

## 0.1 Iterated integral

**Definition 0.1.1.** Chen's *Iterated integral* is defined inductively by

$$\int_a^b f_1(t)dt \cdots f_r(t)dt = \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t f_1(\tau)d\tau \cdots f_{r-1}(\tau)d\tau \right) f_r(t)dt$$

If  $\alpha : I \rightarrow M$  is a curve,  $\alpha^*\omega_i = f_i(t)dt$ , then

$$\int_\alpha \omega_1 \cdots \omega_r = \int_0^1 f_1(t)dt \cdots f_r(t)dt$$

is well defined, independent of the parametrization. Set the integral to be 1 if  $r = 0$ . Iterated integral can also be written as

$$\int_0^1 f_1(t)dt \cdots f_r(t)dt = \int_{0 \leq t_1 \leq \cdots \leq t_n \leq 1} f_1(t_1)dt_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n(t_n)dt_n$$

**Proposition 0.1.2.**

1.  $\int_{\alpha\beta} \omega_1 \cdots \omega_r = \sum_{j=0}^r \int_\alpha \omega_1 \cdots \omega_j \int_\beta \omega_{j+1} \cdots \omega_r$ , here  $\beta(0) = \alpha(1)$
2.  $\int_{\alpha^{-1}} \omega_1 \cdots \omega_r = (-1)^r \int_\alpha \omega_r \cdots \omega_1$
3.  $\int_\alpha \omega_1 \cdots \omega_r \int_\alpha \omega_{r+1} \cdots \omega_{r+s} = \sum_\sigma \int_\alpha \omega_{\sigma^{-1}(1)} \cdots \omega_{\sigma^{-1}(r+s)}$ , here  $\sigma$  runs over  $(r, s)$ -shuffles

**Lemma 0.1.3.**  $\omega_i^{(j)}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  are closed one forms such that  $\sum_j \omega_{i-1}^{(j)} \wedge \omega_i^{(j)} = 0$

for  $2 \leq i \leq r$ , then  $\int_\alpha \sum_j \omega_1^{(j)} \cdots \omega_r^{(j)}$  only depends on the homotopy class of  $\alpha$

$$\int_a^b df_1(t)df_2(t) = [f_1(b) - f_1(a)][f_2(b) - f_2(a)] - \int_a^b df_2(t)df_1(t)$$

## 0.2 Polylogarithm

**Definition 0.2.1.** The *Polylogarithms* are

$$\text{Li}_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^n}$$

Note that

$$\text{Li}_{n+1}(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\text{Li}_n(t)}{t} dt, \quad \text{Li}_1(z) = -\ln(1-z)$$

Hence

$$\text{Li}_n(z) = \int_0^z \left(\frac{dt}{t}\right)^{n-1} \frac{dt}{1-t} = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{dt}{t}\right)^{n-1} \frac{dt}{z^{-1}-t}$$

*Dilogarithm*  $\text{Li}_2(z) = -\int_0^z \frac{\ln(1-u)}{u} du$  is the analytic continuation on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ , avoiding the cut  $[1, \infty]$

**Lemma 0.2.2.**  $\text{Li}_k(z)$  satisfies differential equation

$$\left[(1-z)\frac{d}{dz}\right] \left(z\frac{d}{dz}\right)^{k-1} y = 1$$

Other solutions are  $\frac{\ln^j z}{j!}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k-1$

To compute the monodromy around  $x=0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $x = \epsilon e^{it}$ , we get 0.

To compute the monodromy around  $x=1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $x = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon)$ ,  $x = 1 - \epsilon e^{it}$  and  $x = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon$ , we get  $-\frac{2\pi i}{(n-1)!} \log^{n-1} x$

The variation matrix is

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(x) & 1 & & & & \\ \text{Li}_2(x) & \log x & 1 & & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ \text{Li}_{n-1}(x) & \frac{\log^{n-2} x}{(n-2)!} & \cdots & \log x & 1 & \\ \text{Li}_n(x) & \frac{\log^{n-1} x}{(n-1)!} & \cdots & \frac{\log^2 x}{2!} & \log x & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tau_n(2\pi i)$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & \\ -dv & 0 & & & & \\ 0 & du & 0 & & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & du & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & du & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The monodromy representation  $\rho$  is as follows

For monodromy around  $x=0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & 1 & 1 & & \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ & \frac{1}{n!} & \frac{1}{(n-1)!} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For monodromy around  $x=1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ -1 & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 & \end{bmatrix}$$

### 0.3 Multiple polylogarithm

**Definition 0.3.1.** The *multiple polylogarithms* are

$$\text{Li}_n(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}}}{\mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{n}}} = \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{a_1 - t} \left( \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{n_1-1} \cdots \frac{dt}{a_d - t} \left( \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{n_d-1}$$

Here  $\mathbf{k}$  runs over  $0 < k_1 < \cdots < k_d$ ,  $a_j = a_j(\mathbf{x}) = (x_j \cdots x_d)^{-1}$

Define  $\text{Li}_0(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}$

*Note.* For  $\mathbf{k}$  runs over  $(k_1, \dots, k_d) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}^d$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}}}{\mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{n}}} = \left( \sum_{k_1} \frac{x_1^{k_1}}{k_1^{n_1}} \right) \cdots \left( \sum_{k_d} \frac{x_d^{k_d}}{k_d^{n_d}} \right) = \text{Li}_{n_1}(x_1) \cdots \text{Li}_{n_d}(x_d)$$

Can be written in terms of multiple polylogarithms

*Note.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_{i-1}, 0, n_{i+1}, \dots, n_d}(x_1, \dots, x_d) &= \sum_{0 < k_1 < \dots < k_d} \frac{x_1^{k_1-1} \cdots x_d^{k_d}}{k_1^{n_1} \cdots k_{i-1}^{n_{i-1}} k_{i+1}^{n_{i+1}} \cdots k_d^{n_d}} \\ &= \sum_{0 < k_1 < \dots < k_d} \frac{x_1^{k_1-1} \cdots x_{i-1}^{k_{i-1}-1} x_{i+1}^{k_{i+1}} \cdots x_d^{k_d}}{k_1^{n_1} \cdots k_{i-1}^{n_{i-1}} k_{i+1}^{n_{i+1}} \cdots k_d^{n_d}} \frac{x_i^{k_{i-1}+1} - x_i^{k_{i+1}}}{1 - x_i} \\ &= \sum_{0 < k_1 < \dots < k_d} \frac{x_1^{k_1-1} (\cdots x_{i-1} x_i)^{k_{i-1}-1} x_{i+1}^{k_{i+1}} \cdots x_d^{k_d}}{k_1^{n_1} \cdots k_{i-1}^{n_{i-1}} k_{i+1}^{n_{i+1}} \cdots k_d^{n_d}} \frac{x_i}{1 - x_i} \\ &\quad - \sum_{0 < k_1 < \dots < k_d} \frac{x_1^{k_1-1} \cdots x_{i-1}^{k_{i-1}-1} (x_i x_{i+1})^{k_{i+1}} \cdots x_d^{k_d}}{k_1^{n_1} \cdots k_{i-1}^{n_{i-1}} k_{i+1}^{n_{i+1}} \cdots k_d^{n_d}} \frac{1}{1 - x_i} \\ &= \text{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_{i-1}, n_{i+1}, \dots, n_d}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1} x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_d) \frac{x_i}{1 - x_i} \\ &\quad - \text{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_{i-1}, n_{i+1}, \dots, n_d}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i x_{i+1}, \dots, x_d) \frac{1}{1 - x_i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_{d-1}, 0}(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \text{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_{d-1}}(x_1, \dots, x_{d-1} x_d) \frac{x_d}{1 - x_d}$$

$$\text{Li}_{0, n_2, \dots, n_d}(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \text{Li}_{n_2, \dots, n_{d-1}}(x_2, \dots, x_d) \frac{x_1}{1 - x_1} - \text{Li}_{n_2, \dots, n_{d-1}}(x_1 x_2, \dots, x_d) \frac{1}{1 - x_1}$$

**Exercise 0.3.2** (Derivatives of polylogarithms). Observe the following

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\cdots x_{i-1}^{k_{i-1}-1} x_i^{k_i} x_{i+1}^{k_{i+1}} \cdots}{\cdots k_{i-1}^{n_{i-1}} k_i^{n_i} k_{i+1}^{n_{i+1}} \cdots} \right) &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\cdots x_{i-1}^{k_{i-1}-1} x_i^{k_i-1} x_{i+1}^{k_{i+1}} \cdots}{\cdots k_{i-1}^{n_{i-1}} k_i^{n_i-1} k_{i+1}^{n_{i+1}} \cdots} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\cdots x_{i-1}^{k_{i-1}-1} x_i^{k_i} x_{i+1}^{k_{i+1}} \cdots}{\cdots k_{i-1}^{n_{i-1}} k_i^{n_i-1} k_{i+1}^{n_{i+1}} \cdots} \frac{1}{x_i} \end{aligned}$$

Write  $u_i = \log(x_i)$ ,  $v_i = \log(1 - x_i)$ ,  $u_{ij} = \log(x_i \cdots x_j)$ ,  $v_{ij} = \log(1 - x_i \cdots x_j)$ . If  $m_i > 1$ , then

$$d_i \text{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_d}(z_1, \dots, z_d) = \text{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_{i-1}, \dots, n_d}(z_1, \dots, z_d) \frac{dx_i}{x_i}$$

$$d_d \text{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_{d-1}, 1}(z_1, \dots, z_d) = \text{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_{d-1}}(z_1, \dots, z_{d-1} z_d) \frac{dx_d}{1 - x_d}$$

$$d_1 \operatorname{Li}_{1,n_2,\dots,n_d}(z_1, \dots, z_d) = \operatorname{Li}_{n_2,\dots,n_d}(z_2, \dots, z_d) \frac{dx_1}{1-x_1} \\ - \operatorname{Li}_{n_2,\dots,n_d}(z_1 z_2, \dots, z_d) \frac{dx_1}{x_1(1-x_1)}$$

$$d_i \operatorname{Li}_{n_1,\dots,n_{i-1},1,n_{i+1},\dots,n_d}(z_1, \dots, z_d) = \operatorname{Li}_{n_1,\dots,n_{i-1},n_{i+1},\dots,n_d}(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1} z_i, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_d) \frac{dx_i}{1-x_i} \\ - \operatorname{Li}_{n_1,\dots,n_{i-1},n_{i+1},\dots,n_d}(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, z_i z_{i+1}, \dots, z_d) \frac{dx_i}{x_i(1-x_i)}$$

**Remark 0.3.3.**

**Theorem 0.3.4.**  $\operatorname{Li}_n(x) + \operatorname{Li}_n(x^{-1}) =$

*Proof.*  $\operatorname{Li}_0(x) + \operatorname{Li}_0(x^{-1}) = -1$ ,  $\operatorname{Li}_1(x) - \operatorname{Li}_1(x^{-1}) = \pi i - \log x$ ,  $\operatorname{Li}_2(x) + \operatorname{Li}_2(x^{-1}) = -\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{\log^2(-x)}{2}$

$$d(\operatorname{Li}_n(x) + (-1)^n \operatorname{Li}_n(x^{-1})) = (\operatorname{Li}_{n-1}(x) + (-1)^{n-1} \operatorname{Li}_{n-1}(x^{-1})) \frac{dx}{x}$$

□

0.4  $\text{Li}_{1,1}$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) &= \int \frac{dy}{1-y} \frac{dx}{1-x} + \frac{d(xy)}{1-xy} \left( \frac{dy}{1-y} - \frac{dx}{x(1-x)} \right) \\
&= \int d \log(1-y) d \log(1-x) + d \log(1-xy) d \log \frac{x(1-y)}{1-x} \\
&= \int dv_2 dv_1 + dv_{12} dw_1
\end{aligned}$$

To compute the monodromy around  $x = 0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $(x = \epsilon e^{it}, y = \epsilon)$ , we get 0.  
 To compute the monodromy around  $y = 0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $(x = \epsilon, y = \epsilon e^{it})$ , we get 0.  
 To compute the monodromy around  $x = 1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $(x = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon), y = \epsilon)$ ,  $(x = 1 - \epsilon e^{it}, y = \epsilon)$  and  $(x = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon, y = \epsilon)$ , we get 0.  
 To compute the monodromy around  $y = 1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $(x = \epsilon, y = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon))$ ,  $(x = \epsilon, y = 1 - \epsilon e^{it})$  and  $(x = \epsilon, y = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon)$ , we get  $-2\pi i \text{Li}_1(x)$ .  
 To compute the monodromy around  $xy = 1$ , take  $q$  to be the loop  $(x = x^0, y \text{ such that } \int_q d \log(1-xy) = 2\pi i)$ , we get  $-2\pi i \text{Li}_1(\frac{1-xy}{1-x})$

The variation matrix is

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(y) & 1 & & \\ \text{Li}_1(xy) & & 1 & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) & \text{Li}_1(x) & \text{Li}_1\left(\frac{1-xy}{1-x}\right) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tau_{1,1}(2\pi i)$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ -dv_2 & 0 & & \\ -dv_{12} & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & -dv_1 & -dw_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that  $\text{Li}_1\left(\frac{1-xy}{1-x}\right) = -\log\left(\frac{x(y-1)}{1-x}\right) = \text{Li}_1(y) - \text{Li}_1(x^{-1}) = \text{Li}_1(y) - \text{Li}_1(x) - \log x - i\pi$

The monodromy representation  $\rho$  is as follows

For monodromy around  $x = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For monodromy around  $y = 0$ , identity.

For monodromy around  $x = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For monodromy around  $y = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -1 & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For monodromy around  $xy = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ -1 & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**0.5**  $\text{Li}_{1,2}$

$$\text{Li}_{2,1} =$$

## 0.6 $\text{Li}_{2,1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Li}_{2,1}(x, y) &= \int \frac{dy}{1-y} \frac{dx}{1-x} \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{d(xy)}{1-xy} \left( \frac{dy}{1-y} - \frac{dx}{x(1-x)} \right) \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{d(xy)}{1-xy} \frac{d(xy)}{xy} \frac{dy}{1-y} \\ &= \int dv_2 dv_1 du_1 + dv_{12} dw_1 du_1 + dv_{12} du_{12} dv_2\end{aligned}$$

To compute the monodromy around  $x = 0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $(x = \epsilon e^{it}, y = \epsilon)$ , we get 0  
 To compute the monodromy around  $y = 0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $(x = \epsilon, y = \epsilon e^{it})$ , we get 0  
 To compute the monodromy around  $y = 1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $(x = \epsilon, y = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon))$ ,  $(x = \epsilon, y = 1 - \epsilon e^{it})$  and  $(x = \epsilon, y = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon)$ , we get  $-2\pi i \text{Li}_2(x)$   
 To compute the monodromy around  $x = 1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $(x = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon), y = \epsilon)$ ,  $(x = 1 - \epsilon e^{it}, y = \epsilon)$  and  $(x = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon, y = \epsilon)$ , we get 0  
 To compute the monodromy around  $xy = 1$ , take  $q$  to be the loop  $(x = x^0, y \text{ such that } \int_q d \log(1-xy) = 2\pi i)$ , we get  $2\pi i(\text{Li}_2(y) - \text{Li}_2(x^{-1}))$

The variation matrix is

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(y) & 1 & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(xy) & & 1 & & & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) & \text{Li}_1(x) & \text{Li}_1\left(\frac{1-xy}{1-x}\right) & 1 & & & \\ \text{Li}_2(xy) & & \log(xy) & & 1 & & \\ \text{Li}_{2,1}(x, y) & \text{Li}_2(x) & g(x, y) & \log x & \text{Li}_1(y) & 1 & \end{bmatrix} \tau_{2,1}(2\pi i)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned}g(x, y) &= -I(x^{-1}y^{-1}; 0, y^{-1}; 1) \\ &= - \int_{x^{-1}y^{-1}}^1 d \log t d \log(t - y^{-1}) \\ &= - \int_{x^{-1}y^{-1}}^1 d \log y t d \log(yt - 1) \\ &= - \int_{x^{-1}}^y d \log t d \log(t - 1) \\ &= - \int_y^{x^{-1}} d \log(t - 1) d \log t \\ &= - \int_y^{x^{-1}} d \log(t - 1) d \log t \\ &= \text{Li}_2(y) - \text{Li}_2(x^{-1}) + \log(xy) \text{Li}_1(y)\end{aligned}$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & \\ -dv_2 & 0 & & & & \\ -dv_{12} & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & -dv_1 & -w_1 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & du_{12} & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & du_1 & -dv_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The monodromy representation  $\rho$  is as follows

For monodromy around  $x = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & -1 & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For monodromy around  $y = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & 1 & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For monodromy around  $x = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & -1 & 1 & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For monodromy around  $y = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ -1 & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For monodromy around  $xy = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ -1 & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ -\frac{\log(xy)}{2\pi i} & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# 0.7 $\text{Li}_{1,1,1}$

$$\text{Li}_{2,1} =$$

## 0.8 $\text{Li}_{3,1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Li}_{3,1}(x, y) &= \int \frac{dy}{1-y} \frac{dx}{1-x} \left( \frac{dx}{x} \right)^2 + \frac{d(xy)}{1-xy} \left( \frac{dy}{1-y} - \frac{dx}{x(1-x)} \right) \left( \frac{dx}{x} \right)^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{d(xy)}{1-xy} \frac{d(xy)}{xy} \frac{dy}{1-y} \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{d(xy)}{1-xy} \left( \frac{d(xy)}{xy} \right)^2 \frac{dy}{1-y} \\
&= \int dv_2 dv_1 (du_1)^2 + dv_{12} dw_1 (du_1)^2 + dv_{12} du_{12} dv_2 du_1 + dv_{12} (du_{12})^2 dv_2
\end{aligned}$$

Here we write  $w_1 = u_1 + v_2 - v_1 = \log \frac{x(1-y)}{1-x}$

To compute the monodromy around  $x = 0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $(x = \epsilon e^{it}, y = \epsilon)$ , we get 0.

To compute the monodromy around  $y = 0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $(x = \epsilon, y = \epsilon e^{it})$ , we get 0.

To compute the monodromy around  $x = 1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $(x = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon), y = \epsilon)$ ,  $(x = 1 - \epsilon e^{it}, y = \epsilon)$  and  $(x = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon, y = \epsilon)$ , we get 0.

To compute the monodromy around  $y = 1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $(x = \epsilon, y = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon))$ ,  $(x = \epsilon, y = 1 - \epsilon e^{it})$  and  $(x = \epsilon, y = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon)$ , we get  $-2\pi i \text{Li}_3(x)$ .

To compute the monodromy around  $xy = 1$ , take  $q$  to be the loop  $(x = x^0, y \text{ such that } \int_q d \log(1-xy) = 2\pi i)$ , we get  $-2\pi i \text{Li}_1(\frac{1-xy}{1-x})$

The variation matrix is

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(y) & 1 & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(xy) & & 1 & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) & & & 1 & & & & \\ \text{Li}_2(xy) & & & & 1 & & & \\ \text{Li}_{2,1}(x, y) & & & & & 1 & & \\ \text{Li}_3(xy) & & & & & & 1 & \\ \text{Li}_{3,1}(x, y) & & & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tau_{1,1}(2\pi i)$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & \\ -dv_2 & 0 & & & & & & \\ -dv_{12} & 0 & 0 & & & & & \\ & -dv_1 & -dw_1 & 0 & & & & \\ & & du_{12} & 0 & 0 & & & \\ & & & du_1 & -dv_2 & 0 & & \\ & & & & du_{12} & 0 & 0 & \\ & & & & & du_1 & -dv_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The monodromy representation  $\rho$  is as follows

For monodromy around  $x = 0$  For monodromy around  $y = 0$ , identity.

For monodromy around  $x = 1$  For monodromy around  $y = 1$  For monodromy around  $xy = 1$

## 0.9 $\text{Li}_{2,2}$

$$\text{Li}_{2,1} =$$

## 0.10 $\text{Li}_{4,1}$

$$\text{Li}_{n,1}(x, y) = \int (dv_2 dv_1 + dv_{12} dw_1)(du_1)^{n-1} + dv_{12} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} du_{12}^k dv_2 (du_1)^{n-1-k} \right)$$

Here  $w_1 = u_1 + v_2 - v_1$

To compute the monodromy around  $x = 0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $(x = \epsilon e^{it}, y = \epsilon)$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{q(\epsilon)p(\epsilon)} - \int_{p(\epsilon)} = 0$$

To compute the monodromy around  $y = 0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $(x = \epsilon, y = \epsilon e^{it})$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{q(\epsilon)p(\epsilon)} - \int_{p(\epsilon)} = \int_q dv_2 \int_p dv_1 \cdots (du_1)^{n-1} = 0$$

To compute the monodromy around  $x = 1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $(x = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon), y = \epsilon)$ ,  $(x = 1 - \epsilon e^{it}, y = \epsilon)$  and  $(x = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon, y = \epsilon)$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{q(\epsilon)p(\epsilon)} - \int_{p(\epsilon)} = 0$$

To compute the monodromy around  $y = 1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $(x = \epsilon, y = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon))$ ,  $(x = \epsilon, y = 1 - \epsilon e^{it})$  and  $(x = \epsilon, y = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon)$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{q(\epsilon)p(\epsilon)} - \int_{p(\epsilon)} = \int_q dv_2 \int_p dv_1 (du_1)^{n-1} = -2\pi i \text{Li}_n(x)$$

To compute the monodromy around  $xy = 1$ , take  $q$  to be the loop  $(x = x^0, y \text{ such that } \int_q d \log(1-xy) = 2\pi i)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{pq} - \int_p &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \int_p dv_{12} (du_{12})^k \int_q (du_{12})^{n-1-k} dv_2 + \int_q dv_{12} du_{12}^{n-1} dv_2 \\ &= (-1)^{n+1} \int_{q^{-1}} dv_2 du_2^{n-1} dv_{12} \\ &= (-1)^{n+1} \int_{q^{-1}} \frac{\text{Li}_n(y) - \text{Li}_n(y^0)}{y - 1/x^0} \\ &= (-1)^n 2\pi i (\text{Li}_n(y^0) - \text{Li}_n(1/x^0)) \end{aligned}$$

The variation matrix is

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \text{Li}_1(y) \\ \text{Li}_1(xy) \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) \\ \text{Li}_2(xy) \\ \text{Li}_{2,1}(x, y) \\ \text{Li}_3(xy) \\ \text{Li}_{3,1}(x, y) \\ \text{Li}_4(xy) \\ \text{Li}_{4,1}(x, y) \end{bmatrix} \tau_{1,1}(2\pi i)$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & & & & \\ dv_2 & 0 & & & & & & & & & \\ -dv_{12} & & 0 & & & & & & & & \\ & -dv_2 & d(-u_1 + v_1 - v_2) & 0 & & & & & & & \\ & & d(u_1 + u_2) & 0 & & & & & & & \\ & & du_1 & -dv_2 & 0 & & & & & & \\ & & & d(u_1 + u_2) & 0 & & & & & & \\ & & & & du_1 & -dv_2 & 0 & & & & \\ & & & & & d(u_1 + u_2) & 0 & & & & \\ & & & & & & du_1 & -dv_2 & 0 & & \\ & & & & & & & d(u_1 + u_2) & 0 & & \\ & & & & & & & & du_1 & -dv_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The monodromy representation  $\rho$  is as follows

## 0.11 $\text{Li}_{n,1}$

$$\text{Li}_{n,1}(x, y) = \int (dv_2 dv_1 + dv_{12} dw_1) (du_1)^{n-1} + dv_{12} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} du_{12}^k dv_2 (du_1)^{n-1-k} \right)$$

Here  $w_1 = u_1 + v_2 - v_1$

To compute the monodromy around  $x = 0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $(x = \epsilon e^{it}, y = \epsilon)$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{q(\epsilon)p(\epsilon)} - \int_{p(\epsilon)} = 0$$

To compute the monodromy around  $y = 0$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the loop  $(x = \epsilon, y = \epsilon e^{it})$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{q(\epsilon)p(\epsilon)} - \int_{p(\epsilon)} = \int_q dv_2 \int_p dv_1 \cdots (du_1)^{n-1} = 0$$

To compute the monodromy around  $x = 1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $(x = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon), y = \epsilon)$ ,  $(x = 1 - \epsilon e^{it}, y = \epsilon)$  and  $(x = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon, y = \epsilon)$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{q(\epsilon)p(\epsilon)} - \int_{p(\epsilon)} = 0$$

To compute the monodromy around  $y = 1$ , take  $q(\epsilon)$  to be the composition of  $(x = \epsilon, y = (1-t)\epsilon + t(1-\epsilon))$ ,  $(x = \epsilon, y = 1 - \epsilon e^{it})$  and  $(x = \epsilon, y = (1-t)(1-\epsilon) + t\epsilon)$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{q(\epsilon)p(\epsilon)} - \int_{p(\epsilon)} = \int_q dv_2 \int_p dv_1 (du_1)^{n-1} = -2\pi i \text{Li}_n(x)$$

To compute the monodromy around  $xy = 1$ , take  $q$  to be the loop  $(x = x^0, y \text{ such that } \int_q d \log(1 - xy) = 2\pi i)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{pq} - \int_p &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \int_p dv_{12} (du_{12})^k \int_q (du_{12})^{n-1-k} dv_2 + \int_q dv_{12} du_{12}^{n-1} dv_2 \\ &= (-1)^{n+1} \int_{q^{-1}} dv_2 du_2^{n-1} dv_{12} \\ &= (-1)^{n+1} \int_{q^{-1}} \frac{\text{Li}_n(y) - \text{Li}_n(y^0)}{y - 1/x^0} \\ &= (-1)^n 2\pi i (\text{Li}_n(y^0) - \text{Li}_n(1/x^0)) \end{aligned}$$

The variation matrix is

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \text{Li}_1(y) \\ \text{Li}_1(xy) \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) \\ \vdots \\ \text{Li}_n(xy) \\ \text{Li}_{n,1}(x, y) \end{bmatrix} \tau_{n,1}(2\pi i)$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & & \\ -dv_2 & 0 & & & & & & & \\ -dv_{12} & 0 & 0 & & & & & & \\ & -dv_2 & -dw_1 & 0 & & & & & \\ & & du_{12} & 0 & 0 & & & & \\ & & & du_1 & -dv_2 & 0 & & & \\ & & & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & du_{12} & 0 & 0 & \\ & & & & & & du_1 & -dv_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The monodromy representation  $\rho$  is as follows

## 0.12 Variation matrix

**Theorem 0.12.1.**  $\Lambda$  is the fundamental solution of the system of linear differential equations

$$d\Lambda = \omega\Lambda$$

**Example 0.12.2.** For

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) &= \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} dv_1 dv_2 + dv_{12} d(u_1 - v_1 + v_2) \\ &= \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} dv_1 dv_2 + dv_{12} du_1 - dv_{12} dv_1 + dv_{12} dv_2 \end{aligned}$$

$(0, 0) < (0, 1) < (1, 0) < (1, 1)$  in  $\mathfrak{S}(1, 1)$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(y) & 1 & & \\ \text{Li}_1(xy) & & 1 & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) & \text{Li}_1(x) & \text{Li}_1\left(\frac{1-xy}{1-x}\right) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tau_{1,1}(2\pi i)$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ -dv_2 & 0 & & \\ -dv_{12} & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & -dv_1 & d(-u_1 + v_1 - v_2) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 0.12.3.** For

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_{2,1}(x, y) &= \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} (dv_1 dv_2 + dv_{12} d(u_1 - v_1 + v_2)) du_1 + dv_{12} d(u_1 + u_2) dv_2 \\ &= \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} dv_1 dv_2 du_1 + dv_{12} du_1 du_1 - dv_{12} dv_1 du_1 \\ &\quad + dv_{12} dv_2 du_1 + dv_{12} du_1 dv_2 + dv_{12} u_2 dv_2 \end{aligned}$$

$(0, 0) < (0, 1) < (1, 0) < (1, 1) < (2, 0) < (2, 1)$  in  $\mathfrak{S}(2, 1)$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(y) & 1 & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(xy) & & 1 & & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) & \text{Li}_1(x) & \log \frac{1-x}{(1-y)x} & 1 & & \\ \text{Li}_2(xy) & & \log(xy) & & 1 & \\ \text{Li}_{2,1}(x, y) & \text{Li}_2(x) & g(x, y) & \log x & \text{Li}_1(y) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tau_{2,1}(2\pi i)$$

Where  $dg = \log \frac{1-x}{(1-y)x} \frac{dx}{x} + \log(xy) \frac{dy}{1-y}$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & \\ -dv_2 & 0 & & & & \\ -dv_{12} & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & -dv_1 & d(-u_1 + v_1 - v_2) & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & d(u_1 + u_2) & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & du_1 & -dv_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 0.12.4.** For

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_{1,1,1}(x, y, z) &= \int_{(0,0,0)}^{(x,y,z)} \\ &= \int_{(0,0,0)}^{(x,y,z)} \end{aligned}$$



$(0, 0, 0) < (0, 0, 1) < (0, 1, 0) < (1, 0, 0) < (0, 1, 1) < (1, 0, 1) < (1, 1, 0) < (1, 1, 1)$  in  $\mathfrak{S}(1, 1, 1)$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(z) & 1 & & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(yz) & & 1 & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(xyz) & & & 1 & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(y, z) & \text{Li}_1(y) & \log \frac{1-y}{(1-z)y} & & 1 & & & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(xy, z) & \text{Li}_1(xy) & & \log \frac{1-xy}{(1-z)xy} & & 1 & & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, yz) & & \text{Li}_1(x) & \log \frac{1-x}{(1-yz)x} & & & 1 & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1,1}(x, y, z) & g(x, y) & \text{Li}_1(x) \log \frac{1-y}{(1-z)y} & h(x, y) & \text{Li}_1(x) \log \frac{1-y}{(1-x)x} & \log \frac{1-z}{(1-y)y} & 1 & & \end{bmatrix} \tau_{1,1,1}(2\pi i)$$

Where

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & & \\ -dv_3 & 0 & & & & & & & \\ -dv_{23} & 0 & 0 & & & & & & \\ -dv_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 & & & & & \\ 0 & -dv_2 & d(v_2 - u_2 - v_3) & 0 & 0 & & & & \\ 0 & -dv_{12} & 0 & d(v_{12} - u_1 - u_2 - v_3) & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & -dv_1 & d(v_1 - u_1 - v_{23}) & 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -dv_1 & d(v_1 - u_1 - v_2) & d(v_2 - u_2 - v_3) & 0 & \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 0.12.5.** For

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_{1,2}(x, y) &= dv_{12}d(u_1 + u_2)d(u_1 - v_2) + (dv_1dv_2 + dv_{12}d(u_1 - v_1 + v_2))du_2 \\ &= dv_{12}du_1du_1 - dv_{12}du_1dv_2 + dv_{12}du_2du_1 - dv_{12}du_2dv_2 \\ &\quad + dv_1dv_2du_2 + dv_{12}du_1du_2 - dv_{12}dv_1du_2 + dv_{12}dv_2du_2 \end{aligned}$$

$(0, 0) < (0, 1) < (1, 0) < (1, 1) < (0, 2) < (1, 2)$  in  $\mathfrak{S}(1, 2)$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(y) & 1 & & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(xy) & 0 & 1 & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) & \text{Li}_1(x) & \log \frac{1-x}{(1-y)x} & 1 & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_2(y) & \log y & & & 1 & & & & \\ \text{Li}_2(xy) & 0 & \log(xy) & & & 1 & & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,2}(x, y) & \text{Li}_1(x) \log y & g(x, y) & \log y & \text{Li}_1(x) & -\text{Li}_1(x^{-1}) & 1 & & \end{bmatrix} \tau_{1,2}(2\pi i)$$

Where  $g(x, y) = -I((xy)^{-1}; y^{-1}, 0; 1)$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & & \\ -dv_2 & 0 & & & & & & & \\ -dv_{12} & 0 & 0 & & & & & & \\ 0 & -dv_1 & d(-u_1 + v_1 - v_2) & 0 & & & & & \\ 0 & du_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & d(u_1 + u_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & du_2 & -dv_1 & d(v_1 - u_1) & 0 & & \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 0.12.6.** For

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_{2,2}(x, y) &= (dv_{12}du(u_1 + u_2)d(u_1 - v_2) + (dv_1dv_2 + dv_{12}d(u_1 - v_1 + v_2))du_2)du_1 \\ &\quad + ((dv_1dv_2 + dv_{12}d(u_1 - v_1 + v_2))du_1 + dv_{12}d(u_1 + u_2)dv_2)du_2 \\ &= dv_{12}du_1du_1du_1 - dv_{12}du_1dv_2du_1 + dv_{12}du_2du_1du_1 - dv_{12}du_2dv_2du_1 \\ &\quad + dv_1dv_2du_2du_1 + dv_{12}du_1du_2du_1 - dv_{12}dv_1du_2du_1 + dv_{12}dv_2du_2du_1 \\ &\quad + dv_1dv_2du_1du_2 + dv_{12}du_1du_1du_2 - dv_{12}dv_1du_1du_2 \\ &\quad + dv_{12}dv_2du_1du_2 + dv_{12}du_1dv_2du_2 + dv_{12}u_2dv_2du_2 \end{aligned}$$

$(0, 0) < (0, 1) < (1, 0) < (1, 1) < (0, 2) < (2, 0) < (1, 2) < (2, 1) < (2, 2)$  in  $\mathfrak{S}(2, 2)$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Li}_1(y) & 1 & & & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_1(xy) & & 1 & & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,1}(x, y) & \text{Li}_1(x) & \log \frac{1-x}{(1-y)^x} & 1 & & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_2(y) & \log y & & & 1 & & & & & \\ \text{Li}_2(xy) & & \log(xy) & & & 1 & & & & \\ \text{Li}_{1,2}(x, y) & \text{Li}_1(x) \log y & g(x, y) & \log y & \text{Li}_1(x) & \log \frac{1-x}{x} & 1 & & & \\ \text{Li}_{2,1}(x, y) & \text{Li}_2(x) & h(x, y) & \log x & & \text{Li}_1(y) & & 1 & & \\ \text{Li}_{2,2}(x, y) & \text{Li}_2(x) \log y & i(x, y) & \log x \log y & \text{Li}_2(x) & \text{Li}_2(y) - \text{Li}_2(x) - \frac{1}{2} \log^2 x \log x \log y & 1 & & & \end{bmatrix} \tau_{2,2}(2\pi i)$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & & & \\ -dv_2 & 0 & & & & & & & & \\ -dv_{12} & 0 & 0 & & & & & & & \\ 0 & -dv_1 & d(-u_1 + v_1 - v_2) & 0 & & & & & & \\ 0 & du_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & d(u_1 + u_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & du_2 & -dv_1 & d(v_1 - u_1) & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & du_1 & 0 & -dv_2 & 0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & du_1 & du_2 & 0 & \end{bmatrix}$$

## 0.13 Bloch-Wigner polylogarithm

**Definition 0.13.1.** The Bloch-Wigner polylogarithm is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_n(z) = \Re_n \left( \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \frac{2^r B_r}{r!} \operatorname{Li}_{n-r}(z) \log^r |z| \right)$$

Here  $\Re_n$  is  $\operatorname{Re}$  if  $n$  is odd and  $\operatorname{Im}$  if  $n$  is even.  $B_n$  are Bernoulli numbers. For instance,  $\mathcal{L}_1(z) = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_2(z) = \operatorname{Im}(\operatorname{Li}_2(z)) + \operatorname{Im}(\log(1-z)) \log |z|$

**Lemma 0.13.2.**  $\mathcal{L}_n(z) + (-1)^n \mathcal{L}_n(z^{-1}) = 0$ .  $\mathcal{L}_3(z) + \mathcal{L}_3\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right) + \mathcal{L}_3(1-z^{-1}) = \zeta(3)$ .  $\mathcal{L}_2(z) - \mathcal{L}_2\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right) = 0$

*Proof.*

□

## 0.14 Hopf algebra structure

**Definition 0.14.1.** Iterated integrals form a Hopf algebra  $H$  with coproduct

$$\Delta I(a_0; a_1, \dots; a_n; a_{n+1}) = \sum_{0=i_0 < i_1 < \dots < i_k < i_{k+1}=n+1} I(a_{i_0}; a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_k}; a_{i_{k+1}}) \otimes \prod_{p=1}^k I(a_{i_p}; a_{i_p+1}, \dots, a_{i_{p+1}-1}; a_{i_{p+1}})$$

The product is the just shuffle product,  $\Delta_{i_1, \dots, i_k}$  means those in grading  $(i_1, \dots, i_k)$ .  $\Delta'(x) = \Delta(x) - 1 \otimes x - x \otimes 1$  is the reduced coproduct. The space of indecomposables  $Q(H) = H/(H_{>0} \cdot H_{>0})$  is mod products. The projection  $\frac{1}{n}R = P : H \rightarrow Q(H)$ , where  $R$  is defined inductively as  $R(x) = nx - \mu(1 \otimes R)\Delta'(x)$ ,  $\mu$  is multiplication. The cobracket is defined as  $\delta(x) = (P \otimes P)(1 - \tau)\Delta(x)$ ,  $\tau(x \otimes y) = y \otimes x$

Symbol of a multiple polylogarithm is defined to be  $\Delta_{1, \dots, 1}(x)$ , and omit log sign