

# Generalizing Kedlaya's order counting based on Miura theory

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## Abstract

K. Kedlaya proposed an method to count the number of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -rational points in a hyper-elliptic curve, using the Leschetz fixed points formula in Monsky-Washinitzer Cohomology. The method has been extended to super-elliptic curves (Gaudry and Gürel) immediately, to characteristic two hyper-elliptic curves, and to  $C_{ab}$  curves (J. Denef, F. Vercauteren). Based on Miura theory, which is associated with how a curve is expressed as an affine variety, this paper applies Kedlaya's method to so-called strongly telescopic curves which are no longer plane curves and contain super-elliptic curves as special cases.

## 1 Monsky-Washinitzer Cohomology

Let  $k = \mathbb{F}_{q^i}$  for some  $i \geq 1$  with  $q = p^m$  and  $p$  prime,  $R = W(k)$  the Witt ring of  $k$ , and  $K$  the quotient field of  $R$ . Let  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  the coordinate ring of a smooth affine variety over  $k$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  a smooth  $R$ -algebra with  $\mathcal{A} \otimes_R k \cong \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}^\infty$  the  $p$ -adic completion of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $v_p$  denote the  $p$ -adic valuation on  $R$ . Fix  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{A}^\infty$  whose reductions  $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n$  generate  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  over  $k$ .

**Definition 1 (Monsky-Washinitzer [4])** The weak completion  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is the substring of  $\mathcal{A}^\infty$  consisting of elements  $z = \sum_{l_1 \dots l_n} a_{l_1 \dots l_n} x_1^{l_1} \cdots x_n^{l_n}$  such that

$$l \geq d(z) \implies \frac{\min_{l_1 + \dots + l_n = l} v_p(a_{l_1 \dots l_n})}{l} > c(z)$$

for some  $d(z) \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $c(z) > 0$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be the  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$  module of different forms over  $K$  generated by symbols  $dx$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger \otimes_R K$  and subject to the relations

1.  $d(x + y) = dx + dy$  for  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger \otimes_R K$ ;
2.  $d(xy) = xdy + ydx$  for  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger \otimes_R K$ ; and
3.  $dx = 0$  for  $x \in K$ .

We define the exterior derivative  $d : \wedge^r \Omega \rightarrow \wedge^{r+1} \Omega$  by,

$$\omega = \sum \alpha_{l_1, \dots, l_r} dx_{l_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{l_r} \mapsto d(\omega) = \sum d(\alpha_{l_1, \dots, l_r}) \wedge dx_{l_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{l_r},$$

where  $\alpha_{l_1, \dots, l_r} \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger$ , the sum runs over  $1 \leq l_1 < \cdots < l_r \leq n$ , and  $\wedge^r \Omega$  denotes the  $r$ -th exterior power of  $\Omega$ .

**Definition 2 (Monsky-Washnitzer [4])** In the sequence of homomorphisms

$$0 \longrightarrow \wedge^0 \Omega \xrightarrow{d} \wedge^1 \Omega \xrightarrow{d} \cdots \xrightarrow{d} \wedge^n \Omega \longrightarrow 0 ,$$

the cohomology groups of the de Rham complex over  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger \otimes_R K$

$$H^r(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K) := \frac{\ker(d : \wedge^r \Omega \rightarrow \wedge^{r+1} \Omega)}{\operatorname{im}(d : \wedge^{r-1} \Omega \rightarrow \wedge^r \Omega)} ,$$

$r = 0, \dots, n$ , are called the Monsky-Washnitzer cohomology groups, where  $\wedge^{-1} \Omega = \wedge^{n+1} \Omega = 0$ .

In general, it is known that

1.  $H^r(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)$ ,  $r = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , are finite dimensional  $K$ -vector spaces; and
2.  $H^0(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K) = K$

If we lift the  $p$ -power Frobenius  $\bar{\sigma}$  of  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  to an endomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$ , then the  $q$ -power Frobenius on  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  will be lifted to an endomorphism  $F := \sigma^m$ . In general, an endomorphism  $\phi$  of  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$  induces an endomorphism  $\phi_*$  on the cohomology groups.

**Theorem 1 (Leschetz fixed point formula [5])** Suppose  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$  admits an endomorphism  $F$  lifting the  $q^i$ -power Frobenius on  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ . Then, the number of homomorphisms  $\bar{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow k$  equals

$$\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \operatorname{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i} | H^r(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)) . \quad (1)$$

## 2 Kedlaya's Method

Kedlaya [2] proposed an order counting method for hyperelliptic curves  $C : \bar{y}^2 = \bar{Q}(\bar{x})$  ( $\bar{Q}$ : a polynomial of degree  $2g + 1$  over  $k$  without repeated roots,  $p$ : odd) using the Lefschetz fixed point formula. Kedlaya considered the curve  $C'$  excluding the points on  $\bar{y} = 0$  from  $C$ . We consider the coordinate ring  $\bar{\mathcal{A}} = k[\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{y}^{-1}]$  for  $\bar{y}^2 = \bar{Q}(\bar{x})$ . Let  $\mathcal{A} = R[x, y, y^{-1}]$  for  $y^2 = Q(x)$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \otimes_R k \cong \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$  the weak completion of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then, the elements of  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$  can be viewed as series  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{2g} a_{lj} x^l y^j$  with  $a_{lj} \in R$  such that

$$\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\min_l \{v_p(a_{lj})\}}{j} > 0 \text{ and } \liminf_{j \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\min_l \{v_p(a_{lj})\}}{j} > 0 .$$

The essential point is that Kedlaya found for the curve  $C'$  an admissible endomorphism  $\sigma$  over  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$  that is obtained by lifting the  $p$ -power Frobenius of  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ , which is needed to apply the Leschetz fixed point formula. We can lift the  $p$ -power Frobenius to an endomorphism  $\sigma$  by defining it as the canonical Witt vector Frobenius on  $R$ , then extending to  $R[x]$  by mapping  $x \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger$  to  $x^p \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger$  and  $y \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger$  to

$$y^\sigma = y^p \left(1 + \frac{Q(x)^\sigma - Q(x)^p}{Q(x)^p}\right)^{1/2} = y^p \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1/2)(1/2 - 1) \cdots (1/2 - l + 1)}{l!} \frac{(Q(x)^\sigma - Q(x)^p)^l}{y^{2pl}} \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger .$$

Then, the de Rham cohomology of  $\mathcal{A}$  splits  $H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)$  into eigenspaces under the hyperelliptic involution: a positive eigenspace  $H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)_+$  generated by  $x^l dx/y^2$  for  $l = 0, \dots, 2g - 1$ , and a

negative eigenspace  $H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)_-$  generated by  $x^l dx/y$  for  $l = 0, \dots, 2g - 1$ . In fact, using the formula

$$dx \equiv 0, x \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger \otimes_R K,$$

any form  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{2g-1} a_{lj} x^l dx/y^j$  can be reduced either to  $\sum_{l=0}^{2g-1} b_l x^l dx/y$  or to  $\sum_{l=0}^{2g-1} b_l x^l dx/y^2$ , with  $b_l \in K$ , depending on whether  $j$  is odd or even. Since  $(dx)^{\sigma_*} = px^{p-1} dx$  and

$$\left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^\sigma = y^{-p} \left(1 + \frac{Q(x)^\sigma - Q(x)^p}{Q(x)^p}\right)^{1/2} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1/2)(-1/2-1)\cdots(-1/2-l+1)}{l!} \frac{(Q(x)^\sigma - Q(x)^p)^l}{y^{(2l+1)p}},$$

we have a matrix  $M = (m_{l,j}), m_{l,j} \in K$  such that

$$\left(\frac{x^l dx}{y}\right)^{\sigma_*} \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{2g-1} m_{l,j} \frac{x^j dx}{y}.$$

For the Monsky-Washnitzer cohomology groups, since  $dx \wedge dy = dy \wedge d(1/y) = d(1/y) \wedge dx = 0$  for  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ , we have

1.  $H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K) \equiv \Omega$ ; modulo  $dx$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger \otimes_R K$ ; and
2.  $H^0(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K) = 0$ ,  $r = 2, 3, \dots, n$ ;

Based on the Leschetz fixed point formula, Kedraya showed  $q^i + 1 - \#C(k)$  equals the trace of  $q^i F_*^{-i}$  on the negative eigenspace  $H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)_-$  of  $H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)$  for all  $i > 0$ : for another coordinate ring  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}' = k[\bar{x}, \bar{y}^{-2}]$  for  $\bar{y}^2 = \bar{Q}(\bar{x})$ , we have  $H^0(\bar{\mathcal{A}}'; K) = 0$ ,  $r = 2, 3, \dots, n$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} \#C(k) - d &= \#C'(k) \\ &= \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i}, H^0(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)) - \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i}, H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)) \\ &= \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i}, H^0(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)) - \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i}, H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)_+) - \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i}, H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)_-) \\ &= \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i}, H^0(\bar{\mathcal{A}}'; K)) - \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i}, H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}'; K)) - \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i}, H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)_-) \\ &= q^i + 1 - d - \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i}, H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)_-) \end{aligned}$$

where  $d = \#\{(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in k^2 | \bar{y}^2 = \bar{Q}(\bar{x}), \bar{y} = 0\}$ . (Note that the Leschetz fixed point formula has been applied in the second and last equalities for  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}'$ , respectively.)

By the Weil conjectures, there exists a polynomial

$$x^{2g} + a_1 x^{2g-1} + \cdots + a_{2g} \tag{2}$$

whose roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2g}$  satisfy  $\alpha_j \alpha_{g+j} = q$  for  $j = 1, \dots, g$ ,  $|\alpha_j| = \sqrt{q}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, 2g$ , and

$$q^i + 1 - \#C(k) = \sum_{j=1}^{2g} \alpha_j^i$$

with  $k = \mathbb{F}_{q^i}$  for all  $i > 0$ . Thus, the eigenvalues of  $qF_*^{-1}$  on  $H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)_-$  are precisely the  $\alpha_j$ , as are the eigenvalues of  $F_*$  itself. Since  $a_j = a_{2g-j}$ , it suffices to determine  $a_1, \dots, a_g$ . Since  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2g}$  are the roots of (2), the coefficients  $a_0, \dots, a_g$  are bounded by

$$|a_i| \leq \binom{2g}{i} q^{i/2} \leq 2^{2g} q^{g/2}.$$

Thus to determine the zeta function, it suffices to compute the action of  $F_*$  on a suitable basis of  $H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)_-$  modulo  $p^N$  for  $N \geq (g/2)m + (2g + 1) \log_p 2$ .

If  $z^{\sigma^*} \equiv zM$  for  $z \equiv [\frac{dx}{y}, \frac{xdx}{y}, \dots, \frac{x^{2g-1}dx}{y}]$  and some  $M \in K^{2g \times 2g}$ , then

$$z^{F_*} \equiv zMM^{\sigma^*}M^{\sigma_*^2} \dots M^{\sigma_*^{m-1}} .$$

Hence, if we compute the product  $\mathcal{M} = MM^{\sigma^*}M^{\sigma_*^2} \dots M^{\sigma_*^{m-1}}$  and its characteristic polynomial modulo  $p^N$ , we can recover the characteristic polynomial of Frobenius from the first  $g$  coefficients.

### 3 Miura Theory

Let  $F/K$  be an algebraic function field of one variable over  $K$  with a place  $P_\infty$  of degree one. Without loss of generality, we suppose the set of pole numbers of  $P_\infty$ ,  $M_{P_\infty}$ , is some monoid  $\langle A \rangle$  generated by  $n$  positive integers in  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  such that  $a_j \notin \langle a_1, \dots, a_{j-1}, a_{j+1}, \dots, a_n \rangle$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $\gcd(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ .

Let  $x_j \in F$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , be functions such that  $(x_j)_\infty = a_j P_\infty$ . Then,

$$\mathcal{L}(\infty P_\infty) := \cup_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{L}(mP_\infty) = K[x_1, \dots, x_n] .$$

Hence, the mapping

$$\Theta : \begin{cases} K[X_1, \dots, X_n] & \rightarrow K[x_1, \dots, x_n] = \mathcal{L}(\infty P_\infty) \\ f(X_1, \dots, X_n) & \mapsto f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{cases}$$

gives a surjective homomorphism, i.e.,  $K[X_1, \dots, X_n]/\text{Ker } \Theta \simeq \mathcal{L}(\infty P_\infty)$ .

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the nonnegative integers. We wish to obtain  $\text{Ker } \Theta$ . To this end, we define  $\Psi_A : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \langle A \rangle$  by  $\Psi_A(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j s_j$ .

**Definition 3 ( $C_A$  order)**  $\alpha >_A \beta$  for  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  if

1.  $\Psi_A(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) > \Psi_A(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ , or
2.  $\Psi_A(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \Psi_A(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$  and  $\alpha_1 = \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_{j-1} = \beta_{j-1}, \alpha_j < \beta_j$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

If we define

$$B(A) := \{\text{the least } M \in \mathbb{N}^n \text{ w.r.t. } C_A \text{ order} \mid \Psi_A(M) \in \langle A \rangle\}$$

and

$$V(A) := \{L \in \mathbb{N}^n \setminus B(A) \mid L = L_1 + L_2, L_1 \in \mathbb{N}^n \setminus B(A), L_2 \in \mathbb{N}^n \implies L_2 = (0, \dots, 0)\} ,$$

then one easily checks

$$\mathbb{N}^n \setminus B(A) = V(A) + \mathbb{N}^n .$$

Let  $x^M := \prod_j x_j^{M_j}$  for  $M = (M_1, \dots, M_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . Since  $\Psi_A : B(A) \rightarrow \langle A \rangle$  is bijective and  $\dim_k(\mathcal{L}((l+1)P_\infty)/\mathcal{L}(lP_\infty)) \leq \deg P_\infty = 1$  for each  $l \geq 0$ ,  $\{x^m | m \in B(A)\}$  is a  $k$ -basis of  $\mathcal{L}(\infty P_\infty)$ . Furthermore, for each  $M \in \mathbb{N}^n \setminus B(A)$ , there exists a relation such that

$$x^M + \alpha_L x^L + \sum_{N \in B(A), \Psi_A(N) < \Psi_A(L)} \alpha_N x^N = 0, \quad (3)$$

where  $L$  is the unique element in  $B(A)$  satisfying  $\Psi_A(M) = \Psi_A(L)$ , and  $\alpha_L \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha_N \in K$ .

Let

$$F^{(M)} := X^M + \alpha_L X^L + \sum_{N \in B(A), \Psi_A(N) < \Psi_A(L)} \alpha_N X^N,$$

where we denote  $\prod_j X_j^{m_j}$  by  $X^M$  for  $M = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . Then, we have

**Theorem 2 (Miura [3])**

$$\text{Ker } \Theta = \{F^{(M)} | M \in V(A)\}.$$

The affine algebraic set  $\text{Ker } \Theta$  associated with  $(F/K, P_\infty)$  is a smooth affine variety with coordinate ring  $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

**Example 1 ( $C_{ab}$  curves)**  $A = \{a, b\}$  with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ . Then,

$$B(A) = \{(m, l) | 0 \leq l \leq a-1, m = 0, 1, \dots\}$$

and

$$V(A) = \{(0, a)\}.$$

Hence, the curve  $C$  is defined by the equation:

$$Y^a = \alpha_{ab} X^b + \sum_{ma+lb < ab} \alpha_{ma+lb} X^m Y^l, \quad (4)$$

where  $\alpha_{ab}, \alpha_{ma+lb} \in K$ . By transforming the variables  $X$  and  $Y$  to  $\alpha_{ab}^s X$  and  $\alpha_{ab}^t Y$  with  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , respectively, we can set  $\alpha_{ab} = 1$ . (Note  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ ). If  $\alpha_{ma+lb} = 0$  for  $l \neq 0$  ( $\gcd(a, p) = 1$  is required), the curve is called *super-elliptic*.

**Example 2**  $A = \{4, 6, 5\}$ . Then,

$$B(A) = \{(0, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), \\ (3, 0, 0), (2, 0, 1), (2, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1), (4, 0, 0), \dots\}$$

and

$$V(A) = \{(0, 2, 0), (0, 0, 2)\}.$$

Hence, the curve  $C$  is defined by the equations:

$$Y^2 = \beta_{12} X^3 + \beta_{11} YZ + \beta_{10} XY + \beta_9 XZ + \beta_6 Y + \beta_5 Z + \beta_4 X + \beta_0 \\ Z^2 = \gamma_{10} XY + \gamma_9 XZ + \gamma_6 Y + \gamma_3 Z + \gamma_4 X + \gamma_0,$$

where  $\beta_i, \gamma_j \in K$ .

Without loss of generality, we fix an element  $a_1 \in A$  such that  $(a_1, p) = 1$ . Such an  $a_1$  exists because the number of gaps,  $g$ , is finite, and  $(a_j, p) = 1$  for some  $j$ . Let  $b_l$  denote the minimal  $b \in \langle a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$  such that  $b \equiv l \pmod{a_1}$ ,  $l = 0, 1, \dots$ . Clearly,  $b_l = b_{l+ma_1}$  for  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ .

Let  $T(A) := \{(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) \in B(A) \mid s_1 = 0\}$ . Then,

**Theorem 3 (Miura [3])**

$$T(A) = \{M \in B(A) \mid \Psi_A(M) = b_l, l = 0, 1, \dots, a_1 - 1\}, \quad (5)$$

$\#T(A) = a_1$ , and  $\{x^M \mid M \in T(A)\}$  is a  $K[x_1]$ -basis of  $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

**Example 3** If  $A = \{a, b\}$  with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then  $T(A) = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), \dots, (0, a - 1)\}$ , so that the coordinate ring is

$$K[x, y] = K[x] + k[x]y + \dots + K[x]y^{a-1}$$

for  $y^a = x^b + \sum_{ma+lb < ab} \alpha_{ma+lb} x^m y^l$ , where  $\alpha_{ma+lb} \in K$ .

**Example 4** If  $A = \{4, 6, 5\}$ , then  $T(A) = \{(0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\}$  and  $b_0 = 0, b_1 = 5, b_2 = 6, b_3 = 9$ , so that the coordinate ring is

$$K[x, y, z] = K[x] + K[x]z + K[x]y + K[x]yz$$

for

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 &= \beta_{12}x^3 + \beta_{11}yz + \beta_{10}xy + \beta_9xz + \beta_6y + \beta_5z + \beta_4x + \beta_0 \\ z^2 &= \gamma_{10}xy + \gamma_9xz + \gamma_6y + \gamma_3z + \gamma_4x + \gamma_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta_i, \gamma_j \in K$ .

**Proposition 1**

$$g = \#(\mathbb{N} \setminus \langle A \rangle) = \sum_{l=0}^{a_1-1} [b_l/a_1], \quad (6)$$

where  $[x]$  is the largest integer no more than  $x$ .

We fix the order of  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$  as  $\bar{A} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

**Definition 4 (Nijenhuis-Wilf [6])**  $\bar{A} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  satisfying

$$a_j/d_j \in \langle a_1/d_{j-1}, \dots, a_{j-1}/d_{j-1} \rangle, \quad (7)$$

where  $d_j = \gcd(a_1, \dots, a_j)$ , is said to be *telescopic*. Furthermore, any curve with a  $K$ -rational point  $P_\infty$  such that

1.  $\mathcal{M}_{P_\infty} = A$
2. an ordered  $\bar{A}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is telescopic

is said to be *telescopic*. In particular, if  $n = 2$ , the curve is telescopic.

**Example 5**  $\bar{A} = (4, 6, 5)$  satisfies (7) although  $\bar{A} = (4, 5, 6)$  does not. However, the curve with  $\mathcal{M}_{P_\infty} = A$  is telescopic for  $A$ .

**Theorem 4 (Nijenhuis-Wilf [6])** In general,

$$g \leq [1 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\frac{d_{j-1}}{d_j} - 1)a_j]/2, \quad (8)$$

where  $d_0 = 0$ . The equation follows if and only if  $A = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is telescopic.

**Theorem 5 (Miura [3])** If a curve with  $A$  is telescopic, then

1.  $T(A) = \{(0, t_2, \dots, t_n) | 0 \leq t_j \leq d_{j-1}/d_j - 1, j = 2, \dots, n\}$
2.  $V(A) = \{(0, \dots, 0, d_{j-1}/d_j, 0, \dots, 0) | j = 2, \dots, n\}$ .

**Example 6** If  $A = \{4, 6, 5\}$ , then  $T(A) = \{(0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$  and  $V(A) = \{(0, 2, 0), (0, 0, 2)\}$ . Furthermore,  $(b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3) = (0, 5, 6, 11)$  with  $a_1 = 4$ , so that  $g = 4$  from Proposition 1, which is also obtained from Theorem 4.

If  $\text{Ker } \Theta = \{F^{(M)} | M \in V(A)\}$  is given by

$$\{\bar{F}_j(X_1, \dots, X_j) | j = 2, 3, \dots, n\}$$

for some  $\bar{F}_j := X_j^{d_{j-1}/d_j} - h_j(X_1, \dots, X_{j-1})$ ,  $h_j \in k[X_1, \dots, X_{j-1}]$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, n$ , then the curve is said to be *strongly telescopic*.

## 4 Cohomology of Smooth Curves

We consider the coordinate ring  $\bar{\mathcal{A}} = k[\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n, \bar{x}_2^{-1}, \dots, \bar{x}_n^{-1}]$  for some

$$\bar{F}_j(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = 0,$$

$j = 2, \dots, n$ , and assume that the curve is smooth. Let  $\mathcal{A} = R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_2^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \otimes_R k \cong \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$  the weak completion of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For monomial  $\bar{x}_1^{l_1} \dots \bar{x}_n^{l_n}$  with  $(\bar{x}_1)_\infty = a_1, \dots, (\bar{x}_n)_\infty = a_n$  and  $l_1, \dots, l_n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define for  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$

$$\Psi(\bar{x}_1^{l_1} \dots \bar{x}_n^{l_n}) := \Psi_A(l_1, \dots, l_n),$$

which is extended for polynomial  $\sum_j r_j \bar{x}_1^{l_{j1}} \dots \bar{x}_n^{l_{jn}} \in k[\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n]$  with  $r_j \in k$  and  $l_{j1}, \dots, l_{jn} \in \mathbb{N}$ , as

$$\Psi(\sum_j r_j \bar{x}_1^{l_{j1}} \dots \bar{x}_n^{l_{jn}}) := \max_j \Psi(\bar{x}_1^{l_{j1}} \dots \bar{x}_n^{l_{jn}}).$$

Let  $F_j$  be the lifted polynomial associated with  $\bar{F}_j$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, n$ . From the equations  $dF_j = 0$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, n$ , we obtain the unique relation

$$\omega_* := \frac{dx_1}{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \dots = \frac{dx_n}{f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)}, \quad (9)$$

where  $f_j(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , have no common zero. This is possible because, if  $f_j = tf_j^*$  at  $P \in \mathbb{P}^F$  with  $v_P(f_j^*) = 0$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $t$  is a uniformizer at  $P$ , then we

can replace  $f_j$  by  $f_j^*$ . Since, if  $P \neq P_\infty$ ,  $v_P(dx_j) \geq 0$  and  $v_P(f_j) \geq 0$ , and since  $\deg(w_*) = 2g - 2$ , we have

$$(\omega_*) = (2g - 2)P_\infty . \quad (10)$$

Since  $(f_j)$  is a principle divisor,  $\Psi(f_j) = a_i + 2g - 1$ .

In this section, we find  $2g$  independent elements in  $H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K)$  over  $K$ . Hereafter, we denote  $\omega \equiv 0$  if differential  $\omega \in \Omega$  is exact, say  $H^1(\bar{\mathcal{A}}; K) \equiv \Omega$ . We can eliminate the highest degree monomial in  $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)\omega_*$  with respect to  $\langle A \rangle$  by the relation  $dx_i = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)\omega_* \equiv 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

For  $b \in \langle A \rangle$ , let  $M_A(b)$  denote the  $M \in B(A)$  such that  $\Psi_A(M) = b$ .

**Theorem 6**

$$K[x_1, \dots, x_n]\omega_* \equiv \sum_{h \in H(A)} Kx^{M_A(h)}\omega_*$$

with  $H(A) = [\{b_l + 2g - 1 - a_1v, 0 \leq l \leq a_1 - 1, v = 1, \dots\} \cup \{2g - 1\}] \cap \langle A \rangle$ . In particular,  $\#H(A) = 2g$ .

Proof. From Theorem 3,

$$R[x_1, \dots, x_n] = \sum_{l=0}^{a_1-1} R[x_1]y_l ,$$

where  $y_l := x^{M_A(b_l)}$ . Then, from (9), we find  $g_{j,l}(x_1, y_1, \dots, y_{a_1-1}) \in R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  such that

$$\omega_* = \frac{dx_1^j y_l}{g_{j,l}(x_1, y_1, \dots, y_{a_1-1})} \quad (11)$$

for  $(j, l) \in G(a_1) := \{(j, l) | j = 0, 1, \dots, 0 \leq l \leq a_1 - 1\} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , and obtain

$$\Psi(g_{j,l}) = ja_1 + b_l + 2g - 1 . \quad (12)$$

From  $dx_1^j y_l \equiv 0$  with  $(j, l) \in G(a_1)$ ,  $cx^{M_A(ja_1+b_l+2g-1)}\omega_*$  with  $c \in K$  can be reduced to lower degree terms. Hence,  $\Omega$  modulo exact differentials is spanned by  $\{x^{M_A(h)}\omega_* | h \in H(A)\}$ .

If we define by  $e_l$  the minimal  $e_l$  ( $0 \leq l \leq a_1 - 1$ ) such that  $e_l \equiv b_l + 2g - 1 \pmod{a_1}$ , then  $e_l$  ranges over  $0 \leq l \leq a_1 - 1$ , which means  $\sum_l (b_l + 2g - 1 - e_l) = \sum_l (b_l + 2g - 1 - l)$ . Hence,

$$\sum_l \lfloor \frac{b_l + 2g - 1}{a_1} \rfloor = \sum_l \frac{b_l + 2g - 1 - e_l}{a_1} = \sum_l \frac{b_l + 2g - 1 - l}{a_1} = \sum_{l=0}^{a_1-1} \frac{b_l - l}{a_1} + 2g - 1 = 3g - 1 ,$$

where Proposition 1 has been applied in the last equality. So, we have

$$\#H(A) = \sum_{l=0}^{a_1-1} \lfloor \frac{b_l + 2g - 1}{a_1} \rfloor - g + 1 = 2g$$

if  $2g - 1 \in \langle A \rangle$  ( $2g - 1$  is a nongap), and

$$\#H(A) = \sum_{l=0}^{a_1-1} \lfloor \frac{b_l + 2g - 1}{a_1} \rfloor - (g - 1) = 2g$$

if  $2g - 1 \notin \langle A \rangle$  ( $2g - 1$  is a gap).  $\square$



**Example 7** If  $A = \{a, b\}$  with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , Proposition 1 implies  $g = (a - 1)(b - 1)/2$ , thus  $2g - 1 = b(a - 1) - a$ . We know there exists an injective  $\phi : \{0, \dots, a - 1\} \rightarrow \{0, \dots, a - 1\}$  such that  $b_l = \phi(l)b$  and  $\phi(0) = 0$ . Since

$$b_l + 2g - 1 - ja = b\phi(l) + ab - a - b - ja = b(\phi(l) - 1) + a(b - 1 - j) \in H(A)$$

for  $1 \leq l \leq a - 1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq b - 1$ . However, for  $l = 0$ ,  $b_0 + 2g - 1 - ja = ab - (j + 1)a - b \notin \langle a, b \rangle$ . Thus, we have

$$H(A) = \{ja + lb \mid 0 \leq j \leq b - 2, 0 \leq l \leq a - 2\}.$$

Hence,  $\Omega$  is generated by  $\{x^j y^l \omega_* \mid 0 \leq j \leq b - 2, 0 \leq l \leq a - 2\}$  over  $K$  modulo exact differentials. If the curve is superelliptic, the equation (4) with  $\alpha_{a,b} = 1$  reduces to

$$Y^a = X^b + \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \alpha_{ja} X^j. \quad (13)$$

Then,  $\omega_* = \frac{dx}{ay^{a-1}}$ , and  $K[x, y]\omega_*$  for (13) is generated by  $\{x^j \frac{dx}{y^l} \mid 0 \leq j \leq b - 2, 1 \leq l \leq a - 1\}$  over  $K$  modulo exact differentials.

**Example 8** If  $A = \{4, 6, 5\}$ , then  $H(A) = \{0, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14\}$ . Hence,  $\Omega$  is generated by

$$\{w_*, xw_*, x^2w_*, zw_*, xzw_*, yw_*, xyw_*, x^2y^2w_*\}$$

over  $K$  modulo exact differentials. Furthermore, if the curve is defined by

$$y^2 = x^3 + x + 1, \quad z^2 = xy + x + 1, \quad (14)$$

then

$$w_* = \frac{dx}{yz} = \frac{dy}{z(3x^2 + 1)/2} = \frac{dz}{x(3x^2 + 1)/2 + y(y + 1)},$$

and  $K[x, y, z]\omega_*$  for (14) is generated by

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{yz} dx, \frac{x}{yz} dx, \frac{x^2}{yz} dx, \frac{1}{y} dx, \frac{x}{y} dx, \frac{1}{z} dx, \frac{x}{z} dx, \frac{x^2 y}{z} dx \right\}$$

over  $K$  modulo exact differentials.

## 5 Kedlaya's Method for Strongly Telescopic Curves

We apply Kedlaya's method to strongly telescopic curves in  $n$  variables  $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n$  with

$$\bar{I} = \{\bar{x}_2^{m_2} = \bar{h}_2(\bar{x}_1), \bar{x}_3^{m_3} = \bar{h}_3(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2), \dots, \bar{x}_n^{m_n} = \bar{h}_n(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{n-1})\}, \quad (15)$$

where  $\bar{h}_j \in k[\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{j-1}]$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, n$ .

Let  $C$  be such a curve, and  $C'$  the affine curve obtained from  $C$  by deleting the support of the divisors of  $\bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n$ ; then the coordinate ring  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  of  $C'$  is  $k[\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n, \bar{x}_2^{-1}, \dots, \bar{x}_n^{-1}]$  for  $\bar{I}$ .

We fix  $\mathcal{A} = R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_2^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$  for  $I$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \otimes_R k \cong \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ , where

$$I = \{x_2^{m_2} = h_2(x_1), x_3^{m_3} = h_3(x_1, x_2), \dots, x_n^{m_n} = h_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})\},$$

and  $h_j \in R[x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}]$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, n$ , and let  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$  be the weak completion of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $v_p$  denote the  $p$ -adic valuation on  $R$ . Then,  $\sum_{t_1 \geq 0, t_2, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{Z}} s_{t_1, \dots, t_n} x_1^{t_1} \cdots x_n^{t_n} \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger$ ,  $s_{t_1, \dots, t_n} \in R$ , if and only if

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \min_{t_1 \geq 0, r = |t_1 + \dots + t_n|} \frac{v_p(s_{t_1, \dots, t_n})}{r} > 0. \quad (16)$$

We can lift the  $p$ -power Frobenius to an endomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $\mathcal{A}^\dagger$  by defining it as the canonical Witt vector Frobenius on  $R$ , then extending to  $R[x_1]$  by mapping  $x_1$  to  $x_1^p$ . Apparently,  $p$  divides  $x_1^\sigma - x_1^p = 0$ . If  $p$  divides  $x_2^\sigma - x_2^p, \dots, x_{j-1}^\sigma - x_{j-1}^p$ , then  $p$  divides

$$x_j^\sigma - x_j^p = h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^\sigma - h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^p.$$

Thus,  $p$  divides  $h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^\sigma - h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^p$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} x_j^\sigma &= x_j^p \left( 1 + \frac{h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^\sigma - h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^p}{h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^p} \right)^{1/m_j} \\ &= x_j^p \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \binom{1/m_j}{j} \frac{(h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^\sigma - h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^p)^l}{x_j^{pm_j l}} \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger \otimes_R K. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x_j^{-1})^\sigma &= x_j^{-p} \left( 1 + \frac{h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^\sigma - h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^p}{h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^p} \right)^{-1/m_j} \\ &= x_j^{-p} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \binom{-1/m_j}{j} \frac{(h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^\sigma - h_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})^p)^l}{x_j^{pm_j l}} \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger \otimes_R K. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Let  $F = \sigma^{\log_p q}$ ; then  $F$  is a lift of the  $q$ -power Frobenius, so we may apply the Lefschetz fixed point formula to it and use the result to compute the zeta function of  $C$

Any form can be written as  $\sum_{t_1 \geq 0} \sum_{t_2, \dots, t_n} s_{t_1, \dots, t_n} x_1^{t_1} \cdots x_n^{t_n} dx_1$ . Then, there are  $h_j^*(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) \in K[x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}]$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, n$ , such that

$$\omega_* := \frac{dx_1}{x_2^{m_2-1} \cdots x_n^{m_n-1}} = \frac{dx_2}{h_2^*(x_1) x_3^{m_3-1} \cdots x_n^{m_n-1}} = \cdots = \frac{dx_n}{h_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})} \quad (19)$$

and no common zero in the denominators. Then, the denominator  $x_2^{m_2-1} \cdots x_n^{m_n-1}$  has degree  $\sum_{j=2}^n a_j(m_j-1)$  equal to  $a_1 + 2g - 1$ , which means the curve is telescopic (see Theorem 4). Thus, if  $t_j \geq 0$  for  $j = 2, \dots, n$ , from the theory in the previous section and (19), they are reduced to some in  $\sum_{h \in H(A)} K x^{M_A(h)} \omega_*$ .

From smoothness of  $C$ , for any  $B \in K[x_1]$  and  $t_j$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, n$ , there exist  $U, V \in K[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  such that

$$B(x_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= U(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})h_2(x_1) \cdots h_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \\
&\quad + V(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})[c_2 h_2^*(x_1)h_3(x_1, x_2) \cdots h_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \\
&\quad + c_3 x_2 h_3^*(x_1, x_2)h_4(x_1, x_2, x_3) \cdots h(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + \\
&\quad \cdots + c_n x_2 \cdots x_{n-1} h_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})]
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

if  $c_j \neq 0$  for some  $j = 2, \dots, n$ . In fact, each pair of  $x_j$  and  $h_j^*(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, n$ , cannot be zero at the same time, so that we obtain  $\bar{U}, \bar{V} \in K[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= \bar{U}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})h_2(x_1) \cdots h_n(x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \\
&\quad + \bar{V}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})[c_2 h_2^*(x_1)h_3(x_1, x_2) \cdots h_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \\
&\quad + c_3 x_2 h_3^*(x_1, x_2)h_4(x_1, x_2, x_3) + \cdots + c_n x_2 \cdots x_{n-1} h_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})]
\end{aligned}$$

and  $U = \bar{U}B, V = \bar{V}B \in K[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$ . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\equiv d\left[\frac{S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})}{x_2^{t_2-m_2} \cdots x_n^{t_n-m_n}}\right] \\
&= dS(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})x_2^{m_2-t_2} \cdots x_n^{m_n-t_n} \\
&\quad - (t_2 - m_2)S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})x_2^{m_2-1-t_2} x_3^{m_3-t_3} \cdots x_n^{m_n-t_n} dx_2 \\
&\quad - \cdots - (t_n - m_n)S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})x_2^{m_2-t_2} \cdots x_{n-1}^{m_{n-1}-t_{n-1}} x_n^{m_n-1-t_n} dx_n \\
&= dS(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})h_2(x_1) \cdots h_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})/x_2^{t_2} \cdots x_n^{t_n} \\
&\quad - S(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})\left[\frac{t_2 - m_2}{m_2 - 1}h_2^*(x_1)h_3(x_1, x_2) \cdots h_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})\right. \\
&\quad + \frac{t_3 - m_3}{m_3 - 1}x_2 h_3^*(x_1, x_2)h_4(x_1, x_2, x_3) \cdots h_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \\
&\quad \left. + \cdots + \frac{t_n - m_n}{m_n - 1}x_2 \cdots x_{n-1} h_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})\right] \frac{dx_1}{x_2^{t_2} \cdots x_n^{t_n}}
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

for any  $S \in K[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  if  $t_j \neq m_j$  for some  $j = 2, \dots, n$ .

Combining (20) and (21), there exist  $U, V \in K[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  such that

$$B(x_1) \frac{dx_1}{x_2^{t_2} \cdots x_n^{t_n}} \equiv \frac{U(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})dx_1 + dV(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})}{x_2^{t_2-m_2} \cdots x_n^{t_n-m_n}}. \tag{22}$$

Furthermore, from (19) and (22),

$$\begin{aligned}
dV &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \cdots + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_n} dx_n \\
&= \left[\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} \frac{dx_2}{dx_1} + \cdots + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_n} \frac{dx_n}{dx_1}\right] dx_1 \\
&= \left[\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} \frac{h_2^*(x_1)}{x_2^{m_2-1}} + \cdots + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_n} \frac{h_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})}{x_2^{m_2-1} \cdots x_n^{m_n-1}}\right] dx_1
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, there exist  $B_{s_2, \dots, s_n} \in K[x_1]$  such that

$$B(x_1) \frac{dx_1}{x_2^{t_2} \cdots x_n^{t_n}} \equiv \sum_{s_2 < t_2, \dots, s_{n-1} < t_{n-1}} B_{s_2, \dots, s_n}(x_1) \frac{dx_1}{x_2^{s_2} \cdots x_n^{s_n}} \tag{23}$$

with  $s_n = t_n - m_n$ .

Therefore, if  $t_j \geq m_j$  for all  $i = 2, \dots, n$ , (23) can be applied to reduce the degrees of the denominator. If  $0 \leq t_j \leq m_j - 1$  for some  $j$ , by multiplying denominator and numerator by  $x_j^{m_j}$  and  $h_j(x_1)$ , respectively, we can keep the degree of  $x_j$  between  $-m_j + 1$  and 0. If  $m_l \leq t_l$  for some  $2 \leq l \leq j - 1$  and  $0 \leq t_j \leq m_j - 1$ , then multiply denominator and numerator by  $x_j^{m_j}$  and  $h(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$ , respectively. In any case, the differential forms are generated by the basis, which consists of  $2g$  elements given by Theorem 1 with  $w_* = x_2^{m_2-1} \dots x_n^{m_n-1}$ . Even if  $t_{j+1} = \dots = t_n = 0$ , if  $m_j \nmid t_j$ , there exist  $B'_{s_2, \dots, s_j} \in K[x_1]$  such that

$$B(x_1) \frac{dx_1}{x_2^{t_2} \dots x_j^{t_j}} \equiv \sum_{0 \leq s_2 \leq m_2-1, \dots, 0 \leq s_j \leq m_j-1} B'_{s_2, \dots, s_j}(x_1) \frac{dx_1}{x_2^{s_2} \dots x_j^{s_j}}. \quad (24)$$

Notice that the degrees of  $x_j$  and  $x_j^{-1}$  in  $x_j^\sigma$  and  $(x_j^{-1})^\sigma$  are  $-pm_j l + 1$  and  $-pm_j l - 1$ ,  $l = 0, 1, \dots$ , and that they cannot be divided by  $m_j$ . Also,  $(dx_1)^\sigma = x_1^{p-1} dx_1$ . This implies:

**Theorem 7** If  $p \nmid m_2, \dots, m_n$ , then

$$\left\{ \sum_{h \in H(A)} K x^{M_A(h)} \omega_* \right\}^\sigma \equiv \sum_{h \in H(A)} K x^{M_A(h)} \omega_*. \quad (25)$$

Let  $M$  be the matrix of the action  $\sigma$ , and denote the product by  $\mathcal{M} = M M^\sigma M^{\sigma^2} \dots M^{\sigma^{m-1}}$ .

Finally, we derive that the number of  $k$ -rational points in the curve is  $q^i + 1 - \text{Tr}(\mathcal{M})$ . In fact, if we define for  $j = 2, \dots, n$ ,

$$C_j := \{(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_j) \in k[\bar{F}_l(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_l) = 0, l = 2, \dots, j] \cup \{P_\infty\}\}$$

$C_j^0 := \{(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_j) \in C_j | \bar{x}_j = 0\}$ , and  $C_j^1 := C_{j-1} - C_j^0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \#C_j - \#C_j^0 &= \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i} | K) - \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i} | H^1(k[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j, x_2^{-1}, \dots, x_j^{-1}] / (\bar{I}), K)) \\ &= \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i} | K) - \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i} | \sum_{0 \leq s_2 \leq m_2-1, \dots, 0 \leq s_{j-1} \leq m_{j-1}-1} \frac{K[x] dx}{x_2^{s_2} \dots x_{j-1}^{s_{j-1}} x_j^{m_j}}) \\ &\quad - \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i} | \sum_{0 \leq s_2 \leq m_2-1, \dots, 0 \leq s_{j-1} \leq m_{j-1}-1, 1 \leq s_j \leq m_j-1} \frac{K[x] dx}{x_2^{s_2} \dots x_j^{s_j}}) \\ &= \#C_j^1 - \text{Tr}^{(j)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $j = 2, \dots, n$ , and  $\#C_1 = q^i + 1$  where

$$\text{Tr}^{(j)} = \text{Tr}(q^i F_*^{-i} | \sum_{0 \leq s_2 \leq m_2-1, \dots, 1 \leq s_i \leq m_i-1} \frac{K[x] dx}{x_2^{s_2} \dots x_j^{s_j}}),$$

and Leschetz fixed point formula has been applied in the first and last equations as  $\bar{A} = k[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j, x_2^{-1}, \dots, x_j^{-1}]$  for  $\bar{I}$  and  $\bar{A} = k[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j, x_2^{-1}, \dots, x_{j-1}^{-1}, x_j^{-m_j}]$  for  $\bar{I}$ .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\#C_n &= q^i + 1 - \sum_{j=2}^n Tr^{(j)} \\
&= q^i + 1 - Tr(q^i F_*^{-i} | \sum_{0 \leq s_2 \leq m_2 - 1, \dots, 0 \leq s_n \leq m_n - 1} \frac{K[x_1] dx_1}{x_2^{s_2} \cdots x_n^{s_n}}) \\
&= q^i + 1 - Tr(q^i F_*^{-i} | \sum_{h \in H(A)} K x^{M_A(h)} \omega_*).
\end{aligned}$$

From a similar discussion in Section 2, we obtain the number of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -rational points  $\#C_n$  to be  $q + 1 - Tr(\mathcal{M})$ .

**Example 9** For Example 7, the same basis, shown in Example 5, is obtained as the one Gaudry and Gürel [1] showed for superelliptic curves with two variables.

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