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## Meromorphic functions on a Riemann surface

### algebraic degree and degree of meromorphic maps

Let  $\Sigma$  be a compact Riemann surface. It admits a non-trivial holomorphic

$$f : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_* : \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{C}P^1] &\cong \mathbb{C}(z) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}(\Sigma) \\ p(z) &\mapsto p(f(-)) \end{aligned}$$

is an embedding of fields.

$$[\mathbb{C}(\Sigma), \mathbb{C}(z)] = \deg f$$

Let (by translation if necessary)  $0 \in \mathbb{C}P^1$  is a regular value of  $f$  so  $f^{-1}(0)$  is a set of  $d := \deg f$  distinct points

$$p_1, \dots, p_d \in \Sigma$$

- By *existence* for each  $i$  there is a meromorphic

$$g_i : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1$$

that has a simple pole at  $p_i$  but is holomorphic around  $p_j$  for each  $j \neq i$ .
- Suppose

$$\sum_j \lambda_j g_j = 0$$

where  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}(z) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}(\Sigma)$ . By multiplying a suitable  $z^k$  we can assume  $\lambda_j$  are holomorphic around  $z = 0$  and do not all vanish at  $z = 0$ .
- Consider

$$\sum_j \lambda_j (f(p_i)) g_j(p_i) = 0$$

The only non-holomorphic term is  $\lambda_i g_i$  so

$$\lambda_j \underbrace{(f(p_i))}_0 = 0$$

which is a contradiction.
- Thus

$$[\mathbb{C}(\Sigma), \mathbb{C}(z)] \geq \deg f$$

- By *primitive element theorem* it suffices to show any  $g \in \mathbb{C}(\Sigma)$  satisfies

$$P(f, g) = \lambda_0(f) + g \lambda_1(f) + g^2 \lambda_2(f) + \dots + g^d \lambda_d(f)$$

- Let  $z$  be a regular value of  $f$  so

$$f^{-1}(z) = \{p_1, \dots, p_d\} \subset \Sigma$$

such that

$$w_i := g(p_i) \in \mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{C}P^1$$
- If

$$a_1 := \sum_i w_i$$

and so on are elementary symmetric functions we have

$$\sum_{r=0}^d (-1)^r a_r g^r = 0$$

### holomorphic maps and field extensions

Corollary of

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$$[\mathbb{C}(\Sigma), \mathbb{C}(z)] = \deg f$$

If

$$f : \Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma_2$$

is a non-constant holomorphic map between compact connected Riemann surfaces then

$$[\mathbb{C}(\Sigma_1), \mathbb{C}(\Sigma_2)] = \deg f$$

Consider

$$f_0 : \Sigma_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1$$

then

$$\mathbb{C}(z) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}(\Sigma_2) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}(\Sigma_1)$$

which gives

$$[\mathbb{C}(\Sigma_1), \mathbb{C}(z)] = [\mathbb{C}(\Sigma_1), \mathbb{C}(\Sigma_2)][\mathbb{C}(\Sigma_2), \mathbb{C}(z)]$$

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