

§8. Equivalence of the definitions of periods

1. NC-periods and cohomological periods

$k \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ subfield

Def. Let (X, D, ω, Γ) be a quadruple consisting of:

- X smooth, dim d , variety / k
- $D \subseteq X$ nc divisor (def / k)
- $\omega \in \Gamma(X, \Omega_{X/k}^d)$ (algebraic differential form of top degree)
- Γ relative differentiable singular d -chain on X^{an} s.t. $\partial\Gamma \subseteq D^{\text{an}}$. [This means:
 $\Gamma = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i r_i$, $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{Q}$, $r_i : \Delta_d \longrightarrow X^{\text{an}}$ (that can be extended to a C^∞ -map of a neighborhood of $\Delta_d \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$), $\partial\Gamma = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (\partial r_i)$, $\partial r_i = \sum_{i=0}^d (-1)^i r_i|_{t_i=0}$]

(1) The period of the quadruple (X, D, ω, Γ) is

$$\int_{\Gamma} \omega = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \int_{\Delta_d} r_i^* \omega.$$

(2) The algebra of effective periods is the set $P_{\text{nc}}^{\text{eff}}$ of all periods, for all (X, D, Γ, ω) .

(3) The periods algebra is $P_{\text{nc}} = \left\{ (2\pi i)^n \alpha \mid \alpha \in P_{\text{nc}}^{\text{eff}}, n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$

Ex. (1) $(\mathbb{G}_m, \phi, \frac{1}{t} dt, r : \Delta_1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times)$ $\rightsquigarrow \int_{S^1} t^i dt = 2\pi i$

(2) $(\mathbb{A}^1, V(t^3 - 2t), dt, r : \Delta_1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}) \rightsquigarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} \omega = \sqrt{2}$

(3) $(\mathbb{G}_m, V((t-2)(t-1)), t^i dt, r : \Delta_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}) \rightsquigarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} \omega = \int_{\mathbb{R}} t^i dt = \log(2)$

Lemma. For (X, D, ω, Γ) as above, the period $\int_{\Gamma} \omega$ depends only on the cohomology classes of ω and Γ (in the respective cohomology groups).

Proof. $C_{\text{dh}}^\infty(X^{\text{an}}, D^{\text{an}}, \mathbb{Q})$

If $\Gamma' - \Gamma'' \sim \partial(\Gamma_{\text{dh}})$ $\Rightarrow \int_{\Gamma'} \omega - \int_{\Gamma''} \omega = \int_{\partial(\Gamma_{\text{dh}})} \omega = \int_{\Gamma_{\text{dh}}} d\omega = 0$

If $\omega' - \omega = d(\eta)$ $\Rightarrow \int_{\Gamma'} \omega' - \int_{\Gamma'} \omega = \int_{\Gamma'} d\eta = \int_{\partial\Gamma} \eta$

Prop. $P_{\text{nc}}^{\text{eff}}$ and P_{nc} are k -algebras.

Proof.

$(X, D, \omega, \Gamma) \cdot (X', D', \omega', \Gamma') :=$

$= (X \cup X', D \cup D', \omega + \omega', \Gamma + \Gamma')$

$a \cdot c : a \cdot (X, D, \omega, \Gamma) = (X, D, a \cdot \omega, \Gamma)$

Note: period of $(\mathbb{A}^1, \{0, 1\}, dt, [0, 1])$ is $\int_{S^1} dt = 2\pi$, so multiplying (X, D, ω, Γ) by \rightsquigarrow does not change the period.

Hence we get $(X, D, \omega, \Gamma), (X', D', \omega', \Gamma')$ s.t. $d\omega \cup d\omega' = d\omega'$.

$(X, D, \omega, \Gamma) + (X', D', \omega', \Gamma') :=$

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Enough to consider the effective case

$\text{nc}: (X, D, \omega, \Gamma) \rightsquigarrow \int_{\Gamma} \omega$

$\text{coh}: (X, Y, j) \rightsquigarrow \text{per}(H_{\text{dR}}^j(X, Y) \times H_j^{\text{sing}}(X^{\text{an}}, Y^{\text{an}}; \mathbb{Q}))$

Assume: X sm. affine dim d , D snc divisor, $\omega \in \Omega_{X/k}^d(X) \rightsquigarrow [\omega] \in H_{\text{dR}}^d(X, D)$ (get cohomology by 3.3.19), $\Gamma \in H_d^{\text{sing}}(X^{\text{an}}, D^{\text{an}}; \mathbb{Q})$ (differentiable)

Then $\text{per}([\omega], \Gamma) = \int_{\Gamma} \omega$, so any nc-period can be written as a cohomological period

In general?

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Def. Let $(X, Y, j) \in \text{Pair}^{\text{eff}}$

(1) The set of periods $P(X, Y, j)$ is the image of the period pairing

$$\text{per}: H_{\text{dR}}^j(X, Y) \times H_j^{\text{sing}}(X^{\text{an}}, Y^{\text{an}}; \mathbb{Q}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

(2) The space of period is $P(X, Y, j) := \langle P(X, Y, j) \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}-\text{v.s.}}$

(3) $P^{\text{eff}} = \bigcup_{(X, Y, j) \in \text{Pair}^{\text{eff}}} P(X, Y, j)$ (effective period algebra)

$P = \left\{ (2\pi i)^n \alpha \mid \alpha \in P^{\text{eff}}, n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ (period algebra)

Lemma: $P_{\text{nc}}^{\text{eff}}$ and P are k -subalgebras of \mathbb{C} .

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Lemma: There are natural inclusions $P_{\text{nc}}^{\text{eff}} \subseteq P^{\text{eff}}$ and $P_{\text{nc}} \subseteq P$

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Recall: $G_{\text{cont}}(k, \mathbb{Z}) = \text{Spec}(A(\text{Good}, H^*))$,

$$A(\text{Good}, H^*) = \underset{F \in \text{Good}}{\text{colim}} \text{End}(H^*_{|F})^*$$

$$G_{\text{cont}}(k) = G_{\text{cont}}(k, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$$

(isomorphic to)

Theorem: The scheme $X = \text{Spec} \tilde{P}$ is the torsor of isomorphisms between singular cohomology and deRham cohomology (x_{12}). It is a torsor under $G_{\text{cont}}(k)$.

Proof.

We apply the discussion of section 2 to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Good}^{\text{eff}} & \subseteq & \text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}} \\ & & \xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad} \text{Proj}_k = k\text{-v.s.} \\ T_1 := H_{\text{dR}}^*(-, -) & & \\ & & T_2 := H_{\text{sing}}^*(-, -; k) \end{array}$$

$\tilde{P}^{\text{eff}} = P_{12}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}) = A_{12}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}})$ as k -v.s., and

$A_{12}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}) \cong A_{12}(\text{Good}^{\text{eff}})$ (as k -v.s.). Indeed,

$A_{12}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}) = A(\mathcal{C}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}, H_{\text{dR}}^*); f_{H_{\text{dR}}^*}, f_{H_{\text{sing}}^*} \circ \Phi)$ by

Thm(!)(3). But we know $\Phi: \mathcal{C}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}, H_{\text{dR}}^*) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{C}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}, H_{\text{sing}}^*)$

that $\mathcal{C}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}, H_{\text{dR}}^*) \cong \mathcal{C}(\text{Good}^{\text{eff}}, H_{\text{dR}}^*)$ and using still Thm(!)(3) we get that $A_{12}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}) \cong A_{12}(\text{Good}^{\text{eff}})$.

Claim: The isomorphism of k -v.s.

$A_{12}(\text{Good}^{\text{eff}}) \cong \tilde{P}$ is of k -algebras.

. Some reasoning for Pairs and Good. Since localization of diagram \rightsquigarrow localization of corresponding algebras, we get that

$$A_n(\text{Good}) \cong P_n(\text{Good}) \cong \tilde{P},$$

so $X = \text{Spec}(A_{12}(\text{Good}))$.

. By Thm(!)(4), X is a torsor under the group $G_2 = \text{Spec}(A_2(\text{Good}))$ which is the base change to k of the motivic Galois group.

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Remark: implicit in the use of Thm(!) in the proof above, is the fact that the period isomorphism $\text{per}_{(x,y)}: H_{\text{dR}}^*(x,y) \otimes_k \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{\text{sing}}^*(x,y; k)$, which gives the isomorphism of rep's $\text{per}: H_{\text{dR}}^* \longrightarrow H_{\text{sing}}^*$ needed to apply Thm(!).

By the discussion in Section 2, per corresponds to a \mathbb{C} -valued point of X .

Def. Let $\text{ev}: \tilde{P} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the k -algebra homomorphism induced by per

Clearly, $\text{ev}(\tilde{P}) = P$ is the space of cohomological periods.

Now we prove that $P = P_{\text{nc}}$.

Cor. The algebra P^{eff} is generated, as a \mathbb{Q} -v.s., by periods of (X, D, ω, r) with X smooth affine, $D \subset X$ nc-divisor and $\omega \in \Omega_X^1(X)$

Proof.

We know (?) that $M_{\text{Nori}}^{\text{eff}}$ is generated by motives of the form $H_{\text{Nori}}^d(x, y)$, with X smooth affine and $y \subseteq X$ nc-divisor.

. Now, we have $\tilde{P}^{\text{eff}} = A_{12}(\text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}) = A_{12}(M_{\text{Nori}}^{\text{eff}}) = A_{12}(D)$, where $D \subseteq \text{Pairs}^{\text{eff}}$ is the subdiagram consisting of pairs (x, y, j) with X sm. aff and y nc-divisor.

. For such pairs, any cohomology class in $H_{\text{dR}}^d(x, y)$ comes from a global section $\omega \in \Omega_X^1(X)$ and this concludes the proof.

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