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# METU MATH 476, Final, Part II (Take-home)

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**Problem 1. (5 pts)** Justify that  $h = (x - 1)^4 + (y - 1)^4 - 1$  belongs to the ideal  $(f_0, f_1)$ , where  $f_0 = xy$  and  $f_1 = (x - 1)^2 + (y - 1)^2 - 1$ , by applying the fundamental Noether's theorem.



**Problem 2. (5 pts)** Two quintics  $A$  and  $B$  have both a cusp at a point  $P$ . The other intersection points,  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ , are non-singular. What can be the values of  $n$  ?

**Problem 3. (5 pts)** Consider points  $P_{\pm} = (-1, \pm\sqrt{3})$  on the curve  $A = \{y^2 = x^3 - 4x\}$ . Find a family of functions  $f \in L(D)$  (including not only constants), where  $D = P_+ + P_-$ . Conclude that  $\ell(D) \geq 2$ .



**Problem 4. (10 pts)** Let  $A$  be the normalization of a quartic curve with one cuspidal singularity. Suppose that the canonical class divisors on  $A$  contains a multiple of some point,  $mP$ .

(a) Find  $m$ .

(b) Find all possible sequences  $\ell(P), \ell(2P), \ell(3P), \ell(4P), \ell(5P), \ell(6P), \dots$ .

(c) Show that  $A$  is hyperelliptic by considering the projection  $f : A \rightarrow P^1$  from the cusp of  $A$ .

(d) How many branch points of  $f$  are there ?

(e) Does  $f$  have a branch point at the cusp ?