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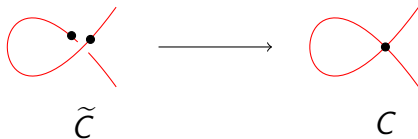
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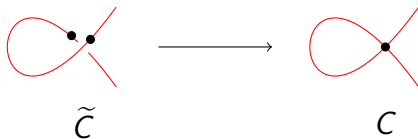
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Supported ground fields:

- Finite fields (but cannot handle some small characteristics),
- Fields of characteristic 0 (as long as PARI can factor polynomials over them...)

# Example: Creation, divisors, Riemann-Roch

```
C=crvinit(x^11+y^7-2*x*y^5,t,a);  
crvprint(C)
```

```
P=[1,1]  
D=[P,-2;2,6;1,1]  
crvdivprint(C,D);
```

```
L=crvRR(C,D)  
crvfndiv(C,L[1],1);  
crvfndiv(C,L[2],1);
```

# Example: Rational curves

```
f=x^5+y^7+Mod(b,b^2-2)*x^3*y^3;
```

```
C=crvinit(f,t,a);
```

```
crvprint(C)
```

```
[T,param]=crvrat(C,1,3)
```

```
lift(param)
```

```
substvec(f,[x,y],param)
```

```
lift(T)
```

```
crvfndiv(C,T,1);
```

```
crvrat(C)
```

## Example: Hyperelliptic / elliptic curves

```
C=crvinit(x^5+y^6+x^3*y,t,a);  
crvprint(C)  
crvishyperell(C)  
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```

```
C1=crvinit(x^5+y^7+x^3*y^4,t,a);  
crvprint(C1)  
crvell(C1,[1,-1,0])
```

# Other functionalities

- Over finite fields:  
Point counting, Zeta functions, group structure and word problem in  $\text{Pic}(C)$  (analogs of `bnfinit` and `bnfisprincipal`).
- Over number fields:  
Division polynomials, Galois representations.  
Bounding torsion of  $\text{Pic}(C)$ , checking if divisors are torsion in  $\text{Pic}(C)$ .



# Symbolic integration of algebraic functions



# (Non-)elementary integrals

Complicated integrals often cannot be solved, e.g.

$$\int e^{-x^2} dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^3 + 1}}.$$

But then what about  $\int \frac{dx}{x} = \log x$ ?

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## Example

- $$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 1} = \arctan x = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{-1}} \log \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{-1}x}{1 - \sqrt{-1}x} \right)$$

is elementary over  $\mathbb{Q}(x)$ .

- More generally,  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}(x) \implies \int f(x) dx$  is elementary.

- OTOH,  $\int e^{-x^2} dx$  is not elementary over  $\mathbb{C}(x)$ .

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Usually not!

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is not elementary for most values of  $m \in \mathbb{Q} \dots$  but

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is elementary!

# Liouville's criterion

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a differential field. A Liouville sum over  $\mathcal{F}$  is an expression of the form

$$dg_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \frac{dg_i}{g_i}$$

where  $g_0, g_1, \dots, g_m \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $c_1, \dots, c_m$  are constants.

## Theorem (Liouville)

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a differential field of characteristic 0, and let  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ .

$\int f$  is elementary over  $\mathcal{F} \iff f dx$  is a Liouville sum over  $\mathcal{F}$ .

# Minimal Liouville sums

Let  $dg_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \frac{dg_i}{g_i}$  be a Liouville sum over  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Pick a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $e_1, \dots, e_d$  of the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -span of  $c_1, \dots, c_m$

$$\rightsquigarrow c_i = \sum_{j=1}^d \lambda_{i,j} e_j, \quad \lambda_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^m c_i \frac{dg_i}{g_i} = \sum_{j=1}^d e_j \frac{dG_j}{G_j}, \quad \text{where } G_j = \prod_{i=1}^m g_i^{\lambda_{i,j}} \in \mathcal{F}.$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  WLOG, we will assume  $m$  minimal, meaning that the  $c_i$  are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearly independent.

# Controlling poles

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \mathbb{Q}(C)$  function field of  $C : F(x, y) = 0$ , let  $g \in \mathcal{F}$ , and let  $P \in C$ .

- If  $g$  has a pole of order  $n \geq 1$  at  $P$ , then  $dg$  has a pole of order  $n + 1 \geq 2$  at  $P$ .
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If none exists,  $\int f dx$  is not elementary.

Otherwise,  $dg_0$  is unique, and  $\int f dx = g_0 + \int \omega_1$

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# Torsion divisors

Let  $\omega_1$  have simple poles  $P_1, \dots, P_m \in C$  with residues  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_m \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ .

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_m) \supseteq V = \mathbb{Q}$ -span of  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_m$ .

Let  $e_1, \dots, e_d$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis of  $V$  such that  $\rho_k = \sum_{j=1}^d r_{k,j} e_j$  for some  $r_{k,j} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $D_j = \sum_{k=1}^m r_{k,j} P_k \in \text{Div}^0(C_K)$ .

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WLOG  $d = n$  and the  $c_i$  form another  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis of  $V$ , say

$e_j = \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{p_{i,j}}{q} c_i$  for some  $p_{i,j}, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

As  $\sum_{j=1}^d r_{k,j} e_j = \rho_k = \sum_{i=1}^d c_i \text{ord}_{P_k}(g_i)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^d e_j D_j &= \sum_{j=1}^d e_j \sum_{k=1}^m r_{k,j} P_k = \sum_{k=1}^m \rho_k P_k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^d c_i \text{ord}_{P_k}(g_i) = \sum_{i=1}^d c_i(g_i) = \sum_{j=1}^d e_j \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{p_{i,j}}{q} (g_i). \end{aligned}$$

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Otherwise find  $(g_j) = q_j D_j$  for  $g_j \in K(C)$ ,  $q_j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\eta = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{e_j}{q_j} \frac{dg_j}{g_j} \text{ satisfies } \text{Res}_{P_k} \eta = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{e_j}{q_j} q_j r_{k,j} = \rho_k = \text{Res}_{P_k} \omega_1,$$

so  $\omega_0 = \omega_1 - \eta$  has no poles, and

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## Remark

By Mordell-Weil,  $\text{Pic}^0(C_K) \simeq T \times \mathbb{Z}^r$ .

$f$  complicated  $\implies K$  big  $\implies r$  big.

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Looking in my old files, I found the following INDEFINITE integral (maple notation)

```
int(x/sqrt(x^4+10*x^2-96*x-71),x);
```

Of course this is an elliptic integral. However, it happens that this special integral can be computed explicitly. Questions:

- 1) Can any CAS compute this (not leaving the result with elliptic functions of course)? You are allowed to load any standard library you like.
- 2) Can YOU compute this?
- 3) Find other non-trivial examples.

Note: the experts in the field will know that there is a beautiful and rich theory behind this kind of computable elliptic integrals. In particular, relations with points of finite order on elliptic curves, and periodic continued fraction expansions. This can be considered as a (admittedly obscure) hint for non-experts.

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Consider  $\int \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{x^4 + 10x^2 - 96x - 71}}$ .

We introduce  $C : y^2 = x^4 + 10x^2 - 96x - 71$ , and  $\omega = \frac{x dx}{y}$ .

$C$  has two points at infinity,  $\infty_+$  and  $\infty_-$ , and  $\omega$  has poles at  $\infty_+$  and  $\infty_-$  only, both simple and with residue  $-1$  and  $+1$ .

The integral won't be elementary unless the divisor  $-\infty_+ + \infty_-$  is torsion in  $\text{Pic}^0(C)$ .

Luckily, it is 8-torsion, as

$g = x^8 + (y + 20)x^6 - 128x^5 + (15y + 54)x^4 - (80y + 1408)x^3 + (27y + 3124)x^2 - 528yx + 781y + 10001$   
has divisor  $(g) = -8\infty_+ + 8\infty_-$ .

And even more luckily,

$$\int \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{x^4 + 10x^2 - 96x - 71}} = \frac{1}{8} \log(g).$$

## Another example

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{\sqrt[3]{x^8 - 6}}{x} dx \\ &= \frac{3}{8} \sqrt[3]{x^8 - 6} \\ &+ \frac{1}{16} a^2 \log \left( \frac{(a^4 - 4a)x^8 + (48 \sqrt[3]{x^8 - 6}^2 + (3a^5 - 12a^2) \sqrt[3]{x^8 - 6} + (-6a^4 + 72a))}{x^8} \right) \\ &+ \left( \frac{1}{128} a^5 + \frac{1}{32} a^2 \right) \log \left( \frac{8ax^8 + (48 \sqrt[3]{x^8 - 6}^2 + (-3a^5 - 12a^2) \sqrt[3]{x^8 - 6} + (-6a^4 - 72a))}{x^8} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $a^6 + 48 = 0$ .

This involves spotting that some divisors on the genus 7 curve  $y^3 = x^8 - 6$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[6]{-48})$  are 8-torsion.

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# An example with 91-torsion

Let  $f(x) = x^8 - 2x^7 + 7x^6 - 6x^5 - x^4 + 10x^3 - 6x^2 + 1$ .

Then  $\int \frac{2x^3 + 22x^2 + 47x - 91}{x\sqrt{f(x)}} dx$   
 $= \log \left( A(x)\sqrt{f(x)} + B(x) \right) - 91 \log(x)$ , where  $A(x) =$

$2541597392873x^{87} - 50843222146612x^{86} + 503225277935158x^{85} - 3200657096642275x^{84} + 14214462728604033x^{83} - 44579238719215767x^{82} +$   
 $90673772383763063x^{81} - 66130213758033706x^{80} - 27301396284242645x^{79} + 1133193576266076957x^{78} - 1828008617851129838x^{77} - 132504020527990792x^{76} +$   
 $7070565814431437671x^{75} - 13820814098546580816x^{74} + 3057501416590971447x^{73} + 35452028969548856825x^{72} - 62530951562265159025x^{71} -$   
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 $169097783352406328449x^{65} - 555714282810473603258x^{64} + 674362321557037184728x^{63} + 312058060938121586273x^{62} - 1092460331914324201172x^{61} +$   
 $270596774739557247583x^{60} + 1120954182135661195118x^{59} - 880939983432258469781x^{58} - 730812820491441338716x^{57} + 1190924815315016075703x^{56} +$   
 $170419784195319443610x^{55} - 1106709092024065627293x^{54} + 266886129712577113986x^{53} + 775632662462383198827x^{52} - 447168828060446122800x^{51} -$   
 $414122686014061544643x^{50} + 415264647807791401896x^{49} + 156832329655217616311x^{48} - 289726675815819589903x^{47} - 26171689103841804545x^{46} +$   
 $164791091923265170230x^{45} - 17516989634058353270x^{44} - 79259644357109747485x^{43} + 20976219234985836422x^{42} + 32932548858101510407x^{41} -$   
 $13416187404910977913x^{40} - 12006472749426198850x^{39} + 6554509942630071562x^{38} + 3896330393014647662x^{37} - 266713342977231104x^{36} -$   
 $1144094547215340652x^{35} + 936921199572723790x^{34} + 310346663095096540x^{33} - 289283382597149122x^{32} - 79724891819739155x^{31} + 79204013977345574x^{30} +$   
 $19845813628882518x^{29} - 19273182417066081x^{28} - 4834954816358415x^{27} + 4150468193299659x^{26} + 1140609211647771x^{25} - 781155386478148x^{24} -$   
 $253519603406578x^{23} + 125209807355899x^{22} + 51311674993204x^{21} - 16187503455853x^{20} - 9131100534854x^{19} + 1456557718427x^{18} + 1374884510502x^{17} -$   
 $30584589801x^{16} - 166171016046x^{15} - 18181479207x^{14} + 14582435700x^{13} + 3910302361x^{12} - 670862648x^{11} - 432933295x^{10} - 27794898x^9 + 24199247x^8 +$   
 $6635509x^7 + 89529x^6 - 311768x^5 - 83944x^4 - 11733x^3 - 982x^2 - 47x - 1$

and  $B(x) \sim A(x)$ .  
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This is related to a rational 91-torsion point in  $\text{Pic}^0(y^2 - f(x))$ .  
(Curve found by Steffen Müller and Berno Reitsma)

# Final examples

Let  $-x^5 + yx + y^4 = 0$  (genus 5).

$$\text{Then } \int \frac{x^3}{y} dx = \frac{4y^3}{11x} + \frac{1}{11} \log \left( \frac{y^3}{x} \right).$$

This involves spotting that some divisor is 11-torsion.

Our implementation takes 1 second; FriCAS takes 18 hours!

Same thing with

$$\int \frac{x^2 + 4y^3}{x^3} dx = \frac{16y^3}{13x^2} + \frac{1}{13} \log \left( \frac{-x^{15} + 3yx^{10} - 3y^2x^5 + y^3}{x^{41}} \right)$$

where  $-x^7 + yx^2 + y^4 = 0$  (genus 6, 13-torsion).





Thank you!