# EnHANCING THE CLASSICAL ALGORITHM BY OAKU FOR THE COMPUTATION OF BERNSTEIN-SATO POLYNOMIALS 

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## Introduction and notations

## BASIC NOTATIONS

- $\mathbb{C}$ the field of the complex numbers.
- $\mathbb{C}[s]$ the ring of polynomials in one variable over $\mathbb{C}$.
- $R_{n}=\mathbb{C}\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right]$ the ring of polynomials in $n$ variables.
- $D_{n}=\mathbb{C}\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right]\left\langle\partial_{1}, \ldots, \partial_{n}\right\rangle$ the ring of $\mathbb{C}$-linear differential operators on $R_{n}$, the $n$-th Weyl algebra:

$$
\partial_{i} x_{i}=x_{i} \partial_{i}+1
$$

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## The $D_{n}[s]$-MODULE $R_{n}\left[s, \frac{1}{f}\right] \cdot f^{s}$

- Let $f \in R_{n}$ be a non-zero polynomial.
- By $R_{n}\left[s, \frac{1}{f}\right]$ we denote the ring of rational functions of the form

$$
\frac{g(\mathbf{x}, s)}{f^{r}}
$$

where $g(\mathbf{x}, s) \in R_{n}[s]=\mathbb{C}\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}, s\right]$.

- We denote by $M=R_{n}\left[s, \frac{1}{f}\right] \cdot f^{s}$ the free $R_{n}\left[s, \frac{1}{f}\right]$-module of rank one generated by the symbol $f^{s}$.
- $R_{n}\left[s, \frac{1}{f}\right] \cdot f^{s}$ has a natural structure of left $D_{n}[s]$-module.

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\partial_{i} \cdot f^{s}=s \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_{i}} \frac{1}{f} \cdot f^{s} \quad \in \quad R_{n}\left[s, \frac{1}{f}\right] \cdot f^{s}
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## Definition (Bernstein \& Sato)

The set of all possible polynomials $b(s)$ satisfying the above equation is an ideal of $\mathbb{C}[s]$. The monic generator of this ideal is denoted by $b_{f}(s)$ and called the Bernstein-Sato polynomial of $f$.

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Remark

- There are some well-known methods to obtain such $B(s)$ : Resolution of Singularities.
- We need two algorithms.


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(8) $\operatorname{ann}_{D_{n}[s]}\left(f^{s}\right)_{\mid s=-\alpha}+\langle f\rangle \neq D$.

## Algorithm 1

Algorithm 1 (check whether $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ is a root of the $b$-function)
Input: $I=\operatorname{ann}_{D_{n}[s]}\left(f^{s}\right), f$ a polynomial in $R_{n}, \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$;
Output: true if $\alpha$ is a root of $b_{f}(-s)$, false otherwise;
(1) $J:=l_{\mid s=-\alpha}+\langle f\rangle$; $\triangleright J \subseteq D_{n}$
(2) $G$ a reduced Gröbner basis of $J$ w.r.t. any term ordering;
(3) if $G \neq\{1\}$ then

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The following conditions are equivalent:
(1) $m_{\alpha}>i$.
(2) $(s+\alpha)^{i} \notin J_{i}$.

## Algorithm 2

Algorithm 2 (compute the multiplicity of $\alpha$ as a root of $b_{f}(-s)$ )
Input: $I=\operatorname{ann}_{D_{n}[s]}\left(f^{s}\right), f$ a polynomial in $R_{n}, \alpha$ in $\mathbb{Q}$;
Output: $m_{\alpha}$, the multiplicity of $\alpha$ as a root of $b_{f}(-s)$;
for $i=0$ to $n$ do
(1) $J:=I+\left\langle f,(s+\alpha)^{i+1}\right\rangle ; \quad \triangleright J_{i} \subseteq D_{n}[s]$
(2) $G$ a reduced Gröbner basis of $J$ w.r.t. any term ordering;
(3) $r$ normal form of $(s+\alpha)^{i}$ with respect to $G$;
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end for
return $m_{\alpha}$

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## Applications

Let us see the following applications:
(1) Computations of the $b$-functions via embedded resolutions.
(2) Computations of the b-function of deformation of singularities.
(3) An algorithm for computing the minimal integral root of $b_{f}(s)$ without computing the whole Bernstein-Sato polynomial.

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## Theorem (Kashiwara).

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## The minimal integral root of $b_{f}(s)$

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Using the algorithm 1, we have proved that the minimal integral root of $b_{f}(s)$ is -1 .

## dmod.lib Joint work with V. Levandovskyy

At the moment the Singular library dmod.lib for algebraic $D$-modules contains the following main procedures:

- Sannfs: computes a system of generators of $\operatorname{ann}_{D[s]}\left(f^{s}\right)$.
- Sannfslog: computes a system of generators of ann ${ }_{D[s]}^{(1)}\left(f^{s}\right)$.
- SannfsParam: computes a system of generators of $\operatorname{ann}_{D[s]}\left(f^{s}\right)$ when $f$ has parameters.
- checkRoot
- annfs
- operator: computes $P(s)$ such that $P(s) f^{s+1}=b_{f}(s) f^{s}$.
- isHolonomic: checks whether a module given by a presentation is holonomic.


## Thank you very much!

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