Abelian Varieties



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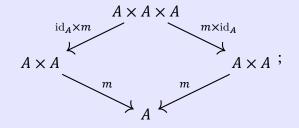
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1 The First Properties of Abelian Varieties

1.1 Definition and examples of Abelian Varieties

Definition 1.1. Let **k** be a field. An abelian variety over **k** is a proper variety A over **k** together with morphisms identity e: Spec $\mathbf{k} \to A$, multiplication $m: A \times A \to A$ and inversion $i: A \to A$ such that the following diagrams commute:

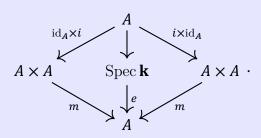
(a) (Associativity)



(b) (Identity)

$$A \times \operatorname{Spec} \mathbf{k} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id}_A \times e} A \times A \xleftarrow{e \times \operatorname{id}_A} \operatorname{Spec} \mathbf{k} \times A$$

(c) (Inversion)



In other words, an abelian variety is a group object in the category of proper varieties over \mathbf{k} .

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Example 1.2. Let E be an elliptic curve over a field \mathbf{k} . Then E is an abelian variety of dimension 1. Yang: To be completed.

In the following, we will always assume that A is an abelian variety over a field \mathbf{k} of dimension d. Temporarily, we will use the notation e_A, m_A, i_A to denote the identity section, multiplication morphism and inversion morphism of an abelian variety A. The *left translation* by $a \in A(\mathbf{k})$ is defined as

$$l_a:A\xrightarrow{\cong}\operatorname{Spec}\mathbf{k}\times A\xrightarrow{a imes\mathrm{id}_A}A\times A\xrightarrow{m_A}A.$$

Similar definition applies to the right translation r_a .

Proposition 1.3. Let A be an abelian variety. Then A is smooth.

Proof. By base changing to the algebraic closure of \mathbf{k} , we may assume that \mathbf{k} is algebraically closed. Note that there is a non-empty open subset $U \subset A$ which is smooth. Then apply the left translation morphism l_a .

Proposition 1.4. Let A be an abelian variety. Then the cotangent bundle Ω_A is trivial, i.e., $\Omega_A \cong \mathcal{O}_A^{\oplus d}$ where $d = \dim A$.

Proof. Consider Ω_A as a geometric vector bundle of rank d. Then the conclusion follows from the fact that the left translation morphism l_a induces a morphism of varieties $\Omega_A \to \Omega_A$ for every $a \in A(\mathbf{k})$. Yang: But how to show it is a morphism of varieties? Yang: To be completed.

Theorem 1.5. Let A and B be abelian varieties. Then any morphism $f:A\to B$ with $f(e_A)=e_B$ is a group homomorphism, i.e., for every **k**-scheme T, the induced map $f_T:A(T)\to B(T)$ is a group homomorphism.

Proof. Let \mathbb{k} be the algebraical closure of \mathbf{k} . For every \mathbf{k} -scheme T, we have the inclusion $A(T) \subset A_{\mathbb{k}}(T_{\mathbb{k}})$ and $B(T) \subset B_{\mathbb{k}}(T_{\mathbb{k}})$ which is compatible with the group structure and the morphism f. Thus we may assume that \mathbf{k} is algebraically closed.

For every $a \in A(\mathbf{k})$, the fiber $m_A^{-1}(a)$ is isomorphic to A via the projection to the first factor. In particular, $m_A^{-1}(a)$ is connected.

Consider the composition

$$A \times A \xrightarrow{\varphi} A \times A \xrightarrow{m_A} A$$
, $(x, y) \mapsto (x, m_A(i_A(x), y)) \mapsto m_A(x, m_A(i_A(x), y)) = y$.

Hence we have $(m_A \circ \varphi)_* \mathcal{O}_{A \times A} \cong \mathcal{O}_A \cong m_{A*} \mathcal{O}_{A \times A}$ since φ is an isomorphism. Then consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A \times A & \xrightarrow{f \times f} & B \times B \\
\downarrow^{m_A} & & \downarrow^{m_B} \\
A & & B.
\end{array}$$

For every closed point $a \in A$, the fiber $m_A^{-1}(a) = \{(x, m_A(i_A(x), a)) | x \in A\}$ is contrac Yang: To be completed.

Proposition 1.6. Let A be an abelian variety. Then $A(\mathbf{k})$ is an abelian group.

Proof. Note that a group is abelian if and only if the inversion map is a homomorphism of groups. Then the conclusion follows from Theorem 1.5.

From now on, we will use the notation $0, +, [-1]_A, t_a$ to denote the identity section, addition morphism, inversion morphism and translation by a of an abelian variety A. For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, the homomorphism of multiplication by n is defined as

$$[n]_A: A \xrightarrow{\Delta} A \times A \xrightarrow{[n-1]_A \times \mathrm{id}_A} A \times A \xrightarrow{+} A,$$

where Δ is the diagonal morphism.

1.2 Complex abelian varieties

Theorem 1.7. Let A be a complex abelian variety. Then A is a complex torus, i.e., there exists a lattice $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}^d$ such that $A \cong \mathbb{C}^d/\Lambda$. Conversely, let $A = \mathbb{C}^n/\Lambda$ be a complex torus for some lattice Λ . Then A is a complex abelian variety if and only if Λ Yang: To be completed.

2 Picard Groups of Abelian Varieties

Let \mathbf{k} be a field and \mathbb{k} its algebraic closure. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbf{k} .

2.1 Pullback along group operations

Theorem 2.1 (Theorem of the cube). Let X, Y, Z be proper varieties over \mathbf{k} and \mathcal{L} a line bundle on $X \times Y \times Z$. Suppose that there exist $x \in X(\mathbf{k}), y \in Y(\mathbf{k}), z \in Z(\mathbf{k})$ such that the restriction $\mathcal{L}|_{\{x\} \times Y \times Z\}}$, $\mathcal{L}|_{X \times \{y\} \times Z}$ and $\mathcal{L}|_{X \times Y \times \{z\}}$ are trivial. Then \mathcal{L} is trivial.

Proof. Yang: To be completed.

Remark 2.2. If we assume the existence of the Picard scheme, then the Theorem 2.1 can be deduced from the Rigidity Lemma. Consider the morphism

$$\varphi: X \times Y \to \text{Pic}(Z), \quad (x, y) \mapsto \mathcal{L}|_{\{x\} \times \{y\} \times Z}.$$

Since $\varphi(x,y) = \mathcal{O}_Z$, φ factors through $\operatorname{Pic}^0(Z)$. Then the assumption implies that φ contracts $\{x\} \times Y$, $X \times \{y\}$ and hence it maps $X \times Y$ to a point. Thus $\varphi(x',y') = \mathcal{O}_Z$ for every $(x',y') \in X \times Y$. Then by Grauert's theorem, we have $\mathcal{L} \cong p^*p_*\mathcal{L}$ where $p: X \times Y \times Z \to X \times Y$ is the projection. Note that $p_*\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{L}|_{X \times Y \times \{z\}} \cong \mathcal{O}_{X \times Y}$. Hence \mathcal{L} is trivial.

Lemma 2.3. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbf{k} , $f, g, h: X \to A$ morphisms from a variety X to A and \mathcal{L} a line bundle on A. Then we have

$$(f+g+h)^*\mathcal{L} \cong (f+g)^*\mathcal{L} \otimes (f+h)^*\mathcal{L} \otimes (g+h)^*\mathcal{L} \otimes f^*\mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes g^*\mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes h^*\mathcal{L}^{-1}.$$

Proof. First consider $X = A \times A \times A$, $p: X \to A$, $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto x_1 + x_2 + x_3$, $p_{ij}: X \to A$, $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto x_i + x_j$ for $1 \le i < j \le 3$ and $p_i: X \to A$, $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto x_i$ for $1 \le i \le 3$. Then the conclusion follows from the theorem of the cube by taking $\mathcal{L}' = p^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes p_{12}^* \mathcal{L} \otimes p_{13}^* \mathcal{L} \otimes p_{23}^* \mathcal{L} \otimes p_1^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes p_2^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes p_3^* \mathcal{L}^{-1}$

and considering the restriction to $\{0\} \times A \times A$, $A \times \{0\} \times A$ and $A \times A \times \{0\}$.

In general, consider the morphism $\varphi = (f, g, h) : X \to A \times A \times A$ and pull back the above isomorphism along φ .

Proposition 2.4. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbf{k} , $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and \mathcal{L} a line bundle on A. Then we have

$$[n]_A^* \mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{L}^{\otimes \frac{1}{2}(n^2+n)} \otimes [-1]_A^* \mathcal{L}^{\otimes \frac{1}{2}(n^2-n)}.$$

Proof. For n = 0, 1, the conclusion is trivial. For $n \geq 2$, we can use the previous lemma on $[n-2]_A, [1]_A, [1]_A$ and induct on n. Hence we have

$$[n]_{\mathcal{A}}^*\mathcal{L} \cong [n-1]_{\mathcal{A}}^*\mathcal{L} \otimes [n-1]_{\mathcal{A}}^*\mathcal{L} \otimes [2]_{\mathcal{A}}^*\mathcal{L} \otimes [1]_{\mathcal{A}}^*\mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes [1]_{\mathcal{A}}^*\mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes [n-2]_{\mathcal{A}}^*\mathcal{L}^{-1}.$$

Then the conclusion follows from induction.

Definition 2.5. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbf{k} and \mathcal{L} a line bundle on A. We say that \mathcal{L} is symmetric if $[-1]_A^*\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{L}$ and antisymmetric if $[-1]_A^*\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{L}^{-1}$.

Theorem 2.6 (Theorem of the square). Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbf{k} , $x, y \in A(\mathbf{k})$ two points and \mathcal{L} a line bundle on A. Then

$$t_{x+y}^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L} \cong t_x^* \mathcal{L} \otimes t_y^* \mathcal{L}.$$

Proof. Yang: To be completed.

Remark 2.7. We can define a map

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{L}}: A(\mathbf{k}) \to \operatorname{Pic}(A), \quad x \mapsto t_x^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{-1}.$$

Then theorem of the square implies that $\Phi_{\mathcal{L}}$ is a homomorphism of groups. When we vary \mathcal{L} , the map

$$\Phi_{\square}$$
: $\operatorname{Pic}(A) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{Grp}}(A(\mathbf{k}), \operatorname{Pic}(A)), \quad \mathcal{L} \mapsto \Phi_{\mathcal{L}}$

is also a group homomorphism.

If we assume the scheme structure on $\operatorname{Pic}(A)$, then $\Phi_{\mathcal{L}}$ is a morphism of scheme and factors through $\operatorname{Pic}^0(A)$. Let $K(\mathcal{L}) := \operatorname{Ker} \Phi_{\mathcal{L}}$, then $K(\mathcal{L})$ is a subgroup scheme of A. We give another description of $K(\mathcal{L})$. From this point, when $K(\mathcal{L})$ is finite, we can recover the dual abelian variety $A^{\vee} = \operatorname{Pic}_{A/\mathbf{k}}^0$ as the quotient $A/K(\mathcal{L})$.

2.2 Projectivity

In this subsection, we work over the algebraically closed field k.

Proposition 2.8. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbbm{k} and D an effective divisor on A. Then |2D| is base point free.

Proof. Yang: To be completed.

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 $A^{\vee} = \operatorname{Pic}^{0}(A)$, we have $\mathcal{P}|_{A \times \{v\}} \cong \mathcal{L}$.

Proof. Yang: To be completed.

Theorem 2.9. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbb{k} and D an effective divisor on A. TFAE: (a) the stabilizer Stab(D) of D is finite; (b) the morphism $\phi_{|2D|}$ induced by the complete linear system |2D| is finite; (c) D is ample; (d) $K(\mathcal{O}_A(D))$ is finite. Proof. Yang: To be completed. **Theorem 2.10.** Let A be an abelian variety over k. Then A is projective. Proof. Yang: To be completed. Corollary 2.11. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbb{k} and D a divisor on A. Then D is pseudo-effective if and only if it is nef, i.e. $Psef^{1}(A) = Nef^{1}(A)$. Proof. Yang: To be completed. 2.3 Dual abelian varieties In this subsection, we work over the algebraically closed field k. **Proposition 2.12.** Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbf{k} and \mathcal{L} an ample line bundle on A. Then the homomorphism $\Phi_{\mathcal{L}}: A(\mathbb{k}) \to \operatorname{Pic}(A)$ factors through $\operatorname{Pic}^{0}(A)$ and $A(\mathbb{k}) \to \operatorname{Pic}^{0}(A)$ is surjective. Proof. Yang: To be completed. **Definition 2.13.** Let A be an abelian variety over k. We define the dual abelian variety of A to be $A/K(\mathcal{L})$ for some ample line bundle \mathcal{L} on A. We denote it by A^{\vee} . **Theorem 2.14.** Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbf{k} . Then the dual abelian variety A^{\vee} does not depend on the choice of the ample line bundle \mathcal{L} . Moreover, there is a natural bijection $A^{\vee}(\mathbf{k}) \to$ $\operatorname{Pic}^{0}(A)$. Proof. Yang: To be completed. **Proposition 2.15.** Let A be an abelian variety over **k**. Then the dual abelian variety A^{V} is also an abelian variety and the natural map $A \to A^{\vee\vee}$ is an isomorphism. Proof. Yang: To be completed. **Proposition 2.16.** There exists a unique line bundle \mathcal{P} on $A \times A^{\vee}$ such that for every $y = \mathcal{L} \in$

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2.4 The Néron-Severi group

Theorem 2.17. Let A be an abelian variety over \Bbbk . The we have an inclusion $NS(A) \hookrightarrow Hom_{\mathbf{Grp}}(A,A^{\vee})$ given by Yang: To be completed.

