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"The logarithms of Dehn twists"

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$$g \geq 1$$

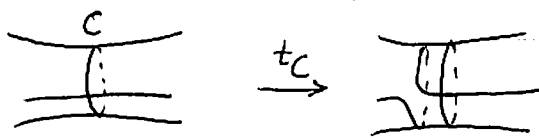
$$\Sigma = \Sigma_{g,1} = \text{[Diagram of a genus } g \text{ surface with one boundary component]}$$

$$* \in \partial \Sigma$$

$\pi = \pi_1(\Sigma, *)$ free group of rank $2g$

$$H = H_1(\Sigma; \mathbb{Q})$$

Dehn twist $C \subset \Sigma$ simple closed curve (SCC)



$t_C \in \text{MCG}(\Sigma \text{ rel } \partial \Sigma)$ right handed Dehn twist.

transvection formula (Picard-Lefschetz formula)

$$\forall X \in H$$

$$t_{C*} X = X - (X \cdot [C])[C] \in H$$

$$t_{C*} = 1_H - [C]^{\otimes 2} \in \text{Hom}(H, H) = H^* \otimes H \stackrel{\text{P.d.}}{=} H \otimes H$$

\Rightarrow Goal: describe the action.

$$t_C \sim \pi \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Q}\pi \leftrightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{Q}\pi} := \varprojlim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{Q}\pi / I_{\pi}^m$$

$$I_{\pi} = \{ \sum_{x \in \pi} a_x x \in \mathbb{Q}\pi : \sum a_x = 0 \} \text{ augmentation ideal}$$

Coordinate on $\widehat{\mathbb{Q}\pi}$ --- symplectic expansion (Massuyeau)

$$\widehat{\mathbb{T}} := \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} H^{\otimes m} \text{ completed tensor algebra.}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbb{T}}_p := \prod_{m \geq p} H^{\otimes m} \subset \widehat{\mathbb{T}}, \quad p \geq 1, \text{ two-sided ideal}$$

$$\Delta: \widehat{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{T}} \widehat{\otimes} \widehat{\mathbb{T}} \text{ coproduct } (\Delta X = X \widehat{\otimes} 1 + 1 \widehat{\otimes} X \quad (\forall X \in H))$$

$$\widehat{\mathbb{T}} \widehat{\otimes} \widehat{\mathbb{T}} = \varprojlim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\widehat{\mathbb{T}} \widehat{\otimes} \widehat{\mathbb{T}} / \bigoplus_{p+q \geq m} \widehat{\mathbb{T}}_p \widehat{\otimes} \widehat{\mathbb{T}}_q \right)$$

$\Rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{T}}$: complete Hopf algebra

Definition (Massuyeau)

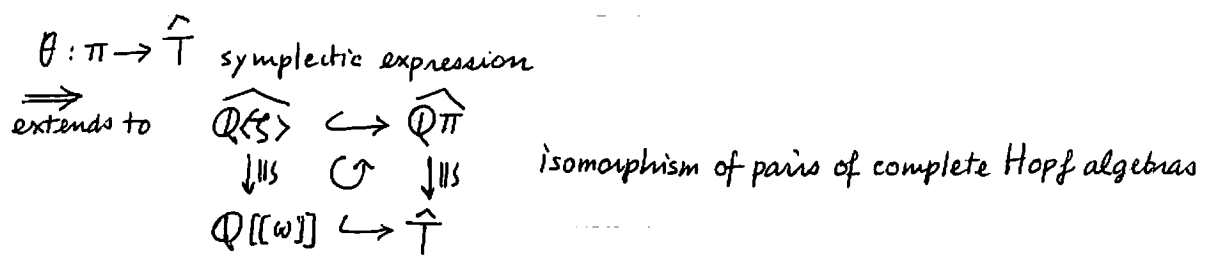
- $\theta: \pi \rightarrow \hat{T}$ symplectic expansion
- \Leftrightarrow 1) $\forall x, y \in \pi \quad \theta(xy) = \theta(x)\theta(y)$
 2) $\forall x \in \pi \quad \theta(x) = 1 + [x] + \text{higher terms}$
 3) $\forall x \in \pi \quad \Delta\theta(x) = \theta(x) \hat{\otimes} \theta(x)$ group-like
 4) $\theta(1) = \exp(\omega) (= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \omega^k)$

where

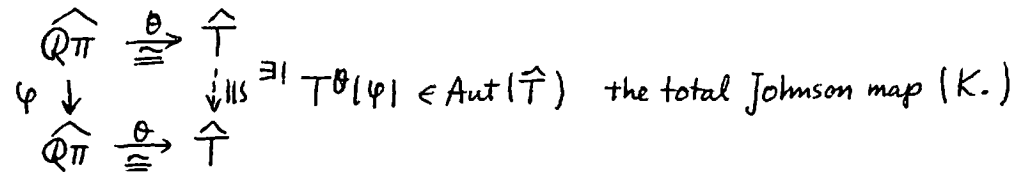


$\omega = \sum_{i=1}^g A_i B_i - B_i A_i \in H^{\otimes 2}$
 symplectic form
 $\{A_i, B_i\} \subset H$ symplectic basis

- Examples (1) (K.) harmonic Magnus expansions / \mathbb{R} (\Leftarrow harmonic forms, Green operator)
 (2) (Massuyeau) LMO expansions (\Leftarrow $L\hat{e}$ -Murakami-Ohtsuki functor)
 (3) (Kuno) combinatorial symplectic expansions (\Leftarrow free generators on π)
 (4) (Bene-K-Kuno-Penner) symplectic fatgraph expansions



$\forall \varphi \in MCG(\Sigma \text{ rel } \partial\Sigma)$



$T^\theta: MCG(\Sigma, \partial\Sigma) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\hat{T})$ injective homomorphism

$T^\theta(\varphi) \circ \varphi_k^{-1}|_H = 1_H + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tau_k^\theta(\varphi)$ $\tau_k^\theta(\varphi) \in H^* \otimes H^{\otimes(k+1)} \stackrel{\text{P.d.}}{=} H^{\otimes(k+2)}$

$\tau_k^\theta: MCG(\Sigma \text{ rel } \partial\Sigma) \rightarrow H^{\otimes(k+2)}$
 an extension of the k^{th} Johnson homomorphism.

Our result: an "explicit" formula for $T^\theta(t_c)$

Invariant of an oriented loop on Σ : the logarithm of a Dehn twist.

$$l = l^\theta := \log \theta : \pi \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{L}} := \{u \in \hat{T} : \Delta u = u \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes u\}$$

$$\log \theta(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} (\theta(x)-1)^n \in \hat{T}$$

$$N : \hat{T} \rightarrow \hat{T}_1 = H \otimes \hat{T} \stackrel{\text{P.d.}}{=} H^* \otimes \hat{T} = \text{Der}(\hat{T})$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} N|_{H^{\otimes 0}} = 0 \\ N(x_1 \cdots x_p) := \sum_{i=1}^p x_i \cdots x_p x_i \cdots x_{i-1}, \quad p \geq 1, x_j \in H \end{array} \right. \quad \text{cyclic symmetrizer}$$

$$(N(\hat{T}) = N(\hat{T}_1) = \text{Der}_\omega(\hat{T}) := \{D \in \text{Der}(\hat{T}) : D\omega = 0\})$$

$x \in \pi$

$$L(x) = L^\theta(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2} N(l(x)l(x)) = N\theta\left(\frac{1}{2}(\log x)^2\right) \in \text{Der}_\omega(\hat{T})$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\log x)^2 \in \hat{\mathcal{Q}}\pi$$

$$L(xy x^{-1}) = L(y)$$

$$(\because N(uv) = N(vu) \quad (\forall u, v \in \hat{T}))$$

$$L(x^{-1}) = L(x)$$

$$(\because l(x^{-1}) = -l(x))$$

$\Rightarrow L$: an invariant of an oriented loop on Σ

$$L(C) \in \text{Der}_\omega(\hat{T}) \quad (C \subset \Sigma \text{ closed curve})$$

Theorem (Kuno-K.) $\theta : \pi \rightarrow \hat{T}$ symplectic expansion.

$C \subset \Sigma$ SCC.

$$T^\theta(t_c) = e^{-L(C)} \left(= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} L(C)^k \right) \text{ on } \hat{T} \left(\cong \hat{\mathcal{Q}}\pi \right)$$

in other words

$$-L(C) = \log T^\theta(t_c)$$

low-degree cases $L(C) = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} L_m$, $L_m \in H^{\otimes m}$ of degree $m-2$ as derivations of \hat{T}

(non-separating cases)

degree 0 $L_2 = [C]^{\otimes 2} \in H^{\otimes 2} \stackrel{\text{P.d.}}{=} \text{Hom}(H, H)$

$$t_{c*} = 1_H - L_2 \in \text{Hom}(H, H) \quad (\text{transvection formula})$$

degree 1 (Kuno's original formula) $C = \text{conj. class of } x \in \pi$

$$\tau_1^\theta(t_c) = -L_3 = -[x] \wedge l_2(x) \in \Lambda^3 H \quad (\text{matches Morita's explicit computations})$$

$$(l_2(x) = (\text{the degree 2 part of } l(x)) \in \Lambda^2 H)$$

degree 2.

$$\tau_2^\theta(t_c) = -L_4 + \frac{1}{2} [L_2, L_4] + \frac{1}{2} L_3^2$$

(separating cases)

degree 2 (Morita)

$$\tau_2(t_c) = -L_4$$

degree 3

$$\tau_3^{\theta}(t_c) = -L_5.$$

Nilpotent quotient
 $\Gamma_k = \Gamma_k(\pi)$; lower central series of π , $k \geq 1$

$$\Gamma_1 = \pi, \quad \Gamma_{k+1} = [\Gamma_1, \Gamma_k]$$

 $N_k := \pi / \Gamma_{k+1}$ the k^{th} nilpotent quotient.

 $\theta \text{ mod } \hat{T}_{k+1} : N_k \hookrightarrow 1 + \hat{T}_1 / 1 + \hat{T}_{k+1}$ injective homomorphism

$$l(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} l_k(x), \quad l_k(x) \in \hat{\mathcal{L}} \cap H^{\otimes k}, \quad l_1(x) = [x]$$

$$L_m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} N(l_k(x) l_{m-k}(x)) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{depends only on } l_1(x), \dots, l_{m-1}(x) \\ \text{---//---} \\ \text{on } \theta \text{ mod } \hat{T}_m \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow L_m : N_{m-1} \rightarrow H^{\otimes m}$$

Corollary 1 $C : \text{SCC on } \Sigma$. $C = \text{conj. class of } x \in \pi$ The action of t_c on N_k depends only on the conjugacy class of x in N_k Corollary 2One can define the "Dehn twist" along a non-simple CC on $\hat{Q}\pi$ by $e^{-L(C)}$ Idea of Proof of Theorem: geometric interpretation of derivations of \hat{T}

$$N(\hat{T}_1) = \text{Der}_{\omega}(\hat{T}) \simeq \hat{T}$$

$$\hat{\pi} := \pi / \text{conj} = [S^1, \Sigma] = \{ \text{free loops on } \Sigma \} / \simeq$$

$$|| : \pi \rightarrow \hat{\pi}, \quad x \mapsto |x| \quad \text{quotient map}$$

$$Q\pi \xrightarrow{N\theta} N(\hat{T}_1) = \text{Der}_{\omega}(\hat{T})$$

$$|| \downarrow \quad \uparrow \quad \nearrow \exists! \lambda_{\theta} \quad (\because N\theta(xy x^{-1}) = N\theta(y))$$

 $Q\hat{\pi} : \text{Goldman Lie algebra of } \Sigma$

Theorem (Kuno-K.) θ : symplectic expansion

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Q}\hat{\pi} \otimes \mathbb{Q}\pi & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \mathbb{Q}\pi \\ -\lambda_{\theta} \otimes \theta & \downarrow & \downarrow \theta \\ \text{Der}(\hat{\pi}) \otimes \hat{\pi} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \hat{\pi} \end{array}$$

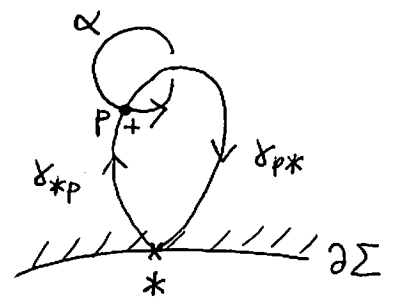
where $\alpha \in \hat{\pi}$, $\gamma \in \pi$ in general position

$$\sigma(\alpha)(\gamma) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{p \in \alpha \cap \gamma} \epsilon(p; \alpha, \gamma) \delta_{*p} \alpha_p \delta_{p*}$$

$\epsilon(p; \alpha, \gamma) = \pm 1$, local intersection number

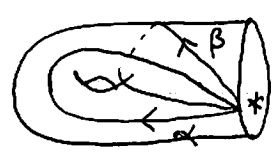
$\alpha_p \in \pi_1(\Sigma, p)$ loop along α with basepoint p

δ_{*p} path from $*$ to p δ_{p*} path from p to $*$



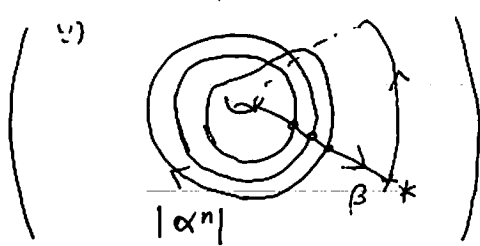
$\sigma: \mathbb{Q}\hat{\pi} \rightarrow \text{Der}(\mathbb{Q}\pi)$ Lie algebra homomorphism

example



$\forall n \geq 0$

$$\sigma(|\alpha^n|)(\beta) = n \beta \alpha^n$$



$f(x)$: formal power series in $x-1$

$$\sigma(|f(\alpha)|)(\beta) = \beta \alpha f'(\alpha) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Q}\pi}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{cases} t_{\alpha}(\alpha) = \alpha \\ t_{\alpha}(\beta) = \beta \alpha \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \text{"log } t_{\alpha}\text{"}(\beta) = \beta \log \alpha$$

$$\log x = x f'(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} \log t dt = \frac{1}{2} (\log x)^2$$

$$N^{\theta}(\frac{1}{2} (\log x)^2) = \frac{1}{2} N(|\alpha| |\beta|) = L^{\theta}(x) //$$