

# Effective Computation of Hodge Cycles

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- There are several **in principle** algorithms to do this over a number field. These involve, a day/night algorithm:
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But why?

- It is an interesting challenge [*citation needed*].
- If  $\text{End } J$  contains non-trivial idempotents, we can hope to decompose  $J$  into abelian varieties of smaller dimension.
- If  $\text{End } J$  is non-trivial, then this allows us to find a modular form that describes the arithmetic properties of  $J$  and  $C$ .
- An algorithm to decide transcendence of 1-periods using Huber–Wüstholz theory (Ouaknine–Worrell–Sertöz)

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- and perhaps even to be able to **transfer** these results to the algebraic setting.



## Heuristic solution

By picking a  $k$ -basis for  $H^0(C, \Omega_C)$ , we have

$$\text{End}(J) = \{T \in M_g(k) \mid T\Lambda \subset \Lambda\}$$

Hence, if  $\Pi$  is a **period matrix** for  $C$ , i.e.,  $\Lambda = \Pi\mathbb{Z}^{2g}$ , then we are reduced to finding a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of the solutions  $(T, R)$  to

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By interpolation via  $\alpha_C$  or by locally solving a differential equation on  $C \times C$ .

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- The  $L_p(t)$  polynomials are as random as  $\text{End } J^{\text{al}}$  allows it.
- Two polynomials  $L_p(t)$  and  $L_q(t)$  suffice to obtain a sharp upperbound.
- For  $(p, q)$  in a set of positive density, but unknown apriori.



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$\text{Frob}_p \bmod p^N \circlearrowright H_{\text{crys}}^1(C, \mathbb{Z}_p) \mapsto$  upper bounds on  $\text{End } J^{\text{al}}$

- $\text{Frob}_p \bmod p^N$  is a byproduct of computing  $L_p(t) = \det(1 - t \text{Frob}_p | H_{MW}^1)$ .
- We check what correspondences  $C \rightsquigarrow C \bmod p$  lift to  $C \rightsquigarrow C \bmod p^N$ .

## Examples

- Our method works just as well for isogenies and projections.
- We have verified, decomposed and matched the 66,158 curves over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of genus 2 in the *L-functions and modular form database* (LMFDB).
- The algorithms verify that the plane quartic

$$C : x^4 - x^3y + 2x^3z + 2x^2yz + 2x^2z^2 - 2xy^2z + 4xyz^2 \\ - y^3z + 3y^2z^2 + 2yz^3 + z^4 = 0$$

has complex multiplication.

- Try it:

<https://github.com/edgarcosta/endomorphisms>

contains friendly button-push algorithms.

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- by night: restrict the ambient space for  $\text{Pic } X \subset H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ .

*“The evaluation of  $\rho$  for a given surface presents in general grave difficulties.”* — Zariski

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- Nonetheless, a posteriori, one can compute  $B \gg 0$  such that

$$\text{Pic}(X^{\text{al}})|_B := \mathbb{Z}\langle \gamma \in \text{Pic}(X^{\text{al}}) \mid -\gamma_{\text{prim}}^2 < B \rangle \subseteq \Lambda \quad (\text{Lairez–Sertöz}).$$



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For a smooth rational quartic  $Y \subset X$  we have that the equation of the quadric containing  $Y$  generates  $I_{[Y],2}$ , i.e.,  $I(Y)_2 = I_{[Y],2}$ .



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- We solve the isomorphism problem between the different presentations by refining the complex embeddings and inverting a Vandermonde matrix. The abstract isomorphism problem feels hopeless otherwise.

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# Summary

## Theorem (C–Sertöz)

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We are hoping to streamline this method and also figure out its applications.

Hopefully, also be able handle families, e.g.,

$$X : x^4 + txyzw + y^3z + yw^3 + z^3w = 0 \subset \mathbb{P}^3(\mathbb{Q}(t))$$

Do you have a challenge K3 surface for us?