

# Module Structure of the Space of Holomorphic Polydifferentials

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# Setting

$k$  algebraically closed field (usually assume  $\text{char}(k) = p$ )

$X$  smooth projective curve over  $k$

$G$  finite group acting on  $X$

$\Omega_X$  sheaf of relative differentials of  $X$  over  $k$

For integer  $m \geq 1$ ,  $\Omega_X^{\otimes m} = \underbrace{\Omega_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \cdots \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \Omega_X}_{m \text{ times}}$

# General Problem

## Definition

Define the *space of holomorphic  $m$ -polydifferentials of  $X$  over  $k$*  to be the global sections of the sheaf  $\Omega_X^{\otimes m}$ .

Remarks:

- ▶ Zeroth cohomology gives global sections, denote by  $H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m})$
- ▶  $\Omega_X^{\otimes m}$  is  $G$ -equivariant  $\implies H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m})$  is a representation of  $G$
- ▶  $\dim_k H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}) = \begin{cases} g(X) & \text{if } m = 1 \\ (2m - 1)(g(X) - 1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- ▶  $\Omega_X^{\otimes m} \cong \mathcal{O}_X(mK_X)$ , where  $K_X$  is a canonical divisor on  $X$
- ▶ If  $m = 1$ , refer to  $H^0(X, \Omega_X)$  as the space of holomorphic differentials

# General Problem

Question (Hecke, 1928): How does  $H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m})$  decompose into a direct sum of indecomposable representations of  $G$ ?

Solved if  $\text{char}(k) = 0$  (Chevalley and Weil, 1934)

Assume that  $\text{char}(k) = p$

Can vary:

- ▶ Value of  $m$
- ▶ Ramification of the cover  $X \rightarrow X/G$
- ▶ Type of group  $G$

# Previous Work

Tamagawa (1951), unramified cover  $X \rightarrow X/G$ ,  $G$  cyclic

Nakajima (1976), tamely ramified cover  $X \rightarrow X/G$

Bleher, Chinburg, and Kontogeorgis (preprint, 2017),  $m = 1$ ,  $G$  has cyclic Sylow  $p$ -subgroups

Karanikolopoulos (2012),  $m > 1$ ,  $G$  cyclic  $p$ -group

# Result

## Theorem

*Let  $k$  be a perfect field of prime characteristic  $p$  and let  $G$  be finite group acting on a curve  $X$  over  $k$ . Assume that  $G$  has cyclic Sylow  $p$ -subgroups. For  $m > 1$ , the module structure of  $H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m})$  is determined by the inertia groups of closed points  $x \in X$  and their fundamental characters.*

Assume  $k$  is algebraically closed

Conlon induction theorem  $\implies$  assume that  $G = P \rtimes C$ ,  $P$  cyclic  $p$ -group,  $C$  cyclic group with  $p \nmid |C|$

# Representation Theory

$G = P \rtimes C$ ,  $k$  field of characteristic  $p$

$$|P| = p^n, |C| = c$$

Representation theory of  $G$  over  $k$  is well known

Simple  $kG$ -modules are the simple  $kC$ -modules

There are  $c \cdot p^n$  isomorphism classes of indecomposable representations of  $G$ , all uniserial

Determined by socle and dimension



# Technique

Galois cover of curves  $X \rightarrow X/G$

$$X \xrightarrow{\text{Wild}} Y \xrightarrow{\text{Tame}} X/G$$

$Y = X/Q$ ,  $Q = \langle \sigma \rangle$ , subgroup of  $P$  generated by Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of inertia groups

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Define  $M^{(j)} =$  Kernel of action of  $(\sigma - 1)^j$  on  $M$

Understand

$$(H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}))^{(j+1)} / (H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}))^{(j)}$$

as  $k[G/Q]$ -modules

# Wild Cover

$$\pi : X \rightarrow Y$$

Get effective divisor  $D_j$  on  $Y$  so that

$$\pi_* \Omega_X^{\otimes m, (j+1)} / \pi_* \Omega_X^{\otimes m, (j)} \cong \mathcal{O}_Y(D_j) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \Omega_Y^{\otimes m}$$

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Recall Riemann-Hurwitz formula

$$\pi_* \Omega_X = \pi_* \mathcal{D}_{X/Y}^{-1} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \Omega_Y$$

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Compare

$$(H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}))^{(j+1)} / (H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}))^{(j)}$$

and

$$H^0(Y, \pi_* \Omega_X^{\otimes m, (j+1)} / \pi_* \Omega_X^{\otimes m, (j)})$$

# Quotients

Get injective map

$$(H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}))^{(j+1)} / (H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}))^{(j)} \hookrightarrow H^0(Y, \pi_* \Omega_X^{\otimes m, (j+1)}) / \pi_* \Omega_X^{\otimes m, (j)}$$

Riemann-Roch Theorem  $\implies$  dimensions agree

$$(H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}))^{(j+1)} / (H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}))^{(j)} \cong H^0(Y, \pi_* \Omega_X^{\otimes m, (j+1)}) / \pi_* \Omega_X^{\otimes m, (j)}$$

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Understand

$$H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(D_j) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \Omega_Y^{\otimes m})$$

as a  $k[G/Q]$ -module

# Tame Cover

$Y \rightarrow X/G$  tamely ramified cover with Galois group  $G/Q$

$$\mathcal{O}_Y(D_j) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \Omega_Y^{\otimes m} \cong \mathcal{O}_Y(D_j + mK_Y)$$

Riemann-Roch Theorem  $\implies H^1(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(D_j) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \Omega_Y^{\otimes m}) = 0$

Nakajima (1986)  $\implies H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(D_j) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \Omega_Y^{\otimes m})$  projective  $k[G/Q]$ -module, gives formula for Brauer character

# Building $H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m})$

Know  $k[G/Q]$ -module structure of

$$(H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}))^{(j+1)} / (H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}))^{(j)}$$

All indecomposable  $kG$ -module are uniserial  $\implies$  get  $kG$ -module decomposition of  $H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m})$

# Modular Curves

$\ell \neq p$  prime,  $X(\ell)$  modular curve of level  $\ell$ ,  $k$  algebraically closed,  $\text{char}(k) = p$

Get smooth projective model  $X$  of  $X(\ell)$  over  $k$

$G = PSL(2, \mathbb{F}_\ell)$  acts on  $X$

$H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m})$  gives space of weight  $2m$  holomorphic cusp forms

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For  $p = 3$ , proof of theorem gives method for determining the decomposition of  $H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m})$  as a direct sum of indecomposable  $kG$ -modules

Uses Green correspondence, known structure of  $G$ , and known ramification of  $X \rightarrow X/G$

# Modular Curves, $p = 3$

The decomposition of  $H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m})$  depends on  $m \pmod 6$

If  $m \equiv 2 \pmod 3$ , then  $H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m})$  is projective

Verifies result of Köck (2004) for weakly ramified covers

# Modular Curves, $p = 3$ , $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Write  $\ell + 1 = 3^n \cdot 2 \cdot m''$

Simple  $kG$ -modules are  $T_0, \tilde{T}_t$  ( $0 \leq t \leq (m'' - 1)/2$ ),  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \eta^G$

$$H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes m}) = \left( \frac{m-a}{6} + c_m \right) P(T_0) \oplus \bigoplus_{t=0}^{(m''-1)/2} \frac{(2m-1)\ell + 5 - 14m}{12} P(\tilde{T}_t) \oplus \langle \gamma_1, \beta \rangle P(\gamma_1) \oplus \langle \gamma_2, \beta \rangle P(\gamma_2) \\ \oplus \bigoplus_{\eta} \langle \eta^G, \beta \rangle P(\eta^G) \oplus i_m \text{Str}(n) \oplus (1 - i_m) U_{0,3^{n-1}} \oplus \bigoplus_{t=1}^{(m''-1)/2} U_{t,2 \cdot 3^{n-1}}$$

where

$$m \equiv a \pmod{6}, \quad \delta_m = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \\ -1 & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$$

$$c_m = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } m \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \\ 0 & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \end{cases}, \quad i_m = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \\ 0 & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \gamma_1, \beta \rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{(2m-1)\ell - 19 + \delta_m 12 - 10m}{24} & \text{if } \ell \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ \frac{(2m-1)\ell - 19 - 10m}{24} & \text{if } \ell \equiv 5 \pmod{8} \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \gamma_2, \beta \rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{(2m-1)\ell + 17 - 10m}{24} & \text{if } \ell \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ \frac{(2m-1)\ell + 17 - \delta_m 12 - 10m}{24} & \text{if } \ell \equiv 5 \pmod{8} \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \eta^G, \beta \rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{(2m-1)\ell - 1 - \delta_m 6 - 10m}{12} & \text{if } \eta(s) = -1 \\ \frac{(2m-1)\ell - 1 + \delta_m 6 - 10m}{12} & \text{if } \eta(s) = 1 \end{cases}$$



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