

Hodge structures and the topology of algebraic varieties

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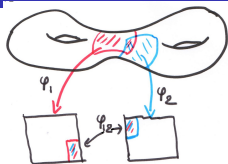
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- Analysis and differential geometry \rightsquigarrow Hodge and Lefschetz decompositions.
- + Algebra \rightsquigarrow Consequences on topology.
- The importance of polarizations (signs and Hodge-Riemann relations).
- **Missing**. Variations of Hodge structures.

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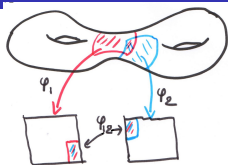
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Sketch of proof. Follows from an algebra lemma: *There exists a functorial decomposition* $L_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigoplus_{p,q} L^{p,q}$ *for mixed Hodge structures* (L, W, F) , *with* $F^p L_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigoplus_{r \geq p, q} L^{r,q}$, $W_i L_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigoplus_{p+q \leq i} L^{p,q}$.

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Strictness \Rightarrow *If* X *is smooth projective,* $j : Y \hookrightarrow X$ *with desingularization* $\tilde{j} : \tilde{Y} \rightarrow X$, *then* $\text{Im } j_* = \text{Im } \tilde{j}_* \subset H_{2n-k}(X, \mathbb{Q})$.

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