

Lecture I: Overview, Basic definitions & examples

§1.1 Overview:

The construction of Riemann surfaces motivated by issue of \exists holomorphic multivalued functions (eg: $\ln(z)$, $\sqrt{1+z}$, etc.)

Eg: $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ can't be extended holomorphically to

a function $\mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ but \exists X R.S. & $X \xrightarrow{F} \mathbb{C}$ F single valued hol.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbb{C} & \\ \pi \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \nearrow \ln z \\ \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0} & & \end{array}$$

• Locally modelled on open, connected subsets of \mathbb{C} . (Assumed connected & Hausdorff)

• Main examples: (1) \mathbb{C} , $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$, non-compact, genus = 0

(2) $\mathbb{P}^1 = \mathbb{C} \mathbb{P}^1$, compact, genus = 0

(3) $E_{\zeta} = \mathbb{C} / \mathbb{Z} + \zeta \mathbb{Z}$ ($\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ generic), compact ($\cong S^1 \times S^1$), genus = 1

• In this course we'll see 4 ways of building R.S. from old ones

① Analytic continuation of local germs of holomorphic functions on X (Weierstrass)

Sheaf \mathcal{O} of holomorphic functions on X \rightsquigarrow | \mathcal{O} | Topological space

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{R.S.} & & \\ (\text{eg } \mathbb{P}^1) & & \pi \downarrow \\ & & X \end{array}$$

φ local germs at x ($\varphi \in \mathcal{O}_x$) $\rightsquigarrow (x, \varphi) \in |\mathcal{O}|$ & $Y =$ connected component of (x, φ)

$\rightsquigarrow Y$ R.S. + a holomorphic map $\pi \downarrow$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & & \\ \pi \downarrow & & \\ X & & \end{array}$$

② R.S. associated to holomorphic 1-forms on X . $\rightsquigarrow \Omega^1$: Sheaf on X

③ [Perron's approach]: $P(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}(z)[w]$ irreducible polynomial

\rightsquigarrow Algebraic R.S. $Y = Z(P)$ \longleftrightarrow $\mathcal{B}(Y) =$ field of meromorph. func on Y

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{P}^1 & & \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathbb{C}(z) \end{array}$$

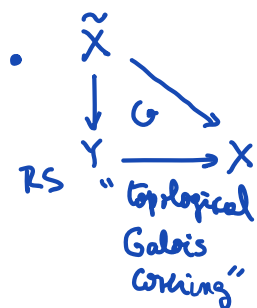
"Galois correspondence"

field extension

④ X R.S. \rightsquigarrow \tilde{X} universal cover is a R.S.
 $\pi \downarrow$
 X

If $H \subset \text{Aut}_{\text{bihol}}(\tilde{X}) = \{ f: \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{X} \mid f \text{ is biholomorphic} \}$ is a subgroup & $H \curvearrowright \tilde{X}$ proper discontinuous group action (\Rightarrow with no fixed pts), then \tilde{X}/H is a R.S.

Theorems: • $\text{Deck}(\tilde{X}/X) \cong \pi_1(X)$



$\longleftrightarrow \pi_1(Y) \triangleleft \text{Deck}(\tilde{X}/X)$

$\text{Deck}(Y/X) \cong \text{Deck}(\tilde{X}/X) / \pi_1(Y)$

"Galois correspondence"

Main Tools:

• ① & ④: Topological results (MATH 6801)

- Covering spaces, path lifting properties,
- Deck transformations relation with fundamental groups
- existence of universal covers.

• ② & ③: Complex Analytic results (MATH 6221)

- Properties of holomorphic/meromorphic functions, Cauchy's formula, Residues
- Identity Theorem, Open Mapping Theorem, Local Behavior of holomorphic functions

② Forms & Integration on R.S. Stokes' Theorem. Periods on R.S.

• Holy grail: find non-constant meromorphic functions on R.S.

We'll do this for compact R.S. To do so, we'll develop:

• Sheaves \mathcal{F} on RS & Čech cohomology:

- covering dependent def $H^p(\underline{U}, \mathcal{F}) \rightsquigarrow$ take a direct limit $H^p(X, \mathcal{F}) = \varinjlim_{\underline{U}} H^p(\underline{U}, \mathcal{F})$

- Leray's Theorem: $H^1(X, \mathcal{F}) = H^1(\underline{U}, \mathcal{F})$ if \underline{U} is nice enough ($H^1(\underline{U}_i, \mathcal{F}) = 0$)
(X compact R.S.)
- Finiteness result: If X is compact, $H^1(X, \mathcal{O})$ is finite dim'l \mathbb{C} -v.sp.

Theorems:

- \exists non-constant meromorphic functions on compact R.S.
- compact R.S. are algebraic

- Divisors on X , Canonical divisors, sheaves \mathcal{O}_D, Ω_D (X : compact R.S.)
 - algebraic characterization of genus of X (compact) $\dim H^1(X, \mathcal{O})$
 - 2-top genus of $X = rk H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}) = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} H_{dR}^1(X) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H_{dR}^1(X, \mathbb{C}) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^1(X, \mathbb{C}) = 2g$
 - Riemann-Roch Theorem: $\dim H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_D) - \dim H^1(X, \Omega_D) - \deg D$ is indep. of the divisor D ($= 1 - g$)
 - Serre duality: $\Omega_{-D}(X) \cong H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_D)^\vee$ (dual vector space)
 - Riemann-Hurwitz formula: relating genera of n -sheeted cover $Y \rightarrow X$ between compact R.S.

• Abel-Jacobi Theory on compact R.S.

• Q: which divisors come from meromorphic functions?

• X compact R.S., genus $g \geq 1 \rightsquigarrow \text{Jac}(X) = \mathbb{C}^g / \Lambda_{2g}$ abelian + $X \xrightarrow{\text{Abel-Jacobi}} \text{Jac}(X)$
 \hookrightarrow lattice of rank $2g$ (period lattice)

• $X^g \xrightarrow{\text{Periods}} \text{Jac}(X) \iff \text{Pic}(X) = \frac{\text{Div}_0(X)}{\text{Ppal Dir}(X)} \cong \text{Jac}(X)$

• Extra Topics?

• Algebraic proofs of some results

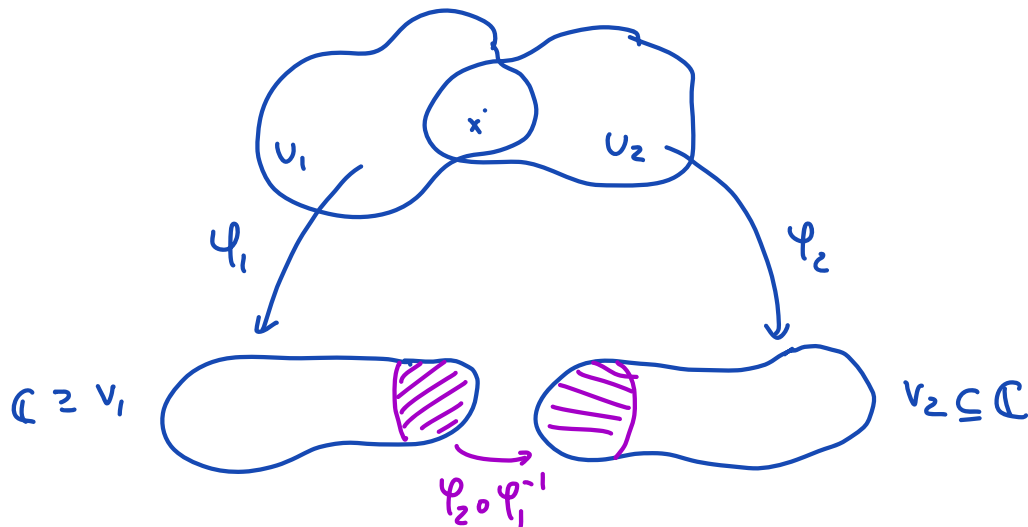
- Applications of Riemann-Roch (canonical embeddings, inflection & Weierstrass pts)
- Hurwitz Theory (count $Y \rightarrow X$ maps between compact R.S. with prescribed ramification profile.)
- Uniformization Thm (only simply connected R.S. are \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{D} or \mathbb{P}^1)

§1.2 The definition of a R.S:

INPUT: A 2-dim'l manifold X , i.e. a connected Hausdorff topological space X s.t. $\forall x \in X \exists U \subset X$ with $x \in U$ st U is homeomorphic to an open set in \mathbb{R}^2

Definition: A complex chart on X is a homeomorphism $\varphi: U \rightarrow V$ of an open subset $U \subset X$ onto an open subset $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$

• Two charts $\varphi_i: U_i \rightarrow V_i$ for $i=1,2$ are holomorphically compatible if the map $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1}: \varphi_1(U_1 \cap U_2) \rightarrow \varphi_2(U_1 \cap U_2)$ is biholomorphic



• A complex atlas on X is a system $\mathcal{U} = \{ \varphi_i: U_i \rightarrow V_i \}_{i \in I}$ of holomorphically compatible charts with $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$. It defines a complex structure on X

Def: A Riemann Surface (R.S.) is a pair (X, Σ) where X is a (connected) 2D manifold and Σ is a complex structure on X .

Remarks: • Two complex atlases $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}'$ are analytically equivalent if $\mathcal{U} \cup \mathcal{U}'$ is a complex atlas. They define equivalent complex structures on X , i.e. the same R.S.

• The last notion is an equivalence relation on complex atlases on X

• We can define a preat structure on complex atlases. Every atlas \mathcal{U} has a

unique max atlas \mathcal{U}^* refining it. This is often used when defining Σ

Remark: Can always pick charts with $\varphi: U \xrightarrow{\sim} D = \{z: |z| < 1\}$ (coord. nbhd)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{\sim} & D \\ \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow z \\ x \in U & \xrightarrow{\sim} & 0 \end{array}$$

⚠ Some X can be endowed with different complex structures.

Eg: X compact $\rightsquigarrow X$ is determined by its topological genus g
 ($\cong S^2$ with g handles glued on it)

But if $g=1$ $X \cong S^1 \times S^1$ (complex torus). (1 topology)

Genus one sm. algebraic curves / \mathbb{C} are completely determined by their j -invariant
 \rightsquigarrow moduli space \mathcal{M}_1 of complex structures on X (1-dimensional)

§1.3 Examples.

(1) $X = \mathbb{C}$, $\Sigma: \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \mathbb{C}$

(2) $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ open connected set in \mathbb{C} (eg $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$)

(3) $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1 = \mathbb{P}^1 = \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ Riemann sphere / projective line.

$$U_0 = \{(x, y) : x \neq 0\} / \sim \longleftrightarrow \frac{y}{x} \in \mathbb{C} \simeq \mathbb{R}^2 \quad U_\infty = \{(x, y) : y \neq 0\} / \sim \longleftrightarrow \frac{x}{y} \in \mathbb{C} \simeq \mathbb{R}^2$$

$\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is a 2D manifold

$\bullet U_0 \cap U_\infty$ is connected $\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is connected

\bullet Complex structure:

$$U_0 = \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{\infty\} \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} \mathbb{C}$$

$$\{(1, z) : z \in \mathbb{C}\} \longrightarrow z$$

$$U_\infty = \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0\} \xrightarrow{\varphi_\infty} \mathbb{C}$$

$$\{(w, 1) : w \in \mathbb{C}\} \longrightarrow w$$

$$\mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$z \longmapsto z$$

$$\mathbb{C}^* \cup \{\infty\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$z \longmapsto \begin{cases} \frac{1}{z} & z \in \mathbb{C}^* \\ 0 & z = \infty \end{cases}$$

(complex charts)

$$\varphi_\infty \circ \varphi_0^{-1}: \varphi_0(U_0 \cap U_\infty) = \mathbb{C}^* \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{C}^* = \varphi_\infty(U_0 \cap U_\infty) \text{ is biholomorphic}$$

$$z \longmapsto \frac{1}{z}$$

Note: \mathbb{P}^1 is compact ($\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ with 1-pt compactification $\cong S^2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ via stereographic projection)

(4) Pick $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ st $\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \notin \mathbb{R}$ ($\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ l.i over \mathbb{R})

• $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2 \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is a discrete lattice

($\exists \varepsilon > 0$ st $|z| > \varepsilon$ if $z \in \Gamma \setminus \{0\}$)

• z, z' in \mathbb{C} are Λ -equivalent if $z - z' \in \Gamma$

Consider $E = \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$ with the quotient topology induced by $\pi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow E = \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$

($U \subseteq E$ is open $\Leftrightarrow \pi^{-1}(U) \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is open) So π is continuous & thus, E is connected.

• π is an open map: Fix $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ open

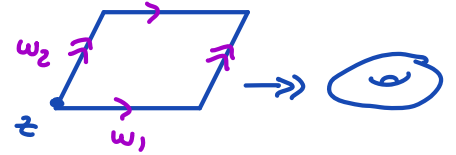
$\pi(V) \subseteq E$ is open $\Leftrightarrow \pi^{-1}(\pi(V)) \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is open

But $\pi^{-1}(\pi(V)) = \bigcup_{p \in \Lambda} (p + V) \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is open.

• E is a Hausdorff top space because Λ is discrete. ($\pi(D(z_0, \varepsilon))$ separate pts in E)

• E is compact:

$z \in \mathbb{C} \mapsto \mathcal{B}_z = \{z + \lambda_1 \omega_1 + \lambda_2 \omega_2 : \lambda_i \in [0, 1]\}$



By construction \mathcal{B}_z is compact in \mathbb{C} & $\pi(\mathcal{B}_z) = E$, so E is compact

• Complex structure:

For each $x \in E$, Pick $v \in \pi^{-1}(x)$ & $v \in V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ open st $\pi|_V$ is injective.

Then $U = \pi(V)$ is open in E , $x \in E$ & $\pi|_V: V \rightarrow U$ is homeo.

\Rightarrow Define $\varphi = (\pi|_V)^{-1}: U \rightarrow V$ as our complex chart.

• These charts are holomorphically compatible. (Exercise. Use Λ is discrete)

Exercise: $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}\omega_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}\omega_2 \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ factors through \mathbb{C}/Λ
 $\lambda_1 \omega_1 + \lambda_2 \omega_2 \mapsto (e^{2\pi i \lambda_1}, e^{2\pi i \lambda_2})$
 & gives a homeomorphism $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \cong \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ (complex torus)