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Lecture 12: Liouvillian extensions

Prop 12.1: (K, \mathcal{D}) diff. field

- $k := \text{ker}(\mathcal{D}) \subset K$ alg. closed
- $(L, \mathcal{D})/(k, \mathcal{D})$ no new constants extension
- $K \subseteq M \subseteq L$ intermediate diff. field
- $K \subseteq N \subseteq L$ ————— || —————
- Assume: M/k PV-extension
Then: MN/N PV-extension
and $G(MN/N) \hookrightarrow G(M/k)$
whose image has Zariski closure
equal to $G(M/mN)$

Proof: • $MN \cong Q(\text{Im}(M \otimes_{k,N} L))$
 $m \otimes n \mapsto mn$

$\Rightarrow MN$ diff. field

$\forall r^{-1}(a) \subset M \quad \exists r \in \text{Aut}(M/k)$

- $V = \alpha^{\wedge} \cup M$, $\alpha \cdot m_k V < \infty$ and
 $M = k \langle V \rangle$ (PV for some α')
 $\Rightarrow MN = N \langle V \rangle$

- Also, MN/N no new constants

since L/k ——— //

$\Rightarrow MN/N$ PV -extension

for α

- $\sigma \in G(MN/N)$. Prop 4.1

$\text{Im}(\sigma_{MN}) = M$

$\Rightarrow G(MN/N) \longrightarrow G(M/k)$

$$\sigma \longmapsto \sigma_{MN}$$

well-defined

- also injective since σ_{MN} determines σ

- $H := \text{Im}(G(MN/N) \longrightarrow G(M/k))$

Then $M^H \subset MN^{G(MN/N)} = N$

$\Rightarrow M^H \subset M \cap N$

Conversely, $M \cap N \subset M^H$

$$\Rightarrow M^H = MN$$

• EXC. 24

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\text{Im}(G(MN/N) \hookrightarrow G(M/\kappa))} = G(M/MN)$$

Zariski closure

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Exc. 24: In the context of

Thm 11.4.(ii), show that if

$H \subseteq G(L/\kappa)$ any subgroup, then

$$G(L/L^\kappa) = \overline{H}$$

Before treating Liouvillean extensions,
need some facts about
virtually solvable groups.

Dfn 12.2: A linear algebraic group G over a field is virtually solvable if G° is solvable

• Note $1 \rightarrow G^\circ \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/G^\circ \xrightarrow{\text{finite}} 1$

Fact: Let G/k virtually solvable, k alg. closed.

$U \trianglelefteq G$ unipotent radical

Then: (i) $G^\circ = U \cdot T$, for any maximal torus T of G° . Get

$$\{e\} \trianglelefteq U \trianglelefteq G^\circ \trianglelefteq G$$

series of characteristic subgroups

(ii) U has a normal series whose successive quotients are G_m 's

(iii) T has a normal series whose successive quotients are G_m 's

• Combined with the main theorem, we get:

Prop 12.3: $(L, D) / (K, D)$ PV-extension

• $K = \ker(D)$ alg. closed

Assume: $G := GL(L/K)$ virtually solvable
unipotent radical

• $n := \dim(G)$, $m := \dim(U)$

Theorem: \rightarrow chain of subgroups

INN. \Rightarrow CHAIN OF SUBFIELDS

$$k = k_0 \subseteq k_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq k_{n+1} = L$$

$$\text{with } k_{i+1} = k_i(a_i)$$

where: (1) a_i algebraic over k

(2) a_i purely transcendental

$$\partial(a_i)/a_i \in k_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-m$$

(3) a_i purely transcendental

$$\partial(a_i) \in k, \quad n-m+1 \leq i \leq n$$

Idea of Proof: $\{c\} \trianglelefteq u \trianglelefteq G^\circ \trianglelefteq G$

$$\Rightarrow L \supseteq L^u \supseteq L^{G^\circ} \supseteq L^G = k$$

chain of PV-extensions

w. groups $G/G^\circ, G^\circ/u, u$

(1) L^{G°/k algebraic, G/G° finite

Primitive element thm:

$$\Rightarrow \exists a_0 \in L^{G^\circ} : L^{G^\circ} = k(a_0)$$

(2) $G^\circ/u \cong T$ maximal torus

$\Rightarrow G^\circ/u$ has normal series

whose quotients are G_m

$\Rightarrow L^u/L^G$ obtained by iteratively
adding a_i , $\partial(a_i)/a_i \in K_i$

(3) L has normal series whose
quotients are G_a

$\Rightarrow L/L^u$ obtained by iteratively
adding a_i , $\partial(a_i) \in K_i$ \square

• so if L/k PV-extension,
 $G(L/k)$ virtually solvable,
then L/k obtained from
three elementary operations:
(1) adding a root
(2) adding an exponential
(3) adding a primitive

Conversely:

Thm 12.4: (k, ∂) diff. field

• $k = \ker(\partial)$ alg. closed

LET M/K A.F. + PV EXTENSION

WITH NO NEW CONSTANTS,
SUCH THAT

$$K = K_0 \subseteq K_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq K_{n+1} = M$$

$$K_{i+1} = K_i(a_i)$$

WHERE FOR ALL i , EITHER:

(1) a_i ALGEBRAIC OVER K_i

OR (2) $\mathcal{O}(a_i)/a_i \in K_i$

OR (3) $\mathcal{O}(a_i) \in K_i$

THEN: IF $M \supseteq L \supseteq K$, L/K PV

THEN $G(L/K)$ VIRTUALLY SOLVABLE.

PROOF: INDUCTION ON n . $n=0$ ✓

$$\bullet N = K_1 = K(a_0)$$

PROP 12.1 $\Rightarrow LN/N$ PV-EXTENSION

CONTAINED IN $M = N(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

INDUCTION HYPOTHESIS

$\Rightarrow G(LN/N)$ VIRTUALLY SOLVABLE

PROP 12.1 $\Rightarrow G(L/L \cap N)$ VIRT. SOLVABLE

- Now consider $N \supseteq L \cap N \supseteq K$
 - $N = K(\alpha_0)/K$ is PV,
- $$G(N/K) = \begin{cases} \text{finite} & (1) \\ G_m & (2) \\ G_a & (3) \end{cases}$$
- Case (1) $G(N/K)$ finite
 $\Rightarrow L \cap N/K$ finite alg.
 $\Rightarrow G(L/L \cap N) \subseteq G(L/K)$
 finite index
 $\Rightarrow G(L/K)$ virtually solv.
 - Case (2), (3): Then $L \cap N/K$ PV-extension by Thm 11.4
 (each subgroup of G_a, G_m is normal)
 Have virt. solv. $\xrightarrow{\quad}$ abelian $\xrightarrow{\quad}$
 $1 \rightarrow G(L/L \cap N) \rightarrow G(L/K) \rightarrow G(L \cap N/K) \rightarrow 1$
 $\Rightarrow G(L/K)$ virtually solvable. \square
 - Dfn 12.5: M/K diff. field extension is Liouvillian if

IT IS OF TWO FORM IN SECTION

in Thm 12.4,

- Most extensions we've seen so far are Liouvillian.

Non-example: PV-extension for the Airy equation

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial^2 - x \cdot i\partial$$

$$K = \mathbb{C}(x)$$

- This has group Sl_2 not solvable

Integration in finite terms

classical problem: Given a function

f satisfying some linear diff.

equation, is it an elementary function?

- Elementary function: a function

which is a composite of

- 1) rational functions

2) exponential, 3) logarithm

More precisely:

Dfn 12.6: k alg. closed field

$$\cdot (k, D) = (k(x), d/dx).$$

(i) $K(a_1, \dots, a_n; b_1, \dots, b_n) \supseteq k$ is a
field of elementary functions

if for $K_j = K(b_1, \dots, b_{j-1})$:

1) $\partial(a_i) \in K_j$, $1 \leq i \leq n$

2) for $1 \leq j \leq m$, either $\partial(b_j)/b_j \in K_j$

or b_j algebraic over K_j .

(ii) An elementary function is
an element of a field as in (i)

Prop 12.7: Notation as in 12.6,

let L/k be a PV-extension,

$$L \subseteq k(a_1, \dots, a_n; b_1, \dots, b_n).$$

Then: $G^\circ(L/k)$ is abelian

Idea of proof: $k(a_1, \dots, a_n)/k$

is a PV-extension for a family of lin. diff. operators

$$(\text{namely } \delta_i := \partial^2 - \frac{\partial^2(a_i)}{\partial(a_i)} \partial, \text{ if } \partial(a_i) \neq 0)$$

• Can show $G_u = G(k(u_1, \dots, u_n)/k)$

embeds into G_u°

$\Rightarrow G_u$ is a vector group

(i.e., is connected, abelian, unipotent)

• On the other hand;

$T := G(L/k(u_1, \dots, u_n))$ is such that

T° is a torus

and is normal in G°

(since $k(u_1, \dots, u_n)/k$ PV)

$$\cdot 1 \rightarrow T \rightarrow G(L/k) \rightarrow G_u \rightarrow 1$$

$$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \parallel$$

$$1 \rightarrow T \cap U^\circ \rightarrow U^\circ \longrightarrow G_u \longrightarrow 1$$

{^{top} since T torus
and U° unipotent}

$$\Rightarrow U^\circ \cong G_u$$

$\Rightarrow U^\circ$ normalizes (even centralizes) T°

U°, T° abelian

$$\Rightarrow U^\circ T^\circ \cong U^\circ \times T^\circ$$

• Finally, $U^\circ T^\circ \subseteq G^\circ(L/k)$ finite index

$$\Rightarrow U^\circ T^\circ = G^\circ(L/k)$$

$\Rightarrow G^\circ(L/k)$ abelian

□

Ex. 25: Notation as in

Dfn. 12.6, show that

$$Y = \int e^{-x^2} dx$$

is not an elementary function.

over $k=\mathbb{C}$ w. trivial derivation.

a) Verify that $(k, d) = (k(x), d/dx)$

is a PV-extension of (k, d)

with $G(k/k) = \mathbb{G}_a$

b) show that $d(Y) = 0$, where

$$d = d^2 + 2x d \in k[d].$$

Deduce that, if L/k is a

PV-extension for d , then

$$V = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(0) = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}y$$

c) Let $w = w(x, y)$, $M := L(w)$

Show that $\partial(w) = -2xw$

and that $w \notin L$

(Hint: If $w \in L$, $w = \frac{p}{q}$, $p, q \in k[x]$

choose p of minimal degree

and differentiate $p = wq$)

d) Show that $y \notin M$

(Hint: argue similarly as in c))

e) Use Exmp. 8.6 to deduce

that $G(L/k) \cong \mathbb{G}_a \times \mathbb{G}_m$

$$\cong \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{G}_a \right\}.$$

Abelian extensions:

Fact: If G/k commutative

algebraic group, then

$$G \cong \mathbb{G}_a^p \times \mathbb{G}_m^q \times \mathcal{F}$$

Thm 12.8: (k, δ) diff. field,

- $\mathbb{K} = \text{Ker}(\delta)$ alg. closed

- L/k PV-extension

Suppose $G(L/k) \cong \mathbb{G}_a^p \times \mathbb{G}_m^q \times \mathcal{F}$ \cong finite group

Then: $L = k(a_1, \dots, a_p; b_1, \dots, b_q; c)$

where: 1) $\partial(a_i) \in k$

2) $\partial(b_i)/b_i \in k$

3) c alg. over k ,

$$\deg(c) = |\mathcal{F}|$$

4) $a_1, \dots, a_p, b_1, \dots, b_q$

transcendental over $k(c)$.

PROOF: Omitted (See Magid,

Thm 6.15)