

**On Automorphisms and the Higher-Order  
Weierstrass points of Klein's Quartic  
Curve**

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## Weierstrass points

Let  $g_d^r$  be a base-point free complete linear system on  $M$ . Let  $x \in M$ . An integer  $n$ ,  $0 \leq n \leq d$ , is called a  $g_d^r$ -**nongap at**  $x$  if there is a divisor  $D \in g_d^r$  with  $d \equiv nx + E$ , where  $E$  is integral and doesn't contain  $x$ . Let  $n_i$  denote the  $i^{\text{th}}$  nongap. There are  $r + 1$   $g_d^r$ -nongaps at  $x$ ,  $0 = n_0 < n_1 < \dots < n_r \leq d$ . The complement of this set in the integers between 0 and  $d$  is called the  $g_d^r$ -**gaps at**  $x$  and is denoted  $g_1, \dots, g_{d-r}$ .

A **generalized Weierstrass point at**  $g_d^r$  is a point  $x \in M$  where the  $r^{\text{th}}$   $g_d^r$ -nongap,  $n_r$  is greater than  $r$ . A **Weierstrass point** is the special case where  $g_d^r = |K|$  and a **higher-order Weierstrass point** is where  $g_d^r = |nK|$ .

The **weight of a generalized Weierstrass point** for  $g_d^r = |G|$  at  $x \in M$ ,  $w(G, x)$ , is defined to be the sum

$$\sum_{j=0}^r (n_j - j).$$

## Results about Higher-Order Weierstrass points

**Proposition 1** (Accola1). *Let  $T \in \text{Aut}(M)$  be of prime order  $n$ . If  $T$  has 3 or more fixed points, then every fixed point of  $T$  is an  $n$ -Weierstrass point.*

**Proposition 2** (Farkas and Kra). *Let  $T \in \text{Aut}(M)$  be of prime order  $n$ . If  $T$  has 3 or more fixed points, then every fixed point of  $T$  is a  $q$ -Weierstrass point for  $q \geq 2$ ,  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .*

**Proposition 3** (Guerrero). *Let  $T \in \text{Aut}(M)$  of prime order  $n$  fixing two points,  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . Assume  $M/\langle T \rangle$  has genus 1. Let  $\varphi$  be the projection  $M \rightarrow M/\langle T \rangle$  and  $\varphi(p_i) = a_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are  $q$ -Weierstrass points for  $q \geq 2$  if and only if  $a_1 - a_2$  is a nonzero rational point on  $M/\langle T \rangle$ .*

**Proposition 4** (Duma). *Let  $T \in \text{Aut}(M)$  be of order 2. If  $\nu(T) \geq 3$ , then every fixed point of  $T$  is a  $q$ -Weierstrass point for  $q \geq 2$ .*

## Weights of the Higher-Order Weierstrass points

**Proposition 5** (Accola1). *Let  $T$  be an automorphism of  $M$  of order  $n$ ,  $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} T^j M = W$  the orbit space,  $\varphi : M \rightarrow W$  the natural map and  $x \in M$  a fixed point of  $T$ . If  $W$  has genus 0, then  $nK \equiv n(2g - 2)x$ .*

**Proposition 6** (Accola1). *Suppose for  $x \in M$  we have  $mK \equiv m(2g - 2)x$ . Then*

(1) *If  $m = 1$ ,  $l = 2, 3, \dots$ , we have  $w(lK, x) = g + w(K, x)$ .*

(2) *If  $m \geq 2$ , and  $l = 1, 2, \dots$  we have  $w(lmK, x) = w((lm + 1)K, x) = g + w(K, x)$ .*

(3) *If  $m \geq 3$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $k = 2, 3, \dots, m - 1$  we have  $w((lm + k)K, x) = w(kK, x)$ .*

(4) *If  $m \geq 4$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $k = 2, 3, \dots, m - 1$  we have  $w((lm - k + 1)K, x) = w(kK, x)$ .*

## Bounds on the Weights

**Theorem 1** (Accola1). *Let  $|D| = g_d^r$  be a complete linear series without fixed points of index  $i(D)$ . If  $x \in M$  then*

$$w(D, x) \leq (p - i(D))(p - i(D) + 1)/2.$$

*If we have equality, then  $M$  is hyperelliptic.*

**Theorem 2** (Accola1). *Let  $|G| = g_d^r$  be complete and base-point free with  $i(G) = 0$ . Suppose that  $x \in M$  is not an ordinary Weierstrass point. Then*

$$w(G, x) \leq [(g + 1)^2/4].$$

*If we have equality then the surface is hyperelliptic.*