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Global algebraic functions on a complex 1-manifold

Let X be a Riemann surface and $p \in \mathcal{M}(X)[T]$ be a monic polynomial with coefficients in the field of meromorphic functions on X . That means

$$p(T) = T^n + c_1T^{n-1} + \cdots + c_n$$

where c_i are meromorphic functions on X .

A *solution* to this polynomial must be a $F \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ such that $p(F) = 0$ that is

$$p(F) = F^n + c_1F^{n-1} + \cdots + c_n = 0$$

everywhere on X .

In general, solutions to such polynomial equations would *not* exist. As in, $\mathcal{M}(X)$ are not algebraically closed in general.

Riemann surface of algebraic functions exist and they are unique

Proposition:

Suppose X is a Riemann surface and

$$p(T) = T^n + c_1T^{n-1} + \cdots + c_n \in \mathcal{M}(X)[T]$$

is an *irreducible* polynomial of degree n .

Then there **exists** a n -sheeted ($\implies$ proper ^[1]) holomorphic map and a meromorphic $F \in \mathcal{M}(Y)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathbb{C}P^1 \\ \downarrow \pi, \deg n & & \\ X & & \end{array}$$

such that $(\pi^*p)(F) = 0$ called the **algebraic function defined by the polynomial $p(T)$** . This $\pi : Y \xrightarrow{n} X, F$ is **unique** up to isomorphism, that is if there is another degree n map $Z \xrightarrow{n} X$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & G & \\ Z \curvearrowright & Y \xrightarrow{F} & \mathbb{C}P^1 \\ \deg n \searrow & \downarrow \pi, \deg n & \\ & X & \end{array}$$

then there is a biholomorphic map $\sigma : Z \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & G & \\ Z \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \xrightarrow{F} & \mathbb{C}P^1 \\ \deg n \searrow & \downarrow \pi, \deg n & \\ & X & \end{array}$$

commutes ($G = \sigma^*F$).

Because the the map $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ is proper, in particular if X is compact, then Y is also compact.

[2]

- 💡 Let $\Delta \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ be the discriminant of the polynomial $p(T)$.
 - p is irreducible $\implies \exists$ closed discrete $A \subset X$ such on $X \setminus A$ the functions $c_1, \dots, c_n$ are holomorphic and $\Delta \neq 0$.
 - Then for $x \in X' := X \setminus A$

$$p_x(T)$$

- has n distinct zeros.
- Now from the topological space $|\mathcal{O}_X| \rightarrow X$ we consider

$$Y' := \{f_x \in \mathcal{O} \mid x \in X', p(f_x) = 0\}$$

- By [-] the projection $Y' \rightarrow X$ is a degree n covering.
- Uniqueness* ^[3]

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