



Direct (Symbol) Integration

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**Concentrate all your fire
on the nearest starship!**

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What about integrals that are not linearly reducible?

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Almost certainly fails when multiple square roots are present.

Strategy 2: symbol integration.

Given $dF(t) = H(t) dw(t)$, how to compute $d\left(\int F(t)\right)$?

Symbol Integration: Linearly Reducible

$$dF(t) = H(t) d \log(t + d), \quad \mathcal{I} = \int_a^b F(t) d \log(t + c).$$

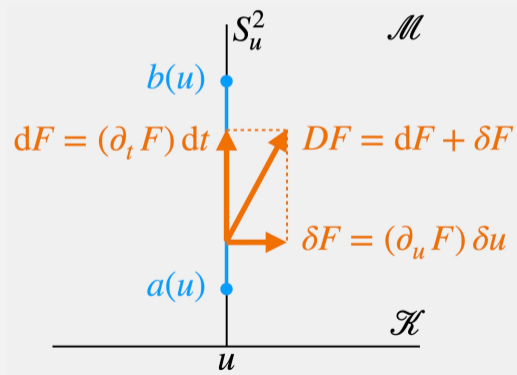
Integrating by parts and using partial fractions [\[1112.1060\]](#),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}[\mathcal{I}] &= \mathcal{S}[F(b)] \otimes (b + c) - \mathcal{S}[F(a)] \otimes \log(a + c) \\ &\quad + \mathcal{S} \left[\int_a^b H(t) d \log \frac{t + c}{t + d} \right] \otimes (c - d). \end{aligned}$$

We provide a new proof that readily generalizes.

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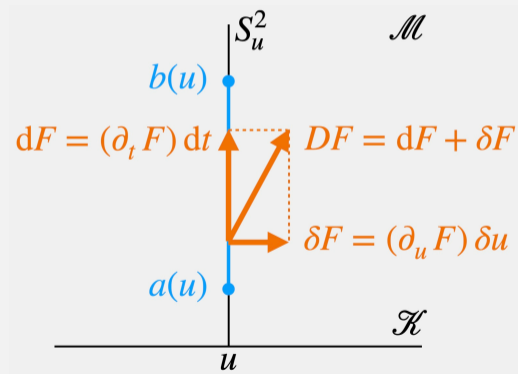


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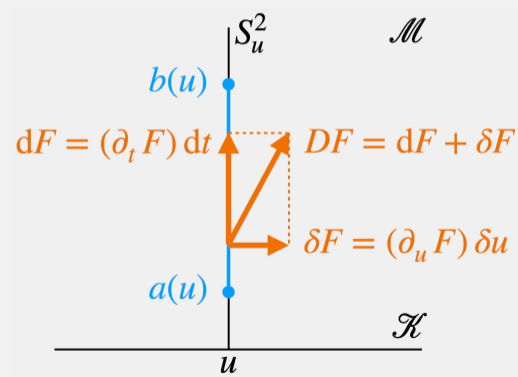
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Summary

Given $DF(t) = H(t) Dw(t)$, integrating by parts implies

$$\delta\mathcal{I} = \delta \left(\int F(t) d\kappa(t) \right) = \text{boundary} + \int H(t) \underbrace{D\kappa(t) \wedge Dw(t)}_{=:\omega}.$$

To obtain the last entry, separate the t -dependence of $\omega^{(1,1)}$:

$$\omega^{(1,1)} = d\mu(t) \wedge \delta W \implies \delta\mathcal{I} = \text{boundary} + \left(\int H(t) d\mu(t) \right) \delta W.$$

To compute $\delta\mathcal{I}$ purely **algebraically**, match residues!

[Demo]

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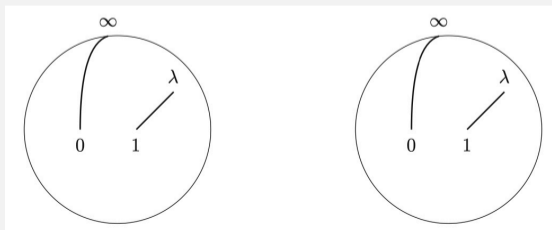
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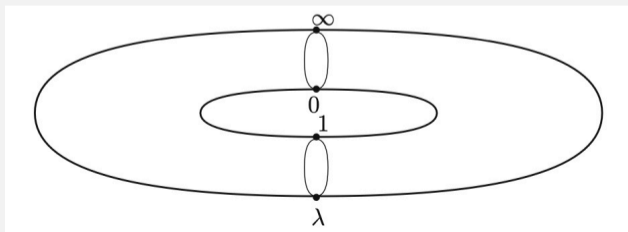
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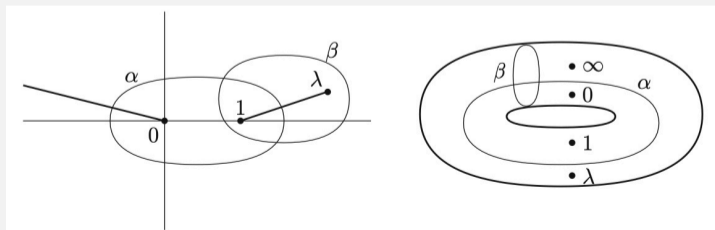
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2-form (Simplest Case)

The integration kernel is not $d \log$, but

$$\frac{1}{\omega_1} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{P(t)}} = dW(t), \quad W(t) := \frac{1}{\omega_1} \int_*^t \frac{dt'}{\sqrt{P(t')}}.$$

Through a bi-rational change of variables $(t, y) \mapsto (T, Y)$,

$$\mathcal{E} = \{(T, Y) \mid Y^2 = 4T^3 - g_2T - g_3\} \subset \mathbb{CP}^2.$$

Using the isomorphism $(\wp, \wp') : \mathbb{C}/\langle \omega_1, \omega_2 \rangle \mapsto \mathcal{E}$,

$$W(t) = \wp^{-1}(T; g_2, g_3)/\omega_1, \quad \text{defined up to } \langle 1, \tau \rangle.$$

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Restrict to the subspace $\underline{\mathcal{K}} \subset \mathcal{K}$ defined by $\delta\tau = 0$.

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