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**ON THE VALUED FUNCTION FIELDS WITH GIVEN VALUE GROUP AND RESIDUE FIELD OR WITH GIVEN RESIDUE FIELD AND GENUS**

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**ABSTRACT**

The valued function fields with given value group and residue field or with given genus and residue field are studied.

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**DEĞER GRUBU VE REZİDÜ CİSMİ VEYA REZİDÜ CİSMİ VE CİNSİ VERİLEN DEĞERLENMİŞ FONKSİYON CİSİMLERİ HAKKINDA**

**ÖZET**

Bu çalışmada değer grubu ve rezidü cismi veya rezidü cismi ve cinsi verilen değerlenmiş cisimler çalışılmıştır.

**Anahtar Sözcükler:** Değerlenmiş cisimler, değerlendirmeler, fonksiyon cisimleri, değer grupları, rezidü cisimleri.

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Let  $K$  be a field,  $v$  be a nontrivial valuation on  $K$ ,  $G_v$  and  $k_v$  be the value group and residue field of  $v$  respectively. The aim of this paper is giving the theorems which study the extensions of valuations to simple transcendental extensions with given residue field and value group and the valued function fields with given residue fields and genus.

Firstly the theorem which states that when  $k/k_v$  is a finite extension and  $G_v \subseteq G_1 \subseteq G$  are ordered groups such that  $[G_1; G_0] < \infty$  and also  $G$  is the direct sum of  $G_1$  and an infinite cyclic group then there exists an extension of  $v$  to  $K(x)$  with the value group  $G$  and the residue field  $k$  is given.

Then the similar theorem is given for the pairwise independent valuations  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) on  $K$ . After then the theorem which is stated as follow is given:

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If  $k$  is a function field can be expressed as a quadratic extension of some simple transcendental extension of  $k_v$  and  $g$  is an integer not less than the genus of  $k/k_v$ , then there exists a function field  $F$  of one variable over  $K$  having genus  $g$  and there exists an extension  $w$  of  $v$  to  $F$  such that the residue field of  $w$  is  $k_v$  – isomorphic to  $k$ . The theorems are proved by S.K.Khanduja in 1991,1996,1997.

**2. PRELIMINARIES**

Let  $K$  be a field and  $v$  be a valuation on  $K$ . Throughout the paper  $G_v$  denotes the value group of  $v$  and  $k_v$  denotes the residue field of  $v$ .

Let  $w$  be an extension of  $v$  to  $K(x)$  and we suppose that  $G_w/G_v$  is not torsion group. We will write that

$$N = \min\{\deg f(x) \mid f(x) \in [x], w(f) \text{ is not torsion over } G_v\}$$

$$S = [k_w; k_v], T = [G_1; G_v],$$

$$G_1 = \{g \in G_w \mid g \text{ is torsion over } G_v\}$$

$v^t$  denotes the valuation which is defined by

$$v\left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i t^i\right) = \min_i (v(a_i)), \quad a_i \in K$$

for any  $t \in K(x) \setminus K$  and is called Gaussian valuation on  $K(t)$ .

For any  $\eta$  in the valuation ring of  $v$  we shall denote by  $\eta^*$  its  $v$ - residue, i.e. the image of  $\eta$  under the canonical homomorphism from the valuation ring of  $v$  onto the residue field of  $v$ .

**3. RESULTS**

**Theorem 1:** Let  $(K, v)$  be a non-trivially valued field having value group  $G_v$  and residue field  $k_v$ . Let  $G_v \subseteq G_1 \subseteq G$  be an inclusion of totally ordered abelian groups with  $[G_1 : G_0] \infty$  such that  $G$  is the direct sum of  $G_1$  and an infinite cyclic group, and let  $k$  be a finite extension of  $k_v$ . Then there exists an (explicitly constructible) extension  $w$  of  $v$  to  $K(x)$  such that the residue field of  $w$  is  $k$ , its value group is  $G$ , and the equality  $N = ST$  holds for the extension  $w/v$ .

Moreover there exists a polynomial  $P(x)$  in  $K[x]$  of degree  $[G_1 : G_v] [k : k_v]$  with the property that if  $v_1$  is any prolongation of  $v$  to  $K(x)$  with  $v_1(P(x)) > 0$ , then the value group of  $v_1$  contains  $G_1$  and its residue field contains  $k$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that the finite extension  $k$  is generated by non zero elements  $\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{s-1}$  ( $s \geq 1$ ) over  $k_v$ . Define

$$n_0 = 1 \quad n_1 = [k_v(\beta_0) : k_v], \dots, \quad n_s = [k_v(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{s-1}) : k_v(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{s-2})],$$

so that  $[k : k_v] = n_0 n_1 \dots n_s$

Since  $G_1 / G_v$  is a finite abelian group and hence is a direct sum of cyclic groups, there exist  $\mu_0, \dots, \mu_m$  in  $G_1$  and integers  $n_{s+1}, \dots, n_{s+m}$  such that  $G_1 = G_v + Z\mu_1 + \dots + Z\mu_m$ ;  $n_{s+1}\mu_1, \dots, n_{s+m}\mu_m$  are in  $G_v$  and that  $n_{s+1} \dots n_{s+m} = [G_1 : G_v]$ . We choose  $a_1, \dots, a_m$  in  $K$  so that  $n_{s+i}\mu_i = v(a_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

We shall define polynomials  $g_0(x), g_1(x), \dots, g_{s+m}(x)$  in  $K[x]$  of degree  $n_0, n_0 n_1, \dots, n_0 n_1 \dots n_{s+m}$  respectively. Let  $X_0, \dots, X_{s-1}$  be indeterminates. First define polynomials  $\varphi_1(X_0), \varphi_2(X_0, X_1), \dots, \varphi_s(X_0, \dots, X_{s-1})$  over  $k_v$  by specifying that  $\varphi_1(X_0)$  is the minimal polynomial of  $\beta_0$  over  $k_v$ ;  $\varphi_i(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{i-2}, X_{i-1})$  ( $2 \leq i \leq s$ ) is the minimal polynomial of  $\beta_{i-1}$  over  $k_v(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{i-2})$  and that

$$\deg_{X_j} \varphi_i(X_0, \dots, X_{i-1}) < n_{j+1} \text{ for } j = 0, 1, \dots, i-2$$

Taking preimages of non-zero coefficients of  $\varphi_i$  and taking the multiplicative identity of  $K$  as preimage of the multiplicative identity of  $k_v$  (with respect to the canonical homomorphism from the valuation ring  $V_v$  of  $v$  onto  $k_v$ ), we obtain a polynomial  $f_i(X_0, \dots, X_{i-1})$  in  $V_v[X_0, \dots, X_{i-1}]$  with  $X_{i-1}^{n_i}$  occurring as a monomial in  $f_i(X)$  such that  $\deg_{X_j} f_i(X) < n_{j+1}$  for  $j = 0, \dots, i-2$ , and  $f_i^*(X) = \varphi_i(X)$ .

Fix any non-zero elements  $b_1, \dots, b_s$  of  $K$  with  $v_0(b_i) > 0$  for all  $i$ . We define elements  $g_0, g_1, \dots, g_s$  of  $K[x]$  by

$$g_0 = x, \quad g_1 = f_1(g_0) / b_1, \quad g_2 = f_2(g_0, g_1) / b_2, \dots, \quad g_s = f_s(g_0, \dots, g_{s-1}) / b_s.$$

Note that  $\deg g_0 = 1 = n_0$  and  $\deg g_1 = \deg \varphi_1 = n_1$ . Since every term in  $f_2(g_0, g_1)$  other than  $g_1^{n_2}$  has degree

$$\leq \deg(g_0^{n_1-1} g_1^{n_2-1}) = n_1 - 1 + n_1(n_2 - 1) = n_1 n_2 - 1,$$

it follows that  $\deg g_2 = n_1 n_2$ . This argument can be repeated to prove that

$$\deg g_i = n_0 \dots n_i \quad (0 \leq i \leq s) \tag{3.1}$$

Recall that  $a_1, \dots, a_m$  are elements of  $K$  satisfying  $v(a_i) = n_{s+i}\mu_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . We now define polynomials  $g_{s+1}, \dots, g_{s+m}$  by

$$g_{s+1} = \frac{g_s^{n_{s+1}}}{a_1} - 1, \dots, g_{s+m} = \frac{g_{s+m-1}^{n_{s+m}}}{a_m} - 1.$$

Clearly (3.1) is satisfied for all  $i \leq s+m$ ; in particular

$$\deg g_{s+m} = [G_1 : G_v][k : k_v].$$

Let  $P(x) = g_{s+m}$  and  $w$  be any prolongation of  $v$  to  $K$  with  $w(P(x)) > 0$ . It follows from the defining relation between  $g_{s+m}, g_{s+m-1}$  and the strong triangle law that

$$n_{s+m} w(g_{s+m-1}) = w(a_m) = n_{s+m}\mu_m > 0.$$

Applying this argument to  $g_{s+m-1}, \dots, g_{s+1}$  respectively, we see that

$$n_{s+i} w(g_{s+i-1}) = w(a_i) = n_{s+i}\mu_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq m). \quad (3.2)$$

It is immediate from (3.2) that the value group of  $w$  contains  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m$  and hence contains  $G_1 = G_0 + \mathbb{Z}\mu_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}\mu_m$ .

We next prove that the residue field of  $w$  contains a  $k_v$  isomorphic copy of  $k = k_v(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{s-1})$ . Using the fact that  $w(g_s) > 0$  and proceeding exactly as in the proof of [9, Lemma p.595] one can prove that  $w(g_i) \geq 0$  for  $0 \leq i \leq s-1$ . Consequently, on recalling that  $g_i = f_i(g_0, \dots, g_{i-1})/b_i$ , we have

$$w(f_1(g_0)) \geq w(b_1) > 0, \dots, w(f_s(g_0, \dots, g_{s-1})) \geq w(b_s) > 0,$$

which on passing to the residue field of  $v_1$  yields

$$f_1^*(g_0^*) = 0, \dots, f_s^*(g_0^*, \dots, g_{s-1}^*) = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

Let  $f_i^*(X_0, \dots, X_{i-1}) = \varphi_i(X_0, \dots, X_{i-1})$ . It now follows from (3.3) that the minimal polynomial of  $g_0^*$  over  $k_v$  is  $\varphi_1(X_0)$  and that of  $g_{i-1}^*$  over  $k_v(g_0^*, \dots, g_{i-2}^*)$  is  $\varphi_i(g_0^*, \dots, g_{i-2}^*, X_{i-1})$  for  $2 \leq i \leq s$ . It was assumed that no  $\beta_i$  is zero; the same is therefore true of  $g_0^*, \dots, g_{s-1}^*$ , i.e.,

$$w(g_i) = 0, \quad 0 \leq i \leq s-1 \quad (3.4)$$

According to [9, Remark 3.7]  $k_v[X_0, \dots, X_{s-1}]/(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_s)$  is  $k_v$ -isomorphic to  $k_v[\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{s-1}]$  under the map taking  $X_i$  to  $\beta_i$ . For the same reason there exists an

isomorphism between  $k_v[X_0, \dots, X_{s-1}]/(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_s)$  and  $k_v[g_0^*, \dots, g_{s-1}^*]$ . Hence the subfield  $k_v[g_0^*, \dots, g_{s-1}^*]$  of the residue field of  $v_1$  is  $k_v$  which is isomorphic to  $k$ . The proof of second part of theorem complete.

Let  $n_i, a_i, g_i$  and  $g_{s+m} = P(x)$  be as above. Suppose now that  $G = G_1 \oplus Z\theta$  with  $\theta > 0$ . Then  $\theta$  is not torsion mod  $G_v$ . Let  $v_2$  denote the valuation of the field  $K(P(x)) \subseteq K(x)$  defined on the ring  $K[P(x)]$  by

$$v_2 \left( \sum_i c_i P(x)^i \right) = \min_i \{v(c_i) + i\theta\}.$$

Let  $w$  be any extension of  $v_2$  to  $K(x)$ . (This extension will turn out to be unique.) We show that  $v$  is a desired valuation.

Let  $N = N(w/v)$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  be as defined in introduction. Since  $w(P(x)) = \theta$  is not torsion mod  $G_v$

$$N \leq \deg P(x) = [k : k_v][G_1 : G_v] \tag{3.5}$$

Also  $w(P(x)) > 0$ , so by above considerations the value group of  $w$  contains  $G_1$  and its residue field contains  $k$ ; in particular

$$[k : k_v] \leq S, \quad [G_1 : G_v] \leq T, \tag{3.6}$$

in view of [4, Thm. 1.3].  $N \geq ST$  always holds. It now follows from (3.5) and (3.6) that

$$[k : k_v] = S, \quad [G_1 : G_0] = T, \quad N = ST;$$

and that the residue field of  $w$  is  $k$ .

We now determine  $v$  explicitly on  $K[x]$ ; the assertion about the value group of  $v$  will follow as an immediate consequence.

Let  $f(x)$  be any non-zero element of  $K[x]$ . By successive division by powers of  $P(x)$  it can be uniquely written in the form

$$f(x) = f_0(x) + f_1(x)P(x) + \dots + f_r(x)P(x)^r,$$

where the polynomial  $f_i(x) \in K[x]$  is either zero or has degree less than that of  $P(x)$ . By [4, Lemma 3.8] any polynomial over  $K$  of degree less than  $\deg P(x) = n_0 n_1 \dots n_{s+1}$  can be uniquely written as a finite linear combination with coefficients in  $K$  of elements of the type

$$g_0^{j_0} \dots g_{s+m-1}^{j_{s+m-1}} \text{ where } 0 \leq j_0 \leq n_1 - 1, \dots, 0 \leq j_{s+m-1} \leq n_{s+m} - 1.$$

So a non zero polynomial  $f(x)$  in  $K[x]$  can be uniquely written as a finite sum

$$f(x) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j_{i-1} \leq n_i - 1 \\ 0 \leq j_{s+m} < \infty}} a_{j_0, \dots, j_{s+m}} g_0^{j_0} \dots g_{s+m-1}^{j_{s+m-1}} P(x)^{j_{s+m}}, \tag{3.7}$$

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with coefficients  $a_{j_0, \dots, j_{s+m}}$  in  $K$ . In view of equations (3.4) and (3.2) (which holds for any prolongation  $v_1$  of  $v$  to  $K(x)$  with  $v_1(P(x)) > 0$ ),  $v(g_i) = 0$  for  $0 \leq i \leq s-1$  and  $v(g_{s+i-1}) = \mu_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . So by the triangle law, we have

$$v(f(x)) \geq \min_{(j_0, \dots, j_{s+m})} \left\{ v_0(a_{j_0, \dots, j_{s+m}}) + j_s \mu_1 + \dots + j_{s+m-1} \mu_m + j_{s+m} \theta \right\} \quad (3.8)$$

Our claim is that the equality holds in (3.8). This is so because any two distinct terms in the sum on the right hand side of (3.7) have distinct  $v$ -valuations; the last assertion can be easily verified using the fact that  $\theta$  is non-torsion mod  $G_0$  together with the fact that  $G_1 / G_0$  is the direct sum of its  $m$  cyclic subgroups generated by the elements  $G_0 + \mu_1, \dots, G_0 + \mu_m$  respectively.

**Theorem 2:** Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) be (non-trivial) pairwise independent valuations of a field  $K$  having value groups  $G_{v_1}, \dots, G_{v_n}$  and residue fields  $k_{v_1}, \dots, k_{v_n}$  respectively. For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , let  $G'_i$  be a totally ordered abelian group containing  $G_{v_i}$  as an ordered subgroup with  $[G'_i : G_{v_i}]$  finite and  $k'_i$  be a finite extension of  $k_{v_i}$ . Then there exist valuations  $v'_1, \dots, v'_n$  of  $K(x)$  together with a polynomial  $t \in K[x]$  of degree  $\max \{ [G'_i : G_{v_i}] [k'_i : k_{v_i}] : 1 \leq i \leq n \}$  such that for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

(i)  $v'_i$  extends the valuation  $w_i$  of  $K(t)$  where  $w_i$  is the Gauss extension of  $v_i$  to  $K(t)$

(ii) the value group of  $v'_i$  is  $G'_i$  and its residue field is  $k'_i(z_i)$  where  $z_i$  is the  $v'_i$ -residue of  $t$

**Proof:** Let  $[G'_i : G_{v_i}] = e_i$  and  $[k'_i : k_{v_i}] = f_i$ . In view of [8, Theo. 3.1, Cor. 3.2], there exists a polynomial  $t_i \in K[x]$  of degree  $e_i f_i$  and a valuation  $v_i^{t_i}$  of  $K(x)$  extending the Gaussian valuation  $v_i^{t_i}$  of  $K(t_i)$  such that the value group of  $v_i^{t_i}$  is  $G'_i$  and its residue field is a simple transcendental extension  $k'_i(\xi_i)$  (say) of  $k'_i$ . Let denote the  $v_i^{t_i}$ -residue of  $t_i$ , so that the residue field of  $v_i^{t_i}$  is  $k_{v_i}(y_i)$ ; our claim is that  $k'_i(\xi_i) = k'_i(y_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . In view of the fundamental inequality [8, Cor. 13.10] applied to the extension  $(K(x), v'_i) / (K(t_i), v_i^{t_i})$ , we have

$$[K(x) : K(t_i)] \geq [G'_i : G_{v_i}] [k'_i(\xi_i) : k_{v_i}(y_i)]$$

i.e.,

$$e_i f_i \geq e_i f_i [k'_i(\xi_i) : k'_i(y_i)]$$

which proves the claim.

Fix any  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Since  $[G'_j : G_{v_j}] < \infty$  and  $G_{v_j}$  is a non-trivial group, one can choose  $g_{ij} \in G_{v_j}$  such that  $v'_i(t_i) > g_{ij}$  if  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,  $j \neq i$ . By Independence

Theorem [8, Cor. 11.17] applied to pairwise independent valuations  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , there exists  $\beta_i \in K$  satisfying  $v_i(\beta_i) = 0$  and  $v_j(\beta_j) = g_{ij} < v'_j(t_i)$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n, j \neq i$ .

Observe that  $t_i / \beta_i$  is residually transcendental for  $v'_i / v_i$  and is chosen so that  $v'_j(t_i / \beta_i) > 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .

Set

$$t = \frac{t_1}{\beta_1} + \dots + \frac{t_n}{\beta_n}.$$

The  $v'_i$ -residue of  $t$ , being the same as that of  $t_i / \beta_i$ , is transcendental over the residue field  $k_{v_i}$  of  $v_i$  and hence  $v'_i$  coincides with the Gaussian valuation  $w_i$  on  $K(t)$  in view of [2, Chap. VIA, 10.1, Prop.2]. This proves assertion (i) of the theorem.

Since the  $w_i$ -residue  $z_i$  (say) of  $t$  differs from the  $v'_i$ -residue  $y_i$  of  $t_i$  by an element of  $k_i$  (in fact by the  $v_i$ -residue of  $\beta_i$ ), it follows from the claim proved above that the residue field  $k'_i(y_i)$  of  $v'_i$  equals  $k'_i(z_i)$ , which proves (ii).

Recall that  $t_i$  is a polynomial in  $x$  of degree  $e_i f_i$  so the polynomial  $t$  is of degree  $\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} e_i f_i = d$  say. The theorem is proved as soon as it is shown that  $\text{deg } t \geq d$ . Let  $i$  be an index such that  $d = e_i f_i$ . Using the fact that the residue field of  $v'_i$  is  $k_{v_i}(z_i)$ , we have in view of the fundamental inequality [3, Cor. 13.10] that

$$[K(x) : K(t)] \geq [G'_i : G_{v_i}][k'_i(z_i) : k_{v_i}(z_i)] = e_i f_i = d.$$

This proves the desired assertion.

**Theorem 3:** Let  $v$  be a non-trivial valuation of arbitrary rank of an algebraically closed field  $K$  having residue field  $k_v$ . Let  $k$  be any function field which can be expressed as a quadratic extension of some simple transcendental extension of  $k_v$  and  $g$  be an integer not less than the genus of  $k/k_v$ . Then there exist a function field  $F$  of 1 variable over  $K$  having genus  $g$  and  $a$  prolongation  $w$  of  $v$  to  $F$  such that the residue field of  $w$  is  $k_v$  isomorphic to  $k$ .

**Proof:** We retain the notations introduced in the beginning of the previous section and shall denote the genus of  $k/k_v$  by  $g_0$ . Two cases are distinguished.

**CASE I.** If  $\text{char } k_0 \neq 2$ , then as in [1, Chapter 16] we can write  $k = k_v(t, u)$  where  $t$  is transcendental over  $k_v$  and  $u^2 = h(t)$  is a square-free monic polynomial over  $k_0$  of degree  $2g_0 + 1$  or  $2g_0 + 2$ . Write

$$h(t) = (t - a_1^*) \dots (t - a_n^*), \quad a_i \in K_0, v_0(a_i) \geq 0$$

and

$$g = g_0 + r$$

Choose distinct elements  $b_1, \dots, b_{2r}$  in  $K$  such that  $v(b_i) > 0$  for each  $i$ . Define a square-free polynominal  $H(x) \in K[x]$  by

$$H(x) = (x - a_1) \dots (x - a_n) (b_1 x + 1) \dots (b_{2r} x + 1)$$

and set

$$F = K\left(x, \sqrt{H(x)}\right)$$

Then the genus of  $F$  being  $(n + 2r - 1)/2$  or  $(n + 2r - 2)/2$  equals  $g$ . Let  $w$  be (the) valuation of  $F$  which extends the Gaussian valuation  $v^x$  of  $K(x)$ . Since  $H(x)$  is chosen so that  $H(x)^* = h(x^*)$ , it follows from [7, Lem.2.1] that the residue field of  $w$  is  $k_v(x^*, \sqrt{h(x^*)})$  and hence is  $k_v$  isomorphic to  $k$

**CASE II.** When  $\text{char } k_v = 2$ , then we express  $k$  as  $k_v(t, u)$  where  $t$  is transcendental over  $k_v$  and  $u$  satisfies an irreducible relation  $u^2 + P(t)u + Q(t) = 0$  for some non-zero polynominals  $P(t), Q(t) \in k_v[t]$  of degrees not exceeding  $g_0 + 1$  and  $2g_0 + 2$  respectively; this can be done in view of [1, Chapter 16, sections 5,7] for  $g_0 \geq 1$  and if  $g_0 = 0$ , then  $k = k_v(u)$  is a simple transcendental extension of  $k_v$ , in which case we may take  $t = u^2 + u + 1$

We split two subcases.

**SUBCASE 1.** Char  $K = 0$  Choose  $A(x) \in K[x]$  of degree  $g + 1$  such that

- (i)  $v^x(A(x)) = 0$ ;
- (ii) the leading coefficient  $a$  of  $A(x)$  satisfies  $0 \leq v_0(a) < v_0(2)$
- (iii)  $A(x)^* = P(x^*)$

Choose  $B(x) \in K[x]$  of degree  $\leq 2g + 2$  satisfying  $v^x(B(x)) = 0$  and  $B(x)^* = Q(x^*)$

Define

$$f(x) = A(x)^2 + 4B(x) + 2^m$$

where an integer  $m \geq 3$  is chosen so that no root of the derivative of  $A(x)^2 + 4B(x)$  is a root of  $f(x)$ . It is clear from the choice of  $A(x)$  and  $B(x)$  that  $\deg f(x) = 2g + 2$ . Since  $f(x)$  is square-free, the function field  $F = K\left(x, \sqrt{f(x)}\right)$  has genus  $g$ . Let  $w$  be (the) valuation of  $F$  which extends  $v^x$ . It is immediate from [7, Lem. 2.2] that the residue field of  $w$  is  $k_v$  isomorphic to  $k = k_v(t, u)$ .



**SUBCASE 2.** Let  $\text{char } K = 2$ . Arguing as in for the previous subcase, we can choose a square-free polynomial  $A(x)$  with coefficients from  $K$  of degree  $g + 1$  such that  $v^x(A(x)) = 0$  and  $A(x)^* = P(x^*)$ . Let  $B_1(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $\leq 2g + 2$  with  $v^x(B_1(x)) = 0$  and  $B_1(x)^* = Q(x^*)$ . Choose an integer  $m \geq 1$  so that

- (i) no root of the derivative of  $B_1(x)$  is a root of  $B(x) = B_1(x) + 2^m$ ;
- (ii) for each root  $\alpha$  of  $A(x)$ ,  $(B_1'(\alpha)/A'(\alpha))^2$  is different from  $B_1(\alpha) + 2^m$ .

Define  $F = K(x, y)$ , where  $y$  satisfies

$$y^2 + A(x)y + B(x) = 0$$

Let  $w$  be the valuation of  $F$  extending  $v^x$ . Keeping in view that  $F = K(x, \xi)$ , where  $\xi = y/A(x)$  satisfies the polynomial  $Z^2 + Z + B(x)/A(x)^2$  and arguing as in the proof of [7,Lem. 2.2], it can be easily seen that the residue field  $k_w$  of  $w$  is given by

$$k_w = k_v(x^*, \xi^*) = k_v(x^*, y^*),$$

where  $y^*$  satisfies the polynomial  $Z^2 + P(x^*)Z + Q(x^*)$ . Clearly  $k_w$  is  $k_v$ -isomorphic to  $k$ . This also shows that  $K_0(x, y) \neq K_0(x)$ . It now follows from [7,Lem. 2.3 and Lem.2.4] that the genus of  $F$  is  $g$ .

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