

Properties of Weierstrass \wp function and Projective Curves

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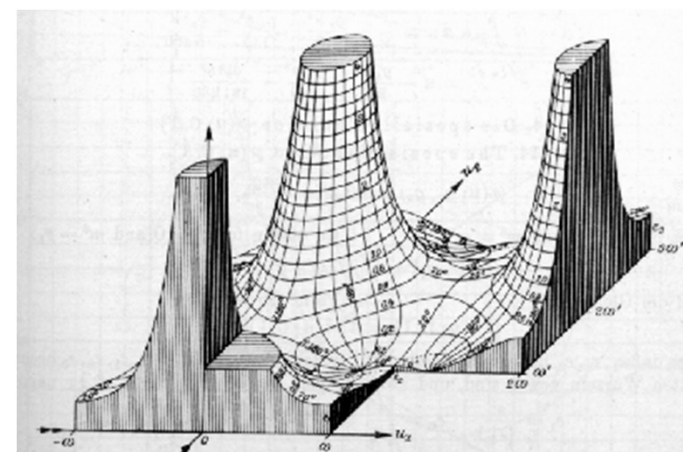
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- Projective Curves as Riemann Surfaces
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Preliminary Results

Prop 1: Weierstrass M-test

Let $\{f_{n,m} : W \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}_{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}}$ be holomorphic functions on open set W

Suppose there exists $M_{n,m}$ for all n, m s.t.

1) $|f_{n,m}(z)| < M_{n,m} \quad \forall z \in W$

2) $\sum_{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}} M_{n,m}$ converges

Then the following sum converged uniformly to some holomorphic function $f(z)$ on W

$$f(z) = \sum_{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}} f_{n,m}(z)$$

The derivative is obtained by summing the term wise derivatives

$$f'(z) = \sum_{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}} f_{n,m}'(z)$$

Preliminary Results

- Zeros and poles of meromorphic functions (single valued, complex functions) are isolated
- Valency(order) of a zero: the first n th non-zero derivative at the zero

$$\begin{aligned}f(z) &= a_n(z - z_0)^n + a_{n+1}(z - z_0)^{n+1} + \dots \\ &= (z - z_0)^n g(z)\end{aligned}$$

- Valency(order) of a pole: the smallest exponent of the laurent series centered at pole

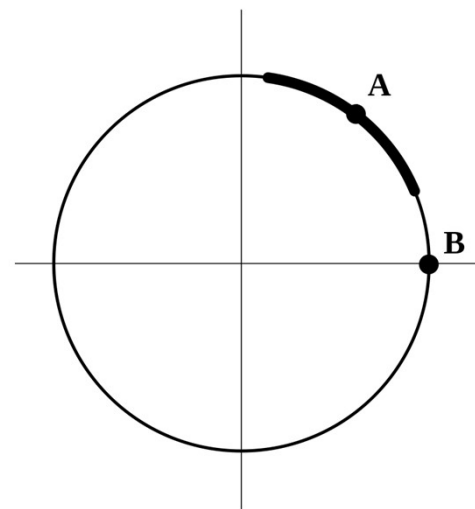
$$\begin{aligned}f(z) &= a_{-n}(z - z_0)^{-n} + a_{-n+1}(z - z_0)^{-n+1} + \dots \\ &= (z - z_0)^{-n} g(z)\end{aligned}$$

- Implicit function theorem:

Let polynomial $P(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ define the curve $C = \{(x, y) \mid P(x, y) = 0\}$. Let $(a, b) \in C$ such that $\partial P / \partial y \neq 0$. Then there exists a holomorphic function $f: U(a)$

$\rightarrow V(b)$ open neighbourhoods such that

if $x \in U(a)$ and $y \in V(b)$ then $y = f(x) \leftrightarrow (x, y) \in C$



Elliptic Function and Lattices

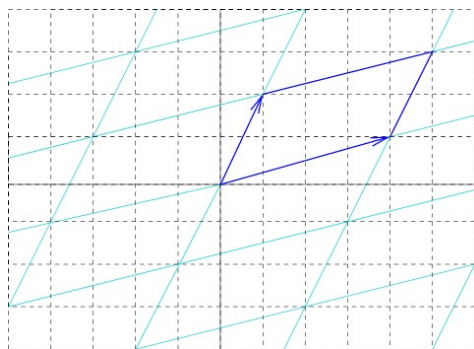
Def: Doubly Periodic Functions

A function that satisfies $f(z + \omega_1) = f(z + \omega_2) = f(z) \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$ where $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{R} is called *doubly periodic*. The ω_1, ω_2 are periods of $f(z)$

Examples of periodic functions:

$$\sin(x), \cos(x), e^x$$

The period of e^x is $2i\pi$. This is the smallest positive period, no other period is smaller in magnitude. The set of all periods are integer multiples of $2i\pi$



Def: Lattice is the set $\Lambda = \{n\omega_1 + m\omega_2 \mid (n, m) \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Def: Elliptic Function $f(z)$ is a meromorphic and doubly periodic functions

Non – constant
Elliptic function
 $f(z)$



\exists lattice Λ s. t.
 $\forall z f(z + \omega) = f(z) \leftrightarrow \omega \in \Lambda$

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What generates
the lattice?

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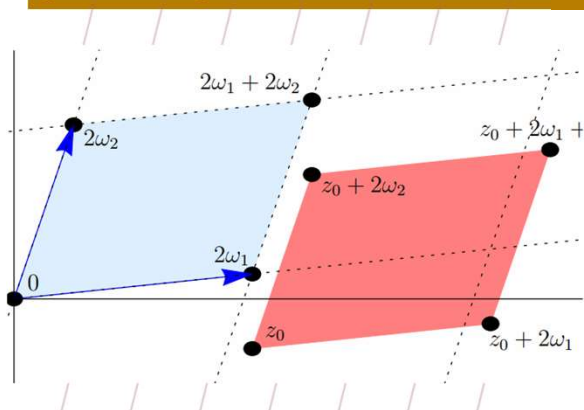
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Elliptic Function and Lattices

Def. Fundamental Period Parallelogram

Two linearly independent periods ω_1, ω_2 of $f(z)$ form a parallelogram. It is the *Fundamental Period Parallelogram* if no other period lies in it (boundaries included, vertices excepted) and ω_1, ω_2 are called the *fundamental periods*.

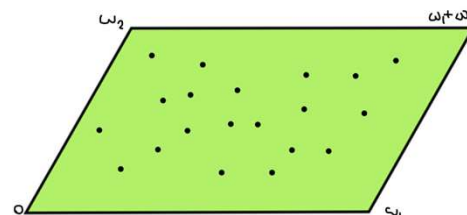
Easy to see the lattice generated by ω_1, ω_2 contains all the periods of $f(z)$ since otherwise the parallelogram will not be fundamental



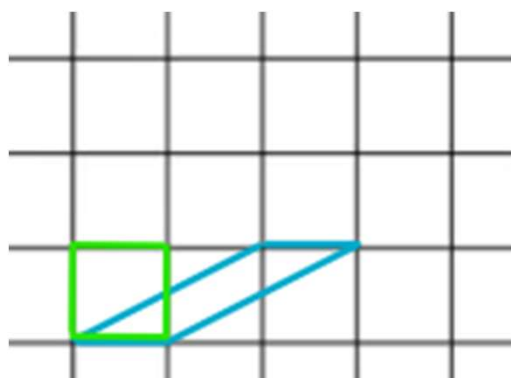
We can translate the fundamental period parallelogram by adding z_0 to get a cell, denoted $P(z_0)$

Why should there exist a fundamental Period Parallelogram?

[pf: Conv. Subsequence + isolated zeros/poles]



Choice of Fundamental Periods



Notice we have 2 pairs of fundamental periods for the lattice $\Lambda(1, i)$

$(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (1, i)$ defines the lattice

$(\omega_1', \omega_2') = (1, 2 + i)$ also defines the lattice

Instead of a unique fundamental period, there is a unique equivalence class defining the lattice. The following are equivalent

(ω_1, ω_2) and (ω_1', ω_2') define the same lattice Λ

$\Leftrightarrow (\omega_1, \omega_2)$ and (ω_1', ω_2') produce a fund. period parallelograms in Λ

$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1' \\ \omega_2' \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}$ where $A \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

Def. Equivalence Relation on \mathbb{C} :

$$z_0 \sim z_1 \text{ iff } (z_0 - z_1) \in \Lambda$$

This means $z_0 \sim z_1 \rightarrow f(z_0) = f(z_1)$

Example: Weierstrass \wp function

Def. Given a lattice $\Lambda(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ the associated Weierstrass function is

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda - \{0\}} \frac{1}{(z - \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2}$$

Its derivative is

$$\wp'(z) = \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} \frac{-2}{(z - \omega)^3}$$

By Weierstrass M-test [Kirwan 5.10], these functions are meromorphic on \mathbb{C} . The lattice points are the only poles

Prop. \wp is even and doubly periodic (i.e. periodic on the lattice Λ)

- $\wp(-z) = \frac{1}{(-z)^2} + \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda - \{0\}} \frac{1}{(-z - \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} = \frac{1}{(z)^2} + \sum_{(-\omega) \in \Lambda - \{0\}} \frac{1}{(z - (-\omega))^2} - \frac{1}{(-\omega)^2} = \wp(z) \therefore$ it is even
- $\wp'(z)$ is clearly doubly periodic

So $\wp'(z + \omega) = \wp'(z) \rightarrow \text{integrate wrt } z \rightarrow \wp(z + \omega) = \wp(z) + C(\omega)$

plug in $z = -\omega$ $\wp\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right) = \wp\left(-\frac{\omega}{2}\right) + C(\omega) \Rightarrow C(\omega) = 0 \therefore$ it is doubly periodic and an elliptic curve

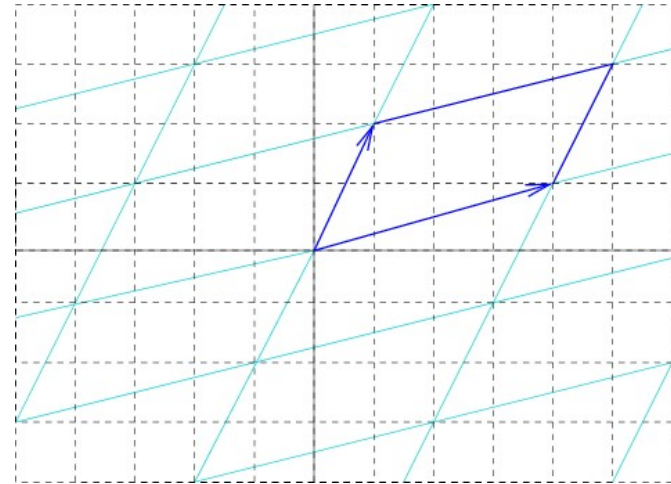
Def.

Irreducible set of zeros of an elliptic function are all the zeros that lie strictly inside a cell $P(z_0)$.

This cell should have no zeros or poles on its boundary

Similarly define *Irreducible set of poles*.

- A irreducible set of zeros are congruent to all zeros in \mathbb{C}
- No two zeros in this set are congruent to each other
- Any two congruent zeros have the same order
- Same is true for irreducible set of poles
- All the poles of Weierstrass \wp functions have the same order



Laurent Series @ $z = 0$ and order of poles

In an open ball at the origin:

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda - \{0\}} \frac{1}{(z - \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2}$$

The order of pole at 0 is 2 since the Laurent series looks like

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{0}{z} + 0 + a_2 z^2 + a_4 z^4 + \dots$$

By considering some combinations of $[\wp']^2$, \wp , \wp^3 , 1 we can create a doubly periodic holomorphic

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + a_2 z^2 + a_4 z^4 + \dots$$

$$\wp^3(z) = \frac{1}{z^6} + \frac{3a_2}{z^2} + 3a_4 + z^2 + \dots$$

$$[\wp'(z)]^2 = \frac{4}{z^6} - \frac{8a_2}{z^2} - 16a_4 + z^2 + \dots$$

The combination is $[\wp'(z)]^2 - 4\wp^3(z) + 20a_2\wp(z) + 28a_4 = z^2 + z^4 + \dots$

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Written a bit concisely, the function $[\wp'(z)]^2 - 4\wp^3(z) + g_2\wp(z) + g_3$ is a doubly periodic holomorphic functions where

$$g_2 = 20a_2 = 60 \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda - \{0\}} \frac{1}{\omega^4}$$

$$g_3 = 28a_4 = 140 \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda - \{0\}} \frac{1}{\omega^6}$$

It follows by a property [see next slide] that the holomorphic function identically equals to 0. This $\wp(z)$ solves the differential equation

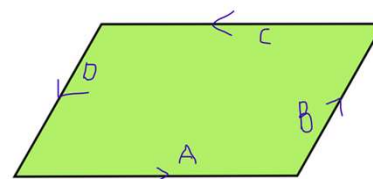
$$\left(\frac{dy}{dz}\right)^2 = 4y^3 - g_2y - g_3$$

Properties of Elliptic function

1) Sum of Residues over an irreducible set of poles of an elliptic function is 0

Idea [Residue Thm]

$$\sum \text{Res}(f; z_i) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \oint_{\partial_{\text{cell}}} f(z) = 0$$



- Example: Residue of the only pole of $\wp(z)$ is 0.

2) A holomorphic elliptic function is constant

Idea [continuous function bounded on compact parallelogram + periodic + Liouville's Thm]

3) Number of roots of $f(z) = w_0$ in a cell is equal to the number of poles of $f(z)$ in a cell (counting multiplicity). This is independent of w_0

We call the number of poles counting multiplicity the *order* of elliptic function $f(z)$

Idea [Argument principle + property 1]

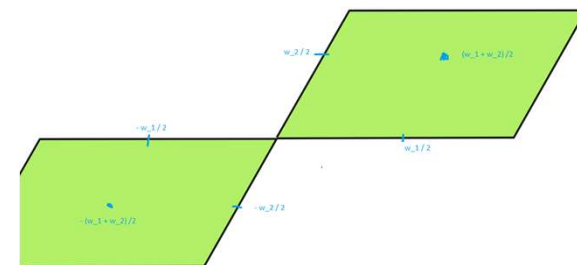
Let $g(z) = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z) - w_0}$. It is elliptic function so $\frac{1}{2i\pi} \oint_{\partial_{cell}} g(z) = 0$. By argument principle,

$$\frac{1}{2i\pi} \oint_{\partial_{cell}} g(z) = \# \text{ zeros} - \# \text{ poles} = 0$$

- Elliptic curves are surjective
- Order of \wp is 2. It has single pole of order 2.
- Means $\wp(z)$ is surjective "twice" i.e. $\wp(z) = w_0$ has two distinct zeros in irred. set $\{z_0, -z_0\}$
- Actually, sometimes $-z_0 \sim z_0$. In this case the single zero has multiplicity 2

This happens at exactly 3 points $\frac{\omega_1}{2}, \frac{\omega_2}{2}, \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2}$ (called half-periods)

Notice multiplicity is 2 \rightarrow first derivative is 0 (also called stationary points)

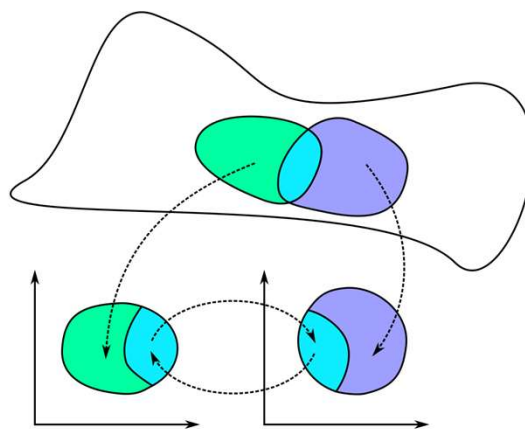


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Riemann surfaces have
holomorphic transition maps

Some More Preliminary Results

- Closed subsets of compact space is compact
- Compact subset of Hausdorff is closed
- Projective space \mathbf{P}_n is compact and Hausdorff
- Projective Curves (subsets of \mathbf{P}_n) are closed, compact, Hausdorff
- Continuous bijection between a compact and Hausdorff space is a homeomorphism

[W.A. Sutherland, *Introduction to metric and topological spaces*]

[F. Kirwan, *Complex Algebraic Curves*]

Complex Algebraic Curves as Riemann Surfaces

Prop [Kirwan 5.27]

If C is a complex algebraic curve in \mathbb{C}^2 defined by polynomial $P(x, y)$ then $C - \text{Sing}(C)$ has a holomorphic atlas (aka is a Riemann surface)

Take any point $(a, b) \in C - \text{Sing}(C)$
 Either $\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \neq 0$ or $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \neq 0$.

By Implicit Function Theorem
 $\exists f: U(a) \rightarrow V(b)$ between open neigh. of a, b
 s.t. $y = f(x)$ iff $(x, y) \in C \cap (U \times V)$
 this is open

So chart $\phi_x: C \cap (U \times V) \rightarrow U$
 $(x, y) \mapsto x$ is a homeomorphism
 $\phi_x^{-1}: x \mapsto (x, f_x(x))$

Similarly $\psi_y: C \cap (U \times V) \rightarrow V$
 $(x, y) \mapsto y$
 $\psi_y^{-1}: y \mapsto (g_y(y), y)$

Transition maps

$t_{1,2} = \phi_2 \circ \phi_1^{-1}$ in this case $x \xrightarrow{\phi_1^{-1}} (x, f_1(x)) \xrightarrow{\phi_2} x$ identity map

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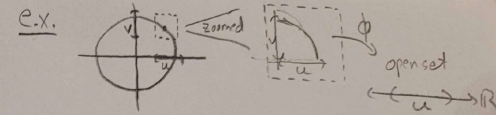
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Projective Curves as Riemann Surfaces

Prop [Kirwan 5.28]

If C is a projective curve in P_2 defined by polynomial $P(x, y, z)$ then $C - \text{Sing}(C)$ has a holomorphic atlas (aka is a Riemann surface)

- Using the fact P is homogenous function and P_2 projective space, we can reduce to 2 variables and use Implicit Function Theorem

Atlases look like $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$[x, y, z] \mapsto \frac{x}{z}, \frac{y}{z}, \frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{x}, \frac{z}{x}, \frac{z}{y}$$

Transition maps look like

$$w \mapsto w, \frac{1}{w}, g(w), \frac{1}{g(w)}, \frac{w}{g(w)}, \frac{g(w)}{w}$$

Projective Curves as Riemann Surfaces

Prop [Kirwan 5.19, 5.20]

The projective curve C_Λ in P_2 defined by the polynomial

$$Q_\Lambda(x, y, z) = y^2z - 4x^3 + g_2xz^2 + g_3z^3$$

is non-singular. Therefore it is also a Riemann Surface.

Recall the half periods $\frac{\omega_1}{2}, \frac{\omega_2}{2}, \frac{\omega_1+\omega_2}{2}$. They make $f' = 0$. Thus differential eq. is 3rd degree cubic with distinct roots. $y(z) = \wp(z)$ and $\wp' = 0$

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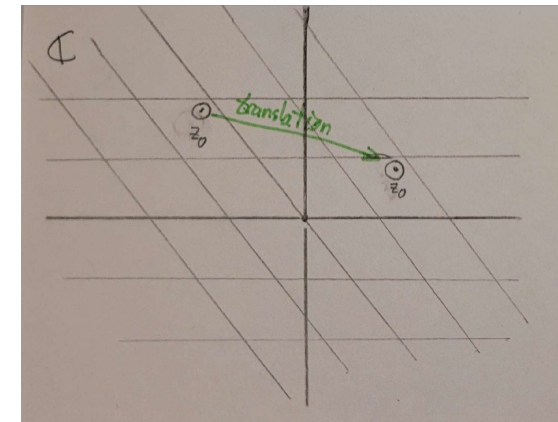
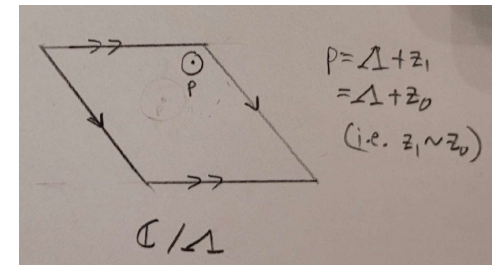
$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dy}{dz}\right)^2 &= 4y^3 - g_2y - g_3 \\ &= 4(y - e_1)(y - e_2)(y - e_3) \\ &= 4[(y - e_2)(y - e_3) + (y - e_1)(y - e_3) + (y - e_1)(y - e_2)] \end{aligned}$$

Complex Torus as Riemann Surfaces

Prop [Kirwan 5.42]

Let $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ be linearly independent over \mathbb{R} . Then the set $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ with quotient topology has a holomorphic atlas (aka is a Riemann surface)

- In this case, the quotient map $\Pi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ is open and continuous (but not injective!)
- Take a point $\Lambda + z_1 \in \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$. We could use a different z_i
- Consider an open ball $U(z_1)$ small enough to make Π injective. It becomes a homeomorphism between open set in \mathbb{C} to neighbourhood of $\Lambda + z_1$. Π^{-1} is the chart.
- Recall we could've chosen any z_i . Thus multiple homeomorphisms exist for same neighbourhood of $\Lambda + z_1$. However, the open set in \mathbb{C} are plane translations. Thus transition maps are holomorphic



Holomorphic maps between Riemann surfaces

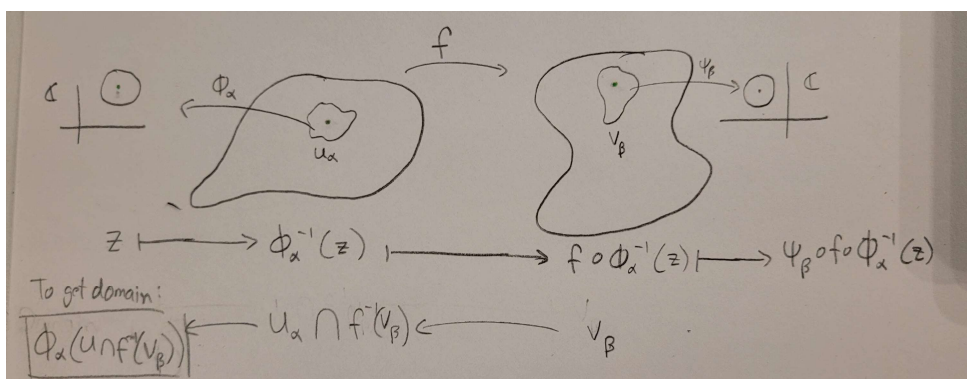
Def [Kirwan 5.33]

Let S and T be surfaces with holomorphic atlases Φ and Ψ . A continuous map $f : S \rightarrow T$ is called holomorphic with respect to Φ and Ψ if the map

$$\psi_\beta \circ f \circ \phi_\alpha^{-1}$$

is holomorphic

- Equivalently, it can be defined pointwise by asking if there exists 2 charts the cover the point and its image under f such that $\psi_\beta \circ f \circ \phi_\alpha^{-1}$ is holomorphic



Holomorphic map $u: \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow C_\Lambda$

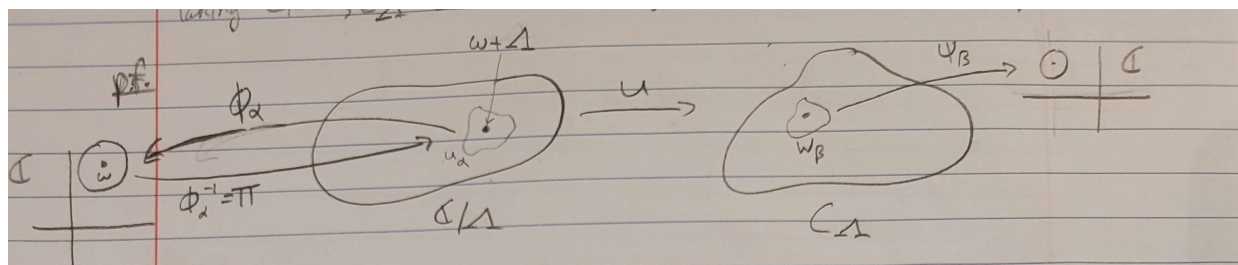
Def [Kirwan 5.22, 5.43]

The map $u: \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow C_\Lambda$ defined by

$$\Lambda + z \mapsto \begin{cases} [\wp(z), \wp'(z), 1] & \text{if } z \notin \Lambda \\ [0, 1, 0] & \text{if } z \in \Lambda \end{cases}$$

is a homeomorphism (topological). Treating \mathbb{C}/Λ and C_Λ as Riemann surfaces, u is also holomorphic.

Insert Image for proof



I can pick one chart on each Riemann surface and show that u is pointwise holo everywhere

Case 1

$[\omega \notin \Lambda]$ The open ball $U(\omega)$ will contain no lattice points.

$$\text{Let } z \in U(\omega) \quad z \xrightarrow{\pi} \Lambda + z \xrightarrow{u} \begin{bmatrix} g(z), g'(z), 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\phi_\beta} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ g(z) \\ g'(z) \end{bmatrix} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{form:} \\ \frac{x}{y} \end{array} \right]$$

Since $g(z)$ is holo away from the lattice points it is holo on $U(\omega)$

Case 2

$[\omega \in \Lambda]$ The open ball $U(\omega)$ will contain no stationary points i.e. $f'(z) \neq 0$.

$$\text{Let } z \in U(\omega) \quad z \xrightarrow{\pi} \Lambda + z \xrightarrow{u} \begin{bmatrix} 0, 1, 0 \\ g(z), g'(z), 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\phi_\beta} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ g(z) \\ g'(z) \end{bmatrix} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{form:} \\ \frac{x}{y} \end{array} \right]$$

Since both $g(z), g'(z)$ have poles at origin, we inspect order of poles

$$g(z) = \frac{g(z)}{z^2} \quad ; \quad g'(z) = \frac{h(z)}{z^3} \quad \text{when } g, h \text{ holo near } 0.$$

Therefore u is a holo. map.

Summary

- Elliptic functions are doubly periodic, meromorphic functions
- Non-singular projective curves are compact Riemann surfaces
- Used the Weierstass elliptic function \wp to prove conformal equivalence between a complex torus and a projective curve defined on a given lattice

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- G. Pastras, *Four Lectures on Weierstrass Elliptic Function and Applications in Classical and Quantum Mechanics*



Thank You for Listening
Any Questions?