

# Lecture XII: Algebraic functions II

Recall  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  proper holo deg  $n \Rightarrow [ \mathcal{O}_X : p^* \mathcal{O}_Y ] \leq n$  & = if  $\exists f \in \mathcal{O}_X$   
 $\exists y \in Y$  with  $n$  values in  $p^{-1}(y)$

Theorem 1: Fix  $Y$  a RS &  $Q = T^n + c_1 T^{n-1} + \dots + c_n \in \mathcal{O}_Y[T]$ .

Assume that  $Q$  is irreducible. Then  $\exists$  a triple  $(X, p, f)$  where:

(1)  $X$  is a RS

(2)  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  is a proper non-const holomorphic map of degree  $n$  ("n-sheeted branched covering")

(3)  $f \in \mathcal{O}_X$  with  $\underbrace{(p^* Q)}_{\in p^* \mathcal{O}_Y[T] \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X[T]}(f) = 0$ .

satisfying the following universal property: If  $(Z, q, g)$  is another such triple,

then  $\exists!$   $\sigma: Z \rightarrow X$  biholomorphic with  $\begin{matrix} Z & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & X \\ q \searrow & \circlearrowleft & \swarrow p \\ & Y & \end{matrix}$  &  $\begin{matrix} Z & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & X \\ g \searrow & \circlearrowleft & \swarrow f \\ & Y' & \end{matrix}$   
 (ie fiber preserving +  $\sigma^* f = g$ )

Last time: we proved existence by first avoiding discriminant of  $Q$  & poles of  $c_i$  ( $\frac{X' \leq 101}{Y'}$ )

Idea: Pick  $B = \{ \text{Zeros of discriminant of } Q \} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{ \text{poles of } c_i \}$  so

on  $Y' = Y \setminus B$ : (1)  $Q(T, y)$  has simple roots in  $\mathbb{C}$  for each  $y \in Y'$

(2)  $c_i \in \mathcal{O}_{Y'}$   $\forall i=1, \dots, n$

• Build  $X' \subseteq |\mathcal{O}_{Y'}|$  via  $X' = \{ (y, z) : y \in Y', z \in \mathcal{O}_{Y', y} \text{ & } p_y Q(z) = 0 \}$  (\*)

( $p_y Q = T^n + p_y(c_1) T^{n-1} + \dots + p_y(c_n) \in \mathcal{O}_{Y', y}[T]$ .)

•  $X' \xrightarrow{p} Y'$   $p(z) = y$   $n$ -sheeted covering (Claim)

•  $X' \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{C}$   $f(z) = z(y) = z(p(z))$  ( $f \in \mathcal{O}(X')$ )  $\Rightarrow (p^* Q)_{(f)} = 0$ .

Assuming  $X'$  is connected we can extend  $p$  to  $X \xrightarrow{p} Y$  & show  
 (it follows because  $Q$  is irred.)

$p$  is holo, proper of degree  $n$  (\*)

•  $f$  will extend to  $X$  meromorphically since  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are the elem sym

functions of  $f$  on  $Y'$  & the extend morphically to  $Y \Rightarrow f$  extends to  $\mathcal{O}_Y(X)$ .

For (\*): Show  $p|_{X'}$  is a covering with  $n$  sheets & use key lemma §11.2 to get  $p: X \rightarrow Y$

① Given  $y \in Y'$ , let  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  be the  $n$  roots of  $p_y Q(T, y) \in \mathbb{C}[T]$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Build  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \in \mathcal{O}_{Y', y}$  with  $p_y Q(\varphi_i) = 0 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, n$   
 $\varphi_i(y) = w_i$

$\Rightarrow$  Lift to  $s_1, \dots, s_n \in \mathcal{O}_{Y'}(U)$  for  $U \ni y$  open in  $Y'$ , so  $Q(s_i, y) = 0 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, n$   
 $y \in U$

$\Rightarrow p^{-1}(U) = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(U, s_i) \subseteq X'$  & we know  $p|_{\mathcal{N}(U, s_i)} : \mathcal{N}(U, s_i) \rightarrow U$  is homeo.

( $p_y(s_i) \neq p_y(s_j) \quad \forall y' \in U$  by the identity thm. ( $p_y(s_i) = \varphi_i \neq \varphi_j = p_y(s_j)$ )).

② The key lemma from Lecture 11 (§11.2 says extension  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  is proper, holds of degree  $n$ ).

To finish building  $X'$ , we need to prove (\*). We can do it for  $Y' = D_R(0)$  &  $y=0$ :

Lemma 1: Fix  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathcal{O}(D_R(0))$  with  $D_R(0) = \{z : |z| < R\}$  & assume

$$Q_0(T) = T^n + c_1(0) T^{n-1} + \dots + c_n(0) \in \mathbb{C}[T]$$

has a simple root, say  $w_0$ . Then,  $\exists r$  with  $0 < r < R$  &  $\exists \varphi \in \mathcal{O}(D_r(0))$

with  $\varphi(0) = w_0$  &  $Q(\varphi) := \varphi^n + c_1 \varphi^{n-1} + \dots + c_n = 0$  in  $\mathcal{O}(D_r(0))[T]$

( $\Rightarrow p_0(\varphi)$  solves  $p_0(Q)[T] = 0$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{D_R(0), 0}$ )

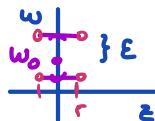
Proof: We consider  $w \in \mathbb{C}$  &  $z \in D_R(0)$  & the polynomial

$$F(z, w) := w^n + c_1(z) w^{n-1} + \dots + c_n(z) \in \mathbb{C}[z, w]$$

Since  $F(0, w_0) = 0$  &  $w_0$  is a simple root of  $F(0, w)$  we can find  $\epsilon > 0$

such that  $F(0, w)$  has only 1 zero in  $\overline{D_\epsilon(w_0)} = \{w : |w - w_0| \leq \epsilon\}$

(the zeroes of  $F(0, w)$  are discrete)



By continuity of  $F$  & compactness of  $\{ |w - w_0| = \epsilon \}$ ,  $\exists 0 < r < R$  st  $F$  has no zeroes on:

$$\{ (z, w) : z \in D_r(0) \text{ & } |w - w_0| = \epsilon \}$$

We will build  $\varphi$  by Residue type Formula, using the circumference  $C = \{ |w - w_0| = \varepsilon \}$

First, we define  $\mathcal{Z} : D_r(0) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  as

$$\mathcal{Z}(z) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{\partial_w F(z, w)}{F(z, w)} dw = \# \text{ of soln of } F(z, T) \text{ in } |T - w_0| < \varepsilon$$

[ Reason: if  $P(t) = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (t - \alpha_j)^{n_j} \Rightarrow \frac{P'(t)}{P(t)} = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \frac{n_j}{t - \alpha_j}$  &  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{P'(t)}{P(t)} dt = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ \alpha_j \in \text{Int}(C)}}^{\ell} n_j$  ]

By construction  $\mathcal{Z}$  is continuous and  $\text{im}(\mathcal{Z}) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ , so it's constant

Since  $\mathcal{Z}(0) = \text{mult}(w_0, F_{(0, w)}) = 1$  by our choice of  $\varepsilon$ , we get  $\mathcal{Z}(z) \equiv 1$ .

We define  $\varphi : D(0, r) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  via  $\varphi(z) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C w \frac{\partial_w F(z, w)}{F(z, w)} dw$

Claim.  $\varphi(z) =$  the value  $w$  of the unique zero of  $F(z, w)$  for  $w \in D_\varepsilon(w_0)$ .

PF/ If  $P(t) = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (t - \alpha_j)^{n_j} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{t P'(t)}{P(t)} dt = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ \alpha_j \in \text{Int}(C)}}^{\ell} n_j \alpha_j$

But since  $\mathcal{Z}(z) = 1$ , we know  $F(z, w)$  only has 1 zero in  $D_\varepsilon(w_0)$ , so  $\varphi(z)$  collects its value.

- $\varphi(0) = w_0$  by construction

- $\varphi$  depends holomorphically on  $z$  so  $\varphi \in \mathcal{O}(D_r(0))$ .

The construction gives uniqueness for free! (The integral formula computes the solution by the Residue Theorem). □

Next time: We'll see how to build  $(X, \rho, f)$  for  $Y = \mathbb{P}^1$  &  $Q(T) = T^2 - g(z)$   
 $\mathcal{V}_0(Y) = \mathbb{C}(z)$

## §12.1 Proof of Uniqueness in Theorem 1 (§11.2)

To prove the uniqueness of the triple  $(X, p, F)$  from Theorem 1 we need the following technical result:

Proposition 1: Suppose we have 3 Riemann surfaces  $X, Y, Z$  and 2 proper  $n$ -sheeted holomorphic branched coverings  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  &  $q: Z \rightarrow Y$ . Fix  $B \subseteq Y$

closed, discrete & write  $Y' = Y \setminus B$ ,  $X' = X \setminus p^{-1}(B)$ ,  $Z' = Z \setminus q^{-1}(B)$

Assume  $p|_{X'}: X' \rightarrow Y'$  &  $q|_{Z'}: Z' \rightarrow Y'$  are covering maps.

Then, every biholomorphism  $\sigma': Z' \rightarrow X'$  with  $p \circ \sigma' = q|_{Z'}$  &  $\text{loc} \sigma' = q|_{Z'}$  can be extended to a unit biholomorphism  $\sigma: Z \rightarrow X$  with  $p \circ \sigma = q$  &  $\text{loc} \sigma = q$ .

Remark: In particular, this gives a bijection from  $\text{Deck}(X|Y)$  to  $\text{Deck}(X'|Y')$  given by restriction.

Definition: We say a branched holomorphic proper map  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  is Galois if the associated covering map  $p': X \setminus A \rightarrow Y \setminus B$  (where  $B = \text{cut values}(p)$  &  $A = p^{-1}(B)$ ) is Galois.

Proof of Proposition 1:

• Fix  $b \in B$  & a coordinate nbhd  $(V, z)$  for  $b$  ( $z: V \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{D}$ ,  $b \mapsto 0$ ). Write  $V^* = V \setminus \{b\}$  & assume  $V$  is small enough so that  $p$  &  $q$  are unbranched over  $V^*$  (ie  $V^* \cap \{\text{cut pts of } p\} = V^* \cap \{\text{cut pts of } q\} = \emptyset$ ). We can do this because cut pts of proper  $n$ -sheet maps are discrete & closed.

• Fix  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  to be the connected components of  $U := p^{-1}(V)$   $m \leq n$

• —  $W_1, \dots, W_s$  —————  $W := q^{-1}(V)$   $s \leq n$

Write  $U_i^* := U_i \setminus p^{-1}(b)$   $i=1, \dots, m$  &  $U^* = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^m U_i^*$

—  $W_j^* := W_j \setminus q^{-1}(b)$   $j=1, \dots, s$  &  $W^* = \bigsqcup_{j=1}^s W_j^*$

Claim:  $\sigma|_{W^*}: W^* \rightarrow U^*$  is biholomorphic, so  $m=s$ .

Prf:  $p \circ \sigma = q$  so  $\sigma|_{W^*}: W^* \rightarrow U^*$ . Since  $p, q$  are surjective,  $\sigma$  is.

Thus,  $\sigma|_{W^*}$  is biholomorphic onto  $U^*$ .

We order so that  $\sigma|_{W_i^*}: W_i^* \rightarrow U_i^*$  is biholomorphic.

View  $p|_{U_i^*}: U_i^* \rightarrow V^*$  as a finite sheeted covering &  $p|_{U_i}: U_i \rightarrow V$  is a branched covering, with  $V^* \cong \mathbb{D}^*$  &  $V \cong \mathbb{D}$ . By our classification of proper maps to  $\mathbb{D}$ , unbranched over  $\mathbb{D}^*$ ,  $U_i^* \cong \mathbb{D}^*$  &  $U_i \setminus U_i^* = \{1pt\}$ . Call this pt  $a_i$ .

Similarly, working with  $q$  we get  $W_i \setminus W_i^* = \{c_i\}$  for a unique pt  $c_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

Conclusion: we can extend  $\sigma|_{W_i^*}$  to  $W_i$  via  $\sigma(c_i) = a_i$ .  $\forall i=1, \dots, m$

By construction,  $\sigma|_W: W \rightarrow U$  is biholomorphic (extension is homeo & hol by Removable singularity Thm, just restrict to the corresponding map  $W_i^* \rightarrow U_i^*$ ) & extend by  $b \rightarrow b$  via  $W_i^* \cong \mathbb{D}^* \cong U_i^*$ )

We do this extension for each  $b \in B$  to get  $\sigma: Z \rightarrow X$  biholomorphic.

By construction  $p \circ \sigma = q$  holds &  $\hat{h} \circ \sigma = q$  follows from continuity  $\square$

Proof of Uniqueness in Theorem 1:

Uniqueness will follow from Proposition 1 & showing that after we remove the bad points to get top coverings & our hands are tied to define a restriction of  $\sigma$

Pick another alg function  $(Z, f, g)$  & consider the disc-like closed set

$$B = f(\text{poles of } g) \cup \{\text{crit values of } f\} \subseteq Y$$

Set  $Y' = Y \setminus B$ ,  $Z' = f^{-1}(Y')$ ,  $X' = p^{-1}(Y') \subseteq |U|$

Build  $\sigma': Z' \rightarrow X'$  biholomorphism compatible with  $p, f, g$

Fix  $z \in Z'$  & write  $y = f(z) \in Y'$ . Set  $\varphi = f_* (p_z(g)) \in \mathcal{O}_{Y', y}$  ( $f: Z' \rightarrow Y'$  is local homeo)

Claim 1:  $Q(\varphi) = 0$

PF/  $Q(\varphi) = Q(f_* (p_z(g))) = f_* (p_z(g^*(Q)(g))) = f_* (p_z(0)) = f_* (0) = 0$   
(\*\*\*)  $\downarrow$  def of alg function.

(\*\*\*)  $[(T-a)(f_* (p_z(g))) = f_* (p_z(g)) - a = f_* (p_z(g) - g^*(a)) = f_* (p_z(g^*(T-a)(g)))]$

Define:  $\sigma'(z) := \varphi \in X'$       $\sigma': Z' \rightarrow X'$       $p_{X'} \circ \sigma'(z) = y = f|_{Z'}(z)$

$\circ \sigma'(z) = g|_{Z'}$  because  $f(f_* (p_z(g))) = f_* (p_z(g))(y) = p_z(g)(z) = g(z)$   
 $\downarrow$  def  $f_*$

Claim 2:  $\sigma'$  is continuous

PF/ Pick  $\mathcal{W}(U, s)$  open in  $|O|$  away from  $p^{-1}(B)$ , s.t.  $U \subseteq Y'$ ,  $s \in \mathcal{O}(U)$

Then  $(\sigma')^{-1}(\mathcal{W}(U, s)) = \{z \in Z' \mid \sigma'(z) \in \mathcal{W}(U, s)\}$   
 $= \{z \in Z' \mid f_* (p_z(g)) = [s]_y \text{ for } y = f(z) \in U\}$   
 $= f^{-1}(U)$  is open

Why? Since  $f$  is unbranched on  $Z'$ ,  $f$  is a local homeomorphism.

Thus, given  $y \in U$  &  $z \in f^{-1}(y)$  we have  $f: V' \xrightarrow{\sim} U' \subseteq U$  for suitable  $U', V'$ .  
 $z \mapsto y = f(z)$

$\Rightarrow g|_{V'} = f^*(s|_{U'})$  says  $(\sigma')^{-1}(\mathcal{W}(U', s)) = V' \ni z$

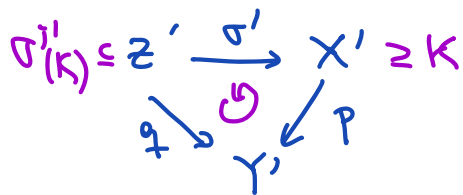
Claim 3:  $\sigma'$  is holomorphic & un-constant. ( $g$  is not constant)

PF/  $p_{X'} \circ \sigma' = f|_{Z'}$  & both  $p$  &  $f$  are both holomorphic & local homeomorphisms.  
 So  $\sigma'$  is holomorphic

Claim 4:  $\sigma'$  is proper. ( $\Rightarrow \sigma$  is surjective by Lemma 2.5.2, because  $\sigma$  is un-const. &  $X'$  is connected)

PF/ The statement holds because  $p$  is continuous  $\Delta$   $f|_{Z'}$  is proper. Indeed, if  $K$  is compact in  $X' \Rightarrow p(K)$  is compact in  $Y'$   
 $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(p(K)) \subseteq X'$  is compact

Now, we look at the diagram



To conclude:  $\underbrace{\sigma'^{-1}(K)}_{\substack{\text{closed} \\ (X' \text{ is Hausdorff})}} \subseteq \underbrace{q^{-1}(p(K))}_{\text{compact}} \Rightarrow (\sigma')^{-1}(K) \text{ is compact.}$

Claim 5:  $\sigma$  is biholomorphic:

Since  $q$  &  $p$  both have the same degree, we conclude that  $\deg(\sigma') = 1$ . Since  $\sigma'$  is a proper degree 1 holomorphism, we conclude it's biholomorphic onto its image. The surjectivity from claim 4 shows  $\sigma'(Z') = X'$ .

To finish, we use Proposition 1 to extend  $\sigma': Z' \rightarrow X'$  to  $\sigma: Z \rightarrow X$  biholomorphically ensuring  $p \circ \sigma = q$  &  $f \circ \sigma = g$ . We thus set  $g = \sigma^* f$ .

Uniqueness of  $\sigma$ : Any other  $\tau: Z \rightarrow X$  with  $g = \tau^* f$  will have to agree with  $\sigma$ . Otherwise  $\tau(Z') = X'$  by construction, &  $\alpha := \tau \circ \sigma|_{X'}^{-1}$  is a

Deck transformation (since  $X' \xrightarrow{\tau \circ \sigma|_{X'}^{-1}} X'$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \xrightarrow{\tau \circ \sigma|_{X'}^{-1}} & X' \\ \downarrow p & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow p \\ & Y' & \end{array}$$

Furthermore  $\alpha^*(f) = f$  because  $(\sigma|_{X'}^{-1})^* = (\sigma|_{X'})_*$  & so

$$\alpha^* f = (\sigma|_{X'}^{-1})^* \circ \tau^* f = (\sigma|_{X'}^{-1})^* (g) = (\sigma|_{X'}^{-1})^* ((\sigma|_{X'})_* (f)) = f$$

However,  $f$  takes distinct values on each of the  $n$  points in  $p^{-1}(y) \forall y \in Y$ , so  $\alpha$  must be  $\text{id}_{X'}$  for the identity  $\alpha^* f = f$  to hold.

§ 12.2. Algebraic functions and field extensions:

From Proposition 1 § 12.1 we have a good notion of  $\text{Deck}(X|Y)$  whenever  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  is a proper degree  $n$  holomorphic map.

Furthermore, we have  $\Phi: \text{Deck}(X|Y) \hookrightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_b(X))$  defined as  
 $\sigma \longmapsto (f \longmapsto \sigma f := f \circ \sigma^{-1})$

- $\Phi$  is a group homomorphism ( $\text{Deck}(X|Y) \subset \mathcal{O}_b(X)$ .)
- The action fixes  $p^* \mathcal{O}_b(Y) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_b(X)$  ( $(p^*g) \circ \sigma^{-1} = g \circ p \circ \sigma^{-1} = g \circ p = p^*g$ .)

Conclude:  $\text{Deck}(X|Y) \subseteq \text{Gal}(\mathcal{O}_b(X) | p^* \mathcal{O}_b(Y))$

Our next theorem relates algebraic functions with the constructions from § 11.3

Theorem 2: Given  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^S$ ,  $Q \in \mathcal{O}_b(Y)[T]$  irreducible & monic, consider  $(X, p, f)$

the algebraic function defined by  $Q$  & the field extn  $p^*: \mathcal{O}_b(Y) \hookrightarrow \underbrace{p^*K}_{=K} \subseteq \underbrace{\mathcal{O}_b(X)}_{=L}$

- Then:
- (1)  $[L:K] = n$  &  $L \cong K[T]/(Q(T))$
  - (2)  $\text{Deck}(X|Y) := \{ \sigma: X \xrightarrow{\text{holo}} X : p \circ \sigma = p \} \cong \text{Gal}(L|K)$
  - (3)  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  is "Galois" (ie  $p: Y' \rightarrow X'$  unbranched holo map is a Galois cover)  $\iff L|K$  is a Galois extension.

Proof (1) We know for any  $y \in Y' = Y \setminus (\{Z\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{Poles of c_i\})$

$f$  has exactly  $n$  distinct values on  $p^{-1}(y)$ . By the second part of Theorem 11.1, we see that  $[L:K] = n$ .

We have a ring homomorphism  $K[T] \rightarrow L$  Now  $p^*Q(f) = 0$  by definition  
 $K \xrightarrow{p^*} p^*K \xrightarrow{f^*} p^*K \xrightarrow{f^*} p^*K$



Thus, the ring homomorphism factors through the ring hom  $\frac{K(T)}{(Q)} \xrightarrow{\Psi} L$

The source is a field, so  $\Psi$  is injective. Both source and target are field extensions of  $K$  of degree  $n$ , so  $\Psi$  is an isomorphism.

(2) We know  $\Phi: \text{Deck}(X/Y) \longleftrightarrow \text{Gal}(L/K)$  because  $\sigma f \neq f \quad \forall \sigma \neq \text{id}_X$   
( $f$  takes  $n$  different values on  $p^{-1}(y)$  for each  $y \in Y' = Y - (\mathbb{Z}(\text{disc}(Q)) \cup \{\text{roots of coeff of } Q\})$ )

Claim: The map  $\Phi$  is also surjective, so  $\Phi$  is an iso.

Pf/ Pick  $\alpha \in \text{Gal}(L/K)$ . Then  $(X, p, \alpha \circ f)$  would also be an algebraic function defined by  $Q(T)$  ( $p^*Q(\alpha \circ f) = 0$  because  $p^*Q(f) = 0$  & the Galois group permutes the roots of  $p^*Q$ ).

By the uniqueness, we can find  $\zeta \in \text{Deck}(X/Y)$  with  $\alpha f = \zeta^* f$

Take  $\sigma = \zeta^{-1}$  & notice  $\sigma \circ f = f \circ \sigma^{-1} = f \circ \zeta = \zeta^* f = \alpha f$ .

Since  $L = K(f)$ , we see that  $(f \rightarrow \sigma f) \in \text{Gal}(L/K)$  agrees with  $\alpha$

so  $\alpha = \Phi(\sigma)$ .

(3) Use the definition!  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  is Galois  $\Leftrightarrow p': X' \rightarrow Y'$  is Galois  
 $n$ -sheeted covering

$\Leftrightarrow \text{Deck}(X'/Y')$  has  $n$  elements

Similarly:  $L/K$  is Galois if  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$  has size  $[L:K] = n$ .

Since  $\text{Deck}(X'/Y') \cong \text{Gal}(L/K)$  by (2), the statement holds  $\square$