

4-brachistochrone

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[1]: from sympy import *
from DifferentialAlgebra import *
init_printing ()
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0.1 Computation of the brachistochrone equation

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[2]: x,g,c,D = var('x,g,c,D')
L,S_L,y = function('L,S_L,y')
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[3]: params = [g,c,D]
R = DifferentialRing (derivations=[x], blocks=[L,S_L,y,params],
↳parameters=params)
R
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[3]: differential_ring
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[4]: syst = [ Eq(L(x)**2, (1+Derivative(y(x),x)**2)/(2*g*y(x))),
Eq(2*L(x)*S_L(x), Derivative(y(x),x)/(g*y(x))),
Eq(L(x) - Derivative(y(x),x)*S_L(x), c),
Eq(D, 1/(2*g*c**2))]
syst
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[4]: 
$$\left[ L^2(x) = \frac{\left(\frac{d}{dx}y(x)\right)^2 + 1}{2gy(x)}, 2L(x)S_L(x) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}y(x)}{gy(x)}, L(x) - S_L(x)\frac{d}{dx}y(x) = c, D = \frac{1}{2c^2g} \right]$$

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[5]: ideal = R.RosenfeldGroebner (syst)
ideal
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[5]: [regular_differential_chain, regular_differential_chain]
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[6]: [ C.equations(solved=True) for C in ideal ]
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[6]: 
$$\left[ \left[ g = \frac{1}{2Dc^2}, \left( \frac{d}{dx}y(x) \right)^2 = \frac{D - y(x)}{y(x)}, S_L(x) = c \frac{d}{dx}y(x), L(x) = \frac{Dc}{y(x)} \right], \left[ g = \frac{1}{2Dc^2}, y(x) = D, S_L(x) = 0, L(x) = \frac{Dc}{D} \right] \right]$$

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[7]: leader = var('leader')
derivative = function('derivative')
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C = ideal[0]
edo = C.equations(selection=Eq(leader,derivative(y(x))))[0]
edo
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[7]:
$$-D + y(x) \left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right)^2 + y(x)$$

0.2 Use of a Puiseux series to perform the first numerical integration step

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[8]: a0,a1,a2 = var('a0,a1,a2')
solp = a0*x**(2/Integer(3)) + a1*x**(4/Integer(3)) + a2*x**(6/Integer(3))
solp
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[8]:
$$a_0 x^{\frac{2}{3}} + a_1 x^{\frac{4}{3}} + a_2 x^2$$

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[9]: values = {}
values[a1] = -9/(20*a0)
values[a2] = -243/(2800*a0**3)
values[a0] = (9*D/4)**(1/Integer(3))
y_at_solp = R.evaluate (edo, {y(x):solp})
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[10]: y_at_solp.subs(values).subs(values).doit().expand()
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[10]:
$$\frac{207x^2}{3500D} - \frac{19683x^4}{85750000D^3} - \frac{1809\sqrt[3]{2} \cdot 3^{\frac{2}{3}}x^{\frac{8}{3}}}{245000D^{\frac{5}{3}}} - \frac{729 \cdot 2^{\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt[3]{3}x^{\frac{10}{3}}}{350000D^{\frac{7}{3}}}$$

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[11]: soln = R.evaluate (R.evaluate (solp, values), values)
soln
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[11]:
$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{2} \cdot 3^{\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt[3]{D}x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{2} - \frac{27x^2}{700D} - \frac{3 \cdot 2^{\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt[3]{3}x^{\frac{4}{3}}}{20\sqrt[3]{D}}$$

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[12]: values[D] = 2
soln = R.evaluate (soln, values)
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[13]: theta = var('theta')
def true_sol (x) :
    D_val = D.subs(values)
    theta_val = nsolve ((D_val/2) * (theta-sin(theta)) - x, theta, .1)
    return (D_val/2) * (1 - cos(theta_val))
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At x0, the value of the ordinate of the point on the cycloid is compared to that of the point on the Puiseux curve

Both are quite close

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[14]: x0 = .01
xend = 1.
true_sol (x0), true_sol (xend)
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[14]: (0.0760417718282471, 1.35579714038883)
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[15]: soln.subs({x:x0}).evalf(), soln.subs({x:xend}).evalf ()
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[15]: (0.0760417845217514, 1.35910982123678)
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0.3 Numerical integration over a prolonged system to pass the second point

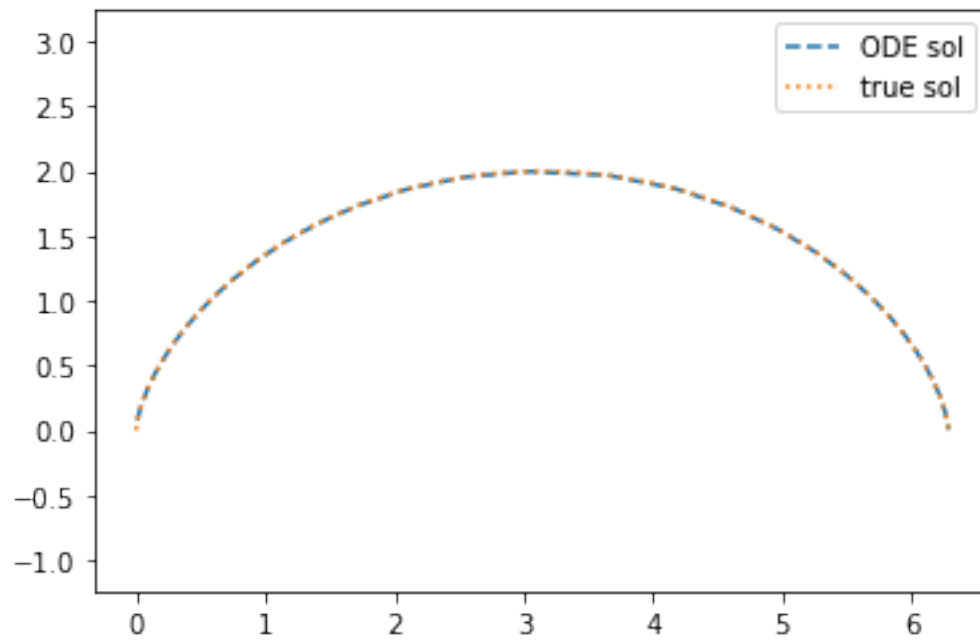
Having passed the first point using the Puiseux series, we can integrate the brachistochrone ODE

In order to pass the second point, a prolonged equation is used

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[16]: import math
import numpy as np
from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp
def f(x,y) :
    return np.array ([y[1], - (y[1]**2 + 1)/(2*y[0])], dtype=np.float64)

xend = 2*math.pi
y0 = soln.subs({x:x0}).evalf()
yp0 = math.sqrt(D.subs(values)/y0 - 1)
ode_sol = solve_ivp (f, [x0,xend], np.array([y0,yp0],dtype=np.float64),
    rtol=1e-8)
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[17]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.axis('equal')
plt.plot (ode_sol.t, ode_sol.y[0], linestyle='dashed', label='ODE sol')
tplot = np.linspace (0, 2*math.pi, 100)
xplot = [ D.subs(values)/2*(theta - math.sin(theta)) for theta in tplot ]
yplot = [ D.subs(values)/2*(1 - math.cos(theta)) for theta in tplot ]
plt.plot (xplot, yplot, linestyle='dotted', label='true sol')
plt.legend ()
plt.show ()
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