operatorname{hypergeom} \left( \left[ \frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4} \right], [2], \frac{64 x^3 (1+x)}{(-4x^2+1)^2} \right)}{(-4x^2+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx}{x^2} \quad (6)
\end{aligned}$$

>  $L := \operatorname{FindODE}(ogf, [Dx, x])$

$$\begin{aligned}
L := & (192 x^{10} + 640 x^9 + 880 x^8 + 656 x^7 + 244 x^6 + 16 x^5 - 7 x^4 \\
& - 3 x^3) Dx^4 + (3072 x^9 + 9792 x^8 + 13344 x^7 + 10016 x^6 \\
& + 3632 x^5 + 244 x^4 - 86 x^3 - 36 x^2) Dx^3 + (13824 x^8 \\
& + 42048 x^7 + 56832 x^6 + 42816 x^5 + 15072 x^4 + 1068 x^3 \\
& - 264 x^2 - 108 x) Dx^2 + (18432 x^7 + 53376 x^6 + 71616 x^5 \\
& + 53952 x^4 + 18336 x^3 + 1416 x^2 - 180 x - 72) Dx + 4608 x^6 \\
& + 12672 x^5 + 16896 x^4 + 12672 x^3 + 4128 x^2 + 360 x
\end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

>  $\operatorname{DFactor}(L, [Dx, x])$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[ (192 x^{10} + 640 x^9 + 880 x^8 + 656 x^7 + 244 x^6 + 16 x^5 - 7 x^4 \right. \\
& - 3 x^3) \left( Dx^2 + (2 (1152 x^7 + 3616 x^6 + 4912 x^5 + 3696 x^4 \right. \\
& \left. + 1328 x^3 + 90 x^2 - 29 x - 12) Dx) / (x (192 x^7 + 640 x^6 \right. \\
& \left. + 880 x^5 + 656 x^4 + 244 x^3 + 16 x^2 - 7 x - 3)) \right. \\
& \left. + 10 x^6 + 880 x^5 + 656 x^4 + 244 x^3 + 16 x^2 - 7 x - 3) \right) \Bigg], Dx + \frac{2}{x}, Dx \\
& + \frac{2}{x}
\end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

>  $\text{map}(\text{degree}, \mathbf{(8)}, \text{Dx})$

$$[2, 1, 1] \quad (9)$$

The first order factors of  $L$  come from the integrals. The second order factor comes from the hypergeometric 2F1 function.

Summing special functions preserves the order if they are contiguous (parameter differences are integers).

>  $\text{FindODE}(\text{BesselII}(0, x) + x \text{BesselII}(2, x), y(x))$

$$\begin{aligned} & (-x^4 - 2x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x) y(x) + (-x^3 + x + 4) \left( \frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + (x^4 \\ & + 2x^3 + x^2 + 2x) \left( \frac{d^2}{dx^2} y(x) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Products of two contiguous second-order special functions satisfy third order equations.

>  $\text{FindODE}(\text{BesselII}(0, \sqrt{x}) \text{BesselII}(3, \sqrt{x}), [\text{Dx}, x])$

$$\begin{aligned} & (24x^4 + 64x^3) \text{Dx}^3 + (84x^3 + 288x^2) \text{Dx}^2 + (-24x^3 - 130x^2 \\ & + 16x) \text{Dx} - 24x^2 - 179x - 216 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

>  $\text{FindODE}\left(\text{hypergeom}\left(\left[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right], [1], x\right)^2 - \text{hypergeom}\left(\left[\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\right], [1], x\right) \text{hypergeom}\left(\left[\frac{4}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right], [1], x\right), [\text{Dx}, x]\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} & (9x^5 - 27x^3 + 18x^2) \text{Dx}^3 + (45x^4 + 54x^3 - 135x^2 + 36x) \text{Dx}^2 \\ & + (38x^3 + 110x^2 - 94x) \text{Dx} + 2x^2 + 18x - 2 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Non-contiguous examples:

>  $\text{FindODE}\left(\text{KummerM}\left(\frac{1}{4}, 1, x\right) + \text{KummerM}\left(-\frac{1}{4}, 1, x\right), [\text{Dx}, x]\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} & 16x^2 \text{Dx}^4 + (-32x^2 + 64x) \text{Dx}^3 + (16x^2 - 80x + 32) \text{Dx}^2 + (16x \\ & - 16) \text{Dx} - 1 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

>  $\text{FindODE}\left(\text{LegendreP}\left(\frac{1}{4}, x\right) \text{LegendreP}\left(\frac{1}{2}, x\right), y(x)\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} & -495y(x) + 1440x \left( \frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + (5600x^2 - 1504) \left( \frac{d^2}{dx^2} y(x) \right) \\ & + (2560x^3 - 2560x) \left( \frac{d^3}{dx^3} y(x) \right) + (256x^4 - 512x^2 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$+ 256) \left( \frac{d^4}{dx^4} y(x) \right)$$

> *dsolve((14))*

$$\begin{aligned}y(x) = & \textcolor{blue}{_C1 \operatorname{LegendreP}\left(\frac{1}{2}, x\right) \operatorname{LegendreQ}\left(\frac{1}{4}, x\right)} \\& + \textcolor{blue}{_C2 \operatorname{LegendreP}\left(\frac{1}{4}, x\right) \operatorname{LegendreP}\left(\frac{1}{2}, x\right)} \\& + \textcolor{blue}{_C3 \operatorname{LegendreQ}\left(\frac{1}{2}, x\right) \operatorname{LegendreP}\left(\frac{1}{4}, x\right)} \\& + \textcolor{blue}{_C4 \operatorname{LegendreQ}\left(\frac{1}{2}, x\right) \operatorname{LegendreQ}\left(\frac{1}{4}, x\right)}\end{aligned}\tag{15}$$

## Compatibility

- The **DEtools[FindODE]** command was introduced in Maple 2019.
- For more information on Maple 2019 changes, see [Updates in Maple 2019](#).