

初等函数的微分理论讲义

Let (R, D) be a differential ring and $C_R = \{r \in R \mid Dr = 0\}$ be the ring of constants of (R, D) . We have the following

facts: 1) Let 1 be the identity in R , $D(1) = 0$

2) For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $a \in R$, $D(a^n) = na^{n-1}D(a)$

3) If b is invertible in R , then $D\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \frac{D(ab) - aD(b)}{b^2}$

4) If a_i is invertible in R , then for any $m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\frac{D(a_1^{m_1} \dots a_s^{m_s})}{a_1^{m_1} \dots a_s^{m_s}} = \sum_{i=1}^s m_i \frac{Da_i}{a_i}$$

5) Let $\text{Der}(R) = \{D: R \rightarrow R \mid D \text{ is a derivation on } R\}$.

Then $\text{Der}(R)$ is a R -module, i.e., $r_1 D_1 + r_2 D_2 \in \text{Der}(R)$ for all $r_1, r_2 \in R$ and $D_1, D_2 \in \text{Der}(R)$.

Let (R, D) and (\bar{R}, \bar{D}) be differential rings. If $R \subseteq \bar{R}$ and $\bar{D}|_R = D$, then (\bar{R}, \bar{D}) is called a differential extension of (R, D) .

Theorem 1

1) Let (R, D) be a differential integral domain. Then D can be uniquely extended to the quotient field F of R by

$$D\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \frac{D(ab) - aD(b)}{b^2}$$

2) Let (F, D) be a differential field and α be algebraic over F . Then D can be uniquely extended to the algebraic extension $F(\alpha)$.

3) Let (F, D) be a differential field and t be transcendental over F . Then D can be uniquely extended to $F(t)$ by fixing the value $Dt \in F(t)$.



Example 1 Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(x)$ and $\alpha \in \bar{F}$ satisfying that

$$4\alpha^2 - 9x = 0$$

then
$$\frac{d}{dx}(4\alpha^2 - 9x) = 8\alpha \frac{d\alpha}{dx} - 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\alpha}{dx} = \frac{9}{8\alpha}$$

In general, we have

Theorem 2. Let (F, D) be a differential field of char. 0. and α be algebraic over F . Then $D\alpha \in F(\alpha)$.

Proof. Assume that $P \in F[x]$ be the minimal polynomial of α , i.e., $P(\alpha) = 0$ and P is irreducible / F .

Write $P = P_d x^d + P_{d-1} x^{d-1} + \dots + P_0$, with $P_i \in F$ and $P_0 P_d \neq 0$

$$D(P(\alpha)) = D(P)(\alpha) + P_x(\alpha)D(\alpha) = 0$$

where $D(P) = \sum_{i=0}^d D(P_i) x^i$
 $P_x = \sum_{i=1}^d i P_i x^{i-1}$

Since P is irreducible, we have $\gcd(P, P_x) = 1$, which implies

$$aP + bP_x = 1 \text{ for some } a, b \in F[x].$$

$$D(\alpha) = \frac{-D(P)(\alpha)}{P_x(\alpha)} = -D(P)(\alpha) \cdot b(\alpha) \in F(\alpha).$$

Corollary 3 Let $\alpha(x)$ be an algebraic function over $\mathbb{C}(x)$.

Then $\alpha(x)$ satisfies a nontrivial linear differential equation with coefficients in $\mathbb{C}[x]$, i.e.,

$$P_n \frac{d^n \alpha}{dx^n} + P_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} \alpha}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + P_0 \alpha = 0, \text{ where } P_i \in \mathbb{C}[x] \text{ and } P_n \neq 0.$$

Proof. Since $\frac{d^i \alpha}{dx^i} \in \mathbb{C}(x)(\alpha)$ and $[\mathbb{C}(x)(\alpha) : \mathbb{C}(x)] = n < +\infty$, we have $\{\alpha, \frac{d\alpha}{dx}, \dots, \frac{d^n \alpha}{dx^n}\}$ is linearly dependent over $\mathbb{C}(x)$.



Example 2 Let $F = \mathbb{C}(x)$, $D = \frac{d}{dx}$. We first show that $t = \exp(x)$ is transcendental over F . Note that

$$Dt = t.$$

Suppose that $\exp(x)$ is algebraic over F . Then there exists an irreducible polynomial $P = P_0 + P_1 Y + \dots + Y^n \in F[Y]$ s.t. with $P_0 \neq 0$

$$t^n + P_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + P_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n t^{n-1} Dt + D(P_{n-1}) t^{n-1} + (n-1) P_{n-1} D(t) t^{n-2} + \dots + D(P_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n t^n + (D(P_{n-1}) + (n-1) P_{n-1}) t^{n-1} + \dots + D(P_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{D(P_0)}{P_0} = n \neq 0$$

Claim $D(y) = ny$ has no non zero solution in $\mathbb{C}(x)$.

If $f = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ is a nonzero solution of $D(y) = ny$, then

$$D(f) = \frac{D(p)q - pD(q)}{q^2} = \frac{np}{q} \Rightarrow (D(p) - np)q = pD(q) \quad (*)$$

Suppose that $q \notin \mathbb{C}$. Then $q = (x-\lambda)^m \bar{q}$, $\bar{q}(x) \neq 0$.

$$D(q) = m(x-\lambda)^{m-1} \bar{q} + (x-\lambda)^m D(\bar{q}) \Rightarrow (x-\lambda)^{m-1} \mid D(q)$$

but $(x-\lambda)^m \nmid pD(q)$.

But by (*), we have $q \mid pD(q)$, $q \mid D(q)$ (since $\gcd(p, q) = 1$)

$\Rightarrow (x-\lambda)^m \mid D(q)$, a contradiction.

$\Rightarrow t = \exp(x)$ is transcendental over $\mathbb{C}(x)$.

Remark By a similar argument, we can prove that $t = \log(x)$ is also transcendental over $\mathbb{C}(x)$.



Let $t = \exp(x)$. We can extend $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ on $\mathbb{C}(x)$ to $\mathbb{C}(x)(t)$ by defining $Dt = t$.

Let $t = \log(x)$, we can extend $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ on $\mathbb{C}(x)$ to $\mathbb{C}(x)(t)$ by defining $Dt = \frac{1}{x}$.

• Elementary extensions. (All fields are of char 0)

DEFinition 4 Let (E, D) be a differential extension of (F, D) .

Let $t \in E$. We say that t is algebraic over F , if $\exists p \in F[x] \setminus F$

s.t. $p(t) = 0$; t is exponential over F , if $\exists a \in F$ s.t. $Dt = D(a) \cdot t$;

t is logarithmic over F , if $\exists a \in F \setminus \{0\}$, s.t. $Dt = \frac{D(a)}{a}$.

t is said to be elementary over F if t is algebraic, exponential, or logarithmic over F . E is said to be elementary over F if

$E = F(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ and t_i is elementary over $F(t_1, \dots, t_{i-1})$ for all

$i = 1, \dots, n$. If $F = \mathbb{C}(x)$, any element of E is called an

elementary function over $\mathbb{C}(x)$.

Example 1 Let $F = \mathbb{C}(x)$, $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ consider the function

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\log\left(\exp\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2x^2+1}}\right)^2 + x^2 + 1\right)}}$$

We show that $f(x)$ is elementary over $\mathbb{C}(x)$. Let

$E = \mathbb{C}(x)(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4)$ with

$$t_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2x^2+1}}, \quad t_2 = \exp(t_1), \quad t_3 = \log(t_2^2 + x^2 + 1), \quad t_4 = \sqrt{t_3}$$

Then $f = \frac{\pi}{t_4} \in E$.



DEF 5 Let (F, D) be a differential field, and $f \in F$.

If there exists an elementary extension (E, D) of (F, D) and $g \in E$ s.t. $f = D(g)$, then we say that f is elementarily integrable over F .

Problem Given $f \in F = \mathbb{C}(x)(t_1, \dots, t_n)$, an elementary extension of $\mathbb{C}(x)$, decide whether f is elementarily integrable over F .

We will show that the elementary functions:

$$\exp(x^2), \quad \frac{\exp(x)}{x}, \quad \frac{1}{\log(x)}, \quad \sin(x^2)$$

have no elementary (indefinite) integrals (即这些函数是“初等积分不出来的”)

- Special and normal polynomials.

DEF 6 Let (k, D) be a differential field, t be transcendental / k . Assume that $Dt \in k[t]$, and $P \in k[t]$. We call P a special polynomial if $\gcd(P, DP) = P$, and a normal polynomial if $\gcd(P, DP) = 1$.

Remark If P is irreducible, then P is either special or normal.

If P is not irreducible, then P can be neither special nor normal.

Example 7 1) Let $k = \mathbb{C}(x)$, $t = \tan(x)$. Then $Dt = 1+t^2$. Let $P_1 = 1+t^2$, we have $DP_1 = 2t(1+t^2)$, so P_1 is special. Let $P_2 = t^2$, we have $DP_2 = 2t(1+t^2)$. Then P_2 is neither special nor normal. $P_3 = t+t^2$ is normal.



2) $K = \mathbb{C}(x)$, $t = \exp(x)$. Then $P_1 = t$ is special and $P_2 = 1+t$ is normal

3) $K = \mathbb{C}(x)$, $t = \log(x)$. Then all irreducible polynomials P are normal since $\deg_{\frac{d}{dt}}(DP) < \deg_t P$.

• Order functions.

DEF. 7 Let K be a field of char. 0. and t be transcendental / K . Let $f \in K(t)$ and $P \in K[t]$ be irreducible. Then $f = p^m \cdot g$, for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $g = \frac{a}{b} \in K(t)$ with $a, b \in K[t]$ and $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ such that $P \nmid ab$. We call m the order of f at P , denoted by $\text{ord}_P(f)$.

Lemma 8 Let $P \in K[t]$ be irreducible and $f, g \in K(t)$. Then

$$1) \text{ord}_P(fg) = \text{ord}_P(f) + \text{ord}_P(g)$$

$$2) \text{ord}_P(f+g) \geq \min\{\text{ord}_P(f), \text{ord}_P(g)\}. \text{ The equality holds when } \text{ord}_P(f) \neq \text{ord}_P(g).$$

Remark If P is not irreducible, then 1) may not be true.

For example $P = t^2$, $f = g = t$, $\text{ord}_P(fg) \geq \text{ord}_P(f) + \text{ord}_P(g)$

Lemma 9. Let (K, D) be a differential field and t be transcendental over K with $Dt \in K[t]$. Let $f \in K(t)$ and P be irreducible in $K[t]$

Then 1) $\text{ord}_P(Df) \geq \text{ord}_P(f) - 1$;

2) If P is a normal polynomial, then

$$\text{ord}_P(Df) = \begin{cases} \geq 0, & \text{ord}_P(f) = 0, \\ \text{ord}_P(f) - 1, & \text{ord}_P(f) \neq 0. \end{cases}$$



Proof. 1) Write $f = p^m g = p^m \frac{a}{b}$, $\gcd(p, ab) = 1$, $m = \text{ord}_p(f)$

If $m = 0$, then $\text{ord}_p(Df) = \text{ord}_p(D(\frac{a}{b})) = \text{ord}_p(\frac{D(a)b - aD(b)}{b^2}) \geq 0$
 ≥ -1

If $m \neq 0$, then

$$Df = (mp^{m-1}Dp) \frac{a}{b} + p^m D(\frac{a}{b}) = p^{m-1} (mD(p) \frac{a}{b} + pD(\frac{a}{b}))$$

Since $\gcd(p, ab) = 1$, $\text{ord}_p(\frac{a}{b}) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{ord}_p(mD(p) \frac{a}{b}) \geq 0$
since $\text{ord}_p(Dp) \geq 0$

$$D(\frac{a}{b}) = \frac{bDa - aDb}{b^2} \Rightarrow \text{ord}_p(D(\frac{a}{b})) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{ord}_p(pD(\frac{a}{b})) \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ord}_p(mD(p) \frac{a}{b} + pD(\frac{a}{b})) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ord}_p(Df) \geq m-1 = \text{ord}_p(f) - 1$$

2) If $\text{ord}_p(f) = 0$, then $\text{ord}_p(Df) \geq 0$.

If $\text{ord}_p(f) \neq 0$, then $\text{ord}_p(Df) \geq \text{ord}_p(f) - 1$ by 1)

Since p is normal, $\gcd(p, Dp) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{ord}_p(Dp) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ord}_p((mp^{m-1}Dp) \frac{a}{b}) = m-1$$

Since $\text{ord}_p(p^m D(\frac{a}{b})) \geq m$. Then $\text{ord}_p(Df) = m-1$

Remark Lemma 9 is very useful in the following discussion.

In particular, we have $\text{ord}_p(\frac{Df}{f}) = -1$ if $\text{ord}_p(f) \neq 0$.

and $\text{ord}_p(Df) \neq -1$.

Prop. 10 Let (K, D) be a differential field and F be a differential extension of K . If $t \in F$ is such that $a = \frac{t}{f} \in K$ and $a \neq \frac{1}{n} \frac{w}{u}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $u \in K \setminus \{0\}$, then t is transcendental



over K , $C_{K(t)} = C_K$ and t is the only irreducible special polynomial in $K[t]$.

Proof. Assume that t is algebraic over K , then \exists irreducible $P \in K[x]$ s.t.

$$t^n + P_{n-1}t^{n-1} + \dots + P_0 = 0, \quad P_i \in K, P_0 \neq 0$$

By $Dt = at$, we have

$$an t^n + (P_{n-1}' + P_{n-1}(n-1)a) t^{n-1} + \dots + P_0' = 0$$

Then $an = \frac{P_0'}{P_0} \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{n} \frac{P_0'}{P_0} \quad P_0 \in K \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \leftarrow$

So t is transcendental over K .

If $C_{K(t)} \neq C_K$, then $\exists \frac{p}{q} \in K$, $\gcd(p, q) = 1$, satisfies that

$$D\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \frac{D(p)q - pD(q)}{q^2} = 0 \Rightarrow D(p)q = pD(q) \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} p \mid Dp \\ \text{and } q \mid Dq \end{matrix}$$

$\Rightarrow p, q$ are both special.

Claim special polynomials are of the form at^m , $a \in K, m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let $p = P_n t^n + \dots + P_0$ be a special polynomial with $P_n \neq 0$ and $P_i \neq 0$ for some $i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$

Then $Dp = (DP_n + P_n n a) t^n + \dots + DP_0$.

By $p \mid Dp$, we have

$$\frac{DP_n + nP_n a}{P_n} = \frac{DP_i + nP_i a}{P_i} \quad \text{for some } i$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-i)a = \frac{DP_i}{P_i} - \frac{DP_n}{P_n} = \frac{D(P_i/P_n)}{P_i/P_n} \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{n-i} \frac{D(P_i/P_n)}{P_i/P_n} \rightarrow \leftarrow$$



Then the only irreducible special polynomial is t .

If $f = \frac{p}{a} \in C_{K(t)}$, then p, a are both special

$$\Rightarrow f = at^m, a \in K \text{ and } m \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

If $m \neq 0$, then $df = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{df}{f} = \frac{da}{a} + m \frac{dt}{t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dt}{t} = -\frac{1}{m} \frac{da}{a} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{d(\frac{1}{a})}{\frac{1}{a}} \rightarrow \leftarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow f \in C_K \Rightarrow C_{K(t)} = C_K.$$

Corollary II $\exp(f(x))$ is transcendental over $\mathbb{C}(x)$ if $f \in \mathbb{C}(x) \setminus \mathbb{C}$

Proof Let $t = \exp(f(x))$, $f \in \mathbb{C}(x) \setminus \mathbb{C}$. Then

$$\frac{dt}{t} = df(x). \text{ If } df = \frac{1}{n} \frac{dg}{g} \text{ for some } n \neq 0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } g \neq 0 \in \mathbb{C}(x).$$

Let p be any irreducible polynomial in $\mathbb{C}[x]$. Then

$\text{ord}_p(df)$ is either ≥ 0 or < -1 , but

$$\text{ord}_p\left(\frac{dg}{g}\right) = \begin{cases} \geq 0 & \text{ord}_p(g) = 0 \\ -1 & \text{ord}_p(g) \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ord}_p(g) = 0 \text{ for all } p \Rightarrow g \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow df = 0 \Rightarrow f \in \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \leftarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow t \text{ is transcendental by prop 10}$$



Prop 12 Let (K, D) be a differential field and F be an differential extension of K . Let $t \in F$ be such that $0 \neq Dt \in K$ and $Dt \neq 0$ for any $u \in K$. Then t is transcendental over K , $C_{K(t)} = C_K$ and all irreducible polynomial in $K[t]$ are normal.

Proof Assume that t is algebraic over K . Then \exists irreducible $P \in K[x]$

s.t. $P(t) = 0$, i.e. $t^n + P_{n-1}t^{n-1} + \dots + P_0 = 0$

By $Dt = a \in K$, we have

$$(na + D(P_{n-1}))t^{n-1} + P_{n-1}(n-1)a t^{n-2} + \dots + DP_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow na + D(P_{n-1}) = 0 \Rightarrow Dt = a = D\left(-\frac{1}{n}P_{n-1}\right) \rightarrow \leftarrow$$

Let $P = t^n + P_{n-1}t^{n-1} + \dots + P_0 \in K[t]$ be an irreducible polynomial
 $D(P) = (na + D(P_{n-1}))t^{n-1} + \dots + DP_0 \Rightarrow \deg_t(DP) < \deg_t(P)$

Then $\gcd(P, D(P)) = 1$.

Assume that $f = \frac{a}{b} \in C_{K(t)}$ with $\gcd(a, b) = 1$. Then

$$Df = \frac{D(a)b - bD(a)}{b^2} = 0 \Rightarrow D(a)b - bD(a) = 0 \Rightarrow D(a)b = aD(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \mid D(a) \quad \Rightarrow a, b \text{ are both special}$$

$$\Rightarrow a, b \in K \Rightarrow f \in C_K \Rightarrow C_{K(t)} = C_K$$

Corollary 13 $\log(f(x))$ is transcendental over $\mathbb{C}(x)$ if $f \in \mathbb{C}(x) \setminus \mathbb{C}$.

Proof Let $t = \log(f)$. Then $Dt = \frac{Df(x)}{f(x)}$. Claim $Dt \neq Dg$ for any $g \in \mathbb{C}(x)$. otherwise, $\frac{Df}{f} = Dg$. since $f \in \mathbb{C}(x) \setminus \mathbb{C}$, there exists irreducible $P \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ s.t. $\text{ord}_P(f) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{ord}_P\left(\frac{Df}{f}\right) = -1$.
 But $\text{ord}_P(Dg) \neq -1$ for any $P \rightarrow \leftarrow$

