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- This would seem to be a traditional approach in terms of **Riemann-Roch spaces** and the **Riemann-Roch theorem** in that these vector spaces are defined in terms of the numbers of zeros and poles of rational functions.

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with equality when $1 + \deg(\mathbf{D}) \geq 2g$, g the **genus**.

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Define equivalence classes of such, by

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$\mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{F})$, the projective line

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3

$y^2 = x^3 + x^2 + x$ is an elliptic curve, so of genus 1, not genus 0, at least in characteristic not 3.

4

$$y^2 = 1 - x^2, \quad x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}, \quad y = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}, \quad t := \frac{x}{y+1}$$

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That is $x = f_7/f_5$, $y = f_5^2/f_7$, $f_7 = x^2y$, and $f_5 = xy$, if they are all viewed as elements of the same function field. So not only are ϕ and ψ inverses of each other, they are both the **identity map** on the common function field.

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For the Klein quartic example above,

$$\begin{aligned} b/c &= t_P^{-3} u_P^{-2} & a/c &= t_P^{-5} u_P^{-3} \\ b/c &= t_Q^2 u_Q & a/c &= t_Q^1 \\ b/c &= t_R^1 & a/c &= t_R^4 u_R \end{aligned}$$

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Special one-point position

For $y_{23} := x_8^2 x_4 x_2 x_1$ and $y_8 := x_8$, both with poles only at one point, there is a special one-point description of the curve.

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loadPackage "QthPower";
wtr=matrix{{23,8}};
R=ZZ/2[y23,y8,Weights=>entries weightGrevlex(wtr)];
GB={y23^8+y8^23+y23^4*y8^10+y23^2*y8^15+y23^5*y8^6+y23^6*y8^2+y23*y8^16+y23^4*y8^7+y23^5*y8^3
+y23^3*y8^8+y23*y8^13+y23^4*y8^4+y23^2*y8^9+y23^3*y8^5+y23*y8^10+y23^4*y8+y23*y8^7+y23^2*y8^3}
time ic2=qthIntegralClosure(wtr,R,GB);
toString ic2
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(ZZ/2)[f33, f21, f19, f18, f15, f14, f12, f8], <-- weighted ring
matrix{{33, 21, 19, 18, 15, 14, 12, 8}}}
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delta=y8^40+y8^37+y8^34+y8^31+y8^16+y8^13+y8^10+y8^7, <-- denominator
n12=y23^4*y8^30+y23^5*y8^26+y23*y8^36+y23^4*y8^27+y23^7*y8^18+y23^2*y8^32
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