

# Resolving Singularity (Blowing-up!)

- The process is called blowing-up because a singular point  $(x_1, x_2)$  is being mapped to the point  $(x_1, yx_1, y)$  [eg.  $(0,0) \mapsto (0,0,1)$ ]
- The properties we want in this process are:  
Property I:  $A(\bar{X})_{\langle x_1, y \rangle}$  is a local domain with unique maximal ideal, now principal.  
-1y. It is:  $\langle x_1, y \rangle = \langle y^2, y \rangle = \langle y \rangle$  in  $A(\bar{X})$ ,  
while:  $\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$  is non-principal in  $A(X)$ .



- Defn: A ring  $R$  is called dvr (discrete valuation ring) if it is a local domain with the max. ideal principal.

- Ex.  $(k[x, y] / \langle y^2 - x \rangle)_{\langle x, y \rangle}$  is a dvr.

$(k[x, x_2] / \langle x_2^2 - x_1^3 \rangle)_{\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle}$  is non-dvr.

$\mathbb{Z}$  is not local, though every max. ideal is principal. ( $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is non-dvr)



Property II: Consider as before  $k \overset{\mathfrak{m}}{\triangleleft} R \subset K$ ,  
where  $k = k(R)$  &  $\mathfrak{m} \triangleleft R$  is the  
unique max. ideal;  $k \cong R/\mathfrak{m}$  is the residue.

Then,  $\exists v: K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  that satisfies "metric" like  
properties.

- Defn: A discrete valuation of  $K$  is a map  
 $v: K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in K^*$ ,  $v(\alpha \cdot \beta) = v(\alpha) + v(\beta)$   
[ $v(0) := \infty$ ] &  $v(\alpha + \beta) \geq \min(v(\alpha), v(\beta))$ .

- Eg. in the example above  $R = (k[x, y]/(y^2 - x_1))_{(x, y)}$   
is a DVR.

Any element  $\alpha \in k = k(R)$ , can be written as:



$$\alpha =: \frac{a(x_1) + y \cdot b(x_1)}{c(x_1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{aligned} & \Delta \\ & (a+yt)(a-yt) \\ & = a^2 - x_1 b^2 \end{aligned} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- We define  $v: K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  via the uniformizer  $y$ :  
Express  $\alpha =: y^e \cdot \alpha'$ , where  $\alpha' \in R \setminus \mathfrak{m}$ ;  $e \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Call  $v(\alpha) := e$ .  $\Delta$   $v$  is a valuation.

$$-1_y. \quad v(x_1) = v(y^2) = 2.$$

$$v(x_2) = v(yx_1) = v(y^3) = 3.$$

$$v(1+x_1) = 0 \quad \left[ \because 1+x_1 \in R \setminus \langle y \rangle \right]$$

$$v(1/x_1) = -2.$$



Proposition: If  $R$  is dvr, then  $\exists$  valuation  
 $v: K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ . Further,

- $\{\alpha \in K \mid v(\alpha) \geq 0\} = R$
- $\{\alpha \in K \mid v(\alpha) > 0\} = \mathfrak{m}$  [ $\{\alpha \in K \mid v(\alpha) < 0\} = K \setminus R$ ]
- $\{\alpha \in K \mid v(\alpha) = 0\} = R^*$  (= units in  $R$ ).

Pf: • dvr  $R \Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} =: \langle u \rangle$ , where  $u$  is called  
a uniformizer of  $R$  in  $K$ .

- Express any  $\alpha \in K$ , as  $\alpha =: u^e \cdot \alpha'$ ,  $\alpha' \in R \setminus \mathfrak{m}$ .
- Define  $v(\alpha) := e$ . □



D If a field  $K$  has a valuation  $v: K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  
then  $\exists$  local domain  $R$  of  $\text{trdeg}_K = 1$ .

Pf: •  $v$  defines  $R$  &  $\mathcal{M}$ .

•  $v$  on  $R \setminus \mathcal{M}$  is  $> 0 \Rightarrow R \setminus \mathcal{M}$  has only units.  
 $\Rightarrow R$  is local.

• Ex:  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is principal  $\Rightarrow \text{trdeg}_K R = 1$ .  $\square$

Property III: dvr  $R$  is integrally closed in  $K$ .

- Defn:  $R$  is called i.c. if a monic polynomial  
 $f(x) =: x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 \in R[x]$  with root  
 $\alpha \in K \Rightarrow \alpha \in R$ .



-1g,  $\mathbb{Z}$  is i.c. in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . [Gauss Lemma]

-Say,  $x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0$  &  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ ;  $x =: a/b$   
 $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + 2ab + 3b^2 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow b|a \Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Idea: To resolve singularity at  $P$  in  $X$ , we should  
take the integral closure of the germs  $\mathcal{O}_{X,P}$  in  
 $K(X)$ .



Proposition: For local domain  $R$  with fraction-field  $K$  of  $\text{trdeg}_K K = 1$ , TFAE:

- (i)  $R$  is dvr,
- (ii)  $K$  has a valuation, with valuation ring  $R$ ,
- (iii)  $R$  is integrally closed in  $K$ .

Pf: [(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)]: Let  $v: K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be the valuation.

• Say,  $\alpha^n + a_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 = 0$  with  $a_i$ 's in  $R$ ,  
and  $\alpha \in K$ .

$$\Rightarrow n \cdot v(\alpha) = v(\alpha^n) = v(a_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1} + \dots + a_0) \geq v(a_i \alpha^i) \quad \forall i.$$

$$\Rightarrow n \cdot v(\alpha) \geq i \cdot v(\alpha) \Rightarrow v(\alpha) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \in R.$$



D Let  $u$  be a least-value element in  $\mathcal{M} = \{ \alpha \in K \mid v(\alpha) > 0 \}$ . Then,  $\mathcal{M} = \langle u \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

[Pf: let  $v(u_1) = v(u_2)$  be the least.

$$\Rightarrow v(u_1/u_2) = 0 \Rightarrow u_1/u_2 \in \mathbb{R}^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = \langle u_1 \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = \langle u_2 \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}. \quad \square ]$$

$$\Rightarrow [(ii) \Leftrightarrow (i)].$$

[(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)]: Consider elements  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Since,  $\text{trdeg } K = 1$ , we've an annihilator  $F(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ .

• Let  $e_1$  be the least-degree in  $\text{supp}(F)$ . Then,  $F$  gives (w.l.o.g.):

$$\underline{(\alpha/\beta)^{e_1}} + f_1(\alpha/\beta) = \beta^{e_2} \cdot f_2(\alpha/\beta, \beta),$$

where  $f_1, f_2$  are polynomials over  $K$ ;  $e_2 > 0$ ,  $\deg f_1 < e_1$ .



• This gives a relationship that is monic in  $\alpha/\beta$ :

$$\text{As, } (\alpha/\beta)^{e_1} \cdot c_0(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{i < e_1} (\alpha/\beta)^i \cdot c_i(\beta)$$

Where,  $c_0(\alpha, \beta)$  is unit in  $R$  &  $c_i(\beta) \in R[\beta]$ .

$\Rightarrow (\alpha/\beta)$  is a root of  $y^{e_1} - \sum_{i < e_1} y^i \cdot c_i(\beta) / c_0(\alpha, \beta)$ ,

Which is monic in  $R[Y]$ .

$\Rightarrow \alpha/\beta \in R$ . [ $\because R$  is i.c. in  $K$ ]

$\Rightarrow \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle_R = \langle \beta \rangle_R = \text{principal.}$

$\Rightarrow$  By doing this for  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{M}$ , we get  $\mathcal{M}$  principal.

$\Rightarrow R$  is dvr.

□



— Next, we find all the valuations of  
 $K = K(x) = K(\mathbb{A}^1)$ .

— Ex.  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ ;  $m \triangleleft R \subset \mathbb{Q}$ ;  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  is DVR.  
residue field  $k = R/m \cong \mathbb{F}_p$ .

valuation  $v(a/b) := \max(e: p^e | a) - \max(e: p^e | b)$ .

Qn: Are there any other valuations on  $\mathbb{Q}$ ?

↳ No other discrete val.

↳ non-discrete:  $a/b \mapsto |a/b| \in \mathbb{R}$ .



- Defn: For an irreducible  $f \in k[x]$ , define a subring (of  $K$ ),  $R_f := \{g/h \in K : f \nmid h\}$ .

Theorem: The (distinct) DVR of  $K$  are:

$R_f$ , for irreducible  $f \in k[x]$ ; and  
 $R_{x^i}$ , viewing  $x^i$  as an irreducible in  $k[x^i]$ .

- Ex. What about  $f := 1/(x-1)$ ? Suppose this gives a valuation  $v(\cdot)$  on  $K = k(x)$ . Then,  $\frac{x}{x-1} = 1 + \frac{1}{x-1}$  is unit in  $R_f$ .

$\Rightarrow R_f = R_{x^i} \Rightarrow (x-1)^i$  &  $x^i$  give identical valuations.



•  $\forall_f v_f(x) = v(x+1)$  ;  $v(x-1) = -1$  &  $v(1) = 0$ .

$v(x) = -1$  wrt  $f = (x-1)^{-1}$  or  $x^{-1}$ .

[  $\triangleright f^e \cdot u + f^{e+1} \cdot v = f^e \cdot (u + f \cdot v) \Rightarrow \underline{v(a+b) = \min(v(a), v(b))}$ , if  $v(a) \neq v(b)$ . ]

$\triangleright \forall(x-\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in k$ , give identical valuations.  
 $\rightarrow$  (i.e. around pt.  $\alpha + \infty$ )

Pf: •  $f$  resp.  $x^{-1}$  can be used to define a valuation.

$\Rightarrow R_f$  &  $R_{x^{-1}}$  are DVRs, [Exercise]

• [No other valuations]: Let  $R$  be a valuation ring in  $K$ , with unique max. ideal  $\mathcal{M}$  & valuation  $v(\cdot)$ .



Case I:  $[x \in R]: \Rightarrow k[x] \subseteq R$

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \cap k[x] \neq \{0\}$  [else,  $k[x]^*$  is unit in  $R$   
 $\Rightarrow k[x]^* \subseteq R \setminus \mathfrak{m} \Rightarrow v = 0 \Rightarrow \downarrow$ ]

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \cap k[x] \triangleleft k[x]$  is prime & nonzero.

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \cap k[x] = \langle f \rangle_{k[x]}$ , for irreducible  $f(x)$ .

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} = \langle f \rangle_R$ .  $\Rightarrow v = v_f$ . done.

Case II:  $[x \notin R]: \Rightarrow x^{-1} \in R \Rightarrow k[x^{-1}] \subseteq R$

• By the above case, we get  $\mathfrak{m} = \langle f(x^{-1}) \rangle_R \neq R$ .

• Also,  $x^{-1}$  is not a unit in  $R \Rightarrow f(x^{-1}) \mid x^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} = \langle x^{-1} \rangle_R \Rightarrow R = R_{x^{-1}}$ .  $\square$



## Extension of valuation rings (to $K(C)$ )

↑ curve

- Any field  $K$  of  $\text{trdeg}_K = 1$  can be written as

$$K \subset K(x) \subseteq K$$

pure transcendental finite algebraic extn.

Theorem: Let  $R$  be a local domain in  $K$  &  $\mathcal{M}_R$  be its unig. max. ideal. Then,  $\exists$  dvr  $B$  in  $K$ , with unig. max. ideal  $\mathcal{M}_B$  s.t.  $R \subseteq B$  &  $\mathcal{M}_R \subseteq \mathcal{M}_B$ .

[eg.  $R$  is dvr in  $K(x)$ , but non dvr in  $K$ .]

$B$  dominates  $R$



Pf: • If  $R$  is integrally closed in  $K$ , then  $R$  is already DVR. done.

• Say,  $R$  is not i.c., then consider a local domain  $B$  that is an integral closure of  $R$ .

[  $\mathcal{F} := \{ \text{local domain } R' \text{ dominating } R \mid 1 \notin \mathfrak{m}_{R'} \supseteq \mathfrak{m}_R \}$ .  
Let  $R^*$  be a maximal element in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Note:  $R \in \mathcal{F}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow R^*$  is i.c. ]

$\Rightarrow B$  is DVR in  $K$ , that extends  $R$ .  $\square$



- Ex.  $X = \mathbb{Z}(x_2^2 - x_1^3)$  ;  $R = A(X)_{\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle}$  .

$R$  is non dvr in  $K(X)$ .

- Since,  $y := x_2/x_1 \in K(X)$  is not in  $R$ .

- So, we introduce this to get  $B = A[y]$ , which is dvr in  $K(X)$ , that extends  $R$ .

Qn: How do we repeat this to resolve many singular points?

▷ A curve has only finite singular points.  
↳ (closed set)



— Consider any  $\text{trdeg}_K = 1$  field  $K$ . We want to think of it as an abstract curve, via valuations.

— Defn: • Let  $C_K := \{v \mid \text{valuation } v \text{ on } K \text{ wrt DVR } R_v \text{ \& uniq. max. ideal } M_v\}$ ,

- Closed sets of  $C_K$  be defined as those subsets of  $C_K$  that are finite, or  $C_K$  itself.
- Open sets of  $C_K$  be defined as complement of the closed sets.
- For open  $U \subseteq C_K$  define the regular fns. ring as  $\underline{O(U)} := \bigcap_{v \in U} R_v$ .



▷ Each  $f \in G(U)$  defines a distinct function  $U \rightarrow K$ ;  $v \mapsto (f \bmod \mathcal{M}_v) \in K \cong \mathbb{R}_v / \mathcal{M}_v$ .  
 $\Rightarrow f(v)$

▷ Two,  $f, g \in G(U)$  are the same iff  $f \equiv g \bmod \mathcal{M}_v$ , for  $v \in U$ . [i.e.,  $f - g \in \bigcap_{v \in U} \mathcal{M}_v$ .]  
(& infinite  $U$ ,)

▷ Since  $\mathcal{M}_v$  is principal, this means  $f - g = 0$  in  $K$ .  
(Exercise)

▷  $\forall f \in K$ ,  $\exists$  open  $U \subseteq C_K$  st.  $f \in G(U)$ .

Pf: •  $f = g/h$ , for  $g$  &  $h$  polynomials.

•  $f$  is not defined at  $v \in C_K$  iff  $h \equiv 0 \bmod \mathcal{M}_v$ .



$\Rightarrow$  these bad pts.  $v$  form a closed set.  
 $\Rightarrow$   $f = g/h$  defined on open  $U \subseteq C_K$ .  $\square$

Defn: - We call  $C_K$ , together with regular fns, functor  $\mathcal{O}(\cdot)$  & fn. field  $K$ , an abstract curve.

- A morphism  $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$  between Curves / abstract curves is a continuous map s.t.  $\forall$  open  $V \subseteq Y$ ,  $\forall f \in \mathcal{O}_Y(V)$ ,  $f \circ \varphi \in \mathcal{O}_X(\varphi^{-1}(V))$ .  
 $\uparrow$  pull-back  $\quad \quad \quad \uparrow$  open



▷ Every non-sing. quasi-proj. curve is isomorphic to an abstract curve.

Pf: • Let  $X$  be a non-sing. quasi-proj. curve.  
•  $\varphi: X \longrightarrow Y := C_k(X)$   
 $P \longmapsto v_P$  (valuation corresponding to pt.  $P$ )

▷ as,  $\mathcal{O}_{X,P}$  is dvr iff  $P \in X$  is non-sing.

Exercise: What's the inverse of  $\varphi$ ?  
[Handle the dvr " $R_{v_x}$ " via the projective space's "pt. at  $e_0$ ".]  $\square$



# Existence of nonsing. models

Theorem: Let  $k \subset K$  be  $\text{trdeg}=1$  field extension.

Then, the abstract curve  $C_k$  is isomorphic to a nonsingular projective curve.

Pf: • Idea: Glue the finitely many non-sing. models, one for each singular pt. in  $X$  ( $K(X)=X$ ), together via some "cartesian" product.

- For pt.  $v \in C_k$ , we've  $\mathcal{O}_v \subset R_v \subset K$  defined.
- Pick valuation  $v_1$  (that's unresolved in given  $X$ ).
- See  $\text{dvr } R_{v_1}$  as  $\mathcal{O}_{v_1, P_1}$  of some non-singular



pt.  $P_1$  in a quasi-affine curve  $V_1$ .

$$\Rightarrow R_{V_1} \cong \mathcal{O}_{V_1, P_1} \text{ \& } Z(\mathfrak{m}_{V_1}) \cap V_1 = \{P_1\}.$$

$\triangleright \exists$  open  $U_1 \subset C_K$  that is realized by  $V_1$ .

- Do this for finite steps to get  $\{V_i \mid i \in [m]\}$   
&  $\{P_i \mid i \in [m]\}$  &  $\{U_i \mid i \in [m]\}$ .

$\triangleright C_K = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq m} U_i$ ; isomorphism  $\varphi_i: U_i \xrightarrow{\sim} V_i \hookrightarrow Y_i$

[Suitable  $\mathcal{O}(V_i)$  in proj. space]  $\Rightarrow$  nonsing. projective curve  
[Ex.  $y^2 = x^5 + x \rightarrow y^2 z^3 = x^5 + x z^4$ ]  
 $\leadsto$  Exercise: Make this smooth proj.?

$\triangleright C_K \setminus U_i$  is finite.

Claim:  $\varphi_i$  extends to  $\overline{\varphi}_i: C_K \rightarrow Y_i$  (morphism).

Pf: - Eg.  $\varphi_i: U_i \rightarrow Y_i$  extends uniquely to



$$\varphi_i' : U_i \cup \{p\} \rightarrow Y_i$$

- Let  $\varphi_i : \bar{a} \mapsto (f_0(\bar{a}) : f_1(\bar{a}) : \dots : f_n(\bar{a}))$   
via  $f_0, \dots, f_n$  on an open patch.
- Try defining  $\bar{\varphi}_i : p \mapsto (f_0(p) : \dots : f_n(p))$ .

Qn1 What if  $f_i(p) = 0, \forall i$ ?

- Idea: Consider  $\{v_p(f_i) \mid i \in [0, \dots, n]\}$ .

Let  $v_p(f_s)$  be the min.

Consider  $\bar{\varphi}_i : p \mapsto \left( \frac{f_0(p)}{f_s(p)} : \dots : 1 : \dots : \frac{f_n(p)}{f_s(p)} \right)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  This can be repeated for more  $p$ 's.  $\square$



- Now, use these  $\Phi_i$ 's to define the

common morphism:

$$\Phi : C_K \longrightarrow \prod_{i=1}^m Y_i$$

$$v \longmapsto SE(\overline{\Phi_i(v)} \mid i \in [m])$$

& define  $Y := \text{cl}(\Phi(C_K))$  in projective space  
(big enough).

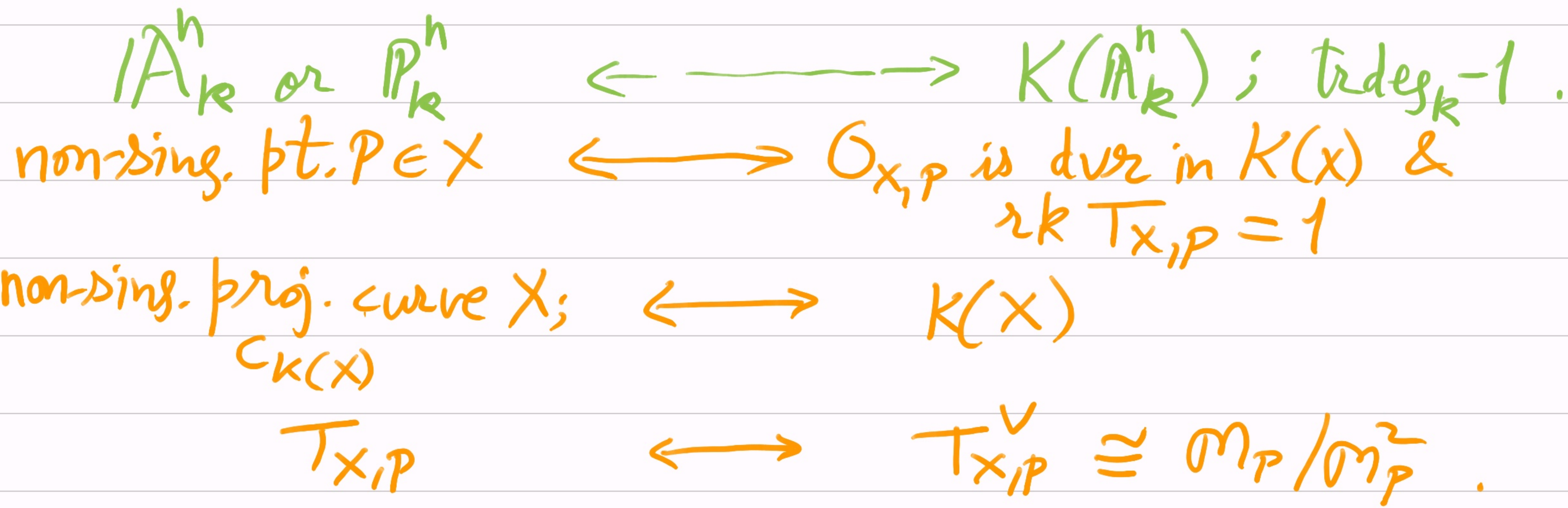
- eg. The "cartesian product" is called Segre  
embedding. It maps  $(x_0 : x_1) \times (y_0 : y_1)$  to

$$(x_0 y_0 : x_0 y_1 : x_1 y_0 : x_1 y_1); \quad \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$$

$$\underline{SE}: \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^{n'} \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{(n+1)(n'+1)-1}.$$



$\Rightarrow C_k$  has been realized as a nonsing. proj. curve with the same  $\mathcal{O}(\cdot)$  functor.  
 [any curve  $X \rightsquigarrow C_k(X) \rightsquigarrow$  this.]  $\square$





- Now, we study only nonsing. curves.
- Use nonsing.  $\approx$  simple  $\approx$  smooth.

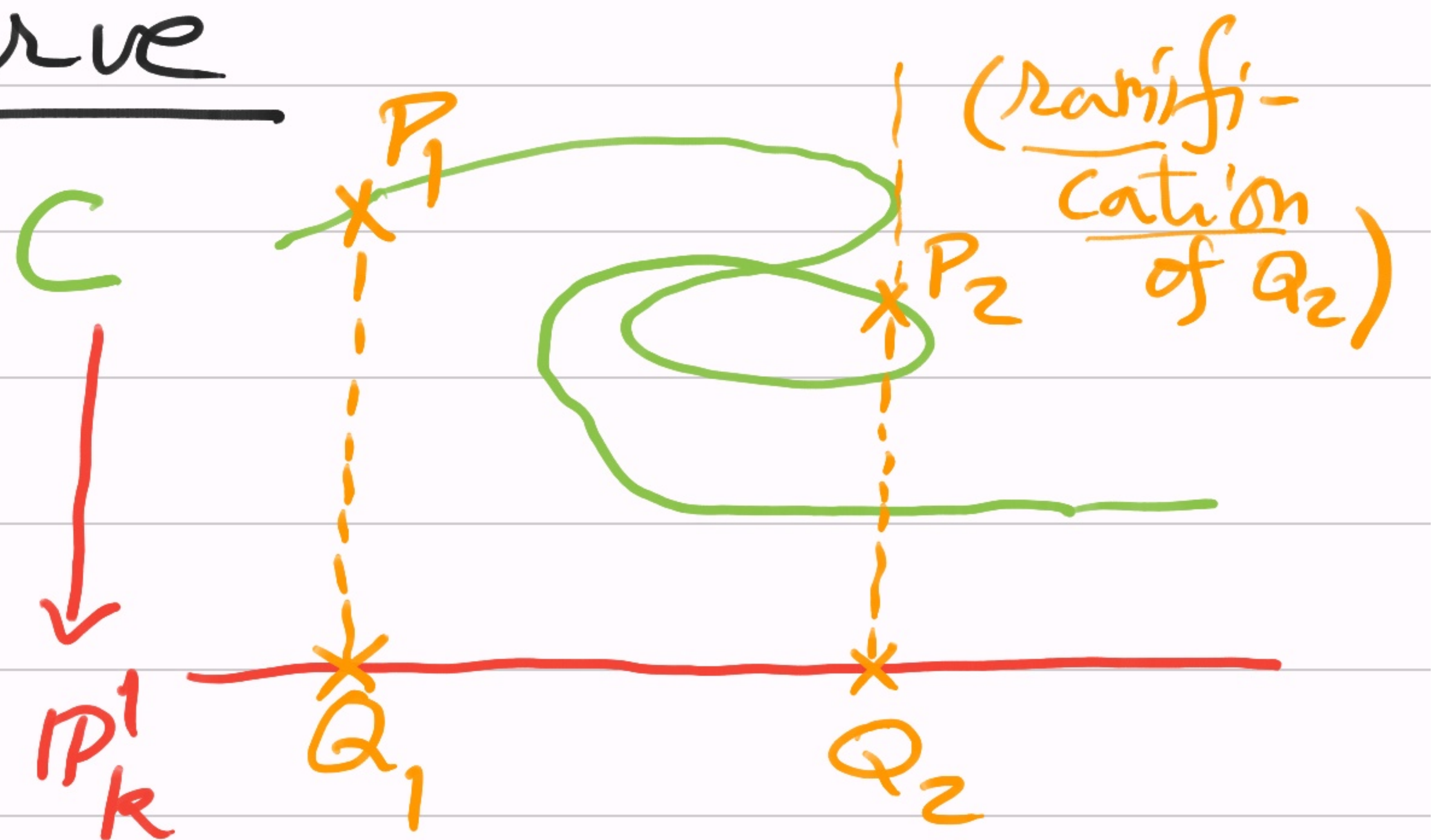
## Points on a smooth curve

$\triangleright$  Smooth <sup>(proj.)</sup> curve  $C$  covers the projective line  $\mathbb{P}_k^1$ , if  $k = \bar{k}$ .

Pf: • Pt.  $P \in C$  gives a DVR

$\mathcal{O}_{C,P} \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{C,P} \cap k(x)$  is DVR

$\Rightarrow$  gives the pt.  $Q \in \mathbb{P}_k^1$  via the uniformizer.



$$k \subset k(x) \subset K := k(C)$$



- Pt.  $Q \in \mathbb{P}_K^1$  gives DVR  $R \subset k(x)$ ;  
 extend it to  $\tilde{R} \subset K(C)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  gives pt.  $P \in C$  via the uniformizer.  
 [  $\tilde{R}$  &  $P$  are not unique ]

□

Qn: For finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , what is

$$|C(\mathbb{F}_q)| - |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^1| = ?$$

$\swarrow (q+1)$

pt. corr. to DVR in  $K$ ;  
 $\downarrow$  it may be a cluster  
 of conjugates!

- Defn: Think of  $K$  over  $K(\bar{\alpha}) = \mathbb{F}_q(\bar{\alpha})$ . A pt.  $P \in C_K$  defines a valuation  $v_P$  on  $K$  given by  $G_{C,P}$ .



- Residue field at P is  $k_P := \mathcal{O}_{C,P} / \mathcal{M}_P$ .  
(Possibly  $k_P \neq k$ . Eg.  $\mathbb{F}_2 \cong \mathbb{F}_2[x_1] / \underbrace{(x_1^2 - d)}_{\text{prime ideal}}$ )
- The degree of P is  $\underline{d(P)} := [k_P : k]$ .

Proposition: (i)  $d(P) < \infty$

(ii)  $\bigcap_{i>0} \mathcal{M}_P^i = \{0\}$

(iii) If  $\mathcal{M}_P =: \langle u \rangle \mathcal{O}_{C,P}$ , then  $\forall \alpha \in K$ ,  
 $v_P(\alpha) = i$  : largest  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\alpha \in u^i \cdot \mathcal{O}_{C,P}$ .

Pf: (i) Let  $\mathcal{M}_P =: \langle u \rangle \mathcal{O}_{C,P}$ . It can be seen that

$$d(P) = |Z(u) \cap C(K)| < \infty.$$

#conjugates under Galois action of  $k_P/k$ .



(ii) Let  $\exists y \in \bigcap_{i>0} M_p^i \Rightarrow u^i | y, \forall i > 0.$   
 $\Rightarrow y=0.$

(iii) Clear from the defn. of  $v_p$  earlier.  $\square$

—  $f \in K(C)$  gives  $\{v_p(f) \mid P \in C\}$ .  
Qn: Given RHS does there exist an  $f$ ?

— We'll now show that  $f$  can be reconstructed that matches a finite part of RHS; but not the whole part!



Theorem (Approximate val.): Let  $K$  be the fn. field of a curve  $C$ . Let  $p_1, \dots, p_h \in C$  be distinct with core valuations  $v_1, \dots, v_h \in C_K$ . Let  $u_1, \dots, u_h \in K$  &  $m_1, \dots, m_h \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then,  $\exists u \in K, \forall i \in [h], v_i(u - u_i) \geq m_i$ .

Pf: • Base case [ $h=1$ ]:  $v_1(u - u_1) \geq m_1$

Let  $\alpha_1$  be  $p_1$ 's uniformizer. Consider  $u := u_1 + \alpha_1^{m_1}$ .

• Induction step [ $h > 1$ ], assuming up to  $h-1$ .

Claim 1: Given  $e_1, \dots, e_{h-1} \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\exists u \in K, \forall i \in [h-1], v_i(u) = e_i$ .

Pf: • Find  $w_i$ 's s.t.  $\forall i \in [h-1], v_i(w_i) = e_i$



- Consider the system:  $\forall i \in [h-1], v_i(u - w_i) \geq e_i + 1$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  By ind. hyp. (of Thm), we get  $u \in K$ .  
 $\Rightarrow v_i(u) = v_i(u - w_i + w_i) = v_i(w_i) = e_i$ .  $\square$

Claim 2:  $v_1, \dots, v_h$  are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear-independent.

Pf: • Suppose not. Let  $v_h(u) = \sum_{i \in [h-1]} \lambda_i \cdot v_i(u)$ ,  $\forall u \in K$ .  
 for some  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{Q}$

- [ $h=2$  &  $\lambda_1 > 0$ ]:  $\Rightarrow \{z \in K : v_1(z) \geq 0\} = \{z \in K : v_2(z) \geq 0\}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  dvr's  $R_{v_1} = R_{v_2} \Rightarrow p_1 = p_2 \Rightarrow \text{contradiction}$ .



[ $r_1 < 0$ ]: Find  $z, z' \in K$ ,  $\forall i \in [h-1]$ ,  
 $v_i(z) = 1$ ,  $v_i(z') = 0$  ; if  $r_i \geq 0$ .  
 $v_i(z) = 0$ ,  $v_i(z') = 1$  ; if  $r_i < 0$ .

[ $z, z'$  exist from Claim-1.]

$$\Rightarrow v_h(z) \geq 0 \text{ \& } v_h(z') < 0$$

[Use the additive prop. of  $v$ .]

$$\triangleright \forall i \in [h-1], v_i(z+z') = \min(0, 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_h(z+z') \geq 0.$$

$$\text{Also, } v_h(z+z') = \min(v_h(z), v_h(z')) < 0$$

Case [ $h \geq 3$  &  $r_i$ 's  $\geq 0$ ]: Rewrite  $v_1(u)$  in terms of  $v_2(u), \dots, v_h(u) \Rightarrow$  Go to previous case.  $\square$



• Next time we'll design  $u$  of the form:

$$u := \sum_{i \in [h]} x_i u_i, \text{ for } x_i \in K.$$

$$\text{eg. } v_1(u - u_1) = v_1 \left( \underbrace{(x_1 - 1)u_1}_{\text{red}} + \sum_{i=2}^h \underbrace{x_i u_i}_{\text{red}} \right) \geq m_i.$$

Claim 3:  $\exists z_1, \dots, z_h \in K^*$  st.  $\det((v_i(z_j)))_{h \times h} \neq 0$ .

$$\text{Pf: } \text{rk}_{\mathbb{Q}} \left\{ \bar{r} \in \mathbb{Q}^h \mid \sum_{i=1}^h r_i \cdot v_i(z_1) = 0 \right\} = h-1.$$

Exercise:  $\exists z_1 \in K^*$  because  $(v_i(i))$  are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -l.i.

• Consider  $\text{rk}_{\mathbb{Q}} \left\{ \bar{r} \in \mathbb{Q}^h \mid \sum r_i \cdot v_i(z_1) = 0 \text{ \& } \sum r_i \cdot v_i(z_2) = 0 \right\}$   
 $h-2 =$  for some  $z_2 \in K^*$ . (Plug the I in the II eqn.)



• On repeating this, we get  $z_1, \dots, z_h \in K^*$  s.t.  
no (nonzero)  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear combination of  
 $\{v_1(z_j), \dots, v_h(z_j)\}$  vanishes, simultaneously for  
 $j \in [h]$ .

$\Rightarrow V := ((v_i(z_j)))_{h \times h}$  is invertible.  $\square$

– Now, we move to the induction-step (find  $u$ ):

$\rightarrow$  Solve for  $c$ 's s.t.  $\sum_{j \in [h]} c_{jm} \cdot v_i(z_j) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } i=m \\ 1, & \text{else} \end{cases}$   
 (as  $h \times h$ -matrix<sup>←</sup>)

$$\Delta \quad V \cdot c = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \forall i, m \in [h]$$



• Pick  $d \in \mathcal{N}$  s.t.  $\{d \cdot c_{jm} \mid j, m \in [h]\} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ .

• Define  $y_m := \prod_{j \in [h]} z_j^{d c_{jm}}$ ,  $\forall m \in [h]$ .

$$\triangleright v_i(y_m) = \begin{cases} -d, & \text{if } i=m \\ d, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

• Define  $x_m := (1 + y_m^{-1})^{-1} \in K^*$ ,  $\forall m \in [h]$ .

$$\triangleright \text{For } i \neq m, v_i(x_m) = -v_i(1 + y_m^{-1}) = -(-d) = d.$$

$$\triangleright \text{For } i=m, v_m(x_m - 1) = v_m\left(\frac{y_m}{y_m + 1} - 1\right) = v_m\left(\frac{-1}{y_m + 1}\right) = d.$$



• Set  $u := \sum_{i \in [h]} x_i u_i$  [Fix  $d$  large enough, s.t.  
 $d + v_i(u_j) \geq \max(m_1, \dots, m_h)$   
 $\forall i, j \in [h]$ ]

$$\Rightarrow u - u_i = u_i \cdot (x_i - 1) + \sum_{i^* \in [h]} x_{i^*} u_{i^*}$$

$$\triangleright v_i(u - u_i) \geq m_i \cdot [h] \geq m_i \cdot \forall i \in [h]$$

$$d + v_i(u_i)$$

$$d + v_i(u_{i^*})$$

$\Rightarrow$  completes the induction-step.  $\square$

Corollary: Let  $S \subset \mathbb{C}$  be finite. Let  $\{m_p \mid p \in S\} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 Then,  $\exists f \in K(\mathbb{C})^*$ ,  $\forall p \in S, v_p(f) = m_p$ .

Warning:  $Z(f) \cup Z(1/f) \neq S$ .



Ex: Take  $C = \mathbb{P}^1$  & find  $f$ 's for  $S$ .

→ Now, the goal is to study the set of all fns. in  $K = K(C)$  whose zeros are at least that in  $S \subset C$ .

— The formal construct, of much use here, is:  
the divisor group.