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This paper studies some geometric aspects of moduli of curves \mathcal{M}_g , using as a tool the deformation formula of holomorphic one-forms. Quasi-isometry guarantees the L^2 convergence of deformation of holomorphic one-forms, which is a kind of global result. After giving the period map a full expansion, we can also write out the Siegel metric, curvature and second fundamental form of a nonhyperelliptic locus of \mathcal{M}_g in a quite detailed manner, while gaining some understanding of a totally geodesic manifold in a nonhyperelliptic locus.

1. Introduction

This paper is a complement to our joint paper [Liu et al. 2012b] with Kefeng Liu, and explores more applications of the deformation formula of holomorphic one-forms to some problems related to moduli spaces of Riemann surfaces, including the full expansion of the period map, the Siegel metric and its curvature formulae, the second fundamental form of Torelli space's nonhyperelliptic locus, and also a global result about the deformation of holomorphic one-forms.

We start with the Kuranishi coordinate of the Teichmüller space \mathcal{T}_g of Riemann surfaces of genus g and the deformation formula of holomorphic one-forms $\theta(t)$, whose construction is contained in Section 2. The key points of the deformation formula lie in Theorem 2.1. To be more precise, on the Kuranishi family $\varpi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Delta$ with a Riemann surface $\varpi^{-1}(0) = X_0$ as its central fiber and a global holomorphic one-form of the central fiber $\theta \in H^0(X_0, \Omega_{X_0}^1)$, the deformation formula of holomorphic one-forms emerges as

$$(1-1) \quad \theta(t) = \theta + \sum_{|I| \geq 1} t^I \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}) \right),$$

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such that $\theta(t) \in H^0(X_t, \Omega_{X_t}^1)$, where

$$\mu(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \mu_i$$

is the integrable Beltrami differential of the Kuranishi family and \mathbb{H} is the harmonic projector in Hodge decomposition with respect to the Poincaré metric on X_0 . Moreover, \mathbb{G} denotes the associated Green operator, and η_I is given by

$$\begin{cases} \eta_i = -\mathbb{G}\bar{\partial}^* \partial(\mu_i \lrcorner \theta), \\ \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_n)} = -\mathbb{G}\bar{\partial}^* \partial(\sum_{k=1}^n \mu_k \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}, \dots, i_n)}). \end{cases}$$

We identify η_i with $\eta_{(0, \dots, \mathbb{1}_{i\text{-th}}, \dots, 0)}$ here. Apply (1-1) to the canonical basis $\{\theta_p^\alpha\}_{\alpha=1}^g$ of $H^0(X_p, \Omega_{X_p}^1)$ with respect to the symplectic basis

$$\{A_\gamma, B_\gamma\}_{\gamma=1}^g$$

for the Kuranishi coordinate $\Delta_{p,\epsilon}$, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_p^\alpha(t) = & \theta_p^\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i (\mathbb{H}(\mu_i \lrcorner \theta_p^\alpha) + df_i^\alpha) \\ & + \sum_{|I| \geq 2} t^I \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\alpha) + df_{j, (i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\alpha \right). \end{aligned}$$

We then define $A(t)$ by

$$\sum_{|I| \geq 1} t^I \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\alpha) \right) = A(t)^\alpha_\beta \bar{\theta}_p^\beta.$$

Let σ_p, π_p be the A, B period matrices of $\{\theta_p^\alpha\}_{\alpha=1}^g$ and $M_p = \text{Im}(\pi_p)$. The period map

$$\Pi : \mathcal{T}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g,$$

where \mathcal{H}_g is the classifying space of Hodge structures of weight one, can be written out on the Kuranishi coordinate as

$$(1-2) \quad \Pi(t) = (\pi_p + \bar{\pi}_p A(t)^T)(\mathbb{1}_g + A(t)^T)^{-1}.$$

H. Rauch [1959] and A. Mayer [1969] have expanded the period map only up to the first order, while Fangliang Yin’s expansion formula [2010] via computing high derivatives of the period map is not explicit for orders larger than two, since it is difficult to write all the derivatives out. In a different manner, by solving a recursive relation, we can get an explicit formula for every order part of the expansion:

Theorem 1.1 (Theorem 2.5). *The period map*

$$\Pi : \mathcal{T}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$$

has the following full expansion on the Kuranishi coordinate $\Delta_{p,\epsilon}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(t) = & \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(0) + \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) + \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,1}^\beta) \\ & - \frac{i}{2} \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\delta) M^{\delta\gamma} \int_{X_0} \theta^\gamma \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) \\ & + \sum_{k \geq 3} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = k}} \left\{ (-1)^{l-1} \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \right. \\ & \times \frac{i}{2} M^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} \int_{X_0} \theta^{\alpha_2} \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_2-1}^{\alpha_3}) \dots \\ & \left. \times \frac{i}{2} M^{\alpha_{2l-3} \alpha_{2l-2}} \int_{X_0} \theta^{\alpha_{2l-2}} \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\eta_{t,N}^\alpha$ is the N -th order part of the expansion of η_t^α in the deformation formula of θ^α by Theorem 2.1, $M^{\alpha\beta}$ is the inverse matrix of $M_p = \text{Im}(\pi_p)$, and $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

Geometric information on the period map is contained in the homogeneous parts in this theorem, whose meaning will become apparent in the following sections.

In Section 3, by a quasi-isometry result in [Liu et al. 2012a] for the operator $\bar{\partial} \circ \mathbb{G} \circ \partial$, we obtain a global result for the deformation of holomorphic one-forms.

Proposition 1.2. *The $(1, 0)$ -form $\eta(t)$ on X_p constructed in Theorem 2.1 converges in L^2 -norm as long as $|t| < 1$, and so does $\theta(t)$ constructed in Theorem 2.1.*

In Section 4, the deformation formula of holomorphic one-forms provides us with an effective way to write out the Siegel metric and its curvature explicitly according to the expansion degree of t . To maintain that the formula is integral and clean, we need Definition 4.1 of symmetric derivatives. Also the normal coordinate (4-5) is used in our calculation.

Theorem 1.3. *The Siegel metric $\omega_s(t)$ on the nonhyperelliptic locus of the Torelli space $\mathcal{T}or_g$ can be written as*

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_s(t) = & \frac{i}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \partial \bar{\partial} \text{tr}(A(t) \overline{A(t)})^n \\ = & \frac{i}{2} \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = k+2}} \frac{1}{l} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}}(A_{m_1}(t) \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) dt_i \wedge d\bar{t}_j, \end{aligned}$$

and its curvature $R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} = & - \sum_{N \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = N+4}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}_{k\bar{l}} (\overline{A_{m_1}(t)} \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \\
& + \sum_{N \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{N_i \geq 0, 1 \leq i \leq 3 \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 N_i = N}} \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = N_1}} (-1)^l \prod_{i=1}^l \frac{1}{s_i} \right. \\
& \quad \times \sum_{\substack{m_{1n} > 0, 1 \leq n \leq 2s_1 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_1} m_{1n} = m_1+2}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{q\bar{i}_1} (\overline{A_{m_{11}}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{12s_1}}(t)})) \\
& \quad \times \sum_{\substack{m_{2n} > 0, 1 \leq n \leq 2s_2 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_2} m_{2n} = m_2+2}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i_1\bar{i}_2} (\overline{A_{m_{21}}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{22s_2}}(t)})) \dots \\
& \quad \times \left. \sum_{\substack{m_{ln} > 0, 1 \leq n \leq 2s_l \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_l} m_{ln} = m_l+2}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i_{l-1}\bar{p}} (\overline{A_{m_{l1}}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{l2s_l}}(t)})) \right] \\
& \quad \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l} m_i = N_2+3}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_{k\bar{q}} (\overline{A_{m_1}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \right] \\
& \quad \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l} m_i = N_3+3}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}_{p\bar{l}} (\overline{A_{m_1}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \right],
\end{aligned}$$

where we need the convention that the first square bracket in the second summand equals δ_{qp} if $N_1 = 0$.

The bound $H(v) \leq -2/g$ for the holomorphic sectional curvature $H(v)$ along the direction $v = \sum_{i=1}^{3g-3} a_i \mu_i \in \mathbb{H}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{0,1}(X_p, T_{X_p})$ of $R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}$ is also discussed in this section.

Section 5 is motivated by Oort's conjecture and Moonen's result as follows.

Conjecture 1.4 [Oort 1997]. Let $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_g := \overline{\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M}_g)} \subset \mathcal{A}_g$ be the Zariski closure of the (open) Torelli locus $\mathcal{F}_g := \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M}_g)$. For $g \geq 4$, determine all special subvarieties (or varieties of Hodge type) of positive dimension in \mathcal{A}_g that are contained in $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_g$ and meet \mathcal{F}_g . Conjecturally, there are no such subvarieties when g is sufficiently large.

As a complex orbifold, $\mathcal{A}_g(\mathbb{C})$ is a quotient of the Siegel space, which is an irreducible homogeneous symmetric space under the group $\operatorname{Sp}(g, \mathbb{R})$, and special subvarieties can be considered as images of orbits of an algebraic subgroup. Here we refer the readers to the remarkable survey [Moonen and Oort 2013, Section 3.6] for the three equivalent definitions of special subvarieties and other preliminaries.

Fortunately, we have an important result by B. Moonen [1995]: Let $V \subset \mathcal{A}_g$ be an algebraic subvariety. Then V is a special subvariety if and only if it is totally geodesic with respect to the Siegel metric and it contains at least one special point. From [Oort 2003], we know that a special point in \mathcal{A}_g corresponds to a moduli point of principally polarized abelian variety (A, λ) with A admitting sufficiently many complex multiplications. The notion of sufficiently many complex multiplications of an abelian variety A has an equivalent expression: there is a commutative semisimple subalgebra $E \subset \text{End}^0(A) := \text{End}(A) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ with $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} E = 2g$. Perhaps we need a more geometric description of special points for deeper investigation.

Therefore, it is important to understand the second fundamental form of the Torelli locus and totally geodesic subvarieties, which is also proposed by B. Farb [2006], R. Hain [1999] and D. Toledo [1987]. By our deformation method, we can get the second fundamental form of a nonhyperelliptic locus and some understanding of a totally geodesic manifold in a nonhyperelliptic locus. The full formula for the second fundamental form is included in the Appendix, since it is long and complicated.

Proposition 1.5. *The second fundamental form of a nonhyperelliptic locus at the central point is*

$$\Sigma_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0) = \text{tr}(A_{ik}\overline{A_{jl}}),$$

where A_{ij} is defined in our discussion of the homogeneous part of $A(t)$ after Definition 2.2.

As a direct corollary, the holomorphic sectional curvature along a totally geodesic submanifold in a nonhyperelliptic locus of \mathcal{T}_g is bounded from below. Moreover, we obtain the relationship between the total geodesicness and local symmetry, that is, a totally geodesic manifold in the nonhyperelliptic locus of \mathcal{T}_g must be locally symmetric.

2. Full expansion of the period map

Kuranishi coordinates and small deformation of holomorphic one-forms. Fix a compact topological surface Σ of genus g with $g \geq 2$. The pair $(C, [f])$ is a Riemann surface C with the Teichmüller structure $[f]$, where f is an orientation-preserving homeomorphism from C to Σ and $[f]$ denotes the isotopic class represented by f . An isomorphism between two Riemann surfaces with the Teichmüller structures $(C, [f])$ and $(C', [f'])$ is a biholomorphic map ϕ from C to C' such that $[f] = [f'\phi]$. The equivalence classes of all compact Riemann surfaces of genus g with this Teichmüller structure, modulo the isomorphism equivalences, actually constitute \mathcal{T}_g . Thus an isomorphism class of $[C, [f]]$ is a point in \mathcal{T}_g .

From the construction of the Hilbert scheme, the existence of the Kuranishi family

of Riemann surfaces follows. To be more precise, for every Riemann surface C , there exists a holomorphic deformation (ϖ, φ)

$$\varpi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow B, \quad \varphi : C \xrightarrow{\cong} X_{b_0}$$

of C parametrized by a pointed base (B, b_0) and a complex manifold with $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} B = 3g - 3$; this deformation is universal at b_0 and actually universal at every point b of B . The pair (ϖ, φ) is called the Kuranishi family of C . For any other deformation (ι, ψ)

$$\iota : \mathcal{X}' \rightarrow B', \quad \psi : C \xrightarrow{\cong} X'_{b'_0}$$

of C , there exists a unique map (ϕ, Φ) in a small neighborhood of b'_0 such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X}' & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \mathcal{X} \\ \iota \downarrow & & \downarrow \varpi \\ (B', b'_0) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & (B, b_0) \end{array}$$

commutes, where $\varphi^{-1} \Phi_{b'_0} \psi = 1_C$ and \mathcal{X}' is isomorphic to the pullback family $\Phi^* \mathcal{X}$ on the small neighborhood of b'_0 . Accordingly, we also have a family of Riemann surfaces with the Teichmüller structure $(X_b, [f_b])$, that is, $\varpi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow B$, together with the local topological trivialization

$$F^\alpha : \mathcal{X}|_{U_\alpha} \rightarrow \Sigma \times U_\alpha,$$

where $\bigcup_\alpha U_\alpha$ is an open covering of B such that $[F_b^\alpha] = [f_b]$ with $b \in U_\alpha$. For any Riemann surface with the Teichmüller structure $(C, [f])$, the Kuranishi family also exists and satisfies exactly analogous universal properties to the one without this Teichmüller structure. Possibly after shrinking B , we can describe the Kuranishi family of $(C, [f])$ as a triple (ϖ, φ, F) given by

$$\varpi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow B, \quad \varphi : C \xrightarrow{\cong} C_{b_0}, \quad F : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Sigma \times B,$$

where F is a topological trivialization such that $F_{b_0} \varphi = f$.

A Kuranishi coordinate chart of \mathcal{T}_g is given by

$$(B, b_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_g, \quad t \rightarrow [X_t, [F_t]],$$

where the triple (ϖ, φ, F) is the Kuranishi family of $(C, [f])$. By Ehresmann's classical theorem, there is a natural diffeomorphism $\Psi : X_{b_0} \times B \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$; all the fibers of $\varpi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow B$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma \times B & & \\ \uparrow F & & \\ \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & X_{b_0} \times B \end{array}$$

share the same differential structure as X_{b_0} . From this point of view, for every $b \in B$, the map $F_b \Psi_b^{-1}$ can be deformed to $F_{b_0} \Psi_{b_0}^{-1}$, that is,

$$[F_b \Psi_b^{-1}] = [F_{b_0} \Psi_{b_0}^{-1}].$$

Let $\omega : H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z}) \times H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be the intersection pairing on Σ . The symplectic basis of $H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z})$ on (Σ, ω) gives, from the map ΨF^{-1} , one such basis on X_{b_0} , which is enjoyed by the whole Kuranishi family \mathcal{X} over the Kuranishi coordinate chart B . Later on we will write (B, b_0) as $\Delta_{p,\epsilon}$, where p denotes the point $[C, [f]]$ in \mathcal{T}_g , and $\Delta_{p,\epsilon} = \{t \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \|t\| < \epsilon, t(p) = 0\}$ with $n = 3g - 3$.

Let $\Delta_{p,\epsilon}$ be the Kuranishi coordinate centered at $p \in \mathcal{T}_g$ above. Denote the corresponding Kuranishi family on $\Delta_{p,\epsilon}$ by $\varpi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Delta_{p,\epsilon}$ with the central fiber $\varpi^{-1}(0) = X_p$. Let

$$\theta \in H^0(X_p, \Omega_{X_p}^1)$$

be a global holomorphic one-form on X_p . We will construct $\theta(t) \in H^0(X_t, \Omega_{X_t}^1)$, a holomorphic deformation of θ with t small.

Denote the well known Poincaré metric on X_p by ω_p . Fix $\{\mu_i\}_{i=1}^n$ as a basis of harmonic $T_{X_p}^{(1,0)}$ -valued $(0,1)$ forms, written as $\mathbb{H}_{\bar{\partial}}^{0,1}(X_p, T_{X_p}^{(1,0)})$, on (X_p, ω_p) . And $\mu(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \mu_i$ is the integrable Beltrami differential of the Kuranishi family $\varpi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Delta_{p,\epsilon}$.

Theorem 2.1 [Liu et al. 2012b, Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.2]. *Given $\theta \in H^0(X_p, \Omega_{X_p}^1)$, there exists a unique $(1, 0)$ -form $\eta(t)$ on X_p that is holomorphic in t for sufficiently small t , satisfying*

- (1) $\mathbb{H}(\eta(t)) = \theta$, where \mathbb{H} is the harmonic projection on (X_p, ω_p) , and
- (2) $\theta(t) = (\mathbb{1} + \mu(t)) \lrcorner \eta(t) \in H^0(X_t, \Omega_{X_t}^1)$,

and $\theta(t)$ is the desired deformation of θ , given by

$$\theta(t) = \theta + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i (\mathbb{H}(\mu_i \lrcorner \theta) + df_i) + \sum_{|I| \geq 2} t^I \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}) + df_{j, (i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)} \right),$$

where $f_{j, (i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)} \in C^\infty(X_p)$.

Based on this, an explicit formula of the period map and variation of Hodge structures on Kuranishi coordinates are discussed below. Denote the canonical basis of $H^0(X_p, \Omega_{X_p}^1)$ by $\{\theta_p^\alpha\}_{\alpha=1}^g$ with respect to the symplectic basis $\{A_\gamma, B_\gamma\}_{\gamma=1}^g$ for the Kuranishi coordinate $\Delta_{p,\epsilon}$. Let σ_p, π_p be the A, B period matrices of

$\{\theta_p^\alpha\}_{\alpha=1}^g$ and $M_p = \text{Im}(\pi_p)$. Applying the deformation formula above, we get the holomorphic one-forms $\theta_p^\alpha(t)$ on X_t , starting at θ_p^α , given by

$$(2-1) \quad \theta_p^\alpha(t) = \theta_p^\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i (\mathbb{H}(\mu_i \lrcorner \theta_p^\alpha) + df_i^\alpha) \\ + \sum_{|I| \geq 2} t^I \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\alpha) + df_{j, (i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\alpha \right).$$

Definition 2.2 ($A(t)$ and $E(t)$). $A(t)$ is a $g \times g$ matrix, while $E(t)$ is a $g \times 1$ vector defined by

$$\sum_{|I| \geq 1} t^I \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\alpha) = A(t)_{\beta}^{\alpha} \bar{\theta}_p^{\beta}, \\ \sum_{|I| \geq 1} t^I \left(\sum_{j=1}^n df_{j, (i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\alpha \right) = E^\alpha(t).$$

We write the homogeneous part of order N of $A(t)$ as $A_N(t)$. Then

$$A_N(t) = \sum_{|I|=N} t^I A_I,$$

where $\sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\alpha) = A_I, \alpha \bar{\theta}_p^\beta$. In particular, $\mathbb{H}(\mu_i \lrcorner \theta_p^\alpha) = A_i, \alpha \bar{\theta}_p^\beta$.

Detailed discussion of homogeneous parts of $A(t)$ is given as follows, and will be useful in the computation.

(1) The first two homogeneous parts $A_1(t)$ and $A_2(t)$:

$$\mathbb{H}(\mu_i \lrcorner \theta_p^\alpha) = A_i, \alpha \bar{\theta}_p^\beta \quad \text{for } |I| = 1,$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{H}(\mu_i \lrcorner \eta_j^\alpha) + \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_i^\alpha) = A_{(0, \dots, 0, \underline{1}_{i\text{-th}}, 0, \dots, 0, \underline{1}_{j\text{th}}, 0, \dots, 0)}, \alpha \bar{\theta}_p^\beta & \text{for } |I| = 2, i \neq j, \\ \mathbb{H}(\mu_i \lrcorner \eta_i^\alpha) = A_{(0, \dots, 0, \underline{2}_{i\text{-th}}, 0, \dots, 0)}, \alpha \bar{\theta}_p^\beta & \text{for } |I| = 2, i = j. \end{cases}$$

Set

$$A_{ij} := \begin{cases} A_{(0, \dots, 0, \underline{1}_{i\text{-th}}, 0, \dots, 0, \underline{1}_{j\text{th}}, 0, \dots, 0)} & \text{for } i < j, \\ 2A_{(0, \dots, 0, \underline{2}_{i\text{-th}}, 0, \dots, 0)} & \text{for } i = j, \\ A_{ji} & \text{for } i > j. \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to check that

$$\sum_{i, j=1}^n t_i t_j A_{ij} = 2 \sum_{|I|=2} t^I A_I \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j} A_2(t) = A_{ij}.$$

(2) The general homogeneous part $A_N(t)$:

Define A_{i_1, \dots, i_N} , symmetric in all its subscripts, such that

$$\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_N=1}^n t_{i_1} \dots t_{i_N} A_{i_1, \dots, i_N} = N! A_N(t).$$

From this, we can deduce that

$$\frac{N!}{j_1! j_2! \dots j_n!} A_{i_1, \dots, i_N} = N! A_{(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n)}$$

if k appears j_k times in i_1, \dots, i_N . Here $\sum_{k=1}^n j_k = N$ since we are considering the homogeneous N -part. Also it is easy to check that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_{i_1}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial t_{i_N}} A_N(t) = A_{i_1, \dots, i_N}.$$

Set

$$\Theta_p(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_p^1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \theta_p^g(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\Theta}_p = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_p^1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_p^g \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus using $A(t)$ and $E(t)$, we rewrite (2-1) as

$$(2-2) \quad \Theta_p(t) = (\mathbb{1}_g \ A(t)) \begin{pmatrix} \Theta_p \\ \bar{\Theta}_p \end{pmatrix} + E(t).$$

Since a holomorphic one-form on a Riemann surface is uniquely determined by its integration on A cycles, it is clear that $\{\theta_p^\alpha(t)\}_{\alpha=1}^g$ being a frame of $H^0(X_t, \Omega_{X_t}^1)$ on X_t is equivalent to nondegeneracy of the A period matrix $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t)$ on X_t , i.e.,

$$(2-3) \quad \det(\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t)) = \det\left(\int_{A_\alpha} \theta_p^\beta(t)\right) \neq 0 \iff \det(\mathbb{1}_g + A(t)^T) \neq 0,$$

where $A(t)^T$ is the transpose of $A(t)$. And when $\{\theta_p^\alpha(t)\}_{\alpha=1}^g$ becomes a frame, we have the Hodge–Riemann bilinear relations on X_t

$$\begin{cases} 0 = \frac{i}{2} \int_{X_t} \theta_p^\alpha(t) \wedge \theta_p^\beta(t), \\ 0 < \frac{i}{2} \int_{X_t} \theta_p^\alpha(t) \wedge \bar{\theta}_p^\beta(t), \end{cases}$$

which, together with (2-2), implies that

$$\begin{cases} 0 = \frac{i}{2} \int_{X_p} (\theta_p^\alpha + A(t)_\gamma^\alpha \bar{\theta}^\gamma + E^\alpha(t)) \wedge (\theta_p^\beta + A(t)_\lambda^\beta \bar{\theta}^\lambda + E^\beta(t)), \\ 0 < \frac{i}{2} \int_{X_p} (\theta_p^\alpha + A(t)_\gamma^\alpha \bar{\theta}^\gamma + E^\alpha(t)) \wedge (\bar{\theta}_p^\beta + \overline{A(t)}_\lambda^\beta \theta_p^\lambda + \bar{E}^\beta(t)). \end{cases}$$

Thus, by type consideration and Stokes’s theorem, we have

$$\begin{cases} 0 = M_{p,\alpha\gamma} A(t)^\beta_\gamma - M_{p,\beta\gamma} A(t)^\alpha_\gamma, \\ 0 < M_{p,\alpha\beta} - M_{p,\lambda\gamma} A(t)^\alpha_\gamma \overline{A(t)^\beta_\lambda}. \end{cases}$$

The matrix forms of these are given by

$$(2-4) \quad \begin{cases} A(t)M_p = (A(t)M_p)^T, \\ M_p - A(t)M_p \overline{A(t)}^T > 0. \end{cases}$$

As our deformation formula is local, $\{\theta^\alpha_p(t)\}^g_{\alpha=1}$ is always a frame, as $t \in \Delta_{p,\epsilon}$ with ϵ sufficiently small. Therefore, (2-3) and (2-4) hold.

On our Kuranishi coordinate $\Delta_{p,\epsilon}$, the period map $\Pi : \mathcal{T}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$ can be written out quite explicitly:

$$(2-5) \quad \begin{aligned} \Pi(t)_{\alpha\beta} &= \int_{B_\alpha} \sigma(t)^{\gamma\beta} \theta^\gamma_p(t) = \int_{B_\alpha} \sigma(t)^{\gamma\beta} (\theta^\gamma_p + A(t)^\gamma_\delta \bar{\theta}^\delta_p) \\ &= \pi_{p,\alpha\gamma} \sigma(t)^{\gamma\beta} + \bar{\pi}_{p,\alpha\delta} A(t)^\gamma_\delta \sigma(t)^{\gamma\beta}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma(t)^{\alpha\beta}$ is the inverse matrix of $\sigma(t)_{\alpha\beta}$. Here $\sigma(t)_{\alpha\beta}$ is given by

$$(2-6) \quad \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t) = \int_{A_\alpha} \theta^\beta_p(t) = (\mathbb{1}_g + A(t)^T)_{\alpha\beta}.$$

By (2-6), we formulate (2-5) into the matrix type to get

$$(2-7) \quad \Pi(t) = (\pi_p + \bar{\pi}_p A(t)^T)(\mathbb{1}_g + A(t)^T)^{-1}.$$

Full expansion of the period map. We are going to give (2-7) a full expansion, writing out every order part explicitly.

Lemma 2.3 [Farkas and Kra 1992, Proposition III.2.3]. *If ϕ and ψ are two d -closed one-forms on a Riemann surface X , then*

$$\int_X \phi \wedge \psi = \sum_\gamma \left(\int_{A_\gamma} \phi \int_{B_\gamma} \psi - \int_{B_\gamma} \phi \int_{A_\gamma} \psi \right),$$

where $\{A_\gamma, B_\gamma\}^g_{\gamma=1}$ is the symplectic basis of X .

Lemma 2.4. *We hve*

$$\int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu_{k \lrcorner} \theta^\beta) = \frac{i}{2} M^{\alpha\gamma} \int_X \theta^\gamma \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu_{k \lrcorner} \theta^\beta),$$

where $\{\theta^\alpha\}^g_{\alpha=1}$ is the canonical basis of holomorphic one-forms on X and $M^{\alpha\beta}$ is the inverse matrix of $M_{\alpha\beta} = \text{Im}(\pi_{\alpha\beta})$.

Proof. Set $\mathbb{H}(\mu_k \lrcorner \theta^\beta) = c_{k,\gamma}^\beta \bar{\theta}^\gamma$. Then

$$\int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu_k \lrcorner \theta^\beta) = c_{k,\alpha}^\beta,$$

while Lemma 2.3 implies that

$$i \int_{X_0} \theta^\gamma \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu_k \lrcorner \theta^\beta) = ic_{k,\gamma}^\beta \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \bar{\theta}^\gamma = 2c_{k,\gamma}^\beta M_{\alpha\gamma}.$$

Finally we have the equality above. □

Theorem 2.5. *The period map $\Pi : \mathcal{T}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$ has the full expansion on the Kuranishi coordinate $\Delta_{p,\epsilon}$*

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(t) &= \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(0) + \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) + \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,1}^\beta) \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{2} \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\delta) M^{\delta\gamma} \int_{X_0} \theta^\gamma \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k \geq 3} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = k}} \left\{ (-1)^{l-1} \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \right. \\ &\quad \times \frac{i}{2} M^{\alpha_1\alpha_2} \int_{X_0} \theta^{\alpha_2} \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_2-1}^{\alpha_3}) \cdots \\ &\quad \left. \times \frac{i}{2} M^{\alpha_{2l-3}\alpha_{2l-2}} \int_{X_0} \theta^{\alpha_{2l-2}} \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\eta_{t,N}^\alpha$ is the N -th order part of the expansion of η_t^α from the deformation formula of θ^α by Theorem 2.1 and $M^{\alpha\beta}$ is the inverse matrix of $M_p = \text{Im}(\pi_p)$.

Proof. Write out A, B periods of X_t as $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t), \pi_{\alpha\beta}(t)$, respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t) &= \int_{A_\alpha} \theta^\beta(t) = \int_{A_\alpha} \left(\theta^\beta + \sum_{|I| \geq 1} t^I \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\beta) \right) \right), \\ \pi_{\alpha\beta}(t) &= \int_{B_\alpha} \theta^\beta(t) = \int_{B_\alpha} \left(\theta^\beta + \sum_{|I| \geq 1} t^I \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\beta) \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Those expansion coefficients are

$$(2-8) \quad \begin{cases} \sigma_{\alpha\beta,I} = \int_{A_\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\beta), \\ \pi_{\alpha\beta,I} = \int_{B_\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{H}(\mu_j \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, \dots, i_n)}^\beta). \end{cases}$$

Thus the period map can be computed as

$$(2-9) \quad \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(t) = \int_{B_\alpha} \tilde{\theta}_t^\beta = \int_{B_\alpha} \sigma^{\gamma\beta}(t)\theta_t^\gamma = \sigma^{\gamma\beta}(t)\pi_{\alpha\gamma}(t),$$

where $\tilde{\theta}_t^\beta(t)$ is the canonical basis of holomorphic one-forms on X_t and $\sigma^{\beta\alpha}(t)$ is the inverse matrix of $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t)$.

Now we only focus on the expansion of $\sigma^{\gamma\beta}(t)$, since the expansion of $\pi_{\alpha\beta}(t)$ is already obtained. Set

$$\sigma^{\alpha\beta}(t) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{|I|\geq 1} t^I \sigma_I^{\alpha\beta};$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\alpha\gamma} &= \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t)\sigma^{\beta\gamma}(t) = \left(\delta_{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{|I|\geq 1} t^I \sigma_{\alpha\beta,I} \right) \left(\delta_{\beta\gamma} + \sum_{|J|\geq 1} t^J \sigma_I^{\beta\gamma} \right) \\ &= \delta_{\alpha\gamma} + t^I \sigma_{\alpha\gamma,I} + t^I \sigma_I^{\alpha\gamma} + t^{I+J} \sigma_{\alpha\beta,I} b_J^{\beta\gamma} \\ &= \delta_{\alpha\gamma} + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \left(\sigma_{\alpha\gamma,(0,\dots,1_{i\text{-th}},\dots,0)} + \sigma_{(0,\dots,1_{i\text{-th}},\dots,0)}^{\alpha\gamma} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{|K|\geq 2} t^K \left(\sigma_{\alpha\gamma,K} + \sigma_K^{\alpha\gamma} + \sum_{\substack{|I|\geq 1, |J|\geq 1 \\ I+J=K}} \sigma_{\alpha\beta,I} \sigma_J^{\beta\gamma} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Compare both sides of this equation to get

$$(2-10) \quad \begin{cases} \sigma_{\alpha\gamma,(0,\dots,1_{i\text{-th}},\dots,0)} + \sigma_{(0,\dots,1_{i\text{-th}},\dots,0)}^{\alpha\gamma} = 0, \\ \sigma_K^{\alpha\gamma} + \sigma_{\alpha\gamma,K} + \sum_{\substack{|I|\geq 1, |J|\geq 1 \\ I+J=K}} \sigma_{\alpha\beta,I} \sigma_J^{\beta\gamma} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Define the homogeneous parts of $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(t)$, $\pi_{\alpha\beta}(t)$ and $\sigma^{\alpha\beta}(t)$ as

$$(2-11) \quad (\sigma_{\alpha\beta})_k := \sum_{|K|=k} t^K \sigma_{\alpha\beta,K}, \quad (\pi_{\alpha\beta})_k := \sum_{|K|=k} t^K \pi_{\alpha\beta,K}, \quad (\sigma^{\alpha\beta})_k := \sum_{|K|=k} t^K \sigma_K^{\alpha\beta}.$$

Using these definitions, we rewrite (2-10) to obtain the recursive relation

$$(2-12) \quad \begin{cases} (\sigma_{\alpha\gamma})_1 + (\sigma^{\alpha\gamma})_1 = 0, \\ (\sigma_{\alpha\gamma})_k + (\sigma^{\alpha\gamma})_k + \sum_{\substack{i\geq 1, j\geq 1 \\ i+j=k}} (\sigma_{\alpha\beta})_i (\sigma^{\beta\gamma})_j = 0. \end{cases}$$

From (2-9) and (2-11), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(t) &= \sigma^{\gamma\beta}(t)\pi_{\alpha\gamma}(t) = \left(\delta_{\gamma\beta} + \sum_{|I|\geq 1} t^I \sigma_I^{\gamma\beta} \right) \left(\pi_{\alpha\gamma}(0) + \sum_{|I|\geq 1} t^I \pi_{\alpha\gamma,I} \right) \\
 &= \pi_{\alpha\beta}(0) + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i (\pi_{\alpha\gamma}(0) \sigma_{(0,\dots, \perp_i\text{-th}, \dots, 0)}^{\gamma\beta} + \pi_{\alpha\beta,(0,\dots, \perp_i\text{-th}, \dots, 0)}) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{|K|\geq 2} t^K \left\{ \pi_{\alpha\beta,K} + \pi_{\alpha\gamma}(0) \sigma_K^{\gamma\beta} + \sum_{\substack{|I|\geq 1, |J|\geq 1 \\ I+J=K}} \pi_{\alpha\gamma,I} \sigma_J^{\gamma\beta} \right\} \\
 &= \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(0) + \pi_{\alpha\gamma}(0) (\sigma^{\gamma\beta})_1 + (\pi_{\alpha\beta})_1 \\
 &\quad + \sum_{k\geq 2} \left\{ (\pi_{\alpha\beta})_k + \pi_{\alpha\gamma}(0) (\sigma^{\gamma\beta})_k + \sum_{\substack{i\geq 1, j\geq 1 \\ i+j=k}} (\pi_{\alpha\gamma})_i (\sigma^{\gamma\beta})_j \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

After observing the formula above, we need to use the recursion relation (2-12) to get the full expansion of $\sigma^{\alpha\beta}(t)$.

Claim. $\sigma^{\alpha\beta}(t)$ has the expansion

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma^{\alpha\beta}(t) &= \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{k\geq 2} \sum_{\substack{m_i>0, 1\leq i\leq n \\ m_1+\dots+m_l=k}} \left\{ (-1)^l \int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \int_{A_{\alpha_1}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_2-1}^{\alpha_2}) \cdots \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \int_{A_{\alpha_{l-2}}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_{l-1}-1}^{\alpha_{l-1}}) \int_{A_{\alpha_{l-1}}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Use an induction argument: For $k = 1$, according to (2-12), the first-order part of $\sigma^{\alpha\beta}(t)$ is given by

$$(\sigma^{\alpha\beta})_1 = -(\sigma_{\alpha\beta})_1 = - \int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta).$$

Assume that the homogeneous parts with orders less than or equal to $k - 1$ are given by the formula in the claim. Then the k -th term is

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\sigma^{\alpha\beta})_k &= -(\sigma_{\alpha\beta})_k - \sum_{\substack{i\geq 1, j\geq 1 \\ i+j=k}} (\sigma_{\alpha\gamma})_i (\sigma^{\gamma\beta})_j \\
 &= - \int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k-1}^\beta) - \sum_{\substack{i\geq 1, j\geq 1 \\ i+j=k}} \int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,i-1}^\gamma) \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{\substack{m_i>0, 1\leq i\leq l \\ m_1+\dots+m_l=j}} (-1)^l \int_{A_\gamma} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \cdots \int_{A_{\alpha_{l-1}}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= - \int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k-1}^\beta) + \sum_{\substack{i \neq k, m_j > 0, 1 \leq j \leq l \\ i+m_1+\dots+m_l=k}} (-1)^{l+1} \int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,i-1}^\gamma) \\
&\quad \times \int_{A_\gamma} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \cdots \int_{A_{\alpha_{l-1}}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta) \\
&= - \int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k-1}^\beta) + \sum_{\substack{m_1 \neq k, m_i > 0, 2 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1+\dots+m_l=k}} (-1)^l \int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \\
&\quad \times \int_{A_{\alpha_1}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_2}) \cdots \int_{A_{\alpha_{l-1}}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta) \\
&= \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1+\dots+m_l=k}} (-1)^l \int_{A_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \\
&\quad \times \int_{A_{\alpha_1}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_2}) \cdots \int_{A_{\alpha_{l-1}}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus our claim has been proved. \square

Let us proceed to the expansion of $\Pi_{\alpha\beta}(t)$. Use the claim and the expansion formula of $\Pi_{\alpha\beta}(t)$ above to get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Pi_{\alpha\beta}(t) \\
&= \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(0) + \pi_{\alpha\gamma}(0)(\sigma^{\gamma\beta})_1 + \int_{B_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) \\
&\quad + \sum_{k \geq 2} \left\{ \int_{B_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k-1}^\beta) + \pi_{\alpha\gamma}(0)(\sigma^{\gamma\beta})_k + \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1, j \geq 1 \\ i+j=k}} \int_{B_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,i-1}^\gamma)(\sigma^{\gamma\beta})_j \right\} \\
&= \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(0) - \pi_{\alpha\gamma}(0) \int_{A_\gamma} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) + \int_{B_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) \\
&\quad + \sum_{k \geq 2} \left\{ \int_{B_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k-1}^\beta) - \pi_{\alpha\gamma}(0) \int_{A_\gamma} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k-1}^\beta) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1, j \geq 1 \\ i+j=k}} \pi_{\alpha\gamma}(0) \int_{A_\gamma} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,i-1}^\sigma)(\sigma^{\sigma\beta})_j + \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1, j \geq 1 \\ i+j=k}} \int_{B_\alpha} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,i-1}^\sigma)(\sigma^{\sigma\beta})_j \right\} \\
&= \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(0) + \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) \\
&\quad + \sum_{k \geq 2} \left\{ \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k-1}^\beta) + \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1, j \geq 1 \\ i+j=k}} \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,i-1}^\sigma)(\sigma^{\sigma\beta})_j \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(0) + \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) \\
 &+ \sum_{k \geq 2} \left\{ \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k-1}^\beta) + \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1, j \geq 1 \\ i+j=k}} \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,i-1}^\sigma) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = j}} (-1)^l \int_{A_\sigma} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \cdots \int_{A_{\alpha_{l-1}}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta) \right] \right\} \\
 &= \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(0) + \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) \\
 &+ \sum_{k \geq 2} \left\{ \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k-1}^\beta) + \sum_{\substack{i \neq k, m_j > 0, 1 \leq j \leq l \\ i+m_1+\dots+m_l=k}} (-1)^l \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,i-1}^\sigma) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \int_{A_\sigma} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \cdots \int_{A_{\alpha_{l-1}}} \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta) \right\} \\
 &= \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(0) + \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta) \\
 &+ \sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = k}} \left\{ (-1)^{l-1} \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \times \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{i}{2} M^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} \int_{X_0} \theta^{\alpha_2} \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_2-1}^{\alpha_3}) \cdots \frac{i}{2} M^{\alpha_{2l-3} \alpha_{2l-2}} \int_{X_0} \theta^{\alpha_{2l-2}} \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

and this concludes the proof of [Theorem 2.5](#). □

Corollary 2.6. *For every $N \geq 0$,*

$$\int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,N}^\beta)$$

is a symmetric matrix of (α, β) .

Proof. We again use an induction argument.

When $N = 0$, $\int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \theta^\beta)$ is the homogeneous part of first order of $\Pi_{\alpha\beta}(t)$. It is easy to see that $\Pi_{\alpha\beta}(t)$ is a symmetric matrix of (α, β) , and thus the homogeneous part of every order of its expansion will be symmetric in (α, β) , and in particular the first order.

Assume that $\int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,N}^\beta)$, with $N \leq k - 1$, is symmetric in (α, β) . Now we come to the case $N = k$. By [Theorem 2.5](#), the $(k + 1)$ -th homogeneous part of the expansion of $\Pi_{\alpha\beta}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k}^\beta) + \sum_{\substack{m_i \leq k \\ m_1+m_2+\dots+m_l=k+1}} (-1)^{l-1} \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_1-1}^{\alpha_1}) \\ \times \frac{i}{2} M^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} \int_{X_0} \theta^{\alpha_2} \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_2-1}^{\alpha_3}) \cdots \\ \times \frac{i}{2} M^{\alpha_{2l-3} \alpha_{2l-2}} \int_{X_0} \theta^{\alpha_{2l-2}} \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,m_l-1}^\beta) \end{aligned}$$

and is thus symmetric in (α, β) . By use of the induction assumption and the symmetric matrix $M^{\alpha\beta}$, the second summand of the above formula is symmetric in (α, β) . Thus $\int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,k}^\beta)$ is symmetric in (α, β) . \square

Remark 2.7. It is easy to see that $\frac{i}{2} \int_{X_0} \theta^\alpha \wedge \mathbb{H}(\mu(t) \lrcorner \eta_{t,N}^\beta) = M_{\alpha\gamma} A_{N+1}(t) \gamma^\beta$. Thus $MA_{N+1}^T(t)$ is a symmetric matrix for $N \geq 0$.

3. A global result on deformation of holomorphic one-forms

This section will present a global convergence of the deformation of holomorphic one-forms in L^2 norm as a result of the following quasi-isometry for the operator $\bar{\partial}^* \circ \mathbb{G} \circ \partial$.

Proposition 3.1 [Liu et al. 2012a, Theorem 2.2.(3)]. *Let $T^{p,q} = \partial T^{p-1,q} \in A^{p,q}(M)$ on a compact Kähler manifold M . Then we have the inequality*

$$(3-1) \quad \|\bar{\partial}^* \circ \mathbb{G} \circ \partial T^{p-1,q}\|_{L^2} \leq \|T^{p-1,q}\|_{L^2}.$$

Furthermore, if $T^{p-1,q}$ is $\bar{\partial}^*$ -exact, then the equality in (3-1) holds, i.e.,

$$\|\bar{\partial}^* \circ \mathbb{G} \circ \partial T^{p-1,q}\|_{L^2} = \|T^{p-1,q}\|_{L^2}.$$

This proposition was originally proved by step-by-step spectral decompositions in the preliminary version of [Liu et al. 2012a]. It is motivated by an attempt to prove the global Torelli theorem for the Teichmüller space of CY manifolds and inspired by the integral operators P and T defined by

$$Ph(\zeta) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{C}} h(z) \left(\frac{1}{z-\zeta} - \frac{1}{z} \right) dx dy, \quad \text{for functions } h \in L^p, p > 2,$$

$$Th(\zeta) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{|z-\zeta|>\varepsilon} \frac{h(z)}{(z-\zeta)^2} dx dy, \quad \text{for functions } h \in C_0^2.$$

These integral operators satisfy $(Ph)_{\bar{z}} = h$, $(Ph)_z = Th$, and the (quasi-)isometry relations

$$\|Th\|_{L^2} = \|h\|_{L^2}, \quad \|Th\|_{L^p} \leq C_p \|h\|_{L^p}, \quad \text{for any } p > 1, \text{ with } C_p \rightarrow 1 \text{ for } p \rightarrow 2,$$

which all appear in the classical Teichmüller theory for Riemann surfaces; see [Ahlfors 1966], whose main result is the proof of the existence of a solution of the Beltrami differential equation in \mathbb{C}

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} w(\tau; z, \bar{z}) = \tau \mu(z, \bar{z}) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} w(\tau; z, \bar{z}),$$

where $\mu(z, \bar{z})$ is a Beltrami differential with $\|\mu(z, \bar{z})\|_\infty \leq c < 1$. The solution of the Beltrami differential equation is based on an iteration method due to Bojarski [1955], while it was Morrey [1938] who first proved the existence of the solution of the Beltrami equation. One of the main ingredients in the proof of the convergence of the Bojarski iteration method is the L^2 -isometry of the inverse $\bar{\partial}^{-1}$ of the $\bar{\partial}$ operator in one complex variable. Kuranishi generalized the iteration method of Bojarski and constructed the Kuranishi map $\kappa : \mathbb{H}^{0,1}(X, T_X^{1,0}) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{0,2}(X, T_X^{1,0})$, the most basic technical tool in various aspects of deformation theory.

Fix a basis $\{\mu_i\}_{i=1}^n$ of harmonic $T_{X_p}^{(1,0)}$ -valued $(0,1)$ forms with

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|\mu_i\|_{L^\infty} \leq 1,$$

and let $\mu(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \mu_i$ be the integrable Beltrami differential of the Kuranishi family $\varpi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Delta_{p,1}$.

Theorem 3.2. *The $(1, 0)$ form $\eta(t)$ on X_p constructed in Theorem 2.1 converges in L^2 -norm as long as $|t| < 1$.*

Proof. Recall that

$$\eta(t) = \theta + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \eta_i + \sum_{|I| \geq 2} t^I \eta_I$$

is constructed as

$$(3-2) \quad \begin{cases} \eta_i = -\mathbb{G} \bar{\partial}^* \partial(\mu_i \lrcorner \theta), \\ \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_n)} = -\mathbb{G} \bar{\partial}^* \partial\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \mu_k \lrcorner \eta_{(i_1, \dots, i_k-1, \dots, i_n)}\right). \end{cases}$$

Here we identify η_i with $\eta_{(0, \dots, 1_{i\text{-th}}, \dots, 0)}$. Now let us discuss the global convergence in L^2 -norm of the power series. By the quasi-isometry result in Proposition 3.1, together with (3-2) and the assumption $\sum_{i=1}^n \|\mu_i\|_{L^\infty} \leq 1$, we have

$$\sum_{|I|=i} \|\eta_I\|_{L^2} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|\mu_i\|_{L^\infty}\right) \left(\sum_{|I|=i-1} \|\eta_I\|_{L^2}\right).$$

Also when $|I| = 1$, it is clear that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|\eta_i\|_{L^2} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|\mu_i\|_{L^\infty}\right) \|\theta\|_{L^2} \leq \|\theta\|_{L^2}.$$

By induction, this yields that for every $k \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{|I|=k} \|\eta_I\|_{L^2} \leq \|\theta\|_{L^2},$$

which implies the estimates of $\eta(t)$

$$\|\eta(t)\|_{L^2} \leq \|\theta\|_{L^2} + \|\theta\|_{L^2} \sum_{\|I\| \geq 1} |t|^{|I|}. \quad \square$$

Corollary 3.3. *The function $\theta(t)$ constructed in Theorem 2.1 converges in L^2 -norm for $|t| < 1$.*

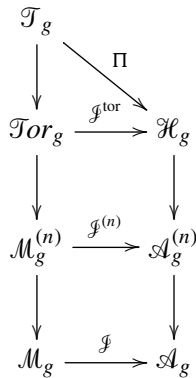
Proof. This follows directly from Theorem 3.2. □

4. The Siegel metric and its curvature

Let us recall the local and global Torelli theorems of the moduli spaces of compact Riemann surfaces with genus g . Denote the Teichmüller space of the compact Riemann surface of genus g by \mathcal{T}_g and the generalized Siegel upper half-plane by \mathcal{H}_g , which is $\{Z \in M(g, \mathbb{C}) \mid Z = Z^t, \text{Im } Z > 0\}$, an irreducible noncompact symmetric space, giving \mathcal{A}_g a locally symmetric structure. Then

$$\Gamma_g(n) := \text{Kernel}(\Gamma_g \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{Sp}(g, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{Sp}(g, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}))$$

for $n \geq 2$ and $T_g := \text{Kernel}(\Gamma_g \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{Sp}(g, \mathbb{Z}))$, where Γ_g is the mapping class group of the compact Riemann surface of genus g . Also, the moduli space $\mathcal{M}_g^{(n)}$ of the compact Riemann surface of genus g with a fixed n -level structure is defined as the quotient of \mathcal{T}_g by $\Gamma_g(n)$. We will fix $n \geq 3$ from now on. Meanwhile, the Torelli space $\mathcal{T}or_g$ is the quotient of \mathcal{T}_g by T_g , called the Torelli group. Then we have the commutative diagram



\mathcal{F} is always injective for $g \geq 2$. \mathcal{F}^{tor} is an open embedding for $g = 2$, while \mathcal{F}^{tor} and $\mathcal{F}^{(n)}$ are 2 : 1 branched coverings onto its image ramified over hyperelliptic locus

for $g \geq 3$. In other words, $\mathcal{F}^{\text{tor}} : \mathcal{T}_g/\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$ is an embedding where $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_g$ is defined as $\rho^{-1}(\langle -I_{2g} \rangle)$ and $\langle -I_{2g} \rangle$ is a subgroup of $\text{Sp}(g, \mathbb{Z})$ generated by $-I_{2g}$. We shift to the local point of view. Π is everywhere an immersion for $g = 2$, but for the case $g \geq 3$, the tangent map of Π is injective on the nonhyperelliptic locus and vanishes on the normal directions of the hyperelliptic locus $\mathcal{H}^{\text{CE}}\mathcal{T}_g$. When restricted to $\mathcal{H}^{\text{CE}}\mathcal{T}_g$, Π is an immersion. According to [Liu et al. 2012b], the tangent map of $\mathcal{F}^{\text{tor}} : \mathcal{T}_g/\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$ at the hyperelliptic locus from the Zariski tangent space of $\mathcal{T}_g/\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_g$ to the tangent space of \mathcal{H}_g is injective.

Denote the Hodge bundle on \mathcal{M}_g and \mathcal{A}_g by \mathcal{E}_g ; its fiber at a point is the vector space of holomorphic one-forms on $[X]$, a representative of the complex structure given by that point. There are three canonical metrics on \mathcal{H}_g and \mathcal{A}_g , namely the Hodge metric, the Bergman metric and the Siegel metric. Hard Lefschetz decomposition and Hodge polarization give us a hermitian metric on \mathcal{E}_g , denoted by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. From the natural isomorphism $\Omega_{\mathcal{H}_g}^1 \cong S^2\mathcal{E}_g$, where S is the symmetric operator, it induces a hermitian metric on $T_{\mathcal{H}_g}^{(1,0)}$, denoted by $\tilde{\omega}_h$. The Bergman metric is defined by the Bergman kernel

$$\rho = -\log \det(\mathbb{1}_g - \overline{W}^t W) = -\log \det\left(\mathbb{1}_g - \overline{\left(\frac{\mathbb{1}_g + iZ}{\mathbb{1}_g - iZ}\right)^t} \left(\frac{\mathbb{1}_g + iZ}{\mathbb{1}_g - iZ}\right)\right),$$

where $W \in \{A \mid A \in \text{M}(g, \mathbb{C}), A^t = A, \mathbb{1}_g - \overline{A}^t A > 0\}$, which is the bounded domain, and Z is the coordinate of the Siegel upper half-plane

$$\{Z \mid Z \in \text{M}(g, \mathbb{C}), Z = Z^t, \text{Im}(Z) > 0\}.$$

Here $\text{M}(g, \mathbb{C})$ denotes the group of complex $g \times g$ matrices. Thus $\tilde{\omega}_b = \frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \rho$. Finally, the Siegel metric $\tilde{\omega}_s$ is defined by $\pi c_1(\mathcal{E}_g, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$. Pulled back by the period map, Siegel metrics, denoted by ω_s , also exist on $\mathcal{T}_g, \mathcal{T}_g$ and \mathcal{M}_g .

These three metrics are Kähler metrics and also invariant metrics on the irreducible homogeneous and symmetric space \mathcal{H}_g . It is clear that they are different by a constant multiple, while by [Yin 2010, Theorem 3.1 of Chapter 4], we know they are actually the same on \mathcal{H}_g .

Definition 4.1 (symmetric derivatives $S_i, S_{\bar{j}}, S_{i\bar{j}}, S_{i\bar{j}} S_{k\bar{l}}$ and $S'_{i\bar{j}} S'_{k\bar{l}}$). We give some examples to explain the use of these symbols. Here we use the notation $A := A(t)$, and similarly for $B(t), C(t)$ and $D(t)$.

(1) First derivative: $S_i, S_{\bar{j}}$ and $S_{i\bar{j}}$.

$$S_i(A\bar{B}C\bar{D}) := \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_i} \bar{B}C\bar{D} + A\bar{B} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_i} \bar{D}, \quad S_{\bar{j}}(A\bar{B}C\bar{D}) := A \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t_j} C\bar{D} + A\bar{B}C \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_j},$$

$$S_{i\bar{j}}(A\bar{B}C\bar{D}) := \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t_j} C\bar{D} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_i} \bar{B}C \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_j} + A \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t_j} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_i} \bar{D} + A\bar{B} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_j},$$

where $A, B, C, D \in M(n, \mathbb{C})$ are all holomorphic in t . Indices without a bar mean taking derivatives through all holomorphic matrices, and indices with a bar do so through all antiholomorphic matrices.

(2) Second derivative: $S_{i\bar{j}}S_{k\bar{l}}$ and $S'_{i\bar{j}}S'_{k\bar{l}}$.

$S_{i\bar{j}}S_{k\bar{l}}(A\bar{B}C\bar{D})$

$$\begin{aligned} &:= \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t_i \partial t_k} \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial t_j \partial t_l} C\bar{D} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial t_j \partial t_l} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_k} \bar{D} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial t_j \partial t_l} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_i} \bar{D} + A \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial t_j \partial t_l} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial t_i \partial t_k} \bar{D} \\ &+ \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t_i \partial t_k} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t_j} C \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_l} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t_j} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_l} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t_j} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_l} + A \frac{\partial B}{\partial t_j} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial t_i \partial t_k} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_l} \\ &+ \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t_i \partial t_k} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t_l} C \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_j} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t_l} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_j} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t_l} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_j} + A \frac{\partial B}{\partial t_l} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial t_i \partial t_k} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_j} \\ &+ \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t_i \partial t_k} \bar{B} C \frac{\partial^2 \bar{D}}{\partial t_j \partial t_l} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_i} \bar{B} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{D}}{\partial t_j \partial t_l} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_k} \bar{B} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{D}}{\partial t_j \partial t_l} + A \bar{B} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial t_i \partial t_k} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{D}}{\partial t_j \partial t_l}, \end{aligned}$$

$S'_{i\bar{j}}S'_{k\bar{l}}(A\bar{B}C\bar{D})$

$$:= \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t_j} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_l} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t_j} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_l} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t_l} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_j} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t_l} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial \bar{D}}{\partial t_j}.$$

The difference between these two symbols lies in that $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_k}$ can't operate on a matrix simultaneously in $S'_{i\bar{j}}S'_{k\bar{l}}$.

Theorem 4.2. *The Siegel metric $\omega_s(t)$ on the nonhyperelliptic locus of \mathcal{T}_g can be written as*

$$\omega_s(t) = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr}(A(t) \overline{A(t)})^n.$$

Proof. From the definition of the Siegel metric and the fact that holomorphic one-forms on the Riemann surface and its Jacobian torus can be identified, we will write it out explicitly using the Kuranishi coordinate $\Delta_{p,\epsilon}$ on \mathcal{T}_g with $g \geq 3$ and the deformation formula for holomorphic one-forms, where p lies in the nonhyperelliptic locus.

(4-1) $\omega_s(t) = \pi c_1(\mathcal{E}_g, \langle \rangle)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \log \det \frac{i}{2} \int_{X_p} \theta^\alpha(t) \wedge \overline{\theta^\beta(t)} \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr} \log \frac{i}{2} \int_{X_p} (\theta_p^\alpha + A(t)_\gamma^\alpha \bar{\theta}_p^\gamma + E^\alpha(t)) \wedge \overline{(\theta_p^\beta + A(t)_\delta^\beta \bar{\theta}_p^\delta + E^\beta(t))} \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr} \log (M_{p,\alpha\beta} - A(t)_\gamma^\alpha \overline{A(t)_\delta^\beta} M_{p,\delta\gamma}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr} \log M_{p,\alpha\eta} (\delta_{\eta\beta} - M_p^{\eta\sigma} A(t)^\sigma \overline{A(t)^\beta} M_{p,\delta\gamma}) \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr} \log (\delta_{\alpha\beta} - M_p^{\alpha\sigma} A(t)^\sigma \overline{A(t)^\beta} M_{p,\delta\gamma}). \end{aligned}$$

We remark here that the $\frac{i}{2} \int_{X_p} \theta^\alpha(t) \wedge \overline{\theta^\beta(t)}$ are positive hermitian matrices for t small, and thus diagonalizable matrices. Thus it makes sense for the operator $\operatorname{tr} \log$. Formulate all these into the matrix type to get

$$\omega_s(t) = -\frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr} \log (I - M_p^{-1} A(t) M_p \overline{A(t)^T}).$$

From the Hodge–Riemann bilinear relation $A(t) M_p = M_p A(t)^T$, it follows that

$$M_p^{-1} A(t) M_p \overline{A(t)^T} = A(t)^T \overline{A(t)^T}.$$

Then the Siegel metric $\omega_s(t)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (4-2) \quad \omega_s(t) &= -\frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr} \log (I - A(t)^T \overline{A(t)^T}) = \frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (A(t)^T \overline{A(t)^T})^n \\ &= \frac{i}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr} (A(t)^T \overline{A(t)^T})^n = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr} (A(t) \overline{A(t)})^n. \end{aligned}$$

Restricted to the origin, the Siegel metric is $\omega_s(0) = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \operatorname{tr}(A_i \overline{A_j}) dt_i \wedge d\bar{t}_j$. \square

To compute the curvature of the Siegel metric, we rewrite (3-2) according to the degree of t :

$$\begin{aligned} (4-3) \quad \omega_s(t) &= \frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = k}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr} (A_{m_1}(t) \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)}) \\ &= \frac{i}{2} \sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = k}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr} (\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}} (A_{m_1}(t) \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) dt_i \wedge d\bar{t}_j \\ &= \frac{i}{2} \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = k+2}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr} (\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}} (A_{m_1}(t) \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) dt_i \wedge d\bar{t}_j. \end{aligned}$$

From (4-3), we know that, if we set $\omega_s(t) = \frac{i}{2} \omega_{i\bar{j}} dt_i \wedge d\bar{t}_j$, then

$$(4-4) \quad \omega_{i\bar{j}} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = k+2}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr} (\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}} (A_{m_1}(t) \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})),$$

with $\omega_{i\bar{j}}(0) = \operatorname{tr}(A_i \overline{A_j})$.

We need an auxiliary combinatorial lemma before getting to the curvature formula.

Lemma 4.3. *The function $h_{ij}(t)$ has the expansion*

$$\delta_{ij} + (h_{ij})_1 + (h_{ij})_2 + \cdots,$$

where $(h_{ij})_n$ is the n -th order part of the expansion; then $h^{ij}(t)$ can be expanded as

$$h^{ij}(t) = \delta_{ij} - (h_{ij})_1 + \sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \cdots + m_l = k}} (-1)^l (h_{ii_1})_{m_1} (h_{i_1 i_2})_{m_2} \cdots (h_{i_{l-1} j})_{m_l}.$$

Proof. Directly check that $h_{ij}(t)h^{jk}(t) = \delta_{ik}$, which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{ik} = & \left[\delta_{ij} + (h_{ij})_1 + \sum_{p \geq 2} (h_{ij})_p \right] \\ & \times \left[\delta_{jk} - (h_{jk})_1 + \sum_{p \geq 2} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \cdots + m_l = p}} (-1)^l (h_{ji_1})_{m_1} (h_{i_1 i_2})_{m_2} \cdots (h_{i_{l-1} k})_{m_l} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

It is quite easy to see that the zeroth- and first-order parts of both sides coincide. Thus this reduces to checking that for $p \geq 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & (h_{ik})_p - (h_{ij})_{p-1} (h_{jk})_1 + \cdots \\ & + (h_{ij})_1 \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \cdots + m_l = p-1}} (-1)^l (h_{ji_1})_{m_1} (h_{i_1 i_2})_{m_2} \cdots (h_{i_{l-1} k})_{m_l} \\ & + \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \cdots + m_l = p}} (-1)^l (h_{ii_1})_{m_1} (h_{i_1 i_2})_{m_2} \cdots (h_{i_{l-1} k})_{m_l}. \end{aligned}$$

The right-hand side can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{\substack{m_1=i, m_j > 0, 2 \leq j \leq l \\ m_1 + \cdots + m_l = p}} (-1)^{l-1} (h_{ii_1})_{m_1} (h_{i_1 i_2})_{m_2} \cdots (h_{i_{l-1} k})_{m_l} \\ & \quad + \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \cdots + m_l = p}} (-1)^l (h_{ii_1})_{m_1} (h_{i_1 i_2})_{m_2} \cdots (h_{i_{l-1} k})_{m_l} \\ = & \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \cdots + m_l = p}} (-1)^{l-1} (h_{ii_1})_{m_1} (h_{i_1 i_2})_{m_2} \cdots (h_{i_{l-1} k})_{m_l} \\ & \quad + \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \cdots + m_l = p}} (-1)^l (h_{ii_1})_{m_1} (h_{i_1 i_2})_{m_2} \cdots (h_{i_{l-1} k})_{m_l}. \end{aligned}$$

Now clearly this is zero. Our lemma is proved. \square

Choose a normal coordinate around p such that $\omega_{i\bar{j}}(0) = \delta_{ij}$, $(\partial\omega_{i\bar{j}}/\partial t_k)(0) = (\partial\omega_{i\bar{j}}/\partial \bar{t}_k)(0) = 0$, and $(\partial\omega_{i\bar{j}}/\partial t_k \partial \bar{t}_l)(0) = (\partial\omega_{i\bar{j}}/\partial \bar{t}_k \partial \bar{t}_l)(0) = 0$, still denoted by $\Delta_{p,\epsilon}$. According to the convention of $A_N(t)$ we make after the definition of $A(t)$ and $E(t)$, this is equivalent to saying

$$(4-5) \quad \begin{cases} \text{tr}(A_i \bar{A}_j) = \delta_{ij}, \\ \text{tr}(A_i \bar{A}_{jk}) = \text{tr}(A_{ik} \bar{A}_j) = 0, \\ \text{tr}(A_{ikl} \bar{A}_j) = \text{tr}(A_i \bar{A}_{jkl}) = 0. \end{cases}$$

From Lemma 4.3, we get

$$(4-6) \quad \omega^{\bar{j}j} = \delta_{ij} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = k}} (-1)^l \prod_{i=1}^l \frac{1}{s_i} \\ \times \left(\sum_{\substack{m_{1n} > 0, 1 \leq n \leq 2s_1 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_1} m_{1n} = m_1 + 2}} \text{tr}(S_{i\bar{i}}(A_{m_{11}}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{12s_1}}(t)})) \right) \\ \times \left(\sum_{\substack{m_{2n} > 0, 1 \leq n \leq 2s_2 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_2} m_{2n} = m_2 + 2}} \text{tr}(S_{i_1 \bar{i}_2}(A_{m_{21}}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{22s_2}}(t)})) \right) \\ \times \dots \times \left(\sum_{\substack{m_{ln} > 0, 1 \leq n \leq 2s_l \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_l} m_{ln} = m_l + 2}} \text{tr}(S_{i_l \bar{i}_j}(A_{m_{l1}}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{l2s_l}}(t)})) \right).$$

Theorem 4.4. *The curvature $R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}$ of the Siegel metric $\omega_s(t)$ is given by*

$$R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} = - \sum_{N \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = N + 4}} \frac{1}{l} \text{tr}(S_{i\bar{j}} S_{k\bar{l}}(A_{m_1}(t) \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \\ + \sum_{N \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{N_i \geq 0, 1 \leq i \leq 3 \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 N_i = N}} \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = N_1}} (-1)^l \prod_{i=1}^l \frac{1}{s_i} \right. \\ \times \sum_{\substack{m_{1n} > 0, 1 \leq n \leq 2s_1 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_1} m_{1n} = m_1 + 2}} \text{tr}(S_{q\bar{i}_1}(A_{m_{11}}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{12s_1}}(t)})) \\ \times \sum_{\substack{m_{2n} > 0, \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_2} m_{2n} = m_2 + 2}} \text{tr}(S_{i_1 \bar{i}_2}(A_{m_{21}}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{22s_2}}(t)})) \dots \\ \times \sum_{\substack{m_{ln} > 0, \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_l} m_{ln} = m_l + 2}} \text{tr}(S_{i_l \bar{i}_p}(A_{m_{l1}}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{l2s_l}}(t)})) \left. \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l} m_i = N_2 + 3}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_{k\bar{q}}(A_{m_1}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \right] \\ & \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l} m_i = N_3 + 3}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}_{p\bar{l}}(A_{m_1}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where we need the convention that the first square bracket in the second summand will be δ_{qp} as $N_1 = 0$.

Proof. Just use the well known curvature formula

$$\mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} = -\frac{\partial^2 \omega_{k\bar{l}}}{\partial t_i \partial \bar{t}_j} + \omega^{\bar{q}p} \frac{\partial \omega_{k\bar{q}}}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \omega_{p\bar{l}}}{\partial \bar{t}_j}.$$

By use of (4-4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \omega_{k\bar{l}}}{\partial t_i \partial \bar{t}_j} &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = n + 4}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}_{k\bar{l}}(A_{m_1}(t) \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})), \\ \frac{\partial \omega_{k\bar{q}}}{\partial t_i} &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = n + 3}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_{k\bar{q}}(A_{m_1}(t) \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})), \\ \frac{\partial \omega_{p\bar{l}}}{\partial \bar{t}_j} &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = n + 3}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}_{p\bar{l}}(A_{m_1}(t) \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})). \end{aligned}$$

From this we get the formula (4-6) of $\omega^{\bar{i}j}$. Thus the theorem follows easily. \square

Also the curvature of the Siegel metric at the point p can be easily gotten from the curvature formula together with (4-5):

$$\begin{aligned} (4-7) \quad \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0) &= -\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}_{k\bar{l}}(A_2(t) \overline{A_2(t)})) - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}_{k\bar{l}}(A_1(t) \overline{A_1(t)} A_1(t) \overline{A_1(t)})) \\ &\quad + \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_{k\bar{p}}(A_2(t) \overline{A_1(t)})) \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}_{p\bar{l}}(A_1(t) \overline{A_2(t)})) \\ &= -\operatorname{tr}(A_{ik} \overline{A_{jl}}) - \operatorname{tr}(A_i \overline{A_j} A_k \overline{A_l}) \\ &\quad - \operatorname{tr}(A_i \overline{A_l} A_k \overline{A_j}) + \operatorname{tr}(A_{ik} \overline{A_p}) \operatorname{tr}(A_p \overline{A_{jl}}) \\ &= -\operatorname{tr}(A_{ik} \overline{A_{jl}}) - \operatorname{tr}(A_i \overline{A_j} A_k \overline{A_l}) - \operatorname{tr}(A_i \overline{A_l} A_k \overline{A_j}). \end{aligned}$$

The holomorphic sectional curvature along the direction $v = \sum_{i=1}^{3g-3} a_i \mu_i \in \mathbb{H}_{\partial}^{0,1}(X_p, T_{X_p})$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4-8) \quad H(v) &= \frac{R_{v\bar{v}v\bar{v}}}{|v|^4} = \frac{\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{3g-3} a_i \bar{a}_j a_k \bar{a}_l R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0)}{\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^{3g-3} a_i \bar{a}_j \omega_{i\bar{j}}(0)\right)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-2 \operatorname{tr}((a_i A_i) \overline{(a_j A_j)} (a_k A_k) \overline{(a_l A_l)}) - \operatorname{tr}((a_i a_k A_{ik}) \overline{(a_j a_l A_{jl})})}{(a_i \bar{a}_j \operatorname{tr}(A_i \bar{A}_j))^2} \\
 &\leq -2 \frac{\operatorname{tr}((a_i A_i) \overline{(a_j A_j)} (a_k A_k) \overline{(a_l A_l)})}{(\operatorname{tr}((a_i A_i) \overline{(a_j A_j)}))^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Set $\sum_{i=1}^{3g-3} a_i A_i = E$ and normalize M_p to $i\mathbb{1}_g$. Then $A(t)$ is symmetric and A_i are all symmetric for $1 \leq i \leq g$. By the mean value inequality,

$$(4-9) \quad 1 \geq \frac{\operatorname{tr}(E \bar{E} E \bar{E})}{(\operatorname{tr}(E \bar{E}))^2} \geq \frac{1}{g}$$

for the symmetric matrix E . The proof of Proposition 5.4 contains further details. Thus we have

$$H(v) \leq -\frac{2}{g}.$$

5. The second fundamental form of a nonhyperelliptic locus and the totally geodesic submanifold

Now we are ready to compute the second fundamental form of $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_g$, always fixing the Siegel metric $\tilde{\omega}_s$ on \mathcal{A}_g . Lift to $\mathcal{F}^{\text{tor}} : \mathcal{T}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$, with Siegel metric $\tilde{\omega}_s$ on \mathcal{H}_g . The local Torelli theorem assures the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{T}_g}^{(1,0)} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{\text{tor}*} T_{\mathcal{H}_g}^{(1,0)} \xrightarrow{\pi} N \rightarrow 0$$

when restricted to a nonhyperelliptic locus of \mathcal{T}_g and when N is the normal bundle. Also we have the natural connection $\mathcal{F}^{\text{tor}*} \nabla$ on $\mathcal{F}^{\text{tor}*} T_{\mathcal{H}_g}^{(1,0)}$, where the Chern connection ∇ is determined by $\tilde{\omega}_s$ on \mathcal{H}_g . Following the argument of [Colombo and Frediani 2010, pp. 6–7], the second fundamental form σ is defined by

$$\sigma(s) = \pi(\nabla s), s \in A^0(T_{\mathcal{T}_g}^{(1,0)}).$$

From the Gauss equation, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left(R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_k}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t_l}\right)\right)\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j}\right) \\
 &= \left(\tilde{R}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_k}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t_l}\right)\right)\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j}\right) - \left(\sigma\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_k}, \sigma\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_l}\right)\right)\right)\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j}\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where R is the curvature operator of the Siegel metric on \mathcal{T}_g , while \tilde{R} is the one

on \mathcal{H}_g . Set

$$\Sigma_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} = \left(\sigma \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_k} \right), \sigma \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_l} \right) \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j} \right).$$

Thus

$$(5-1) \quad R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} = \tilde{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} - \Sigma_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}.$$

Thus we focus on the Siegel metric $\tilde{\omega}_s$ and its curvature, and use the bounded domain \mathcal{B}_g to simplify the computation.

Siegel geometry on \mathcal{B}_g .

Theorem 5.1. *The Siegel metric $\tilde{\omega}_s$ on \mathcal{B}_g has the full expansion formula*

$$\tilde{\omega}_s = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{\alpha \leq \beta} \sum_{\gamma \leq \delta} \frac{1}{n+1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}(W\bar{W})^{n+1}) dW_{\alpha\beta} \wedge d\bar{W}_{\gamma\delta}.$$

Proof. Because the Siegel metric equals the Bergman metric, we use the Bergman kernel

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\omega}_s &= -\frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \log \det(\mathbf{1}_g - \bar{W}W) = -\frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \operatorname{tr} \log(\mathbf{1}_g - \bar{W}W) \\ &= \frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(\bar{W}W)^n \right) = \frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(W\bar{W})^n \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now $\tilde{\omega}_s$ can be written as

$$\tilde{\omega}_s = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{\alpha \leq \beta} \sum_{\gamma \leq \delta} \frac{1}{n+1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}(W\bar{W})^{n+1}) dW_{\alpha\beta} \wedge d\bar{W}_{\gamma\delta},$$

where $\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}$ indicates taking derivatives along $\partial/\partial W_{\alpha\beta}$ and $\partial/\partial \bar{W}_{\gamma\delta}$ with $\alpha \leq \beta, \gamma \leq \delta$ according to [Definition 4.1](#). Since W is symmetric, $\partial/\partial W_{\alpha\beta}$ takes the derivative with respect to $W_{\alpha\beta}$ and $W_{\beta\alpha}$. \square

Similarly, if we write $\tilde{\omega}_s = \sum_{\alpha \leq \beta} \sum_{\gamma \leq \delta} \frac{i}{2} \tilde{\omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)} dW_{\alpha\beta} \wedge d\bar{W}_{\gamma\delta}$, it is easy to see that

$$\tilde{\omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}(0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \alpha = \gamma = \beta = \delta, \\ 2 & \text{for } \alpha = \gamma \neq \beta = \delta, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$(5-2) \quad \tilde{\omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)} = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{n+1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}(W\bar{W})^{n+1}).$$

In the following computation, the matrix D is defined as

$$D_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \alpha = \beta, \\ \sqrt{2} & \text{for } \alpha \neq \beta. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 5.2. *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)} &= \frac{1}{D_{\alpha\beta}^2} \frac{1}{D_{\gamma\delta}^2} \tilde{\omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}(0) \\ &+ \sum_{k \geq 1} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = k}} (-1)^l \frac{1}{D_{\alpha\beta}^2} \frac{1}{D_{\gamma\delta}^2} \left(\frac{1}{m_1 + 1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha\beta)(\alpha_1\beta_1)}(W\bar{W})^{m_1+1}) \right) \\ &\times \left(\frac{1}{m_2 + 1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha_1\beta_1)(\alpha_2\beta_2)}(W\bar{W})^{m_2+1}) \right) \dots \left(\frac{1}{m_l + 1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha_{l-1}\beta_{l-1})(\gamma\delta)}(W\bar{W})^{m_l+1}) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha_1, \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_{l-1}, \beta_{l-1}$ are free indices from 1 to g . (Here $(\alpha_i\beta_i)$ means taking the derivative just with respect to $W_{\alpha_i\beta_i}$; this convention will remain in force later.)

Proof. We use another coordinate $Y_{\alpha\beta} := D_{\alpha\beta} X_{\alpha\beta}$ on \mathcal{B}_g to rewrite $\tilde{\omega}_s$. It is easy to check that $\tilde{\omega}_s = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{\alpha \leq \beta} \sum_{\gamma \leq \delta} \tilde{\Omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)} dY_{\alpha\beta} \wedge d\bar{Y}_{\gamma\delta}$, where

$$(5-3) \quad \tilde{\Omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)} = \frac{1}{D_{\alpha\beta}} \frac{1}{D_{\gamma\delta}} \tilde{\omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}$$

and $\tilde{\Omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}(0) = \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta_{\delta\beta}$ (Kronecker symbol). Now an application of Lemma 4.3 to $\tilde{\Omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)} &= \tilde{\Omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}(0) + \sum_{k \geq 1} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq n \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = k}} \sum_{\alpha_1 \leq \beta_1} \dots \sum_{\alpha_{l-1} \leq \beta_{l-1}} (-1)^l (\tilde{\Omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\alpha_1\beta_1)})_{m_1} \dots \\ &\times (\tilde{\Omega}_{(\alpha_{l-1}\beta_{l-1})(\gamma\delta)})_{m_l}. \end{aligned}$$

From (5-3) and the equality $\tilde{\Omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)} = D_{\alpha\beta} D_{\gamma\delta} \tilde{\omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}$, we get the result. \square

Theorem 5.3. *The curvature $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)}$ is given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)} &= - \sum_{N \geq 0} \frac{1}{N+2} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)} \mathbf{S}_{(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)}(W\bar{W})^{N+2}) \\ &+ \sum_{N \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{N_1 \geq 0, N_2 > 0, N_3 > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 N_i = N+1}} \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = N_1}} (-1)^l \left(\frac{1}{m_1 + 1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\lambda\mu)(\alpha_1\beta_1)}(W\bar{W})^{m_1+1}) \right) \right] \\ &\times \left(\frac{1}{m_2 + 1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha_1\beta_1)(\alpha_2\beta_2)}(W\bar{W})^{m_2+1}) \right) \dots \left(\frac{1}{m_l + 1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha_{l-1}\beta_{l-1})(\phi\psi)}(W\bar{W})^{m_l+1}) \right) \\ &\times \frac{1}{N_2 + 1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha\beta)} \mathbf{S}_{(\zeta\eta)(\lambda\mu)}(W\bar{W})^{N_2+1}) \frac{1}{N_3 + 1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\gamma\delta)} \mathbf{S}_{(\phi\psi)(\sigma\tau)}(W\bar{W})^{N_3+1}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha_1, \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_{l-1}, \beta_{l-1}, \lambda, \mu, \phi, \psi$ are free indices from 1 to g . (We use the convention that the quantity in square brackets equals $\delta_{\lambda\phi} \delta_{\mu\psi}$ if $N_1 = 0$.)

Proof. We resort to the curvature formula again:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)} = -\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\omega}_{(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)}}{\partial W_{\alpha\beta} \partial \bar{W}_{\gamma\delta}} + \sum_{\lambda \leq \mu} \sum_{\phi \leq \psi} \tilde{\omega}_{(\lambda\mu)(\phi\psi)} \frac{\partial \tilde{\omega}_{(\zeta\eta)(\lambda\mu)}}{\partial W_{\alpha\beta}} \frac{\partial \tilde{\omega}_{(\phi\psi)(\sigma\tau)}}{\partial \bar{W}_{\gamma\delta}}.$$

Also from (5-2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\omega}_{(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)}}{\partial X_{\alpha\beta} \partial \bar{X}_{\gamma\delta}} &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{1}{k+2} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)} \mathbf{S}_{(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)} (W \bar{W})^{k+2}), \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{\omega}_{(\zeta\eta)(\lambda\mu)}}{\partial X_{\alpha\beta}} &= \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k+1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha\beta)} \mathbf{S}_{(\zeta\eta)(\lambda\mu)} (W \bar{W})^{k+1}), \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{\omega}_{(\phi\psi)(\sigma\tau)}}{\partial \bar{X}_{\gamma\delta}} &= \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k+1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\gamma\delta)} \mathbf{S}_{(\phi\psi)(\sigma\tau)} (W \bar{W})^{k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

From this and Lemma 5.2, the result follows. \square

Based on Theorem 5.3, the holomorphic sectional curvature $\mathbf{H}(V)$ of $\tilde{\omega}_s$ along the direction $V = \sum_{\alpha \leq \beta} V_{\alpha\beta} \partial / \partial W_{\alpha\beta}$ at the zero matrix of \mathcal{B}_g can be easily gotten:

$$\begin{aligned} (5-4) \quad \mathbf{H}(V) &= \frac{\sum_{\alpha \leq \beta} \sum_{\gamma \leq \delta} \sum_{\zeta \leq \eta} \sum_{\sigma \leq \tau} V_{\alpha\beta} \bar{V}_{\gamma\delta} V_{\zeta\eta} \bar{V}_{\sigma\tau} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)}(0)}{(\sum_{\alpha \leq \beta} \sum_{\gamma \leq \delta} \tilde{\omega}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)}(0) V_{\alpha\beta} \bar{V}_{\gamma\delta})^2} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{\alpha, \beta} \sum_{\gamma, \delta} \sum_{\zeta, \eta} \sum_{\sigma, \tau} V_{\alpha\beta} \bar{V}_{\gamma\delta} V_{\zeta\eta} \bar{V}_{\sigma\tau} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)}(0)}{(\sum_{\alpha, \beta} \sum_{\gamma, \delta} V_{\alpha\beta} \bar{V}_{\gamma\delta} \Delta_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)})^2} \\ &= -2 \frac{\sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta} V_{\alpha\beta} \bar{V}_{\beta\gamma} V_{\gamma\delta} \bar{V}_{\delta\alpha}}{(\sum_{\alpha, \beta} V_{\alpha\beta} \bar{V}_{\alpha\beta})^2}. \end{aligned}$$

In the second equality, $V_{\alpha\beta}$ has a symmetric extension to the whole matrix, and there $(\alpha\beta)$ in $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)}$ stands for the derivative with respect to $W_{\alpha\beta}$, not to both $W_{\alpha\beta}$ and $W_{\beta\alpha}$.

By the mean value inequality,

$$\frac{1}{g} \leq \frac{\sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta} V_{\alpha\beta} \bar{V}_{\beta\gamma} V_{\gamma\delta} \bar{V}_{\delta\alpha}}{(\sum_{\alpha, \beta} V_{\alpha\beta} \bar{V}_{\alpha\beta})^2} \leq 1.$$

Thus

$$-2 \leq \mathbf{H}(V) \leq -\frac{2}{g}.$$

Yin [2010, Corollaries 1.1 and 1.2 of Chapter 4] has reproved the classical fact that $\mathbf{H}(V) = -2$ if and only if V is a symmetric matrix of rank 1.

Proposition 5.4. *If $H(V) = -2/g$, then $V = kUU^T$ with $k > 0$ and $U \in M(g, \mathbb{C})$ unitary.*

Proof. $H(V) = -2/g$ forces the following inequalities to become equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta} V_{\alpha\beta} \overline{V_{\beta\gamma}} V_{\gamma\delta} \overline{V_{\delta\alpha}}}{(\sum_{\alpha,\beta} V_{\alpha\beta} \overline{V_{\alpha\beta}})^2} &= \frac{\sum_{\alpha,\gamma} |\sum_{\beta} V_{\alpha\beta} \overline{V_{\gamma\beta}}|^2}{(\sum_{\alpha,\beta} |V_{\alpha\beta}|^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{\alpha=\gamma} |\sum_{\beta} V_{\alpha\beta} \overline{V_{\gamma\beta}}|^2 + \sum_{\alpha \neq \gamma} |\sum_{\beta} V_{\alpha\beta} \overline{V_{\gamma\beta}}|^2}{(\sum_{\alpha,\beta} |V_{\alpha\beta}|^2)^2} \\ &\geq \frac{\sum_{\alpha} |\sum_{\beta} |V_{\alpha\beta}|^2|^2}{(\sum_{\alpha,\beta} |V_{\alpha\beta}|^2)^2} \geq \frac{(1/g)(\sum_{\alpha,\beta} |V_{\alpha\beta}|^2)^2}{(\sum_{\alpha,\beta} |V_{\alpha\beta}|^2)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

This is equivalent to $\sum_{\beta} V_{\alpha\beta} \overline{V_{\gamma\beta}} = 0$ and $\sum_{\beta} |V_{\alpha\beta}|^2 = \sum_{\beta} |V_{\gamma\beta}|^2$ for any $\alpha \neq \gamma$. Up to a constant multiple that is a real number bigger than zero, $V_{\alpha\beta}$ is symmetric and unitary. Here is a result from [Mok 1989, p. 70]: If $V \in M(g, \mathbb{C})$ is complex symmetric, V can be written as

$$U^T \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \lambda_g \end{pmatrix} U,$$

with U unitary and $\lambda_i \geq 0$. Also since V is unitary,

$$U^T \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^2 & & & \\ & \lambda_2^2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \lambda_g^2 \end{pmatrix} \overline{U} = \mathbb{1}_g,$$

which is equivalent to $\lambda_i^2 = 1$, so $\lambda_i = 1$. Thus $V = kUU^T$ with $k > 0$ and U unitary. □

Yin [2010, Lemma 1.2 and Remark 1.6 of Chapter 4] showed that $\tilde{\mathbb{R}}$ is very strongly seminegative in the sense of Siu, but not very strongly negative.

Remark 5.5. In the literature one sees $H(V) \in [-1, -1/g]$, since the Bergmann kernel used is $\rho = -2 \log \det(\mathbb{1}_g - \overline{W}^T W)$.

The second fundamental form and the totally geodesic submanifold. Recall that

$$\mathcal{T}or_g \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}^{\text{tor}}} \mathcal{H}_g \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_g.$$

The period map \mathcal{F}^{tor} is given by, from (2-7),

$$\mathcal{F}^{\text{tor}}(t) = (i\mathbb{1}_g - iA(t)^T)(\mathbb{1}_g + A(t)^T)^{-1} = i\frac{\mathbb{1}_g - A(t)^T}{\mathbb{1}_g + A(t)^T},$$

where we normalize the target point to $i\mathbb{1}_g$. The transformation from \mathcal{H}_g to \mathcal{B}_g is given by

$$W = \frac{\mathbb{1}_g + iZ}{\mathbb{1}_g - iZ}.$$

Hence $W = A(t)^T = A(t)$, where $A(t)$ is symmetric.

Together with [Theorem 5.3](#), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (5-5) \quad \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} &= \sum_{\alpha \leq \beta} \sum_{\gamma \leq \delta} \sum_{\zeta \leq \eta} \sum_{\sigma \leq \tau} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)} \frac{\partial W_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \overline{W_{\gamma\delta}}}{\partial t_j} \frac{\partial W_{\zeta\eta}}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial \overline{W_{\sigma\tau}}}{\partial t_l} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \sum_{\gamma, \delta} \sum_{\zeta, \eta} \sum_{\sigma, \tau} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{(\alpha\beta)(\gamma\delta)(\zeta\eta)(\sigma\tau)} \frac{\partial W_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial t_i} \frac{\partial \overline{W_{\gamma\delta}}}{\partial t_j} \frac{\partial W_{\zeta\eta}}{\partial t_k} \frac{\partial \overline{W_{\sigma\tau}}}{\partial t_l} \\ &= - \sum_{N \geq 0} \frac{1}{N+2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}'_{i\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}'_{k\bar{l}} (W\overline{W})^{N+2}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{N \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{N_1 \geq 0, N_2 > 0, N_3 > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 N_i = N+1}} \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = N_1}} (-1)^l \right. \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{1}{m_1 + 1} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\lambda\mu)(\alpha_1\beta_1)} \overline{(W\overline{W})^{m_1+1}}) \right) \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{1}{m_2 + 1} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha_1\beta_1)(\alpha_2\beta_2)} \overline{(W\overline{W})^{m_2+1}}) \right) \dots \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{1}{m_l + 1} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{(\alpha_{l-1}\beta_{l-1})(\phi\psi)} \overline{(W\overline{W})^{m_l+1}}) \right) \left. \right] \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{1}{N_2 + 1} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}'_{i\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}'_{k(\lambda\mu)} \overline{(W\overline{W})^{N_2+1}}) \right] \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{1}{N_3 + 1} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}'_{\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}'_{(\phi\psi)\bar{l}} \overline{(W\overline{W})^{N_3+1}}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In the second equality, we also need a symmetric extension of the indices, as in (5-4). In the third equality, \mathbf{S}_i means taking the derivative along $\partial/\partial t_i$, since $W = A(t)$ can be seen as a matrix with variable t ; and $\partial/\partial t_i$ and $\partial/\partial t_k$ still run through all W 's but can't operate simultaneously on a single W , according to [Definition 4.1](#).

Since the calculation is a little bit complicated, we will present a more detailed formula in the [Appendix](#). Also, the second fundamental form of \mathcal{J}^{tor} , restricted to a nonhyperelliptic locus, can be computed out. However, it is difficult to understand the vanishing of the second fundamental form entirely. Partial results are given as follows.

Proposition 5.6. *The second fundamental form of the nonhyperelliptic locus at the central point is*

$$\Sigma_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0) = \text{tr}(A_{ik}\overline{A_{jl}}).$$

Proof. From (5-5), we easily have $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0) = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}'_{i\bar{j}}\mathbf{S}'_{k\bar{l}}(A_1(t)\overline{A_1(t)}A_1(t)\overline{A_1(t)}))$. Also, [Theorem 4.4](#) tells us

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0) = & -\text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}}\mathbf{S}_{k\bar{l}}(A_2(t)\overline{A_2(t)})) - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}}\mathbf{S}_{k\bar{l}}(A_1(t)\overline{A_1(t)}A_1(t)\overline{A_1(t)})) \\ & + [\text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_i\mathbf{S}_{k\bar{p}}(A_2(t)\overline{A_1(t)}))][\text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{\bar{j}}\mathbf{S}_{p\bar{i}}(A_1(t)\overline{A_2(t)}))]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\Sigma_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0) = \text{tr}(A_{ik}\overline{A_{jl}}) - \text{tr}(A_{ik}\overline{A_p})\text{tr}(A_p\overline{A_{jl}})$. By the use of (4-5), this proposition follows easily. □

Corollary 5.7. *Holomorphic sectional curvature along a totally geodesic submanifold M in a nonhyperelliptic locus of \mathcal{T}_g is bounded from below.*

This shows indicates that a totally geodesic submanifold can't be arbitrarily negatively curved.

Proof. [Proposition 5.6](#) tells us that $A_{ij} = 0$ on the totally geodesic manifold M . From (4-7) and (4-8), the holomorphic sectional curvature $H(v)$ becomes

$$H(v) = -2 \frac{\text{tr}((a_i A_i)\overline{(a_j A_j)}(a_k A_k)\overline{(a_l A_l)})}{(\text{tr}((a_i A_i)\overline{(a_j A_j)}))^2}.$$

By (4-9),

$$H(v) \geq -2. \quad \square$$

Proposition 5.8. *The totally geodesic manifold M in the nonhyperelliptic locus of \mathcal{T}_g must be locally symmetric.*

Proof. We just need to check that $\nabla R = 0$ on M . We use the well known formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_p \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t_p} \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} - \Gamma_{pi}^q \mathbf{R}_{q\bar{j}k\bar{l}} - \Gamma_{pk}^q \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}q\bar{l}}, \\ \nabla_{\bar{p}} \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{t}_p} \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} - \overline{\Gamma_{p\bar{j}}^q} \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{q}k\bar{l}} - \overline{\Gamma_{p\bar{l}}^q} \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

The normal coordinate gives us $\Gamma_{ij}^k(0) = 0$, and thus both $\nabla_p \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0)$ and $\nabla_{\bar{p}} \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0)$ concern the first derivative of $\mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}$. By [Proposition 5.6](#), $A_{ij} = 0$, i.e., $A_2(t) = 0$, follows from the fact that the manifold M is totally geodesic. Also, [Theorem 4.4](#)

implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}^{(1)} = & -\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}}\mathbf{S}_{k\bar{l}}(\overline{A_2(t)A_3(t)} + A_3(t)\overline{A_2(t)})) \\
& -\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}}\mathbf{S}_{k\bar{l}}(\overline{A_2(t)A_1(t)A_1(t)A_1(t)} + A_1(t)\overline{A_2(t)A_1(t)A_1(t)})) \\
& +\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_i\mathbf{S}_{k\bar{p}}(\frac{1}{2}A_1(t)\overline{A_1(t)A_1(t)A_1(t)} + A_3(t)\overline{A_1(t)}))\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{\bar{j}}\mathbf{S}_{p\bar{l}}(A_1(t)\overline{A_2(t)})) \\
& +\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_i\mathbf{S}_{k\bar{p}}(\overline{A_2(t)A_1(t)}))\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{\bar{j}}\mathbf{S}_{p\bar{l}}(\frac{1}{2}A_1(t)\overline{A_1(t)A_1(t)A_1(t)} + A_1(t)\overline{A_3(t)})) \\
& -\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{q\bar{p}}(\overline{A_2(t)A_1(t)} + A_1(t)\overline{A_2(t)})) \\
& \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_i\mathbf{S}_{k\bar{q}}(\overline{A_2(t)A_1(t)}))\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{\bar{j}}\mathbf{S}_{p\bar{l}}(A_1(t)\overline{A_2(t)})).
\end{aligned}$$

Every summand above has an $A_2(t)$ term. So $\mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}^{(1)} = 0$, and thus $\nabla_p \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0) = 0$ and $\nabla_{\bar{p}} \mathbf{R}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}(0) = 0$. \square

Appendix

We give here the full formula for the second fundamental form. Let E_β^α be defined by $(E_\beta^\alpha)_{\gamma\delta} = \delta_{\alpha\gamma}\delta_{\beta\delta}$ (Kronecker delta). The following example will serve to illustrate the meaning of the symbol \mathbf{P} (permutation summation):

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{P}(A\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}\bar{E}\bar{F}\bar{G}\bar{H}) \\
= A\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}\bar{E}\bar{F}\bar{G}\bar{H} + C\bar{B}\bar{A}\bar{D}\bar{E}\bar{F}\bar{G}\bar{H} + E\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}\bar{A}\bar{F}\bar{G}\bar{H} + G\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}\bar{E}\bar{F}\bar{A}\bar{H},
\end{aligned}$$

where A to H are all complex matrices. The matrices with bars are stationary, and those with bars travel through those without bars.

Replace W by $A(t)$ in (5-5) and rearrange that formula according to degrees in t to get

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} = & -\sum_{N \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l, l \geq 2 \\ m_1 + \dots + m_{2l} = N+4}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}'_{i\bar{j}}\mathbf{S}'_{k\bar{l}}(A_{m_1}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \\
& + \sum_{\substack{N_1 \geq 0, N_2 > 0, N_3 > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 N_i = N}} \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = N_1}} (-1)^l \right. \\
& \quad \times \sum_{\substack{m_{1n} > 0, \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_1} m_{1n} = m_1}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{P}(E_{\mu}^\lambda \overline{A_{m_{11}}(t)} \dots A_{m_{12s_1}}(t) \overline{E_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_1}})) \\
& \quad \times \sum_{\substack{m_{2n} > 0, \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_2} m_{2n} = m_2}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{P}(E_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_1} \overline{A_{m_{21}}(t)} \dots A_{m_{22s_2}}(t) \overline{E_{\beta_2}^{\alpha_2}})) \dots \\
& \quad \times \left. \sum_{\substack{m_{ln} > 0, \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_l} m_{ln} = m_l}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{P}(E_{\beta_{l-1}}^{\alpha_{l-1}} \overline{A_{m_{l1}}(t)} \dots A_{m_{l2s_l}}(t) \overline{E_{\psi}^{\phi}})) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l+1} m_i = N_2 + 2}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}'_i \mathbf{S}'_k (A_{m_1}(t) \dots A_{m_{2l+1}}(t) \overline{E_\mu^\lambda})) \right] \\ & \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l+1} m_i = N_3 + 2}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}'_j \mathbf{S}'_l (E_\psi^\phi \overline{A_{m_1}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l+1}}(t)})) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By convention, the term in the first square brackets has the value $\delta_{\lambda\phi} \delta_{\mu\psi}$ if $N_1 = 0$.

Theorem A.9. *The second fundamental form $\Sigma_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}$ of the nonhyperelliptic locus is*

$$\begin{aligned} & \Sigma_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} \\ & = \sum_{N \geq 0} \frac{1}{l} \left(\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l} m_i = N + 4}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{i\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}_{k\bar{l}} (A_{m_1}(t) \overline{A_{m_2}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \right. \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left. - \sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, l \geq 2 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l} m_i = N + 4}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}'_{i\bar{j}} \mathbf{S}'_{k\bar{l}} (A_{m_1}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \right) \\ & + \sum_{N \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{N_1 \geq 0, N_2 > 0, N_3 > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 N_i = N}} \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = N_1}} (-1)^l \right. \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \times \sum_{\substack{m_{1n} > 0, \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_1} m_{1n} = m_1}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}(E_\mu^\lambda \overline{A_{m_{11}}(t)} \dots A_{m_{12s_1}}(t) \overline{E_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_1}})) \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \times \sum_{\substack{m_{2n} > 0 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_2} m_{2n} = m_2}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}(E_{\beta_1}^{\alpha_1} \overline{A_{m_{21}}(t)} \dots A_{m_{22s_2}}(t) \overline{E_{\beta_2}^{\alpha_2}})) \dots \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \times \sum_{\substack{m_{ln} > 0 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_l} m_{ln} = m_l}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}(E_{\beta_{l-1}}^{\alpha_{l-1}} \overline{A_{m_{l1}}(t)} \dots A_{m_{l2s_l}}(t) \overline{E_\psi^\phi})) \left. \right] \\ & \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l+1} m_i = N_2 + 2}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}'_i \mathbf{S}'_k (A_{m_1}(t) \dots A_{m_{2l+1}}(t) \overline{E_\mu^\lambda})) \right] \\ & \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l+1} m_i = N_3 + 2}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}'_j \mathbf{S}'_l (E_\psi^\phi \overline{A_{m_1}(t)} \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l+1}}(t)})) \right] \\ & - \sum_{N \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{N_i \geq 0, 1 \leq i \leq 3 \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 N_i = N}} \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq l \\ m_1 + \dots + m_l = N_1}} (-1)^l \prod_{i=1}^l \frac{1}{s_i} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \times \sum_{\substack{m_{1n} > 0, 1 \leq n \leq 2s_1 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_1} m_{1n} = m_1 + 2}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{S}_{q_{11}^-}(A_{m_{11}}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{12s_1}}(t)})) \\
 & \times \sum_{\substack{m_{2n} > 0, 1 \leq n \leq 2s_2 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_2} m_{2n} = m_2 + 2}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{S}_{i_{12}^-}(A_{m_{21}}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{22s_2}}(t)})) \dots \\
 & \times \dots \sum_{\substack{m_{ln} > 0, 1 \leq n \leq 2s_l \\ \sum_{n=1}^{2s_l} m_{ln} = m_l + 2}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{S}_{i_{l-1}\bar{p}}(A_{m_{l1}}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{l2s_l}}(t)})) \Big] \\
 & \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l} m_i = N_2 + 3}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{S}_i \mathcal{S}_{k\bar{q}}(A_{m_1}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \right] \\
 & \times \left[\sum_{\substack{m_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq 2l \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2l} m_i = N_3 + 3}} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{S}_{\bar{j}} \mathcal{S}_{p\bar{l}}(A_{m_1}(t) \dots \overline{A_{m_{2l}}(t)})) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. This follows from [Theorem 4.4](#), the formula for $\tilde{\mathbb{R}}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}$ above and [\(5-1\)](#). \square

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