

Theorem 12.2 (differentiation of logarithmic polynomials)

Let F be a differential field and $F(\theta)$ be a logarithmic transcendental differential extension of F with $\theta' \neq 0$.
I.e. $\theta = \log(u)$ for some $u \in F$, $u' \neq 0$, $\theta \notin F$.

If $a = a_n \theta^n + \dots + a_1 \theta + a_0 \in F[\theta]$ with $n > 0$, $a_n \neq 0$

- (i) $a' = \frac{d a(\theta)}{d x} \in F[\theta]$
- (ii) if $a_n' = 0$ then $\deg_{\theta} a' = n-1$
- (iii) if $a_n' \neq 0$ then $\deg_{\theta} a' = n$

Theorem 12.3 (differentiation of exponential polynomials)

Let F be a differential field and $F(\theta)$ be an exponential transcendental differential extension of F with $\theta' \neq 0$.
I.e. $\theta = e^u$ for some $u \in F$, $u' \neq 0$, $\theta \notin F$

(i) If $a = a_n \theta^n + \dots + a_1 \theta + a_0 \in F[\theta]$ with $n > 0$, $a_n \neq 0$

$$a' = \frac{d a(\theta)}{d x} \in F[\theta] \text{ and } \deg_{\theta} a' = n$$

(ii) If $h \in F \setminus \{0\}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ then

$$(h\theta^m)' = \bar{h}\theta^m \text{ for some } \bar{h} \in F \setminus \{0\}$$

(iii) $a(\theta) | a'(\theta) \Rightarrow a(\theta) = h\theta^m$ for some $h \in F$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

Examples. $F[\theta] = \mathbb{Q}(x)[\log x]$

$$a = x \log^2 x + 2 \log x = 2\theta^2 + 2\theta \in F[\theta]$$

$$\begin{aligned} a' &= 1 \cdot \log^2 x + x \cdot 2 \log x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 2/x \\ &= \log^2 x + 2 \log x + \frac{2}{x} = \theta^2 + 2\theta + \frac{2}{x} \in \underline{F[\theta]} \end{aligned}$$

$$a = 1 \cdot \log^2 x + x \log x = \theta^2 + x\theta \in F[\theta].$$

$$\begin{aligned} a' &= 2 \log x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 1 \cdot \log x + x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{x} + 1\right) \log x + 1 = \left(\frac{2}{x} + 1\right) \theta + 1 \in F[\theta]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof 12.2. $\theta = \log u$, $u \in F$, $\theta \notin F$. Note $\theta' = \frac{u'}{u} \in F$

$$a = a_n \theta^n + a_{n-1} \theta^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \theta + a_0 \text{ where } a_i \in F, n > 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} a' &= a_n' \theta^n + n a_n \theta^{n-1} \theta' + a_{n-1}' \theta^{n-1} + \dots + a_1' \theta + a_0' \\ &= \underbrace{a_n'}_F \theta^n + \underbrace{(n a_n \theta' + a_{n-1}')}_F \theta^{n-1} + \dots + \underbrace{(a_1' \theta + a_0')}_F \in F[\theta]. \end{aligned}$$

CASE $a_n' \neq 0$ then $a' = a_n' \theta^n + \dots \Rightarrow \deg_{\theta} a' = n$.
($a_n \square$ a constant)

CASE $a_n' = 0 \Rightarrow \deg_{\theta} (a') \leq n-1$. Can this $< n-1$?

TAC: Suppose $n a_n \theta' + a_{n-1}' = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \int (n a_n \theta' + a_{n-1}') dx = k \text{ a constant.}$$

$$\Rightarrow n a_n \theta + a_{n-1} = k.$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{(k - a_{n-1})}{(n a_n)} \in F \text{ contradicting } \theta \notin F.$$