Curves and Jacobians

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Let *C* be the plane curve over \mathbb{Q} defined by F(x, y) = 0, where $F(x, y) = 27y^8 + (16x^{15} - 96x^{14} - 384x^{13} + 3232x^{12} - 5424x^{11} + 960x^{10} + 960x^8 + 5424x^7 + 3232x^6 + 384x^5 - 96x^4 - 16x^3)y^6$ $+(-288x^{28} + 3456x^{27} - 14400x^{26} + 14976x^{25} + 56160x^{24} - 142848x^{23} - 52992x^{22} + 400896x^{21} - 55872x^{20} - 624384x^{19}$ $+134784x^{18} + 624384x^{17} - 55872x^{16} - 400896x^{15} - 52992x^{14} + 142848x^{13} + 56160x^{12} - 14976x^{11} - 14400x^{10} - 3456x^9 - 288x^8)y^4$ $-256x^{56} + 6144x^{55} - 62464x^{54} + 333824x^{53} - 859648x^{52} - 120832x^{51} + 7252992x^{50} - 16046080x^{49} - 9891072x^{48} + 90136576x^{47}$ $-73076736x^{46} - 237805568x^{45} + 420485120x^{44} + 341843968x^{43} - 1165840384x^{42} - 192667648x^{41} + 2178936320x^{40} - 238563328x^{39}$ $-3063240704x^{38} + 639488000x^{37} + 3412593664x^{36} - 639488000x^{35} - 3063240704x^{34} + 238563328x^{33} + 2178936320x^{32}$ $+192667648x^{31} - 1165840384x^{30} - 341843968x^{29} + 420485120x^{28} + 237805568x^{27} - 73076736x^{26} - 90136576x^{25} - 9891072x^{24}$ $+16046080x^{23} + 7252992x^{22} + 120832x^{21} - 859648x^{20} - 333824x^{19} - 62464x^{18} - 6144x^{17} - 256x^{16}.$

What is the genus of *C*?

Fix a field K (think $K = \mathbb{Q}$).

Consider a curve

$$C:F(x,y)=0$$

where $F(x, y) \in K[x, y]$ irreducible over \overline{K} .

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Main idea: represent "difficult" points of \widetilde{C} by formal parametrisations $x(t), y(t) \in \overline{K}((t))$. These series can be found by a desingularisation process based on Puiseux series (factorisation of F(x, y) in K((x))[y]).

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Implemented for $K = \mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ (with polred), \mathbb{F}_p , \mathbb{F}_q ; should also work for general K of characteristic 0, as long as factor accepts inputs in K[x].

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For (i, j) strictly in the convex hull of the support of F(x, y), the differential $\omega_{i,j} = \frac{x^{j-1}y^{j-1}}{\partial F/\partial y} dx$ is regular everywhere on F(x, y) = 0, except maybe at singular points. Any regular differential is a linear combination of these.

 \rightsquigarrow Strategy: Compute local parametrisations at all the singular points . Plug them into the $\omega_{i,j}$, and use linear algebra over K to find the combinations whose polar parts vanish.

 \rightsquigarrow Get *K*-basis of the space $\Omega(C)$ of holomorphic differentials. The genus of the curve is its dimension.

Application: Hyperelliptic curves

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Theorem (van Hoeij)

More generally, let $\Omega(C) = \langle \omega_1, \cdots, \omega_g \rangle$, and let d be the dimension of the span of the $\omega_i \omega_j$.

Application: Canonical projections

Let $\Omega(C) = \langle \omega_1, \cdots, \omega_g \rangle$. The <u>canonical embedding</u> is $C \xrightarrow{(\omega_1 : \cdots : \omega_g)} \mathbb{P}^{g-1}$.

- If C is not hyperelliptic, this is really an embedding.
- If C is hyperelliptic, then this is 2:1 with image a conic.

When C is not hyperelliptic, we can project onto a plane \rightsquigarrow nicer equations for C.

Example

By this method, we find a much nicer model for our horrible curve of genus 7: $(3y^5 - 6y^3 + 3y)x^4 + (2y^8 - 8y^7 + 4y^6 + 12y^5 + 12y^3 - 4y^2 - 8y - 2)x^2$ $+(9y^9 - 36y^8 - 36y^7 + 36y^6 + 18y^5 - 36y^4 - 36y^3 + 36y^2 + 9y) = 0.$

Riemann-Roch

Let $D = \sum n_{\widetilde{P}} \widetilde{P}$ formal \mathbb{Z} -linear combination of points of \widetilde{C} . The attached Riemann-Roch space is

$$\mathcal{L}(D) = \{ f \in K(C) \mid \operatorname{ord}_{\widetilde{P}} h \geqslant -n_{\widetilde{P}} \text{ for all } \widetilde{P} \in \widetilde{C} \}.$$

This is a finite-dimensional K-vector space. We want a basis.

Represent points $\widetilde{P} \in \widetilde{C}$ either as nonsingular points $P \in C$, or as local parametrisations.

Strategy:

- Precompute the integral closure O_C of K[x] in the function field K(C) = K(x)[y]/F(x, y) of C.
- Find common denominator $d(x) \in K[x]$ such that $f(x, y) \in \mathcal{L}(D) \Longrightarrow d(x)h(x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_{C}$.
- Use local parametrisations to find combinations vanishing at appropriate order at relevant points.

Example: Creation, divisors, Riemann-Roch

```
C=crvinit(x^11+y^7-2*x*y^5,t,a);
crvprint(C)
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P=[1,1]
D=[P,-3;1,2;2,-1]
crvdivprint(C,D);
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L=crvRR(C,D)
crvfndiv(C,L[1],1);
crvfndiv(C,L[2],1);
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Example: Rational curves

```
f=x^5+y^7+Mod(b,b^2-2)*x^3*y^3;
C=crvinit(f,t,a);
crvprint(C)
```

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[T,param]=crvrat(C,1,3)
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lift(param)
substvec(f,[x,y],param)
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lift(T)
crvfndiv(C,T,1);
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crvrat(C)

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C=crvinit(x^5+y^6+x^3*y,t,a);
crvprint(C)
crvishyperell(C)
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C1=crvinit(x<sup>5</sup>+y<sup>7</sup>+x<sup>3</sup>*y<sup>4</sup>,t,a);
crvprint(C1)
crvell(C1,[1,-1,0])
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Application 1: Jacobians and mod ℓ Galois representations

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Each $x \in J = \operatorname{Pic}^{0}(\widetilde{C})$ is of the form $x = [D - D_{0}]$ for some effective D of degree d_{0} . Represent it by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1(P_1) & v_2(P_1) & \cdots \\ v_1(P_2) & v_2(P_2) & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

where v_1, v_2, \cdots is a basis of $\mathcal{L}(2D_0 - D) \subset \mathcal{L}(2D_0)$.

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Algorithm (Group law in J)

Given
$$x_1 = [D_1 - D_0]$$
 and $x_2 = [D_2 - D_0] \in J$, let's compute
 $x_3 = [D_3 - D_0] \in J$: $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$.
1 $\mathcal{L}(4D_0 - D_1 - D_2) = \mathcal{L}(2D_0 - D_1) \cdot \mathcal{L}(2D_0 - D_2)$,
2 $\mathcal{L}(3D_0 - D_1 - D_2) = \{s \in \mathcal{L}(3D_0) \mid s \cdot \mathcal{L}(D_0) \subset \mathcal{L}(4D_0 - D_1 - D_2)\},$
3 Pick $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{L}(3D_0 - D_1 - D_2)$: then

$$(f) = -3D_0 + D_1 + D_2 + D_3 \rightsquigarrow x_3 = [D_3 - D_0],$$

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$$\mathcal{L}(2D_0 - D_3) = \{s \in \mathcal{L}(2D_0) | s \cdot \mathcal{L}(3D_0 - D_1 - D_2) \subset f\mathcal{L}(2D_0)\}.$$

Division polynomials, Galois representations

Suppose $K = \mathbb{Q}$. Let $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ prime, suppose we want to understand the Galois action on $J[\ell]$.

- Fix $p \neq \ell$ of good reduction. Find $q = p^a$ such that $J[\ell]$ defined over \mathbb{F}_q .
- **②** Generate \mathbb{F}_q -points of $J[\ell]$ until we get an \mathbb{F}_ℓ -basis.
- **③** Hensel-lift these points from $J(\mathbb{F}_q)$ to $J(\mathbb{Z}_q/p^e)$, $e \gg 1$.
- Use Makdisi to recover all of $J(\mathbb{Z}_q/p^e)[\ell]$.

9 Pick
$$\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}(J)$$
. Evaluate $\psi_{\ell}(x) = \prod_{t \in T} (x - \alpha(t))$.

6 Identify
$$\psi_\ell(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$$
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Theorem (M., 2019))

Let S/\mathbb{Q} be a regular surface. For every ℓ , one can construct a curve C/\mathbb{Q} such that $H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z}) \subset Jac(C)[\ell]$ (as Galois-modules, up to twist by the cyclotomic character and uninteresting bits).

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Application 2: Integration of algebraic functions

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Liouville's criterion shows that $\int f(x, y) dx$ elementary "iff." some divisors are torsion in Pic⁰(C).

Example

On $C_m: y^2 = x^4 + 10x^2 - 96x - m$, $\omega = x dx/y$ has simple poles at ∞_+ and ∞_- with $\operatorname{Res}_{\infty_{\pm}} \omega = \pm 1$, and $[\infty_+ - \infty_-]$ is 8-torsion for m = 71, but non-torsion for most m.

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Let $D \in \text{Div}^{0}(C)$. If *m* is small, we compute $\mathcal{L}(dD)$ for $d \mid m$. If *m* is large, we check the order of *D* in $\text{Pic}^{0}(\overline{C}_{\mathfrak{p}_{i}})$ by using Makdisi's algorithms.

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```
C=crvinit(x^9-y^5+2*x^4*y^2,t,b); crvprint(C);
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L=crvzeta(C,11)
factor(subst(L,x,1))
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crvboundtorsion(C)

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D1=[[-1,1],1;1,-1]; crvdivprint(C,D1);
crvdivistorsion(C,D1)
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D2=[2,1;3,-1]; crvdivprint(C,D2);
crvdivistorsion(C,D2)
crvfndiv(C,%[2],1);
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An example with 91-torsion

Let
$$f(x) = x^8 - 2x^7 + 7x^6 - 6x^5 - x^4 + 10x^3 - 6x^2 + 1$$
.
Then $\int \frac{2x^3 + 22x^2 + 47x - 91}{x\sqrt{f(x)}} dx$
 $= \log \left(A(x)\sqrt{f(x)} + B(x) \right) - 91 \log(x)$, where $A(x) =$

 $2 \pm 159739273 x^{17} - 50843222146612 x^{180} + 50322577935158 x^{180} - 3200657096642275 x^{180} + 142146272660403 x^{180} - 42679238719215767 x^{180} + 1932052747583175605376 x^{180} + 103193576266076957 x^{180} - 1828008617351129638 x^{17} - 1325040257990792 x^{18} + 103193576266076957 x^{180} - 182800861751 x^{150} - 13208140955650816 x^{17} + 3057501416590971447 x^{13} + 335502286954885625 x^{17} - 62530951565226515902 x^{110} - 23620986960572708 x^{19} + 149015556444634570168 x^{100} - 10733416607981325445 x^{100} - 1205600093811258627 x^{160} - 29395421177535766713 x^{60} - 107038416607981325445 x^{100} - 1205600093811258627 x^{160} - 29395421177535766713 x^{60} - 109097783352405 x^{100} + 12056500093811258627 x^{160} - 29305410512708 x^{100} - 29305410512708 x^{100} - 29305410512708 x^{100} - 2930541051278 x^{100} - 2105600093811258627 x^{100} - 293054105127 x^{100} - 2105600093811258627 x^{100} - 2105600093811258627 x^{100} - 2105600093811258627 x^{100} - 2105600093812586278 x^{100} - 1106709090224065627293 x^{14} + 156323256551716131 x^{160} - 299726675815819569903 x^{17} - 26713429771172 x^{100} + 14412268014061544643 x^{100} + 1156930353210 x^{100} + 15633232955217161631 x^{100} - 299726675815819569903 x^{17} - 2671342977123104 x^{100} - 1216169740912925617023 x^{16} + 15056472933 x^{14} + 203551716151 x^{100} - 299726675815815959903 x^{17} - 2671342977123104 x^{100} - 12146174490197713 x^{100} - 12064727493275455454 x^{100} + 15633236955271652 x^{110} + 2992354885101510007 x^{11} - 29972667581581959903 x^{17} - 26713429772371104 x^{100} - 26713429772371104 x^{100} - 267134297723710 x^{110} + 31034663095096540 x^{13} - 289238283714912 x^{100} - 267133429771231104 x^{10} - 1144694372153406521 x^{10} + 3992611957723790 x^{11} + 3103465304557 x^{11} - 290263339310446762 x^{11} - 2972667381594771 x^{110} - 718153967818484 x^{11} - 23531960340578 x^{11} + 125098073559 x^{11} + 110749320 x^{11} - 161750345563 x^{10} - 911100534854 x^{11} + 13734984510502 x^{11} - 2353196034 x^{11} - 13032415904 x^{11}$

and $B(x) \underset{\text{horror}}{\sim} A(x)$.

This is related to a rational 91-torsion point in $Pic^0(y^2 - f(x))$. (Curve found by Steffen Müller and Berno Reitsma)

Final examples

Let
$$-x^5 + yx + y^4 = 0$$
 (genus 5).
Then $\int \frac{x^3}{y} dx = \frac{4y^3}{11x} + \frac{1}{11} \log\left(\frac{y^3}{x}\right)$.

This involves spotting that some divisor is 11-torsion.

Our implementation takes 1 second; FriCAS takes 18 hours!

Same thing with

$$\int \frac{x^2 + 4y^3}{x^3} \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{16y^3}{13x^2} + \frac{1}{13} \log \left(\frac{-x^{15} + 3yx^{10} - 3y^2x^5 + y^3}{x^{41}} \right)$$

where $-x^7 + yx^2 + y^4 = 0$ (genus 6, 13-torsion).

Conclusion



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Thank you!