

Liouville's Theorem (Differential algebra)

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- ▶ b is called the logarithm of a if $b' = \frac{a'}{a}$
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Common sense say us that any function $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is elementary iff it can be constucted via finite number of radicals, sines, cosines, exponents, logarithms and hyperbolic functions. One can see that it's consistent with our approach.

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Theorem (Liouville, 1833-1841)

Let F be the differential field, and K is its subfield of constants. If for $\alpha \in F$ equation $x' = \alpha$ has the solution in some elementary extension of F , then

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \frac{u_i'}{u_i} + v'$$

for some $c_1, \dots, c_m \in K$, $u_1, \dots, u_m, v \in F$.

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