

The rational functions of V a priori form a subfield of the field $\mathcal{M}(V)$ of meromorphic functions; in fact,

Every meromorphic function on an algebraic variety $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ is rational.

The proof of this assertion is in two stages: first, we express V as a branched cover of a linear subspace $\mathbb{P}^k \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ by projection, and deduce from this representation that the pullback $\pi^* K(\mathbb{P}^k)$ to V of the field of rational functions on \mathbb{P}^k has index at most $d = \deg(V)$ in the field $\mathcal{M}(V)$; we then show that the field $K(V)$ is an extension of degree at least d over $\pi^* K(\mathbb{P}^k)$.

□ If a field F is an extension field of E and E an extension field of K , then $[F; K] = [F; E][E; K]$, where $[F; K]$ is the dimension of K -vector space F .

See, for details, p 231 Hungerford.

$$[\mathcal{M}(V); \pi^* K(\mathbb{P}^k)] \leq d$$

$$[K(V); \pi^* K(\mathbb{P}^k)] \geq d.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Since } [\mathcal{M}(V); \pi^* K(\mathbb{P}^k)] = [\mathcal{M}(V); K(V)] [K(V); \pi^* K(\mathbb{P}^k)] \leq d, \quad [\mathcal{M}(V); K(V)] = 1 \text{ and } [K(V); \pi^* K(\mathbb{P}^k)] = d.$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}(V) = K(V).$$

$$\pi: \mathbb{P}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^k, \quad \frac{F}{G} \text{ on } \mathbb{P}^k \text{ is rational.}$$