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This paper intends to give a mathematical explanation for results on the zeta function of some families of varieties recently obtained in the context of mirror symmetry. In the process we obtain concrete and explicit examples for some results recently used in algorithms to count points on smooth hypersurfaces in \mathbb{P}^n .

In particular, we extend the monomial-motive correspondence of Kadir and Yui and we give explicit solutions to the p -adic Picard–Fuchs equation associated with monomial deformations of Fermat hypersurfaces.

As a byproduct we obtain Poincaré duality for the rigid cohomology of certain singular affine varieties.

1. Introduction

One of the families under consideration in this paper is the famous one-parameter family (Dwork family) of quintic threefolds $X_{\bar{\lambda}} \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^4$ given by

$$x_0^5 + x_1^5 + x_2^5 + x_3^5 + x_4^5 + \bar{\lambda}x_0x_1x_2x_3x_4 = 0, \quad (1)$$

where $\bar{\lambda} \in \mathbb{F}_q$ is a parameter. Candelas et al. [2003] observed that the zeta function of this variety can be written as

$$\frac{R_1(t, \bar{\lambda})R_2(t, \bar{\lambda})^{20}R_3(t, \bar{\lambda})^{30}}{(1-t)(1-qt)(1-q^2t)(1-q^3t)},$$

where the R_i are of degree 4. Candelas et al. gave expressions in $\bar{\lambda}$ for the zeroes of the R_i : to explain this, note that we can lift this family to a family over the ring \mathbb{Z}_q of Witt vector over \mathbb{F}_q . This enables us to consider this family as a family in \mathbb{P}^4 over the field of fractions \mathbb{Q}_q of \mathbb{Z}_q . Assume that $\bar{\lambda} \in \mathbb{F}_q$ is chosen such that $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$ is smooth. Denote by λ the Teichmüller lift of $\bar{\lambda}$. Specifically, Candelas et al. show

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that the zeroes of the zeta function of $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$ can be expressed in certain solutions of the p -adic Picard–Fuchs equation (associated with the family $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$) evaluated at λ .

This fact was proved in a more general context, but less explicitly, by N. Katz [1968]. His description of the zeta function in terms of the Picard–Fuchs equation is exploited by Lauder [2004] in order to give an algorithm to count points on smooth hypersurfaces in \mathbb{P}^n .

Some other families are investigated by Kadir [2004]. She obtained similar results. From this, one might conjecture that various factors of the zeta function are enumerated by so-called (admissible) monomial types modulo certain equivalence relations. We come back to this in Section 1.3.

Kadir and Yui [2006] noticed that monomial types are occurring in the study of several objects related to (1), for example in the Picard–Fuchs equation or in the enumeration of the factors of the zeta function. In the case $\lambda = 0$, they also appear in the enumeration of the Jacobi sums needed to compute the number of points of the variety at $\lambda = 0$. They proved a certain correspondence between these monomial types for Fermat varieties. Our aim is to present a different view on the above mentioned phenomena.

We should mention that N. Katz [2007] and Rojas-Leon and Wan [2007] studied the zeta function of families similar to (1) by using (ℓ -adic) hypergeometric sheaves. We recommend [Katz 2007] for a discussion on previous results on the Dwork family.

The main object of study in this paper are families $X_{\bar{\lambda}}/\mathbb{F}_q$ defined by the vanishing of polynomials of the form

$$F_{\bar{\lambda}} := \sum_{i=0}^n x_i^{d_i} + \bar{\lambda} \prod_i x_i^{a_i} \tag{2}$$

in a weighted projective space $\mathbb{P} := \mathbb{P}(w_0, \dots, w_n)$, with $w_i d_i = d$ for all i , the a_i are nonnegative and $\sum w_i a_i = d$; moreover, we assume that $\gcd(q, d) = 1$. Such families will be called one-parameter monomial deformations of a Fermat hypersurface. For the rest of the introduction fix such a weighted projective space, and such a one-parameter deformation of a Fermat hypersurface. Let \mathbf{a} denote the vector $(w_0 a_0, w_1 a_1, \dots, w_n a_n) \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^{n+1}$. We call \mathbf{a} the *deformation vector*.

The main technical result of this paper implies that the p -adic Picard–Fuchs equation associated with such a family is a generalized hypergeometric differential equation. We refer to Sections 1.2 and 5 for more on this.

Let $U_{\bar{\lambda}} := \mathbb{P} \setminus X_{\bar{\lambda}}$. Since

$$Z(X_{\bar{\lambda}}, t)Z(U_{\bar{\lambda}}, t) = Z(\mathbb{P}, t),$$

the value of $Z(X_{\bar{\lambda}}, t)$ is uniquely determined by $Z(U_{\bar{\lambda}}, t)$. Hence from now on we will only discuss how to calculate $Z(U_{\bar{\lambda}}, t)$.

1.1. Choice of the cohomology theory. The Lefschetz fixed point formula allows us to prove statements on the zeta function by considering the action of geometric Frobenius on certain cohomology groups. Very often one uses étale cohomology. This is particularly useful when one wants to compare results in characteristic $p > 0$ with results in characteristic 0, or if one wants to consider Galois-representations on certain ℓ -adic vector spaces.

However, for our purposes it seems more natural to use p -adic cohomology theories instead. One can represent cohomology classes of a variety over a finite field \mathbb{F}_q by differential forms with coefficients in \mathbb{Q}_q . This allows us to perform several (basic) analytic tricks when computing with cohomology classes.

To be more precise, let λ be a lift of $\bar{\lambda}$ to \mathbb{Q}_q , let F_λ be a lift of $F_{\bar{\lambda}}$ and $U_{\bar{\lambda}}$. Since U_λ is affine, we can define Monsky–Washnitzer groups cohomology (see Section 3) $H^i(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$. The elements in $H^i(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ are differential forms with \mathbb{Q}_q -coefficients. There is a lift Frob_q of the Frobenius acting on these groups.

To illustrate how explicitly one can compute with Monsky–Washnitzer cohomology, we proceed to produce a basis for $H^i(U_\lambda)$. Let

$$\Omega := \left(\prod_j x_j \right) \sum (-1)^i w_i \frac{dx_0}{x_0} \wedge \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \frac{\widehat{dx_i}}{x_i} \wedge \cdots \wedge \frac{dx_n}{x_n}.$$

Proposition 1.1. *Let $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$ be quasismooth. Then the cohomology groups $H^i(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ are zero except for $i = 0, n$. The group $H^0(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ is one-dimensional and Frobenius acts trivially on it. The following set is a basis for $H^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$:*

$$\left\{ \frac{\prod_{i=0}^n x_i^{k_i}}{(F_\lambda)^t} \Omega : 0 \leq k_i < d_i - 1 \forall i, \sum_i w_i(k_i + 1) = td \right\}.$$

This basis will be called the *standard basis*. We are not aware of a proper reference for this standard fact in our context. We prove this proposition in Section 3. Proposition 1.1 is a combination of Theorem 3.8 and Proposition 3.16.

The proof is based on the fact that for quasismooth $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$, de Rham cohomology of U_λ with \mathbb{Q}_p coefficients is isomorphic to the Monsky–Washnitzer cohomology of $U_{\bar{\lambda}}$ [Baldassarri and Chiarellotto 1994]. By a theorem of Steenbrink [1977] we have the isomorphism

$$H_{\text{dR}}^n(U_\lambda) \cong \bigoplus_{t>0} H^0(\Omega^n(tX_\lambda))/dH^0(\Omega^{n-1}((t-1)X_\lambda)).$$

The vector space on the right-hand side is very well understood.

However, if $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$ is not quasismooth then the dimension of the right-hand side depends on the choice of the lift λ . If we choose λ in such a way that X_λ is not quasismooth then the right-hand side is infinite-dimensional. In that case one needs

to add more relations to get an isomorphism with $H^n(U_\lambda)$. Which relations one needs to add is not very well understood.

A vector

$$\mathbf{k} := (\overline{w_0(k_0 + 1)}, \dots, \overline{w_n(k_n + 1)}) \in \prod_i (w_i \mathbb{Z} / d\mathbb{Z})$$

is called an admissible monomial type if for all i , we have $k_i \not\equiv -1 \pmod{d_i}$ and $\sum \overline{w_i(k_i + 1)} \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$. Fix an admissible monomial type \mathbf{k} . Take elements $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfying $0 \leq k_i \leq d_i - 2$ and $k_i \equiv \bar{k}_i \pmod{d_i}$. Then with \mathbf{k} we associate the standard basis vector

$$\omega_{\mathbf{k}} := \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i}}{(F_\lambda)^t} \Omega.$$

Remark 1.2. The results mentioned in Section 3 imply that

$$Z(U_{\bar{\lambda}}, t) = \frac{\left(\det \left(I - q^n (\text{Frob}_q^*)^{-1} t \mid H^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q) \right) \right)^{(-1)^{n+1}}}{(1 - q^n t)}.$$

From here on we formulate our results in terms of the characteristic polynomial of $q^n (\text{Frob}_q^*)^{-1}$ on $H^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$, rather than in terms of $Z(U_{\bar{\lambda}}, t)$.

1.2. Deformation behavior. We produce a solution to the p -adic Picard–Fuchs equation that turns out to give us a description of the dependence of λ of the action of Frobenius on $H^n(U_\lambda)$, where λ is in the p -adic unit disc.

Following [Katz 1968], we consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{CD} H^n(U_{\lambda^q}) @>\text{Frob}_q^*>> H^n(U_\lambda) \\ @V A(\lambda^q) VV @VV A(\lambda) V \\ H^n(U_0) @>\text{Frob}_{q,0}^*>> H^n(U_0) \end{CD}$$

where λ is on a small p -adic disc around the origin, and A is a solution to the Picard–Fuchs equation associated with the family X_λ . Using p -adic analytic continuation we can extend $A(\lambda)^{-1} \text{Frob}_{q,0}^* A(\lambda^q)$ to the closed unit disc, although $A(\lambda)$ itself cannot be extended to the p -adic unit disc.

Let $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{Q}_q$ be the Teichmüller lift of some element $\bar{\lambda}_0 \in \mathbb{F}_q$. Then $\lambda_0^q = \lambda_0$, hence the above diagram implies that the action of Frob_q on $H^n(U_{\lambda_0})$ can be recovered from the p -adic analytic continuation of $A(\lambda)^{-1} \text{Frob}_{q,0}^* A(\lambda^q)$. Therefore, to determine the zeta function of $X_{\bar{\lambda}_0}$ we need to know the Frobenius action in the Fermat-case (see 1.3) and compute the correct solution of the Picard–Fuchs equation.

We describe the action of $A(\lambda)$ on the standard basis. We call two monomial types \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} *strongly equivalent* if and only if there is a j_0 such that $\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{m} = j_0 \mathbf{a}$, where \mathbf{a} is the deformation vector (see above).

Theorem 1.3. *Let \mathbf{k} be an admissible monomial type. Write $A(\lambda)\omega_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum c_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda)\omega_{\mathbf{m}}$, where the sum is taken over all admissible monomial types. Then $c_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda)$ is nonzero only if \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are strongly equivalent. If this is the case then $c_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda)$ is of the form $c_0\lambda^{j_0}F(\alpha_i; \beta_j; \lambda^d c_1^d)$, with F a p -adic generalized hypergeometric function with parameters α_i, β_j and $j_0 \in \{0, 1, \dots, d - 1\}$ is chosen such that $\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{m} = \bar{j}_0 \mathbf{a}$.*

Explicit formulas for the α_i, β_j, c_0 and c_1 are given in Lemma 5.1 and Proposition 5.3. See Section 5 for a proof of Theorem 1.3.

In our proof we exploit the fact that there is a straightforward way of computing in groups like $H^n(U_\lambda)$, relying on the fact that this group is a quotient of a module of differentials over a *power series* ring. This allows us to perform some easy analytic operations that would be impossible in a module of differentials over a polynomial ring.

1.3. Factorization of the zeta function. We call the case $\lambda = 0$ the Fermat case. One can show that Frob_q^* on $H^n(U_0, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ sends the standard basis vector $\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$ to a constant $c_{\mathbf{k},q}$ times the standard basis vector $\omega_{\bar{q}\mathbf{k}}$. Hence, if $q \equiv 1 \pmod d$ then the standard basis is a basis of eigenvectors for Frob_q^* . In this case Theorem 1.3 tells us that for every admissible monomial type \mathbf{k} the operator $\text{Frob}_{q,\lambda}$ fixes the subspace spanned by the $\omega_{\mathbf{m}}$, where \mathbf{m} is strongly equivalent to \mathbf{k} .

The general case is slightly different, for this we introduce another equivalence relation: we call two monomial types \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} *weakly equivalent* if $j_0 \in \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$ and invertible $s, t \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^*$ exists such that $s\mathbf{k} + t\mathbf{m} = j_0 \mathbf{a}$.

Theorem 1.4. *Let \mathbf{k} be an admissible monomial type. Write*

$$\text{Frob}_{q,\lambda} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum c_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda)\omega_{\mathbf{m}},$$

where the sum is taken over all admissible monomial types. Then $c_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda)$ is nonzero only if \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are weakly equivalent.

This is a weak form of Theorem 6.4. Theorem 1.4 implies that the zeta function of U_λ can be factored (as a rational function with $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda)$ -coefficients) in such a way that each factor corresponds to a weak-equivalence class. If one only considers the zeta function over fields containing all d -th roots of unity, then there is a factorization of the zeta function of U_λ such that each factor corresponds to a strong-equivalence class.

Explicitly determining the constants $c_{\mathbf{k},q}$ is actually very hard. In some cases it is known that the eigenvalues of Frob_q^* correspond to the Fourier coefficients of a modular form. For example if $n = 2, w = (1, 1, 1)$ and $d = 3$, then X_0 is the $j = 0$

elliptic curve $x_0^3 + x_1^3 + x_2^3$. Also the case $n = 3$, $w = (1, 1, 1, 1)$, $d = 4$ and the case $n = 5$, $w = (1, 1, 1, 1)$, $d = 3$ are known to correspond to modular forms; see [Hulek and Kloosterman 2007; Shioda and Inose 1977].

A more general result on $c_{k,q}$ is due to Weil: Assume that $\mathbb{F}_q \supset \mathbb{F}_p(\zeta_d)$. Let χ be the d -th power residue symbol. Let \mathbf{k} be an admissible monomial type. Let k_i be the i -th entry of \mathbf{k} , i.e., $w_i(k_i + 1)$. Then

$$J_{\mathbf{k},q} := (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{(v_1, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n : \sum_i v_i = -1} \chi(v_1)^{k_1} \chi(v_2)^{k_2} \dots \chi(v_n)^{k_n}.$$

The following theorem coincides with Corollary 6.9.

Theorem 1.5. *Assume q is chosen such that $\mathbb{F}_q \supset \mathbb{F}_p(\zeta_d)$. Let \mathbf{k} be an admissible monomial type. Let S be the set of monomial types that are weakly equivalent to \mathbf{k} . Then the sets $\{q^{n-1}/c_{\mathbf{m},q} : \mathbf{m} \in S\}$ and $\{J_{\mathbf{m},q} : \mathbf{m} \in S\}$ coincide.*

1.4. Monomial-motive correspondence. We call $\mathbf{b} \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^{n+1}$ an admissible automorphism type if $\mathbf{b} = (w_0 b_0, w_1 b_1, \dots, w_n b_n) \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^{n+1}$ is such that

$$\sum w_i b_i a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{d}.$$

Define $\sigma_{\mathbf{b}}$ to be the automorphism

$$[x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n] \mapsto [\zeta_d^{w_0 b_0} x_0 : \zeta_d^{w_1 b_1} x_1 : \dots : \zeta_d^{w_n b_n} x_n].$$

We call two monomial types \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} *distinguishable by automorphisms* if there exists an admissible automorphism type $\mathbf{b} \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^{n+1}$ such that

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{b}} \left(\prod x_i^{k_i} \right) = \prod x_i^{k_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\mathbf{b}} \left(\prod x_i^{m_i} \right) \neq \prod x_i^{m_i}.$$

Theorem 1.6. *Two monomial types \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are weakly equivalent if and only if \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are not distinguishable by automorphisms.*

This result enables us to give a different proof for the monomial-motive correspondence of Kadir and Yui [2006], and to generalize it as follows: fix an admissible monomial type \mathbf{k} . Let $G_{\mathbf{k}}$ be the group of automorphisms of the form $\sigma_{\mathbf{b}}$ that fix $\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$. Then the subspace of $H^n(U)$ fixed by $G_{\mathbf{k}}$ is the spanned by the $\omega_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that \mathbf{m} is weakly equivalent to \mathbf{k} . This can be also extended to the level of motives, i.e., we find a submotive $\mathfrak{h}(U_{\lambda}/G_{\mathbf{k}})$ of the (Chow-)motive $\mathfrak{h}(U_{\lambda})$. Moreover, we obtain that

$$\mathfrak{h}(U_{\lambda}) = \bigoplus_{[\mathbf{k}]} \mathfrak{h}(U_{\lambda}/G_{\mathbf{k}}),$$

where we sum over all the weak-equivalence classes.

Kadir and Yui decompose $\mathfrak{h}(U_{\lambda}/G_{\mathbf{k}})$ further. To explain this, we need to change our context, and consider our family X_{λ} over the field \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers. Then

the Galois group $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_d)/\mathbb{Q})$ acts nontrivially on G_k , and this enables us to find correspondences in $CH^n(U_\lambda/G_k \times U_\lambda/G_k)$ that decompose $\mathfrak{h}(U_\lambda/G_k)$ into smaller motives. It is easy to see that each such motive corresponds to a strong-equivalence class of monomial types. This correspondence between admissible monomial types and submotives of $\mathfrak{h}^n(U_\lambda)$ is called by Kadir and Yui *monomial-motive correspondence*. They also relate monomial types with the Picard–Fuchs equation. For this issue we refer to Section 1.2.

Kadir and Yui [2006] could only prove their monomial-motive correspondence if X_λ is a Calabi–Yau hypersurface of dimension 3 and $\lambda = 0$. The above discussion extends this correspondence to any quasismooth member of a one-parameter monomial deformation of a Fermat hypersurface in a weighted projective space, for any degree d such that $w_i|d$ for all i and provided that the characteristic does not divide d .

Kadir and Yui prove the monomial-motive correspondence using Jacobi sums. We take a more direct approach using subgroups of the automorphism group.

This paper is organized as follows: in Section 2 we fix some notation and list some standard definitions. In Section 3 we discuss Monsky–Washnitzer cohomology groups and recall some of the properties of these groups. In Section 4 we recall Katz’ result on the deformation of the zeta function of a hypersurface in \mathbb{P}^n . In Section 5 we make Katz’ result explicit. In Section 6 we discuss the Frobenius action on the cohomology of a Fermat hypersurface and prove some results on the structure of the zeta function of a monomial deformation of a Fermat hypersurface.

2. Notation

Fix once and for all :

- a prime p (the characteristic) and a positive integer r ,
- an integer n (the dimension of the ambient space),
- a vector $(w_0, w_1, \dots, w_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$ such that none of the w_i is divisible by p .
- an integer d divisible by all the w_i and p does not divide d .

Set $q = p^r$ and $d_i := d/w_i$. Let \mathbb{Q}_q denote the unique unramified extension of degree r of \mathbb{Q}_p . Let $w := \sum w_i$ denote the total weight. Let $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^n := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^n(w_0, \dots, w_n)$ be the associated weighted projective space over the finite field \mathbb{F}_q .

Definition 2.1. A *monomial type* $\mathbf{m} = (\bar{m}_0, \dots, \bar{m}_n)$ is an element of $\prod_i w_i\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$ such that $\sum \bar{m}_i = 0$ in $\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$. Choose representatives $m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ of \bar{m}_i such that $0 \leq m_i < d$. The *relative degree* of \mathbf{m} is $\sum m_i/d$.

Fix once and for all a monomial type \mathbf{a} of relative degree 1, with at least 2 nonzero entries. We call \mathbf{a} the *deformation vector*. Let a_i be integers such that

$0 \leq a_i < d_i$ and $\mathbf{a} \equiv (\bar{w}_0 \bar{a}_0, \dots, \bar{w}_n \bar{a}_n)$. Set

$$F_\lambda := \sum x_i^{d_i} + \lambda \prod x_j^{a_j}.$$

Let $F := F_0$. If $\bar{\lambda} \in \mathbb{F}_q$, denote by $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$ the zero set of $F_{\bar{\lambda}}$ in \mathbb{P} . If $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}_q$, denote by X_λ the zero set of F_λ . Let $U_{\bar{\lambda}}$ be the complement $\mathbb{P} \setminus X_{\bar{\lambda}}$. Let U_λ be the complement $\mathbb{P} \setminus X_\lambda$.

$$\text{Let } \Omega := \prod_i x_i \sum_j (-1)^j w_j \frac{dx_0}{x_0} \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\frac{dx_j}{x_j}} \wedge \frac{dx_n}{x_n}.$$

Definition 2.2. A monomial type \mathbf{k} is called *admissible* if there exist integers k_i , for $i = 0, \dots, n$, such that $0 \leq k_i \leq d_i - 2$ and $\mathbf{k} = (w_0(k_0 + 1), \dots, w_n(k_n + 1))$. Let t be the relative degree of \mathbf{k} . With \mathbf{k} we associate the differential form

$$\omega_{\mathbf{k}} := \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i}}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega.$$

Denote by $(a)_m$ the Pochhammer symbol $a(a+1) \dots (a+m-1)$.

Definition 2.3. Let $\pi : \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$ be the natural quotient map sending x_i to $x_i^{w_i}$. Let $G := \times \mu_{w_i} / \Delta$ be the Galois group associated with this quotient. We call π the *standard quotient map* and G the *group associated with π* .

3. Monsky–Washnitzer cohomology

We will not define rigid cohomology in complete detail, but give a simplified presentation for the case of quasismooth hypersurfaces. For a good introduction to the theory of rigid cohomology we refer to [Berthelot 1983; 1997b].

Since U_λ is affine, we can write $U_\lambda = \text{Spec } R_\lambda$, with

$$R_\lambda = \mathbb{Q}_q[\lambda, Y_0, \dots, Y_m] / (G_{1,\lambda}, \dots, G_{k,\lambda}).$$

Definition 3.1. Fix λ_0 in the closed p -adic unit disc and set

$$R_{\lambda_0}^\dagger = \frac{\{H \in \mathbb{Q}_q[[Y_0, \dots, Y_m]] : \text{the radius of convergence of } H \text{ is at least } r > 1\}}{(G_{1,\lambda_0}, \dots, G_{k,\lambda_0})}.$$

Then $R_{\lambda_0}^\dagger$ is called the *overconvergent completion* (or weak completion) of R_{λ_0} .

If π is the standard quotient map, G is its associated group (Definition 2.3), and $S := S_{\lambda_0}^\dagger$ is the overconvergent completion of the coordinate ring of $\mathbb{P}^n \setminus \pi^{-1}(X_{\lambda_0})$, there is on the module of differential forms Ω_S^i a natural G -action. Set $\Omega_R^i = (\Omega_S^i)^G$. The i -th *Monsky–Washnitzer cohomology group* $H^i(U_{\lambda_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ is the i -th cohomology group of the complex Ω_R^\bullet .

Notation 3.2. Let $X \subset \mathbb{P}$ be a quasiprojective variety. Denote by $H_{\text{rig}}^i(X)$ the i -th *rigid cohomology group* of X and by $H_{\text{rig},c}^i(X)$ the i -th *rigid cohomology group with compact support* of X , as defined in [Berthelot 1983].

There exists a second, equivalent, definition of $H^i(U_{\lambda_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q)$. This goes as follows: since $U_{\lambda_0, \text{sing}}$ is affine, there is a ring S such that $U_{\lambda_0, \text{sing}} = \text{Spec } S$. Let S^\dagger be an overconvergent completion of S . Let $\iota : \text{Spec } R_{\lambda_0}^\dagger \setminus \text{Spec } S^\dagger \rightarrow \text{Spec } R_{\lambda_0}^\dagger$ be the inclusion. Let $\Omega_{\text{Spec } R_{\lambda_0}^\dagger}^i$ be the sheaf $\iota_* \Omega_{\text{Spec } R_{\lambda_0}^\dagger \setminus \text{Spec } S^\dagger}$. Then define the Monsky–Washnitzer cohomology groups $H^i(U_{\lambda_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ as the cohomology groups of the complex obtained by taking global sections. The proof that these two definitions are equivalent is very similar to [Dolgachev 1982, 2.2.4].

Definition 3.3. Let R be a ring over \mathbb{Z}_q . Let π be the maximal ideal of \mathbb{Z}_q . A *lift of Frobenius* is a ring homomorphism $\text{Frob}_q^* : R \rightarrow R$ whose reduction modulo π ,

$$\text{Frob}_q^* \bmod \pi : R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_q} \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_q} \mathbb{F}_q,$$

is well-defined and equals $x \mapsto x^q$.

Fix a lift of Frobenius Frob_q^* to $R_{\lambda_0}^\dagger$, such that $\text{Frob}_q^*(\lambda) = \lambda^q$. By abuse of notation we denote by Frob_q^* also the induced morphism on $H^i(U_{\lambda_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q)$.

Proposition 3.4. *There is a natural isomorphism*

$$H_{\text{rig}}^i(U_{\bar{\lambda}_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q) \cong H^i(U_{\lambda_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q)$$

which is compatible with the action of Frobenius.

Proof. Similar to the proof of [Berthelot 1997b, Proposition 1.10]. □

Definition 3.5. Let K be a field. Let $G \in K[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ be a weighted homogeneous polynomial (with weights (w_0, \dots, w_n)). Let Y be the hypersurface $G = 0$ in \mathbb{P} . Then Y is said to be *quasismooth* if the affine cone $\text{Spec } K[X_0, \dots, X_n]/G$ is smooth or has exactly one singular point, namely $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$.

Remark 3.6. If $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}^n$ then a hypersurface $X \subset \mathbb{P}$ is quasismooth if and only if it is smooth.

An easy calculation shows:

Lemma 3.7. *Let $I = \{i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} : a_i \not\equiv 0 \pmod p\}$. Let $g = \gcd_{i \in I}(a_i w_i)$ and $d' := d/g$. If there is a nonzero a_i such that $a_i \equiv 0 \pmod p$ then X_λ is quasismooth for all λ . Otherwise, $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$ is quasismooth if and only if*

$$\bar{\lambda}^{d'} \neq \frac{(-1)^{d'} \bar{d}^{d'}}{\prod_{i \in I} (\bar{a}_i \bar{w}_i)^{a_i w_i / g}}.$$

Proof. Consider the partial derivative of F with respect to x_j . If $\bar{a}_j = 0$ then this derivative equals $x_j^{d_j - 1}$ and vanishes if and only if $x_j = 0$.

Suppose there is a j such that $a_j \neq 0$ and $x_j = 0$. Then for all for all $k \neq j$ we have

$$0 = \frac{\partial F_{\bar{\lambda}}}{\partial x_k} = \bar{d}_k x_k^{d_k-1} + \bar{a}_k \bar{\lambda} \frac{\prod x_i^{a_i}}{x_k} = \bar{d}_k x_k^{d_k-1}.$$

This implies that all the x_k would vanish. Hence if $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$ is singular at $(x_0 : \dots : x_n)$ then $x_j = 0$ if $\bar{a}_j = 0$ and $x_j \neq 0$ if $a_j \neq 0$. If there is a j such that p divides a nonzero a_j then $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$ is quasismooth.

Suppose now that p does not divide any of the positive a_i .

Suppose $\bar{a}_j \neq 0$. Consider now the derivative with respect to x_j :

$$\frac{\partial F_{\bar{\lambda}}}{\partial x_j} = \bar{d}_j x_j^{d_j-1} + \bar{a}_j \bar{\lambda} \frac{\prod x_i^{a_i}}{x_j}.$$

This derivative vanishes if and only if

$$\bar{\lambda} \prod x_i^{a_i} = -\frac{\bar{d}_j}{\bar{a}_j} x_j^{d_j}.$$

In particular,

$$-\frac{\bar{d}_j}{\bar{a}_j} x_j^{d_j} = -\frac{\bar{d}_k}{\bar{a}_k} x_k^{d_k} \quad \text{for } j, k \in I.$$

Fix d_j -th roots α_j of \bar{d}_j/\bar{a}_j . Let ζ be a primitive d' -th root of unity. A solution of the above set of equations is of the form

$$x_j = \frac{\gamma^{w_j}}{\alpha_j} \zeta^{k_j w_j} \quad \text{for some } \gamma, k_j.$$

Substituting gives

$$\bar{\lambda} \prod_{i \in I} \frac{\zeta^{k_i w_i a_i}}{\alpha_i^{a_i}} = -1,$$

which is equivalent with

$$\bar{\lambda}^{d'} = (-1)^{d'} \prod \alpha_i^{a_i d'} = \frac{(-1)^{d'} \bar{d}^{d'}}{\prod_{i \in I} (a_i w_i)^{a_i w_i / g}}. \quad \square$$

Let $X \subset \mathbb{P}$ be a hypersurface. Let $U = \mathbb{P} \setminus X$. Recall that we have a Gysin-type exact sequence (see [Berthelot 1983, Section 3])

$$\dots \rightarrow H_{\text{rig},c}^{i-1}(X, \mathbb{Q}_q) \rightarrow H_{\text{rig},c}^i(U, \mathbb{Q}_q) \rightarrow H_{\text{rig},c}^i(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}_q) \rightarrow H_{\text{rig},c}^i(X, \mathbb{Q}_q) \rightarrow \dots \quad (3)$$

Theorem 3.8. *Let $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ be such that $X_{\bar{\lambda}_0}$ is quasismooth. Then the groups $H^i(U_{\lambda_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ are zero except for $i = 0, n$.*

Proof. Set $X = X_{\lambda_0}$ and $U = U_{\lambda_0}$. Consider first the case $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}^n$. From Remark 3.6 it follows that U and X are smooth. Since $\Omega_R^i = 0$ for $i > n$ we have $H^i(U, \mathbb{Q}_q) = 0$ for $i > n$. Proposition 3.4 implies that $H_{\text{rig}}^i(U, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ is trivial for $i > n$. Using Poincaré duality [Berthelot 1997a] it follows that

$$H_{\text{rig},c}^i(U, \mathbb{Q}_q) = 0 \text{ for } i < n.$$

From (3) it follows that

$$H_{\text{rig},c}^i(X, \mathbb{Q}_q) \cong H_{\text{rig},c}^i(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}_q) \text{ for } i < n - 1.$$

Using Poincaré duality, it follows that

$$H_{\text{rig}}^i(X, \mathbb{Q}_q) \cong H_{\text{rig}}^i(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}_q) \text{ for } n - 1 < i < 2n.$$

Using that X is compact, it follows that

$$H_{\text{rig},c}^i(X, \mathbb{Q}_q) = H_{\text{rig}}^i(X, \mathbb{Q}_q) \cong H_{\text{rig}}^i(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}_q) = H_{\text{rig},c}^i(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}_q) \text{ for } n - 1 < i < 2n.$$

Using the sequence (3) again, we obtain that $H_{\text{rig},c}^i(U, \mathbb{Q}_q) = 0$ for $i \notin \{n, 2n\}$. Applying Poincaré duality yields $H_{\text{rig}}^i(U, \mathbb{Q}_q) = H^i(U, \mathbb{Q}_q) = 0$ for $i \notin \{0, \dim U\}$.

The general case can be deduced from this as follows: consider the standard quotient map $\pi : \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$ sending x_i to $x_i^{w_i}$. Let Y be $\pi^{-1}(X)$. Let G be the group associated with π . From Lemma 3.7 it follows that X is quasismooth if and only if Y is smooth. Let V be the complement of Y in \mathbb{P}^n . Then from the above it follows that $H^i(V) = 0$ except for $i = 0, n$. In particular, $d\Omega_V^{j-1, \dagger} = \Omega_V^{j, \dagger}$. One easily shows that $(d\Omega_V^{j-1, \dagger})^G = d((\Omega_V^{j-1, \dagger})^G)$. This implies that

$$H^j(U) = \frac{(\Omega_V^{j, \dagger, cl})^G}{(d\Omega_V^{j-1, \dagger})^G} = 0 \text{ if } j \neq 0, n. \quad \square$$

Remark 3.9. One might try to prove the vanishing of $H^i(U)$ for the complement of an arbitrary quasismooth hypersurface along the lines of the above proof. This fails if the following happens: Let H_1, \dots, H_j be the coordinate hyperplanes corresponding to coordinates with weight $w_i > 1$. Suppose there is a subset of $\{H_i\}$ such that $X \cap H_{i_1} \cap H_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap H_{i_k}$ is not quasismooth. Then $\pi^{-1}(X)$ is singular, so the strategy of the above proof does not apply. Conversely, if $\pi^{-1}(X)$ is singular then such a set of coordinate hyperplanes exists.

Theorem 3.10 (Poincaré duality for $H^i(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$). *Let $\bar{\lambda}_0 \in \mathbb{F}_q$ be such that $X_{\bar{\lambda}_0}$ is quasismooth. There is a nondegenerate pairing*

$$H_{\text{rig},c}^i(U_{\bar{\lambda}_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q) \times H_{\text{rig}}^{2n-i}(U_{\bar{\lambda}_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q) \rightarrow H_{\text{rig},c}^{2n}(U_{\bar{\lambda}_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q)$$

respecting the Frobenius action.

Proof. Set $X = X_{\lambda_0}$ and $U = U_{\lambda_0}$. Consider first the case $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}^n$. Then from Lemma 3.7 it follows that U and X are smooth. The main theorem of [Berthelot 1997a] asserts the existence of such pairings.

The general case can be obtained as follows: consider the standard quotient map $\pi : \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$ sending x_i to $x_i^{w_i}$. Let Y be $\pi^{-1}(X)$. Let G be the group associated with π . From Lemma 3.7 it follows that X is quasismooth if and only if Y is smooth. Let V be the complement of Y in \mathbb{P}^n . Since Poincaré duality is G -equivariant, one obtains a pairing

$$H_{\text{rig}}^i(V, \mathbb{Q}_q)^G \times H_{\text{rig},c}^{2n-i}(V, \mathbb{Q}_q)^G \rightarrow H_{\text{rig},c}^{2n}(V, \mathbb{Q}_q).$$

Using the isomorphism $(\Omega_V^k)^G \cong \Omega_U^k$, we obtain isomorphisms

$$H_{\text{rig}}^i(V, \mathbb{Q}_q)^G \cong H_{\text{rig}}^i(U, \mathbb{Q}_q) \quad \text{and} \quad H_{\text{rig},c}^{2n-i}(V, \mathbb{Q}_q)^G \cong H_{\text{rig},c}^{2n-i}(U, \mathbb{Q}_q).$$

This yields the proof. □

Theorem 3.11 (Lefschetz trace formula). *Let $\bar{\lambda}_0 \in \mathbb{F}_q$ be such that $X_{\bar{\lambda}_0}$ is quasismooth. Then*

$$\sum_i (-1)^i \text{trace}((q^n (\text{Frob}^*)^{-1})|H^i(U_{\lambda_0})) = \#U_{\bar{\lambda}_0}(\mathbb{F}_q).$$

Proof. Combine the Lefschetz trace formula for rigid cohomology with compact support [Étesse and Le Stum 1993, théorème I] with Poincaré duality (Theorem 3.10) and Proposition 3.4. □

Proposition 3.12. *The group $H^0(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ is one-dimensional, and Frobenius acts trivially on $H^0(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$.*

Proof. Straightforward. □

Let $H_{\text{dR}}^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ denote the algebraic de Rham cohomology of U_λ .

Theorem 3.13 (Baldassarri and Chiarellotto). *Suppose λ is chosen such that $X_{\bar{\lambda}}$ is quasismooth. Then the natural map*

$$H_{\text{dR}}^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q) \rightarrow H^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof. Consider first the case $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}^n$. Then this is precisely the main theorem of [Baldassarri and Chiarellotto 1994].

The general case can be obtained as follows: consider the standard quotient map $\pi : \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$ sending x_i to $x_i^{w_i}$. Let Y_λ be $\pi^{-1}(X_\lambda)$. Let G be the group associated with π . From Lemma 3.7 it follows that X_λ is quasismooth if and only if Y_λ is smooth. Let V_λ be the complement of Y_λ in \mathbb{P}^n . Then we have an isomorphism

$$H_{\text{dR}}^n(V_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q) \rightarrow H^n(V_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q).$$

There is a natural G -action on both groups and it is easy to see that this isomorphism is G -equivariant. Moreover, using [Dolgachev 1982, Lemma 2.2.2] we obtain that π induces isomorphisms $H_{\text{dR}}^n(V_\lambda)^G \cong H_{\text{dR}}^n(U_\lambda)$ and $H^n(V_\lambda)^G \cong H^n(U_\lambda)$; hence the natural map

$$H_{\text{dR}}^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q) \rightarrow H^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$$

is an isomorphism. □

Let G be the defining equation of a quasismooth hypersurface $Y \subset \mathbb{P}$. Let $V := \mathbb{P} \setminus Y$. Similar to the case of ordinary projective space, the algebraic de Rham cohomology of V can be computed using the complex $C_k^p = \Omega^p((k+p)Y)$. I.e., the hypercohomology group $\mathbb{H}^n(\mathbb{P}, C_k^\bullet)$ equals $H^0(\mathbb{P}, C_k^n)/dH^0(\mathbb{P}, C_k^{n-1})$ and

$$H_{\text{dR}}^n(V) = \bigoplus_k H^0(\mathbb{P}, C_k^n)/dH^0(\mathbb{P}, C_k^{n-1}).$$

(A proof of this equality can be obtained as follows. After fixing an embedding $\mathbb{Q}_q \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and tensoring both sides with \mathbb{C} , we obtain that it suffices to prove this result over \mathbb{C} . This is precisely the main result of [Steenbrink 1977].)

More explicitly, the vector space $H^n(V, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ can be identified with the quotient of the infinite-dimensional vector space spanned by

$$\frac{H}{G^t} \Omega$$

with $\deg(H) = t \deg(G) - \sum w_i$, by the relations

$$\frac{(t-1)HG_x - GH_x}{G^t} \Omega,$$

where the subscript x means the partial derivative with respect to a coordinate x on \mathbb{P} .

If $G = F$ (the polynomial whose zero-set is the Fermat hypersurface) then this formula reads as

$$\frac{(t-1)d_i H x_i^{d_i-1}}{F^t} \Omega = \frac{H_{x_i}}{F^{t-1}} \Omega$$

in $H^n(U)$. This motivates the following definition:

Definition 3.14. Let $\omega \in \Omega^n(U_0)$ be a form of the type

$$\frac{H}{F^t} \Omega$$

with H a monomial. Let x_i be a coordinate of \mathbb{P} such that $x_i^{d_i-1}$ divides H . Then the reduction of ω with respect to x_i is the form

$$\frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\frac{H}{x_i^{d_i-1}} \right)}{(t-1)d_i F^{t-1}} \Omega.$$

The complete reduction $\text{red } \omega := H'/F^s \Omega$ of ω is the form obtained by successively reducing with respect to the coordinates x_i of \mathbb{P} , such that for all i the exponent of x_i in H' is at most $d_i - 2$.

Note that ω and the reduction with respect to x_i of ω represent the same class in $H^n(U_0, \mathbb{Q}_q)$, and that the complete reduction of ω cannot be further reduced.

Definition 3.15. Let P^\bullet be the pole order filtration on $H^n(U_\lambda)$, that is $\omega \in P^t$ if $\omega = \frac{G}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega$ for some $G \in \mathbb{Q}_q[x_0, \dots, x_n]$.

Let k be an admissible monomial type. Recall that we can associate a differential form ω_k with it. By definition ω_k lies in P^t , where t is the relative degree of k .

Proposition 3.16. Let λ be such that X_λ is quasismooth. Then the set

$$\{\omega_k : k \text{ an admissible monomial type}\}$$

is a basis for $H^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$.

Proof. The above discussion implies the statement for $\lambda = 0$.

We start by proving that for every integer t the set

$$\{\omega_k : k \text{ an admissible monomial type of relative degree } t\}$$

is linearly independent in P^t/P^{t-1} .

The relations in P^t/P^{t-1} are generated by (cf. the discussion before Definition 3.14)

$$\frac{x_i^{d_i-1} \prod x_j^{k_j}}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega = \frac{-\lambda a_i \prod x_j^{k_j+a_j}}{d_i x_i F_\lambda^t} \Omega.$$

Suppose i is chosen such that $a_i \neq 0$. Let

$$\sigma_i(G) := \frac{-d_i x_i^{d_i}}{\lambda a_i \prod_j x_j^{a_j}} G.$$

If G is a monomial of degree $td - \sum w_i$ such that all the exponents of the x_j are at least $a_j - \delta_{i,j}$, then

$$\frac{G}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega \equiv \frac{\sigma_i(G)}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega \pmod{P^{t-1}}.$$

Note that σ_i is defined if the exponent of x_j is at least $a_j - \delta_{i,j}d_i$, but σ_i corresponds to a relation in P^t only if the exponent x_j is at least $a_j - \delta_{i,j}$. Similarly, if the exponent of x_i in G is at least $d_i - 1$, then

$$\frac{G}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega \equiv \frac{\sigma_i^{-1}(G)}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega \pmod{P^{t-1}}.$$

Take a nontrivial expression $\sum b_k \omega_k$ that is zero modulo P^{t-1} . Since the σ_i generate the relations, and the σ_i map monomials to monomials, there exists two distinct admissible monomial types \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{m} of relative degree t and a sequence of σ_i and σ_j^{-1} such that

$$\tau(\omega_k) := \sigma_{i_s}^{\epsilon_s} \dots \sigma_{i_1}^{\epsilon_1}(\omega_k) = c_0 \omega_m,$$

with

- $c_0 \in \mathbb{Q}_q$,
- $\epsilon_j \in \{\pm 1\}$,
- $a_{i_j} \neq 0$ for all j ,
- for all j such that $\epsilon_j = 1$ and for all k , the exponent of x_k in $\sigma_{i_{j-1}}^{\epsilon_{j-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_1}^{\epsilon_1}(\omega_k)$ is at least $a_k - \delta_{i_j,k}$, and
- for all j such that $\epsilon_j = -1$, the exponent of x_{i_j} in $\sigma_{i_{j-1}}^{\epsilon_{j-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_1}^{\epsilon_1}(\omega_k)$ is at least $d_{i_j} - 1$.

We will prove below that given such a τ , we can always shorten the length of this expression by 2, and that this expression cannot consist of one σ_i . Hence the only possibility for τ is to be the identity and $k_i = m_i$ for all i , a contradiction.

We claim that $\epsilon_1 = 1$ and $\epsilon_s = -1$. If $\epsilon_1 = -1$, then in order to apply σ_{i_1} we would need that the exponent x_{i_1} in ω_k is at least $d_{i_1} - 1$, contradicting that ω_k is associated with an admissible monomial type. Similarly, if $\epsilon_s = 1$ we obtain that the exponent of x_{i_s} in ω_m is at least $d_{i_s} - 1$, contradicting that ω_m is associated with an admissible monomial type.

Let j be the smallest integer such that $\epsilon_j = -1$. This implies that the exponent of x_{i_j} in $\sigma_{i_{j-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_1}(\prod x_i^{k_i})$ is at least $d_{i_j} - 1$, hence at least for one of the $j' < j$ we have $i_j = i_{j'}$. Let j' be the largest integer smaller than j such that $i_j = i_{j'}$.

Note that the σ_i commute as operators on $\mathbb{Q}_q(x_0, \dots, x_n)$. Hence, if we consider the σ_i as operators on $\mathbb{Q}_q(x_0, \dots, x_n)$ then we have the identities

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{i_j}^{-1} \sigma_{i_{j-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_{j'}} \sigma_{i_{j'-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_1}(\prod x_i^{k_i}) &= \sigma_{i_j}^{-1} \sigma_{i_{j'}} \sigma_{i_{j-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_{j'+1}} \sigma_{i_{j'-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_1}(\prod x_i^{k_i}) \\ &= \sigma_{i_{j-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_{j'+1}} \sigma_{i_{j'-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_1}(\prod x_i^{k_i}). \end{aligned}$$

We need to show that the latter expression corresponds to a series of relations in P^t/P^{t-1} , i.e., we need to show that for each j'' such that $j' < j'' < j$, if

$$\sigma_{i_{j''}} \dots \sigma_{i_{j'+1}} \sigma_{i_{j'-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_1} (\prod x_i^{k_i}) = c \prod x_r^{e_r}$$

with $c \in \mathbb{Q}_q$ then $e_r \geq a_r - \delta_{r,i_{j'+1}}$ for all r .

Suppose that $r \neq i_j$. Since

$$\sigma_{i_{j''}} \dots \sigma_{i_1} (\prod x_i^{k_i}) = c' \prod x_r^{e'_r}$$

with $c' \in \mathbb{Q}_q$ and $e'_r \geq a_r - \delta_{r,i_{j'+1}}$ and σ_{i_j} lowers the exponent of x_r by a_r we obtain $e'_r = e_r - a_r$, whence $e_r \geq a_r - \delta_{r,i_{j'+1}}$.

Suppose that $r = i_j$. Since

$$\sigma_{i_{j-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_1} (\prod x_i^{k_i}) = c'' \prod x_r^{e''_r}$$

with $c'' \in \mathbb{Q}_q$ and $e''_r \geq d_r - 1$, it follows that

$$\sigma_{i_{j-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_{j'+1}} \sigma_{i_{j'-1}} \dots \sigma_{i_1} (\prod x_i^{k_i}) = c''' \prod x_r^{e'''_r}$$

with $c''' \in \mathbb{Q}_q$ and $e'''_r \geq 0$. Since the σ_{i_k} for $j'' < k < j'$ lower the exponent of x_r by a_r we obtain $e_r = e'''_r + (j - j'')a_r \geq a_r$.

We need to show that

$$\{\omega_k : k \text{ an admissible monomial type}\}$$

spans $H^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$. If $\lambda = 0$ then this follows from the discussion before this proposition. If $\lambda \neq 0$ and all the weights equal 1 then [Katz 1968, Theorem 1.10] shows that $\dim H^{n-1}(X_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ is independent of λ . Using (3) we obtain that $\dim H^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ is independent of λ . The general case follows from this case by applying the standard quotient map and [Dolgachev 1982, Lemma 2.2.2]. \square

4. Deformation theory

Assume for the moment that $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}^n$. Following N. Katz, consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{CD} H^n(U_{\lambda^q}) @>{\text{Frob}_{q,\lambda}^*}>> H^n(U_\lambda) \\ @V{A(\lambda^q)}VV @VV{A(\lambda)}V \\ H^n(U_0) @>{\text{Frob}_{q,0}^*}>> H^n(U_0), \end{CD}$$

where $\text{Frob}_{q,\lambda}$ is the Frobenius acting on the complete family. Since it maps the fiber over 0 to the fiber over 0 this map can be restricted to U_0 . Katz studied the differential equation associated to $A(\lambda)$. He remarked in a note that $A(\lambda)$ is actually the solution of the Picard–Fuchs equation.

We first give a way of computing a map $B(\lambda)$ such that

$$\text{Frob}_{q,0}^* B(\lambda^q) = B(\lambda) \text{Frob}_{q,\lambda}$$

on a small neighborhood of 0. This matrix $B(\lambda)$ is enough to deduce $\text{Frob}_{q,\lambda}^*$ from $\text{Frob}_{q,0}^*$.

Fix a basis

$$\frac{G_i}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega$$

for $H^n(U_\lambda)$ and write

$$\frac{G_i}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{j+t-1}{j} \frac{G_i (F - F_\lambda)^j}{F^{j+t}} \Omega. \tag{4}$$

Since $F - F_\lambda$ is the product of λ with a polynomial with integral coefficients, the above power series in the x_i converges on a small disc. By choosing λ sufficiently small, we obtain an overconvergent power series in the x_i , hence $\frac{G_i}{F_\lambda^t}$ defines an element of $H^n(U_0)$. Let $B(\lambda) : H^n(U_\lambda) \rightarrow H^n(U_0)$ be the analytic continuation of the operator mapping

$$\frac{G_i}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega$$

to the complete reduction of (4) in $H^n(U_0)$.

In this way we obtain a local expansion of the matrix $B(\lambda)$ around $\lambda = 0$. In the following section we will make this more explicit.

Proposition 4.1 (Katz). *We have $B(\lambda) \text{Frob}_{q,\lambda}^* = \text{Frob}_{q,0}^* B(\lambda^q)$ and $B(\lambda) = A(\lambda)$.*

Proof. The case $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}^n$ is a combination of [Katz 1968, Lemma 2.10, Lemma 2.13, Theorem 2.14]. The general case is a formal consequence of the special case by Lemma 3.7, Proposition 4.1 and the definition of $H^n(U_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ in terms of the standard quotient map $\pi : \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$. □

Remark 4.2. Proposition 4.1 is particularly interesting in the case when we specialize to $\lambda = \lambda_0$ where λ_0 is the Teichmüller lift of some element $\bar{\lambda}_0$. Then $\lambda_0^q = \lambda_0$, hence $\text{Frob}_{q,\lambda_0}^*$ is a lift of Frobenius on $H^n(U_{\lambda_0}, \mathbb{Q}_q)$. Using Theorem 3.11 and Theorem 3.8 we obtain that

$$Z(U_{\bar{\lambda}_0}, t) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_0} \frac{\left(\det(I - tq^n \mid A(\lambda^q)^{-1} (\text{Frob}_{q,0}^*)^{-1} A(\lambda)) \right)^{(-1)^{n+1}}}{1 - q^n t}.$$

5. Actual computation of the deformation matrix

In order to compute the matrix $A(\lambda)$ we need to reduce the right hand side of (4) in $H^n(U_0)$. We start with a very useful lemma.

Lemma 5.1. Fix nonnegative integers b_i such that $\sum b_i w_i + w = td$ for some integer t . The complete reduction of $\omega := \frac{\prod x_i^{b_i}}{F^t} \Omega$ equals

$$\frac{\prod_i ((c_i + 1)w_i/d)_{q_i}}{(s)_{t-s}} \frac{\prod x_i^{c_i}}{F^s} \Omega,$$

where $0 \leq c_i < d_i$ and q_i, s are integers such that $b_i = q_i d_i + c_i$, and $sd = \sum c_i w_i + w$, i.e., $t - s = \sum q_i$, provided that $c_i \neq d_i - 1$ for all i . If for one of the i we have $c_i = d_i - 1$ then ω reduces to zero in $H(U_0, \mathbb{Q}_q)$.

Proof.

The reduction with respect to x_0 of

$$\frac{x_0^{b_0} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{b_i}}{F^t} \Omega$$

(cf. Definition 3.14) equals

$$\frac{x_0^{b_0-d_0} ((b_0 + 1) - d_0) \prod x_i^{b_i}}{(t - 1)d_0 F^{t-1}} \Omega = \frac{x_0^{b_0-d_0} ((b_0 + 1)w_0 - d) \prod x_i^{b_i}}{(t - 1)d F^{t-1}} \Omega$$

(provided $b_0 \geq d_0$). After reducing q_i times with respect to x_i for $i = 0, \dots, n$, we obtain that ω reduces to

$$\frac{(s - 1)! \prod_i \left(\prod_{j=0}^{q_i-1} ((c_i + 1)w_i + jd) \right) \prod x_i^{c_i}}{(t - 1)! d^{t-s} F^s} \Omega.$$

This in turn equals

$$\tau := \frac{(s - 1)! d^{\sum q_i} \prod ((c_i + 1)w_i/d)_{q_i} \prod x_i^{c_i}}{(t - 1)! d^{t-s} F^s} \Omega.$$

If none of the c_i equals $d_i - 1$ then this is a complete reduction. Using $\sum q_i = t - s$ the first formula follows.

If $c_i = d_i - 1$ then we can write τ as $(F_{x_i} G / F^s) \Omega$, where G does not contain the variable x_i . The reduction of this form is a constant times

$$\frac{G_{x_i}}{F^{s-1}} \Omega.$$

Since $G_{x_i} = 0$, this reduction is zero. □

Fix an admissible monomial type $\mathbf{k} = (w_0(k_0 + 1), \dots, w_n(k_n + 1)) \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^{n+1}$ of relative degree t . We want to calculate the reduction of

$$\frac{\prod x_i^{k_i}}{(F + \lambda \prod x_i^{a_i})^t} \Omega$$

in $H^n(U_0)$. In order to find a power series expression, we assume that λ is sufficiently small, then by (4) this form equals

$$\frac{\prod x_i^{k_i}}{F^t} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{(-\lambda) \prod x_i^{a_i}}{F}\right)^t} \Omega = \sum_j \binom{t+j-1}{j} \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i+a_i j}}{F^{t+j}} (-\lambda)^j \Omega. \tag{5}$$

Note that at most d distinct monomials occur in the reduction of the form.

Definition 5.2. Let r, s be nonnegative integers, let $a_i \in \mathbb{Q}_q$, for $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$, let $\beta_j \in \mathbb{Q}_q \setminus \mathbb{Z}_{<0}$ for $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$. We define the (*generalized*) *hypergeometric function*

$${}_r F_s \left(\begin{matrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \dots & \alpha_r \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \dots & \beta_s \end{matrix} ; z \right)$$

to be

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k,$$

with $b_0 = 1$, and

$$\frac{b_{j+1}}{b_j} = \frac{(j + \alpha_1) \dots (j + \alpha_r)}{(j + \beta_1) \dots (j + \beta_s)(j + 1)},$$

for all positive integers j .

Let d'_i be the order of a_i mod d_i in $\mathbb{Z}/d_i\mathbb{Z}$. Let d' be the least common multiple of all the d'_i . Set $b_i = a_i d' / d_i$. In the following proposition and its proof we identify elements in $a \in \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ with their representative $\tilde{a} \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $0 \leq \tilde{a} \leq m - 1$.

Proposition 5.3. *Let \mathbf{k} be an admissible monomial type. Let t be the relative degree of \mathbf{k} . Write $A(\lambda)\omega_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum c_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda)\omega_{\mathbf{m}}$, where the sum is taken over all admissible monomial types. Then $c_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda)$ is nonzero only if there is a $j_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $0 \leq j_0 \leq d' - 1$ and such that $\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{k} = \bar{j}_0 \mathbf{a}$. If this is the case then*

$$\frac{c_{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda)}{\text{red} \frac{\prod x_i^{a_i j_0 + k_i}}{F^{t+j_0}} \Omega}$$

equals

$$\binom{t+j_0-1}{j_0} (-\lambda)^{j_0} F_{d'}^{d'-1} \left(\begin{matrix} \alpha_{i,s} \\ \frac{j_0+1}{d'} & \frac{j_0+2}{d'} & \dots & \hat{1} & \dots & \frac{j_0+d'}{d'} \end{matrix} ; \prod_{i:a_i \neq 0} \left(\frac{a_i}{d_i}\right)^{b_i} (-\lambda)^{d'} \right),$$

with

$$\alpha_{i,s} = \frac{(s-1)d_i + 1 + a_i j_0 + k_i}{a_i d'}, \quad s = 1, \dots, b_i; \quad i = 0, \dots, n.$$

This proposition almost gives a complete reduction of the form $\text{Frob}_{q,\lambda}(\omega_k)$, in the sense that $c_k(\lambda)$ is described as the product of a hypergeometric function and the reduction of a rational function in the x_i multiplied by Ω . The latter form can be easily reduced using Lemma 5.1.

Proof. It suffices to compute explicitly a complete reduction of $\omega := \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i}}{F_\lambda^t} \Omega$ in $H^n(U_0)$. We can write ω as

$$\sum_j \binom{t+j-1}{j} \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i+a_i j}}{F^{t+j}} (-\lambda)^j \Omega.$$

Set $c_{t,j} := \binom{t+j-1}{j}$. Since each reduction step decreases the exponent of x_i by d_i , we split this sum as follows: write

$$\omega = \sum_{j_0=0}^{d'-1} \sum_j c_{t,j_0+d'j} \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i+a_i(j_0+d'j)}}{F^{t+j_0+d'j}} (-\lambda)^{j_0+d'j} \Omega.$$

For $0 \leq j_0 \leq d' - 1$ set

$$\omega_{j_0} := \sum_j c_{t,j_0+d'j} \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i+a_i(j_0+d'j)}}{F^{t+j_0+d'j}} (-\lambda)^{j_0+d'j} \Omega.$$

From Lemma 5.1 it follows that if $k_i + a_i(j_0 + d'j) \equiv -1 \pmod{d_i}$ for some i , then ω_{j_0} reduces to zero. Otherwise, we claim that the reduction of ω_j is a generalized hypergeometric function. In order to prove this and to calculate the parameters, we need to show that

$$\frac{c_{t,j_0+d'j+d'} \text{red} \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i+a_i(j_0+d'j)+a_i d'}}{F^{t+j_0+d'j+d'}} \Omega}{c_{t,j_0+d'j} \text{red} \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i+a_i(j_0+d'j)}}{F^{t+j_0+d'j}} \Omega} \tag{6}$$

is a rational function in j . If we reduce with respect to x_i then the exponent of x_i is lowered by d_i . So if we reduce the numerator $b_i = a_i d' / d_i$ times with respect to x_i , then the exponent of x_i in the numerator and denominator coincide. Now

$$\text{red} \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i+a_i(j_0+d'j)+a_i d'}}{F^{t+j_0+d'j+d'}} \Omega$$

equals

$$\frac{\prod_i \prod_{s=1}^{b_i} (k_i + a_i(j_0 + d'j) + (s-1)d_i + 1)}{(t + j_0 + d'j) \sum_{b_i} \prod_i d_i^{b_i}} \text{red} \frac{\prod x_i^{k_i+a_i(j_0+d'j)}}{F^{t+j_0+d'j}} \Omega$$

and

$$\frac{c_{t, j_0+d'j+d'}}{c_{t, j_0+d'j}} = \frac{(t + j_0 + d'j)_{d'}}{(j_0 + d'j + 1)_{d'}}.$$

Putting this together we conclude that (6) equals

$$\frac{\prod_i \prod_{s=1}^{b_i} (k_i + a_i(j_0 + d'j) + (s-1)d_i + 1)}{(j_0 + d'j + 1)_{d'} \prod_i d_i^{b_i}}.$$

This equals

$$\frac{\prod_{i:a_i \neq 0} (a_i d')^{b_i}}{(d')^{d'} \prod_{i:a_i \neq 0} d_i^{b_i}} \frac{\prod_i \prod_{s=1}^{b_i} \left(j + \frac{(s-1)d_i + 1 + a_i j_0 + k_i}{a_i d'} \right)}{\prod_{s=1}^{d'} \left(j + \frac{j_0 + s}{d'} \right)}.$$

Since $\sum b_i = d'$ the first factor simplifies to

$$\prod_{i:a_i \neq 0} \left(\frac{a_i}{d_i} \right)^{b_i}.$$

From the second factor we can read off the hypergeometric parameters.

Since the first summand of ω_{j_0} equals

$$(-\lambda)^{j_0} c_{t, j_0} \frac{\prod x_i^{a_i j_0 + k_i}}{F^{t+j_0}} \Omega,$$

by collecting everything together, we obtain that

$$\frac{\text{red } \omega_j}{c_{t, j_0} (-\lambda)^{j_0}}$$

equals

$$d' F_{d'-1} \left(\frac{j_0+1}{d'} \frac{j_0+2}{d'} \dots \hat{1} \dots \frac{j_0+d'}{d'} ; (-\lambda)^{d'} \prod_{i:a_i \neq 0} \left(\frac{a_i}{d_i} \right)^{b_i} \right) \text{red } \frac{\prod x_i^{a_i j_0 + k_i}}{F^{t+j_0}} \Omega,$$

as desired. □

Example 5.4. Consider the family $X^3 + Y^3 + Z^3 + \lambda XYZ$. Then we obtain the following matrix $A(\lambda)$ (with respect to the basis $\{\omega_{(1,1,1)}, \omega_{(2,2,2)}\}$)

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}; \frac{-\lambda^3}{27} \right) & \frac{\lambda^2}{54} {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}; \frac{-\lambda^3}{27} \right) \\ -\lambda {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; \frac{-\lambda^3}{27} \right) & {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; \frac{-\lambda^3}{27} \right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example 5.5. Another famous example is $C_\lambda : X^4 + Y^4 + Z^4 + \lambda X^2 Y^2$.

Note that $d' = 2, d'_1 = d'_2 = 2, d'_3 = 0, b_1 = b_2 = 1, b_3 = 0$.

One easily obtains

$$A(\lambda)\omega_{(2,1,1)} = {}_1F_0\left(\frac{1}{4}; \frac{\lambda^2}{16}\right)\omega_{(2,1,1)}, \quad A(\lambda)\omega_{(1,2,1)} = {}_1F_0\left(\frac{1}{4}; \frac{\lambda^2}{16}\right)\omega_{(1,2,1)},$$

$$A(\lambda)\omega_{(2,3,3)} = {}_1F_0\left(\frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^2}{16}\right)\omega_{(2,3,3)}, \quad A(\lambda)\omega_{(3,2,3)} = {}_1F_0\left(\frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^2}{16}\right)\omega_{(3,2,3)}.$$

$A(\lambda)$ acts as follows on the basis $\{\omega_{(1,1,2)}, \omega_{(3,3,2)}\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}; \frac{\lambda^2}{16}\right) & \frac{\lambda^2}{16} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{4}; \frac{\lambda^2}{16}\right) \\ -\lambda {}_2F_1\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^2}{16}\right) & {}_2F_1\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^2}{16}\right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is classically known that the Jacobian of C_λ is isogenous to the product of two elliptic curves with j -invariant 1728 and one elliptic curve E_λ whose j -invariant depends properly on λ . This factor can also be obtained from the above information:

When we restrict $A(\lambda)$ to the subspace spanned by $\omega_{(1,1,2), (3,2,2)}$, we find the same operator as the operator $A'(\lambda)$ associated with the family $E_\lambda : X^4 + Y^4 + Z^2 + \lambda X^2 Y^2$ considered in $\mathbb{P}(1, 1, 2)$. One easily shows that this is a family of elliptic curves, with j -invariant depending on λ . The curve E_0 has an automorphism of order 4 with fixed points, hence $j(E_0) = 1728$.

In the next section we prove that if $q \equiv 1 \pmod 4$ then all the ω_k are eigenvectors for $\text{Frob}_{q,0}^*$, let $c_{k,q}$ be the corresponding eigenvalue. Then, for $k = (2, 1, 1)$,

$$\text{Frob}_{q,\lambda}^* \omega_k = A(\lambda)^{-1} \text{Frob}_{q,0}^* A(\lambda^q) \omega_k = \frac{{}_1F_0\left(\frac{1}{4}; \frac{\lambda^{2q}}{16}\right)}{{}_1F_0\left(\frac{1}{4}; \frac{\lambda^2}{16}\right)} c_{k,q} \omega_k.$$

One easily shows that the factor in front of $c_{k,q}$ is a fourth root of unity, which implies that we have twisted the Frobenius action on ω_k by a quartic character. Something similar happens when $k \in \{(1, 2, 1), (2, 3, 3), (3, 2, 3)\}$. This implies that on a 4-dimensional subspace V_λ of $H^1(X_\lambda, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ the Frobenius action is a quartic twist of the Frobenius action on $V_0 \subset H^1(X_0, \mathbb{Q}_q)$. The curve X_0 has the automorphism $[X, Y, Z] \mapsto [Z, X, Y]$. From this we obtain that the action of Frobenius on V_0 is isomorphic to two copies of the Frobenius action on E_0 .

Example 5.6. Consider now the quintic threefold $X_0^5 + X_1^5 + X_2^5 + X_3^5 + X_4^5 + \lambda X_0 X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4$. This family is studied for example by Candelas, de la Ossa, and

Rodriguez-Villegas [Candelas et al. 2003]. We discuss another aspect of this family in Example 6.11.

One can distinguish between the following five types of subspaces:

We start with $V_1 = \text{span}\{\omega_{(1,1,1,1,1)}, \omega_{(2,2,2,2,2)}, \omega_{(3,3,3,3,3)}, \omega_{(4,4,4,4,4)}\}$. The corresponding matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2\ 3\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & \frac{\lambda^4}{2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^5} \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 7\ 8\ 9 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & \frac{-\lambda^3}{2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^5} \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 4\ 7\ 8 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & \frac{\lambda^2}{2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^5} \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 3\ 4\ 7 \end{smallmatrix}\right) \\ -\lambda \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 3\ 4\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 1\ 3\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & \frac{2\lambda^4}{3 \cdot 5^5} \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 7 \\ 6\ 8\ 9 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & \frac{-8\lambda^3}{3^3 \cdot 5^5} \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 7 \\ 4\ 6\ 8 \end{smallmatrix}\right) \\ \lambda^2 \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 4\ 6\ 7 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & -2\lambda \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 2\ 4\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 1\ 2\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & \frac{27\lambda^4}{2^3 \cdot 5^5} \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 8 \\ 6\ 7\ 9 \end{smallmatrix}\right) \\ -\lambda^3 \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 \\ 6\ 7\ 8 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & 3\lambda^2 \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 \\ 3\ 6\ 7 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & -3\lambda \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 \\ 2\ 3\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}\right) & \Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 \\ 1\ 2\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}\right) \end{pmatrix},$$

where we used the shorthand

$$\Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ b\ c\ d \end{smallmatrix}\right) := {}_4F_3\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{a}{5} & \frac{a}{5} & \frac{a}{5} & \frac{a}{5} \\ \frac{b}{5} & \frac{c}{5} & \frac{d}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{5^5}\right).$$

The other four spaces are less interesting: on $V_2 = \text{span}\{\omega_{(1,1,1,3,4)}, \omega_{(4,4,4,1,2)}\}$, $A(\lambda)$ acts as

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) & \frac{\lambda^2}{500} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{6}{5} & \frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{7}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) \\ -4\lambda^3 {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{4}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{8}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) & {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{4}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

On $V_3 = \text{span}\{\omega_{(2,2,2,1,3)}, \omega_{(3,3,3,2,4)}\}$, $A(\lambda)$ acts as

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) & \frac{\lambda^4}{6250} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{7}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \\ \frac{9}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) \\ -2\lambda {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{6}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) & {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

On $V_4 = \text{span}\{\omega_{(1,1,2,2,4)}, \omega_{(3,3,4,4,1)}\}$, $A(\lambda)$ acts as

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) & \frac{-\lambda^3}{1875} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{6}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \\ \frac{8}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) \\ \frac{\lambda^2}{5} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{7}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) & {}_2F_1\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \end{smallmatrix}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

On $V_5 = \text{span}\{\omega_{(3,3,1,1,2)}, \omega_{(4,4,2,2,3)}\}$, $A(\lambda)$ acts as

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{3}{5}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) & \frac{3\lambda^4}{25000} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{6}{5}, \frac{8}{5}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) \\ -2\lambda {}_2F_1\left(\frac{2}{5}, \frac{4}{5}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) & {}_2F_1\left(\frac{2}{5}, \frac{4}{5}; \frac{-\lambda^5}{3125}\right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example 5.7. The final example is the family $X^4 + Y^4 + Z^4 + W^4 + \lambda XYZW$. This is a family of $K3$ -surfaces. This family is also studied in [Dwork 1969, pp. 73–77].

Considered over a number field, every smooth member of this family has geometric Picard number 19 or 20. This implies that when we consider this family over a finite field, then every smooth member has geometric Picard number at least 20. From the Tate conjecture (which is proven in this case [Nygaard and Ogus 1985] if $p \geq 5$) it follows that every smooth member has Picard number 20 or 22. This implies that at least 19 of the eigenvalues of $\text{Frob}_{q,\lambda}^*$ on $H^3(U_\lambda)$ are of the form $q\zeta$, with ζ a root of unity. We will indicate how one can obtain this result from the methods described in this section.

First we calculate the operator $A(\lambda)$. We obtain that

$$A(\lambda)\omega_{(1,2,2,3)} = {}_1F_0\left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right)\omega_{(1,2,2,3)}.$$

The operator $A(\lambda)$ leaves the space spanned by $\omega_{(1,1,3,3)}$ and $\omega_{(3,3,1,1)}$ invariant. Its action is as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) & \frac{\lambda^2}{32} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) \\ \frac{\lambda^2}{32} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) & {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{192}\right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

One easily computes that

$${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) \pm \frac{\lambda^2}{32} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) = {}_1F_0\left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{\pm\lambda^2}{16}\right)$$

hence

$$A(\lambda)\omega_{(1,1,3,3)} \pm \omega_{(3,3,1,1)} = {}_1F_0\left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{\pm\lambda^2}{16}\right)\omega_{(1,1,3,3)} \pm \omega_{(3,3,1,1)}.$$

As explained in the previous example, this implies that if $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ then $\text{Frob}_{\lambda,q}^*$ restricted to the subspace generated by the $\omega_{(1,2,2,3)}$, $\omega_{(1,1,3,3)}$ and all the coordinate permutations of these forms, is a (quartic) twist of $\text{Frob}_{0,q}^*$. Using Jacobi sums one can show that the $\text{Frob}_{0,q}^*$ restricted to this subspace has only eigenvalues of the

form $q\zeta$, with ζ a root of unity. This yields 18 eigenvalues of $\text{Frob}_{\lambda,q}$ of this form. Since the number of eigenvalues of $\text{Frob}_{\lambda,q}^*$ that are not of this form is even, and the complementary subspace has dimension 3, there is a nineteenth eigenvalue of the form $q\zeta$.

The final subspace under consideration is $\text{span}\{\omega_{(1,1,1,1)}, \omega_{(2,2,2,2)}, \omega_{(3,3,3,3)}\}$. We obtain the following matrix with respect to this basis:

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}_3F_2\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) & \frac{-\lambda^3}{1536} {}_3F_2\left(\frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) & \frac{\lambda^2}{1024} {}_3F_2\left(\frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) \\ -\lambda {}_3F_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) & {}_3F_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) & \frac{-\lambda^3}{192} {}_3F_2\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) \\ \lambda^2 {}_3F_2\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) & -2\lambda {}_3F_2\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) & {}_3F_2\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{\lambda^4}{256}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Fermat hypersurfaces and equivalence relations

In the previous sections it is shown how to calculate the deformation matrix $A(\lambda)$. In this section we discuss the Frobenius action on the central fiber.

Lemma 6.1. *Let \mathbf{k} be an admissible monomial type. Let $\mathbf{m} = \bar{q}\mathbf{k}$. We have $\text{Frob}_{0,q} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} = c_{\mathbf{k},q} \omega_{\mathbf{m}}$ for some $c_{\mathbf{k},q}$.*

Proof. Take as a lift of Frobenius the morphism $x_i \mapsto x_i^q$. Then

$$\text{Frob}_{q,0}^*(\omega) = \frac{x_i^{qk_i+q-1}}{F(x_i^q)^t} \Omega = \sum_{j=0} c_{t,j} \frac{x_i^{qk_i} (F^q - F(x_i^q))^j}{F^{qj+t}}$$

One can easily show that any exponent of x_i in this sum is congruent to $qk_i + q - 1 \pmod{d_i}$. Hence there is only one monomial type \mathbf{m} occurring in the reduction, namely $\bar{q}\mathbf{k}$. □

Remark 6.2. Suppose $q \equiv 1 \pmod{d}$. It is well-known that the eigenvalues of Frobenius on $H^n(U)$ are of the form $q^{n-1}/J_{\mathbf{k},q}$, where $J_{\mathbf{k},q}$ is a so-called Jacobi sum. Note that the assumption on q implies that $\bar{q}\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}$. So the set of Jacobi sums coincides with the set of $c_{\mathbf{k},q}$ (cf. the Introduction). A stronger result will be proved in the sequel.

Definition 6.3. Two monomial types are called *strongly equivalent* if and only if their difference is a multiple of the deformation vector. Two monomial types are called *weakly equivalent* if and only if there exists nonzero multiples of both monomial types that differ by the deformation vector.

The characteristic polynomial of Frobenius on the cohomology can be factorized in factors corresponding to the weak-equivalence classes of monomial types:

Theorem 6.4. *Let \mathbf{k} be an admissible monomial type. Let S be the set of monomial types that are weakly equivalent to \mathbf{k} and let S' be the set of monomial types that are strongly equivalent to \mathbf{k} . Then*

$$\text{Frob}_{\lambda,q} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{m \in S} c'_{m,q} \omega_m$$

for some $c'_{m,q} \in \mathbb{Q}_q$. In particular, the characteristic polynomial $P(T)$ of Frobenius on $H^n(U)$ can be factored as $P(T) = \prod_{[\mathbf{k}]} P_{[\mathbf{k}]}(T)$, where the product is taken over all weak-equivalence classes, and $P_{[\mathbf{k}]}(T)$ is an element of $\mathbb{Q}_q[T]$ of degree equal to the number of distinct admissible monomial types in the weak-equivalence class $[\mathbf{k}]$.

If, moreover, $q \equiv 1 \pmod d$ then

$$\text{Frob}_{\lambda,q} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{m \in S'} c'_{m,q} \omega_m$$

for some $c'_{m,q} \in \mathbb{Q}_q$. In particular, the characteristic polynomial $P(T)$ of Frobenius on $H^n(U)$ can be factored as $P(T) = \prod_{[\mathbf{k}]} P_{[\mathbf{k}]}(T)$, where the product is taken over all strong-equivalence classes, and $P_{[\mathbf{k}]}(T)$ is an element of $\mathbb{Q}_q[T]$ of degree equal to the number of distinct admissible monomial types in the strong-equivalence class $[\mathbf{k}]$.

Proof. Since $\text{Frob}_{\lambda,q} = A(\lambda)^{-1} \text{Frob}_{\lambda,0} A(\lambda^q)$, it suffices to prove that all these three operators leave the subspace $\text{span}_{m \in S}(\omega_m)$ (if $q \not\equiv 1 \pmod d$) or the subspace $\text{span}_{m \in S'}(\omega_m)$ (if $q \equiv 1 \pmod d$) invariant. For $A(\lambda)^{-1}$ and $A(\lambda^q)$ this follows from Proposition 5.3. For $\text{Frob}_{\lambda,0}$ this follows from Lemma 6.1. \square

Remark 6.5. In Corollary 6.10 we show that the factorization mentioned above gives factors which are polynomials with \mathbb{Q} -coefficients rather than with \mathbb{Q}_q -coefficients.

It remains to show that weak equivalence is the same relation as “indistinguishable by automorphisms”.

Definition 6.6. We call $\mathbf{b} \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^{n+1}$ an *admissible automorphism type* if \mathbf{b} can be written as $(w_0 b_0, w_1 b_1, \dots, w_n b_n) \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^{n+1}$, such that $\sum w_i b_i a_i \equiv 0 \pmod d$. Define $\sigma_{\mathbf{b}}$ to be the automorphism

$$[x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_n] \mapsto [\zeta_d^{w_0 b_0} x_0 : \zeta_d^{w_1 b_1} x_1 : \dots : \zeta_d^{w_n b_n} x_n].$$

We call two monomial types \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} *distinguishable by automorphisms* if there exists an admissible automorphism type $\mathbf{b} \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^{n+1}$ such that

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{b}} \left(\prod x_i^{k_i} \right) = \prod x_i^{k_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\mathbf{b}} \left(\prod x_i^{m_i} \right) \neq \prod x_i^{m_i}.$$

Theorem 6.7. *Two monomial types \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are weakly equivalent if and only if \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are not distinguishable by automorphisms.*

Proof. One easily sees that $\sigma_{(b_i)}$ fixes $\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$ if and only if $\prod x_i^{k_i+1}$ is fixed by $\sigma_{(b_i)}$. This in turn is equivalent with

$$\sum b_i(k_i + 1)w_i \equiv 0 \pmod{d},$$

and similarly for \mathbf{m} .

(\Rightarrow). Suppose \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are weakly equivalent. Then we have a relation

$$s\mathbf{k} + t\mathbf{m} = r\mathbf{a},$$

with $s, t \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^*$. It suffices to show that if \mathbf{b} is an admissible automorphism type then

$$\sum b_i(k_i + 1)w_i \equiv 0 \pmod{d} \iff \sum b_i(m_i + 1)w_i \equiv 0 \pmod{d}.$$

Since \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are weakly equivalent we have

$$s \sum b_i w_i (k_i + 1) + t \sum b_i w_i (m_i + 1) \equiv r \sum b_i a_i w_i \equiv 0 \pmod{d}.$$

Hence

$$s \sum b_i w_i (m_i + 1) \equiv -t \sum b_i w_i (k_i + 1) \pmod{d}.$$

Since s and t are invertible, the above claim follows.

(\Leftarrow). Suppose \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are not distinguishable by automorphisms. Take \mathbf{b} such that $\sigma_{\mathbf{b}}(\omega_{\mathbf{k}}) = \omega_{\mathbf{k}}$ and $\sigma_{\mathbf{b}}(\omega_{\mathbf{m}}) \neq \omega_{\mathbf{m}}$. Hence

$$\sum b_i(k_i + 1)w_i \equiv 0 \pmod{d},$$

and

$$\sum b_i(m_i + 1)w_i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{d}.$$

Suppose \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are weakly equivalent, i.e., we have a relation

$$s\mathbf{k} + t\mathbf{m} = r\mathbf{a}$$

where s and t are invertible in $\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$s \sum b_i w_i (k_i + 1) + t \sum b_i q_i (m_i + 1) - r \sum b_i a_i q_i \equiv 0 \pmod{d}.$$

Since the first and third summand are zero, the same holds for the second summand. Contradicting that it should be nonzero. So we cannot have a relation

$$s\mathbf{k} + t\mathbf{m} = r\mathbf{a}.$$

Hence \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{m} are not weakly equivalent. □

Definition 6.8. Assume that $q \equiv 1 \pmod d$ (i.e., $\mathbb{F}_q \supset \mathbb{F}_p(\zeta_d)$). Let χ be the d -th power residue symbol. Let \mathbf{k} be an admissible monomial type. Let k_i be the i -th entry of \mathbf{k} , i.e., $w_i(k_i + 1)$. Then the Jacobi-sum associated with \mathbf{k} is defined as

$$J_{\mathbf{k},q} := (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{(v_1, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n : \sum_i v_i = -1} \chi(v_1)^{k_1} \chi(v_2)^{k_2} \dots \chi(v_n)^{k_n}.$$

Corollary 6.9. Assume $q \equiv 1 \pmod d$. Let \mathbf{k} be an admissible monomial type. Let S be the set of monomial types that cannot be distinguished by automorphisms from \mathbf{k} . Then the sets $S_1 := \{q^n/c_{\mathbf{m},q} : \mathbf{m} \in S\}$ and $S_2 := \{J_{\mathbf{m},q} : \mathbf{m} \in S\}$ coincide.

Proof. Let $G \subset \prod \mathbb{Z}/d_i\mathbb{Z}$ be the group of automorphisms that fixes $\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$. Then X_0/G is a Fermat variety in a different weighted projective space \mathbb{P}' . It is well-known that the eigenvalues of Frobenius on the primitive part of $H_{\text{rig},c}^{n-1}(X_0/G)$ are Jacobi-sums appearing in S_2 ; see [Gouvêa and Yui 1995], for example.

The group $H^n(U/G)$ is canonically isomorphic with the subspace of $H^n(U)$ generated by the forms $\omega_{\mathbf{m}}$, where $\mathbf{m} \in S$ (this follows from [Dolgachev 1982, Lemma 2.2.2]). This implies that all the $q^n/c_{\mathbf{m},q}$ with $\mathbf{m} \in S$ are eigenvalues of Frob on $H_{\text{rig},c}^{n-1}(X_0/G)$. Hence $S_1 = S_2$. □

Corollary 6.10. Let $\bar{\lambda} \in \mathbb{F}_q$. Let $P(t)$ be the characteristic polynomial of $\text{Frob}_{\bar{\lambda}}$ on $H^n(U_{\bar{\lambda}}, \mathbb{Q}_q)$. Then

$$P(t) = \prod_{[\mathbf{k}]} P_{[\mathbf{k}]}(t),$$

where the product is taken over all weak-equivalence classes of admissible monomial types. Let \mathbf{k} be an admissible polynomial type. Then $P_{[\mathbf{k}]}(t)$ is an element of $\mathbb{Q}[t]$ and its degree equals the number of admissible monomial types that are weakly equivalent with \mathbf{k} .

Proof. Fix for the moment a monomial type \mathbf{k} . Let $G_{\mathbf{k}} \subset \prod \mathbb{Z}/d_i\mathbb{Z}$ be the group of automorphisms that fixes $\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$. Then $X_0/G_{\mathbf{k}}$ is a Fermat variety in a different weighted projective space \mathbb{P}' and $H^n(U_0/G_{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ is canonically isomorphic with the subspace of $H^n(U_0, \mathbb{Q}_q)$ generated by the form $\omega_{\mathbf{m}}$, where \mathbf{m} is weakly equivalent with \mathbf{k} . This enables us to write

$$H^n(U) = \bigoplus_{[\mathbf{k}]} H^n(U/G_{[\mathbf{k}]}).$$

For every weak-equivalence class of monomial types, set $P_{[\mathbf{k}]}(t) \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$ to be the characteristic polynomial of Frobenius acting on $H^n(U/G_{[\mathbf{k}]})$. Then $P(t) = \prod P_{[\mathbf{k}]}(t)$, we have $P_{[\mathbf{k}]}(t) \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$ and

$$\deg(P_{[\mathbf{k}]}(t)) = \dim H^n(U/G_{[\mathbf{k}]}) = \#\{\mathbf{m} : \mathbf{k} \text{ and } \mathbf{m} \text{ are weakly equivalent}\},$$

which finishes the proof. □

Example 6.11. Consider the case of the quintic threefold in \mathbb{P}^4 , with deformation vector $a = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$. Up to interchanging coordinates we have the following five strong equivalence classes:

- (1) $[0, 0, 0, 0, 0], [1, 1, 1, 1, 1], [2, 2, 2, 2, 2], [3, 3, 3, 3, 3]$.
- (2) $[0, 0, 0, 2, 3], [3, 3, 3, 0, 1]$. (20 Permutations possible)
- (3) $[1, 1, 1, 0, 2], [2, 2, 2, 1, 3]$. (20 Permutations possible)
- (4) $[0, 0, 1, 1, 3], [2, 2, 3, 3, 0]$. (30 Permutations possible)
- (5) $[2, 2, 0, 0, 1], [3, 3, 1, 1, 2]$. (30 Permutations possible)

The classes (2) and (3) form one weak-equivalence class, the same holds for (4) and (5). Over an arbitrary finite field we obtain three distinguishable factors of the zeta function, all three of degree 4. One factor is occurring with multiplicity 30, one factor is occurring with multiplicity 20, and one factor is occurring with multiplicity one. This is in agreement with [Candelas et al. 2003].

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