

Ch.11 Rational Function Integration.

Th 11.6 Let $P, Q \in K[x]$, K a field, $\deg P < \deg Q$, $\gcd(P, Q) = 1$, $\text{lc } Q = 1$.
 There exist $A, B, C, D \in K[x]$ with $\deg A < \deg B$ and $\deg C < \deg D$ s.t.

$$\int \frac{P}{Q} = \frac{A}{B} + \int \frac{C}{D}$$

Where $B = \gcd(Q, Q')$ and $D = Q/B$.
 $B = q_1 q_2^2 \dots q_k^{k-1}$ (monic, square-free)
 $D = q_1 q_2 \dots q_k$ (monic)
 If $Q = q_1 q_2^2 \dots q_k^k$ with $\gcd(q_i, q_j) = 0$ and $\gcd(q_i, q_i') = 1$.
 $\Rightarrow \gcd(D, D') = 1$.
 rational part (Hermite, Horowitz)
 logarithmic part (Trager-Rothstein)

E.g. $\int \frac{dx}{x^3+x} = x(x^2+1) \Rightarrow A=0, C=1, B=1, D=x^2+x$

Idea: $\frac{C}{D} = \frac{C}{(x-\beta_1)(x-\beta_2)\dots(x-\beta_n)} = \frac{\alpha_1}{x-\beta_1} + \frac{\alpha_2}{x-\beta_2} + \dots + \frac{\alpha_n}{x-\beta_n}$
 $\Rightarrow \int \frac{C}{D} = \alpha_1 \ln(x-\beta_1) + \dots + \alpha_n \ln(x-\beta_n)$
 (where $K=Q, \beta_i \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$)

If $\alpha_i = \alpha_j$ then $\dots + \alpha_i \ln(x-\beta_i) + \dots + \alpha_i \ln(x-\beta_j) + \dots$
 $= \alpha_i \ln \underbrace{(x-\beta_i)(x-\beta_j)}_{v_i}$

Can we compute α_i, v_i without computing β_i roots of $D(x)$?
 Yes see Theorem 11.7 Trager Rothstein (first handout).