

1 Recap

We have the universal smooth hypersurface of degree d in \mathbb{P}^n ,

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{Y} \subset \mathbb{P}^n \times B \\ \downarrow \pi \\ B \subset H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)) \end{array}$$

where B is the (Zariski open) smooth locus.

Note 1.1. We need to look at an open subset B , because otherwise the projection is not a submersion hence we can't use Ehresmann. The other way to think about this is that the fiber over a regular point is a smooth submanifold.

Take B° an open subset of B parametrizing hypersurfaces without any non-trivial automorphism, and take the quotient by the $\mathrm{GL}(n+1)$ action on $H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d))$. This induces a quotient on \mathcal{Y} as well, and by abuse of notation we can this new family $\mathcal{Y} \rightarrow B$ as well. For any $f \in B$, this is a universal family of deformations for the hypersurface $Y_f = \pi^{-1}(f)$.

Note 1.2. The idea of taking B° is probably to avoid dealing with GIT quotient, since we are essentially removing the non-closed orbits.

This family gives us a period map:

$$\mathcal{P} : B \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash D$$

Note 1.3. Infinitesimal Torelli says that this map is an immersion, while generic Torelli says that it has degree 1 over the image.

We can look at this map in more details. Pick $f \in B$, and consider the lattice:

$$V = H^{n-1}(Y_f, \mathbb{Z})_{\mathrm{prim}} = \ker \left(H^{n-1}(Y_f, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{t_*} H^{n+1}(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathbb{Z}) \right)$$

which can be thought of as $\smile H$ (cup product with hyperplane class). Then we can think of D as living inside $\prod_{p=0}^{n-1} \mathrm{Gr}(h^p, V_{\mathbb{C}})$ where $h^p = \dim F^p V_{\mathbb{C}}$. We can locally identify the differential:

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathcal{P}_f : T_{B,f} &\rightarrow \bigoplus_p \mathrm{Hom} \left(F^p V_{\mathbb{C}} / F^{p+1} V_{\mathbb{C}}, F^{p-1} V_{\mathbb{C}} / F^p V_{\mathbb{C}} \right) \\ T_{B,f} &\rightarrow \bigoplus_p \mathrm{Hom} (H^{p,n-1-p}(Y_f, \mathbb{C})_{\mathrm{prim}}, H^{p-1,n-p}(Y_f, \mathbb{C})_{\mathrm{prim}}) \\ u &\mapsto \bigoplus_p \bar{\nabla}_{p,f}(-, u) \end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{\nabla}_{p,f} : F^p V_{\mathbb{C}} / F^{p+1} V_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow F^{p-1} V_{\mathbb{C}} / F^p V_{\mathbb{C}} \otimes \Omega_{B,f}$ which comes from the Gauss-Manin connection $\nabla : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V} \otimes \Omega_B$ where $\mathcal{V} = V_{\mathbb{C}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_B$.

Definition 1.1. Let $S = \bigoplus_k H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(k))$ and J_f be the Jacobian ideal generated by partial derivatives $\frac{\partial f}{\partial X_i}$. The quotient ring is denoted $R_f = S/J_f$.

Hank showed last week that we can identify $\bar{\nabla}_{p,f}$ with the map given by multiplication

$$\bar{\nabla}_{p,f} : R_f^{(n-p)d-n-1} \rightarrow \text{Hom}\left(R_f^d, R_f^{(n-p+1)d-n-1}\right)$$

which gives (the map in each coordinate is given by multiplication)

$$d\mathcal{P}_f : R_f^d \rightarrow \bigoplus_p \text{Hom}\left(R_f^{(n-p)d-n-1}, R_f^{(n-p+1)d-n-1}\right)$$

2 Infinitesimal Torelli

This theorem says that $d\mathcal{P}_f$ is injective except for cubic surfaces in \mathbb{P}^3 (where there is no Hodge theory since $h^{2,0} = 0$) and quadratic hypersurfaces (where the quotient B° by $\text{GL}(n+1)$ is just a point).

Note 2.1. The whole quadric hypersurface business has to do with all smooth quadratic forms being projectively equivalent to $X_0^2 + X_1^2 + \dots + X_n^2$ (the other ones have smaller ranks hence not smooth).

Definition 2.1. Let $S = \mathbb{C}[X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n]$ and $\{G_i\}_{i=0}^n$ be a sequence of homogeneous polynomials $G_i \in S^{d_i}$ with no common zero. Let $R_G = S/\langle G_0, G_1, \dots, G_n \rangle = S/J_G$.

Note 2.2. $\mathbb{V}(J_G) = \emptyset$ since no common zero, and thus by weak Hilbert's Nullstellensatz $1 \in J_G$ thus $J_G^k = S^k$ for k large enough (here we are saying they agree for high enough degree, not talking about powers of ideals). Since J_G and S agrees for large degree, $R_G = S/J_G$ is finite dimensional as a \mathbb{C} -vector space hence R_G is Artinian.

Theorem 2.2 (Macaulay). *Let $N = \left(\sum_{i=0}^n d_i\right) - n - 1$. We have $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} R_G^N = 1$, and for every $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have a perfect pairing*

$$R_G^k \times R_G^{N-k} \rightarrow R_G^N$$

Corollary 2.3. *We have the following:*

1. $R_G^k \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq k \leq N$.
2. For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $b \geq 0$ and $a + b \leq N$, the map given by product

$$\mu : R_G^a \rightarrow \text{Hom}(R_G^b, R_G^{a+b})$$

is injective.

Note 2.3. R_G^N is the socle of the ring. See this note which gives that a quotient local ring of dimension 0 (Artinian) is gorenstein iff its socle is 1-dimensional. Localize, the maximal ideal looks like (X_0, \dots, X_N) , then the socle is the biggest submodule of R_G that is annihilated by the maximal ideal hence is R_G^N

Once we have this corollary, $d\mathcal{P}_f$ is injective iff it's injective on at least one coordinate hence we are done if we can find some p such that $R_f^d \rightarrow \text{Hom}\left(R_f^{(n-p)d-n-1}, R_f^{(n-p+1)d-n-1}\right)$ is injective. So we just need to find some p such that

$$(n-p)d - n - 1 \geq 0, \quad (n-p+1)d - n - 1 \leq (d-1)(n+1) - n - 1$$

and this is always possible except for the cubic surface and quadric hypersurfaces cases.

Proof of corollary 2.3. For the first part, clearly $R_G^k = 0$ for $k < 0$. Let $k > N$ then $R_G^{N-k} = 0$ so $R_G^k = 0$. Now consider $0 \leq k \leq N$, suppose that $R_G^k = 0$ then $R_G^l = 0$ for all $l \geq k$ since any polynomial of degree l has a factor of degree k . This in turn implies that $N < k$ since $\dim R_G^N = 1$.

For the second part, consider $p(X) \in \ker \mu \subset R_G^a$ then $p(X)q(X) = 0$ for all $q(X) \in R_G^b$. Then for any $r(X) \in R_G^{N-a-b}$, we have $p(X)q(X)r(X) = 0 \in R_G^N$. On the other hand, any $h(X) \in R_G^{N-a}$ can be factored as $q(X)r(X)$ so the map $R_G^{N-a} \xrightarrow{p(X)} R_G^N$ is zero. The perfect pairing in Macaulay's theorem gives

$$R_G^k \simeq \text{Hom}(R_G^{N-k}, R_G^N)$$

hence $p(X) = 0$. Thus μ is injective. \square

Note 2.4. The proof is essentially correct, but it's very important that R_G is artinian here. In an artinian ring, primes are maximal hence the only irreducibles are linear factors. It's not true that we have factorization in $\mathbb{C}[X_0, \dots, X_n]$.

Proof of theorem 2.2. Let $\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-d_i)$ then we get morphism

$$s : \mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} G_0 & G_1 & \dots & G_n \end{pmatrix}} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}$$

then the dual s^\vee , given by the transpose of $\begin{pmatrix} G_0 & G_1 & \dots & G_n \end{pmatrix}$, can be thought of as a section of \mathcal{L}^\vee . Furthermore, $J_G^k = \text{im } s(k) : H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{L}(k)) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(k))$. Let $Z = \mathbb{V}(s^\vee)$ then we have the Koszul resolution

$$0 \rightarrow \bigwedge^{n+1} \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \bigwedge^n \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Z \rightarrow 0$$

Now it's clear, from the matrix form, that the zero locus of s^\vee is $\mathbb{V}(J_G)$ which is empty, hence the complex

$$0 \rightarrow \bigwedge^{n+1} \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \bigwedge^n \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n} \rightarrow 0$$

is acyclic. Call this complex $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{n+1} \rightarrow 0$. Now we have the following spectral sequence of filtered complex A^\bullet ,

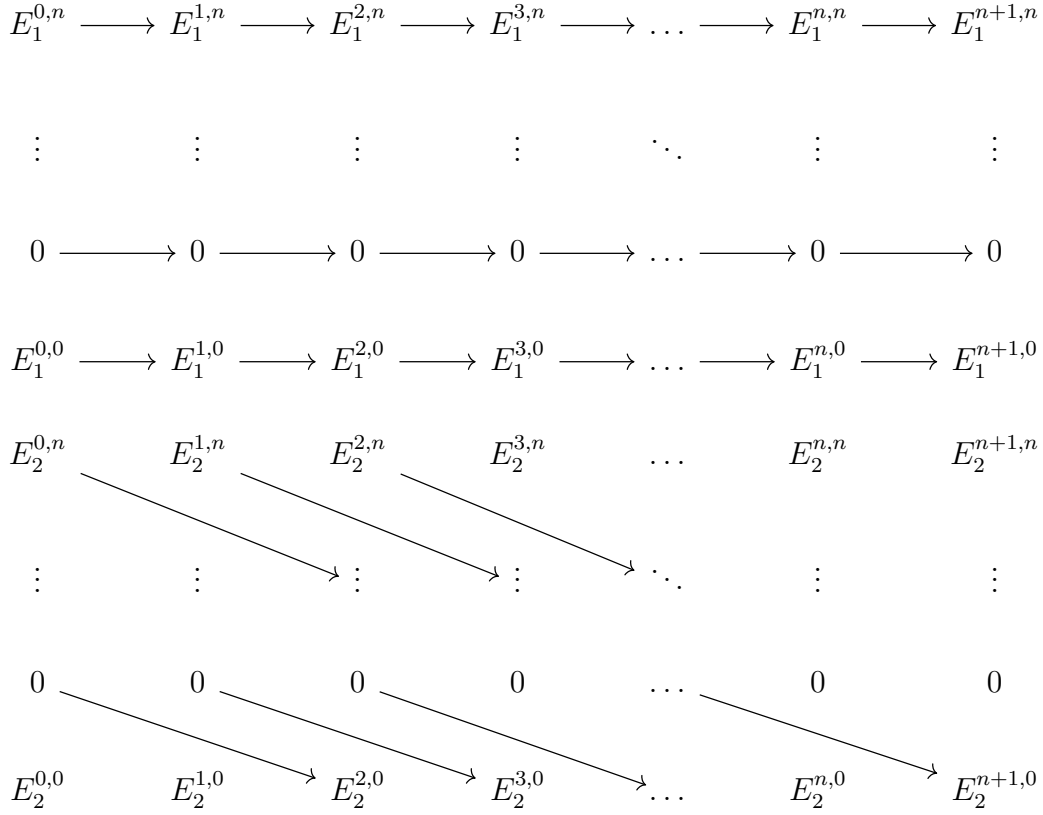
$$E_1^{p,q} = R^q F(A^p) \Rightarrow R^{p+q} F(A^\bullet)$$

In our case, let $F = \Gamma$ and $A^\bullet = \mathcal{L}^\bullet(k)$ then the sequence becomes

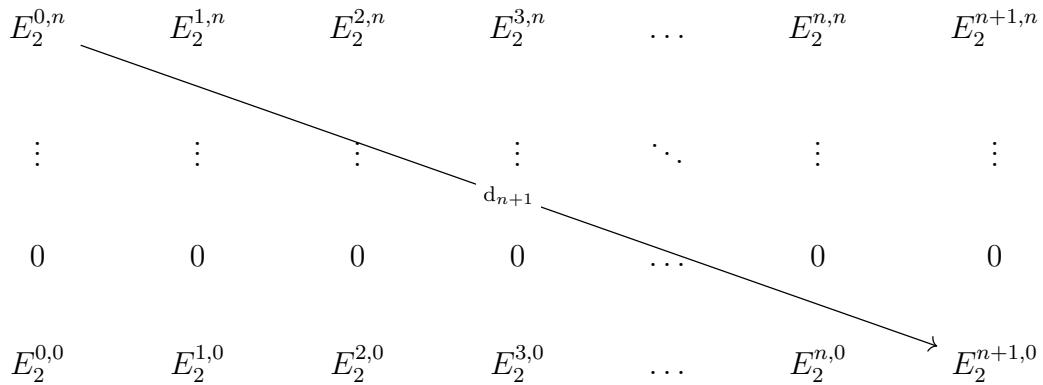
$$E_1^{p,q} = H^q(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{L}^p(k)) \Rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{p+q}(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{L}^\bullet(k))$$

Now \mathcal{L}^\bullet is acyclic hence $\mathcal{L}^\bullet(k)$ is acyclic, hence trivial in the derived category. Thus the hypercohomology is 0 (in general if A^\bullet is acyclic then $R^i F(A^\bullet) = \mathcal{H}^i(RF(A^\bullet)) = 0$ by the same reasoning). On the other hand, $\mathcal{L}^q(k)$ is a direct sum of line bundle so by Hartshorne's p. 209 (colimit commutes with cohomology), $E_1^{p,q} = 0$ unless $q = 0, n$.

Note 2.5. $\wedge^n(M \oplus N) = \bigoplus_{p+q=n} \wedge^p(M) \otimes \wedge^q(N)$.



hence the E_3 page looks the same, just with different arrows. Now these arrows are still either coming from 0 or pointing to 0 till the E_{n+1} page, i.e., $d_r : E_r^{p,q} \rightarrow E_r^{p+r,q-r+1}$ is 0 for $2 \leq r \leq n$ hence $E_2^{\bullet,\bullet} = E_3^{\bullet,\bullet} = \dots = E_{n+1}^{\bullet,\bullet}$. The E_{n+1} page looks like



thus the E_∞ page looks like

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\ker d_{n+1} & E_2^{1,n} & E_2^{2,n} & E_2^{3,n} & \dots & E_2^{n,n} & E_2^{n+1,n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\
E_2^{0,0} & E_2^{1,0} & E_2^{2,0} & E_2^{3,0} & \dots & E_2^{n,0} & \text{Coker } d_{n+1}
\end{array}$$

and since this converges to hypercohomology which is 0, we have all these terms equal to 0. Thus we have an isomorphism between $E_2^{0,n}$ and $E_2^{n+1,0}$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
E_2^{n+1,0} &= \text{Coker}(E_1^{n,0} \rightarrow E_1^{n+1,0}) \\
&= \text{Coker}\left(H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{L}(k)) \xrightarrow{s} H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(k))\right) = S^k/J_G^k = R_G^k \\
E_2^{0,n} &= \ker(E_1^{0,n} \rightarrow E_1^{1,n}) \\
&= \ker\left(H^n\left(\mathbb{P}^n, \bigwedge^{n+1} \mathcal{L}(k)\right) \xrightarrow{s} H^n\left(\mathbb{P}^n, \bigwedge^n \mathcal{L}(k)\right)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\bigwedge^{n+1} \mathcal{L}(k) = \bigotimes_{i=0}^n \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-d_i) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}\left(k - \sum_{i=0}^n d_i\right)$$

since $\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-d_i)$, and

$$\begin{aligned}
\bigwedge^n \mathcal{L}(k) &= \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(k) \otimes \bigwedge^n \mathcal{L} \\
&= \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(k) \otimes \mathcal{L}^\vee \otimes \bigwedge^{n+1} \mathcal{L} \\
&= \mathcal{H}om\left(\mathcal{L}, \bigwedge^{n+1} \mathcal{L}(k)\right) \\
&= \mathcal{H}om\left(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}\left(k - \sum_{i=0}^n d_i\right)\right) \\
&= \mathcal{L}^\vee\left(k - \sum_{i=0}^n d_i\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Note 2.6. We need to check that $\mathcal{L}^\vee \otimes \bigwedge^{n+1} \mathcal{L} \simeq \bigwedge^n \mathcal{L}$. This is only really true in this case because $\bigwedge^{n+1} \mathcal{L}$ is a line bundle. In the normal case, suppose \mathcal{L} has rank m , then a comparison of dimension gives $m \cdot \binom{m}{n+1} = \binom{m}{n}$ which has little chance of being true.

By Serre duality, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(E_2^{0,n})^\vee &= \text{Coker}\left(H^0\left(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{L}\left(-n-1-k + \sum_{i=0}^n d_i\right)\right) \rightarrow H^0\left(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}\left(-n-1-k + \sum_{i=0}^n d_i\right)\right)\right) \\
&= R_G^{-n-1-k+\sum d_i} = R_G^{N-k}
\end{aligned}$$

thus we get an isomorphism

$$d_{n+1} : (R_G^{N-k})^\vee \rightarrow R_G^k$$

To conclude the perfect pairing we just need to check that the isomorphism is compatible with multiplications, i.e., the following diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (R_G^{N-k})^\vee & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & R_G^k \\ (\cdot p)^\vee \downarrow & & \downarrow \cdot p \\ (R_G^{N-k-l})^\vee & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & R_G^{k+l} \end{array}$$

which should follow from the fact that our section s was defined using multiplications. \square

3 Generic Torelli

For generic Torelli, we need the symmetriser lemma

Lemma 3.1. *Let*

$$T^{a,b} = \left\{ \phi \in \text{Hom}(R_G^a, R_G^b) \mid p(X) \cdot \phi(q(X)) = \phi(p(X)) \cdot q(X) \ \forall p(X), q(X) \in R_G^a \right\}$$

If $a + b < N$ and $\max_i(d_i + b) \leq N$ then we have

$$\mu(R_G^{b-a}) = T^{a,b} \subset \text{Hom}(R_G^a, R_G^b)$$

Theorem 3.2 (Generic Torelli). *The period map $\mathcal{P} : B \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash D$ has degree 1 over its image, with the following possible exceptions:*

1. d divides $n + 1$;
2. $d = 3, n = 3$, i.e., cubic surfaces in \mathbb{P}^2 ;
3. $d = 4, n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$;
4. $d = 6, n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$.

Note 3.1. The statement for quadric hypersurfaces is trivial, since B is just a single point.

Voisin's argument (in her book) on $(H^{n-1}(Y_f, \mathbb{Z})_{\text{prim}}, F^\bullet) \simeq (H^{n-1}(Y_g, \mathbb{Z})_{\text{prim}}, F^\bullet)$, with very general f , inducing an isomorphism of variations of Hodge structures on neighborhoods $U \ni f$ and $V \ni g$ is sketchy. See her 2020 paper on extending generic Torelli to see a (seemingly) clearer argument.

Note 3.2. The argument in Voisin's book is correct. The idea is that the period map is an immersion, hence locally (on the target) it looks like a covering map. If 2 points $f, g \in B$ get mapped the same Hodge structure then we have 2 neighborhoods $U \ni f, V \ni g$ mapping isomorphically to the same neighborhood of the Hodge structure in D .

The moral of the story is that such an isomorphism induces a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R_f^d & \xrightarrow{d\mathcal{P}_f} & \bigoplus_p \text{Hom}\left(R_f^{(n-p)d-n-1}, R_f^{(n-p+1)d-n-1}\right) \\ \simeq \downarrow & & \downarrow \simeq \\ R_g^d & \xrightarrow{d\mathcal{P}_g} & \bigoplus_p \text{Hom}\left(R_g^{(n-p)d-n-1}, R_g^{(n-p+1)d-n-1}\right) \end{array}$$

and we claim that such a diagram is enough to conclude Y_f and Y_g are isomorphic. Let k be the smallest non-zero integer that can be written as $k = (n-p)d - n - 1$. Since d does not divide $n+1$, $k < d$ (since we can change the RHS by $\pm d$). Then we have a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R_f^d & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \text{Hom}(R_f^k, R_f^{k+d}) \\ \downarrow \iota_d & & \downarrow \varphi \mapsto \iota_{k+d} \circ \varphi \circ \iota_k^{-1} \\ R_g^d & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \text{Hom}(R_g^k, R_g^{k+d}) \end{array}$$

By the symmetriser theorem, we can identify the image of R_f^{d-k} under multiplication with

$$T_f^{k,d} = \left\{ \phi \in \text{Hom}(R_f^k, R_f^d) \mid p(X) \cdot \phi(q(X)) = \phi(p(X)) \cdot q(X) \ \forall p(X), q(X) \in R_f^k \right\}$$

Note that we have $R_f^k \simeq R_g^k$ through ι_k (since these are the same graded pieces of isomorphic Hodge structures) and similarly with ι_{k+d} . Consider $\alpha(X) \in R_f^{d-k}$, define a map $\phi \in \text{Hom}(R_g^k, R_g^d)$ as follows: for any $A_g(X) \in R_g^k$ there is $A_f(X) \in R_f^k$ such that $\iota_k(A_f(X)) = A_g(X)$, and we define $\phi(A_g(X)) = \iota_d(\alpha(X) \cdot A_f(X))$. In other words,

$$\phi(A_g(X)) = \iota_d(\alpha(X) \cdot \iota_k^{-1}(A_g(X)))$$

which gives the \mathbb{C} -linear structure of ϕ for free. Now let $B_g(X) \in R_g^k$, then the above diagram gives

$$\begin{aligned} B_g(X) \cdot \phi(A_g(X)) &= B_g(X) \cdot \iota_d(\alpha(X) \cdot \iota_k^{-1}(A_g(X))) \\ &= (\mu \circ \iota_d)(\alpha(X) \cdot \iota_k^{-1}(A_g(X)))(B_g(X)) \\ &= ((\varphi \mapsto \iota_{k+d} \circ \varphi \circ \iota_k^{-1}) \circ \mu)(\alpha(X) \cdot \iota_k^{-1}(A_g(X)))(B_g(X)) \\ &= (\varphi \mapsto \iota_{k+d} \circ \varphi \circ \iota_k^{-1})(\bullet \mapsto (\bullet) \cdot \alpha(X) \cdot \iota_k^{-1}(A_g(X)))(B_g(X)) \\ &= \iota_{k+d} \circ (\bullet \mapsto (\bullet) \cdot \alpha(X) \cdot \iota_k^{-1}(A_g(X))) \circ \iota_k^{-1}(B_g(X)) \\ &= \iota_{k+d}(\iota_k^{-1}(B_g(X)) \cdot \alpha(X) \cdot \iota_k^{-1}(A_g(X))) \\ &= \iota_{k+d}(\iota_k^{-1}(A_g(X)) \cdot \alpha(X) \cdot \iota_k^{-1}(B_g(X))) \\ &= \iota_{k+d} \circ (\bullet \mapsto (\bullet) \cdot \alpha(X) \cdot \iota_k^{-1}(B_g(X))) \circ \iota_k^{-1}(A_g(X)) \\ &= A_g(X) \cdot \phi(B_g(X)) \end{aligned}$$

so by symmetriser lemma, $\phi = \mu(\beta(X))$ for some $\beta(X) \in R_g^k$. To check that this correspondence $\alpha(X) \mapsto \beta(X)$ is \mathbb{C} -linear we probably just need to show that these $T^{k,d}$ are

\mathbb{C} -subspace and $\mu^{-1} : T^{k,d} \rightarrow R^{d-k}$ is \mathbb{C} -linear. In summary we get a new isomorphism $\iota_{d-k} : R_f^{d-k} \rightarrow R_g^{d-k}$, with a new diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R_f^{d-k} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \text{Hom}(R_f^k, R_f^d) \\
 \downarrow \iota_{d-k} & & \downarrow \varphi \mapsto \iota_d \circ \varphi \circ \iota_k^{-1} \\
 R_g^{d-k} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \text{Hom}(R_g^k, R_g^d)
 \end{array}$$

Iterating this process, for $\delta = \gcd(d, n + 1)$ we get an isomorphism

$$R_f^{(\delta)} \simeq R_g^{(\delta)}$$

which are subrings consisting of degrees divisible by δ . The claim is that for $\delta < d$ we can recover the ring structure on R_f, R_g which gives $J_f \simeq J_g$. Mather-Yau's theorem then says that Y_f and Y_g are projectively equivalent, and we are done.

Note 3.3. The idea seems to be that for $\delta < d$, $R_f^\delta \simeq S^\delta \simeq R_g^\delta$. This implies

$$S^d \simeq \text{Sym}^{d/\delta} S^\delta \simeq \text{Sym}^{d/\delta} R_f^\delta \rightarrow R_f^d$$

is surjective with kernel J_f . The map $\text{Sym}^{d/\delta} S^\delta \rightarrow R_g^d$ with kernel J_g is the same map since we have identified both R_f^δ, R_g^δ with S^δ and this identification respects multiplication. It follows that $J_f \simeq J_g$.