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## FORMAL INTEGRATION IN COMPOSITION RINGS

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $(A; +, \cdot, \circ)$  be a composition ring in the sense of Lausch and Nöbauer [1], that means,  $(A; +, \cdot)$  is a ring,  $(A; \circ)$  is a semigroup and there hold both right distributive laws  $(x + y) \circ z = (x \circ z) + (y \circ z)$  and  $(x \cdot y) \circ z = (x \circ z) \cdot (y \circ z)$  for all  $x, y \in A$ .

In composition rings  $A$  there can be defined a formal differential operator  $D: A \rightarrow A$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(S)} \quad & D(f + g) = D(f) + D(g), \\ \text{(P)} \quad & D(f \cdot g) = D(f) \cdot g + f \cdot D(g), \\ \text{(C)} \quad & D(f \circ g) = (D(f) \circ g) \cdot D(g) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $f, g \in A$  (cf. [2], [4]). By this definition in composition rings of functions a good characterization of the formal differentiation is obtained (cf. [3], [5]).

So far the problem of defining a formal integration operator for algebraic structures has not been investigated very much. In this paper a formal integration operator for composition rings is defined and studied in some well-known composition rings.

### 2. Definition and basic properties of formal integrations

An element  $c$  of a composition ring  $A$  is called a constant if  $c \circ 0 = 0$  for the zero element  $0$  of  $A$ . From  $0 \circ 0 = (0 + 0) \circ 0 = (0 \circ 0) + (0 \circ 0)$  we deduce that  $0$  itself is always a constant of  $A$ . It can be shown easily that the set of all constants of  $A$  forms a subcomposition ring  $A_c$  of  $A$ . Since we are interested mainly in composition rings of functions, we assume in this paper that a possible identity  $1$  of the ring  $(A; +, \cdot)$  also is a constant.

A formal integration  $I$  of  $A$  is defined as mapping  $I: A \rightarrow A$ , which satisfies for all  $g, g \in A$  the following conditions:

- (i)  $I(f + g) = I(f) + I(g),$
- (ii)  $I(c \cdot f) = c \cdot I(f), \quad c \in A_C,$
- (iii)  $I(I(f) \cdot g) = I(f) \cdot I(g) - I(f \cdot I(g)),$
- (iv)  $I((f \circ I(g)) \cdot g) = I(f) \circ I(g).$

As it can be seen, (iii) is an abstraction of the rule of partial integration and (iv) of the rule of integration for composed functions of analysis.

In each composition ring  $A$  there exists one trivial formal integration, namely, the zero mapping, which maps every element of  $A$  on the zero element  $0$ .

Now we prove some basic properties of formal integrations.

Using (i) we have  $I(0) = I(0 + 0) = I(0) + I(0)$ . Therefore there holds

$$I(0) = 0 \tag{1}$$

for any formal integration  $I$ .

For the identity 1 we deduce from (iv)

$$I(g) = I((1 \circ I(g)) \cdot g) = I(1) \circ I(g) \quad \text{for all } g \in A \tag{2}$$

and in particular

$$I(1) = I(1) \circ I(1). \tag{3}$$

**Lemma 1.** *If  $I(1) \in A_C$ , then  $I$  is the zero mapping.*

**Proof.**  $I(1) \in A_C$  implicates  $I(1) \circ g = I(1)$  for all  $g \in A$ . Hence we obtain from (1) and (2)  $0 = I(0) = I(1) \circ I(0) = I(1)$  and  $I(g) = 0 \circ I(g) = 0$  for all  $g \in A$ .

The set of constants  $A_C$  is said to form a base of  $A$ , if for  $a, b \in A$  from  $a \circ c = b \circ c$  for all  $c \in A_C$  there follows  $a = b$ .

**Lemma 2.** *If  $A_C$  forms a base of  $A$  and  $(A_C \setminus \{0\}; \cdot)$  is a group, then there exist non-trivial formal integrations  $I$  of  $A$  only if  $(A; \circ)$  has a left neutral element  $x$ . If such an element  $x$  exists, then  $I(1) = x$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $I(1) \notin A_C$ . Then there exists at least one  $a \in A_C$  such that

$$I(1) \circ a = b \neq 0, \quad b \in A_C. \quad \text{Therefore we have } I\left(\frac{c}{b}\right) \circ a = \left(\frac{c}{b} \cdot I(1)\right) \circ a = c \text{ for all}$$

$$c \in A_C. \quad \text{Hence } I\left(\frac{c}{b}\right) = I(1) \circ I\left(\frac{c}{b}\right) \text{ implies}$$

$$c = I(1) \circ c \quad \text{for all } c \in A_C. \tag{4}$$

As  $A_C$  forms a base of  $A$ , the element  $I(1)$  is already uniquely determined by (4). If  $x$  is the left neutral element of  $(A; \circ)$ , then we have obviously  $I(1) = x$ .

For  $g \in A$  let there be  $I^2(g) := I(I(g))$  and recursively  $I^n(g) := I(I^{n-1}(g))$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $n > 1$ . We write  $n! := 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot n$ .

**Lemma 3.** *There holds  $(n!)I^n(1) = (I(1))^n$ .*

**Proof.** From (iii) we deduce  $I(I(1) \cdot 1) = I(1) \cdot I(1) - I(1 \cdot I(1))$ . Hence we have  $2I^2(1) = (I(1))^2$  and the assumption is true for  $n=2$ . Now we suppose

$$(m!)I^m(1) = (I(1))^m \quad \text{for } 2 \leq m < n. \quad (5)$$

Using (ii), (iii) and (5) we obtain  $I(((n-1)!)I^{n-1}(1) \cdot 1) = ((n-1)!)I^{n-1}(1) \cdot I(1) - I(((n-1)!)I^{n-2}(1) \cdot I(1))$ ,  $((n-1)!)I^n(1) = (I(1))^n - I((n-1)(I(1))^{n-1})$  and finally  $((n-1)!)I^n(1) + (n-1)((n-1)!)I^n(1) = (I(1))^n$ , which completes the proof.

Now we determine all formal integrations in some composition rings.

### 3. The polynomial ring $K[x]$ over a field $K$

Let  $K[x]$  be the polynomial ring in one indeterminate  $x$  over a field  $K$ .  $K[x]$  is a composition ring with respect to the addition, multiplication and composition of polynomials. The identity 1 is a constant in this composition ring. Using the above results and comparing the degree of the polynomials on the left-hand and the right-hand side in (3) we get two cases:

a) Degree  $I(1)$  equal to zero, that means  $I(1) \in A_c$ . Hence, by Lemma 1,  $I$  is the zero mapping.

b) Degree  $I(1)$  equal to one, that means  $I(1) = a_0 + a_1x$ ,  $a_0, a_1 \in K$ ,  $a_1 \neq 0$ . Then (3) implies  $a_0 + a_1x = a_0 + a_1a_0 + a_1a_1x$  and we obtain  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_1 = 1$ . Hence

$$I(1) = x. \quad (6)$$

If the characteristic  $K = p$  ( $p$  prime), then (6) and Lemma 3 imply  $0 = (p!)I^p(1) = (I(1))^p = x^p$ , which is a contradiction.

If the characteristic  $K = 0$ , then (6) and Lemma 3 imply  $((n+1)!)I^{n+1}(1) = ((n+1)!)I^n(x) = x^{n+1}$ . From this we obtain

$$I(x^n) = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}, \quad n \in \mathbf{N}, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (7)$$

Now there follows by (i), (ii), (1), (6) and (7) that

$$I(g) = I(a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n) = a_0x + a_1 \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots + a_n \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

for all  $g = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \in K[x]$ .

Conversely it is easy to verify that this mapping  $I$  is a formal integration of  $K[x]$ .

This yields

**Theorem 1.** *If  $K$  is a field of characteristic 0, then there exists in  $K[x]$  exactly one formal integration  $I$  besides the zero mapping, namely,*

$$I(a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n) := a_0x + a_1 \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots + a_n \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

for all

$$a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \in K[x].$$

If  $K$  has the characteristic  $p$  ( $p$  prime), then the zero mapping is the only formal integration in  $K[x]$ .

Remark. If the characteristic  $K=0$ , (6) can be also derived from Lemma 2. In this case  $K$  forms a base of  $K[x]$ . But  $K$  does not form a base of  $K[x]$  if the characteristic  $K=p$  ( $p$  prime).

#### 4. The composition ring $K^K$ of all functions on a field $K$

Finally, we are going to investigate formal integrations of the composition ring  $K^K$  of all functions of  $K$  into  $K$ . The operations in  $K^K$  are the pointwise addition and multiplication of functions and the composition of functions. As we will expect from the analysis, there is only the trivial integration in  $K^K$ .

As the constants  $K$  form a base of  $K^K$ , there holds Lemma 2. Hence

$$I(1) = x. \tag{8}$$

If  $I(1) \notin K$  and the characteristic  $K=p$  ( $p$  prime), then (8) and Lemma 3 give a contradiction.

If  $I(1) \notin K$  and the characteristic  $K=0$ , we conclude in the following way:

$$I\left(\left(\frac{1}{x} \circ I(x)\right) \cdot x\right) = I\left(\left(\frac{1}{x} \circ \frac{x^2}{2}\right) \cdot x\right) = I\left(\frac{2}{x^2} \cdot x\right) = I\left(\frac{2}{x}\right) = 2I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right),$$

and also

$$I\left(\left(\frac{1}{x} \circ I(x)\right) \cdot x\right) = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ I(x) = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ \frac{x^2}{2}, \quad \text{where } \frac{1}{x} \circ 0 := 0.$$

Therefore  $2I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ \frac{x^2}{2}$  and further on

$$2\left(I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ 2\right) = \left(2I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) \circ 2 = \left(I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ \frac{x^2}{2}\right) \circ 2 = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ 2.$$

Hence we have

$$I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ 2 = 0. \tag{9}$$

Now, let  $c \in K$ ,  $c \neq 0$ . Then

$$I\left(\left(\frac{1}{x} \circ I\left(\frac{1}{c}\right)\right) \cdot \frac{1}{c}\right) = I\left(\left(\frac{1}{x} \circ \frac{x}{c}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{c}\right) = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right),$$

and also

$$I\left(\left(\frac{1}{x} \circ I\left(\frac{1}{c}\right)\right) \cdot \frac{1}{c}\right) = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ I\left(\frac{1}{c}\right) = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ \frac{x}{c}.$$

Therefore  $I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ \frac{x}{c}$  and further by (9)

$$I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ 2c = \left(I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ \frac{x}{c}\right) \circ 2c = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \circ 2 = 0, \text{ for all } c \in K, c \neq 0.$$

Since  $K$  forms a base of  $K^K$ , we obtain

$$I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0. \tag{10}$$

Finally we have  $I\left(I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot 1\right) = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot I(1) - I\left(\frac{1}{x} \cdot I(1)\right)$  and further  $I\left(I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) = I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot x - I(1) = x \cdot \left(I\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)(-1)\right)$ , which gives considering (10),  $0 = I(0) = -x$ , a contradiction.

Now we get

**Theorem 2.** *In the composition ring  $K^K$  of all functions on a field  $K$  there exists only the trivial formal integration, namely, the zero mapping.*

Remark. These results can be generalized for composition rings of higher dimension than one by defining formal integrations with respect to certain indeterminates.

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## ФОРМАЛЬНОЕ ИНТЕГРИРОВАНИЕ В КОМПОЗИЦИОННЫХ КАЛЬЦАХ

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### Резюме

В статье вводится понятие оператора формального интегрирования для композиционных колец. Указываются основные свойства формального интегрирования, а также описываются все такие операторы для двух обще известных классов композиционных колец.