

## THE MIXED HODGE STRUCTURE ON THE FUNDAMENTAL GROUP OF A PUNCTURED RIEMANN SURFACE

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ABSTRACT. Given a compact Riemann surface  $\bar{X}$  of genus  $g$  and distinct points  $p$  and  $q$  on  $\bar{X}$ , we consider the non-compact Riemann surface  $X := \bar{X} \setminus \{q\}$  with basepoint  $p \in X$ . The extension of mixed Hodge structures associated to the first two steps of  $\pi_1(X, p)$  is studied. We show that it determines the element  $(2gq - 2p - K)$  in  $\text{Pic}^0(\bar{X})$ , where  $K$  represents the canonical divisor of  $\bar{X}$  as well as the corresponding extension associated to  $\pi_1(\bar{X}, p)$ . Finally, we deduce a pointed Torelli theorem for punctured Riemann surfaces.

### INTRODUCTION

Let  $q$  be a point in a compact Riemann surface  $\bar{X}$  of genus  $g$ . In this paper we want to study the complement of  $q$  in  $\bar{X}$ , i.e.  $X := \bar{X} \setminus \{q\}$  with a basepoint  $p \in X$ . We refer to this situation as a *punctured Riemann surface  $X$  with puncture  $q$  and basepoint  $p$* .

For the fundamental group  $\pi_1(\bar{X}, p)$  of the compact Riemann surface  $(\bar{X}, p)$ , Hain and Pulte ([Hai87b], [Pul88]) proved that the extension of mixed Hodge structures associated to the quotient of its group ring by  $W_{-3}$  determines the base point (see Theorem 2.1). From this result and from the classical Torelli theorem they derived a *pointed Torelli theorem* (see Theorem 2.3) as a corollary.

For the fundamental group  $\pi_1(\bar{X} \setminus \{q\}, p)$  of the punctured Riemann surface  $(\bar{X} \setminus \{q\}, p)$ , the corresponding extension of mixed Hodge structures  $w_{pq}$ , i.e. the extension associated to the quotient of its group ring by  $W_{-3}$ , is one dimension bigger than in the compact case. We show that it determines the element

$$(2gq - 2p - K) \text{ in } \text{Pic}^0(\bar{X}),$$

where  $K$  represents the canonical divisor, and the corresponding extension associated to  $\pi_1(\bar{X}, q)$  (see Theorem 1.2). This may have implications on possible normal functions on the moduli space of complex projective curves (cf. [HL97], 7.4).

Finally, we prove that this extension  $w_{pq}$  determines both, the basepoint  $p$  and the puncture  $q$ . This, together with the pointed Torelli theorem of Hain and Pulte yields a *punctured pointed Torelli theorem* (see Theorem 2.8).

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1. EXTENSIONS AND THE THETA DIVISOR

For the definition of iterated integrals and of the mixed Hodge structure (MHS) on the fundamental group we refer to the introductory article [Hai87b].

Let  $\bar{X}$  be a compact Riemann surface of genus  $g$  and let  $q$  be a point on  $\bar{X}$ . We consider the pointed space  $(X, p)$ , where  $X := \bar{X} \setminus \{q\}$  and  $p$  is a basepoint on  $X$ . Denote by  $J \subset \mathbb{Z}\pi_1(X, p)$  and  $\bar{J} \subset \mathbb{Z}\pi_1(\bar{X}, p)$  the augmentation ideals in the group rings of the respective fundamental groups. Note that  $J/J^2 = H_1(X)$  resp.  $\bar{J}/\bar{J}^2 = H_1(\bar{X})$ , and since we remove only a single point from  $\bar{X}$ , we have that  $X \hookrightarrow \bar{X}$  induces an isomorphism of pure Hodge structures between  $H_1(X)$  and  $H_1(\bar{X})$ , both of weight  $-1$ . This allows us to identify these two Hodge structures. Similarly, we identify the weight 1 Hodge structures  $H^1(X)$  and  $H^1(\bar{X})$ . We will write just  $H_1$  and  $H^1$ . The MHS on the fundamental group  $\pi_1(X, p)$  resp.  $\pi_1(\bar{X}, p)$  consists by definition of MHS's on the integral lattices  $J/J^{s+1}$  resp.  $\bar{J}/\bar{J}^{s+1}$  for  $s \geq 2$ .

This definition of the MHS's is possible because of Chen's  $\pi_1$ -De Rham-Theorem, telling us that integration of iterated integrals yields isomorphisms

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} H^0 \bar{B}_s(E^\bullet(\bar{X} \log q), p) &\xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(J/J^{s+1}, \mathbb{C}) =: (J/J^{s+1})_{\mathbb{C}}^* \quad \text{resp.} \\ H^0 \bar{B}_s(E^\bullet(\bar{X}), p) &\xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\bar{J}/\bar{J}^{s+1}, \mathbb{C}) =: (\bar{J}/\bar{J}^{s+1})_{\mathbb{C}}^*. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $E^\bullet(\bar{X} \log q)$  denotes the differential graded algebra (dga) of  $C^\infty$ -forms on  $X = \bar{X} \setminus \{q\}$  with logarithmic singularities at  $q$  and  $E^\bullet(\bar{X})$  denotes the dga of smooth complex valued forms on  $\bar{X}$ . The objects on the left of (1.1) are the complex vector spaces of iterated integrals of length  $\leq s$ , which are homotopy functionals — considered as functions on the fundamental group. These vector spaces can be described purely algebraically in terms of the augmented dga's  $E^\bullet(\bar{X} \log q)$  and  $E^\bullet(\bar{X})$ . This is part of a general construction, *the reduced bar construction*, whence the elaborate notation (cf. [Che76] or [Hai87a]). Here we identify these different descriptions deliberately.

In the two cases under consideration, the weight filtration  $W_\bullet$  is already given on the lattices  $J/J^{s+1}$  resp.  $\bar{J}/\bar{J}^{s+1}$  by the  $J$ -adic filtration, i.e.

$$W_{-l} J/J^{s+1} = J^l/J^{s+1} \quad \text{resp.} \quad W_{-l} \bar{J}/\bar{J}^{s+1} = \bar{J}^l/\bar{J}^{s+1} \quad \text{for } 0 < l \leq s + 1.$$

For  $l = 1$  and  $s = 1$  we recover the pure Hodge structure on homology, i.e.  $W_{-1} J/J^2 = J/J^2 = H_1 = \bar{J}/\bar{J}^2 = W_{-1} \bar{J}/\bar{J}^2$ . The weights  $-1$  and  $-2$  give rise to two extensions of MHSs  $w_{pq}$  and  $w_p$ , related by the following commutative diagram:

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & J^2/J^3 & \longrightarrow & J/J^3 & \longrightarrow & J/J^2 \longrightarrow 0; w_{pq} \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow = \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \bar{J}^2/\bar{J}^3 & \longrightarrow & \bar{J}/\bar{J}^3 & \longrightarrow & \bar{J}/\bar{J}^2 \longrightarrow 0; w_p. \end{array}$$

The multiplication in the group rings defines surjective maps  $J/J^2 \otimes J/J^2 \rightarrow J^2/J^3$  and  $\bar{J}/\bar{J}^2 \otimes \bar{J}/\bar{J}^2 \rightarrow \bar{J}^2/\bar{J}^3$  whose dual morphisms are inclusions  $(J^2/J^3)^* \hookrightarrow H^1 \otimes H^1$  and  $(\bar{J}^2/\bar{J}^3)^* \hookrightarrow H^1 \otimes H^1$ . It is well-known (cf. [Hai87b]) that in both cases, the image of the above inclusions coincides with the kernel of the cup-product. Hence the inclusions give isomorphisms  $(J^2/J^3)^* \cong H^1 \otimes H^1$  and  $(\bar{J}^2/\bar{J}^3)^* \cong K$ , where  $K := \ker\{\cup : H^1(\bar{X}) \otimes H^1(\bar{X}) \rightarrow H^2(\bar{X})\}$ . As  $\cup$  is a morphism of Hodge

structures,  $K$  inherits a pure Hodge structure of weight 2 from  $H^1 \otimes H^1$ . Dualizing the diagram (1.2) yields extensions of MHS's  $m_{pq}$  and  $m_p$  — dual to  $w_{pq}$  and  $w_p$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^1 & \longrightarrow & (J/J^3)^* & \longrightarrow & H^1 \otimes H^1 \longrightarrow 0; m_{pq} \\ & & \uparrow = & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & H^1 & \longrightarrow & (\bar{J}/\bar{J}^3)^* & \longrightarrow & K \longrightarrow 0; m_p. \end{array}$$

Since the exact sequence

$$(1.3) \quad 0 \rightarrow K_{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1 \otimes H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1 \xrightarrow{\cup} H^2(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0$$

of Hodge structures of weight 2 splits over  $\mathbb{Q}$  but not over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , let us first clarify the nature of the embedding  $K \hookrightarrow H^1 \otimes H^1$ . Identify  $H^2(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Z})$  with  $\mathbb{Z}$ . There is a bilinear form

$$b : (H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1 \otimes H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1) \times (H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1 \otimes H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z},$$

given by  $b((x_1 \otimes x_2), (y_1 \otimes y_2)) := (x_1 \cup y_2) \cdot (y_1 \cup x_2)$ , which has mixed signature and is nondegenerate. Consider the rank 1 sublattice  $Q_{\mathbb{Z}}$  of  $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1 \otimes H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1$  orthogonal to the kernel of the cup-product  $K_{\mathbb{Z}} \subset H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1 \otimes H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1$  with respect to  $b$ . The submodule  $Q_{\mathbb{Z}}$  projects to  $2g H^2(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Z})$  under  $\cup$ .

$Q_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is generated by one element  $\mathfrak{X}$  in  $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1 \otimes H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1$ , which is invariant under complex conjugation. Hence  $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1 \otimes H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1$  induces on  $Q_{\mathbb{Z}}$  a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -HS, isomorphic to  $H^2(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Z})$  or  $\mathbb{Z}(-1)$ . Since (1.3) splits over the rationals we have  $K_{\mathbb{Q}} \oplus Q_{\mathbb{Q}} = H_{\mathbb{Q}}^1 \otimes H_{\mathbb{Q}}^1$ .

Note that  $m_p$ , the restriction of  $m_{pq}$  to  $K$ , is the extension associated to  $\pi_1(\bar{X}, p)$ , which is used in the pointed Torelli theorem of Hain and Pulte (Theorem 2.3).

**Definition 1.1.** Define  $k_{pq} = [0 \rightarrow H^1 \rightarrow E_{pq} \rightarrow Q \rightarrow 0] \in \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(Q; H^1)$  to be the restriction of the extension  $m_{pq}$  to an extension of  $Q$  by  $H^1$ .

Let  $\Psi : \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(Q; H^1) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Pic}^0(\bar{X})$  be the natural isomorphism (see [Car80]). Then the main theorem of this paper is

**Theorem 1.2.** *In  $\text{Pic}^0(\bar{X})$  we have  $\Psi(k_{pq}) = (2gq - 2p - K)$ .*

**1.1. Riemann’s constant.** Let  $u : \text{Pic}^0(\bar{X}) \rightarrow \text{Jac}(\bar{X})$  be the Abel-Jacobi map and define the divisor

$$W_{p,g-1} := \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{g-1} u(q_j - p) \mid \sum_{j=1}^{g-1} q_j \in \bar{X}^{(g-1)} \right\}.$$

Denote the *theta divisor* on  $\text{Jac}(\bar{X})$  by  $\Theta$  and *Riemann’s constant* by  $\kappa_p \in \text{Jac}(\bar{X})$ , such that Riemann’s classical theorem<sup>1</sup> reads:  $\Theta = W_{p,g-1} + \kappa_p$ .

Using the Riemann-Roch theorem one can prove that Riemann’s constant  $\kappa_p$  is related to the canonical divisor by the fact that for any divisor  $K$  of a holomorphic 1-form holds  $u((2g-2)p - K) = 2\kappa_p$  and that the canonical divisor is characterized by this equation (for a proof we refer to [GH78], p. 340). Theorem 1.2 is then a consequence of the following theorem, whose proof will be given in the sequel.

**Theorem 1.3.** *In the Jacobian  $\text{Jac}(\bar{X})$  we have  $u(\Psi(k_{pq}) + 2g(p - q)) = 2\kappa_p$ .*

<sup>1</sup>Proofs of this theorem can be found in [Rie92] (VI, 22., pp. 132-136; XI, pp. 213-224) or [Lan02]. For proofs in modern language we refer to [Lew64], [Mum83] (Theorem 3.1, pp. 149-151) or to [GH78]. In the theory of  $\theta$ -functions it is more convenient to define  $\varkappa_p$  to be an element of  $\mathbb{C}^g$  like in [Rie92], [Lan02], [Lew64], [Fay73] (here Riemann’s constant is defined as  $-\varkappa_p$ ) and [Mum83].

The rest of this section is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.3. First we interpret the right-hand side of the equation by means of an expression for  $\kappa_p$  in terms of iterated integrals, as it was already known to Riemann.

To present this formula we need some more notation. Denote by  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{2g}$  and  $\delta$  (representing a small loop around  $q$ ) a system of elements in  $\pi_1(X, p)$  having the property, that the fundamental group  $\pi_1(X, p)$  is the quotient of the free group  $F\langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{2g}, \delta \rangle$  generated by the  $\gamma_i$  and  $\delta$  subject to the commutator relation

$$(1.4) \quad [\gamma_1, \gamma_{g+1}] \cdots [\gamma_g, \gamma_{2g}] = \delta.$$

Let  $dz_1, \dots, dz_g$  be a basis of holomorphic 1-forms on  $\bar{X}$ , such that  $\int_{\gamma_\nu} dz_i = \delta_{i\nu}$ , i.e. the period matrix can be written  $\Omega = (\omega_{i\mu})_{\substack{i=1, \dots, g \\ \mu=1, \dots, 2g}} = (\Omega_1, \Omega_2) = (I, Z)$ . By Riemann's bilinear relations,  $Z$  is a symmetric  $g \times g$ -matrix with positive definite imaginary part. Having made these choices we may represent the Jacobian of  $\bar{X}$  as  $\text{Jac}(\bar{X}) := \mathbb{C}^g / \Omega \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$ . The following expression of  $\kappa_p$  in terms of iterated integrals

$$(1.5) \quad \kappa_p = \left[ - \sum_{\nu=1}^g \int_{\gamma_\nu} dz_i dz_\nu + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\gamma_{g+i}} dz_i \right]_{i=1, \dots, g} \in \text{Jac}(\bar{X})$$

was known to Bernhard Riemann in 1865 (see [Rie92], p. 213, or [Fay73]).

**1.2. Extension data.** According to [Car80] we need two things for the computation of the extension data  $k_{pq} \in \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(Q, H^1)$ : a Hodge filtration preserving section  $s_F : (Q, F^\bullet) \rightarrow (E_{pq}, F^\bullet)$  and an integral retraction  $r_{\mathbb{Z}} : (E_{pq})_{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1$ .

Let  $dx_1, \dots, dx_{2g}$  be the real harmonic 1-forms such that  $\int_{\gamma_j} dx_i = \delta_{ij}$ . Then a generator  $\mathfrak{X}$  of  $Q_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is given by  $\mathfrak{X} := \sum_{\nu=1}^g ([dx_\nu] \otimes [dx_{g+\nu}] - [dx_{g+\nu}] \otimes [dx_\nu])$ . Riemann's first bilinear relation tells us that  $\mathfrak{X} \in F^1(H_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \otimes H_{\mathbb{C}}^1)$ . To be more precise, we can write

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^g (dx_\nu \otimes dx_{g+\nu} - dx_{g+\nu} \otimes dx_\nu) = \sum_{j,k=1}^g (a_{jk} dz_j \otimes d\bar{z}_k + \bar{a}_{jk} d\bar{z}_j \otimes dz_k)$$

with  $A = (a_{jk})_{jk} = (\bar{\Omega}_2 \Omega_1^t - \bar{\Omega}_1 \Omega_2^t)^{-1} = (\bar{Z} - Z)^{-1}$ . Observe:  $A^t = -\bar{A}$ .

Define  $\wedge \mathfrak{X} := \sum_{\nu=1}^g (dx_\nu \wedge dx_{g+\nu} - dx_{g+\nu} \wedge dx_\nu) \in F^1 E^2(\bar{X})$ . The strictness of the differential with respect to the Hodge filtration on  $E^\bullet(\bar{X} \log q)$  implies that there is a  $\mu_q \in F^1 E^1(\bar{X} \log q)$  such that  $\wedge \mathfrak{X} + d\mu_q = 0$ . This condition implies that the iterated integral  $\int \mathfrak{X} + \mu_q := \int \sum_{\nu=1}^g (dx_\nu dx_{g+\nu} - dx_{g+\nu} dx_\nu) + \mu_q$  is a homotopy functional.

A Hodge filtration preserving section  $s_F$  is then defined by  $s_F(\mathfrak{X}) = \int \mathfrak{X} + \mu_q$  and an integral retraction  $r_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is given by the map, which sends an iterated integral  $\int I$  of length  $\leq 2$  with values in  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $r_{\mathbb{Z}}(\int I) := \sum_{j=1}^{2g} (\int_{\gamma_j} I)[dx_j]$ . Again a standard computation shows

$$u \circ \Psi(k_{pq}) = \left( \sum_{\nu=1}^g \left( \int_{\gamma_\nu} dz_i \int_{\gamma_{g+\nu}} \mathfrak{X} + \mu_q - \int_{\gamma_{g+\nu}} dz_i \int_{\gamma_\nu} \mathfrak{X} + \mu_q \right) \right)_{i=1, \dots, g} \in \text{Jac} \bar{X}.$$

**1.3. A higher reciprocity law.** Generally for functions  $F, G : \pi_1(X, p) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  we introduce  $\Pi(F; G) := \sum_{\nu=1}^g (F(\gamma_\nu)G(\gamma_{g+\nu}) - F(\gamma_{g+\nu})G(\gamma_\nu))$ . For instance, Riemann's classical period relation reads  $\Pi(\int dz_i; \int dz_j) = 0$ . With this notation we can state a higher reciprocity law.

**Theorem 1.4.** *For any holomorphic 1-form  $\omega$  on  $\bar{X}$  we have modulo periods of  $\omega$*

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^g \left\{ \int_{\gamma_\nu} \omega \int_{\gamma_{g+\nu}} \mathfrak{X} + \mu_q - \int_{\gamma_{g+\nu}} \omega \int_{\gamma_\nu} \mathfrak{X} + \mu_q \right\} \equiv 2g \int_p^q \omega + \sum_{j,k=1}^g a_{jk} \left\{ \Pi \left( \int \omega; \int dz_j \int d\bar{z}_k \right) + 2 \Pi \left( \int \omega \int d\bar{z}_k; \int dz_j \right) - 2 \Pi \left( \int \omega dz_j; \int d\bar{z}_k \right) \right\}.$$

1.3.1. *Observation.* The proof of the *higher reciprocity law* in Theorem 1.4 and also later the proof of the *higher period relation* of Theorem 1.6 are direct generalizations of Riemann’s bilinear relations as they are proved in [Che77] or [Gun69]. We use the following procedure.

Let  $c_i := (\gamma_i - 1)$  and  $d := (\delta - 1)$  denote the elements in  $J$  corresponding to  $\gamma_i$  and  $\delta$  in  $\pi_1(X, p)$ . If we interpret relation (1.4) in  $\mathbb{Z}\pi_1(X, p)$  modulo  $J^4$ , we obtain

$$(1.6) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^g \{ c_\nu c_{g+\nu} - c_{g+\nu} c_\nu + (c_{g+\nu} c_\nu c_{g+\nu} - c_\nu c_{g+\nu} c_\nu) - (c_\nu c_{g+\nu} c_{g+\nu} - c_{g+\nu} c_\nu c_\nu) \} \equiv d \pmod{J^4}.$$

When the linear extension of a homotopy functional  $F : \pi_1(X, p) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}\pi_1(X, p)$  satisfies  $F(J^4) = 0$ , then it has to respect relation (1.6). For instance iterated integrals of length  $\leq 3$ , which are homotopy functionals, are examples of such  $F$ .

*Remark 1.5.* Also in [PY96] the above described procedure is employed to derive *higher period relations for iterated integrals*. In subsection 1.4 we will apply the method to one specific iterated integral. Since the homotopy functionals in [PY96] do not take the polarization or likewise a puncture into account, there are no *higher reciprocity laws for iterated integrals*.

*Proof of Theorem 1.4.* Use the fact that for any closed path  $\alpha$ ,

$$\int_\alpha d\bar{z}_j dz_k + \int_\alpha dz_k d\bar{z}_j = \int_\alpha d\bar{z}_j \int_\alpha dz_k$$

to prove that the left-hand side of the equation in Theorem 1.4 equals

$$\Pi \left( \int \omega; \int \sum_{j,k=1}^g 2a_{jk} dz_j d\bar{z}_k + \mu_q \right) - \Pi \left( \int \omega; \sum_{j,k=1}^g a_{jk} \int dz_j \int d\bar{z}_k \right).$$

Note that  $\int I := \int \sum_{j,k=1}^g 2a_{jk} \omega dz_j d\bar{z}_k + \omega \mu_q$  is a homotopy functional, so its values on both sides of (1.6) coincide. Recall that for 1-forms  $\varphi, \psi, \chi$  and closed paths  $\alpha, \beta$  with  $a = (\alpha - 1)$ ,  $b = (\beta - 1)$  and  $ab = (\alpha\beta - \alpha - \beta + 1)$  holds:  $\int_{ab} \varphi\psi\chi = \int_a \varphi \int_b \psi\chi + \int_a \varphi\psi \int_b \chi$ . Using this rule, a direct computation shows that the value of  $\int I$  on the left-hand side of relation (1.6) takes the value:

$$\Pi \left( \int \omega; \int I \right) + \sum_{j,k=1}^g 2a_{jk} \left\{ \Pi \left( \int \omega dz_j; \int d\bar{z}_k \right) - \Pi \left( \int \omega \int d\bar{z}_k; \int dz_j \right) - \Pi \left( \int \omega; \int dz_j \int d\bar{z}_k \right) \right\}.$$

According to our observation 1.3.1 this has to be equal to the value of the homotopy functional  $\int I$  applied to the right-hand side of (1.6). We compute

this value as follows. From  $\wedge \mathfrak{X} + d\mu_q = 0$  we can determine the shape of  $\mu_q$ . Using Stokes' theorem, a standard argument shows that there is a simply connected holomorphic coordinate plot  $(U, z)$  on  $\bar{X}$  containing  $q$  and all of a representing path for  $\delta \in \pi_1(X, p)$  such that on  $U$  we may write  $\mu_q = \frac{2g}{2\pi i} \frac{dz}{z} + \varphi$ , where  $\varphi$  is a smooth (non-closed) 1-form in  $E^1(U)$ . Since this representative of  $\delta$  is 0-homotopic in  $U$ , the homotopy functional  $\sum_{j,k=1}^g 2a_{jk} \int \omega dz_j d\bar{z}_k + \omega\varphi$  vanishes on it. Consequently  $\int_\delta I = \int_\delta \omega(\frac{2g}{2\pi i} \frac{dz}{z}) = 2g \int_p^q \omega$ . Putting all ingredients together provides the proof.  $\square$

**1.4. A higher period relation.** Recall that our period matrix  $\Omega$  is of the form  $(I, Z)$  where  $Z$  is symmetric and has positive imaginary part. Like before set  $A = (\bar{Z} - Z)^{-1}$ . Define for  $i = 1, \dots, g$  the  $g \times g$ -matrices

$$I_1^i := \left( \int_{c_\nu} dz_i dz_j \right)_{\nu,j} \quad \text{and} \quad I_2^i := \left( \int_{c_{g+\nu}} dz_i dz_j \right)_{\nu,j} \in \text{Mat}(g \times g; \mathbb{C}).$$

Then we define the following two vectors with entries in  $\text{Mat}(g \times g; \mathbb{C})$ :

$$I_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I_1^1 \\ \vdots \\ I_1^g \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} I_2^1 \\ \vdots \\ I_2^g \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Mat}(g \times 1; \text{Mat}(g \times g)).$$

For a matrix  $M$ , denote by  $\text{tr } M$  the trace of  $M$  and by  $\text{diag } M$  its diagonal. Define the trace of a vector of matrices to be the vector consisting of the traces of its components. The following theorem is the announced higher period relation.

**Theorem 1.6.** *With the above notation, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & (2 \text{tr}(I_2 A) - 2 \text{tr}(I_1 A Z)) + (\text{diag}(Z A Z) - Z \text{diag}(A Z)) \\ & + (\text{diag}(Z A) - Z \text{diag}(A)) + (\text{diag}(A Z) - Z \text{diag}(Z A)) \equiv 0 \pmod{(I, Z)\mathbb{Z}^{2g}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Apply the homotopy functional  $\sum_{j,k=1}^g a_{jk} \int dz_j dz_i dz_k$  to (1.6).  $\square$

We use this higher period relation to continue our computation of the extension  $k_{pq}$ . After Theorem 1.4 it makes sense to speak of  $k_{pp}$ ; we have

$$\Psi(k_{pq}) = 2g(q - p) + \Psi(k_{pp}).$$

In the above introduced notation, Theorem 1.4 tells us that  $u \circ \Psi(k_{pp}) \in \mathbb{C}^g / \Omega \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} u \circ \Psi(k_{pp}) &= \text{diag}(Z A \bar{Z}) - Z \text{diag}(A) \\ &+ 2 \text{diag}(Z A) - 2Z \text{diag}(A \bar{Z}) - 2 \text{tr}(I_1 A \bar{Z}) + 2 \text{tr}(I_2 A). \end{aligned}$$

Transform this expression such that it only contains (iterated) integrals over holomorphic forms. Observe  $\text{diag}(Z A \bar{Z}) = \text{diag}(Z(\bar{Z} - Z)^{-1}(\bar{Z} - Z)) + \text{diag}(Z A Z) = \text{diag}(Z) + \text{diag}(Z A Z)$  and similarly  $2Z \text{diag}(A \bar{Z}) \equiv 2Z \text{diag}(A Z) \pmod{(I, Z)\mathbb{Z}^{2g}}$  and  $2 \text{tr}(I_1 A \bar{Z}) = 2 \text{tr}(I_1) + 2 \text{tr}(I_1 A Z)$ . Using these identities we continue

$$\begin{aligned} u \circ \Psi(k_{pp}) &\equiv \text{diag}(Z) + \text{diag}(Z A Z) - Z \text{diag}(A) \\ &+ 2 \text{diag}(Z A) - 2Z \text{diag}(A Z) \\ &- 2 \text{tr}(I_1) - 2 \text{tr}(I_1 A Z) + 2 \text{tr}(I_2 A) \pmod{(I, Z)\mathbb{Z}^{2g}}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice:  $\text{diag}(ZA) - \text{diag}(AZ) = 0$ . When we apply Theorem 1.6, we finally get

$$u \circ \Psi(k_{pp}) \equiv \text{diag } Z - 2 \text{tr}(I_1) \pmod{(I, Z)\mathbb{Z}^{2g}}.$$

Writing this out, we find  $u \circ \Psi(k_{pp}) \equiv 2\kappa_p \pmod{(I, Z)\mathbb{Z}^{2g}}$  by virtue of formula (1.5). This is the proof of Theorem 1.3.

2. A POINTED TORELLI THEOREM FOR PUNCTURED RIEMANN SURFACES

Here we want to show that the extension  $w_{pq}$  or respectively  $m_{pq}$  determines  $p$  and  $q$ . Finally, we will combine this with results of Hain and Pulte [Hai87b], [Pul88], which we briefly sketch first.

**2.1. The pointed Torelli theorem.** The pointed Torelli theorem of Hain and Pulte is based on the following.

**Theorem 2.1** (Hain, Pulte). *The map from  $\text{Pic}^0 \bar{X}$  to  $\text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(K; H^1)$  which maps  $(p - p')$  to  $m_p - m_{p'}$  is well-defined and injective.*

We write  $(\bar{X}, p) \cong (\bar{X}, p')$  if there is an automorphism  $\phi : \bar{X} \rightarrow \bar{X}$  that maps  $p$  to  $p'$ . For a point  $p$  on  $\bar{X}$  we define the set of alternatives for  $p$  as

$$a_{\bar{X}}(p) := \{p\} \cup \{p' \in \bar{X} \mid m_{p'} = -m_p \text{ in } \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(K; H^1) \text{ and } (\bar{X}, p) \not\cong (\bar{X}, p')\}.$$

The following is a consequence of Theorem 2.1. Let us give a short proof of it.

**Corollary 2.2.** *For a pointed compact Riemann surface  $(\bar{X}, p)$ , the set  $a_{\bar{X}}(p)$  consists of at most two points. Up to automorphism of  $\bar{X}$ , there cannot be more than one pair of different points  $\{p, p'\}$  on  $\bar{X}$  such that  $a_{\bar{X}}(p) = \{p, p'\} = a_{\bar{X}}(p')$ .*

*Proof.* The first assertion is an obvious consequence of 2.1. To prove the second assertion, assume that  $\tilde{p}$  and  $\tilde{p}'$  is another such pair with  $a_{\bar{X}}(\tilde{p}) = \{\tilde{p}, \tilde{p}'\} = a_{\bar{X}}(\tilde{p})$ . Then by 2.1, the divisors  $p + p' = \tilde{p} + \tilde{p}'$  are linearly equivalent. It follows that either  $\{p, p'\} = \{\tilde{p}, \tilde{p}'\}$  or  $\bar{X}$  is hyperelliptic and the hyperelliptic involution maps  $p$  to  $p'$  and  $q$  to  $q'$ , which contradicts the assumptions on  $p, p'$  and  $q, q'$ .  $\square$

Together with the classical Torelli theorem, Hain and Pulte used Theorem 2.1 to prove the following *pointed Torelli theorem*. For a pointed compact Riemann surface  $(\bar{Z}, z_0)$  denote by  $J_{z_0}(\bar{Z})$  the augmentation ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}\pi_1(\bar{Z}, z_0)$ .

**Theorem 2.3** (Hain, Pulte). *Suppose that  $(\bar{X}, p)$  and  $(\bar{Y}, r)$  are two pointed compact Riemann surfaces. If there is a ring homomorphism*

$$\mathbb{Z}\pi_1(\bar{X}, p) / J_p(\bar{X})^3 \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}\pi_1(\bar{Y}, r) / J_r(\bar{Y})^3$$

*which induces an isomorphism of MHS's, then there is an isomorphism  $f : \bar{X} \rightarrow \bar{Y}$  with  $f(p) \in a_{\bar{Y}}(r)$ .*

*Remark 2.4.* As far as the author knows, still no example is known of a pointed compact Riemann surface  $(\bar{X}, p)$  with  $|a_{\bar{X}}(p)| = 2$ . M. Pulte [Pul88] has shown that such an  $(\bar{X}, p)$  with  $|a_{\bar{X}}(p)| = 2$  must have zero harmonic volume. B. Harris [Har83] proved that a generic smooth projective complex curve has nonzero harmonic volume. Moreover, Pulte showed (loc. cit.) that, if there are two points  $p, p'$  with  $a_{\bar{X}}(p) = \{p, p'\} = a_{\bar{X}}(p')$ , then  $(g - 1)(p + p') - K = 0 \in \text{Pic}^0 \bar{X}$ , where  $K$  is the canonical divisor. For pointed hyperelliptic curves  $(\bar{X}, p)$  always holds:  $a_{\bar{X}}(p) = \{p\}$ , since here  $m_p = -m_{p'}$  implies  $(\bar{X}, p) \cong (\bar{X}, p')$  by the hyperelliptic involution.

**2.2. A punctured pointed Torelli theorem.** The following theorem will follow directly from Lemma 2.9, which we prove at the end of this section.

**Theorem 2.5.** *For all  $p \in \bar{X}$ , the map  $\text{Pic}^0 \bar{X} \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1)$  which maps  $(q - q')$  to  $m_{pq} - m_{pq'}$  is well-defined and injective.*

Let  $\Delta$  be the diagonal in  $\bar{X} \times \bar{X}$ . Combining Theorem 2.5 with the results of Hain and Pulte we find

**Proposition 2.6.** *The map from  $(\bar{X} \times \bar{X}) \setminus \Delta$  to  $\text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1)$  given by  $(p, q) \mapsto m_{pq}$  is well-defined, extends to the diagonal  $\Delta$  and is injective.*

*Proof of 2.6.* Note that the map of complex tori

$$\text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(K \oplus Q; H^1)$$

is a covering map, since  $\text{Hom}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1)_{\mathbb{Z}} \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}(K \oplus Q; H^1)_{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Moreover, we have the commutative diagram:

$$\begin{CD} (\bar{X} \times \bar{X}) \setminus \Delta @>\tilde{\varphi}>> \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1) \\ @VVV @VV\text{covering map}V \\ \bar{X} \times \bar{X} @>\varphi>> \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(K; H^1) \oplus \text{Pic}^0 \bar{X} \\ @VVV @VVV \\ (p, q) @>>> (m_p, (2gq - 2p - K)). \end{CD}$$

The map  $\varphi$  is continuous ( $m_p$  is — in a coordinate system — an expression of iterated integrals over paths with basepoint  $p$ ). As the map  $\tilde{\varphi}(p, q) = m_{pq}$  is a lifting of  $\varphi$ , we see that  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is continuous too. The fact that the map  $m_{pq} \mapsto (m_p, k_{pq})$  is a covering map tells us moreover that we may extend  $\tilde{\varphi}$  to the diagonal  $\Delta$ . Since the extension  $m_{pq}$  determines  $m_p$  it determines by Theorem 2.1 of Hain and Pulte also  $p$ . By virtue of Theorem 2.5 it determines  $q$ . □

Pulling back the intersection form  $H_1(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes H_1(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  along the natural isomorphism  $J/J^2 \xrightarrow{\cong} \bar{J}/\bar{J}^2$  induces a polarization on  $\text{Gr}_{-1}^W(J/J^3) = H^1(X)$ . We can also put a polarization on  $\text{Gr}_{-2}^W(J/J^3) = J^2/J^3 \cong J/J^2 \otimes J/J^2 = \text{Gr}_{-1}^W(J/J^3) \otimes \text{Gr}_{-1}^W(J/J^3)$ , by taking the tensor product of the polarized Hodge structure  $H^1(X)$  in the category of polarized Hodge structures. In that sense,  $J/J^3$  becomes a *graded polarized MHS*, i.e. each  $\text{Gr}_l^W$  is a polarized Hodge structure.

For points  $p$  and  $q$  on  $\bar{X}$  we define

$$A_{\bar{X}}(p, q) := \{(p, q)\} \cup \left\{ (p', q') \in \bar{X} \times \bar{X} \left| \begin{array}{l} m_{p'q'} = -m_{pq} \text{ in } \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}((H^1)^{\otimes 2}; H^1) \\ \text{and } (\bar{X} \setminus \{q\}, p) \not\cong (\bar{X} \setminus \{q'\}, p') \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

The following is then a consequence of Proposition 2.6.

**Corollary 2.7.**  *$A_{\bar{X}}(p, q)$  consists of at most two elements.* □

Our results lead to the following *punctured pointed Torelli theorem*.

**Theorem 2.8.** *Suppose that  $(\bar{X} \setminus \{q\}, p)$  and  $(\bar{Y} \setminus \{s\}, r)$  are two punctured compact Riemann surfaces with basepoint. If there is a ring isomorphism*

$$\mathbb{Z}\pi_1(\bar{X} \setminus \{q\}, p) / J_p(\bar{X} \setminus \{q\})^3 \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}\pi_1(\bar{Y} \setminus \{s\}, r) / J_r(\bar{Y} \setminus \{s\})^3,$$

*which induces an isomorphism of graded polarized MHS's, then there is a biholomorphism  $f : \bar{X} \rightarrow \bar{Y}$  with  $(f(p), f(q)) \in A_{\bar{Y}}(r, s)$ .*



*Proof of 2.8.* The proof goes along the lines of the proof of the pointed Torelli theorem in [Pul88] and [Hai87b]. Let  $J_{pq} = J_p(\bar{X} \setminus \{q\})$  and  $J_{rs} = J_r(\bar{Y} \setminus \{s\})$ . We have an isomorphism of MHS's,  $\lambda : J_{pq}/J_{pq}^3 \xrightarrow{\cong} J_{rs}/J_{rs}^3$  and in particular,  $\lambda$  induces an isomorphism of polarized Hodge structures

$$\lambda^* : H^1(\bar{Y}) = W_1(J_{rs}/J_{rs}^3)^* \rightarrow W_1(J_{pq}/J_{pq}^3)^* = H^1(\bar{X}).$$

By the classical Torelli theorem (cf. for instance [Mar63]) we know that there is a biholomorphism  $f : \bar{X} \rightarrow \bar{Y}$  such that  $f^* : H^1(\bar{Y}) \rightarrow H^1(\bar{X})$  is  $\pm\lambda^*$ . Since  $\lambda$  respects the ring structure, the  $\lambda$  induced map  $(J_{rs}^2/J_{rs}^3)^* \rightarrow (J_{pq}^2/J_{pq}^3)^*$  is determined by  $\lambda^* : H^1(\bar{Y}) \rightarrow H^1(\bar{X})$  and hence,

$$f^* : (J_{rs}^2/J_{rs}^3)^* = H^1(\bar{Y}) \otimes H^1(\bar{Y}) \rightarrow H^1(\bar{X}) \otimes H^1(\bar{X}) = (J_{pq}^2/J_{pq}^3)^*$$

is equal to  $\lambda^* \otimes \lambda^*$ . Without loss of generality, we may therefore assume that  $(\bar{Y} \setminus \{s\}, r) = (\bar{X} \setminus \{q'\}, p')$  for two points  $p'$  and  $q'$  in  $\bar{X}$  and that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^1 & \longrightarrow & (J_{pq}/J_{pq}^3)^* & \longrightarrow & H^1 \otimes H^1 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \pm id \downarrow & & \downarrow \lambda^* & & \downarrow id \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & H^1 & \longrightarrow & (J_{p'q'}/J_{p'q'}^3)^* & \longrightarrow & H^1 \otimes H^1 \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

It follows that  $m_{pq} = \pm m_{p'q'}$ . This means that there either is an automorphism  $\phi : (\bar{X} \setminus \{q\}, p) \rightarrow (\bar{X} \setminus \{q'\}, p')$  or  $A_{\bar{X}}(p, q) = \{(p, q); (p', q')\} = A_{\bar{X}}(p', q')$ . In both cases, the identity map is the map with the desired properties.  $\square$

**2.3. A technical lemma.** Theorem 2.5 is a consequence of the following:

**Lemma 2.9.** *For each element  $\sum_i (q_i - q'_i) \in \text{Pic}^0 \bar{X}$ , we have*

$$\sum_i (q_i - q'_i) = 0 \in \text{Pic}^0 \bar{X} \Leftrightarrow \sum_i (m_{pq_i} - m_{pq'_i}) = 0 \in \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}((H^1)^{\otimes 2}; H^1).$$

*Proof.* Consider the isomorphism (cf. [Car80]) from  $\text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1)$  to

$$\text{Hom}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1)_{\mathbb{C}} / (F^0 \text{Hom}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1)_{\mathbb{C}} + \text{Hom}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1)_{\mathbb{Z}}).$$

The image of an extension  $m_{pq}$  is  $[\phi_{pq}]$  for a certain  $\phi_{pq} \in \text{Hom}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1)_{\mathbb{C}}$ , which we now explain. On an element  $[\varphi] \otimes [\psi] \in H^1 \otimes H^1$ , the homomorphism  $\phi_{pq}$  has the following property. There is an  $\eta_q \in F^1 E^1(X \log q)$  such that  $\varphi \wedge \psi + d\eta_q = 0$  and  $\phi_{pq}([\varphi] \otimes [\psi]) = \sum_{j=1}^{2g} (\int_{\gamma_j} \varphi \psi + \mu_q) [dx_j]$ . If  $[\varphi] \otimes [\psi] \in K$ , then  $\eta_q$  can be chosen in  $F^1 E^1(X)$  and does not depend on  $q$ , which shows that  $(\phi_{pq} - \phi_{p'q'})$  is zero on  $K$ . Therefore it is determined by its value on one element of  $(H^1 \otimes H^1) \setminus K$ ; for instance on  $[dx_1] \otimes [dx_{g+1}]$ .

Given a divisor  $D = \sum_i (q_i - q'_i)$  define the homomorphism  $\Phi_D := \sum_i (\phi_{pq_i} - \phi_{p'q'_i}) : H^1 \otimes H^1 \rightarrow H^1$ . We will derive a series of equivalences. First, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_i (m_{pq_i} - m_{p'q'_i}) = 0 \in \text{Ext}_{\text{MHS}}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \Phi_D \in F^0 \text{Hom}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1)_{\mathbb{C}} + \text{Hom}(H^1 \otimes H^1; H^1)_{\mathbb{Z}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $\mathbf{w} \in H^{0,1} \otimes H^{0,1}$  be such that  $[dx_1] \otimes [dx_{g+1}] - \mathbf{w} \in F^1(H^1 \otimes H^1) = H^{1,0} \otimes H^1 + H^1 \otimes H^{1,0}$ . Note that  $H^{0,1} \otimes H^{0,1} \subset K$  and hence  $\Phi_D(\mathbf{w}) = 0$ . Moreover,

$H^{1,0} \otimes H^{1,0} \subset K$  and  $\Phi_D (H^{1,0} \otimes H^{1,0}) = 0$ . Therefore, we may continue the series of equivalences by

$$\Leftrightarrow \Phi_D ([dx_1] \otimes [dx_{g+1}] - \mathbf{w}) \in H^{1,0} + H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1 \Leftrightarrow \Phi_D ([dx_1] \otimes [dx_{g+1}]) \in H^{1,0} + H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1.$$

Let  $\eta_{q_i} \in F^1 E^1(X \log q_i)$  and  $\eta_{q'_i} \in F^1 E^1(X \log q'_i)$  be such that  $dx_1 \wedge dx_{g+1} + d\eta_{q_i} = 0$  and  $dx_1 \wedge dx_{g+1} + d\eta_{q'_i} = 0$ . Note that this implies  $\text{Res}_{q_i} \eta_{q_i} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} = \text{Res}_{q'_i} \eta_{q'_i}$ . Then a direct computation shows that we may go on:

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{2g} \sum_i \left( \int_{\gamma_j} \mu_{q_i} - \mu_{q'_i} \right) [dx_j] \in H^{1,0} + H_{\mathbb{Z}}^1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \left( \Pi \left( \int dz_{\nu}; \int (\mu_{q_i} - \mu_{q'_i}) \right) \right)_{\nu} \equiv 0 \pmod{\Omega \mathbb{Z}^{2g}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the reciprocity law for differentials of the third kind (cf. [GH78]), we find as  $(\mu_{q_i} - \mu_{q'_i})$  is meromorphic with simple poles  $\Leftrightarrow \sum_i (q_i - q'_i) = 0 \in \text{Pic}^0 \bar{X}$ . That proves the lemma.  $\square$

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