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1006-58-111 Josef F. Dorfmeister* (dorfm@ma.tum.de) and Shimpei Kobayashi. Complex ODE's and Surfaces of Constant Mean Curvature. Preliminary report.

We will recall briefly the generalized Weierstrass representation of surfaces of constant mean curvature (CMC) in \mathbb{R}^3 , and then use it for the construction of CMC surfaces. A particularly important step in this method is to find a linear, first order complex ODE with meromorphic coefficients, which then yields, by the method mentioned above, a CMC surface with certain required properties.

We will discuss the construction of all CMC cylinders and of CMC trinoids of genus g = 0 with embedded ends in some detail. (Received February 10, 2005)