

# Function fields

Given finite ext<sup>n</sup>  $\mathbb{C}(t) \subset K$  deg n



Get a group homomorphism

$$\pi_1(U, t_0) \rightarrow S_n$$

where  $U = \mathbb{C} - B$ ,  $B$  a finite set  
 $t_0 \in U$ .

Thm\*  
Field ext<sup>n</sup>  
||  
monodromy  
homs.

Riemann Existence  
Thm.

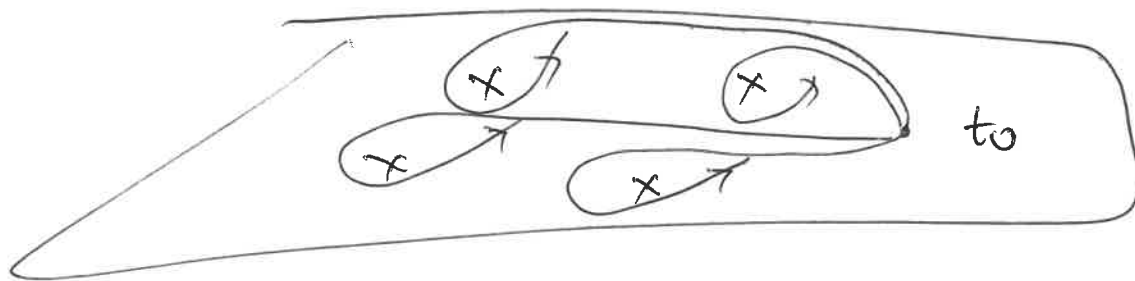
Riemann Exist. thm. \* You can go back.

Given  $\pi_1(U, t_0) \rightarrow S_n$

there exists a degree  $n$  ext<sup>n</sup> of  $\mathbb{C}(t)$

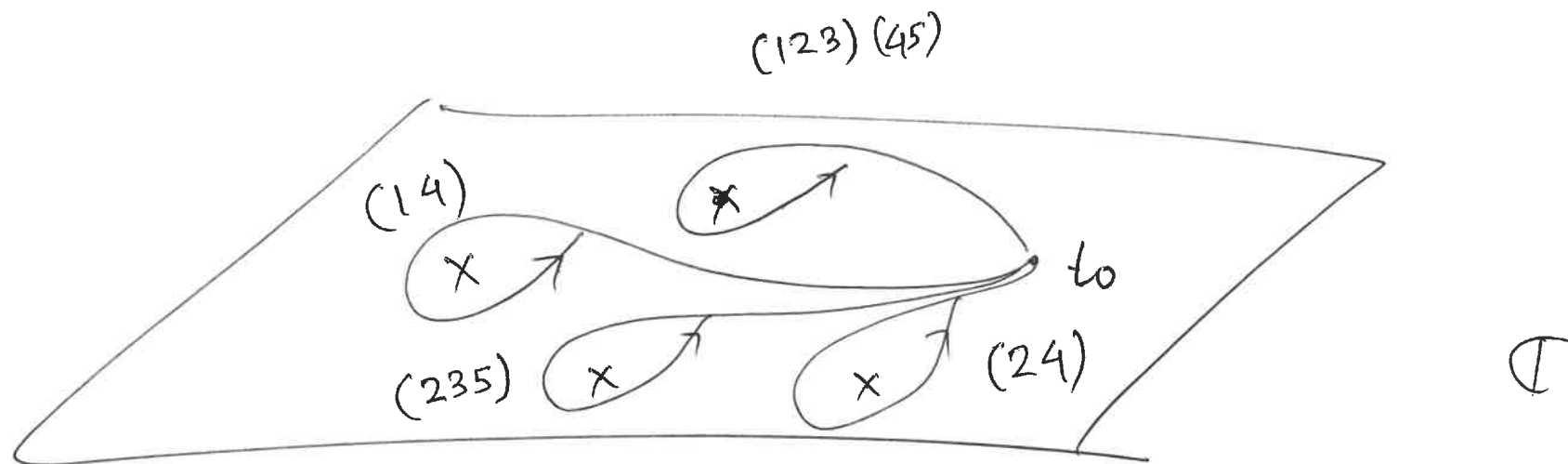
(eqv. a deg  $n$  irr. poly in  $\mathbb{C}(t)[x]$ )

which has the given monodromy.

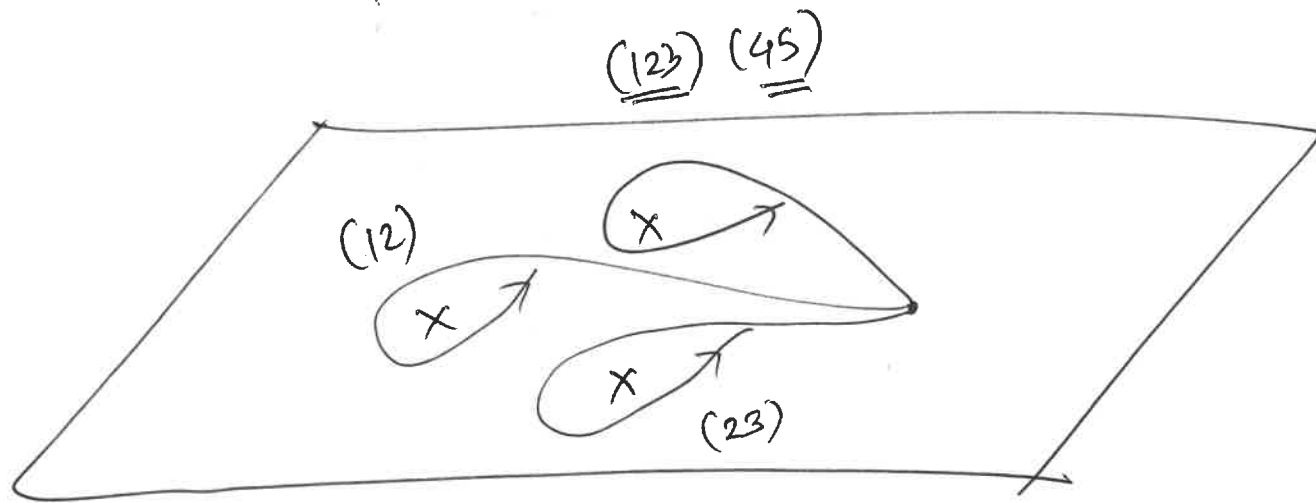


Ex.

$$n=5$$



Then  
 There is a quintic in  $X$  coeff poly in  $t$  such that  
 its monodromy is exactly as above!



$$n = 5$$

$$\underline{S_5}$$

$\Rightarrow$  A reducible quintic = cubic  $\times$  quadratic.

\* = monodromy "mixes all  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ "  
 acts transitively on  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

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 Given any  $i \& j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \exists$  path that  
 takes  $i$  to  $j$ .

$\{ \text{Field ext's of deg } n \text{ of } \mathbb{C}(t) \}$



$\{ \text{Transitive hom. } \pi_1(U, t_0) \rightarrow S_n \}$



Riemann Existence Theorem.

Ex: How many quartic ext<sup>n</sup>s of  $\mathbb{C}(t)$   
unbranched outside  $B = \{1, 2, i\}$ .

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Choose  $t_0 = 0$

transitive.

