

# A geometric nonabelian class field theory over the field of complex numbers and its application

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## 1 The geometric abelian class field theory

### 1.1 A review of the geometric abelian class field theory

Let  $X$  be a smooth projective connected curve defined over  $\mathbb{C}$  of genus  $g$ . We will choose and fix a base point  $x_0$  of  $X$ . The Jacobian variety of  $X$  will be denoted by  $\text{Jac}(X)$ .

The abelian class field theory over  $\mathbb{C}$  shows that there is one to one correspondence between the isomorphism classes of characters of  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  and one of flat line bundles over  $\text{Jac}(X)$ , which we will recall now.

Suppose we are given a character

$$\pi_1(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{\chi} \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

Since the first homology group of  $X$  is isomorphic to the abelization of the fundamental group:

$$\pi_1(X, x_0)^{ab} \simeq H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}), \tag{1}$$

$\chi$  factors through the homomorphism:

$$H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\chi^{ab}} \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

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Since the fundamental group of the Jacobian is isomorphic to  $H_1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ :

$$H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \pi_1(\text{Jac}(X), 0), \quad (2)$$

$\chi^{ab}$  will define a flat line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_\chi$  on  $\text{Jac}(X)$ .

Coversely let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a flat line bundle on  $\text{Jac}(X)$ . The monodromy representation yields a group homomorphism:

$$\pi_1(\text{Jac}(X), 0) \xrightarrow{\chi_\mathcal{L}} \mathbb{C}^\times,$$

and by (1) and (2) we have a character:

$$\pi_1(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{\chi_\mathcal{L}} \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

## 1.2 The geometric abelian class field theory in terms of a hamiltonian system

We want to generalize the correspondence to a non-abelian case. In order to do so, it is necessary to formulate the geometric abelian class field theory in terms of a hamiltonian system.

Since the cotangent bundle  $T^*\text{Jac}(X)$  of  $\text{Jac}(X)$  is trivial, we have a natural projection:

$$T^*\text{Jac}(X) \simeq \text{Jac}(X) \times H^0(X, \Omega_X) \xrightarrow{p} H^0(X, \Omega_X).$$

Here we have identified the cotangent space of the Jacobian variety at the origin with  $H^0(X, \Omega_X)$  by the deformation theory. The compactness of  $\text{Jac}(X)$  implies that  $p$  induces an isomorphism:

$$\Gamma(H^0(X, \Omega_X), \mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{p^*} \Gamma(T^*\text{Jac}(X), \mathcal{O}). \quad (3)$$

On the other hand let  $D(\text{Jac}(X))$  be the ring of global differential operators on  $\text{Jac}(X)$ . Taking symbols we have an isomorphism

$$D(\text{Jac}(X)) \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Gamma(T^*\text{Jac}(X), \mathcal{O}), \quad (4)$$

and the composition this with (3) implies

$$D(\text{Jac}(X)) \simeq \Gamma(H^0(X, \Omega_X), \mathcal{O}). \quad (5)$$

Now let  $\chi$  be a character of  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\chi$  be the corresponding flat line bundle on  $X$  with a flat connection

$$\nabla = d + A_\chi, \quad A_\chi \in H^0(X, \Omega_X).$$

The connection form  $A_\chi$  defines a homomorphism

$$D(\text{Jac}(X)) \simeq \Gamma(H^0(X, \Omega_X), \mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{f_{A_\chi}} \mathbb{C},$$

which defines a D-module  $\mathcal{M}_\chi$  on  $\text{Jac}(X)$ :

$$\mathcal{M}_\chi = \mathcal{D}_{\text{Jac}(X)} / (\text{Ker } f_{A_\chi}).$$

Here  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{Jac}(X)}$  is the sheaf of differential operators on  $\text{Jac}(X)$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{M}_\chi$  is nothing but the D-module associated the flat line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_\chi$  in the previous section.

**Remark 1.1.** *The fibration*

$$T^*\text{Jac}(X) \xrightarrow{p} H^0(X, \Omega_X)$$

is a Lagrangian fibration with respect to the canonical symplectic form on  $T^*\text{Jac}(X)$ .

## 2 A geometric nonabelian class field theory

### 2.1 An unramified case

Using the idea of the hamiltonian formulation of the last section, Beilinson and Drinfeld formulated a geometric nonabelian class field theory ([1]). For simplicity we will treat only the  $SL_2$ -case. We put  $G = SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  and let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be its Lie algebra. Let  $\text{Bun}_{G,X}$  be the modular stack of principal  $G$  bundles on  $X$ , which is a smooth stack of dimension  $3(g-1)$ . It will play a role of  $\text{Jac}(X)$  in the geometric abelian class field theory, which classifies  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -bundles of degree 0 on  $X$ . Each of the tangent space and the cotangent space at  $P \in \text{Bun}_{G,X}$  becomes

$$T_P(\text{Bun}_{G,X}) \simeq H^1(X, \text{ad}_P(\mathfrak{g})), \quad T_P^*(\text{Bun}_{G,X}) \simeq H^0(X, \text{ad}_P(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes \Omega_X),$$

respectively by the deformation theory. Associating

$$h(A) = \det(A) \in H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes 2})$$

to  $A \in T_P^*(\text{Bun}_{G,X}) \simeq H^0(X, \text{ad}_P(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes \Omega_X)$ , we have the Hitchin map

$$T^*(\text{Bun}_{G,X}) \xrightarrow{h} H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes 2}).$$

One can show that the Hitchin map is a Lagrangian fibration with respect to the canonical symplectic form on  $T^*(\text{Bun}_{G,X})$ . Moreover the following facts are known.

**Fact 2.1.** ([4])

1.  $h$  is flat and surjective.
2. For generic  $q \in H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes 2})$ ,  $h^{-1}(q)$  is an abelian variety of dimension  $3(g-1)$ .

In particular this will imply

$$\Gamma(H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes 2}), \mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{h^*} \Gamma(T^*(\text{Bun}_{G,X}), \mathcal{O}). \quad (6)$$

Let  $\mathcal{D}'$  be the sheaf of differential operators twisted by the half canonical  $\omega^{\frac{1}{2}}$  of  $\text{Bun}_{G,X}$ . Based on the isomorphism (6), Beilinson and Drinfeld have shown the following *quantization* of the Hitchin's theorem.

**Fact 2.2.** ([1]) *There is an isomorphism of  $\mathbf{C}$ -algebras:*

$$\Gamma(\text{Bun}_{G,X}, \mathcal{D}') \simeq \Gamma(H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes 2}), \mathcal{O}). \quad (7)$$

Note that (6) and (7) are nonabelianization of the isomorphism (3) and (5), respectively. Now we can explain a geometric non-abelian class field theory (of  $SL_2$ -case).

Let

$$\nabla = d + A, \quad A \in H^0(X, \Omega^1 \otimes \mathfrak{g})$$

be the flat  $\mathfrak{g}$ -connection which corresponds to a projective representation of the fundamental group:

$$\pi_1(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{\rho} PSL_2(\mathbf{C}).$$

Note that the trace of  $A$  is equal to zero and that its determinant  $q$  is a quadratic differential:

$$q = \det A \in H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes 2}).$$

The evaluation at  $q$  yields a homomorphism

$$\Gamma(\mathrm{Bun}_{G,X}, \mathcal{D}') \simeq \Gamma(H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes 2}), \mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{f_q} \mathbb{C}$$

and we define a D-module  $\mathcal{M}_q$  on  $\mathrm{Bun}_{G,X}$  to be

$$\mathcal{M}_q = (\mathcal{D}'/\mathcal{D}' \cdot \mathrm{Ker}(f_q)) \otimes \omega^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

One may see that its characteristic variety  $\mathrm{char}(\mathcal{M}_q)$  coincides with *the Lomon's global nilpotent variety*  $h^{-1}(0)$  ([5]). Thus the Hitchin's result implies  $\mathcal{M}_q$  is holonomic. In fact  $\mathcal{M}_q$  should be regular holonomic.

**Remark 2.1.** *The construction above is one way of the geometric non-abelian class field theory. In order to construct a representation of the fundamental group from a regular holonomic D-module  $\mathcal{M}$  on  $\mathrm{Bun}_{G,X}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}$  should be a Hecke eigenmodule. The construction of the reverse direction is illustrated in [3].*

## 2.2 A ramified case

The Beilinson-Drinfeld correspondence may be considered as a geometric non-abelian class field theory which associates a D-module on  $\mathrm{Bun}_{G,X}$  to an unramified projective representation of the fundamental group. We will generalize their correspondence to ramified representations. Let  $\{z_1, \dots, z_N\}$  be mutually distinct points of  $X$  and we put

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^N z_i \in \mathrm{Div}(X).$$

We will choose and fix a local coordinate  $t_i$  at  $z_i$ .

**Definition 2.1.** *Let  $P$  be a principal  $G$  bundle on  $X$ . A D-flag of  $P$  is defined to be an  $N$ -tuple  $\{B_1, \dots, B_N\}$ , where  $B_i$  is a Borel subgroup of  $P|_{z_i} \simeq G$ .*

Let  $\text{Bun}_{G,X}^{D-fl}$  be the modular stack of principal  $G$  bundles on  $X$  with  $D$ -flags, which is a smooth stack of dimension  $3(g-1) + N$ . In fact it is a  $(\mathbb{P}^1)^N$ -fibration over  $\text{Bun}_{G,X}$ :

$$\text{Bun}_{G,X}^{D-fl} \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{Bun}_{G,X}. \quad (8)$$

As before we may define a Hitchin map

$$T^*\text{Bun}_{G,X}^{D-fl} \xrightarrow{h} H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes 2}(D)).$$

Note that by the Riemann-Roch theorem the dimension of  $H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes 2}(D))$  is equal to  $3(g-1) + N$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** ([7]) *The Hitchin map  $h$  is flat and surjective. Moreover for generic  $q \in H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes 2}(D))$   $h^{-1}(q)$  is an abelian variety of dimension  $3(g-1) + N$ . In particular it induces an isomorphism*

$$\Gamma(H^0(X, \Omega_X^{\otimes 2}(D)), \mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{h^*} \Gamma(T^*\text{Bun}_{G,X}^{D-fl}, \mathcal{O}).$$

For

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) \in \mathbb{Z}^N,$$

one can construct a line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda^0$  on  $\text{Bun}_{G,X}^{D-fl}$  whose restriction to a fibre of (8) is isomorphic to an exterior product of line bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ :

$$p_1^*\mathcal{O}(\lambda_1) \otimes \dots \otimes p_N^*\mathcal{O}(\lambda_N),$$

where  $p_i$  is the projection to the  $i$ -th factor. Let  $\mathcal{D}'_{D-fl,\lambda}$  be the sheaf of differential operators on  $\text{Bun}_{G,X}^{D-fl}$  twisted by  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda^0 \otimes \pi^*\omega^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and the ring of its global sections will be denoted by  $D'_{D-fl,\lambda}$ .

A quadratic differential  $q \in H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes 2}(2D))$  will be mentioned as  $\lambda$ -admissible if it has a Taylor expansion

$$q = \left\{ \frac{\Delta(\lambda_i)}{t_i^2} + \dots \right\} dt_i^{\otimes 2}, \quad \Delta(\lambda_i) = \frac{\lambda_i(\lambda_i + 2)}{4},$$

at each  $z_i$ . The subspace of  $H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes 2}(2D))$  which consists of  $\lambda$ -admissible quadratic differentials will be denoted by  $H_{\Delta(\lambda)}$ . The following theorem may be considered as a quantization of **Theorem 3.1**.

**Theorem 2.2.** ([7]) *There is an isomorphism as  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra:*

$$\Gamma(H_{\Delta(\lambda)}, \mathcal{O}) \stackrel{h_\lambda^+}{\simeq} D'_{D-fl,\lambda}. \quad (9)$$

In fact  $D'_{D-fl,\lambda}$  has the natural filtration by the degree of differential operators and one can introduce a filtration on  $\Gamma(H_{\Delta(\lambda)}, \mathcal{O})$  so that  $h_\lambda^+$  is a filtered isomorphism. Then the isomorphism of **Theorem 3.1** is nothing but the graded quotient of (9). As before, using **Theorem 3.2**, one can construct a holonomic D-module on  $\text{Bun}_{G,X}^{D-fl}$  from a projective representation of the fundamental group of  $X \setminus \{z_1, \dots, z_N\}$  whose the determinant of the corresponding connection is  $\lambda$ -admissible. (We will call such a representation as  $\lambda$ -admissible.)

**Remark 2.2.** *When  $X$  is the projective line  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , **Theorem 3.2** has been already established by E. Frenkel([2]).*

### 3 An application

Using the geometric non-abelian class field theory, one may find a mysterious relation between the Knizhnik-Zamolodchikov equation and a  $\lambda$ -admissible representation of the fundamental group of  $\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{z_1, \dots, z_N\}$  ([6]).

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