

THE METHOD OF G-FUNCTIONS

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① A formula of Ramanujan

$$\frac{2}{\pi} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_n^3}{n!^3} (4n+1) (-1)^n$$

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where $(x)_n = x(x+1)\dots(x+n-1)$ is the Pochhammer symbol.

→ « Modular equations
and approximations to π »
(1914)

- This formula translates the existence of exceptional period relations in the fibres where the elliptic curve

$$E_K : y^2 = (1-x^2)(1-K^2x^2) \quad K \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$$

acquires complex multiplication (that is to say, $\text{End}(E_K)$ is an order in an imaginary quadratic field). The values of K for which this happens (e.g. $K = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, $K = \sqrt{2}-1$, ...) are classically called singular moduli.

- Indeed, if $w, \eta \in H_{dR}^1(E_K)$ is a basis of algebraic de Rham cohomology (with $w \in F^\circ H_{dR}^1(E_K)$) and $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in H_1(E_K(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$ is a symplectic basis, then the periods $w_i = \int_{\sigma_i} w$ and $\eta_i = \int_{\sigma_i} \eta$ "quasi-period"

satisfy Legendre's relation

$$\bullet \quad \underbrace{\eta_1 \omega_2 - \eta_2 \omega_1}_{\text{period of } \Lambda^2 H^1(E_K) \simeq H^2(E_K) \simeq H^2(\mathbb{P}^1)} = \boxed{2\pi i}$$

If E_K has complex multiplication, then

$\boxed{z = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}}$ lies in the imaginary quadratic field and from the equation $\boxed{Az^2 + Bz + C = 0}$ we get a second relation

$$\boxed{Az \eta_2 - C \eta_1 + \alpha \omega_1 = 0}$$

for some algebraic α (in fact in the field of definition of E_K adjoint z).

• Now, the periods of E_K can be expressed in terms of complete elliptic integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \text{1st kind} \quad K(k) &= \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-k^2x^2)}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \mid k^2 \right) \quad (|k| < 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2nd kind} \quad E(k) &= \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{1-k^2x^2}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot {}_2F_1 \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \mid k^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and the corresponding quantities for the

complementary modulus $k' = \sqrt{1-k^2}$

$K(k')$ and $E(k')$

For example, $\omega_1 = 4K(k')$

$\gamma_1 = 4E(k)$

$\delta_1 = (0, 1) \rightarrow (1, 0)$

$(0, 1) \leftarrow (-1, 0)$

Here we use the hypergeometric function

$${}_2F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma \end{matrix} \middle| z \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha)_n (\beta)_n}{(\gamma)_n} z^n$$

The function E is closely related to the derivative of K , namely

$$\frac{dK}{dk} = \frac{E - k'^2 K}{k(k')^2}$$

and there is an identity of hypergeometric functions (Clairaut, 1828)

$$\left(\frac{2K(k)}{\pi} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{k'^2} {}_3F_2 \left(\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \middle| -\left(\frac{2K}{k'^2} \right)^2 \right)$$

$(0 \leq k \leq \sqrt{2}-1)$

Putting everything together we obtain

Ramanujan's formula for $k = \sqrt{2}-1$! How to

substitute the hypergeometric

② A sample of results

$$\sum_{n=0}^{p-1} \binom{1}{n}^3 (3n-1) \equiv \binom{-1}{p}$$

The goal of the course is to present a method that in some cases allows us to obtain finiteness of the fields where $x^p = a$

Elliptic case: so many such pts but finitely many of bounded degree finite fields

tional relations among periods occur. Here are two examples due to D. Urbant (2023).

For $g \geq 2$, consider the universal family of genus g curves

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{C} \\ \downarrow \\ M_g \hookrightarrow \overline{M}_g = \text{Deligne-Mumford} \\ \text{compactification} \end{array}$$

(parameterises stable curves \mathcal{C} projective connected with at most nodal singularities, finite automorphism group and $\dim H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}}) = g$)

Let $\text{Exc} \subset M_g(\mathbb{C})$ be the set of points x such that $\text{Jac}(\mathcal{C}_x) \simeq A_1 \times \dots \times A_r$ has

a factor with complex multiplication.
 $\text{End}(A)_{\mathbb{Q}} = \text{field of degree } 2 \dim A$

Theorem 1: Let $S \subset M_g$ be an irreducible

Hodge-generic curve such that $\overline{S} \subset \overline{M}_g$

intersects the locus of stable curves.

$$\mathcal{C}_x = C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_\ell \text{ such that } \begin{cases} \text{Case } g=2 \\ \text{due to Darb} \\ \& \text{on} \end{cases}$$

$$\# \text{ nodal singularities} \geq \ell + 1$$

Then $S(\mathbb{C}) \cap \text{Exc}$ is finite.

• "Hodge-generic" means that the Mumford-Tate group of the generic fiber over S is as big as possible.
 for $g=4$ $y^5 = x(x-1)(x-1)$ so many CM fields.

as possible, namely $GS_{p,2g}$. This condition is clearly necessary to obtain finiteness.

- The condition about degeneracy at infinity comes from the method of G -functions. We expect the result to be always true! \leftarrow (Zilber - but)
- Another example, outside the realm of arithmetic action varieties (!) is the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X' \subset X \supset X_{S_0} \\
 \text{smooth} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\
 \text{projective} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\
 S' \subset S \supset S_0
 \end{array}$$

Hodge-general

Theorem 2: let $X' \rightarrow S'$ be a family of smooth projective hypersurfaces of degree d in \mathbb{P}^{n+1} . Assume that $d > n+2$ and that X_{S_0} is the union of d hypersurfaces in general position. Then for every N and every number field K of $\text{deg} \leq N$, $\text{Exc} \cap S'(K)$ is finite. \leftarrow In fact, c_2

already known by a direct & tangential way

Now $\text{Exc} \subset S'(\mathbb{C})$ is the set of points such that $H_{\text{prim}}^n(X'_s, \mathbb{Q})$ has complex multiplication in the sense that every simple \mathbb{Q} -Hodge structure $W \subset V$ has an algebra of endomorphisms given by algebraic cycles of degree $\dim W$.

③ G-functions

$t \in \text{End}_{H_S}(H^n(X))$ is a Hodge class in $H^n(X) \otimes H^n(X)^*$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= H^n(X) \otimes H^n(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}(n) \\
 &\subset H^{2n}(X \times X, \mathbb{Q}(n))
 \end{aligned}$$

Definition (Högel, 1929) A G-function is a formal power series with algebraic coefficients

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}[[z]]$$

such that:

(1) there exists a non-zero differential operator $L \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}[z] \langle \frac{d}{dz} \rangle$ ($= c_\mu(z) \left(\frac{d}{dz}\right)^\mu + \dots + c_0(z)$)

$$L \cdot f = 0$$

(2) there exists a real number $C > 0$

$$\max_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})} |\sigma(a_n)| \leq C^n$$

$$\text{den}(a_0, \dots, a_n) \leq C^n$$

for all $n \geq 1$. \uparrow smallest integer $d_n \geq 1$ such that $d_n a_0, \dots, d_n a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$

e.g. for each $k \geq 1$,

$$\text{Li}_k(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n^k} \quad \text{polylogarithms}$$

$$z \frac{d}{dz} \text{Li}_k(z) = \text{Li}_{k-1}(z) \quad \text{with } L_0(z) = \frac{z}{1-z}$$

so differential equation of ~~order~~ order $k+1$

$$|a_n| \leq 1$$

$$\text{den}(a_0, \dots, a_n) = \text{lcm}(1, \dots, n)^k \sim (e^k)^n$$

prime number theorem

Remark: The differential equation implies that $f(z)$ has coefficients in a number field K

$$\Sigma_K = \Sigma_f \cup \Sigma_\infty \text{ set of places of } K$$

For $v \in \Sigma_K$, we normalize $|\cdot|_v$ so that

* if v is above p , $|p|_v = p^{-\frac{[K_v:\mathbb{Q}_p]}{[K:\mathbb{Q}]}}$

* if $v \in \Sigma_\infty$, $|\cdot|_v = \begin{cases} |\cdot|^{1/[K:\mathbb{Q}]} & v \text{ real} \\ |\cdot|^{2/[K:\mathbb{Q}]} & v \text{ complex} \end{cases}$

Then the product formula

$$\sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \log |\xi|_v = 0$$

Notwithstanding:
finitely many alg
places of bounded
height & degree

holds for every $\xi \in K^\times$, and we define the height as $h: \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

Field $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$
separates by
 $h(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$

$$h(\xi) = \sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \log^+ |\xi|_v \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} = \sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \log^+ \max(|\xi|_v, 1)$$

(independent of choice of K)

$$\log^+(x) = \log \max(1, x)$$

Remark: Condition (2) in the definition of

δ -finiteness implies that for every place $v \in \Sigma_K$ the series $i_v(f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i_v(a_n) z^n \in \mathbb{C}_v[[z]]$

has radius of convergence

$$i_v: K \hookrightarrow \bar{K}_v$$

$$= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|_v^{1/n}$$

$$R_v(f) \geq \frac{1}{C} > 0$$

Define invariants of $f \in K[[z]]$:

• size $\sigma(f) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} h(a_0, \dots, a_n)$
 $= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \log^+ \max_i |a_i|_v$
 $\in [0, \infty]$

• global
radius $\rho(f) = \sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \log^+ \frac{1}{R_v(f)}$

→ $= \sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log^+ \max_i |a_i|_v$
 Hadamard's formula

Equivalent definition:

A G-function is an $f \in K[[z]]$ solution of a differential equation with $\sigma(f) < \infty$.

Example: diagonal of rational functions in many variables

$f \in K(z)$ such that 0 is not a pole
 Write $f = \frac{P}{Q}$ with $P, Q \in \mathcal{O}_K[[z]]$ and let
 $N = |N_{K/Q} Q(0)|$. Then $f \in \mathcal{O}_K[\frac{1}{N}][[z]]$, so for
 all but finitely many v , $|a_i|_v \leq 1$ for all i ,
 and hence $\sigma(f) < +\infty$

$\frac{d}{dz} f = \left(\frac{P'}{P} - \frac{Q'}{Q} \right) f \Rightarrow$ G-function

Now, start with $f \in K(x_1, \dots, x_2)$ regular at 0 so that (2.2)

$$f = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_2 \geq 0} a_{i_1, \dots, i_2} x_1^{i_1} \dots x_2^{i_2}$$

and from the diagonal

$$\text{Diag}_2(f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n, \dots, n} z^n \in K[[z]]$$

(Deligne) Residue

($|z|$ formula
 ϵ small enough so that f is regular on the polydisk)

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^{2-1}} \int f \frac{dx_2 \dots dx_2}{x_2 \dots x_2}$$

$$|x_2| = \dots = |x_2| = \epsilon$$

$$x_1 \dots x_2 = z$$

is a G-function with coefficients in $\mathbb{Q}_K\left[\frac{1}{N}\right]$
 (called globally ended!)

e.g. ${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \mid 1; z\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n} z^n$

algebraic function $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4z}}$ \nearrow Hadamard product $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n} z^n$

$$= \text{Diag}\left(\frac{1}{1-x-y} \cdot \frac{1}{1-z-t}\right)$$

Fact: diagonal of rational functions in 2 variables = $K[[z]]$ algebraic over $K(z)$
 so ~~G~~ algebraic fuchs are G-functions (Eisenstein 1852)

Interesting part is that $\text{Diag}_2(f)$ satisfies a differential equation! For this we consider:

$$X = \text{Spec} \left(K(z) [x_1, \dots, x_2] / (x_1 \dots x_2 - z) \right)$$

U

$$Z = \{ Q(x_1, \dots, x_2) = 0 \} \quad U = X - Z$$

smooth affine variety over $K(z)$

Every element of $H_{dR}^{2-1}(U/K(z))$ can be represented by a differential form

$$\frac{R}{Q^S} \frac{dx_1 \dots dx_2}{x_1 \dots x_2} \quad R \in K \left[x_1, \dots, x_2, \frac{1}{x_1 \dots x_2} \right]$$

and the $K(z)$ -linear map

$$I: H_{dR}^{2-1}(U/K(z)) \longrightarrow K((z))$$

$$\frac{R}{Q^S} \frac{dx_1 \dots dx_2}{x_1 \dots x_2} \longmapsto \text{Diag}_2 \left(\frac{R}{Q^S} \right)$$

is horizontal for the Gauss-Manin connection on $H_{dR}^{2-1}(U/K(z))$ and the usual derivative on $K((z))$

Finite-dimensionality of $H_{dR}^{2-1}(U/K(z))$

implies differential equation!

lecture II :

Recall the definition of a G-function

$$f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \in K[[z]] \quad \begin{array}{l} 1) L \cdot f = 0 \\ 2) \max_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{Q}/Q)} |\sigma(a_n)| \in O^n \\ \text{den}(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in O^n \end{array}$$

globally bounded

$$\exists A, B \in \bar{Q} \quad Af(Bz) \in O_K[[z]] \Rightarrow f \in O_K\left[\frac{1}{N}\right] \cap \bar{Q}[[z]]$$

e.g. $\text{Li}_k(z)$ is not globally bounded but stronger

* rational functions $K(z)$

* diagonals $\text{Diag}_2\left(\frac{P}{Q}\right)$

e.g. $\text{Diag}_2\left(\frac{1}{1-x-y}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n} z^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4z}}$

algebraic function

Fact: Diagonal in 2 variables $= K[[z]] \cap \overline{K(z)}$

$$z \overset{F}{1} \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline & 1 \end{array} \middle| 16z \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 z^n$$

(Eisenstein) 1852

tensor product $= \sum \binom{2n}{n} z^n * \sum \binom{2n}{n} z^n$

$$= \text{Diag} \left(\frac{1}{1-x_1-x_2}, \frac{1}{1-x_3-x_4} \right)$$

All hypergeometric functions are G-functions, most of them are NOT diagonals.

G-functions are stable under sum, product, derivative, algebraic substitution, ...

Consequences of the definition

K number field of degree d

$\Sigma_K = \Sigma_f \cup \Sigma_\infty$ set of places

For $v \in \Sigma_K$, $i_v: K \hookrightarrow K_v \hookrightarrow \widehat{K}_v = \mathbb{C}$

Normalize $|\cdot|_v$ so that

• if v is above p , $|p|_v = p^{-\frac{[K_v:\mathbb{Q}_p]}{d}}$

• if $v \in \Sigma_\infty$, $|\xi|_v = \begin{cases} |\xi|^{1/d} & v \text{ real} \\ |\xi|^{2/d} & v \text{ complex} \end{cases}$

Then the product formula holds

$$\sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \log |\xi|_v = 0 \quad \text{for all } \xi \in K^\times$$

and we define the (logarithmic) height as

$$h: \overline{\mathbb{Q}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\xi \longmapsto h(\xi) = \sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \log^+ |\xi|_v$$

(inde product of
norms of K)

$$\log^+(x) = \log \max(1, x)$$

Condition (2) in the definition of G-function

implies that for every $r \in \bar{\Sigma}_K$ the series

$$i_r(f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i_r(a_n) z^n \in \mathbb{C}_r[[z]]$$

has strictly positive radius of convergence

$$\boxed{R_r(f) > 0} \quad (\text{compute using Hadamard's formula})$$

Define invariants:

$$\sigma(f) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} h(a_0, \dots, a_n)$$

size

$$= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r \in \bar{\Sigma}_K} \log^+ \max_{i \leq n} |a_i|_r$$

$$\rho(f) = \sum_{r \in \bar{\Sigma}_K} \log^+ \frac{1}{R_r(f)} \in [0, \infty]$$

global

radius

$$= \sum_{r \in \bar{\Sigma}_K} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log^+ \max_{i \leq n} |a_i|_r$$

σ -function \Leftrightarrow differential equation

$$+ \boxed{\sigma(f) < 0}$$

Questions: 1) structure of differential equation?

2) generic origin?

3) transcendence properties of special values?

Theorem (Ardre, Boulier, Chudnovsky, Katz)

Let $L \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}[z] \langle \frac{d}{dz} \rangle$ be a differential operator of minimal order annihilating a non-zero G-function. Then around every $\alpha \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \cup \{\infty\}$, L has a basis of solutions of the form

$$\sum_i (z-\alpha)^{a_i} \log(z-\alpha)^{b_i} g_i(z-\alpha)$$

where $a_i \in \mathbb{Q}$, $b_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, $g_i \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}[z]$ is a G-function. In particular, $\frac{1}{2}$ if $\alpha = \infty$

L has regular singularities everywhere and the associated local systems has quasi-unipotent monodromy.

Some ideas in the proof

① Define σ and ρ for differential operators

Though coefficient matrix, L gives rise to a system $\frac{d}{dz} - A(z)$ for some $A \in M_{\mu \times \mu}(K(z))$

Define matrices $A_{[m]} \in M_{\mu \times \mu}(K(z))$ by

$$z^m \left(\frac{d}{dz} \right)^m \psi = A_{[m]} \psi \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{d}{dz} \psi = A \cdot \psi$$

$$A_{[0]} = \text{Id}, \quad A_{[1]} = A, \quad A_{[m+1]} = \frac{d}{dz} A_{[m]} + A_{[m]}(A - mI)$$

$$\sigma(L) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \log^+ \max_{m \leq n} \left\| \frac{A^{(m)}}{m!} \right\|_v$$

Gauss norm on $K(z)$
 given on polynomials by
 $\max |coefficients|_v$

Definition: L is a G-operator if $\sigma(L) < \infty$
 (Galois's condition)

logic: if $Y(z) \in M_{\mu \times \mu}(K[[z]])$ satisfies
 $\frac{d}{dz} Y = A(z) Y$, then

$$Y(z) = \sum \frac{G^{(m)}(\alpha)}{m! \alpha^m} Y(\alpha) (z - \alpha)^m$$

at every ordinary point α .

$$\rho(L) = \sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \log^+ \frac{1}{R_v(L)}$$

generic radius
 of solvability

$$\rho(L) < \infty$$

Bouhéri's condition

$$\min \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{A^{(n)}}{n!} \right\|^{-1/n}, 1 \right) > 0$$

G-operator \Rightarrow all power series solutions are G-functions

② Theorem of Andrusky

L of minimal order for a non-trivial G-function
 is a G-operator (proof uses approximation
 derivative)

③ André: $\sigma(L) < \infty \Leftrightarrow \rho(L) < \infty$

④ The condition $\rho(L) < \infty$ implies that
 L has nilpotent p -curvature for almost all p
 $\Rightarrow L$ has regular singularities
 Katz and rational exponents.

⑤ Finally we show that the power series
 on a basis of solutions are G -factors
 by $\sigma(Y) < \infty$ + finding a differential
 equation □

Picard-Fuchs differential operators

X smooth curve
 $p \downarrow$ paper
 $A_z^1 \supset S \ni 0$
 over $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$

$W = R_{p_*}^i \mathbb{Q}$ local systems on $S(\mathbb{C})$
 with fibres $H_B^i(X_s)$

$(E, \nabla) = R_{p_*}^i \Omega_{X/S}^i$ vector bundle on S
 with fibres $H_{dR}^i(X_s)$
 with connection

$\nabla_{GM} : R_{p_*}^i \Omega_{X/S}^i \rightarrow R_{p_*}^i \Omega_{X/S}^i \otimes \Omega_S^1$

over an open disk where W is trivial,
 we can pick a basis σ_i , sections w_j of E
 and form the period integrals

$$P(z) = \left(\int_{\sigma_i} w_j \right)$$

analytic necessity of the Gauss-Main involution

$$\frac{d}{dz} \int_{\sigma_i} w_j = \int_{\sigma_i} \nabla_{GM} \frac{d}{dz} (w_j)$$

we can write the vector bundle with connection in matrix form and pick a cyclic vector to get a differential operator $L \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}[z] \langle \frac{d}{dz} \rangle$

Definition: A Picard-Fuchs operator is a product of irreducible factors of those
(generically, consider all sums and all extensions of those)

Boutin-Dwork conjecture

Every G-function is solution of a Picard-Fuchs differential operator.

This suggests that the ring of special values of G-functions is equal to

Periods $\left[\frac{1}{\pi} \right]$ because of
Koenigs formula

Small obstacle
C holds

* True for operators of order 1 because all solutions are algebraic

Theorem (André) Picard-Fuchs operators are
L G-operators

\Rightarrow there exists a fundamental matrix of solutions $G(z) \in M_{\mu \times \mu}(\mathbb{C}\text{-functions})$ with $G(0) = \text{Id}$

Since $P(z)$ is another fundamental matrix of solutions, $G(z) = P(z) \underbrace{P(0)^{-1}}$

Already seen in case

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-k^2x^2)}} = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \mid k^2\right)$$

we need to divide by periods of the fiber at the base point

Key point in the proof

L Picard-Fuchs $\in K[z] \langle \frac{d}{dz} \rangle$

one shows that $R_v(L) = 1$ for almost every place v of K . $\Rightarrow p(L) < \infty \Rightarrow r(L) < \infty$

Enough to do it for $X/K(z)$, smooth proper variety and L associated to $H_{dR}^i(X/K(z))$.

This has an F-crystal structure, i.e. a horizontal comparison

matrix $PA^{\mathbb{F}}(z')$

$$\left(H_{dR}^i(X) \otimes_{K(z)} \mathbb{F}_v \right) \cong H_{dR}^i(X) \otimes_{K(z)} \mathbb{F}_v$$

\mathbb{F} completion of $K(z)$ for some v

and this increases the generic radius from R to $R^{1/p}$. Iterate and take the limit...

Lecture III

Enata ① $\rho(L) < \infty$ implies that L has nilpotent p -curvature for all $p \in \text{Spec}(\mathbb{O}_K)$ in a set S of Dirichlet density 1

$$R_p > |p|^{1/p-1}$$

i.e.
$$\frac{-1}{\log(s-1)} \sum_{p \in S} \frac{1}{N(p)^s} \rightarrow 1$$

(not necessarily almost all!)

② Proving that the power series appearing in solutions around a singular point is quite subtle and requires new ideas!

Theorem (André) Picard-Fuchs operators are G -operators

Key point of proof: it suffices to show

that $\rho(L) = \sum_{v \in \Sigma_K} \log^+ \frac{1}{R_v(L)} < \infty$, and

what we actually show is that $R_v(L) = 1$!

for almost all p . This follows from the existence of a Fuchsian structure in de Rham cohomology □

⇒ Period functions are period linear combinations of G -functions with monodromy

$$\sum_{\substack{c_i \\ \text{period}}} c_i z^{a_i} \log z^{b_i} g_i(z)$$

Bombieri-Dworki conjecture:

G-operators \equiv Picard-Fuchs operators

* True for operators of order 1 because the solutions are algebraic functions

$$c \prod (z - \alpha_i)^{2i}$$

Open from order 2, as well as any analogue of being generic!

e.g. ${}_2F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} a & b \\ c \end{matrix} \middle| z \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n} z^n$

$$z(1-z) \left(\frac{d}{dz} \right)^2 + [c - (a+b+1)z] \frac{d}{dz} - ab = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)} \int_0^1 x^{b-1} (1-x)^{c-b-1} (1-zx)^{-a} dx$$

suggests looking at the family of curves

$$y^N = x^A (x-1)^B (x-z)^C \quad \int \mu_N$$

and realize the differential equation

* Suggests that

$$\text{Periods } \left[\frac{1}{\pi} \right] \neq$$

↑
because of
Riemann's formula

special values
of G-functions

$$= \left\{ g(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \text{ inside radius of convergence} \right\}$$

C is true (operation with Peter)

(2)

What happens for the evaluation at finite places?

Bombieri's Hasse principle for special values of G-functions

Let $f_1, \dots, f_n \in K[[z]]$ be G-functions satisfying a differential system $\left(\frac{d}{dz}\right) \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix} = A(z) \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix}$.

A exceptional global relation at $\xi \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ is a polynomial $Q \in K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ of ^{homogeneous} degree δ such that:

(1) Q is not the specialization at ξ of a homogeneous polynomial of the same degree $\tilde{Q} \in K[[z]][T_1, \dots, T_n]$ such that

$$\tilde{Q}(f_1(z), \dots, f_n(z)) = 0$$

(2) For all $v \in \sum K(\xi)$ such that

$$|\xi|_v < \min(1, R_v(f_1), \dots, R_v(f_n))$$

the relation

$$i_v(Q)(i_v(f_1)(i_v(\xi)), \dots, i_v(f_n)(i_v(\xi))) = 0$$

holds in \mathbb{C}_v .

Example: let $P \in K[X, Y]$ be an irreducible polynomial such that $P(0, Y)$ has a simple root in K . By the implicit function theorem, there exists

$f(z) \in K[[z]]$ such that $P(z, f(z)) = 0$
 and $f(z), f'(z), \dots, f^{(m-1)}(z)$ $\mu = \deg_Y P$
 are linearly independent G -functions.

Every $\xi \in K$ such that $P(\xi, Y)$ is reducible gives an exceptional global relation at $\xi \in K$.

Example: $f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-z}} = 1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$

Then $R_\nu(f) = \begin{cases} 1 & \nu = p \neq 2 \text{ or } \infty \\ \frac{1}{4} & \nu = 2 \end{cases}$

At $\xi = -15$, the relation $f(\xi) = \frac{1}{4}$ is not global because $f(i_3(\xi)) = \frac{1}{4} \in \mathbb{Q}_3$
 $f(i_5(\xi)) = -\frac{1}{4} \in \mathbb{Q}_5$

Theorem (Bombieri, Andr e) let $\Xi(f_1, \dots, f_n, S)$ be the subset of $\bar{\mathbb{Q}} \ni \xi$ at which there

there exists an exceptional global relation of degree δ among $f_1(z), \dots, f_n(z)$. Then

$$\sup_{z \in \Sigma(f_1, \dots, f_n, \delta)} h(z) \leq \frac{c_2}{c_1} \delta$$

with ~~appropriate~~ constants that only depend on f_1, \dots, f_n .

Sketch of proof

let f_1, \dots, f_n be linearly independent G-functions such that $\Lambda \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix} = 0$ $\Lambda = \frac{d}{dz} - A(z)$

Assume that at $\xi \in K^x$ there are $\mu - r$ linearly independent relations

$$(*) \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} q_{ij} f_i(z) = 0 \quad j=1, \dots, \mu-r$$

Then there exists $Z \in M_{\mu \times r}(K[\bar{z} - \xi])$ such that $\Lambda \cdot Z = 0$ and $\begin{pmatrix} i_r(f_1)(z) \\ \vdots \\ i_r(f_n)(z) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i_r(z)(z) \\ \vdots \\ i_r(z)(z) \end{pmatrix}$

at every $v \in \Sigma_K$ at which

(*) holds.

B_v
 $r \times 1$
column in K_v

Step 1: Find polynomials (not all zero)

$P_1, \dots, P_n \in K[\bar{z}]$ such that $P \cdot Z$ of total degree $\leq \alpha$ and $\inf_{\xi} (P \cdot Z) \geq \alpha$

(Szegő's lemma) and form $z = p_1(z) f_1(z) + \dots + p_\mu(z) f_\mu(z)$

Step 2:

$$\text{ord}_z i_r(z) \geq \alpha$$

$\beta = \text{ord}_0 z$ is bounded using a new estimate for polynomial evaluations of solutions of a differential equation

Step 3: let $\eta = \frac{1}{\beta!} \left(\frac{d}{dz} \right)^\beta z$ the 1st non-zero

coefficient of z . Then

$$i_r(z) z^{-\beta} \left(1 - \frac{z}{i_r(\beta)} \right)^{-\alpha} \text{ is an}$$

analytic function that takes the value

$i_r(\eta)$ at $z=0$. We had $\log |\eta|_r$:

- using the maximum modulus principle at $v \in \Sigma_K$ for which $|\beta|_v < \min(1, R_v(f_i))$
- using the formula $\eta = \frac{1}{\beta!} \left(\frac{d}{dz} \right)^\beta z$ at all the other places

and sum over all $v \in \Sigma_K$, then let $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$

Apply this results to synthetic powers of degree β of the differential operators... [1]

Results: 1) effective versions of Hilbert's modularly theorem, e.g. $P(p^m, \gamma) \in \mathcal{O}(\gamma)$

is undetectable for p^m such that p^m is big enough (depending only on the polynomial). Spindt 7.21

2) André uses a refinement of these techniques to show that for all $\xi \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}^x$ such that

$$|\xi|_v < \min(1, |16|_v)$$

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{matrix} \middle| i_v(\xi)\right) \text{ and } {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{matrix} \middle| i_v(\xi)\right)$$

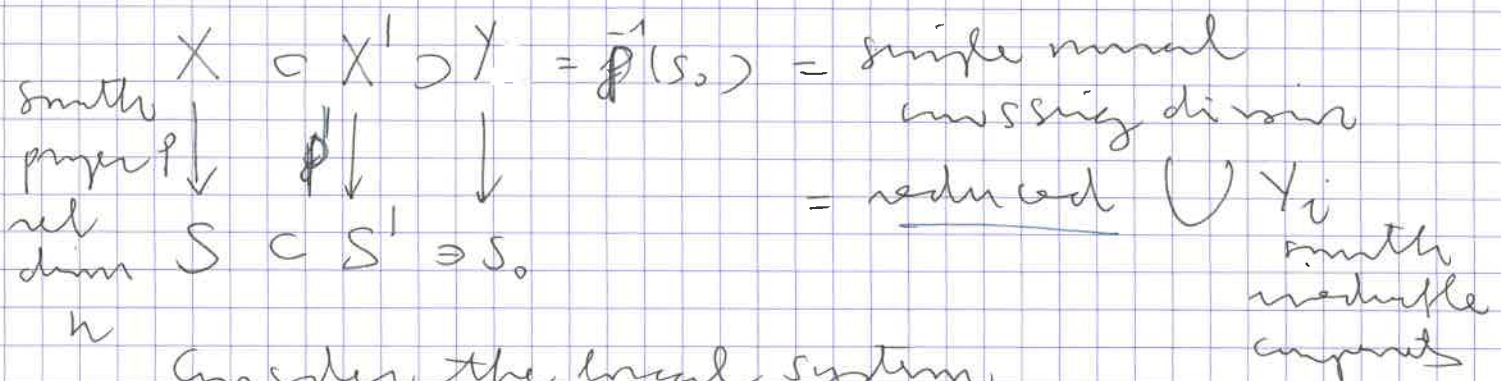
are algebraically independent over \mathbb{Q} .

$\Rightarrow \text{trdeg } \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \text{ (points of elliptic curve)} \geq 2$.

An obvious way to produce global relations is to multiply relations at all places.

Most of the older applications are related to situations where the only $v \in \Sigma_K$ for which $|\xi|_v < \min(1, |16|_v)$ holds are the archimedean places.

Constructions of G-functions



Consider the local system

$(R^n \mathcal{F}_* \mathbb{Q})^\vee$ over a small punctured disk

Δ^* around S_0 . Then $\pi_1(\Delta^*)$ acts with
 unipotent monodromy $T \in \mathbb{C}^* \subset \mathbb{R}_n f_* \mathcal{O} |_{\Delta^*}$

Let $2\pi i N$ be the logarithm of T and

$$M_0 \mathbb{R}_n f_* \mathcal{O} |_{\Delta^*} = \text{Im}(2\pi i N)^n \text{ coker in } \mathbb{R}_n p_* \mathcal{O} |_{\Delta^*}$$

André: dimension of this space

$$= h^n(\Sigma_Y)$$

\uparrow dual angle associated
 to the simple normal crossing
 divisor

* vertices \leftrightarrow irreducible components

* attach a K -cell
 for each irreducible component
 in intersection

$$Y_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge Y_{i_n}$$

Theorem (André) Over a small open disk Δ^*

there exists a basis of sections w_i of
 $\mathbb{R}^n p_* \Omega_{X/S}^\bullet$ such that for any σ in

$$M_0 \mathbb{R}_n f_* \mathcal{O} |_{\Delta^*},$$

$\frac{1}{(2\pi i)^n} \int_{\sigma} w_i$ is a G-function in
 a local parameter z
 around S_0 .

From the existence of motivic symmetry, we will get relations between periods, and here between $\frac{d\omega}{(2\pi i)^n} \cdot G$ -function. To eliminate the factor $(2\pi i)^n$, we need to place ourselves in a situation where $h^n(\Sigma_Y) \geq 2!$

e.g. for families of arcs ($n=1$)

$$h^1(\bar{\Sigma}_Y) = \#(\text{double points}) - \# \text{ cusps} + 1$$

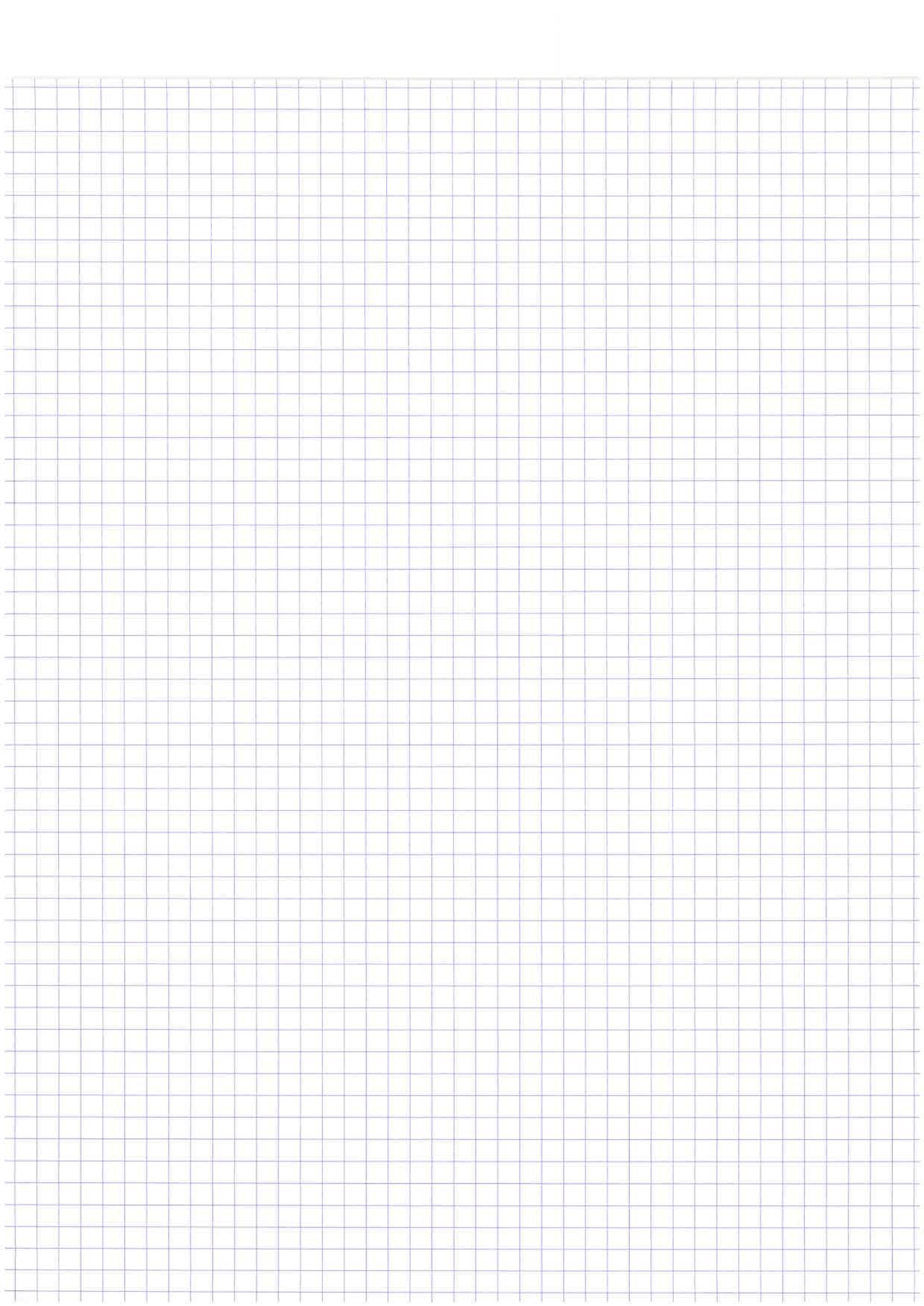
X family of smooth projective hypersurves in \mathbb{P}^{n+1} of degree $d > n+2$
 \downarrow
 S such that Y is a curve of d hypersurves in general position

Then: $h^n(\bar{\Sigma}_Y) = W_0 H^n(Y, \mathbb{C})$ (Deligne)

let $U = \mathbb{P}^{n+1} - Y$,

$$\dots \rightarrow H_c^n(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}) \rightarrow H_c^n(Y) \rightarrow H_c^{n+1}(U) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$W_0 H^n(Y) = \text{dim} H_c^{n+1}(U) = \binom{d-1}{n+1}$$



Lecture IV: Two theorems of Urbanik

X smooth projective variety of dimension n

An endomorphism of Hodge structures of $H^n(X)$ is a Hodge class in

$$H^n(X) \otimes H^n(X)^\vee \cong H^n(X) \otimes H^n(n)$$

Poincaré
duality

$$\subset H^{2n}(X \times X, \mathbb{Q}(n))$$

Künneth
formula

So by the Hodge conjecture should correspond to a \mathbb{Q} -linear combination of classes of algebraic cycles of dimension n on $X \times X$.

Definition: We say that $H^n(X)$ has motivic complex multiplication if for every simple subHodge structure $V \subset H^n(X)$ the algebra of endomorphisms generated by algebraic cycles is a field of degree $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} V$.

(For H^1 (abelian varieties), this coincides with the usual notion)

→ ... Why algebraic cycles?

$X/\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ $Z \in Z^p(X)$ by cycle class

$$cl_{dR}(z) \in H_{dR}^{2p}(X/\bar{\mathbb{Q}})$$

$$cl_B(z_C) \in H_B^{2p}(X, \mathbb{Q})$$

and they correspond to each other up to powers of $2\pi i$ through the comparison isomorphism

$$H_{dR}^{2p}(X/\bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \otimes_{\bar{\mathbb{Q}}} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\sim} H_B^{2p}(X, \mathbb{Q}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}$$

$$cl_{dR}(z) \longmapsto (2\pi i)^p cl_B(z_C)$$

Expressing $cl_{dR}(z)$ and $cl_B(z_C)$ in a basis of $H_{dR}^{2p}(X/\bar{\mathbb{Q}})$ and a basis of $H_B^{2p}(X, \mathbb{Q})$, this produces linear relations with $\mathbb{Q}(2\pi i)^p$ coefficients between the periods of X .

Working on $X \times \dots \times X$, we get polynomial ^{called period conjecture} relations of degree m \implies All relations expected to arise this way

Theorem 1: let $S \subset Mg$ be a Hodge-general curve such that $\bar{S} \subset \bar{Mg}$ intersects the locus of stable curves with $\# \text{ nodes} \geq \# \text{ smooth components} + 1$.
 Then $S(\mathbb{C})$ contains infinitely many points s over which a factor of $Jac(C_s)$ has CM.

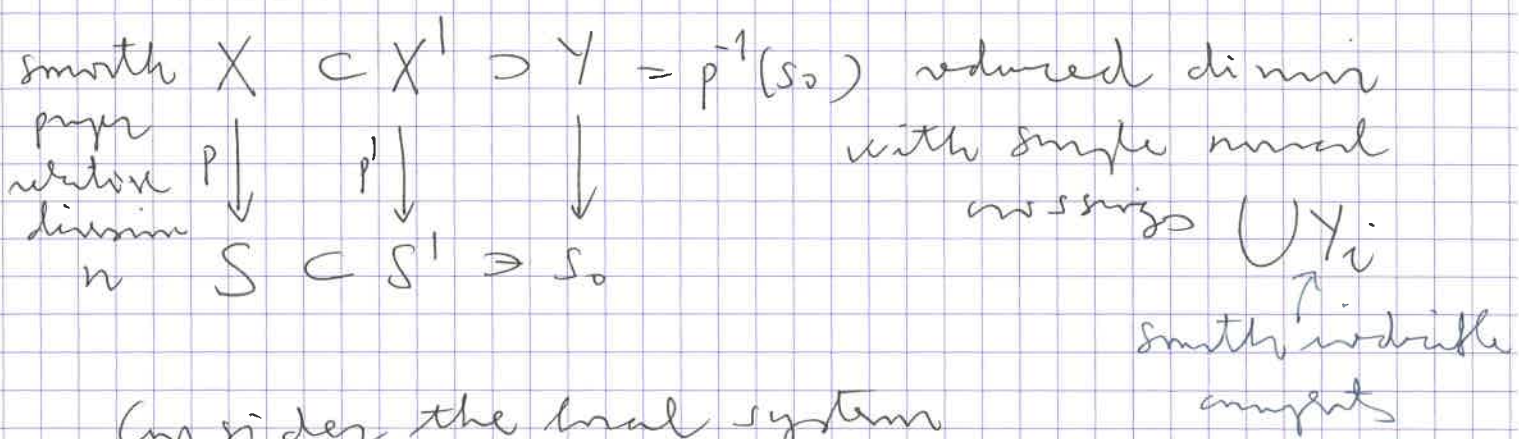
Theorem 2: let $X \rightarrow S$ be a non-parameterized Hodge-general family of smooth projective hypersurfaces in \mathbb{P}^{n+1} of degree $d > n+2$ that degenerates

into a union of d hyperplanes in general position. Then for every $S \in \mathcal{S}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})$ such that X_S has no multiple complex multiplication

$$h(S) \leq c_1 [K(S) : K]^{c_2}$$

- In particular, there are only finitely many S in any number field of bounded degree (already known by Admet-Tangurva). 2014

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Then $\pi_1(\Delta^*)$ acts with unipotent monodromy

$$T \subset R_n p_* \mathcal{Q}|_{\Delta^*}$$

Let $2\pi i N$ be the logarithm of T and

$$M_0 R_n p_* \mathcal{Q}|_{\Delta^*} = \text{image of } (2\pi i N)^n \text{ acting on } R_n p_* \mathcal{Q}|_{\Delta^*}$$

André computes the dimension of this space to be

$h^n(\Sigma_Y)$ where $\Sigma_Y =$ dual complex associated to the simple normal crossing divisor Y

* vertices \Leftrightarrow irreducible components

* attach a k cell for every irreducible component in intersection $Y_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap Y_{i_k}$

(notation M_0 comes from weight filtration,

e.g. $h^n(\Sigma_Y) = \dim W_0 H^n(Y, \mathbb{Q})$)

* Meaning of the degeneracy condition

is that $h^n(\Sigma_Y) \geq 2$.

e.g. for families of curves ($n=1$)

$$h^1(\Sigma_Y) = \# \text{ nodes} - \# \text{ components} + 1$$

e.g. case of $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$ union of d hyperplanes in general position, let $U = \mathbb{P}^{n+1} \setminus Y$

$$\dots \rightarrow H^n(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}) \rightarrow H^n(Y) \rightarrow H_c^{n+1}(U) \rightarrow \dots$$

but $H_c^{n+1}(U)$ is pure of weight 0, so

$$W_0 H^n(Y) \cong H_c^{n+1}(U) \text{ by dimension}$$

* Meaning of Hodge-generality
assumption: rule out fractional relations among δ -functions!

$$\binom{d-1}{h+1} \geq 2$$

\uparrow
 $d > n+2$

Theorem (André) Over a dense open subset of S , there exists a basis (w_i) of sections of $H_{dR}^n(X/S)$ such that for any $\sigma \in M_0 R^n P_* \mathbb{Q} | \Delta^*$

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi i)^n} \int_{\sigma} w_i$$

is a G-function in a local parameter around s_0 .

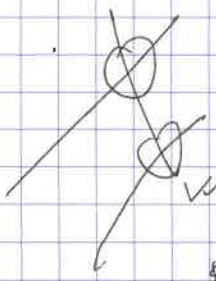
Reason: open affine subset $U \subset X$

functions z_1, \dots, z_{n+1} on U such that dz_1, \dots, dz_{n+1} trivialize Ω_U^1

the equation $|z_1 \dots z_{n+1} = s|$ defines the ~~divisor~~ ~~divisor~~ $\Delta \cap U$ near s_0

Then every class in $H_{dR}^n(X/S)$ restricts to a de Rham class in U that can be represented analytically as

$$h \frac{dz_1 \dots dz_{n+1}}{z_1 \dots z_{n+1}}$$



where h is a ~~holomorphic function~~ ~~holomorphic function~~ ~~holomorphic function~~ holomorphic function on U whose poles are supported on Δ and the singular part of algebraic $\mathbb{K}(z_1, \dots, z_{n+1})$.

- a vanishing cycle in $X_s \cap U$ product of n simple loops around the divisors $z_1=0, \dots, z_{n+1}=0$.

Then
$$\frac{1}{(2\pi i)^n} \int_{\sigma} i_S^* \left(h \frac{dz_2 \dots dz_{n+1}}{dz_2 \dots dz_{n+1}} \right)$$

$\sigma \uparrow$
 $i_S: X_S \cap U \hookrightarrow U$

is the diagonal of an algebraic power series, and here of a rational function.

Reinterpretation: there exists a linear

functional

$$\sigma^*: H_B^n(X_S, \mathbb{Z}(n)) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}(n)$$

such that

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi i)^n} \left(\sigma_C^* \cdot \text{comp}_{B, dR}^{-1} (w_i(S)) \right) = g_i(S)$$

G-function

* Ulbricht shows that ~~that~~ the construction of these G-functions can be done

Assumption:
at least 2 linearly independent such functionals

purely algebraically writing

with \mathcal{H} the canonical extension to S' of $R^n P_* \Omega_{X/S}^i$. Recall that it is given by

$R^n P_* \Omega_{X/S'}^i(\log Y)$. Over U , the sheaf can be computed as the sheaf of the strategy in degree n of the complex

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_U \rightarrow \Omega_{U/S}^1(\log(Y \cap U)) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega_{U/S}^n(\log(Y \cap U)) \quad (7)$$

We may now restrict to a formal neighborhood of the regular part \mathcal{Z}

$$0 \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{U,(\mathcal{Z})} \rightarrow \hat{\Omega}_{U/S}^1(\log(Y \cap U))_{(\mathcal{Z})} \rightarrow \dots$$

complex of $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{S,(S_0)}$ -modules $\cong K[[S]]$

lemma: cohomology in degree $n \cong K[[S]]$

so we get a map from

$$\mathcal{H}(S') \xrightarrow{\text{global sections}} K[[S]] \text{ by } \underline{\text{restriction}}$$

- Advantage: the same construction can be done in rigid analytic de Rham cohomology!

* Urbaniak proves that there exists a functorial

$$\hat{\sigma}^*: H_{\text{ét}}^n(X_S, \overline{K}_r, \mathbb{Z}_p(n)) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p(n)$$

$\mathbb{Z}_p(n)$

$G_{K_r} = \text{Gal}(K_r/K_r)$

equivalent for the action of G_{K_r} on $\mathbb{Z}_p(n)$ through the n -th power of the cyclotomic character such that

$$\frac{1}{t^n} \left(\hat{\sigma}_{B_{dR}}^* \circ \text{comp}_{\text{ét}, dR}^{-1} (w_i(s)) \right) = i_r(g_i)(s)$$

for all s in a rigid analytic disk around s_0 .

Now:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{comp}_{\text{ét}, dR} : H_{\text{ét}}^n(X_s, \overline{\mathbb{F}_r}) &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p(n) \otimes B_{dR} \\ &\rightarrow H_{dR}^n(X_s) \otimes B_{dR} \end{aligned}$$

is the p -adic comparison isomorphism and $t \in B_{dR}$ is the analogue of $2\pi i$.

[Idea: The choice of a compatible system of p -roots of unity that gives rise to t also induces an element of $\pi_1^{\text{ét}}(\mathbb{G}_m)^{(1)}$ and hence

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_{\text{ét}}^1(\mathbb{G}_m, \mathbb{Z}_p(1)) & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_p(1) & \begin{array}{l} \text{TH} \rightarrow T^1 \\ \text{TH} \rightarrow T^1 \end{array} \\ \Delta^{\circ} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{G}_m & \downarrow & & \\ H_{\text{ét}}^1(\Delta^{\circ}, \mathbb{Z}_p(1)) & & & \end{array}$$

where $\Delta^{\circ} = \text{Spa}(K_r \langle T, T^{-1} \rangle, \mathcal{O}_{K_r} \langle T, T^{-1} \rangle)$ and

we need to extend this map to define the analogue of a loop around the puncture. In fact, work in higher dimension with $(\Delta^{\circ})^n$.

* From this one obtains relations as follows:

if $Z \in X_s \times X_s$ is an algebraic cycle, then its class $\text{Ann}^{Z \in \text{End}}(H_{\text{ét}}^n(X_s, \overline{\mathbb{F}_r}))$ is fixed by a ~~finite index~~ subgroup of G_{K_r} . Then

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^*}, \frac{1}{\sigma^*} \circ z, \frac{1}{\sigma^*} \circ z^2, \dots \text{ all lie in}$$

$$\text{Hom} \left(H_{\text{ét}}^n(X_s, \bar{\mathbb{K}}_v, \mathcal{O}_p(n)), \mathcal{O}_p(n) \right) (-n) \quad G_{\mathbb{K}_v}$$

so there is a linear relation in

$$\text{Hom} \left(H_{\text{dR}}^n(X_s) \otimes B_{\text{dR}}, B_{\text{dR}} \right)$$

and by evaluating on the basis w_i and taking determinants a polynomial relation between $i(g_i)(s)$. Bind the dimension in terms of p -adic Hodge theory, so that at the end the number of local relations does not get too big!

