

Title: Coordinate Charts on Character Varieties via Non-abelianization

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Abstract:

Classical work by Thurston in the theory of surfaces gives symplectic co-ordinate charts on Teichmüller space, associated to quadratic differentials. Motivated by wall crossing in 4d field theories Gaiotto, Moore and Neitzke defined a generalization of these; giving maps from the moduli of one dimensional local systems on a spectral curve to the moduli space of n-dimensional local systems on a non-compact Riemann surface. I will describe joint work with M. Ionita which extends this construction to arbitrary reductive algebraic groups G . Time permitting I will describe the interpretation of this construction in terms of the wild Riemann--Hilbert Correspondence in the closely related setting of Frobenius manifolds.

Co-ordinate charts, character varieties & non-abelianization.

jt w/ Matei Ionita.

Local systems on X .

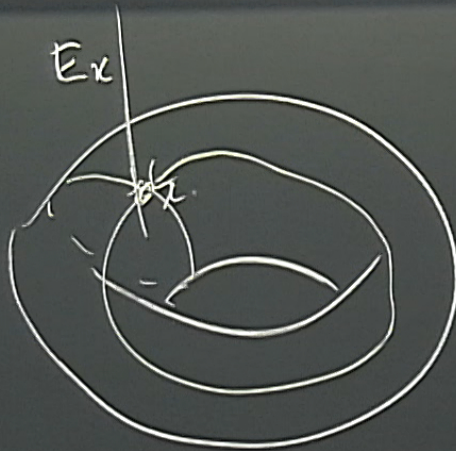
1. A locally constant sheaf of vector spaces on X .

Example: (holomorphic) VB w/ flat connection.

→ Sheaf of flat sections/solutions.

abelianization.

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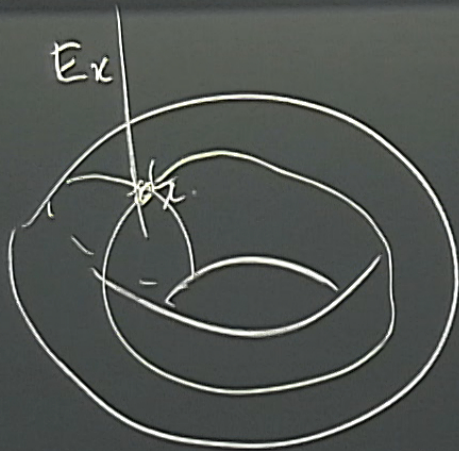
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$$\left\{ \pi_1(X) \right\} \longrightarrow \text{GL}(n) / \langle \text{conj} \rangle$$

Moduli spaces of these

↓ 1 dimensional

$$(\mathbb{C}^x)^{\mathbb{Z}_n} / \mathbb{C}^x$$

spaces

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A more interesting example:

If we have a top surface X^{top} ($g \geq 2$)
then X with $\text{top}(X) \cong X^{\text{top}}$

$$\pi_1(X) \subset \text{Universal cover space} \cong \mathbb{H}$$

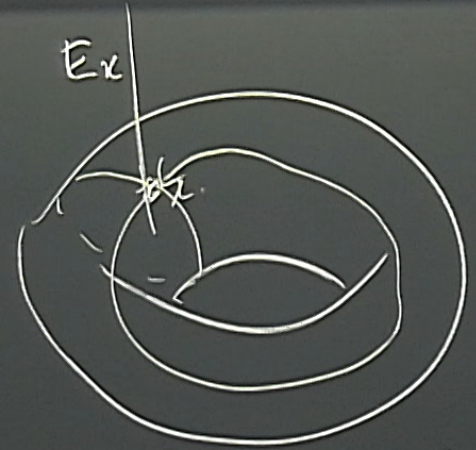
$$\text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}) \cong \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})$$

opposite
orientation
↓

$$M_B(X, \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})) \cong \pi_1(X^{\text{top}}) \perp \pi_1(\overline{X^{\text{top}}})$$

non-abelianization.

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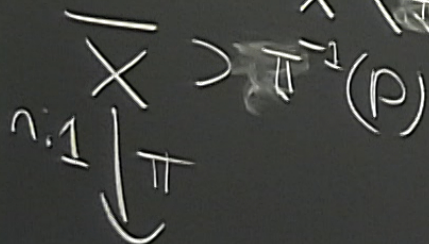
~~vector spaces~~

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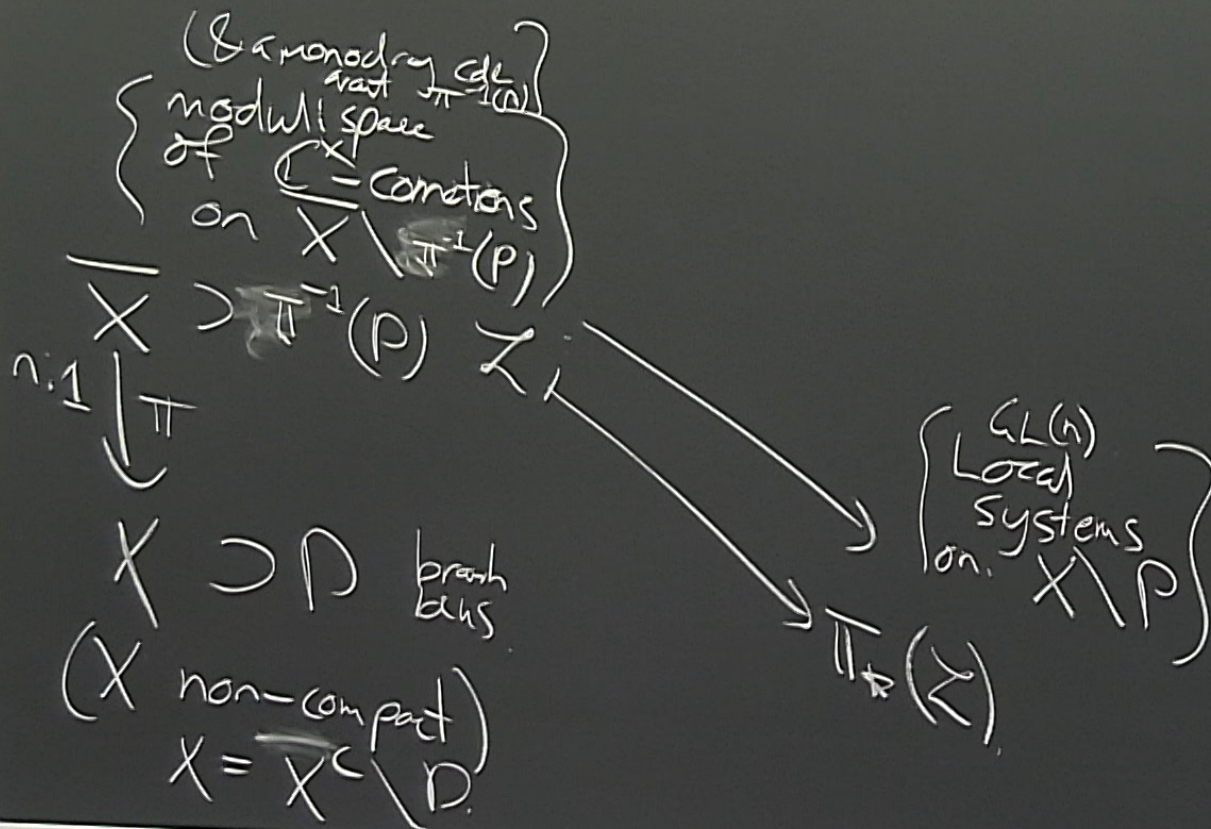
In GMN (non-abelianization)

{ moduli space
of \mathbb{C}^* -connections
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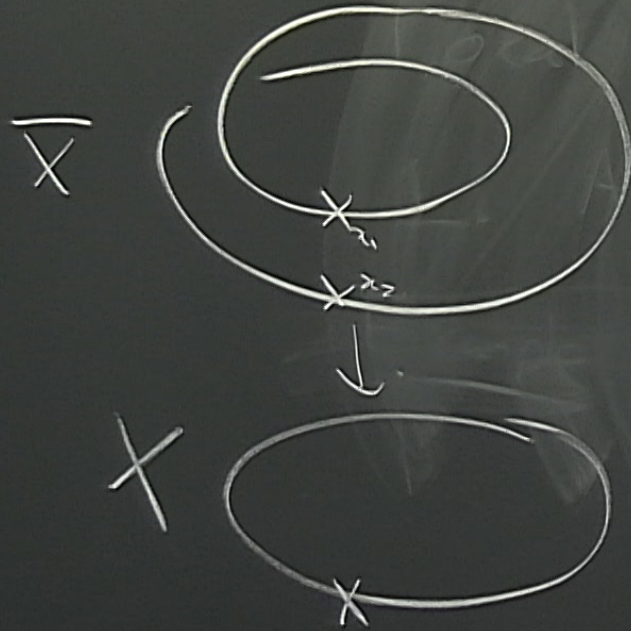
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(X non-compact)
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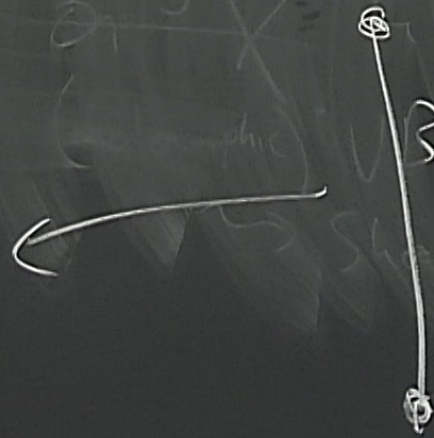


Co-ordinate charts, character varieties & non-abelianization.

π w/ Matsui, Taniya

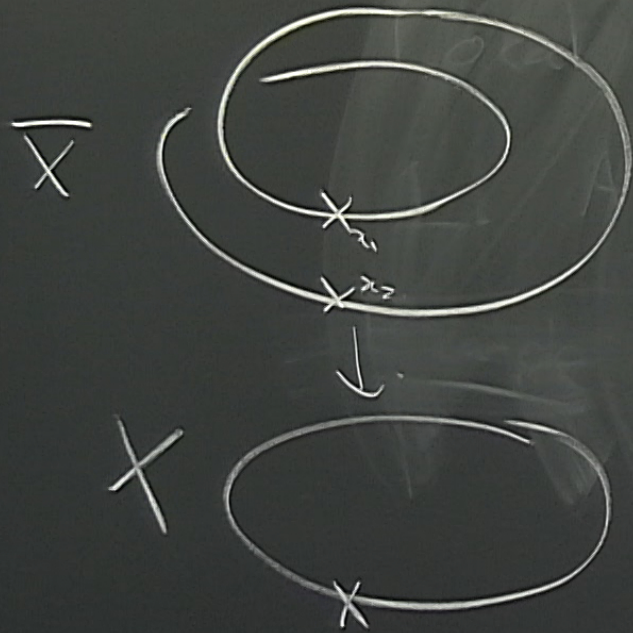


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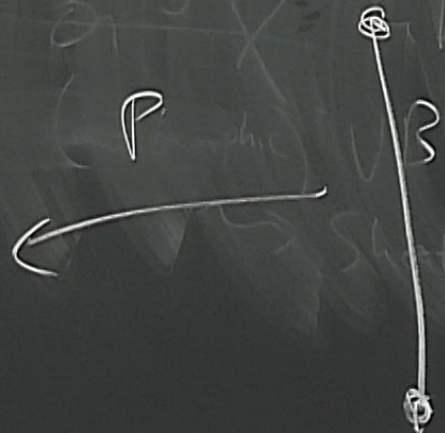


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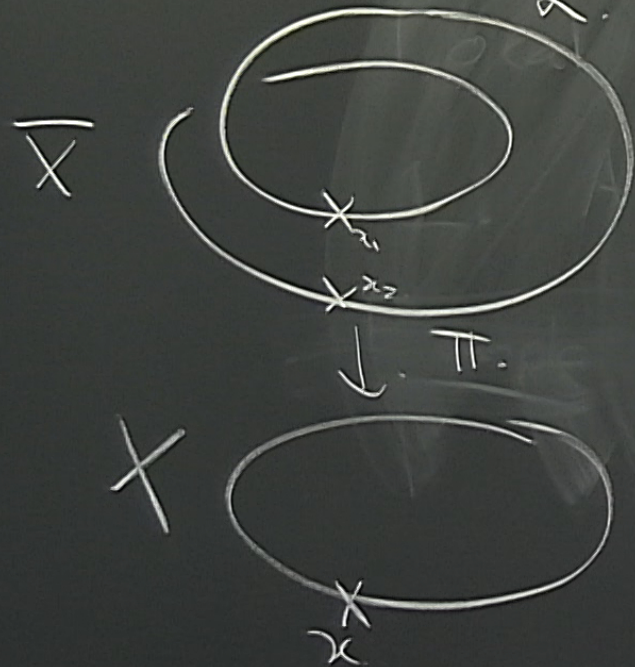


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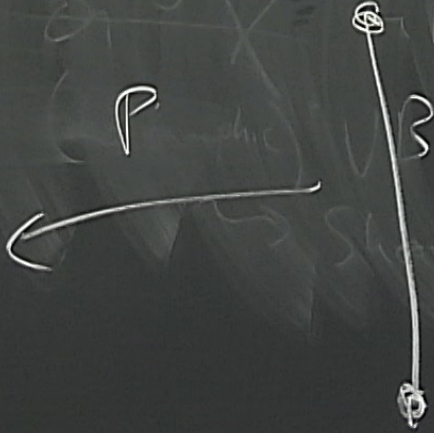


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$\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{W} / \text{Mat}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ Torita



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non-abelianization.

\mathbb{Z}/x_1
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 \mathbb{Z}/x_2

Homomorphism
extending to...

$$\rho \otimes \pi \otimes \mathbb{Z} \Big|_x \xrightarrow{g} \rho \otimes \pi \otimes \mathbb{Z} \Big|_{x'} \oplus (\mathbb{Z})$$

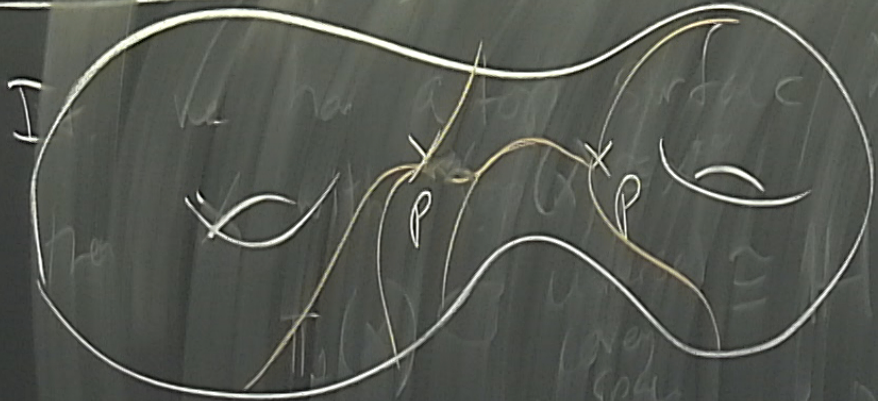
New local system w/ monodromy

$$g \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Modular species of these

1-dimensional $(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z})$

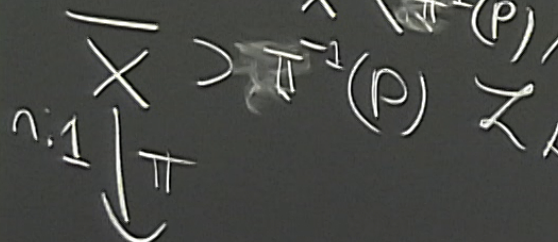
A more interesting example



$I_{\text{sm}}(H) \cong \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})$
 $M_6(X, \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})) \cong \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

In GMN (non-abelianization)

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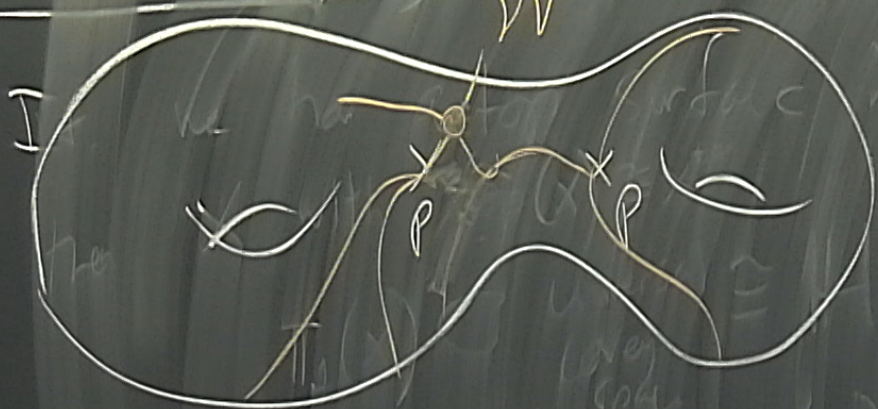
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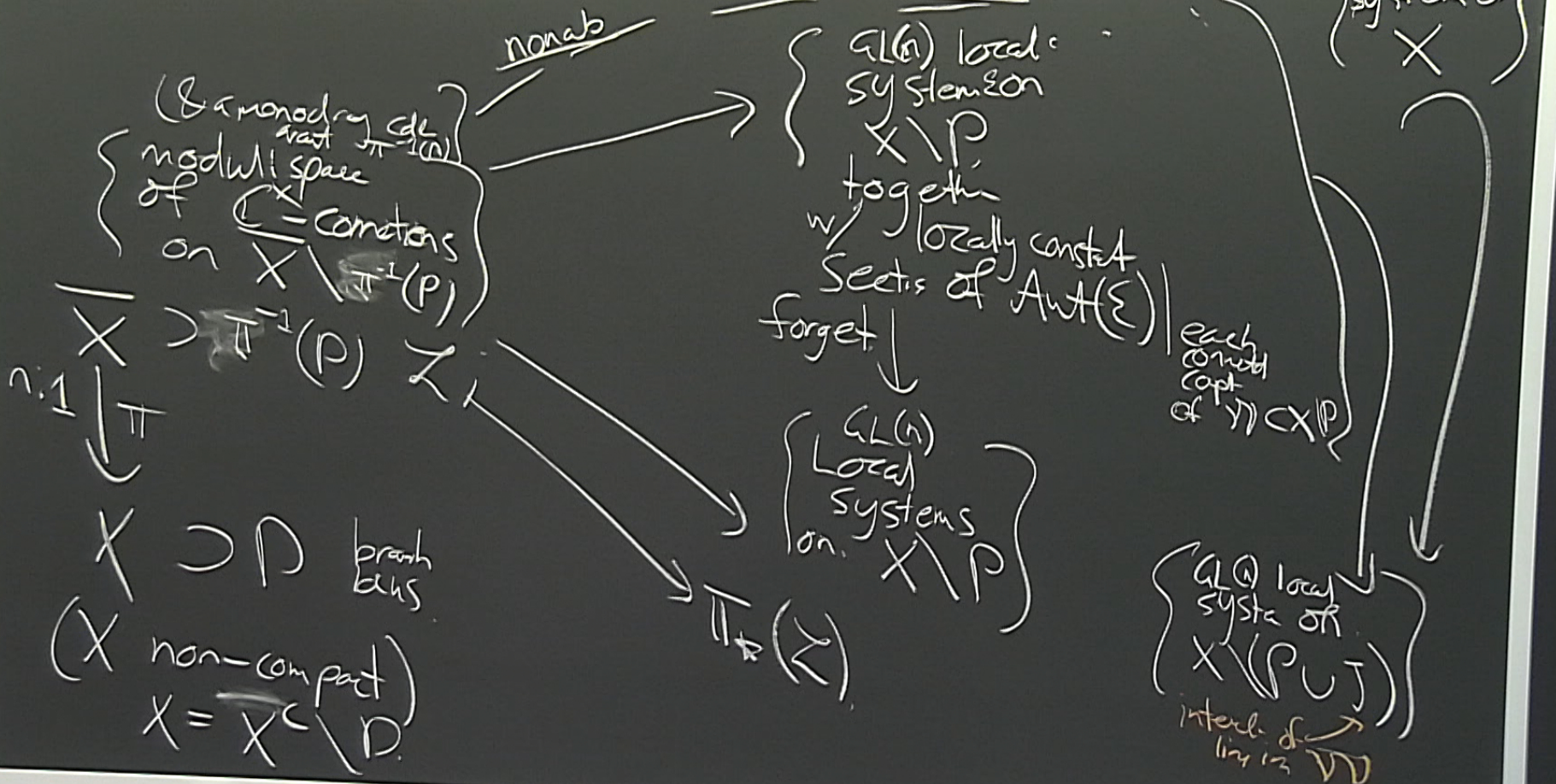
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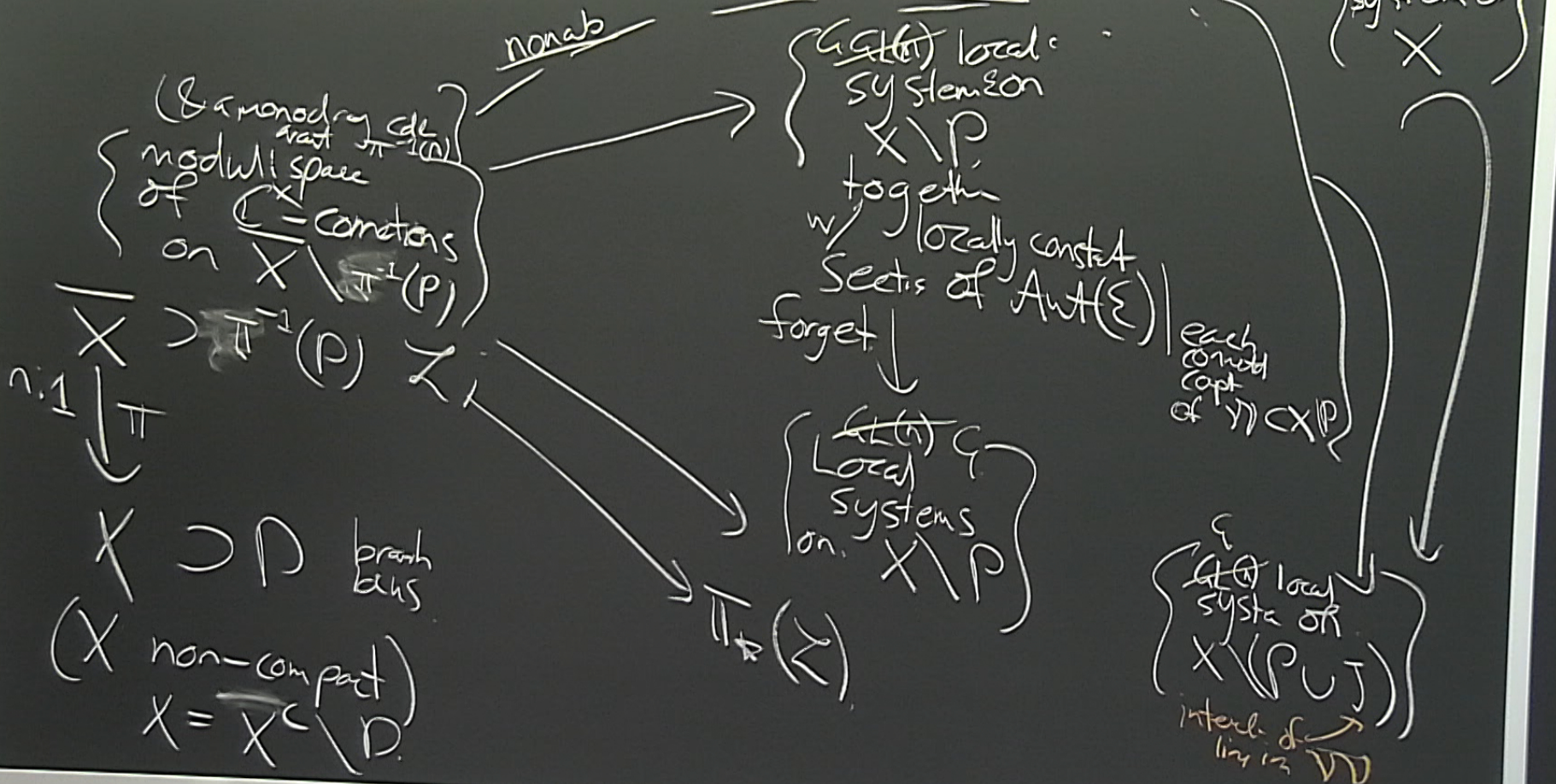


$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Isom}(H) &\cong \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \\
 \mathcal{M}_g(X, \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})) &\cong \mathcal{M}_g(X, \mathbb{R})
 \end{aligned}$$

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1. Analogue of.

$$\text{Loc } \mathcal{L} \times (\overline{X} \setminus \pi^{-1}(P))$$

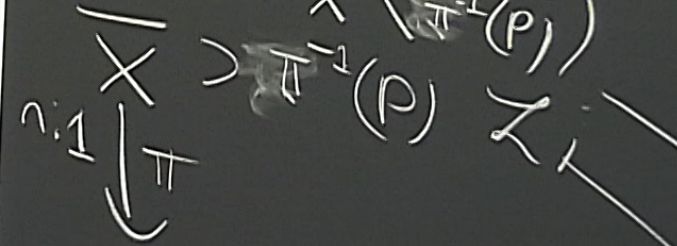
& analogue of the monodromy condition

2. What is \mathcal{L} ?

3. Motivation for cutting & gluing procedure

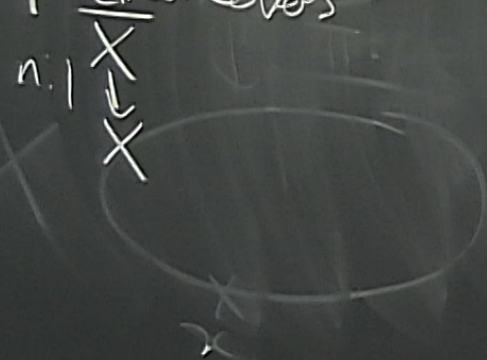
In GMN

(& a monodromy condition) no
moduli space of \mathcal{L} -connections on $X \setminus \pi^{-1}(P)$
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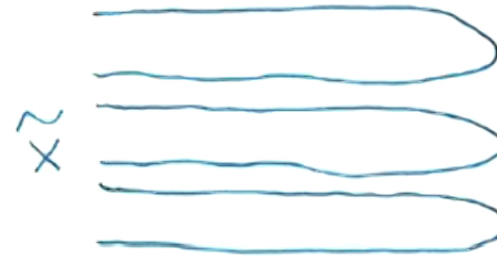
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Co-ordinate charts, character varieties & non-abelianization.

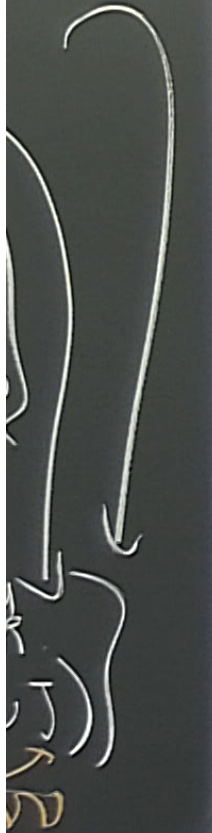
<p>it w/ Matern Tonta</p> <p>$GL(n)$</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>$\mathbb{E} \in$ Locally constant vector bundles</p>	<p>Locally constant ppi G-bundles</p> <p>$Hom_{iso}(E, \mathbb{C}^n)$</p> <p>$GL(n)$ act by postcomposition w/ $\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$</p>
<p>Spectral covers</p> <p>$n:1 \begin{matrix} X \\ \downarrow \\ X \end{matrix}$</p> 	<p>Canonical cover (Donagi, Fattings, Scognamiglio)</p> <p>$Hom_{iso}(X, \{1, 2, \dots, n\})$</p> <p>$\xrightarrow{\quad} X$</p>

$SL(3, \mathbb{C})$ example: spectral cover VS cameral cover

- Take $G = SL(3, \mathbb{C})$, generically 3 distinct eigenvalues.
- Ramification of order 2: two eigenvalues become equal.



$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ locally system on X



Co-ordinate charts, character varieties & non-abelianization.

\mathbb{A}^1 w/ $GL(n)$	Matrices T on \mathbb{A}^1	\mathbb{A}^1
\mathbb{A}^1 Locally constant vector bundles	Locally constant ppf \mathbb{C} -bundles	$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(E, \mathbb{C}^n)$ $GL(n)$ act by postcomposition w/ $\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$
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non-abelianization.

(E, \mathbb{C}^n)
 $GL(n)$ act by postcomposition
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(Higgs, Segre, ...)

$$d_i \in T(X^c, K_{X^c} \otimes \mathcal{O}(1)^{\otimes i})$$

Moduli space of these

1 dimensional $(\mathbb{C}^*)^2$

non-abelianization.

(E, \mathbb{C}^n) $GL(n)$
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$$\mathbb{Z} \left\langle d_i \in T(X^c, K_{X^c}(\mathbb{1})^{\otimes i}) \right\rangle$$

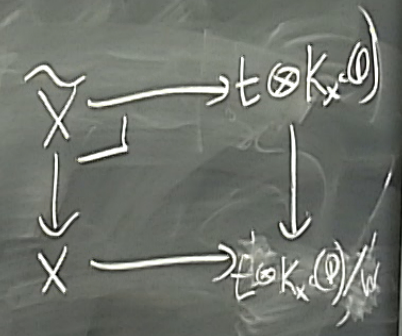
$$T^{\text{an}}(X^c, \tan \left(\frac{\bigoplus_{\mathbb{C}} K_{X^c}(\mathbb{1})}{S^1} \right) \Big/ S^1)$$

Moduli space of these
1-dimensional $(\mathbb{C}^x)_{\mathbb{Z}^n}$

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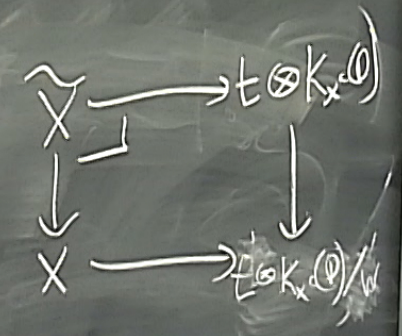
(X, \mathbb{C}^n)
 $(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathbb{C}^n)$

Moduli space of type
 1 1 dimensional $(\mathbb{C}^n)^{\mathbb{Z}^n}$

non-abelianization.

$$\sum d_i \in T(X^c, K_{X^c}(\mathbb{1})^{\otimes i})$$

$$T^{\text{an}}(X^c, \tan \frac{\otimes K_{X^c}(\mathbb{1})}{S^1})$$



(E, \mathbb{C}^n) act by postcomposition w/ $\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$

(Huybrechts, Scognarillo)

\mathbb{C}^n -local systems on $\tilde{X} \setminus \Pi^{-1}(P)$

N -local systems \mathbb{C}^n w/ $\mathbb{C}^n / T \cong \tilde{X} \setminus \Pi^{-1}(P)$

(analysis of Deligne-Gaitsgory)

GL(n) locally system on X



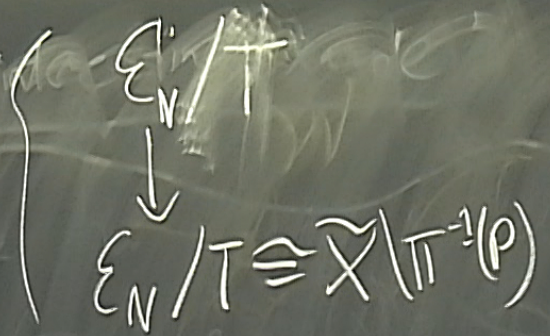
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$\otimes k_x \oplus \mathcal{O}$
 \downarrow
 $\otimes k_x \oplus \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{I}$

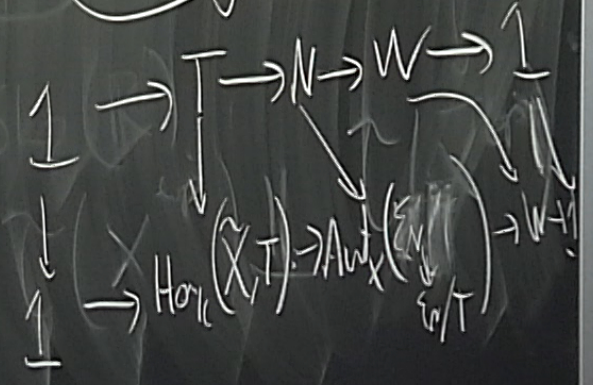
 $\text{ens } \mathcal{I}_N$
 $\rightarrow X/\pi^{-1}(p)$
 (category)

\cong
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is a T-bundle on
 canonical cover
 which is
 "N-shifted
 weakly
 W-equivalent"

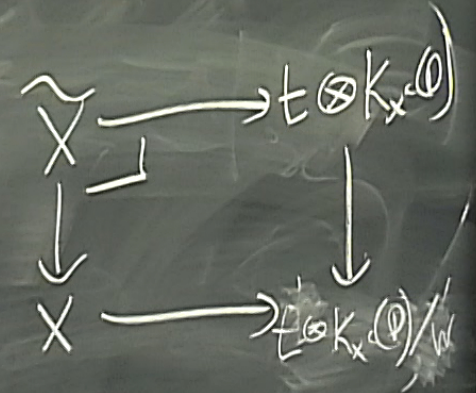
$$1 \rightarrow T \rightarrow N \rightarrow W \rightarrow 1$$



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$$T^{\text{an}}(X^c, \tan \frac{\otimes K_{X^c}(\mathbb{D})}{S^1})_{w/}$$



$GL(n)$
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 $w/ \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$

(cognomillo)

Local systems on
 $\tilde{X} \times \Pi^{-1}(P)$

1 1 dimensional $(\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{Z}^n)$

N-local systems $\mathbb{Z}_N^{\otimes X}$
 $w/ \mathbb{E}_N / T \cong \tilde{X} \times \Pi^{-1}(P)$
(analyse of
Dorogov-Grafsky)

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cover

$\{g, z\}$

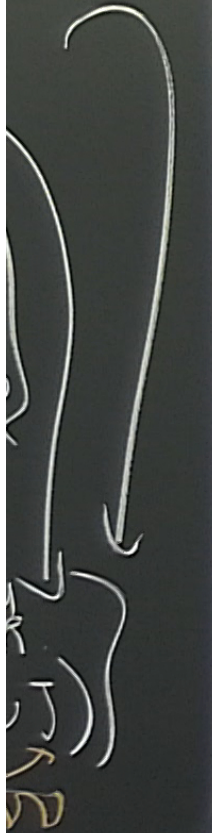
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$$\tilde{X} \xrightarrow{w} \tilde{X}$$

$\&$ $p: Z \rightarrow w^\phi(Z)$

L is the T ball on \tilde{X} .

~~GL(n) local systems on~~
X



Co-ordinate charts, character varieties & non-abelianization.

For $GL(n)$:

$$N \cong T \times W$$

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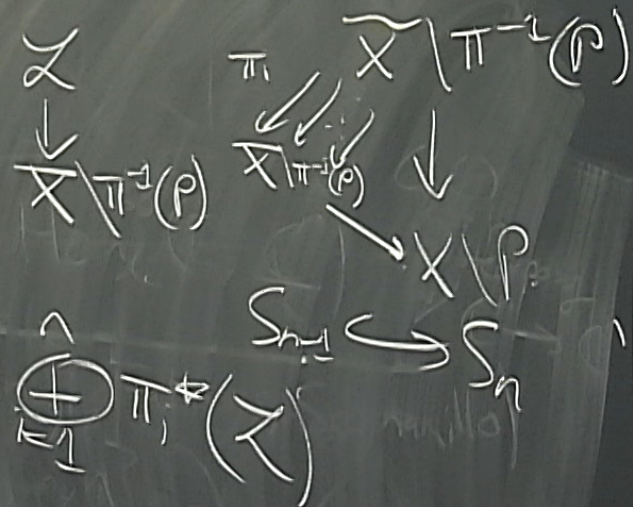
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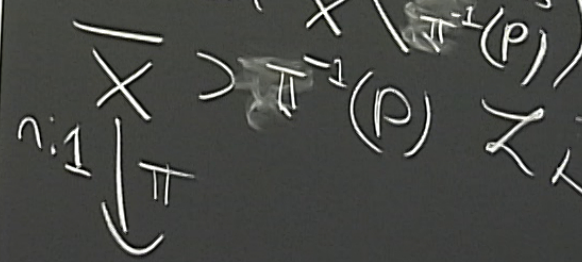
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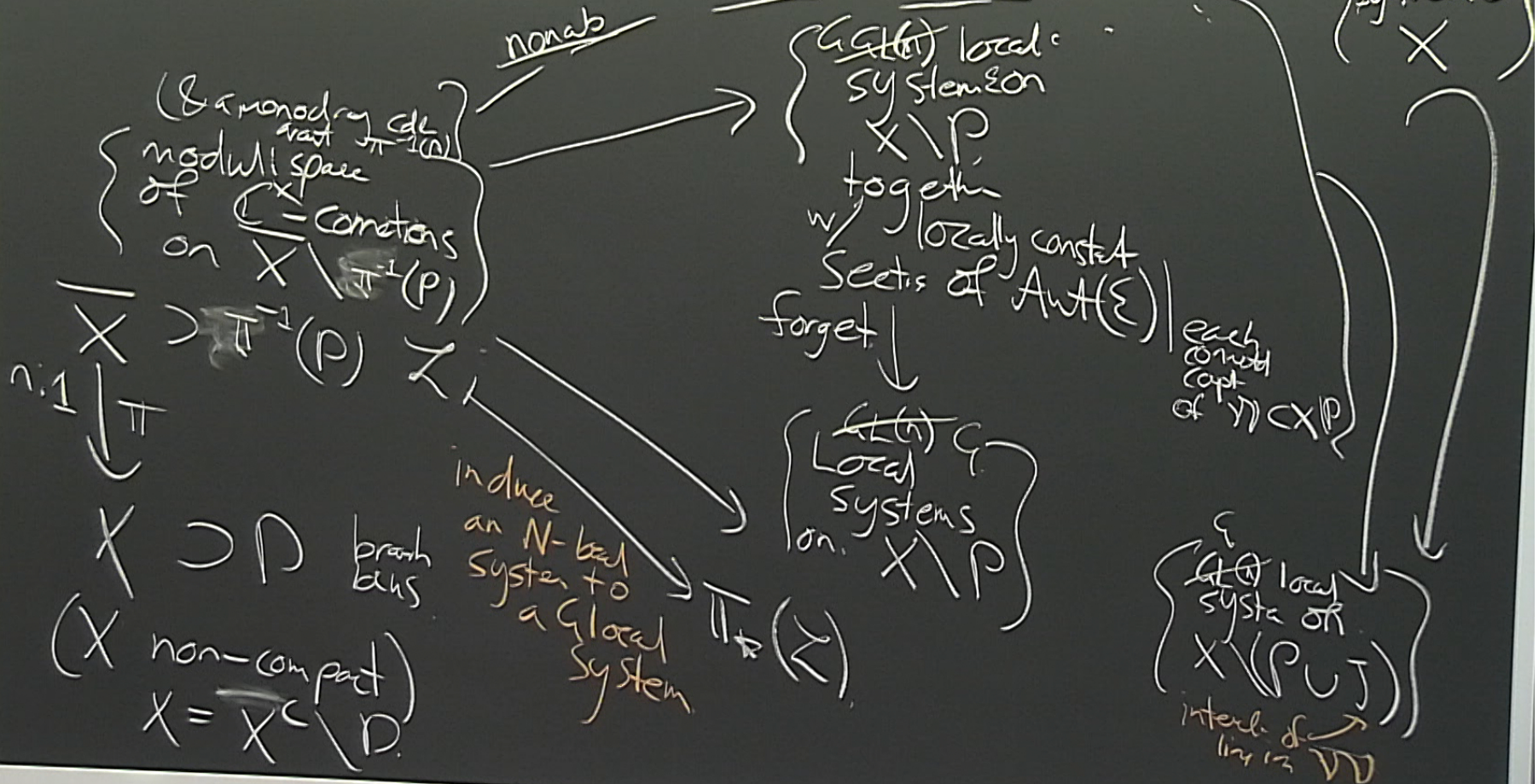
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In GMN (non-abelianization)



Thu... x



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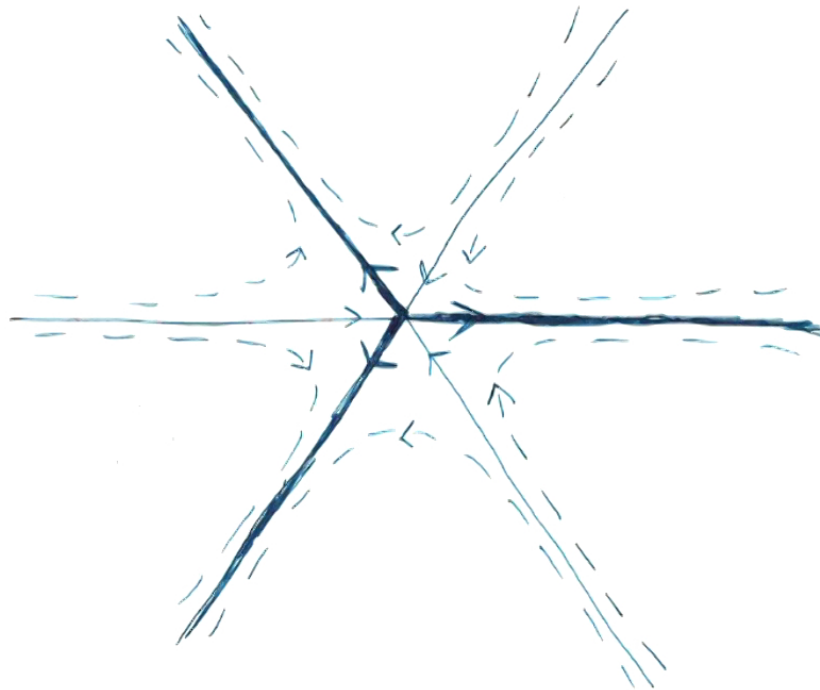


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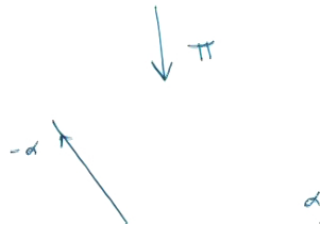
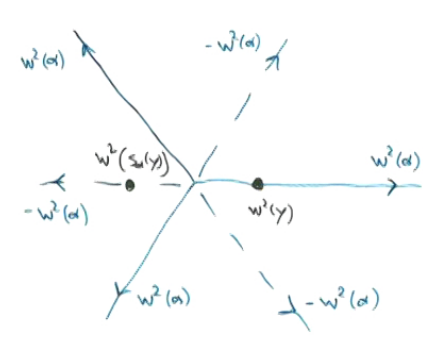
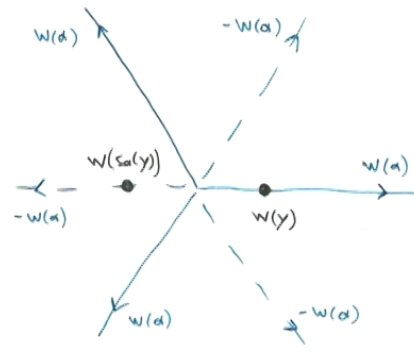
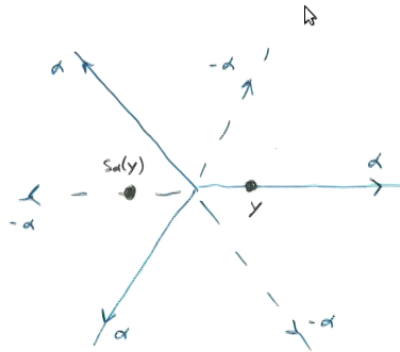
Projective vector field around ramification point



Thu...

$SL(3, \mathbb{C})$ example: equivariance

$$S_3 \cong W = \langle s_\alpha, w \mid s_\alpha^2 = 1, w^3 = 1, s_\alpha w s_\alpha^{-1} = w^2 \rangle$$



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Spectral Networks and Non-abelianization

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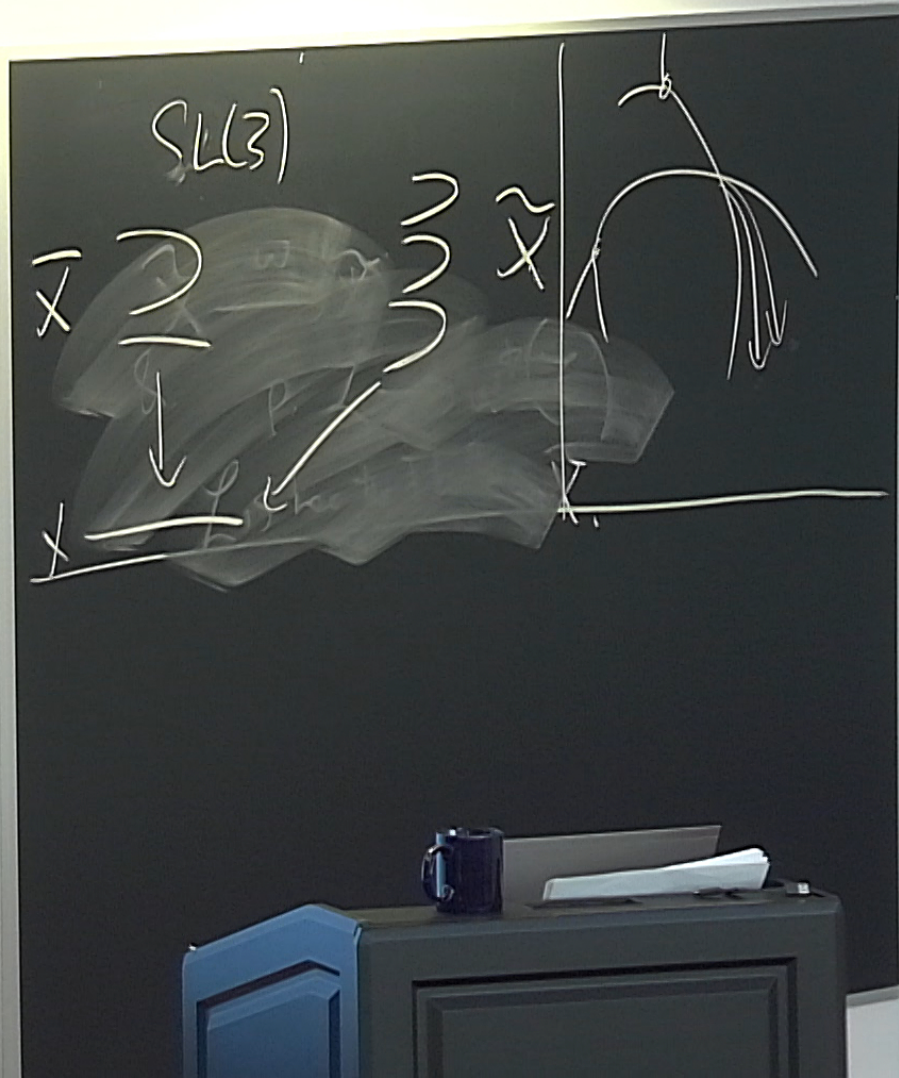
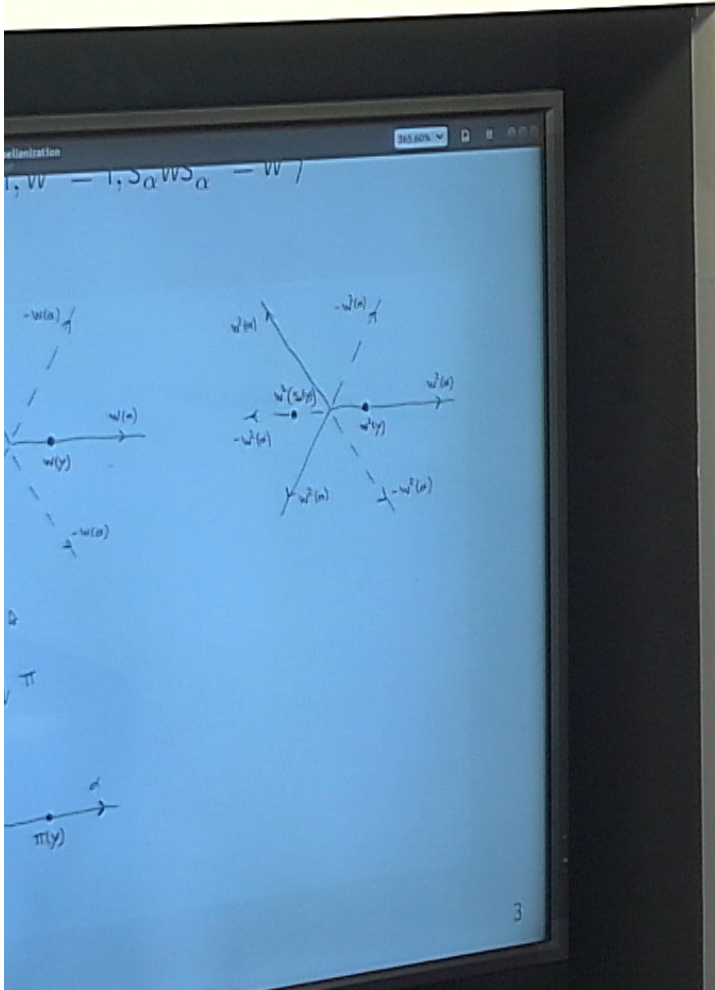
$SL(3)$

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X



Take the lines stab at $r \in R$,
alg to projecta, vector field (for each x)

Image of these lines in X .



any local
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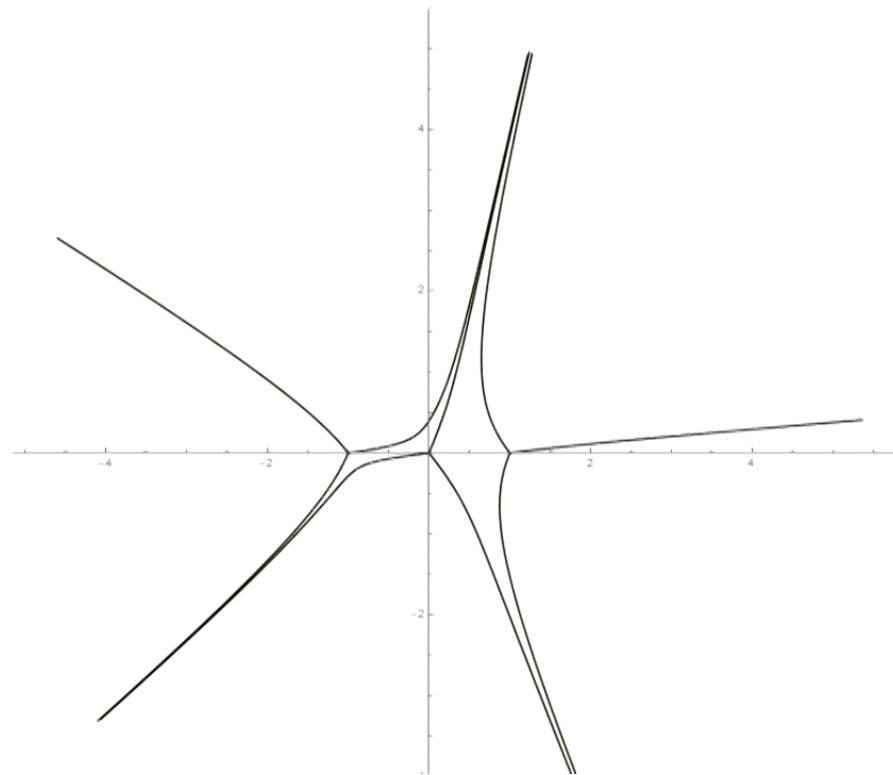
Take the lines σ at $r \in R$,
alg to projecta, vector field (for each α)

At intersections add new lines for
positive natural numb combos of roots

Then pushforward to X

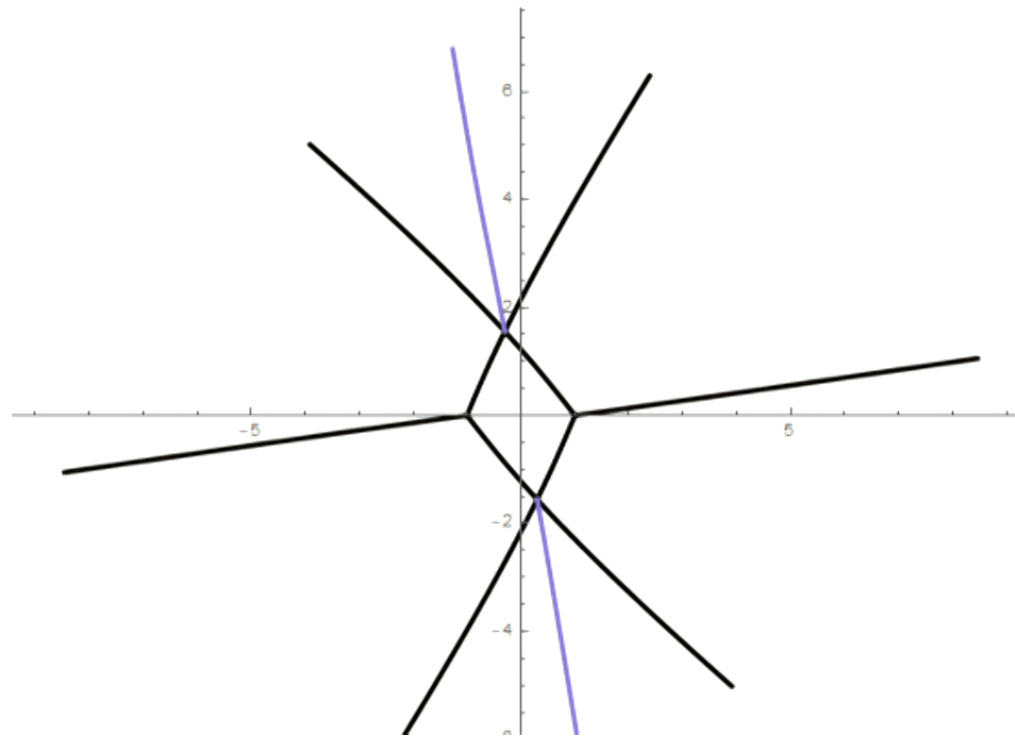
A spectral network for $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$

On \mathbb{P}^1 , characteristic polynomial $\lambda^2 - z(z - 1)(z + 1)$.



A spectral network for $SL(3, \mathbb{C})$

On \mathbb{P}^1 , characteristic polynomial $\lambda^3 + 3\lambda + 2iz$.



Coordinate charts, character varieties & non-abelianization.

At branch pts

→ trivialize the ^(smooth) local cover near branch pt, so that monodromy of \bar{X}

is S_X

Then our restriction on monodromy is

N -monodromy is in $S_X \times T_X$

$$T_X = \text{image}(T_{S_X}) \subset T_X$$

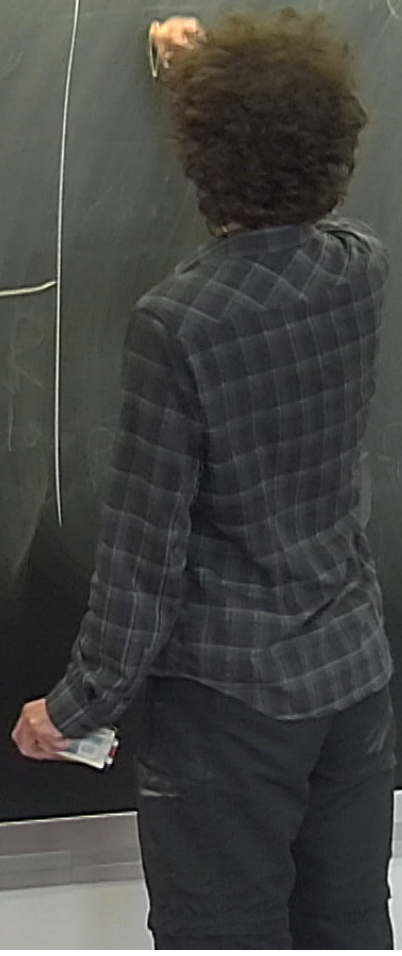
$$T_X = S_X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$${}^F \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} =$$

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$X \rightarrow$

new lines (trivial)

prop: As long as all the roots are integral.

are plan on \mathbb{Z}
 \exists elem of U_α
for each outg line
st. the monodromy is 0

Coordinate charts, character varieties & non-abelianization.

At branch pts.

→ trivialize the ^(smooth) local cover near branch pt, so that monodromy of \bar{X} is S_X

Then our result on monodromy is

N -monodromy is in $\Gamma_X(N_{SL_2} | \bar{I}SL_2)$

$$\Gamma_X = \text{image}(\bar{I}SL_2) \subset \Gamma_X$$

$$\Gamma_X = SL_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

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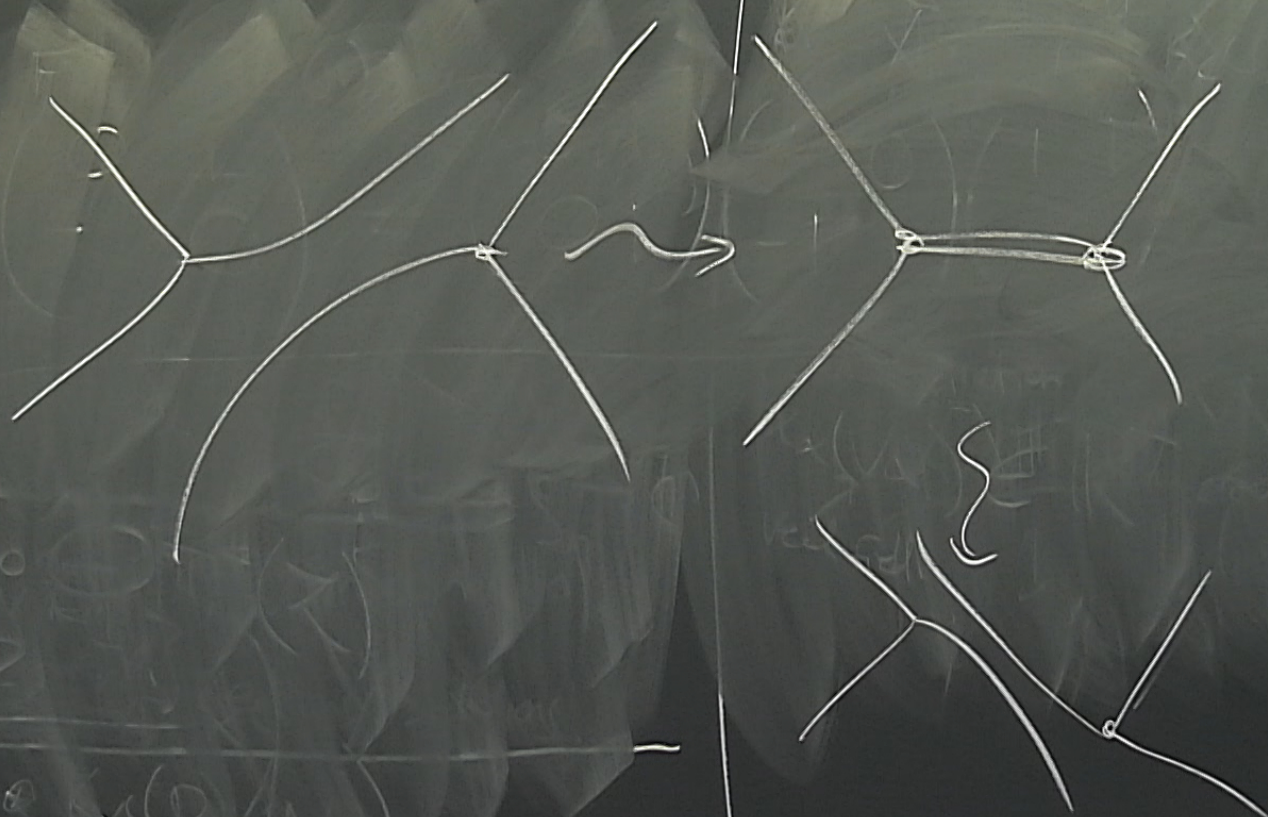
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pts

local core near branched
monodromy of \bar{X}

monodromy is

$$\rho: (\mathbb{N} \times \text{SL}_2) \rightarrow \text{SL}_2$$



new
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