

# Mixed Hodge structures

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## §1. (Polarizable) (Pure) $\mathbb{Q}$ -Hodge structures

Def - A (pure) HS of wt  $k$  is a f.dim  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vs  $V$  w/  
a decomp. (Contained in datum)

$$V_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigoplus_{p+q=k} V^{p,q} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \overline{V^{p,q}} = V^{q,p}.$$

- Given two HS  $V, W$ , a hom.  $f: V \rightarrow W$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -  
hom s.t.  $f_{\mathbb{C}}: V^{p,q} \rightarrow W^{p,q}$ . (In part, wt  $V \neq \text{wt } W \Rightarrow f=0$ )

Def A (pure) HS is a formal direct sum of HS of  
various weights

Check  $V, W: \text{HS} \Rightarrow V \oplus W: \text{HS}, V \otimes W: \text{HS}$ .

Prime Ex  $X$ : sm proj var/ $\mathbb{C}$ . Then its singular  $\mathbb{Q}$ -  
cohomology  $H^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$  admits a canonical HS of wt  $k$ .  
 $H^*(X, \mathbb{Q})$  is a HS.

Say  $V$ : HS of wt  $k$ .

Def The Tate structure is a wt  $-2m$  HS

$$\mathbb{Q}(m) := (2\pi\sqrt{-1})^m \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{C} \quad \text{w/ only type } (-m, -m).$$

The tate twist of a HS  $V$  is

$$V(m) := V \otimes \mathbb{Q}(m) : \text{HS of wt } k-2m.$$

Def The Weil operator on  $V$  is  $C: V_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow V_{\mathbb{R}}$  s.t.

$$C: V^{p,q} \rightarrow V^{q,p} \text{ is a mult. by } \sqrt{-1}^{q-p}.$$

$$(\text{Check } C \text{ is def/}\mathbb{R} \text{ and } C^2 = (-1)^k \cdot \text{id})$$

$$\hookrightarrow C(x+\bar{x}) = Cx + \overline{Cx} \text{ for } x \in V^{p,q}$$

Def A polarization on  $V$  is a HS hom.

$$\varphi: V_{\mathbb{R}} \otimes V_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}(-k) \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \varphi \text{ is } (-1)^k \text{-symmetric}$$

$$\textcircled{2} V_{\mathbb{R}} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} V_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \otimes y \mapsto (2\pi\sqrt{-1})^k \cdot \varphi(Cx \otimes y)$$

is positive defn symm. bilinear form

$$(\text{check In fact, } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1})$$

A polarizable HS is a HS w/ at least one polarization

Prime Ex  $X$ : sm proj var/ $\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $H^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$  is a wt  $k$  polarizable HS. To endow it w/ a polarization, we need to first fix an ample class  $\omega \in NS(X)$  and define a Lefschetz triple  $L, H, \Lambda$  in  $\mathfrak{gl}(H^*(X, \mathbb{Q}))$ .  
 $\Rightarrow SL_2$ -module on  $H^*$   $\Rightarrow$  isotypic decomp.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore H^k &= H_{\text{prim}}^k \oplus L \cdot H^{k-2} \\ &= H_{\text{prim}}^k \oplus L \cdot (H_{\text{prim}}^{k-2} \oplus L \cdot H^{k-4}) = \dots \end{aligned}$$

Each  $H_{\text{prim}}^k$  admits a  $(-1)^k$ -symmetric HS form

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi: H_{\text{prim}}^k \otimes H_{\text{prim}}^k &\rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(-k) \\ x \otimes y &\mapsto (-1)^k \int_X x \cdot y \cdot \omega^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

The Hodge-Riemann bil. relation then shows it is a polarization, ie,  $(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^k \cdot \int_X (\sqrt{-1}^{q-p}) \cdot x \cdot \bar{x} \cdot \omega^{n-k} > 0$   
 for  $\forall x \in H_{\text{prim}}^{p,q} \subset H_{\text{prim}}^k$

The following is an equiv. defn

Def (ver 2) A HS of wt  $k$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vr  $V$  w/ a "decreasing" filtr.  $V_{\mathbb{C}} = \dots \supset F^0 \supset F^1 \supset F^2 \supset \dots$  s.t.  
 $V_{\mathbb{C}} = F^p \oplus \overline{F^{k-p+1}}$  for  $\forall p$ .

The two defn are related by  $\begin{cases} V^{p,q} = F^p \wedge \overline{F^q} \\ F^p = \bigoplus_{i \geq p} V^{i,q} \end{cases}$

Ex  $X$ : sm proj /  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $H^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$ : wt  $k$  HS. Its Hodge filtr. is as follows:

de Rham:  $\mathbb{C} \cong [\mathcal{O}_X \xrightarrow{d} \Omega_X \xrightarrow{d} \Omega_X^2 \xrightarrow{d} \dots \xrightarrow{d} \Omega_X^n] =: \Omega_X^\bullet$

Thm  $\exists$  Hodge-de Rham spectral seq.  
 $E_1^{p,q} := H^q(X, \Omega_X^p) \Rightarrow E^{p+q} = H^k(X, \mathbb{C})$   
 In fact, it degenerates at  $1^{st}$  page.

Set  $F^p \Omega_X^\bullet := [0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \Omega_X^p \xrightarrow{d} \Omega_X^{p+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega_X^n]$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\Omega_X^\bullet = [0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega_X^{p-1} \rightarrow \Omega_X^p \rightarrow \Omega_X^{p+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega_X^n]$

Then  $F^p := \text{im} (H^k(X, F^p \Omega_X^\bullet) \rightarrow H^k(X, \Omega_X^\bullet) = H^k(X, \mathbb{C}))$ .

But note that this doesn't prove  $V_{\mathbb{C}} = F^p \oplus \overline{F^{k-p+1}}$

(we never used the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -str. on the const. sheet  $\mathbb{C}$ .)

## §2. Mixed Hodge structures

Def A mixed Hodge str. is a f.d.m  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vs  $V$  equipped w/ two data  $W_\bullet$  &  $F^\bullet$ :

① (weight filtr.)  $W_\bullet$  is an increasing filtr.

$$\dots \subset W_0 \subset W_1 \subset W_2 \subset \dots = V \quad (\text{over } \mathbb{Q})$$

② (Hodge filtr.)  $F^\bullet$  is a decreasing filtr.

$$V_{\mathbb{C}} = \dots \supset F^0 \supset F^1 \supset F^2 \supset \dots \quad (\text{over } \mathbb{C})$$

③  $\text{Gr}_k^W V := W_k / W_{k-1}$  w/ an induced Hodge filtr.

$\text{Gr}_{k,\mathbb{C}} = \dots \supset F^0 \cap W_k / F^0 \cap W_{k-1} \supset \dots$  is a pure HS of wt  $k$ .

A hom. between two MHS  $V \xrightarrow{f} W$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vs hom respecting both filtrations.

Def A MHS is (graded) polarizable if  $\forall k$ -th graded pieces are polarizable PHS.

Thm ① Category of HS is an ab. cat

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Therefore, MHS is a series of extensions of PHS's.

$$\dots \subset W_0 \subset W_1 \subset W_2 \subset W_3 \subset \dots = V$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{wt } 0} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{wt } 1} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{wt } 2} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{wt } 3} \quad \dots$   
HS      HS      HS      HS

Thm (Deligne) Every alg. var  $X/\mathbb{C}$  <sup>of dim  $n$</sup>  admits a MHS on its cohomology  $H^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$ . In fact,

$$H^k(-, \mathbb{Q}) : (\text{Var}/\mathbb{C})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{MHS}) \quad \text{is a functor.}$$

Moreover,

① Assume  $X$  is smooth. Then

(i) For  $k \leq n$ ,  $H^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$  has wt  $[k, 2k]$

(ii) For  $k \geq n$ ,  $H^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$  has wt  $[k, 2n]$

② Assume  $X$  is proper. Then

(i) For  $k \leq n$ ,  $H^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$  has wt  $[0, k]$

(ii) For  $k \geq n$ ,  $H^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$  has wt  $[2k-2n, k]$

Remark If  $X$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -proj then the MHS are polarizable. Even if it's not, it's tempting to say this is true, but I cannot find a reference.

Remark  $H_c^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$ ,  $H^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$ ,  $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^{\text{an}}(X, \mathbb{Q})$  also have MHS.

This is explained by a more general theory of (mixed) Hodge modules and the  $\ell$ -function formalism implemented in their cats.

### §3. Examples

Ex Say  $X$ : sm proj and  $f: U \hookrightarrow X$  open subvar.

Then  $f^*: H^k(X, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^k(U, \mathbb{Q})$  is a MHS hom.

But ①  $X$ : sm proj  $\Rightarrow H^k(X, \mathbb{Q})$  has pure wt  $k$

②  $U$ : sm  $\Rightarrow H^k(U, \mathbb{Q})$  has wt  $\geq k$ .

$\therefore f^*: H^k(X, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow W_k H^k(U, \mathbb{Q}) \subset H^k(U, \mathbb{Q})$ .

In fact, it is known that the first map is surjective

Ex Say  $C$ : sm proj curve genus  $g$ .

$$Z := \{p_1, \dots, p_n\} \hookrightarrow C \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \quad U := C \setminus Z.$$

There's a "localization exact sequence"

(from  $i_* i^! \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow Rj_* j^{-1} \mathbb{Q}$ )

$$0 \rightarrow \cancel{H^0_2(C, \mathbb{Q})} \rightarrow H^0(C, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \cancel{H^0(U, \mathbb{Q})}$$

$$\rightarrow \cancel{H^1_2(C, \mathbb{Q})} \rightarrow H^1(C, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^1(U, \mathbb{Q})$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Res}} H^2_2(C, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^2(C, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \cancel{H^2(U, \mathbb{Q})} \rightarrow 0$$

This is a seq of MHS. It is a top'l fact that

$$H^0(U, \mathbb{Q}) = H^2(U, \mathbb{Q}) = 0, \quad H^1(U, \mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Q}^{2g+n-1}.$$



It is also a top'l fact that  $H_2^0(C, \mathbb{Q}) = H_2^1(C, \mathbb{Q}) = 0$   
 and  $H_2^2(C, \mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Q}^n$  ( $\because i^! \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}[-2](-1)$ ). In fact,  
 $H_2^2(C, \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}(-1)^n$  is a PHS of wt 2.

Finally, we know the PHS of  $H^*(C, \mathbb{Q})$ .

Altogether, this determines the MHS of  $H^1(U, \mathbb{Q})$ : It has

$$W_1 = H^1(C, \mathbb{Q}), \quad W_2/W_1 \cong \ker(H_2^2(C, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^2(C, \mathbb{Q})) \cong \mathbb{Q}(-1)^{n-1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Hodge numbers  $\begin{array}{c} \triangle \\ \text{g g} \\ \text{g} \\ \text{wt 1} \\ \text{wt 2} \end{array}$

Ex Say  $f: X \rightarrow S$  is a proj.  $\checkmark$  & surjective morphism between sm  
 proj vars. By generic smoothness,  $\exists$  dense Zar. open  $U \subset S$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F \xrightarrow{i} X_U \xrightarrow{j} X & \text{s.t. } f_U \text{ is sm proj.} \\ \downarrow \square f_U \downarrow \square \downarrow f & \text{Say } s \in U \text{ and } F = X_s \text{ : fiber} \\ \{s\} \hookrightarrow U \hookrightarrow S \end{array}$$

Claim  $\text{im}(H^k(X, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^k(F, \mathbb{Q})) = \text{im}(H^k(X_U, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^k(F, \mathbb{Q}))$   
 (i.e., we can ignore the sing. fibers)

Since  $j^*: H^k(X, \mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\cong} W_k H^k(X_U, \mathbb{Q})$ , the restr. map is  
 $W_k H^k(X_U, \mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{i^*} H^k(F, \mathbb{Q})$ . But the former has wt  $2k$

and the latter has  $\text{wt} = k \Rightarrow$  its image is the same as  
the image of  $i^*: H^k(X_n, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^k(F, \mathbb{Q})$ .