

## Theorem 12.1 (the Risch Structure Theorem)

Let  $K$  be a field of constants,  $F_0 = K(x)$ , and  $F_n = K(x)(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$  where  $\theta_j$  is either

- (i) algebraic over  $F_{j-1} = F_0(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{j-1})$  or
- (ii)  $\theta_j = \log u_j$  for some  $u_j \in F_{j-1}$  or
- (iii)  $\theta_j = e^{w_j}$  for some  $w_j \in F_{j-1}$ .

Then (i)  $h = e^g$  where  $g \notin K$  is algebraic over  $F_n$  iff  $\exists c_i \in \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.

$$g + \sum_i c_i w_i \in K$$

and (ii)  $h = \log f$  where  $f \notin K$  is algebraic over  $F_n$  iff  $\exists k_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k_0 \neq 0$  s.t.

$$f^{k_0} \prod_{j \neq 0} u_j^{k_j} \in K$$

Given  $\int f(x) dx$ , apply the theorem to construct  $F_n$  s.t.  $f(x) \in F_n$ ,  $\theta_i \notin F_{i-1}$  and transcendental ( $\theta_i$  not also algebraic).

E.g.  $e^{\frac{1}{2}x}$  and  $e^{2x}$  are algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}(x)(\theta_1 = e^x)$   
 $\log x^{-1}$  and  $\log x^2$  are algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}(x)(\theta_1 = \log x)$