Hecke actions on loops and periods of iterated Shimura integrals

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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

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

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 $\alpha:[0,1]\to M$, where

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

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

$$\pi_1(M,x) \to \mathbb{k}$$
.

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

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

is the kth polylogarithm, a multivalued function. On the principal branch $\text{Li}_k(1) = \zeta(k)$.



Iterated Shimura integrals (Manin, 2005)

Suppose that f_1, \ldots, f_m are modular forms of $\Gamma \leq \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Set

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

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

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

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



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)

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

Twice iterated integrals of Eisenstein series

▶ Define (for 0 < a < m, 0 < b < n)

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

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 Δ is the Ramanujan τ -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.)

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 $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, 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 Γ (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}_ℓ , a Galois action.

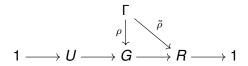
The connection to iterated Shimura integrals is that $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{G})$ is a Hopf algebra of closed iterated integrals which contains all iterated Shimura integrals.

Brief definition

- Γ a discrete group, R a (pro)reductive ℚ-group, ρ: Γ → R(ℚ) a Zariski representation
- Extensions of affine groups (over 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 ρ



form a category. The relative completion of Γ (with respect to ρ) is the initial object of this category: $\Gamma \to \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{Q})$ 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 SL₂(Z)\h by Y. It will be regarded as a stack. (That is, we work SL₂(Z) equivariantly on h.)
- ▶ The choice of a base point $\tau_0 \in \mathfrak{h}$ determines an isomorphism

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

The element γ maps to the loop that corresponds to the unique homotopy class c_{γ} of paths from τ_0 to $\gamma \tau_0$ in \mathfrak{h} .

- The most natural choice of a base point is the tangent vector $\partial/\partial q$ at the cusp. (That is, $i[y, \infty)$, $y \gg 0$.)
- ▶ There are two natural choices for the relative completion of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ the "small" and the "large".

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the maximal ideal of such iterated integrals that vanish on the path c_{γ} from τ_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 $R = \mathrm{SL}_{2/\mathbb{Q}} \times \mathrm{SL}_2(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ and ρ to be the diagonal inclusion.
- It is an extension

$$1 \to \widehat{\mathcal{U}} \to \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \to \text{SL}_{2/\mathbb{Q}} \times \text{SL}_2(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) \to 1.$$

- Its coordinate ring contains iterated Shimura integrals of all levels as well as all continuous functions $SL_2(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) \to \mathbb{k}$.
- $ightharpoonup \mathcal{G}$ is a quotient of $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$.

Motivic structures

- ▶ For each choice of $\tau_0 \in \mathfrak{h}$, there are natural MHSs on $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{G})$ and $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$. We will take $\vec{\mathbf{v}} := \partial/\partial \mathbf{q}$, the most natural choice.
- ▶ After tensoring with \mathbb{Q}_{ℓ} , there is a natural $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ action. So $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$ 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 $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$ contain Brown's multiple modular values (MMVs), which are iterated Shimura integrals evaluated on the imaginary axis. This is c_{γ} 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

$$\operatorname{\mathsf{Sym}}^{r_1} V_{f_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \operatorname{\mathsf{Sym}}^{r_m} V_{f_m} \otimes \mathcal{S}^n H(d) \tag{*}$$

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_2 invariants) one generates lots of extensions of $\mathbb{Q}(0)$ by the "motives"

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

- ▶ Do these conform to Beilinson's conjectures? Wrinkle: Brown [1,§17] observed that they cannot quite conform.
- ▶ Does the Hecke algebra act on $\mathbb{Z}[SL_2(\mathbb{Z})]$, $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$ or its periods? If so, can one explain Brown's computation of periods of twice iterated integrals of Eisenstein?

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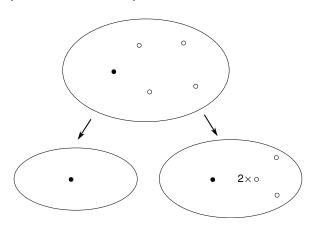
Call a correspondence

$$F = \left[\begin{array}{c} U \\ y \\ X \end{array} \right]$$

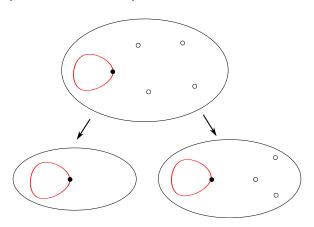
étale if both g and h are étale. It acts on (say) homology by the formula

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

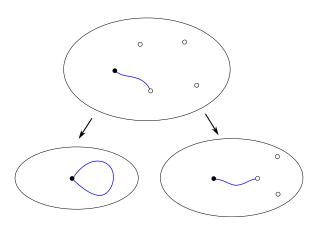
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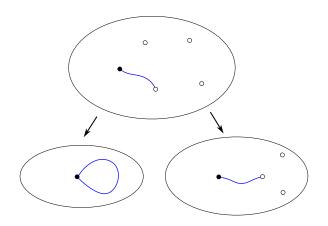
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This problem can be avoided by working with conjugacy classes — equivalently, with unbased loops.



For a topological space define

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

For a group Γ define

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

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

Denote the free k modules they generate by

$$\mathbb{k}\lambda(X)$$
 and $\mathbb{k}\lambda(\Gamma)$.

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

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

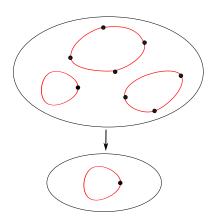
To compute its value on $\alpha: S^1 \to X$ observe that the pullback covering $\alpha^* Y \to S^1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\alpha^* Y & \longrightarrow & Y \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow^{\pi} \\
S^1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & X
\end{array}$$

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

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

An example:



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

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

Proposition

An étale, the correspondence

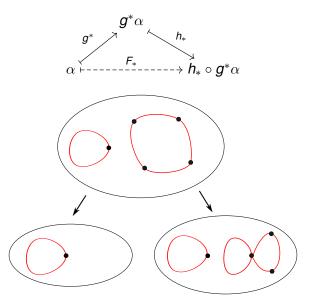
$$F = [X \xleftarrow{g} U \xrightarrow{h} Y]$$

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

$$T_N := \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{Cov}_N \\ \mathbf{Y} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \begin{bmatrix} [E' \to E] \\ [E] \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Proposition

The Hecke operators T_N , $N \in \mathbb{N}$, act on $\mathbb{Z}\lambda(\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$. The operators T_N and T_M commute when M and N are relatively prime.

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 $\pi : Y_0(p) \to Y$. It is a non-commutative generalization of p.

Theorem

The actions of the Hecke operators T_{p^n} on $\mathbb{Z}\lambda(\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ satisfy

$$T_{p^n} \circ T_p = T_{p^{n+1}} + T_{p^{n-1}} \circ \mathbf{e}_p.$$
 (†)

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

$$T_p^2 = T_{p^2} + \mathbf{e}_p$$

we have

$$[T_p, T_{p^2}] = -[T_p, \mathbf{e}_p] \neq 0.$$



Generalized Hecke algebra

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

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

Then

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

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

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

For m > 1, define $T_{p^m} \in \widehat{\mathbb{T}}_p$ using (†). Then $\widehat{\mathbb{T}}$ acts on $\mathbb{Z}[\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})]$.



Dual version

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

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

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

$$\mathcal{O}(\operatorname{SL}_2) = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} (\operatorname{End} S^m H)^{\vee} \subset \mathcal{O}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}}), \qquad \text{(Peter-Weyl)}$$

 $\mathcal{O}(\operatorname{SL}_2)$ contains countable copies of $S^{2n-2}H$ for each $n \geq 0$. Fix an SL_2 invariant function $\varphi: S^{2n-2}H \to \mathcal{O}(\operatorname{SL}_2)$. 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}_{ℓ} . 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

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

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}_{ℓ} , 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

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

are morphisms of MHS and commute with the Galois action.



A simple example

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

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

If f is a modular form of weight 2n 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

- 1. Does $\mathscr{C}(\widehat{\mathcal{G}})$ 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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