

# Riemann-Roch Theorem

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# Abel Differential

An Abel differential has local Laurent series:

$$\omega = \left( \underbrace{\frac{a_{-n}}{z^n} + \frac{a_{-(n-1)}}{z^{n-1}} + \cdots + \frac{a_{-2}}{z^2} + \frac{a_{-1}}{z}}_{\text{principle (singular) part}} + \underbrace{a_0 + a_1 z + \cdots + a_k z^k + \cdots}_{\text{holomorphic part}} \right) dz$$
$$= \omega_2 + \omega_3 + \omega_1$$

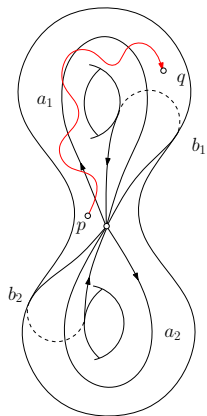
where

$$\text{Type 1: } \omega_1 = (a_0 + a_1 z + \cdots + a_k z^k + \cdots) dz$$

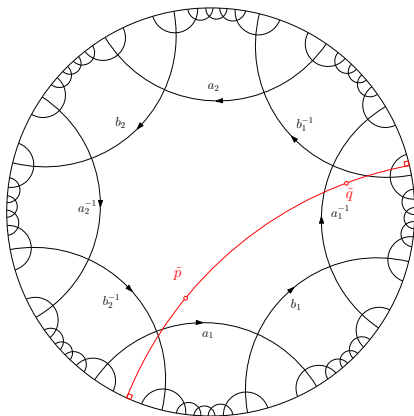
$$\text{Type 2: } \omega_2 = \left( \frac{a_{-n}}{z^n} + \frac{a_{-(n-1)}}{z^{n-1}} + \cdots + \frac{a_{-2}}{z^2} \right) dz$$

$$\text{Type 3: } \omega_3 = \left( \frac{a_{-1}}{z-p} - \frac{a_{-1}}{z-q} \right) dz$$

# Hyperbolic Geodesic



geodesic on surface



Poincaré's disk model

## Definition (Normalized Abel Differential)

Suppose  $C$  is a genus  $g$  compact Riemann surface,  $\{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g\}$  is a set of canonical basis of  $\pi_1(C, p)$ ,  $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_g\}$  is a set of basis of  $\Omega^1(C)$ , the period matrix is  $(I \ Z)$ . Suppose  $\omega$  is an meromorphic differential. The normalization of  $\omega$  is given by

$$\omega_0 = \omega - (A_1\varphi_1 + A_2\varphi_2 + \dots + A_g\varphi_g),$$

where  $A_k = \int_{a_k} \omega$  is the A-period of  $\omega$  on  $a_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, g$ .

## Theorem (Bilinear Relation)

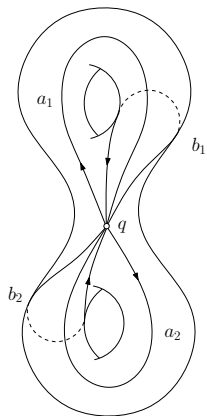
Suppose  $\omega_1$  is a holomorphic differential (Abel differential of the first type), the A-periods of  $\omega_1$  are  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_g$ , B-periods are  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_g$ ;  $\omega_3$  is an Abel differential of the third type,  $\omega_3$  is with simple poles at  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$  and corresponding residues  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m$ , namely the principle part of  $\omega_3$  at  $p_k$  is  $\frac{c_k}{z} dz$  ( $1 \leq k \leq m$ ), the A-periods are  $A'_1, A'_2, \dots, A'_g$ , the B-periods are  $B'_1, B_2, \dots, B'_g$ . Suppose  $\Omega$  is a fundamental polygon of  $C$ ,

$$\partial\Omega = a_1 b_1 a_1^{-1} b_1^{-1} \cdots a_g b_g a_g^{-1} b_g^{-1},$$

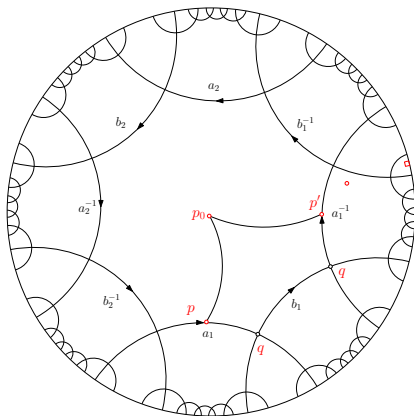
the boundary of  $\Omega$  doesn't go through any  $p_k$ , ( $1 \leq k \leq m$ ). Select a base point  $p_0 \in \Omega$ ,  $l_k$  is the path connecting  $p_0$  and  $p_k$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^g (A_i B'_i - A'_i B_i) = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \sum_{k=1}^m c_k \int_{l_k} \omega_1.$$

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homology basis on surface



fundamental polygon

# Bilinear Relation

Proof.

$\Omega$  is simply connected, define a holomorphic function

$$f(p) = \int_{p_0}^p \omega_1,$$

the integration path is any analytic path inside  $\Omega$  connecting  $p_0$  and  $p$ . For each point  $p \in a_j$ , the corresponding point is  $p' \in a_j^{-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(p') &= \int_{p_0}^{p'} \omega_1 = \int_{p_0}^p \omega_1 + \int_p^q \omega_1 + \int_{b_j} \omega_1 + \int_q^{p'} \omega_1 \\ &= f(p) + \int_{b_j} \omega_1 = f(p) + B_j. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for  $p \in b_j$ , the corresponding equivalence point  $p' \in b_j^{-1}$ , we have

$$f(p') = f(p) - A_j.$$

continued.

For  $a_j b_j a_j^{-1} b_j^{-1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{a_j b_j a_j^{-1} b_j^{-1}} f \omega_3 &= \int_{a_j} f \omega_3 + \int_{b_j} f \omega_3 + \int_{a_j^{-1}} f \omega_3 + \int_{b_j^{-1}} f \omega_3 \\ &= \int_{a_j} (f(p) - f(p')) \omega_3 + \int_{b_j} (f(p) - f(p')) \omega_3 \\ &= A_j \int_{b_j} \omega_3 - B_j \int_{a_j} \omega_3 \\ &= A_j B_j' - A_j' B_j.\end{aligned}$$





continued.

By residue theorem,

$$\sum_{j=1}^g \int_{a_j b_j a_j^{-1} b_j^{-1}} f \omega_3 = \int_{\partial \Omega} f \omega_3 = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \sum_{k=1}^m \operatorname{Res}(f \omega_3, p_k)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^g (A_j B_j' - B_j A_j') = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \sum_{k=1}^m f(p_k) c_k.$$

This is the desired bilinear relation. □

## Corollary

If  $\omega_3$  is a normalized Abel differential of the third type,  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_g$  is a canonical basis of holomorphic differentials, (period matrix is  $(I \ Z)$ ), then

$$B'_k = \int_{b_k} \omega_3 = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \int_{l_j} \varphi_k.$$

# Bilinear Relation

Proof.

Let  $\omega_1 \leftarrow \varphi_k$ , then  $A_i(\varphi_k) = \delta_i^k$ ;  $\omega_3$  is normalized, then  $A'_j = 0$ , ( $1 \leq j \leq g$ ):

$$\sum_{j=1}^g (A_j B'_j - B_j A'_j) = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m f(p_j) c_j$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^g A_j B'_j = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m f(p_j) c_j$$

$$B'_k = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m f(p_j) c_j$$



## Corollary

If  $\omega_3$  is a normalized Abel differential of the third type with simple poles at  $p_1, p_2$  and the corresponding residues  $+1, -1$ ;  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_g$  is a canonical basis of holomorphic differentials, (period matrix is  $(I \ Z)$ ), then

$$B'_k = \int_{b_k} \omega_3 = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \int_{l_j} \varphi_k = -pi \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \varphi_k.$$

## Theorem

Suppose  $\omega_2$  is an Abel differential of the second type with a single pole at  $p_0$ , the Laurent series of  $\omega_2$  in a local parameter neighborhood of  $p_0$  is

$$\frac{dz}{z^n} \quad (n \geq 2).$$

where  $z = \varphi(p)$  is the local parameter,  $\varphi(p_0) = 0$ .  $\omega_1$  is a holomorphic differential with local representation

$$\omega_1 = (c_0 + c_1z + \cdots + c_{n-2}z^{n-2} + c_{n-1}z^{n-1} + c_nz^n \cdots)dz,$$

The A-period, B-period of  $\omega_1$  are  $A_j, B_j$ ; those of  $\omega_2$  are  $A'_j$  and  $B'_j$ , then we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^g (A_j B'_j - A'_j B_j) = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \frac{c_{n-2}}{n-1}. \quad (1)$$

# Bilinear Relation

## Proof.

Similar to the last proof, in  $\Omega$  define  $f(p) = \int_{p_0}^p \omega_1$ , the integration path is inside  $\Omega$ . Then in the neighborhood of  $p_0$ ,

$$f(z) = c_0 z + \frac{c_1}{2} z^2 + \dots + \frac{c_{n-2}}{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots,$$
$$f\omega_2(z) = c_0 z^{-(n-1)} + \frac{c_1}{2} c_0 z^{-(n-2)} + \dots + \frac{c_{n-2}}{n-1} z^{-1} + \dots$$

then we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^g (A_j B_j' - A_j' B_j) = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \operatorname{Res}(f\omega_2, p_0),$$

hence

$$2\pi\sqrt{-1} \operatorname{Res}(f\omega_2, p_0) = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \frac{c_{n-2}}{n-1}$$



## Corollary

Suppose  $\omega_2$  is a **normalized** Abel differential of the second type with a single pole at  $p_0$ , the Laurent series of  $\omega_2$  in a local parameter neighborhood of  $p_0$  is

$$\frac{dz}{z^n} \quad (n \geq 2).$$

where  $z = \varphi(p)$  is the local parameter,  $\varphi(p_0) = 0$ .  $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_g\}$  is the **canonical** basis of holomorphic differentials (period matrix  $(I \ Z)$ ) with local representation

$$\varphi_k = (a_{k,0} + a_{k,1}z + \dots + a_{k,n-2}z^{n-2} + a_{k,n-1}z^{n-1} + a_{k,n}z^n \dots) dz,$$

Then

$$B'_k = \int_{b_k} \omega_2 = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \frac{a_{k,n-2}}{n-1}. \quad (2)$$

## Proof.

The A-periods of  $\omega_2$ ,  $A'_j$  are zeros. The A-period of  $\varphi_k$  are  $A_j(\varphi_k) = \delta_j^k$ . Set  $\omega_1 \leftarrow \varphi_k$ , then we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^g (A_j(\varphi_k) B'_j - A'_j B_j) = \sum_{j=1}^g A_j(\varphi_k) B'_j = B'_k = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \frac{a_{k,n-2}}{n-1}. \quad (3)$$





## Definition

Let  $K(C)$  represent all the meromorphic functions defined on the Riemann surface  $C$ ;

$$L(D) := \{f \in K(C) : (f) \geq D\};$$

$\Omega(C)$  represents all the meromorphic differentials on  $C$ ,

$$\Omega(D) := \{\omega \in \Omega(C) : (\omega) \geq D\}.$$

For example

$$\Omega(0) = \{\text{holomorphic differentials}\}.$$

By Laurent series, it is easy to show  $\nu_p(f + g) \geq \min\{\nu_p(f), \nu_p(g)\}$ , then  $L(D)$  and  $\Omega(D)$  are linear spaces.

## Definition (Effective Divisor)

A divisor  $D$  is called effective, if  $D \geq 0$ , namely

$$D = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k p_k, \quad n_k \geq 0.$$

## Definition (Multiple Divisor)

A divisor  $D_1$  is called a multiple divisor of  $D_2$  if  $D_1 - D_2 \geq 0$ .

Given a divisor  $D = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k p_k$ ,  $D = D^+ + D^-$ , where

$$D^+ = \sum_{k=1}^m \max\{n_k, 0\} p_k$$

$$D^- = \sum_{k=1}^m \min\{n_k, 0\} p_k$$

If  $D_1 \leq D_2$ , then  $\dim L(D_2) \leq \dim L(D_1)$ . So

$$\dim L(D) \leq \dim L(D^-) < \infty.$$

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Suppose

$$D^- = - \sum_{k=1}^m n_k p_k \quad n_k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

Suppose at the neighborhood of  $p_k$ , the principle part of  $f$  is given by

$$f_k(z) := \frac{a_{k,n_k}}{z^{n_k}} + \frac{a_{k,n_k-1}}{z^{n_k-1}} + \cdots + \frac{a_{k,2}}{z^2} + \frac{a_{k,1}}{z^1}$$

Then

$$f - f_1 - f_2 - \cdots - f_m \equiv c$$

is a holomorphic function, therefore equals to a constant  $c$ . So there are

$$c, a_{1,1}, \cdots, a_{1,n_1}, a_{2,1}, \cdots, a_{2,n_2}, \cdots, a_{m,1}, \cdots, a_{m,n_m}$$

Therefore

$$\dim L(D^-) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^m n_j = -\deg(D^-) + 1 < \infty.$$

## Theorem

Suppose  $\omega_0$  is a meromorphic differential,  $\omega_0 \neq 0$ , then for any divisor  $D$

$$\dim \Omega(D) = \dim L(D - (\omega_0)).$$

## Proof.

For any  $\omega \in \Omega(D)$ ,  $(\omega) \geq D$

$$\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right) = (\omega) - (\omega_0) \geq D - (\omega_0),$$

therefore  $\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} \in L(D - (\omega_0))$ . Inversely, if  $f \in L(D - (\omega_0))$ , then

$$(f\omega_0) = (f) + (\omega_0) \geq D - (\omega_0) + (\omega_0) = D,$$

$f\omega_0 \in \Omega(D)$ . So  $\omega \mapsto \frac{\omega}{\omega_0}$  is an isomorphism. □

## Theorem (Riemann-Roch)

Suppose  $C$  is a genus  $g$  compact Riemann surface, given a divisor  $D$ , then

$$\dim L(-D) = \dim \Omega(D) + \deg(D) - g + 1. \quad (4)$$

## Proof.

First, we prove the theorem for  $D = 0$ , then  $L(0)$  is the space of holomorphic functions, which are constants globally.  $\dim L(0) = 1$ ;  $\Omega(0)$  is the space of holomorphic 1-forms,  $\dim \Omega(D) = g$ , therefore

$$\dim L(0) = \dim \Omega(0) + \deg(0) - g + 1.$$



continued.

Second, we prove the theorem for effective divisor  $D > 0$ .

$$D = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k p_k, \quad n_k > 0.$$

By definition,  $f \in L(-D)$  iff  $f$  has a pole at  $p_k$  with an order no greater than  $n_k$ . Take a local parameter disk  $V_k$  centered at  $p_k$ , the local parameter is

$$z = z(p), \quad z(p_k) = 0.$$

Take a set of canonical homology basis  $(a_1, \dots, a_g, b_1, \dots, b_g)$ , which don't go through  $p_k$ .  $\forall f \in L(-D)$ ,  $df$  has Laurent series

$$df = \left( \sum_{j=2}^{n_k+1} \frac{c_j(p_k)}{z^j} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} A_j(p_k) z^j \right) dz.$$



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continued.

Let

$$D_1 = \sum_{k=1}^m (n_k + 1) p_k,$$

then  $df \in \Omega(-D_1)$ . The differential operator  $d$  defines a homomorphism  $d : L(-D) \rightarrow \Omega(-D_1)$ ,  $f \mapsto df$ , the image space of  $L(-D)$  is  $dL(-D)$ , which is a sublinear space of  $\Omega(-D_1)$ .

Consider  $dL(-D)$ ,  $\forall p_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$  and  $2 \leq n \leq n_k + 1$ , let  $\omega_k^n$  be the normalized Abel differential of the second type, which has zero A-periods and a single pole at  $p_k$  with order  $n$ , and principle part  $\frac{dz}{z^n}$  in the local parameter disk  $V_k$ ,  $(\omega_k^n)_\infty = -np_k$ ,  $\forall f \in L(-D)$ ,

$$df = \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=2}^{n_k+1} c_j(p_k) \omega_k^j + \varphi,$$

where  $\varphi$  is a holomorphic differential. □

continued.

$$\int_{a_j} df = 0, \int_{a_j} \omega_k^n = 0, 1 \leq j \leq g \implies \int_{a_j} \varphi = 0$$

$$\|\varphi\|^2 = \sqrt{-1} \sum_{j=1}^g (A_j \bar{B}_j - B_j \bar{A}_j) = 0 \implies \varphi = 0.$$

$\{\omega_k^n\}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m, 2 \leq n \leq n_k + 1$  are linearly independent, they form a basis of  $dL(-D)$ ,  $|\{\omega_k^n\}| = \deg(D)$ .  $d : L(-D) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\deg D}$ ,

$$f \mapsto df = (c_j(p_k) : 1 \leq k \leq m, 2 \leq j \leq n_k + 1).$$



continued.

For any  $(c_j(p_k)) \in \mathbb{C}^{\deg D}$ , there is a  $f \in L(-D)$ , such that  $df \mapsto (c_j(p_k))$ , if and only if

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=2}^{n_k+2} c_j(p_k) \omega_k^j$$

is exact, hence the B-periods for the above differential are zeros (since  $\omega_k^n$  are normalized, the A-periods are automatically zeros): for any  $b_l$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq g$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=2}^{n_k+2} c_j(p_k) \int_{b_l} \omega_k^j = 0, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, g. \quad (5)$$



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continued.

The dimension of  $dL(-D)$  equals to the dimension of the solution space of above linear equation group. The coefficient matrix is

$$\left( \int_{b_l} \omega_k^n \right)_{g \times \deg(D)}$$

assume its rank is  $r$ , then  $\dim(dL(-D)) = \deg D - r$ . On the other hand, the kernel of  $d$  is

$$d^{-1}(0) = \{f \in L(-D) : df = 0\} = \mathbb{C},$$

therefore  $\dim(d^{-1}(0)) = 1$ . By  $L(-D)/d^{-1}(0) \cong dL(D)$ , we have

$$\dim L(-D) = \dim(dL(-D)) + 1 = \deg D - r + 1. \quad (6)$$



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continued.

The holomorphic differential space is  $\Omega(0) = A$  with canonical basis  $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_g\}$ ,  $\int_{a_j} \varphi_i = \delta_i^j$ . The local representations for  $\varphi_l$  in  $V_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$

$$\varphi_l = a_{l,0}(p_k) + a_{l,1}(p_k)z + a_{l,2}(p_k)z^2 + \dots + a_{l,n_k-1}(p_k)z^{n_k-1} + \dots$$

for any  $\omega \in \Omega(D)$ ,  $D > 0$  then  $\omega$  is a holomorphic differential,  $\omega \in A$ , there is a set of complex numbers  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_g)$

$$\begin{aligned}\omega &= \lambda_1 \varphi_1 + \lambda_2 \varphi_2 + \dots + \lambda_g \varphi_g \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^g \lambda_l \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_k-1} a_{l,i}(p_k) z^i + \sum_{i=n_k}^{\infty} a_{l,i}(p_k) z^i \right)\end{aligned}$$



# Riemann-Roch Theorem

continued.

$\forall p_k, 1 \leq k \leq m, \omega$  has zero at  $p_k$  with order  $\geq n_k$ , we obtain the linear system

$$\sum_{l=1}^g a_{l,j}(p_k) \lambda_l = 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 0, 1, \dots, n_k - 1, \quad (7)$$

reversely, if  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_g)$  is a solution to the above linear system, then  $\omega \in \Omega(D)$ .

Define linear operator  $T : \Omega(D) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^g, \omega \mapsto (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_g)$ , then  $\Omega(D)$  is isomorphic to the solution space of the linear system Eqn. (7), whose coefficient matrix is

$$(a_{l,j}(p_k))_{\deg D \times g}.$$

Assume its rank is  $\rho$ , the dimension of the solution space of Eqn. (7) is  $g - \rho$ , hence

$$\dim \Omega(D) = g - \rho.$$

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continued.

We claim that  $r = \rho$ . By the bilinear relation between the Abel differential of the first type and the Abel differential of the second type, we have

$$\left( \int_{b_l} \omega_k^j \right)_{g \times \deg D} = \left( \frac{2\pi\sqrt{-1}a_{l,j-2}(p_k)}{j-1} \right)$$

where  $l = 1, \dots, g$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n_k + 1$ . The left hand side is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \langle b_1, \omega_1^2 \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_1, \omega_1^{n_1+1} \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_1, \omega_m^2 \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_1, \omega_m^{n_m+1} \rangle \\ \langle b_2, \omega_1^2 \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_2, \omega_1^{n_1+1} \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_2, \omega_m^2 \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_2, \omega_m^{n_m+1} \rangle \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \langle b_g, \omega_1^2 \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_g, \omega_1^{n_1+1} \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_g, \omega_m^2 \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_g, \omega_m^{n_m+1} \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$



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continued.

The right hand side is given by

$$2\pi\sqrt{-1}(a_{l,j-2}(p_k)) \begin{bmatrix} D_1 & & & \\ & D_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & D_m \end{bmatrix}, D_k = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & & & \\ & \frac{1}{3} & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \frac{1}{n_k+1} \end{bmatrix},$$

Since  $\text{diag}(D_1, \dots, D_m)$  is full rank, so the rank of the LHS  $r$  equals to that of the RHS  $\rho$ , therefore

$$r = \rho.$$





continued.

$$\begin{cases} \dim L(-D) &= (\deg D - r) + 1 \\ \dim \Omega(D) &= g - \rho \\ \rho &= r \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we obtain if  $D \geq 0$

$$\dim L(-D) = \dim \Omega(D) + \deg D - g + 1$$



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Proof.

Suppose  $\omega$  is a meromorphic differential, then  $\deg(\omega) = 2g - 2$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \dim\Omega(D) & = \dim L(D - (\omega)) \\ \deg(D - (\omega)) & = \deg D - \deg(\omega) \\ \deg(\omega) & = 2g - 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\dim L(-D) = \dim\Omega(D) + \deg D - g + 1$$

$$\dim L(-D) + \frac{1}{2}\deg(-D) = \dim\Omega(D) + \frac{1}{2}\deg D - \frac{1}{2}\deg(\omega)$$

$$\dim L(-D) + \frac{1}{2}\deg(-D) = \dim L(D - (\omega)) + \frac{1}{2}\deg(D - (\omega))$$

$$\dim L(-D) + \frac{1}{2}\deg(-D) = \dim L(-((\omega) - D)) + \frac{1}{2}\deg(-((\omega) - D))$$



continued.

We have obtained another symmetric formula of Riemann-Roch

$$\dim L(-D) + \frac{1}{2} \deg(-D) = \dim L(-((\omega) - D)) + \frac{1}{2} \deg(-((\omega) - D))$$

If  $D \geq 0$  or  $(\omega) - D \geq 0$  ( $D$  is equivalent to an effective divisor, or  $(\omega) - D$  is equivalent to an effective divisor), then the RR has been proven. Otherwise we claim

- 1  $\dim L(-D) = 0$
- 2  $\dim L(-((\omega) - D)) = 0$
- 3  $\deg(D) = g - 1$



# Riemann-Roch Theorem

continued.

- 1 If  $\dim L(-D) \neq 0$ , then  $\exists f \in L(-D)$ ,  $(f) + D \geq 0$ . Let  $D_1 = (f) + D$ ,  $D_1 - D = (f)$ , hence  $D_1 \sim D$ ,  $D$  is equivalent to an effective divisor, contradiction. Therefore  $\dim L(-D) = 0$ .
- 2 Similarly  $\dim L(D - (\omega)) = 0$ .

Riemann inequality: by  $r \leq g$

$$\dim L(-D) = \dim(dL(-D)) + 1 = \deg D - r + 1 \geq \deg D - g + 1$$

We decompose  $D = D_1 - D_2$ , where  $D_1 > 0$  and  $D_2 > 0$ , therefore  $\deg D = \deg D_1 - \deg D_2$ . By Riemann inequality  $\dim L(-D_1) \geq \deg D_1 - g + 1$ ,

$$\dim L(-D_1) \geq \deg D + \deg D_2 - g + 1$$



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continued.

Claim:  $\deg D \leq g - 1$ .

Otherwise if  $\deg D \geq g$ , then  $\dim L(-D_1) \geq \deg D_2 + 1 = n$ , there are  $\deg D_2 + 1$  linearly independent meromorphic functions in  $L(-D_1)$ ,

$$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n, n = \deg D_2 + 1.$$

$$D_2 = \sum_{k=1}^m n_k p_k, \quad n_k > 0,$$

find  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \neq 0$ , such that

$$f = \lambda_1 f_1 + \lambda_2 f_2 + \dots + \lambda_n f_n,$$

$$f \in L(-D) = L(-D_1 + D_2).$$



# Riemann-Roch Theorem

continued.

It suffices to make  $f$  to have zeros at  $p_k (1 \leq k \leq m)$  with order at least  $n_k$ , namely

$$(f) + D_1 - D_2 \geq (f) - D_2 \geq 0.$$

as previous proof

$$f_i = \sum_{j=0}^{n_k} a_{i,j}(p_k)z^j + \sum_{j=n_k+1}^{\infty} a_{i,j}(p_k)z^j$$
$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i a_{i,j}(p_k), \quad 1 \leq k \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n_k$$

There are  $n = \deg D_2 + 1$  unknowns  $\lambda_i$ , and  $\deg D_2$  equations. Therefore, there exists a non-zero solution  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n) \neq 0$ , hence  $f \neq 0$ ,  $f \in L(-D)$ , contradict to  $\dim L(-D) = 0$ . So we obtain  $\deg D \leq g - 1$ , similarly  $\deg((\omega) - D) \leq g - 1$ . □

# Riemann-Roch Theorem

continued.

But we know

$$\deg D + \deg((\omega) - D) = \deg(\omega) = 2g - 2$$

hence

$$\deg D = g - 1, \quad \deg((\omega) - D) = g - 1.$$

By three claims we obtain: if  $D$  and  $(\omega) - D$  are not (equivalent to) effective divisors, then RR still holds

$$\underbrace{\dim L(-D)}_0 + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\deg(-D)}_{g-1} = \underbrace{\dim L(-((\omega) - D))}_0 + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\deg(-((\omega) - D))}_{g-1}$$

