

**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 quartic polynomial that is absolutely irreducible. 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:*

**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  $2v_P(x) = v_P(y)$ . Therefore  $2|v_P(y^{-1}) \implies v_P(y^{-1}) \geq 2$ .

$$(y)_- = \sum_{y^{-1} \in P} v_P(y^{-1})P \implies$$

$$\deg((y)_-) = \sum_{y^{-1} \in P} v_P(y^{-1}) \deg(P) = [F : K(y^{-1})] = [F : K(y)] = \deg(f) = 4$$

We know  $v_P(y^{-1}) \geq 2$ , this means there are 3 possibilities.

1. There is only one place  $P$  s.t.  $\deg(P) = 1$  and  $v_P(y^{-1}) = 4$ .
2. There is only one place  $P$  s.t.  $\deg(P) = 2$  and  $v_P(y^{-1}) = 2$ .
3. There are 2 distinct places  $P_1, P_2$  s.t.  $\deg(P_1) = 1 = \deg(P_2)$  and  $v_{P_1}(y^{-1}) = 2 = v_{P_2}(y^{-1})$ .

For every possibility it holds that  $(y)_- = 2(x)_-$ . And also that  $\deg((x)_-) = 2$ .

When determining the genus we can assume  $K = \bar{K}$ . Denote the genus of  $F/K$  as  $g > 0$ . By the Riemann theorem we get that for  $D \in \text{Div}(F/K) : \deg(D) - l(D) < g$ . Since  $\deg_{\bar{K}}(D) = [F : K(x)] = 2 \implies 2 - l(D) < g$ .  $D \geq 0 \implies l(D) \geq 1 \implies l(D) \geq 2 - g$ . Therefore  $g = 1$  or  $g = 0$ .