# Hecke actions on loops and periods of iterated Shimura integrals

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# Outline

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### Iterated line integrals

These are functions on the path space *PM* of a smooth manifold *M*. Suppose that  $\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_r$  are smooth k-valued 1-forms on *M*. The function

$$\int \omega_1 \dots \omega_r : \mathbf{PM} \to \mathbb{k}$$

takes the value

$$\int_{\alpha} \omega_1 \dots \omega_r := \int_{0 \le t_1 \le \dots \le t_r \le 1} f_1(t_1) \dots f_r(t_r) dt_1 \dots dt_r$$

on the piecewise smooth path  $\alpha : [0, 1] \rightarrow M$ , where

$$\gamma^*\omega_j=f_j(t)dt.$$

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An iterated line integral is a linear combination of such functions.

An iterated (line) integral is *closed* if its value on each path depends only on its homotopy class relative to its endpoints. Closed iterated integrals on *M* induce functions

 $\pi_1(M, x) \rightarrow \Bbbk.$ 

Iterated integrals of holomorphic 1-forms on a complex curve are closed.

**Example:** Take  $M = \mathbb{P}^1 - \{0, 1, \infty\}$ ,  $\omega_0 = dz/z$  and  $\omega_1 = dz/(1-z)$ . Then

$$\mathrm{Li}_k(z) = \int_0^z \omega_1 \underbrace{\omega_0 \ldots \omega_0}^{k-1}$$

is the *k*th polylogarithm, a multivalued function. On the principal branch  $Li_k(1) = \zeta(k)$ .

#### Iterated Shimura integrals (Manin, 2005)

Suppose that  $f_1, \ldots, f_m$  are modular forms of  $\Gamma \leq SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . Set

$$\omega_j = f_j(\tau) \tau^{k_j - 1} d\tau$$
 where  $0 < k_j < (\text{weight of } f_j)$ 

An *iterated Shimura integral* is a linear combination of iterated iterated integrals of the form

$$\int \omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_m.$$

They are closed and define holomorphic functions

$$\tau\mapsto\int_{\tau_0}^{\tau}\omega_1\omega_2\ldots\omega_m$$

on the upper half plane  $\mathfrak{h}$ , and thus functions

$$\Gamma \to \mathbb{C}, \quad \gamma \mapsto \int_{\tau_0}^{\gamma \tau_0} \omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_m.$$

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### Multiple modular values (Brown, 2014)

A multiple modular value is the regularized value of

$$\int_0^{i\infty} \omega_1 \dots \omega_m$$
  
=  $i^{k_1 + \dots + k_m} \int_{0 \le y_1 \le \dots \le y_m} f_1(iy_1) y_1^{k_1 - 1} \dots f_m(iy_m) y_m^{k_m - 1} dy_1 \dots dy_m.$ 

These include periods of cusp forms (m = 1) and all multiple zeta values:

Take  $\Gamma = \Gamma(2)$  and  $f_j$  to be Eisenstein series of weight 2. Then  $\Gamma \setminus \mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{P}^1 - \{0, 1, \infty\}$  and (for example)

$$\zeta(a,b) := \sum_{0 < m < n} \frac{1}{m^a n^b} = \int_0^1 \omega_1 \underbrace{\omega_0 \ldots \omega_0}^{a-1} \omega_1 \underbrace{\omega_0 \ldots \omega_0}^{b-1} \cdots \underbrace{\omega_0}^{b-1} \cdots$$

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# Twice iterated integrals of Eisenstein series

$$\Lambda(\mathbb{G}_m,\mathbb{G}_n;a,b)=\int_0^{i\infty}\mathbb{G}_m(\tau)\tau^{a-1}d\tau\ \mathbb{G}_n(\tau)\tau^{b-1}d\tau$$

where

$$\mathbb{G}_{2k}(\tau) = -\frac{B_{2k}}{4k} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{2k-1}(n)q^n.$$

Brown (2014) showed that certain linear combinations of twice iterated integrals of Eisenstein series are non-critical periods of cusp forms. For example:

$$600\Lambda(\mathbb{G}_4,\mathbb{G}_{10};2,5)+480\Lambda(\mathbb{G}_4,\mathbb{G}_{10};3,4)=\frac{1}{\pi}\int_0^{i\infty}\Delta(\tau)\tau^{12}d\tau.$$

where  $\Delta$  is the Ramanujan  $\tau$ -function. Other  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear combinations are multiple zeta values.

# Questions

- 1. Where do iterated Shimura integrals arise? What is the significance of multiple modular values?
- 2. Can Brown's computations of periods of twice iterated integrals of Eisenstein series be proved using a Hecke action on (say) iterated Shimura integrals?
- 3. What is the relationship of MMVs for  $\Gamma(N)$ , N > 1, to Goncharov's work on "higher cyclotomy"? (N = 1: Brown + Hain–Matsumoto.)

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I'll address the first — the other two are works in progress.

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### **Executive summary**

Relative unipotent completion replaces a discrete group, such as  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , by an affine  $\mathbb{Q}$  group (i.e., a pro-algebraic group)  $\mathcal{G}$  and a Zariski dense homomorphism  $\tilde{\rho} : \Gamma \to \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{Q})$ . It is an extension of a (possibly pro-) reductive group, to be specified in advance, by a prounipotent group.

The point is that relative completion replaces the discrete group  $\Gamma$  (not motivic) by a vector space — the ring of functions  $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{G})$  on  $\mathcal{G}$ . With the right choices, this Hopf algebra is "motivic" in the sense that it has a natural mixed Hodge structure (MHS) and, after tensoring with  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ , a Galois action.

The connection to iterated Shimura integrals is that  $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{G})$  is a Hopf algebra of closed iterated integrals which contains all iterated Shimura integrals.

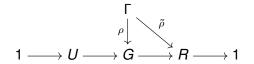
# **Brief definition**

Γ a discrete group, R a (pro)reductive Q-group, ρ: Γ → R(Q) a Zariski representation

 $\blacktriangleright$  Extensions of affine groups (over  $\mathbb{Q})$  of the form

 $1 \rightarrow U \rightarrow G \rightarrow R \rightarrow 1$ 

where *U* is (pro)unipotent plus a homomorphism  $\tilde{\rho} : \Gamma \to G(\mathbb{Q})$  that lift  $\rho$ 



form a category. The relative completion of  $\Gamma$  (with respect to  $\rho$ ) is the initial object of this category:  $\Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{Q})$  where

$$1 \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow R \rightarrow 1.$$

# Setup for relative completion of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$

- Denote the modular curve SL<sub>2</sub>(Z)\h by Y. It will be regarded as a stack. (That is, we work SL<sub>2</sub>(Z) equivariantly on h.)
- ► The choice of a base point  $\tau_0 \in \mathfrak{h}$  determines an isomorphism

$$\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \to \pi_1(Y, \tau_0).$$

The element  $\gamma$  maps to the loop that corresponds to the unique homotopy class  $c_{\gamma}$  of paths from  $\tau_0$  to  $\gamma \tau_0$  in  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

- The most natural choice of a base point is the tangent vector ∂/∂q at the cusp. (That is, *i*[y,∞), y ≫ 0.)
- There are two natural choices for the relative completion of SL<sub>2</sub>(Z) — the "small" and the "large".

# The "small" completion of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$

• Here  $R = SL_{2/\mathbb{Q}}$  and  $\rho$  is the inclusion. It is an extension

 $1 \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \text{SL}_2 \rightarrow 1.$ 

Its coordinate ring  $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{G})$  consists of all closed iterated integrals of elements of

 $\begin{cases} \text{"smooth modular forms" of level 1 on} \\ \mathfrak{h} \text{ with a "log singularity" at the cusp} \end{cases}$ 

It contains all iterated Shimura integrals of level 1. The homomorphism

 $\tilde{\rho}: \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \to \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{C})$ 

takes  $\gamma \in \operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  to

the maximal ideal of such iterated integrals that vanish on the path  $c_{\gamma}$  from  $\tau_0$  to  $\gamma \tau_0$ 

# The "large" completion of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$

- Every profinite group can be regarded as a pro-reductive group in natural way.
- ► To get the *large completion*, take  $R = SL_{2/\mathbb{Q}} \times SL_2(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  and  $\rho$  to be the diagonal inclusion.
- It is an extension

$$1 \to \widehat{\mathcal{U}} \to \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \to SL_{2/\mathbb{Q}} \times SL_2(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) \to 1.$$

Its coordinate ring contains iterated Shimura integrals of all levels as well as all continuous functions SL<sub>2</sub>(<sup>2</sup>) → k.

•  $\mathcal{G}$  is a quotient of  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$ .

#### Motivic structures

- For each choice of *τ*<sub>0</sub> ∈ 𝔥, there are natural MHSs on *O*(*G*) and *O*(*Ĝ*). We will take *v* := ∂/∂*q*, the most natural choice.
- After tensoring with Qℓ, there is a natural GQ action. So O(Ĝ) looks like a motive as it has compatible Hodge and étale realizations.
- There is also a natural Q DR structure, so we have periods.
- The periods O(Ĝ) contain Brown's multiple modular values (MMVs), which are iterated Shimura integrals evaluated on the imaginary axis. This is c<sub>γ</sub> for

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The graded quotients of the weight filtration of both are sums of "motives" of the form

$$\operatorname{Sym}^{r_1} V_{f_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^{r_m} V_{f_m} \otimes S^n H(d)$$
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where  $V_f$  denotes the motive (Hodge structure, Galois representation) associated to a Hecke eigen form *f* and  $H = H^1(E_{\tau_0})$ . (Note that  $H_{\partial/\partial q} = \mathbb{Z}(0) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(1)$ .)

Thus (after rearranging and taking SL<sub>2</sub> invariants) one generates lots of extensions of Q(0) by the "motives"

$$\operatorname{Sym}^{r_1} V_{f_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^{r_m} V_{f_m}(d).$$

- Do these conform to Beilinson's conjectures? Wrinkle: Brown [1,§17] observed that they cannot quite conform.
- Does the Hecke algebra act on Z[SL<sub>2</sub>(Z)], O(G) or its periods? If so, can one explain Brown's computation of periods of twice iterated integrals of Eisenstein?

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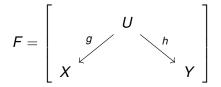
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# Étale correspondences

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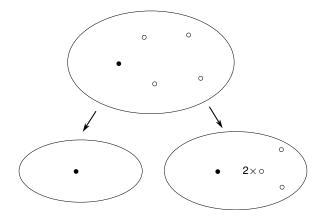


étale if both g and h are étale. It acts on (say) homology by the formula

$$F_* = h_* \circ g^*.$$

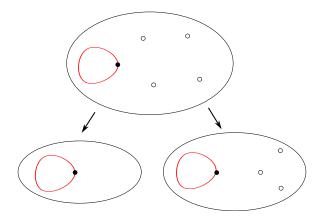
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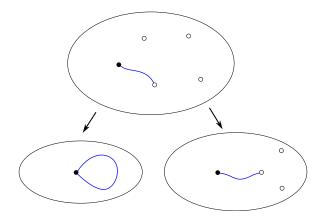
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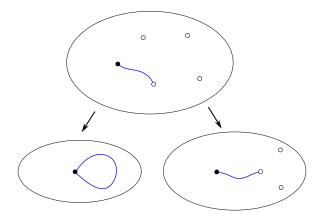
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This problem can be avoided by working with conjugacy classes — equivalently, with unbased loops.

For a topological space define

 $\lambda(X) = \{ \text{free homotopy classes of maps } S^1 \to X \}.$ 

For a group  $\Gamma$  define

 $\lambda(\Gamma) = \{ \text{conjugacy classes in } \Gamma \}.$ 

If X is connected, then  $\lambda(X) = \lambda(\pi_1(X, x))$ .

Denote the free  $\Bbbk$  modules they generate by

 $\Bbbk \lambda(X)$  and  $\Bbbk \lambda(\Gamma)$ .

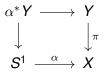
These are clearly covariant under maps  $Y \to X$  and group homomorphisms  $\Gamma' \to \Gamma$ .

### Pullback

When  $\pi: Y \to X$  is étale, there is a pullback map

$$\pi^*:\mathbb{Z}\lambda(X)\to\mathbb{Z}\lambda(Y).$$

To compute its value on  $\alpha : S^1 \to X$  observe that the pullback covering  $\alpha^* Y \to S^1$ 

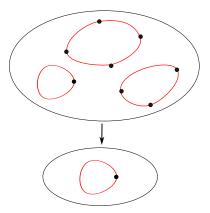


is a disjoint union of circles  $\tilde{\alpha}_j : S^1 \to Y$ . Define

$$\pi^*\alpha = \sum_j \tilde{\alpha}_j \in \lambda(Y).$$

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#### An example:



Observe that deg  $\pi = 8$  and that  $\pi_*\pi^*\alpha = \alpha + \alpha^3 + \alpha^4 \neq 8\alpha$ .

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Étale correspondences act on  $\mathbb{Z}\lambda(X)$ 

Proposition An étale, the correspondence

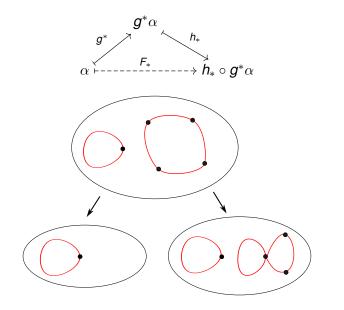
$$F = [X \xleftarrow{g} U \xrightarrow{h} Y]$$

induces a homomorphism  $F_* : \mathbb{Z}\lambda(X) \to \mathbb{Z}\lambda(Y)$ . Namely, the composite

$$\mathbb{Z}\lambda(X) \stackrel{g^*}{\longrightarrow} \mathbb{Z}\lambda(U) \stackrel{h_*}{\longrightarrow} \mathbb{Z}\lambda(Y).$$

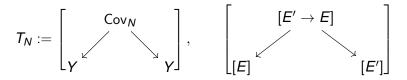
If F and G are composable étale correspondences, then  $G \circ F$  is étale and  $(G \circ F)_* = G_* \circ F_*$ .

# An example:



# Hecke operators

Denote the moduli space of degree  $N \ge 1$  isogenies  $E' \to E$  of elliptic curves by  $Cov_N$ . The Hecke operator  $T_N$  is the étale correspondence



When N = p, a prime,  $Cov_N = Y_0(p)$ .

#### Proposition

The Hecke operators  $T_N$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , act on  $\mathbb{Z}\lambda(SL_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ . The operators  $T_N$  and  $T_M$  commute when M and N are relatively prime.

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For each prime *p* define

$$\mathbf{e}_{\rho}:\mathbb{Z}\lambda(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})) o\mathbb{Z}\lambda(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$$

by  $\mathbf{e}_{p} = \pi_{*}\pi^{*} - \mathrm{id}$  where  $\pi : Y_{0}(p) \rightarrow Y$ . It is a non-commutative generalization of p.

#### Theorem

The actions of the Hecke operators  $T_{p^n}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}\lambda(SL_2(\mathbb{Z}))$  satisfy

$$T_{p^n} \circ T_p = T_{p^{n+1}} + T_{p^{n-1}} \circ \mathbf{e}_p. \tag{\dagger}$$

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Note that  $T_p$  does *not* commute with  $\mathbf{e}_p$ . Since

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we have

$$[T_{\rho}, T_{\rho^2}] = -[T_{\rho}, \mathbf{e}_{\rho}] \neq 0.$$

#### Generalized Hecke algebra

Each  $\mathbf{e}_p$  satisfies a polynomial relation. Let  $m_p(x)$  be the monic generator of the ideal

$$\{h(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x] : h(\mathbf{e}_{\rho}) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{Q}[x].$$

Then

$$m_p(x) = egin{cases} x(x+1)(x-2) & p=2\ x(x^2-1)(x-p) & p ext{ odd}. \end{cases}$$

Define a non commutative Hecke algebra  $\widehat{\mathbb{T}}$  to be the restricted tensor product of the non-commutative algebras

$$\widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{p} := \mathbb{Z} \langle T_{p}, \mathbf{e}_{p} \rangle / (m_{p}(\mathbf{e}_{p})).$$

For m > 1, define  $T_{\rho^m} \in \widehat{\mathbb{T}}_{\rho}$  using (†). Then  $\widehat{\mathbb{T}}$  acts on  $\mathbb{Z}[SL_2(\mathbb{Z})]$ .

#### **Dual version**

Set 
$$\mathscr{C}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}}) = \mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})^{\operatorname{conj}} = \{ \text{class functions } \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \to \mathbb{C} \}.$$

**Length 0:** generated by tr and characters of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N)$ .

**Length 1:** Suppose *f* is a modular form of weight 2*n*, level 1. Denote the corresponding  $S^{2n-2}H$  valued form by  $\omega_f$ . Since

$$\mathcal{O}(\mathrm{SL}_2) = \bigoplus_{m \ge 0} (\operatorname{End} S^m H)^{\vee} \subset \mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}}),$$
 (Peter–Weyl)

 $\mathcal{O}(\mathrm{SL}_2)$  contains countable copies of  $S^{2n-2}H$  for each  $n \ge 0$ . Fix an  $\mathrm{SL}_2$  invariant function  $\varphi : S^{2n-2}H \to \mathcal{O}(\mathrm{SL}_2)$ . Set

 $\omega_f(\varphi) = \varphi \circ \omega_f$ , a 1-form with values in  $\mathcal{O}(SL_2)$ .

Then

$$F_{f,\varphi}: \alpha \mapsto \left\langle \int_{\alpha} \omega_f(\varphi), \alpha \right\rangle \quad \text{is in } \mathscr{C}\!\ell(\widehat{\mathcal{G}}).$$

#### Proposition

The ring  $\mathscr{C}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$  of class functions on  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$  carries a natural mixed Hodge structure as well as a natural  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$  action after tensoring with  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ . Neither depends on the choice of the base point.

The weight graded quotients of  $\mathscr{C}\!\ell(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})\otimes\mathbb{R}$  are sums of "motives" of the form

$$\operatorname{Sym}^{r_1} V_{f_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^{r_m} V_{f_m}(d)$$

where  $f_1, \ldots, f_m$  are modular forms of arbitrary weight and level.

#### Theorem

Each Hecke correspondence  $T_N$  induces a (dual) Hecke operator

 $\check{T}_N:\mathscr{C}\!\ell(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})\to\mathscr{C}\!\ell(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$ 

which is a morphism of mixed Hodge structures and, after tensoring with  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ , is Galois equivariant. This action is dual to the action on  $\mathbb{Z}\lambda(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$  in the sense that

 $\langle \check{T}_N F, \alpha \rangle = \langle F, T_N(\alpha) \rangle.$ 

In addition, the Adams operations

$$\psi^{m}: \mathscr{C}\ell(\widehat{\mathcal{G}}) \to \mathscr{C}\ell(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$$

defined by

$$\langle \psi^m F, \alpha \rangle := \langle F, \alpha^m \rangle$$

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are morphisms of MHS and commute with the Galois action.

#### A simple example

The Adams operator  $\psi^m$  acts on the periods of  $\mathscr{C}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$  by

$$\psi^{m}: \langle F, \alpha \rangle \mapsto \langle F, \alpha^{m} \rangle.$$

If *f* is a modular form of weight 2*n* and level 1 and if  $\alpha \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  acts on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$  with one orbit, then

$$T_{p}\langle F_{f,\varphi}, \alpha \rangle := \langle F_{f,\varphi}, T_{p}(\alpha) \rangle = \frac{\psi^{p+1}}{p^{n-1}(p+1)} \langle F_{T_{p}(f),\varphi}, \alpha \rangle.$$

So if  $f = \sum a_n q^n$  is a normalized Hecke eigenform, then  $\langle F_{f,\varphi}, \alpha \rangle$  will be an "eigen-period" of  $T_p$  with "eigenvalue"

$$\frac{a_p}{p^{n-1}(p+1)}\psi^{p+1}.$$

# **Two questions**

- Does Cl(G) generate MMM? This is closely related to Brown's question. As mentioned before, this generation statement is slightly inconsistent with Beilinson's conjecture.
- 2. Have we thrown out the baby with the bathwater when we replaced  $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$  by  $\mathscr{C}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$ ? At the other extreme, do they generate the same tannakian subcategory of (say) MHS, in which case there their rings of periods are the same?

# Mumford–Tate groups

The category  $MHS_{\mathbb{Q}}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Mixed Hodge structures is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear tannakian category. It is therefore equivalent to the category of representations of an affine  $\mathbb{Q}$ -group  $\pi_1(MHS)$ . The Mumford–Tate group of a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -MHS *V* is the image of the homomorphism

 $\pi_1(MHS) \rightarrow Aut V_{\mathbb{Q}}.$ 

It is an affine algebraic group. Denote it by  $MT_V$ .

Since  $\mathscr{C}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}}) \subset \mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$ , the homomorphism

$$\mathrm{MT}_{\mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})} \to \mathrm{MT}_{\mathscr{C}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})}$$

is surjective. The question is whether this homomorphism is also injective.

# The unipotent case

I am inclined to think that it is based on the unipotent case.

#### Theorem

If X is a smooth affine curve and  $\vec{v}$  a non-zero tangent vector at a cusp, then

$$W_{-3}\mathrm{MT}_{\mathcal{O}(\pi_1^{\mathrm{un}}(X,\vec{v}))} \to W_{-3}\mathrm{MT}_{\mathscr{C}(\pi_1^{\mathrm{un}}(X,\vec{v}))}$$

#### is an isomorphism.

The proof uses the unipotent completions of the Goldman bracket

$$\{ \ , \ \}: \mathbb{Z}\lambda(X)\otimes \mathbb{Z}\lambda(X) \to \mathbb{Z}\lambda(X),$$

which makes  $\mathbb{Z}\lambda(X)$  into a Lie algebra, and the *Kawazumi–Kuno action* 

$$\kappa: \mathbb{Z}(\lambda(X)) \to \operatorname{Der} \mathbb{Z}\pi_1(X, \vec{v}).$$

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