

Polynomials

$$\mathbb{Q}[x] = \left\{ a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots \mid \begin{array}{l} a_i \in \mathbb{Q}, \text{ and all but a finite} \\ \text{number of the } a_i \text{ are } 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathbb{Q}[[x]] = \left\{ a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$$

Examples $1+x = 1+x+0x^2+0x^3+\dots \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$

(and in $\mathbb{Q}[[x]]$).

$$1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]].$$

$$1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]].$$

$\mathbb{Q}[x]$ and $\mathbb{Q}[[x]]$ have operations:

Addition $(3+2x+7x^2)(5+3x) = 15+10x+35x^2$
 $+ 9x + 6x^2 + 21x^3$
 $= 15+19x+41x^2+21x^3$

$$(3+2x+7x^2) + (5+3x) = 8+5x+7x^2.$$

Multiplication

$$(1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots) + (1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots)$$

$$= 2+3x+4x^2+5x^3+\dots$$

$$(1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots)(1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots)$$

$$= 1 + (2+1)x + (3+2+1)x^2 + (4+3+2+1)x^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 3x + 6x^2 + 10x^3 + 15x^4 + \dots$$

$\mathbb{Q}[x]$ and $\mathbb{Q}[[x]]$ are rings.

$$\mathbb{Q}(x) = \left\{ \frac{a(x)}{b(x)} \mid a(x), b(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x], b(x) \neq 0 \right\}$$

with $\frac{a(x)}{b(x)} = \frac{c(x)}{d(x)}$ if $a(x)d(x) = b(x)c(x)$.

$$\mathbb{Q}((x)) = \left\{ \frac{a(x)}{b(x)} \mid a(x), b(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]], b(x) \neq 0 \right\}$$

with $\frac{a(x)}{b(x)} = \frac{c(x)}{d(x)}$ if $a(x)d(x) = b(x)c(x)$.

$\mathbb{Q}(x)$ and $\mathbb{Q}((x))$ have operations given by

$$\frac{a(x)}{b(x)} + \frac{c(x)}{d(x)} = \frac{a(x)d(x) + b(x)c(x)}{b(x)d(x)}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{a(x)}{b(x)} \cdot \frac{c(x)}{d(x)} = \frac{a(x)c(x)}{b(x)d(x)}.$$

Examples

$$\frac{3 + 2x^2 + x^3}{1 - x^4} \in \mathbb{Q}(x)$$

$$\frac{1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots}{1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots} \in \mathbb{Q}((x)).$$

$\mathbb{Q}(x)$ and $\mathbb{Q}((x))$ are fields.

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Particularly useful examples of elements of $\mathbb{Q}[[x]]$

$$(1) \frac{1}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]].$$

$$(2) e^x = 1+x+\frac{x^2}{2!}+\frac{x^3}{3!}+\frac{x^4}{4!}+\frac{x^5}{5!}+\dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]].$$

Here

$$k! = k(k-1)(k-2)\dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1, \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}.$$

For example: $5! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 120.$

$$(3) \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$$

$$(4) \cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]].$$

$$(5) \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \in \mathbb{Q}((x)).$$

$$(6) \frac{1}{1+x} = 1-x+x^2-x^3+x^4-\dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$$

$$(7) \log(1+x) = \int \left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right) dx = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]].$$

$$(8) \frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1-x^2+x^4-x^6+x^8-\dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$$

$$(9) \tan^{-1} x = \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]].$$

The derivative with respect to x is a function

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$$\frac{d}{dx} : \mathbb{Q}[[x]] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$$

such that if $a(x), b(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$ then

$$(A) \frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$$

$$(B) \frac{d}{dx}(a(x) + b(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(a(x)) + \frac{d}{dx}(b(x))$$

$$(C) \frac{d}{dx}(c a(x)) = c \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(a(x)), \text{ if } c \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$(D) \frac{d}{dx}(a(x)b(x)) = a(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(b(x)) + \frac{d}{dx}(a(x)) \cdot b(x).$$

HW: Using only the properties (A), (B), (C), (D) show that

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^{6284}) = 6284 x^{6283}$$

Theorem Let

$$a(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]].$$

Then

$$a_k = \frac{1}{k!} \underbrace{\left(\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \dots \left(\frac{d}{dx} (a(x)) \right) \right) \right) \right)}_{k \text{ times}} \Big|_{x=0}$$

Write

$$\frac{d^k a}{dx^k} \text{ for } \underbrace{\left(\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \left(\dots \left(\frac{d}{dx} (a(x)) \right) \right) \right) \right)}_{k \text{ times}}$$

Proof Case 1 $k=0$.

$$\underline{a(x)} \Big|_{x=0} = a_0 + a_1 \cdot D + a_2 \cdot D^2 + \dots = a_0$$

Case 2: $k=1$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (a(x)) = D + a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + 4a_4x^3 + \dots$$

$$\underline{\int} \frac{d}{dx} (a(x)) \Big|_{x=0} = a_1 + 2a_2 \cdot D + 3a_3 \cdot D^2 + 4a_4 \cdot D^3 + \dots = a_1$$

Case 3 $k=2$.

$$\frac{d^2 a}{dx^2} = 0 + 2a_2 + 3 \cdot 2a_3x + 4 \cdot 3a_4x^2 + 5 \cdot 4a_5x^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{d^2 a}{dx^2} \Big|_{x=0} = 2a_2 + 3 \cdot 2a_3 \cdot D + 4 \cdot 3a_4 \cdot D^2 + 5 \cdot 4a_5 \cdot D^3 + \dots = 2a_2$$

$$\underline{\int} a_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 a}{dx^2} \Big|_{x=0}.$$

Case 4 $k=3$.

$$\frac{d^3 a}{dx^3} = 3 \cdot 2a_3 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2a_4x + 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3a_5x^2 + 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4a_6x^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{d^3 a}{dx^3} \Big|_{x=0} = 3 \cdot 2a_3 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2a_4 \cdot D + 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3a_5 \cdot D^2 + \dots = 3 \cdot 2a_3$$

$$\underline{\int} a_3 = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2} \frac{d^3 a}{dx^3} \Big|_{x=0}$$