

# K3 surfaces

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(AG seminar)

Def:  $X$  sm. proj surface/ $k$  is called a K3 surface  
iff  $K_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X$  and  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ .  
(or  $K_X = 0$ )

Prop:  $K_X = 0 \Rightarrow K(X) = 0$  and K3's are  
actually characterized as the only  
sfcs w/  $K(X) = 0$ ,  $q = 0$  and  $p_g = 1$ .  
(Class. of surfaces)

NB: we defined K3's to be projective. One can  
define an analytic K3 to be a complex  
manifold w/  $\dim X = 2$ ,  $X$  connected & compact  
~~and~~ and the same requests on cohomology.

By GAGA, the above def. is a special case of  
the analytic one. Result by Siu: analytic  
K3's are Kähler. Not all K3's are projective  
(I'll state some examples).

$\dim(\text{Moduli of analytic K3's}) = 20$

$\dim(\text{Moduli of algebr. K3's}) = 19$  (divisor)

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### Betti & Hodge #'s computation

$X$  connected:  $h^{0,0}(X) = 1 = h^{2,2}(X)$  by Serre duality.

$$g = h^{0,1} = h^{1,0} = h^{2,1} = h^{1,2} = 0.$$

$K_X$  trivial  $\Rightarrow$  ~~1~~  $1 = h^{2,0}$ . So also  $h^{0,2} = 1$ .

Result:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & 1 & \\
 & 0 & 0 \\
 1 & ? & 1 \\
 & 0 & 0 \\
 & 1 & 
 \end{array}$$

Before finding (?) a remark:  $h^{1,0} = 0$  has a geometric interpretation. Recall  $K_X = 0$ , so the natural pairing

$$\Omega_X^1 \otimes \Omega_X^1 \rightarrow \Omega_X^2 \cong \mathcal{O}_X \text{ induces an isom.}$$

$$T_X = \Omega_X^* = \text{Hom}(\Omega_X, \mathcal{O}_X) \cong \Omega_X.$$

$H^0(X, \Omega_X) = 0$  then also means  $H^0(X, T_X) = 0$ , no global vector fields. ( $\mathbb{R}^3$ 's are very "pointy").

Findy  $h^{1,1}$ :  $\chi(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = \sum h^{i,i}(\mathcal{O}_X) = 2$  from previous computations.

By Noether's formula (special case of HRR) we get

$$\chi(\mathcal{O}_X) = \frac{c_1(X)^2 + c_2(X)}{12}. \quad K_X = 0 \Rightarrow c_1(X) = 0 \leftarrow \text{degree of } \det T_X.$$

Because  $\Lambda^2 T_X = \Lambda^2 \Omega_X$  by above

$$\text{So } 2 = \frac{c_2(X)}{12} \Rightarrow c_2(X) = 24$$

$$\text{But } c_2(X) = \chi_{\text{top}} = \sum (-1)^i b_i \Rightarrow b_2 = 22 \text{ and } ? = 20.$$

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Other immediate consequences of the definition:

$$K_X = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \text{ becomes } \chi(L) = 2 + \frac{(L \cdot L)}{2}$$

↑  
by above

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So  $(L \cdot L)$  always even!

Moreover if  $L = \mathcal{O}_X(C)$  for  $C \subseteq X$  curve, the genus formula gives  $(C \cdot C) = 2g - 2$ .

(since  $g = h^1(\mathcal{O}_C)$  and  $h^0(\mathcal{O}_C) = 1$ )

↑ flavor of "canonical curves"

We'll talk about this later

Now: EXAMPLES (Too often left untreated)

① Quartics in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . Indeed from the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-4) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow 0$$

Since accidentally  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-4)$  is the canonical, we get by Serre duality  $H^1(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}) = H^2(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-4)) = 0$

This forces  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ .

Again using the accident and adjunction we get

$$K_X = (K_{\mathbb{P}^3} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(4))|_X = \mathcal{O}_X \quad \checkmark$$

$\{x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + w^4 = 0\}$  "Fermat quartic".

② Complete intersections  $\subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$

let  $S = S_{d_1, \dots, d_n}$  complete inters. of  $n$  hypersurf. in  $\mathbb{P}^{n+2}$ .  
To avoid trivialities,  $d_i \geq 2$  (otherwise we are just looking at  $\mathbb{P}^N$  for some smaller  $N$ ).

•  $H^1(S, \mathcal{O}_S) = 0$  since  $S$  is a complete intersection (induction on dimension using exact seq. or use Lefschetz theorem on hyperplane sections)

• For a complete intersection, Hartshorne teaches:

$K_S = \mathcal{O}_S(\sum_{i=1}^n d_i - n - 3)$ . Imposing  $\sum d_i - n - 3 = 0$  yields 3 cases:  $S_4, S_{2,3}, S_{2,2,2}$ .

③ (Usually neglected example) Double plane.

$\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  double cover branched over a sextic.

$C =$  zero locus of  $s \in H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(6))$ . Look at  $\mathcal{O}(6)$  as  $\mathcal{O}(3)^{\otimes 2}$ .

In general for  $\pi: X \xrightarrow{d:1} Y$  w/ branching over a divisor w/  $\mathcal{O}(C) \cong \mathcal{L}^{\otimes d}$  we get

$\pi_* \mathcal{O}_X \cong \mathcal{O}_Y \oplus \mathcal{L}^{\otimes \nu} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{L}^{\otimes \nu d-1}$ .  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}(3)$  for us

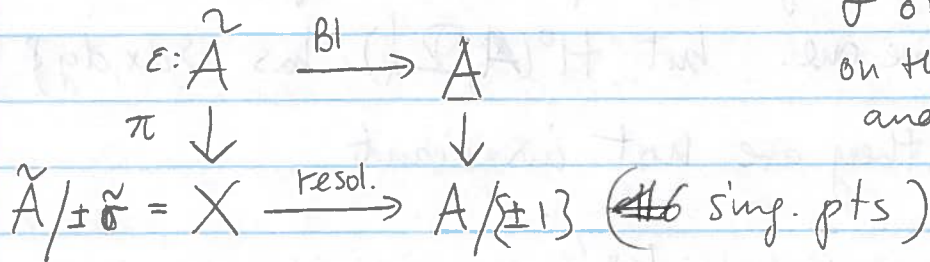
Therefore for us  $\pi_* \mathcal{O}_X \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-3)$ . So  $H^1(\pi_* \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$  by finiteness of the mapping  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ .

As for  $K_X$ , general theory of branched coverings

again gives  $K_X \cong \pi^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-3) \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes d-1}) = \pi^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2} = \mathcal{O}_X$ .  
here we need sextic & deg=2.

④ Kummer K3's.

A ab-sfc. Involution  $\sigma$  on  $A$ . Consider the 16 fixed points  $\{p_i\}$



$\tilde{\sigma}$  on  $\tilde{A}$  is the id on the exceptionals and  $-1$  elsewhere.

- $X$  smooth (obvious if you believe  $X$  resolves  $A/\pm 13$ ) just check that local coord. descend to  $X$  from the exceptionals on  $\tilde{A}$ .

$(x, y)$  coord near  $p_i$ .  $\sigma^*x = -x$   $\sigma^*y = -y$ .  
 $x' := \varepsilon^*x$   $y' := \varepsilon^*y$ .

$(x', y'/x' = t)$  coord near  $q \in E_i = \varepsilon^{-1}(p_i)$ . Since  $\tilde{\sigma}^*x' = -x'$  but  $\tilde{\sigma}^*t = t$ , we have that  $u = (x')^2$  and  $t$  are coordinates around  $q$ , and they descend to  $X$ .

- $K_X = 0$ .  $A$  has a hol. 2-form  $\omega = dx \wedge dy$  locally.  $\sigma^*\omega = \omega$  so  $\varepsilon^*\omega$  is invariant under  $\tilde{\sigma}^*$ .

Therefore it descends to an  $\alpha$  on  $X$ , s.t.  $\varepsilon^*\omega = \pi^*\alpha$ .

Using the above notation

$$\pi^*\alpha = \varepsilon^*\omega = dx' \wedge dy' = dx' \wedge d(tx') = x' dx' \wedge dt = \frac{1}{2} du \wedge dt$$

which is non vanishing near  $q$  so  $\alpha$  does not vanish and  $K_X = 0$ . ( $K_X$  is the divisor of any  $\alpha$ !)

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- $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ .  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \neq 0$  would imply that  $\tilde{A}$  has an invariant (1,0) form under  $\tilde{\sigma}$ .  
 $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}^{\otimes 2})$  By birat. of the blow up, also  $A$  would have one. but  $H^0(A, \mathcal{O}_A)$  has  $\{dx, dy\}$  as a basis and they are not invariant.

Remark: Non-projective K3's come up here.

If  $A$  is an ab. surface, then K3 is projective.

But if we do this w/  $A$  complex torus which is not projective, then  $X$  turns out to be a non-projective K3.

- Next: "genus  $g$ " K3's and canonical map.  
 - lattice for  $H^2$  and Torelli theorems.

Suppose we have  $C \subseteq X$  smooth of genus  $g$ .

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~~Def: A K3 w/ a curve of genus  $g$  on it is called "a genus  $g$ " K3.~~  
~~Important result: genus  $g$  K3's exist  $\forall g \geq 1$ .~~

→ Consequences of having  $C \subseteq X$  of genus  $g$

$$(C, C) = 2g - 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-C) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \rightarrow 0 \text{ gives } h^1(\mathcal{O}_X(-C)) = 0$$

So by Serre also ~~where  $h^1(\mathcal{O}_X(C)) = 0$ .~~

Since  $K_X = 0$ .

$$R-R \Rightarrow h^0(\mathcal{O}_X(C)) = g + 1, \text{ i.e. } \dim |C| = g.$$

$\varphi_C: X \xrightarrow{|C|} \mathbb{P}^g$ . Actually this has no base points, since it can only have them on  $C$ , but when restricted to  $C$   $|C|$  cuts  $|K_C|$

(we get this by adjunction:  $K_C = \mathcal{O}_X(C)|_C$  by  $K_X = 0$ )

$K_C$  is known to be hpf from the theory of curves.

So we have  $\varphi_C: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^g \quad \forall g \geq 1$ .

Moreover  $C \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{g-1} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^g$  via the usual canonical morphism under  $\varphi_C$ , as a hyperpl. section of  $\varphi_C(X)$ .

Properties of  $\varphi_C$  ( $g \geq 2$ ,  $g=1$  contracts the curve)  
 some problem.

Prop: Let  $C \subseteq X$  smooth,  $g \geq 2$ .

①. If  $g=2$ , then  $\varphi_C: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  is the double plane

②. If  $g \geq 3$  either  $\varphi_C$  is birational and the generic  $D \in |C|$  is non hyperelliptic

or  $\varphi_C$  is 2:1 to a rational surface of degree  $g-1$  in  $\mathbb{P}^g$ , and the generic  $D \in |C|$  is hyperelliptic.

Proof: ①  $g=2 \Rightarrow C$  hyperelliptic. So  $\varphi_C|_C$  has deg 2.

$\varphi^{-1}\varphi(C) = C$   
 $(C.C) = 2$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(C) = \varphi^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$  so actually  $\varphi_C$  has degree 2 everywhere.

To find the degree of  $B =$  branch locus look at  $\varphi(C) = \ell \in \mathbb{P}^2$  a line.  $C \xrightarrow{2:1} \ell$ , branched over  $d$  points =  $B \cap \ell$ . Using  $g=2$  and Hurwitz we get  $d=6$ .

② Assume  $D \in |C|$  general non hyperell. Then  $\varphi|_D$  is an embedding.  $\varphi^{-1}\varphi(C) = C$  implies then that  $\varphi$  is birational, since a general point  $x \in X$  will lie on a general  $D \in |C|$ .



If  $\varphi$  is not birational, then  $D \in |C|$  is hyperelliptic and  $\varphi$  has degree 2.

Since  $(C, C) = 2g - 2$   $\varphi(C)$  has degree  $g - 1$  ( $\varphi(C)$  has deg  $g - 1$ , and  $\varphi(C) \equiv \varphi(X) \wedge H$ )

Since  $D \in |C|$  sweeps  $X$  and the  $D$ 's are hyperell, then the  $\varphi(D)$ 's are lines that sweep  $\varphi(X)$  (i.e.  $\varphi(X)$  is rational).

Remark: one usually looks at polarized K3's i.e. a K3 + a primitive  $\vee$  line bundle ample

~~of degree~~ w/ pairing  $(L, L) = 2d$ .

One says the K3 has degree  $d$ .

If  $L = \mathcal{O}(C)$ , then  $2d = 2g - 2$  and the K3 has "genus  $g$ ".

# Analysis of $H^2$ and Torelli

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

all the fun is in the  $H^2$ .

$$H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cong E_8(-1) \oplus E_8(-1) \oplus U \oplus U \oplus U \text{ abstractly.}$$

Signature of the lattice =  $(3, -19)$

This comes from Hodge Index theorem

If we restrict to  $H^{1,1}$  we have  $(1, -19)$  and  $\text{Pic NS} \hookrightarrow H^{1,1}$  has  $(1, \rho(X) - 1)$ .

Def:  $X$  k3. A marking is an isomorphism  $\varphi: H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \Lambda$

~~... is a lattice with signature  $(3, -19)$  and  $\rho(X) - 1$  classes of type  $(1, 1)$ .~~

~~Torelli's Theorem:  $X \cong X'$  if and only if  $(X, L) \cong (X', L')$  gives the same marking.~~

Torelli's theorem:  $(X, L) \cong (X', L')$  if and only

if  $\exists$  Hodge isometry  $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^2(X', \mathbb{Z})$  taking  $L$  to  $L'$  ( $[L] = l, [L'] = l'$ )

(equivalent to period mapping being injective).