

# (I): Factorization of Linear Ordinary Differential Equations

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Operator equations:

$$X \cdot L + Y \cdot M = B, \quad L \cdot Z + M \cdot T = C$$

with unknown operators  $X, Y, Z, T$  are solvable iff respectively  $rGCD(L, M)$  divides  $B$  on the right and  $lGCD(L, M)$  divides  $C$  on the left.

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