

Bridgeland Stability Conditions on curves I

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§ 1 Overview of stability conditions

Defⁿ: A stability condition on a triangulated category \mathcal{T} is a pair $\sigma = (Z, \mathcal{P})$ where

$Z: K(\mathcal{T}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a group homomorphism (called the central charge)

$\mathcal{P} = \{ \mathcal{P}(\phi) \}_{\phi \in \mathbb{R}}$ is a slicing

ie. $\mathcal{P}(\phi) \in \mathcal{T}$ are full additive subcategories satisfying:

- $\mathcal{P}(\phi+1) = \mathcal{P}(\phi)[1]$

- $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{P}(\phi_1), \mathcal{P}(\phi_2)) = 0$ if $\phi_1 > \phi_2$.

- $\forall 0 \neq E \in \mathcal{T}, \exists \phi_1 > \dots > \phi_n$ and a seq. of distinguished Δ s

$$0 = E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow E_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E_{n-1} \rightarrow E_n = E$$

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 $A_1 \quad A_2 \quad \quad \quad A_n$

with $A_i \in \mathcal{P}(\phi_i)$

such that $\forall 0 \neq E \in \mathcal{P}(\phi), Z(E) = m_E \cdot e^{i\pi\phi}$ for $m_E \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

Theorem (Bridgeland)

1) $\text{Stab } \mathcal{T} = \{ \sigma = (Z, \mathcal{P}) \text{ "locally finite" stability conditions} \}$ has a natural structure of a complex manifold.

2) There are commuting group actions

$$\Phi \in \text{Aut } \mathcal{T} \curvearrowright \text{Stab } \mathcal{T} \curvearrowright \widetilde{GL}_+(2, \mathbb{R}) \ni (T, f) \text{ where } T \in GL_+(2, \mathbb{R})$$

and $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is increasing with $f(t+1) = f(t) + 1$ s.t. T and f induce the same map on

$$S' \cong \frac{\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}}{\mathbb{R}_{>0}} \cong \mathbb{R} / 2\mathbb{Z}$$

given by

$$\Phi \cdot (Z, \mathcal{P}) = (Z \circ K(\Phi)^{-1}, \mathcal{P}_{\Phi}(\phi) = \Phi(\mathcal{P}(\phi)))$$

$$(Z, \mathcal{P}) \cdot (T, f) = (T^{-1} \circ Z, \mathcal{P}_f(\phi) = \mathcal{P}(f(\phi)))$$

Defⁿ For $\sigma = (Z, \mathcal{P}) \in \text{Stab } \mathcal{T}$

i) The heart of σ is $\mathcal{P}(0, 1] := \langle \mathcal{P}(\phi) : \phi \in (0, 1] \rangle$ ← ext closed subcategory generated by these cats.

ii) $0 \neq E \in \mathcal{T}$ is semistable if $E \in \mathcal{P}(\phi)$ for some $\phi \in \mathbb{R}$.

Rmk: • The action of $\widetilde{GL}_+(2, \mathbb{R})$ preserves the semistable objects, but relabels their phases (so the heart can change).

• For $\sigma = (Z, \mathcal{P}) \in \text{Stab } \mathcal{T}$, the stabiliser group $\widetilde{GL}_+(2, \mathbb{R})_{\sigma} \neq \text{Id}$

⇔ Image $Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ -line through 0 in \mathbb{C} .

Proposition (Okada)

The subgroup $H \cong \mathbb{C}^*$ of \mathbb{C} -linear maps in $GL_+(2, \mathbb{R})$ lifts via the exponential to an additive subgroup $\tilde{H} \cong \mathbb{C}^+ \subseteq \widetilde{GL_+(2, \mathbb{R})}$ which acts freely and holomorphically on $\text{Stab } T$. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, the action of $-\pi i n \in \mathbb{C} \cong \tilde{H}$ coincides with the action of $[n] \in \text{Aut } T$.

Furthermore $\text{Stab } T / \mathbb{C}$ is a complex manifold.

Proof: The isomorphism $\mathbb{C} \cong \tilde{H} \subseteq \widetilde{GL_+(2, \mathbb{R})}$ is given by

$$\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mapsto \left(\begin{array}{l} T_\lambda: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad f_\lambda: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (a+ib) \mapsto (a+ib) \cdot e^\lambda \quad t \mapsto t - \frac{\text{Im } \lambda}{\pi} \end{array} \right) \in \widetilde{GL_+(2, \mathbb{R})}$$

Let us check that T_λ^{-1} and f_λ induce the same map on S^1

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1 \rightarrow 1 & & 1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\} \rightarrow S^1 \rightarrow 1 \\ \parallel f_\lambda \downarrow & \xrightarrow{\text{use polar coords}} & \parallel T_\lambda^{-1} \downarrow \\ 1 \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1 \rightarrow 1 & & 1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\} \rightarrow S^1 \rightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

$\begin{array}{l} \text{orange arrows: } t \mapsto e^{i\pi t} \mapsto e^{i\pi(t - \frac{\text{Im } \lambda}{\pi})} = e^{i\pi t} e^{-i \text{Im } \lambda} \\ \text{red arrows: } r e^{i\theta} \mapsto r e^{i(\theta - \frac{\text{Im } \lambda}{\pi})} = r e^{i\theta} e^{-i \frac{\text{Im } \lambda}{\pi}} \end{array}$

$\Rightarrow \bar{T}_\lambda = \bar{f}_\lambda = \text{multiplication by } e^{i \text{Im } \lambda}$

The \mathbb{C}^+ -action is free:

$$(Z, P) \cdot \lambda = (Z, P) \Rightarrow f_\lambda = \text{Id} \quad \& \quad e^{-\lambda} = 1$$

$$\Downarrow \\ \text{Im } \lambda = 0 \quad \& \quad \text{Re } \lambda = 0.$$

If $\lambda = -\pi i n$, then $e^\lambda = (-1)^n$, $f_\lambda(t) = t + n$

$$(Z, P) \cdot \lambda = ((-1)^n Z, P[n]) = [n] \cdot (Z, P).$$

Let $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Stab } D$ be a connected component & consider the

local homeo $\Sigma \xrightarrow{\text{forget slicing}} V(\Sigma) \subseteq \text{Hom}(K(T), \mathbb{C})$ (see [B])

This is equivariant: $\mathbb{C}^+ \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} \mathbb{C}^*$ (holomorphic) $\xleftarrow{\text{scaling action}}$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}^+ \curvearrowright \text{Stab } D$ is holomorphic & $\text{Stab } \Sigma / \mathbb{C}$ is locally modelled on $P(V(\Sigma))$. □

Defⁿ: $\mathcal{T} = D^b(X)$ for X smooth proj variety

$$K(X) = K(T) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(X) := K(X)$$

"numerical grothendieck gp" $\xrightarrow{\text{ker } \langle , \rangle}$

where $\langle \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F} \rangle = \sum_i (-1)^i \text{ext}^i(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$
Euler pairing

Theorem (Bridgeland)

$\text{Stab}_N(X) \subseteq \text{Stab}(D^b(X))$ is a finite dim^e complex mfd.

$\{ \sigma = (Z, P) : Z \text{ factors via } N(X) \}$

Pf: Its modelled locally on linear subspaces of $\text{Hom}(N(X), \mathbb{C})$, which is a f -dim^e \mathbb{C} -v.space.

§2 Stability conditions on curves

Let C be a smooth connected cx proj. curve of genus g .

Serre duality on $D(C) := D^b(\text{Coh } C)$:

$$\text{Hom}(A, B) \cong \text{Hom}(B, A \otimes \omega_C[1])$$

Proposition: There is an isomorphism

$$K(C) := K(D(C)) \xrightarrow{(\det, \text{rk})} \text{Pic}(C) \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

Pf: Define homomorphism on locally free sheaves using \det & rk . Then extend to $K(C) = K(\text{Coh } C)$ by resolving any coh sheaf by finitely many locally frees (recall C is smooth).

This is clearly surjective. For injectivity, study the excision sequence for removing a pt using C -pt is affine. \square

Rmk
 $K(C) \cong \text{Pic}(C) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}^2 & g=0 \\ \text{Jac}(C) \oplus \mathbb{Z}^2 & g>0 \end{cases}$ (Grothendieck's Thm on \mathbb{P}^1)
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 uncountable.

Lemma $N(C) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$

Proof For \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F} locally free $\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) = H^i(\mathcal{E}^\vee \otimes \mathcal{F})$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F} \rangle = \chi(\mathcal{E}^\vee \otimes \mathcal{F}) = \deg(\mathcal{E}^\vee \otimes \mathcal{F}) - \text{rk}(\mathcal{E}^\vee \otimes \mathcal{F})(1-g)$$

(Riemann-Roch)

$$= -d_{\mathcal{E}} r_{\mathcal{F}} + r_{\mathcal{E}} d_{\mathcal{F}} - r_{\mathcal{E}} r_{\mathcal{F}} (1-g)$$

Hence kernel $\langle , \rangle = \{ \mathcal{E} : \deg \mathcal{E} = \text{rk } \mathcal{E} = 0 \}$

$$K(C) \twoheadrightarrow N(C) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2 \cong K(C) / \ker \langle , \rangle.$$

$$\mathcal{E} \mapsto (\text{rk } \mathcal{E}, \deg \mathcal{E})$$

\square

§3 The stability manifold for $g > 0$

Theorem (Bridgeland $g=1$, Macri $g \geq 1$)

The group $\widetilde{GL}_+(2, \mathbb{R})$ acts freely and transitively on $\text{Stab } C := \text{Stab}_{\mathcal{D}^b(C)}$ where C is a smooth proj curve genus > 0 .

In particular, $\text{Stab } C \cong \widetilde{GL}_+(2, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{H}$. ← open upper half plane

We will prove this result after a few lemmas.

Throughout this section, C is a genus $g > 0$ smooth proj curve.

Lemma 1 (GKR) Let $\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & E \\ \uparrow & & \downarrow \\ & & B \end{array}$ be a distinguished triangle in $\mathcal{D}(C)$.

If $E \in \text{Coh } C$ and $\text{Hom}(A, B[k]) = 0 \forall k \leq 0$, then $A, B \in \text{Coh } C$.

Proof As $\mathcal{D}(C)$ has homological dimension 1:

$$A \simeq \bigoplus A_i[-i] \quad \& \quad B \simeq \bigoplus B_i[-i] \quad \text{for } A_i, B_i \in \text{Coh } C.$$

In fact, the l.e.s in cohomology sheaves associated to the above distinguished triangle & $\text{Hom}^{\leq 0}(A, B) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$A \simeq A_0 \oplus A_1[-1] \quad \& \quad B \simeq B_0 \oplus B_{-1}[1]$$

and $0 \rightarrow B_{-1} \xrightarrow{\varphi} A_0 \rightarrow E \rightarrow B_0 \xrightarrow{\psi} A_1 \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

If $\varphi \neq 0$, then as $g > 0$, ie. $\omega_C = \mathcal{O}_C$ ($g=1$) or is effective ($g > 1$),

we can tensor φ by a non-zero section $s \in H^0(\omega_C)$.

Then $B_{-1} \xrightarrow{\varphi \otimes s} A_0 \otimes \omega_C$ is non-zero

$$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}(B, A \otimes \omega_C[1]) \neq 0$$

| Serre Duality

$\text{Hom}(A, B)$ which is zero by assumption $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Hence $\varphi = 0$ and $B_{-1} = 0$. Similarly $\psi = 0$ and $A_1 = 0$. □

Proposition (Macri)

For any $\sigma \in \text{Stab } C$, every line bundle \mathcal{L} is σ -stable and the structure sheaves \mathcal{O}_x of points $x \in C$ is σ -stable.

To show the action is transitive, we show $\forall \sigma \exists (T, f) \in \widetilde{GL}_+(2, \mathbb{R})$ s.t. $\sigma \cdot (T, f) = \sigma_\mu$ where

$\sigma_\mu = (Z_\mu, P_\mu)$ is the slope stability condition:

$$Z_\mu(E) = -\deg E + i rk E \quad \& \quad P_\mu(0, 1] = \text{Coh } C.$$

$$0 < \phi_\mu(\mathbb{Z}) < \phi_\mu(\mathcal{O}_x) = 1 < \phi_\mu(\mathbb{Z}) + 1$$

By comparing these inequalities with (†), we can find $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ orientation preserving and $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. T & f induce the same map on S'

$$Z'(\mathcal{O}_x) = -1$$

$$Z'(\mathcal{O}_c) = i \quad \text{where } \sigma' = \sigma \cdot (T, f)$$

$$\phi_{\sigma'}(\mathcal{O}_x) = 1$$

Since Z & Z' factor via $\mathcal{N}(C) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$ (with generators $\mathcal{O}_x, \mathcal{O}_c$)

$$\Rightarrow Z'(E) = -\deg E + i rk E = Z_\mu(E).$$

By construction $\text{Coh } C \subseteq P'(0, 1]$ as torsion sheaves have

phase 1 & line bundles have phase $\in (0, 1)$ by (†)

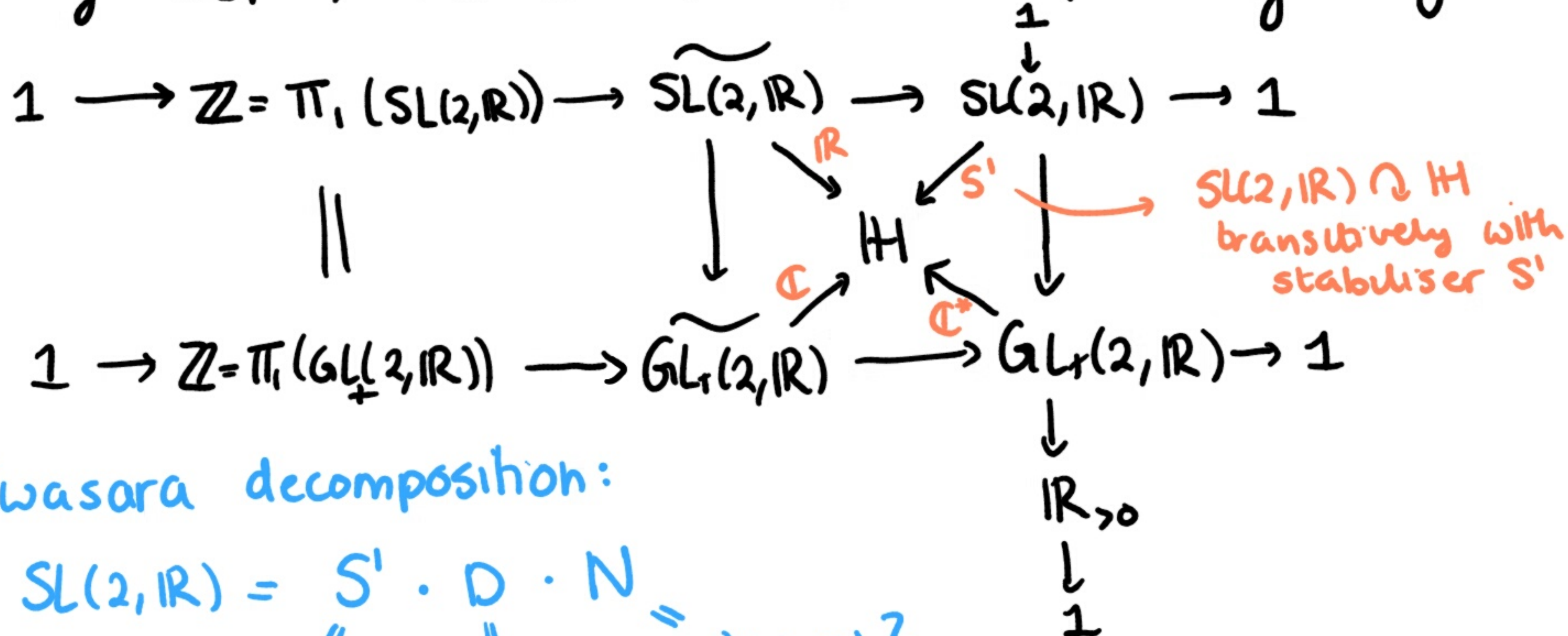
\Rightarrow every coh sheaf has HN filtr with factors of slope $\in (0, 1]$.

Since $\text{Coh } C$ & $P'(0, 1]$ are both hearts of bdd t-structures on $D(C)$

$\Rightarrow \text{Coh } C = P'(0, 1]$ (if $\exists A \in P'(0, 1] - \text{Coh } C$, then for $k > 0$ either
 1) $\exists B[k] \xrightarrow{\neq 0} A$ for $B \in \text{Coh } C \rightarrow$ contradicts P' being a slicing
 2) $\exists B \xrightarrow{\neq 0} A[-k]$ for $B \in \text{Coh } C \rightarrow$ contradicts $\text{Hom}(P'(k, k+1], P'(0, 1]) \neq 0$)

Hence $\sigma' = \sigma_\mu$ as required.

Finally $\widetilde{GL}_+(2, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{H}$ due to the following diagram:



Iwasara decomposition:

$$SL(2, \mathbb{R}) = S' \cdot D \cdot N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \right\} \cdot \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & 1/r \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$



§ 4 The stability manifold of an elliptic curve

Bridgeland & Douglas have conjectured that for a projective Calabi-Yau manifold X , the stability manifold $\text{Stab } X$ is related to a stringy Kähler moduli space $\mathcal{M}_K(X)$.

If X & Y are a mirror pair of CYs (Hodge diamonds related by rotⁿ by $\frac{\pi}{2}$)

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} D(X) \cong DFuk(Y, \omega) & \text{"Homological mirror symmetry"} \\ \text{B-side} & \text{A-side} \\ \text{(holomorphic)} & \text{(symplectic)} \end{array} \right] \quad \text{(Kontsevich)}$$

then $\mathcal{M}_K(X) \cong \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{C}}(Y_{\text{top}}) :=$ moduli space of complex structures on Y_{top} up to diffeomorphism.

Conjecture (Bridgeland, Douglas)

For a proj CY manifold X

$$\mathcal{M}_K(X) \xleftrightarrow{\quad} \text{Aut } D(X) \backslash \text{Stab } X / \mathbb{C}$$

Theorem (Bridgeland)

The conjecture holds in dimension 1.

For an elliptic curve X , $\mathcal{M}_K(X) = \text{Aut } D(X) \backslash \text{Stab } X / \mathbb{C} = \mathbb{H} / \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$
modular curve.

Proof: A 1-dim^e proj CY manifold is an elliptic curve X .

Aut $D(X)$ is generated by $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \check{X} = \text{Pic}^0(X) \quad \text{twist by deg 0 line bundle} \\ X = \text{Aut}(X) \quad \text{translation} \\ \mathbb{Z} \text{ shifts } [n] \quad \leftarrow \text{contained in } \mathbb{C}\text{-action.} \\ S = \text{twist by deg 1 line bundle} \\ T = \text{Fourier-Mukai transform} \\ \text{associated to Poincaré bundle on } X \times \check{X}. \end{array} \right\}$ act trivially on Stab X

Moreover

$$\langle S, T \rangle = \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}).$$

We have a short exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \underbrace{X \times \check{X}}_{\text{acts trivially}} \rightarrow \text{Aut } D(X) \rightarrow \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 1.$$

Hence $\text{Aut } D(X) \backslash \text{Stab } X = \frac{\widetilde{\text{GL}}_+(2, \mathbb{R})}{\widetilde{\text{SL}}(2, \mathbb{Z})}$

\downarrow \mathbb{C} -bdle

$$\text{Aut } D(X) \backslash \text{Stab } X / \mathbb{C} = \frac{\widetilde{\text{GL}}_+(2, \mathbb{R}) / \mathbb{C}}{\widetilde{\text{SL}}(2, \mathbb{Z})} = \mathbb{H} / \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{C}}(X_{\text{top}})$$

moduli space of cx structures on a topological 2-torus

torus self dual

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{C}}(\check{X}_{\text{top}})$$

$$\mathcal{M}_K(X) \quad \square$$