

## Solutions 12

### EULER CHARACTERISTIC, RIEMANN-ROCH, RESIDUES

1. (*Riemann-Roch for locally free sheaves*) Let  $X$  be a connected smooth projective curve of genus  $g$  over an algebraically closed field  $k$ .

- (a) For every non-zero locally free sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  there exists an invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{F}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{L}$  is locally free.
- (b) For any locally free sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  of rank  $r$  over  $X$  define  $\deg(\mathcal{F}) := \deg(\bigwedge^r \mathcal{F})$  and prove that

$$\chi(X, \mathcal{F}) = r \cdot (1 - g) + \deg(\mathcal{F}).$$

**Solution:** (a) Let  $U \subset X$  be a nonempty open subscheme such that  $\mathcal{F}|_U$  is free and let  $j: U \hookrightarrow X$  be the canonical embedding. Since  $X$  is integral, the adjunction map  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow j_*j^*\mathcal{F}$  is injective; we identify  $\mathcal{F}$  with its image. Choose a direct summand  $\mathcal{M} \subset j^*\mathcal{F}$  which is free of rank 1. Since  $j_*$  is left exact, we have  $j_*\mathcal{M} \subset j_*j^*\mathcal{F}$ . We claim that  $\mathcal{L} := \mathcal{F} \cap j_*\mathcal{M}$  has the desired property.

For this recall that the local rings of  $X$  are principal ideal domains, and that a finitely generated module over a principal ideal domain is free if and only if it is torsion free. Since  $\mathcal{L}$  is a subsheaf of  $\mathcal{F}$ , it is finitely generated and torsion free, and we thus deduce that  $\mathcal{L}$  is locally free. Moreover by construction  $\mathcal{L}|_U \cong \mathcal{M}$ , and so  $\mathcal{L}$  has rank 1. Also by construction and the exactness of  $j_*$  we have

$$\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{F}/(\mathcal{F} \cap j_*\mathcal{M}) \hookrightarrow j_*j^*\mathcal{F}/j_*\mathcal{M} \cong j_*(j^*\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{M}).$$

Being the  $j_*$  of a free sheaf the right hand side is torsion free; hence  $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{L}$  is torsion free. But  $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{L}$  is also a quotient of  $\mathcal{F}$ ; hence finitely generated; hence locally free.

(b) We proceed by induction on  $r$ . If  $r = 0$ , the sheaf  $\bigwedge^r \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_X$  has degree 0 and both sides are 0. If  $r = 1$ , the statement is version 1 of the Riemann-Roch theorem from the course. Suppose  $r > 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be as in part (a) and set  $\mathcal{E} := \mathcal{F}/\mathcal{L}$ . Then we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow 0$ . Since rank is additive, we see that  $\mathcal{E}$  has rank  $r - 1$ . By the induction hypothesis, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(X, \mathcal{F}) &= \chi(X, \mathcal{L}) + \chi(X, \mathcal{E}) = (1 - g) + \deg(\mathcal{L}) + (r - 1)(1 - g) + \deg(\mathcal{E}) \\ &= r(1 - g) + \deg(\mathcal{L}) + \deg(\mathcal{E}). \end{aligned}$$

Since the exact sequence above induces an isomorphism  $\bigwedge^r \mathcal{F} \cong \bigwedge^{r-1} \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{L}$ , we deduce that  $\deg(\mathcal{L}) + \deg(\mathcal{E}) = \deg(\mathcal{F})$ , which yields the desired result.

2. For an arbitrary integral projective curve  $X$  over an algebraically closed field  $k$ , the *arithmetic genus* of  $X$  is defined as  $p_a(Y) := h^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ . Let  $\pi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  be the normalization of  $X$ .

- (a) Show that  $p_a(X) = p_a(\tilde{X}) + \sum'_{P \in X} \text{length}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,P}}(\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}} / \mathcal{O}_X)_P$ .
- (b) Deduce that  $p_a(X) = 0$  if and only if  $X$  is nonsingular of genus 0.
- (c) Determine  $p_a(X)$  for the nodal cubic curve  $X := V(C(C - B)A - B^3) \subset \mathbb{P}_k^2$  and the cuspidal cubic curve  $X := V(B^2C - A^3) \subset \mathbb{P}_k^2$ .

**Solution:** (a) The morphism  $\pi$  is birational, and it is finite because  $X$  is noetherian. Thus  $\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}$  is a coherent sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules and the homomorphism  $\pi^b: \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}$  is an isomorphism except at the finitely many closed points where  $X$  is singular. Since  $X$  is integral, it follows that  $\pi^b$  is injective everywhere. We will study the long exact cohomology sequence associated to the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}} \rightarrow (\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}) / \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow 0$ .

Since  $\pi$  is affine, we have natural isomorphism  $H^i(\tilde{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}) \cong H^i(X, \pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}})$  for each  $i$ . As  $X$  and  $\tilde{X}$  are integral projective, we have  $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = H^0(\tilde{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}) = k$ . Since  $\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}} / \mathcal{O}_X$  is a coherent sheaf with finite support, the group of its global sections is the direct sum of its stalks and its  $H^1$  vanishes. The long exact cohomology sequence thus reads

$$0 \longrightarrow k \longrightarrow k \xrightarrow{(*)} \bigoplus_{P \in X} (\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}} / \mathcal{O}_X)_P \longrightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow H^1(\tilde{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}) \longrightarrow 0.$$

The homomorphism  $(*)$  must therefore vanish, and taking dimensions yields the desired formula in (a).

(b) Every term on the right hand side of the equation in (a) is non-negative. Thus  $p_a(X) = 0$  if and only if  $p_a(\tilde{X}) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X = \pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}$ . The latter is equivalent to  $X = \tilde{X}$  (for instance because it means that each stalk  $\mathcal{O}_{X,P}$  is integrally closed). Thus  $p_a(X) = 0$  if and only if  $X$  is non-singular of genus 0.

(c) Each curve has a closed embedding  $i: X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^2$  as a curve of degree 3; so we have a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^2}(-3) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^2} \rightarrow i_* \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow 0$ , regardless of singularities. The associated long exact cohomology sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H^1(\mathbb{P}_k^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^2}) & \longrightarrow & H^1(\mathbb{P}_k^2, i_* \mathcal{O}_X) & \longrightarrow & H^2(\mathbb{P}_k^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^2}(-3)) & \longrightarrow & H^2(\mathbb{P}_k^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^2}) \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ 0 & & H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) & & k & & 0 \end{array}$$

shows that  $p_a(X) = h^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 1$ .

*Aliter:* By earlier computations each curve has normalization  $\tilde{X} \cong \mathbb{P}_k^1$  and precisely one singular point  $P$ . Show that  $\dim_k(\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}} / \mathcal{O}_X)_P = 1$  by an explicit local calculation and use (a). The local calculation amounts to the fact that

$$\dim_k(k[t]/k[t^2, t^2(1+t)]) = \dim_k(k[t]/k[t^2, t^3]) = 1.$$

3. (*Hilbert polynomial of a coherent sheaf*) Let  $X$  be a projective scheme over a field  $k$  with a very ample invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$  and an arbitrary coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$ . Prove:
- (a) There is a unique polynomial  $P_{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathbb{Q}[T]$  such that  $\chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = P_{\mathcal{F}}(m)$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
  - (b) This polynomial can be written uniquely as  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(T) = \sum_n a_n \binom{T}{n}$  with  $a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
  - \* (c) If  $\mathcal{F} \neq 0$ , the degree of  $P_{\mathcal{F}}$  is equal to the dimension of the support of  $\mathcal{F}$  and the highest coefficient of  $P_{\mathcal{F}}$  is positive.
  - (d) If  $X$  is a smooth connected curve and  $k$  is algebraically closed, the highest coefficient of  $P_{\mathcal{O}_X}$  is  $\deg(\mathcal{L})$ .
  - \* (e) Repeat the same with an arbitrary invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$ , assuming only in (c) that  $\mathcal{L}$  is ample.

**Solution:** First note that for any field extension  $L/k$  and the base change morphism  $\pi: X_L \rightarrow X$ , we have  $\chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = \chi(X_L, \pi^* \mathcal{F} \otimes (\pi^* \mathcal{L})^{\otimes m})$ . In all parts of the exercise we may thus assume that  $k$  is algebraically closed.

The uniqueness in (a) and (b) is a direct consequence of the fact that a univariate polynomial is determined by its values at any infinite set of points.

Recall from §5.6 that there is a unique smallest closed subscheme  $Y$  with embedding  $i: Y \hookrightarrow X$  such that  $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\sim} i_* i^* \mathcal{F}$ , called the scheme-theoretic support of  $\mathcal{F}$ . For every  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  we then have  $\chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = \chi(Y, i^* \mathcal{F} \otimes (i^* \mathcal{L})^{\otimes m})$ . Thus we may reduce ourselves to the case that  $Y = X$ .

We then do induction on  $d := \dim X$ . If  $X$  is finite, we have  $\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{O}_X$  and hence  $H^0(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) \cong \Gamma(X, \mathcal{F})$  and all other cohomology groups are zero. Thus  $\chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m})$  is an integer that is independent of  $m$  and  $> 0$  if  $\mathcal{F} \neq 0$ ; proving (a) through (c) in this case.

If  $d > 0$ , let  $i: X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^N$  be a closed embedding with  $i^* \mathcal{O}(1) \cong \mathcal{L}$ . Since  $k$  is algebraically closed, there exists a hyperplane  $L \subset \mathbb{P}_k^N$  containing none of the irreducible components of  $i(X)$ . The linear form defining  $L$  yields a section  $\ell \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  which generates  $\mathcal{L}$  over an open dense subset  $U \subset X$ . Define coherent sheaves  $\mathcal{F}'$ ,  $\mathcal{F}''$ , and  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$  on  $X$  by the exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}' & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{(\ ) \otimes \ell} & \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}'' & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & & & & \searrow & \nearrow & & & & \\
 & & & & & & \bar{\mathcal{F}} & & & & \\
 & & & & 0 & \nearrow & \searrow & & & & \\
 & & & & & & & & 0 & & 
 \end{array}$$

After tensoring with  $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}$  the additivity of the Euler characteristic in short exact sequences shows that

$$\chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m+1}) - \chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = \chi(X, \mathcal{F}'' \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) - \chi(X, \mathcal{F}' \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}).$$

Also  $\mathcal{F}'$  and  $\mathcal{F}''$  vanish on  $U$ , so their scheme-theoretic support has dimension  $\leq d - 1$ ; so by the induction hypothesis the right hand side is a polynomial of degree  $\leq d - 1$  in  $m$ . Write it in the form  $\sum_{n=0}^{d-1} a_n \binom{m}{n}$ . Since  $\binom{m}{n} = \binom{m+1}{n+1} - \binom{m}{n+1}$ , it follows that

$$\chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m+1}) - \sum_{n=0}^{d-1} a_n \binom{m+1}{n+1} = \chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) - \sum_{n=0}^{d-1} a_n \binom{m}{n+1}.$$

This value is therefore independent of  $m$ , and calling it  $b$  we deduce that

$$(*) \quad \chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = \sum_{n=1}^d a_{n-1} \binom{m}{n} + b$$

for all  $m$ . This proves both (a) and (b).

To do the induction step for (c) we claim that we can choose  $\ell$  such that  $\mathcal{F}' = 0$ . This involves associated primes for modules, or in more down to earth terms: Cover  $X$  by finitely many open affines  $\text{Spec } A_i$  and suppose that the  $\mathcal{F}|_{\text{Spec } A_i} = \tilde{M}_i$ . Then  $M_i$  is a finitely generated  $A_i$ -module; hence there exists a sequence of submodules  $0 = M_{i,0} \subset M_{i,1} \subset \dots \subset M_{i,r_i}$  such that each  $M_{i,j}/M_{i,j-1} \cong A_i/\mathfrak{a}_{i,j}$  for some ideal  $\mathfrak{a}_{i,j}$ . Each associated prime of  $\mathfrak{a}_{i,j}$  corresponds to an irreducible subset of  $\text{Spec } A_i$ , whose closure is an irreducible subset of  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  denote the set of all irreducible closed subsets of  $X$  obtained in this way for all  $i$  and  $j$ . If the hyperplane  $L$  chosen above does not contain any of the irreducible subsets in  $\mathcal{S}$ , multiplication by  $\ell$  is injective on each  $A_i/\mathfrak{a}_{i,j}$  and hence on each  $M_i$ ; from which one can deduce that  $\mathcal{F}' = 0$ . (Compare the discussion following [Vakil, Exercise 18.6.A].)

By contrast, recall that the support of  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $X$ . Thus the support of  $\mathcal{F}''$  is  $X \cap L$ . Also we have  $d = \dim X > 0$ . Moreover  $L$  meets every irreducible component of  $X$  of dimension  $d$  and the intersection has dimension  $d - 1$  by Krull's principal ideal theorem. Thus the support of  $\mathcal{F}''$  has dimension  $d - 1$ . By the induction hypothesis we thus have  $\chi(X, \mathcal{F}'' \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = \sum_{n=0}^{d-1} a_n \binom{m}{n}$  with  $a_{d-1} > 0$ . The formula (\*) above then shows that  $\chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = \sum_{n=1}^d a_{n-1} \binom{m}{n} + b$  with highest coefficient  $> 0$ , as desired.

In the situation of (d) observe that, with the definition of  $\deg(\mathcal{L})$  from the course, by Riemann-Roch we have

$$\chi(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = 1 - g + \deg(\mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = 1 - g + \deg(\mathcal{L}) \cdot m.$$

Thus  $P_{\mathcal{O}_X}(T) = 1 - g + \deg(\mathcal{L}) \cdot T$ , which implies (e).

For (e) consider an arbitrary invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$ . Choose an auxiliary very ample invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{L}_1$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_2 := \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}_1$  is also very ample. Show in a similar fashion that  $\chi(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}_1^{\otimes m_1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_2^{\otimes m_2})$  is a polynomial of total degree  $\leq \dim(X)$  in  $(m_1, m_2)$ . The special case  $(m_1, m_2) = (-m, m)$  then yields everything except

the positivity (c). For that assume that  $\mathcal{L}$  is ample and choose  $n > 0$  such that  $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}$  is very ample. Then the polynomial for  $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}$  in place of  $\mathcal{L}$  is obtained from that for  $\mathcal{L}$  by substituting  $nT$  for  $T$ . This leaves the sign of the highest coefficient unchanged.

4. Let  $k$  be a field. Show that for any  $f \in k((t))^\times$  and any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have

$$\operatorname{res}_t(f^n df) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{ord}_t(f) & \text{if } n = -1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Solution:** If  $\operatorname{ord}_t(f) = 0$ , then  $\operatorname{ord}_t(f^n \frac{df}{dt}) \geq 0$  for all  $n$ ; hence  $\operatorname{res}_t(f^n df) = 0$ . If  $\operatorname{ord}_t(f) > 0$ , the differential  $f^n df = f^n \frac{df}{dt} dt$  arises by the substitution  $s = f(t)$  from the differential  $s^n ds$ . By Proposition 2 of §7.3 of the course it follows that

$$\operatorname{res}_t(f^n df) = \operatorname{res}_s(\operatorname{tr}_{k((t))/k((s))}(s^n ds)) = \operatorname{res}_s(\operatorname{ord}_t(f) \cdot s^n ds) = \operatorname{ord}_t(f) \cdot \delta_{n,-1}.$$

If  $\operatorname{ord}_t(f) < 0$ , write  $f = g^{-1}$ ; then the differential  $f^n df = g^{-n} dg^{-1} = -g^{-n-2} dg$  arises by the substitution  $s = g(t)$  from the differential  $-s^{-n-2} ds$ . By Proposition 2 of §7.3 of the course it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{res}_t(f^n df) &= \operatorname{res}_s(\operatorname{tr}_{k((t))/k((s))}(-s^{-n-2} ds)) = \operatorname{res}_s(\operatorname{ord}_t(g) \cdot (-s^{-n-2} ds)) \\ &= -\operatorname{ord}_t(g) \cdot \delta_{-n-2,-1} = \operatorname{ord}_t(f) \cdot \delta_{n,-1}. \end{aligned}$$

5. Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic  $\neq 2$ . Let  $X$  be the connected smooth projective curve over  $k$  with the affine equation  $y^2 = f(x)$  for a separable polynomial  $f(x) \in k[x]$  of degree 3. Denote the function field of  $X$  by  $K$ .

(a) Show that  $\Gamma(X, \Omega_{X/k}) = k \cdot \frac{dx}{y}$ .

(b) Verify the residue theorem for the rational differentials  $dx, \frac{dx}{x}, \frac{x dx}{y} \in \Omega_{K/k}$  by explicitly computing all residues.

**Solution:** Write  $f(x) = (x - e_1)(x - e_2)(x - e_3)$  for  $e_i \in k$  distinct. By the jacobian criterion the affine curve  $U := \operatorname{Spec} k[X, Y]/(Y^2 - f(X))$  is non-singular. Thus  $U$  is an affine open chart in  $X$ , where  $x, y$  are the residue classes of  $X, Y$ . The closure of  $U$  under the standard embedding  $U \hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^2$  is given by the homogeneous equation  $Y^2 Z = (X - e_1 Z)(X - e_2 Z)(X - e_3 Z)$ , which again by the jacobian criterion is non-singular and hence isomorphic to  $X$ . From this equation we see that  $X \setminus U$  consists of the single point in projective coordinates  $(0 : 1 : 0)$ , which we denote simply as  $\widetilde{\infty} \in X$ . A local equation for  $X$  near  $\widetilde{\infty}$  is obtained by substituting  $x = s^{-1}$  and  $y = ts^{-2}$ , resulting in the equation  $t^2 = g(s)$  with  $g(s) := s(1 - e_1 s)(1 - e_2 s)(1 - e_3 s)$ , where  $\widetilde{\infty}$  has the coordinates  $(s, t) = (0, 0)$ . Also, the function  $x$  defines a separable morphism  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1$  of degree 2 with  $\pi(\widetilde{\infty}) = \infty$ . This has ramification degree 2 at the points  $P_i := (e_i, 0) \in |X|$  and at  $\widetilde{\infty}$ , and 1 elsewhere.

Next observe that the equation  $y^2 = f(x)$  implies that  $2y dy = f'(x) dx$  in  $\Omega_{K/k}$ , where  $f' := \frac{df}{dx}$ . Consider any point  $P = (\xi, \eta) \in |X| \setminus \{\widetilde{\infty}\}$ . In the case  $\eta \neq 0$  we have  $2\eta \neq 0$  and  $x - \xi$  is a local uniformizer and hence  $\Omega_{X/k, P} = \mathcal{O}_{X, P} \cdot dx$ . By contrast, in the case  $\eta = 0$  we have  $f(\xi) = 0$  and hence  $f'(\xi) \neq 0$ , so  $y$  is a local uniformizer and  $\Omega_{X/k, P} = \mathcal{O}_{X, P} \cdot dy$ . At  $\widetilde{\infty}$  observe that  $t^2 = g(s)$  with  $\text{ord}_s(g) = 1$ ; thus  $s$  is equal to  $t^2$  times a unit at  $\widetilde{\infty}$ ; hence  $t = y/x^2$  is a local uniformizer at  $\widetilde{\infty}$  and  $\Omega_{X/k, \widetilde{\infty}} = \mathcal{O}_{X, \widetilde{\infty}} \cdot dt$ .

(a) Since  $x$  and  $y$  are regular functions on  $U$ , the differential  $\frac{dx}{y} \in \Omega_{K/k}$  is regular on  $U$  except possibly where  $y = 0$ . But by the equation  $2y dy = f'(x) dx$  in  $\Omega_{K/k}$  it is also equal to  $\frac{2dy}{f'(x)}$ . In this form it extends to a regular differential at all points with  $f'(x) \neq 0$ ; hence in particular to those with  $y = 0$ . At  $\widetilde{\infty}$  observe that  $\frac{dx}{y} = \frac{ds^{-1}}{ts^{-2}} = -\frac{ds}{t}$ . But the equation  $t^2 = g(s)$  implies that  $2t dt = g'(s) ds$  with  $g'(0) \neq 0$ ; hence  $-\frac{ds}{t} = -\frac{2dt}{g'(s)}$  is regular at  $\widetilde{\infty}$ . Together this shows that  $\frac{dx}{y}$  defines an element of  $\Gamma(X, \Omega_{X/k})$ .

We have seen in the course that every plane cubic curve has  $\Omega_{X/k} \cong \mathcal{O}_X$  and hence  $\dim_k \Gamma(X, \Omega_{X/k}) = 1$ . It follows that the non-zero global section  $\frac{dx}{y}$  generates  $\Gamma(X, \Omega_{X/k})$ . (*Aliter:* With the same local computations show that  $\frac{dx}{y}$  is a generator of  $\Omega_{X/k}$  everywhere. Thus  $\Gamma(X, \Omega_{X/k}) = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X \cdot \frac{dx}{y}) = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \cdot \frac{dx}{y} = k \cdot \frac{dx}{y}$ .)

(b) To simplify the computation of the residue at one of the points  $P = (e_i, 0)$  or  $\widetilde{\infty}$  where  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1$  is ramified, we use the equation  $\text{res}_P(\omega) = \text{res}_{\pi(P)}(\text{tr}_{K/k(x)}(\omega))$  proved in the course, where  $\text{res}_{\pi(P)}$  denotes the residue taken on  $\mathbb{P}_k^1$ .

- i. The differential  $dx$  is regular on  $U$  and hence  $\text{res}_P(dx) = 0$  there. At  $\widetilde{\infty}$  we use the trace. Since  $dx$  comes from a differential on  $\mathbb{P}_k^1$ , we get  $\text{res}_{\widetilde{\infty}}(dx) = \text{res}_{\widetilde{\infty}}(\text{tr}_{K/k(x)}(dx)) = \text{res}_{\widetilde{\infty}}(2 dx)$ . But the substitution  $x = s^{-1}$  and the quotient rule show that  $dx = ds^{-1} = -\frac{ds}{s^2}$  and hence  $\text{res}_{\widetilde{\infty}}(2 dx) = \text{res}_s(-2 \frac{ds}{s^2}) = 0$ . Thus  $\text{res}_P(dx) = 0$  for all  $P \in |X|$ ; and in particular  $\sum_{P \in |X|} \text{res}_P(dx) = 0$ .
- ii. The differential  $\frac{dx}{x}$  is regular on  $U$  except where  $x = 0$ ; hence its residues are zero there. The situation at  $x = 0$  depends: If some  $e_i = 0$ , we have only the point  $P = (0, 0)$  to consider and the morphism  $\pi$  is ramified there, and we get  $\text{res}_P(\frac{dx}{x}) = \text{res}_0(\text{tr}_{K/k(x)}(\frac{dx}{x})) = \text{res}_x(2 \frac{dx}{x}) = 2$ . Otherwise there are two points  $(0, \pm\eta)$  to consider with  $\eta \neq 0$ , and  $x$  is a uniformizer at each of them, so we directly get  $\text{res}_P(\frac{dx}{x}) = 1$  at these two points. At infinity we can again use the trace and the substitution  $x = s^{-1}$ , obtaining  $\frac{dx}{x} = -\frac{ds}{s}$  and  $\text{res}_{\widetilde{\infty}}(\frac{dx}{x}) = \text{res}_{\widetilde{\infty}}(\text{tr}_{K/k(x)}(\frac{dx}{x})) = \text{res}_{\widetilde{\infty}}(2 \frac{dx}{x}) = \text{res}_s(-2 \frac{ds}{s}) = -2$ . The sum of all residues is therefore  $2 + (-2) = 0$ , respectively  $1 + 1 + (-2) = 0$ .
- iii. Since the function  $x$  and the differential  $\frac{dx}{y}$  are both regular on  $U$ , so is the differential  $\frac{x dx}{y}$ . Thus its residues are zero there. At  $\widetilde{\infty}$  we have  $\text{res}_{\widetilde{\infty}}(\frac{x dx}{y}) = \text{res}_{\widetilde{\infty}}(\text{tr}_{K/k(x)}(\frac{x dx}{y}))$ . Since  $\frac{x dx}{y^2} = \frac{x dx}{f(x)}$  comes from a differential on  $\mathbb{P}_k^1$ , we have  $\text{tr}_{K/k(x)}(\frac{x dx}{y}) = \text{tr}_{K/k(x)}(y) \cdot \frac{x dx}{f(x)}$ . But the equation  $y^2 = f(x)$  also implies

that  $\text{tr}_{K/k(x)}(y) = 0$ . Thus  $\text{res}_P(dx) = 0$  for all  $P \in |X|$ ; and in particular  $\sum_{P \in |X|} \text{res}_P(dx) = 0$ .

*Aliter:* To compute the residues at  $\widetilde{\infty}$  without using the trace we substitute  $x = s^{-1}$  and  $y = ts^{-2}$  as before, so that  $dx = -\frac{ds}{s^2} = \frac{-2t dt}{s^2 g'(s)}$  with  $g'(0) \neq 0$  and the local uniformizer  $t$ . The equation  $t^2 = g(s) = s + O(s^2)$  implies an expansion  $s = t^2 + \dots$  as a power series in  $k[[t^2]]$ . We proceed in increasing order of difficulty:

ii. Here  $\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{1}{s^{-1}} \cdot \frac{-2t dt}{s^2 g'(s)} = \frac{-2t^2 dt}{s g'(s) t} = -2 \cdot \frac{g(s)}{s g'(s)} \cdot \frac{dt}{t}$ , where  $\frac{g(s)}{s g'(s)}$  is a unit at  $\widetilde{\infty}$  with constant term 1. Thus  $\frac{dx}{x} = -2 \cdot \frac{dt}{t} + (\text{a differential regular at } \widetilde{\infty})$ ; hence the residue is  $-2$ .

iii. Here  $\frac{x dx}{y} = \frac{s^{-1}}{ts^{-2}} \cdot \frac{-2t dt}{s^2 g'(s)} = \frac{-2}{s g'(s)} \cdot dt$  has a pole of order 2 at  $\widetilde{\infty}$ . But expanding  $\frac{-2}{s g'(s)}$  yields a Laurent series in  $t^2$ ; hence the expansion of  $\frac{-2}{s g'(s)} \cdot dt$  does not contain the term  $\frac{dt}{t}$ ; so the residue is 0.

i. Here  $dx = \frac{-2t^2 dt}{s^2 g'(s) t} = \frac{-2g(s)}{s^2 g'(s)} \cdot \frac{dt}{t}$  has a pole of order 3 at  $\widetilde{\infty}$ , so we must calculate initial parts of Laurent series in order to identify the coefficient of  $\frac{dt}{t}$ . Write  $g(s) = s - es^2 + O(s^3)$  with  $e \in k$ . Then the equation  $t^2 = g(s)$  implies that  $s = t^2 + es^2 + O(s^3) = t^2 + et^4 + O(t^6)$ . Therefore

$$\frac{g(s)}{s^2 g'(s)} = \frac{s - es^2 + O(s^3)}{s^2(1 - 2es + O(s^2))} = \frac{1 + es + O(s^2)}{s} = \frac{1 + et^2 + O(t^4)}{t^2 + et^4 + O(t^6)} = \frac{1 + O(t^4)}{t^2}.$$

Thus  $dx = -2 \cdot \frac{1 + O(t^4)}{t^2} \cdot \frac{dt}{t} = -2 \cdot \frac{dt}{t^3} + (\text{a differential regular at } \widetilde{\infty})$ ; hence the residue is 0.

If some  $e_i = 0$ , we proceed in the same way to compute the residue at  $P = (0, 0)$ : Here  $\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{2y dy}{f'(x)x} = \frac{2y^2 dy}{f'(x)xy} = 2 \cdot \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)x} \cdot \frac{dy}{y}$  and  $f(x) = ax + O(x^2)$  for some  $a \in k^\times$ ; hence  $\frac{f(x)}{f'(x)x}$  is a unit at  $P$  with constant term 1. Thus  $\frac{dx}{x} = 2 \cdot \frac{dy}{y} + (\text{a differential regular at } P)$ ; hence the residue is 2.