

Polyhedral model of fibers of periods map

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Solutions of several **rational approximation** problems in C-norm

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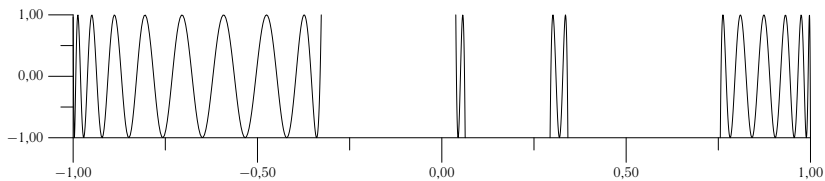


Figure: Degree 29 Chebyshev polynomial on four segments

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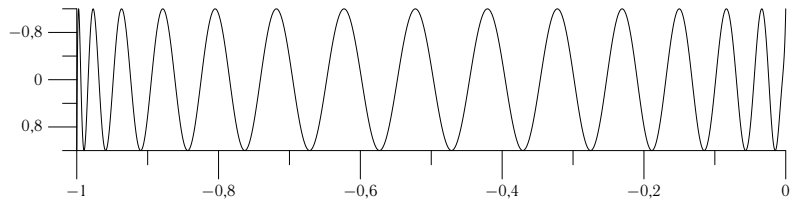


Figure: Degree $n = 31$ Optimal Stability Polynomial for RK method of accuracy degree $p = 3$

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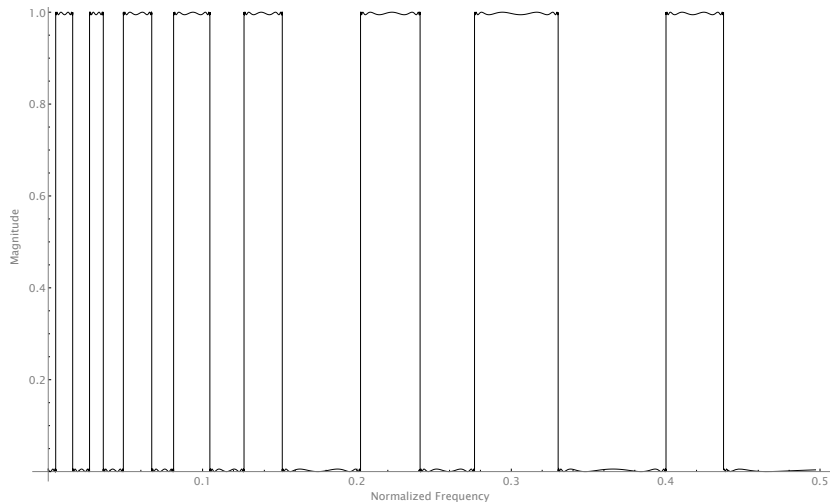


Figure: Optimal gain-frequency characteristic of multiband electrical filter, degree $n = 326$, $g = 16$ (Computed by Sergei Lyamaev)

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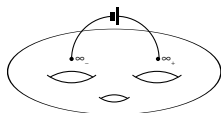
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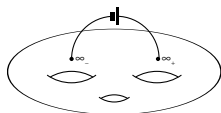
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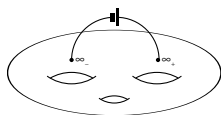
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Example:

Sphere $g = 0$ gives Chebyshëv polynomials (1853);

Tori $g = 1$ give a family of Zolotarëv polynomials (1868).

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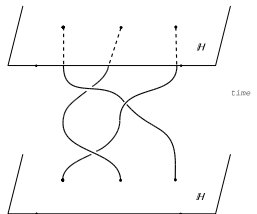
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Moduli spaces of real hyperelliptic curves

Consider moduli space \mathcal{H} of real hyperelliptic curves with a marked point ∞ (\neq branchpoint) on an oriented real oval. Curves with fixed topological invariants: the number k of real ovals and the genus g make up a component \mathcal{H}_g^k . Half of the symmetric branching divisor $E = \bar{E}$: $2k$ real points and $g - k + 1$ points of the upper half plane (modulo translations and dilatations).



$$\mathcal{H}_g^k := \mathbb{H}^{g-k+1} \setminus \{\text{diagonals}\} / \text{permutations} \times \Delta_{2k-2}$$

$$\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{H}_g^k = 2g;$$

$$\pi_1(\mathcal{H}_g^k) = Br_{g-k+1} \text{ (braids on } g - k + 1 \text{ strings).}$$

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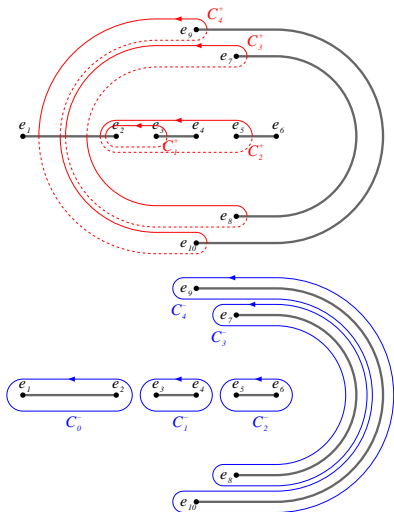
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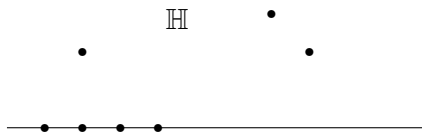
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Digression: Even and Odd Cycles

Simplification due to mirror symmetry $\bar{J}(x, w) = (\bar{x}, \bar{w})$: cycles are split into even/odd: $\bar{J}C = \pm C$. Real differential $d\eta_M$ has trivial periods along all even cycles due to its normalization.

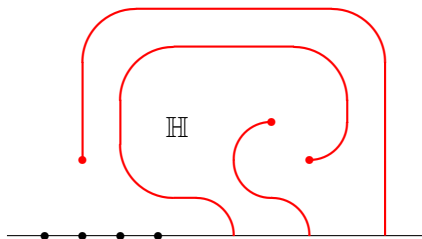


Labyrinth model of the moduli space universal cover



A point $E \in \mathcal{H}_4^2$ is lifted to the universal cover by choosing the labyrinth that accompanies it.

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Labyrinth of a point $E \in \mathcal{H}$ gives a natural basis in odd 1-homologies of the curve $M(E)$. Fundamental group of the base (braids) acts on labyrinths as MCG of punctured half plane.

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CONJECTURE(2001): Component of a fiber = g -cell.

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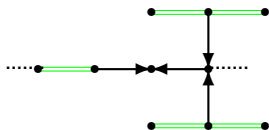
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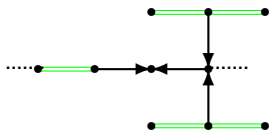
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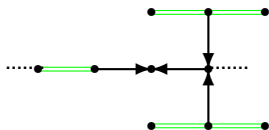
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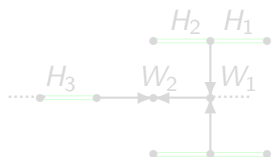
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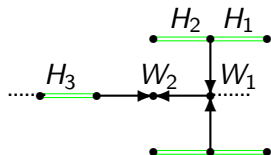
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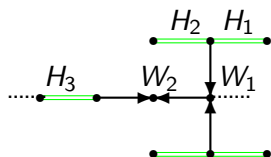
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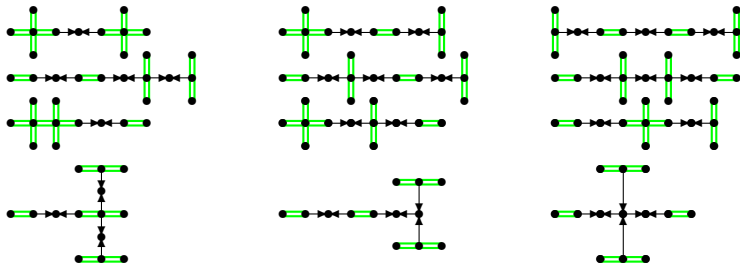
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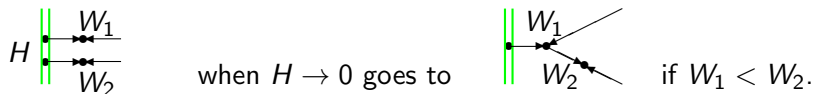
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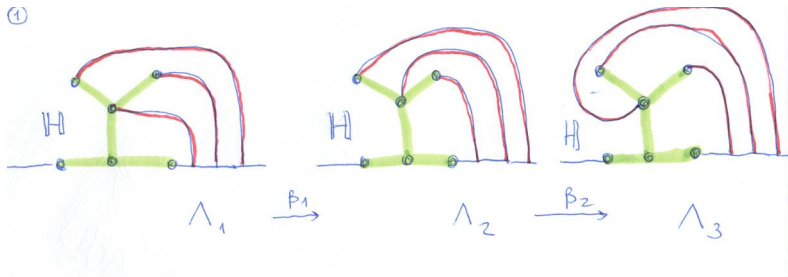
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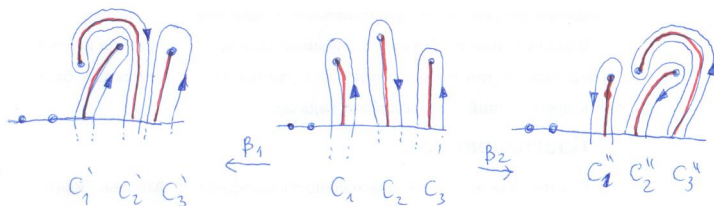
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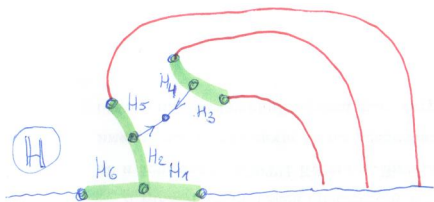
The holonomy of the connection looks like **Burau representation** of braids:

$$\beta_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_2 \\ 2C_2 - C_1 \\ C_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \beta_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_3 \\ 2C_3 - C_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Period map is a linear function in local coordinates (heights) of the cell. It is easy to compute it for the associated labyrinth of a graph:

EXAMPLE:



$$\Pi(\Lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} H_1 + H_2 + H_3 \\ H_1 + H_2 + H_3 + H_4 \\ H_1 + H_2 + H_3 + 2H_4 + H_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Value of $\Pi(\Lambda)$ lies in a symplex
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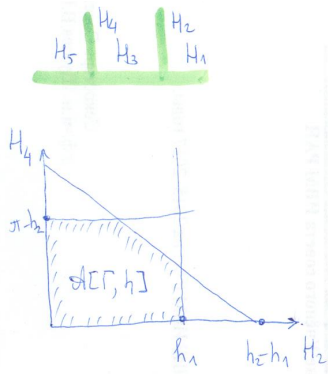
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EXAMPLE Polygon $\mathcal{A}[\Gamma, h]$ for $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\mathbf{I}}$ from \mathcal{H}_2^1 (this space contains 9 full dimension cells)



Fix the periods:

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$$H_1 + 2H_2 + H_3 + H_4 = h_2$$

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(normalization)

Positive coordinates H_2, H_4 in the polygon satisfy

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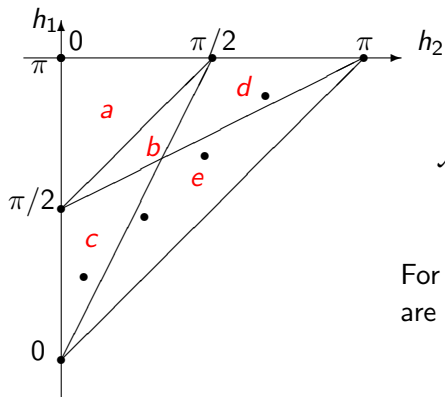
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$$\mathcal{A}[\Gamma, h] = \begin{cases} \text{rectangle} & h \in a \\ \text{pentagon} & h \in b \\ \text{trapezoid} & h \in c, d \\ \text{triangle} & h \in e \end{cases}$$

For other graphs the polygons $\mathcal{A}[\Gamma, h]$ are half-stripes or quadrants or empty.

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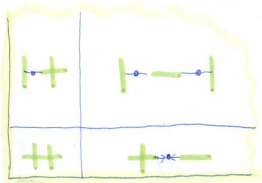
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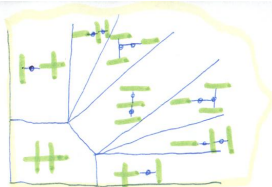
Assembly for fibers of the space $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_2^1$

Fiber $\Pi^{-1}(h)$ with h from the above phase diagram:

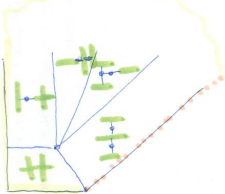
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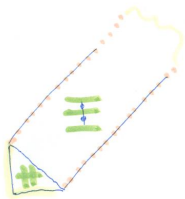
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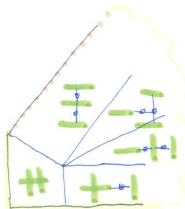
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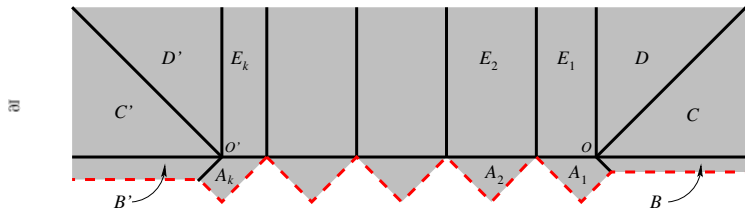
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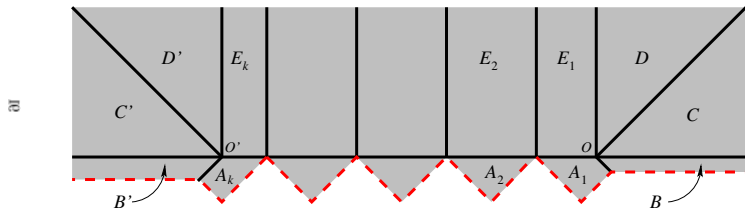
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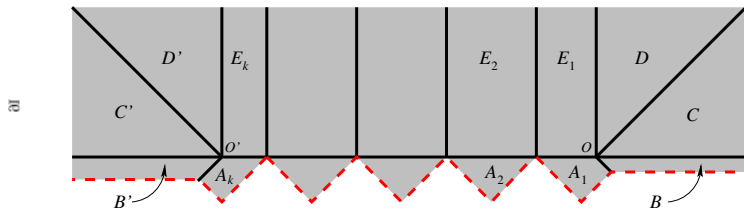


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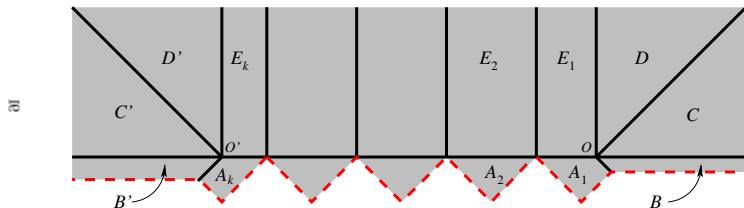
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