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# Riemann Surfaces ①

Notation :  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$   
"  $\{1, 2, \dots\}$

Region in  $\mathbb{C}$  = Connected Open Subset

Analytic = Holomorphic

Reference : Complex Functions : An algebraic and geometric viewpoint  
( by Jones and Singerman )

### Example

$$z^k, n \in N, n > 1$$

- The function  $g: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $g(z) = z^n$ ,  $g$  is holomorphic
  - Question: Can we define the inverse of  $g$ ?
  - More precisely,  $\exists$ ? holomorphic  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f(z) = w \Leftrightarrow w^n = z \quad \forall w, z \in \mathbb{C}$
  - Answer: No, because  $g$  is not 1-1 (one could try to define  $f$  as a multi-valued function)
  - Question:  $\exists$ ? holomorphic  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f(z)^n = z \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$
  - Answer: No, because if  $\exists f$ ,  $\Rightarrow f(0) = 0$ , and  $n f(0)^{n-1} f'(0) = 1$ , a contradiction
  - Question: Can we define  $f$  on some nonface subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ ?
  - Answer: Yes. Let  $U = \{re^{i\theta} \mid r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}, 0 < \theta < 2\pi\}$
  - Define  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $f(r e^{i\theta}) = r^{\frac{1}{n}} e^{\frac{i\theta}{n}}$
  - $f$  continuous  $\Rightarrow f$  is holomorphic because  $f(z)^n = z \quad \forall z \in U$

## Example

$\log z$

- The function  $g: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is defined by  $g(z) = e^z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} z^n$
- $g$  is holomorphic
- Question: Can we define the inverse of  $g$ ?

More precisely,  $\exists$ ? holomorphic  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $e^{f(z)} = z \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$

- Answer: No, otherwise  $e^{f(0)} = 0$  which is not possible.
- But we can define  $f$  on  $U = \{re^{i\theta} \mid r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}, 0 < \theta < 2\pi\}$  by  $f(re^{i\theta}) = \ln(r) + \theta i$
- $f$  is continuous and  $e^{f(z)} = z \quad \forall z \in U \Rightarrow f$  is holomorphic.

## Remark

In both examples,  $f$  cannot be extended to  $\mathbb{C}$ , even as a continuous function.

## Definition

A function element is of the form  $(U, f)$  where  $U$  is a region and  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic.



Assume that  $(U_1, f_1)$  and  $(U_2, f_2)$  are function elements, such that  $U_1 \cap U_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $f_1 = f_2$  on  $U_1 \cap U_2$ .

Then we say that  $(U_2, f_2)$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(U_1, f_1)$ .  
(Note,  $f_2$  is uniquely determined by  $f_1$ ).

Example :  $U_1 = D(0, 1)$ ,  $f_1(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$ ,

$D(a, r)$  is the open disc with centre  $a$  and radius  $r$ )

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$(U_i, f_i)$  is a function element.

- Put  $U_2 = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$ ,  $f_2(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$

-  $f_1$  is the power series expansion of  $f_2$  near  $0 \Rightarrow f_2 = f_1$  on  $U_1 = U_1 \cap U_2$

-  $(U_2, f_2)$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(U_1, f_1)$

Definition

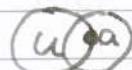
A function element  $(V, g)$  is an analytic continuation of a function element  $(U, f)$  if  $\exists$  function elements  $(U_i, f_i)$  such that  $(U_i, f_i) = (U, f)$ ,  $(U_n, f_n) = (V, g)$

and  $(U_{i+1}, f_{i+1})$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(U_i, f_i)$

$\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$

Remark

Analytic continuation defines an equivalence relation on the set of function elements. An equivalence class is called a complete holomorphic function.

Definition

$(U, f)$  a function element. A point  $a \in \partial U$  is called regular if  $\exists$  a direct analytic continuation  $(V, g)$  such that  $a \in V$

Otherwise  $a$  is called singular.

If every point of  $\partial U$  is singular we say that  $\partial U$  is the natural boundary of  $(U, f)$ .

Example

Let  $U_k = \{re^{i\theta} \mid r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}, \frac{k\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi + \frac{k\pi}{2}\}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 4n$

Let  $f_k: U_k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $f_k(re^{i\theta}) = r^{\frac{1}{n}} e^{i\frac{\theta}{n}}$

$(U_k, f_k)$  is a function element and  $(U_{k+1}, f_{k+1})$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(U_k, f_k)$ .  ~~$\mathcal{U}_k \xrightarrow{f_k} \mathcal{U}_{k+1} \xrightarrow{f_{k+1}}$~~

All the  $(U_k, f_k)$  determine a complete holomorphic function.

If  $n \geq 1$ , we have  $f_0 \neq f_q$  although  $U_0 = U_q$ .

However,  $f_0 = f_{qn}$ . (Imagine the  $U_i$  looking like a spiral staircase.)

By putting the  $U_i$  together (as explained) we get a space  $\mathfrak{Y}$  and a function  $f: \mathfrak{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

### Example

$U_k$  as above,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $f_k: U_k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $f_k(re^{i\theta}) = \ln(r) + i\theta$ .

$(U_{k+1}, f_{k+1})$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(U_k, f_k) \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$

So all of the  $(U_k, f_k)$  determine a complete holomorphic function.

### Remark

There are many other ways to construct Riemann Surfaces.

- Quotient Spaces : Consider  $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}i$ , a subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}$

We can form  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}i$ , a group but also a topological space.

Locally,  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}i$  looks like open discs. Actually,  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}i$  also has a holomorphic structure.

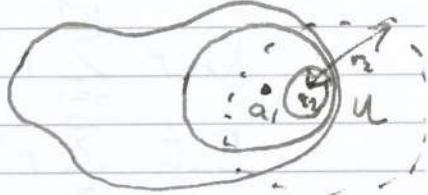
- Algebraic Curves : Take polynomials  $p(z, w)$ . Consider

$$\{(a, b) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid p(a, b) = 0\}$$

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### Remark



Analytic continuation using power series :

Suppose that  $(U, f)$  is a function element. Pick  $a_1 \in U$ . Let  $U_1 = D(a_1, r_1)$  be the largest open disc with centre  $a_1$  and contained within  $U$ . Then  $\exists$  a power-series  $f_1$  which represents  $f$  on  $U_1$ . Then  $(U_1, f_1)$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(U, f)$ .

Choose  $a_2 \in U$ , such that  $a_2 \neq a_1$ . Let  $U_2 = D(a_2, r_2)$  be the largest open disc with centre at  $a_2$  such that  $U_2 \subseteq U_1$ .  
 $\exists$  a power series  $f_2$  on  $U_2$  which represents  $f_1$ . Then  $(U_2, f_2)$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(U_1, f_1)$ .

Let  $r_2$  be the radius of convergence of  $f_2$ . Then  $(U_3, f_3)$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(U_2, f_2)$  where  $U_3 = D(a_2, r_2)$  and  $f_3$  is the extension of  $f_2$  to  $U_3$ . Continue this process.

### Example

Let  $U = D(0, 1)$ ,  $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^{n!}$ . We show that  $\partial U$  is the natural boundary of  $(U, f)$  i.e. every point of  $\partial U$  is a singular point of  $(U, f)$ .

It is enough to show that if  $a = e^{2\pi p/q} \in \partial U$ ,  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $q \neq 0$ , then  $a$  is a singular point of  $(U, f)$  (since much points are dense in  $\partial U$ ). We will calculate

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} f(re^{2\pi p/q}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^{n!} e^{2\pi p n! / q} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{q-1} r^{n!} e^{2\pi p n! / q} + \sum_{n=q}^{\infty} r^{n!} e^{2\pi p n! / q} \right)$$

Now  $\sum_{n=1}^{q-1} r^{n!} e^{2\pi \frac{q}{n} n! i}$  is bounded independently of  $r$ .

But  $\sum_{n=q}^{\infty} r^{n!}$  is not bounded:  $\forall L \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\exists q' > q$  and  $\exists r$

such that  $\sum_{n=q}^{\infty} r^{n!} > \sum_{n=q}^{q'} r^{n!} \geq (q' - q) r^{q'!} > L$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=q}^{\infty} r^{n!}$  diverges  $\Rightarrow f(z)$  has no limit near  $a$ .

$\Rightarrow \nexists$  an analytic continuation of  $(U, f)$  near  $a$ .

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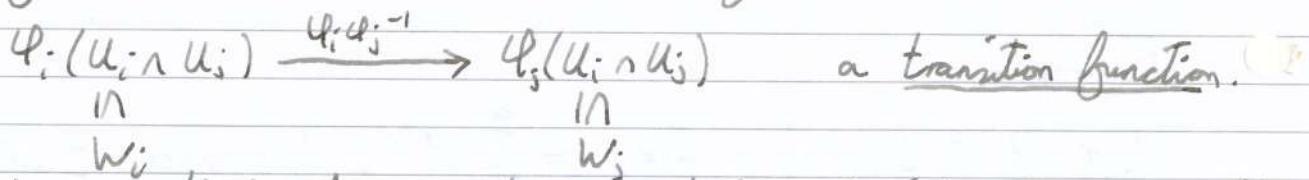
A (topological) surface is a Hausdorff topological space  $X$  such that locally,  $X$  looks like 'open sets in  $\mathbb{C}$ '. More precisely,

we have a covering  $X = \bigcup_i U_i$ , of open sets, and we have homeomorphisms  $\varphi_i : U_i \rightarrow W_i \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ ,  $W_i$  open in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

We call  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$  a chart or a coordinate neighbourhood.

$A = \{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}$  is called an atlas. 

If  $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$ , we call the function

$\varphi_j : (U_i \cap U_j) \xrightarrow{\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1}} \varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$  a transition function. 

We say that  $A$  is analytic or holomorphic if all the transition functions are holomorphic.

Two atlases  $A, B$  are equivalent if  $A \cup B$  is also holomorphic.

An equivalence class is then called a complex structure.

A surface with a complex structure is called a Riemann Surface.

(Informally, a Riemann Surface is a surface on which we can talk about holomorphic functions).

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Example

Suppose  $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is an open set. Take  $U = X$ ,  $W = X$ ,

$\varphi : U \rightarrow W$  the identity.  $A = \{(U, \varphi)\}$  is a holomorphic atlas on  $X \Rightarrow$  it defines a complex structure on  $X \Rightarrow X$  is a Riemann surface

Example

Assume that  $X$  is a Riemann surface with a complex structure.

$A = \{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}$ . Let  $Y \subseteq X$  be an open set. Then  $Y$  is a Riemann surface in the natural way, that is, by the complex

structure  $B = \{(Y \cap U_i, \varphi_i|_{Y \cap U_i})\}$

$$S^2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$

Example (Riemann Sphere)

Let  $X = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , with  $\infty$  an extra point.

The open sets  $U \subseteq X$  are of the following forms :

- i)  $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  open in  $\mathbb{C}$
  - ii)  $\infty \in U$  and  $X \setminus U$  is compact in  $\mathbb{C}$
- $\left. \begin{matrix} \\ \text{One-point compactification} \\ \text{of } \mathbb{C} \end{matrix} \right\}$

Let  $U_1 = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $U_2 = X \setminus \{0\}$

$\varphi_1 : U_1 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} W_1 = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\varphi_2 : U_2 \rightarrow W_2 = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z \mapsto \frac{1}{z}$ ,  $\infty \mapsto 0$

Then  $A = \{(U_1, \varphi_1), (U_2, \varphi_2)\}$  is an atlas.

We have  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and the functions

$\varphi_1(U_1 \cap U_2) \rightarrow \varphi_2(U_1 \cap U_2)$ ,  $w \mapsto \frac{1}{w}$

$\varphi_2(U_1 \cap U_2) \rightarrow \varphi_1(U_1 \cap U_2)$ ,  $w \mapsto \frac{1}{w}$  holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$

$\Rightarrow A$  is holomorphic. Note that  $X$  is compact.

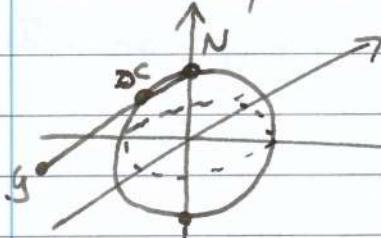


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### Example

Riemann Sphere  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , stereographic projection



$x \mapsto y$  gives a map  $S^2 \setminus \{N\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

This is a 1-1 correspondence and actually a homeomorphism.

If  $N \in U \subseteq S^2$  then  $f(U \setminus \{N\}) = \text{complement of some compact set in } \mathbb{C}$ .  
By putting  $f(N) = \infty$ , we get a 1-1 correspondence  $S^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} X$  (a homeomorphism).

The Riemann Sphere is also denoted  $\mathbb{CP}^1$ ,  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{C}^1$ .

### Example (Complex Tori)

A torus is simply  $S^1 \times S^1$ .

We could also define the torus as a quotient.



$\text{Def } \pi^{-1}$ : A lattice  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is a subgroup generated by two linearly independent  $\mathbb{R}$ -vectors  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ :  $\Lambda = \{m\lambda_1 + n\lambda_2 : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

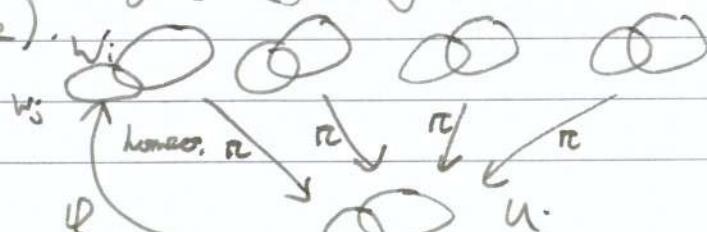
We put  $X = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ . Topologically,  $X$  is just the torus, because  $X$  is topologically the same as the quotient of  $\mathbb{P}$  by identifying the opposite sides.  $X$  also has an algebraic structure.  $X$  is a surface.

First note that we have a quotient map  $\mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ ,  $z \mapsto [z]$ .  $X$  carries the quotient topology.

$U \subseteq X$  is open  $\Leftrightarrow \pi^{-1}(U) \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is open.

$x \in X$

For each point, choose a small neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  is a disjoint union of infinitely many exact copies of  $U$  (in a topological sense).



Pick one copy (say  $U$ ) and let  $\varphi : U \rightarrow V$  be the inverse of  $\pi$ .  
So,  $(U, \varphi)$  is a chart near  $\infty$ .

If we do the same for every point in  $X$ , we get an atlas.

$$A = \{ (U_i, \varphi_i) \}$$

So  $X$  is a topological surface.

$X$  is a Riemann Surface: We must show that  $A$  is holomorphic.

The transition functions are of the following form:

$$\text{if } U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset, \quad \varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j) \rightarrow \varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j) \quad \boxed{\text{holomorphic}} \\ z \mapsto z + \alpha \quad \text{for some } \alpha \in \mathbb{A}$$

$\varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j)$  and  $\varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$  are both mapped to  
 $U_i \cap U_j$  homeomorphically ( $\pi(z_1) = \pi(z_2) \Leftrightarrow z_1 - z_2 \in \mathbb{A}$ )

So  $A$  is holomorphic.

### Example (Algebraic Curves)

Recall the Implicit Function Theorem:

Let  $P(z, u) \in \mathbb{C}[z, u]$ , and assume  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial u}(a, b) \neq 0$ ,  
then  $\exists$  open sets  $W, V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  and a unique holomorphic  $\psi : W \rightarrow V$   
such that for  $(a, b) \in W \times V$ ,  $P(a, b) = 0 \Leftrightarrow b = \psi(a)$ .

Informally, in some neighbourhood  $\mathbb{C}^2$ , the second coordinate  
of solutions of  $P$  is a function of the first coordinate.

### Definition

Pick  $P(z, u) \in \mathbb{C}[z, u]$ , non-zero, irreducible.

Then, the set  $X = \{ (a, b) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid P(a, b) = 0 \}$  is called  
an (affine) algebraic curve.

We say that  $(a, b) \in X$  is smooth if  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial z}(a, b) \neq 0$  or  
 $\frac{\partial P}{\partial u}(a, b) \neq 0$ . Otherwise we say that  $(a, b)$  is singular.

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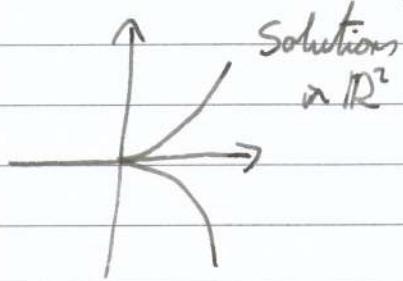
Example

$$P(z, u) = u^2 - z^3$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = -3z^2, \frac{\partial P}{\partial u} = 2u$$

$$\text{If } \frac{\partial P}{\partial z}(a, b) = -3a^2 = 0, \frac{\partial P}{\partial u}(a, b) = 2b = 0 \Rightarrow (a, b) = (0, 0)$$

So  $(0, 0)$  is the only singular point of the curve defined by  $P$ .



$$P(z, u) = z^2 + u^2 - 1$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = 2z, \frac{\partial P}{\partial u} = 2u, \text{ if } \frac{\partial P}{\partial z}(a, b) = \frac{\partial P}{\partial u}(a, b) = 0, \\ \text{then } 2a = 2b = 0 \Rightarrow (a, b) = (0, 0)$$

But  $P(0, 0) \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  Every point is smooth.

Example

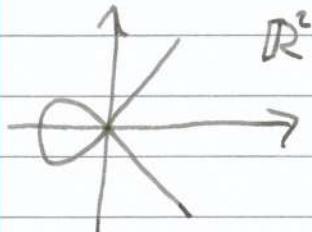
$$P(z, u) = u^2 - z^3 - z^2$$

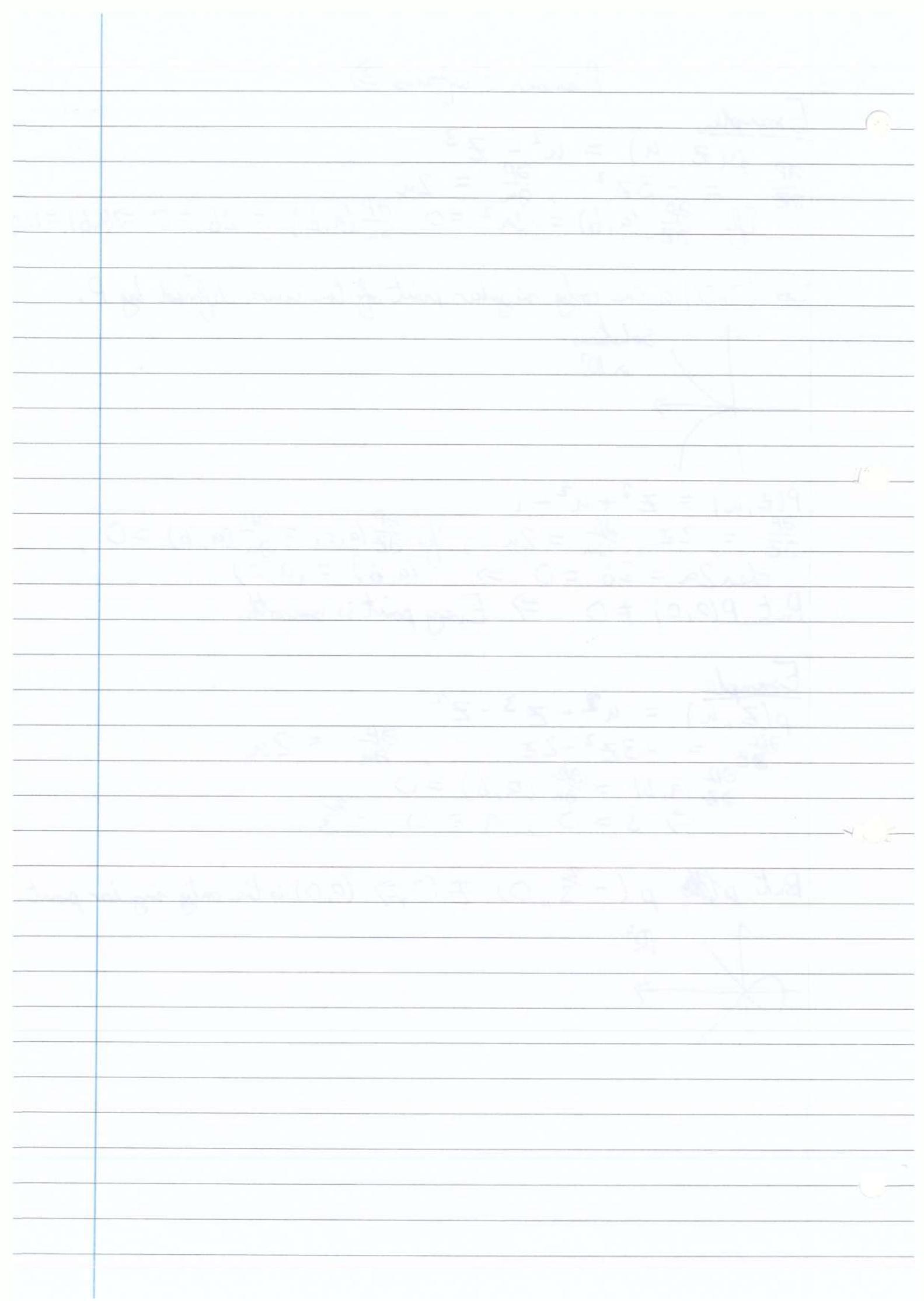
$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = -3z^2 - 2z, \frac{\partial P}{\partial u} = 2u$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z}(a, b) = \frac{\partial P}{\partial u}(a, b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0, a = 0, -\frac{2}{3}$$

But  $P(-\frac{2}{3}, 0) \neq 0 \Rightarrow (0, 0)$  is the only singular point





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Examples of Riemann Surfaces

Let  $p \in \mathbb{C}[z, u]$  be a non-constant irreducible polynomial and

$$X = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid p(a, b) = 0\}$$
 the associated algebraic curve.

$$X \text{ is smooth if } \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a, b) \neq 0 \text{ or } \frac{\partial p}{\partial u}(a, b) \neq 0 \quad \forall (a, b) \in X$$

Theorem

A smooth algebraic curve is (naturally) a Riemann Surface.

Proof

Let  $p, X$  be as above.  $\mathbb{C}^2$  has the product topology induced by the usual topology on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$  inherits a topology from  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

Pick  $(a, b) \in X$ , and WLOG assume that  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a, b) \neq 0$ . Then, by the Implicit Function Theorem  $\exists V, W \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ , open, and a holomorphism  $\Psi: W \rightarrow V$  such that  $(a, b) \in V \times W$  and for any  $(a', b') \in V \times W$ ,  $(a', b') \in X \Leftrightarrow a' = \Psi(b')$ .

Put  $U = V \times W \cap X$ , and define  $\varphi: U \rightarrow W$  by

$\varphi((a', b')) = b'$ .  $\varphi$  is a homeomorphism: its inverse is given by  $b' \mapsto (\Psi(b'), b')$ .  $(U, \varphi)$  is then a chart near  $(a, b)$ .

On the other hand, if  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a, b) = 0$ , then  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial u}(a, b) \neq 0$ .

In this case, we can define a chart  $(U, \varphi)$  in a similar way.

By the Implicit Function Theorem,  $\exists V, W \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ , open, and a holomorphic  $\Psi: V \rightarrow W$  such that  $(a, b) \in V \times W$  and for any  $(a', b') \in V \times W$ ,  $(a', b') \in X \Leftrightarrow b' = \Psi(a')$ .

Again, put  $U = V \times W \cap X$  and define  $U \rightarrow V$  by

$$\varphi(a', b') = a', \text{ so } (U, \varphi) \text{ is a chart.}$$

Carrying out this process for all  $(a, b) \in X$  determines an atlas  $\mathcal{A} = \{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a holomorphic atlas.

We need to show that the transition functions  $\varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j) \rightarrow \varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$

Assume that  $(U_i, \varphi_i), (U_j, \varphi_j)$  are defined near  $(a_i, b_i), (a_j, b_j)$ .

If  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a_i, b_i) \neq 0 \neq \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a_j, b_j)$ , then the transition function is simply the identity ( $\Rightarrow$  holomorphic).

If  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a_i, b_i) = 0 = \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a_j, b_j)$ , then again, the transition function is the identity ( $\Rightarrow$  holomorphic).

If  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a_i, b_i) \neq 0 = \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a_j, b_j)$  then the transition function is simply  $\psi_i$  (produced by the Implicit Function Theorem, holomorphic).

Finally, if  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a_i, b_i) = 0 \neq \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a_j, b_j)$  then the transition function is again  $\psi_i$  (holomorphic).

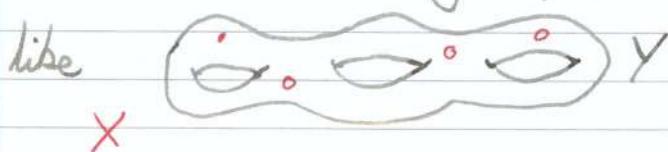
$\therefore \mathcal{A}$  defines a complex structure on  $X$ , and  $X$  is a Riemann Surface.

Remark (Topology of Algebraic Curves)

Let  $p, X$  be as above. It is easy to draw a picture for the solutions of  $p$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$X$  can be compactified into a new, compact Riemann Surface  $\bar{X}$ .

It is well known that every compact Riemann Surface looks topologically like



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Then  $X = Y \setminus \{\text{finite set}\}$

The number of holes in  $Y$  can be determined by the equation  $p$ .

There is also a close relation between Topology and Arithmetic (Weil Conjecture).

### Example

Let  $p = u - z^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $X$  its algebraic curve.

$X$  is smooth because  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}(a, b) = 1 \quad \forall (a, b) \in X$ .

Define  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $f(a, b) = b$ .

Let  $b \in \mathbb{C}$ .  $f^{-1}(b) = \{(0, 0)\}$  if  $b = 0$ .

$f^{-1}(b) = \text{exactly } n \text{ distinct points} = \{(a, b) \mid a^n = b\}$  if  $b \neq 0$ .

We could consider the inverse of  $f$  as the multi-valued function  
 $b \mapsto f^{-1}(b)$ .

Recall the start of the course where we tried to define  $z^{\frac{1}{n}}$ .  $X$  is essentially the Riemann Surface obtained by glueing open sets in the analytic continuation of  $\mathbb{C}^{\times}$ .

### Example (Elliptic Curves)

Let  $p = u^2 - z^3 + z$  and  $X$  its algebraic curve.

$X$  is smooth :  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -3z^2 + 1$  and  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial u} = 2u$

Such curves are called Elliptic Curves (needs more precise formulation)

Such curves are extremely important in number theory.

We can compactify  $X$  into  $Y$  by adding one point.

Topologically,  $Y$  looks like a complex torus.



$Y = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  for some lattice  $\Lambda$ .

Remark (Non-Examinable)

Let  $P_1, P_2$  be non-constant irreducible polynomials and  $X_1, X_2$  their algebraic curves.  $X_1 = X_2 \Rightarrow P_2 = aP_1$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ .

(But we could have  $X_1 \xrightarrow{\text{biholomorphic}} X_2$ , but even  $\deg P_1 \neq \deg P_2$ )

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## Riemann Surfaces ⑤

### Holomorphic Maps

#### Definition

Let  $X, Y$  be Riemann Surfaces with given complex structures

$$A = \{(U_i, \varphi_i)\} \text{ on } X, B = \{(V_j, \psi_j)\} \text{ on } Y.$$

A continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called holomorphic if for each  $i, j$ , the map  $\psi_j \circ f \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$  is holomorphic.

The map  $\psi_j \circ f \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$  sends  $\varphi_i(U_i \cap f^{-1}(V_j))$  to  $W_\alpha$ .

#### Example

1. Suppose that  $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is open and  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic in the sense of complex analysis.  $A = \{(U, \varphi = \text{id})\}, B = \{(\mathbb{C}, \psi = \text{id})\}$

Then  $\psi \circ f = f \Rightarrow$  holomorphic in the sense of Riemann Surfaces

2. Let  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be a lattice and let  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \frac{\mathbb{C}}{\Lambda}$  be the quotient map,  $f(z) = [z]$ . A complex torus

$$A = \{(U = \mathbb{C}, \varphi = \text{id})\}, B = \{(V_\alpha, \psi_\alpha)\}$$

where  $B$  is the complex structure defined in earlier lectures.

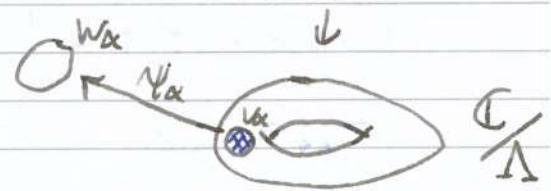
$f$  is continuous by definition of  $f$ .



Pick  $(V_\alpha, \psi_\alpha)$

$$\text{The map } \psi_\alpha \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1} : f^{-1}(V_\alpha) \rightarrow W_\alpha$$

is given by a translation on each component of  $f^{-1}(V_\alpha)$ . In particular these are all holomorphic. So  $f$  is holomorphic.



### Definition

A holomorphic map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called biholomorphic, or a conformal equivalence if  $f$  is a homeomorphism and  $f^{-1}$  is also holomorphic.

### Definition

A holomorphic map  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is called a holomorphic function on a Riemann Surface  $X$ . A holomorphic map  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  is called a meromorphic function on  $X$ .

### Example

Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  an open set,  $g$  a meromorphic function on  $U$  in the sense of Complex Analysis.  $g$  determines (uniquely) a holomorphic map  $U \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Define

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} g(z) & \text{if } z \text{ is not a pole of } g. \\ \infty & \text{if } z \text{ is a pole of } g. \end{cases}$$

$f$  is continuous (exercise).

$$A = \left\{ (U, \varphi = \text{id}) \right\}_{\text{on } U}, B = \{(V_1, \psi_1), (V_2, \psi_2)\}$$

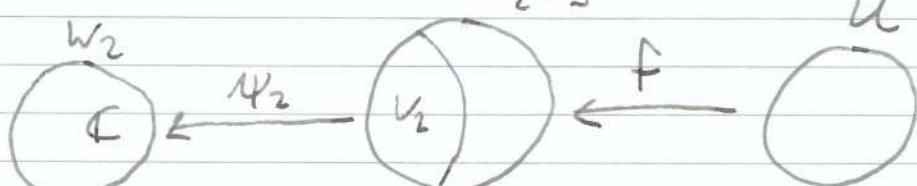
Consider  $\Psi_1 \circ \Psi_2^{-1} \circ \psi_1 \circ \varphi^{-1} : f^{-1}V_1 \rightarrow W_1 = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z \mapsto g(z)$   
 $(V_1 = \mathbb{C}, \psi_1 = \text{id}, W_1 = \mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow \Psi_1 \circ \Psi_2^{-1} \circ \psi_1 \circ \varphi^{-1}$  is holomorphic

Consider  $\Psi_2 \circ \varphi^{-1} : f^{-1}V_2 = U \setminus \text{zeros of } g \rightarrow W_2 = \mathbb{C}$

$$z \mapsto \frac{1}{g(z)} \Rightarrow \text{holomorphic.}$$

So  $f$  is holomorphic.

$\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$



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## Riemann Surfaces (5)

### Theorem (Open Mapping)

Suppose that  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a non-constant holomorphic map between connected Riemann Surfaces. If  $U \subseteq X$  is open then  $f(U) \subseteq Y$  is open.

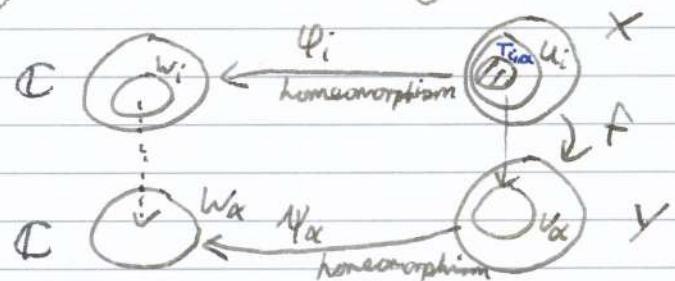
#### Proof

Let  $A = \{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}$  on  $X$  and  $B = \{(V_\alpha, \psi_\alpha)\}$  on  $Y$  be complex structures. Let  $T_{i,\alpha} = U_i \cap U_i \cap f^{-1}(V_\alpha)$ , open in  $X$ .

Now,  $f(U) = \bigcup_{i,\alpha} f(T_{i,\alpha})$ . It is enough to show that each  $f(T_{i,\alpha})$  is open in  $Y$ .

Since  $\varphi_i, \psi_\alpha$  are homeomorphisms, it is enough to show that the image of  $\varphi_i(T_{i,\alpha})$  is open in  $V_\alpha$  under the map  $\psi_\alpha \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$ .

Since  $f$  is holomorphic,  $\psi_\alpha \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$  is holomorphic. The desired property of  $\varphi_i(T_{i,\alpha})$  follows from the Open Mapping Theorem in classic Complex Analysis.



#### Corollary

Suppose that  $X$  is a connected, compact Riemann Surface.

Any holomorphic map  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is constant.

#### Proof

Assume  $f$  non-constant.

By the Open Mapping Theorem,  $f(X)$  is open  $\subseteq \mathbb{C}$ .

Since  $X$  is compact,  $f(X)$  is also compact ( $f(X)$  closed in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $f(X) \neq \mathbb{C}$ )

This is impossible because  $C$  is a connected topological space  
(because  $f(X)$  should be a connected component of  $C$ ).

### Example

Let  $P \in \mathbb{C}[z, w]$  be a non-zero irreducible polynomial and  $X$  its algebraic curve.  $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$ . Define  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f(a, b) = a$ .

We show that  $f$  is holomorphic :

$f$  is continuous (exercise).  $A = \{(u_i, \varphi_i)\}$  on  $X$ ,  $B = \{(v, \psi)\}$  on  $\mathbb{C}$

The function " $\psi f \varphi_i^{-1}$ " is given as

$$\begin{cases} a \mapsto a & \text{if } \varphi_i: u_i \rightarrow w_i \text{ is given by } \varphi_i(a, b) = a \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} b \mapsto \mu(b) & \text{if } \varphi_i: u_i \rightarrow w_i \text{ is given by } \varphi_i(a, b) = b \end{cases}$$

where  $\mu$  is given by the Implicit Function Theorem. (Caution: Different Remember that the inverse of  $\varphi_i$  is given by  $b \mapsto (\mu(b), b)$  ).

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## Riemann Surfaces ⑥

Local Representation of Holomorphic MapsTheorem

Suppose that  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a non-constant map between Riemann Surfaces. Then, locally,  $f$  is represented by  $z \mapsto z^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . More precisely, for every  $x \in X$  ( $y = f(x)$ ), we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D(0, 1) & \xleftarrow{\sigma} & U \ni x \\ \downarrow g & & \downarrow f \\ D(0, 1) & \xleftarrow{\tau} & V \ni y \end{array} \quad \tau f = g\sigma, \quad g(z) = z^n, \quad \sigma(x) = 0$$

$\tau(y) = 0, \quad \sigma, \tau \text{ biholomorphic}, \quad U, V \text{ open}$

Proof

Let  $A = \{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}$  on  $X$ ,  $B = \{(V_\alpha, \psi_\alpha)\}$  on  $Y$  be holomorphic

$\begin{matrix} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow \psi_i \end{matrix}$  atlases defining complex structures.  $\exists i, \alpha$  such that  
 $x \in U_i, y \in V_\alpha \quad (x \in U_i \cap f^{-1}V_\alpha)$

$\begin{matrix} C & \xrightarrow{h} & C \\ \downarrow & & \end{matrix}$  It is enough to prove the local representation statement for  $h$  which is defined on  $\varphi_i(U_i \cap f^{-1}V_\alpha)$  as  $\psi_\alpha \circ f \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$ .

(since  $f$  is holomorphic,  $h$  is holomorphic by definition.)

We replace  $\psi_\alpha$  and  $\varphi_i(U_i \cap f^{-1}V_\alpha)$  by open discs  $D(x', \hat{r})$ ,  $D(y', s)$ . By a simple change of variables, we can assume that

$x' = 0, y' = 0$ . Let  $r$  be the order of vanishing of  $h$  at 0.

We can write  $h(z) = z^r p(z)$  where  $p$  is holomorphic and  $p(0) \neq 0$ . After replacing  $r$  with a smaller number if necessary we can assume that  $P(D(0, r)) \subseteq \{te^{i\theta} \mid \frac{k\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi + \frac{k\pi}{2}\} = 1$

where  $t \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . Recall that we have a holomorphic function

$d: H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by composing  $d(te^{i\theta}) = t^k e^{i\theta n}$ . Composing  $p, d$  gives a holomorphic function  $q: D(0, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $p(z) = q(z)^n$ . Next we write  $\text{let } z^n p(z) = z^n (q(z))^n = (zq(z))$ . Now  $zq(z)$  vanishes at 0 but  $(zq(z))'(0) \neq 0$  ( $\Rightarrow$  locally,  $zq(z)$  defines a biholomorphic map).  $\hookrightarrow$  or  $h(z)$  would have higher vanishing order

Again, maybe after taking a smaller  $r$ , we can say that

$zq(z)$  maps  $D(0, r)$  onto some open set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  such that

$D(0, r) \xrightarrow{zq(z)}$  A is biholomorphic.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D(0, r) & \xrightarrow[\substack{\text{biholomorphic} \\ \downarrow h \\ zq}]{} & A \\ & \swarrow w \quad \searrow w^n & \\ D(0, s) & \xleftarrow{w^n} & \end{array}$$

Then we have a commutative diagram

So it is enough to focus on  $A \rightarrow D(0, s)$ ,  $w \mapsto w^n$

We could replace A by some open disc, denoted again by  $D(0, r')$ .

First, we could replace s with  $r'^n$ . Finally, note that the

diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D(0, 1) & \xleftarrow[\substack{\text{biholomorphic} \\ \downarrow r' \\ D(0, r')}]{} & D(0, r') \\ \downarrow z^n & \swarrow w^n & \downarrow \\ D(0, 1) & \xleftarrow[\substack{\text{biholomorphic} \\ \downarrow w \\ D(0, r'^n)}]{} & D(0, r'^n) \end{array}$$

□

### Definition

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a non-constant holomorphic map between Riemann Surfaces. Pick  $x \in X$ . We define the branching order of  $f$  at  $x$ , denoted  $v_f(x)$ , to be  $= n$ , when  $f$  is locally, near  $x$ , represented by  $z \mapsto z^n$ . If  $n \geq 1$ , we call  $x$  a ramification point of  $f$  and call  $f(x)$  a branch point of  $f$ .

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Example

1. Let  $f: D(0, 1) \rightarrow D(0, 1)$  be given by  $f(z) = z^n$ . By definition,

$v_f(0) = n$ . But  $v_f(x) = 1$  for any  $x \neq 0$  because  $f'(x) \neq 0$ .

2. Let  $f: \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  be the function  $f(z) = \begin{cases} z^4 + 2z^2 + 1 & z \neq \infty \\ \infty & z = \infty \end{cases}$

We will see that  $f$  is holomorphic. We calculate branching ~~centers~~.

$f$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}$  and the ramification points of  $f$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  are given by the roots of  $f'(z) = 4z^3 + 4z = 4z(z^2 + 1)$ .

So, the points are  $0, i, -i$ . Now :

$v_f(0) = 2$ , since  $f''(0) \neq 0$ . Similarly,  $v_f(i) = v_f(-i) = 2$ .

It remains to treat  $f$  near  $\infty$ .

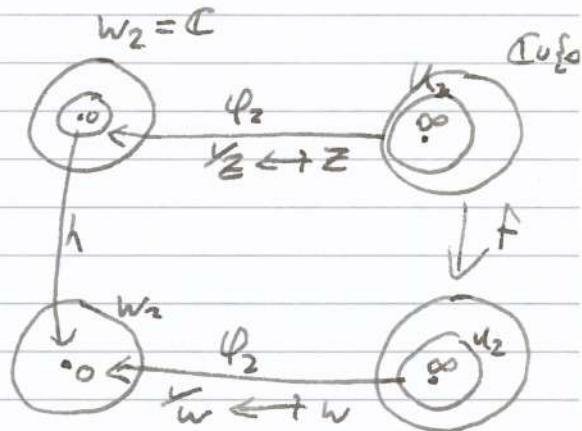
$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (U_1, \varphi_1), (U_2, \varphi_2) \\ \subset \mathbb{C} \text{ id } (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \cup \{\infty\} \end{array} \right.$$

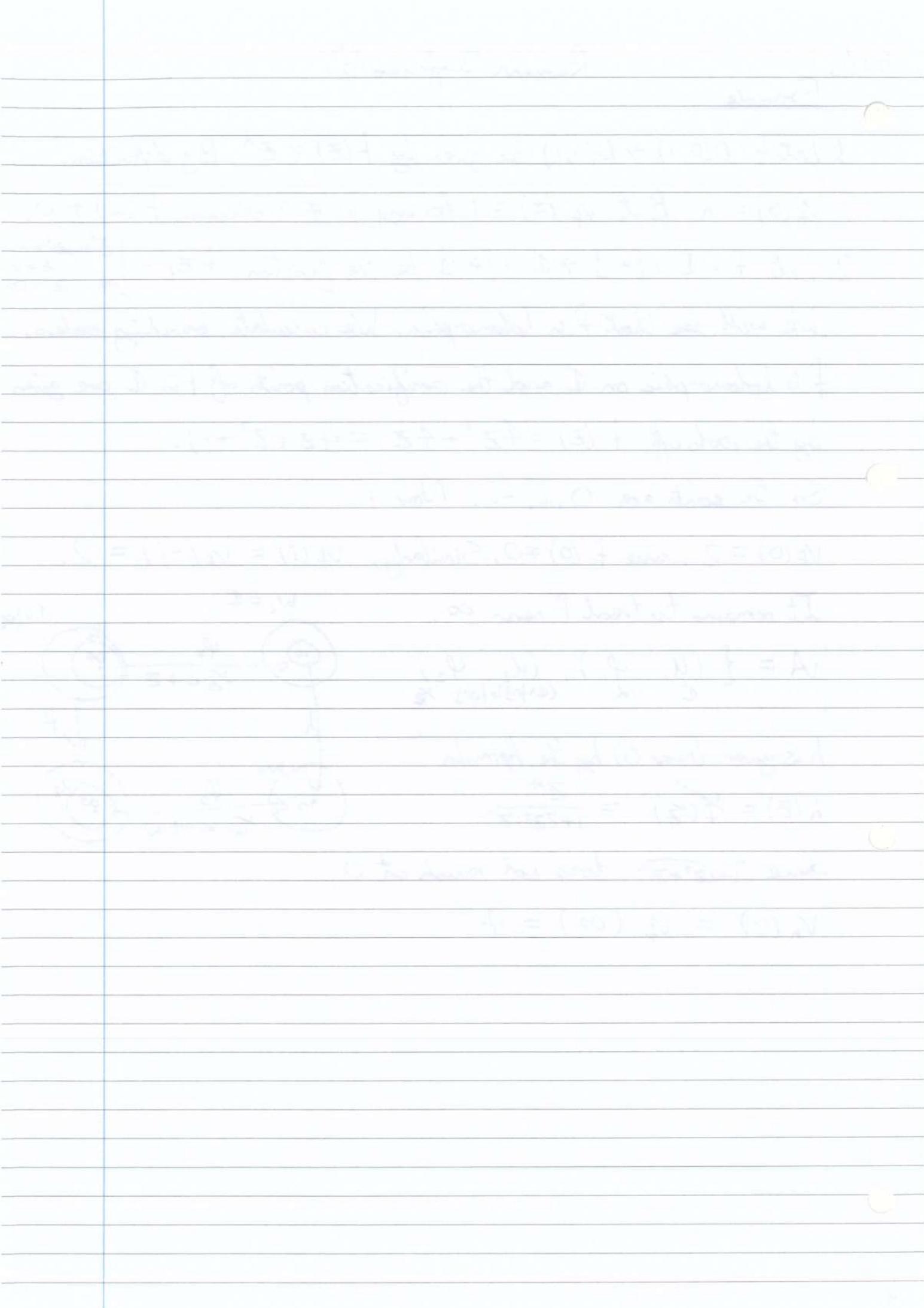
$h$  is given (near  $0$ ) by the formula

$$h(z) = f(\frac{1}{z}) = \frac{z^4}{1+2z^2+z^4}$$

Since  $\frac{1}{1+2z^2+z^4}$  does not vanish at  $0$ ,

$$v_h(0) = v_f(\infty) = 4$$





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## Riemann Surfaces (7)

Definition

A rational function is of the form  $\frac{P}{Q}$ , where  $P, Q$  are polynomials in  $\mathbb{C}[Z]$ , where we assume that  $P, Q$  are never 0 at the same time. Thus, rational functions  $\frac{P_1}{Q_1}, \frac{P_2}{Q_2}$  are the same if  $P_1 Q_2 = P_2 Q_1$ .

Definition

Suppose that  $\frac{P}{Q}$  is a rational function. We can define a map

$f: \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  as follows : first we can assume that  $P, Q$  have no common factors (every polynomial is a product of polynomials of degree 1).

$$f(a) = \begin{cases} \frac{P(a)}{Q(a)} & a \neq \infty, Q(a) \neq 0 \\ \infty & a \neq \infty, Q(a) = 0 \\ \lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} & a = \infty \end{cases}$$

Theorem

There is a 1-1 correspondence  $\{\text{rational functions}\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{holomorphic map } \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}\}$

Proof

Let  $P/Q$  be a rational function and  $f: \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  the associated map. We can assume that  $P, Q$  have no common factors. We may also assume that  $f$  is not constant (otherwise  $f$  is trivially a holomorphic map).

Remember the atlas  $A = \{(U_i, \varphi_i), (U_j, \varphi_j)\}$  which gives the complex structure on  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . We need to look at the following functions

$$\varphi_i f \varphi_i^{-1}: \varphi_i(U_i \cap f^{-1}U_i) \rightarrow W_i \text{ given by } \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$$

$$\varphi_2 f \varphi_1^{-1}: \varphi_1(U_1 \cap f^{-1}U_2) \rightarrow W_2 \text{ given by } \frac{Q(z)}{P(z)}$$

$$\varphi_1 f \varphi_2^{-1}: \varphi_2(U_2 \cap f^{-1}U_1) \rightarrow W_1 \text{ given by } \frac{P(\bar{z})}{Q(\bar{z})}$$

$\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1} : \varphi_2(U_2 \cap f^{-1}U_1) \rightarrow W_2$  given by  $\frac{\varphi_2(\frac{1}{z})}{\varphi_1(\frac{1}{z})}$

Then, it is easy to see that all of these functions are holomorphic.  
So  $f$  is a holomorphic map.

Conversely, assume that we are given a holomorphic map  
 $f : \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . If  $f$  is constant then it is more or less trivial to see that  $f$  is some rational function. So assume that  $f$  is not constant.

Since  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  is compact,  $f^{-1}\{0, \infty\}$  is finite.  $\mathbb{C} \setminus f^{-1}\{0, \infty\}$

Since  $f$  is holomorphic the function  $g := \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2^{-1} : \varphi_1(U_1 \cap f^{-1}U_2) \rightarrow W_1$  is holomorphic. We show that  $g$  extends to  $\mathbb{C}$  as a meromorphic function.

Suppose that  $f^{-1}\{\infty\} \cap U_1 = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ . It is enough to show that  $\overline{g}$  is holomorphic near each  $a_i$ .

The function  $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1} : \varphi_1(U_1 \cap f^{-1}U_2) \rightarrow W_2$  is holomorphic because  $f$  is holomorphic. In fact,  $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1} = \overline{g}$  on  $\varphi_1(U_1 \cap f^{-1}U_1 \cap f^{-1}U_2)$ .

This means that  $\overline{g}$  is holomorphic near each  $a_i$  ( $\in \varphi_1(U_1 \cap f^{-1}U_2)$ )

Therefore,  $g$  extends to  $\mathbb{C}$  as a meromorphic function.

$\exists m_i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $h(z) := (z - a_1)^{m_1} \cdots (z - a_n)^{m_n} g(z)$  is a holomorphic function. So, we can write  $h$  as a power series  
 $h(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i z^i$ ,  $c_i \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Our goal is to show that  $h(z)$  is a polynomial. This in turn follows from showing that  $h(\frac{1}{z})$  is meromorphic.

$$\text{Int } h(z) = \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{1}{z-1} \cdot \frac{1}{z-2} \cdots \frac{1}{z-m} \cdot \frac{1}{z-n}$$

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In fact, it is enough to show that  $g(\frac{1}{z})$  is meromorphic on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Again, it is enough to show that  $\frac{1}{g(\frac{1}{z})}$  is a meromorphic function.

Since  $f$  is holomorphic, the function  $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_2^{-1}: \varphi_2(U_2 \cap f^{-1}U_2) \rightarrow W_2$  is holomorphic. This function is the same as  $\frac{1}{g(\frac{1}{z})}$  on  $\varphi_2(U_1 \cap U_2 \cap f^{-1}U_1 \cap f^{-1}U_2)$ .

On the other hand,  $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_2^{-1}$  extends to  $\mathbb{C}$  as a meromorphic function (by the same reasoning that we applied to  $\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_1^{-1}$ ).

So,  $\frac{1}{g(\frac{1}{z})}$  extends to  $\mathbb{C}$  as a meromorphic function. Hence,  $h(\frac{1}{z})$  is meromorphic on  $\mathbb{C}$ . So  $h(\frac{1}{z}) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i \frac{1}{z^i}$  is meromorphic.

Thus, for all but finitely many  $i$ ,  $c_i = 0$ . So  $h(z)$  is a polynomial and  $g(z) = \frac{h(z)}{(z-a_1)^{m_1} \dots (z-a_n)^{m_n}}$  is a rational function.

The associated holomorphic map  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  is  $f$ .  $\square$

Example

Let  $\frac{P}{Q}$  be a rational function, and  $f: \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  the associated holomorphic map. Assume that  $P, Q$  have no common factors, and that  $f$  is not constant.

$$\deg\left(\frac{P}{Q}\right) := \max \{\deg(P), \deg(Q)\}$$

Assume that  $\deg\left(\frac{P}{Q}\right) = 1$ . Then,  $\deg(P), \deg(Q) \leq 1$

with equality for at least one of them. We can write

$$\frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} A \cdot z \text{ where } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $P, Q$  have no common factor,  $\det A \neq 0$ .

This implies that  $f$  is 1-1 because

$$\frac{p(z)}{q(z)} = A \cdot z = A \cdot w = \frac{p(w)}{q(w)} \Rightarrow A^* A z = A^* A w, z = w$$

Thus  $f$  is biholomorphic because by the Local Representation Theorem  $f$  is locally given by  $z \mapsto z$ .

Conversely, assume that  $f$  is biholomorphic. By the previous theorem  $f$  is the We show that  $\deg(\frac{p}{q}) = 1$ . We can write

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + \dots + a_0, \quad q(z) = b_m z^m + \dots + b_0 \text{ where}$$

$a_n \neq 0 \neq b_m$ . If  $\deg(\frac{p}{q}) > 1$ , then  $n > 1$  or  $m > 1$ .

Then  ~~$f^{-1}\{\alpha\}$~~   $f^{-1}\{\alpha\}$  of  $\partial D$  has more than one point. But for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . this contradicts our assumption that  $f$  is biholomorphic.

## Riemann Surfaces ⑧

### Theorem

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a non-constant holomorphic map between compact, connected Riemann Surfaces.

Then the function  $d: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , defined by  $d(y) = \sum_{f(x)=y} v_f(x)$  is constant, i.e.  $d(y)$  is independent of  $y$ . We call the value of  $d$  the degree of  $f$ , denoted by  $\deg(f)$ .

### Proof

Since  $X, Y$  are compact and connected,  $f(X) = Y$ .

( $X$  open, Open Mapping  $\Rightarrow f(X)$  open, since  $f$  non-constant,  
 $X$  compact  $\Rightarrow f(X)$  compact. Riemann Surfaces are Hausdorff.)

Compact subspace of a Hausdorff space closed  $\Rightarrow f(X)$  closed.

$Y = f(X) \cup Y \setminus f(X)$ , connectivity  $\Rightarrow Y = f(X)$ )

Pick  $y \in Y$ . Again by compactness,  $f^{-1}(y)$  is finite, say  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

(Let  $X, Y$  have complex structures  $\{U_i, \varphi_i\}, \{V_\alpha, \psi_\alpha\}$ .

For each  $i, \alpha$ ,  $\psi_\alpha \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$  is holomorphic. We can assume WLOG that  $\varphi_i, \psi_\alpha$  are centred on  $0$ , and  $\psi_\alpha \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$  has an isolated zero at  $0$  since it is non-constant. So points  $x$  such that  $f(x) = y$  are isolated.  $f^{-1}(y)$  is also closed, and compact under the subspace topology since  $X$  is compact.

So  $f^{-1}(y)$  is finite since each  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$  can be separated from the others by an open set, so that  $x$  is open in  $f^{-1}(y)$ , and finitely many such  $x$  cover  $f^{-1}(y)$ )

By the local representation theorem,  ~~$f^{-1}(y)$  is finite, say~~  
 for each  $x_i$ ,  $\exists$  open sets  $x_i \in U_i \subseteq X$ ,  
 $y \in V_i \subseteq Y$  such that  $f(U_i) = V_i$  and  $f|_{U_i}$  is represented  
 by  $z \mapsto z^{n_i}$ .

If we choose  $U_i$  small enough, we can make sure that  
 $U_i \cap U_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . We will show that there exists an open  
 $y \in V' \subseteq \bigcap V_i$ , such that  $f^{-1}(V') \subseteq \bigcup U_i$ .

To see this, let  $S = X \setminus \bigcup U_i$ , which is compact. So  
 $f(S)$  is compact, hence closed. ( $\checkmark$  Hausdorff)

By our previous assumptions,  $y \notin f(S)$ . So  $V_1 \cap V_2 \cap \dots \cap V_n \cap V'$   
 is open and it contains  $y$ . Take any open set  $V'$  inside this set  
 which contains  $y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V') \cap S = \emptyset \Rightarrow f^{-1}(V') \subseteq \bigcup U_i$ .

We show that  $d$  is constant on  $V'$ . By definition,

$$d(y) = \sum_{i=1}^l v_f(x_i).$$

On the other hand,  $v_f(x_i) = n_i$ , so  $d(y) = \sum_{i=1}^l n_i$ .

Now, if  $y' \in V'$ ,  $y' \neq y$ , then  $f^{-1}\{y'\} \cap U_i$  has precisely  $n_i$  points  
 and the branching order of  $f$  at such points is exactly 1.

$$\text{So } d(y') = \# \text{ points in } f^{-1}\{y'\} = \sum_{i=1}^l n_i.$$

Thus,  $d$  is constant on  $V'$ .

Apply the same argument near all points  $y$  of  $Y$ . Then, by  
 compactness,  $\exists$  open sets  $V'_1, \dots, V'_m$  such that  $Y = \bigcup_{i=1}^m V'_i$ .

If  $V'_j \cap V'_k \neq \emptyset$ , then  $d$  takes the same values on  
 $V'_j$  and  $V'_k$ .

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So if  $d$  is not constant, then  $Y$  can be written as a finite union of finitely many disjoint open sets, contradicting connectedness of  $Y$   $\square$

### Example

Suppose that  $\frac{p}{q}$  is a rational function on the Riemann Sphere, and assume that  $f: \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  is the corresponding holomorphic map. In addition, assume that  $f$  is not constant. We will show that  $\deg(f) = \deg(\frac{p}{q})$ .

Remove all common factors, then  $\deg(\frac{p}{q}) = \max\{\deg(p), \deg(q)\}$ .

By the theorem,  $\deg(f) = \sum_{f(x)=0} V_f(x)$

Assume that  $f^{-1}\{0\} \cap \mathbb{C} = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$

So  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are the zeros of  $p$ .  $V_f(a_i) = \text{order of vanishing of } p \text{ at } a_i$ .

i) Assume  $\deg p \geq \deg q$ . In this case  $\infty \notin f^{-1}\{0\}$ .

So  $\deg(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n V_f(a_i) = \deg p$

ii) Now assume instead that  $\deg p < \deg q$ . Then  $\infty \in f^{-1}\{0\}$ .

We calculate  $V_f(\infty)$  by looking at the appropriate coordinate chart.

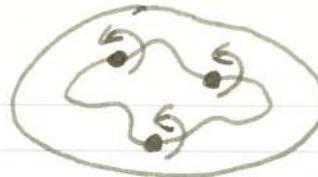
This is the same as the vanishing order of  $\varphi_1 f \varphi_2^{-1}$  at  $0$ .

$$\varphi_1 f \varphi_2^{-1} = \frac{p(\frac{1}{z})}{q(\frac{1}{z})} = z^{\deg q - \deg p} \frac{p(\frac{1}{z})}{q(\frac{1}{z}) z^{\deg q}} \quad (*)$$

Since  $(*)$  does not vanish at  $0$ ,  $V_{\varphi_1 f \varphi_2^{-1}}(0) = V_f(\infty) = \frac{\deg q}{-\deg p}$

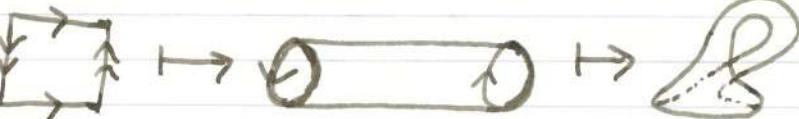
Finally,  $\deg(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n V_f(a_i) + V_f(\infty) = \deg q$

## Topology of Surfaces (Informal)



A (topological) surface  $X$  is orientable if, when we choose an orientation near  $x \in X$ , and travel along any loop, the orientation has not changed when we return to  $x$ .

### Examples

- i)  Möbius Strip, non-orientable
- ii)  Klein Bottle

### Fact

Every Riemann Surface is orientable.

### Theorem

Every compact, connected, orientable surface looks like "a donut with  $g$  holes".



### Triangulation

Triangulation of a compact, connected surface is covering it by "shapes which look like triangles". We assume that edges meet in vertices, and that vertices are the starting or ending of some edge.

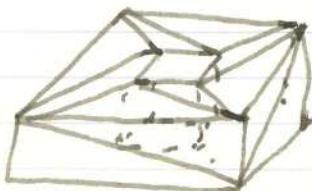
### Fact

Every compact, connected, orientable surface has a triangulation (evident from the theorem above).

### Example



$\cong$   
homeomorphic



etc

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### The Euler Characteristic

Remember a triangulation of a compact, connected Riemann Surface.

We have finitely many vertices, edges, and faces. 

A refinement of a triangulation is adding new vertices, edges, and faces so that the result is also a triangulation.

### Definition

Assume that  $V = \{\text{vertices}\}$ ,  $E = \{\text{edges}\}$ ,  $F = \{\text{faces}\}$

The Euler Characteristic of  $X$  is defined as  $\chi(X) = v - e + f$

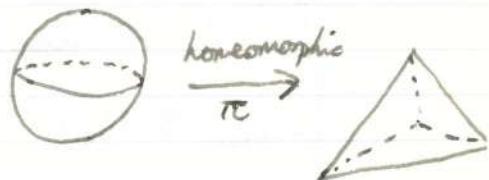
where  $v = |V|$ ,  $e = |E|$ ,  $f = |F|$ .

### Remark

$\chi(X)$  is independent of the triangulation. This follows from the fact that given two triangulations, they can be refined to one common triangulation (apply induction).

### Example

1.  $X = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  = the Riemann Sphere

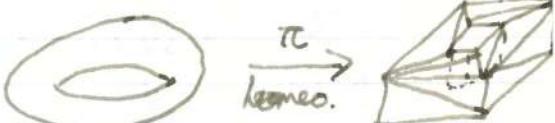


$X$  is homeomorphic to the boundary of a tetrahedron.

$\pi$  defines a triangulation on  $X$ . We have 4 vertices, 6 edges, 4 faces

$$\text{Then } \chi(X) = 4 - 6 + 4 = 2$$

2. Let  $X$  be a complex torus.



As in the picture,  $\pi$  defines a triangulation of  $X$ , and a careful calculation shows that  $\chi(X) = 0$ .

### Definition

We define the genus of  $X$  as  $\text{genus}(X) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \chi(X)$

$X = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \Rightarrow \text{genus}(X) = 0$ ,  $X = \text{complex torus} \Rightarrow \text{genus}(X) =$

Fact.

$\text{genus}(X) = \# \text{ holes in } X$

Theorem

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a non-constant holomorphic map between compact, connected Riemann Surfaces. Let  $d = \deg(f)$ . Then we have

$$\chi(X) = d\chi(Y) - \sum_{x \in X} (\nu_f(x) - 1)$$

$$\text{genus}(X) = d(\text{genus}(Y) - 1) + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in X} (\nu_f(x) - 1)$$

Proof

Pick a triangulation on  $Y$  given by  $V, E, F$ . After a refinement of the triangulation, if necessary, we can assume that we have:

$$V = \{y_0, \dots, y_m\}, f^{-1}y_i = \{x_{j,i}\}$$

$\exists$  open  $W_i \subseteq Y$  such that  $y_i \in W_i$

$f^{-1}W_i = \text{disjoint union of } U_{j,i}$

$$x_{j,i} \in U_{j,i}$$

$f: U_{j,i} \rightarrow W_i$  is "represented by"  $z \mapsto z^{n_{j,i}}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} z \in D(0,1) & \xleftarrow{\text{bihol.}} & U_{j,i} \xleftarrow{\sim \text{open}} U_{j,i} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ z^{n_{j,i}} \in D(0,1) & \xleftarrow{\text{bihol.}} & W_i \xleftarrow{\sim \text{open}} W_i \end{array}$$

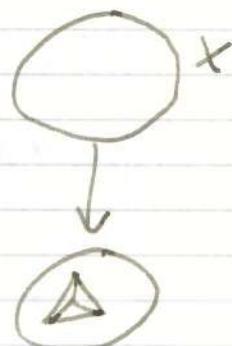
$f^{-1}(V)$  contains all the ramification points of  $X$ .

Each edge (similarly, each face) is contained in some  $W_i$ .

We will define a triangulation on  $X$ .

$$V' = \{\text{vertices on } X\} = f^{-1}V$$

By the theorem on the degree of a holomorphic map, for each  $y \in$



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$$d = \sum_{x \in f^{-1}\{y\}} v_f(x) \Rightarrow \# \text{points in } f^{-1}\{y\} = d - \sum_{x \in f^{-1}\{y\}} (v_f(x) - 1)$$

If  $f^{-1}\{y\}$  contains no ramification, then  $\# \text{points in } f^{-1}\{y\} = d$ .

Applying the formula to the points in  $V$ , we get

$$\# \text{points in } V' = d (\# \text{points in } V) - \sum_{x \in X} (v_f(x) - 1)$$

Now we define edges on  $X$ .

Pick  $y_i \in V$ , and an edge  $r \in E$  such that  $r$  starts or ends at  $y_i$ .

We could assume that  $r \subseteq W_i$ .

The inverse  $f^{-1}r$  consists of  $n_{j,i} = v_f(x_{j,i})$

edges sharing the vertex  $x_{j,i}$ , inside  $U_{j,i}$ .

In total,  $f^{-1}r$  gives  $\sum n_{j,i} = d$

Similarly, for each face  $\delta$ , we get  $d$  faces in  $f^{-1}\delta$  on  $X$ .

Putting all these edges and faces together, we get a triangulation on using  $V'$ ,  $E'$ ,  $F'$ . Thus, we have

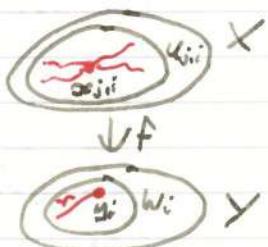
$$\begin{aligned} \chi(X) &= (\# \text{elements in } V') - (\# \text{elements of } E') + (\# \text{elements of } F') \\ &= d (\# \text{elements of } V) - \sum_{x \in X} (v_f(x) - 1) - d (\# \text{elements of } E) \\ &\quad + d (\# \text{elements of } F) \\ &= d \chi(Y) - \sum_{x \in X} (v_f(x) - 1) \end{aligned}$$

This gives the formula for the genus.

These two formulae are called the Riemann-Hurwitz formulae.

### Example

Let  $f: X = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow Y$  be a non-constant holomorphic map of degree  $d > 1$ .



We can show that  $f$  has at least one ramification point.

We know that  $X(X) = 2$ . Riemann - Hurwitz ~~gives~~ gives

$$2 = 2d - \sum_{x \in X} (v_f(x) - 1) \quad (*)$$

Since  $d > 1$ ,  $\sum_{x \in X} (v_f(x) - 1) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists x \in X$  such that  $v_f(x) >$   
 $\Rightarrow x$  is a ramification point.

We can actually show that  $f$  has at least two ramification points. Let  $r$  be the number of such points. For any such point  $x$ ,  $v_f(x) - 1 \leq d - 1$ .

$$\sum_{x \in X} (v_f(x) - 1) \leq r(d-1).$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow r(d-1) \geq 2(d-1) \Rightarrow r \geq 2$$

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### Analytic Continuation and the space of Germs

#### Definition

Let  $X, Y$  be connected Riemann Surfaces. A function element  $(U, f)$  (of  $X$  into  $Y$ ) consisting of a connected open set  $U \subseteq X$  and a holomorphic map  $f: U \rightarrow Y$ . A direct analytic continuation is another function element  $(V, g)$  such that  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $f = g$  on  $U \cap V$ . An analytic continuation of  $(U, f)$ , say  $(V, g)$ , is obtained by a sequence of direct analytic continuations:  $\exists$  function elements  $(U_i, f_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that  $(U, f) = (U_1, f_1)$ ,  $(V, g) = (U_n, f_n)$ , and  $(U_{i+1}, f_{i+1})$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(U_i, f_i)$  for  $1 \leq i < n$ .

Analytic continuation defines an equivalence relation on the set of function element. A complete function element (of  $X$  into  $Y$ ) is one of the equivalence classes.

#### Definition

Let  $X, Y$  be connected Riemann Surfaces,  $x \in X$ . We say that  $(U, f)$ ,  $(V, g)$  are equivalent near  $x$  if  $x \in U \cap V$  and  $f = g$  near  $x$ , i.e.  $\exists$  open  $W \ni x$ ,  $W \subseteq U \cap V$  such that  $f|_W = g|_W$ .

This again defines an equivalence relation. The class of  $(U, f)$  is denoted by  $[x, f]$ . Such a class is called a germ. The set of all such germs is denoted by  $G$ , and called the space of germs (of  $X$  into  $Y$ ).

### Theorem

$G$  is a Riemann Surface in a natural way.

### Proof

We first define a topology on  $G$  in a natural way, specifying a base

### Recall

A base for a topology on a set  $T$  is a family  $\{U_i\}$  of subsets of  $T$  such that  $\emptyset \in \{U_i\}$ .

$U_1, U_2 \in \{U_i\}$ ,  $t \in U_1 \cap U_2 \Rightarrow \exists U_3 \in \{U_i\}$  such that  
 $t \in U_3 \subseteq U_1 \cap U_2$ , and  $T = \cup_i U_i$

The base consists of all sets  $[U, f]$  when  $(U, f)$  is a function element.  $[U, f] = \{[x, f] \mid x \in U\}$

This gives a base :

- It contains  $\emptyset$  as an element
- $G = \cup_{(U, f)} [U, f]$
- If  $[x, f] \in [U, f] \cap [V, g] \Rightarrow g$  is also defined near  $x$ , and  $\exists w \ni x$  such that  $f|_w = g|_w$   
 $\Rightarrow [x, f] \in [w, f] \subseteq [U, f] \cap [V, g]$

This defines a topology on  $G$ .

In fact, this topology is Hausdorff. Pick  $[x, f] \neq [y, g] \in G$

We have two cases.

- i)  $x \neq y$ . Then,  $\exists U, V$  such that  $x \in U, y \in V, U \cap V = \emptyset$   
 $[x, f] \in [U, f], [y, g] \in [V, g]$ .

Basic Set  $X$  is a Riemann Surface  $\therefore$  Hausdorff

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So,  $[U, f] \cap [V, g] = \emptyset$ , giving the Hausdorff property.

ii)  $x = y$ . This means that  $f, g$  are not equal on any neighbourhood of  $x = y$ . If  $W$  is any connected? open set such that  $x \in W$ , and  $f, g$  are defined on  $W$ , then

$[W, f] \cap [W, g] = \emptyset$ . Since  $[x, f] \in [w, f]$ ,

$[y, g] \in [w, g] \Rightarrow$  Hausdorff property

Next, we define a map  $\pi : G \rightarrow X$  by  $\pi([x, f]) = x$ .

We show that  $\pi$  is continuous. Pick any open set  $V \subseteq X$  and pick  $[x, f] \in \pi^{-1}V$ . Here  $x \in V$  and  $f$  is defined on some open  $W \ni x$ ,  $W \subseteq V$ . In particular,  $[w, f] \in \pi^{-1}V$ . Moreover,  $[x, f] \in [w, f]$ . In other words, every point of  $\pi^{-1}V$  has an open neighbourhood contained in  $\pi^{-1}V$ . This implies that  $\pi^{-1}V$  is open  $\Rightarrow \pi$  continuous.

In fact,  $\pi|_{[U, f]} : [U, f] \rightarrow U$  is a homeomorphism for any  $(U, f)$ . It is clear that  $\pi|$  is 1-1. It is enough to show that  $\pi|(\text{open}) = \text{open}$ .

If  $[W, f] \subseteq [U, f] \Rightarrow \pi|_{[W, f]} : [W, f] \rightarrow W$  open.

Since the sets  $[W, f]$  generate the topology on  $[U, f]$ , i.e. every open set  $[U, f]$  is a union of such open sets, we deduce that  $\pi|(\text{open}) = \text{open} \Rightarrow \pi|$  is a homeomorphism (note that  $\pi|^{-1}$  is also continuous).

Finally, we show that  $G$  has a natural complex structure.

Let  $A = \{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}$  be a holomorphic atlas defining the complex structure of  $X$ . We define  $B = \{([V_\alpha, f_\alpha], \psi_\alpha)\}$  where  $\forall \alpha, (V_\alpha, f_\alpha)$  is a function element (of  $X$  into  $Y$ ), and  $\exists i$  such that  $V_\alpha \subseteq U_i$  and  $\psi_\alpha = \varphi_i \circ \pi$

$$[V_\alpha, f_\alpha] \xrightarrow{\pi|} V_\alpha \subseteq U_i \xrightarrow{\varphi_i} W_i \subseteq \mathbb{C}$$

This is holomorphic because the transition functions of  $B$  are restrictions of the transition functions of  $A$ .

### Remark

$\pi$  is holomorphic with respect to the complex structures on  $G$ ,  $X$ .

### Theorem

Let  $X, Y$  be connected Riemann Surfaces. Then,  $\exists$  1-1 correspondence  
 $\{$  complete holomorphic functions  $\}_{X \rightarrow Y} \leftrightarrow \{$  connected components of  $G\}$

### Proof

For any function element  $(U, f)$ , define  $E_{(U, f)} = \bigcup_{\substack{(V, g) \text{ is a continuation} \\ \text{of } (U, f)}} [V, g]$ . This defines an open set  $E_{(U, f)} \subseteq G$ , but it is also connected.

If we pick  $[x, f], [y, g] \in E_{(U, f)}$   $\Rightarrow \exists$  a sequence of  $(U_i, f_i)$  such that  $(U, f) = (U_1, f_1)$ ,  $(U_n, f_n) = (V, g)$ , and  $(U_{i+1}, f_{i+1})$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(U_i, f_i)$ ,  $x \in U_i, y \in V$ . The union of all  $U_i$  is a connected open set; similarly, the union  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n [U_i, f_i]$  is a connected open set containing  $[x, f], [y, g] \Rightarrow E_{(U, f)}$  is connected.

By definition, if  $(V, g)$  is an analytic continuation of  $(U, f)$ , then  $E_{(U, f)} = E_{(V, g)}$ . Also, clearly  $G = \bigcup_{(U, f)} E_{(U, f)}$

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Finally, it is enough to show that if  $(V, g)$  is not an analytic continuation of  $(U, f)$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{(U,f)} \cap \mathcal{C}_{(V,g)} = \emptyset$$

If not,  $\exists x \in X$ , and some open, connected  $W \ni x$  such that  $[w, h] \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{(U,f)} \cap \mathcal{C}_{(V,g)}$ , and such that  $(W, h)$  is an analytic continuation of both  $(U, f), (V, g)$  \*

So the sets  $\mathcal{C}_{(U,f)}$  correspond in a 1-1 fashion to the connected components of  $G$ .



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## Covering Spaces and the Monodromy Theorem

### Definition

1. A injective map, holomorphic, between connected Riemann Surfaces, is a branched covering  $f: X \rightarrow Y$
2. A continuous injective map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  between connected topological surfaces is a covering in the sense of (complex) analysis if  $\forall x \in X$ ,  $\exists$  open  $U \subseteq X$ ,  $U \ni x$  such that  $f|_U: U \rightarrow f(U)$  is a homeomorphism.
3. A continuous surjective map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  between connected topological surfaces is called a covering in the sense of topology if  $\forall y \in Y$ ,  $\exists$  open  $V \subseteq Y$ ,  $V \ni y$  such that  $f$  restricted to any connected component of  $f^{-1}(V)$  gives a homeomorphism onto  $V$ . ( $f^{-1}(V)$  is a disjoint union of copies of  $V$ .)

### Example

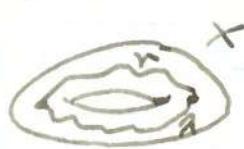
- a)  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f(z) = z^n$ . This is a branched covering.  
 $f$  is not a covering in the sense of analysis or topology.
- b)  $f: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $f(z) = z^n$ . Then  $f$  is a covering in the sense of topology.
- c)  $f: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $f(z) = z^n$ ,  $n > 1$ . This  $f$  is a covering in the sense of analysis but not the sense of topology.



- d) Suppose that  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is a lattice and  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \Lambda$  is the quotient map.  $f$  is a cover in the sense of topology.

2) Suppose that  $\lambda: X \rightarrow Y$  is a (non-)constant holomorphic map between connected Riemann Surfaces. Let  $(U, f)$  be a function element (of  $X$  into  $Y$ ). Let  $F$  be the connected component of the space of germs  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\pi: F \xrightarrow{\cong} X$  the covering map. If  $W = \pi(F)$ , then  $\pi: F \rightarrow W$  is a covering in the sense of complex analysis. (Remember that  $\pi$  is locally a homeomorphism).

Definition (Paths and Homotopy)



Suppose that  $X$  is a topological space. A path on  $X$  is a continuous map  $r: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ . Two paths  $r, \lambda$  are homotopic if :

$$i) r(0) = \lambda(0), \quad r(1) = \lambda(1)$$

ii)  $\exists$  continuous  $H: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that

$$H(s, 1) = r(s) \quad \forall s \quad H(s, 0) = \lambda(s) \quad \forall s$$

$$H(0, t) = r(0) = \lambda(0) \quad \forall t \quad H(1, t) = r(1) = \lambda(1) \quad \forall t$$

$H$  is called the homotopy between  $r, \lambda$ .

We say that  $X$  is simply connected if any two paths  $r, \lambda$  with  $r(0) = \lambda(0), r(1) = \lambda(1)$  are homotopic (i.e. any closed path  $r, r(0) = r(1)$  is homotopic to the constant path  $\lambda$ ).

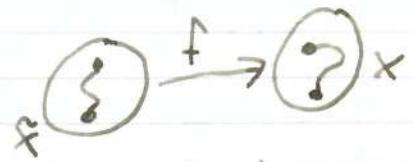
Examples

- Any open disc  $\subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is simply connected.
- $\mathbb{C}$  is simply connected.
- The Riemann Sphere is simply connected.

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d) A punctured open disc is not simply connected.

e) A complex torus is not simply connected.



### Definition

Let  $f: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  be a continuous map between two "spaces".

Suppose that  $r$  is a path on  $X$ ,  $f(\tilde{x}) = x$ ,  $r(0) = x$ .

We say that  $r$  can be lifted to  $\tilde{X}$  to a path starting at  $\tilde{x}$  if  $\exists$  a path  $\tilde{r}$  on  $\tilde{X}$  such that  $\tilde{r}(0) = \tilde{x}$ ,  $r = f \circ \tilde{r}$ .

Now assume that  $r, \lambda$  are two homotopic paths starting at  $x$  (given by H). We say that this homotopy can be lifted to  $\tilde{X}$  starting at  $\tilde{x}$  if  $r, \lambda$  can be lifted to  $\tilde{r}, \tilde{\lambda}$ , starting at  $\tilde{x}$ , if  $\exists$  a homotopy  $\tilde{H}$  between  $\tilde{r}, \tilde{\lambda}$  such that  $H = f \circ \tilde{H}$ .

### Fact let

If  $f: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  be a covering in the sense of complex analysis,  $x \in X$ ,  $f(\tilde{x}) = x$ . If every path on  $X$  starting at  $x$  can be lifted to  $\tilde{X}$ , then  $f$  is a covering in the sense of topology.

### Definition

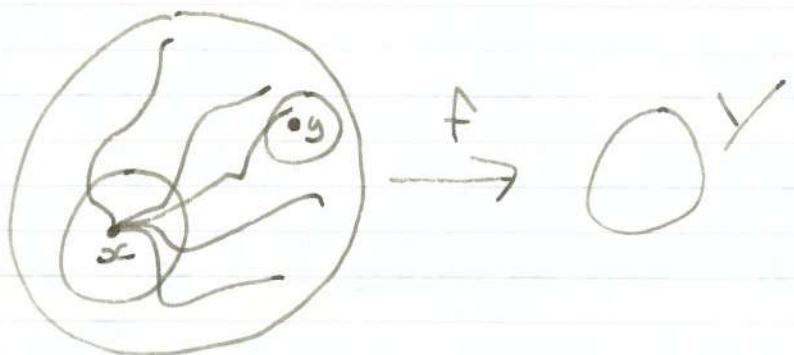


Let  $X$  be a space. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a holomorphic map between connected Riemann Surfaces.  $(U, g)$  a function element,  $x \in U$ . Suppose that  $r$  is a path on  $X$  starting at  $x$ . We say that  $(U, g)$  can be analytically continued along  $r$  if  $r$  can be lifted to a path  $\tilde{r}$  in  $Y$  starting at  $[x, g]$ .

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Suppose that  $(U, G)$  can be analytically continued along every path starting at  $x$ .

$\Rightarrow$  any analytic continuation gives the same germ near  $y$ .



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### Theorem (Monodromy)

Assume that  $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  is a covering in the sense of topology, and  $\pi(\tilde{x}) = x$ . Then

- i) Every path  $r$  starting at  $x$  can be lifted to a path  $\tilde{r}$  starting at  $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}$  uniquely.
- ii) If  $r, \lambda$  are two homotopic paths starting at  $x$  (homotopy given by  $H$ ) then  $r, \lambda, H$  can be lifted to  $\tilde{X}$  at  $\tilde{x}$  ( $\tilde{r}(0) = \tilde{\lambda}(0) = \tilde{x}$ ) uniquely.

(try to prove this. The main point of note is the compactness of  $[0, 1], [0, 1]$ )

### Theorem

$X, Y$  connected Riemann Surfaces.  $(U, f)$  is a function element  $X \rightarrow Y$ . Let  $x \in U$ . Assume that  $(U, f)$  can be analytically continued along every path starting at  $x$ . Then :

- i) If  $r, \lambda$  are homotopic paths starting at  $x$ , then the germs of the analytic continuation of  $(U, f)$  along  $r, \lambda$  are the same.  $r(1) = \lambda(1)$ .
- ii) If  $X$  is simply-connected, then  $\pi : F \rightarrow X$  is biholomorphic. Here,  $F$  is the connected component of  $G$  corresponding to  $(U, f)$ .

### Proof

- i) Remember that  $\pi$  is a covering in the sense of analysis onto some open subset of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is connected, and since it is a (topological) surface, it is path-connected i.e. every two points can be connected by a path. So,  $\forall x' \in X, \exists \alpha$ , a path such that  $\alpha(0) = x, \alpha(1) = x'$ . By our assumptions,  $\alpha$  can be lifted to  $F \Rightarrow \exists [x', g] \in F$  mapping to  $x'$ . Thus,  $\pi$  is surjective.

Again, since every path can be lifted to  $F$ ,  $\pi$  is a covering in the sense of topology (recall this from the previous lecture).

So, by the monodromy theorem,  $r, \lambda$  can be lifted to homotopic paths  $\tilde{r}, \tilde{\lambda}$  starting at  $[x, f]$ . By definition of homotopy,  $\tilde{r}(1) = \tilde{\lambda}(1)$ . This implies i).

Since  $\pi: G \rightarrow X$  is already  
holomorphic

- ii) It is enough to show that  $\pi$  is injective. Assume not, i.e.  
 $\exists x'$  and two distinct points  $[x', g], [x', h] \in \pi^{-1}\{x'\}$   
 Since  $F$  is path connected,  $\exists$  paths  $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\lambda}$  on  $F$  such that  
 $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = \tilde{\lambda}(0) = [x, f]$ , and  $\tilde{\gamma}(1) = [x', g]$ ,  $\tilde{\lambda}(1) = [x', h]$

Define  $r = \pi \tilde{\gamma}$ ,  $\lambda = \pi \tilde{\lambda}$ . Since  $X$  is simply connected,  $r, \lambda$   
 are homotopic. By the Monodromy Theorem,  $r, \lambda$  are lifted to the  
 same path  $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\lambda}$ , and we get a homotopy between  $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\lambda}$ .  
 Thus,  $\tilde{\gamma}(1) = \tilde{\lambda}(1)$   $\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $\pi$  is 1-1  $\Rightarrow$   $\pi$  biholomorphic.

Example connected

Let  $X = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $Y = \mathbb{C}$ . Next, define  $(U, f)$ :

$$U = \{re^{i\theta} \mid r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}, -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}\}$$

$$h: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad re^{i\theta} \mapsto r^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{i\theta/2}$$

Remember that  $h$  is holomorphic. Let  $f(re^{i\theta}) = h(1 + h(re^{i\theta}))$   
 $(h(z) = \overline{z}, f(z) = \sqrt{1 + \overline{z}})$ . Obviously,  $(U, f)$  is a function  
 element  $X \rightarrow Y$ .

(\*)

$(U, f)$  has the important property that  $z - (f(z)^2 - 1)^2 = 0$   
 $\forall z \in U$ . Any analytic continuation of  $(U, f)$  satisfies (\*)  
 (Sheet 1). We will focus on this property.

$$g_1(a_1) = g_2(a_2)$$

Assume that  $(V_1, g_1), (V_2, g_2)$  are function elements  
 satisfying (\*): i.e.  $\forall z \in V_i, z - (g_i(z)^2 - 1)^2 = 0, i=1,2$

Assume also that  $\exists a_1 \in V_1, a_2 \in V_2$  such that  
 $g_1(a_1) = g_2(a_2)$ . By (\*),  $a_1 = a_2$ . For similar  
 reasons,  $g_1 = g_2$  in some open neighbourhood of  $a_1 = a_2$ .  
 Thus  $[a_1, g_1] = [a_2, g_2]$

So, if  $(V, g)$  is a function element satisfying (\*), and if  $a \in V$ ,  
 then  $[a, g]$  is uniquely determined by  $g(a)$ .

Next, we construct lots of function elements satisfying (\*).

## Riemann Surfaces (12)

$$\text{Put } p(z, u) = z - (u^2 - 1)^2$$

$$L = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid p(a, b) = 0\}$$

If  $(a, b) \in L \setminus \{(0, 1), (0, -1), (1, 0)\}$  then  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial u}(a, b) \neq 0$ .

By the implicit function theorem,  $\exists$  open  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,

open  $W \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1, -1\}$  and a unique holomorphic map

- i)  $g: V \rightarrow W$  such that  $(a, b) \in V \times W$  and if  $(a', b') \in V \times W$   
 Then  $(a', b') \in L \Leftrightarrow b' = g(a')$ . Then  $(V, g)$  is a function  
 element satisfying (\*).

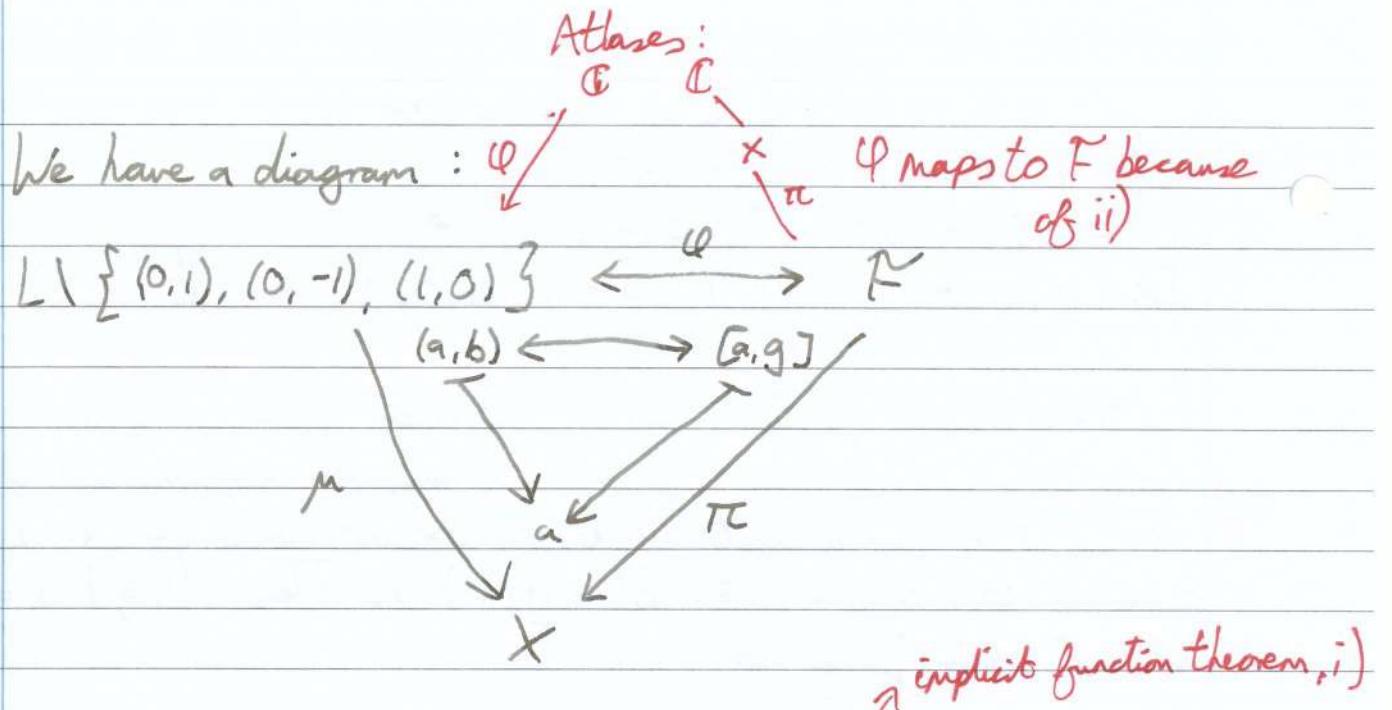
Next, we show that such  $(V, g)$  are analytic continuations of  $(U, f)$ . Pick a path  $r$  starting at  $(1, \sqrt{2})$  ( $\leftrightarrow [1, f]$ ) and ending at  $(a, b)$ .  $r \subseteq L \setminus \{(0, 1), (0, -1), (1, 0)\}$ .

- ii) Since "r is compact",  $\exists (a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n)$  such that  $(a_1, b_1) = (1, \sqrt{2})$ ,  $(a_n, b_n) = (a, b)$ , and function elements  $(V_i, g_i)$  constructed (as above) for  $(a_i, b_i)$ . We could assume that the  $V_i$  are all open discs.

The property (\*) shows that if  $(V_i \times W_i) \cap (V_j \times W_j) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $g_i = g_j$  on  $V_i \cap V_j$  because  $V_i, V_j$  are open discs. We could choose  $(a_i, b_i)$  such that all the  $V_i \times W_i$  cover the whole of (the image of) r.

Maybe after indexing the  $(a_i, b_i)$ , we can assume that  $(V_i, g_i)$  is a direct analytic continuation of  $(V_{i-1}, g_{i-1})$

$\Rightarrow (V, g)$  is an analytic continuation of  $(U, f)$ .



It is easy to show see that  $\varphi$  is 1-1 and that it is biholomorphic.  $\varphi: L \setminus \{(0,1), (0,-1), (1,0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  holomorphic; look back at definitions of algebraic curves.

A little more work shows that  $\pi^{-1}\{\frac{1}{2}\}$  has 4 elements but  $\pi^{-1}\{1\}$  has only two elements

$\Rightarrow \pi$  is not a covering in the sense of topology.

# Riemann Surfaces (B)

## Complex Tori and Elliptic Functions

### Theorem

Suppose that  $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2$  are lattices. Then we have

$$\mathbb{C}/\Lambda_1, \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_2 \text{ biholomorphic} \Leftrightarrow \Lambda_2 = a\Lambda_1, a \in \mathbb{C}, a \neq 0$$

### Proof

First, assume that  $\Lambda_2 = a\Lambda_1, a \neq 0$ . The map  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z \mapsto az$ , (biholomorphic) gives a map  $\rho: \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_2$  defined by  $\rho([z]) = [az]$ . The map  $\rho$  is holomorphic because  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_1, \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_2$  are locally biholomorphic. We could similarly define  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda_2 \xrightarrow{\rho^{-1}} \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_1$  by  $\rho^{-1}([w]) = [\frac{w}{a}]$ .  $\rho^{-1}$  is also biholomorphic and the inverse of  $\rho$ . So  $\rho$  is biholomorphic.

Conversely, assume that we are given a biholomorphic map  $f: \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_2$ . (so that  $f\pi_1$  is a cover (topology)) We will construct a diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathbb{C} \\ \text{projection} \downarrow \pi_1 & \text{to be defined} & \downarrow \pi_2 \\ \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_2 \end{array}$$

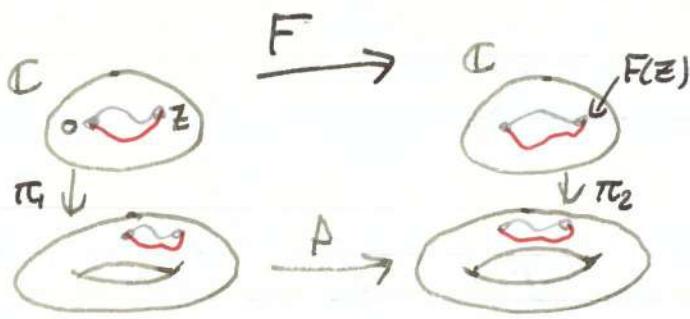
We define  $F$  as follows.

- i) Pick  $b \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f\pi_1(0) = \pi_2(b)$
- ii) For any  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , pick a path  $r$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $r(0) = 0, r(1) = z$ .

$$e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Lambda_2} z}$$

By the Monodromy Theorem, the path  $f\pi_1 r$  can be lifted through  $\pi_2$  to a path  $\lambda$  such that  $\lambda(0) = b$ . Put  $F(z) = \lambda(1)$ .

The Monodromy Theorem implies that  $F(z)$  does not depend on the choice of  $r$ : we are using the fact that  $\mathbb{C}$  is simply connected.



We can choose a connected open set  $U \ni z$  such that  $U \rightarrow \pi_1(U)$  is biholomorphic.

We can also make sure that  $\pi_2^{-1}$  of  $\pi_1(U)$  is a disjoint union of homeomorphic copies of  $\pi_1(U)$ .

From the definition of  $F$ , it is easy to see that  $F(U)$  is one of the copies in the above disjoint union. Thus  $F(U) \rightarrow \pi_2(\pi_1(U))$  is biholomorphic. The opposite diagram shows that  $F$  is locally biholomorphic  $\Rightarrow F$  is also biholomorphic.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{F} & F(U) \\ \downarrow \pi_1 & & \downarrow \pi_2 \\ \pi_1(U) & \rightarrow & \pi_2(F(U)) \end{array} \quad (\text{note that we can also define the inverse of } F \text{ in a similar way}).$$

Fact:  $F$  biholomorphic  $\Rightarrow F \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow \exists a \in \mathbb{C}, a \neq 0$  such that  $F(z) = az + b$  (Sheet 2, Question 8)

Now since any two elements of  $\Lambda_1$  are mapped to the same point in  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda_1$ ,  $F(\lambda) - F(0) \in \Lambda_2$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda_1$ .

$F(\lambda) - F(0) = a\lambda$ . Thus  $a\Lambda_1 \subseteq \Lambda_2$ . Arguing as above using  $F^{-1}$  gives  $\Lambda_1 \supseteq \frac{1}{a}\Lambda_2$ , so  $a\Lambda_1 = \Lambda_2$ .

Thus  $a\Lambda_1 = \Lambda_2$

□

### Definition

any function!

Let  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  be a function. We say that  $\lambda$  is a period of  $f$  if  $f(z + \lambda) = f(z) \forall z$ .

We denote  $\Lambda_f = \{ \text{periods of } f \}$ , a group.

## Riemann Surfaces ⑬

### Theorem

Let  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  be non-constant, holomorphic.

Then  $\Lambda_f$  is a discrete subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

### Proof

$\Lambda_f$  is a subgroup :

$$0 \in \Lambda_f \quad , \quad \lambda \in \Lambda_f \Rightarrow -\lambda \in \Lambda_f \text{ as } f(z-\lambda) = f(z-\lambda+\lambda) \\ = f(z) \forall z$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \Lambda_f \Rightarrow \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \in \Lambda_f \text{ similarly}$$

$\Lambda_f$  is discrete, i.e.  $\Lambda_f$  has no accumulation points in  $\mathbb{C}$  :

Assume not. Then  $\exists \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots \in \Lambda_f$  such that  $\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n$ ,

$\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Since  $\lambda_n$  are periods,  $f(0) = f(\lambda_1) = f(\lambda_2) = \dots$

This is not possible, otherwise  $f(z) - f(0)$  would have infinitely many zeroes in some compact set  $\subseteq \mathbb{C}$ .

$\Rightarrow \Lambda_f$  discrete

□

Fact : (Sheet 3, Question 9)

$\Lambda_f$  as in the theorem is of one of the forms

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}\lambda & 0 \neq \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \\ \mathbb{Z}\lambda_1 + \mathbb{Z}\lambda_2 & \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C} \text{ are } \mathbb{R}\text{-linearly independent} \end{cases}$$

With  $f$ ,  $\Lambda_f$  as in the theorem, assume that we are given a lattice  $\Lambda$ . If  $\Lambda_f \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ , we say that  $\Lambda_f$  is simply periodic.

If  $\Lambda_f \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda_f$  then we say that  $f$  is elliptic (or doubly periodic) with respect to  $\Lambda$ .

### Theorem

Let  $\Lambda$  be a lattice. Then, we have a 1-1 correspondence

between  $\{\text{elliptic functions wrt } \Lambda\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{holomorphic maps } \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \infty\}$

Proof. (See Riemann-Roch?)

Let  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  be elliptic with respect to  $\Lambda$ . This induces a map  $g: \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $g([z]) = f(z)$ .

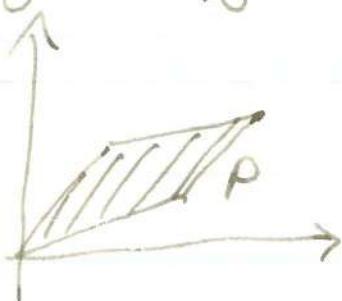
$g$  is also holomorphic: If  $\pi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  is the quotient map, then for each  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\exists$  open  $U \ni z$  such that  $U \xrightarrow{\pi} \pi(U)$  is biholomorphic.  $\Rightarrow g$  is holomorphic on  $\pi(U)$ .  $u \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{biholomorphic}} \pi(u) \xrightarrow{g}$

Conversely, assume that we are given a holomorphic map  $g: \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Let  $f = g\pi$  which is holomorphic and elliptic with respect to  $\Lambda$ .  $\square$

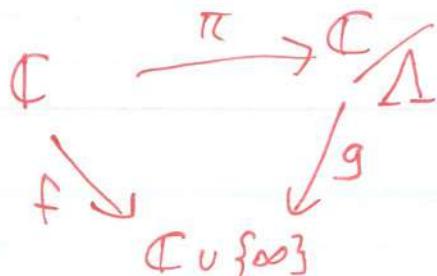
{ Assume that  $f$  is elliptic with respect to  $\Lambda$ . We define the order of  $f$  to be the degree of the corresponding map  $g: \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

Suppose that  $\Lambda$  is a lattice and  $\pi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  is the quotient map. Assume  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\lambda_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}\lambda_2$

Let  $P$  be the parallelogram determined by  $0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ . Now  $\pi(P) = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ . Actually,  $\pi$  is 1-1 on the interior of  $P$ . Any translation of  $P$  has the same properties.



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Elliptic functions redefined

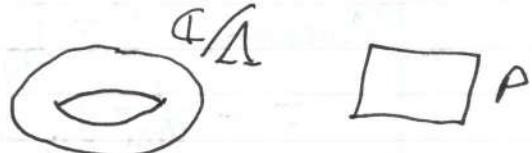
Let  $\Lambda$  be a lattice. An elliptic function  $f$  with respect to  $\Lambda$ , is a holomorphic map  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  such that  $f(z+\lambda) = f(z)$   $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ . We allow  $f$  constant or non-constant.

Lemma

Let  $\Lambda$  be a lattice and  $f$  an elliptic function with respect to  $\Lambda$ . If  $f^{-1}\{\infty\} = \emptyset$  then  $f$  is constant.

Proof

Let  $g: \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  be the holomorphic map associated to  $f$ . By assumption,  $g^{-1}\{\infty\} = \emptyset$ . Since  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  is compact, any holomorphic map  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is constant. Thus,  $g$ , and therefore  $f$ , is a constant function.

Setup

Remember that for a lattice  $\Lambda$ , we can choose a parallelogram  $P \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  such that  $P \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  is surjective and 1-1 in the interior of  $P$ .

Now we assume that  $f$  is elliptic with respect to  $\Lambda$ . We can assume that  $f^{-1}\{0, \infty\} \cap \partial P \neq \emptyset = \emptyset$  (using the fact that  $f^{-1}\{0, \infty\}$  is discrete in  $\mathbb{C}$ ).

Theorem

With the notation and assumptions in the setup, we have

$$\text{i)} \sum_{z \in P} \operatorname{res}_z(f) = 0$$

$$\text{ii)} \text{ If } f^{-1}\{0\} \cap P = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}, f^{-1}\{\infty\} \cap P = \{b_1, \dots, b_l\} \\ \text{then } \sum_{i=1}^k V_f(a_i) a_i - \sum_{j=1}^l V_f(b_j) b_j \in \Lambda$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{i=1}^k v_f(a_i) - \sum_{j=1}^l v_f(b_j) = 0$$

Proof

i) Remember that  $\sum_{z \in P} \operatorname{res}_z(f) = \int_{\partial P} f(z) dz$

$$\text{Now } \int_{\partial P} f(z) dz = \int_{r_1} f(z) dz + \dots + \int_{r_k} f(z) dz$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } f \text{ is elliptic wrt } \Lambda, \int_{r_3} f(z) dz &= - \int_{r_1} f(z + \lambda_2) d(z + \lambda_2) \\ &= - \int_{r_1} f(z) dz. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \int_{r_2} f(z) dz = - \int_{r_4} f(z) dz$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\partial P} f(z) dz = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{z \in P} \operatorname{res}_z(f) = 0$$

ii) By Question 2, Sheet 1, we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial P} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \sum_{i=1}^k v_f(a_i) a_i - \sum_{j=1}^l v_f(b_j) b_j$$

$$\text{As before, } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial P} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_1} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz + \dots + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_k} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Moreover, } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_3} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz &= - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_1} (z + \lambda_2) \frac{f'(z + \lambda_2)}{f(z + \lambda_2)} d(z + \lambda_2) \\ &= - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_1} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz - \lambda_2 \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_1} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz \end{aligned}$$

(Note that  $f'(z)$  is also elliptic over wrt  $\Lambda$ .

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_2} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_4} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz - \lambda_2 \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_4} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial P} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = - \lambda_2 \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_1} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz - \lambda_2 \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_4} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$$

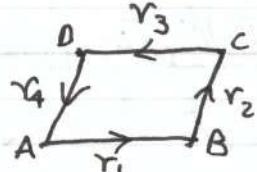
$$= m\lambda_2 + n\lambda_1 \quad (\text{for some } m, n \in \mathbb{Z}) \in \Lambda.$$

Finally, again by Question 2, Sheet 1, we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial P} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \sum_{i=1}^k v_f(a_i) - \sum_{j=1}^l v_f(b_j)$$

Since  $\frac{f'}{f}$  is elliptic wrt  $\Lambda$ , by i),

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial P} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = 0$$



$$\begin{aligned} B-A &= ? \\ D-A &= \lambda \\ \Delta &= \lambda_1 z + \lambda_2 z \end{aligned}$$

Remark

Let  $\Lambda$  be a lattice. Then,  $\exists a \in \mathbb{C}, a \neq 0$  such that  $a\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\lambda$ ,  $\text{Im}(\lambda) > 0$ . Remember that  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  is biholomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}/a\Lambda$ . So we can replace  $\Lambda$  by  $a\Lambda$ , and assume from now on that  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot \lambda$ ,  $\text{Im}(\lambda) > 0$ .

Definition (Theta Function)

Let  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot \lambda$ ,  $\text{Im}(\lambda) > 0$ . Then we define the theta function as  $\Theta(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i (\frac{1}{2}n^2\lambda + nz)}$

Theorem  $\Theta(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(2\pi i (\frac{1}{2}n^2\lambda + nz))$

With the above notation, we have

i)  $\Theta$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

ii)  $\Theta(-z) = \Theta(z)$

iii)  $\Theta(z+1) = \Theta(z)$ ,  $\Theta(z+\lambda) = e^{2\pi i (-\frac{\lambda}{2} - z)} \Theta(z)$

iv) If we choose a parallelogram  $P$  for  $\Lambda$  such that  $\Theta' \{0\} \cap P = \emptyset$   
then  $\Theta$  has a single zero in  $P$  with order 1.

v)  $\Theta(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) = 0$

Proof

i) We use the Weierstrass-M-test. Let  $S_R = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\text{Im}(z)| < R\}$

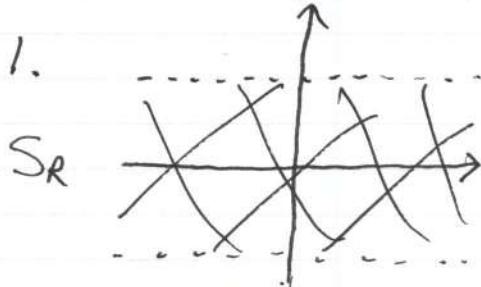
Then, if  $\lambda = a + bi$ ,  $z = x + yi$ , then

$$|e^{2\pi i (\frac{1}{2}n^2\lambda + nz)}| = e^{-\pi n^2 b - 2\pi ny} \leq e^{-\pi n^2 b + 2\pi n/R} \quad \text{for } z \in S_R$$

Now, it is not difficult to show that  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi n^2 b + 2\pi n/R}$

is convergent  $\Rightarrow$  M-test shows that  $\Theta$  is holomorphic on  $S_R$

$\Rightarrow \Theta$  holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}$ .



ii) This is clear.

iii)  $\theta(z+1) = \theta(z)$  is again clear.  $\theta(z+\lambda) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i (\frac{1}{2}(n+1)^2\lambda + (n+1)z - z - \frac{\lambda}{2})}$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i (\frac{1}{2}(n+1)^2\lambda + (n+1)z - z - \frac{\lambda}{2})}$$
$$= e^{2\pi i (-z - \frac{\lambda}{2})} \theta(z)$$

iv) # zeroes of  $\theta$  calculated with order  $= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{\theta'(z)}{\theta(z)} dz$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_1} \frac{\theta'(z)}{\theta(z)} dz + \dots + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_4} \frac{\theta'(z)}{\theta(z)} dz$$

From iii) we have  $\frac{\theta'(z+\lambda)}{\theta(z+\lambda)} = -2\pi i + \frac{\theta'(z)}{\theta(z)}$ . This allows you to compare  $\int_{r_1}, \int_{r_3}$  and  $\int_{r_2}, \int_{r_4}$ . At the end, we see that  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{\theta'(z)}{\theta(z)} dz = 1$ .

v) Put  $h(z) = \theta(z - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{2})$ .

$$\text{Then } h(z) e^{2\pi i (z + \frac{1}{2})} = \theta(z - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2}) \quad (\text{use ii), iii) })$$

$$= \theta(z + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2}) = \theta(-z - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{2}) = h(-z)$$

$$\text{Finally } h(0) e^{\pi i} = h(0) \Rightarrow 2h(0) = 0, \quad h(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2}) = 0$$

Elliptic FunctionsTheorem

Let  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\lambda$  be a lattice,  $\text{Im}(\lambda) > 0$ . Let  $P$  be a parallelogram for  $\Lambda$ . Let  $a_1, \dots, a_k, b_1, \dots, b_\ell$  be in the interior of  $P$  and let

$m_1, \dots, m_k, n_1, \dots, n_\ell \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$i) \sum_{i=1}^k m_i - \sum_{j=1}^\ell n_j = 0 \quad ii) \sum_{i=1}^k m_i a_i - \sum_{j=1}^\ell n_j b_j \in \Lambda$$

Then,  $\exists$  an elliptic function with respect to  $\Lambda$  such that

$P_n f^{-1}\{0\} = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}, P_n f^{-1}\{\infty\} = \{b_1, \dots, b_\ell\}$  and  $v_f(a_i) = m_i,$

$$v_f(b_j) = n_j$$

Proof

Let  $h(z) = \theta(z - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{2})$ . Let  $g(z) = \frac{h(z-a_1)^{m_1} \dots h(z-a_k)^{m_k}}{h(z-b_1)^{n_1} \dots h(z-b_\ell)^{n_\ell}}$

Then  $g(z+1) = g(z)$  because  $1$  is a period of  $\theta$ .

By properties of  $\theta$ , we have  $g(z+\lambda) = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^k m_i a_i - \sum_{j=1}^\ell n_j b_j\right) g(z)$   
 $= e^{2\pi i r \lambda} g(z)$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i (-r z)} g(z)$

Now  $f(z+1) = f(z), f(z+\lambda) = e^{2\pi i (-r z)} e^{2\pi i (-r \lambda)} g(z+\lambda)$   
 $= e^{2\pi i (-r z)} g(z) = f(z).$

So  $f(z)$  is elliptic with respect to  $\Lambda$ , and the other properties follow from the definition of  $f$ .  $\square$

We will now apply this theorem when  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\lambda$ ,  $\text{Im}(\lambda) > 0$   
 $P$  a parallelogram for  $\Lambda$ , with  $a = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{2}, b = 0,$

$m = n = 2$ . Choose  $P$  so that  $a, b$  are in the interior of  $P$ .

By the <sup>theorem</sup> function, the function  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i z} \frac{\theta(z)^2}{\theta(z - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{2})^2}$

is elliptic with respect to  $\Lambda$  and  $f^{-1}\{0\} \cap P = \{a\}$ ,  $f^{-1}\{\infty\} \cap P = \{b\}$ ,  $V_f(a) = V_f(b) = 2$ .

Then, we choose  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\alpha f(z) + \beta$  has a Laurent series expansion near 0 of the form  $\frac{1}{z^2} + C_1 \frac{1}{z} + O + C_2 z + \dots$ . Now we define  $P(z) = \alpha f(z) + \beta$ , called the Weierstrass P-function.

The function  $P(z)$  is still elliptic with respect to  $\Lambda$  and has order 2 as an elliptic function i.e. the corresponding holomorphic map  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  has degree 2.

### Theorem (Properties of $P(z)$ )

With notation and assumptions as above :

- i)  $P(-z) = P(z)$
- ii)  $P'(z)$  is also elliptic with respect to  $\Lambda$  of order 3
- iii)  $P'(z)$  vanishes at  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$  with branching order = 1
- iv)  $P(z)$  satisfies  $P'(z)^2 - 4P(z)^3 + uP(z) + v = 0$  for some  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}$  to be determined.

### Proof

$$\begin{aligned} i) P(-z) &= \alpha e^{2\pi i(-z)} \frac{\Theta(-z)^2}{\Theta(z-\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2})^2} + \beta \stackrel{\text{by properties of } \Theta}{=} \alpha \frac{e^{2\pi i(-z)} \Theta(z)^2}{e^{4\pi i(z-\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2})} \Theta(z-\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2})^2} + \beta \\ &= \alpha \frac{e^{2\pi i(-z)} \Theta(z)^2}{\Theta(z-\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2})^2} + \beta = P(z) \end{aligned}$$

- ii) Suppose that  $h$  is an elliptic function with respect to  $\Lambda$ .

$h: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  holomorphic  $\Rightarrow h': \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  holomorphic

Let  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ .  $a \in h^{-1}\{\infty\} \Rightarrow a \in h'^{-1}\{\infty\} \Rightarrow a+1, a+\lambda \in h'^{-1}\{\infty\}$

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$$\text{If } a \notin h^{-1}\{\infty\} \Rightarrow h'(a+\omega) = \lim_{z \rightarrow a+\omega} \frac{h(z) - h(a+\omega)}{z - a - \omega}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{h(z+\omega) - h(a+\omega)}{z + \omega - a - \omega} = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{h(z) - h(a)}{z - a} = h'(a)$$

$\Rightarrow h'$  is elliptic with respect to  $\Lambda$ , so in particular,  $P'(z)$  is.

By definition  $P^{-1}\{\infty\} \cap P = \{\text{one point}\}$  and the branching order of  $P$  at this point is 2. But  $P'^{-1}\{\infty\} \cap P = P^{-1}\{\infty\} \cap P$  and has branching order 3  $\Rightarrow$  a similar statement holds for the corresponding holomorphic map  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  i.e. the latter holomorphic map sends only one point to  $\infty$  and it has branching order 3  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  has degree 3 (we could also apply theorems of previous lectures).

iii) Since  $P(-z) = P(z)$ ,  $P'(-z) = -P'(z)$   $\swarrow$  elliptic

So  $P'(\frac{1}{2}) = -P'(-\frac{1}{2})$ . However  $P'(\frac{1}{2}) = P'(\frac{1}{2}-1) = P'(-\frac{1}{2})$

Thus  $P'(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$ . Similarly, we can show that  $P'(\frac{1}{2}i) = 0$  and  $P'(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i) = 0$ .

Since  $P'(z)$  is elliptic of order 3,  $P'(z)$  has branching order 1 at  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}i, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$  because these points belong to the interior of some appropriate parallelogram  $P$ .

iv) From  $p(-z) = p(z)$ ,  $P(z)$  has the Laurent expansion

$$\frac{1}{z^2} + c_2 z^2 + c_4 z^4 + \dots = \underset{\text{near } 0}{\frac{1}{z^2}} + c_2 z^2 + c_4 z^4 + z^6 g_1(z)$$

We can then calculate

$$\begin{aligned} P'(z) &= -\frac{2}{z^3} + 2c_2 z + 4c_4 z^3 + z^5 g_2(z) \\ P'(z)^2 &= \frac{4}{z^6} - \frac{8c_2}{z^2} - 16c_4 + z^2 g_3(z) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} g_i(z) \\ \text{holomorphic} \\ \text{near } 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$4p(z)^3 = \frac{4}{z^6} + \frac{12c_2}{z^2} + 12c_4 + z^2 g_4(z)$$

holomorphic near 0

$$\text{Thus, } A(z) := p'(z)^2 - 4p(z)^3 + u p(z) + v = z^2 g_5(z)$$

$\Rightarrow A(z)$  is holomorphic near 0. On the other hand,  $A(z)$  is elliptic with respect to  $\Lambda$ . Moreover, by construction,

$$A^{-1}\{\infty\} = \emptyset \Rightarrow A(z) \text{ is constant}$$

$$\text{But } A(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A(z) \equiv 0$$

The Uniformisation TheoremRemark

Suppose that  $\pi: Y \rightarrow X$  is a covering in the sense of topology, where  $X$  is a connected Riemann Surface and  $Y$  is a connected topological surface. We can define a unique complex structure on  $Y$  so that  $Y$  becomes a Riemann Surface and  $\pi$  a holomorphic map. (Sheet 3, Question 2, typo:  $\pi = f$ )

Remark

i) Now assume that  $Y$  is a connected Riemann Surface. Let  $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(Y)$ .  $G$  acts on  $Y$  naturally.  $g \in G$  acts on  $y \in Y$  by  $g(y)$ . Let  $X := Y/G$  and  $\pi: Y \rightarrow X$  the quotient map.

Here  $\pi(y) = \pi(y') \Leftrightarrow \exists g \in G$  such that  $g(y) = y'$ .

We say that  $G$  acts properly discontinuously if  $X$  is a topological surface and  $\pi$  a covering in the sense of topology,

i.e.  $\forall y \in Y$ ,  $\exists$  open  $U \ni y$  such that  $g_1(u) \neq g_2(u)$  if  $g_1 \neq g_2 \in G$ .



In this case, we can define a complex structure on  $X$  so that  $\pi$  is holomorphic (defined similarly to the case of complex tori).

ii) Suppose that  $X$  is a connected Riemann Surface. Then there is a universal cover  $\tilde{\pi}: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ . Here,  $\tilde{X}$  is a simply connected Riemann Surface and  $\tilde{\pi}$  is a covering in the sense of topology ( $\tilde{\pi}$  is holomorphic).

### Theorem (Uniformisation)

Suppose that  $X$  is a connected Riemann Surface and  $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  a universal cover. Then,  $\tilde{X}$  is biholomorphic to one of:

- i) the Riemann Sphere,  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$
- ii) the Complex Plane,  $\mathbb{C}$
- iii) the Open Unit Disc,  $D(0, 1)$

Moreover,  $\exists$  a subgroup  $G \leq \text{Aut}(\tilde{X})$  such that  $X \xrightarrow{\text{biholomorphic}} \tilde{X}/G$  where  $G$  acts on  $\tilde{X}$  properly discontinuously.

### Corollary

Suppose that  $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  is as in the theorem. Assume that  $X$  is compact and simply connected. Then  $\pi$  is biholomorphic.

### Proof

We know that  $\pi$  is injective. Moreover,  $\pi$  is 1-1; assume that  $\pi(\tilde{x}_1) = \pi(\tilde{x}_2)$ . Choose a path  $r : \tilde{x}_1$  to  $\tilde{x}_2$ .  $\pi r$  is homotopic to the constant path because  $X$  is simply connected.

By the Monodromy Theorem,  $r$  is homotopic to the constant path at  $\tilde{x}_1 \Rightarrow r(0) = r(1) = \tilde{x}_2 \Rightarrow \pi$  is 1-1  $\Rightarrow \pi$  is biholomorphic

Then, by uniformisation,  $X$  is biholomorphic to  $\tilde{X}$  and to the Riemann Sphere (the only compact choice of the three).

### Corollary

$\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  as above. If  $\tilde{X}$  is the Riemann Sphere, then  $\pi$  is biholomorphic and  $X$  is biholomorphically equivalent to the Riemann Sphere.

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Proof

$\tilde{X}$  compact  $\Rightarrow X$  compact. We know that  $X(\tilde{X}) = \mathbb{Z}$ . By the Riemann-Hurwitz Formula,  $2 = X(\tilde{X}) = \deg(\pi) \cdot X(X)$   
(There are no ramification points)

$\Rightarrow X(X) > 0$  by topology  $X = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , the Riemann Sphere

$\Rightarrow \deg \pi = 1 \Rightarrow \pi$  is biholomorphic.

Remark



The above corollaries immediately imply that the sphere carries only one complex structure.

Example

Let  $\pi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  be as in the theorem. Assume  $\tilde{X} = \mathbb{C}$ . Then,  $X$  is biholomorphic to either  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , or a complex torus.

By the theorem,  $\exists$  a subgroup  $G \leq \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $X = \tilde{X}/G$ , where  $G$  acts on  $\mathbb{C}$  properly discontinuously. Recall that  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}) = \{az+b \mid a, b \in \mathbb{C}, a \neq 0\}$

i) If  $G = 0$  then  $X = \tilde{X}/G = \tilde{X} = \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow X$  biholomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$

ii) If  $0 \neq g(z) = az + b \in G$ , then  $a = 1$ , otherwise

$g\left(\frac{b}{1-a}\right) = \frac{b}{1-a}$  which contradicts the fact that  $G$  should act properly discontinuously.

Then we can define a homomorphism  $\varphi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $g(z) = z + b \mapsto b$ .

Again, since  $G$  acts properly discontinuously,  $\text{Im}(\varphi)$  has no accumulation points. So,  $\text{Im}(\varphi)$  is a discrete subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

So  $\text{Im}(\varphi) = 0$ ,  $\text{Im}(\varphi) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , or  $\text{Im}(\varphi) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $\text{Im}(\varphi) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  then  $\text{Im}(\varphi)$  is a lattice in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Thus,  $X$  is biholomorphic to  $\frac{\mathbb{C}}{\text{Im}(\varphi)} = \text{Complex Torus}$

Finally, assume that  $\text{Im}(\varphi) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . So  $\exists 0 \neq \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\text{Im}(\varphi) = \lambda \mathbb{Z}$ . We have the holomorphic map  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  defined by  $z \mapsto \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{\lambda} z\right)$ . This induces a holomorphic map  $h: \frac{\mathbb{C}}{\lambda \mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ , which is biholomorphic.

$h$  is injective, and in fact 1-1, because if  $h([z]) = h([z'])$  then  $z - z' \in \lambda \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow [z] = [z'] \Rightarrow h$  biholomorphic.

Now  $X = \tilde{X}/G$  is biholomorphic to  $\frac{\mathbb{C}}{\lambda \mathbb{Z}}$  and in turn to  $\mathbb{C}^*$ .

Theorem (Picard)

Suppose  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic, and assume that

$f(\mathbb{C}) \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus \{a, b\}$ . Then  $f$  is constant.

Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{F} & D(0,1) \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ X = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{a, b\} & & \end{array}$$

By the results of this lecture, if  $\pi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{a, b\}$  is the universal cover  $\Rightarrow \tilde{X} = D(0,1)$ .

We define  $F: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow D(0,1)$ , holomorphic, such that  $F = \pi f$ . Pick  $b \in D(0,1)$  such that  $f(0) = \pi(b)$ . For any  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , choose a path  $r$  such that  $r(0) = 0$ ,  $r(1) = z$ , and lift  $F r$  to a path  $\alpha$  starting at  $b$ . Put  $F(z) = \alpha(1)$ .  $\mathbb{C}$  simply-connected  $\Rightarrow F(z)$  independent of choice of  $r$ .  $\pi$  locally biholomorphic  $\Rightarrow F$  holomorphic.

Now apply Liouville's theorem:  $F$  constant  $\Rightarrow f$  constant.