

# Variation of HS's, degenerations of HS's

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## 1 Cattani 1 - Odds and ends

### 1.1 Riemann-Hodge Relations

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in H^{n-k}$ . We have  $\alpha \cup \beta \in H^{2n-2k}$ , and we define a number using  $(-1)^{(n-k)(n-k+1)/2} \int_M \alpha \cup \beta \cup \omega^k$ , then the Riemann-Hodge relations say that this gives a polarization on  $H_0^{n-k}(M, \mathbb{C})$ . We'll denote this by  $Q(\alpha, \beta)$ .

In dimension one, we have  $H^1(M, \mathbb{C}) = H^{1,0} \oplus H^{0,1}$ , and then  $Q(\alpha, \beta) = \int_M \alpha \wedge \beta$ , and  $iQ(\alpha, \bar{\alpha}) > 0$  if  $0 \neq \alpha$ .

Subset:  $G(g, H^1(M, \mathbb{C}))$ , example 1.16.

### 1.2 Connections

Look at the sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^* \rightarrow 0$ , it gives the long exact sequence with the maps  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X^*) \rightarrow H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ , with the last map taking  $\{g_{\alpha\beta}\}$  to  $n_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{1}{2\pi i}(\log g_{\alpha\beta} - \log g_{\alpha\gamma} + \log g_{\beta\gamma})$ .

We have  $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^0 \xrightarrow{d} Z^1 \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow Z^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^1 \rightarrow Z^2 \rightarrow 0$ , and  $\check{H}^2(M, \mathbb{R}) \cong H^1(M, Z^1) \cong H^0(M, Z^2)/d(H^0(M, \mathcal{A}^1))$  with the map taking  $n_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  to  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} d \log g_{\alpha\beta}$ .

Question: Can we find, in some natural way, 1-forms  $\{\theta_\alpha \in A^1(U_\alpha)\}$  such that  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} d \log g_{\alpha\beta} = \theta_\beta - \theta_\alpha$ ?

Let  $L \rightarrow M$  be a line bundle,  $U_\alpha \rightarrow L$  such that  $|\sigma_\alpha|^2 = \rho_\alpha$  and  $\rho_\beta = |g_{\alpha\beta}|^2 \rho_\alpha$ .

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \partial \log \rho_\beta = \frac{1}{2\pi i} (d \log(g_{\alpha\beta} + \partial \log \rho_\alpha))$$

Taking  $\theta_\beta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \partial \log \rho_\beta$ , we get  $-c(L) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \bar{\partial} \partial \log \rho_\beta$ , and to get  $c(L)$  we just exchange  $\partial$  and  $\bar{\partial}$ .

Suppose you have a coframe, that is, a basis for sections of  $\mathcal{O}(U, E)$ ,  $s_i$ . We want a derivative map  $D : \mathcal{O}(U, E) \rightarrow \Omega^1(U) \otimes \mathcal{O}(E)$ . We need  $D(fs) = df \otimes s + fDs$ , then we'll have  $Ds_j = \sum_i \theta_{ij} \otimes s_j$  where  $\theta_{ij} \in \Omega^1(U)$ .

These will need to satisfy some condition under change of coordinates in order to make sense. If  $g_{\alpha\beta}$  is the matrix of transition functions, then if  $\theta' = g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} dg_{\alpha\beta} + g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} \theta g_{\alpha\beta}$ . For any individual  $\theta_\alpha$  we have  $\theta_\beta = g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} dg_{\alpha\beta} + \theta_\alpha = d(\log g_{\alpha\beta})$ .

Finding  $\{\theta_\alpha\}$  such that  $\theta_\beta - \theta_\alpha = \frac{1}{2\pi i} d \log g_{\alpha\beta}$  is the same as having a connection.

## 2 Cattani 2 - Variations of HS, Degenerations of HS

Let  $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow B$  be a holomorphic proper submersion of complex manifolds. So by Ehresmann's Theorem, we can assume that that around each  $b_0$  we have a  $U$  such that  $\phi^{-1}(U) \cong U \times X_{b_0}$ .

For each  $x \in X_{b_0}$ , we have  $U \rightarrow U \times X_{b_0}$  by  $b \mapsto (b, x)$ , and then we can send it along the inverse of the diffeomorphism to  $\mathcal{X}$ , and this map is holomorphic.

Now, assume that  $U$  is a polycylinder and that  $b_0 = 0$ .

The naive approach is that  $X = X_0$  sits insider  $\{t\} \times X \xrightarrow{G} X_t$ , and this composition is the diffeomorphism  $g_t$ .

This gives  $J_t = g_t^*(J_{X_t})$ , with  $J_t^2 = -I$ , and so we have a family  $\{J_t\}_{t \in \Delta}$  which give decompositions  $[T_x(X)]_{\mathbb{C}} = T'_{x,t} \oplus T''_{x,t}$  for all  $x \in X$ . For  $t = 0$ , we get the usual decomposition for  $X$

So in local coordinates,  $(U, z_1^U, \dots, z_n^U)$ , we have  $T''_{x,t}$  has a basis of the form  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j} - \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}$ .

Thus, if  $v \in T_0^h(\Delta)$ , then we can write it out as  $\sum_{i=1}^n v(\omega_{ij}(z, t)) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}$ .

But of course, this is not all well defined, it is not global. Given  $v \in T_0^h(\Delta)$ , we can consider the expression  $\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\partial}v(\omega_{ij}(z, t)) \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}$ , and this will kill any holomorphic dependence. So what we get is a map  $T_0^h(\Delta) \rightarrow A^{0,1}(T^h(X))$ . But this is closed, it's not just a form, so we actually have  $T_0^h(\Delta) \rightarrow H_{\bar{\partial}}^{0,1}(T^h(X)) = H^1(X, \mathcal{O}(T^h(X)))$ . This is called the Kodaira-Spencer Map.

So for each  $p \in \mathcal{X}$ , we have  $0 \rightarrow T_0(\phi^{-1}(\phi(p))) \rightarrow T_p \mathcal{X} \rightarrow T_{\phi(p)}(B) \rightarrow 0$ , and these fit together into  $0 \rightarrow T^h X \rightarrow T^h(\mathcal{X})|_X \rightarrow X \times T_0^h(B) \rightarrow 0$

This gives us a long exact sequence, and in particular, a map  $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(X \times T_0^h(B))) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}(T^h X))$ . However, the first is simply  $T_0^h(B)$ , and so this gives us again the Kodaira-Spencer map.

Now, assume that the  $X_t$  are 1-dimensional. These are all diffeomorphic, so we can say that they are Riemann Surfaces of genus  $g$ . So then  $H^1(X_t, \mathbb{C}) = H^{1,0}(X_t) \oplus H^{0,1}(X_t)$ . Now,  $H^1(X_t, \mathbb{C})$  is constant with respect to  $t$ , but the decomposition may not be. We still have all the maps  $g_t : X \rightarrow X_t$ , and they give isomorphisms  $g_t^* : H^1(X_t, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathbb{C})$ .

So we can view this as having  $H^1(X, \mathbb{C}) = H_t^{1,0} \oplus H_t^{0,1}$ , a fixed vector space with a varying decomposition, satisfying  $H_t^{0,1} = \bar{H}_t^{1,0}$ . But we also have the polarization form  $Q = \int_X \cdot \wedge \cdot$  and  $Q(H_t^{1,0}, H_t^{1,0}) = 0$  and  $iQ(H_t^{1,0}, \bar{H}_t^{1,0}) > 0$ .

So now we have  $\Delta = \{W \in G(g, H^{-1}(X, \mathbb{C})) \text{ satisfying these conditions}\}$ . So we can represent these by  $2g$  by  $g$  matrices, satisfying the conditions. So the conditions guarantee we can make half into  $I$  and the other  $Z$ , and the condition then becomes  ${}^t Z = Z$  and  $\text{Im}(Z) > 0$  (the imaginary part).

For a Riemann surface, we have that  $H^{1,0}(X_t) = H^0(X_t, \Omega^1(X_t))$ , so we just need to look at the subspace of  $(1, 0)$  forms among  $C^\infty$ -forms.

So this whole approach is what we'll be generalizing to higher dimensional fibers.

In general, given  $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow B$ , we get  $\pi_1(B, b_0) \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{GL}(H^k(X, R))$  where  $R = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . We also have  $R^k \phi_* R$  to work with.

So how do these two things relate? Can we go between them without going back to the fibration? We can, via flat vector bundles. (Note: Riemann-Hilbert Correspondence)

Let  $\tilde{B} \rightarrow B$  be the universal cover, and let  $\pi_1$  act on the right, and assume we have a rep  $\rho : \pi_1(B, b_0) \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$ . Then we define  $\tilde{B} \times_{\pi_1} V \rightarrow B$  where this is just the product modulo  $\sim$  where  $(\tilde{b}, v) \sim (\tilde{b}\gamma, \rho^{-1}(\gamma)v)$  for all  $\gamma \in \pi_1$ .

We say that a section of a bundle with connection is flat if  $D\sigma = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.1** (Riemann-Hilbert). *The follow are equivalent:*

1. Representations of the fundamental group
2. Local systems
3. vector bundles with flat connection

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Look in the appendix of the first set of lecture notes, A.5, on the Weight filtration. Also Flat Bundles.

Let  $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow B$  projective,  $\omega = R^2 \phi_* \mathbb{Z}$ . We can look at  $R^k \phi_* \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathcal{O}_B$ . Over a point, we have  $\phi^{-1}(\Delta) \rightarrow \Delta$ , and  $\phi^{-1}(\Delta)$  is diffeomorphic via  $F$  to  $\Delta \times X$ , with inverse  $G$ , and these give  $g_t : X \rightarrow X_t$  and  $f_t : X_t \rightarrow X$ .

If  $\alpha \in H^k(X, \mathbb{C})$ , we have  $t \mapsto t_t^* \alpha$  the set of flat sections.

We look at the Gauss-Manin connection  $\nabla$ . Then  $\nabla(\sum f_j s_j) = \sum df_j \otimes s_j$  for  $s_j$  flat.

Look at  $H^k(X_t, \mathbb{C}) = \oplus_{p+q=k} H^{p,q}(X_t)$  then  $H_t^{p,q} = g_t^*(H^{p,q}(X_t)) \subset H^k(X, \mathbb{C})$ . These terms are all upper semicontinuous, so they cannot decrease in dimension, only increase, and as the total is constant, each must be.

Now, set  $F_t^p = \oplus_{a \geq p} H_t^{k, k-a}$ . For each  $p$ , we get a map  $\Delta \rightarrow G(f^p, H^k(X, \mathbb{C}))$  where  $f^p = \dim F^p$ , taking  $t$  to  $F_t^p = g_t^*(\oplus_{a \geq p} H^{a, k-a}(X_t, \mathbb{C}))$ . This map  $\mathcal{P}^p$  is smooth.

So back on the bundle, we get  $C^\infty$  subbundles  $\mathbb{F}^p$ .

Then the amazing fact is that  $\mathcal{P}^p : \Delta \rightarrow G(f^p, H^k(X, \mathbb{C}))$  is holomorphic, so  $\mathbb{F}^p$  is a holomorphic subbundle.

For notational convenience, we take  $\dim \Delta = 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}_{*,0}^p \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} \right) \in \text{hom}(F^p(X), H^k(X, \mathbb{C})/F^p(X))$  is zero.

Once we have holomorphicity, there's Griffiths Transversality, which says that  $\mathcal{P}_{*,0}^p \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} \right)$  belongs to  $\text{hom}(F^p(X), F^{p-1}(X)/F^p(X))$ .

Now, we look at the weight 3 Hodge structure on  $H^3$ . We can break it up in two ways. If we take one half of be  $H^{3,0} \oplus H^{1,2}$ , then we get the Weil filtration, and these are polarized, but Griffiths looked at  $H^{3,0} \oplus H^{2,1}$ , and lost the polarization in order to get things to vary holomorphically.

Sketch of Griffiths Transversality

Let  $\alpha \in F^p(X) = \bigoplus_{a \geq p} H^{a, k-a}(X)$ . Then we have  $\alpha(t) \in F^p(X_t)$ . We can look at  $g_t^*(\alpha(t)) \in F_t^p$ . Then we have  $[\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{t}}|_{t=0} g_t^*(\alpha(t))] \in H^k(X, \mathbb{C})/F^p(X)$ . Then there exists  $\Theta \in \bigoplus_{a \geq p} A^{a, k-a}(\mathcal{X})$  such that  $d(\Theta|_{X_t}) = 0$  and  $[\Theta|_{X_t}] = \alpha(t)$ .

$G^*\Theta = dt \wedge \phi + \psi$  and  $d(G^*\Theta) = dt \wedge d\phi + dt \wedge \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + d\bar{t} \wedge \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \bar{t}}$  because the contractions of  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  with  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  are both zero.

Then, it's a matter of counting the number of holomorphic and antiholomorphic terms.

We have a map  $\mathcal{P}_{*,0}^p : T_0(B) \rightarrow \text{hom}(H^q(X, \Omega^p), H^{q+1}(X, \Omega^{p-1}))$  and a map  $T_0^h(B) \rightarrow H^1(X, T_X)$ . This gives us  $H^q(X, \Omega^p) \times H^1(X, T_X) \rightarrow H^{q+1}(X, \Omega^{p-1})$  by contraction.

For the rest of these talks, we'll forget geometry and talk about abstract variations of Hodge structures.

**Definition 3.1** (Variation of Hodge Structures). *Let  $H \rightarrow B$  be a local system of free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules, and let  $\nabla$  be the Gauss-Manin connection on  $\mathbb{H} = H \otimes \mathcal{O}_B$ . A variation of Hodge structures of weight  $k$  is an increasing flag of holomorphic subbundles  $0 \subset \mathbb{F}^k \subset \mathbb{F}^{k-1} \subset \dots$  such that  $\mathbb{F}^p \oplus \mathbb{F}^{k-p+1} = \mathbb{H}$  and if  $\nabla_v \Gamma(U, \mathbb{F}^p) \subset \Gamma(U, \mathbb{F}^{p-1})$  then  $v \in T^{1,0}(B)$ .*

A polarization of VHS is a flat bilinear form  $\mathcal{Q}$  on  $\mathbb{H}$  of parity  $(-1)^k$  such that for each  $x \in B$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_x$  polarizes the Hodge structure on  $\mathbb{H}_x$ .

**Theorem 3.2** (Monodromy Theorem). *For every  $\gamma \in \pi_1(B, b_0)$ ,  $\rho(\gamma)$  is quasi-unipotent, that is, there exists  $r$  such that  $\rho(\gamma)^r$  is unipotent.*

In the geometric case, this theorem goes back to Langlands.

Let's call  $N$  the nilpotent part. So the monodromy theorem actually also says that  $N^{k+1} = 0$ .

In general, the first part goes back to Borel, and the second to Schmid.

The monodromy theorem requires that you have a polarization.

Tomorrow, we'll take this definition and we'll look how to map it into some nice space, a period domain, and look at the properties of this map, especially when  $B = \Delta^*$ , and look at limiting behavior as we go to 0.

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Last time, we defined an abstract VHS, starting from a local system  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , and the Gauss-Manin connection, which is the flat connection associated with a local system underlying a PVHS.

### 4.1 Period Map

Let  $\mathbb{V} \rightarrow (\Delta^*)^r \times \Delta^{n-r}$  be a PVHS.

Linear algebra:

1.  $V_{\mathbb{Z}}$  a lattice,  $V_{\mathbb{Q}} = V_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$

2. An integer  $k$
3. A collection of hodge numbers  $h^{p,q}$  with  $p + q = k$  and  $\sum h^{p,q} = \dim V_{\mathbb{C}}$ ,  
 $h^{p,q} = h^{q,p}$  and  $f^p = \sum_{a \geq p} g^{a, k-a}$ .
4.  $Q$  a non-degenerate bilinear form over  $\mathbb{Z}$  of parity  $(-1)^k$ .

Now, let  $D$  (of all this data) be the space of all Hodge structures with  $V_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigoplus_{p+q=k} V^{p,q}$  polarized by  $Q$  and with  $\dim V^{p,q} = h^{p,q}$ .

Now, define  $\check{D}$  to be the space of all filtrations  $F$  on  $V_{\mathbb{C}}$  with  $\dim F^p = f^p$  and  $Q(F^p, F^{k-p+q}) = 0$ .

**Example 4.1** (Weight 1). *Look at weight 1. Then  $\check{D} = \{F \subset G(n, \mathbb{C}^{2n}) \mid Q(F, F) = 0\}$ .*

Now, let  $G_{\mathbb{C}} = \{M \in \text{GL}(V_{\mathbb{C}}) \mid Q(Mu, Mv) = Q(u, v)\}$ . Then  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  acts naturally on  $\check{D}$ . In fact, it acts transitively.

Now look on  $V_{\mathbb{C}} = V^{2,0} \oplus V^{1,1} \oplus V^{0,2}$ , then  $-Q(u, \bar{u}) > 0$  for  $u \in V^{2,0}$  and  $Q(v, \bar{v}) > 0$  for  $v \in V^{1,1}$ , so we can write  $Q$  in the form  $\begin{pmatrix} & & -I \\ & I & \\ -I & & \end{pmatrix}$ .

That actually has a real structure, and if we look at  $G = G_{\mathbb{C}} \cap \text{GL}(V_{\mathbb{R}})$ , then this group acts on  $D$ .

Now, by basic Lie theory, we have  $\check{D} = G_{\mathbb{C}}/B$  and  $D = G/B \cap G$ .

So what are these groups? For weight 2,  $Q$  is positive definite on  $V^{1,1}$  and negative definite on  $V^{2,0}$ , so we have  $G = O(2h^{2,0}, h^{1,1})$ . The subgroup fixing a given Hodge structure is  $U(h^{2,0}) \times O(h^{1,1})$ , and so  $D = SO(2h^{2,0}, h^{1,1})/U(h^{2,0}) \times SO(h^{1,1})$ , which sits inside:

$$SO(2h^{2,0})/U(h^{2,0}) \rightarrow SO(2h^{2,0}, h^{1,1})/U(h^{2,0}) \times SO(h^{1,1}) \rightarrow SO(2h^{2,0}, h^{1,1})/SO(h^{2,0}) \times SO(h^{1,1})$$

and it turns out that every Hermitian symmetric space arises in this manner, though we don't always get something that nice.

So we have  $G/V = D \subset \check{D} = G_{\mathbb{C}}/B$ , and have  $B \rightarrow G_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \check{D}$ , with  $B$  acting on  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{b}$  and  $T^h(\check{D}) = \check{D} \times_B \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{b}$ .

If  $V_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigoplus V^{p,q}$ , then we can define  $\mathfrak{g}^{a,-a} = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} \mid X(V^{p,q}) \subset V^{p+a, q-a}\}$  a weight 0 Hodge structure.

Let  $\mathfrak{b} = \bigoplus_{a \geq 0} \mathfrak{g}^{a,-a}$ . Then  $B$  preserves  $\mathfrak{b} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^{-1,1}$  and  $T^{-1,1}(\check{D}) = \check{D} \times_B (\mathfrak{b} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^{-1,1})$ .

If we have a PVHS, then parallel translation to a fixed fiber defines a holomorphic map  $B \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash D$  where  $\Gamma$  is the monodromy. We call this the period map.

the HS differential takes values on a horizontal subbundle.

We're going to discuss it from the largely analytic point of view.

So now, let's look at the local situation, a PVHS over  $(\Delta^*)^r$ . We have  $\pi_1((\Delta^*)^r) = \mathbb{Z}^r$  with generators  $c_1, \dots, c_r$ , which give us elements  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r \in$

$GL(V_{\mathbb{Z}})$ . We know that these are quasi-unipotent, and we'll assume that they're actually unipotent.

If we set  $N_i$  to be the log of the monodromy, we'll have  $\gamma_j = e^{N_j}$  by definition, but then we'll have  $[N_i, N_j] = 0$  and  $N_i^{k+1} = 0$ . So we can define  $\psi(z_1, \dots, z_r) = \exp(-\sum z_i N_i) \tilde{\phi}(z_1, \dots, z_r)$  where we have  $\phi : (\Delta^*)^r \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash D$  and  $\tilde{\phi}$  lifting it onto the PVHS to  $D$ .

The map,  $\psi$  takes the PVHS to  $\check{D}$  and we call the induced map on  $(\Delta^*)^r$  also  $\psi$ .

**Theorem 4.2** (Nilpotent Orbit Theorem). *The map  $\psi : (\Delta^*)^r \rightarrow \check{D}$  extends holomorphically to the origin.*

Note, this is not necessarily a Hodge structure! We just have  $\check{D} \ni \psi(0)$ , and call it the limit Hodge filtration.

Now, we have that  $\exp(\sum z_j N_j) \psi(0) \in D$  if the imaginary parts of  $z_j$  are large enough. We call these period maps Nilpotent orbits.

This afternoon, we'll see how the limiting Hodge filtration along with the weight filtration from the monodromy determines a polarized MHS.

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We have local monodromy and we have the logarithms of the monodromy,  $N_1, \dots, N_r$ . The monodromy theorem tells us that the period map can be written as  $\exp\left(\sum \frac{\log b_j}{2\pi i} N_j\right) \psi(t_1, \dots, t_r)$  where  $\psi$  extends holomorphically to  $\psi : \Delta^r \rightarrow \check{D}$ , with  $F_{lim} = \psi(0)$ .

But then we also have  $(t_1, \dots, t_r) \mapsto \exp\left(\sum \frac{\log b_j}{2\pi i} N_j\right) F_{lim}$ . So we want to find out what kinds of holomorphic maps we can take.

We take the weight filtration, it comes from the Jordan decompositions, and includes the fact that  $N^\ell : \text{Gr}_\ell^W \rightarrow \text{Gr}_{-\ell}^W$ . But what about when there are more than one monodromy operator?

**Theorem 5.1.** *The weight filtration determined by  $\sum_{\lambda_j > 0} \lambda_j N_j$  is unique, and we denote it by  $W(C)$ , for the weight filtration of the cone. Moreover,  $(W(C)[-k], F_{lim})$  is a MHS. In fact, each  $N$  is a  $(-1, -1)$  morphism of MHS. Additionally, the converse holds.*

So a nilpotent orbit is just a MHS, with the weight filtration from the nilpotent cone, and with the polarization the obvious thing to try.

When you happen to have a MHS that splits over  $\mathbb{R}$ , then you should be able to extend everything to an  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ -invariant picture.

**Theorem 5.2** ( $SL_2$ -orbit). *There exists a canonical (Schmid) splitting of the MHS  $(W(N), F_{lim})$ . More precisely, there is a natural way to produce another Hodge filtration  $F_0$  such that  $(W(C), F_0)$  splits over  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

**Example 5.3.** Look at  $i \in \mathbb{H}_1$ . Then our space is  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})/B$ , and we have an induced Hodge filtration  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})^{-1,1} \oplus \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})^{0,0} \oplus \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})^{1,-1}$ . If  $y, n_-, n_+$  are the generators of the Lie algebra, then the first summand is generated by  $(iy + n_- + n_+)$  and the second by  $(n_+ - n_-)$ .

In the several variables situation, the key is to understand how to two splitting relate.

MHS's come in two types: split and nonsplit. Nonsplit give you nilpotent orbits, split give you  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  modules.

Now, look at  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = I^{p,q}\mathfrak{g} = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} | X(I^{a,b} \subset I^{a+b,b+q})\}$ . Let  $b = \bigoplus_{a \geq 0} I^{a,b}\mathfrak{g}$ .

Now,  $\psi(t_1, \dots, t_r) = \exp \Gamma(t_1, \dots, t_r) F_{lim}$  where  $\Gamma : \Delta^r \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  has  $\Gamma(0) = 0$ . Set  $t_i = \exp(2\pi i z_i)$ , then  $\phi(z_1, \dots, z_r) = \exp(\sum z_j N_j) \exp \Gamma(t_1, \dots, t_r) F_{lim}$ . Denote by  $E(z) = \exp X(z)$ .

Then horizontality is  $E^{-1}dE = dX_{-1}$ , and we call this Griffiths differential equation.

We have then that  $d(E^{-1}dE) = 0$ , as  $dX_{-1} \wedge dX_{-1} = 0$ . And so  $X_{-1}(z) = \sum z_j N_j + \Gamma_{-1}$ , where  $\Gamma_{-1} : \Delta^r \rightarrow \bigoplus_b I^{-1,b}\mathfrak{g}$ .