

**Lemma Q.1.** *Proof:*

Denote  $h = x_2^2 - f(x_1)$  and assume  $h = u \cdot v$  where  $u, v \in \bar{K}[x_1, x_2]$ .

First assume  $u, v \in \bar{K}[x_1, x_2] \setminus \bar{K}[x_1]$  i.e.  $\deg_{x_2}(u) > 0, \deg_{x_2}(v) > 0$ . Because  $\deg_{x_2}(u) + \deg_{x_2}(v) = \deg_{x_2}(h) = 2 \implies \deg_{x_2}(u) = 1 = \deg_{x_2}(v)$ . W.l.o.g assume  $lc_{x_2}(u) = 1 = lc_{x_2}(v)$ , we can do that since  $lc_{x_2}(h) = 1$ . Therefore we can write  $u = x_2 - s_1$  and  $v = x_2 - s_2$  where  $s_1, s_2 \in \bar{K}[x_1]$ . This gives us

$$x_2^2 - f(x_1) = h = (x_2 - s_1)(x_2 - s_2) = x_2^2 - (s_1 + s_2)x_2 + s_1s_2$$

So it must hold that  $s_1 = -s_2$  and then  $h = x_2^2 + s_1(-s_1) \implies f(x_1) = s_1^2$ .

Now assume w.l.o.g  $u \in \bar{K}[x_1]$ . We compare the leading coefficients.

$$1 = lc_{x_2}(h) = lc_{x_2}(u) \cdot lc_{x_2}(v) = u \cdot lc_{x_2}(v)$$

This shows that  $u$  must be invertible in  $\bar{K}[x_1, x_2] \implies u \in \bar{K}^*$ . In other words  $h$  is absolutely irreducible. □

**Sublemma Q.3.5** *Let  $F/K$  be an algebraic function field,  $\text{char}(K) \neq 2$ , that is given by  $y^2 = f(x)$ ,  $f$  being a quaternary polynomial that possesses a simple root. Let  $P \in \mathbb{P}_{F/K}$ . If  $x \notin P$  or  $y \notin P$ , then  $x, y \notin P$  and  $2v_P(x) = v_P(y)$ .*

*Proof:* In  $F$  it holds  $y^2 = f(x)$  by definition which implies that for every  $P \in \mathbb{P}_{F/K}$   $v_P(y^2) = 2v_P(y) = v_P(f(x))$ .

Assume  $v_P(x) < 0 \leq v_P(y)$ . By properties of valuation we have  $\deg(f)v_P(x) = v_P(f(x)) = 2v_P(y) \implies 2v_P(x) = v_P(y)$  and by assumption  $v_P(y) > v_P(x) \implies 2v_P(x) > v_P(x) \iff v_P(x) > 0$ . That's a contradiction.

Now assume  $v_P(x) \geq 0 > v_P(y)$ .  $v_P(x) \geq 0 \implies v_P(f(x)) \geq 0$  then  $0 \leq v_P(f(x)) = 2v_P(y) < 0$  which is again a contradiction.

We have proven  $v_P(x) < 0 \iff v_P(y) < 0$ . Therefore we have the equality  $4v_P(x) = 2v_P(y) \iff 2v_P(x) = v_P(y)$  assuming  $v_P(x) < 0$  or  $v_P(y) < 0$ . □

**Lemma Q.4.** *Proof:* By sublemma Q.3.5 we know, that if  $P \in \mathbb{P}_{F/K} : x^{-1} \in P \implies y^{-1} \in P$  and  $2v_P(x) = v_P(y)$ . This proves  $(y)_- = 2(x)_-$  ( $x^{-1}, y^{-1}$  "share" places and the valuation is 2:1).

Let's first assume that  $f$  possesses a multiple root. Therefore  $f(x_1) = (x_1 - \alpha)^2 g(x_1)$  where  $\deg(g) = 2$  and  $g$  is not a square. By Q.3  $F$  is given by  $z^2 = g(x)$  i.e.  $F = K(x, z)$ .  $[F : K(x)] = 2$  since  $\min_{z, K(x)}(T) = T^2 - g(x)$ , that polynomial has  $z$  as a root in  $F$  and it is absolutely irreducible (as a polynomial in  $K[x, T]$ ) since  $g$  is not a square. We can then assume  $\bar{K} = K$  since  $[F : \bar{K}(x)] = 2$  (same polynomial) and  $[F : K(x)] = [F : \bar{K}(x)][\bar{K} : K] = 2 \implies [\bar{K} : K] = 1$ .

Then we know  $\deg((x)_-) = [F : K(x^{-1})] = [F : K(x)] = 2$  i.e.  $\deg(D) = 2$ .

Now assume  $f$  is separable. We can then use the same argument for  $K = \bar{K}$  since  $\min_{y, K(x)}(T) = T^2 - f(x)$  and by Q.1 this one is also absolutely irreducible.  $F = K(x, y) \implies [F : K(x)] = [F : \bar{K}(x)][\bar{K} : K] = 2 \implies [\bar{K} : K] = 1$ . And again  $\deg(D) = 2$ .

Now let's prove that the genus is at most 1. Since  $\deg(D) = 2 \implies \sum_{P: x^{-1} \in P} v_P(x) \deg(P) = 2$  means we have 2 possibilities (we are assuming  $K = \bar{K}$  which implies  $\forall P \in \mathbb{P}_{F/K} : \deg(P) = 1$ ):

1. There exists a unique place  $P_\infty : v_{P_\infty}(x) = -2, v_{P_\infty}(y) = -4$  and  $D = 2P_\infty$
2. There are 2 distinct places  $P, Q$  s.t.  $v_P(x) = -1 = v_Q(x), v_P(y) = -2 = v_Q(y)$  and  $D = P + Q$ .

In both cases we can see that for  $k \geq 2 : \{1, x, \dots, x^k, y, yx, \dots, yx^{k-2}\} \subset \mathcal{L}(kD)$  because  $(x^k)_+ + kD = k((x)_+ - (x)_-) + k(x)_- = k(x)_+ \geq 0$  and also  $(y)_- = 2(x)_-$  so it holds if we substitute  $x^2$  for  $y$ . This subset is linearly indepent over  $K$  because  $y$  cannot be expressed as a linear combination of  $x^i$  since  $f$  has one simple root (if  $f(x) = g^2(x) \implies y = g(x)$ ). The set also contains  $2k$  elements. Therefore  $l(kD) \geq 2k$ .

We know that for a sufficiently large  $k$  (if  $l(kD) \geq 2g - 1$ ,  $g$  genus) we have  $l(kD) = \deg(kD) - g + 1$  having  $\deg(kD) = 2k, l(kD) \geq 2k \implies 0 \leq l(kD) - \deg(kD) = -g + 1 \iff g \leq 1$ .

□

**Proposition Q.5.** *Proof:* Denote  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = g(x) = f(x) - x^4$ . First we will prove that for both  $z \in Z = \{y + x^2, y - x^2\} : [F : K(z)] = 2$ . Denote  $z_1 = y + x^2, z_2 = y - x^2$  We have tower of field extensions  $F \supseteq K(z_1, z_2) \supseteq K(z_1)$ :

$$[F : K(z_1)] = [F : K(z_1, z_2)][K(z_1, z_2) : K(z_1)]$$

Clearly  $K(x^2, y) \supseteq K(z_1, z_2)$  and conversely  $x^2 = \frac{z_1 - z_2}{2}, y = \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} \implies K(z_1, z_2) \supseteq K(x^2, y)$  therefore  $K(z_1, z_2) = K(x^2, y)$ .

Also  $K(x^2, y) = F$  since  $x = \frac{y^2 - x^4 - bx^2 - d}{ax^2 + c} \in K(x^2, y)$  if  $a \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$  ( $F = K(x, y)$ ). If  $a = 0 = c$  then  $F$  is given by  $y^2 = g'(x^2)$  where  $g'(x) = x^2 + a'x + b$  separable. Then  $K(x^2, y) = F$  as well.

Choose  $P \leq D$  a place. We will prove that for at least one  $z \in Z : v_P(z) < v_P(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 = f(x) &\iff y^2 - x^4 = g(x), 0 \leq \deg(g) \leq 3 \implies \\ (y + x^2)(y - x^2) = g(x) &\implies v_P(y + x^2) + v_P(y - x^2) = v_P(g(x)) = \deg(g)v_P(x) \end{aligned}$$

Denote  $z_1 = y + x^2, z_2 = y - x^2$ . Assume to contrary  $v_P(z_1) \geq v_P(x)$  and  $v_P(z_2) \geq v_P(x)$ . We will look at all possible cases.

$\deg(g) = 3$ :  $3v_P(x) = v_P(z_1) + v_P(z_2) \geq v_P(x) + v_P(x) \implies v_P(x) > 0$  which is a contradiction since  $v_P(x) < 0$ .

$\deg(g) = 2$ :  $2v_P(x) = v_P(z_1) + v_P(z_2)$ .

First consider  $v_P(x) = v_P(z_1) = v_P(z_2)$  and  $v_P(x) = -2$ , then  $2P = (x)_- = (z_1)_- = (z_2)_-$ . Then  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathcal{L}(D)$  but then also  $\frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} = y \in \mathcal{L}(D)$  which is a contradiction since  $(y)_- = 2(x)_-$ .

Now let's assume  $v_P(x) = -1$  and then there also exist a different place  $Q$  s.t.  $v_Q(x) = v_Q(z_1) = v_Q(z_2) = -1$ . Since  $\deg((z)_-) = 2$  then again  $P + Q = (x)_- = (z_1)_- = (z_2)_-$  and we have the same contradiction.

We have proven that  $v_P(x) = v_P(z_1) = v_P(z_2)$  is impossible therefore for one  $z$  it must hold  $v_P(z) < v_P(x)$ .

$\deg(g) = 1$ :  $v_P(x) = v_P(z_1) + v_P(z_2)$ . First assume  $v_P(x) = -2$ . And also  $v_P(z_1) = v_P(z_2) = -1$ . This is impossible since  $\deg((z)_-) = 2$  but for every other place  $Q \neq P : 0 =$

$v_Q(z_1) + v_Q(z_2) \implies v_Q(z_1) = -v_Q(z_2)$ . If there was  $Q_1 : v_{Q_1}(z_1) = -1 \implies v_{Q_1}(z_2) = 1$  and  $Q_2 : v_{Q_2}(z_2) = -1 \implies v_{Q_2}(z_1) = 1$ . Then for some  $P_1, P_2$  places of degree 1:  $(z_1) = (P_1 + Q_2) - (P + Q_1), (z_2) = (P_2 + Q_1) - (P + Q_2)$ . Set  $D' = P + Q_1 + Q_2$  then  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathcal{L}(D')$  and as before this means that  $y \in \mathcal{L}(D')$  which is a contradiction.

Now if  $v_P(x) = -1$  then either  $v_P(z) < v_P(x)$  for a  $z \in Z$  or w.l.o.g  $v_P(z_1) = -1$  and  $v_P(z_2) = 0$ . Then also assume first  $v_Q(z_1) = -1 \implies v_Q(z_2) = 0$ . But since  $\deg((z)_+) = 2$  there must be a place  $P'$  s.t.  $v_{P'}(z_2) > 0$  and  $v_{P'}(x) = 0$  since  $P' \neq P, Q$  but it must be  $v_{P'}(z_1) < 0$ . This again contradicts the degree of the divisor.

If  $v_Q(z_1) = 0$  and  $v_Q(z_2) = -1$ . Then again there must be a place  $P_1$  s.t.  $v_{P_1}(z_1) = -1$  and  $v_{P_1}(z_2) = 1$  and a place  $v_{P_2}(z_2) = 1 \implies v_{P_2}(z_1) = -1$ . This also contradicts divisor degree.

The last case is  $\deg(g) = 0$ :  $v_P(z_1) = -v_P(z_2) \implies (z_1) = -(z_2)$ . First assume  $v_P(z_1) = 0 \implies v_P(z_2) = 0$  and same for  $v_Q$  ( $Q$  not necessarily different from  $P$ ). Then there exist places  $P_1, P_2, Q_1, Q_2 \neq P, Q$  s.t.  $(z_1) = P_1 + P_2 - (Q_1 + Q_2), (z_2) = -(z_1)$ . Set  $D' = P_1 + P_2 + Q_1 + Q_2$  then  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathcal{L}(D')$  but also  $y \in \mathcal{L}(D')$  which is again contradiction since  $(y)_- = 2(x)_-$ .

If  $v_P(z_1) = 1 \implies v_P(z_2) = -1$ . There exists another place  $P'$  s.t.  $v_{P'}(z_1) = 1 \implies v_{P'}(z_2) = -1$ . There must be again two places  $Q_1, Q_2$  s.t.  $(z_1) = P + P' - (Q_1 + Q_2), (z_2) = -(z_1)$ . Put  $D' = P + P' + Q_1 + Q_2$  then again  $y \in \mathcal{L}(D')$  which is a contradiction.

We have proven that for each place  $P \leq D$  at least one  $z \in Z$  must have  $v_P(z) < v_P(x)$ . This shows also that  $(x)_- = P + Q$  for distinct  $P, Q$ . If  $P = Q$  then  $v_P(x) = -2 \implies v_P(z) \leq -3$  which contradicts  $[F : K(z)] = 2$ . Since  $\deg((z)_-) = 2$  and  $v_P(z) < -1$  it must be that  $(z)_- = 2P, (z')_- = 2Q$  for  $z, z' \in Z$ . Since we have not distinguished  $P$  and  $Q$  we can say  $(z_1)_- = 2P$  and  $(z_2)_- = 2Q$ .

□

**Theorem Q.6.** *Proof:* Assume genus 0. There exists  $t \in F$  s.t.  $(t) = P - Q$  and also  $(t^{-1}) = -(t) = Q - P$ . Also  $l(D) = \deg(D) + 1 = 3$ .

$t \in \mathcal{L}(D)$  since  $(t) + D = P - Q + P + Q = 2P \geq 0$ . Also  $t^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(D) : (t^{-1}) + D = Q - P + P + Q = 2Q \geq 0$ .  $t$  and  $t^{-1}$  are linearly independent since  $t \notin K$ . This means  $\{1, t, t^{-1}\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(D)$ .

$x \in \mathcal{L}(D) \implies x = c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^{-1}$  for some  $c_i \in K$ . This is equivalent to saying  $tx = u(t), u(t) \in K[t], \deg(u) = 2$ .

In the same way we see  $\{1, t, t^{-1}, t^2, t^{-2}\}$  for a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(2D)$ . Again  $y \in \mathcal{L}(2D) : (y) + 2D = (y)_+ - (y)_- + 2(x)_- = (y)_+ \geq 0$ . This means  $t^2 y = v(t)$  where  $v(t) \in K[t], \deg(v) = 4$ .

$y^2 = f(x) \iff t^4 y^2 = t^4 f(x)$ . Substitute  $yt = v(t)$  and  $xt^2 = u(t)$  then we have equality  $v^2(t) = t^4 f(\frac{u(t)}{t})$ .  $f$  is a polynomial of degree 4 therefore it has up to 4 different roots  $1 \leq i \leq 4 : \alpha_i \implies v^2(t) = t^4 (\frac{u(t)}{t} - \alpha_1)(\frac{u(t)}{t} - \alpha_2)(\frac{u(t)}{t} - \alpha_3)(\frac{u(t)}{t} - \alpha_4)$  we can rewrite this as

$$v^2(t) = (u(t) - t\alpha_1)(u(t) - t\alpha_2)(u(t) - t\alpha_3)(u(t) - t\alpha_4)$$

$v^2(t) = v(t)v(t)$  is a polynomial of degree 8, which has at most 4 different roots. Also  $u(t) - t\alpha_i$  is a polynomial of degree 2. There exist at most two  $\alpha \in K$  s.t.  $u(t) - t\alpha$  has a root of multiplicity 2. This is because the root of a quadratic polynomial has multiplicity 2 when the discriminant  $D$  is 0. If  $g(x) - \alpha x = ax^2 + (b - \alpha)x + c \implies 0 = D = (b - \alpha)^2 - 4ac \iff \alpha = \pm 2\sqrt{ac} + b$ .

Also if  $i \neq j : \alpha_i \neq \alpha_j$  the polynomials  $u(t) - t\alpha_i$  and  $u(t) - t\alpha_j$  do not have common roots. This means that if  $1 \leq i \leq 4 : \alpha_i$  are all different then  $v^2(t)$  has at least  $6 = 2 + 2 + 1 + 1$  different roots. This a contradiction.

Therefore if genus is 0 then  $f$  cannot be separable. We have shown that genus of  $F$  is 0 or 1, this means that for  $f$  separable we must have genus 1.

Denote  $w = x_2^2 - f(x_1)$ .

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x_1} = -f'(x_1), \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_1} = 2x_2 \quad (1)$$

For a singularity  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ ,  $\alpha_2$  must be 0 and  $\alpha_1$  must be a root of  $f(x_1)$  and also of  $f'(x_1)$  this is true iff  $f(x_1)$  is separable. If  $f(x_1)$  is not separable then it shares a common root  $\alpha_1$  with  $f'(x_1)$  and this gives us singularity at  $(\alpha_1, 0)$ . This proves the rest of the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem Q.7.** *Proof:* Denote  $D = P + Q$  a divisor. Due to genus being 1  $\forall k \geq 1 : l(kD) = 2k$ .  $l(D) = 2$  and that means there exists  $x \notin K$  s.t.  $\{1, x\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(D)$  and also  $(x)_- \leq P + Q$ . Then  $(x)^2 = 2(x) = 2(x)_+ - 2(x)_- \implies x^2 \in \mathcal{L}(2D)$ ,  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  is linearly independent in  $\mathcal{L}(2D)$  but  $l(2D) = 4$  that means there exists  $y \in \mathcal{L}(2D) \setminus \mathcal{L}(D)$  such that  $\{1, x, x^2, y\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(2D)$ .

Denote  $B = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, y, yx, yx^2, y^2\}$ , clearly  $B \subseteq \mathcal{L}(4D)$ ,  $l(4D) = 8$  and  $|B| = 8 \implies 1 \leq i \leq 8 : \exists a_i \in K :$

$$y^2 = a_1y + a_2yx + a_3yx^2 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^3 + a_6x^2 + a_7x + a_8$$

Denote  $C = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, y, yx\}$ .  $C$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(3D)$ ,  $C \cup \{yx^2, y^2\}$  is also a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(4D)$ . If  $a_4 = 0$  that would be a contradiction to  $C \cup \{yx^2, y^2\}$  being a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(4D)$  since  $y^2$  would be a linear combination of 7 elements.

Now we make a substitution  $y \rightarrow y - \frac{a_1 + a_2x + a_3x^2}{2}$ . This gives us form:

$$y^2 = b_1x^4 + b_2x^3 + b_3x^2 + b_4x + b_5$$

where  $b_1 = a_4 + \frac{a_3^2}{4}$ . If  $b_1 = 0$  then  $y^2$  would be a linear combination of elements in  $\mathcal{L}(3D)$  but  $\square$

**Theorem Q.8.** *Proof:* Denote  $f(x) = g(x^2)$ .  $F$  is EFF therefore genus is 1 and there exists a place of degree 1. Also  $K$  can be assumed algebraically closed.

If  $g(x)$  has a multiple root  $\alpha$ , then  $f(x) = g(x^2)$  has also a multiple root because  $g(x) = (x - \alpha)^2 \implies g(x^2) = (x - \sqrt{\alpha})^2(x + \sqrt{\alpha})^2$ . Set  $z = \frac{y}{x - \sqrt{\alpha}}$ . Then  $F$  is given by  $z^2 = (x + \sqrt{\alpha})^2$ . This means  $x \in K(z)$  and from the definition of  $y$  also  $y \in K(z)$  which means  $F$  has genus 0, a contradiction.

From now on we can assume  $g(x)$  has 2 distinct roots. If  $f(x) = g(x^2)$  would have a multiple root then it's genus would not be 1 by Q.6. So we can assume  $g(x^2)$  separable.

First we will prove the second part of the theorem. We have shown that  $g(x^2)$  must be separable. Therefore by Q.5 we have places of degree 1 ( $P \neq Q$ ),  $(x)_- = P + Q$  and  $(y + x^2)_- = 2Q$ ,  $(y - x^2)_- = 2P$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 = g(x^2) = x^4 + 2bx^2 + c &\iff y^2 - (x^4 - 2bx^2 - b^2) = c - b^2 \implies \\ (y - (x^2 + b))(y + (x^2 + b)) &= c - b^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g(x^2)$  is separable  $g(x)$  must have simple roots. If  $g(x)$  has a multiple root then it's discriminant is 0 and that happens iff  $c - b^2 = 0$ . So we know  $0 \neq c - b^2 \in K$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= v_P(c - b^2) = v_P(y - (x^2 + b)) + v_P(y + (x^2 + b)) \\ v_P(y - (x^2 + b)) &= v_P(y - x^2) = -2 \implies v_P(y + (x^2 + b)) = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can show  $v_Q(y - (x^2 + b)) = 2$  and  $v_Q(y + x^2 + b) = -2$ .

Since  $\deg((y+x^2+b)_+) = \deg((y+x^2+b)_-) = \deg((y+x^2)_-) = 2 \implies \operatorname{div}(y+x^2+b) = 2P - 2Q$  and similarly  $\operatorname{div}(y + x^2 + b) = 2Q - 2P$ .

We have proven the last part of the theorem. Now let's prove the equivalence.

As we have shown before. We can assume  $g(x^2)$  separable and then we have involution  $P-Q$  as shown above since  $2P-2Q = (t)$  for  $t \in F$ . We only have to show that  $P-Q \neq (t)$  for some  $t \in F$ .

If  $t \in F$  s.t.  $(t) = P - Q \implies \deg((t)_+) = 1 = [F : K(t)]$  and that would be contradiction with  $F$  being EFF.

Now we assume we have involution. We can always find  $t \in F \setminus K$  s.t.  $(t) = 2P - 2Q$  where  $P, Q$  distinct places of degree 1 and  $P - Q$  is involution.

Then  $l(2P) = 2 = l(2Q) \implies \{1, t\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(2P)$  and  $\{1, t^{-1}\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(2Q)$ .