

A construction of the category of mixed Tate motives using Aomoto polylogarithms and Nori formalism

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Periods and Motives

Definition (Kontsevich, Zagier)

A *period* is a complex number whose real and imaginary parts are values of absolutely convergent integrals

$$\int_{\sigma} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n,$$

where f is a rational function with rational coefficients and $\sigma \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by polynomial inequalities with rational coefficients.

Examples

$$\sqrt{2} = \int_{2x^2 \leq 1} dx, \quad \pi = \int_{x^2 + y^2 \leq 1} dx dy, \quad \zeta(2) = \int_{1 \geq t_1 \geq t_2 \geq 0} \frac{dt_1}{t_1} \frac{dt_2}{1-t_2},$$

$$\log(2) = \int_1^2 \frac{dx}{x}, \quad \zeta(2, 1) = \int_{1 \geq t_1 \geq t_2 \geq t_3 \geq 0} \frac{dt_1}{t_1} \frac{dt_2}{1-t_2} \frac{dt_3}{1-t_3}$$

- ▶ Periods form a subring of \mathbb{C} . We will denote the ring of periods by \mathcal{P}^{eff} .
- ▶ \mathcal{P}^{eff} is countable.
- ▶ $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \subset \mathcal{P}^{\text{eff}} \subset \mathbb{C}$.

Definition

Let k be a subfield of \mathbb{C} . A k -variety is a reduced separated scheme of finite type over k .

Definition (Cohomological definition of periods)

Let X be a smooth \mathbb{Q} -variety, $Y \subseteq X$ a normal crossing divisor. The period isomorphism

$$H_{\mathrm{dR}}^i(X, Y) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} \rightarrow H_{\mathrm{B}}^i(X, Y; \mathbb{Q}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}$$

induces the period pairing

$$H_{\mathrm{dR}}^i(X, Y) \otimes H_i^{\mathrm{B}}(X(\mathbb{C}), Y(\mathbb{C}); \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$
$$\omega \otimes \sigma \mapsto \int_{\sigma} \omega.$$

We call a *period* of (X, Y) any number in the image of this map.

Example

- ▶ Let us consider the pair

$$(X, Y) = (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1 \setminus \{0, \infty\}, \{1, q\}),$$

with $q \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0, 1\}$.

- ▶ First singular homology of $(X(\mathbb{C}), Y(\mathbb{C})) = (\mathbb{C}^*, \{1, q\})$ has a basis $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$, where σ_1 is a (counterclockwise) circle around 0 with radius $r < \min\{1, |q|\}$ and σ_2 is the straight line from 1 to q .
- ▶ First de Rham cohomology of $(X, Y) = (\text{Spec } \mathbb{Q}[x, x^{-1}], \{1, q\})$ has a basis $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$, where $\omega_1 = \frac{dt}{t}$, $\omega_2 = \frac{dt}{q-1}$.
- ▶ Hence this pair gives the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \int_{\sigma_2} \omega_2 & \int_{\sigma_2} \omega_1 \\ \int_{\sigma_1} \omega_2 & \int_{\sigma_1} \omega_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \log q \\ 0 & 2\pi i \end{pmatrix}$$

which shows that \log of rational numbers are periods.

Checking whether two complex numbers are equal or not is not easy. For example

$$\pi\sqrt{163} \text{ and } 3 \cdot \log(640320)$$

both have decimal expansions beginning

$$40.10916999113251\dots$$

but they are not equal.

($e^{\pi\sqrt{163}} = 262537412640768743.99999999999925007\dots$ is known as the Ramanujan constant.)

Conjecture (Period conjecture)

If a period has two integral representations, one can pass between them using only the following calculus rules.

- *Additivity of integral:*

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\sigma} \omega_1 + \omega_2 &= \int_{\sigma} \omega_1 + \int_{\sigma} \omega_2 \\ \int_{\sigma_1 \cup \sigma_2} \omega &= \int_{\sigma_1} \omega + \int_{\sigma_2} \omega\end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma_1 \cap \sigma_2 = \emptyset$.

- *Change of variables:*

$$\int_{f(\sigma)} \omega = \int_{\sigma} f^* \omega$$

where f is invertible and defined by polynomial equations with rational coefficients.

- *Stokes' formula:*

$$\int_{\sigma} d\omega = \int_{\partial\sigma} \omega.$$

- ▶ The category of *mixed motives* $\text{MM}(k)$ over a field k is a conjectural Tannakian category, together with a contravariant functor $h : \text{Var}_k \rightarrow \text{MM}(k)$ such that any Weil cohomology theory H factors through h :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Var}_k & \xrightarrow{H} & k\text{-Vect} \\
 & \searrow h & \nearrow f_H \\
 & \text{MM}(k) & \exists!
 \end{array}$$

- ▶ Let $\mathcal{P}(M) = \mathbb{Q}(\text{Periods}(M))$ for a motive $M \in \text{MM}(\mathbb{Q})$.
- ▶ The following are equivalent.
 - The period conjecture holds.
 - $\text{ev} : \mathcal{P}_{\text{KZ}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is injective.
 - \mathcal{P}_{KZ} is an integral domain and for any (Nori) motive M ,

$$\text{trdeg}[\mathcal{P}(M) : \mathbb{Q}] = \dim G_{\text{mot}}(M),$$

where $G_{\text{mot}}(M) = \text{Aut}^{\otimes} H_{B|\langle M \rangle}$ is the Galois group of the Tannakian subcategory $\langle M \rangle$ of $\text{MM}(\mathbb{Q})$ generated by M .

Nori Motives

Theorem

Let D be a diagram (quiver, directed graph), R be a ring and

$$T : D \rightarrow R - \text{Mod}$$

be a (quiver) representation. Then, there is an R -linear abelian category $\mathcal{C}(D, T)$ with representation

$$\tilde{T} : D \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(D, T)$$

and a faithful, exact, R -linear functor

$$f_T : \mathcal{C}(D, T) \rightarrow R - \text{Mod}$$

such that T factorises as

$$T : D \xrightarrow{\tilde{T}} \mathcal{C}(D, T) \xrightarrow{f_T} R - \text{Mod}$$

and $\mathcal{C}(D, T)$ is universal with this property.

► $\mathcal{C}(D, T)$ is called the *diagram category*.

► If D is finite,

$$\mathcal{C}(D, T) = \text{End}(T) - \text{Mod}.$$

► In general,

$$\mathcal{C}(D, T) = 2 - \text{colim}_F \mathcal{C}(F, T|_F),$$

where F runs through finite full subdiagrams of D , i.e., the objects of $\mathcal{C}(D, T)$ are the objects of $\mathcal{C}(F, T|_F)$ for some F and the morphisms are

$$\text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}(D, T)}(X, Y) = \varinjlim_F \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}(F, T|_F)}(X_F, Y_F),$$

where X_F is the image of $X \in \mathcal{C}(F', T|_{F'})$ in $\mathcal{C}(F, T|_F)$ for $F \supseteq F'$.

► Each object of $\mathcal{C}(D, T)$ is a subquotient of a finite direct sum of objects from $\{\tilde{T}_p \mid p \in D\}$.

- ▶ Let X be a k -variety, $Y \subseteq X$ be a closed subvariety and $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. We call (X, Y, i) an *effective pair*.
- ▶ Let $\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}$ be the diagram whose vertices are effective pairs and edges are the following.
 - For any morphism $f : X \rightarrow X'$ such that $f(Y) \subseteq Y'$, we have an edge $(X', Y', i) \rightarrow (X, Y, i)$.
 - For any chain $X \supseteq Y \supseteq Z$ of closed subvarieties, an edge $(Y, Z, i) \rightarrow (X, Y, i + 1)$.
- ▶ The relative singular cohomology

$$H^* : \text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} - \text{Mod}$$

$$(X, Y, i) \mapsto H^i(X(\mathbb{C}), Y(\mathbb{C}); \mathbb{Z})$$

is a representation.

- ▶ We define the category of *effective mixed Nori motives* as

$$\mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}}^{\text{eff}}(k) := \mathcal{C}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}, H^*).$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}} & \xrightarrow{H^*} & \mathbb{Z} - \text{Mod} \\ & \searrow \tilde{T} & \nearrow f_{H^*} \\ & \mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}}^{\text{eff}} & \end{array}$$

► $H_{\text{Nori}}^i(X, Y) := \tilde{T}(X, Y, i) \in \mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}}^{\text{eff}}$.

► $H_{\text{Nori}}^i(X) := H_{\text{Nori}}^i(X, \emptyset)$.

Definition

1. We call an effective pair (X, Y, i) an *effective good pair* if $H^j(X(\mathbb{C}), Y(\mathbb{C}); \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ for $j \neq i$ and $H^i(X(\mathbb{C}), Y(\mathbb{C}); \mathbb{Z})$ is free.
2. An effective good pair is called an *effective very good pair* if X is affine, $X \setminus Y$ is smooth and either $\dim(X) = i$, $\dim(Y) = i - 1$ or $X = Y$ and $\dim(X) < i$.
3. We denote the full subdiagram of $\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}$ with effective good pairs by Good^{eff} .
4. We denote the full subdiagram of Good^{eff} with effective very good pairs by $\text{VGood}^{\text{eff}}$.

Lemma (Nori)

Let X be an affine k -variety of dimension n and $Z \subseteq X$ is a Zariski closed subset with $\dim(Z) < n$. Then there is a Zariski closed subset Y with $Z \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ and $\dim(Y) < n$ such that (X, Y, n) is a good pair.

- By using this lemma iteratively, for any affine variety X of dimension n , we can find a filtration

$$\emptyset = F_{-1}X \subset F_0X \subset \dots \subset F_{n-1}X \subset F_nX = X$$

such that each $(F_jX, F_{j-1}X, j)$ is very good.

- The induced chain complex

$$\dots \rightarrow H^i(F_iX(\mathbb{C}), F_{i-1}X(\mathbb{C}); \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\delta_i} H^{i+1}(F_{i+1}X(\mathbb{C}), F_iX(\mathbb{C}); \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \dots$$

computes the singular cohomology of X .

Theorem

$\mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}}^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{C}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}, H^*)$, $\mathcal{C}(\text{Good}^{\text{eff}}, H^*)$ and $\mathcal{C}(\text{VGood}^{\text{eff}}, H^*)$ are equivalent.

- For good pairs (X, Y, i) and (X', Y', i') , let

$$H_{\text{Nori}}^i(X, Y) \otimes H_{\text{Nori}}^{i'}(X', Y') := H_{\text{Nori}}^{i+i'}(X \times X', X \times Y' \cup X' \times Y)$$

in the light of the Künneth formula.

- $\mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}}^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{C}(\text{Good}^{\text{eff}}, H^*)$ is a tensor category.
- $\mathbf{1}(-1) := H_{\text{Nori}}^1(\mathbb{G}_m, \{1\})$.
- The category $\mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}} := \mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}}(k)$ of *mixed Nori motives* is defined as the localization of $\mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}}^{\text{eff}}$ with respect to $\mathbf{1}(-1)$.

Theorem

$\mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}}$ is a Tannakian category with the fiber functor H^* .

- ▶ $\mathbf{1}(-n) := \mathbf{1}(-1)^{\otimes n}$, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- ▶ $M(-n) := M \otimes \mathbf{1}(-n)$, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $M \in \mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}}$.
- ▶ $H_{\text{Nori}}^i(\mathbb{P}^N) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1}(-n), & \text{if } i = 2n \text{ and } N \geq n \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- ▶ If Z is a projective variety of dimension n , then $H_{\text{Nori}}^{2n}(Z) = \mathbf{1}(-n)$.

- We work with $\mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}, \mathbb{Q}}$, the category of mixed Nori motives with rational coefficients.

Definition

A motive $M \in \mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}, \mathbb{Q}}$ is called *pure of weight* $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ if it is a subquotient of $H_{\text{Nori}}^{n+2j}(Y)(j)$ for some Y smooth and projective and $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. A motive is called *pure* if it is a direct sum of pure motives of some weights.

- $\mathbf{1}(-n)$ is pure of weight $2n$.

Theorem

On every motive $M \in \mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}, \mathbb{Q}}$, there is a unique bounded increasing filtration $(W_n M)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ inducing the weight filtration under the Hodge realization. Moreover, every morphism of Nori motives is strictly compatible with this filtration.

- We call this filtration *weight filtration* and denote

$$\text{gr}_n^W M := W_n M / W_{n-1} M.$$

- $\text{gr}_n^W M$ is pure of weight n .

Mixed Tate Motives

- ▶ A Nori motive $M \in \mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}, \mathbb{Q}}$ is called a *mixed Tate Nori motive* if $\text{gr}_{2n}^W M$ is a direct sum of copies of $\mathbf{1}(-n)$.
- ▶ We denote the full subcategory of $\mathcal{MM}_{\text{Nori}, \mathbb{Q}}$ containing these objects by $\mathcal{MTM}_{\text{Nori}, \mathbb{Q}}$.
- ▶ $(\mathcal{MTM}_{\text{Nori}, \mathbb{Q}}, \mathbf{1}(1))$ is a mixed Tate category.

Example

Let $B \subseteq \mathbb{G}_m$ be such that $B = \{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$. We will find the weight structure of $H_{\text{Nori}}^1(\mathbb{G}_m, B)$. We have the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \underbrace{H_{\text{Nori}}^0(\mathbb{G}_m)}_{\mathbf{1}(0)} \rightarrow \underbrace{H_{\text{Nori}}^0(B)}_{\mathbf{1}(0)^{\oplus r}} \rightarrow H_{\text{Nori}}^1(\mathbb{G}_m, B) \rightarrow \underbrace{H_{\text{Nori}}^1(\mathbb{G}_m)}_{\mathbf{1}(-1)} \rightarrow 0$$

Then,

$$\text{gr}_0^W H_{\text{Nori}}^1(\mathbb{G}_m, B) = \mathbf{1}(0)^{\oplus(r-1)}$$

$$\text{gr}_2^W H_{\text{Nori}}^1(\mathbb{G}_m, B) = \mathbf{1}(-1)$$

Therefore $H_{\text{Nori}}^1(\mathbb{G}_m, B)$ is mixed Tate.

Example

Let $B = M_0 \cup M_1 \cup M_2 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^2$, where M_i are lines in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^2$ in general position such that they are not axis lines $z_i = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{gr}_0^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^1(B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^2) &= \mathbf{1}(0) \\ \mathrm{gr}_2^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^1(B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^2) &= \mathbf{1}(-1)^{\oplus s}, \end{aligned}$$

where s is the number of intersection of B with $\{z_1 = 0\} \cup \{z_2 = 0\}$.
Using the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \underbrace{H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^1(\mathbb{G}_m^2)}_{\mathbf{1}(-1)^{\oplus 2}} \rightarrow H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^1(B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^2) \rightarrow H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^2(\mathbb{G}_m^2, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^2) \rightarrow \underbrace{H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^2(\mathbb{G}_m^2)}_{\mathbf{1}(-2)} \rightarrow 0.$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{gr}_0^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^2(\mathbb{G}_m^2, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^2) &= \mathbf{1}(0) \\ \mathrm{gr}_2^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^2(\mathbb{G}_m^2, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^2) &= \mathbf{1}(-1)^{\oplus s-2} \\ \mathrm{gr}_4^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^2(\mathbb{G}_m^2, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^2) &= \mathbf{1}(-2) \end{aligned}$$

and $s - 2 \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Here $\mathbf{1}(-2)$ is coming from the torus \mathbb{G}_m^2 and $\mathbf{1}(0)$ is coming from the triangle defined by B .

Aomoto Polylogarithms

- ▶ There is a generalization of logarithms called *polylogarithms* which is defined inductively by

$$\ell i_1(z) = -\log(1 - z)$$

and

$$d\ell i_n(z) = \ell i_{n-1}(z) \frac{dz}{z},$$

with $\ell i_n(0) = 0$.

- ▶ They have the power series expansion

$$\ell i_n(z) = \sum_{1 \leq m} \frac{z^m}{m^n},$$

for $|z| < 1$.

- ▶ Fix some $q \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0, 1\}$. Let z_i , $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$, be the homogeneous coordinates on $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^n$.
- ▶ Let L_i be the hyperplanes defined by $z_i = 0$ and M_i be the hyperplanes defined as $M_0 : z_0 = z_1$; $M_1 : z_0 = z_1 + z_2$; $M_i : z_i = z_{i+1}$ for $2 \leq i < n$; and $M_n : qz_0 = z_n$.
- ▶ Let $M_q = \bigcup M_i$ and $L = \bigcup L_i$.
- ▶ $\ell i_n(q)$ is a period of the mixed Tate motive

$$H_{\text{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^n \setminus L, M_q \setminus (L \cap M)).$$

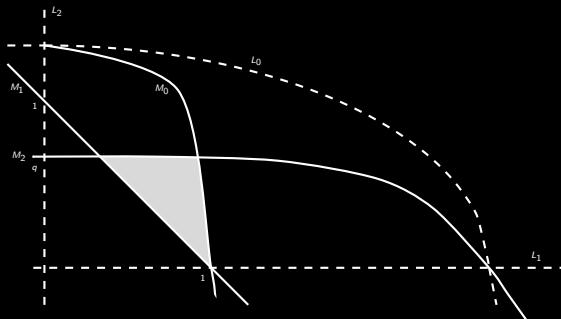
- ▶ We will call the configuration (L, M_q) as the *polylogarithmic configuration* of q .

► ℓi_2 is called *dilogarithm*. Its configuration is given by

$$M_0 : z_0 = z_1$$

$$M_1 : z_0 = z_1 + z_2$$

$$M_2 : qz_0 = z_2.$$



Call $\mathcal{D}(q)$ for the triangle given by M_i . Then

$$\ell i_2(q) = \int_{\mathcal{D}(q)} \frac{dx}{x} \wedge \frac{dy}{y}.$$

- ▶ We call an n -simplex a family of $n + 1$ hyperplanes (L_0, \dots, L_n) of \mathbb{P}_k^n .
- ▶ A pair of simplices (L, M) is said to be *admissible* if they do not have a common face.
- ▶ Let (L, M) be admissible pair of simplices such that the hyperplanes of L and M are in general position. Let

$$\omega_L = d \log(z_1/z_0) \wedge \dots \wedge d \log(z_n/z_0)$$

where $z_i = 0$ is a homogeneous equation of L_i . Let Δ_M be the simplex whose sides are M_i . Then

$$a(L, M) = \int_{\Delta_M} \omega_L$$

is a period of

$$H_{\text{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{P}^n \setminus L, M \setminus (L \cap M)).$$

- ▶ $M = H_{\text{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{P}^n \setminus L, M \setminus (L \cap M))$ is a mixed Tate motive with

$$\text{gr}_{2n}^W M = \mathbf{1}(-n),$$

$$\text{gr}_0^W M = \mathbf{1}(0).$$

Definition

$A_0(k) := \mathbb{Z}$. For $n > 0$, define $A_n(k)$ as the abelian group generated by $(L; M)$ where (L, M) is an admissible pair of simplices in \mathbb{P}_k^n subject to the following relations:

1. If the hyperplanes of one of L or M is not in general position (i.e. degenerate), then $(L; M) = 0$.
2. For every $\sigma \in S_n$,

$$(\sigma L; M) = (L; \sigma M) = (-1)^{|\sigma|} (L; M)$$

where σL and σM , are defined by the natural action of S_n on a set indexed by $1, \dots, n$.

3. For every family of hyperplanes L_0, \dots, L_{n+1} and an n -simplex M ,

$$\sum (-1)^j (\hat{L}^j; M) = 0,$$

where $\hat{L}^j = (L_0, \dots, \hat{L}_j, \dots, L_{n+1})$, and the corresponding relation for the second component.

4. For every $g \in PGL_{n+1}(k)$,

$$(gL; gM) = (L; M).$$



$$A_1(k) \xrightarrow{\sim} k^\times$$

$$(L_0, L_1; M_0, M_1) \mapsto r(L_0, L_1, M_0, M_1)$$

- ▶ The multiplication map $\mu : A_{n'} \times A_{n''} \rightarrow A_n$, for $n' + n'' = n$, is defined on the generators in the following way. Let (L', M') and (L'', M'') be two admissible pairs of non-degenerate simplices from $\mathbb{P}^{n'}$ and $\mathbb{P}^{n''}$, respectively. Also let L be a non-degenerate simplex from \mathbb{P}^n . Identify the affine spaces $\mathbb{P}^n \setminus L_0$ and $(\mathbb{P}^{n'} \setminus L'_0) \times (\mathbb{P}^{n''} \setminus L''_0)$. Then $M' \times M''$ can be seen in $\mathbb{P}^n \setminus L_0$ and hence in \mathbb{P}^n . Cutting this product into simplices in \mathbb{P}^n defines an element in A_n which is defined as the product of $(L'; M')$ and $(L''; M'')$.
- ▶ $A = \bigoplus A_n$ is a graded Hopf algebra.

- ▶ Let G be the Galois group of $\mathcal{MTM}_{\text{Nori}, \mathbb{Q}}$. Then

$$1 \rightarrow U \rightarrow G \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow 1$$

is split exact.

- ▶ Here, $U = \text{Spec} R$, where $R = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} R_d$ is a graded Hopf algebra.
- ▶ $\mathcal{MTM}_{\text{Nori}, \mathbb{Q}}$ is equivalent to the category of graded R -comodules.

Conjecture (Beilinson)

There is a natural isomorphism of graded Hopf algebras

$$A \otimes \mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\sim} R.$$

A Construction of Mixed Tate Motives

- ▶ We will consider the motives coming from the following configurations.
- ▶ Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}^{>0}$. Let

$$B = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq m} B_i,$$

where all B_i are hyperplanes in B that meet $x_{i_1} = \dots = x_{i_k} = 0$ properly for all $\{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$.

- ▶ We call such B a *nice divisor*.
- ▶ We will be interested in the motives of the form

$$H_{\text{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n).$$

- ▶ $H_{\text{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n)$ is a mixed Tate motive with

$$\text{gr}_{2n}^W H_{\text{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n) = \mathbf{1}(-n).$$

► Let

$$M = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} M_d$$

where

$$M_d = \mathrm{gr}_{2n-2d}^W \left(\varprojlim_B H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^n (\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n) \right) \otimes \mathbf{1}(n-d)$$

such that the limit is taken over all nice divisors B as in the beginning of the section.

► In particular,

$$M_0 = \mathbf{1}(0)$$

and

$$M_n = \mathrm{gr}_0^W \left(\varprojlim_B H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^n (\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n) \right).$$

- ▶ Viewing M as a graded R -comodule, we have a linear map $\nu : M \rightarrow R \otimes M$. Let $\gamma_i : M \rightarrow M_i$ be the restriction map.
- ▶ Since $M_0 = \mathbf{1}(0)$ is realized as \mathbb{Z} , there is a natural map $\ell : M_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$.
- ▶ By composing

$$h : M \xrightarrow{\nu} R \otimes M \xrightarrow{\text{id}_R \otimes \gamma_0} R \otimes M_0 \xrightarrow{\text{id}_R \otimes \ell} R \otimes \mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\sim} R$$

we have a map $h : M \rightarrow R$ such that $h|_{M_0} = \ell$.

- ▶ This also gives

$$h|_{M_n} : M_n \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i+j=n} R_i \otimes M_j \rightarrow R_n \otimes M_0 \rightarrow R_n \otimes \mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\sim} R_n.$$

- ▶ Let $G_n := S_n \ltimes \mathbb{G}_m^n$, where S_n is the symmetric group of order $n!$, and the action be given by $\sigma \cdot (a_1, \dots, a_n) = (\sigma(a_1), \dots, \sigma(a_n))$.
- ▶ Then G_n acts on \mathbb{G}_m^n by

$$(\sigma \cdot a) \cdot x = (-1)^{|\sigma|} \sigma \cdot (ax)$$

for $\sigma \in S_n$, $a, x \in \mathbb{G}_m^n$.

- ▶ This action extends on

$$M_n = \mathrm{gr}_0^W \left(\varprojlim_B H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n) \right).$$

- ▶ Let

$$R'_n := H_0(G_n; M_n) = M_n / \langle gx - x \mid g \in G_n, x \in M_n \rangle.$$

Proposition

$h|_{M_n}$ induces a map $\varphi_n : R'_n \rightarrow R_n$.

Proof.

- ▶ R_n is given by the framed objects and the coaction $M_n \rightarrow R_n \otimes M_n$ is given by frames

$$\mathbf{1}(0) \rightarrow \mathrm{gr}_0^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n)$$

and it corresponds to the periods of $\mathrm{gr}_0^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n)$.

- ▶ WLOG assume $\mathrm{gr}_0^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n) = \mathbf{1}(0)$.
- ▶ Its periods are scalar multiples of

$$\rho = \int_B \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{dx_n}{x_n}.$$

- ▶ ρ is invariant under the action of both S_n and \mathbb{G}_m^n .

□

- ▶ Let $R'_0 = \mathbb{Z}$ and $R' = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} R'_n$.
- ▶ Tensor product of motives defines a multiplication $R'_{n'} \otimes R'_{n''} \rightarrow R'_n$.

Lemma

Assume $n' + n'' = n$. Let $(L'; B') \in A_{n'}$ and $(L''; B'') \in A_{n''}$. Then $(L'; B') \times (L''; B'') = \sum_i (L; B_i)$, for some $(L; B_i) \in A_n$. Assume that L, L', L'' are given by axis hyperplanes. Then,

$$H_{\text{Nori}}^{n'}(\mathbb{G}_m^{n'}, B' \cap \mathbb{G}_m^{n'}) \otimes H_{\text{Nori}}^{n''}(\mathbb{G}_m^{n''}, B'' \cap \mathbb{G}_m^{n''}) = H_{\text{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n),$$

where B is the nice divisor given by the union of simplices B_i .

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & H_{\text{Nori}}^{n'}(\mathbb{G}_m^{n'}, B' \cap \mathbb{G}_m^{n'}) \otimes H_{\text{Nori}}^{n''}(\mathbb{G}_m^{n''}, B'' \cap \mathbb{G}_m^{n''}) \\ &= H_{\text{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, \mathbb{G}_m^{n'} \times (B'' \cap \mathbb{G}_m^{n''}) \cup (B' \cap \mathbb{G}_m^{n'}) \times \mathbb{G}_m^{n''}) \\ &= H_{\text{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, (\mathbb{G}_m^{n'} \times B'' \cup B' \times \mathbb{G}_m^{n''}) \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n) \\ &= H_{\text{Nori}}^n(\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n). \end{aligned}$$

by the definition of multiplication in A .



Theorem

There is an isomorphism of graded algebras $\phi : R' \rightarrow A$.

Idea of proof.

Let $n > 0$. Let $Z = (Z_0, \dots, Z_n)$ be the n -simplex in \mathbb{P}^n given by $Z_i : z_i = 0$. Define A'_n as the abelian group generated by (B) where B is an n -simplex in \mathbb{P}^n such that (Z, B) is admissible, subject to the following relations:

1. If the hyperplanes of B are not in general position, then $(B) = 0$.
2. For every $\sigma \in S_n$,

$$(\sigma B) = (-1)^{|\sigma|} (B).$$

3. For every family of hyperplanes B_0, \dots, B_{n+1} ,

$$\sum (-1)^j (\hat{B}^j) = 0.$$

4. For every $g \in \mathbb{G}_m^n$,

$$(gB) = (B),$$

where the action of \mathbb{G}_m^n is as follows. For $g = (g_1, \dots, g_n) \in \mathbb{G}_m^n$ and $p = (z_0 : z_1 : z_2 : \dots : z_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n$, let $g \cdot p = (z_0 : g_1 z_1 : g_2 z_2 : \dots : g_n z_n)$.

Idea of proof, cont'd.

- ▶ Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A'_n &\rightarrow A_n \\ (B) &\mapsto (Z; B). \end{aligned}$$

is an isomorphism.

- ▶ We will write an isomorphism $R'_n \rightarrow A'_n$.
- ▶ We will consider the underlying \mathbb{Z} -modules of motives.
- ▶ We will work in the homological setting. The category of cohomological motives is isomorphic to the opposite category of homological motives. We denote by $H_n^{\text{Nori}}(X, Y)$ the corresponding object of $H_{\text{Nori}}^n(X, Y)$.

Idea of proof, cont'd.

- In this case,

$$M_n = \mathrm{gr}_0^W \left(\varinjlim_B H_n^{\mathrm{Nori}} (\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n) \right),$$

such that the colimit is taken over all nice divisors B .

- By adding any such B some hyperplanes, we can divide it into "independent" simplices B^i .
- So, $B \subseteq \bigcup B^i$.
- This gives $\mathrm{gr}_0^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^n (\mathbb{G}_m^n, B \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n) \rightarrow \bigoplus \mathrm{gr}_0^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^n (\mathbb{G}_m^n, B^i \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n)$.
- Define

$$\psi_{B^i} : \mathrm{gr}_0^W H_{\mathrm{Nori}}^n (\mathbb{G}_m^n, B^i \cap \mathbb{G}_m^n) = \mathbf{1}(0) = \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow A'_n$$

as $\psi_{B^i}(1) = (B^i)$.

- This extends a map

$$\psi : M_n \rightarrow A'_n.$$

Idea of proof, cont'd.

- ▶ $\psi : M_n \rightarrow A'_n$ is surjective with kernel $\langle gx - x \mid g \in G_n, x \in M_n \rangle$.
- ▶ Hence, this gives an isomorphism

$$\phi_n : R'_n = M_n / \langle gx - x \mid g \in G_n, x \in M_n \rangle \xrightarrow{\sim} A'_n \xrightarrow{\sim} A_n.$$

- ▶ By previous lemma, $\phi = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \phi_n$ respects multiplication. Thus ϕ is an isomorphism of graded algebras.



- ▶ The comultiplication on A can be carried to R' . This makes R' a Hopf algebra.
- ▶ Let $\varphi = \bigoplus \varphi_n : R' \rightarrow R$.

Conjecture

$$\varphi \otimes \mathbb{Q} : R' \otimes \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow R$$

is an isomorphism of graded Hopf algebras.

Thank you!

