

# **gfun[minimizediffeq]** minimize differential equation given initial conditions

## Calling Sequence

`minimizediffeq(deq, y(z), options)`

## Parameters

`deq` - a set containing a linear differential equation with polynomial coefficients and initial conditions specifying a unique solution of it;

`y(z)` - the unknown function and its variable;

`homogeneous` - (optional) boolean telling whether one is interested in the minimal homogeneous or inhomogeneous linear differential equation (default is true).

## Description

- Given a linear differential equation together with initial conditions specifying a unique solution of it, the `minimizediffeq` command finds the linear differential equation with polynomial coefficients of minimal order having this solution. If the option `homogeneous` is set to false, then it returns a non-homogeneous one of minimal order, if one exists, otherwise the minimal homogeneous equation is returned.
- This is an analogue for differential equations of the command [MinimalRecurrence](#) of the package `LREtools`.
- This command is part of the `gfun` package, so it can be used in the form `minimizediffeq(...)` only after executing the command `with(gfun)`. However, it can always be accessed through the long form of the command by using `gfun[minimizediffeq](...)`.

## Examples

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> with(gfun):
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> deq:={ (20*z^6+12*z^5)*y(z)+(4*z^7+z^2+3*z-9)*diff(y(z),z)+(z^3-3*z^2)*diff(diff(y(z),z),z), y(0) = 1};
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$$\text{deq} := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (20z^6 + 12z^5)y(z) + (4z^7 + z^2 + 3z - 9) \left( \frac{d}{dz} y(z) \right) + (z^3 - 3z^2) \left( \frac{d^2}{dz^2} y(z) \right), \\ y(0) = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

> **minimizediffeq(deq,y(z));**

$$\left\{ 4y(z)z^5 + (z-3) \left( \frac{d}{dz} y(z) \right), y(0) = 1 \right\}$$

> **deq:={z^2\*(1+z)\*diff(diff(diff(y(z),z),z),z)-z\*(2\*z^2+2\*z-1)\*diff(diff(y(z),z),z)+(-z^2-4\*z-1)\*diff(y(z),z), y(0) = 0, (D@@2)(y)(0) = 1/4};**

$$\text{deq} := \left\{ z^2 (1+z) \left( \frac{d^3}{dz^3} y(z) \right) - z (2z^2 + 2z - 1) \left( \frac{d^2}{dz^2} y(z) \right) + (-z^2 - 4z - 1) \left( \frac{d}{dz} y(z) \right), y(0) = 0, D^{(2)}(y)(0) = \frac{1}{4} \right\}$$

> **minimizediffeq(deq,y(z));**

$$\left\{ (-z^2 - 4z - 1) \left( \frac{d}{dz} y(z) \right) + (-2z^3 - 2z^2 + z) \left( \frac{d^2}{dz^2} y(z) \right) + (z^3 + z^2) \left( \frac{d^3}{dz^3} y(z) \right), y(0) = 0, D^{(2)}(y)(0) = \frac{1}{4} \right\}$$

So this equation is already minimal. However, the solution also satisfies a non-homogeneous equation of smaller order:

> **minimizediffeq(deq,y(z),false);**

$$\left\{ y(z) - \frac{(2z^3 - 3z^2 + 2z - 1) \left( \frac{d}{dz} y(z) \right)}{z(1+z)} + \frac{(z^2 - 2z + 1)(z^3 + z^2) \left( \frac{d^2}{dz^2} y(z) \right)}{z^2(1+z)^2} - \frac{1}{2}, y(0) = 0, D^{(2)}(y)(0) = \frac{1}{4} \right\}$$

See Also

[LREtools\[MinimalRecurrence\]](#), [gfun](#)