

# Some transcendence problems in arithmetic and analytic functions.

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- Explore more applications and related subjects of the Nevanlinna theory.

## 1. Problems and some background

In Lang's Monog. (Transcendental numbers ....) 1966:

**Schanuel Conj.** Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbf{C}$  be linearly indep. over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Then

$$\text{tr. deg}_{\mathbf{Q}}\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, e^{\alpha_1}, \dots, e^{\alpha_n}\} \geq n.$$

**Lang's Conj.:** Let  $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow A$  be an entire curve (non-constant; originally, 1-parameter subgroup) into an abelian variety  $A$  with Zariski dense image.

Let  $D$  be a hyperplane cut of  $A$ .

(i) Then,  $f(\mathbf{C}) \cap D \neq \emptyset$ ?

(ii)  $\#f(\mathbf{C}) \cap D = \infty$ ?

We discuss these problems for semi-abelian varieties from the viewpoint of Nevanlinna theory:

**E. Borel.** An entire curve  $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n(\mathbf{C})$  omitting  $n + 2$  hyperplanes in general position.

Then,  $f$  is linearly degenerate.

**Bloch-Ochiai.** Let  $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow A$  be an entire curve into an abelian variety.

Then the Zariski closure  $\overline{f(\mathbf{C})}^{\text{Zar}}$  is a translate of an algebraic subgroup.

A unified form (Borel+Bloch-Ochiai+N. 1977-'81):

**Log Bloch-Ochiai.** Let  $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow A$  be an entire curve into a semi-abelian variety.

Then the Zariski closure  $\overline{f(\mathbb{C})}^{\text{Zar}}$  is a translate of an algebraic subgroup.

**Remarks.** Lang's Conjecture (i) was proved by Siu-Yeung (abelian case, '96), N. (semi-abelian case, '98), ....., but (ii) was unanswered for long time, and proved by by Corvaja-N. in generalized form for semi-abelian varieties in 2011.

**Big Picard type:** For  $f : \Delta^*(R) \rightarrow A$  (semi-abelian) with essential singularity at 0, we have similar results (N. '81, ...), but *not always*.

**Big Picard type:** Let  $V, W$  be algebraic varieties ( $/\mathbb{C}$ ).

(1)  $f : V \rightarrow W \implies$  Extendable over  $\bar{V}$ .

(2)  $f : V \rightarrow W$ , transcendental (e.g., universal covering)  $\implies$  "algebraic — algebraic".

## 2. Ax-Schanuel

Schanuel Conjecture:

(i)  $n = 1$ : Gel'fond-Schneider (1934; Hilbert's 7th Problem).

(ii)  $n > 1$ : Open. Even in  $n = 2$ : With  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = (1, \pi i)$  it implies the Folklore: alg. indep. of  $e$  and  $\pi$ .

(iii)  $e, e^\pi$  are alg. indep. (Nesterenko, '96). The elliptic modular function  $j(\tau)$  was used.

**Formal Functional Analogue:** J. Ax ('71, '72) proved the analogue:

**Thm. 2.1 (Ax-Schanuel).** Let  $f(t) = (f_j(t)) \in (\mathbb{C}[[t]])^n$ . If  $f_j(t) - f_j(0)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , then

$$\text{tr. deg}_{\mathbb{C}}\{f_1(t), \dots, f_n(t), e^{f_1(t)}, \dots, e^{f_n(t)}\} \geq n + 1.$$

More generally, he proved it for [semi-abelian varieties](#), and dealt with t of several variables.

Ax's proof : By means of Kolchin's theory of differential algebra.

**Our Aim :** 1) Prove Ax-Schanule for entire  $f_j(z)$  and a semi-abelian variety A by means of Nevanlinna theory,

2) Study and prove a 2nd Main Theorem for the “extended exponential map”

$$\widehat{\exp}_A f : z \in \mathbb{C} \rightarrow (\exp_A f(z), f(z)) \in A \times \text{Lie}(A).$$

**N.B.** There is no “value” in formal analytic functions, but there is for analytic functions:  
We may think of more problems.

We mainly follow the developments of the theory for entire curves into A since Lang's Questions '66, and Log Bloch-Ochiai's Theorem.

**Arithmetic Thry.–O-minimal Thry.–Nevanlinna Thry.:**

(i) **Raynaud's Theorem** (1983, Manin-Mumford Conj.):

$$X \subset A \text{ subvariety } (/K). \Rightarrow X_{\text{tor}} = \bigcup_{\text{finite}} (\mathbf{a} + B_{\text{tor}}),$$

where  $\mathbf{a} \in X_{\text{tor}}$  and alg. subgrp's. B.

Proof: By method of char.  $p > 0$ .

(ii) Later, many proofs by Coleman, Hindary, Hrushovski, ..... I was personally motivated by Pila-Zannier (2008) with O-minimal method.

(iii) Yet another proof by Nevanlinna thry. (Log Bloch–Ochiai of Big Picard type ) + ‘O-minimal’ (N., Atti Accad. Naz. Rend. Lincei Mat. Appl. **29** (2018)).

- (iv) For Ax-Schanuel by “O-minimal”, other proofs due Tsimerman 2015, Peterzil-Starchenko 2018, .....
- (v) Yet Another Proof of Analy. Ax-Schanuel by Nevanlinna thry. : [Today, 1st](#) topic.

More on the Value Distribution: [Today, 2nd](#) topic:

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..... Yet without “O-minimal”.

- (vi) **Expectation:** [Analy. Ax-Schanuel + O-minimal + Arithmetic](#)  $\implies$  ??

Application of Ax-Shanuel:(e.g.) W.D. Brownawell and K.K. Kubota, The algebraic independence of Weierstrass functions and some related numbers, *Acta Arith.* **33** (1977), 111–149.

This is covered by the present result of analy. case.

### 3. Main Results

**Jet Spaces.** Let A be a semi-abelian variety of dim n:

$$0 \rightarrow (\mathbf{C}^*)^t \rightarrow \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_0 \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{with } \mathbf{A}_0 \text{ abelian var.}),$$

$\exp = \exp_A : \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  be an exponential map;

$f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A}) \cong \mathbf{C}^n$  be an entire curve.

Set

$$\widehat{\exp} f : z \in \mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\exp f(z), f(z)) \in \mathbf{A} \times \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A}).$$

Take its  $k$ -jet lift:

$$J_k(\widehat{\exp} f) : z \in \mathbf{C} \rightarrow (J_k(\exp f(z)), J_k(f(z))) \in J_k(\mathbf{A} \times \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A})) \cong J_k(\mathbf{A}) \times J_k(\text{Lie}(\mathbf{A})).$$

Speciality:

$$\begin{aligned} J_k(\mathbf{A}) &\cong \mathbf{A} \times J_{k,\mathbf{A}}, & J_k(\text{Lie}(\mathbf{A})) &\cong \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A}) \times J_{k,\text{Lie}(\mathbf{A})} \\ J_k(\mathbf{A} \times \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A})) &= \mathbf{A} \times J_{k,\mathbf{A}} \times \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A}) \times J_{k,\text{Lie}(\mathbf{A})}, & J_{k,\mathbf{A}} &= J_{k,\text{Lie}(\mathbf{A})}, \\ J_k(\widehat{\exp} f)(z) &= (\exp f(z), J_{k,\exp f}(z), f(z), J_{k,f}(z)), & J_{k,\exp f}(z) &= J_{k,f}(z) \quad (k \geq 1). \end{aligned}$$

We consider:

$$(3.1) \quad J_k(\widehat{\exp} f)(z) \in \mathbf{A} \times \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A}) \times J_{k,\mathbf{A}} \hookrightarrow J_k(\mathbf{A} \times \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A})).$$

$\widehat{J}_{k,\mathbf{A}} = \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A}) \times J_{k,\mathbf{A}} \cong \mathbf{C}^n \times \mathbf{C}^{nk}$  is called the **extended jet part**.

$X_k(\widehat{\exp} f) = \overline{J_k(\widehat{\exp} f)(\mathbf{C})}^{\text{Zar}}$  is the Zariski closure of the image:

$$\text{tr. deg}_{\mathbf{C}} \widehat{\exp} f := \dim_{\mathbf{C}} X_0(\widehat{\exp} f) = \dim_{\mathbf{C}} \overline{\widehat{\exp} f(\mathbf{C})}^{\text{Zar}}.$$

**Def. 3.2.**  $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A})$  is A-degenerate if  $\exists$  alg. subgroup  $G \subsetneq \mathbf{A}$  s.t.  $\exp f(\mathbf{C}) \subset \exp f(0) + G$  (coset type).

**N.B.**  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{C}^*)^t$ :  $f = (f_j)$  is  $(\mathbf{C}^*)^n$ -degenerate  $\iff f_j, 1 \leq j \leq n$ , are lin. dep./ $\mathbf{Q}$ .

**Thm. 3.1 (Analy. Ax-Schanuel).** If an entire curve  $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \text{Lie}(A)$  is  $A$ -nondeg., then  $\text{tr. deg}_{\mathbf{C}} \widehat{\exp} f \geq n + 1$ .

### Order Functions.

$f = (f_1, \dots, f_n) : z \in \mathbf{C} \rightarrow f(z) \in \mathbf{C}^n \cong \text{Lie}(A)$ , an entire curve.

Nevanlinna-Shimizu-Ahlfors order function:

$$T(r, f_j) = T_{f_j}(r, \omega_{\text{FS}}) = \int_1^r \frac{dt}{t} \int_{\Delta(t)} f^* \omega_{\text{FS}}.$$

Roughly,  $T(r, f_j) \sim \log \max_{|z|=r} |f_j(z)|$ .

$$T_f(r) := \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} T(r, f_j).$$

$T_{\exp f}(r) = T_{\exp f}(r, \omega_L)$  with the curvature form  $\omega_L$  of a big l.b.  $L \rightarrow \bar{A}$ .

$T_{\widehat{\exp} f}(r) := T_{\exp f}(r) + T_f(r)$  for  $\widehat{\exp} f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow A \times \text{Lie}(A)$ .

$S(r) = O(\log^+ T_{\exp f}(r)) + O(\log r) + O(1) = o(T_{\exp f}(r))$  (with except'l intervals of total finite length).

**Lem. 3.3 (Key).** (i)  $T_f(r) = S(r)$ .

(ii)  $T_{\widehat{\exp} f}(r) = T_{\exp f}(r) + S(r)$ .

*Proof.* Use the complex Poisson integral + Borel's technic.

*Proof of Analytic Ax-Schanuel Thm.3.1.*

The  $A$ -nondegeneracy and the Log Bloch–Ochiai imply  $\overline{\exp f(\mathbf{C})}^{\text{Zar}} = A$ :

$$(3.4) \quad \text{tr. deg}_{\mathbf{C}} \exp f = n.$$

**Lem. 3.5.**  $\text{tr. deg}_{\mathbf{C}(f)} \mathbf{C}(f, (\exp f)^* \mathbf{C}(A)) \geq 1.$

*Pf.* If “= 0”,  $(\exp f)^* \mathbf{C}(A)$  is alg. over  $(f_j)$ , so that  $T_{\exp f}(r) = O(T_f(r)) = o(T_{\exp f}(r))$  by Key Lem. 3.3; Contradiction!  $\triangle$

(3.4)  $\Rightarrow \text{tr. deg}_{\mathbf{C}} \widehat{\exp} f \geq n.$  Suppose  $\text{tr. deg}_{\mathbf{C}} \widehat{\exp} f = n. \Rightarrow \underline{f_j \text{ are alg. } / (\exp f)^* \mathbf{C}(A)}.$   
 $\Rightarrow \exists$  non-trivial alg. relations

$$(3.6) \quad P_j(f_j, \hat{\phi}) = P_j(f_j, \hat{\phi}_1, \dots, \hat{\phi}_n) = 0, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n,$$

where  $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^n$  is a transcendental basis of  $\mathbf{C}(A)$ , and  $\hat{\phi}_j := \phi_j \circ \exp f.$

Lem. 3.5  $\Rightarrow \text{tr. deg}_{\mathbf{C}} \{f_j\}_{j=1}^n < n:$  That is,  $\exists$  a non-trivial alg. relation

$$(3.7) \quad Q(f_1, \dots, f_n) = 0.$$

Eliminate  $f_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) in (3.6) and (3.7).  $\Rightarrow$  Alg. rel. in  $\hat{\phi}_j$ 's  $\Rightarrow f$  is  $A$ -degenerate: Contradiction!  $\square$

*Example.* (Brownawell-Kubota) A product of elliptic curves,  $A := \prod^n E_j$  and alg. indep.  $f = (f_j) : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \text{Lie}(A):$

$$\text{tr. deg}_{\mathbf{C}} \{f_1, \dots, f_n, \wp_1(f_1), \dots, \wp_m(f_n)\} \geq n + 1.$$

Here one may claim the same for more generally  $A$ -nondegenerate  $f = (f_j) : \text{e.g., with } f_1(z) = z, f_2(z) = z \text{ and } \underline{\text{non-isogenous}} E_j (j = 1, 2),$

$$\text{tr. deg}_{\mathbf{C}} \{z, \wp_1(z), \wp_2(z)\} = 3.$$



$$\overline{\text{Lie}(\mathbf{E}_1) \times \text{Lie}(\mathbf{E}_2)} \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}^2(\mathbf{C}) \times \mathbf{E}_1 \times \mathbf{E}_2,$$

$$T_{\widehat{\text{exp}} f}(r) = \frac{\pi r^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + o(1) \right),$$

wherer  $\lambda_j$  are the areas of the fundamental parallelograms of  $\wp_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ).

Let  $P(z_1, z_2, w_1, w_2)$  be a polynomials of degrees  $d_1, d_2$  in  $w_1, w_2$  respectively, and  $\Xi_P = \{P(z, z, \wp_1(z), \wp_2(z)) = 0\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} N_\infty(r, \Xi_P) &= \int_1^r \frac{\#(\Xi_P \cap \Delta(t))}{t} dt = N_1(r, \Xi_P) + o(r^2) \\ &= \pi r^2 \left( \frac{d_1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{d_2}{\lambda_2} + o(1) \right). \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. Nevanlinna thry. for $\widehat{\text{exp}} f$

**Thm. 4.1 (2nd Main Thm.).** Let  $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A})$  be  $\mathbf{A}$ -nondegenerate.

- (i) For a reduced alg. subset  $Z \subset X_k(\widehat{\text{exp}} f)$  ( $\subset \mathbf{A} \times \widehat{J}_{k,\mathbf{A}}$ ) ( $k \geq 0$ ),  $\exists \bar{A} \times \bar{J}_{k,\mathbf{A}}$ , a proj. compactification with closures  $\bar{X}_k(\widehat{\text{exp}} f)$  and  $\bar{Z}$  such that

$$(4.1) \quad T_{J_k(\widehat{\text{exp}} f)}(r, \omega_{\bar{Z}}) = N_1(r, J_k(\widehat{\text{exp}} f)^* Z) + S_\varepsilon(r),$$

where  $S_\varepsilon(r) \leq \varepsilon T_{\text{exp} f}(r) \parallel_\varepsilon$  ( $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ),

and  $\omega_{\bar{Z}}$  is a sort of curvature form associated with  $\bar{Z}$ .

- (ii) If  $\text{codim}_{X_k(\widehat{\text{exp}} f)} Z \geq 2$ , then

$$(4.2) \quad T_{\widehat{\text{exp}} f}(r, \omega_{\bar{Z}}) = S_\varepsilon(r).$$

(iii) ( $k = 0$ ) If  $\mathbf{D}$  is a reduced divisor on  $A \times \text{Lie}(A)$  and  $D \not\supset X_0(\widehat{\exp} f)$ , then

$$(4.3) \quad T_{\widehat{\exp} f}(r, \omega_{\mathbf{D}}) = N_1(r, (\widehat{\exp} f)^* \mathbf{D}) + S_\varepsilon(r).$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{D}} \subset \bar{A} \times \overline{\text{Lie}(A)}$ .

*Pf.*  $\exists \ell \in \mathbf{N}$  such that

$$T_{J_k(\widehat{\exp} f)}(r, \omega_{\bar{Z}}) = N_\ell(r, J_k(\widehat{\exp} f)^* Z) + S(r).$$

Here, using this and  $\text{codim } Z \geq 2$ , we prove (ii).

Using (ii), we deduce

$$N_\ell(r, J_k(\widehat{\exp} f)^* Z) - N_1(r, J_k(\widehat{\exp} f)^* Z) = S_\varepsilon(r),$$

$\implies$  (i). □

As an application we have:

**Thm. 4.2.** Let  $\widehat{\exp} f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow A \times \text{Lie}(A)$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{D}} \subset \bar{A} \times \overline{\text{Lie}(A)}$  be as in (iii) above.

Assume that some positive multiple  $\nu \bar{\mathbf{D}}$  contains a big divisor coming from  $\bar{A}$ .

Then  $\exists$  irred. comp.  $D' \subset \bar{\mathbf{D}} \cap X_0(\widehat{\exp} f)$  such that  $\widehat{\exp} f(\mathbf{C}) \cap D'$  is Zariski dense in  $D'$ ; in particular,  $|\widehat{\exp} f(\mathbf{C}) \cap D| = \infty$ .

This follows from the estimates in 2nd Main Thm. with  $N_1(r, *)$  (essential).

**Remark.** For  $\exp f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ , by Corvaja-N. ('12), answering a question in Lang's Monog. '66.

The proof of the 2nd Main Thm. 4.1 is rather long but we carry out the proof along the way as for  $\exp f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  (N.-Winkelmann-Yamanoi) by making use of [Key Lem 3.3](#).

The next theorem says that the distribution  $(\widehat{\exp} f)^*D$  on  $\mathbf{C}$  contains an ample information of  $\widehat{\mathbf{A}}$ ,  $D$  and  $f$ ; we have the following unicity theorem of H. Cartan–P. Erdős–K. Yamanoi type (cf. Yamanoi Forum Math. 2004, Corvaja-N. Math. Ann. 2012)

**Thm. 4.3** (Unicity). Let  $\mathbf{A}_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) be two semi-abelian varieties and let  $D_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) be effective reduced  $\mathbf{A}_j$ -big divisors on  $\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_j$  with

$$\widehat{\text{St}}(D_j) := \{x \in \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_j : x + D_j = D_j\} = \{0\}.$$

Let  $f_j : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \text{Lie}(\mathbf{A}_j)$  be  $\mathbf{A}_j$ -nondegenerate. Assume that

$$\text{Supp}(\widehat{\exp}_{\mathbf{A}_1} f_1)^* D_1 = \text{Supp}(\widehat{\exp}_{\mathbf{A}_2} f_2)^* D_2.$$

Then  $\exists \alpha : \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbf{A}_2$  with  $\widehat{\alpha} : \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_1 \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{A}}_2$ , such that

- $\widehat{\alpha}^* D_2 = D_1$ ,
- $\widehat{\exp}_{\mathbf{A}_2} f_2 = \widehat{\alpha} \circ \widehat{\exp}_{\mathbf{A}_1} f_1$ , up to translations of  $\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_j$ .

*Remarks to some extensions:*

- (i)  $\mathbf{C} \Rightarrow \Delta(r)^*$  (isolated essential singularity, Big Picard type).
- (ii)  $\mathbf{C} \Rightarrow$  affine alg. curve.

(iii)  $\mathbf{C} \Rightarrow$  (parabolic) Riemann surface with involving a counting function of Euler numbers.

(iv) Hyperbolic case?

Hyperbolic Bloch–Ochiai by “O-minimal”, Pila, Ulmo, Mok, . . . : How related?

In Thm 4.2 we have  $|\widehat{\exp f(\mathbf{C})} \cap \mathbf{D}| = \infty$ .

*Question:* What is the cluster set of  $\widehat{\exp f(\mathbf{C})} \cap \mathbf{D}$ , the set of accumulation points of  $\widehat{\exp f(\mathbf{C})} \cap \mathbf{D}$ ?

This question makes sense for  $\exp f(\mathbf{C}) \cap \mathbf{D}$  with  $\mathbf{D} \subset \mathbf{A}$ , too.

Also recall:

Analy. Ax-Schanuel + O-minimal + Arithmetic  $\implies$  ??

**Thank you for your attention!!**

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