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Answer. van Hoeij's algorithm, etc.

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Input. $M \in C[x, y]$ monic irreducible over $C(x)$ with $r = \deg_y(M)$;

output. an integral basis $\{B_0, \dots, B_{r-1}\}$.

1. Start with $(B_0, \dots, B_{r-1}) := (1, \beta, \dots, \beta^{r-1})$.
2. For $d \in \{0, 1, \dots, r-1\}$
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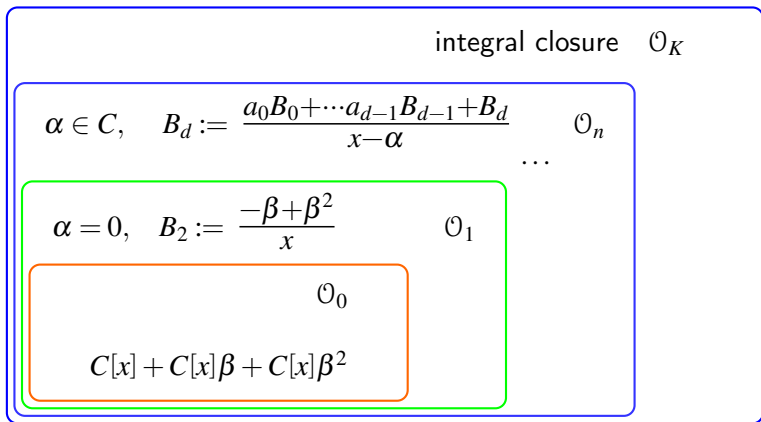
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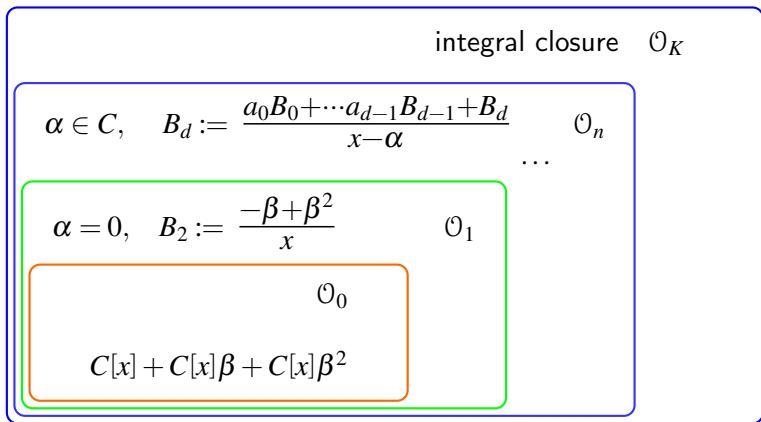
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Example. For a nonzero $f \in C(x)$, define $v_z(f) = m$ if

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Fact. The valuation ring is integrally closed.

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output. an integral basis.

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2. Replace B_d by $(x - z)^{-\text{val}(B_d)} B_d$.
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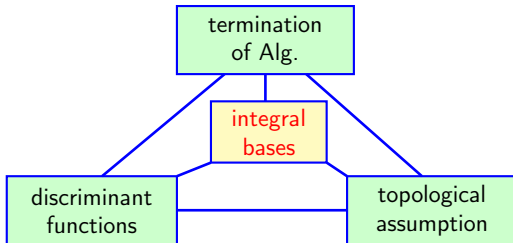
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Example. The Harmonic sequence $f(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$ satisfies

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3rd sol	...	0	0	1	$\frac{-2q^2+8q-8}{(q-1)^2}$	$\frac{4q^2-16q+16}{q^2}$	$\frac{-8q^2+31q-32}{(q+1)^2}$...

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integral closure

$$B_2 := \frac{1}{n-1}((n-1)^2S + S^2)$$

$$C[n]_{n-1} + C[n]_{n-1}(n-1)^2S + C[n]_{n-1}S^2$$

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$\left\{ 1, (n-1)^2S, -2(n-1)S + \frac{1}{n-1}S^2 \right\}$ is an integral basis
 of $C(n)[S]/\langle L \rangle$ at $z = 1$.

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