

Algebraic Geometric Codes

Recitation 09

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If $\deg(d) = 2$ then we can write $d = at^2 + bt + c$, when replacing $t' = t + \frac{-b}{2a}$, we get that $at^2 + bt + c = a(t'^2) + (c + \frac{b^2 a + b^2}{4a}) = at'^2 + c'$. Note that both $a, c' \in K^\times$ (or F is a rational function field.)

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$$K = \mathcal{L}(p) \subset \mathcal{L}(2p) \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{L}(n \cdot p).$$

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$$\mathcal{L}(p) = \text{Span}_K(1) \quad \mathcal{L}(2p) = \text{Span}_K(1, x)$$

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Thus there is a linear combination

$$y^2 = a + bx + cy + dx^2 + exy + fx^3,$$

with $f \neq 0$. If we define $y' = y - \frac{1}{2}(ex + c)$ we get that $y'^2 = d(x)$.