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I. Introduction

Hodge theory has its roots in

- algebraic geometry

(beginning early 19th century -

Abel, Riemann, Jacobi, - -

study of algebraic curves and
abelian varieties by Hodge

theoretic (complex analytic)

methods)

- special functions (representation theory)

(elliptic functions, automorphic

functions, theta functions
(abelian functions), theta
nullwerte, ...)

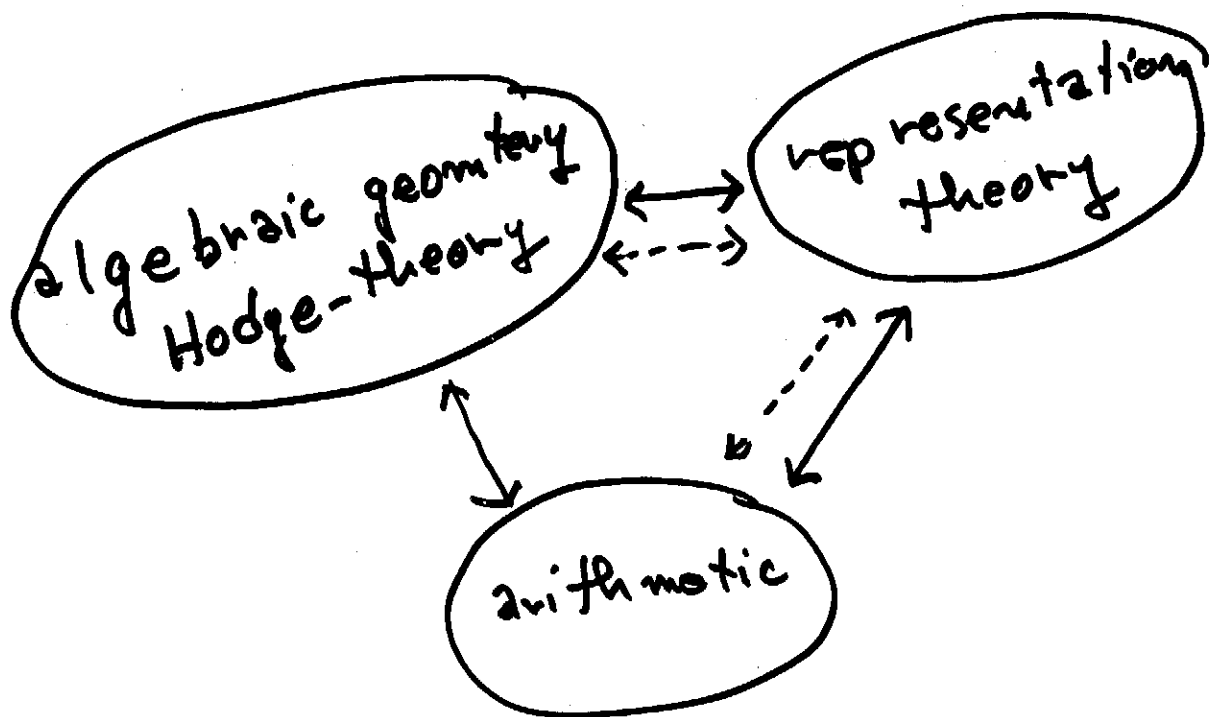
• arithmetic

(middle 19th century - arithmetic
properties of automorphic forms,
later L-functions and Galois
representations)

In the 20th century and
continuing through the present
I would note two points

(i) In the classical case of weight one polarized Hodge structures (abelian varieties), the above interactions continue to be especially active, especially the nexus between representation theory and arithmetic in this special case - theory of Shimura varieties and part of the Langlands' program - algebraic geometry (ℓ -adic cohomology) plays a critical role

(ii) In the non-classical higher weight case, Hodge theory continues to play a central role in complex algebraic geometry. But the relation among the three areas is in its earliest stages of development



Recently there have been some hints and glimpses of where progress might be made. This is due to two factors

- The symmetry groups of Hodge theory turn out to be exactly the class of semi-simple \mathbb{Q} -algebraic groups M whose associated non-compact real Lie groups $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ have discrete series representations in $L^2(M_{\mathbb{R}})$. These are the factors over the place $v = \infty$

where one hopes to find cuspidal
 automorphic representations in

$$L^2(M(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash M(\mathbb{A}))$$

(top dotted arrow)

- In some very special non-classical cases the connection between representation theory and Hodge theory / algebraic geometry has been made using Penrose-Radon transforms [EGW], and relatedly the arithmetic aspects of representation theory and Hodge theory have been investigated [C].

This has been accomplished by the use of cycle spaces, and their enlargements, associated to domains D parametrizing polarized Hodge structures whose general member has a given symmetry group. The main point is to use Penrose-Radon transform methods to map discrete series representations of the symmetry group, realized as $H_{(2)}^d(D, \mathcal{E}_{S_\lambda})$ where, in the non-classical case, $d \neq 0$ to the holomorphic object $H^0(W, \mathcal{E}_{S_\lambda})$

where \mathcal{W} is an enlargement of the cycle space associated to \mathcal{D} .

Similarly, $H_{(2)}^d(\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{D}, \lambda})$ and

$H^0(\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{W}, \lambda})$ may be related.

In this way automorphic cohomology classes may be "evaluated" at points having Hodge theoretic properties of a special sort - e.g., CM points in $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{W}$.



In this talk I will try to give an overview of these developments.

II. Background concepts

A. Hodge structures

On a complex manifold X the smooth, complex-valued differential forms of degree n decompose in the so-called (p, q) types

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A^n(X) = \bigoplus_{p+q=n} A^{p,q}(X) \\ A^{p,q}(X) = \overline{A^{q,p}(X)} \end{array} \right.$$

where in local coordinates z^1, \dots, z^d a form $\psi \in A^{p,q}(X)$ is

$$\psi = \sum_{\substack{|I|=p \\ |J|=q}} \psi_{I\bar{J}} dz^I \wedge d\bar{z}^J \quad \text{with}$$

$$I = (i_1, \dots, i_p), \quad dz^I = dz^{i_1} \dots dz^{i_p}, \text{ etc}$$

If Σ is a compact Kähler manifold - in particular if Σ is a smooth projective variety -

for $V = H^n(\Sigma, \mathbb{Q})$ Hodge proved that this decomposition induces

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigoplus_{p+q=n} V^{p,q} \\ V^{q,p} = \overline{V^{p,q}} \end{array} \right.,$$

and that there is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q: V \otimes V \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \\ Q(v, w) = (-1)^n Q(w, v) \end{array} \right.$$

such that

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} Q(V^{p,q}, V^{p',q'}) = 0 & p' \neq n-p \\ i^{p-q} Q(V^{p,q}, \bar{V}^{p,q}) > 0 \end{cases}$$

For $S^1 = \{z: |z|=1\}$ we define

$$(**) \quad \varphi: S^1 \rightarrow GL(V_{\mathbb{R}})$$

by

$$\varphi(z)v = z^{p-q}v, \quad v \in V^{p,q}$$

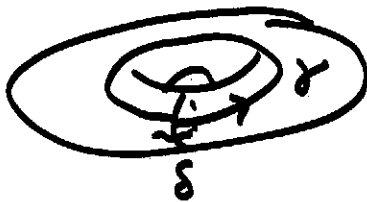
Defn: (i) A Hodge structure of weight n (V, φ) is given by $(**)$ where the weights of φ lie in $[-n, n]$. (ii) A polarized Hodge structure of weight n is given by (V, Q, φ) satisfying $(*)$ and $(**)$.

Ex: For $n=1$, $\dim V=2$ we have

$$V \cong \mathbb{Q}^2, \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

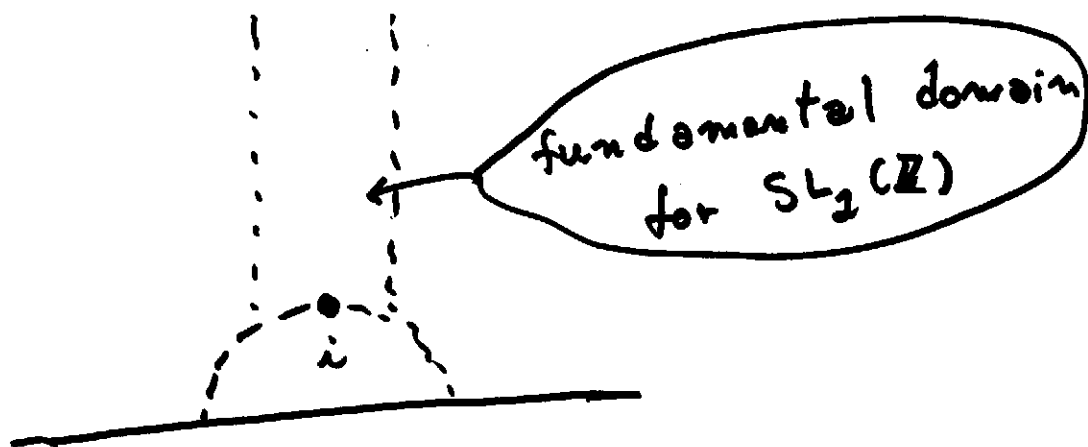
$$V^{1,0} = \mathbb{C} \begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{Im } \tau > 0$$

Think of $\Sigma = \mathbb{C} / \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\tau$ and

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} z = \int_{\gamma} \omega / \int_{\delta} \omega \\ \Sigma = \end{array} \right.$$


Defn: The period domain D is the set of polarized Hodge structures (V, Q, φ) with given $h^{1,0} = \dim V^{1,0}$.

Ex (cont): $D = \mathcal{H}$ is the upper-half-plane



$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{H} = SL_2(\mathbb{R}) / H_\varphi \\ H_i = SO(2) \end{cases}$$

Classically one has

$$\begin{cases} \theta(z, \tau) & \text{theta functions} \\ f(\tau) & \text{modular forms} \end{cases}$$

with rich analytic and arithmetic properties. Very roughly speaking

this story generalizes when $n=1$

For $n \geq 2$ it is a ???

In general, for $G = \text{Aut}(V, \mathcal{Q})$

$$D = G(\mathbb{R}) / H_{\varphi}$$

Given $(V, \mathcal{Q}, \varphi)$ the Hodge filtration is

$$F^p = \bigoplus_{p' \geq p} V^{p', g'}$$

The first bilinear relation is

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{Q}(F^p, F^{n-p+z}) = 0$$

The set of all filtrations

$$F^n \subset F^{n-z} \subset \dots \subset F^0 = V_{\mathbb{C}}$$

satisfying (4) is the compact dual \check{D} of D . Then

$$D \subset \check{D}$$

is an open $G(\mathbb{R})$ orbit.

Ex (cont), $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathbb{P}^1$

Ex: For $n=2$, $h^{2,0} = 2$ and $h^{2,2} = 1$

we have $V \subset \mathbb{C}^5$ and a quadric

$$\underline{Q} \subset \mathbb{P}^4$$

given by Q . Then $G(\mathbb{R}) = SO(4, 1)$ and

• $\underline{D} =$ lines in \underline{Q}

• $\underline{D} =$ lines on which $Q(u, \bar{v}) > 0$

There are no theta functions

and modular forms in this case.

Rather there is the mysterious object

$$H_{(2)}^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{D}, \mathcal{L}_{g, \lambda})$$

Ex (mirror quintic): $n=3$; $h^{3,0} = h^{2,1} = 1$

then (V, G) is a symplectic vector space and we have

$$\mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \check{D}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$Gr_L(V_G) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lagrangian} \\ \text{2-planes} \\ \text{in } V_G \end{array} \right\}$$

with fibres the \mathbb{P}^2 of

lines through the origin in

a Lagrangian 2-plane. $D \subset \check{D}$

is defined by inequalities as

before.

B. Mumford-Tate groups and Mumford-Tate domains

Mumford-Tate groups M are the basic symmetry groups of Hodge theory. Mumford-Tate domains parametrize polarized Hodge structures whose generic Mumford-Tate group is a given M .

Definition: Given (V, Q, φ)

the Mumford-Tate group M_φ is the smallest \mathbb{Q} -algebraic subgroup of G such that $\varphi(S^2) \subset M(\mathbb{R})$

Ex (cont): For $M_\tau \leftrightarrow \tau \in \mathfrak{H}$

• $M_\tau = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{elements of norm 1 in} \\ \mathbb{Q}(\tau)^* \text{ if } \tau \text{ is quadratic} \\ \text{imaginary} \end{array} \right\}$

• $M_\tau = SL_2$ otherwise

Ex: G_2 is a Mumford-Tate group for a polarized Hodge structure when $n=2$; $h^{2,0}=2$, $h^{1,1}=3$ ($G_2 \subset SO(4,3)$)

Ex: $SU(2,2)$ is a Mumford-Tate group for a polarized Hodge structure when $n=4$; $h^{4,0}=1$, $h^{3,1}=2$, $h^{2,2}=2$

Defn: A Mumford-Tate domain

$$D_{M\varphi} \subset D$$

is the $M(\mathbb{R})$ -orbit of $\varphi \in D$
with Mumford-Tate group $M\varphi$.

Ex (SU(2,1)-cont): $SU(2,1)$ acts
on \mathbb{C}^3 preserving

$$z_0 \bar{w}_0 - (z_1 \bar{w}_1 + z_2 \bar{w}_2)$$

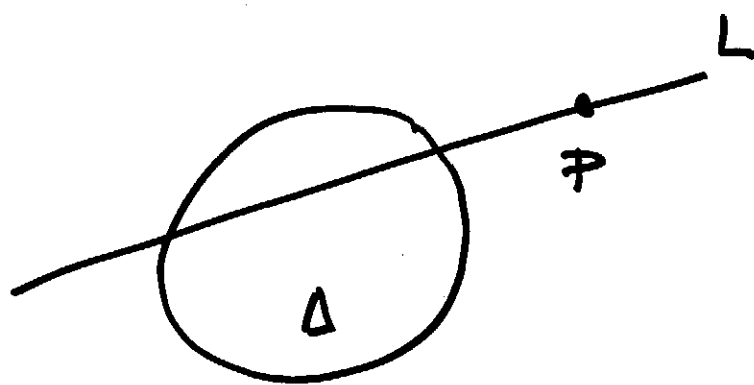
The compact dual turns out
to be biholomorphic to the
flag manifold (here $D = D_{SU(2,1)\varphi}$ etc)

$$\check{D} \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \times \check{\mathbb{P}}^2$$

given by

$$\check{D} = \{ (P, L) : P \in L \}$$

and $D \subset \check{D}$ is given by the picture



where $\Delta \subset \mathbb{C}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ is the unit ball.

This and the period domain when $n=2$; $h^{2,0}=2$, $h^{1,1}=1$ above are the two lowest dimensional non-classical cases (no $H^0(\Gamma \backslash D, \mathcal{L}_{S_\lambda})$, only $H^2(\Gamma \backslash D, \mathcal{L}_{S_\lambda})$)

III. Representation theory and the cohomology of Mumford- Tate domains

A. Discrete series representations (work of Schmid)

Let $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ be a non-compact,
real semi-simple Lie group

Classical work of many people,
for our purposes here especially
Harish-Chandra, was concerned
with decomposing $L^2(M_{\mathbb{R}})$

into irreducible unitary representations. Of particular interest are those that occur discretely in $L^2(M_{\mathbb{R}})$ - the so-called discrete series representations. A recent result that is a consequence of the classification of the Mumford-Tate groups is:

The groups $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ that admit discrete series representations

are exactly the real Lie
groups associated to semi-simple
Mumford-Tate groups

In somewhat more detail,
 given $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ with a compact
 maximal torus $T \subset M_{\mathbb{R}}$
 having Lie algebra \mathfrak{t} , to a
 weight $\lambda \in i\mathfrak{t}^{\vee}$ satisfying
 certain conditions Harish-Chandra
 associates an irreducible discrete
 series representation whose

character is a distribution Θ_λ on T given by an L^2 -function

To the pair $(M_{\mathbb{R}}, \lambda)$ Schmid

associates a homogeneous

complex manifold $D_\lambda = M_{\mathbb{R}}/H$

together with a homogeneous

line bundle $\mathcal{L}_{D_\lambda} \rightarrow D_\lambda$ such

that, for $d = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} K/H$,

the L^2 -cohomology

$$H_{(2)}^g(D_\lambda, \mathcal{L}_{D_\lambda}) = 0 \text{ for } g \neq d$$

and

$H_{(2)}^d(D_\lambda, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{F}_\lambda})$ is the discrete
series representation with
character \mathbb{Q}_λ

On the other hand, it turns out that D_λ is a Mumford-Tate domain D_{M_φ} . In fact there are many different (V, Q, φ) 's with biholomorphic Mumford-Tate domains together with the infinitesimal period relation. What is important is the

circle or co-character.

$$\varphi: S^2 \rightarrow T \subset M(\mathbb{R})$$

This gives a complex structure together with the infinitesimal period relation on

$$D_\varphi := M(\mathbb{R}) / H_\varphi$$

where $H_\varphi = \sum_{M(\mathbb{R})} (\varphi(S^2))$. We

shall say that λ and φ are compatible if the complex

structure on D_λ agrees with

that on D_φ . There are many φ 's that are compatible with a given λ . For all such φ , $\mathcal{F}_{\varphi, \lambda}$ is a Hodge bundle but which one it is depends on φ . We may summarize by saying that:

- Discrete series representations are realized as L^2 -cohomology

$$H_{(2)}^d(D_\varphi, \mathcal{F}_{\varphi, \lambda})$$

- The Mumford-Tate domain has two additional structures

- beyond the complex structure
- (i) the choice of φ that is compatible with λ
 - (ii) the \mathbb{Q} -structure given by the \mathbb{Q} -algebraic group M with $M(\mathbb{R}) = M_{\mathbb{R}}$

One implication of this finer structure is that there are special arithmetically defined points in D_{φ} - e.g., those for which the Hodge structure is of CM type

A final remark is that the classical case is when

$$d=0 \Leftrightarrow H_{\varphi} = \mathbb{K}$$

These are the so-called holomorphic discrete series.

They are very important
but also very special.

III. B Automorphic representations

For arithmetic purposes one is interested in discrete series representations occurring in $L^2(\Gamma \backslash M(\mathbb{R}))$ where $\Gamma \subset M$ is an arithmetic subgroup.

More precisely, one is interested in so-called cuspidal automorphic representations in

$$L^2(M(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash M(\mathbb{A}))$$

whose part over the place $v=0$

is a discrete series representation of $M(\mathbb{R})$. Presumably this is related to automorphic cohomology

$$(*) \quad H_{(2)}^d(\Gamma \backslash D_g, \mathcal{F}_{g,\lambda})$$

What is known is

- (i) in the classical case when $d=0$, $(*)$ and its adelic counterpart is a much studied and very rich subject
- (ii) when Γ is co-compact (so no L^2 -condition) and $|\lambda| \gg 0$, $H^g(\Gamma \backslash D_g, \mathcal{F}_{g,\lambda}) = 0$ for $g \neq d$ and

$$\dim H^d(\Gamma \setminus D_\varphi, \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{G}_\lambda}) = C |\lambda|^N + \dots$$

where $N = \dim D_\varphi$.

(iii) in the case $M = SU(2, 2)$

there is a detailed and deep study of $H^2(\Gamma \setminus D_\varphi, \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{G}_\lambda})$ by

Carayol. Here we recall

that $D_\varphi \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \times \check{\mathbb{P}}^2$ and

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{G}_\lambda} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(\lambda) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\check{\mathbb{P}}^2}(\lambda)$$

for $(\lambda, \lambda) \neq (0, -3)$.

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The intermediate step is to convert H^d into an H^0 , to which we turn

IV. Enlargements of cycle spaces
of Mumford-Tate domains
and realization of cohomology
by holomorphic data

A. Cycle spaces of Mumford-Tate
domains

The basic observations are

(i) D_φ contains compact, complex submanifolds Σ of dimension d

(ii) $\mathcal{L}_{S_\lambda}|_\Sigma$ is negative, so that

$$H^g(\mathcal{L}_{S_\lambda} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\Sigma) = 0 \quad \text{for } g \neq d \text{ and}$$

$$H^d(\mathcal{L}_{S_\lambda} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\Sigma) \text{ is "big" for } |\lambda| \gg$$

(iii) the $M(\mathbb{C})$ -translates of \mathbb{Y} that remain in D_φ form an open set U in the Hilbert scheme of \mathbb{Y} in \check{D}_φ - in fact

$$U \subset M(\mathbb{C})/K(\mathbb{C})$$

(iv) this suggests mapping

$$(4) \quad H^d(D_\varphi, \mathcal{I}_{S_\lambda}) \rightarrow H^0(U, \mathcal{E}_{S_\lambda})$$

where $\mathcal{E}_{S_\lambda} \rightarrow U$ is a bundle with fibres $H^d(\mathcal{I}_{S_\lambda} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Y}})^*$

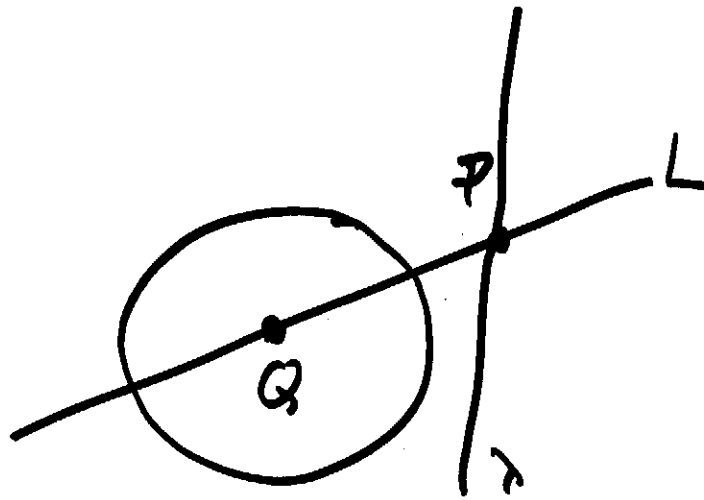
In fact one has

The map (4) is a Penrose-Radon transform

Theorem (Fels-Huckleberry-Wolf):

- (a) U is a Stein manifold
 (b) the map (4) is injective
for $|\lambda| \gg 0$

Ex (SU(2,1) cont): In the picture



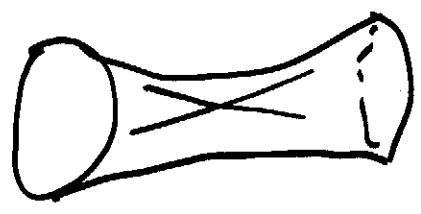
for $Q \in \Delta$, $\lambda \in \check{\Delta}$ we
 obtain a $\mathbb{P}^1 \subset D_Q$ given by
 the locus of (P, L) in the above
 picture - thus $U \cong \Delta \times \check{\Delta}$

Ex ($n=2$; $h^{2,0}=2$, $h^{1,1}=1$ cont) In this

case U has the description

$$U = \{ E \in \mathbb{P}^3_{\mathbb{C}} : Q(E, \bar{E}) > 0 \}$$

Then $\underline{Q} \cap \mathbb{P}E = \underline{Q}_E$ is a quadric in \mathbb{P}^3 and the compact subvariety in \mathcal{D} is $\mathbb{P}^2 \sqcup \mathbb{P}^2$ given by the two families of rulings on \underline{Q}_E



There is a similar description for the mirror quintic case

B. Enlargements of cycle spaces

and the work of [EGW]

For many purposes a better object in an enlargement \mathcal{W} of the cycle space. This means we have

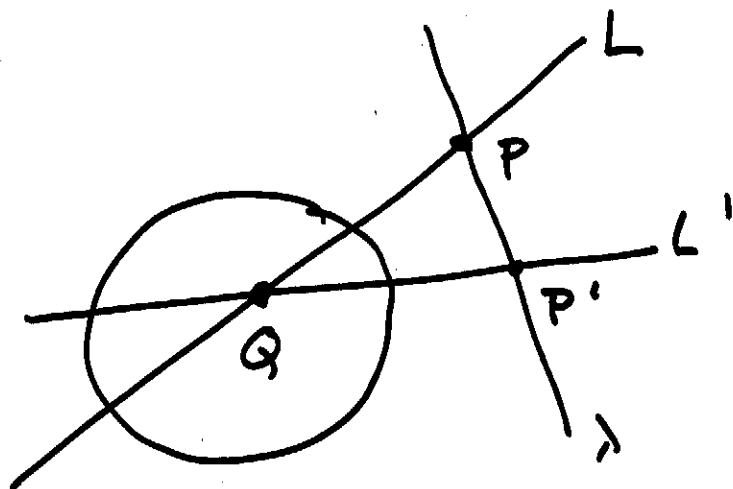
(i)
$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{W} \subset D \times D \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ D \quad D \end{array}$$

where \mathcal{W} is Stein and the fibres of the projections are contractible and Stein

(ii)
$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{W} \\ \downarrow \\ U \end{array}$$

where the fibres are Stein

Ex (SU(2,1) cont): Then \mathcal{W} is given by the picture



$$\mathcal{W} = \{(P, L; P', L') : L \cap L' \in \Delta, \overline{PP'} \cap \bar{\Delta} = \emptyset\}$$

The map $\mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ is

$$(P, L; P', L') \rightarrow (Q, \lambda)$$

Ex (n=2, h^{2,0}=2, h^{1,1}=2 cont) Then \mathcal{W} is

$$\{(F, F') \in \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{D} : F \cap F' = \emptyset\}$$

The map $\mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ is $(F, F') \rightarrow F + F'$.

The mirror quintic case is similar.



The above enlargement in the $SU(2, 1)$ case was introduced in [EGW] for the purpose of realizing the non-classical discrete series representations by holomorphic data. For this they used the following general result (motivated by earlier work on Penrose-Radon transforms): Given

$$\begin{cases} \pi: \Sigma \rightarrow \Upsilon \\ \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \Upsilon \end{cases}$$

where Σ and Υ are complex manifolds, π is a holomorphic submersion with Stein fibres and $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \Upsilon$ is a holomorphic vector bundle, then

$$H^r(\Upsilon, \mathcal{E}) \cong H_{DR}^r(\Gamma(\Omega_{\Sigma/\Upsilon}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{E}_{\pi}), d_{\pi}))$$

The RHS is the relative de Rham cohomology - it is a global, holomorphic object. In the situation

where there are Lie groups
 acting as above, the RHS
 can be expressed as Lie
 algebra cohomology and then
 using the Cartan-Killing form
 the notion of holomorphic
 harmonic forms ($= \ker d_{\pi} \cap \ker d_{\pi}^*$)
 can be used to represent the
 RHS by holomorphic sections
 of appropriate bundles. For the
 $SU(2,1)$ example and

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{P}_\lambda} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(r) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(t), \quad r+t \leq -2$$

they are able to explicitly "see"

the Harish-Chandra module

$H^2(D_\varphi, \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{P}_\lambda})$ in terms of

holomorphic objects.

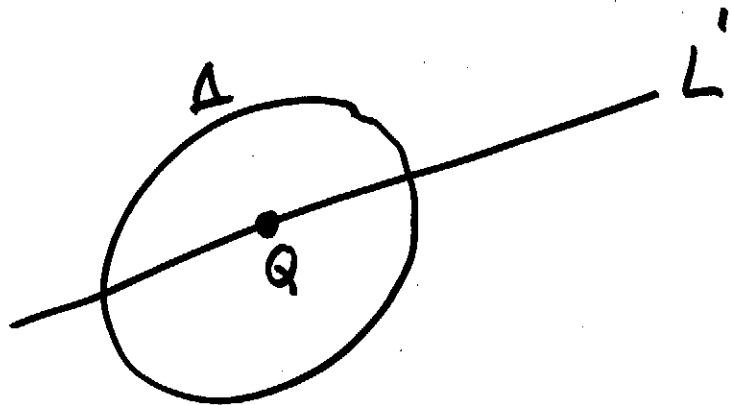
C. Automorphic version and the work of Carayol

For the purposes of algebraic geometry, given by period mappings, and of arithmetic one wants to "factor" the preceding discussion by an arithmetic subgroup $\Gamma \subset M$.

I will very briefly describe the work [C] which, for the first time to my knowledge, allows one to explicitly "see"

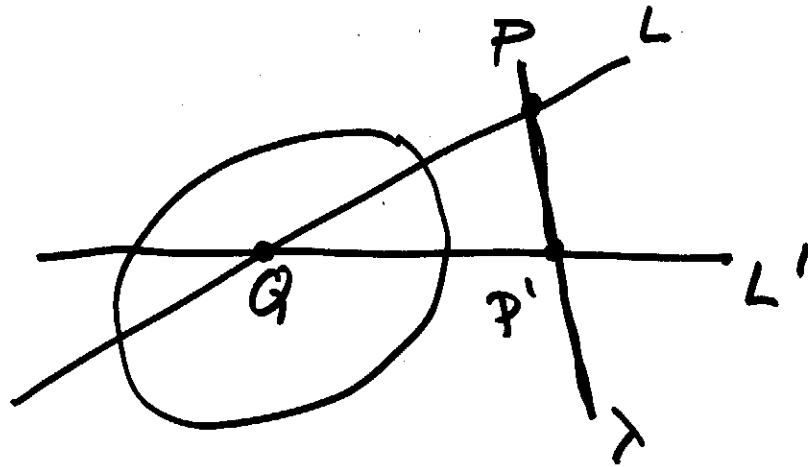
automorphic cohomology. Carayol's idea is the following:

(i) a "classical" open orbit D' of $SU(2,1)$ on $\check{D} \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \times \check{\mathbb{P}}^2$ is given by the picture



Here, classical means that D' fibres over the Hermitian symmetric domain Δ with \mathbb{P}^1 as fibres.

(ii) recalling that \mathcal{W} is



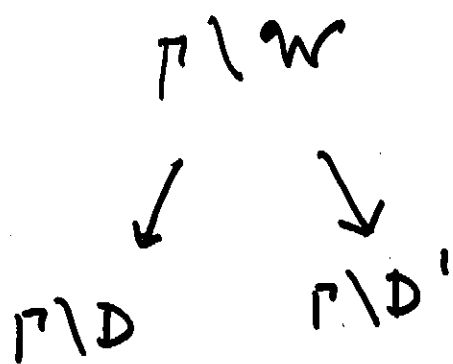
we have

(44)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathcal{W} & \\
 \pi \swarrow & & \searrow \pi' \\
 D & & D'
 \end{array}$$

where $\pi'(P, L; P', L') = (Q, L') \in D'$

(iii) we may factor (44) by Γ to have



and Carayol shows that [EGW] applies to this situation

(iv) classically, one has

$$H_{(2)}^0(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{D}', \mathcal{L}_{\rho'}^{\otimes 2})$$

(Picard modular forms), and

then [EGW] together with

quite explicit calculations lead to

$$H_{(2)}^0(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{D}', \mathcal{L}(n, t)) \cong H_{(2)}^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{D}, \mathcal{L}(n+t+1, -t-2))$$

where $\mathcal{L}(n, t) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(n) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(t)$ and $(n, t) \neq (0, -2)$

Conclusion: The groups that arise in Hodge theory and in representation theory (discrete series, cuspidal automorphic representations) are the same. The relations between the two quite different aspects of the same class of groups has been extensively explored in (very special) classical case, but is only in its earliest stage in the non-classical case.

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