

# The Lefschetz Theory and Hodge Theory of Smooth Projective Varieties

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# Lefschetz Theory - Setting

- ▶  $X$ : smooth projective variety over  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\dim X = n$  (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ).
- ▶ Pencil:  $G \subseteq (\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^N)^*$ ,  $\dim G = 1$ .  $b \in G \leftrightarrow H_b$ .  
 $\dim (\bigcap_{b \in G} H_b) = N - 2$ .  $\rightarrow$  axis
- ▶  $X^*$ : {hyperplanes tangent to  $X$ }.  $\rightarrow$  class
- ▶ For  $b \in G$  : we look at  $H_k(X_b)$ ,  $X_b \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} H_b \cap X$ .
- ▶ Blowing up  $X$  along the axis:  $Y = \{(x, t) \in X \times G \mid x \in H_t\}$ .  
 $\rightarrow$  smooth projective (irreducible) variety.

# The Lefschetz Theorem

Theorem (Lefschetz)

$H_q(X, X_b) = 0$  for all  $q \leq \dim X - 1$

# Decomposing $G$

- ▶  $G \simeq S^2$ .
- ▶  $G := D^+ \cup D^-$ ,  $\text{crit} \subset \text{int } D^+$ .
- ▶  $Y^+ \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^{-1}(D^+)$ .
- ▶ For  $b \in G$ ,  $Y_b \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^{-1}(b)$ .

## Theorem (Main Lemma)

$H_q(Y_+, Y_b) = 0$  if  $q \neq \dim X$ , and  $H_n(Y_+, Y_b)$  is free of rank  $r = \text{class } X$ .

# Hard Lefschetz I.

- ▶ We look at the  $n - 1$ th homology, with choose field coefficients.

Theorem (Hard Lefschetz I.)

$$H_{n-1}(X_b) = I \oplus V.$$

## Hard Lefschetz II.

▶  $X' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X \cap \text{axis}$ .  $X' \subset X_b \subset X \longrightarrow$

$$0 = X_{n+1} \subset X_n \subset \dots \subset X_3 \subset X_2 = X' \subset X_1 = X_b \subset X_0 = X$$

$$\implies \dim X_i = n - i$$

▶  $u \in H^2(X)$ : Poincaré dual of the fundamental class  
 $[X_b] \in H_{2n-2}(X)$ .

### Theorem (Hard Lefschetz II.)

For all  $q = 1, \dots, n$ , we have

$$H_{n+q}(X) \simeq H_{n-q}(X), \quad x \mapsto u^q \cap x$$

## Hard Lefschetz III.

### Theorem (Hard Lefschetz III. - Primitive Decomposition)

$\forall x \in H_{n+q} \exists! x_0, x_1, \dots$  s.t.  $x = x_0 + u \cap x_1 + u^2 \cap x_2 + \dots$ , and  
 $\forall x \in H_{n-q} \exists! x_0, x_1, \dots$  s.t.  $x = u^q \cap x_0 + u^{q-1} \cap x_1 + \dots$ , where  
the above  $x_i$  are all primitive elements, i.e.  $u^{q+1} \cap x = 0$  (note that  
 $q+1$  is the smallest such index  $j$  for which a nonzero  $x$  can have  
the property that  $u^j \cap x = 0$ ).

## Hard Lefschetz IV. - $sl_2$ -module

The last form of the Hard Lefschetz theorem considers the Lie-algebra  $sl_2$  of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with trace 0.  $sl_2$  is 3-dimensional, with the following basis elements:

$$e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad h = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

satisfying the Lie-bracket relations:

$$[eh] = -2e, \quad [fh] = 2f, \quad [ef] = h.$$

### Theorem (Hard Lefschetz 4 - $sl_2$ -module)

$H_*(X)$  is an  $sl_2$ -module.

Here

$$f : H_j(X) \rightarrow H_{j-2}(X), \quad x \mapsto u \cap x$$

$$h : H_j(X) \rightarrow H_j(X), \quad x \mapsto (j - n)x.$$

$e$  can be defined using the primitive decomposition.

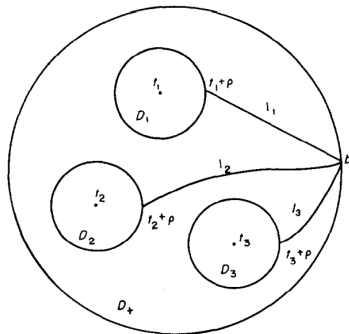


# Lefschetz - Monodromy

## The Setting of the Monodromy $D^+$

### Theorem

1.  $f : Y \rightarrow G$  has class  $X$  critical values.
  2. For a generic  $G$ ,  $f$  is Morse.
- ▶  $G^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} G \setminus \{ \text{critical values} \}$ .
  - ▶  $Y^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^{-1}(G^*)$  is a fibre bundle (locally trivial), with fibres  $Y_b$ .
  - ▶  $\implies \pi_1(G^*, b)$  acts on the homology of  $Y_b$   
 $\rightarrow$  monodromy.



# Lefschetz - Monodromy

## Monodromy Action

- ▶  $l_i$  can be contracted,  $\pi_1(G^*, b)$  is generated by  $[w_1], [w_2], \dots, [w_r]$ .

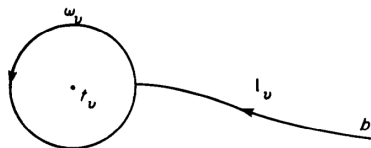
## Theorem (Picard-Lefschetz)

If  $q \neq n - 1$  then  $\pi_1(G^*, b)$  acts trivially on  $H_q(Y_b)$ . For

$q = n - 1$ , the elementary path

$w_i$  acts by  $(w_i)_*(x) = x + (-1)^{(n-1)/2}(x, \delta_i)\delta_i$ .

$w_i$



# Hodge Theory - Riemannian Manifolds

- ▶ Oriented  $M \rightarrow dvol$
- ▶ Hodge-star operator:  $\alpha \wedge *\beta = (\alpha, \beta)dvol$ . Here  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  is induced by the metric:  
 $(dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k}, dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_k}) = \det(g(dx_{i_u}, dx_{j_v})_{uv})$ .
- ▶ We get inner products:  $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = \int_X (\alpha, \beta)dvol = \int_X \alpha \wedge *\beta$ .
- ▶  $\implies$  we have norms.

## Theorem (The Hodge Theorem)

*Every de Rham cohomology class has a unique representative that minimalizes the norm. This is called the harmonic representative.*

If  $d^*$  is the adjoint of  $d$  with respect to the above defined inner product, then a form is harmonic iff  $d^*\alpha = d\alpha = 0$ . By defining the Hodge Laplacian  $\Delta = d^*d + dd^*$ , we get the further characterization:  $\alpha$  is harmonic iff  $\Delta\alpha = 0$ .

## Forms on $\mathbb{C}$ manifolds

- ▶  $M$  compact  $\implies$  holomorphic forms on  $M$  are constant.
- ▶  $\mathcal{E}_X^k$  is the sheaf of complex-valued  $C^\infty$   $k$ -forms.
- ▶  $\Omega_X^p$  is the sheaf of holomorphic  $p$ -forms.
- ▶  $\mathcal{E}^{(p,0)}$  is the  $C^\infty$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{E}_X^p$  generated by  $\Omega_X^p$ .  
 $\mathcal{E}^{(0,p)} = \overline{\mathcal{E}^{(p,0)}}$ , and  $\mathcal{E}^{(p,q)} = \mathcal{E}^{(p,0)} \wedge \mathcal{E}^{(0,q)}$ .

### Theorem (Dolbeault's theorem)

For any complex manifold  $X$ ,

1.  $0 \rightarrow \Omega_X^p \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^{(p,0)} \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{E}^{(p,1)} \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \dots$  is a soft resolution (i.e. a resolution in which each element is a soft sheaf).
- 2.

$$H^q(X, \Omega_X^p) \simeq \frac{\ker(\mathcal{E}^{(p,q)} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^{(p,q+1)})}{\operatorname{im}(\mathcal{E}^{(p,q-1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^{(p,q)})}$$

## Kähler Manifolds

- ▶ Strong results of Hodge theory for  $\mathbb{C}$  manifolds only hold for a subclass of manifolds.
- ▶ We call a Riemannian metric on a  $\mathbb{C}$ -manifold Hermitian, if the multiplication by  $\sqrt{-1}$  is orthogonal.
- ▶ If  $z_i = x_i + \sqrt{-1}y_i$  are local analytic coordinates, for a Hermitian metric  $H$  we have that  $H = \sum h_{ij} dz_i \otimes \overline{dz_j}$ , where  $(h_{ij})$  is a positive definite Hermitian matrix.
- ▶ A  $\mathbb{C}$ -manifold is Kähler, if it admits a Hermitian metric that is locally Euclidean up to second order, i. e. if for any point  $p \in X$  there exist analytic local coordinates  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  with  $z_i = 0$  at  $p$ , such that

$$h_{ij} \equiv \delta_{ij} \pmod{(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n)^2}.$$

## Kähler Manifolds II.

- ▶ All smooth complex varieties are Kähler.
- ▶ By the Kodaira embedding theorem and Chow's theorem we in fact have that a compact complex manifold is a nonsingular projective algebraic variety iff it has a Kähler metric with rational Kähler class.
- ▶ We can extend the Hodge star to  $\mathcal{E}_X^*$ , and define  $\bar{*}(\alpha) = \overline{* \alpha}$ , to get two Hodge star operators on our complex manifold. We define additional operators on  $X$ :
  - ▶  $\Delta_{\partial} = \partial^* \partial + \partial \partial^*$  with bidegree  $(0, 0)$
  - ▶  $\Delta_{\bar{\partial}} = \bar{\partial}^* \bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^*$  with bidegree  $(0, 0)$
  - ▶  $L = \omega \wedge$  with bidegree  $(1, 1)$
  - ▶  $\Lambda = - * L^*$ , with bidegree  $(-1, -1)$ .

# Hodge Decomposition

## Theorem

Suppose that  $X$  is a compact Kähler manifold.

- ▶  $H^q(X, \Omega_X^p)$  is isomorphic to the space of harmonic  $(p, q)$ -forms.
- ▶ As a corollary,  $H^p(X, \Omega_X^q) \simeq H^{n-p}(X, \Omega_X^{n-q})$

## Theorem (Hodge decomposition)

If  $X$  is a compact Kähler manifold, then

- ▶ A form  $a$  is harmonic iff its  $(p, q)$ -components are.
- ▶  $H^i(X, \mathbb{C}) \simeq \bigoplus_{p+q=i} H^q(X, \Omega_X^p)$
- ▶ Complex conjugation induces an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear isomorphisms between  $(p, q)$  and  $(q, p)$  forms. Therefore  $H^q(X, \Omega_X^p) \simeq H^p(X, \Omega_X^q)$ .

# Hard Lefschetz with Hodge Theory

We have defined  $L, \Lambda, H$ : multiplication by  $(n - i)$ .

## Theorem

1.  $[\Lambda, L] = H$
2.  $[H, L] = -2L$
3.  $[H, \Lambda] = 2\Lambda$ .