

Problem Set 3

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Problem 1. Let K be a field with $\text{char}(K) \neq 2$, and let $F = K(x)[y]/\langle y^2 - f(x) \rangle$ where $f(T) \in K[T]$ and $\deg f = 2m + 1 \geq 3$. Then $F/K(x)$ is a quadratic field extension. Show:

- (a) K is the full constant field of F .
- (b) There is a exactly one prime divisor $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbb{P}_F$ which is a pole of $x \in F$, and this \mathfrak{p} is also the only pole of $y \in F$.
- (c) If $r, s \in \mathbb{N}$ and $s < r - m$, then the elements $1, x, x^2, \dots, x^r, y, xy, \dots, x^s y$ are in $\mathcal{L}(2r\mathfrak{p})$.
- (d) The genus g of F/K satisfies $g \leq m$.

Problem 2. Let F/K be a function field with genus g .

- (a) Prove that if $x, y \in F \setminus K$ are such that $\deg(x)_\infty$ and $\deg(y)_\infty$ are coprime, then $F = K(x, y)$.
- (b) Let $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbb{P}_F$. Prove that for each $n \geq 2g$ there exists $x \in F$ with $(x)_\infty = n\mathfrak{p}$.
- (c) Assume $g > 0$ and F/K has a degree one prime divisor. Prove that there exist $x, y \in F$ such that

$$[F : K(x)] = [F : K(y)] = 2g + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad F = K(x, y).$$

Problem 3. Let $\omega \in \Omega$ and $\alpha = (\alpha_{\mathfrak{p}}) \in \mathbb{A}$. Prove that $\omega_{\mathfrak{p}}(\alpha_{\mathfrak{p}}) = 0$ for almost all $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbb{P}_F$, and

$$\omega(\alpha) = \sum_{\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbb{P}} \omega_{\mathfrak{p}}(\alpha_{\mathfrak{p}}).$$

Hint: If $\omega \neq 0$, consider $S_1 := \text{supp}((\omega))$, $S_2 := \{\mathfrak{p} \in \mathbb{P}_F \mid \nu_{\mathfrak{p}}(\alpha_{\mathfrak{p}}) < 0\}$ and $\beta: \mathbb{P}_F \rightarrow F$ given by

$$\beta_{\mathfrak{p}} := \begin{cases} \alpha_{\mathfrak{p}} & \mathfrak{p} \notin S_1 \cup S_2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Problem 4. Consider the rational function field $\mathbb{C}(z)/\mathbb{C}$. Recall that we saw in class that the divisor $-2\mathfrak{p}_\infty$ is canonical. In fact, there exists a unique Weil differential $\omega \in \Omega$ with $(\omega) = -2\mathfrak{p}_\infty$ and $\omega_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}(z^{-1}) = -1$.

- (a) Show that if $m \leq -2$ and $n \geq 0$ then

$$\omega_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}((z-1)^m) = \omega_{\mathfrak{p}_1}((z-1)^n) = 0.$$

- (b) Compute $\omega_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}((z-1)^{-1})$. *Hint: Consider the function $\frac{1}{z(z-1)}$.*
- (c) Using Problem 3, find $\omega_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}((z-1)^k)$ and $\omega_{\mathfrak{p}_1}((z-1)^k)$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- (d) Compute $\omega_{\mathfrak{p}_1}\left(\frac{3z+2}{z^2-2z+1}\right)$.