

# MA475 Riemann Surfaces

## Condensed Notes

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## 1 Preliminaries

**Notation.**  $U \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X$  will indicate that  $U$  is an open subset of  $X$ .  $p_k$  denotes the map  $z \mapsto z^k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\Gamma$  will denote a lattice in  $\mathbb{C}$  of the form  $\Gamma := \mathbb{Z}w_1 + \mathbb{Z}w_2$  with  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}$ . All diagrams of maps are commutative unless otherwise indicated.  $f : X, x \rightarrow Y, y$  denotes a function  $X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .  $I := [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is the unit interval.

**Definitions 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a 2-dimensional manifold. A *complex chart* on  $X$  is a homeomorphism  $\phi : U \rightarrow V$  with  $U \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X$ ,  $V \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} \mathbb{C}$ . Complex charts  $\phi_j : U_j \rightarrow V_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  are *compatible* if  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  or

$$\phi_2 \circ \phi_1^{-1} : \phi_1(U \cap V) \rightarrow \phi_2(U \cap V)$$

is holomorphic with holomorphic inverse, i.e. *biholomorphic*. A *complex atlas*  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $X$  is a collection of pairwise-compatible complex charts whose domains cover  $X$ . Two complex atlases  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'$  are *analytically equivalent* if every chart in  $\mathcal{A}$  is compatible with every chart in  $\mathcal{A}'$ . A *complex structure*  $\Sigma$  on  $X$  is a choice of analytic equivalence class of complex atlases on  $X$ . A *Riemann surface* is a 2-dimensional manifold  $X$  with a complex structure  $\Sigma = [\mathcal{A}]$  on  $X$ .

**Examples 1.2.** (i)  $\mathbb{C}$ , or any  $U$  open in  $\mathbb{C}$  is a Riemann surface with the identity map as a global chart.

(ii)  $\mathbb{P}^1$  denotes the *Riemann sphere*,  $S^2$  identified with  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , with two charts given by stereographic projection from the North and South poles, with coordinates  $z$  and  $w := 1/z$  respectively.

(iii) A torus  $\mathbb{C}/\Gamma$ .

## 2 Maps of Riemann Surfaces

**Definitions 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface and  $U \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X$ :  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is *holomorphic* if for all charts  $\phi_1 : U_1 \rightarrow V_1$  on  $X$ ,  $f \circ \phi_1^{-1} : \phi_1(U \cap U_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic.  $\mathcal{O}(U) := \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ holomorphic}\}$  forms a commutative algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $X, Y$  be Riemann surfaces:  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *holomorphic* if for all charts  $\phi_1 : U_1 \rightarrow V_1$  on  $X$  and  $\phi_2 : U_2 \rightarrow V_2$  on  $Y$  with  $f(U_1) \subseteq U_2$ ,  $\phi_2 \circ f \circ \phi_1^{-1} : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is holomorphic.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & U_2 \\ \phi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi_2 \\ V_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi_2 \circ f \circ \phi_1^{-1}} & V_2 \end{array}$$

**Proposition 2.2.** A continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is holomorphic  $\Leftrightarrow$  for all  $V \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} Y$  and  $\phi \in \mathcal{O}(V)$ ,  $\phi \circ f \in \mathcal{O}(f^{-1}(V))$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** If  $\phi : U \rightarrow V$  is a chart on a Riemann surface  $X$  then  $\phi$  is holomorphic.

**Definitions 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface and  $U \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X$ : a *meromorphic* function on  $U$  is a holomorphic function  $f : U' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , where  $U' \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} U$ ,  $U \setminus U'$  is discrete, and for all  $p \in U \setminus U'$ ,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow p} |f(z)| = \infty$ .  $U \setminus U'$  is called the set of *poles* of  $f$ .  $\mathcal{M}(U) := \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ meromorphic}\}$  forms a commutative division algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  with poles  $X \setminus X'$ . Define  $\tilde{f} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  by

$$\tilde{f}(z) := \begin{cases} f(z) & z \in X', \\ \infty & z \in X \setminus X'. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\tilde{f}$  is a holomorphic map of Riemann surfaces.

**Theorem 2.6.** (The Identity Theorem for  $\mathbb{C}$ .) Let  $U \stackrel{\circ}{\subseteq} \mathbb{C}$  be connected,  $f, g \in \mathcal{O}(U)$  and  $f|_A = g|_A$  for some  $A \subseteq U$  with a limit point. Then  $f = g$  on  $U$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** (The Identity Theorem for Riemann surfaces.) Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$  be holomorphic maps of Riemann surfaces with  $f|_A = g|_A$  for some  $A \subseteq X$  with a limit point. Then  $f = g$  on  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.8.**  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  holomorphic  $\Rightarrow f(z) \equiv \infty$  or else  $f^{-1}(\infty)$  is discrete and  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ .

**Proposition 2.9.** (Branching Theorem.) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a non-constant holomorphic map of Riemann surfaces,  $a \in X$ ,  $b := f(a) \in Y$ . Then there exists a  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and charts  $\phi_1 : U_1 \rightarrow V_1$  and  $\phi_2 : U_2 \rightarrow V_2$  with  $a \in U_1$ ,  $b \in U_2$ ,  $\phi_1(a) = \phi_2(b) = 0$  such that  $\phi_2 \circ f \circ \phi_1^{-1} : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is  $p_k : z \mapsto z^k$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_1, a & \xrightarrow{f} & U_2, b \\ \phi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi_2 \\ V_1, 0 & \xrightarrow{p_k = \phi_2 \circ f \circ \phi_1^{-1}} & V_2, 0 \end{array}$$

**Definitions 2.10.** If  $k > 1$  above, we call  $a$  a *branch point* of  $f$ . If  $f$  has no branch points we say that it is *unbranched*. If  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is locally given by  $z \mapsto z^k$  at  $y \in Y$ , then we say that the *multiplicity* of  $f$  at  $y$  is  $\nu(f, y) := k$ .

**Corollary 2.11.** (Open Mapping Theorem.) For  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a non-constant holomorphic map of Riemann surfaces,  $U \stackrel{\circ}{\subseteq} X \Rightarrow f(U) \stackrel{\circ}{\subseteq} Y$ .

**Definition 2.12.** A map of topological spaces  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *discrete* if  $f^{-1}(p) \subseteq X$  is discrete for all  $p \in Y$ .

**Corollary 2.13.** A non-constant holomorphic map of connected Riemann surfaces  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is both open and discrete.

**Corollary 2.14.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  injective and holomorphic, then  $f : X \rightarrow f(X)$  is biholomorphic.

**Corollary 2.15.** (Maximum Principle.)  $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  non-constant  $\Rightarrow |f| : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  does not attain a maximum.

**Corollary 2.16.** *If  $X$  is a compact Riemann surface and  $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ , then  $f$  is constant.*

**Theorem 2.17.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a non-constant holomorphic map with  $X$  compact and  $Y$  connected, then  $Y$  is compact and  $f$  is surjective.*

**Proposition 2.18.**  *$\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{P}^1)$  is the space  $\mathbb{C}(z)$  of rational functions in one complex variable.*

**Definition 2.19.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a 2-dimensional lattice in  $\mathbb{C}$ .  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C})$  is *doubly periodic* if  $f(z + \gamma) = f(z)$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

**Corollary 2.20.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be doubly periodic. Then  $f$  determines a function  $F : \mathbb{C}/\Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  such that  $f = F \circ \pi$ , where  $\pi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$  is the quotient map, and  $f$  is holomorphic / meromorphic if and only if  $F$  has the same property. Moreover,  $f$  is either constant or surjective.*

**Definition 2.21.** A map of topological spaces  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a *local homeomorphism* if every  $x \in X$  has a neighbourhood  $x \in U \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X$  with  $f|_U$  a homeomorphism.

**Theorem 2.22.** *Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface,  $Y$  a Hausdorff topological space and  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  a local homeomorphism. Then there is a unique complex structure on  $Y$  making  $f$  holomorphic.*

### 3 Covering Maps and Spaces

**Definitions 3.1.**  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is a *covering map* if every  $x \in X$  has a neighbourhood  $x \in U \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X$  such that  $f^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{j \in J} V_j$  where the  $V_j$  are disjoint open sets of  $Y$  with  $f|_{V_j} : V_j \rightarrow U$  a homeomorphism for each  $j$ . Let  $X, Y, Z$  be topological spaces and  $f : Z \rightarrow X, g : Y \rightarrow X$  continuous: a *lifting of  $f$  with respect to  $g$*  is a continuous  $h : Z \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f = g \circ h$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & Y \\ & \nearrow h & \downarrow g \\ Z & \xrightarrow{f} & X \end{array}$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  is a covering map and  $\gamma : I \rightarrow X$  a curve, then for all  $y_0 \in Y$  with  $p(y_0) = \gamma(0)$  there is a unique lifting  $\tilde{\gamma} : I \rightarrow Y$  with  $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = y_0$ .*

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  is a covering map,  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 : I \rightarrow X$  curves from  $a \in X$  to  $b \in X$ , with  $\gamma_1 \simeq \gamma_2$  by a homotopy  $H : I \times I \rightarrow X$ , and  $\tilde{\gamma}_1, \tilde{\gamma}_2 : I \rightarrow Y$  liftings with  $\tilde{\gamma}_1(0) = \tilde{\gamma}_2(0) = y_0 \in Y$ , then there is a lifting  $\tilde{H} : I \times I \rightarrow Y$  of  $H$  such that  $\tilde{H}$  is a homotopy from  $\tilde{\gamma}_1$  to  $\tilde{\gamma}_2$ . Conversely, if  $\tilde{H} : I \times I \rightarrow Y$  is a homotopy from  $\tilde{\gamma}_1$  to  $\tilde{\gamma}_2$ , then  $H = p \circ \tilde{H}$  is a homotopy from  $\gamma_1$  to  $\gamma_2$ .*

**Definitions 3.4.** If  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  is a covering map, a *deck transformation* of  $Y$  over  $X$  is a homeomorphism  $f : Y \rightarrow Y$  such that  $p \circ f = p$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ & \searrow p & \swarrow p \\ & X & \end{array}$$

The set of all deck transformations of  $Y$  over  $X$  is denoted  $\text{Deck}(Y/X)$ . If  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  is a covering map with  $X$  path connected and  $Y$  connected and simply connected, we call  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  the *universal covering space* of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  is a universal covering and  $q : Z \rightarrow X$  a connected covering, then for all  $y_0 \in Y$  and  $z_0 \in Z$  with  $p(y_0) = q(z_0) =: x_0 \in X$ , there exists a unique  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $q \circ f = p$  and  $f(y_0) = z_0$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y, y_0 & \overset{f}{\dashrightarrow} & Z, z_0 \\ & \searrow p & \swarrow q \\ & X, x_0 & \end{array}$$

**Theorem 3.6.** *If  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  is a universal covering space, then  $\text{Deck}(Y/X) \cong \pi_1(X, x_0)$  as groups for any  $x_0 \in X$ .*

**Definitions 3.7.** A topological space  $X$  is *locally compact* if every  $x \in X$  has a neighbourhood  $x \in U \subseteq \overset{\circ}{X}$  with  $U \subseteq K$  for some compact  $K \subseteq X$ . A map of locally compact spaces  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is *proper* if  $K \subseteq X$  compact  $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(K) \subseteq Y$  compact.

**Lemma 3.8.** *If  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is a discrete proper map of locally compact spaces, then for all  $x \in X$ ,  $f^{-1}(x)$  is finite, and for all open neighbourhoods  $f^{-1}(x) \subseteq V \subseteq \overset{\circ}{Y}$  there is a neighbourhood  $x \in U \subseteq \overset{\circ}{X}$  with  $f^{-1}(U) \subseteq V$ .*

**Theorem 3.9.** *If  $X, Y$  are locally compact Hausdorff spaces with  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  a discrete proper local homeomorphism, then  $f$  is a covering map.*

**Proposition 3.10.** *If  $f$  is an unbranched proper non-constant map of Riemann surfaces then  $f$  is a local homeomorphism, and hence a covering map.*

**Theorem 3.11.** *If  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is a proper non-constant holomorphic map of connected Riemann surfaces, then there exists an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\sum_{y \in f^{-1}(x)} \nu(f, y) = n$ .*

**Definition 3.12.** The above  $n$  is called the number of *sheets* of  $f$ , denoted  $\text{sh}(f)$ .

**Corollary 3.13.** *If  $X$  is a connected Riemann surface with  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  then  $f$  has the same number of poles as it has zeroes (both counted with multiplicity).*

**Corollary 3.14.** *A polynomial  $p \in \mathbb{C}[z]$  has  $\deg p$  roots counted with multiplicity.*

**Corollary 3.15.** *There is no  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}/\Gamma)$  with a single pole of multiplicity 1.*

**Theorem 3.16.** (Uniformization Theorem.) *If  $Y$  is a simply connected Riemann surface, then  $Y$  is biholomorphic to either  $\mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$  or the unit disc  $D := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$ .*

**Theorem 3.17.** *If  $X$  is a Riemann surface and  $f : X \rightarrow D^* := D \setminus \{0\}$  a holomorphic covering map, then either*

- (i)  $\text{sh}(f) = \infty$  and there is a biholomorphic  $\phi : X \rightarrow H := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \Re z < 0\}$  with  $\exp \circ \phi = f$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \overset{\phi}{\dashrightarrow} & H \\ & \searrow f & \swarrow \exp \\ & & D^* \end{array}$$

or

- (ii)  $\text{sh}(f) = k \in \mathbb{N}$  and there is a biholomorphic  $\phi : X \rightarrow D^*$  with  $p_k \circ \phi = f$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \overset{\phi}{\dashrightarrow} & D^* \\ & \searrow f & \swarrow p_k \\ & & D^* \end{array}$$

**Theorem 3.18.** *If  $X$  is a Riemann surface and  $f : X \rightarrow D$  is a proper non-constant biholomorphic map unbranched over  $D^*$ , then there is a  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and a biholomorphic  $\phi : X \rightarrow D$  such that  $f = p_k \circ \phi$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\phi} & D \\ & \searrow f & \swarrow p_k \\ & & D \end{array}$$

## 4 Analytic Continuation

**Definitions 4.1.** Let  $X$  be a topological space. A *presheaf*  $\mathcal{F}$  of Abelian groups<sup>1</sup> is a collection of data:

- (i) for each  $U \subseteq X$ , an Abelian group  $\mathcal{F}(U)$ ;
- (ii) for each inclusion  $U \subseteq V$ , a *restriction map*  $\rho_{UV} : \mathcal{F}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U)$ , a homomorphism of Abelian groups such that
  - (b)  $\rho_{UU} = \text{id}$ ;
  - (b)  $U \subseteq V \subseteq W \Rightarrow \rho_{UV} \circ \rho_{VW} = \rho_{UW}$ .

For  $s \in \mathcal{F}(V)$ , write  $s|_U := \rho_{UV}(s)$ . A presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  is a *sheaf* if, for  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  a collection of open subsets of  $X$ , with  $U := \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ ,

- (i) if  $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  and  $s|_{U_i} = 0$  for all  $i \in I$  then  $s = 0$ . (Hence  $\mathcal{F}(\emptyset) = 0$ .)
- (ii) given  $s_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$  with  $s_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = s_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}$  for all  $i, j \in I$ , there is an  $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  with  $s|_{U_i} = s_i$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a sheaf on  $X$  and  $a \in X$ . A *germ* of  $\mathcal{F}$  at  $a \in X$  is a pair  $(U, s)$ , where  $a \in U \subseteq X$  and  $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ . Two germs  $(U, s)$  and  $(U', s')$  are *equivalent* if there is an open neighbourhood  $a \in V \subseteq U \cap U'$  with  $s|_V = s'|_V$ . The *stalk* of  $\mathcal{F}$  at  $a$  is

$$\mathcal{F}_a := \frac{\{\text{germs } (U, s) \text{ of } \mathcal{F} \text{ at } a\}}{\sim}$$

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<sup>1</sup>We can also have presheaves of sets, rings, fields, vector spaces, etc., with the appropriate morphisms.

$\mathcal{F}_a$  is an Abelian group via

$$(U, s) + (U', s') := (U \cap U', s|_{U \cap U'} + s'|_{U \cap U'}).$$

Define  $\rho_a : \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_a$ , where  $a \in U$  by  $\rho_a(s) := (U, s)$ . The *espace étalé* of  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $|\mathcal{F}| := \coprod_{a \in X} \mathcal{F}_a$ , with  $p : |\mathcal{F}| \rightarrow X$ ,  $p(\phi) := a \in X$  for  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}_a$ .

Define *open sets in*  $|\mathcal{F}|$  by  $[U, s] := \{\rho_a(s) | a \in U\}$ , and  $[U, s] \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} |\mathcal{F}|$  if  $U \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X$ ,  $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.**  $\mathcal{B} := \left\{ [U, f] \mid U \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X, f \in \mathcal{F}(U) \right\}$  is a basis for a topology on  $|\mathcal{F}|$  with respect to which  $p : |\mathcal{F}| \rightarrow X$  is a local homeomorphism.

**Corollary 4.3.** Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface and  $\mathcal{O}$  the sheaf of holomorphic functions, with  $p : |\mathcal{O}| \rightarrow X$ . If  $|\mathcal{O}|$  is Hausdorff and  $Y$  a connected component of  $|\mathcal{O}|$  then  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  is a local homeomorphism and there is a unique complex structure on  $Y$  making  $p$  holomorphic.

**Definition 4.4.** A presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies the *identity theorem* if whenever  $U \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X$  is connected and  $f, g \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  are such that  $\rho_a(f) = \rho_a(g)$  for some  $a \in U$ , it follows that  $f = g$ .

**Corollary 4.5.**  $\mathcal{O}$  satisfies the identity theorem for any Riemann surface  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** If  $X$  is a locally connected Hausdorff space and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a presheaf on  $X$  satisfying the identity theorem, then  $|\mathcal{F}|$  is Hausdorff.

**Definition 4.7.** Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface,  $\gamma : I \rightarrow X$  a curve from  $a$  to  $b$ :  $\psi \in \mathcal{O}_b$  is an *analytic continuation* of  $\phi \in \mathcal{O}_a$  along  $\gamma$  if the following holds: there exists a family  $\phi_t \in \mathcal{O}_{\gamma(t)}$ ,  $t \in I$ , with  $\phi_0 = \phi$ ,  $\phi_1 = \psi$  such that for all  $\tau \in I$  there is an open neighbourhood  $\tau \in T \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} I$  and a  $U \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X$  with  $\gamma(T) \subseteq U$  and  $f \in \mathcal{O}(U)$  such that  $\phi_t = \rho_{\gamma(t)}(f)$  for all  $t \in T$ . *Equivalently*: there exists a partition  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_r = 1$  of  $I$  and  $U_i \overset{\circ}{\subseteq} X$  with  $\gamma([t_{i-1}, t_i]) \subseteq U_i$  and  $f_i \in \mathcal{O}(U_i)$  such that

- (i)  $\phi$  is a germ of  $f_1$  at  $a$ ;  $\psi$  is a germ of  $f_r$  at  $b$ ;
- (ii)  $f_i|_{V_i} = f_{i+1}|_{V_i}$  where  $V_i$  is the connected component of  $U_i \cap U_{i+1}$  containing  $\gamma(t_i)$ .

**Lemma 4.8.** *Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface,  $\gamma : I \rightarrow X$  a curve from  $a$  to  $b$ . Then  $\psi \in \mathcal{O}_b$  is an analytic continuation of  $\phi \in \mathcal{O}_a$  if and only if there is a lift  $\tilde{\gamma} : I \rightarrow |\mathcal{O}|$  of  $\gamma$  such that  $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = \phi$ ,  $\tilde{\gamma}(1) = \psi$ .*

**Theorem 4.9.** (Monodromy Theorem.) *Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface,  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1 : I \rightarrow X$  two homotopic curves from  $a$  to  $b$ . Suppose that  $\gamma_s$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq 1$ , is a homotopy of  $\gamma_0$  into  $\gamma_1$ , and suppose that  $\phi \in \mathcal{O}_a$  admits an analytic continuation to  $\psi_s \in \mathcal{O}_b$  for every  $s$ . Then  $\psi_s$  is independent of  $s$ .*

**Theorem 4.10.** *Let  $X, Y$  be Hausdorff topological spaces,  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  a local homeomorphism. Let  $a, b \in X$ ,  $\tilde{a} \in Y$  with  $p(\tilde{a}) = a$ . Let  $\gamma_s : I \rightarrow X$  be a continuous family of curves connecting  $a$  to  $b$ . If each  $\gamma_s$  can be lifted to a curve  $\tilde{\gamma}_s$  with  $\tilde{\gamma}_s(0) \equiv \tilde{a}$ , then  $\tilde{\gamma}_0(1) = \tilde{\gamma}_1(1)$ .*

**Corollary 4.11.** *If  $X$  is a simply connected Riemann surface,  $a \in X$ , and  $\phi \in \mathcal{O}_a$  admits an analytic continuation along every curve in  $X$  starting at  $a$ , then there is an  $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  such that  $\rho_a(f) = \phi$ .*

**Definitions 4.12.** Let  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  be an unbranched holomorphic map of Riemann surfaces, a local homeomorphism, so locally biholomorphic. Define the *pull-back isomorphism* of rings (stalks)  $p^* : \mathcal{O}_{X,p(y)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Y,y}$  by

$$p^*(U, f) := (p^{-1}(U), f \circ p).$$

Define the inverse, the *push-forward isomorphism*,  $p_* : \mathcal{O}_{Y,y} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,p(y)}$ , by choosing a neighbourhood  $V \subseteq Y$  such that  $p|_V : V \rightarrow p(V)$  is biholomorphic and setting

$$p_*(U, g) := (p(U \cap V), g \circ p|_V^{-1}).$$

Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface,  $a \in X$ ,  $\phi \in \mathcal{O}_a$ .  $(Y, p, f, b)$  is an *analytic continuation* of  $\phi$  if

- (i)  $Y$  is a Riemann surface;
- (ii)  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  is an unbranched holomorphic map;
- (iii)  $f : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic;
- (iv)  $b \in Y$  satisfies  $p(b) = a$  and  $p_*(\rho_b(f)) = \phi$ .

$(Y, p, f, b)$  is *maximal* if it satisfies the following: if  $(Z, q, g, c)$  is any other analytic continuation of  $\phi$  then there is a unique holomorphic  $F : Z \rightarrow Y$  with  $F(c) = b$ ,  $q = p \circ F$ , and  $g = f \circ F$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z, c & \overset{F}{\dashrightarrow} & Y, b \\ & \searrow q & \swarrow p \\ & X, a & \end{array}$$

**Lemma 4.13.** *If  $X$  is a Riemann surface,  $a \in X$ ,  $\phi \in \mathcal{O}_a$ ,  $(Y, p, f, b)$  an analytic continuation of  $\phi$  and  $\tilde{\gamma} : I \rightarrow Y$  is a curve with  $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = b$ ,  $\tilde{\gamma}(1) = y \in Y$ , then  $\psi := p_*(\rho_y(f)) \in \mathcal{O}_{X, p(y)}$  is an analytic continuation of  $\phi$  along  $\gamma := p \circ \tilde{\gamma}$ .*

**Theorem 4.14.** (Existence of Maximal Analytic Continuations.) *Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface,  $a \in X$ ,  $\phi \in \mathcal{O}_a$ . Then there exists a maximal analytic continuation of  $\phi$ .*

**Theorem 4.15.** *Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface,  $A \subseteq X$  discrete,  $X' := X \setminus A$ ,  $Y'$  another Riemann surface, and  $\pi' : Y' \rightarrow X'$  a proper unbranched holomorphic map. Then  $\pi'$  extends to a branched proper map, i.e. there is a Riemann surface  $Y$  with  $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$  proper, and  $\phi$  biholomorphic:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y \setminus \pi^{-1}(A) & \overset{\phi}{\dashrightarrow} & Y' \\ & \searrow \pi & \swarrow \pi' \\ & X' & \end{array}$$

**Definition 4.16.** We define the *Riemann surface of  $\sqrt{f(z)}$* , where  $f$  is a polynomial with no multiple roots,  $\deg f = 2g + 2$ , as follows:

- (i)  $\phi :=$  a germ of some branch of  $\sqrt{f(z)}$  at some  $a \in X' := \mathbb{C} \setminus \{z \mid f(z) = 0\}$ .
- (ii)  $(Y', p', f, b) :=$  a maximal analytic continuation of  $\phi$ .
- (iii) Extend  $p' : Y' \rightarrow X'$  to  $p : Y \rightarrow X := \mathbb{P}^1$  by adding one branch point over each zero of  $f$  and two distinct points over  $\infty$ .

$Y$  with  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  is the *Riemann surface of  $\sqrt{f(z)}$* .

## 5 Integration of Differential 1-Forms

**Definitions 5.1.** Writing  $z = x + iy$ , a *differential 1-form* on  $V \stackrel{\circ}{\subseteq} \mathbb{C}$  is an expression  $f_1 dx + f_2 dy$  for some differentiable  $f_1, f_2 : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . If  $p = p_1 + ip_2 : U \rightarrow V$  is holomorphic and  $\omega := f_1 dx + f_2 dy$  is a 1-form on  $V$  the *pull-back* is

$$p^*\omega := \left( (f_1 \circ p) \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial x} + (f_2 \circ p) \frac{\partial p_2}{\partial y} \right) dx + \left( (f_1 \circ p) \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial y} + (f_2 \circ p) \frac{\partial p_2}{\partial x} \right) dy$$

If  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is differentiable, define  $df := \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$ , so that  $p^*\omega = (f_1 \circ p) dp_1 + (f_2 \circ p) dp_2$ . We define  $dz := dx + idy$  and  $d\bar{z} := dx - idy$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** *If  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic,  $df = f'(z)dz$ .*

**Definition 5.3.** A *differential 1-form* on a Riemann surface  $X$  is a choice, for each chart  $\psi : U \rightarrow V \stackrel{\circ}{\subseteq} \mathbb{C}$ , of a 1-form  $\omega_\psi$  on  $V$  such that if  $\psi_j : U_j \rightarrow V_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , are compatible charts with  $\psi_2 \circ \psi_1^{-1} : \psi_1(U_1 \cap U_2) \rightarrow \psi_2(U_1 \cap U_2)$  holomorphic, then

$$(\psi_2 \circ \psi_1^{-1})^* (\omega_{\psi_2}|_{\psi_2(U_1 \cap U_2)}) = \omega_{\psi_1}|_{\psi_1(U_1 \cap U_2)}$$

A *holomorphic 1-form* on  $X$  is a 1-form locally of the form  $f(z)dz$  for some holomorphic  $f$ ; a *meromorphic 1-form* on  $X$  is a 1-form locally of the form  $f(z)dz$  for some meromorphic  $f$ . Denote by  $\Omega^1(X)$  the  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space of holomorphic 1-forms on  $X$ .

**Proposition 5.4.** *If  $X$  is a Riemann surface and  $\mathcal{F}(U) := \{\text{differential 1-forms on } U\}$  for  $U \stackrel{\circ}{\subseteq} X$ , then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a sheaf of vector spaces. Similarly for holomorphic and meromorphic 1-forms.*

**Proposition 5.5.** *If  $p : U \rightarrow V$  and  $f(z)dz$  are holomorphic then so is  $p^*(f(z)dz) = f(p(z))dp$ .*

**Definition 5.6.** If  $p : Y \rightarrow X$  is holomorphic and  $\omega$  is a 1-form on  $X$  then define the *pull-back*  $p^*\omega$  on  $Y$  by  $(p^*\omega)_{\psi_1} := (\psi_1 \circ p \circ \psi_2^{-1})^*(\omega_{\psi_2})$  for  $\psi_j : U_j \rightarrow V_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , charts on  $Y$  and  $X$  respectively.

**Theorem 5.7.** (Chain Rule.) *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are maps of Riemann surfaces and  $\omega$  is a 1-form on  $Z$  then  $(g \circ f)^*(\omega) = f^*(g^*(\omega))$ .*

**Theorem 5.8.** *If  $X$  is a compact Riemann surface, then  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \Omega^1(X) < \infty$ ; in fact,  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \Omega^1(X) =$  the genus of  $X$ .*

**Definition 5.9.** Let  $\omega$  be a 1-form on  $X$ ,  $\gamma : I \rightarrow X$  a piecewise differentiable curve, i.e. take a partition  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_r = 1$  of  $I$  and charts  $z_k = x_k + iy_k : U_k \rightarrow V_k$  with  $\gamma([t_{k-1}, t_k]) \subseteq U_k$  and  $x_k \circ \gamma|_{[t_{k-1}, t_k]}, y_k \circ \gamma|_{[t_{k-1}, t_k]}$  of class  $C^1$ . Write  $\omega = f_k dx_k + g_k dy_k$  on  $U_k$ . The *integral* of  $\omega$  over  $\gamma$  is

$$\int_{\gamma} \omega := \sum_{k=1}^r \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} f_k(\gamma(t)) \frac{d(x_k(\gamma(t)))}{dt} + g_k(\gamma(t)) \frac{d(y_k(\gamma(t)))}{dt} dt$$

**Theorem 5.10.** *Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface,  $\gamma : I \rightarrow X$  piecewise smooth, and  $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  differentiable. Then  $\int_{\gamma} dF = F(\gamma(1)) - F(\gamma(0))$ .*

**Definition 5.11.**  $\omega = f_1 dx + f_2 dy$  is *closed* if  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x}$ . Holomorphic 1-forms are always closed.

**Proposition 5.12.** *If  $\omega$  is a closed 1-form on  $X$  and  $p \in X$  then there is a neighbourhood  $p \in U \subseteq X$  such that  $\omega|_U = dF$  for some  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .*

**Theorem 5.13.** *Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface and  $\omega \in \Omega^1(X)$ . Then there is a covering map  $p : \check{X} \rightarrow X$  with  $\check{X}$  connected and a function  $F : \check{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $p^* \omega = dF$ .*

**Corollary 5.14.** *If  $X$  is simply connected and  $\omega \in \Omega^1(X)$  then there is a  $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\omega = dF$ .*

**Corollary 5.15.** *We can assume that  $\check{X}$  is the universal cover  $\tilde{X}$  of  $X$ .*

**Theorem 5.16.** *If  $X$  is a Riemann surface,  $p : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  the universal cover,  $\omega \in \Omega^1(X)$ ,  $p^* \omega = dF$ ,  $\gamma : I \rightarrow X$  a curve that lifts to  $\tilde{\gamma} : I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ , then  $\int_{\gamma} \omega = F(\tilde{\gamma}(1)) - F(\tilde{\gamma}(0))$ .*

**Corollary 5.17.** *If  $X$  is a Riemann surface,  $\omega \in \Omega^1(X)$ ,  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 : I \rightarrow X$  homotopic curves from  $a$  to  $b$ , then  $\int_{\gamma_1} \omega = \int_{\gamma_2} \omega$ .*

**Definitions 5.18.** Let  $X$  be a Riemann surface and  $\omega \in \Omega^1(X)$ . We have the *period homomorphism* of  $\omega$ ,  $\pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , defined by  $[\gamma] \mapsto \int_{\gamma} \omega$ .  $\int_{\gamma} \omega$  is called the *period integral* of  $\omega$ . The image of the period homomorphism is the *period lattice*  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{C}$ .

**Theorem 5.19.** *If  $X$  is a Riemann surface and  $\omega \in \Omega^1(X)$ , then  $\omega = dF$  for some  $F \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  if and only if the period homomorphism of  $\omega$  is the zero homomorphism.*

**Corollary 5.20.** *If  $X$  is a compact Riemann surface and  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \Omega^1(X)$  have the same period homomorphism, then  $\omega_1 = \omega_2$ .*