

# Exponential Differential Equations of Semiabelian Varieties

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- We identify  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with the Lie algebra  $LG$ , the tangent space at the identity of  $G$ .
- The Lie bracket is trivial.
- The tangent bundle is  $TG \cong LG \times G$  (isomorphism of algebraic groups)
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## Definition (Alternative definition)

In a differential field  $F$ ,  $\Gamma_G$  is the solution set of the **exponential differential equation**

$$\log D_{LG}(x) = \log D_G(y)$$

under a chosen identification of  $LG$  and  $LLG$ .

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- U1  $F$  is a field of char 0,  $C$  is a relatively algebraically closed subfield, and the parameters in  $C_0$  have the appropriate type.
- U2  $\Gamma_S$  is a subgroup of  $TS$ .
- U3  $TS(C) \subseteq \Gamma_S$
- U4  $(0, y) \in \Gamma_S \iff y \in S(C)$  and  
 $(x, 1) \in \Gamma_S \iff x \in LS(C)$ .
- U5 If  $S_1 \xrightarrow{f} S_2$  is an algebraic group homomorphism then  
 $(Tf)(\Gamma_{S_1}) \subseteq \Gamma_{S_2}$ .
- U6  $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \implies \Gamma_{S_1} = \Gamma_{S_2} \cap TS_1$ .
- U7  $\Gamma_{S_1 \times S_2} = \Gamma_{S_1} \times \Gamma_{S_2}$ .

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# The universal theory

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*The algebraic axioms  $U1$ — $U7$ , together with the Schanuel property  $SP$ , hold in any differential field. They are expressible by universal first-order sentences.*

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- *The algebraic axioms U1 — U7*
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- *$F$  contains a nonconstant point.*

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- For the case  $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbb{G}_m^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , we can blur Zilber's [pseudo]-exponential field in the same way. This also produces a model of  $T_{\mathcal{S}}$ , with CCP, of cardinality  $2^{\aleph_0}$ .
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