

# Background material on algebraic geometry

## §1. Torsors for group schemes

Fix a noetherian scheme  $S$  as the base (probably don't need  $S$  to be noetherian)

Definition: A group scheme  $G$  over  $S$  is a scheme  $G$  over  $S$  ( $\pi: G \rightarrow S$ )

together with  $*$   $m: G \times_S G \rightarrow G$  multiplication

$*$   $i: G \xrightarrow{\cong} G$  inverse

$*$   $e: S \xrightarrow{\text{closed}} G$  a section of  $\pi$  (i.e.  $\pi \circ e = \text{id}$ )

satisfying "obvious" axioms:

$$(1) \begin{array}{ccc} G \times_S G \times_S G & \xrightarrow{m \times 1} & G \times_S G \\ \downarrow 1 \times m & \cong & \downarrow m \\ G \times_S G & \xrightarrow{m} & G \end{array}$$

$$(2) \begin{array}{ccccc} S \times_S G & \xrightarrow{e \times 1} & G \times_S G & \xleftarrow{1 \times e} & G \times_S S \\ & \searrow \text{id}_G & \downarrow m & \swarrow \text{id} & \\ & & G & & \end{array}$$

$$(3) \begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{1 \times e} & G \times_S G \\ \downarrow \pi & \square & \downarrow m \\ S & \xrightarrow{e} & G \end{array} \text{ Cartesian.}$$

Ex: on the level of rings  
what is  $m^*$  for  $G = \text{Gm}$ ,  
Ex  $\alpha_p, \mu_p, \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \dots$

$*$  Say  $G$  is a (finite) (flat) group scheme if  $G \rightarrow S$  is (finite) (flat).

Because of such a definition, for every  $S$ -scheme  $T$ ,

$G(T) = \text{Mor}_S(T, G)$  is a group.

Definition: Let  $G$  be a flat group scheme over  $S$ . A  $G$ -torsor or a  $G$ -bundle for the Zariski

topology is a scheme  $E \xrightarrow{\pi} S$  s.t.

(1)  $G$  acts on  $E$  in the sense that

$\exists$  a morphism  $\text{act}: G \times_S E \rightarrow E$  satisfying the "obvious" axioms

(2)  $E$  is locally trivial in the sense that, there's a Zariski covering  $\{U_i\}$  of  $S$

$$\exists \text{ an isom. } E \times_S U \xrightarrow{\phi} G \times_S U \text{ s.t. } G \times_S E \times_S U \xrightarrow{\text{act}} E \times_S U$$

$$\downarrow 1 \times \phi \qquad \downarrow \phi$$

$$G_S \times G_S U \xrightarrow{m} G_S U.$$

Easy to see  $\{ \text{isom. classes of } G\text{-torsors on } S \} \leftrightarrow \check{H}^1(S, G) \leftarrow \check{\text{Cech cohomology}}$

$$\varinjlim_{\{U_i\} \text{ affine cover}} \text{Ker} \left( \prod_{i < j} G(U_i \cap U_j) \rightarrow \prod_{i < j < k} G(U_i \cap U_j \cap U_k) \right)$$

In many occasions,  $G$  is over  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}$ , then a  $G$ -torsor over  $S$  means a  $G_S$ -torsor over  $S$ .

Example:  $\{ \text{vector bundles of rank } n \text{ over } S \} \xleftrightarrow{\text{bij}} \{ GL_n\text{-torsor over } S \}$   
 $\leftrightarrow \check{H}^1(S, GL_n(\mathcal{O}_S))$

\* Conversely, if  $G$  is defined over  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}$  and  $G \rightarrow GL(V)$  is a representation then there is a natural functor (preserving natural tensor & dual)

$$\{ \text{Alg. Rep's of } G \} \longrightarrow \{ \text{Vector bundles on } X \}$$

$$V \longmapsto \mathcal{Y}_X^G V := (\mathcal{Y} \times V) / \text{diagonal } G\text{-action}$$

Locally, we make the quotient  $(G \times X \times V) / G \cong X \times V$  but there's a global twist.

Or equivalently,  $\check{H}^1(X, G) \rightarrow \check{H}^1(X, GL(V))$   
 $[\mathcal{Y}] \mapsto [\mathcal{Y}_X^G V].$

Back to the case of unitary Shimura variety  $M$  for  $G = GU(V)$  of signature  $(a, b)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \rightsquigarrow & \omega_{A/M,1} \text{ has rank } b \text{ and } \omega_{A/M,2} \text{ has rank } a \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & & \mathcal{Y}_1 \text{ } GL_b\text{-torsor} \quad \mathcal{Y}_2 \text{ } GL_a\text{-torsor.} \end{array}$$

So any irreducible rep'n  $V_b \otimes V_a$  of  $GL_b \times GL_a \leftrightarrow$  some highest wt of  $GL_b \times GL_a$   
 $\rightarrow (\mathcal{Y}_1^{GL_b} \times V_b) \otimes (\mathcal{Y}_2^{GL_a} \times V_a)$  an automorphic vector bundle on  $M$ .  $GL_n$

Sections are automorphic forms.



Fact:  $\mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S)$  is a vector bundle over  $S$ , equipped with a **Gauss-Manin connection**

$$\nabla_{GM} \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^1$$

$$\nabla_{GM}(a \cdot x) = x \otimes da + a \cdot \nabla(x) \quad \text{for } a \in \mathcal{O}_S, x \text{ a section of } \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S)$$

(1) The Gauss-Manin connection is integrable:

$$\mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \xrightarrow{\nabla_{GM}} \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^1 \xrightarrow{\nabla_{GM}} \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^2$$

$$x \otimes \xi \longmapsto \nabla_{GM}(x) \wedge \xi + x \otimes d\xi$$

satisfies  $\nabla_{GM}^2 = 0$

, so that  $(\mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^\bullet, \nabla_{GM})$  is a complex of sheaves on  $S$ .

Rmk: If  $S$  is also proper & smooth, then

$$H_{dR}^n(X/E) \cong H_{dR}^n(S, \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^\bullet)$$

(2)  $\nabla_{GM}$  does not preserve the natural filtration  $F^\bullet \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S)$ , but "almost"

Griffith transversality  $\nabla_{GM}(\text{Fil}^i \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S)) \subseteq \text{Fil}^{i-1} \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^1$

e.g.

$$\mathcal{H}_{dR}^2(X/S) = \begin{array}{ccc} \pi_* \Omega_{X/S}^2 & & \pi_* \Omega_{X/S}^2 \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^1 \\ \downarrow & \xrightarrow{\nabla_{GM}} & \downarrow \\ R^1 \pi_* \Omega_{X/S}^1 & & R^1 \pi_* \Omega_{X/S}^1 \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^1 = \mathcal{H}_{dR}^2(X/S) \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ R^2 \pi_* \mathcal{O}_X & & R^2 \pi_* \mathcal{O}_X \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^1 \end{array}$$

Remark: Maybe the "correct" formulation is to put  $\Omega_{S/E}^1$  in  $\text{fil}^1$  so that

$\nabla_{GM}$  now preserves the Hodge filtration.

Cor:  $\nabla_{GM}$  is not a morphism of coherent sheaves (it's more like a differential operator)

But  $\nabla_{GM}$  induces on a morphism of coherent sheaves on graded piece:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{gr}^i \nabla_{GM} : \text{gr}^i \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) & \longrightarrow & \text{gr}^{i-1} \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^1 \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ R^i \pi_* \Omega_{X/S}^{n-i} & & R^{i-1} \pi_* \Omega_{X/S}^{n-i+1} \end{array}$$

Proof: if  $a \in \mathcal{O}_S, x \in F^i \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S)$ ,  $\nabla_{GM}(a \cdot x) = \underbrace{x \otimes da}_{\in F^i \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^1} + a \cdot \nabla_{GM}(x)$

, so 0 in  $\text{gr}^{i-1} \mathcal{H}_{dR}^n(X/S) \otimes \Omega_{S/E}^1$

$\Rightarrow \text{gr}^i \nabla_{GM}$  is a morphism of coherent sheaves.

Over  $\mathbb{C}$ , by which we meant  $X_{\mathbb{C}} := X \otimes_{\mathbb{E}} \mathbb{C}$ ,  $S_{\mathbb{C}} := S \otimes_{\mathbb{E}} \mathbb{C}$

we have Betti cohomology  $H_B^n(X_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}/S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) := R^n \pi_* \mathbb{Q}_{X_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}}$

Betti-de Rham comparison:  $H_B^n(X_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}/S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_{S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}}} \mathcal{O}_{S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}} \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{dR}^n(X/S) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_S} \mathcal{O}_{S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}}$   
 $(1 \otimes \nabla_{S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}}) \longleftrightarrow \nabla_{GM}$

In particular, all sections of  $H_B^n(X_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}/S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$  are horizontal

### §3 Hodge structure and its variation

Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q},$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ , a subring of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

A R-Hodge structure is a finite projective R-module  $V$ , equipped with a bigrading ← imagine to be  $H^n(X(\mathbb{C})^{an}, \mathbb{R})$

$$V_{\mathbb{C}} := V \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \cong \bigoplus_{p,q} H^{p,q}$$

s.t.  $H^{p,q} = \overline{H^{q,p}}$  (for the complex conjugation on  $\mathbb{C} : V \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \rightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ )

$$v \otimes z \mapsto v \otimes \bar{z}$$

The pairs  $(p,q)$  for which  $H^{p,q} \neq 0$  are called types of  $V$ , counted with mult.  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^{p,q}$

Say the Hodge structure is of pure wt n if for all types  $(p,q)$  of  $V$ ,  $n = p+q$ .

In this case, the bigrading decomposition is the same as the filtration

$$F^p V := \bigoplus_{r \geq p} V^{r,s}, \quad \text{as } V^{p,q} = F^p V \cap \overline{F^q V}.$$

Write  $S := \text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(G_{m,\mathbb{C}})$ , so that  $S(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{C}^{\times}$  and

$$S(\mathbb{C}) \cong G_m(\mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) = (\mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C})^{\times} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}^{\times} \times \mathbb{C}^{\times}$$

$$z \otimes r \mapsto (zr, \bar{z}r) \quad \text{must be linear in coeff } r.$$

Exercise: Giving an R-Hodge structure on  $V$  is equivalent to give a homomorphism

$$h : S \rightarrow GL(V_{\mathbb{R}}) \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$h_{\mathbb{C}} : S_{\mathbb{C}} \cong G_{m,\mathbb{C}} \times G_{m,\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow GL(V_{\mathbb{C}}) \\ (z_1, z_2) \quad \bigoplus_{p,q} H^{p,q}$$

Rmk: Complex conjugation descends  $h_{\mathbb{C}}$  down to  $h$ .

$$h(z_1, z_2) v^{p,q} = z_1^{-p} z_2^{-q} v^{p,q}$$

Let  $S$  be a complex analytic variety over  $k$

Definition A variation of Hodge structure (VHS) on  $S$  of pure weight  $n$  consists of

\* a local system of projective  $\mathbb{R}$ -module  $V$  on  $S$ .

(that is a locally free sheaf for analytic topology of projective  $\mathbb{R}$ -mods)

\* a decreasing filtration  $F^p \mathcal{V}$  on the vector space  $\mathcal{V} := V \otimes \mathcal{O}_S$  satisfying the transversality

(note:  $(\mathcal{V} = V \otimes \mathcal{O}_S, 1 \otimes \nabla)$  is a natural vector bundle with integrable connection,

we require  $\nabla(F^p \mathcal{V}) \subseteq F^{p-1} \mathcal{V} \otimes \Omega_S^1$

\* for every  $s \in S$ , the filtration induces on  $V_s$  a pure Hodge structure of weight  $n$ .

A polarization of a VHS is a perfect bilinear pairing

$$\psi: V \times V \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{R}}_S \leftarrow \text{const sheaf over } S$$

s.t.  $\Psi_{\mathbb{R}}(x, h(i)y)$  is symmetric and positive definite on every fiber of  $S$ .

Typical example comes from

$$X \text{ projective smooth} \quad V = R^n \pi_* \mathbb{Q}_X = H_B^n(X/S, \mathbb{Q})$$

$$\downarrow \pi \quad \text{and } \mathcal{V} = V \otimes \mathcal{O}_S \cong H_{dR}^n(X/S) \text{ carrying a Hodge filtration.}$$

$S$

To see the polarization, we embed  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi \downarrow & \swarrow f & \\ & S & \end{array}$$

Then the line bundle  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(1)$  restricts to  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  & defines a class

$$c \in H^0(S, R^2 \pi_* \mathbb{Q})$$

$$\text{By Hard-Lefschetz, } R^n \pi_* \mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\cong} R^{2d-n} f_* \mathbb{Q}$$

$$x \longmapsto c^{d-n} \wedge x \quad (\text{if } d \geq n)$$

Then Poincaré duality gives  $V$  a natural polarization

$$R^n \pi_* \mathbb{Q} \times R^n \pi_* \mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{1 \times c^{d-n}} R^n \pi_* \mathbb{Q} \times R^{2d-n} \pi_* \mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\cup} R^{2d} \pi_* \mathbb{Q} \cong \mathbb{Q}_S$$