

# Introduction to Saito's theory of primitive forms

## PART I: definition

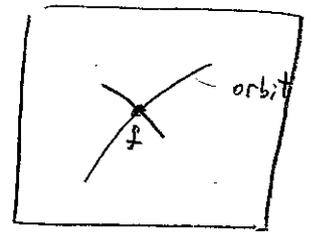
$f \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0}$  s.t.

$H = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0} / (f_{x_0}, \dots, f_{x_n})$ ,  $x = (x_0, \dots, x_n)$  linear coords. on  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$

is a finite dimensional vector space, i.e., 0 is an isolated critical point.

Let  $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^m$  be germs in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0}$  that project to a basis of  $H$ ; then

$$F(x, s) := f(x) + \sum_{j=1}^m s_j \phi_j(x)$$



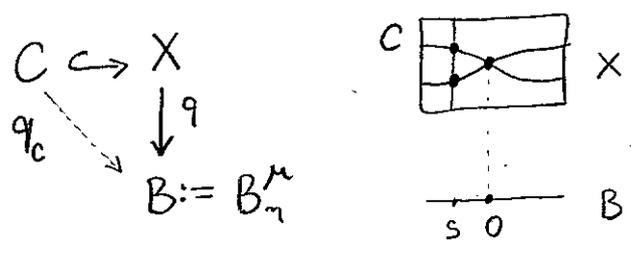
$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0}$

### 1. The Kodaira-Spencer map

$$X := \{ (s, \eta, \delta) \in B_s^{\mathbb{C}^m} \times B_\eta^{\mathbb{C}^m} \times B_\delta^{\mathbb{C}^n} \mid \eta = F(s, x) \}$$

$(\eta, \delta, \delta)$  are sufficiently small and chosen appropriately.

$C = \{ F_{x_0} = \dots = F_{x_n} = 0 \} \subseteq X$  critical set of  $F$



$q_c^{-1}(0) = \{0\} \Rightarrow \dots$   
by decreasing  $\eta, \delta,$  and  $\delta$  we may assume that  $q_c$  is a finite

map. Put  $\mathcal{O}_C = \mathcal{O}_X / (F_{x_0} \dots F_{x_n})$

Theorem 1. If  $(\eta, \delta, \delta)$  are appropriately chosen then the map (Kodaira-Spencer map)

$$T_B \longrightarrow q_{c*} \mathcal{O}_C, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial s_i} \mapsto \frac{\partial F}{\partial s_i} \text{ mod } (F_{x_0} \dots F_{x_n})$$

is an isomorphism.

Pf.  $\mathfrak{m} \subset \mathcal{O}_{B,0}$  ideal of 0  $\Rightarrow T_{B,0} / \mathfrak{m} T_{B,0} \xrightarrow{\cong} (q_{c*} \mathcal{O}_C)_0 / \mathfrak{m} (q_{c*} \mathcal{O}_C)_0$

Nakayama's lemma implies that  $T_{B,0} \cong (q_{c*} \mathcal{O}_C)_0$   
(or flatness of  $T_{B,0}$  and  $(q_{c*} \mathcal{O}_C)_0$  as  $\mathcal{O}_{B,0}$ -modules)

Enough to prove that  $T_{B,0} \rightarrow (f_* \mathcal{O}_C)_0$  is an isomorphism.

$R := \mathcal{O}_{B,0}$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = (s_1, \dots, s_m) \mathcal{O}_{B,0}$  is a local Noetherian ring and  $M := T_{B,0}$ ,  $N := (f_* \mathcal{O}_C)_0$  are flat  $\dim$  generated  $R$ -modules. Since flat, they must be free of rank respectively  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(M/\mathfrak{m}M)$  and  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(N/\mathfrak{m}N)$ .

But  $M/\mathfrak{m}M \cong \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow N/\mathfrak{m}N \cong H$

is an isomorphism by definition  $\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(M/\mathfrak{m}M) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(N/\mathfrak{m}N)$ .

Look at the map  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  s.t.  $\bar{\varphi}: M \otimes R/\mathfrak{m} \rightarrow N \otimes R/\mathfrak{m}$

is an isomorphism. Put  $M' = \varphi(M)$

$N' = N/M'$ , i.e.,

$0 \leftarrow N' \leftarrow N \leftarrow M' \leftarrow 0$

$0 \leftarrow N' \otimes_R R/\mathfrak{m} \leftarrow N \otimes_R R/\mathfrak{m} \leftarrow M' \otimes_R R/\mathfrak{m} \leftarrow 0$

$\leftarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(N', R/\mathfrak{m}) \leftarrow 0 \leftarrow \text{Tor}_1(M', R/\mathfrak{m}) \leftarrow \text{Tor}_2^R(N', R/\mathfrak{m})$

$0$  i.e.  $N'$  is flat  $\quad \quad \quad 0$  and  $M'$  is flat  $\quad \quad \quad 0$  because  $N'$  is flat

since  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(M/\mathfrak{m}M) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(N/\mathfrak{m}N)$  we must have  $M' \otimes_R R/\mathfrak{m} = N \otimes_R R/\mathfrak{m}$

$\Rightarrow N' \otimes_R R/\mathfrak{m} = 0$  i.e.  $N' = 0 \Rightarrow M' = N$  i.e.  $\varphi$  is surjective.

Similarly  $M \otimes_R R/\mathfrak{m} \xrightarrow{\cong} M' \otimes_R R/\mathfrak{m}$  so  $K \otimes_R R/\mathfrak{m} = 0$  i.e.  $K = 0 \Rightarrow$

$\varphi$  is injective.  $\square$

2. The period map

$$\mathcal{H}_F = H^{n+1}(q_* \Omega_{X/B}^n((z)), z d + dF_n) = q_* H^{n+1}(\mathcal{R}_{X/B}^n((z)), z d + dF_n)$$

$X \subset B \times B_3^{n+1} \times B_3^1$  if  $U \subset B$  is an open polydisc then  
 $q \downarrow \swarrow \text{pr}_1$   
 $B$   $\mathcal{H}_F(U) = \Omega_{X/B}^n(q^{-1}U)((z)) / (z d + dF_n)$   
 $\frac{-F/z}{e} \cdot z d \cdot e^{F/z}$

$$\omega = g(x, s; z) dx_0 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$$

$$g(x, s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k(x, s) z^k, \quad g_k \in \mathcal{O}_X(q^{-1}U)$$

We denote by  $\int e^{F(s,x)/z} \omega$  the equivalence class of  $\int e^{F/z} \omega$  in  $\mathcal{H}_F(U)$ .

Def 1. We say  $\omega \in \Omega_{X/B}^n(X)$  is a volume form if  $\omega = g(s, x) d^{n+1}x$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{O}_X(X)$ ,  $g(s, x) \neq 0 \forall (s, x) \in X$

The sheaf  $\mathcal{H}_F$  is equipped w/ a connection (Gauss-Manin connection)

$$\nabla_{\xi} \int e^{F/z} g(x, s; z) d^{n+1}x = \int \xi \left( e^{F/z} g(x, s; z) d^{n+1}x \right)$$

$$\xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial s_i} \in \mathcal{T}_B \text{ or } \xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

Lemma 1. If  $\omega$  is a volume form; then the  $\int$  map  $\mathbb{C}[[z]]$ -modules

$$r^{(0)}: \mathcal{T}_B[[z]] \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_F^{(0)}$$

sections of  $\mathcal{H}_F$  regular at  $z=0$  (no pole at  $z=0$ )

defined by  $\xi \mapsto z \nabla_{\xi} \int e^{F/z} \omega$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{T}_B$

is an isomorphism.

Example:  $A_2$ -singularity  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{3}$

$$H = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C},0} / x^2 \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C},0} \cong \mathbb{C}[[x]] / x^2$$

$$F(x, s) = \frac{x^3}{3} + s_1 x + s_2$$

$$\omega = dx$$

$$\int e^{F/z} x^3 dx = r^{(0)}(V), \quad V = ?$$

$$x \partial_x F = x^3 + s_1 x \quad \text{ie.} \quad x^3 = -s_1 x + x F_x$$

$$\int e^{F/z} (-s_1 x + x F_x) dx = \int e^{F/z} (-s_1 x) dx + \int e^{F/z} x dF$$

$$= \left( -s_1 z \frac{\partial}{\partial s_1} - z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial s_2} \right) \int e^{F/z} \omega$$

$$\Rightarrow V = -s_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial s_1} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial s_2}$$

3. The higher-residue pairing.

$U_i = \{ F_{x_i} \neq 0 \} \subset X$ , Stein cover of  $X$   
 $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$

$$\mathcal{H}_F^{(0)} \times \mathcal{H}_F^{(0)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_B \llbracket z \rrbracket$$

Let  $V \subset B$  be an open set,  $q^{-1}(V) \cap U_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, n$   
 is a covering  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $q^{-1}(V) \setminus C$

Lemma 2. The sequence

$$0 \rightarrow C^p(\mathcal{U}, \hat{\Omega}_{X/B}^0) \xrightarrow{\hat{d}} C^p(\mathcal{U}, \hat{\Omega}_{X/B}^1) \xrightarrow{\hat{d}} \dots \xrightarrow{\hat{d}} C^p(\mathcal{U}, \hat{\Omega}_{X/B}^{n+1}) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact, where

$$\hat{\Omega}_{X/B}^i := \Omega_{X/B}^i \llbracket z \rrbracket, \quad \hat{d} := z d + dF \wedge$$

and  $p \geq 0$ .

Let  $*$  be the involution on  $\mathcal{H}_F^{(n)}$   $z \mapsto -z$

$$K_F(\omega_1, \omega_2) := \text{Res}_{C/B} \left( \left( (\hat{d}^{-1} \check{\partial})^n \hat{d}^{-1} \omega_1 \right) \omega_2^* \right) z^{n+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi i)^{n+1}} \int_{|z_0|=\dots=|z_n|=z}$$

Here  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \Omega_{X/B}^{n+1}$  are arbitrary forms.

$$\omega_1 \in C^0(\mathcal{U}, \hat{\Omega}_{X/B}^{n+1}) \Rightarrow (\hat{d}^{-1} \check{\partial})^n \hat{d}^{-1} \omega_1 \in C^n(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_{X/B}^0) =$$

$$= \mathcal{O}_X(\mathcal{U}_0 \cap \dots \cap \mathcal{U}_n) \text{ i.e. function holom. on } X \setminus (\{F_{x_0}=0\} \cup \dots \cup \{F_{x_n}=0\})$$

Remark: Since  $\hat{d} = e^{-F/z} z d e^{F/z}$  we have

$$\text{Res}_{C/B} e^{-F/z} \left( (z d)^{-1} \check{\partial} \right)^n (z d)^{-1} e^{F/z} \omega_1 \left( e^{F/z} \omega_2 \right)^* z^{n+1}$$

Lemma 3. 1)  $K_F(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (-1)^{n+1} K_F(\omega_2, \omega_1)^*$ .

2)  $p(z) K_F(\omega_1, \omega_2) = K_F(p(z)\omega_1, \omega_2) = K_F(\omega_1, p(-z)\omega_2)$ .

3)  $\sum K_F(\omega_1, \omega_2) = K_F(\nabla_{\check{z}} \omega_1, \omega_2) + K_F(\omega_1, \nabla_{\check{z}} \omega_2)$ .

#### 4. The primitive form

Assume that  $\omega \in \Omega_{X/B}^{n+1}$  is a volume form

Put  $K_F(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} K_F^{(p)}(\omega_1, \omega_2) z^{n+1+p}$

Def 2. The form  $\omega$  is called primitive if:

(i)  $K_F^{(p)}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial s_j}\right) = 0 \quad \forall p \geq 1 \quad \forall i, j$

(ii)  $K_F^{(p)}\left(z^2 \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial s_i}} \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial s_j}} \omega, z \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial s_k}} \omega\right) = 0 \quad \forall p \geq 2 \quad \forall i, j, k$

(iii)  $K_F^{(p)}(z^2 \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} z \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial s_i}} \omega, z \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial s_j}} \omega) = 0 \quad \forall p \geq 2 \text{ and } \forall i, j. //$

Assume that  $\omega$  is a primitive form; then  $T_B$  has the following structures:

$T_B \cong \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{O}_C \Rightarrow \text{multiplication} \bullet$

$(\frac{\partial}{\partial s_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial s_j}) := K_F^{(0)}(z \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial s_i}} \omega, z \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial s_j}} \omega) \Rightarrow \text{symmetric bi-linear pairing}$   
 $= \text{Res}_{C/B} \frac{\phi_i(x) \phi_j(x)}{F_{x_0} \dots F_{x_n}} g^2(s, x) d^{n+1}x$

The period isomorphism  $r^{(0)}: T_B[[z]] \cong \mathcal{H}_F^{(0)}$   $\pi: B \times \mathbb{C}^x \rightarrow B$   
 $(s, z) \mapsto s$

induces a connection  $\nabla$  on  $\pi^* T_B$ :

$r^{(0)}(z \nabla_w v) := z \nabla_w r^{(0)}(v) \quad \forall v, w \in T_B$   
 $r^{(0)}(z^2 \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} v) = z^2 \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} r^{(0)}(v)$

Conditions (i) and (ii) imply that  $\nabla$  takes the form:

$\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial s_i}} = \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial s_i}}^{L.C.} + \frac{1}{z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_i} \bullet \right) \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, \mu$   
 $\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{z^2} E \bullet + \frac{1}{z} (\theta + c \cdot \text{Id})$

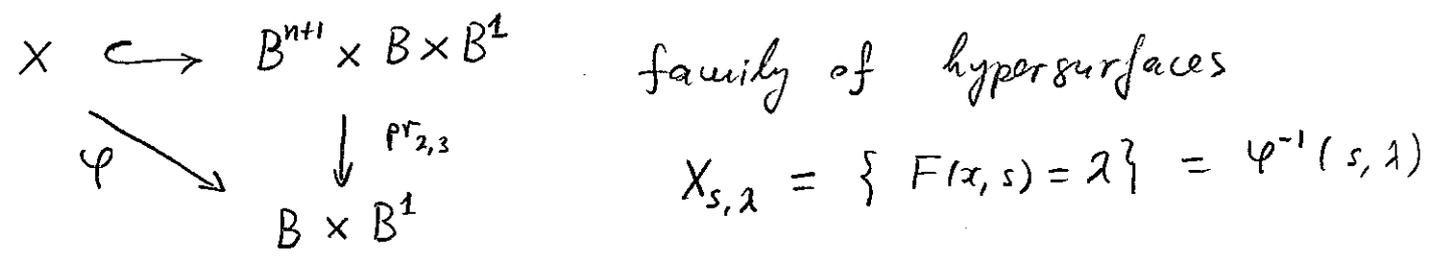
where  $E \in T_S \cong \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{O}_C$  corresponds to  $F$  (Euler vector field)

$\theta(v) = \nabla_v^{L.C.} E$

$c$  is some constant which we can normalize as we wish.

$\Rightarrow (B, \bullet, (\cdot, \cdot), E, 1)$  gives a Frobenius structure.  
 [Saito-Takahashi]

# 5. The vanishing cohomology



$\text{discr} = \{ (s,\lambda) \mid X_{s,\lambda} \text{ is singular} \}$

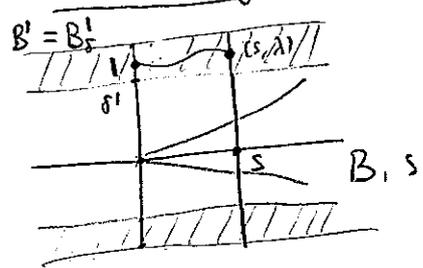
If  $U \subset B \times B^1 \setminus \text{discr.}$  is open contractible then

$H^n(\varphi^{-1}(U); \mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow[\text{restriction}]{\cong} H^n(X_{s_0,\lambda_0}; \mathbb{C})$  for any  $(s_0,\lambda_0) \in U$

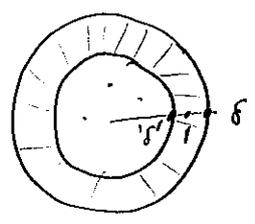
$\Rightarrow$  we can construct a vector bundle w/ a flat connection - Gauss-Maurin connection  
 called vanishing cohomology bundle  $H'_{s,\lambda} = H^n(X_{s,\lambda}; \mathbb{C})$ .

$H' \big|_U := U \times H^n(\varphi^{-1}(U); \mathbb{C})$ .

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fix  $\delta' < \delta$  s.t.  $\text{discr.} \subset \{ |\lambda| < \delta' \} \subset B \times B^1_\delta$   
 assume  $\delta' < 1 < \delta$



$H = H^n(X_{0,1}; \mathbb{C})$ ,  $M$ : monodromy around the discriminant.

$M = M_s M_u$ ,  $M_u = \exp(-2\pi\sqrt{-1} N)$ ,  $N$ : nilpotent operator  
 $\uparrow$  diag.  $\uparrow$  unipotent

$H_\alpha = \{ A \in H : M_s A = e^{-2\pi\sqrt{-1}\alpha} A \}$ ,  $-1 < \alpha \leq 0$

For  $A \in H_\alpha$ ,  $\lambda^{\alpha+N} A_{s,\lambda} =: e s_A(s,\lambda)$   
 $\lambda^\alpha \cdot e^{\log \lambda \cdot N}$

Geometric sections :

If  $\omega \in \varphi_x \Omega_{X/B}^{nh}$  then we can define

$$s_i[\omega](s, \lambda) \in H^n(X_{s, \lambda}; \mathbb{C}), \quad i = 0, -1$$

as follows: 1) if  $(s, \lambda) \notin \text{discr.}$  then  $d_x F \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in X_{s, \lambda}$

$\Rightarrow$  we can find a form  $\eta \in \Omega_{X/B}^n(U)$ ,  $U$  some neighb. of  $X_{s, \lambda}$

s.t.  $\omega = dF \wedge \eta$ , we

$$s_0[\omega](s, \lambda) = \eta|_{X_{s, \lambda}}$$

we also write  $s_0[\omega] = \int \frac{\omega}{dF}$

2) Since  $H^{n+1}(X_{s, \lambda}; \mathbb{C}) = 0$  and  $X_{s, \lambda}$  is a Stein manifold

we can find  $\eta \in \Omega_{X/B}^n$  s.t.  $\omega = d\eta$

$$s_{-1}[\omega](s, \lambda) = \eta|_{X_{s, \lambda}}$$

$$\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda}} s[\eta \wedge dF] = s[\omega]$$

Let  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_\mu \in \varphi_x \Omega_{X/B}^{nh}(B \times B^1) = \Omega_{X/B}^{nh}(X)$ ;

$$\delta_1, \dots, \delta_\mu \in H_n(X_{0,1}; \mathbb{C})$$

$$\det^2(s, \lambda) = \left( \det \langle s_0[\omega_i], \delta_j(s, \lambda) \rangle \right)^2 \quad ; \text{ holomorphic function on } B \times B^1$$

$$= g(s, \lambda) \cdot (h(s, \lambda))^{n-1}$$

$\Gamma(B^1, \mathcal{H})$   
 $\cup$   
 geometric sections  
 over  $\mathcal{O}_B^{-1}$ -module and  $\mathcal{O}_{B^1}$ -module

Def 3. The forms  $(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_\mu)$  form a holomorphic trivialization

if  $\forall \omega \in \Omega_{X/B}^{nh}(X) \exists!$  holomorphic functions  $p_j \in \mathcal{O}_{B \times B^1, 0}$

$$\text{s.t. } s_0[\omega] = \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} p_j(s, \lambda) s_0[\omega_j] . //$$

Theorem 2. [Varchenko] The forms  $(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_\mu)$  form a holomorphic trivialization if and only if

$$\det^2(s, \lambda) = g(s, \lambda) (h(s, \lambda))^{n-1}, \quad g(0,0) \neq 0$$

where  $h(s, \lambda) = 0$  is the equation of the discriminant (discr.)

$\det^2(0, \lambda)$  has a zero of order  $\mu \cdot (n-1)$

"  $\text{crst. } \lambda^{\mu(n-1)} + \text{h.o.t.}$

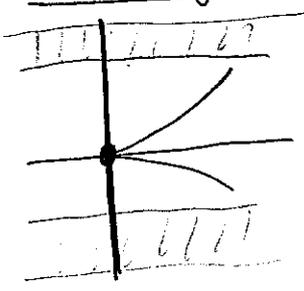
Let us assume that  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_\mu \in \Omega_{X/B}^{n+1}$  are holomorphic forms satisfying

- (1)  $\omega_1$  is a volume form
- (2)  $K_F^{(p)} \left( \int e^{F/z} \omega_i, \int e^{F/z} \omega_j \right) \Big|_{s=0} = \delta_{ij} \int_{p_i} \dots$
- (3)  $\nabla_{\xi} \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}}^{-1} [\omega_i] \in \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\mu} \mathcal{O}_B \cdot [\omega_j], \forall \xi \in T_B \text{ and } \forall i=1,2,\dots,\mu$
- (4)  $\lambda \cdot [\omega_i] \in \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\mu} \mathcal{O}_B [\omega_j] + (d_i+1) \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}}^{-1} [\omega_i]$

where  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\mu$  are some constants; then  $\omega_1$  is a primitive form.

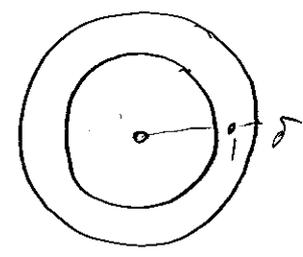
This follows from Taylor's formula + compatibility of  $K_F$  w/ the Gauss-Manin connection.

6. Hodge theory



restrict to  $s=0$

$X_0 \hookrightarrow B^{n+1} \times B^1$



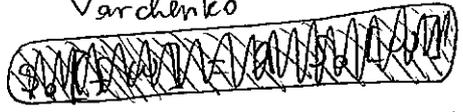
$B^{n+1}$   
 $f \downarrow$   
 $B^1$   
 $X_{0,i} = f^{-1}(\lambda)$

$H = f_* H^m(X_0) \downarrow \text{PEZ} = \dots$

$F_p H = \bigoplus_{-1 \leq \alpha \leq 0} F_p H_\alpha$ ,  $H = [H_{0,1}] = H^m(X_{0,1}; \mathbb{C})$   
 $s_0[\omega](0, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} p_i(\lambda) e_{A_i}(0, \lambda)$

If  $\omega \in \Omega_{X_0}^{n+1}$  then where  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^{\mu}$  is an eigen-basis of  $M_s$ , and  $p_i(\lambda) \in \mathbb{C}\{\{\lambda\}\}$  conv. Laurent series

$F_p H_\alpha = \{A \in H_\alpha \mid s_0[\omega] = \lambda^p e_A(0, \lambda) + \dots \text{h.o.t.} \text{ for some } \omega \in \Omega_{B^{n+1}}^{n+1}\}$



$\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}}^p s_0[\omega] = e_A(0, \lambda) + \dots$   
Varchenko  
Steenbrink  $0 = E_1 \subset F_0 \subset \dots \subset F_n = H$



$$K_f (s[\omega_1], s[\omega_2]) := K_f (\omega_1, \omega_2), \quad \forall \omega_1, \omega_2 \in \mathcal{P}_2 \mathcal{R}_{X_0}^{hh}$$

~~$$K_f (s[\omega_1], s[\omega_2]) = K_f (\omega_1, \omega_2)$$~~

$$K_f \left( \underbrace{\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}}^{-1} s[\omega_1]}_{s_1}, \underbrace{s[\omega_2]}_{s_2} \right) = -z K_f (s[\omega_1], s[\omega_2])$$

$$K_f (s_1, s_2) = -z K_f \left( \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial z}} s_1, s_2 \right) \quad (*)$$

we can uniquely extend  $K_f$  to a pairing on  $V$

$$K_f : V \otimes V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[z]z$$

s.t. (\*) holds.

$$K_f (z^{\alpha+N} A, z^{\beta+N} B) = \begin{cases} S(A, B) \frac{z}{2\pi F_1} & \text{if } \alpha + \beta = -1 \Rightarrow A, B \in H_{\neq 0} \\ S(A, B) \frac{z^2}{(2\pi F_1)^2} & \text{if } \alpha = \beta = 0 \\ & (\text{then } A, B \in H_0) \end{cases}$$

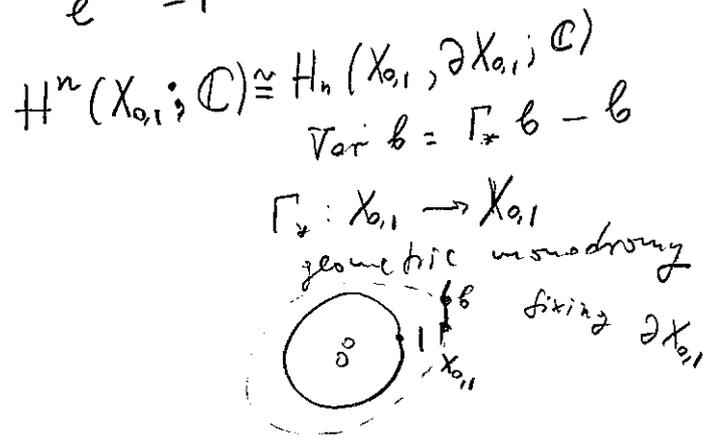
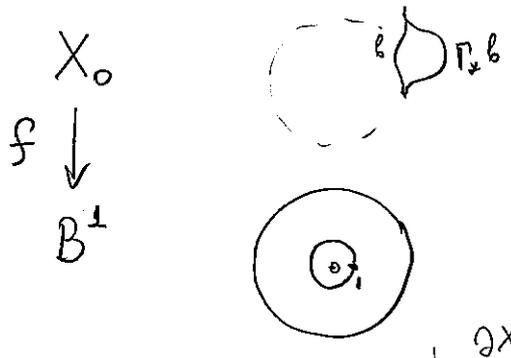
$-1 < \alpha, \beta \leq 0$

where  $S : H_{\mathbb{Q}} \otimes H_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  is  $(-1)^n$ -symmetric on  $H_{\neq 0}$  and  $(-1)^{nd}$ -symmetric on  $H=0$ , and it is  $M$ -invariant.

Lemma 4 [Hertling]

$$S(A, B) := \begin{cases} \text{sign } A \circ B & \text{for } A, B \in H_{\neq 0}; \\ \text{sign } \langle A, \text{Var}^0 \frac{N}{e^{-2\pi F_1 N} - 1} B \rangle & \text{for } A, B \in H_0. \end{cases}$$

intersection pairing



$X_{0,1} \cap \partial B^{nh} \Rightarrow X_{0,2} \cap \partial B^{nh}$

$\partial X_0 \subset \partial B^{nh} \times B^1$

$f \downarrow \downarrow$  trivial fibration because  $B^1$  is contractible

$H_{\mathbb{R}} = H^n(X_{0,1}; \mathbb{R}) \subset H$  ,  $F^p H := F_{n-p} H$  decreasing filtration  
real structure

a non-degen.  $M$ -invariant pairing  $S: H \otimes H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$N$ : nilpotent operator  $M_n = \exp(-2\pi\sqrt{-1} \cdot N)$ .

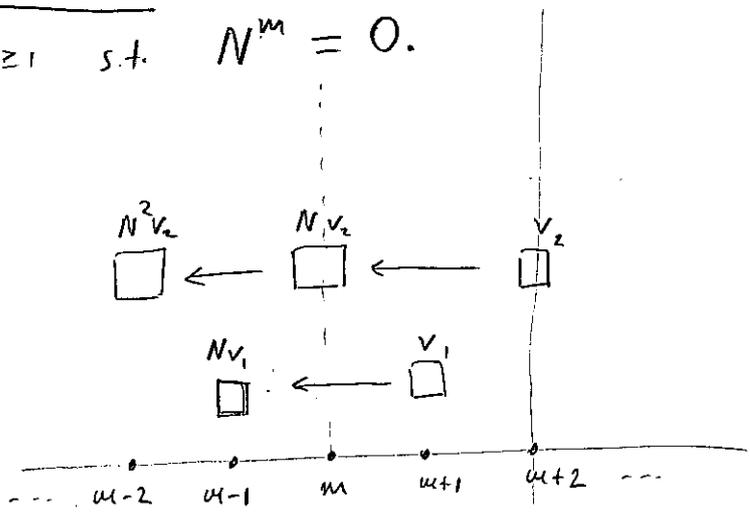
Theorem 3. [Steenbrink, Varchenko, <sup>Herkings</sup>] Let  $W_\bullet H$  be the weight filtr. of  $N$

$\Rightarrow (H_{\neq 0}, H_{\mathbb{R}, \neq 0}, F^p, S, W_\bullet)$  is a mixed Hodge structure of weight  $n$

$(H_0, H_{\mathbb{R}, 0}, F^p, S, W_\bullet)$  — 11 — weight  $n+1$

Weight filtration:  $S(NA, B) + S(A, NB) = 0$  ,  $N$ : nilpotent

$m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  s.t.  $N^m = 0$ .



Given a Jordan block  $N^k v$   $N^k v=0$

we assign weights according to the picture on the left

$W_i H = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \{ \text{vectors of weight } \leq i \}$  ,  $0 = W_{-1} \subset W_0 \subset \dots \subset W_{2m} = H$   
 $\text{Gr}_{m+i} W$  has a non-deg. pairing

$\text{Gr}_i W = W_i / W_{i-1}$  ;  $S_i(v_1, v_2) := S(v_1, N^i v_2)$

Def. 4 mixed Hodge structure <sup>of weight m</sup> means:

- (1)  $\text{Gr}_k W = F^p \text{Gr}_k W \oplus F^{k+1-p} \text{Gr}_k W$  ,  $\forall p$  and  $\forall k$  ,
- (2)  $N(F^p) \subset F^{p-1}$  ,
- (3)  $S(F^p, F^{m+1-p}) = 0 \quad \forall p$  ,
- (4) some additional property of  $P_{m+l} = \text{Ker}(\text{Gr}_{m+l} W \xrightarrow{N^l} \text{Gr}_{m-l} W)$ .

Corollary 1. [Deligne] Opposite filtration

$\exists$  an increasing <sup>M-invariant</sup> filtration  $U_p H$ , s.t.

(i)  $H = \bigoplus_P F^P \cap U_p$ ,

(ii)  $N(U_p) \subset U_{p-1}$ ,

(iii)  $S(U_p H_{\neq 0}, U_{n-1-p} H_{\neq 0}) = S(U_p H_0, U_{n-p} H_0) = 0 \quad \forall p.$

Fix a basis  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^m$  of  $H$  s.t.  $A_i \in F^{p_i} H_{d_i} \cap U_{p_i} H_{d_i}$

$\sigma_i(\lambda) = \nabla_{\lambda}^{-n+p_i} (\lambda^{d_i+n} A_i) \sim \lambda^{d_i-p_i+n} A_i \quad -1 < d_i \leq 0$

Step 1. Choose holom. forms  $\tilde{\omega}_1, \dots, \tilde{\omega}_\mu \in \mathcal{R}_{X_0}^{n+H}(X_0)$

s.t.  $S[\tilde{\omega}_i]_{\lambda} \sim \sigma_i(\lambda) + \sum_{j, p_j} c_{j,p_j} \nabla_{\lambda}^{p_j} \sigma_j(\lambda)$   
 $p_j > 0, d_j > d_i + p_j \Rightarrow d_j + p_j > d_i + p_i + p_j$

Condition (3) in Def 4 and (iii) in Corollary 1, imply

$S(F^{p'} \cap U_{p'}, F^{p''} \cap U_{p''}) = 0$

for  $p' + p'' \neq m = \begin{cases} n & \text{on } H_{\neq 0} \\ n+1 & \text{on } H_0 \end{cases}$

The numbers  $a_i = d_i - p_i + n$  are called spectral numbers  
 if ordered  $a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_\mu \Rightarrow a_i + a_{\mu+1-i} = n-1 \Rightarrow$  give a holom. trivialization  $(\tilde{\omega}_1, \dots, \tilde{\omega}_\mu)$

$\Rightarrow K_f^{(p)}(\sigma_i, \sigma_j) = 0$  for  $\forall p \geq 1 \quad \forall i, j$

$\Rightarrow K_f^{(p)}(\tilde{\omega}_i, \tilde{\omega}_j) = 0$  for  $p \geq 1$

$\tilde{\omega}_i = \tilde{g}_i(x) d^{n+H} x \in \mathcal{R}_{X/B}^{n+H}$

$$S[\tilde{\omega}_i](s, \lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^m B_{ji}(s, \lambda) \sigma_j(\lambda)$$

holomorphic in  $\delta' < |\lambda| < \delta$

$$B_g(s, \lambda) = L(s, \lambda) U(s, \lambda)^{-1}$$

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 $1 + O(\frac{1}{\lambda})$  holom. in  $|\lambda| < \delta$

Birkhoff factoriz.  
 (it exists for  $s=0$   
 so exists for  $s$   
 suff. small )

Put  $\omega_i := \sum_j \tilde{\omega}_j U_{ji}(s, F(x))$

then a)  $S[\omega_i] = \sum_{j=1}^m L_{ji}(s, \lambda) \sigma_j(\lambda)$

b)  $(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m)$  still give a holom. trivialization

From a) and b) one obtains

$$\nabla_{\xi} \nabla_{\lambda}^{-1} S[\omega_i] = \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ji}(s, \lambda) S[\omega_j]$$

where  $c_{ji}(s, \lambda)$  are holomorphic  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and bounded at  $\lambda = \infty \Rightarrow c_{ji}$  are independent of  $\lambda$ .