

ASPECTS OF SYMBOLIC INTEGRATION AND SIMPLIFICATION OF
EXPONENTIAL AND PRIMITIVE FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT

In this thesis we cover some aspects of the theory necessary to obtain a canonical form for functions obtained by integration and exponentiation from the set of rational functions.

These aspects include a new algorithm for symbolic integration of functions involving logarithms and exponentials which avoids factorization of polynomials in those cases where algebraic extension of the constant field is not required, avoids partial fraction decompositions, and only solves linear systems with a small number of unknowns.

We have also found a theorem which states, roughly speaking, that if integrals which can be represented as logarithms are represented as such, the only algebraic dependence that a new exponential or logarithm can satisfy is given by the law of exponents or the law of logarithms.

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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

This thesis deals with some aspects of the theory necessary to obtain a canonical form of functions obtained by integration and exponentiation from the set of rational functions in one or several variables. In addition, a new algorithm is given for symbolic integration of functions obtained from the rational functions by composing the logarithm and exponential functions.

The main problems addressed and solved here are:

(a) Can we find an improved algorithm for symbolic integration of functions involving logarithms and exponentials? An algorithm has been found for elementary integration of these functions, which avoids factorization of polynomials in those cases where algebraic extension of the constant field is not required, avoids partial fraction decompositions, and only solves linear systems with a small number of unknowns.

(b) What possible algebraic relationships are there between functions built-up from the rational functions using integration and exponentiation?

A theorem has been found which states, roughly speaking, that if integrals which can be represented by using logarithms are represented as such, the only algebraic dependence that a new exponential or logarithm can satisfy is given by the law of exponents or the law of logarithms.

The search for algorithms for elementary integration of elementary functions has been the subject of many efforts in the past. The pioneer of this subject, Joseph Liouville based his work [LIO 33, LIO 33A, LIO 35, LIO 37, LIO 39, LIO 40 and LIO 41] on the fact that the derivative of an elementary function is again an elementary function. He also found the form an integral could take. C. Hermite was the first person to discover an algorithm for integration of rational functions. His work appeared post-humously in 1912 [HER 12]. The first algorithm sketch for integration in finite terms, was written by D.D. Mordoukhay-Boltovsky [MOR 13]. Still, this sketch had some ambiguities. G.H. Hardy [HAR 28] and J.F. Ritt [RIT 48], both published somewhat more detailed sketches of their algorithms. Ritt, and after him, E.R. Kolchin, also were the primary contributors to differential algebra, which provides the framework for most of the work done today in the area. Further details of their work can be found in [RIT 50] and [KOL 73]. Also of interest during this period were A. Ostrowski's papers [OST 46] generalizing a result due to Liouville about the form of an integral and [OST 46A] giving his integration algorithm for primitive functions.

Then came the electronic computer, and the realization that this was a formidable tool for automatic algebra, and perhaps also integration. Thus Slagle [SLA 61] implemented a heuristic integrator program he called SAINT. J. Moses [MOS 67] implemented an improved heuristic integrator he called SIN, and which, (with one addition) is still being used today as part of the symbolic manipulation system MACSYMA. Also at this time, R.G. Tobey [TOB 67] and E. Horowitz [HOR 69] found better algorithms for integration of rational functions. M. Rosenlicht also contributed to the field with a modern rendering of Liouville's Theorem

on integration in elementary terms [ROS 68] and some additional theorems which are useful for determining algebraic dependence and independence of elementary functions [ROS 69], [ROS 75].

The problems of function representation and simplification which are crucial for symbolic integration, also received attention by D. Richardson [RIC 68], who showed that the lack of a normal form implied the impossibility of having an integration algorithm. W. S. Brown [BRO 69] and B.F. Caviness [CAV 70] attacked the problem by reducing it to finding algebraic relationships between constants. It was also during this period that the first complete, correct, algorithm for integration in finite terms, was published by R.H. Risch [RIS 69], [RIS 70]. His work also included the discovery of a simple method to discover all possible algebraic relationships between the logarithm and exponential functions, provided that certain problems with constants are avoided (Risch Structure Theorem) [RIS 69a].

Risch's 1969 paper spurred a whole lot of activity: J. Moses implemented Risch's algorithm and incorporated it within his SIN program. Comments, further explanations and minor modifications were given by J. Moses [MOS 71], C. Mack [McC 76] and D. Mack [McD 75]. B.M. Trager [TRA 76] found a method to obtain the minimal algebraic extension necessary to express the integral. Based on a result discovered by R.H. Risch in 1976 about the exact form of the algebraic part of the integral, R.H. Risch and A.C. Norman discovered and implemented a new integration algorithm in SCRATCHPAD. Also worthy of mention is a result of Moses [MOS 69] about using the Risch integration algorithm for some primitive functions (implemented in MACSYMA for error functions) a result which has been partially implemented for Spence functions (di-logarithms) by

J.A. Fox and A.C. Hearn in REDUCE [FOH 74].

Insofar as recognizing zero is concerned, there is still much interest in the area, as is shown by the work of J. Ax [AX 71], S.C. Johnson [JOH 71], R. Fateman [FAT 72], J. Fitch [FIT 73], M. Singer [SIN 74], [SIR 75] and H.I. Epstein [EPS 75], who implemented the Risch Structure Theorem in SAC-1.

As mentioned before, research on elementary integration carries with it research on the problem of simplification of elementary functions or the structure of fields of functions, since Risch's integration algorithm (and also the one described herein) require a method for verifying when two expressions differ by at most a constant. The relationship becomes mutual when we note that if we are considering expressions built-up from the rational functions using exponentiation and integration, one known way to distinguish algebraically independent functions requires an operation which we shall call simple-logarithmic integration, similar to elementary integration, but not allowing expansion of the constant field. By Liouville's theorem, this is the same as verifying whether an integral can be expressed by using logarithms but with no algebraic extensions allowed.

Further details and a proof of the above will be presented in Chapter 3 and Appendix A.

The algorithms required for our integration algorithm are the usual polynomial and rational function algorithms, i.e. addition, subtraction, multiplication, greatest common divisors, resultants, etc., including an extended Euclidean algorithm (or its equivalent) and an algorithm for finding roots of univariate polynomials over the constant field. One subalgorithm not directly required by our algorithm is polynomial

factorization. In this way, we will obtain better computing time bounds than has been possible, so far, for the special case where no algebraic extensions are necessary.

Let me finish this introduction with some definitions and lemmas from differential algebra. For proofs, see [EpC 74].

Differential Fields

By a differential field we will mean a field F of characteristic 0 with operators D_1, \dots, D_k , $k \geq 1$, defined on F and satisfying for all integers i, j , ($1 \leq i, j \leq k$) and $x, y \in R$.

$$1. \quad D_i(x + y) = D_i x + D_i y.$$

$$2. \quad D_i(x y) = x D_i y + y D_i x$$

$$3. \quad D_i D_j x = D_j D_i x.$$

F will be called partial if $k > 1$, if $k = 1$, F will be called ordinary.

D_1, \dots, D_k will be called the derivation operators of F .

We can now prove for any derivation operator D of F :

$$(a) \quad D(1) = D(1 \cdot 1) = D(1) + D(1) \text{ so that } D(1) = 0.$$

$$(b) \quad \text{If } a \neq 0, 0 = D(1) = D(a a^{-1}) = a D(a^{-1}) + a^{-1} D(a), \text{ so that } D(a^{-1}) = -D(a)/a^2. \text{ This implies that } D(a/b) = \frac{b Da - a Db}{b^2}.$$

(c) If n is a positive integer, we can prove (by induction) that $D(a^n) = n a^{n-1} Da$. From (b), we can conclude that this property holds for all integers n .

Now let F and G be differential fields. G will be called a differential extension field of F if G is an extension of F on the algebraic sense, both F and G have the same number of differential operators, say (D_1, \dots, D_k) and $(\bar{D}_1, \dots, \bar{D}_k)$ respectively, and for each x in F and integer i between 1 and k , we have $D_i(x) = \bar{D}_i(x)$.

Let F and G be two differential fields with differential operations D_1, \dots, D_k , and $\bar{D}_1, \dots, \bar{D}_{\bar{k}}$ respectively. Let f be a function from F into G . Then f will be called a differential homomorphism if f is a homomorphism in the algebraic sense, $k = \bar{k}$, and for all i between 1 and k , all x in F , we have $f(D_i(x)) = \bar{D}_i(f(x))$.

The concepts of differential isomorphism and differential embedding can be defined similarly.

Let F be a differential field, U a differential extension field of F having the property that every finitely generated differential extension field G of F can be embedded in U , the embedding leaving F fixed; under these conditions, U will be called a universal extension field of F . It is proven in [KOL 73, page 92] that every differential field has a universal extension. Note that Kolchin calls these semi-universal extensions.

Let F be a differential field with differentiation operators D_1, \dots, D_k . Let K be a set of elements of F which are mapped to 0 by all the D_i , $1 \leq i \leq k$. Then K is a subfield of F called the field of constants of F , or the constant field of F .

In this thesis, we shall denote by C , the constant field of a universal extension field of the differential field under consideration. We shall also denote the constant field of F by C^F so that $C = C^U$ and $C^F = C \cap F$.

Now let F be a partial differential field, G a differential extension field of F . Let $\theta \in G$, $\theta \neq 0$. Then

(a) θ will be called primitive over F if for all derivations D of G , $D\theta \in F$.

(b) θ will be exponential over F if for all derivations D of F, $\exists u \in F$ such that $Du = D\theta/\theta$. In this case we say $\theta = \exp u$.

(c) $F(\theta)$ will denote the smallest partial differential field containing both F and θ .

(d) θ will be called a regular monomial over F if:

- i) θ is either primitive or exponential over F
- ii) θ is transcendental over F
- iii) F and $F(\theta)$ have the same constant field.

(e) If for some u in F and all derivations D of F, $D\theta = \frac{Du}{u}$, we will write $\theta = \log u$.

Notice that if for some θ and $\bar{\theta}$, and some $u \in G$, we have for all derivations D of F, $D\theta = Du/u = D\bar{\theta}$, then $\theta - \bar{\theta} \in C$. In a similar vein, if $D\theta = \theta Du$ and $D\bar{\theta} = \bar{\theta} Du$, for all derivations D, then $\theta/\bar{\theta} \in C$.

Henceforth, when confronted with this situation, we shall select one particular θ , call it $\log u$, and all others will be represented by $\log u + c$. $\exp u$ will be treated similarly. Notice also that for θ, ϕ in F, $\theta = \log \phi + c$ for some $c \in C^F$, if, and only if $\phi = k \exp \theta$ for another k in C^F .

If we let F and G be as before, and $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$ in G, then:

(a) $F(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$ will denote the smallest differential field containing F and the θ_i .

(b) $F(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$ will be called a regular Liouville extension of $F = F_0$ if each θ_i is a regular monomial over $F_{i-1} = F(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{i-1})$.

(c) $F(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$ will be called a generalized Liouville extension of $F = F_0$ if each θ_i is either a regular monomial or algebraic over $F_{i-1} = F(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{i-1})$ and $F(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$ has the same field of constants as F.

In the following lemmas, which have been taken from [EpC 74], let F be a differential field with derivation operators D_1, \dots, D_k , let U be a universal extension of F , and let θ in U be a regular monomial over F .

1. For f, g in U , exponential over F , and m a non-zero integer, f/g^m is a constant (in U) if and only if for all i , $1 \leq i \leq k$,

$$\frac{1}{m f} D_i f = \frac{1}{g} D_i g .$$

Also, in this case, f is not a regular monomial over $F(g)$.

2. Let

$$P(\theta) = \sum_{i=0}^n p_i \theta^i$$

in $F[\theta]$, $p_n \neq 0$. Then $\max_{1 \leq i \leq k} (\deg D_i P) = n$ unless θ is primitive over F , and p_n is a constant in which case $\max_{1 \leq i \leq k} (\deg D_i P) = n - 1$.

3. Let

$$P(\theta) = \sum_{i=0}^n p_i \theta^i$$

in $F[\theta]$, $p_n \neq 0$. If, for each j , $1 \leq j \leq k$,

$$P(\theta) \mid D_j P(\theta) ,$$

then θ is an exponential monomial and $P(\theta) = p_n \theta^n$.

4. If $P(\theta)$ in $F[\theta]$ is square-free, then the only (nontrivial) common factor that $P(\theta), D_1 P(\theta), \dots, D_k P(\theta)$ can have is θ , and that only if θ is exponential over F . (This is a corollary of 3.)

5. If P, Q are relatively prime elements of $F[\theta]$, $\deg Q > 0$, and for each i , $1 \leq i \leq k$, $D_i(P/Q) = A_i/B_i$, where A_i, B_i are relatively prime in $F[\theta]$, then each B_i is square-free if and only if $Q = q \theta$, for some q in F .

6. Let $R(\theta) \in F(\theta)$, $R(\theta) \neq 0$. Then, for any i , $1 \leq i \leq k$, if $D_i R(\theta)/R(\theta) = A/B$, where A, B are relatively prime, then B is square-free.

7. Let $S \in U$, and for each i , $1 \leq i \leq k$, $D_i S = P_i/Q_i$, with P_i, Q_i relatively prime elements of $F[\theta]$, Q_i square-free, $\deg P_i < \deg Q_i$.

Assume also that

$$D_i S = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j D_i R_j/R_j + D_i T$$

where the $c_j \in C^F$, $R_j, T \in F(\theta)$. Then, if θ is primitive over F ,

$$D_i T = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} k_j D_i f_j/f_j + c$$

for some integer $\ell \geq 0$, $f_j \in F$, constants k_j, c . If θ is exponential over F , then θT is in $F[\theta]$, and if $T \in F[\theta]$, then $T \in F$.

8. Let ψ in U , and suppose ψ is not a regular monomial over F .

Then

- (a) If ψ is primitive over F , $\psi = g + c_1$ for some g in F , c_1 in C^U .
- (b) If ψ is exponential over F , then $\psi^m = c_2 h$ for some non-zero integer m , h in F and c_2 in C^U .

9. Suppose F^* is a differential field and σ is a differential isomorphism from F^* to F . Let $A \in F^*$. Then $\log A$ is a regular monomial over F^* if and only if $\log \sigma A$ is a regular monomial over F , and $\exp A$

is a regular monomial over F^* if and only if $\exp \sigma A$ is a regular monomial over F .

Furthermore, in this case, σ can be extended to map $F^*(\log A)$ ($F^*(\exp A)$) into $F(\log \sigma A)$ ($F(\exp \sigma A)$) isomorphically.

10. (Ostrowski) Let $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m$ be primitive over F , and assume $C^F = C^F(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m)$. Then $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m$ are algebraically dependent over F if, and only if, there are constants c_1, \dots, c_m in C^F , not all zero, such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^m c_j \theta_j$$

is in F .

We will also use some results which are corollaries of Risch's algorithm described in [RIS 69], and refer to the form that the integral of an expression f in $F(\theta)$ can have. The results we use, though, and don't prove, can be proven quite easily using the properties above.

Chapter 2

AN ELEMENTARY INTEGRATION ALGORITHM FOR EXPONENTIAL AND LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS

1. Introduction.

In this chapter, we shall present a new integration algorithm for exponential and logarithmic functions, whose main novelties are:

a. This algorithm determines the minimal algebraic extension field in which to express the integral. If no algebraic extension is necessary, this algorithm does not invoke factorization thereby yielding a faster algorithm for this particular case.

b. No systems of linear equations are set-up, except for those solved in the algebraic independence operations. Instead, univariate polynomial equations (U.P.E.'s) of the form $AX + BY = C$ are solved for X and Y , where A, B, C, X and Y are univariate polynomials with rational function coefficients, $\gcd(A, B) = 1$, and $\deg Y < \deg A$. In [YUN 76a] a p -adic algorithm is suggested for some similar problems which can be applied here.

2. Some Necessary Concepts.

Our algorithm will work on differential fields of the form $F = F_n = K(z, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$, where K is the constant field of F , $z' = 1$ (z is the integration variable) and each θ_i is a regular monomial (either logarithmic or exponential) over $F_{n-1} = K(z, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_{i-1})$, $F_0 = K(z)$.

We will require the existence of algorithms to perform arithmetic.

in K , and also, algorithms for the usual arithmetic operation for the domains $S_i = F_{i-1}[\theta_1]$ and $E_k = \{P/\theta_i^K, P \in S_i, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ though most of these operations can be replaced by a similar operation in $P_i = R[Z, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_i]$ (where R is a subring of K whose fraction field is K).

We will also require solution of U.P.E.'s for elements of S_i and resultants of elements of S_i . We will denote these as resultant (A, B, θ_i) , where we assume that $A, B \in S_i$, though, on occasion, we will not specify the third argument when there is no risk of confusion.

Let us also define $D_n = E_n$ if $\theta_n = \exp u$, $u \in F_{n-1}$, otherwise

$$D_n = S_n.$$

3. An Overview of the Algorithm.

In this section, we decompose the problem of integrating an elementary function, to subproblems which will be solved in the remaining sections of this chapter. But first, we will need to give precise definitions of some well-known concepts. These are:

- a. Given two arbitrary non-zero elements of S_n , their gcd is always monic.
- b. Given a non-zero element f of F_n , there exist unique P and Q in S_n such that $P/Q = f$, $\gcd(P, Q) = 1$, and Q is monic. We shall call P the numerator (denoted by num f) and Q the denominator (denoted by den f) of f .
- c. We can also consider $z = \theta_0$, and $F_{-1} = K$. Thus all definitions will also apply to $F_0 = K(z)$.
- d. For $f \in F_n$, we will say that f is a proper element of F_n if $f \neq 0$, or $\deg(\text{num } f) < \deg(\text{den } f)$, and also, if θ_n is exponential over F_{n-1} then θ_n does not divide $\text{den } f$. This implies that all irreducible

factors q of $\text{den } f$ satisfy $\gcd(q, q') = 1$.

We will also say that f is a normal element of F_n (or that f is normal), if f is proper and $\gcd(\text{den } f, (\text{den } f)') = 1$. The significance of this concept lies in the fact that if f is normal in F_n and elementarily integrable, then $\int f$ can be expressed as

$$\int f = k u + \sum c_i \log v_i, \quad k, c_i \in K$$

where the v_i are monic in S_n . Then $k \neq 0$ if and only if $\Theta_n = \exp u$.

We are now ready to state the outline of our integration algorithm. Starting with an element $f(z)$ of F_n , we first break it up as

$$F(z) = P(z) + g(z),$$

where $P(z)$ is in D_n and $g(z)$ is a proper element of F_n . In order to obtain this decomposition, we first let $\text{num } f(z) = Q(z)$, $\text{den } f(z) = R(z)$, and find $P_1(z)$, $S(z) \in S_n$ such that

$$Q(z) = P_1(z) R(z) + S(z), \quad \deg S(z) < \deg R(z)$$

so that

$$f(z) = \frac{Q(z)}{R(z)} = P_1(z) + \frac{S(z)}{R(z)}.$$

If $D_n = S_n$ (Θ_n is logarithmic over F_{n-1} or $n = 0$), we are done, otherwise, let $R(z) = \Theta_n^k T(z)$, where Θ_n does not divide $T(z)$, and solve the U.P.E.

$$S(z) = \Theta_n^k S_1(z) + P_2(z) T(z),$$

$$\deg S_1(z) < T(z), \quad \deg P_2(z) < k$$

for S_1 and P_2 . Then

$$\frac{S(z)}{R(z)} = \frac{S_1(z)}{T(z)} + \frac{P_2(z)}{\theta_n^k}$$

and we can let

$$P(z) = P_1(z) + \frac{P_2(z)}{\theta_n^k}$$

and

$$g(z) = \frac{S_1(z)}{T(z)}$$

which is proper in F_n .

We integrate $P(z)$ in a term-by-term fashion (as described in sections 4, 5 and 6) and decompose

$$\int g(z) = r(z) + \int h(z)$$

where $h(z)$ is a normal element of F_n . An algorithm that performs this decomposition, designed by D. Mack (see [McD 75]) will be described in section 7. In section 8, we will describe a new algorithm that finds the necessary logarithmic terms. Section 9 will be devoted to some examples, and section 10 will give a computing time analysis of a subcase of the rational function case.

4. An Algorithm to Integrate Elements of E_n (Exponential Case).

The method used by our algorithm to integrate

$$P(z) = \sum_{i=-m}^p a_i \theta_n^i$$

($m, p \geq 0, a_i \in F_{n-1}, \theta_n = \exp u, u \in F_{n-1}$) works as follows: We have to (recursively) integrate a_0 . Then, for $i \neq 0$, $\int_z a_i \theta_n^i = x_i \theta_n^i$ for some s_i in F_{n-1} , as was shown in [RIS 69]. If we now differentiate both sides of this equation and divide by θ_n^i , we obtain the differential equations:

$$x_i' + i u' x_i = a_i$$

or

$$x_i' + v_i' x_i = a_i$$

where $v_i = i u$ for $-m \leq i < 0$, or $0 < i \leq p$ and $\exp(v_i)$ is a regular monomial over F_{n-1} . This implies that equations of the form

$$x' + v_i' x = T$$

(for any T in F_{n-1}) can have at most one solution in F_{n-1} .

Notice also, that, if X, T, V_i are in F_{n-1} then since the general solution of the equation above is

$$X = \frac{\int T e^{v_i}}{e^{v_i}},$$

the statements $x' + v_i' x = T$ does not have a solution in F_{n-1} and $\int T e^{v_i}$ is not elementary, are equivalent, since $\int T e^{v_i}$, if elementary, must be of the form $X e^{v_i}$, with X satisfying

$$X' + v'_i X = T$$

where $X \in F_{n-1}$.

So far, the contents of this section are very similar to the method used in [RIS 69]. Our method to solve the differential equation above, though, is very different, as will be seen in the next section.

5. An Algorithm for a Very Special Case of the Differential Equation

$$\underline{X' + v X = T.}$$

We want to solve the differential equation $X' + u' X = T(u')$, $T \in F_n$ knowing that $\exp(u)$ is a regular monomial over $F_n(u)$. The algorithm we shall discuss in this section, operates recursively on n , thus requiring us not to assume that u is in F_n . This also implies that applying one of the subsections below, will mandate applying another one, or even the same one in most cases.

Actually, the method we use is dependent on the form u' and T , and thus, we have a total of eight different cases:

i) The simplest case is when T/u' is a constant. In that case, $X = T/u'$ is the only solution possible.

ii) Next, we want to solve the case where u' is a constant, and $T \in K[z]$ (where z is the integration variable).

In that case, let T be of the form

$$T = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i z^i .$$

Then, X must of the form

$$X = \sum_{i=0}^m x_i z^i$$

and if we substitute these values in the equation above, we obtain:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (i+1)x_{i+1} z^i + \sum_{i=0}^m x_i u' z^i = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i z^i$$

so that

$$i) \quad x_m = a_m / u'$$

$$ii) \quad \text{For } 0 \leq i < m,$$

$$x_i = \frac{a_i - (i+1)x_{i+1}}{u'}$$

As a corollary, we point out that

$$\int P(z) e^{a z+b} dz ,$$

where $a, b \in K$, $P(z) \in K[z]$ is elementary, for any a, b, P .

$$iii) \quad \text{If } \theta_n = \exp v, v \in F_{n-1}, u' \in F_{n-1} \text{ and } T \in E_n, \text{ let}$$

$$T = \sum_{i=-m}^p f_i \theta_n^i, f_i \in F_{n-1}$$

Then X must be of the form

$$X = \sum_{i=-m}^p x_i \theta_n^i$$

and substituting, we obtain:

$$\sum_{i=-m}^p (x_i' \theta_n^i + i x_i v' \theta_n^i + x_i u' \theta_n^i) = \sum_{i=-m}^p f_i \theta_n^i$$

and we reach the equations

$$x_i' + x_i(iv + u)' = f_i$$

for $-m \leq i \leq p$ with $x_i, (iv + u)', f_i \in F_{n-1}$.

Notice that $\exp(iv + u) = \theta_n^i \exp(u)$ is a regular monomial over $F_n(iv + u)$, and a fortiori, over $F_{n-1}(iv + u)$, so that we simply solve these equations inductively.

iv) If $\theta_n = \log v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$, $u' \in F_{n-1}$, and $T \in S_n$, let

$$T = \sum_{i=0}^m f_i \theta_n^i$$

Again, X must be of the form

$$X = \sum_{i=0}^m x_i \theta_n^i,$$

so that substituting, we obtain:

$$\sum_{i=0}^m x_i' \theta_n^i + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (i+1)x_{i+1} \frac{v'}{v} \theta_n^i + \sum_{i=0}^m x_i u' \theta_n^i = \sum_{i=0}^m f_i \theta_n^i$$

and noting that $\exp(u)$ is still a regular monomial over $F_{n-1}(u)$, we can solve the following differential equations inductively:

a. $x_m' + u' x_m = f_m$

b. $x_i' + u' x_i = f_i - (i+1) x_{i+1} \frac{v'}{v}$ ($0 \leq i < m$) in the order of

decreasing i .

v) If we reach a differential equation of the form

$$AX' + BX = C,$$

where A, B, C, X are in S_n , we apply algorithm SPDE which will be described after we justify it.

Assume we are given A, B, C , in S_n , with $\gcd(A, B) = 1$ and $\deg A > 0$, and we want to find a Y in S_n such that

$$A Y' + BY = C .$$

Assume, for the moment, that Y were known, and that $Y = Q A + R$.

If we substitute this value, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} A(Q' A + Q A' + R') + B(Q A + R) \\ = A(Q' A + Q(A' + B) + R') + B R = C \end{aligned}$$

We have thus proven the following theorem.

Theorem:

Let A, B, C be elements of S_n such that $\gcd(A, B) = 1$ and $\deg A > 0$.

Then, there exists a Y in S_n such that

$$A Y' + B Y = C$$

if and only if there exist Q, Z, R in S_n such that $\deg R < \deg A$,

$$A Z + B R = C,$$

and

$$A Q' + (A' + B)Q = Z - R'$$

and then

$$Y = Q A + R .$$

If they exist, Z and R are unique. (We have really only proven one half of this theorem, the other half can be proven by computing

$$A(Q A + R)' + B(Q A + R)$$

and applying the two equations above.) This theorem then, proves that the following algorithm will correctly solve a big proportion of the problem without requiring recursion.

So, assume we are given A, B, C as described above, and also n, a bound on the degree of the solution Y. Assume also that such a Y, if it exists, is unique (that will always be the case here).

The algorithm looks like this:

$$\text{Algorithm } Y \leftarrow \text{SPDE}(A, B, C, \ell)$$

If $\ell < 0$ then no solution can exist, otherwise, let $G = \text{gcd}(A, B)$. If G does not divide C, then no solution can exist either, otherwise, let $\bar{A} = A/G$, $\bar{B} = B/G$, $\bar{C} = C/G$. If $\deg \bar{A} = 0$, we have to apply one of the other cases recursively, otherwise, since $\text{gcd}(\bar{A}, \bar{B}) = 1$, we can find Z, R such that

$$\bar{A} Z + \bar{B} R = \bar{C} \quad \deg R < \deg \bar{A}$$

If $Z = R'$, then the solution to our problem is R, otherwise, we return

$$\bar{A} * \text{SPDE}(\bar{A}, \bar{B} + \bar{A}', Z - R', \ell - \deg \bar{A}) + R$$

assuming no failure occurred within the recursive call of SPDE.

Notes: a. Notice that this algorithm works, because Z and R are unique. This is also the reason why \bar{A} , \bar{B} are used throughout.

b. This algorithm will always terminate, since ℓ decreases each time SPDE is called directly.

c. There is a possibility of \bar{A} being 1 in this algorithm. We call this phenomenon "coefficient degradation," and will show that the algorithm will still apply to the resulting equation when it arises.

vi) If $\theta_n = \exp v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$, and u' , T in E_n , u' not in F_{n-1} , we must have X in E_n , i.e. $X = \bar{X}/\theta_n^y$ for some \bar{X} in S_n . Thus, we now want to find a similar equation for \bar{X} , which we find as follows.

Let $u' = \bar{u}/\theta_n^w$, $T = \bar{T}/\theta_n^s$, \bar{u} , $\bar{T} \in S_n$, $\gcd(\theta_n, \bar{u}) = \gcd(\theta_n, \bar{T}) = 1$.

If we replace these values in our differential equation, we obtain:

$$X' + u' X = T = \frac{\bar{X}' - y v' \bar{X}}{\theta_n^y} + \frac{\bar{u} \bar{X}}{\theta_n^{y+w}} = \frac{\bar{T}}{\theta_n^s}$$

and, to find y , we get the following possibilities:

a. If $w > 0$, then $y + w = s$, so $y = s - w$ and thus, our equation becomes:

$$\bar{X}' \theta_n^w + \bar{X}(-y v' \theta_n^w + \bar{u}) = \bar{T}.$$

This equation can be solved by using SPDE with the following degree bound.

Let

$$\bar{X} = \sum_{i=0}^r x_i \theta_n^i, \quad \bar{u} = \sum_{i=0}^t u_i \theta_n^i.$$

We then have three cases.

If $t > w$, then $r = \deg \bar{T} - t$.

If $t < w$, then $r \leq \max(\deg \bar{T} - w, y)$, since if $r > \deg \bar{T} - w$, and $r \neq y$, then, looking at the leading coefficient, we see:

$$r x_r v' + x_r' + x_r(-y v') = 0$$

so that

$$\frac{x_r'}{x_r} + (r - y) v' = 0$$

so that

$$x_r \Theta_n^{r-y}$$

is a constant, which is impossible because $x_r \in F_{n-1}$.

Finally, if $t = w$, we determine r by noting that if $r > \deg \bar{T} - w$, then

$$x_r' + r x_r v' + x_r(-y v' + u_t) = 0$$

thus

$$\frac{x_r'}{x_r} + (r - y) v' + u_t = 0$$

which says that

$$f - u_t = (r - y) v + \log x_r + k$$

In order to find r , we first invoke the integration algorithm recursively with $y v' - u_t$ obtaining either failure, (so that $r \leq \deg \bar{T} - w$) or

$$f(y v' - u_t) = j + \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \log v_i = r v + \log x_r + k$$

By repeatedly applying the Risch Structure Theorem (see Corollary 3.13 for a generalization thereof, and also [EPS 75] for an implementation) we may assume that each $\log v_i$ is a regular monomial over $F_{n-1}(\log v_1, \dots, \log v_{i-1})$.

We may further assume that the c_i are linearly independent over the rationals since if (say) $c_1 = \sum_{i=2}^m \frac{p_i}{q} c_i$, where q and p_i are rational integers, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} j + \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \log v_i &= j + \sum_{i=2}^m \left(\frac{p_i}{q} c_i \log v_i + c_i \frac{q}{q} \log v_i \right) \\ &= j + \sum_{i=2}^m \frac{c_i}{q} \log(v_1^{p_i} v_i^q) + \text{a constant} \end{aligned}$$

(the first step follows from our assumed value for c_1 and the collection of like c_i).

We claim that, if $r > \deg \bar{T} - w$, then $m = 1$, and c_1 is a rational, since

$$\log x_r = j + \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \log v_i - r v - k$$

so that

$$x_r = \exp(j + \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \log v_i - r v - k)$$

is not a regular monomial over $F_{n-1}(\log v_1, \dots, \log v_m)$, so that applying the Structure Theorem (in the form of theorem 3.12), we obtain that all the c_i are rationals, since $j - r v - k \in F_{n-1}$.

This reasoning also implies that $\exp(j - r v)$ is not a regular monomial over F_{n-1} and we obtain the linear equation

$$j - r v = \sum_{i \in L} q_i \theta_i + \sum_{i \in E} q_i a_i + \bar{k}$$

where

$$L = \{i: 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \theta_i = \log a_i, a_i \in F_{i-1}\}$$

$$E = \{i: 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \theta_i = \exp a_i, a_i \in F_{i-1}\}$$

\bar{k} is some constant, and the q_i are rational numbers.

We solve this equation by differentiating it, obtaining

$$j' - r v' = \sum_{i \in L} q_i \frac{a_i'}{a_i} + \sum_{i \in E} q_i a_i'$$

then, finding $\alpha_i, \beta, j_0, v_0$ in $K[z, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_{n-1}]$ such that

$$j' = \frac{j_0}{\beta}, \quad v' = \frac{v_0}{\beta}, \quad \frac{a_i'}{a_i} = \frac{\alpha_i}{\beta}$$

if $i \in L$, and

$$a'_i = \frac{\alpha_i}{\beta}$$

if $i \in E$, obtaining the equation

$$j_0 - r v_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} q_i \alpha_i$$

which can be converted into a system of linear equations with coefficients in K , by equating like powers in z and the θ_i .

If there exists an integer r satisfying this linear equation, and this value is greater than $\deg \bar{T} - w$, we use the value as our bound, otherwise, we use $\deg \bar{T} - w$.

We point out that this equation determines r uniquely, since otherwise $\theta_n = \exp v$ would not be a regular monomial over F_{n-1} .

Finally, let us point out that coefficient degradation cannot happen in our application of interest, which was the equation

$$\bar{X}' \theta_n^w + \bar{X}(-y v' \theta_n^w + \bar{u}) = \bar{T}$$

with $\theta_n = \exp v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$ since the appearance of coefficient degradation would imply that $\theta_n \mid \bar{u}$ contradicting our former hypothesis.

b. If $w = 0$, then $\bar{u} = u'$, and since u' is not in F_{n-1} , $\deg \bar{u} > 0$. On the other hand, we might have that $y > s$. This can happen if, and only if, the trailing coefficient of

$$\bar{X}' - y v' \bar{X} + \bar{u} X \text{ is zero.}$$

If we call x_0 the trailing coefficient of \bar{X} , and u_0 the trailing coefficient of \bar{u} , this translates into:

$$x'_0 - y v' x_0 + u_0 x_0 = 0$$

which implies

$$u_0 = y v' - \frac{x'_0}{x_0}$$

thus

$$\int u_0 = y v - \log x_0 .$$

We find y in the same way we found r in (a) and multiplying through by θ_n^y , we obtain:

$$\bar{X}' + \bar{X}(\bar{u} - y v') = \bar{T} \theta_n^{y-s}$$

which can be solved using the techniques of case vii).

c. If $w < 0$, we must have $y = s$, and multiplying through by θ_n^y , we obtain

$$\bar{X}' + \bar{X}(\bar{u} \theta_n^{-w} - y v') = \bar{T}$$

and this equation can be solved as explained in vii) below.

vii) If we arrive at an equation of the form

$$X' + \bar{u} X = T$$

with \bar{u} , T in S_n $\deg \bar{u} > 0$, and X is known to be in S_n , either because $\theta_n = \log v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$, or because vi) was already applied, or when algorithm SPDE was applied, we ran into coefficient degradation and $\deg \bar{u} > 0$, we solve this equation as follows.

Let

$$\bar{u} = \sum_{i=0}^p u_i \theta_n^i, \quad T = \sum_{i=0}^q t_i \theta_n^i.$$

In order for this equation to have a solution, we must have that either $T = 0$ (so that $X = 0$) or $p \leq q$, and then, $\deg X = q - p = r$.

Let then

$$X = \sum_{i=0}^r x_i \theta_n^i,$$

then $x_r = t_q/u_p$ (since $p > 0$), and we have to solve the equation

$$X_1' + \bar{u} X_1 = T - \bar{u} x_r \theta_n^r - (x_r \theta_n^r)',$$

which we do by repeating this process.

viii) If none of the previous cases applies we then have that at least one of the u_i , T is in $F_n - D_n$. We must then have $X \in F_n - D_n$, i.e. $X = \frac{\bar{X}}{\hat{X}}$ with \hat{X} in $S_n - F_{n-1}$. We thus have to find both of \bar{X} (in D_n) and \hat{X} (in S_n).

Before proceeding further, let us define a gcd function for E_n (and thus for D_n). If $a, b \in S_n$, there exist p, q such that $\theta_n^p a \in S_n$, $\gcd(\theta_n^p a, \theta_n^q b) = 1$ and similarly for $\theta_n^q b$. Then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(\theta_n^p a, \theta_n^q b)$.

In order to find \hat{X} , let us have

$$u' = \frac{u_1}{u_2} \quad \text{and} \quad T = \frac{T_1}{T_2}$$

with u_1, T_1 in D_n , and u_2, T_2 in S_n such that if $\theta_n = \exp v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$ then $\theta_n \nmid u_1$, $\theta_n \nmid T_1$ (in this case $D_n = E_n$). We also require that $\gcd(u_1, u_2) = \gcd(T_1, T_2) = 1$ and that u_2 and T_2 are monic.

Let us further separate

$$u_1 = \bar{u} \hat{u} \quad \text{and} \quad T_1 = \bar{T} \hat{T}$$

in such a way that $\hat{u}, \hat{T} \in S_n$ are monic, $\gcd(\bar{u}, T_2) = \gcd(u_2, \bar{T}) = 1$, $\bar{u}, \bar{T} \in D_n$, and every square-free factor of \hat{u} (respectively \hat{T}) divides T_2 (respectively u_2). Notice that these conditions imply that $\gcd(\bar{u}, \hat{u}) = \gcd(\bar{T}, \hat{T}) = 1$.

Now, let p_1, \dots, p_k be a square-free basis for $\hat{u}, \hat{T}, u_2, T_2$.

Assume each p_i is monic. We then have

$$u' = \frac{\bar{u}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{b_i}}, \quad T = \frac{\bar{T}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{c_i}}$$

where at least one of $b_i, c_i \neq 0$. Notice also that for each i , $\gcd(p_i, p_i') = 1$.

In [RIS 69] a result is proven which implies that

$$X = \frac{\bar{X}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i}}, \quad \bar{X} \in D_n$$

where no p_i divides \bar{X} (even though we may have $\gcd(\bar{X}, p_i) \neq 1$).

Before continuing, let me show that, given p_1, \dots, p_k , this representation of X is unique. To do this, assume

$$\frac{\bar{X}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i}} = \frac{\bar{Y}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{y_i}},$$

and assume that no p_i divides neither of \bar{X} nor \bar{Y} . Assume also (without loss of generality) that $x_1 > y_1$. But then

$$\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{y_i} \bar{X} = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} \bar{Y},$$

so that

$$\prod_{i=2}^k p_i^{y_i} \bar{X} = p_1^{x_1 - y_1} \prod_{i=2}^k p_i^{x_i} \bar{Y}$$

But this says that p_1 divides $\prod_{i=2}^k p_i^{y_i} \bar{X}$ and since $\gcd(p_i, p_j) = 1$ if $i \neq j$, we must have $p_1 | \bar{X}$, contradicting our hypothesis.

Now let us substitute these values (of u' , T and X) into our differential equation, to obtain:

$$\frac{\bar{X}' \prod_{i=1}^k p_i - \bar{X} \sum_{i=1}^k (x_i p_i' \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^k p_j)}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i+1}} + \frac{\bar{u} \bar{X}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i+b_i}} = \frac{\bar{T}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{c_i}}$$

We are now interested in finding bounds for the x_i . Considering each i_0 separately, we obtain two cases:

a. If $b_{i_0} \neq 1$, then

$$\max(x_{i_0} + 1, x_{i_0} + b_{i_0}) = c_{i_0}, \text{ so, } x_{i_0} = c_{i_0} - \max(b_{i_0}, 1).$$

b. If $b_{i_0} = 1$, we may have $x_{i_0} > c_{i_0} - 1$ (because the numerator on the left hand side of our equation can be divisible by p_{i_0}). If we call $a_i = \max(b_i, 1)$ we then obtain in our equation:

$$\frac{\bar{X} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i} + \bar{X} \left(\bar{u} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i - b_i} - \sum_{i=1}^k (x_i p_i! p_i^{a_i - 1} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k p_j^{a_j}) \right)}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i + a_i}} = \frac{\bar{T}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{c_i}} .$$

If $x_{i_0} > c_{i_0} - 1$, we must have that p_{i_0} divides the numerator of this expression, that is

$$p_{i_0} \mid \bar{X} \left(\bar{u} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i - b_i} - \sum_{i=1}^k x_i p_i! p_i^{a_i - 1} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k p_j^{a_j} \right) .$$

Since p_{i_0} does not divide \bar{X} , we must have

$$\begin{aligned} & \gcd(p_{i_0}, \bar{u} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i - b_i} - \sum_{i=1}^k x_i p_i! p_i^{a_i - 1} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k p_j^{a_j}) \\ &= \gcd(p_{i_0}, \theta_n^\alpha \left(\bar{u} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i - b_i} - \sum_{i=1}^k x_i p_i! p_i^{a_i - 1} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k p_j^{a_j} \right)) \end{aligned}$$

$\neq 1$

(According to the definition of gcd for E_n , if $D_n = S_n$, we simply take $\alpha = 0$.) But this gcd is the same as

$$\begin{aligned} & \gcd(p_{i_0}, \bar{u} \theta_n^\alpha \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i-b_i} - \theta_n^\alpha x_{i_0} \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq i_0}}^k p_i^{a_i}) \\ &= \gcd(p_{i_0}, \text{rem}(\bar{u} \theta_n^\alpha \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i-b_i}, p_{i_0}) \\ & \quad - x_{i_0} \text{rem}(\theta_n^\alpha \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq i_0}}^k p_i^{a_i}, p_{i_0})) \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{rem}(\xi, p_{i_0})$ is the remainder obtained when dividing ξ by p_{i_0} .

Thus, to obtain x_{i_0} , we only need to look for integers x_{i_0} such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{resultant}(p_{i_0}, \text{rem}(\bar{u} \theta_n^\alpha \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i-b_i}, p_{i_0}) \\ & \quad - x_{i_0} \text{rem}(\theta_n^\alpha \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq i_0}}^k p_i^{a_i}, p_{i_0}), \theta_n) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

If there is such an integer value of $x_{i_0} > c_{i_0} - 1$, we use that, otherwise, we use $x_{i_0} = c_{i_0} - 1$.

Although the biggest such solution for x_{i_0} is enough for our purposes, some further analysis will actually provide us with a smaller problem in most cases.

Notice that if $b_i \neq 1$, the analysis under (a) above proves that \bar{X} and p_i have no common factors; equivalently, if \bar{X} and p_i have a common factor, then $b_i = 1$.

Let us now decompose such p_i into

$$p_i = \prod_{j=1}^m q_{ij}$$

in such a way that

$$X = \frac{\bar{X}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i}} = \frac{\hat{X}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{k_i} q_{ij}^{x_{ij}}} = \frac{\bar{X}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{k_i} q_{ij}^{x_{ij}}}$$

$b_i \neq 1$ $b_i = 1$ $b_i \neq 1$ $b_i = 1$

where the $q_i, q_{ij} \in S_n - F_{n-1}$, \hat{X} and the p_i, q_{ij} have no common factors, for $j \neq \ell$, $x_{ij} \neq x_{i\ell}$, and $x_i = \max_{1 \leq j \leq k_i} (x_{ij})$.

If we redo our previous analysis, but with this new expression, we obtain that, if $x_{i_0 j_0} > c_{i_0} - 1$, then

$$q_{i_0 j_0} \mid \left(\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i - b_i} - x_{i_0 j_0} \prod_{i=1}^{k_{i_0}} q_{i_0 j_0} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq j_0}}^{k_{i_0}} q_{i_0 j} \cdot \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq i_0}}^k p_i^{a_i} \right)$$

since $q_{i_0 j_0}$ and \hat{X} are relatively prime) and since

$$q_{i_0 j_0} \mid \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq j_0}}^{k_{i_0}} q'_{i_0 j} \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^{k_{i_0}} q_{i_0 i} = p'_{i_0} - q'_{i_0 j_0} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq j_0}}^{k_{i_0}} q_{i_0 j}$$

we have that

$$q_{i_0 j_0} \mid \left(\bar{u} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i - b_i} - x_{i_0 j_0} \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq i_0}}^k p_i^{a_i} \right)$$

Since, for $j \neq \ell$ $x_{i_j} \neq x_{i_\ell}$, and p_{i_0} is square-free, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} q_{i_0 j_0} &= \gcd\left(p_{i_0}, \bar{u} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i - b_i} - x_{i_0 j_0} \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq i_0}}^k p_i^{a_i}\right) \\ &= \gcd\left(p_{i_0}, \bar{u} \theta_n^\alpha \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i - b_i} - x_{i_0 j_0} \theta_n^\alpha \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq i_0}}^k p_i^{a_i}\right) \end{aligned}$$

This means we have already computed all the x_{i_j} (as roots of the resultant above) and can easily find the q_{ij} .

This step will decrease the degree of the polynomial we will be seeking, and also factor out some of the q_{ij} .

Still, in order to simplify the verification, of other steps of this algorithm, we will assume (for the moment) that this last simplification was not done.

Since in any case $x_i + a_i \geq c_i$, this leaves us with the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i} + \bar{X} \left(\bar{u} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i - b_i} - \sum_{i=1}^k (x_i \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k p_j^{a_j}) \right) \\ = \bar{T} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i + a_i - c_i} \end{aligned}$$

which is of the form

$$\bar{X}' A + \bar{X} B = C$$

with $A, B, C, \bar{X} \in D_n$.

If $\theta_n = \exp v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$ we have one more step to do, otherwise we can directly seek the bound we need for algorithm SPDE.

The extra step we have to do now is similar to what was done in case vi) and consists of the following. We know $A = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i} \in S_n$, and $\theta_n \nmid A$. Now let

$$B = \frac{\hat{B}}{\theta_n^b}, \quad C = \frac{\hat{C}}{\theta_n^c}, \quad \bar{X} = \frac{\hat{X}}{\theta_n^x}$$

with θ_n dividing neither of \hat{B} , \hat{C} or \hat{X} . Substituting, we obtain:

$$\frac{(\hat{X}' - x v' \hat{X})A}{\theta_n^x} + \frac{\hat{B} \hat{X}}{\theta_n^{x+b}} = \frac{\hat{C}}{\theta_n^c}$$

If $b \neq 0$, then $x = c - \max(b, 0)$ otherwise, we can have $x > c$ which can happen if and only if

$$x'_0 a_0 - x v' x_0 a_0 + b_0 x_0 = 0$$

where x_0 , a_0 , and b_0 are the trailing coefficients of \hat{X} , \hat{A} , and \hat{B} respectively. If we divide this equation by $x_0 a_0$ and integrate, we obtain:

$$\int \frac{b_0}{a_0} = x v - \log x_0 + k$$

and using the techniques developed in case vi), we either obtain a satisfactory bound on x , or use $x = c$. We can now clear denominators to obtain a similar equation, which is:

$$\hat{X}' A \theta_n^{\bar{b}} + \hat{X}(B \theta_n^{\bar{b}-b} - x v' A \theta_n^{\bar{b}}) = \hat{C} \theta_n^{x+\bar{b}-c}$$

where $\bar{b} = \max(b, 0)$.

Before closing this section we need two things: we need a bound on the degree of \hat{X} , and we need to show that whenever coefficient degradation turns our equation into

$$Y' + \beta Y = D$$

with $\beta, D \in S_n$, we have $\deg \beta > 0$, so that case vii) applies, or $\beta = w' \in F_{n-1}$, where $\exp(w)$ is a regular monomial over $F_{n-1}(w)$.

To find our bound, let our differential equation be

$$A X' + B X = C$$

with

$$A = \sum_{i=0}^a a_i \theta_n^i, \quad B = \sum_{i=0}^b b_i \theta_n^i$$

$$c = \deg C \text{ and } X = \sum_{i=0}^x x_i \theta_n^i$$

Notice that A is monic, because it is a product of monic polynomials.

We must place a bound on x under three possible cases:

a. If $\theta_n = \exp v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$ then $\deg X' = \deg X = x$, so if $a \neq b$ then $x + \max(a, b) = c$, so $x = \min(c - a, c - b)$. If $a = b$, then

$x > c - a$ if and only if

$$(x'_X + x x_X v') + b_b x_X = 0,$$

which implies

$$f_{b_b} = -x v - \log x_X$$

and we handle this equation (and our result) in the same manner as previously.

b. If $\theta_n = z(n = 0)$ then $\deg X' - \deg X - 1$, so that if $a - 1 \neq b$, we must have

$$\max(a + x - 1, b + x) = c ,$$

and thus,

$$x = c - \max(a - 1, b) .$$

If $a - 1 = b$, then $x > c - b$ if

$$x x_X + b_b x_X = 0 ,$$

so that

$$x = -b_b$$

and therefore $x = \max(c - b, -b_b)$ if this is an integer).

c. If $\theta_n = \log v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$ then $x - 1 \leq \deg X' \leq x = \deg X$ so that if

$$a \neq b, \quad a \neq b + 1 ,$$

then if x'_x is a constant, then

$$\max(a + x - 1, b + x) = c ,$$

otherwise

$$\max(a + x, b + x) = c ,$$

so that

$$x \leq \max(c - \max(a - 1, b), c - \max(a, b)) = c - \max(a - 1, b).$$

If $a = b$, we have two choices.

i) $x \leq c - \max(a - 1, b) + 1 = c - b + 1$. This bound of x should be used if the analysis below fails or yields a smaller bound.

ii) $x > c - b + 1$. This implies that the two leading coefficients of $A X' + B X$ are 0, so that (since $a = \deg A = b = \deg B$) $\deg X' = \deg X$, which, in turn, implies that x'_x (the leading coefficient of X') is not a constant.

Now, looking at the two leading coefficients of $A X' + B X$, we notice that

$$x'_x + b_b x'_x = 0 ,$$

(so that $x'_x = -b_b x'_x$) and

$$x x'_x \frac{v'}{v} + x'_{x-1} + x'_x a_{a-1} + b_b x'_{x-1} + b_{b-1} x'_x = 0 .$$

If we let (in this last equation) $x'_{x-1} = w x'_x$, replace $x'_x = -b_b x'_x$, and divide by x'_x , we obtain

$$x \frac{v'}{v} + w' - b_b a_{a-1} + b_{b-1} = 0$$

so that

$$f(b_b a_{a-1} - b_{b-1}) = w + x \log v .$$

We can then find x by invoking the integration algorithm with $b_b a_{a-1} - b_{b-1}$ as an argument, obtaining

$$I = f(b_b a_{a-1} - b_{b-1}) = j + \sum_{i=1}^k d_i \log s_i = w + x \log v$$

where the d_i are constants in F_{n-1} , (since no algebraic expansion of the constant field should be necessary, so none should be done; thus if the constant field was extended, our computation here failed and $x \leq c - b + 1$) and the s_i, j are in F_{n-1} .

We then test each s_i to see whether it is regular monomial over $F_n(\log s_1, \dots, \log s_{i-1})$ by using the structure theorem (see theorem 3.12 and corollary 3.13) and perform the necessary substitutions. We should then be able to obtain w and x from the resulting expression which may not involve any of the $\log s_i$, since otherwise I is not of the desired form.

We then use this value of x if it is an integer greater than $c - b + 1$, otherwise we set $x = c - b + 1$.

Finally, if $a = b + 1$, we again have two possibilities:

i) If $x \leq c - \max(a - 1, b) = c - b$, we have our bound on x , otherwise,

ii) $x < c - b$, so that $\deg X' = \deg X - 1$, x_x is a constant, and

$$x x_x \frac{v'}{v} + x'_{x-1} + b_b x_x = 0$$

that is,

$$f b_b = - \frac{x_{x-1}}{x_x} - x \log v$$

determining x in this manner uniquely in the same way as before.

One question remains: What happens if we encounter coefficient degradation? We want to prove that, if we run into coefficient degradation, so that we have the equation

$$\hat{Y} + \hat{u} Y = \hat{T}$$

with $\hat{u} \in F_{n-1}$, $\hat{T} \in S_n$, then $\exp(\hat{u})$ is a regular monomial over $F_{n-1}(\hat{u})$.

We actually prove that, if this happens, then

$$u' = \sum_{i=1}^k y_i \frac{q'_i}{q_i} + w$$

where $w \in F_{n-1}$, the y_i are integers, the q_i are monic elements of S_n , and either $\hat{u} = w$, or $\hat{u} = w - x v'$ and $\theta_n = \exp v$, x is an integer, and our statement then, follows.

So, let us assume we have coefficient degradation. We then have two cases to consider:

If $\theta_n = \exp v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$, we are trying to solve the differential equation

$$A X' + B X = C$$

with

$$A = \theta_n \bar{b} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i}$$

$$B = \bar{u} \theta_n \bar{b}^{-b} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i - b_i} - \theta_n \bar{b} \prod_{i=1}^k (x_i p_i^{a_i - 1} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k p_j^{a_j})$$

$$- x v' \theta_n \bar{b} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i}$$

$$C = \bar{T} \theta_n \bar{b}^{-c} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i + a_i - c_i}$$

where $a_i = \max(b_i, 1)$, $\bar{b} = \max(b, 0)$

$$u' = \frac{\bar{u}}{\theta_n \bar{b} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{b_i}}$$

$$T = \frac{\bar{T}}{\theta_n \bar{b}^c \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{c_i}}$$

$$\hat{X} = \frac{X}{\theta_n \bar{b}^x \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i}}$$

and our original equation was

$$\hat{X}' + u' \hat{X} = T$$

If coefficient degradation is a problem (that is, if SPDE reduces this equation to something like

$$Y' + \hat{u} Y = \hat{T},$$

where $u \in F_{n-1}$) we must have that: $\bar{b} - b = \bar{b}$ or $b = 0$. This is only

one condition, since $\bar{b} - b = \bar{b}$ if, and only if $b = \bar{b} = 0$ since $\bar{b} = \max(b, 0)$.

We also have that either $a_i - b_i = a_i - 1$ or $b_i = 0$, that is, either $b_i = 0$ or $b_i = 1$.

Let us then assume (lifting the restriction that $q_i \neq 1$, $p_i \neq 1$) that

$$u' = \frac{\bar{u}}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i}, \quad T = \frac{\bar{T}}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} (p_i q_i)^{i}}$$

where either $p_{\ell} \neq 1$, or $q_{\ell} \neq 1$, and, in any case, each p_i, q_i is monic.

We can then also assume that (as done before)

$$q_i = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_i} q_{ij}$$

in such a way that

$$\hat{X} = \frac{X}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} p_i^{i-1} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_i} q_{ij}^{x_{ij}}}$$

where X and the p_i, q_{ij} have no common factors, and for $j \neq m$, $x_{ij} \neq x_{im}$ for all i . (As before X, p_i, q_{ij} are in S_n .) Notice that $x_{ij} \geq i - 1$. We can assume $x_{i1} = i - 1$, so that if $j > 1$, $x_{ij} > i - 1$.

We can then obtain

$$A = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} p_i \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_i} q_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B &= \bar{u} \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} p_i - x v' \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} p_i \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} q_{ij} \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (i-1) p_i' q_i \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{\ell} p_j q_j \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} x_{ij} q_{ij}' \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq j}}^{\ell} q_{im} \right) \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell} q_m \prod_{m=1}^{\ell} p_m
\end{aligned}$$

When we trace through the way SPDE operates on these inputs, we notice that

(a) $p_1 \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \pi_i \prod_{j=2}^{\ell} q_{ij}$ is factored out the first time through.

(b) For $i > 1$, p_i divides the factor cancelled on the i -th recursive call.

(c) If coefficient degradation is to occur we must have that for each i , there exists a k_i such that q_{i1} divides the factor cancelled on the k_i -th recursive call. But this last fact implies that q_{i1} divides

$$\begin{aligned}
B + k_i A' &= B + k_i \left[\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} p_i' q_i \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell} p_m q_m \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} p_i \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} q_{ij}' \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq j}}^{\ell} q_{im} \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell} q_m \right]
\end{aligned}$$

since the extra summands are all divisible by q_{i1} and the extra factors are relatively prime to q_{i1} .

Thus, we have found integers y_{rs} such that for all r , $1 \leq r \leq \ell$, all s , $1 \leq s \leq \ell_r$ we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{rs} \text{ divides } S &= \bar{u} \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} p_i - x v' \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} p_i \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_i} q_{ij} \\
 &- \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (t_i) p_i \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{\ell} p_j q_j \\
 &- \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \left(\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ m \neq j}}^{\ell_i} y_{ij} q'_{ij} \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell_i} q_{im} \right) \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell} q_m \prod_{m=1}^{\ell} p_m
 \end{aligned}$$

where the t_i are any integers.

Since the q_{rs} are relatively prime, this implies that the product of all the q_{rs} divides S , and this in turn implies that

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_i} q_{ij} \mid \bar{u} \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} p_i - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \left[\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ m \neq j}}^{\ell_i} y_{ij} q'_{ij} \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell_i} q_{im} \right] \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell} q_m \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} p_i$$

or, equivalently (since the p_i, q_{ij} are relatively prime)

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_i} q_{ij} \mid \bar{u} - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \left[\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ m \neq j}}^{\ell_i} y_{ij} q'_{ij} \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell_i} q_{im} \right] \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell} q_m$$

Thus, for some \tilde{u} in S_n , we have

$$\tilde{u} \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_i} q_{ij} = \bar{u} - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \left[\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ m \neq j}}^{\ell_i} y_{ij} q'_{ij} \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell_i} q_{im} \right] \prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^{\ell} q_m$$

and, if we add that sum on the right to both sides and divide them by

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_i} q_{ij} = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i ,$$

we obtain

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i} = u' = \tilde{u} + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell_i} q_{ij} \frac{q'_{ij}}{q_{ij}} .$$

On the other hand, since this proof also implies that algorithm SPDE will arrive at the equation

$$X'_p + \hat{u} X_p = \hat{T}_p$$

where $\hat{u} = \tilde{u} - x v'$ for some \hat{T}_p in S_n , and we are assuming that coefficient degradation occurs and that case (vii) is not applicable, we obtain that \hat{u} is in F_{n-1} , and, since u is elementary over F_n , $\int \hat{u} = w$, must also be elementary over F_{n-1} .

Furthermore, since $\exp(u)$ is a regular monomial over $F_n(u)$, we obtain that $\exp(w)$ is a regular monomial over $F_{n-1}(w)$.

This concludes our proof for the exponential case. The non-exponential case, i.e. when either $n = 0$ or Θ_n is logarithmic over F_{n-1} can be proved in exactly the same way, taking into account that x does not appear ($x = 0$), since Θ_n , if at all, divides one of the p_i . ■

Thus ends the longest section in this chapter. Although the basic idea is simple to explain, some of the proofs have turned out to be rather long, and the large number of special cases in both the algorithms and the proofs caused this blow-up.

6. An Algorithm to Integrate Elements of S_n (Logarithmic Case).

In this section, we discuss the integration of elements of S_n for $\Theta_n = \log u$, $u \in F_{n-1}$. The auxiliary equations are found by Risch's method [RIS 69] but their solution method is new. Let $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i \Theta_n^i$, with $\Theta_n = \log u$, $u \in F_{n-1}$. Then

$$\int_z P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} b_i \Theta_n^i + \sum d_i \log v_i = \int \sum_{i=0}^m a_i \Theta_n^i$$

where $b_i \in F_{n-1}$, $v_i \in \overline{K}F_{n-1}$, $d_i \in \overline{K}$ (algebraic closure of \mathbb{K}).

If we differentiate both sides and equate like powers of Θ_n , we obtain:

i) b_{m+1} is a constant.

ii) $a_m = (m+1) b_{m+1} \Theta_n' + b_m' = (m+1) b_{m+1} \frac{u'}{u} + b_m'$

which leads us to determining whether the integral

$$\int a_m = c_{m+1} \log u + b_m$$

where $c_{m+1} = (m+1) b_{m+1}$ is elementary, and of this same form.

Notice that b_m is only solved modulo a constant, so call this solution \overline{b}_m . Then $b_m = \overline{b}_m + k_m$ for some constant k_m , which we will find below:

iii) If $1 \leq i \leq m$, we obtain (as in (ii)):

$$a_i = (i+1) b_{i+1} \frac{u'}{u} + b_i' = (i+1) (\overline{b}_{i+1} + k_{i+1}) \frac{u'}{u} + b_i'$$

or

$$\int (a_i - (i+1) \overline{b}_{i+1} \frac{u'}{u}) = b_i + c_{i+1} \log u$$

where $c_{i+1} = (i+1) k_{i+1}$ which is an integral similar to the one we had in (ii). As before, we find c_{i+1} and $\bar{b}_i = b_i - k_i$, where c_{i+1} , k_i are constants.

iv) Finally, we reach:

$$a_0 = b_1 \frac{u'}{u} + b'_0 + \sum d_i \frac{v'_i}{v_i}$$

and thus

$$a_0 - \bar{b}_1 \frac{u'}{u} = b'_0 + k_1 \frac{u'}{u} + \sum d_i \frac{v'_i}{v_i}$$

so we integrate (recursively)

$$a_0 - \bar{b}_1 \frac{u'}{u}$$

Since we occasionally required finding x in F_{n-1} and c in K such that

$$\int u = x + c \log v$$

where we knew u and v , in F_{n-1} ; let me add that there are two ways to find x and c : One is entering the integration algorithm recursively with u as an argument, simplifying the resulting logarithmic terms as explained before. This involves some algebraic independence determinations.

The second method implies looking at this integral as the differential equation

$$x' = u - c \frac{v'}{v}$$

which can be solved by going through the integration algorithm with u and $\frac{v'}{v}$ together but independently (i.e. in parallel). This approach leads to solving the differential equation

$$x' = u - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i \frac{v'_i}{v_i}$$

with $x, u, v_i (1 \leq i \leq \ell)$ all in F_n , the c_i in K and unknowns x and the c_i , with c_i being given uniquely (if at all) by this equation.

By proceeding further with the integration algorithm, we can assume that u is a regular element of F_m , and all the v_i are in S_m , monic, non-constant. (We might have to add some c_i and equations on the c_i to achieve this.)

If we let

$$X = \frac{\bar{X}}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i}$$

and replace in our equation above, we obtain

$$\frac{\bar{X} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i - \bar{X} \sum_{i=1}^k p'_i \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k p_j}{\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{i+1}} = u - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i \frac{v'_i}{v_i}.$$

Since we know u and the $v_i (1 \leq i \leq \ell)$, we can find $\bar{u}, \bar{v}_i, (1 \leq i \leq \ell)$, $k > 0, q_1, \dots, q_{k+1}$ in S_m such that

$$u - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i \frac{v_i'}{v_i} = \frac{\bar{u} - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i \bar{v}_i}{\prod_{j=1}^{k+1} q_j}$$

Comparison of the last two equations yields that:

a. q_1 divides

$$\bar{u} - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i \bar{v}_i,$$

so that

$$\text{rem}(\bar{u}, q_1) = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i \text{rem}(\bar{v}_i, q_1)$$

and

b. $p_i = q_{i+1}$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$, and so, we can clear denominators to obtain the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X}' \prod_{i=1}^k p_i - \bar{X} \sum_{i=1}^k p_i' \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k p_j \\ = \text{quot}(\bar{u}, q_1) - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i \text{quot}(\bar{v}_i, q_1) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\text{quot}(\zeta, q_1) = \frac{\zeta - \text{rem}(\zeta, q_1)}{q_1}.$$

This last equation can be solved by a version of SPDE which handles $\text{quot}(\bar{u}, q_1)$ and the $\text{quot}(v_i, q_1)$ in parallel, and sets up new linear equations instead of giving up, in a similar way to what we did above. Notice that coefficient degradation is no problem here because of the tight degree bounds we have.

Solving the above differential equation can also lead to seeking solutions to the equation

$$X' + u' X = T + \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} c_i T_i$$

for X and the c_i . Again similar changes to the procedures of section 5 will solve this equation (notice that SPDE has already been changed).

It is not clear which procedure is faster. Still, this second method might be preferable because the $F_m - S_{m-1}$ case is handled very differently, resulting in less work for the second method, and also, the other algorithm still has the problem of simplifying the logarithmic terms it generated.

7. Integration of Rational Elements of F_n , or Rational Integration Revisited.

There are three known algorithms for rational integration, two of which generalize easily to integration of rational elements of F_n . These two are Hermite's and D. Mack's. In [YUN 76] it is proven that Hermite's algorithm is asymptotically faster, but this result only applies if asymptotically fast multiplication and division algorithms are used. It is pointed out, though, (in [MOE 76]) that these fast multiplication algorithms are impractical in the multivariate case if

the degrees are small, as is usually the case here, so that leaves us with Hermite's algorithm using classical arithmetic algorithms or Mack's algorithm.

In [HOR 71] it is shown that in the rational function case, an algorithm based on solving a system of linear equations is superior to Hermite's algorithm both asymptotically and in practice. Also, in [McD 75], it is shown that Mack's and Horowitz's algorithms have the same asymptotic computing time bounds. This implies that Mack's algorithm is asymptotically superior to Hermite's if classical arithmetic algorithms are used.

We will thus describe Mack's algorithm here for completeness.

The algorithm can be described as follows. Let f be a proper element of F_n , $P = \text{num } f$, and let $\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i^i$ be a square-free decomposition of $\text{den } f$. We intend to integrate f by finding D, R such that

$$f \frac{P}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i^i} = \frac{R}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}} + f \frac{D}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i}$$

where

$$\frac{R}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{D}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i}$$

are proper in F_n . If $\ell = 0$, there is nothing to do, so assume $\ell > 1$.

The method of finding D, R , consists of first finding D_1, Q_1, R_1 such that

$$f \frac{P}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i^i} = f \frac{D_1}{q_1} + \frac{R_1}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}} + f \frac{Q_1}{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}}$$

with $\deg D_1 < \deg q_1$, $\deg Q_1 < \deg \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}$ and $\deg R_1 < \deg \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} q_i$, and then repeating the process with the second integral on the right.

The algorithm finds D_1, Q_1, R_1 as follows. First, find D_1 (and a \bar{Q}) such that

$$D_1 \prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^i + \bar{Q} q_1 = P \quad (\text{remember that } \gcd(q_1, \prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^i) = 1)$$

with $\deg D_1 < \deg q_1$ so that $\deg \bar{Q} < \deg(\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^i)$. This leaves us with finding R_1 and Q_1 , and we point out that

$$(a) \quad \left(\frac{1}{\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}} \right)' = \frac{- \sum_{i=2}^{\ell} (i-1) q_i^{i-2} \prod_{\substack{j=2 \\ j \neq i}}^{\ell} q_j}{\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^i}$$

$$(b) \quad \gcd\left(\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^i, \sum_{i=2}^{\ell} (i-1) q_i^{i-2} \prod_{\substack{j=2 \\ j \neq i}}^{\ell} q_j \right) = 1.$$

Thus we find \bar{R}_1, \bar{Q}_1 such that

$$\bar{R}_1 \left[\sum_{i=2}^{\ell} (i-1) q_i^{i-2} \prod_{\substack{j=2 \\ j \neq i}}^{\ell} q_j \right] + \bar{Q}_1 \prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^i = \bar{Q}$$

with $\deg \bar{R}_1 < \deg \prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^i$. If we divide this last equation by $\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^i$,

integrate, and perform some simplifications, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\bar{Q}}{\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^i} &= \int \left[-\bar{R}_1 \left(\frac{1}{\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}} \right)' + \frac{\bar{Q}_1}{\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}} \right] \\ &= \frac{-\bar{R}_1}{\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}} + \int \frac{\bar{Q}_1 + \bar{R}_1'}{\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}} \end{aligned}$$

(by separation, integration by parts and joining the two integrals again) and this leaves us with

$$R_1 = -\bar{R}_1, \quad Q_1 = \bar{Q}_1 + \bar{R}_1'$$

Notice that since $\deg \bar{Q} < \deg \left(\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^i \right)$ we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \deg \bar{Q}_1 &\leq \max(\deg \bar{Q} - \deg \left(\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i \right), \deg \left[\left(\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i \right)' \right] - 1) \\ &< \max(\deg \prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}, \deg \left[\left(\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i \right)' \right]) \\ &= \deg \prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\deg \bar{R}_1 < \deg \prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1},$$

this says that

$$\frac{Q_1}{\prod_{i=2}^{\ell} q_i^{i-1}}$$

is also proper in F_n .

8. Integration of Normal Elements of F_n .

To complete our algorithm for integrating proper elements of F_n , we need to integrate normal elements of F_n .

Before we embark on our algorithm for this problem let us first do some theory. Assume that f is a non-zero normal element of F_n , with $P = \text{num } f$, $Q = \text{den } f$. Let us also handle first the simpler case, i.e. assume that if any q in S_n is monic, then $\deg q' < \deg q$. This implies that $\theta_n = \log v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$, or that $n = 0$, $\theta_n = \theta_0 = z$.

Let us assume that K has been extended to \bar{K} , the smallest degree k extension necessary to express $f = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \log v_i + g$, where we may assume, without loss of generality, that the v_i are in S_n (augmented by \bar{K} , but, since there is no danger of confusion, we will still follow the notation used in this chapter), that they are square-free, pairwise relatively prime, and that if $i \neq j$, then $c_i \neq c_j$. We can also assume that the v_i are monic, since $\text{den } f = \prod_{i=1}^k v_i$ is also monic. This last equality can be proven by differentiation of the equation above and the assumption that $g \in F_{n-1}$. A similar reasoning proves that $g' = 0$, so assume $g = 0$.

Notice that these conditions, though very restrictive, do not really restrict our generality. They do, though, uniquely determine the c_i , v_i , as can be proven (after an integration step) using the Risch structure theorem, a generalization of which will be proved in

Chapter 3.

Thus we have

$$\frac{P}{Q} = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \frac{v'_i}{v_i}$$

with the v_i suitably restricted. This expression implies that

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^k \pi v_i .$$

Now, call

$$u_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k v_j = \frac{Q}{v_i} .$$

This means that

$$Q' = \sum_{i=1}^k u_i v'_i$$

and that

$$\frac{v'_i}{v_i} = \frac{v'_i u_i}{v_i u_i} = \frac{v'_i u_i}{Q} .$$

Thus

$$\frac{P}{Q} = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \frac{v'_i}{v_i} = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \frac{v'_i u_i}{Q} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k c_i v'_i u_i}{Q}$$

This implies that

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i v_i' u_i$$

so that, if $1 \leq i_0 \leq k$,

$$\gcd\left(P - \sum_{i=1}^k c_i v_i' u_i, v_{i_0}\right) = v_{i_0}.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd\left(P - \sum_{i=1}^k c_i v_i' u_i, v_{i_0}\right) &= \gcd\left(P - c_{i_0} v_{i_0}' u_{i_0}, v_{i_0}\right) \\ &= \gcd\left(P - c_{i_0} \sum_{i=1}^k v_i' u_i, v_{i_0}\right) = \gcd\left(P - c_{i_0} Q', v_{i_0}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, let $1 \leq j \leq k$, $j \neq i_0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd\left(P - c_{i_0} Q', v_j\right) &= \gcd\left(\sum_{i=1}^k c_i v_i' u_i - c_{i_0} v_j' u_j, v_j\right) \\ &= \gcd\left(c_j v_j' u_j - c_{i_0} v_j' u_j, v_j\right) \\ &= \gcd\left((c_j - c_{i_0}) v_j' u_j, v_j\right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and this leads to

$$\gcd\left(P - c_{i_0} Q', Q\right) = v_{i_0}.$$

We have thus proven the non-exponential cases of the following theorem.

Theorem 1

Let f be normal in F_n , $f \neq 0$, $\text{num } f = P$, $\text{den } f = Q$. Then, if f is elementary over F_n , all the roots for α in $\text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q)$ (with respect to θ_n) are constants (algebraic over F_{n-1}) and then, for some g in \overline{F}_{n-1} (the smallest field containing F_{n-1} and all constants algebraic over F_{n-1}),

$$f - g' = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \frac{v_i'}{v_i}$$

where c_1, \dots, c_k are the roots of the resultant above, and the v_i are given by

$$v_i = \gcd(P - c_i Q', Q) .$$

If $\theta_n = \exp w$, $w \in F_{n-1}$, then

$$g' = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i n_i w' ,$$

when $n_i = \deg v_i$ and the proof is very similar to the one for the other cases. The question now arises: Is this condition we found also sufficient? The answer is yes, as shown by Theorem 2.

Theorem 2

Let f be normal in F_n , $f \neq 0$, $P = \text{num } f$, $Q = \text{den } f$. Then, if all the roots for α in the algebraic closure of F_n of $\text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q)$ (with respect to θ_n) are constants, then f is elementary over F_n .

Proof:

Let c_1, \dots, c_k be the (distinct) roots for α in $\text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q)$, and let $v_i = \gcd(P - c_i Q', Q)$. Notice that if $i \neq j$, then $\gcd(v_i, v_j) = 1$, because otherwise

$$\gcd(P - c_i Q', Q, P - c_j Q') = \gcd(Q', Q) \neq 1$$

Thus,

$$r = \prod_{i=1}^k v_i$$

divides Q , so that $r s = Q$ for some s in S_n . Notice that $\gcd(r, s) = 1$ because Q is square-free.

If $s \neq 1$, then $\deg s > 0$, so that $\text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', s)$ is a polynomial of positive degree in α , and therefore has a root α_0 . This says that

$$1 \neq \gcd(P - \alpha_0 Q', s) \mid \gcd(P - \alpha_0 Q', Q)$$

so that $\text{resultant}(P - \alpha_0 Q', Q) = 0$ and so α_0 is one of our former roots (say) c_1 . This says that $\gcd(s, v_1) \neq 1$ and thus $\gcd(s, r) \neq 1$. This contradiction implies that $s = 1$ and $r = Q$.

Now, let

$$\bar{P} = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i v_i' \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k v_j$$

Since

$$Q' = \sum_{i=1}^k v_i' \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k v_j$$

we have that, for $1 \leq i_0 \leq k$,

$$\bar{P} - c_{i_0} Q' = \sum_{i=1}^k (c_i - c_{i_0}) v_i' \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k v_j = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq i_0}}^k (c_i - c_{i_0}) v_i' \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k v_j$$

so that $v_{i_0}' \mid \bar{P} - c_{i_0} Q'$. Since also $v_{i_0}' \mid P - c_{i_0} Q'$ this says that $v_{i_0}' \mid \bar{P} - P$. But also, $\gcd(v_i, v_j) = 1$ if $i \neq j$, so that

$$\prod_{i=1}^k v_i = Q \mid \bar{P} - P.$$

Now we will separate cases

In the non-exponential case, since all the v_i are monic, we have that $\deg v_i' < \deg v_i$, so that $\deg \bar{P} < \deg Q$. Since also $\deg P < \deg Q$, this implies that $P = \bar{P}$ and

$$\frac{P}{Q} = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \frac{v_i'}{v_i}$$

so that f is elementary in this case.

In the exponential case, that is, when $\Theta_n = \exp w$, $w \in F_{n-1}$, we obtain that $\text{ldcf}(v_i') = n_i w'$, where $n_i = \deg v_i$. Thus

$$\bar{P} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^k c_i n_i w' \right) Q = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i (v_i' - n_i w' v_i) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^k v_j$$

has degree smaller than $\deg Q$. In other words,

$$Q \mid \bar{P} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^k c_i n_i w^i \right) Q - P,$$

and

$$\deg(\bar{P} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^k c_i n_i w^i \right) Q - P) < \deg Q.$$

This implies that

$$\bar{P} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^k c_i n_i w^i \right) Q = P$$

and

$$\frac{P}{Q} = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \frac{v_i'}{v_i} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^k c_i n_i w^i \right)$$

and ff is also elementary in this case. ■

Actually, we can do a lot more with $r(\alpha) = \text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q)$.

It turns out that we can determine whether ff is elementary without finding the roots of $r(\alpha)$, as evidenced by the following.

Theorem 3

Let f be a normal element of F_n , $P = \text{num } f$, $Q = \text{den } f$,
 $r(\alpha) = \text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q, \theta_n)$. Let R be a unique factorization domain whose fraction field is K , and let $P_i = R[z, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_i]$, for $1 \leq i \leq n$, $P_0 = R[z]$, $P_{-1} = R$. Then ff is elementary over F_n if, and only if

$$r(\alpha) = s(\alpha) \frac{t_1}{t_2}$$

where $s(\alpha) \in R[\alpha]$, $t_1, t_2 \in P_{n-1}$.

For a proof of this theorem, we will need some lemmas.

Lemma 1.

Let t be algebraic over F_n , and assume that t is a constant. Then t is algebraic over K .

Proof: Though this lemma is a special case of lemma 5.1.2 in [KAP 57], we include here a proof for completeness. Since t is algebraic over F_n , there exists an irreducible polynomial in $F_n[X]$

$$P(X) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i X^i, \quad a_m = 1, a_i \in F_n \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq m \text{ such that}$$

$a_m = 1, a_i \in F_n$ for $0 \leq i \leq m$ such that

$$P(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i t^i = 0.$$

But then,

$$[P(t)]' = \left(\sum_{i=0}^m i a_i t^{i-1} \right) t' + \sum_{i=0}^m a_i' t^i = 0$$

and since $t' = 0$, we have that

$$\sum_{i=0}^m a_i' t^i = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i' t^i = 0.$$

Since $1, t, t^2, \dots, t^{m-1}$ form a basis for $F_n(t)$ over F_n , this says that all the $a_i = 0$, for $0 \leq i \leq m-1$, and thus $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1} \in K$. Since $a_m = 1 \in K$, we obtain $P(X) \in K[X]$ and t is algebraic over K . ■

Lemma 2.

Let R be a unique factorization domain with fraction field K , let θ be transcendental over K , and X an indeterminate over $K(\theta)$. Let r be a polynomial in X over $R[\theta]$, and assume that all its roots are algebraic over K . Then there exist s, t such that

$$r = s t$$

for $s \in R[X]$, $t \in R[\theta]$.

Proof: Let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ be the roots of r , with multiplicities l_1, \dots, l_n respectively. Since the α_i are algebraic over K , we obtain that

$$A = \prod_{i=1}^n (X - \alpha_i)^{l_i}$$

is a polynomial over \bar{K} the algebraic closure of K , i.e. $A \in \bar{K}[X]$. But also $A \in K(\theta)[X]$, so that

$$A \in \bar{K}[X] \cap K(\theta)[X] = K[X] \quad ,$$

since θ is transcendental over X .

Now, we can find $s \in R[X]$, $B \in R$ such that s and B have no common factors, and $A = \frac{s}{B}$. We claim that, if $u \in R$ and u divides s , then u is a unit of R . The reason is that, since the leading coefficient of A is 1, the leading coefficient of s is B , so that if u divides s , u divides B , and thus divides the greatest common factor of s and B ,

which happens to be 1.

We do know, also, that $\deg_X r = \sum \lambda_i = \deg_X A = \deg_X s$, and that for some t in $K(\theta)[X]$, $r = s t$. We want to prove that $t \in R[\theta]$. But

(a) $\deg_X t = \deg_X r - \deg_X s = 0$, so that $t \in K(\theta)$.

(b) Since $r \in R[\theta, X]$, $s \in R[X]$, $t = \frac{r}{s} \in K[\theta]$.

(c) Let, now, $t = \frac{t_1}{u}$, $t_1 \in R[\theta]$, $u \in R$, $\gcd(t_1, u) = 1$. We will be done if we prove that u is a unit of R . But, since $r = s t = s \frac{t_1}{u}$, we have that $u r = s t_1$, so that u divides $s t_1$. Since u and t_1 are relatively prime, we have that u divides s . But, we proved above that then, u is a unit. ■

We are now ready for a proof of the theorem.

If we assume that $r(\alpha) = s(\alpha) \frac{t_1}{t_2}$, where $s(\alpha) \in R[\alpha]$, $t_1, t_2 \in P_{n-1}$ then all the roots of $r(\alpha)$ are constants, so that by theorem 2 f is elementary over F_n .

Now, assume that f is elementary over F_n . By theorem 1 of this section, we must have that all the roots of $r(\alpha)$ are constants, and by lemma 1, this implies that all the roots of $r(\alpha)$ are algebraic over K .

Since $R(\alpha) \in F_{n-1}[\alpha]$, we can find $\bar{r}(\alpha) \in P_{n-1}[\alpha]$, $t_2 \in P_{n-1}$, $\bar{r}(\alpha)$, t_2 relatively prime, such that $r(\alpha) = \frac{\bar{r}(\alpha)}{t_2}$. Since $r(\alpha)$, $\bar{r}(\alpha)$ have the same roots, we can apply an inductive generalization of lemma 2, to obtain

$$\bar{r}(\alpha) = s(\alpha) t_1,$$

with $s(\alpha) \in R[\alpha]$, $t_1 \in P_{n-1}$ so that

$$r(\alpha) = \frac{\bar{r}(\alpha)}{t_2} = s(\alpha) \frac{t_1}{t_2}. \quad \blacksquare$$

This theorem has two interesting corollaries.

Corollary 1:

Using the same notation as in the theorem 3, if we assume that α is the main variable of $s(\alpha)$ $t_1 = \bar{r}(\alpha)$, then $\int f$ is elementary if and only if the primitive part of $\bar{r}(\alpha)$ (as polynomial in α with coefficients in P_{n-1}) is such that all it's coefficients are in R .

Proof: If the coefficients of the primitive part of $\bar{r}(\alpha)$ are all in R , we have then found $s(\alpha)$ and t_1 in the theorem (as primitive part and content of $\bar{r}(\alpha)$ respectively), and the conclusion follows.

So, assume now that some coefficient of the primitive part of $\bar{r}(\alpha)$ involves either z or one of the θ_i . Since $P_{n-1}[\alpha]$ is a unique factorization domain, we must have that $s(\alpha)$ and t_1 in the theorem do not exist, so that $\int f$ is not elementary over F_n . ■

Our second corollary says exactly the same, but seen from the other end.

Corollary 2:

Again, let us use the same notation as above, but now, let $\bar{r}(\alpha) \in R[\alpha, z, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_{n-1}]$. Let $r_n(\alpha) = \bar{r}(\alpha)$, $r_i(\alpha) = \text{content}(r_{i+1}(\alpha))$, $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$, and let $s(\alpha) = r_0(\alpha) \in R[\alpha]$. Then $\int f$ is elementary over F_n if, and only if, $\deg_\alpha s(\alpha) = \deg_\alpha \bar{r}(\alpha)$.

Proof: Very similar to the proof of corollary 1. ■

Let us then, take a look at what this stage of our integration algorithm is like. We enter the algorithm with f , normal in F_n , and find $P = \text{num } f$, $Q = \text{den } f$.

We then compute $r(\alpha) = \text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q, \theta_n)$ and apply either corollary 1 or corollary 2 to it. If $r(\alpha)$ fails our test, we can return failure, otherwise we find the roots of $s(\alpha)$ (in the corollary used),

which we will call c_1, \dots, c_k , compute $v_i = \gcd(P - c_i Q', Q_i)$ where if our gcd algorithm returns the cofactors at no extra cost, we can let $Q_1 = Q$, and $Q_{i+1} = Q_i/v_i$, otherwise, let $Q_i = Q$ for all i .

In the first case, there is actually no need to compute the last gcd, since we must have $Q_k = 1$ so that $Q_{k-1} = v_k$. Then, if $\theta_n = \exp v$, we return

$$ff = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \log v_i - \sum_{i=1}^k c_i n_i v'$$

where $n_i = \deg v_i$, otherwise, we return

$$ff = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \log v_i .$$

We are not yet done in this section. In [TRA 76] it is shown how to obtain the least degree extension, of the constant field, necessary to express the integral of f . We claim that our algorithm also produces this least degree extension. The reason for this is that we required our expansion of the integral to be in this smallest extension in the first place; our assumptions about the exact form of the v_i and c_i do not increase the degree of this extension, and our polynomial $r(\alpha)$ defines exactly the c_i we need. Thus, this polynomial $r(\alpha)$ actually defines the smallest degree extension required.

One final note: This algorithm assumes that $\deg Q > 1$ in order to compute the resultant. If $\deg Q = 1$, of course, no factoring can be done and we only have to check whether $f/(Q'/Q)$ (respectively $(f - u')/(Q'/Q)$) is a constant.

9. Examples.

In this section, we present some examples illustrating the new algorithms found.

Example 1: Illustrating SPDE. Find

$$I = \int \frac{3z^3 + 9z^2 + z - 6}{z} e^{1/z} dz$$

We know (by section 4) that I must be of the form

$$I = X e^{1/z}$$

for some rational function X, and substituting, yields:

$$X' - \frac{1}{z^2} X = \frac{3z^3 + 9z^2 + z - 6}{z}$$

We now know that X must be of the form

$$X = \frac{\bar{X}}{z^n}$$

with n and \bar{X} to be determined. If we substitute this value of x, we obtain

$$\frac{X' z - n \bar{X}}{z^{n+1}} - \frac{X}{z^{n+2}} = \frac{3z^3 + 9z^2 + z - 6}{z}$$

so that $n = -1$. Multiplying both sides by z, we obtain

$$\bar{X}' z^2 + \bar{X}(z - 1) = 3z^3 + 9z^2 + z - 6$$

We obtain that $\deg \bar{X} \leq 2$, and we enter algorithm SPDE.

We have to find $P_1, R_1, \deg R_1 < 2$, such that

$$P_1 z^2 + R_1(z - 1) = 3 z^3 + 9 z^2 + z - 6$$

We obtain:

$$P_1 = 3 z + 4, \quad R_1 = 5 z + 6$$

Since $(z - 1) + (z^2)' = 3 z - 1$ and $P_1 - R_1' = 3 z - 1$, we now have to solve the differential equation

$$Q' z^2 + Q(3 z - 1) = 3 z - 1$$

so we have to find $P_2, R_2, \deg R_2 < 2$ such that

$$P_2 z^2 + R_2(3 z - 1) = 3 z - 1$$

We obtain

$$P_2 = 0, \quad R_2 = 1$$

and since $P_2 = R_2'$, we obtain:

$$Q = 1, \quad \bar{X} = z^2 + 5 z + 6, \quad X = z^3 + 5 z^2 + 6 z$$

and

$$I = \int \frac{3 z^3 + 9 z^2 + z - 6}{z} e^{1/z} dz = (z^3 + 5 z^2 + 6 z) e^{1/z}$$

Notice we still have to include an integration constant, so that

$$I = (z^3 + 5z^2 + 6z)e^{1/z} + c$$

for some constant c .

Example 2: This example will illustrate some of the self-adapting features of our algorithm. Find

$$I = \int e^{\log z + 2 \log(z+1) + z} dz$$

Notice that the easy way out would be to simplify our integrand to

$$\int z(z+1)^2 e^z dz$$

and reaching the differential equation

$$X' + X = z(z+1)^2$$

Our algorithm will reach this differential equation directly. If I is elementary, then I is of the form:

$$I = Y e^{\log z + z \log(z+1) + z}$$

so that Y satisfies the differential equation:

$$Y' + \left(\frac{1}{z} + \frac{2}{z+1} + 1 \right) Y = 1$$

so that

$$Y' + Y \frac{z^2 + 4z + 1}{z^2 + z} = 1$$

This means that we can write

$$Y = \frac{\bar{Y}}{(z^2 + z)^m}$$

and that implies

$$\frac{\bar{Y}'(z^2 + z) + \bar{Y}(z^2 + 4z + 1 - m(2z + 1))}{(z^2 + z)^{m+1}} = 1$$

Thus, we either have that $m = -1$, or that $(z^2 + z) \mid \bar{Y}'(z^2 + z) + \bar{Y}(z^2 + 4z + 1 - m(2z + 1))$. This is true if

$$\gcd(z^2 + (4 - 2m)z + (1 - m), z^2 + z) \neq 1$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \text{resultant}(z^2 + (4 - 2m)z + (1 - m), z^2 + z, z) &= (1 - m)(m - 2) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

so that (choose the largest root!) $m = 2$. We could now obtain that

$$Y = \frac{\hat{Y}}{z(z + 1)^2}$$

and replace. That way, we obtain the differential equation (after cancelling common factors):

$$\hat{Y}' + \hat{Y} = z^3 + 2z^2 + z = z(z + 1)^2$$

We prefer, though, to use another route. We replace $m = 2$, and continue to obtain:

$$\frac{\bar{Y}'(z^2 + z) + \bar{Y}(z^2 - 1)}{z^3(z + 1)^3} = 1$$

or

$$\frac{\bar{Y}'z + \bar{Y}(z - 1)}{z^3(z + 1)^2} = 1.$$

This implies

$$\bar{Y}'z + \bar{Y}(z - 1) = z^3(z + 1)^2$$

and we enter algorithm SPDE.

We now have to find Q, R such that

$$Qz + R(z - 1) = z^3(z + 1)^2 \quad \deg R < 1$$

Clearly $Q = z^2(z + 1)^2$, $R = 0$ is our answer, and we have to solve

$$X'z + Xz = z^2(z + 1)^2$$

and dividing by z , we obtain

$$X' + X = z(z + 1)^2 = z^3 + 2z^2 + z$$

that is, we reached the same differential equation as before.

We now follow the algorithm (but now, we use case (ii) in section 5) and obtain

$$X = \sum_{i=0}^3 a_i z^i$$

where

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{1} = 1 \quad ,$$

$$a_2 = 2 - 3(1) = -1 \quad ,$$

$$a_1 = 1 - 2(-1) = 3 \quad ,$$

$$a_0 = 0 - 3 = -3$$

so that

$$X = z^3 - z^2 + 3z - 3$$

replacing, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I &= Y e^{\log z + 2 \log(z + 1) + z} + k \\ &= \frac{\bar{Y}}{z^2 (z + 1)^2} e^{\log z + 2 \log(z + 1) + z} + k \\ &= \frac{z X}{z^2 (z + 1)^2} e^{\log z + 2 \log(z + 1) + z} + k \\ &= \frac{z^3 - z^2 + 3z - 3}{z(z + 1)^2} e^{\log z + 2 \log(z + 1) + z} + k \end{aligned}$$

where k is the integration constant.

Example 3: The classical non-elementary example. Find

$$I = \int e^{x^2} dx$$

The $I = Y e^{x^2}$ and this leads to the differential equation:

$$Y' + 2xY = 1 \quad .$$

Since Y must be a polynomial in x (no denominators), Y cannot exist because $\deg(2x) = 1$, but $\deg(1) = 0$.

Thus, I is not elementary.

Example 4: This example illustrates the way the algorithm in section 8 works. Find

$$I = \int \frac{x + 2}{x^2 - 1} dx$$

We notice that $f = \frac{x + 2}{x^2 - 1} dx$ is normal in $R(X)$, (where R is the rational number field) so let:

$$P = x + 2, \quad Q = x^2 - 1.$$

Then $Q' = 2x$, $P - \alpha Q' = x + 2 - 2\alpha x = (1 - 2\alpha)x + 2$. Then $r(\alpha) = \text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q, x) = 4\alpha^2 - 4\alpha - 3$.

If we want $r(\alpha) = 0$, then either

$$\alpha = 3/2 \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha = -1/2 \quad ,$$

so let

$$c_1 = 3/2, \quad c_2 = -1/2 \quad .$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= \gcd(P - c_1 Q', Q) = \gcd(x + 2 - \frac{3}{2}(2x), Q) \\ &= \gcd(x + 2 - 3x, x^2 - 1) = \gcd(-2x + 2, x^2 - 1) = x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

and let

$$v_2 = \gcd(P - c_2 Q', Q) = \gcd(2x + 2, x^2 - 1) = x + 1.$$

Thus,

$$I = c_1 \log v_1 + c_2 \log v_2 = \frac{3}{2} \log(x - 1) - \frac{1}{2} \log(x + 1) + k$$

where k is the integration constant.

Example 5: This example illustrates that our algorithm doesn't necessarily completely factor the denominator of normal rational functions. Find

$$I = \int \frac{1}{x^3 - x} dx$$

Then $f = \frac{1}{x^3 - x}$ is a normal rational function so let $P = 1$, $Q = x^3 - x$.

Then

$$Q' = 3x^2 - 1, P - \alpha Q' = 1 - \alpha(3x^2 - 1) = -3\alpha x^2 + 1 - \alpha$$

and

$$\text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q, x) = (\alpha + 1)(2\alpha - 1)^2$$

so let $c_1 = -1$, $c_2 = 1/2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= \gcd(P - c_1 Q', Q) = \gcd(1 + 3x^2 - 1, x^3 - x) \\ &= \gcd(3x^2, x^3 - x) = x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_2 &= \gcd(P - c_2 Q', Q) = \gcd\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1), x^3 - x\right) \\ &= \gcd\left(-\frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}, x^3 - x\right) = x^2 - 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$I = -\log x + \frac{1}{2} \log(x^2 - 1) + k$$

Example 6: This example illustrates how the minimum degree extension can differ from the splitting field. Find

$$I = \int \frac{1}{x^3 + x} dx$$

Let $P = 1$, $Q = x^3 + x$, $Q' = 3x^2 + 1$, $P - \alpha Q' = -3\alpha x^2 + (1 - \alpha)$, and $\text{resultant}(-3\alpha x^2 + (1 - \alpha), x^3 + x) = -(\alpha - 1)(2\alpha + 1)^2$. So let $c_1 = 1$, $c_2 = -1/2$. Then

$$v_1 = \gcd(P - Q', Q) = \gcd(1 - 3x^2 - 1, x^3 + x) = x$$

$$v_2 = \gcd\left(P + \frac{1}{2} Q', Q\right) = \gcd\left(1 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}, x^3 + x\right) = x^2 + 1$$

and

$$I = \log x - \frac{1}{2} \log(x^2 + 1) + k$$

Example 7: This example illustrates a non-elementary integral detected when trying to obtain the necessary logarithmic terms to express the integral. Find

$$I = \int \frac{1}{(\log x)^2 - x^2} dx$$

Again, let $P = 1$, $Q = (\log x)^2 - x^2$ so that

$$Q' = 2 \frac{\log x}{x} - 2x$$

$$P - \alpha Q' = -\frac{2\alpha \log x}{x} + (2\alpha x + 1)$$

and

$$\text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q, \log x) = \alpha^2(4x^2 - 4) + 4\alpha x + 1.$$

Since the content of this last expression is 1, we obtain that I is not elementary.

Example 8: This last example illustrates corollaries 8.1 and 8.2.

Find

$$I = \int \frac{\log x - 1}{(\log x)^2 - x^2} dx.$$

Now

$$f = \frac{\log x - 1}{(\log x)^2 - x^2}$$

is a normal element of $R(x, \log x)$ (where R is the rational number field), so let $P = \log x - 1$, $Q = (\log x)^2 - x^2$, so that

$$Q' = \frac{2 \log x}{x} - 2x,$$

$$P - \alpha Q' = \log x \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha}{x}\right) + (2\alpha x - 1)$$

and

$$\text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q, \log x) = (x^2 - 1)(4 \alpha^2 - 1) .$$

Since $(4 \alpha^2 - 1)$ does not involve x , I is elementary, and we proceed.

Let $c_1 = 1/2$, $c_2 = -1/2$. Then

$$v_1 = \text{gcd}(P - c_1 Q', Q) = \text{gcd}(\log x (1 - \frac{1}{x}) + (x - 1) ,$$

$$(\log x)^2 - x^2) = \log x + x$$

$$v_2 = \text{gcd}(P - c_2 Q', Q) = \text{gcd}(\log x (1 + \frac{1}{x}) - x - 1 ,$$

$$(\log x)^2 - x^2) = \log x - x ,$$

and

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \log(\log x + x) - \frac{1}{2} \log(\log x - x) + k$$

10. Computing Time Analysis for the Rational Function Case.

In this section, we will present a computing time analysis of this algorithm for the rational function case. First, recall that, if P is a polynomial with integer coefficients, $P = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$, we define

$$\text{norm } P = |P| = \sum_{i=0}^n |a_i|$$

Now, we define $F(m, n, d)$ as the class of functions P/Q , with P, Q relatively prime univariate polynomials over the integers,

$\max(|P|, |Q|) \leq d, \deg P \leq m, \deg Q \leq n.$

We shall use the definitions and notation for dominance and co-dominance used, for example, in [COL 71].

Then, we have the following theorem. For $f \in F(m, n, d)$, the time required by the algorithm described herein is given by

$$T_{\text{INTG}}(m, n, d) \leq n^8 L^2(dn) + n^6 L^3(dn) \\ + \max(m + 1 - n, 0) n L^2(d) + 1$$

if we assume that no algebraic extensions are required, and that the norm of any of the partial results except the resultant, is also bounded by d , where $L(d) = \log_2(d) + 1$.

Proof: We have two cases to consider.

- (a) $m \geq n$, and
- (b) $m < n$.

If $m < n$, we do a quotient-remainder operation, and then we continue with sections 7 and 8. We then have the following computing times.

Section 3 (quotient-remainder operation) requires constant (1) time.

Section 7 requires time $n^5 L(nd)^2$ as proven in [McD 75].

Section 8 requires:

- $n L(d)$ to compute Q'
- $n L(d)$ to compute $\bar{P} - \alpha Q'$ ($\deg \bar{P} < n$)
- $n^3 L(d)$ to compute $R = \text{resultant}(P - \alpha Q', Q)$.

(We point out that $\deg_{\alpha} R \leq n$, and it's norm is bounded by $(2n)! d^{2n} \leq 2n^{2n} d^{2n} = (2dn)^{2n}$ and thus $L(\text{norm } R) \leq n L(dn)$).

$n^8 + n^6 L^2(\text{norm } R) + n^3 L^3(\text{norm } R) \leq n^8 L^2(dn) + n^6 L^3(dn)$ to compute the roots of R (from Appendix B, assuming number of roots = n).

$n(n^2 L(d) + n L^2(d))$ to compute $\text{gcd}(P - c_i Q', Q)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ (assuming there are n distinct roots of R).

Adding these times, it is clear that the time to compute the roots of R dominates all other computing times, and we obtain

$$n^8 L^2(dn) + n^6 L^3(dn)$$

for section 8.

Finally, if $m > n$, the time to compute the quotient-remainder is given by $(m + 1 - n)n L^2(d)$ and the time to compute the integral of the polynomial part (by the classical method) is given by $(m + 1 - n) L^2(d)$.

If we add all these computing times we obtain the result we quoted at the beginning.

Note: The bounds on the time to compute the resultant and the norm of R were obtained from [COL 71].

Chapter 3

A STRUCTURE THEOREM FOR EXPONENTIAL AND PRIMITIVE FUNCTIONS

1. Introduction.

In this chapter, the structure of fields of functions that are obtained from the rational functions by the use of algebraic operations, integration and exponentiation are studied. Such results are interesting since they provide a basis for algorithms that discover algebraic relations among various classes of functions and lead to automatic tests for equality of expressions.

The main results of this chapter are theorem 12 and corollary 13, which give explicitly the form of any possible algebraic relationship between exponential and primitive functions, i.e. functions definable by integrals, like $\operatorname{erf}(s)$, etc., provided that some care is taken in their construction. By the latter we mean that if an integral can be represented by using logarithms, then this should be done for the theorem to apply.

Before proving our structure theorem, we will need some purely algebraic results:

Lemma 1.

Let F be a field, w algebraic over F , θ transcendental over F . Then w is algebraic over $F(\theta)$ and $[F(w) : F] = [F(\theta, w) : F(\theta)]$.

Proof: By the first theorem (unnumbered) in [VdW 70] (§73) w is not in $F(\theta)$ if w is not in F .

Let $n = [F(w) : F]$, and since $[F(\theta, w) : F(\theta)] \leq n$, assume $[F(\theta, w) : F(\theta)] = m < n$. Then, there exist $(r_i)_{0 \leq i \leq m}$, each $r_i \in F(\theta)$, such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m r_i w^i = 0 \quad (1)$$

Since $F[\theta]$ is a unique factorization domain with fraction field $F(\theta)$, let $r_i = p_i/q_i$, where p_i, q_i are relatively prime elements of $F[\theta]$.

Multiplying equation (1) by $\prod_{i=1}^m q_i$, we obtain

$$s_i = p_i \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^m q_j$$

such that $\sum_{i=0}^m s_i w^i = 0$, and $s_i \in F[\theta]$.

Let $k = \max_{0 \leq i \leq m} (\deg(s_i))$. Notice that k must be positive. Thus for each i ,

$$s_i = \sum_{j=0}^k a_{ij} \theta^j,$$

where $a_{ij} \in F$, for all i, j so that

$$0 = \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^k a_{ij} \theta^j w^i = \sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{i=0}^m a_{ij} w^i \theta^j.$$

Since $m < n$, and $k > 0$, this equation implies that θ is algebraic over $F(w)$, and thus, θ is algebraic over F , in contradiction to the hypothesis. ■

Corollary 2.

Let F be a field, θ transcendental over F , w separably algebraic over $F(\theta)$, v in $F(\theta, w)$, algebraic over F . Then v is separably algebraic over F .

Proof: Since $v \in F(\theta, w)$, v is separably algebraic over $F(\theta)$, therefore, its irreducible polynomial over $F(\theta)$ (and by theorem 1, over F) cannot have any multiple roots. But that is the definition of separably algebraic. ■

Lemma 3.

Let F be a field, θ transcendental over F , w algebraic over $F(\theta)$. Then if F is perfect or w is separably algebraic over $F(\theta)$, there exists u in $F(\theta, w)$, algebraic over F such that if $t \in F(\theta, w)$ is algebraic over $F(u)$, then $t \in F(u)$ (i.e. $F(u)$ is algebraically closed in $F(\theta, w)$ = $F(u, \theta, w)$).

Proof: If F is algebraically closed in $F(\theta, w)$ then the result follows with $u = 1$, otherwise there is a $t \in F(\theta, w)$ algebraic over F but not in F . Thus, we can define a sequence t_i and F_i by: $t_1 = t$, $F_1 = F(t)$, and for $n \geq 1$, let s_n be an element of $F(\theta, w)$ algebraic over F_n but not in F_n , let t_{n+1} be such that $F_{n+1} = F(t_{n+1}) = F(t_n, s_n)$. Notice that t_{n+1} exists if s_n exists by the theorem of the primitive element, since s_n (and also t_n) are separable over F . However, s_n does not exist for all n , since $[F_{n+1} : F_n] > 1$ for all n such that s_n exists, so that $[F_n : F]$ is a strictly increasing sequence of integers. Since $[F_n : F] \leq [F(\theta, w) : F(\theta)]$ (by lemma 1), there is an n_0 such that $s_{n_0 - 1}$

exists, but s_{n_0} does not. Let $u = t_{n_0}$, and then $F(t_{n_0}) = F(u)$ is algebraically closed in $F(\theta, w)$. ■

Let F be a field, $G = F(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ a finitely generated extension of F . We shall denote by F_i , the fields: $F_i = F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $F_0 = F$.

Let F be a field, $G = F(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ a finitely generated extension of F . We shall say that G satisfies the algebraic closure property with respect to F , if there does not exist an i such that F_i is an algebraic extension of F_{i-1} and F_{i+1} is an algebraic extension of F_i . Furthermore, for each $i > 1$ such that F_i is an algebraic extension of F_{i-1} , F_{i-2} must be algebraically closed in F_i .

The following lemma could have been proven in a more general setting, but for simplicity, we shall assume our field has characteristic 0, which is our only case of interest.

Lemma 4.

Let F be a field of characteristic 0, $G = F(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ be a finitely generated extension of F . Then there exists an integer m and s_1, \dots, s_m in G such that $G_m = F(s_1, \dots, s_m)$ satisfies the algebraic closure property with respect to F , and an integer-valued, non-decreasing function of f , mapping the integers $[1, n]$ onto $[1, m]$ that if t_i is transcendental over $F_{i-1} = F(t_1, \dots, t_{i-1})$ then $t_i = s_{f(i)}$ is transcendental over $\hat{F}_{f(i)-1} = F(s_1, \dots, s_{f(i)-1})$.

Proof: The proof is by induction on n . If $n = 1$, let $G = F(t_1)$ and $f(1) = 1$. Now assume $n > 1$ and that the theorem is true for $k < n$. We then have three cases to consider:

i) t_n is transcendental over F_{n-1} . We then apply the induction hypothesis to F_{n-1} to obtain G_{m-1} . Thus $G_m = G_{m-1}(t_n)$ and $f(n) = m$.

ii) t_n is algebraic over F_{n-1} , and t_{n-1} is also algebraic over F_{n-2} . By the theorem of the primitive element, there exists a u such that $F_{n-2}(u) = F_{n-2}(t_{n-1}, t_n)$. Now apply the induction hypothesis to $f_{n-2}(u)$ to obtain G_m . In this case $f(n-1) = f(n) = m$.

iii) t_n is algebraic over F_{n-1} and t_{n-1} is transcendental over F_{n-2} . By lemma 3, there exists a u in F_n algebraic over F_{n-2} such that $F_{n-2}(u)$ is algebraically closed in F_n . By the induction hypothesis there exists an extension G_μ which satisfies the algebraic closure property with respect to F , and such that $G_\mu = F_{n-2}(u)$. Then $G_{\mu+1} = G_\mu(t_{n-1})$ also satisfies the algebraic closure property. If $t_n \in G_{\mu+1}$, then $G_m = G_{\mu+1}$ and $f(n-1) = f(n) = \mu+1$, otherwise $G_m = G_{\mu+1}(t_n)$ and $f(n-1) = \mu+1$, $f(n) = \mu+2$. ■

2. Some Basic Lemmas

Lemma 5.

Let F be a differential field, θ a regular monomial over F . Let $G = F(\theta)$ or $G = F(\theta, t)$ where t is algebraic over $F(\theta)$ and F is algebraically closed in G .

Let c_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$, be constants of F linearly independent over the rationals, and let v , u_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$, be non-zero elements of G such that for all derivations D of G , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \frac{Du_i}{u_i} = Dv .$$

Then, if θ is primitive over F , each u_i must be in F and v must be of the form $c\theta + w$, for some $w \in F$ and $c \in C^F$. If θ is exponential over F , then v must be in F and there exist integers m, n_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$,

with $m \neq 0$ and $\hat{u}_i \in F$ such that $u_i^m = \theta^{n_i} \hat{u}_i$, with $\bar{u}_i = u_i^m$ satisfying all derivations D of G ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \frac{D\bar{u}_i}{\bar{u}_i} = D(mv) .$$

If $G = F(\theta)$, $m = 1$ is sufficient in the above equations.

Proof: This lemma is the main result of [ROS 69], but a simple proof of a generalization thereof can be found in [ROS 75]. The sufficiency of $m = 1$ for the case $G = F(\theta)$ can be seen by the fact that since $F[\theta]$ is a unique factorization domain, m must divide n_i for all i . Thus

$$\hat{u}_i = \frac{u_i^m}{\theta^{n_i}}$$

as an element of F , has an m -th root in $F(\theta) = G$. Therefore, by the first theorem in §73 of [VdW 70], \hat{u}_i has an m -th root in F . ■

Corollary 6.

Let F, G, θ, t be as in lemma 5 and let $v \in G$. Then $\exp v$ is not a regular monomial over G if and only if $v \in F(\theta) = H$ and $\exp v$ is not a regular monomial over H .

Proof: Let $\phi = \exp(v)$. Then if ϕ is not a regular monomial over G there exists a constant c and an integer n such that $u = c \phi^n \in G$. Thus for any differentiation operator D of G , we have

$$\frac{Du}{u} = nDv$$

By lemma 5, $v \in H$. Furthermore, if θ is primitive over F ,
 $u \in F \subset H$ otherwise θ is exponential over F and u is algebraic over H . ■

Lemma 7.

Let $v \in F(\theta)$ with θ a primitive regular monomial over the differential field F , and assume $\phi = \exp(v)$ is not a regular monomial over $F(\theta)$.

Then there exist $u, w \in F$, constants $c_1, c_3 \in \mathbb{C}$, $c_2 \in C^F$ and a non-zero integer m , such that

$$u = c_3 \phi^m,$$

and

$$v = \frac{1}{m} \log u + c_1 = c_2 \theta + w.$$

Proof: Since ϕ is not a regular monomial over $F(\theta)$ there exist a constant c_3 and a non-zero integer m , such that $c_3 \phi^m \in F(\theta)$. Let $c_3 \phi^m = u$. Then, for each derivation operator D of F ,

$$\frac{Du}{u} = \frac{m c_3 \phi^m Dv}{c_3 \phi^m} = m Dv$$

so that by lemma 5, $u \in F$, $v = c_2 \theta + w$ for some constant c_2 , $w \in F$, and by the definition of logarithm, $v = \frac{1}{m} \log u + c_1$ as required. ■

Note: From now on, $K(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ will always denote the differential field with constant field K and n derivation operations D_1, \dots, D_n where

$$D_i z_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Corollary 8.

Let $v \in F = K(z_1, \dots, z_n)$, and assume $\phi = \exp(v)$ is not a regular monomial over F . Then $v \in K$.

Proof: Though this proposition is a special case of the Risch Structure Theorem as stated in [EpC 74], theorem 5.7, we feel the following proof is instructive.

Since z_n is primitive over $F_{n-1} = K(z_1, \dots, z_{n-1})$, we can find constants $c_1, c_3 \in \mathcal{C}$, $c_2 \in K$, and elements $u, w \in F_{n-1}$ such that $v = c_2 z_n + w$, and $u = c_3 \phi^m$. Thus ϕ is algebraic over $F_{n-1}(c_3)$ so that $D_n(\phi) = 0$. But $0 = D_n(\phi) = \phi D_n(v) = \phi c_2$, and since $\phi \neq 0$, we must have $c_2 = 0$ and $v = w \in F_{n-1}$. Proceeding by induction on n , we obtain $v \in K$. ■

Corollary 9.

Let θ_1 and θ_2 be regular monomials over the differential field F , with θ_1 primitive and θ_2 exponential over F . Then θ_1 is a regular monomial over $F(\theta_2)$ and θ_2 is a regular monomial over $F(\theta_1)$.

Proof: If θ_2 is not a regular monomial over $F(\theta_1)$, then, by lemma 7 we would have $u = c \theta_2^m \in F$ for some constant c and integer m .

Our proof concludes by noting that if θ_1 is not a regular monomial over $F(\theta_2)$, then θ_2 is not a regular monomial over $F(\theta_1)$. ■

Lemma 10.

Let F be a differential field, $t \in F$, $\theta = \exp(t)$ a regular monomial over F . Let $v \in F(\theta)$ and assume that $\phi = \exp(v)$ is not a regular monomial over $F(\theta)$. Then there exist $w \in F$ and a rational number q

such that $\exp(w)$ is not a regular monomial over F , and $v = w + q t$.

Proof: Since ϕ is not a regular monomial over $F(\theta)$, there exist a $c \in \mathbb{C}$ and an integer n such that $u = c \phi^n \in F(\theta)$. Then for all derivation operators D of F

$$\frac{Du}{u} = n Dv$$

so that by lemma 5, $v \in F$, and $u = \theta^k s$ for some $s \in F$, and integer k .

Thus,

$$\frac{Du}{u} = \frac{Ds}{s} + k Dt = n Dv$$

and

$$\frac{Ds}{s} = n Dv - k Dt .$$

If we now let $w = v - \frac{k}{n} t$, $q = \frac{k}{n}$ then $\exp w$ is not a regular monomial over F , because for some constant c_1 , $c_1 s = \exp w$ and $s \in F$, and also $v = w + q t$ as required. ■

3. Simple-logarithmic Elements and Log-explicit Extensions

We have by now, accomplished the bulk of an induction proof for one of our main goals i.e. theorem 12. The main obstacle remaining is to show that c_2 in lemma 7 is rational. For this to hold, however, we need some additional hypothesis.

Let F be a differential field, u primitive over F . We shall say that u is simple-logarithmic over F if there exist $v_1, \dots, v_k \in F$ such that for some constant c , $u + c \in F(\log v_1, \dots, \log v_k)$. We shall also say that u is non-simple if it is not simple-logarithmic over F .

Let $F_j = F_0(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_j)$, $F = F_n$ be a regular (generalized) Liouville extension of F_0 . We shall say that F is a regular (respectively generalized) log-explicit extension of F_0 if for each θ_j one of the following conditions hold:

- a. $\theta_j = \exp(a_j)$, $a_j \in F_{j-1}$
- b. θ_j is primitive and non-simple over F_{j-1}
- c. $\theta_j = \log(a_j)$, $a_j \in F_{j-1}$, or
- d. θ_j is algebraic over F_{j-1} .

That is, if θ_j is simple-logarithmic over F_{j-1} , then $\theta_j = \log(a_j)$, $a_j \in F_{j-1}$.

A regular (generalized) Liouville field is a regular (generalized) Liouville extension of $K(z_1, \dots, z_m)$.

A regular (generalized) log-explicit field is a regular (generalized) log-explicit extension of $K(z_1, \dots, z_m)$.

Lemma 11.

Let $G = K(z_1, \dots, z_\mu, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_\ell)$ be a log-explicit field satisfying the algebraic closure property with respect to $K(z_1, \dots, z_\mu)$, let $f, v, u_1, \dots, u_n \in G$, and assume that $G(\log u_1, \dots, \log u_n)$ is a regular Liouville extension of G , with $n \geq 1$.

Let c_1, \dots, c_n be constants of G such that for all derivation operators D of G :

$$Dv + \frac{Df}{f} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \frac{Du_i}{u_i}$$

Then the set $\{1, c_1, \dots, c_n\}$ is linearly dependent over the rationals.

Proof: If the set $\{1, c_1, \dots, c_n\}$ were not linearly dependent, then we could rewrite our equation above as

$$Dv = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \frac{Du_i}{u_i}, \quad (2)$$

where $u_0 = f$, $c_0 = -1$, so that lemma 5 applies, and if we let $G = F(\theta, w)$, we obtain two cases:

i) If θ is primitive over F , then each $u_i \in F$ and $v = c\theta + v_1$ for some constant c and $v_1 \in F$. Here we have 3 possibilities.

(a) $c = 0$. Then we have proven that v and the u_i are in F .

(b) $c \neq 0$ and the set $\{1, c_1, \dots, c_n, c\}$ is linearly

independent over the rationals. Then by (2) we

obtain that θ is simple-logarithmic over F , so that

$\theta = \log(w)$ for some $w \in F$. If we rename c and w as

$-c_{n+1}$ and u_{n+1} respectively, we obtain an equivalent

problem, but with the u_i, v in F , namely:

$$Dv_1 = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} c_i \frac{Du_i}{u_i}.$$

Notice that $F(\log u_1, \log u_2, \dots, \log u_{n+1})$ is a regular Liouville extension of F .

(c) $c \neq 0$ and the set $\{1, c_1, \dots, c_n, c\}$ is linearly dependent over the rationals. Thus, for there are rationals r_0, \dots, r_{n+1} not all 0, such that

$$r_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n r_i c_i + r_{n+1} c = 0$$

We might as well assume, without loss of generality that the r_i are integers and notice also that r_{n+1} cannot be 0, because of our linear independence assumption. Thus we obtain a value for c in terms of the r_i and c_i . Also, just as in (b), we get $\theta = \log(u_{n+1})$ (after renaming). If we now replace these values in equation (2) above, we obtain

$$D(r_{n+1} v_1) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \frac{D(u_i u_{n+1}^{-r_i})}{u_i u_{n+1}^{-r_i}}$$

where

$$F\left(\log \frac{u_1}{r_1}, \dots, \frac{u_n}{r_n}, \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_{n+1}}\right)$$

is a regular Liouville extension of F .

ii) If θ is exponential over F , then $v \in F$ and there exist integers m , n_i , and $\hat{u}_i \in F$, such that $u_i^m = \theta^{n_i} \hat{u}_i$, and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \frac{D(u_i^m)}{u_i^m} = D(m v)$$

If we let $\theta = \exp(t)$, we get

$$D(m v) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \frac{D(u_i^m)}{u_i^m} = D\left(\sum_{i=0}^n (c_i n_i t)\right) + \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{D\hat{u}_i}{\hat{u}_i}$$

Thus we obtain (again) a similar equation to our original one:

$$D(v_1) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \frac{\widehat{Du}_i}{\widehat{u}_i}$$

where

$$v_1 = m v - \sum_{i=0}^n (c_i n_i t) .$$

Notice that since $\log \widehat{u}_i = m \log u_i - n_i t + k_i$ for some constant $k_i \in F$, we get that $F(\log \widehat{u}_1, \log \widehat{u}_2, \dots, \log \widehat{u}_n)$ is a regular Liouville extension of F .

Thus we have obtained in each case a $v_1, \widehat{u}_0, \dots, \widehat{u}_n \in F$ satisfying the same assumptions as our original v and u_i , which were in G . Proceeding by induction, we will therefore find constants $v_p, \widetilde{u}_0, \dots, \widetilde{u}_n$ such that $K(\log \widetilde{u}_1, \dots, \log \widetilde{u}_n)$ is a regular Liouville extension of K , the constant field of G (and F). But this is clearly impossible (the \widetilde{u}_i being constant) and thus, the c_i must be linearly dependent over the rationals. ■

The following notation will be useful in the discussion to follow. Let $F_n = F_0(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$ be a regular (generalized) Liouville extension of F_0 . Let $F_i = F_0(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, and define the sets: For $1 \leq j \leq n$,

$$E_j = \{i \mid \theta_i = \exp(u_i), u_i \in F_{i-1}, 1 \leq i \leq j\}$$

$$P_j = \{i \mid \theta_i' \in F_{i-1}, 1 \leq i \leq j\}$$

$$L_j = \{i \mid \theta_i = \log(u_i), u_i \in F_{i-1}, 1 \leq i \leq j\}$$

Not that in all cases L_j is a subset of P_j .

Theorem 12.

Let F be a generalized log-explicit field, $F = F_n = K(z_1, \dots, z_m, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$. Let $u \in F_n$, and assume $\exp(u)$ is not a regular monomial over F_n . Then there exist rational numbers p_i and a constant $c \in C^F$ such that

$$u = \sum_{i \in L_n} p_i \theta_i + \sum_{i \in E_n} p_i a_i + c$$

where $\theta_i = \exp(a_i)$ for $i \in E_n$.

Proof: The proof is by induction on n , but by lemma 4, we can assume that F satisfies the algebraic closure property with respect to $K(z_1, \dots, z_m)$. Furthermore, since this transformation preserves the monomials, the statement of the theorem remains the same. For $n = 0$, the result follows from corollary 8, so assume the theorem is true for $K < n$. Let $\phi = \exp(u)$.

We have 3 cases:

Case 1. θ_n is primitive over F_{n-1} . Then by lemma 7, there are $r, w \in F_{n-1}$, $c_1, c_3 \in C$, $c_2 \in C^F$ and an integer m such that $r = c_3 \phi^m$ and

$$u = \frac{1}{m} \log r + c_1 = c_2 \theta_n + w \quad (3)$$

We then have two subcases:

(a) $c_2 = 0$. Then $w = u$, and $\exp(w)$ is not a regular monomial over F_{n-1} (by corollary 9). Applying the induction hypothesis we obtain our result for this case.

(b) $c_2 \neq 0$. Then θ_n is simple-logarithmic over F_{n-1} , so $\theta_n = \log v$, $v \in F_{n-1}$. Substituting and applying any differentiation operator D of F in equation (3) above, we obtain:

$$\frac{1}{m} \frac{Dr}{r} = c_2 \frac{Dv}{v} + Dw .$$

Then by lemma 11, c_2 is a rational number, say p/q , where p, q are relatively prime integers. Using this result in equation (3), we obtain:

$$u = \frac{p}{q} \log v + w .$$

If we now take exponentials and raise to the q -th power, we obtain

$$(\exp(u))^q = \phi^q = c v^p (\exp(w))^q ,$$

where c is a constant in \mathcal{C} .

Now if we raise this equation to the m -th power, and multiply by c_3^q we obtain

$$c_3^q \phi^{mq} = (c_3 \phi^m)^q = r^q = c^m c_3^q v^{pm} [\exp(w)]^{qm}$$

so that

$$c^m c_3^q [\exp(w)]^{qm} = \frac{r^q}{v^{pm}} \in F_{n-1}$$

and $\exp(w)$ is not a regular monomial over F_{n-1} . Therefore, we can apply our induction hypothesis to w to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
u &= \frac{p}{q} \log v + w = \frac{p}{q} \log v + \sum_{i \in L_{n-1}} p_i \theta_i + \sum_{i \in E_{n-1}} p_i a_i + c \\
&= \sum_{i \in L_n} p_i \theta_i + \sum_{i \in E_n} p_i a_i + c
\end{aligned}$$

where $p_n = p/q$.

Case 2. $\theta_n = \exp(v)$, $v \in F_{n-1}$. Then, by lemma 10, there exist $w \in F_{n-1}$, and rational numbers p, q such that

i) $\exp(w)$ is not a regular monomial over F_{n-1}

ii) $u = w + p v$

Since $\exp(w)$ is not a regular monomial over F_{n-1} , we can apply the induction hypothesis to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
u &= w + p v = \sum_{i \in L_{n-1}} p_i \theta_i + \sum_{i \in E_{n-1}} p_i a_i + c + p v \\
&= \sum_{i \in L_n} p_i \theta_i + \sum_{i \in E_n} p_i a_i + c
\end{aligned}$$

where $p_n = p$, $a_n = v$.

Case 3. θ_n is algebraic over F_{n-1} . Then, by corollary 6, $u \in F_{n-1}$ and $\exp(u)$ is not a regular monomial over F_{n-1} . Therefore, we can apply our induction hypothesis to prove the lemma for this case. ■

Corollary 13.

Let F be a generalized, log-explicit field, $F = F_n = K(z_1, \dots, z_m, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$. Let $F_i = K(z_1, \dots, z_m, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_i)$, $0 \leq i \leq n$.

Let $u \in F$, and assume $\log u$ is not a regular monomial over F . Then, there exist rational integers p_i, q and a constant k in C^F such that

$$u^q = k \left(\prod_{i \in L_n} a_i^{p_i} \right) \left(\prod_{i \in E_n} \theta_i^{p_i} \right)$$

where $\theta_i = \log a_i$ for $i \in L_n$.

Proof: Let for $i \in E_n$, $\theta_i = \exp a_i$. Since $\log u$ is not a regular monomial over F , there exists a $w \in F$ such that for any differentiation operator D of F , $Dw = \frac{Du}{u}$, thus $\exp(w) = c_1 u$ for some $c_1 \in C$. This says that $\exp(w)$ is not a regular monomial over F , so that by theorem 12 we can find rational integers p_i, q and a constant c such that

$$q w = \sum_{i \in L_n} p_i \theta_i + \sum_{i \in E_n} p_i a_i + c.$$

If we now take exponentials of this equation, we obtain

$$(c_1 u)^q = (\exp(w))^q = \left(\prod_{i \in L_n} a_i^{p_i} \right) \left(\prod_{i \in E_n} \theta_i^{p_i} \right) c_2$$

for some $c_2 \in C$, or

$$u^q = \frac{c_2}{c_1^q} \left(\prod_{i \in L_n} a_i^{p_i} \right) \left(\prod_{i \in E_n} \theta_i^{p_i} \right)$$

Notice that $\frac{c_2}{c_1^q} = k$ must be in F , since every other term in this expression is also in F . ■

In, summary we have reached the following algorithmic procedure for canonical forms for logarithms, exponentials and integrals so long as certain problems with constants are avoided. We have a canonical form for what is (essentially) a field of rational functions in the variables z_1, \dots, z_n .

Assume inductively that we have a canonical form for a generalized log-explicit field F of primitive and exponential functions, and we are given a v to put in canonical form. We have 4 cases.

(a) If v is algebraic over F , let $p(x)$ be the monic irreducible polynomial over F s.t. $p(v) = 0$. We then obtain a canonical form for $F(v) = F[v]$ by performing all arithmetic modulo $p(v)$.

(b) If $v = \exp(u)$, $u \in F$, we apply theorem 12 and either obtain that v is a regular monomial over F , so we can simply add it as another indeterminate, or we obtain (using the notation in theorem 12)

$$u = \sum_{i \in E_n} p_i a_i + \sum_{i \in L_n} p_i \theta_i + c$$

so that

$$v = \prod_{i \in E_n} \theta_i^{p_i} \prod_{i \in L_n} a_i^{p_i} \cdot e^c$$

is algebraic over $F(e^c)$. If it can be determined whether e^c is transcendental over F , we can adjoin e^c to the constant field of F (as a new variable, either independent or algebraic) and then use case (a).

We do have a problem here, though, because no general procedure is known at present to determine whether e^c is algebraic or transcendental over F . In this situation, an ad-hoc procedure must be used, since no

In [EPS 75] algorithms are given which apply similar results to fields built-up from the rational functions by repeatedly applying the logarithm and exponential functions. However, his algorithms do not apply to functions defined by general integration.

4. Liouville Fields and Extensions.

Our main purpose here is to develop necessary and sufficient conditions for algebraic relationships to hold between integrals and exponentials. Though we have achieved our goal, as we shall see, the resulting condition seems almost useless for automatic implementation in the Liouville extension case. The equivalent condition for log-explicit extensions, though, is much easier to apply.

Thus, we will reach our goal if we prove that every generalized Liouville extension of a given field can be embedded in a generalized log-explicit extension of the same field. That is our next lemma.

Lemma 14.

Let F_0 be a differential field. Then for every generalized Liouville extension F of F_0 , there exist $v_1, \dots, v_m \in F$ and a generalized log-explicit extension G of F_0 such that:

- i) $F(\log v_1, \dots, \log v_m) = \bar{F}$ is a regular Liouville extension of F .
- ii) \bar{F} and G are differentially isomorphic, and the isomorphism holds F_0 fixed.

Proof: Let $F_j = F_0(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_j)$, ($1 \leq j \leq n$), $F = F_n$. The proof will be in induction on n , and since F_0 is a log-explicit extension of F_0 we only have to do the induction step.

Assume then, that we are given $v_1, \dots, v_m \in F_{n-1}$ and a log-explicit extension G_{n-1} such that

i) $F_{n-1}(\log v_1, \dots, \log v_m) = \overline{F}_{n-1}$ is a regular Liouville extension of F .

ii) \overline{F}_{n-1} and G_{n-1} are differentially isomorphic. Let e from \overline{F}_{n-1} onto G_{n-1} be this isomorphism. Depending on θ_n , we have 5 cases:

(a) θ_n is algebraic over F_{n-1} . Let

$$P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^p a_i x^i$$

be the irreducible polynomial for θ_n over F_{n-1} .

Then, by lemma 1, θ_n is algebraic over \overline{F}_{n-1} of degree p , so that

$$e(P(x)) = \sum_{i=0}^p e(a_i) x^i = Q(x)$$

is an irreducible polynomial over G_{n-1} , and since $\overline{F}_n = F_n(\log v_1, \dots, \log v_m)$ is a regular Liouville extension of F_n , $G_n = G_{n-1}(\phi_n)$ is isomorphic to \overline{F}_n , where ϕ_n is a root of $Q(x)$.

(b) $\theta_n = \exp(u)$, $u \in F_{n-1}$. Then, by an inductive extension of corollary 9, θ_n is a regular monomial over \overline{F}_{n-1} , and thus $\overline{F}_n = F_n(\log v_1, \dots, \log v_m)$ is a regular Liouville extension of F_n . Finally, $\phi_n = \exp(e(u))$ is a regular monomial over G_{n-1} , and $G_n = G_{n-1}(\phi_n)$ is isomorphic to \overline{F}_n .

(c) ϕ_n is primitive, non-simple, $D \theta_n = u_D \in F_{n-1}$ for any derivation D of F . Then θ_n cannot be simple over \overline{F}_{n-1} , so it is still a regular monomial over \overline{F}_{n-1} , thus $\overline{F}_n = F_n(\log v_1, \dots, \log v_m)$ is a regular

Liouville extension of F_n , and so, if for any derivation D of F , $D(\phi_n) = e(u_D)$, we can define $G_n = G_{n-1}(\phi_n)$ as a generalized log-explicit extension of F_0 and isomorphic to \bar{F}_n .

- (d) θ_n is primitive, simple-logarithmic over F_{n-1} , but not a regular monomial over \bar{F}_{n-1} . Then, we obtain

$$\theta_n = w + \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \log v_i + k.$$

Let ℓ be the smallest i such that $c_\ell \neq 0$. Then

$$\bar{F}_n = F_n(\log(v_1), \dots, \log(v_{\ell-1}), \log(v_{\ell+1}), \dots, \log(v_m))$$

is a regular Liouville extension of F_n , and is

isomorphic to \bar{F}_{n-1} and thus isomorphic to $G_n = G_{n-1}$.

- (e) θ_n is simple-logarithmic over F_{n-1} and a regular monomial over \bar{F}_{n-1} . Then by the weak Liouville theorem [RIS 69], we can find $w, u_1, \dots, u_{p_i} \in F_{n-1}$ such that for any derivation D of F

$$D \theta_n = Dw + \sum_{i=1}^{p_i} c_n \frac{Du_i}{u_i}$$

where the $c_i \in C^{F_{n-1}}$.

Now let $s_0 = \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$, and define (inductively) for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p_1$:

$$s_i = \begin{cases} s_{i-1} & \text{if } \log u_i \text{ is not a regular monomial over } F_{n-1}(s_{i-1}) \\ s_{i-1} \cup \{u_i\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

let $s_{p1} = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$. Then $\hat{F}_{n-1} = F_{n-1}(\log v_1, \dots, \log v_p)$ is a regular Liouville extension of F_{j-1} and is differentially isomorphic to

$$\hat{G}_{n-1} = G_{n-1}(\log(e(v_{m+1})), \dots, \log(e(v_p)))$$

which is log-explicit. Since θ_n is no longer a regular monomial over \hat{F}_{n-1} , we can proceed as in case (d).

Finally, the fact that the isomorphism between \bar{F} and G holds F_0 fixed, follows from the way the isomorphism is constructed in the lemma. ■

Something more can be said about the way the isomorphism σ between F and G (in lemma 15) operates.

Let $G = F_0(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p)$, $F = F_0(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q)$, $G_i = F_0(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_i)$, $F_i = F_0(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i)$. If $\theta_i = \exp(u_i)$, $u_i \in F_{i-1}$, then $\alpha(\theta_i) = \exp(\sigma(u_i)) = \phi_j$ with $\sigma(u_i) \in G_{j-1}$. If θ_i is primitive over F_{i-1} ,

$$\sigma(\theta_i) = \sum_{j=1}^k c_j \phi_j + v$$

where $c_j \in C^F$, and $v \in G_{k-1}$.

As promised, theorem 12 has an analogue, which is:

Theorem 15.

Let F be a generalized Liouville field $F = F_n = K(z_1, \dots, z_m, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$. Let $u \in F$, and assume $\exp(u)$ is not a regular monomial over F . Let $\theta_i = \exp(a_i)$ for $i \in E_n$. Then there exist constants c_i , with c_i rational if $i \in E_n$, otherwise $c_i \in C^F$, such that

$$u = \sum_{i \in P_n} c_i \theta_i + \sum_{i \in E_n} c_i a_i + v$$

$$\sum_{i \in P_n} c_i \theta_i + v = \log(t) \text{ for some } t, v \in F.$$

The proof is an immediate consequence of lemma 14, theorem 12 and the preceding note.

Unfortunately, nothing more can be said about the form of u above, since if $\log f$ is a regular monomial over the (univariate) differential field F , then for any $g \in F$, $h = f(\frac{f'}{f} + g')$ is a regular monomial over F , but $\exp(h - g)$ is not a regular monomial over $F(h)$.

5. Examples.

We conclude this chapter with some examples; to fix notation, let Q be the set of rational numbers.

Example 1: What is the transcendence degree of the smallest generalized Liouville field containing Q , the variable z , and the functions

$$e^{z^2}, \int_0^z e^{t^2} dt, e^{\int_0^z e^{t^2} dt} \text{ over } Q?$$

Answer: Let $\theta_1 = e^{z^2}$, $\theta_2 = \int_0^z e^{t^2} dt$, $\theta_3 = e^{\theta_2}$.

Then θ_1 is a regular monomial over $Q(z)$, and it is well-known that θ_2 is not elementary over $Q(z, \theta_1)$ (see Example 2.9.3, for a proof), so that θ_2 cannot be simple-logarithmic over $Q(z, \theta_1)$. By theorem 12, θ_3 must be a regular monomial over $Q(z, \theta_1, \theta_2)$. Thus, the answer is 4 and no simplification is possible.

Example 2: Investigate the transcendence degree of the smallest generalized Liouville field containing Q , the variable z and the functions

$$\theta_1 = \int_0^z \frac{dt}{t^2 - 2}, \quad \theta_2 = \exp(\theta_1) \text{ over } Q.$$

In this case, θ_1 is non-simple over $Q(z)$, (otherwise $\sqrt{2}$ would have to be rational, since by section 2.8, we need the splitting field of $R = \text{resultant}(1 - \alpha(2t), t^2 - 2, t)$ to express the integral, and $R = (1 - 8\alpha^2)$), and thus, by theorem 12, θ_2 is a regular monomial over $Q(z, \theta_1)$.

Therefore, the answer is 3.

Example 3: Investigate the transcendence degree of the smallest generalized Liouville field containing Q , $\sqrt{2}$, the variable z , and the functions

$$\theta_1 = \int_0^z \frac{dt}{t^2 - 2}, \quad \theta_2 = \exp(\theta_1) \text{ over } Q.$$

This time

$$\theta_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \log \frac{z - \sqrt{2}}{z + \sqrt{2}}$$

is simple over $Q(\sqrt{2}, z)$. Still, θ_2 is a regular monomial over

$$Q(\sqrt{2}, z, \log \frac{z - \sqrt{2}}{z + \sqrt{2}})$$

since otherwise, by theorem 12, $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$ would have to be rational.

Chapter 4

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

We have obtained a collection of algorithms which find a canonical form for expressions built-up from the rational functions using exponentiation, integration and arithmetic operations.

In the process, we have also discovered a new integration algorithm which might be faster than hitherto known algorithms. In particular, for the rational function case, if no algebraic extension is required to express the integral, no factorization is required, thereby obtaining a theoretical computing time bound which is a polynomial in the degree and the logarithm of the sum of the coefficients of the input rational function. This result is in sharp contrast to previous algorithms which required a factoring algorithm which has a worst case computing time bound of $\min(2^r, r^\mu) \cdot (\text{other terms})$ where r is less than or equal to the number of factors we are seeking and μ is proportional to the degree of the largest factor. (See [MUS 71] for a more precise statement of this computing time bound.)

It remains to be seen for which kinds of inputs the new algorithm is empirically faster, and whether their frequency is sufficiently large to justify large scale development.

Other future projects lie in the direction of providing a general integration algorithm for exponential and primitive functions in terms of a class of primitive functions obtainable from an arbitrary finite set by evaluation. For example if

$$\text{Ei}(t) = \int_1^t \frac{e^t}{t} dt ,$$

then

$$\int_e^t e^{e^x} = \text{Ei}(e^t) .$$

The question we are addressing here is one which would require the system to detect that

$$\int_e^t e^{e^x} = \text{Ei}(e^t)$$

from the definition of $\text{Ei}(t)$ directly. So far, no Liouville-type result exists for these functions, and it is not even known what conditions are sufficient for one integral not to be expressible in terms of another, and whether, either one would be capable of expressing a third, even if neither one can be expressed in terms of the other.

APPENDIX A

In this appendix we give the necessary modifications to convert an algorithm for elementary integration into an algorithm for simple logarithmic integration.

By simple logarithmic integration we mean testing whether, given an f in a regular log-explicit field F_n , there exist v_1, \dots, v_n in F_n and a constant c such that

$$\int f + c \in F_n(\log v_1, \dots, \log v_n)$$

i.e. to test whether $\int f$ is simple-logarithmic over F . (Ideally, one would like to have such an algorithm for generalized log-explicit fields, but, even though such an algorithm exists, it is not known at present, whether it is practical [MOS 72].)

Clearly, this problem is strongly related to the problem of elementary integration, so we take the approach of modifying an existing algorithm (the one described in Chapter 2) rather than describing a brand new one.

Notice that most of the description of the algorithm is still valid if we write θ_n instead of $\log u$, and θ'_n (or u) instead of u'/u . The main inconsistencies arise when setting up the problem

$$\int f = g + k \log h$$

where f and h are known, and we are seeking either g or k (or both).

Then translating this problem into our present situation, we obtain

$$\int f = g + k \theta_n$$

or

$$\int (f - k \theta'_n) = \int (f - k u) = g$$

where $\int u$ is logarithmic.

The problem, in this form, can be solved as illustrated in the second part of Section 2.6 with the necessary modifications shown above.

The other inconsistency arises when we want (recursively) to integrate

$$a_0 - \bar{b}_1 u$$

since, in general, this integral will not be simple logarithmic over F_{n-1} (and probably not even elementary!).

The solution here, is similar to the one used above. We integrate

$$a_0 - \bar{b}_1 u - k_1 u$$

with the constant k_1 still to be determined.

This leads to the problem of determining, given f, g_1, \dots, g_k , whether there exist constants c_1, \dots, c_k such that

$$\int (f + \sum_{i=1}^k c_i g_i)$$

is simple-logarithmic over the differential field F_n .

As in section 2.3, we first decompose $f = g_0$ and the g_i ($1 \leq i \leq k$) so that $g_i = P_i + R_i$ ($0 \leq i \leq k$) with $P_i \in D_n$, R_i proper in F_n , and then, recalling that for elements t of D_n , if ft is elementary, then $ft \in D_n$, we note that the modifications mentioned for sections 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 are also applicable for this problem. We therefore only have to modify the algorithms in sections 2.7 and 2.8.

Section 2.7 can be generalized in a similar way to the other steps of the algorithm. Apply it to each of the R_i ($0 \leq i \leq k$). The generalization of Section 2.8 is somewhat harder. A variety of procedures suggest themselves; one that seems to be preferable consists of applying corollary 2.8.1 in the following way.

Given f, g_1, \dots, g_k , normal in F_n , we let

$$f + \sum_{i=1}^k c_i g_i = \frac{P + \sum_{i=1}^k c_i P_i}{Q}$$

for suitable P, p_i, Q in S_n . Notice that for any c_1, \dots, c_k ,

$$\frac{P + \sum_{i=1}^k c_i P_i}{Q}$$

is normal in F_n . We first test whether there exist constants c_1, \dots, c_k such that

$$Q' \mid (P + \sum_{i=1}^k c_i P_i)$$

or

$$\bar{P} + \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \bar{P}_i = 0$$

where $\bar{P} = \text{rem}(P, Q')$,

$$\bar{P}_i = \text{rem}(p_i, Q').$$

If there do exist such c_1, \dots, c_k , and

$$\frac{P + \sum_{i=1}^k c_i P_i}{Q'}$$

is a constant, we are done, otherwise, we compute

$$\text{resultant}\left(P + \sum_{i=1}^k c_i P_i - \alpha Q', Q, \theta_n\right)$$

obtaining

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} a_i(c_1, \dots, c_k) \alpha^i$$

where $\ell = \deg_{\theta_n} Q$, and

$$a_i(c_1, \dots, c_k) \in F_{n-1}(c_1, \dots, c_k), \quad 0 \leq i \leq \ell.$$

Notice that $a_\ell(c_1, \dots, c_k)$ cannot be 0 for any constant values of c_1, \dots, c_k , since we would then have

$$P + \sum_{i=1}^k c_i P_i - \alpha Q' = 0$$

for constants c_1, \dots, c_k, α , a possibility which we ruled out above.

Let

$$b_i(c_1, \dots, c_k) = \frac{a_{i-1}}{a_\ell}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \ell.$$

By corollary 2.8.1, we must have that the $b_i(c_1, \dots, c_k)$ are constants so that $b_i(c_1, \dots, c_k) = 0$, for $1 \leq i \leq \ell$.

Using multiple derivatives (if necessary) of the b_i , the equations obtained during previous steps of the algorithm, and equating like powers of z and the θ_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$, we can obtain sufficient equations to solve for all the c_i , especially since we know that if there is a solution, it must be unique. Notice that, since we are only interested in solutions in K , the constant field of F_n , we can stop the computations if we find out that there are no solutions in K .

Once we know all the c_i , we can proceed in the same way we did before, to obtain our final answer.

APPENDIX B

FINDING RATIONAL ROOTS OF POLYNOMIALS EXACTLY

In this appendix, we discuss a simple modification due to Rubald [RUB 74] of a procedure due to Heindel [HEI 71] (which computes intervals containing roots of a polynomial over the integers which are smaller than a predetermined error bound) to compute the rational roots of a polynomial exactly. The modification is based on the following well-known result:

Lemma.

Let

$$P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i X^i$$

be a primitive polynomial in X over the integers, and assume that $P(\frac{a}{b}) = 0$ for some rational integers a, b which have no common factors. Then $\frac{a_n}{b}$ is an integer.

Proof: As can be seen from the proof of the main theorem in [VdW 70, §30], since $X - \frac{a}{b}$ divides $P(x)$ as polynomials with rational coefficients, $bX - a$ divides $P(X)$ as integer polynomials, and our conclusion follows. ■

We apply this lemma in the following manner. Let

$$P(X) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i X^i$$

be a primitive integral polynomial whose rational roots are to be determined. We can assume (without loss of generality) that $a_n > 0$, and also (by a construction used in Heindel's algorithm) that $P(X)$ is square-free, so it has only simple roots. We then apply the Collins-Akritas algorithm [CoA 76], followed by Heindel's root refining procedure, if necessary, to obtain $c_1, \dots, c_m, d_1, \dots, d_m$ ($m \leq n$) such that

$$c_i < d_i, \quad d_i - c_i < \frac{1}{a_n}$$

and if α is any root of p , there exists an i_α such that

$$c_{i_\alpha} < \alpha \leq d_{i_\alpha}.$$

Let $\alpha_i = \frac{p_i}{q_i}$ is a rational number, with $q_i > 0$, $\gcd(p_i, q_i) = 1$, and let

$r_i = \frac{a_n}{q_i}$, which is an integer by the lemma.

Then $a_n \alpha_i = r_i p_i$ is an integer satisfying $a_n c_i < r_i p_i \leq a_n d_i$, and since $a_n d_i - a_n c_i < 1$, there can be at most one integer between $a_n c_i$ and $a_n d_i$ so the modification now amounts to checking, for each pair (c_i, d_i) whether there is an integer m_i such that $a_n c_i < m_i \leq a_n d_i$ and, if so, checking whether $\frac{m_i}{a_n}$ is a root of $P(X)$.

We proceed to give a computing time bound due to Collins [COL 76], for this algorithm. Assume that our input is a polynomial A with $\deg A \leq m$, $\text{norm } A \leq d$, and assume that A has n distinct roots, and that all the roots of A are real. We first compute B_1, \dots, B_ℓ such that the B_i are pair-wise relatively prime, each B_i is square-free, and

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} B_i = A .$$

Then, the computing time to find the B_i is given by

$$t_{\text{SQFREE}} \leq m n^2 L^2(\text{md}) + n^2(m - n + 1)^2 L^2(d)$$

(from [HEI 71, theorem 3.2]). If we now let $n_i = \deg B_i$, \bar{d}_i be the norm B_i then, from [MIG 74] we deduce $\bar{d}_i \leq 2^{n_i} d$.

We now use the algorithm described in [CoA 76] to isolate the roots of B in time $n_i^6 L^2(\bar{d}_i)$.

We point out that since all the intervals are the result of repeatedly bisecting an interval of length 2^k for some k , this means that all our intervals will be of the form $[\frac{a}{2^i}, \frac{b}{2^j}]$ where a, b, i, j are integers, i, j are non-negative. Also, if $i > 0, j > 0$, then

$$\frac{b}{2^j} - \frac{a}{2^i} \leq 2^{-\max(i, j)} .$$

Thus, if we obtain an interval, one of whose end point has a denominator greater than 2^k , there is no need to refine it, and so, we may assume that whenever we refine an interval

$$(\frac{a}{2^i}, \frac{b}{2^j}) , \max(|a|, |b|, 2^i, 2^j) \leq \bar{d}_i^2$$

(since $|b/2^j| \leq \bar{d}_i$ and $2^i \leq \bar{d}_i$). We also know that the maximum length of any interval is $2^k \leq \bar{d}_i$ and that $1/\epsilon \leq \frac{1}{|a_n|} \leq \bar{d}_i$, so that, applying theorem 7.1 in [HEI 71] we obtain

$$n_i^2 L^3(\bar{d}_i)$$

as the time to refine any interval. Since there can be as many as n_i intervals to refine, we obtain a computing time bound for the refining stage of the algorithm, as

$$n_i^3 L^3(\bar{d}_i) .$$

Finally, the time to do the necessary evaluations is bounded by $n_i^3 L^2(\bar{d}_i)$.

If we add these computing times together, we obtain

$$t_i \leq n_i^6 L^2(\bar{d}_i) + n_i^3 L^3(\bar{d}_i)$$

for the time to isolate and refine the roots, plus also the time to determine whether each isolated root is rational. Since $\bar{d}_i \leq 2^{n_i} L(d_i)$, we obtain

$$t_i \leq n_i^8 + n_i^6 L^2(d) + n_i^3 L^3(d) .$$

If we add these computing times over i , we obtain a total computing time of

$$t \leq t_{\text{SQFREE}} + n^8 + n^6 L^2(d) + n^3 L^3(d)$$

(since, for any k ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} n_i^k \leq n^k$$

because

$$n = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} n_i \right).$$

Thus, we obtain a total computing time of

$$\begin{aligned} t \leq & m n^2 L^2(m d) + n^2 (m - n + 1)^2 L^2(d) + n^8 + n^6 L^2(d) \\ & + n^3 L^3(d) \leq m^8 + m^6 L^2(d) + m^3 L^3(d) \end{aligned}$$

since $n \leq m$.

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