

**TEICHMÜLLER DILATIONS OF VARYING HUES:
FROM COMPLEX TEICHMÜLLER THEORY TO
IUT TO GT [JOINT WORK IN PROGRESS WITH
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§1. Ring-theoretic interpretation of complex Teichmüller theory

- Review of classical complex Teichmüller theory:

(cf. [EssLgc], Example 3.3.1)

Recall the most *fundamental deformation of complex structure* in classical complex Teichmüller theory: for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{>1}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda : \mathbb{C} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ \mathbb{C} \ni z = x + iy &\mapsto \zeta = \xi + i\eta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda \cdot x + iy \in \mathbb{C} \\ &\text{— where } x, y \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

- Classical complex Teichmüller theory on Riemann surfaces:

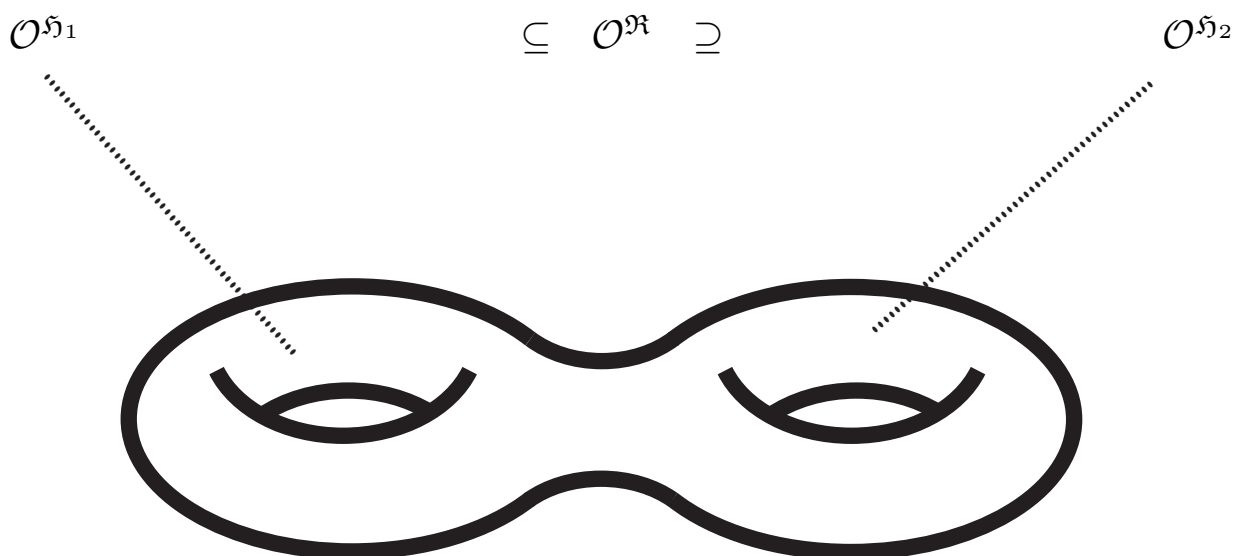
More generally, on a single (oriented) topological surface S , we can start with one holomorphic structure \mathfrak{H}_1 on S and a square differential relative to \mathfrak{H}_1 , then form the Teichmüller dilation, or Teichmüller map, obtained by deforming (i.e., in the fashion described above) the canonical holomorphic coordinate obtained by integrating the square root of the square differential (along paths) so as to obtain a new holomorphic structure \mathfrak{H}_2 .

Next, for $i = 1, 2$, write

$\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{H}_i}$ for the sheaf of holomorphic functions on S , rel. to \mathfrak{H}_i ;

$\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{R}}$ for the sheaf of (complex valued) real analytic fns. on S .

Here, we note that for connected open subsets $U \subseteq S$, $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{R}}(U)$ is a domain, i.e., unlike the case with continuous or \mathcal{C}^∞ -functions. That is to say, $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{R}}$ is in some sense close to being like $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{H}_i}$, for $i = 1, 2$, but still suff'ly large as to allow one to obtain embeddings in the common container $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{R}}$:



- In the remainder of the present talk, we would like to consider various arithmetic analogues of the function theory discussed above in the complex case.

§2. The case of inter-universal Teichmüller theory (IUT)

- A more detailed exposition of IUT may be found in
 - the survey texts [Alien], [EssLgc], as well as in
 - the videos/slides available at the following URLs:
 (cf. also my series of DWANGO LECTURES on IUT
 — URLs available at request!):

<https://www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/~motizuki/ExpHorizIUT21/WS3/ExpHorizIUT21-InvitationIUT-notes.html>

<https://www.kurims.kyoto-u.ac.jp/~motizuki/ExpHorizIUT21/WS4/ExpHorizIUT21-IUTSummit-notes.html>

- Let R be an integral domain (e.g., $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$) equipped with the action of a group G , $(\mathbb{Z} \ni) N \geq 2$. For simplicity, assume that $N = 1 + \cdots + 1 \neq 0 \in R$; R has no nontrivial N -th roots of unity. Write $R^\triangleright \subseteq R$ for the multiplicative monoid $R \setminus \{0\}$. Then let us observe that the N -th power map on R^\triangleright determines an isomorphism of multiplicative monoids equipped with actions by G

$$G \curvearrowright R^\triangleright \xrightarrow{\sim} (R^\triangleright)^N (\subseteq R^\triangleright) \curvearrowright G$$

that does not arise from a ring homomorphism, i.e., it is clearly not compatible with addition (cf. our assumption on N !).

- Let ${}^\dagger R, {}^\ddagger R$ be two distinct copies of the integral domain R , equipped with respective actions by two distinct copies ${}^\dagger G, {}^\ddagger G$ of the group G . We shall use similar notation for objects with labels “ \dagger ”, “ \ddagger ” to the previously introduced notation. Then one may use the isomorphism of multiplicative monoids arising from the N -th power map discussed above to glue together

$${}^\dagger G \curvearrowright {}^\dagger R \supseteq ({}^\dagger R^\triangleright)^N \xleftarrow{\sim} {}^\ddagger R^\triangleright \subseteq {}^\ddagger R \curvearrowright {}^\ddagger G$$

- ... where the notion of a gluing may be understood
- as a quotient set via identifications, or (preferably)
 - as an abstract diagram (cf. graphs of groups/anabelioids!)

the ring ${}^\dagger R$ to the ring ${}^\ddagger R$ along the multiplicative monoid $({}^\dagger R^\triangleright)^N \xleftarrow{\sim} {}^\ddagger R^\triangleright$. This gluing is compatible with the respective actions of ${}^\dagger G, {}^\ddagger G$ relative to the isomorphism ${}^\dagger G \xrightarrow{\sim} {}^\ddagger G$ given by forgetting the labels “ \dagger ”, “ \ddagger ”, but, since the N -th power map is not compatible with addition (!), this isomorphism ${}^\dagger G \xrightarrow{\sim} {}^\ddagger G$ may be regarded either as an isomorphism of (“coric”, i.e., invariant with respect to the N -th power map) abstract groups (cf. the notion of “inter-universality”, as discussed in [EssLgc], §3.2, §3.8!) or as an isomorphism of groups equipped with actions on certain multiplicative monoids, but not as an isomorphism of (“Galois” — cf. the inner automorphism indeterminacies of SGA1!) groups equipped with actions on rings/fields.

- The problem of describing (certain portions of the) ring structure of ${}^{\dagger}R$ in terms of the ring structure of ${}^{\ddagger}R$ — in a fashion that is compatible with the gluing and via a single algorithm that may be applied to the common (cf. logical AND \wedge !) glued data to reconstruct simultaneously (certain portions of) the ring structures of both ${}^{\dagger}R$ and ${}^{\ddagger}R$, up to suitable relatively mild indeterminacies (cf. the theory of crystals!) — seems (at first glance/in general) to be hopelessly intractable (cf. the case of \mathbb{Z})!

... where we note that here, considering portions is important because we want to decompose the above diagram up into pieces so that we can consider symmetry properties involving these pieces!

One well-known elementary example: when $N = p$, working modulo p (cf. indeterminacies, analogy with crystals!), where there is a common ring structure that is compatible with the p -th power map!

Another important example: Faltings' proof of invariance of height of elliptic curves under isogeny, under the assumption of the existence of a global multiplicative subspace (cf. [ClIUT], §1; [EssLgc], Example 3.2.1)!

... This is precisely what is achieved in IUT by means of the multiradial representation for the Θ -pilot via

- anabelian geometry (cf. the abstract groups ${}^{\dagger}G, {}^{\ddagger}G!$);
- the p -adic/complex logarithm, theta functions;
- Kummer theory, to relate Frob.-/étale-like versions of objects.
- Main point:

The multiplicative monoid and abstract group structures (but not the ring structures!) are common (cf. “logical AND \wedge !”) to \dagger, \ddagger and can be used as the input data for an algorithm to construct the multirad. rep. for the Θ -pilot, i.e., a common container for the distinct ring str. (i.e., “arith. hol. str.”) \dagger, \ddagger

$${}^{\dagger}R \subseteq \left(\text{multirad. rep. for the } \Theta\text{-pilot} \right) \supseteq {}^{\ddagger}R$$

- When $R = \mathbb{Z}$ (or, in fact, more generally, the ring of integers “ \mathcal{O}_F ” of a number field F — cf. the multiplicative norm map $N_{F/\mathbb{Q}} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$), one may consider the “height/log-volume”

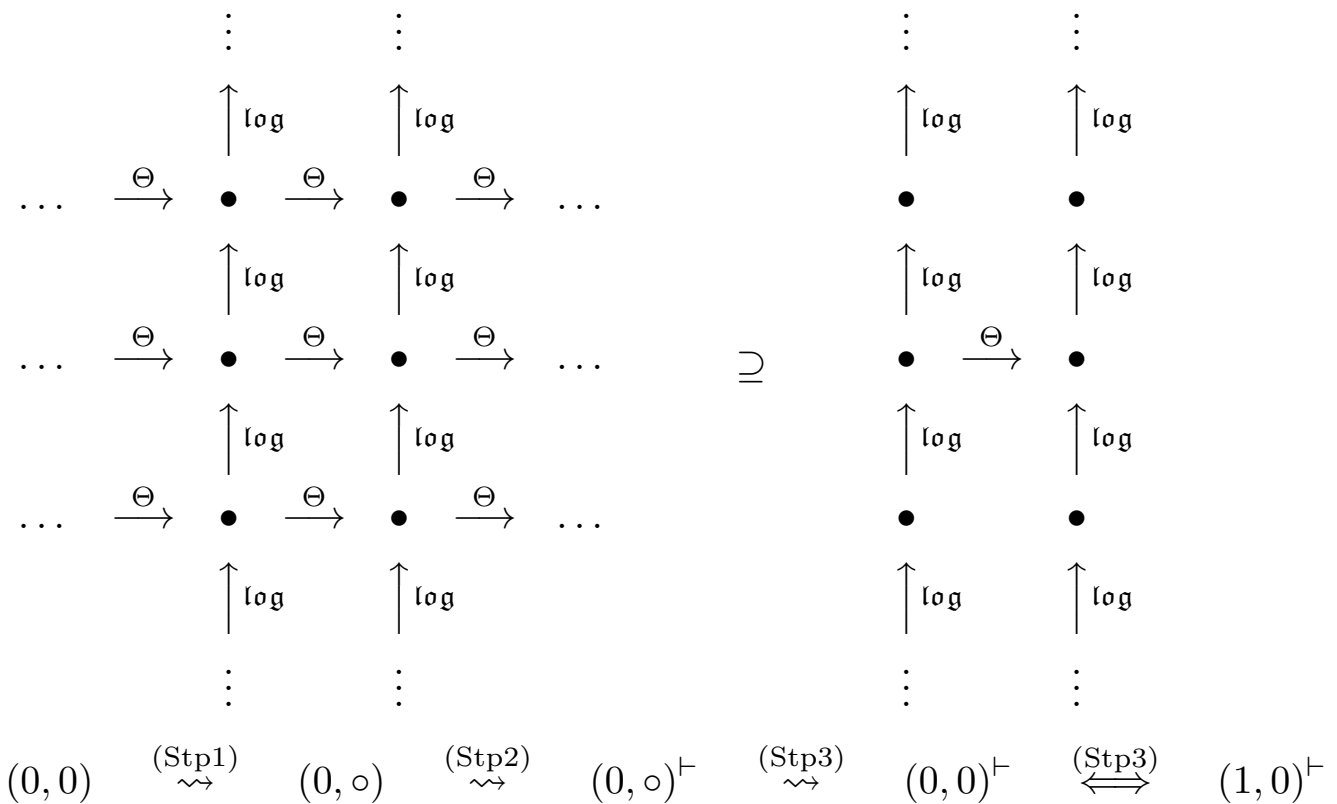
$$\log(|x|) \in \mathbb{R}$$

for $0 \neq x \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then the N -th power map of (i), (ii) corresponds, after passing to heights, to multiplying real numbers by N ; the multiradial algorithm corresponds to saying that the height is unaffected (up to a mild error term!) by multiplication by N , hence that the height is bounded!

- In the case of IUT, the *multirad. rep. for the Θ -pilot* is obtained by means of a sort of “*analytic continuation*” along a certain “*infinite H* ” of the *log-theta-lattice* [cf. the discussion surrounding [EssLgc], §3.3, (InfH)]

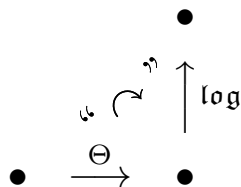
... where

- the *Θ -link* between distinct ring strs. “•” corresponds to the N -th power map discussed in the present §2, while
- the *log-link* locally at nonarchimedean valuations looks like the p -adic logarithm between distinct ring strs. “•”;
- the *descent operations* revolve around the establishment of certain *coricity/symmetry* properties.



— which involves a gradual introduction via “*descent*” operations of “*fuzzifications*”, corresponding to *indeterminacies* [cf. the discussion of [EssLgc], §3.10].

- At a more technical level, the *multirad. rep. for the Θ -pilot* is obtained by constructing *invariants* with respects to the *log-link*, which has the effect of *juggling addition and multiplication* — i.e., juggling the *dilated* and *non-dilated* portions of the *ring strs.* — and, as a result, effects a sort of “*miraculous rotation*” (the discussion of [EssLgc], §3.11)



of the

- “*mysterious log-volume-dilating Θ -link gap*” (between the domain/codomain of the Θ -link) onto the
- “*harmless log-volume-preserving log-link gap*” (between the domain/codomain of the *log-link*) !

§3. Combinatorial function theory for idempotents

(cf. [ArGT], §1)

- The following elementary result in *combinatorial function theory* concerning *idempotents* is the *key technical lemma* that underlies *combinatorial algebraization theory (CAT)*:

Let

- K be a perfect field;
- X an affine hyperbolic curve over K ;
- $X^{\text{act}} \subseteq X(\overline{K})$ an infinite subset;
- $Y \rightarrow X$ a finite étale Galois covering of hyperbolic curves over K , whose Galois group we denote by Q .

Write

$$R_X \subseteq R_Y \subseteq \text{Fn}(Y^{\text{act}}, \overline{K})$$

for the sub- K -algebras of the \overline{K} -algebra $\text{Fn}(Y^{\text{act}}, \overline{K})$ of (arbitrary set-theoretic) \overline{K} -valued functions on $Y^{\text{act}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^{\text{act}} \times_{X(\overline{K})} Y(\overline{K})$ determined, via evaluation of functions at points $\in Y^{\text{act}}$, by X and Y , respectively. Let A be a finite set and, for each $\alpha \in A$,

$$R_X \subseteq R_\alpha \subseteq \text{Fn}(Y^{\text{act}}, \overline{K})$$

a sub- K -algebra of $\text{Fn}(Y^{\text{act}}, \overline{K})$ that contains R_X , is isomorphic to R_Y as an R_X -algebra, and is stabilized by the natural action of Q on $\text{Fn}(Y^{\text{act}}, \overline{K})$ (induced by the natural action of Q on Y^{act}) in such a way that this natural action induces an isomorphism $Q \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gal}(R_\alpha/R_X)$. Write

$$R_A \subseteq \text{Fn}(Y^{\text{act}}, \overline{K})$$

for the sub- R_X -algebra of $\text{Fn}(Y^{\text{act}}, \overline{K})$ generated by the sub- R_X -algebras R_α , as α ranges over the elements of A . Thus, one verifies immediately that, after possibly removing finitely many elements of X^{act} from X^{act} , we may assume without loss of generality that R_A is an R_X -flat quotient of the tensor product

$$R_\otimes \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigotimes_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$$

of R_X -algebras, hence is *finite étale* over R_X . In particular, $\text{Spec}(R_A)$ has only finitely many connected components. Write

$$I$$

for the finite set of connected components of $\text{Spec}(R_A)$;

$$E \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\epsilon_{i_0}\}_{i_0 \in I}$$

for the set of idempotents of R_A corresponding to the elements of I (i.e., idempotents whose support consists of precisely one connected component of $\text{Spec}(R_A)$). Thus, Q acts naturally on R_A , R_\otimes , and E , and one verifies

immediately that one may think of E as a set of mutually orthogonal idempotents of R_A of *maximal cardinality*. Then there exists an *infinite subset* $X^{\text{act},\dagger} \subseteq X^{\text{act}}$ such that, if we write

$$R_X^\dagger, R_Y^\dagger, R_A^\dagger, E^{\dagger,0} \subseteq \text{Fn}(Y^{\text{act},\dagger}, \overline{K})$$

for the subsets of the set $\text{Fn}(Y^{\text{act},\dagger}, \overline{K})$ of (arbitrary set-theoretic) \overline{K} -valued functions on $Y^{\text{act},\dagger} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^{\text{act},\dagger} \times_{X(\overline{K})} Y(\overline{K})$ determined, via evaluation of functions at points $\in Y^{\text{act},\dagger}$, by R_X, R_Y, R_A and E , respectively, then the subset $E^\dagger \subseteq E^{\dagger,0}$ of *nonzero* elements of $E^{\dagger,0}$ satisfies the following properties:

- (a) The set E^\dagger is a set of mutually orthogonal idempotents of R_A^\dagger of *maximal cardinality*, i.e., it is in *natural bijective correspondence* with the set of connected components of $\text{Spec}(R_A^\dagger)$.
- (b) The natural action of Q on E^\dagger is *transitive*. In particular, the cardinality of E^\dagger divides the order of Q .
- (c) Let $H \subseteq Q$ be the stabilizer of an element of E^\dagger . (Thus, the Q -conjugacy class of H is independent of the choice of an element of E^\dagger .) Then for any $x \in X^{\text{act},\dagger}$, the intersections with the Q -torsor

$$Y^{\text{act},\dagger}|_x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Y^{\text{act},\dagger} \times_{X^{\text{act},\dagger}} \{x\} \subseteq Y^{\text{act},\dagger}$$

of the supports of the elements of E^\dagger may be described, for a suitable choice of $y \in Y^{\text{act},\dagger}|_x$, as the subsets $q \cdot H \cdot y \subseteq Y^{\text{act},\dagger}|_x$, as q ranges over the elements of Q .

Proof (sketch) of (b):

Write

$$E_Q$$

for the set of Q -orbits of E . Thus, since E consists of mutually orthogonal idempotents, each element of E_Q may be thought of as a Q -invariant idempotent of R_A (i.e., by adding up the elements in the corresponding Q -orbit of E). Moreover, it follows immediately that the idempotents associated to elements of E_Q are also mutually orthogonal. Next, since the idempotents of E_Q are Q -invariant, it follows from the structure of $\text{Fn}(Y^{\text{act}}, \overline{K})$ that they may be thought of as idempotents of $\text{Fn}(X^{\text{act}}, \overline{K})$. Since E_Q is a finite set, by considering the supports of these idempotents of $\text{Fn}(X^{\text{act}}, \overline{K})$, we thus obtain a *finite partition* of X^{act} . Thus, since any finite partition of an infinite set as a finite disjoint union of subsets contains at least one infinite subset, we conclude that there exists a subset

$$X^{\text{act},\dagger} \subseteq X^{\text{act}}$$

of *infinite cardinality* such that $X^{\text{act},\dagger}$ is the support in X^{act} of some element $\epsilon_Q \in E_Q$. In particular, it follows from the definition of $X^{\text{act},\dagger}$ that an element $\epsilon \in E$ belongs to the Q -orbit ϵ_Q if and only if ϵ restricts to an element $\in E^\dagger \subseteq E^{\dagger,0}$. This equivalence immediately implies property (b).

§4. **GT via combinatorial algebraization theory (CAT)**
 (cf. [CbGT]; [CbGal]; [ArGT]; [ArMCG])

- Combinatorial algebraization theory (CAT) may be understood as “a Teichmüller theory” analogous to
 - CTch (i.e., complex Teichmüller theory — cf. §1) and
 - IUT (cf. §2)
 for studying the conjugates of the image of

$$G_{\mathbb{Q}}, \quad \Pi_{\mathcal{M}_{g,r/\mathbb{Q}}}$$

inside

$$\text{GT} (\subseteq \text{Out}(\Pi_X)), \quad \text{Out}(\Pi_X)$$

— where X denotes a hyperbolic curve over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ of type $(0, 3)$ or arbitrary (g, r) (such that $2g - 2 + r > 0$).

- The starting point of CAT involves considering distinct conjugates of $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ (or $\text{Im}(\Pi_{\mathcal{M}_{g,r/\mathbb{Q}}})$) inside GT ($\ni \sigma, \tau$) (or $\text{Out}(\Pi_X)$ ($\ni \sigma, \tau$))

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} G_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\sigma} & \subseteq & \text{GT} & \supseteq & G_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\tau} \\ \text{Im}(\Pi_{\mathcal{M}_{g,r/\mathbb{Q}}})^{\sigma} & \subseteq & \text{Out}(\Pi_X) & \supseteq & \text{Im}(\Pi_{\mathcal{M}_{g,r/\mathbb{Q}}})^{\tau} \end{array}$$

... that is to say, distinct ring theories that are related by a mysterious non-ring-theoretic — i.e., purely combinatorial/group-theoretic — link, where the non-algebraicity of $\sigma \cdot \tau^{-1}$ plays the role of the complex dilations of §1, or, alternatively, the N -th power map/ Θ -link of §2.

- In the case of CAT, the analysis of idempotents of §3 — i.e., roughly speaking,

$$K_X^\sigma \subseteq \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \text{Fn}(\{\text{pts. of } X \text{ over } \mathfrak{p}\}, \text{res. field of } \mathfrak{p}) \supseteq K_X^\tau$$

— where K_X denotes the function field of X , and \mathfrak{p} runs over a Zariski dense set of finite primes of $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ or $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -points of $\mathcal{M}_{g,r/\mathbb{Q}}$ that arise from Hurwitz schemes — yields a “miraculous rotation” from the

- “mysterious gap” between the distinct ring theories associated to σ, τ -conjugates onto the
 - “harmless gap between Q -conjugates” — where Q is a finite, center-free characteristic quotient of Π_X , and we note that such quotients are cofinal! — provided by the transitivity property (b) of the Lemma of §3
- ... cf. the ring-th’ic interpretation of Teichmüller maps in §1; the multiradial representation/“miraculous rotation”

Θ -link “ \curvearrowright ” **log-link**

of §2.

- ... Also, we note that just as in the case with the log-link of IUT — where we recall that forming invariants with respect to the **log-link** constitutes the key step in the construction of the multirad. representation of IUT — the “miraculous rotation” of CAT involves a rotation

$$\text{addition “}\boxplus\text{”} \quad \quad \quad \text{“}\curvearrowright\text{”} \quad \quad \quad \text{multiplication “}\boxtimes\text{”,}$$

i.e., at the level of ring structures between

- “ \oplus ” (cf. distinct connected components corresponding to non-algebraic $\sigma \cdot \tau^{-1}$!) and
- “ \otimes ” (cf. the construction of §3, which is closely related to the classical notion of the Weil restriction).

- One important technical tool in CAT is
 - Chebotarev-type results (“Chb”) over number fields, as well as over function fields over finite fields (in the case of GT), and the
 - Hilbertian property (“Hlb”) applied to rational varieties over number fields (in the case of $\text{Out}(\Pi_X)$)

— which are used to compute the multiplicative “ \otimes ” gp. actions (i.e., group actions on tensor products as in §3) since such group actions can only be related directly to the natural additive “ \oplus ” scheme-theoretic group actions that arise naturally from Galois groups (or étale fundamental groups) in scheme theory at the decomposition subgroups associated to the points “ \mathfrak{p} ” appearing in the above product

$$\prod_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\text{“}\Pi\text{”}}$$

(i.e., finite primes of $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ or $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -points of $\mathcal{M}_{g,r/\mathbb{Q}}$ arising from certain Hurwitz schemes).

- The combinatorial anabelian geometry developed in [CbGT], [CbGal] (especially, natural isomorphisms

$$\text{Out}^F(\Pi_{X_{n+1}}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Out}^F(\Pi_{X_n})$$

of fiber subgroup-preserving outer autom. gps. of configuration space groups associated to X for sufficiently large n) — where we note that the passage $X_n \rightsquigarrow X_{n+1}$ corresponds, at “toral” (i.e., “multiplicative”!) nodes, to a passage to tripods (i.e., which involve “additive” symmetries $t \mapsto 1 - t$), hence may be thought of as a sort of combinatorial analogue of the p -adic logarithm! (cf. the vertical columns of **log**-links in IUT!) — constitutes another crucial technical tool in CAT

... cf. the fundamental role played throughout IUT by log-links, absolute p -adic anabelian geometry!

- The technique of cyclotomic combinatorial Belyi cuspidalizations (cf. [CbGal])

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \hookrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow (-)^N & & \\ X & & \end{array}$$

also plays an important role in CAT

... cf. the fundamental role played throughout IUT by the étale theta fn./elliptic cuspidalizations!

- The theory discussed above may be summarized as follows:

<u>CTch</u>	<u>IUT</u>	<u>CAT for</u> <u>GT, Out(Π_X)</u>
distinct holomorphic structures $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{H}_i}$, for $i = 1, 2$, on same underlying top. surface	distinct ring/arith. hol. structures on opposite sides of the Θ-link	distinct ring structures corresponding to distinct conjugates of $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ or $\Pi_{\mathcal{M}_{g,r}/\mathbb{Q}}$ inside GT or Out(Π_X)
embedding of $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{H}_i}$'s into common container/ domain $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{R}}$ via Teichmüller maps	multiradial rep., up to <i>mild indets.</i>, yields common container for distinct ring/arith. hol. str. via miraculous rotation Θ-link “\curvearrowright” log-link involving log-<i>invars.</i> via a rotation \boxtimes “\curvearrowright” \boxplus, absolute p-adic anab. geo. (cf., especially, (Ind3)), étale theta fn./ elliptic cuspidalizations	embedding of distinct ring str. into $\prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \text{Fn}(-, -)$ via analysis of idems./Chb/Hlb yields a miraculous rotation GT, Out(Π_X)-cnjs. “\curvearrowright” Q-cnjs. via a rotation \otimes “\curvearrowright” \oplus, combinatorial anab. geo., cyclotomic arithmetic Belyi cuspidalizations

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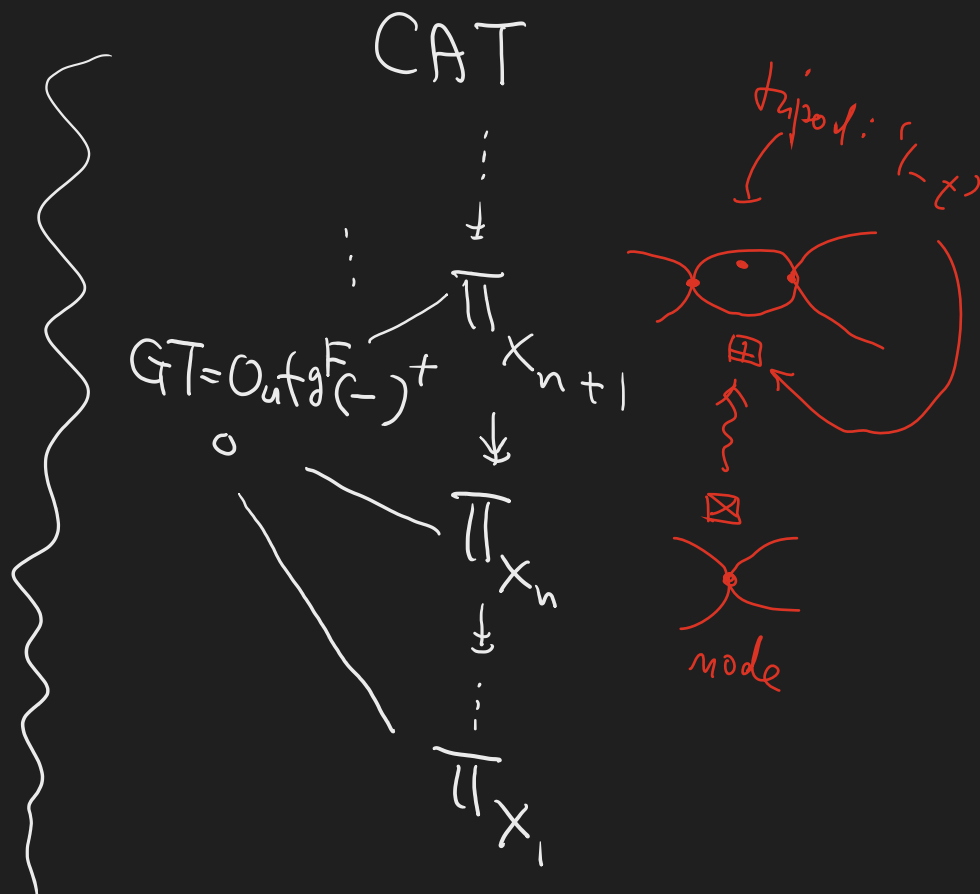
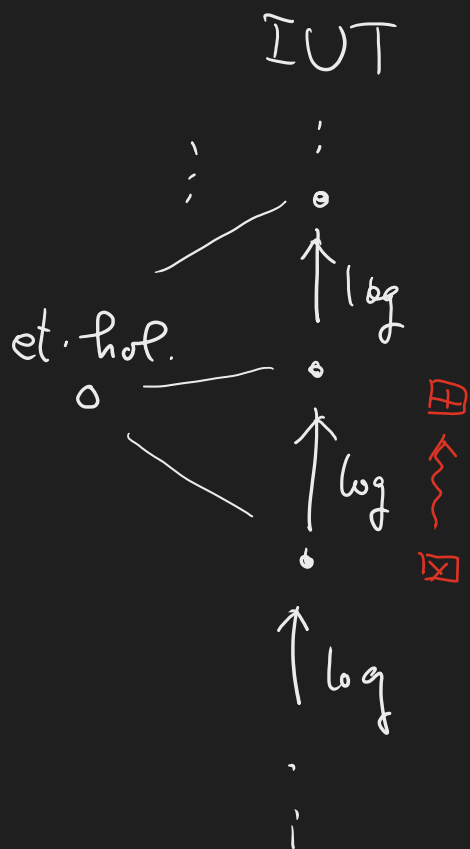
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