# An Abel ordinary differential equation class generalizing known integrable classes

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#### Abstract

We present a multi-parameter non-constant-invariant class of Abel ordinary differential equations with the following remarkable features. This one class is shown to unify, that is, contain as particular cases, all the integrable classes presented by Abel, Liouville and Appell, as well as all those shown in Kamke's book and various other references. In addition, the class being presented includes other new and fully integrable subclasses, as well as the most general parameterized class of which we know whose members can systematically be mapped into Riccati equations. Finally, many integrable members of this class can be systematically mapped into an integrable member of a different class. We thus find new integrable classes from previously known ones.

### 1 Introduction

Abel-type differential equations of the first kind are of the form

$$y' = f_3 y^3 + f_2 y^2 + f_1 y + f_0, (1)$$

where  $y \equiv y(x)$  and  $f_i$  are arbitrary functions of x. Abel equations appear in the reduction of order of many second and higher order families [5, 10, 11], and hence are frequently found in the modelling of real problems in varied areas. A general "exact integration" strategy for these equations was first formulated by Liouville [6] and is based on the concepts of classes, invariants and the solution of the equivalence problem [2, 3, 7]. Generally speaking, two Abel equations of the first kind belong to the same equivalence class if and only if one can be obtained from the other by means of a transformation of the form

$$\{x = F(t), \quad y = P(t) u + Q(t)\},\tag{2}$$

where t and  $u \equiv u(t)$  are respectively the new independent and dependent variables, and F, P and Q are arbitrary functions satisfying  $F' \neq 0$  and  $P \neq 0$ . By changing variables  $\{x = t, y = (g_1 u + g_0)^{-1}\}$ , where  $\{g_1, g_0\}$  are arbitrary functions of t, Abel equations of the first kind can always be written in second-kind format

$$y' = \frac{\tilde{f}_3 y^3 + \tilde{f}_2 y^2 + \tilde{f}_1 y + \tilde{f}_0}{g_1 y + g_0}.$$
(3)

Abel equations of the second kind belong to the same class as their first-kind partners. However, due to the arbitrariness introduced when switching from first to second kind, the transformation preserving the class for the latter becomes

$$\{x = F(t), \quad y = \frac{P_1(t) u + Q_1(t)}{P_2(t) u + Q_2(t)}\},\tag{4}$$

where  $P_1Q_2 - P_2Q_1 \neq 0$ . There are infinitely many Abel equation classes, and their classification is performed by means of algebraic expressions invariant under (2), the so called invariants, built with the coefficients  $f_i$ in (1) and their derivatives.

When the invariants of a given Abel equation are constant, its integration is straightforward: the equation can be transformed into a separable equation as explained in textbooks [8]. On the contrary, when the invariants are non-constant, the integration strategy relies on recognizing the equation as equivalent to one of a set of previously known integrable equations, and then applying the equivalence transformation to that equation. However, for non-constant-invariant Abel equations, only a few integrable classes are known. In a recent work [3], for instance, a classification of all integrable cases presented by Abel, Liouville and others [1, 2, 4, 7], including examples from Kamke's book, showed, in all, only four classes depending on one parameter and seven classes depending on no parameters.

In this work, we present a single multi-parameter Abel equation class (AIA<sup>1</sup>) generalizing all the integrable classes collected in [3]. In addition, AIA contains as particular case a new subclass (AIR), depending on 6 parameters, all of whose members can be systematically transformed into Riccati-type equations. This AIR class, in turn, includes a 4-parameter fully integrable subclass (AIL). Then we will see in §2.3 that many representatives of subclasses of this AIA class can be mapped into non-trivial Abel equations belonging to different subclasses. Hence, if the member being mapped is solvable, it can be used to generate a different, maybe new, solvable and non-constant-invariant class as will be shown in §3.

Due to its simplicity and the potential preparation of computer algebra routines for solving the related equivalence problem [3], the material being presented appears to us as a convenient starting point for a more systematic determination of exact solutions for Abel equations.

Another important differential equation problem, complementary to the one discussed in this paper, is the one where a first-order equation  $y' = \Phi(x, y)$ , where  $\Phi$  is arbitrary, can be transformed into separable by means of linear transformations (2). This problem is a generalization of the case where  $\Phi$  is cubic in y and the Abel equation has constant invariant. An algorithmic approach for solving this problem is presented in the precedent paper in this issue[12].

## 2 The AIL, AIR and AIA classes

As mentioned in the introduction, the whole collection of integrable classes presented in [3], consisting of four 1-parameter classes and 7 classes without parameters, can be obtained by assigning particular values to the parameters of a single multi-parameter Abel class, AIA. In turn, AIA contains a subclass, AIR, all of whose members can be transformed into Riccati-type equations, and inside AIR there is a fully integrable subclass (AIL) all of whose members can be mapped into first-order linear equations.

Since all these classes are obtained by means of the same procedure, to better illustrate the ideas we discuss first this AIL (Abel, Inverse-Linear) subclass. So, consider the general linear equation y' + g(x) y + f(x) = 0, where f and g are arbitrary, after changing variables by means of the *inverse* transformation  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$ :<sup>2</sup>

$$y' = -\frac{1}{g(y)x + f(y)}.$$
(5)

An implicit solution to this equation is easily expressed in terms of quadratures as

$$C_1 = x \exp\left(\int g(y) \, dy\right) + \int \exp\left(\int g(y) \, dy\right) f(y) \, dy. \tag{6}$$

The key observation here is that (5) will be of second-kind Abel type for many choices of f and g. For instance, by taking

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The acronyms AIA, AIR and AIL are explained below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>By  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  we mean changing variables  $\{x = u, y = t\}$  followed by renaming  $\{u \to y, t \to x\}$ .

$$f(y) = \frac{s_0 y + r_0}{a_3 y^3 + a_2 y^2 + a_1 y + a_0}, \qquad g(y) = \frac{s_1 y + r_1}{a_3 y^3 + a_2 y^2 + a_1 y + a_0},$$
(7)

where  $\{s_1, s_0, r_1, r_0, a_i\}$  are arbitrary constants, the resulting Abel family is

$$y' = -\frac{a_3 y^3 + a_2 y^2 + a_1 y + a_0}{(s_1 x + s_0) y + r_1 x + r_0}.$$
(8)

This equation has non-constant invariant, and can be seen as a representative of a non-trivial multi-parameter class, and from its connection with a linear equation, its general solution is obtained directly from Eqs.(6) and (7). As shown in the next subsection, four of the eight parameters in (8) are superfluous, and this number can be reduced further by splitting the class into subclasses. Even so, the class is surprisingly large, including multi-parameter subclasses we have not found elsewhere.<sup>3</sup> Among others, the class represented by (8) contains as particular cases the two integrable 1-parameter classes related to Abel's work [1, 3], and most of the examples found in Kamke's as well as in other textbooks [10].

We note that if instead of starting with a linear equation we were to start with a Bernoulli equation, instead of (8) we would obtain

$$y' = -\frac{a_3 y^3 + a_2 y^2 + a_1 y + a_0}{\left(s_1 x + s_0 x^\lambda\right) y + r_1 x + r_0 x^\lambda},\tag{9}$$

which is reducible to (8) by changing  $\{x = t^{1/(1-\lambda)}, y = u\}$  followed by a redefinition of the constants  $c_i \to (1-\lambda)a_i$ , and so it belongs to the same class as (8). However, if we start with a Riccati equation instead of a Bernoulli equation, and hence instead of (5) we consider

$$y' = -\frac{1}{h(y)x^2 + g(y)x + f(y)},$$
(10)

and then choose f(y), g(y) and h(y) as in (7), we obtain a 10-parameter  $\{s_i, r_i, a_k\}$  Abel type family (AIR, meaning Abel, Inverse-Riccati)

$$y' = -\frac{a_3y^3 + a_2y^2 + a_1y + a_0}{(s_2x^2 + s_1x + s_0)y + r_2x^2 + r_1x + r_0},$$
(11)

which becomes a Riccati-type equation by changing  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$ . Four of these ten parameters are superfluous. The remaining 6-parameter class includes as particular cases the parameterized families presented by Liouville and Appell, as well as other classes depending on no parameters shown in Kamke and [10] and having solutions in terms of special functions. We note that (8) is also a particular case of (11).

Finally, the same ideas can be used to construct a more general Abel class (AIA, meaning Abel, Inverse-Abel) embracing the previous classes Eqs.(8) and (11) as particular cases. This AIA family is obtained by taking as starting point an Abel equation of the second kind (3) and, taking the coefficients  $f_i$  of the form (7), arriving at

$$y' = \frac{(g_1 a_3 x + g_0 a_3) y^3 + (g_1 a_2 x + g_0 a_2) y^2 + (g_1 a_1 x + g_0 a_1) y + g_1 a_0 x + g_0 a_0}{(s_3 x^3 + s_2 x^2 + s_1 x + s_0) y + r_3 x^3 + r_2 x^2 + xr_1 + r_0}.$$
 (12)

Taking now  $g_1$  and  $g_0$  as constants and redefining  $g_1a_i \to a_i$ ,  $g_0a_i \to b_i$ , instead of (11) we obtain the 16-parameter Abel family

$$y' = -\frac{(a_3x + b_3)y^3 + (a_2x + b_2)y^2 + (a_1x + b_1)y + a_0x + b_0}{(s_3x^3 + s_2x^2 + s_1x + s_0)y + r_3x^3 + r_2x^2 + r_1x + r_0}.$$
(13)

Remarkably, by changing  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$ , we arrive at an equation of exactly the same type,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>We noted afterwards, however, that (8) could also be obtained using a different approach; for instance by following Olver [9] and considering (1) as an "inappropriate reduction" of a second-order equation that has a solvable non-Abelian Lie algebra; the resulting restrictions on the coefficients in (1) surprisingly lead to a family of the same class as (8).

$$y' = -\frac{(s_3x + r_3)y^3 + (s_2x + r_2)y^2 + (s_1x + r_1)y + s_0x + r_0}{(a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0)y + b_3x^3 + b_2x^2 + b_1x + b_0}.$$
(14)

Although we are not aware of a method for solving this AIA class for arbitrary values of its 16 parameters, by applying the change of variables  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  to representatives of solvable subclasses of AIA, one may obtain representatives of non-trivial new solvable Abel classes (see §2.3). Due to this feature and since AIA already contains as a particular case the AIR class and hence AIL (Eqs.(11) and (8)), this AIA class generalizes in one all the solvable classes presented in [3], collected from the literature (see §3).

#### 2.1 The intrinsic parameter-dependence of the classes AIL and AIR

For the purposes of finding exact solutions to Abel equations, and in so doing, solving the equivalence problem with respect to the classes represented by (8) and to some extent (11), it is relevant to determine on how many parameters these classes intrinsically depend. In fact, the technique we have been using for tackling the equivalence problem relies heavily on the calculation of multivariate resultants, and even for classes depending on just one parameter these calculations require the use of special techniques [3].

Although the procedure presented below does not exhaust the possible reduction of the number of parameters found in (8) and (11), it suffices to reduce this number by four. The idea is to explore fractional linear transformations of the form

$$\{x = t, \ y(x) = \frac{a \, u + b}{c \, u + d}\}.$$
(15)

We note that this transformation does not change the degrees in x of the denominators of the right-hand sides of (8) and (11). Keeping that fact in mind, we rewrite the representatives of the AIL and AIR classes as

$$y' = \frac{(y - \alpha_0) (y - \alpha_1) (y - \alpha_2)}{G_1(x) y + G_0(x)},$$
(16)

where  $\{G_1(x), G_0(x)\}$  are polynomials in x of the same degree (the ones implied by either (8) or (11)). By changing variables  $\{x = t, y = u(t) + \alpha_0\}$ , (16) becomes

$$y' = \frac{y(y - \Delta_{1,0})(y - \Delta_{2,0})}{G_1(x)y + \tilde{G}_0(x)},$$
(17)

where  $\Delta_{i,0} \equiv \alpha_i - \alpha_0$  and  $\tilde{G}_0(x)$  is a polynomial in x of the same degree as  $G_0(x)$ . Three cases now arise, depending whether three, two or none of the roots  $\alpha_i$  are equal.

### Case 1: $\alpha_0 = \alpha_1 = \alpha_2$

In such a case, (16) already depends on four fewer parameters than (8) or (11); a further change of variables  $\{x = t, y = 1/u\}$  transforms (16) to the form

$$y' = \frac{1}{M_1(x)\,y + M_0(x)},\tag{18}$$

where  $\{M_1(x), M_0(x)\}$  are polynomials in x of the same degree as  $\{G_1(x), G_0(x)\}$ .

Case 2: 
$$\alpha_0 = \alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$$

In this case,  $\Delta_{1,0} = 0$ , so that changing variables

$$\{x = t, y = \frac{1}{u(t) + \Delta_{2,0}^{-1}}\}\$$

in (17) leads to an equation of the form

$$y' = \frac{y}{\tilde{M}_1(x) \, y + \tilde{M}_0(x)},\tag{19}$$

where  $\{\tilde{M}_1(x), \tilde{M}_0(x)\}\$  are polynomials in x of the same degree as  $\{G_1(x), G_0(x)\}\$ . Note that (19) also depends on four fewer parameters than (8) or (11).

### Case 3: $\alpha_0 \neq \alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$

In this case,  $\Delta_{1,0} \neq \Delta_{2,0} \neq 0$ , and by changing variables

$$\{x = t, \ y = \frac{1}{\left(\Delta_{2,0}^{-1} - \Delta_{1,0}^{-1}\right)u(t) + \Delta_{1,0}^{-1}}\}$$

in (17) we obtain

$$y' = \frac{y(y-1)}{\tilde{M}_1(x) + \tilde{M}_0(x)y},$$
(20)

where  $\{\tilde{\tilde{M}}_1(x), \tilde{\tilde{M}}_0(x)\}$  are polynomials in x of the same degree as  $\{G_1(x), G_0(x)\}$  and so (20) too depends on four fewer parameters than either (8) or (11).

#### 2.2 Splitting of AIL into cases

Since the AIL class is fully solvable, it makes sense, for the purpose of tackling its related equivalence problem, to consider the further maximal reduction in the number of parameters, and hence completely split the class into a set of non-intersecting subclasses, all of which depend intrinsically on a minimal number of parameters. With this motivation, we performed some algebraic manipulations, finally determining that the AIL class actually consists of two different subclasses, respectively depending on two and one parameters.

To arrive at convenient representatives for these two subclasses of AIL, we start by changing variables<sup>4</sup> in (8) according to

$$\{x = -\frac{t}{s_1^2}, \ y = -\frac{r_0 s_1^2 + r_1 u}{(s_1 s_0 + u) s_1}\},\tag{21}$$

and introducing new parameters  $\{k_0, k_1, k_2, k_3\}$  according to

$$k_0 = \frac{\left(\left(a_2 r_0^2 + \left(s_0 a_0 - a_1 r_0\right) s_0\right) s_0 - a_3 r_0^3\right) s_1^2}{\left(r_1 s_0 - r_0 s_1\right)^2},\tag{22}$$

$$k_{1} = \frac{(a_{2}s_{1} - 3a_{3}r_{1})r_{0}^{2} + ((2r_{1}a_{2} - 2a_{1}s_{1})r_{0} + (3a_{0}s_{1} - a_{1}r_{1})s_{0})s_{0}}{(r_{1}s_{0} - r_{0}s_{1})^{2}},$$
(23)

$$k_{2} = \frac{\left(\left(2\,a_{2}\,s_{1}-3\,a_{3}\,r_{1}\right)\,r_{1}-a_{1}\,s_{1}^{\,2}\right)\,r_{0}+\left(3\,s_{1}^{\,2}a_{0}+\left(r_{1}a_{2}-2\,a_{1}\,s_{1}\right)\,r_{1}\right)\,s_{0}}{s_{1}^{\,2}\left(r_{1}s_{0}-r_{0}s_{1}\right)^{2}},\tag{24}$$

$$k_{3} = \frac{a_{0} s_{1}^{3} + ((a_{2} s_{1} - a_{3} r_{1}) r_{1} - a_{1} s_{1}^{2}) r_{1}}{s_{1}^{4} (r_{1} s_{0} - r_{0} s_{1})^{2}}.$$
(25)

Thus (8) is transformed into

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>We are assuming  $\omega \equiv r_1s_0 - r_0s_1 \neq 0$  and  $s_1 \neq 0$ , which is justified, since when  $\omega = 0$  (8) has constant invariant, therefore presenting no interest, and when  $s_1 = 0$  it can be transformed into an equation of the form (26) anyway by means of  $\{x = t/r_1, y = (u - r_0)/s_0\}$ .

$$y' = \frac{k_3 y^3 + k_2 y^2 + k_1 y + k_0}{y + x},$$
(26)

whose solution can be obtained directly from Eqs.(6) and (7) by taking  $s_1 = 0$ ,  $r_1 = 1$ ,  $s_0 = 1$ ,  $r_0 = 0$  and  $a_i \rightarrow -k_i$ . For classification purposes (see §3), it is convenient to write (26) in first-kind form by changing variables  $\{x = t, y = \frac{1}{u} - t\}$ , leading to

$$y' = (k_3x^3 - k_2x^2 + k_1x - k_0)y^3 - (3k_3x^2 - 2k_2x + k_1 + 1)y^2 + (3k_3x - k_2)y - k_3.$$
(27)

Two different cases now arise, leading to two non-intersecting subclasses. Case  $k_3 \neq 0$ 

By redefining  $k_3 \equiv -k_4^2$ , then changing variables in (26) according to

$$\{x = -\frac{k_2 + 3t k_4}{3 k_4^2}, \ y = -\frac{1}{k_4 u} + \frac{k_2 + 3t k_4}{3 k_4^2}\},\tag{28}$$

and next redefining  $\{k_4, k_0, k_1\}$  in terms of new parameters  $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$  according to

$$k_4 = -\frac{\beta}{\gamma}, \qquad k_0 = \frac{k_2^3 \gamma^4}{27\beta^4} - \frac{k_2 \alpha \gamma^2}{3\beta^2} + \gamma, \qquad k_1 = \alpha - \frac{k_2^2 \gamma^2}{3\beta^2}, \tag{29}$$

we obtain a 2-parameter representative of the class, already in first kind format:

$$y' = (x\alpha - \beta - x^3) y^3 + (3 x^2 - 1 - \alpha) y^2 - 3 xy + 1.$$
(30)

Case  $k_3 = 0$ 

This other branch of (26) splits into two subcases:  $k_2 = 0$  and  $k_2 \neq 0$ . In the former case (26) becomes constant-invariant, and is thus of no interest. When  $k_2 \neq 0$ , by introducing a new parameter  $\alpha$  by means of

$$\alpha = k_2 k_0 - \frac{k_1^2}{4},\tag{31}$$

and changing variables in (26) according to

$$\{x = \frac{k_1 - 2t}{2k_2}, \ y = \frac{2t - k_1}{2k_2} - \frac{1}{k_2u}\},\tag{32}$$

one obtains a simpler representative for this class, depending on just one parameter  $\alpha$ :

$$y' = (\alpha + x^2) y^3 - (2x+1) y^2 + y.$$
(33)

### 2.3 Generating new integrable classes from solvable members of AIA

The motivation for this work was to try to unify the integrable Abel classes we have seen in the literature. This goal has been partially accomplished with the formulation of the AIL and AIR Abel classes, but there are still other integrable classes, not included in AIR, which however all have the following property: these Abel classes have representatives which could be obtained by changing variables  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  in the representative of other Abel classes. In this sense, these representatives are both of Abel and inverse-Abel types, which led us to ask the following question:

Which Abel classes lead to other Abel classes by applying the inverse transformation  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  to one of its representatives?

Table 1: Classification of the integrable classes collected in [3].

	Subclass AIL	Subclass AIR	Class AIA
Classes	A, C, 4, 5	B, D, 2	1,3,6,7

We have formulated the answer to this question in terms of the following proposition and its corollary.

**Proposition**: If one Abel equation,  $\alpha$ , maps into another Abel equation,  $\beta$ , by means of the inverse transformation  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$ , then both are of the form (13).

**Proof**: By hypothesis  $\beta$  is both of Abel and inverse-Abel type, that is, it is of the form y' = G(x, y), where G is both cubic over linear in y (the Abel condition) and linear over cubic in x (the inverse-Abel condition). Hence, G is a rational function of x and y, with numerator cubic in y and linear in x, and denominator cubic in x and linear in y, and so  $\beta$  is in fact of the form (13).

**Corollary**: If a given Abel class is related through the inverse transformation to another Abel class then both classes have representatives of the form (13).

One consequence of this proposition is that AIA, (13), is in fact the most general equation which is both Abel and inverse-Abel; similarly AIR, (11), is the most general which is both Abel and inverse-Riccati; and AIL, (8), is the most general which is both Abel and inverse-linear.

It is worth mentioning here that an Abel class may have many different representatives of the form (13). Consequently, for instance, the AIL integrable class represented by (26), which naturally maps into a linear equation by means of  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$ , also contains members which map into non-trivial Abel equations by means of the same transformation. As an example of this, consider 151 of Kamke's book:

$$y' = \frac{1 - 2xy + y^2 - 2y^3x}{x^2 + 1}.$$
(34)

This equation has the form (13) and, by changing variables  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$ , it leads to a non-trivial new Abel class and nevertheless it belongs to the AIL class (see (47)). In other words, the class represented by this equation has a representative of the form (13) different from (34), which, by means of  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$ , maps into a linear equation. An example where the same thing happens with a member of the AIR class is given by

$$y' = -2xy^2 + y^3. ag{35}$$

This equation was presented by Liouville [6]; it is of the form (13) and by means of  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  leads to another non-trivial Abel class. In addition (35) belongs to the AIR class, so that it has another representative of the form (13), which by means of  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  maps into a Riccati equation. Some other examples illustrating how new solvable classes can be obtained from solvable members of AIA by changing variables  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  are shown in the next section.

### 3 AIA: a generalization of known integrable classes

As mentioned in the Introduction, all the solvable classes collected in [3], four depending on one parameter, labelled A, B, C and D, and another seven not depending on parameters, labelled 1 to 7, are particular members of the class represented by (13). The "classification" of these solvable classes as particular members of AIL, AIR or AIA is as follows:

Although this classification shown in Table 1 is not difficult to verify, it is worthwhile to show it explicitly. Starting with the parameterized class by Abel [1], shown in [3] as "Class A",

$$y' = \left(\alpha x + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) y^3 + y^2,$$
(36)

where  $\alpha$  is the parameter, this equation can be obtained from (27) by taking  $\{k_3 = 2\alpha, k_2 = -1, k_1 = 1/2, k_0 = 0\}$  and changing variables

$$\{x = \frac{t^2}{2}, y = 2 \frac{u+t}{t^3}\}.$$

So, (36) is a member of AIL.

Concerning the 1-parameter class by Liouville [7], labelled in [3] as class "B",

$$y' = 2 (x^2 - \alpha) y^3 + 2 (x + 1) y^2,$$
(37)

this equation is obtained from (11) by taking  $\{s_2 = 0, s_1 = 0, s_0 = 1, r_2 = 1, r_1 = 0, r_0 = 0, a_3 = 0, a_2 = 0, a_0 = -2\alpha, a_1 = -2\}$  and changing variables

$$\{x = t, y = -\frac{1}{u} - t^2\}.$$

(37) is then a member of AIR.

The next solvable class, related to Abel's work, presented in [3] as class "C", is represented by

$$y' = \frac{\alpha \left(1 - x^2\right) y^3}{2 x} + (\alpha - 1) y^2 - \frac{\alpha y}{2 x},$$
(38)

and this equation can be obtained from (27) by taking  $\{k_2 = 0, k_1 = \alpha/2, k_0 = 0, k_3 = -1/2\}$  and changing variables

$$\{x = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{t}, y = \frac{t(1-tu)}{\sqrt{\alpha}}\}$$

(38) is then a member of AIL.

The last parameterized solvable class shown in [3], labelled there as class "D", is related to Appell's work [2], and is given by

$$y' = -\frac{y^3}{x} - \frac{(\alpha + x^2)y^2}{x^2}.$$
(39)

This equation is obtained from (11) by taking  $\{s_2 = 0, s_1 = 1, s_0 = 0, r_2 = 1, r_1 = 0, r_0 = -\alpha, a_3 = 0, a_2 = 0, a_1 = 0, a_0 = -1\}$  and changing variables

$$\{x = t, y = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{\alpha - t^2}{t}\}.$$

So, (39) is a member of AIR.

Concerning the classes collected in [3] not depending on parameters, the first one, there labelled as "Class 1", was presented by Halphen [4] in connection with doubly periodic elliptic functions:

$$y' = \frac{3y(1+y) - 4x}{x(8y-1)}.$$
(40)

This equation, clearly a member of (13), can be obtained by changing  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  in

$$y' = \frac{y(8x-1)}{3x(x+1) - 4y}$$

which in turn can be obtained from (38) (the solvable AIL class) by taking  $\alpha = -2/3$  and changing variables

$$\{x = \frac{(1-2t)\sqrt{3-6t}}{9t}, \ y = \frac{12ut\sqrt{3-6t}}{(t+1)^2(4u-3t^2-3t)}\}.$$

This derivation also illustrates how new solvable classes can be obtained by interchanging the roles between dependent and independent variables in solvable members of AIA.

As for the representative of Class 2, by Liouville [6], shown in [3] as

$$y' = y^3 - 2x y^2, (41)$$

this equation is obtained from (11) by taking  $\{s_2 = 0, s_1 = 0, s_0 = 1, r_2 = 1, r_1 = 0, r_0 = 0, a_3 = 0, a_2 = 0, a_1 = 0, a_0 = 1\}$  and converting the resulting equation into first-kind format by changing variables

$$\{x = t, y = \frac{1}{u} - t^2\}$$

(41) is then a member of AIR.

Also of note here, (41) is a special case of the equation presented by Appell in [2]:

$$y' = -\frac{y^3}{\alpha x^2 + \beta x + \gamma} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{ax^2 + bx + c}{\alpha x^2 + \beta x + \gamma}\right) y^2 \tag{42}$$

with  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 0, \gamma = -1, a = -1, b = 0, c = 0$ . (42) is also seen to be a member of AIR since it can be obtained by changing

$$\{x = t, \ y = \frac{1}{u} - \frac{a t^2 + b t + c}{\alpha t^2 + \beta t + \gamma}\}\$$

in (11) with  $s_2 = \alpha$ ,  $s_1 = \beta$ ,  $s_0 = \gamma$ ,  $r_2 = a$ ,  $r_1 = b$ ,  $r_0 = c$ ,  $a_3 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = 0$ ,  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_0 = -1$ .

Class 3, also by Liouville [7], presented in [3] as

$$y' = \frac{y^3}{4x^2} - y^2 \tag{43}$$

can be obtained from (41) by changing  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  and then converting it to first-kind format by means of

$$\{x = 2t, y = -\frac{1}{u} + t\}.$$

(43) is then a member of AIA. This also illustrates the derivation of a solvable class by changing  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  in solvable members of the AIR subclass.

The next class, presented in [3] as Class 4, collected among the Abel equation examples of Kamke's book,

$$y' = y^3 - \frac{(x+1)y^2}{x},\tag{44}$$

can be obtained from (33) by taking  $\alpha = 0$  and changing variables

$$\{x = -\frac{1}{t}, y = t^2u - t\},\$$

so it belongs to the AIL subclass.

In [3], three new integrable classes not depending on parameters were presented too - these are classes "5", "6" and "7". Starting with class 5, given by

$$y' = -\frac{(2x+3)(x+1)y^3}{2x^5} + \frac{(5x+8)y^2}{2x^3},$$
(45)

this equation can be obtained from (8) by taking  $\{s_1 = 0, s_0 = 1, r_1 = 1, r_0 = 0, a_3 = -6, a_2 = 10, a_1 = -4, a_0 = 0\}$  and changing variables

$$\{x = \frac{1}{t}, \ y = \frac{2t^2 - (t+1)u}{t\left((t+1)u + 2t\right)}\}.$$

Regarding Class 6, given by

$$y' = -\frac{y^3}{x^2 (x-1)^2} + \frac{(1-x-x^2) y^2}{x^2 (x-1)^2},$$
(46)

this equation is obtained from (44) by changing  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  and then converting it to first-kind form by means of

$$\{x = t, y = \frac{t - 1 + u}{(t - 1)u}\}.$$

Concluding, class 7 is given by

$$y' = \frac{\left(4\,x^4 + 5\,x^2 + 1\right)y^3}{2\,x^3} + y^2 + \frac{\left(1 - 4\,x^2\right)y}{2\,x\,(x^2 + 1)}.\tag{47}$$

This equation can be obtained from Kamke's first order example 151,

$$y' = \frac{\left(y^2 + 1\right)\left(1 - 2\,yx\right)}{x^2 + 1},\tag{48}$$

by first changing  $\{x \leftrightarrow y\}$  and then converting the resulting equation to first kind format by means of

$$\{x = t, y = \frac{1}{2t} - \frac{1}{2(t^2 + 1)u}\}$$

In turn, (48) is a member of the AIL subclass and can be obtained from (38) by taking  $\alpha = -4$  and changing variables

$$\{x = \frac{i}{t}, y = \frac{it(tu-1)}{t^2+1}\}.$$

#### 4 Conclusions

In this paper, a multi-parameter non-constant-invariant Abel class has been presented which generalizes in one the integrable cases shown in the works by Abel, Liouville, Appell and others, including all those shown in Kamke's book and other references. This new class splits into various subclasses, many of which are fully integrable, including some not previously shown elsewhere to the best of our knowledge.

The particular subclass represented by (26) mapping non-constant-invariant Abel equations into linear first-order equations contains by itself most of the exactly integrable cases we have seen. The subclass represented by (11) appears to us to be the most general class mapping Abel equations into Riccati ones; indeed it includes the parameterized mappings presented by Liouville and Appell as particular members.

Finally, the mapping of Abel classes into other Abel classes presents a useful way of finding new integrable classes from other classes known to be solvable, as shown in §3. We are presently working on analyzing different connections between all these subclasses and expect to find reportable results in the near future.

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