

Abelian Varieties



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1 The First Properties of Abelian Varieties

1.1 Definition and examples of Abelian Varieties

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

(a) (Associativity)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A \times A \times A & \\ id_A \times m \swarrow & & \searrow m \times id_A \\ A \times A & & A \times A \\ \downarrow m & & \downarrow m \\ A & & A \end{array} ;$$

(b) (Identity)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A \times \mathrm{Spec} \mathbf{k} & \xrightarrow{id_A \times e} & A \times A & \xleftarrow{e \times id_A} & \mathrm{Spec} \mathbf{k} \times A \\ & \searrow \cong & \downarrow m & \nearrow \cong & \\ & & A & & \end{array} ;$$

(c) (Inversion)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & A & & & \\ id_A \times i \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow i \times id_A & & \\ A \times A & & \mathrm{Spec} \mathbf{k} & & A \times A \\ \downarrow m & & \downarrow e & & \downarrow m \\ A & & A & & A \end{array} .$$

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

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

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

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 . \square

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 $\Omega_A \rightarrow \Omega_A$ for every $a \in A(\mathbf{k})$.

Yang: But how to show it is a morphism of varieties? Yang: To be completed. \square

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

Proof. Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times A & & \\ p_1 \downarrow & \searrow \varphi & \\ A & & B \end{array}$$

with φ be given by

$$\begin{aligned} A \times A &\xrightarrow{\Delta \times \Delta} A \times A \times A \times A \xrightarrow{\cong} A \times A \times A \times A \xrightarrow{(f \circ m_A) \times (i_B \circ f) \times (i_B \circ f)} B \times B \times B \xrightarrow{m_B} B, \\ (x, y) &\mapsto (x, x, y, y) \mapsto (x, y, y, x) \mapsto (f(xy), f(y)^{-1}, f(x)^{-1}) \mapsto f(xy)f(y)^{-1}f(x)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

We have $\varphi(p_1^{-1}(e_A)) = \varphi(\{e_A\} \times A) = \{e_B\}$. Then by Rigidity Lemma (??), there exists a unique rational map $\psi : A \dashrightarrow B$ such that $\varphi = \psi \circ p_1$. Note that $A \rightarrow A \times \{e_A\} \rightarrow A \times A$ gives a section of p_1 . On this section, we have that φ is constant equal to e_B . Thus ψ is well-defined and $\psi(A) = e_B$. It follows that φ factors through the constant map $A \times A \rightarrow \{e_B\} \rightarrow B$. Then for every $(x, y) \in A(\mathbf{k}) \times A(\mathbf{k})$, we have

$$f(xy) = f(x)f(y).$$

Yang: Since $A(\mathbf{k})$ is dense in A , the conclusion follows. \square

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. \square

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

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

where Δ is the diagonal morphism.

Proposition 1.7. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbf{k} and n a positive integer not divisible by $\text{char } \mathbf{k}$.

Then the multiplication by n morphism $[n]_A : A \rightarrow A$ is finite surjective and étale.

Proof. Yang: To be completed. \square

1.2 Complex abelian varieties

Theorem 1.8. 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 there exists a positive definite Hermitian form H on \mathbb{C}^n such that $\Im(H)(\Lambda, \Lambda) \subset \mathbb{Z}$. Yang: To be completed.

2 Picard Groups of Abelian Varieties

Let \mathbf{k} be a field and $\bar{\mathbf{k}}$ 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. \square

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

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

Since $\varphi(x, y) = \mathcal{O}_Z$, φ factors through $\text{Pic}^0(Z)$. 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 $p : X \times Y \times Z \rightarrow X \times Y$ 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} , $f, g, h : X \rightarrow A$ 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 $X = A \times A \times A$, $p : X \rightarrow A$, $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto x_1 + x_2 + x_3$, $p_{ij} : X \rightarrow A$, $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto x_i + x_j$ for $1 \leq i < j \leq 3$ and $p_i : X \rightarrow A$, $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto x_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq 3$. 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 $\varphi = (f, g, h) : X \rightarrow A \times A \times A$ and pull back the above isomorphism along φ . \square

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

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

Then the conclusion follows from induction. Yang: To be completed. \square

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. \square

Remark 2.7. We can define a map

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

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

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

is also a group homomorphism. For any $x \in A(\mathbf{k})$, we have

$$\Phi_{t_x^*\mathcal{L}} = \Phi_{\mathcal{L}}$$

by [Theorem 2.6](#). In the other words,

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{L}}(x) \in \text{Ker } \Phi_{\square}, \quad \forall \mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(A), x \in A(\mathbf{k}).$$

If we assume the scheme structure on $\text{Pic}(A)$, then $\Phi_{\mathcal{L}}$ is a morphism of scheme and factors through $\text{Pic}^0(A)$. Let $K(\mathcal{L}) := \text{Ker } \Phi_{\mathcal{L}}$, 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 $A^{\vee} = \text{Pic}_{A/\mathbf{k}}^0$ as the

quotient $A/K(\mathcal{L})$.

2.2 Projectivity

In this subsection, we work over the algebraically closed field \mathbb{k} .

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

| *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 $\text{Stab}(D)$ 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 \mathbb{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. $\text{Psef}^1(A) = \text{Nef}^1(A)$.

| *Proof.* Yang: To be completed. □

2.3 Dual abelian varieties

In this subsection, we work over the algebraically closed field \mathbb{k} .

Definition 2.12. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbb{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 .

Yang: We have a natural map $A^\vee(\mathbb{k}) \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(A)$ by sending $x + K(\mathcal{L}) \mapsto t_x^*\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{-1}$. We will show that this map is an isomorphism.

Lemma 2.13. There exists a unique line bundle \mathcal{P} on $A \times A^\vee$ such that for every $y = \mathcal{L} \in A^\vee = \text{Pic}^0(A)$, we have $\mathcal{P}|_{A \times \{y\}} \cong \mathcal{L}$.

| *Proof.* Yang: To be completed. □

Lemma 2.14. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbb{k} and B a group variety over \mathbb{k} . Then there is a natural bijection between the morphisms $f : B \rightarrow A^\vee$ and the line bundles \mathcal{L} on $A \times B$ such that for every $b \in B(\mathbb{k})$, we have $\mathcal{L}|_{A \times \{b\}} \in \text{Pic}^0(A)$. The bijection is given by $f \mapsto (1_A \times f)^*\mathcal{P}$ where \mathcal{P}

| is the Poincaré line bundle on $A \times A^\vee$. Yang: To be completed.

| Proof. Yang: To be completed. □

Theorem 2.15. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbf{k} . Then the dual abelian variety A^\vee and the Poincaré line bundle \mathcal{P} on $A \times A^\vee$ do not depend on the choice of the ample line bundle \mathcal{L} . Moreover, there is a natural bijection $A^\vee(\mathbf{k}) \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(A)$ of groups. Under this bijection, for every $x = \mathcal{L} \in A^\vee(\mathbf{k}) = \text{Pic}^0(A)$, we have $\mathcal{P}|_{A \times \{x\}} \cong \mathcal{L}$.

| Proof. Yang: To be completed. □

Proposition 2.16. Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbf{k} . Then the dual abelian variety A^\vee is also an abelian variety and the natural morphism $A \rightarrow A^{\vee\vee}$ is an isomorphism.

| Proof. Yang: To be completed. □

2.4 The Néron-Severi group

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