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The work of the investigators in the area of effective approximation methods in diophantine geometry, differential equations and computer realizations have progressed in several directions. In diophantine approximations we continued to study the relationship between complex-analytic and arithmetic (p-adic) properties of linear differential equations using Padé approximations methods. One of the crucial problems here is the transcendence of the elements of the monodromy matrices of linear differential equations defined over $Q(x)$ and for linear differential equations over $C(x)$ uniformizing algebraic curves of genus $g \geq 1$ defined over Q. These problems are important to complete our solution of the last remaining cases of the Grothendieck conjecture, and for the determination of the arithmetic nature of accessory parametres and natural parameters

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of Teichmuller spaces. In this direction we proved the transcendence of elements of the monodromy matrices of linear differential equtions over $\mathbf{Q}(x)$ in many important cases, see [1]. We have developed and implemented entirely new low complexity algorithms of computations of solutions of (linear) differential equations with arbitrary precision [3-4], [9-10], and new efficient numerical methods of solutions and direct monodromy (Riemann) problem. In the uniformization problem, we conducted extensive analytic analysis and run multiple precision (in thousands of leading digits of floating point) computations with our new algorithms for: a) punctured tori case; b) hyperelliptic cureves of genus g, $2 \leq g \leq 6$; [4], [9]. Our computations showed that in most cases, the curves defined over $\mathbf{Q}$ do not have algebraic accessory parameters and do not have monodromy group represented by matrices from $GL_2(\mathbf{Q})$. In particular, the long-standing Whittaker conjecture (1929) on explicit algebraic form of accessory parameters in the hyperelliptic case is wrong for a generic curve. Results of complex-analytic and arithmetic computations clearly indicate [9-10] that accessory parameters are algebraic only in cases when the corresponding Fuchsian group is an arithmetic one, or belongs to a special class of triangle subgroups (like in all the previously known cases when Whittaker conjecture was proved). We are continuing our numerical and analytic work aimed at the development of correct conjectural description of (Teichmuller) parameters.

Another part of our work is aimed at complete determination of all (linear) differential equations having arithmetic sense. In many cases we have been able to show that all these equations "arise from Geometry" (are variations of period structures of algebraic manifolds), [11]. This work of ours is closely connected with the study of the arithmetic properties of classical constants of analysis (such as π, $\zeta(3)$, $\ln 2$, $\Gamma(1/3)$). The common analytic method in all these studies is the method of Pade approximations to solutions to special linear differential eqautions, see [4], [9], [10], [11]. New identities for classical constants significantly improving on known ones (Ramanujan, etc [10]) have been constructed by us now from modular function. These identities have applications to diophantine approximations and to numerical methods as well, [10].

We continue to develop methods of formal groups arising from Abelian varieties (elliptic curves) defined over Z, Z_p, F_p used by us for the study of Tate conjecture, factorization and primality testing [2], and in description of characteristic classes of Spin-manifolds and their applications in superstrings [5], [8]. Our formulas for characteristic classes exressed in terms of modular forms of level 2 were used by Witten and others (cf. [8]) in field theory models. They also reveals new interesting congruences necessary for the construction of conjectured extraordinary K-theories, see [8].

Our methods of multi-point approximations and interpolation led to new very efficient low complexity methods of computations over Z and over finite fields of large classes of problems expressed in terms of bilinear form. Among the problems were our new algorithms are applied are: fast computations of polynomial multiplications, convolutions, and various finite Fourier transforms, binum operations and other operations in computer algebra. Our methods, [6 - 8], are based on interpolation over algebraic curves and manifolds which we developed, and are connected with algebraic coding theory [6]. In particular, we show that the (multiplicative) complexity of multiplication in the extension K of k of degree n is of the order $(2 + o(1)) * n$ for a finite field k. We are further developing these methods, and applying them to fast solution of partial differential eqautions, fast integral transforms, and to fast bignum computations.

New efficient serial and parallel algorithms were proposed by us for power-series computation, continued fraction expansions and the numerical evaluation of solutions of linear differential equations, [3], [4], [9], [10]. Among our results is O(log N) upper bound for the complexity of evaluation of N-th partial fraction in the continued fraction expansion for the large class of algebaric functions [4]. Of practical importance are new $O(N \log^2 N)$ - $O(N \ln^3 N)$ algorithms for evaluation with the precision N of a solution of a linear differential equation at an N-digit floating number. Some of these methods were already used by us in monodromy group comutations (see above). Efficient hardware realization of these methods for special functions computations looks very promising, and are under development by us.

Investigators were among organizers (D.V. was a co-chairmen

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