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EXTENDED FORMAL POWER SERIES AND G-FUNCTIONS

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At first, let us consider a formal power series ring $R = k[[x]]$ where k is a field. The fraction field of R is $\mathbb{Q}(R) = k((x))$. Every element of $k((x))$ is expressed as a power series with finite negative exponents. But when we consider a power series ring of several indeterminates $R = k[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$, some elements of $\mathbb{Q}(R)$ can not be expressed as a power series. For example, consider

$$\frac{1}{x+y} \in \mathbb{Q}(k[[x, y]]).$$

Sometimes, we want to express every element of $\mathbb{Q}(R)$ as a formal power with possibly negative exponents. So I introduced extended formal power series rings. [5]

Let $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$ be a vector in \mathbb{R}^m , and let $\underline{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_m)$ be an integer vector in \mathbb{Z}^m . Fixing $\underline{\alpha}$, $L = L(\underline{n})$ denotes the linear form

$$\underline{\alpha} \cdot \underline{n} = \alpha_1 n_1 + \dots + \alpha_m n_m.$$

We abbreviate $\sum a(\underline{i})\underline{x}^{\underline{i}}$ for

$$\sum_{i_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{i_m=-\infty}^{\infty} a_{i_1 \dots i_m} x_1^{i_1} \dots x_m^{i_m}.$$

The following definitions are essential.

Definition 1. A subset $I \subset \mathbb{Z}^m$ is L-finite iff $\forall N \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\#(I \cap \{\underline{n} | L(\underline{n}) < N\}) < \infty$$

Definition 1'. $f = \sum a(\underline{i})\underline{x}^{\underline{i}}$ is L-finite iff $I = \{\underline{i} | a(\underline{i}) \neq 0\}$ is L-finite.

Definition 2. $K_L = k((\underline{x}))_L = k((x_1, \dots, x_m)) = \{L\text{-finite series}\}.$

Under these definitions, we have the following:

Theorem 0. (1) $k((\underline{x}))_L$ is a $k[\underline{x}]$ -algebra. (2) If $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} then $K = K_L$ is a field containing $k(\underline{x})$.

Remark. When $char(k) > 0$ many results are obtained. In this note we restrict ourselves to relation to G-functions.

From now on let k be a number field and Σ be the set of all places of k , and $|\cdot|_v$ be the normalized absolute value corresponding to $v \in \Sigma$. Let $f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \in k[[x]]$. The definition of the G-function is the following.

f is an G-function iff

- (1) $\sigma(f) < \infty$
- (2) f is D - finite.

Here $\sigma(f) = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_v \text{Max}_{m \leq n} (\log^+ |a_m|_v)$, and D-finite means that f satisfies a linear differential equation over $k(x)$. It is well known that this definition is equivalent to the Siegel's original definition. Further we may take f from $k((x))$.

By using our "extended power series" we can define G-functions of several variables naturally. That is : f is an "extended" G-function iff

- (1) $f \in K_L$, $\sigma(f) = \overline{\lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_v \text{Max}_{L(\underline{n}) < N} (\log^+ (|a_n|_v)) < \infty$.

(2) $f \in K_L$ is D-finite (f is contained in a $\frac{d}{dx_i}$ -stable $k(\underline{x})$ -vector subspace $V \subset K_L$).

Next we consider the diagonal maps. For

$$f = \sum_{n_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n_m=0}^{\infty} a_{n_1, \dots, n_m} x_1^{n_1} \dots x_m^{n_m} \in k[[x_1, \dots, x_m]],$$

diagonal map I is defined as

$$I(f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n, \dots, n} t^n \in k[[t]].$$

It is easy to see that the diagonal map I is defined for "extended formal power series rings" K_L .

It can be proved that if $f \in K_L$ is D-finite then $I(f) \in K((t))$ is also D-finite . So we have that

$$f \in K_L : \text{"extended" } G - \text{function} \Rightarrow I(f) : G - \text{function}.$$

Recall the following conjecture of Christol:

Every globally bounded G-function is a diagonal of some rational function. Here "globally bounded" for series $f = \sum a_n x^n$ means that coefficients $a_n \in \mathbb{O}[\frac{1}{N}]$ for every n , where \mathbb{O} is the ring of integers in the number field k and N is a natural integer. In this conjecture, the rational function means an elements in $K[\underline{x}]_{(x)}$. But in our situation we can take elements from $k(\underline{x})$.

It is sometimes possible to prove an "extended" G-function to be a rational function. The method of Gelgond, Chudnovskys are available for elements in $k((x_1, \dots, x_\nu))_L$. The following is the analogy for the Chudnovskys criterion for rationality for elements in $k[[x_1, \dots, x_\nu]]$.

Proposition. Let $Y = (y_0, \dots, y_{\mu-1}) \subset K((x_1, \dots, x_\nu))_L$, let $\tau > 0$, and let $V \subset \Sigma$ be some subset of places of k . Assume that for each $v \in V$ the y_i 's converge on a polydisk $|x_i|_v < \kappa_{i,v}$ ($i = 1, \dots, \nu$). If the following inequality holds

$$(*) \sigma_{\text{not } V}(Y) + \tau \sigma(Y) < \sum_{v \in V} [1 - (\frac{1}{\mu}(1 + \frac{1}{\tau}))^{\frac{1}{\nu}}] \cdot (\sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \log \kappa_{i,v}),$$

then y_i 's are linearly dependent over $k(\underline{\xi})$ where $\underline{\xi} = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_\nu)$, $\xi_i = x_i^{\frac{1}{n}}$ for some $n > 0$. It is a question to prove that y_i 's are linearly dependent over $k(x)$.

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