

# The geometry of cluster varieties II.

## Laminations

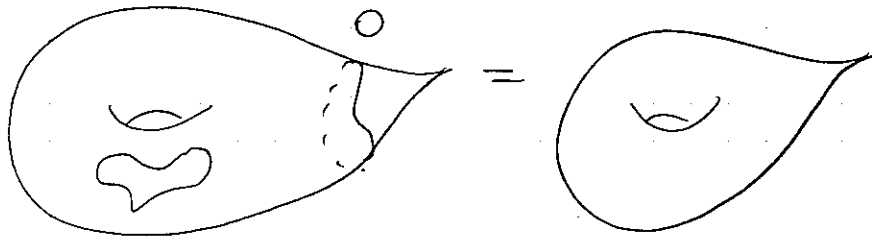
$S =$  decorated surface w/ no marked pts

Def A (rational) bounded lamination on  $S$

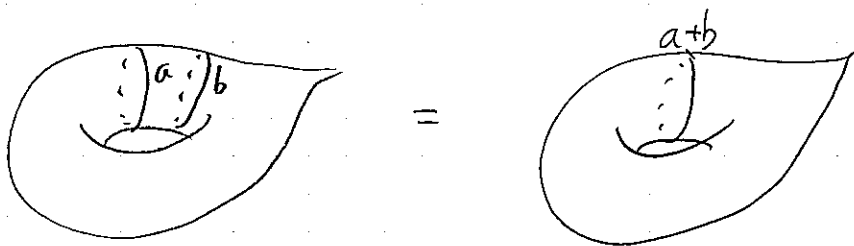
is the homotopy class of a finite set of disjoint simple closed curves on  $S$  w/ rational weights, subject to

(1) weight  $< 0 \Rightarrow$  curve retracts to a puncture

(2) Can remove contractible and weight 0 curves:



(3) can "combine" homotopic curves:



Write  $A_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) = \{\text{rational bdd laminations}\}$

$$A_L(S, \mathbb{Z}) = \{l \in A_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) : l \text{ has integral weights}\}$$

For  $\lambda \in A_L(S, \mathbb{Q})$  and  $i \in I$ ,  $I = \{\text{edges of an ideal triangulation}\}$

let  $a_i := \frac{1}{2}$  (total weight of curves crossing  $i$ )

((when lamination crosses the edge in minimal # of pts))

Prop: There is a bijection

$$A_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Q}^{|I|}$$

$$\lambda \longmapsto (a_i(\lambda))_{i \in I}$$

A (regular) flip changes the  $a_i$  to new coordinates

$$a'_i = \begin{cases} \max\left(\sum_{\epsilon_{kj} > 0} \epsilon_{kj} a_j, \sum_{\epsilon_{kj} < 0} \epsilon_{kj} a_j\right) - a_k & \text{if } i=k \\ a_i & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

Remark This is a tropicalization of cluster transformation rules for coordinates on  $A^1(S)$ ,

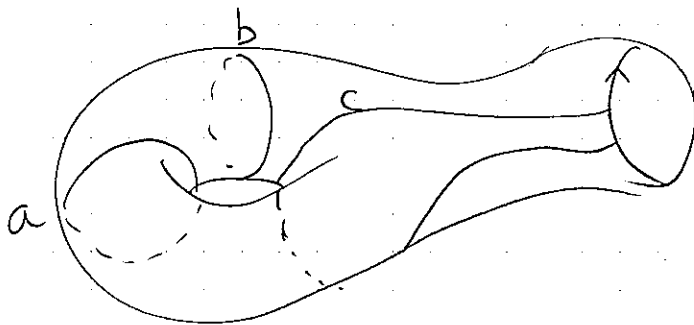
i.e.  $+ \rightsquigarrow \max$   
 $\cdot \rightsquigarrow +$

(decorated  
 Teichmüller  
 space)

↑ first example

Def A (rational) unbounded lamina on  $S$

is the homotopy class of a finite set of disjoint simple curves w/ positive rational weights



and an orientation for any component of  $\mathcal{D}S$  that meets a curve. Moreover,

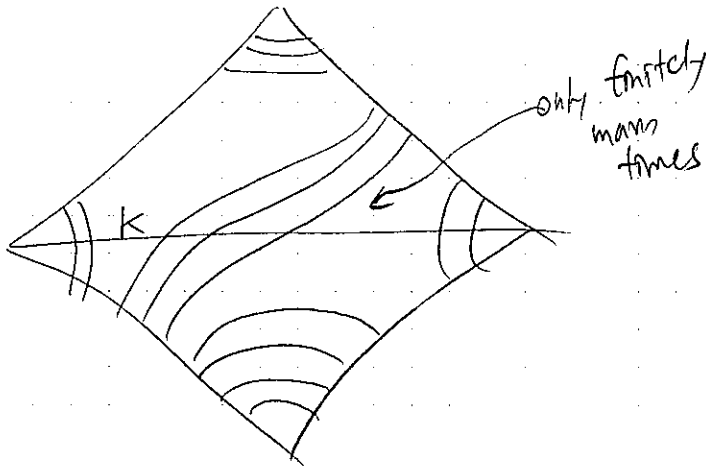
- (1) Can remove contractible curves
- (2) Can "combine" homotopic curves

Write

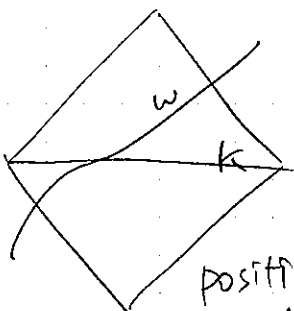
$$\mathcal{X}_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) = \{\text{rational unbounded laminations}\}$$

$$\mathcal{X}_L(S, \mathbb{Z}) = \{l \in \mathcal{X}_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) : l \text{ has integral weights}\}$$

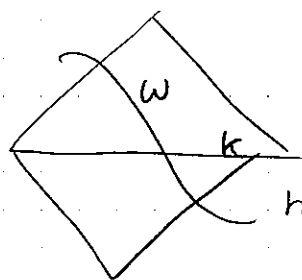
Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{X}_L(S, \mathbb{Q})$ ,  $k \in J$ . Wind edges of triangulation infinitely many times around holes, get



Let  $X_k =$  total (signed) weight of curves crossing  $k$  diagonally



positive  
 $X_k = +w$



negative  
 $X_k = -w$

Prop. There is a bijection

$$X_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Q}^{|J|}$$

$$\lambda \longmapsto (x_j(\lambda))_{j \in J}$$

A (regular) flip changes the  $x_j$  to new coordinates

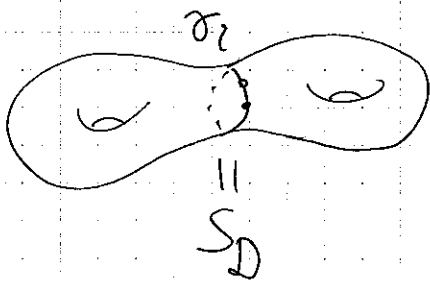
$$x'_j = \begin{cases} -x_k & \text{if } j=k \\ x_j + \epsilon_{kj} \max(0, \text{sgn}(\epsilon_{kj}) x_k) & \text{if } j \neq k \end{cases}$$

Rmk This is a tropicalization of the transformation formula for  $X^+(S)$  (enhanced Teichmüller space)

↑ second.

Def A (rational) D-lamination consists of

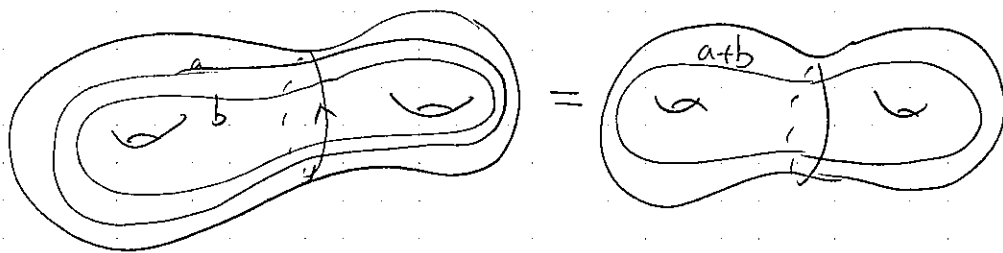
- (1) The homotopy class of a finite set of disjoint simple nontrivial loops on  $S_D$  that do not retract to marked pts.



(2) A pos. weight for each curve

(3) An orientation for each  $\sigma_i$  that meets or is homotopic to a curve.

Can "combine" homotopic curves:

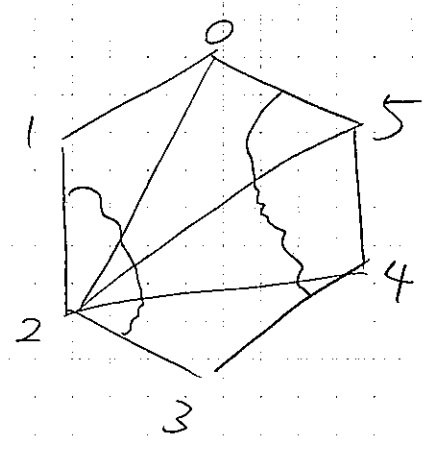
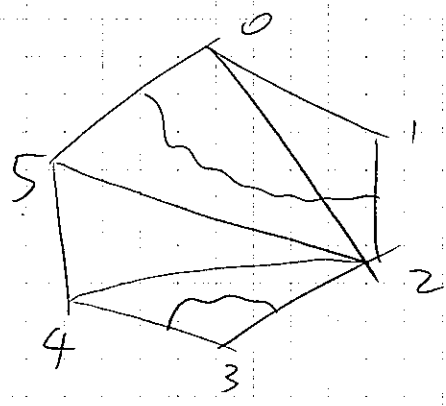


Write  $D_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) = \{ \text{rational D-laminations} \}$

$D_L(S, \mathbb{Z}) = \{ l \in D_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) : l \text{ has integral weights} \}$

Example  $S = \text{disk w/ } N \text{ marked pts,}$

$\lambda \in D_L(S, \mathbb{Q})$  Cut along  $\partial S$ :



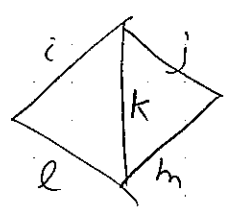
For  $i \in I$ , let

$$a_i := \frac{1}{2} (\text{number of intersections b/w } \lambda \text{ and } i) \\ (\text{total wt})$$

$$a_i^\circ := \frac{1}{2} ( \text{---} \lambda \text{ and } i^\circ )$$

Then  $b_k := a_k^\circ - a_k$ ,  $x_k := a_i - a_j + a_m - a_l$

( $k \in J$ )



Proposition (A.) There is a bijection

$$D_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Q}^{2|J|}$$

$$\lambda \longmapsto (b_j(\lambda), x_j(\lambda))_{j \in J}$$

A (regular) flip at  $k$  changes the  $x_j, b_j$  to  $(N_j)$

$$x'_j = \begin{cases} -x_k & \text{if } j=k \\ x_j + \epsilon_{kj} \max(0, \text{sgn}(\epsilon_{kj}) x_k) & \text{if } j \neq k \end{cases}$$

$$b'_j = \begin{cases} \max(x_k + \sum_{\epsilon_{ki} > 0} \epsilon_{ki} b_i, -\sum_{\epsilon_{ki} < 0} \epsilon_{ki} b_i) & \\ -\max(0, x_k) - b_k & \text{if } j=k \\ b_j & \text{if } j \neq k \end{cases}$$

Rmk These tropicalize the formulas for  $D^+(S)$

### Cluster varieties

Def A seed consists of

(1) Set  $I$  (finite set)

(2) Subset  $J \subseteq I$

(3)  $\epsilon_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$  ( $i, j \in I$ ) skew-symmetric matrix



For  $\underline{i} = (I, J, \epsilon_{ij})$ , put  
(seed)

$$A_{\underline{i}} := \mathbb{G}_m^{|I|} \quad (\text{split algebraic torus})$$

← multiplicative gp

$$X_{\underline{i}} := \mathbb{G}_m^{|J|} \quad ( \text{ " } )$$

$$D_{\underline{i}} := \mathbb{G}_m^{2|J|} \quad ( \text{ " } )$$

$\{A_i\}_{i \in I}, \{X_j\}_{j \in J}, \{B_j, X_j\}_{j \in J}$  natural coordinates on  $A_{\underline{i}}, X_{\underline{i}}, D_{\underline{i}}$ .

Def  $\underline{i} = (I, J, \epsilon_{ij})$  seed,  $k \in J$ . The seed

$\mu_k(\underline{i}) = (I', J', \epsilon'_{ij})$  obtained by mutation

has  $I' = I, J' = J,$

$$\epsilon'_{ij} = \begin{cases} -\epsilon_{ij} & \text{if } k \in \{i, j\} \\ \epsilon_{ij} + \frac{|\epsilon_{ik}| \epsilon_{kj} + \epsilon_{ik} |\epsilon_{kj}|}{2} & \text{if } k \notin \{i, j\} \end{cases}$$

(map b/w tor)

Define

$$M_k^* A'_i = \begin{cases} \frac{\prod_{\epsilon_{kj} > 0} A_j^{\epsilon_{kj}} + \prod_{\epsilon_{kj} < 0} A_j^{-\epsilon_{kj}}}{A_k} & \text{if } i=k \\ A_i & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

$$M_k^* X'_i = \begin{cases} X_k^{-1} & \text{if } i=k \\ X_i (1 + X_k^{-\text{sgn}(\epsilon_{ik})})^{-\epsilon_{ik}} & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

$$M_k^* B'_i = \begin{cases} \frac{X_k \prod_{\epsilon_{kj} > 0} B_j^{\epsilon_{kj}} + \prod_{\epsilon_{kj} < 0} B_j^{-\epsilon_{kj}}}{(1 + X_k) B_k} & \text{if } i=k \\ B_i & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

Def An isomorphism  $\sigma : (I, J, \epsilon_{ij}) \rightarrow (I', J', \epsilon'_{ij})$

is a bijection  $I \rightarrow I'$  that preserves all data.

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^* A'_{\sigma(i)} &= A_i \\ \sigma^* X'_{\sigma(i)} &= X_i \\ \sigma^* B'_{\sigma(i)} &= B_i \end{aligned}$$

Def A cluster transformation b/w seeds (or tori) is a composition of mutations and isomorphisms.

Write  $\underline{i} \sim \underline{i}' \iff \underline{i}, \underline{i}'$  are related by a cluster transformation.

$|\underline{i}| =$  equivalence class of  $\underline{i}$

Def (1) The cluster  $K_2$ -variety  $A = A_{|\underline{i}|}$  is

obtained by gluing all  $A_{\underline{i}'}$ , ( $\underline{i}' \in |\underline{i}|$ ) by

these birational maps.

(2) The cluster Poisson variety  $X = X_{|\underline{i}|}$

is glued from  $X_{\underline{i}'}$ , ( $\underline{i}' \in |\underline{i}|$ ).

(3) The cluster symplectic variety (symplectic double)

$D = D_{|\underline{i}|}$  glued from  $D_{\underline{i}'}$ , ( $\underline{i}' \in |\underline{i}|$ )

Def A Semifield  $\mathbb{P}$  is a set with binary operations  $+$ ,  $\cdot$  s.t.

(1)  $(\mathbb{P}, \cdot)$  is an abelian group

(not true in a field)

(2)  $+$  is commutative and associative

(3)  $(a+b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c, \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{P}$

### Examples

(1)  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  under usual  $+$ ,  $\cdot$

(2)  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$  with

(tropical semifield)

$$a \oplus b = \max(a, b),$$

$$a \otimes b = a + b.$$

These are tropical semifields denoted  $\mathbb{Z}^t, \mathbb{Q}^t, \mathbb{R}^t$

Let  $\mathbb{P} = \text{semifield}$ ,  $H \cong \mathbb{G}_m^n$  split algebraic torus.

$$\text{Put } X_*(H) := \text{Hom}(\mathbb{G}_m, H)$$

(lattice of cocharacters)

$$H(\mathbb{P}) := X_x(H) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{P} \quad \leftarrow \text{(as abel. gp)}$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}^n \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{P}$$

$$\cong \mathbb{P}^n$$

Define

$$A(\mathbb{P}) := \coprod A_i(\mathbb{P}) / \text{identifications}$$

$$\chi(\mathbb{P}) := \coprod \chi_i(\mathbb{P}) / \sim$$

$$D(\mathbb{P}) := \coprod D_i(\mathbb{P}) / \sim$$

Corollary

$$A^+(S) \cong A(\mathbb{R}_{>0})$$

$$\chi^+(S) \cong \chi(\mathbb{R}_{>0})$$

$$D^+(S) \cong D(\mathbb{R}_{>0})$$

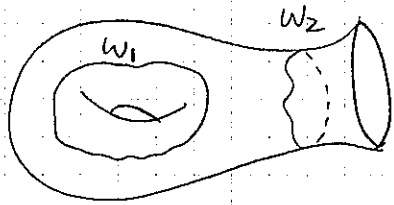
$$A_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) \cong A(\mathbb{Q}^t)$$

$$\chi_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) \cong \chi(\mathbb{Q}^t)$$

$$D_L(S, \mathbb{Q}) \cong D(\mathbb{Q}^t)$$

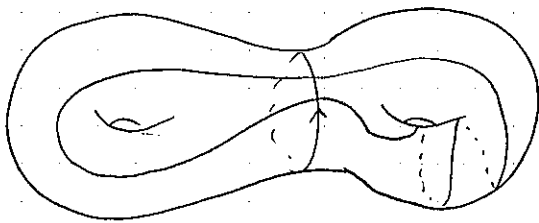
$\mathbb{R}^t \rightarrow$   
Thurston's  
measured  
geod.  
meas.

Tropical integral points :

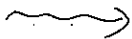


$$=: \ell \in A_L(S, \mathbb{Z})$$

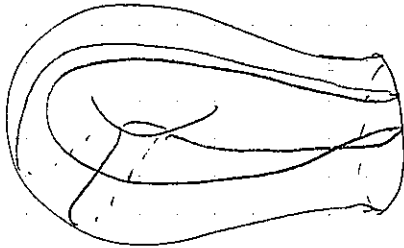
$$\rightsquigarrow \sigma_\ell \in H_1(S, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$$



$$=: \ell \in D_L(S, \mathbb{Z})$$



apply  
involution  
to right



$$\rightsquigarrow \sigma_\ell \in H_1(S, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$$

Theorem (A.) (1)  $\chi(\mathbb{Z}^t) = \chi_L(S, \mathbb{Z})$

(2)  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{Z}^t) = \{ \ell \in A_L(S, \mathbb{Z}) : \sigma_\ell = 0 \}$

$\rightarrow$  (3)  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Z}^t) = \{ \ell \in D_L(S, \mathbb{Z}) : \sigma_\ell = 0 \}$