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$y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda)$ represents a curve in \mathbb{P}^2 .

\Rightarrow Since S is irreducible, $S = \{y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda)\}$.

Note that by the above a Riemann surface of genus 1 is determined by the one parameter λ in the polynomial (*) above; since the quotient \mathbb{C}/Λ of \mathbb{C} by any rank 2 lattice $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a Riemann surface of genus 1, and since one complex parameter is required to specify a lattice $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$ of rank 2 up to an automorphism of \mathbb{C} , we might expect that in fact all curves of genus 1 may be realized as \mathbb{C}/Λ . This is in fact the case, as we shall see in the next section.

Γ A Riemann surface of genus 1 is determined by the one parameter λ in the polynomial $x(x-\lambda)(x-1) = y^2$. For the definition of a lattice, see Husemoller (Elliptic Curve) P163. $L = \mathbb{Z}w_1 + \mathbb{Z}w_2$ $w_1/w_2 \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$.

$\Rightarrow \frac{w_1}{w_2}$ is a complex parameter.

In closing we note that meromorphic functions on $S = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ are the same as entire meromorphic functions on \mathbb{C} , which are periodic for the lattice Λ .

2. Abel's Theorem

Abel's Theorem - First Version.

The definite integrals of the form (*) $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2+ax+b}}$ are