# Connected components in the Prym eigenform loci in genus 5

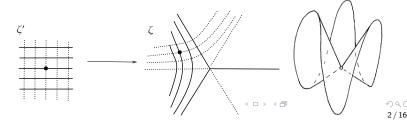
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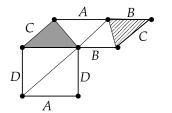
#### Flat surfaces

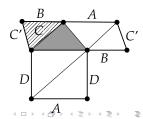
- An abelian differential  $\omega$  a holomorphic 1-form on a compact Riemann surface X.
- $\omega \not\equiv 0$ , in some local coordinate  $\omega_z = z^k dz$
- For  $\Sigma$  the set of zeroes of  $\omega$ ,  $X \Sigma$  admits an atlas of charts to  $\mathbb C$  whose transition maps are translations.
- $X \Sigma$  admits a structure of a flat manifold, since translations preserve the standard flat (Euclidean) metric on  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- the flat metric near  $p \in \Sigma$  is the pull back of the flat metric on  $\mathbb C$  under the map  $z \to z^k + 1$



#### Flat surfaces

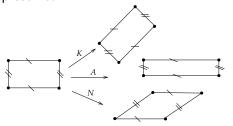
- $H_g$  the space of all flat surfaces of genus g;  $H(\kappa)$  strata by degrees of zeroes,  $\kappa \vdash 2g 2$
- A saddle connection is a geodesic for the flat metric(straight line) joining two singularities
- maximal collection of saddle connections triangulates  $(X, \omega) \Rightarrow$  points in  $H(\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_k)$  correspond to polygons in the complex plane:
  - even number of sides, split in parallel pairs, which are identified
  - total angles after identification  $2\pi(\kappa_i + 1)$





## $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ action up to cut&paste equivalence

Iwasawa decomposition:  $\forall M \in SL_2\mathbb{R} \ \exists K, A, N \in SL_2\mathbb{R} \ \text{s.t.} \ M = KAN$ :  $K = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . The  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  acts on polygons on the complex plane, while identifications and the number of vertices is preserved:



Cut and paste equivalence:

#### Affine invariant submanifolds

### Theorem (Eskin-Mirzakhani-Mohammadi)

Any closed  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ -invariant set is a finite union of affine-invariant submanifolds. Affine-invariant submanifolds are  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ -invariant.

- M an open connected manifold,  $f: M \to H(\kappa)$  a proper immersion
- An **affine invariant submanifold** is the image  $f(M)(\kappa)$  s.t.  $\forall p \in M$   $\exists U(p)$  with f(U) determined by real linear equations in period coordinates and constant term 0.
- Affine invariant submanifolds have dimension at least 2.

## Prym variety

- X a closed Riemann surface of genus g
- $\tau: X \to X$  an involution of X,  $\tau^2 = \mathrm{id}$
- $\Omega(X)$  is the space of holomorphic 1-forms on X
- $\Omega(X,\tau)^- = \ker(\tau + \mathrm{id}) \subset \Omega(X)$
- $H_1^-(X,\mathbb{Z})$  is the anti-invariant homology of X with respect to  $\tau$
- **Prym variety** of  $(X, \tau)$  is defined as:

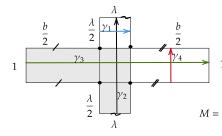
$$\mathit{Prym}(\mathbf{X},\tau) = \Omega(\mathbf{X},\tau)^{-*}/\mathit{H}_1^-(\mathbf{X},\mathbb{Z})$$

## Prym eigenforms

- Quadratic order:  $O_D \simeq \mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^2+bx+c)$ , the discriminant of the order is defined by  $D=b^2-4c$
- Real multiplication by O<sub>D</sub> if:
  - $\exists i: O_D \rightarrow \text{End}(Prym(X, \tau))$  injective
  - $i(O_D) \subset \operatorname{End}(Prym)$  proper ( if  $f \in \operatorname{End}(A)$  and  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  s.t.  $nf \in i(O_D) \to f \in i(O_D)$ )
  - i(O<sub>D</sub>) ⊂ End(Prym) self-adjoint
- **Prym eigenform**:  $(X, \omega)$  which admits an involution  $\tau : X \to X$  s.t.:
  - $Prym(X, \tau)$  admits a real multiplication by some  $O_D$
  - $\omega \in \Omega(X, \tau)^-$  is an eigen-vector of  $O_D$

## Prym eigenform loci

- $i(O_D)$  is generated by 1 element, say M
- For  $(X, \omega, \tau)$  choose  $\gamma_1, \ldots, \gamma_g \in H_1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ , s.t. $\{\gamma_i, M^*\gamma_i\}$  is a basis of  $H_1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ , then  $\int_{M^*\gamma_i} \omega = \sqrt{D} \int_{\gamma_i} \omega$ ,  $\int_{\tau_*\gamma_i} \omega + \int_{\gamma_i} \omega = 0$
- The problem is to describe flat surfaces, which admit  $\tau$  as above and there exists and integer  $4\times 4$  matrix (M), s.t.:
  - M is self-adjoint w.r.t to the intersection form on  $\{\gamma\}$ .
  - $M(\int_{\gamma_i} \omega) = \sqrt{D}(\int_{\gamma_i} \omega)$



$$\omega(\gamma_1) = \lambda$$

$$\omega(\gamma_2) = i(\lambda + 1)$$

$$\omega(\gamma_3) = b$$

$$\omega(\gamma_4) = i$$

## Prym eigenform loci

•  $\Omega E_D$  — the locus of Prym eigenforms  $(X, \omega)$  in  $H(\kappa)$  for fixed  $D \equiv 0$  or  $1 \mod 4$ .

#### Theorem (McMullen)

The locus  $\Omega_D E \subset H_g$  is a closed  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ -invariant submanifold

• How many connected components are there in

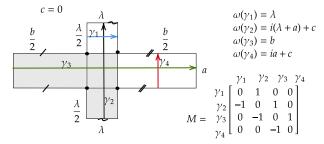
$$\Omega E_D(\kappa) = \Omega_D E \cap H(\kappa)$$
?

## Genus 2 with 1 zero: H(2)

#### Proposition(McMullen)

Surfaces in  $\Omega E_D(2)$  are characterised by tuples (a, b, c, e), s.t. gcd(a, b, c, e) = 1, a, b, c > 0,  $c + e < b, 0 \le a < gcd(b, c)$ ,  $D = e^2 + 4bc$ .

Set 
$$\lambda = (e + \sqrt{e^2 + 4b}/2)$$
:



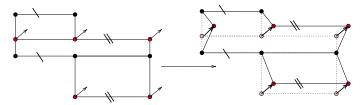
## Connected components of $\Omega E_D(\kappa)$

- Prym eigenform loci only exist up to genus 5
- the results for smaller genera the works of C.Mcmullen, E.Lanneau, D.Nguyen and our result refers to  $\Omega E_D(4,4)$ :

Strata	g	# connected components
$\Omega E_D(1,1)$	2	1, nonempty
$\Omega E_D(2)$	2	$1 \text{ or } 2$ , $D \neq 4$
$\Omega E_D(2,2)^{odd}$	3	1 or 2, $D \equiv 0, 1, 4 \mod 8(*)$
$\Omega E_D(1,1,2)$	3	1 or 2, $D \equiv 0, 1, 4 \mod 8(*)$
$\Omega E_D(4)$	3	1, $D = 8, 12$ , for $D > 17$ (*)
$\Omega E_D(6)$	4	1, $D \neq 4, 9$
$\Omega \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{D}}(4,4)$	5	1, nonempty

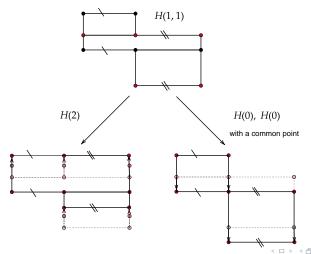
## Isoperiodic deformations

- Saddle connections and their unions, that connect only 1 zero compose a lattice of absolute periods for each zero
- Saddle connections joining distinct zeroes- absolute periods
- Shifting only one absolute period lattice by a small vector *v*, adding *v* to corresponding relative periods **isoperiodic deformation**



## Collapsing singularitites

• the result may be of lower genus with several points identified



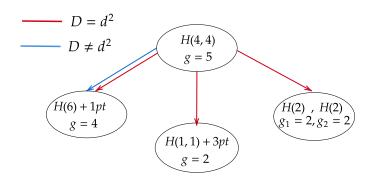
## Prym eigenforms in genus 5

- How many connected components are there in  $\Omega E_D(4,4)$ ?
- The locus  $\Omega E_D(8)$  is empty for any D
- Collapsing a saddle connection we necessarily obtain a surface of smaller genus

#### Theorem

 $\Omega E_D(4,4)$  is connected for every  $D \equiv 0, 1 \mod 4, D \ge 4$ 

## Results of horizontal collapsing



## Strategy of the proof

- The three cases produce three families of genus 5 surfaces
- Surfaces within a family are connected by isoperiodic moves
- Surfaces from different families are connected by isoperiodic moves of a different kind
- In surfaces for which collapsing the relative periods results in a genus 4 we show that the  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  in  $\Omega E_D(6)$  action lifts to  $\Omega E_D(4,4)$ . Since the loci is connected the result forllows for  $D \neq 6,9$
- For D=6,9 we apply similar logic,in relation to  $\Omega E_D(1,1)$ , which are connected for  $D\geq 4$ , hence the result follows.