

relatively prime, then  $f$  gives a map of  $S$  to  $\mathbb{P}^1$  by  
 $p \mapsto [g(p), h(p)]$ .

$\Gamma$   $S \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N \Rightarrow \exists$  a global meromorphic function on  $\mathbb{P}^N$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Take the restriction to  $S \Rightarrow$  We get a global meromorphic function on  $S \Rightarrow M(S) \neq \emptyset$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{P}^1 \\ \downarrow p & \longmapsto & [g(p), h(p)] \\ & \text{well-defined} & \end{array} \quad f = \frac{g}{h} \quad \Downarrow$$

Let  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be such a map; on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  we have  
 $\chi(\mathbb{P}^1) = 2 = -\deg K_{\mathbb{P}^1}$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(S) &= n \cdot \chi(\mathbb{P}^1) - \sum_{p \in S} (\nu(p) - 1) \\ &= -n \cdot \deg K_{\mathbb{P}^1} - \sum_{p \in S} (\nu(p) - 1) \\ &= -\deg K_S. \end{aligned}$$

$\Gamma$   $\chi(\mathbb{P}^1) = -\deg K_{\mathbb{P}^1}$  by P.2.16.

By  $\chi(S) = n \cdot \chi(\mathbb{P}^1) - \sum_{p \in S} (\nu(p) - 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(S) &= n \cdot \chi(\mathbb{P}^1) - \sum_{p \in S} (\nu(p) - 1) = -n \cdot \deg K_{\mathbb{P}^1} \\ &\quad - \sum_{p \in S} (\nu(p) - 1) = -\deg K_S, \text{ by } \deg K_S = n \cdot \deg K_{\mathbb{P}^1} + \sum_{p \in S} (\nu(p) - 1). \quad \Downarrow \end{aligned}$$

Thus for any  $S$ ,  $\deg K_S = -\chi(S) = 2g - 2$ ,  
 and the Riemann-Hurwitz formula is established.

$\Gamma$  From the above,  $\deg K_S = -\chi(S) = 2g - 2 \quad \Downarrow$   
 "Comment: We did not use the Gauss-Bonnet theorem."