

## integration of differential binomial

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**Theorem.** Let  $a, b, c, \alpha, \beta$  be given real numbers and  $\alpha\beta \neq 0$ . The antiderivative

$$I = \int x^a (\alpha + \beta x^b)^c dx$$

is expressible by of the elementary functions only in the three cases: (1)  $\frac{a+1}{b} + c \in \mathbb{Z}$ , (2)  $\frac{a+1}{b} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , (3)  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ In accordance with P. L. Chebyshev (1821–1894), who has proven this

theorem, the expression  $x^a(\alpha + \beta x^b)^c dx$  is called a differential binomial.

It may be worth noting that the differential binomial may be expressed in terms of the incomplete beta function and the hypergeometric function. Define  $y = \beta x^b/\alpha$ . Then we have

$$I = \frac{1}{b} \alpha^{\frac{a+1}{b} + c} \beta^{-\frac{a+1}{b}} B_y \left( \frac{1+a}{b}, c - 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+a} \alpha^{\frac{a+1}{b} + c} \beta^{-\frac{a+1}{b}} y^{\frac{1+a}{b}} F\left( \frac{a+1}{b}, 2 - c; \frac{1+a+b}{b}; y \right)$$

Chebyshev's theorem then follows from the theorem on elementary cases of the hypergeometric function.