



Weierstrass semigroups, Galois module structure of holomorphic differentials and applications

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Aim of this talk

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X is a projective nonsingular curve of genus $g \geq 2$ defined over an algebraically closed field of positive characteristic. We will denote the function field of X by F . The automorphism group of F will be denoted by G and it is a finite group.

1. Weierstrass semigroups
2. G -module structure of polydifferentials
3. Deformation theory of curves with automorphisms

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1. The Weierstrass semigroup Σ_P at the place P of F is the subsemigroup of the natural numbers that consists of all numbers $i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that there is an $f \in F$ with $(f)_\infty = iP$.
2. All numbers in the Weierstrass semigroup at P are called pole numbers. The set $\mathbb{N} - \Sigma_P$ is finite and consists of g elements. The elements of $\mathbb{N} - \Sigma_P$ are called gaps. All gaps are $\leq 2g - 1$.

Ramification Filtration

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1.

$$G(P) = \{g \in G : g(P) = g\}.$$

2. The group G admits the following ramification filtration

$$G_0 \geq G_1 = \cdots = G_{i_1} > G_{i_1+1} = \cdots = G_{i_2} > G_{i_2+1} = \cdots = G_s > \{1\}.$$

Let t be a local uniformizer at P . The groups G_i are defined by $G_i = \{g \in G(P) : v_P(g(t) - t) \geq i + 1\}$.

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Deformation of the couple (X, G) over the local Artin ring A is a proper, smooth family of curves

$$\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$$

together with a group homomorphism $G \rightarrow \text{Aut}_A(\mathcal{X})$ and a G -equivariant isomorphism ϕ from the fibre over the closed point of A to the original curve X :

$$\phi : \mathcal{X} \times_{\text{Spec}(A)} \text{Spec}(k) \rightarrow X.$$

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Two deformations $\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2$ are considered to be equivalent if there is a G -equivariant isomorphism ψ that reduces to the identity in the special fibre and making the following diagram commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X}_1 & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \mathcal{X}_2 \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & \text{Spec } A & \end{array}$$

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$$\dim_k H^1(X/G, \pi_*^G(\mathcal{T}_X)) = 3g_{X/G} - 3 + \sum_{\mu=1}^r \left[\sum_{i=0}^{n_\mu} \frac{(e_i^{(\mu)} - 1)}{e_0^{(\mu)}} \right].$$

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(K 2007, elementary abelian covers)

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- K. 2008 $\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$ using results from S. Nakajima
- K-Köck 2010 Weakly ramified curves

Katz-Gabber covers

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Every p -Galois extension of $k[[t]]$ can be globalized:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L & & X \\ G \downarrow & & \downarrow G \\ \text{Quot}(k[[t]]) & & \mathbb{P}_k^1 \end{array}$$

The cover $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1$ has only one ramified point P such that $G(P) = G$ and the localization of $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1$ gives rise to the extension $L/k((t))$.

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$$\text{div}(df_1^{\otimes m}) = \left(-2mp^h + m \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (e_i - 1) \right) P,$$

which in turn is equal to $m(2g_X - 2)P$ by Riemann-Hurwitz formula.

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Proof: All m -holomorphic differentials are of the form $f df_1^{\otimes m}$. Therefore the condition for being holomorphic is translated to the condition $f \in L(m(2g_X - 2)P)$. Therefore the linear independent elements $f_i df_1^{\otimes m}$ with $\deg \operatorname{div} f_i = m_i \leq m(2g_X - 2)$ form a basis for $\Omega_X(m)$.

Remarks

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Remark: For the $m > 1$ case we first observe that the space of m -holomorphic differentials has dimension

$$\dim L(mW) = m(2g - 2) + 1 - g = (2m - 1)g - 2m + 1.$$

On the other hand side the number of f_i such that $\deg \operatorname{div}(f_i) \leq m(2g - 2)$ can be computed as follows:

In the interval $[0, 2g - 1]$ there are g such elements. In the interval $(2g - 1, m(2g - 2)]$ there are $m(2g - 2) - (2g - 1) = 2mg - 2m - 2g + 1$ elements. In total there are $2mg - 2m - 2g + 1 + g = (2m - 1)g - 2m + 1$ and this coincides with the dimension of the space of m -holomorphic differentials.

Symmetric Semigroup

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Corrolary: The Weierstrass semigroup at P is symmetric, i.e., $2g - 1$ is a gap.

Proof: Recall that the set of gaps (elements in the natural numbers that are not in the Weierstrass semigroup) has g elements $\{i_1 = 1, \dots, i_g \leq 2g - 1\}$. If $2g - 1$ is a gap then there are g -pole numbers i_μ with $i_\mu \leq 2g - 2$ and the number of pole numbers $\leq 2g - 2$ equals g (0 is always a pole number). If $2g - 1$ is a pole number then we can form only $g - 1$ holomorphic differentials of the form $f_i df_1$.

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This allows us to compute the dimension of $H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes 2})_G$ which is equal to the dimension of the complement of the vector space generated by $a_i(g), i = 1, \dots, r \quad g \in G$.

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Every indecomposable summand has exactly one invariant element, so the number of indecomposable summands in $L(nP)$ is just $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^n} \right\rfloor$.

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We can now compute $H^1(G, \hat{\mathcal{T}}_X)$.

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We have to know when a binomial coefficient is zero mod p .

Dimension of covariant elements

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For a module $k_\ell[f]$ with the above action consider the p -adic expansion of $\ell = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i p^i$. Let $\chi : \{0, \dots, p-1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be the function defined by:

$$\chi(a) := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } a \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } a = 0 \end{cases} .$$

Then

$$\dim k_\ell[f]_G = \sum_{i=1}^n \chi(a_i).$$

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The action of g^ν on $a(g)$ can be described as follows:

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This matrix has k power

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i < j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ \binom{k}{j-i} & \text{if } j > i \end{cases}$$

In the above formula $\binom{k}{\mu} = 0$ if $\mu > k$.

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Question: Can one prove the Hasse-Arf theorem this way?