

Teichmüller spaces for geometric structures, lecture 1

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Plan:

1. Set-up: Teichmüller space and the moduli space of geometric structures.
2. Moser's theorem. Teichmüller space of symplectic structures on a torus.
3. Hyperkähler manifolds (introduction)

Geometric structures

DEFINITION: “Geometric structure” on a manifold M is a reduction of its structure group $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ to a subgroup $G \subset GL(n, \mathbb{R})$. However, it is easier to define it by a collection of tensors Ψ_1, \dots, Ψ_n such that the stabilizer $\text{St}_{\langle \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_n \rangle}$ of Ψ_1, \dots, Ψ_n at each point $x \in M$ is conjugate to the same group $G \subset GL(d, \mathbb{R})$, $d = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} M$.

Let me give some examples.

DEFINITION: Let M be a smooth manifold. An **almost complex structure** is an operator $I : TM \rightarrow TM$ which satisfies $I^2 = -\text{Id}_{TM}$.

The eigenvalues of this operator are $\pm\sqrt{-1}$. The corresponding eigenvalue decomposition is denoted $TM \otimes \mathbb{C} = T^{0,1}M \oplus T^{1,0}(M)$.

DEFINITION: Symplectic form on a manifold is a non-degenerate differential 2-form ω satisfying $d\omega = 0$.

Teichmüller space of geometric structures

Let \mathcal{C} be the set of all geometric structures of a given type, say, complex, or symplectic. We put topology of uniform convergence with all derivatives on \mathcal{C} . Let $\text{Diff}_0(M)$ be the connected component of its diffeomorphism group $\text{Diff}(M)$ (**the group of isotopies**).

DEFINITION: The quotient $\mathcal{C}/\text{Diff}_0$ is called **Teichmüller space** of geometric structures of this type.

DEFINITION: The group $\Gamma := \text{Diff}(M)/\text{Diff}_0(M)$ is called **the mapping class group** of M . It acts on Teich by homeomorphisms.

DEFINITION: The orbit space $\mathcal{C}/\text{Diff} = \text{Teich}/\Gamma$ is called **the moduli space** of geometric structure of this type.

Teichmüller space for symplectic structures

DEFINITION: Let $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 M)$ be the space of all 2-forms on a manifold M , and $\text{Symp} \subset \Gamma(\Lambda^2 M)$ the space of all symplectic 2-forms. We equip $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 M)$ with C^∞ -topology of uniform convergence on compacts with all derivatives. **Then $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 M)$ is a Frechet vector space, and Symp a Frechet manifold.**

DEFINITION: Consider the group of diffeomorphisms, denoted Diff or $\text{Diff}(M)$ as a Frechet Lie group, and denote its connected component (“group of isotopies”) by Diff_0 . The quotient group $\Gamma := \text{Diff} / \text{Diff}_0$ is called **the mapping class group** of M .

DEFINITION: **Teichmüller space of symplectic structures on M** is defined as a quotient $\text{Teich}_s := \text{Symp} / \text{Diff}_0$. The quotient $\text{Teich}_s / \Gamma = \text{Symp} / \text{Diff}$, is called **the moduli space of symplectic structures**.

REMARK: In many cases Γ acts on Teich_s with dense orbits, hence **the moduli space is not always well defined**.

DEFINITION: Two symplectic structures are called **isotopic** if they lie in the same orbit of Diff_0 , and **diffeomorphic** if they lie in the same orbit of Diff .

Moser's theorem

DEFINITION: Define **the period map** $\text{Per} : \text{Teich}_S \longrightarrow H^2(M, \mathbb{R})$ mapping a symplectic structure to its cohomology class.

THEOREM: (Moser, 1965)

The **Teichmüller space** Teich_S **is a manifold** (possibly, non-Hausdorff), and the **period map** $\text{Per} : \text{Teich}_S \longrightarrow H^2(M, \mathbb{R})$ **is locally a diffeomorphism.**

The proof is based on another theorem of Moser.

Theorem 1: (Moser)

Let $\omega_t, t \in S$ be a smooth family of symplectic structures, parametrized by a connected manifold S . Assume that the cohomology class $[\omega_t] \in H^2(M)$ is constant in t . **Then all ω_t are diffeomorphic.**

The proof of Moser's theorem

THEOREM: (Moser)

The **Teichmüller space** Teich_g **is a manifold** (possibly, non-Hausdorff), and the **period map** $\text{Per} : \text{Teich}_g \rightarrow H^2(M, \mathbb{R})$ **is locally a diffeomorphism.**

Proof. Step 1: We can locally find a section S for the Diff_0 -action on Symp , producing a local decomposition $\text{Symp} = O \times S$, where O is a Diff_0 -orbit. Here O and S are both Frechet manifolds.

Step 2: The period map $P : S \rightarrow H^2(M, \mathbb{R})$ is a smooth submersion. By Theorem 1, the fibers of P are 0-dimensional. Therefore, P is locally a diffeomorphism. ■

Symplectic structures on a compact torus

DEFINITION: A symplectic structure ω on a torus is called **standard** if there exists a flat torsion-free connection preserving ω .

REMARK: Moser's theorem immediately implies that **the set Teich_{st} of standard symplectic structures is open in the Teichmüller space**. Indeed, the period map from Teich_{st} to $H^2(M)$ is also locally a diffeomorphism.

REMARK: **It is not known if any non-standard symplectic structures exist** (even in dimension =4).

THEOREM: Let $\Lambda_{nd}^2(H_1(T)) \subset H^2(T)$ be the space of symplectic forms on $H_1(T)$, where T is an even-dimensional torus. Consider the period map $\text{Per} : \text{Teich}_{st} \rightarrow \Lambda_{nd}^2(H_1(T)) \subset H^2(T)$, where Teich_{st} is the Teichmüller space of standard symplectic structures on T . **Then Per is a diffeomorphism.**

Non-Hausdorff points on symplectic Teichmüller space

Example of D. McDuff found in Salamon, Dietmar, *Uniqueness of symplectic structures*, Acta Math. Vietnam. 38 (2013), no. 1, 123-144.

Let $M = S^1 \times S^1 \times S^2 \times S^2$ with coordinates $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}^*$ and $z_1, z_2 \in S^2$. Let $\varphi_{\theta, z} : \mathbb{C}P^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1$ be a rotation around the axis $z \in \mathbb{C}P^1$ by the angle θ . **Consider the diffeomorphism $\Psi : M \rightarrow M$ mapping $(\theta_1, \theta_2, z_1, z_2)$ to $(\theta_1, \theta_2, z_1, \varphi_{\theta_1, z_1}(z_2))$.**

THEOREM: Let ω_λ be the product symplectic form on $M = T^2 \times \mathbb{C}P^1 \times \mathbb{C}P^1$ obtained as a product of symplectic forms of volume 1, 1, λ on $T^2, \mathbb{C}P^1, \mathbb{C}P^1$. **The form $\Psi^*(\omega_1)$ is homologous, but not diffeomorphic to ω_1 .** However, **the form $\Psi^*(\omega_\lambda)$ is diffeomorphic to ω_λ for any $\lambda \neq 1$.**

(D. McDuff, *Examples of symplectic structures*, Invent. Math. 89 (1987), 13-36.)

The space of standard symplectic forms on a torus

THEOREM: Let $\Lambda_{nd}^2(H_1(T)) \subset H^2(T)$ be the space of symplectic forms on $H_1(T)$, where T is an even-dimensional torus. Consider the period map $\text{Per} : \text{Teich}_{st} \rightarrow \Lambda_{nd}^2(H_1(T)) \subset H^2(T)$, where Teich_{st} is the Teichmüller space of standard symplectic structures on T . **Then Per is a diffeomorphism.**

Proof. Step 1: Let Teich_h be the Teichmüller space of flat Hermitian metrics on T . Clearly, $\text{Teich}_h = GL(2n, \mathbb{R})/U(n)$. Moreover, **the natural forgetful map $\text{Teich}_h \rightarrow \text{Teich}_{st}$ is surjective.**

Step 2: The fibers of the natural projection $\text{Teich}_h \rightarrow \Lambda_{nd}^2(H_1(T))$ are connected. Using the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Teich}_h & \longrightarrow & \Lambda_{nd}^2(H_1(T)) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Id} \\ \text{Teich}_{st} & \longrightarrow & \Lambda_{nd}^2(H_1(T)) \end{array}$$

we obtain that $\text{Per} : \text{Teich}_{st} \rightarrow \Lambda_{nd}^2(H_1(T))$ has connected fibers. By Moser's theorem, this map is a diffeomorphism. ■

Complex manifolds

DEFINITION: Let M be a smooth manifold. An **almost complex structure** is an operator $I : TM \rightarrow TM$ which satisfies $I^2 = -\text{Id}_{TM}$.

The eigenvalues of this operator are $\pm\sqrt{-1}$. The corresponding eigenvalue decomposition is denoted $TM \otimes \mathbb{C} = T^{0,1}M \oplus T^{1,0}(M)$.

DEFINITION: An almost complex structure is **integrable** if $\forall X, Y \in T^{1,0}M$, one has $[X, Y] \in T^{1,0}M$. In this case I is called **a complex structure operator**. A manifold with an integrable almost complex structure is called **a complex manifold**.

THEOREM: (Newlander-Nirenberg)

This definition is equivalent to the usual one.

Kähler manifolds

DEFINITION: A Riemannian metric g on a complex manifold (M, I) is called **Hermitian** if $g(Ix, Iy) = g(x, y)$. In this case, $g(x, Iy) = g(Ix, I^2y) = -g(y, Ix)$, hence $\omega(x, y) := g(x, Iy)$ is skew-symmetric.

DEFINITION: The differential form $\omega \in \Lambda^{1,1}(M)$ is called **the Hermitian form** of (M, I, g) .

DEFINITION: A complex Hermitian manifold (M, I, ω) is called **Kähler** if $d\omega = 0$. The cohomology class $[\omega] \in H^2(M)$ of a form ω is called **the Kähler class** of M , and ω **the Kähler form**.

REMARK: This is equivalent to $\nabla\omega = 0$, where ∇ is Levi-Civita connection.

Hyperkähler manifolds

DEFINITION: A **hyperkähler structure** on a manifold M is a Riemannian structure g and a triple of complex structures I, J, K , satisfying quaternionic relations $I \circ J = -J \circ I = K$, such that g is Kähler for I, J, K .

REMARK: This is equivalent to $\nabla I = \nabla J = \nabla K = 0$: the parallel translation along the connection preserves I, J, K .

DEFINITION: Let M be a Riemannian manifold, $x \in M$ a point. The subgroup of $GL(T_x M)$ generated by parallel translations (along all paths) is called **the holonomy group** of M .

REMARK: A hyperkähler manifold can be defined as a manifold which has holonomy in $Sp(n)$ (the group of all endomorphisms preserving I, J, K).

CLAIM: A compact hyperkähler manifold M has maximal holonomy of Levi-Civita connection $Sp(n)$ if and only if $\pi_1(M) = 0$, $h^{2,0}(M) = 1$.

THEOREM: (Bogomolov decomposition)

Any compact hyperkähler manifold has a finite covering isometric to a product of a torus and several maximal holonomy hyperkähler manifolds.

Holomorphically symplectic manifolds

DEFINITION: A holomorphically symplectic manifold is a complex manifold equipped with non-degenerate, holomorphic $(2,0)$ -form.

REMARK: In these lectures, all holomorphically symplectic manifolds are assumed to be Kähler and compact.

REMARK: A hyperkähler manifold has three symplectic forms $\omega_I := g(I\cdot, \cdot)$, $\omega_J := g(J\cdot, \cdot)$, $\omega_K := g(K\cdot, \cdot)$.

CLAIM: In these assumptions, $\omega_J + \sqrt{-1}\omega_K$ is holomorphic symplectic on (M, I) .

THEOREM: (Calabi-Yau)

A compact, Kähler, holomorphically symplectic manifold admits a unique hyperkähler metric in any Kähler class.

DEFINITION: For the rest of these lectures, a hyperkähler manifold is a compact, Kähler, holomorphically symplectic manifold of maximal holonomy.

EXAMPLES.

EXAMPLE: An even-dimensional complex torus.

EXAMPLE: A non-compact example: $T^*\mathbb{C}P^n$ (Calabi).

REMARK: $T^*\mathbb{C}P^1$ is a resolution of a singularity $\mathbb{C}^2/\pm 1$.

EXAMPLE: Take a 2-dimensional complex torus T , then the singular locus of $T/\pm 1$ is of form $(\mathbb{C}^2/\pm 1) \times T$. Its resolution $\widetilde{T/\pm 1}$ is called **a Kummer surface**. **It is holomorphically symplectic.**

REMARK: Take a symmetric square $\text{Sym}^2 T$, with a natural action of T , and let $T^{[2]}$ be a blow-up of a singular divisor. **Then $T^{[2]}$ is naturally isomorphic to the Kummer surface $\widetilde{T/\pm 1}$.**

DEFINITION: A complex surface is called **K3 surface** if it is a deformation of the Kummer surface.

THEOREM: (a special case of Enriques-Kodaira classification)

Let M be a compact complex surface which is hyperkähler. **Then M is either a torus or a K3 surface.**

Hilbert schemes

DEFINITION: A **Hilbert scheme** $M^{[n]}$ of a complex surface M is a classifying space of all ideal sheaves $I \subset \mathcal{O}_M$ for which the quotient \mathcal{O}_M/I has dimension n over \mathbb{C} .

REMARK: A Hilbert scheme **is obtained as a resolution of singularities** of the symmetric power $\text{Sym}^n M$.

THEOREM: (Fujiki, Beauville) **A Hilbert scheme of a hyperkähler surface is hyperkähler.**

EXAMPLE: **A Hilbert scheme of K3** is hyperkähler.

EXAMPLE: Let T be a torus. Then it acts on its Hilbert scheme freely and properly by translations. For $n = 2$, the quotient $T^{[n]}/T$ is a Kummer K3-surface. For $n > 2$, a universal covering of $T^{[n]}/T$ is called **a generalized Kummer variety**.

REMARK: There are 2 more “sporadic” examples of compact hyperkähler manifolds, constructed by K. O’Grady. **All known compact hyperkaehler manifolds are these 2 and the two series:** Hilbert schemes of K3, and generalized Kummer.

Global Torelli theorem.

THEOREM: Let M be a simple hyperkähler manifold, and $\Gamma := \text{Diff} / \text{Diff}_0$ its mapping class group. Then $H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ admits a Γ -invariant, non-degenerate integer quadratic form q such that the natural action of Γ on $H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ **induces a homomorphism $\Gamma \rightarrow SO(H^2(M, \mathbb{Z}), q)$ with finite index and finite kernel.**

REMARK: Suppose that $\varphi : M \rightarrow M'$ is a bimeromorphic map of Calabi-Yau manifolds. Then the exceptional set of φ has codimension ≥ 2 , **hence $H^2(M) = H^2(M')$.**

DEFINITION: Let Teich be the Teichmüller space of complex structures of hyperkähler type on M , and Teich_b the quotient of Teich by an equivalence relation induced by bimeromorphic maps $(M, I) \rightarrow (M, I')$ inducing identity on $H^2(M)$. Then Teich_b is called **birational Teichmüller space** of M . As we shall see, Teich_b is a smooth, Hausdorff complex manifold.

THEOREM: Consider the space

$$\mathbb{P}\text{er} := \{l \in \mathbb{P}H^2(M, \mathbb{C}) \mid q(l, l) = 0, q(l, \bar{l}) > 0\}$$

and let the **period map** $\text{Per} : \text{Teich} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}H^2(M, \mathbb{C})$ map a complex structure I to a line $H^{2,0}(M, I) \in \mathbb{P}H^2(M, \mathbb{C})$. **Then $\text{Per} : \text{Teich} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}H^2(M, \mathbb{C})$ induces a bijective map $\text{Teich}_b \rightarrow \mathbb{P}\text{er}$ on any connected component of Teich_b .**