

## 11.2 Basic Concepts of Differential Algebra

Theorem 11.1. Let  $F$  be a differential field and  $f, g \in F$ .

(i)  $D(0) = 0$  and  $D(1) = 0$ .

(ii)  $D(-f) = -D(f)$  ←

(iii)  $D(f/g) = [D(f)g - f \cdot D(g)]/g^2$

(iv)  $D(f^n) = n \cdot D(f) \cdot f^{n-1}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Proof (i)  $\frac{D(0)}{-D(0)} = D(0+0) \stackrel{P1}{=} \frac{D(0)}{-D(0)} + \frac{D(0)}{-D(0)} \Rightarrow D(0) = 0$ .

(iii)  $D(f/g) = D(f \cdot g^{-1}) \stackrel{P2}{=} \frac{D(f) \cdot g^{-1} + f \cdot D(g^{-1})}{g^2} = \frac{D(f)}{g} - \frac{f D(g)}{g^2}$ .

$0 = D(1) = D(g \cdot g^{-1}) = D(g)g^{-1} + g \cdot D(g^{-1}) \Rightarrow D(g^{-1}) = -\frac{D(g)}{g} \cdot g^{-1}$

Is  $\mathbb{Q}(x)$  a differential field?

$\mathbb{Q}(x) = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}[x], b \neq 0 \right\}$   $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a'b - ab'}{b^2} \in \mathbb{Q}(x)$ .

Is  $F = \mathbb{Q}[\ln x] = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n a_i (\ln x)^i : a_i \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$ .

$\ln x \in F$   $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x} \notin F$

So  $F$  is not a differential ring w.r.t.  $\frac{d}{dx}$

Take  $F = \mathbb{Q}(x)[\ln(x)] = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n a_i(x) (\ln x)^i : a_i(x) \in \mathbb{Q}(x) \right\}$   
 $\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right) \cdot \ln x \in F$ .

$\frac{d}{dx} a_i(x) \cdot \ln x = \underbrace{a_i'(x)}_{\in \mathbb{Q}(x)} \cdot \ln x + \underbrace{a_i(x)}_{\in \mathbb{Q}(x)} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{Q}(x)[\ln x]$

The Risch Integration Algorithm Ch 12. (Bob Risch 1968)

$f(x) \in E$  Risch Int. Alg. Ch 2  $\longrightarrow$   $g \in E$  s.t.  $g' = f$   
 $\ln x$   $x/\ln x - x$  OR  
 FAIL  $\nexists g \in E$  s.t.  $g' = f$

E.g.  $\int e^{-x^2} dx \longrightarrow$  FAIL.

Trap.  $\int \left( \frac{e^x}{x} + e^x \ln x \right) dx = \int \frac{e^x}{x} dx + \int e^x \ln x dx =$  FAIL.  
 This is elementary ↓ RISCH FAIL ↓ RISCH FAIL  
 $= \ln x \cdot e^x + c.$

Consider  $\int e^{-x} (\ln 4 - \underbrace{2 \ln 2}_{=0}) dx = \int 0 dx = C.$

Assumption: now how to test for zero in the constant field  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Consider  $\int e^{-x^2} \underbrace{[\sin 2x - 2 \sin x \cos x]}_{=0} dx = C.$  Risch Structure Theorem.

Consider  $\int \frac{e^x f(x)}{1 - e^{x/2} + e^{2x}} dx = \int \frac{\theta_1^2}{1 - \theta_1 + \theta_1^4} dx$  where  $\theta_1 = e^{x/2}$

$\mathbb{Q}(x) (\theta_1 = e^x, \theta_2 = e^{x/2}, \theta_3 = e^{2x})$   
 $\theta_3 = \theta_1^2 \quad \theta_1 = \theta_2^2$

$f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}(x) (\theta_1 = e^{x/2})$