

SU(1,2) Higgs bundle, Spectral Data and Limiting Configuration

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- Donaldson ('82) further identified this with the moduli space of projectively flat irred. unitary conn. on underlying bundle E . Later generalized by Uhlenbeck-Yau ('86) characterizing stability over compact Kähler manifold (X, ω) with existence of Hermitian-Yang-Mills connection

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- The name 'Higgs bundle': Gauge fields A_3, A_4 in the direction of reduction gives a field similar to that of Higgs boson in the standard model of particle physics, which he calls **Higgs field**.

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Examples $G^{\mathbb{C}} = SL(n, \mathbb{C}) \rightsquigarrow (\mathcal{E}, \Phi)$ with $\text{rank } \mathcal{E} = n$ with a trivialization $\det \mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_X$ and $\text{tr} \Phi = 0$; $G^{\mathbb{C}} = Sp(2n, \mathbb{C}) \rightsquigarrow (\mathcal{E}, \Phi)$ with E of rank $2n$ with a holomorphic symplectic form Ω and Φ satisfied $\Omega(\Phi v, w) = -\Omega(v, \Phi w)$.

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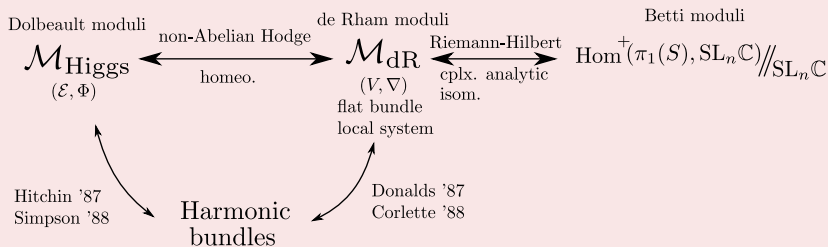
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Hit is a proper and surjective map and as remarked by Hitchin (1987) ‘Somewhat miraculously’ $\dim \mathcal{B}_{G^{\mathbb{C}}} = \dim \mathcal{M}_{G^{\mathbb{C}}}/2$, Hit makes $\mathcal{M}_{G^{\mathbb{C}}}$ into an integrable system – **Hitchin system**. Almost all integrable systems in classical mechanics may be realized as special cases.

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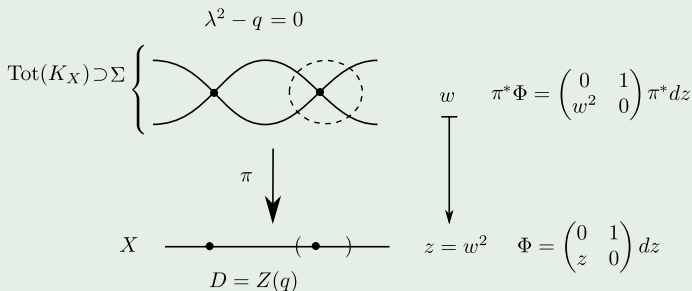
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Consider $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ Higgs bundle with Hit: $(\mathcal{E}, \Phi) \mapsto q = \det \Phi$ simple zeros



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In particular the data is given by the 'eigen-line-subbundle'

$$0 \longrightarrow L(-\Delta) \longrightarrow \pi^* E \xrightarrow{\pi^* \Phi - \lambda} \pi^* (E \otimes K_X)$$

Conversely we recover (\mathcal{E}, Φ) from (L, λ) by applying direct image functor / pushforward π_* . For $G = \text{SL}(n, \mathbb{C})$ when Σ_p is smooth curve, the Hitchin fiber can be identified with $\text{Prym}(\Sigma_p, X)$, an abelian variety.

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- $H = S(U(1) \times U(2))$, $H^{\mathbb{C}} = S(GL(1) \times GL(2))$ and $\mathfrak{m}^{\mathbb{C}}$ consists of

$$\text{matrices } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & 0 & 0 \\ x_4 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, x_j \in \mathbb{C}.$$

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The Hitchin equation for hermitian metric h on F ,

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By 'decoupled equation' we mean:

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By direct generalization of the result of $G = \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ the Toledo invariant satisfies a Milnor-Wood type inequality (Domic & Toledo '87):

$$|2d| \leq \mathrm{rank}(G/H)(g - 1) = 2(g - 1)$$

In fact by work of Bradlow, Garcia-Prada & Gothen '03, the stability and polystability of $\mathrm{SU}(p,q)$ Higgs bundle agrees with that of underlying $\mathrm{SL}(p + q, \mathbb{C})$ -Higgs bundle, therefore give further information of β, γ we may enhance the Toledo inequality for $\mathrm{SU}(1,2)$ Higgs bundle!

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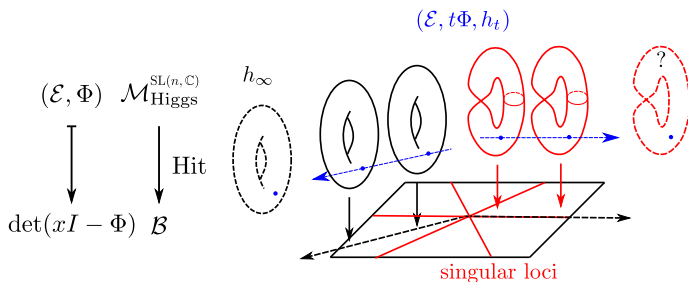
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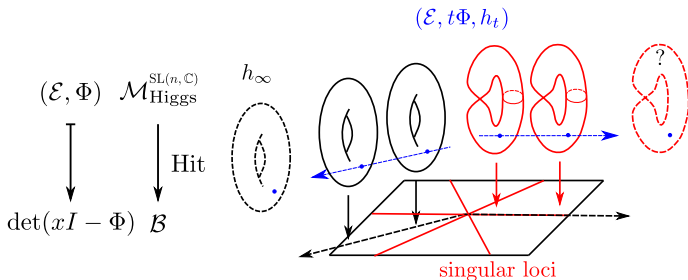
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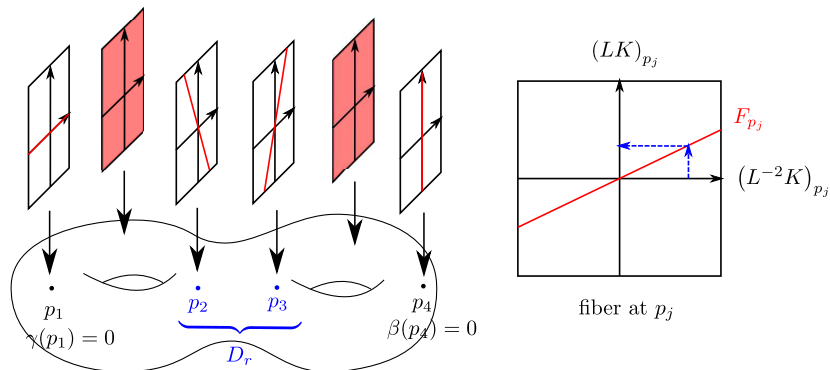
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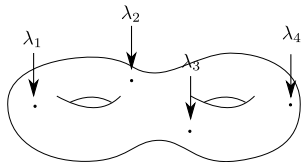
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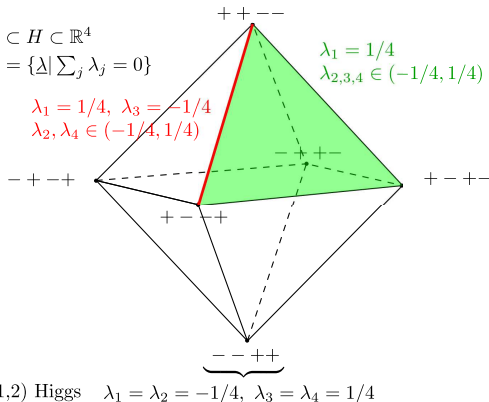
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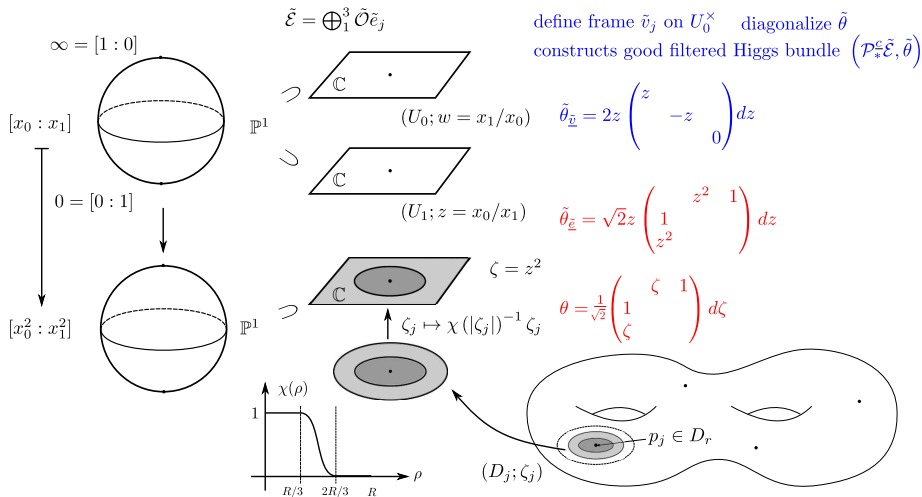
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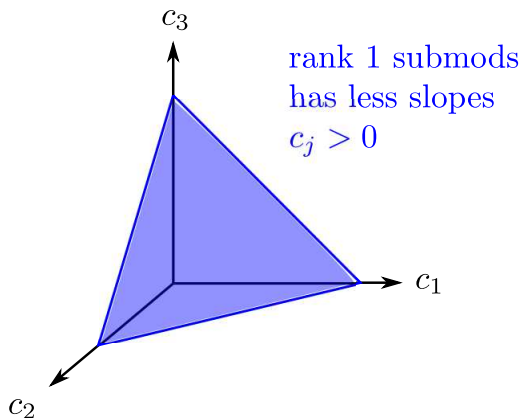
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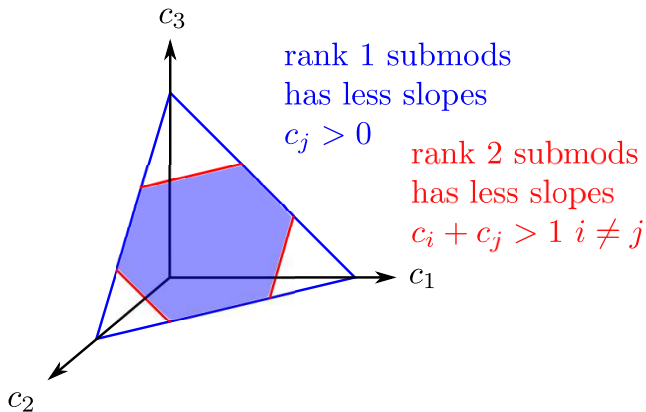
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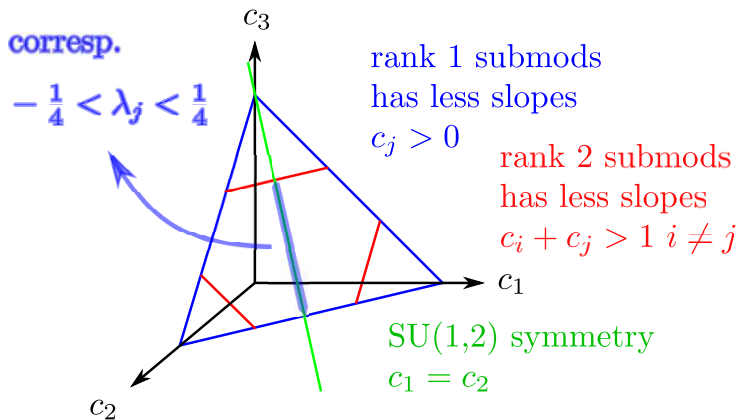
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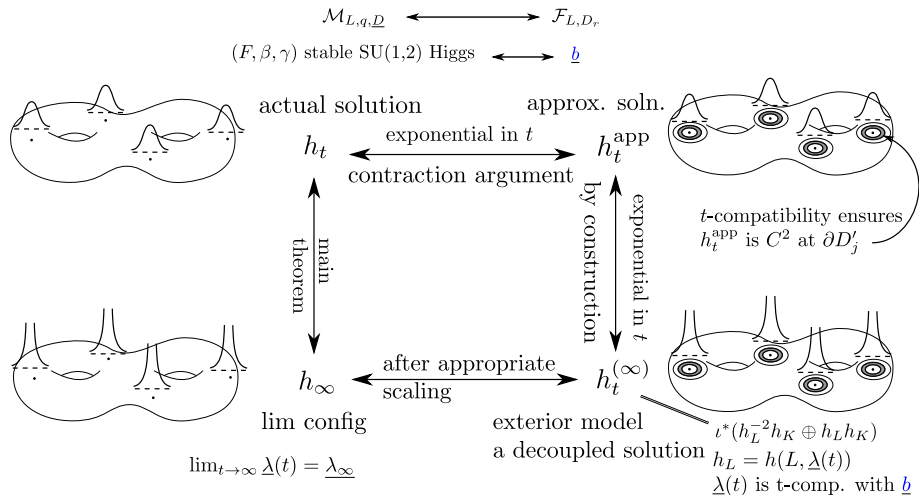
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Iterated sequence $u, \mathcal{F}_t u, \mathcal{F}_t^2 u, \dots$ converges to u_∞ giving an actual solution $h_t = (h_t^{\text{app}})^{\exp u_\infty}$ by contraction mapping argument. h_t and h_t^{app} is exponentially close in t .

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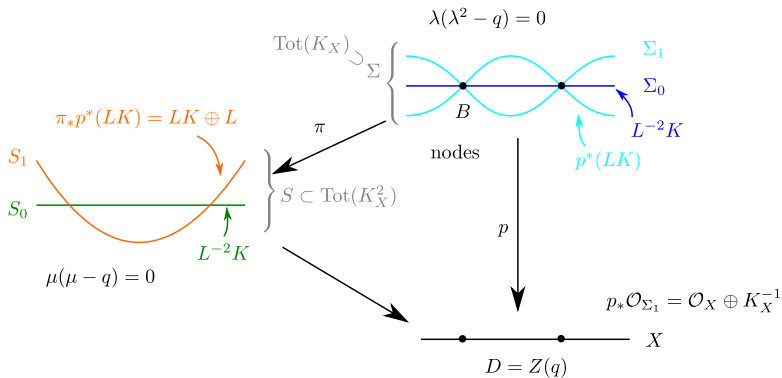
Fiber matching

Given a reduced curve $C = C_0 \cup C_1$ with two irreducible non-singular components and simple nodes at $N \subset C$. Let $\iota_j : C_j \rightarrow C$, rank one locally free sheaf \mathcal{F} on C are characterized by line bundles $\mathcal{F}_j := \iota_j^* \mathcal{F}$ on C_j , $j = 0, 1$ and $|N|$ parameters at each node $p \in N$. In nbhd around each $p \in N$, suppose $s \in \mathcal{F}$ and $s_j \in \mathcal{F}_j$ the pullback sections, this parameter is given by the ratio $[s_0(p) : s_1(p)]$.

Let $\pi : C_0 \amalg C_1 \rightarrow C$ be the normalization. The connection to Hecke transformation viewpoint is given by canonical sheaf map $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \pi_* \pi^* \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_0 \oplus \mathcal{F}_1$. If we have a further map to some non-singular curve X , the latter will be a decomposable bundle.

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Note that the resulting Hecke transformation is of $L \oplus LK \oplus L^{-2}K$ where the fiber matching of rank 2 bundle $L \oplus LK$ with $L^{-2}K$ must occur only in second summand. This is because it is corresponding to \mathcal{O}_X summand of $p_* \mathcal{O}_{\Sigma_1}$, which are not vanishing at branch points.