

- Theorem:  $\forall x \in K \setminus k, d((x)_0) = d((x)_\infty) = [k : k(x)]$ .

Pf: • Let  $N := [K : k(x)]$ ,  $D := (x)_0$  with support  $S$ .

• First, we show  $d(D) \leq N$ :

• Let  $y_0, \dots, y_N \in L(0)_S$  be rational functions.

• Then, by the defn. of  $N$ ,  $\exists f_0, \dots, f_N \in k[x]$  not all zero, st.  $\sum_{j=0}^N f_j y_j = 0$ .

• Further, we can assure that not all the elements  $a_j := f_j(0), 0 \leq j \leq N$ , are zero.

• On rewriting we get,  $\sum_{j=0}^N a_j y_j = -x \cdot \sum_{j=0}^N g_j y_j$ .

•  $\forall p \in S$ , we have  $v_p(\sum a_j y_j) = v_p(x) + v_p(\sum g_j y_j)$

$\geq v_p(x) + \min_j \{v_p(g_j) + v_p(y_j)\} \geq v_p(x) = \text{ord}_p(D)$ .

$\Rightarrow \sum a_j y_j \in L(-D)_S$ .

$\Rightarrow \dim_K L(0)_S / L(-D)_S \leq N$ .

• Since we already know  $LHS = d(0) - d(-D) = d(D)$ , we get  $d(D) \leq N$ .

- Now, we show  $d(\mathcal{D}) \geq N$ :
    - Let  $y_1, \dots, y_N$  be a  $k(x)$ -basis of  $K$  s.t. they are integral over  $k(x)$ . [exist?]
    - Then,  $\{(x^i y_j) \mid i \in [t], j \in [N]\} =: B$  are  $k$ -linear independent, for any  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ .
    - Prove that: If  $y$  is integral over  $k(x)$  &  $v_p(y) < 0$ , then  $v_p(x) < 0$ . [Say,  $y^m = f_{m+1}(x)y^{m+1} + \dots + f_0(x)$ , for some  $f_i \in k[x]$ . Taking  $v_p(\cdot)$  both sides, we can deduce  $v_p(x) < 0$ .]
    - Thus, for large enough  $D \in \mathbb{N}$ , the divisors  $\{(x^{D+t})_\infty + (x^i y_j) \mid i \in [t], j \in [N]\}$  are all positive.
- $\Rightarrow B$  are  $k$ -lr. indep. fns. in  $L((x^{D+t})_\infty)$ .
- This, together with  $(x^{D+t})_\infty \geq (x)_\infty$ , means:  $|B| = Nt \leq \dim_k L((x^{D+t})_\infty) \leq d((x^{D+t})_\infty) + \ell((x)_\infty) - d((x)_\infty)$ .
- $\Rightarrow Nt \leq (s+t-1) \cdot d((x)_\infty) + \ell((x)_\infty)$ .
- Tending  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , we deduce  
 $d((x)_\infty) \geq N$ .

- We can repeat the proof for  $\pi^{-1}$ , & using  $k(x) = k(\pi^{-1})$ , we get the inequality:  
 $d(D) \geq N$ .  $\square$

- Corollary: (1) For  $x \in K^*$ ,  $d((x)) = 0$ .  
(2)  $0 \xrightarrow{\subseteq} \text{Div}_a(C) \xrightarrow{\subseteq} \text{Div}_0(C) \xrightarrow{\subseteq} \text{Div}(C) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{Z}$  is a sequence of (abelian gp.) homomorphisms.

- The above sequence allows us to define:
- Definition:
  - The group of divisor classes  
 $\underline{\text{cl}}(C) := \text{Div}(C) / \text{Div}_a(C)$ .
  - The group of divisor classes of degree 0  
 $\underline{\text{cl}}_0(C) := \text{Div}_0(C) / \text{Div}_a(C)$ .

$\triangleright 0 \xrightarrow{\subseteq} \underline{\text{cl}}_0(C) \xrightarrow{\subseteq} \underline{\text{cl}}(C) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{Z}$  is an exact sequence.

(I.e. image of a map is the kernel of the subsequent map!)  
(Is  $d$  onto?)