

Ricard Hain on Completions of Path Torsors of Moduli Spaces of Curves

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Lecture 1. Completions of groups & groupoids.

$F$ : a field of char 0:  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}_p$

An algebraic group over  $F$  is unipotent (unipt) if it is a closed subgroup of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $gl_n(F)$ .

Equivalently:  $U \subseteq gl(V)$  is unipt if  $V$  has a filtration

$$0 = V_0 \subseteq V_1 \dots \subseteq V_r = V$$

by submodule s.t.  $V_j/V_{j-1}$  is trivial as a module.

Lie Alg:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - I$  is nilpotent.

these are polynomial bijections.

So  $U \cong \underline{u}$  as a variety  
 $\uparrow$   
Lie alg of  $U$

$$\text{So } \mathcal{O}(U) \cong \text{Sym}(\underline{u})$$

Pro-unipotent groups: inverse limits of such:

$$U = \varprojlim U_\alpha \leftarrow \text{unipotent}$$

$$\underline{u} = \varprojlim \underline{u}_\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{O}(U) = \varinjlim \mathcal{O}(U_\alpha) = \varinjlim \text{Sym}(\underline{u}_\alpha)$$

Example  $V = \text{f.d. v.s. over } F$

$\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  a basis

$$\begin{aligned} T(V) &= \text{tensor alg} = FA(V) \\ &\cong F\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Aug  $\epsilon: T(V) \rightarrow F$  by  $x_j \mapsto 0$

Aug. ideal  $I = \ker \epsilon = \langle x_j \rangle$

$T(V)$  is a Hopf alg w/

$$\Delta x_j = x_j \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x_j \quad \text{LL}(V)$$

$$\rho T(V) = \{u: \Delta u = 1 \otimes u + u \otimes 1\} = F \text{LL}(V)$$

↑  
primitive

$I$ -adic topology  $I \supset I^2 \supset \dots$

$T(V)^\wedge = \varprojlim T(V) / \mathfrak{I}^n = \text{power series}$ ,  
 a complete Hopf algebra, so

$$\Delta: T(V)^\wedge \rightarrow T(V)^\wedge \hat{\otimes} T(V)^\wedge$$

$$PT(V)^\wedge = \mathbb{L}(V)^\wedge$$

gp-like elements:

$$GT(V)^\wedge = \{g \in T(V)^\wedge : E(g) = 1, \Delta g = g \otimes g\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 + \mathfrak{I}^\wedge & \xrightleftharpoons[\text{exp}]{\log} & \mathfrak{I}^\wedge \\ \cup & & \\ GT(V)^\wedge & \xrightleftharpoons{\quad} & PT(V)^\wedge \end{array}$$

Rem  $PT(V)^\wedge = \mathbb{L}(x_1, \dots, x_n)^\wedge = \varprojlim \mathbb{L}(x_i) / \mathfrak{I}^n \mathbb{L}$

Unipotent completion:  $\Gamma$ : a discrete group

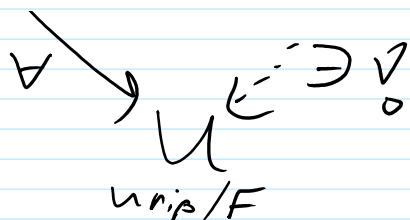
It's pro-unipotent completion /  $\mathbb{F}$   $\Gamma_{\mathbb{F}}^{\text{un}}$

is a pro unipotent gp /  $\mathbb{F}$  w/ homomorphism

$$\Gamma \longrightarrow \Gamma^{\text{un}}(\mathbb{F})$$

w/ UMP (univ. mapping prop)

$$\Gamma \longrightarrow \Gamma_{\mathbb{F}}^{\text{un}}$$



Cocomp algebra  $F\Gamma \xrightarrow{\epsilon} F \quad \epsilon(\gamma) = 1 \quad \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$

Hopf w/  $\Delta(\gamma) = \gamma \otimes \gamma \quad I = \ker \epsilon$

I-adic completion:  $F\Gamma^\wedge = \varprojlim F\Gamma/I^n$

a complete Hopf algebra.

[Appendix A or B to paper of Quillen in the Annals ~ 1969]

Again exp & log make nice bijections between primitives & gp-like.

Quillen's construction:

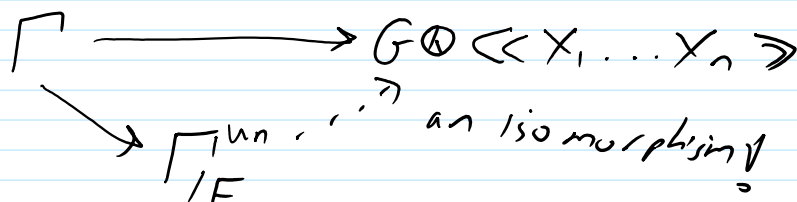
$$\Gamma_{IF}^{un} := GF\Gamma^\wedge$$

Example  $\Gamma = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle = \text{free group}$ .

$\theta: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}\langle\langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle\rangle \quad X_j \text{ primitives}$

$\forall i \lambda \quad x_j \mapsto e^{X_j}$

By the univ. property,



$$\text{So } \text{Lie} \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{un}} = \mathbb{L}(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{\wedge}$$


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$$\Gamma \text{ f.g.}, \quad \Gamma = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \mid r_1, \dots, r_m \rangle$$

$\Gamma_{\mathbb{F}}^{\text{un}}$  is a quotient of the unipotent completion of the free group.

$$\theta: \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q} \langle\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle\rangle$$

$$r_i \longmapsto \theta(r_i) \longrightarrow \log \theta(r_i)$$

$$\text{Lie } \Gamma_{\mathbb{F}}^{\text{un}} = \mathbb{L}(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{\wedge} / (\log \theta(r_j))$$


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Tannakian approach

$G$ : a group,  $F$ : Field of char 0.  
(appropriate)

$\text{Rep}_F(G) = \text{Category of F.d. reps of } G/F.$

Essential features: 1. It's Abelian,  $F$ -linear, kers, cokers

2. tensor product (comm. assoc. naturally)

3. Has unit, the 1D trivial rep.

$$V \otimes 1 \cong 1 \otimes V \cong V.$$

4. Has duals.  $V^* : \text{Hom}_F(V \rightarrow 1)$

5. There is a Faithful Functor

$$\text{Rep}_F(G) \longrightarrow \text{Vect}_F \quad (\text{respects } \otimes \text{ \& duals})$$

These are the axioms of an  $F$ -linear Tannakian category.

Def If  $T$  Tannakian then a Fiber functor is a Faithful Functor

$W : T \longrightarrow \text{Vect}_F$   
that preserves  $\otimes$  & duals.

Basic Theorem If  $T$  is a neutral

Tannakian category w/ Fiber functor  $W$

then  $T$  is equivalent to  $\text{Rep}_F(G)$ , where

$$G = \text{Aut}(\otimes_W).$$

Notation  $G = \Pi_1(T, W)$

Example  $\Gamma = \text{discrete group}$

$T = \text{category of unipotent reps of } \Gamma.$

it is Tannakian  $\checkmark$   $\Pi_1(T) = \Gamma^{\text{un}}$

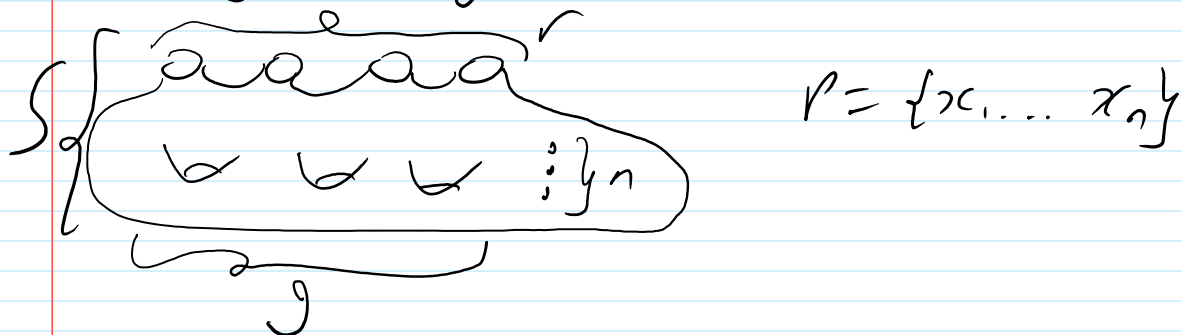
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Problems w/ unipotent completions

$$(1) H_1(\Gamma, F) = H_1(\Gamma_{F, \text{un}}^{\text{un}}) \text{ so } \text{sl}_2(\mathbb{Z})_{\mathbb{F}}^{\text{un}} = 1$$

In general, if  $H_1$  is 1D,  $\Gamma^{\text{un}}$  is boring.

Mapping class groups



$$\Gamma_{g, n+p} = \pi_0(\text{Diff}^+(S, \partial S \cup P))$$

$$\text{eg } \Gamma_{0, n+p} = \rho_n \quad \Gamma_{1,1} = \text{sl}_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

Fact  $H_1(\Gamma_{g, n+p}) = 0$  if  $g \geq 1$

How 2

$$\Gamma_{g, n+p} \longrightarrow \Gamma_g \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(H_1(S, \mathbb{K}))$$

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$$\text{sp}_g(\mathbb{K}) \sim \text{sp}(H)$$

Fact:

$$\Gamma_{g, n+p} \longrightarrow \text{sp}_g(\mathbb{Z})$$

image is

↓  $\mathbb{Z}$  is dense

image is Zariski dense  $\rightarrow$   $Sp_g(H)$   $\downarrow$  Zariski dense

## Relative unipotent completions

$\Gamma$ : a discrete group,  $R =$  reductive group /  $F$

$$\rho: \Gamma \rightarrow R(F) \quad (\text{example above})$$

The completion of  $\Gamma$  rel.  $\rho$ :

1. an affine  $F$ -group, which is an extension

$$1 \rightarrow U \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow R \rightarrow 1$$

$\uparrow$   
pro-unipotent

2. A homomorphism

$$\hat{\rho}: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(F)$$

[necessarily Zariski dense]

s.t. given

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & U & \cdots & \rightarrow & \Gamma & \\ & & \downarrow & & & \searrow & \\ 1 & \rightarrow & U & \rightarrow & G & \rightarrow & R \rightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

A Tannakian construction:

$T$ : reps  $\bigvee_{\rho \in \Gamma} \rho$  w/ filtration

$$0 = V_0 \subseteq V_1 \cdots \subseteq V_r = V$$



s.t.  $\Gamma$  acts on  $V_j/V_{j-1}$  through  $R$

$$V_j/V_{j-1} \hookrightarrow R \leftarrow \Gamma$$

$$g = \pi_1(T, w)$$

Def  $g_{g, n+7} := Sp_g$ -completion of  $\Gamma_{g, n+7}$

$g=0$ : ordinary unipotent completions.

$g=1$ : LurTWL 4.

$g=2$ : know  $1/2$

$g \geq 3$ : have explicit presentation.

Mixed Hodge Theory for non-specialists.

A  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Hodge structure  $V$  of weight  $M$

is  $\underbrace{\bigoplus_{F.i.} V_s}_{V_{\mathbb{Q}}}$  v.s. of and a filtration of  $V_{\mathbb{Q}}$

"The Hodge filtration"

$$V_{\mathbb{Q}} = F^a V \supseteq F^{a+1} \supseteq \dots \supseteq F^b V = 0$$

s.t.

$$V_{\mathbb{Q}} = \bigoplus_{p+q=M} \underbrace{F^p V \cap \overline{F^q V}}_{V^{p,q}}, \quad \overline{V^{p,q}} = V_{i,1} \quad V_{\mathbb{C}} = V_{\mathbb{R}} \otimes \mathbb{C} \quad \begin{matrix} \mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \\ \downarrow \\ \mathbb{C} \end{matrix}$$

$$F^p V = \bigoplus_{s \geq p} V^{s, M-s}$$

Example:  $X =$  smooth projective variety,

e.g.,  $\underbrace{\text{Riemann surface}}_{\text{compact}}$

$$V = H^m(X; \mathbb{Q})$$

$$V^{p,q} = H^{p,q}(X) = \frac{\text{closed } (p,q)\text{-forms}}{\text{exact } (p,q)\text{-forms}}$$

Hodge's Thm

$$H^m(X; \mathbb{C}) = \bigoplus_{p+q=m} H^{p,q}(X)$$

Aside:  
 $\mathbb{Q}(n)$  w/  
 $\mathbb{Q}$   
 $V^{-n,-n}$   
 wt  
 $-2n$

Morphisms !. preserve  $\mathbb{Q}$  str.

2. preserve the Hodge filtration

Semi-simple mixed Hodge structures:

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Polarizations - - - -

The category of s.s. <sup>mixed</sup> H.S. is Tannakian,  
 $\underbrace{\text{MHSS}}_{\text{MHSS}}$

so it is  $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\text{MHSS}, w)$

Mixed Hodge structures:

...  $\rightarrow$  f.d over  $\mathbb{Q}$

$$V = (V_{\mathbb{Q}}, W_{\bullet}, F^{\bullet})$$

↑  
increasing  
filtration,  
the wt filtration

↑  
decreasing "Hodge filtration"  
 $V_{\mathbb{C}} = F^l \supseteq F^{l+1} \supseteq \dots \supseteq F^t = 0$

s.t.

$$Gr_m^W V = \left( \frac{W_m V_{\mathbb{Q}}}{W_{m+1} V_{\mathbb{Q}}}, \text{induced } F^{\bullet} \right)$$

is a Hodge str of wt  $m$ .

Thm (Deligne)  $X$  complex algebraic variety

$H^i(X; \mathbb{Q})$  has a canon. MHS,

graded polarizable.

MHS = category of graded polarizable MHSs.

It is neutral Tannakian  $MHS^{SS} \hookrightarrow MHS$

$$1 \rightarrow U \rightarrow \pi_1(MHS, w) \rightarrow \pi_1(MHS^{SS}) \rightarrow 1$$