

73. Cycles and Multiple Integrals on Abelian Varieties

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In the present note we shall show some relations between cycles and multiple integrals which are similar to the known relations between divisors and simple integrals on abelian varieties.

Let \mathbf{A} be an abelian variety of dimension n defined by a period matrix

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_{11}, \dots, \omega_{12n} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \omega_{n1}, \dots, \omega_{n2n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We denote by Z_1, \dots, Z_{2n} the cycles of dimension n on \mathbf{A} induced by vectors ${}^t(\omega_{11}, \dots, \omega_{n1}), \dots, {}^t(\omega_{12n}, \dots, \omega_{n2n})$ respectively. We denote by $Z_{i_1 \dots i_r}$, $i_1 < \dots < i_r$ the cycles of dimension r on \mathbf{A} induced by *parallelotopes* of dimension r

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega_{1i_1} \dots \omega_{1i_r} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \omega_{ni_1} \dots \omega_{ni_r} \end{pmatrix}$$

respectively. Denoting by dz_1, \dots, dz_n the differentials of the first kind associated with the period systems $(\omega_{11}, \dots, \omega_{12n}), \dots, (\omega_{n1}, \dots, \omega_{n2n})$ respectively, we mean by $\Omega^{(p,q)}$ the period matrix of r -ple differentials

$dz_{j_1} \dots dz_{j_p} d\bar{z}_{k_1} \dots d\bar{z}_{k_q}$ whose type (p, q) satisfies $p - q = r \pmod{4}$ with the period cycles $Z_{i_1 \dots i_r}$, where $j_1 < \dots < j_p$, $k_1 < \dots < k_q$, $i_1 < \dots < i_r$.

We put

$$\begin{aligned} (dz_{j_1} \dots dz_{j_p} dz_{k_1} \dots dz_{k_q})^\dagger &= \varepsilon_{j_1 \dots j_n}^{1 \dots n} \varepsilon_{k_1 \dots k_n}^{1 \dots n} dz_{k_{2+1}} \dots dz_{k_n} d\bar{z}_{j_{p+1}} \dots d\bar{z}_{j_n} \\ Z_{i_1 \dots i_r}^\dagger &= \varepsilon_{i_1 \dots i_{2n}}^{1 \dots 2n} Z_{i_{r+1} \dots i_{2n}}. \end{aligned}$$

We assume that the orders of suffixes of matrix elements in $\Omega^{(p,q)}$, $\Omega^{(n-q, n-p)}$ are chosen in such a way that

$$\begin{aligned} dz_{j_1} \dots dz_{j_p} d\bar{z}_{k_1} \dots d\bar{z}_{k_q}, Z_{i_1 \dots i_r} &\text{ corresponds to} \\ (dz_{j_1} \dots dz_{j_p} d\bar{z}_{k_1} \dots d\bar{z}_{k_q})^\dagger, Z_{i_1 \dots i_r}^\dagger &\text{ respectively.} \end{aligned}$$

We denote by σ the homomorphism from $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A}$ onto \mathbf{A} such that $\sigma(x, y) = x + y$ and denote by σ^* its dual mapping. We mean by $I(X \cdot Y)$ the Kronecker index of $X \cdot Y$.

Lemma 1. Let C be a cycle of dimension $2(n-r)$. Then

$$I(Z_{i_1 \dots i_r} \cdot \sigma(C \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r})) = I(C \cdot \sigma(Z_{i_1 \dots i_r} \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r})).$$

Proof. Putting

$$C = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_{2n-2r}} a_{i_1 \dots i_{2n-2r}} Z_{i_1 \dots i_{2n-2r}}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(C \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}) &= \sum_{l_1 < \dots < l_{2n-2r}} \sigma(\mathbf{a}_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}} Z_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}} \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}) \\ &= \sum_{l_1 < \dots < l_{2n-2r}} \mathbf{a}_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}} \epsilon_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}}^{h_1 \dots h_{2n-r}} Z_{h_1 \dots h_{2n-r}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I}(Z_{i_1 \dots i_r} \cdot \sigma(C \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r})) &= \mathbf{I} \left(\sum_{l_1 < \dots < l_{2n-2r}} \mathbf{a}_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}} \epsilon_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}}^{h_1 \dots h_{2n-r}} Z_{i_1 \dots i_r} Z_{h_1 \dots h_{2n-r}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{l_1 < \dots < l_{2n-2r}} \mathbf{a}_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}} \epsilon_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}}^{h_1 \dots h_{2n-r}} \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_r, h_1 \dots h_{2n-r}}^{1 \dots 2n} \\ &= \sum_{l_1 < \dots < l_{2n-2r}} \mathbf{a}_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}} \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_r, l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}}^{1 \dots 2n} j_1 \dots j_r \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I}(C \cdot \sigma(Z_{i_1 \dots i_r} \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r})) &= \mathbf{I} \left(\sum_{l_1 < \dots < l_{2n-2r}} \mathbf{a}_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}} Z_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}} \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_r, j_1 \dots j_r}^{m_1 \dots m_{2r}} Z_{m_1 \dots m_{2r}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{l_1 < \dots < l_{2n-2r}} \mathbf{a}_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}} \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_r, j_1 \dots j_r}^{m_1 \dots m_{2r}} \epsilon_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}, m_1 \dots m_{2r}}^{1 \dots 2n} \\ &= \sum_{l_1 < \dots < l_{2n-2r}} \mathbf{a}_{l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}} \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_r, l_1 \dots l_{2n-2r}}^{1 \dots 2n} j_1 \dots j_r \end{aligned}$$

This proves our Lemma.

Theorem 1. Let C be a cycle of type $(n-r, n-r)$ on \mathbf{A} . Then there exist matrices $\Lambda_0(C), \Lambda_1(C), \dots, \Lambda_{[\frac{r}{2}]}(C)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_0(C) & & & \\ & \Lambda_1(C) & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \Lambda_{[\frac{r}{2}]}(C) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Omega^{(r,0)} \\ \Omega^{(r-2,2)} \\ \vdots \\ \Omega^{(r-2[\frac{r}{2}], 2[\frac{r}{2}])} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \Omega^{(n,n-r)} \\ \Omega^{(n-2,n-r+2)} \\ \vdots \\ \Omega^{(n-2[\frac{r}{2}], n-r+2[\frac{r}{2}])} \end{pmatrix} \left(\mathbf{I}(C \cdot \sigma(Z_{i_1 \dots i_r} \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r})) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover $\Lambda_0(C)=0$ implies $\Lambda_1(C)=\dots=\Lambda_{[\frac{r}{2}]}(C)=0$. If C is not of type $(n-r, n-r)$, then there exists no such a matrix $\Lambda_2(C)$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} &\Omega^{(n-2\nu, n-r+2\nu)}(\mathbf{I}(C \cdot \sigma(Z_{l_1 \dots l_r} \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}))) \\ &= \left(\int_{Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}^\dagger} dz_{l_1} \dots dz_{l_{n-2\nu}} d\bar{z}_{k_1} \dots d\bar{z}_{k_{n-r+2\nu}} \right) \left(\mathbf{I}(Z_{i_1 \dots i_r} \cdot \sigma(C \times Z_{h_1 \dots h_r})) \right) \\ &= \left(\int_{\sigma(C \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r})} dz_{l_1} \dots dz_{l_{n-2\nu}} d\bar{z}_{k_1} \dots d\bar{z}_{k_{n-r+2\nu}} \right) \\ &= \left(\int_{C \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}} \sigma^*(dz_{l_1} \dots dz_{l_{n-2\nu}} d\bar{z}_{k_1} \dots d\bar{z}_{k_{n-r+2\nu}}) \right) \\ &= \left(\int_{C \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}} (du_{l_1} + dv_{l_1}) \dots (du_{l_{n-2\nu}} + dv_{l_{n-2\nu}}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. (d\bar{u}_{k_1} + d\bar{v}_{k_1}) \dots (d\bar{u}_{k_{n-r+2\nu}} + d\bar{v}_{k_{n-r+2\nu}}) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\{du_1, \dots, du_n\}, \{dv_1, \dots, dv_n\}$ are the systems of the differentials on the first and the second component of $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A}$ corresponding to $\{dz_1, \dots, dz_n\}$ on \mathbf{A} .

Since C is of type $(n-r, n-r)$,

$$\int_C du_{i_1} \dots du_{i_{n-r+s}} d\bar{u}_{k_1} \dots d\bar{u}_{k_{n-r+s}} = 0.$$

Putting

$$b_{i_1 \dots i_{n-r}, j_1 \dots j_{n-r}} = \int_C du_{i_1} \dots du_{i_{n-r}} d\bar{u}_{j_1} \dots d\bar{u}_{j_{n-r}},$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{C \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}} (du_{i_1} + dv_{i_1}) \dots (du_{i_{n-2\nu}} + dv_{i_{n-2\nu}}) (d\bar{u}_{k_1} + d\bar{v}_{k_1}) \dots (d\bar{u}_{k_{n-r+2\nu}} + d\bar{v}_{k_{n-r+2\nu}}) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-2\nu}\} = \{i_1 \dots i_{n-2\nu}\} \\ \{\beta_1 \dots \beta_{2n-2\nu}\} = \{k_1 \dots k_{2n-2\nu}\}}} \pm b_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-r}, \beta_1 \dots \beta_{n-r}} \int_{Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}} dv_{\alpha_{n-r+1}} \dots dv_{\alpha_{n-2\nu}} d\bar{v}_{\beta_{n-r+1}} \dots d\bar{v}_{\beta_{n-r+2\nu}}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that

$$\Omega^{(n-2\nu, n-r+2\nu)}(I(C\sigma(Z_{i_1 \dots i_r} \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}))) = \Lambda_\nu(C) \Omega^{(r-2\nu, 2\nu)}$$

with a matrix $\Lambda_\nu(C)$ whose elements are $b_{i_1 \dots i_{n-r}, k_1 \dots k_{n-r}}$ or zero.

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} & (du_1 + dv_1) \dots (du_n + dv_n) (d\bar{u}_{k_1} + d\bar{v}_{k_1}) \dots (d\bar{u}_{k_{n-r}} + d\bar{v}_{k_{n-r}}) \\ &= \sum_{\{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n\} = \{1 \dots n\}} \pm b_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-r}, k_1 \dots k_{n-r}} \int_{Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}} dv_{\alpha_{n-r+1}} \dots dv_{\alpha_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence all $b_{i_1 \dots i_{n-r}, k_1 \dots k_{n-r}}$ appear in $\Lambda_0(C)$. This shows that $\Lambda_0(C) = 0$ implies $\Lambda_1(C) = \dots = \Lambda_{[\frac{r}{2}]}(C) = 0$: If C is not of type $(n-r, n-r)$, then there exists a differential

$$dz_{i_1} \dots dz_{i_{n-r+s}} d\bar{z}_{k_1} \dots d\bar{z}_{k_{n-r-s}} \text{ with a non-zero period on C.}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{C \times Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}} (du_1 + dv_1) \dots (du_n + dv_n) (d\bar{u}_{k_1} + d\bar{v}_{k_1}) \dots (d\bar{u}_{k_{n-r}} + d\bar{v}_{k_{n-r}}) \\ &= \pm \int_C du_{i_1} \dots du_{i_{n-r+s}} d\bar{u}_{k_1} \dots d\bar{u}_{k_{n-r-s}} \\ & \quad \int_{Z_{j_1 \dots j_r}} dv_{i_{n-r+s+1}} \dots dv_{i_n} d\bar{v}_{k_{n-r-s+1}} \dots d\bar{v}_{k_{n-r}} \pm \dots \end{aligned}$$

The type of $dv_{i_{n-r+s+1}} \dots dv_{i_n} d\bar{v}_{k_{n-r-s+1}} \dots d\bar{v}_{k_{n-r}}$ is $(r-s, s)$.

This proves the last assertion.

Lemma 2. Let P be a principal matrix of Ω and let $P^{(r)}$ be the r -th compound matrix of P. Then there exists a matrix B such that

$$B \Omega^{(r,0)} = \Omega^{(n,n-r)} P^{(r)}.$$

Proof. Since P is a principal matrix of Ω , there exists a non-singular matrix B_1 such that

$$\left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega}\right) P^{-1} \left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{B}_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

On the other hand

$$\left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega}\right)^t \left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega}^{(n,n-1)}\right) = \left|\left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega}\right)\right| E.$$

Hence we get

$$\left(\frac{\Omega^{(10)}}{\Omega^{(10)}}\right)P^{-1}\left(\frac{\Omega^{(n,n-1)}}{\Omega^{(n,n-1)}}\right)^{-1}=\begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{B}_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Taking r -th compound of the both sides, we get

$$\Omega^{(r,0)}P^{(r)-1}=B_1^{(r)}\Omega^{(n,n-r)}.$$

From Theorem 1 and Lemma 2 we have

Theorem 2. Let A be an abelian variety of dimension n defined by a period matrix Ω . Let P be principal matrix of Ω and let $P^{(r)}$ be the r -th compound matrix of P . Then the module of homology classes of cycles of type $(n-r, n-r)$ is isomorphic with the module of all rational matrices M satisfying

- 1) $\Omega^{(r,0)}M=\Lambda\Omega^{(r,0)}$ with a matrix Λ ,
- 2) $P^{(r)}M=(b_{i_1\dots i_r, j_1\dots j_r})$ is integral,
- 3) $b_{i_1\dots i_r, j_1\dots j_r}$ $i_1<\dots<i_r$; $j_1<\dots<j_r$ are skew symmetric on $\{\dot{i}_1\dot{i}_2\dots\dot{i}_r, \dot{j}_1\dots\dot{j}_r\}$.