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Chapter 1

Abelian Varieties

These are notes for BUNTES Fall 2017, the topic is [Abelian varieties](#), they were last updated September 11, 2018. We are using Milne's [abelian varieties](#) notes primarily, for more details see [the webpage](#). These notes are by Alex, feel free to email me at alex.j.best@gmail.com to report typos/suggest improvements, I'll be forever grateful.

1.1 Introduction (Angus)

1.1.1 Definitions

Definition 1.1.1 Abelian varieties. An **abelian variety** is a [complete](#) connected [algebraic group](#). \diamond

Definition 1.1.2 Algebraic groups. An **algebraic group** is an algebraic variety G along with regular maps $m: G \times G \rightarrow G$, $e: * \rightarrow G$, $\text{inv}: G \rightarrow G$ such that the following diagrams commute.

Identity

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} * \times G & \xrightarrow{e \times \text{id}} & G \times G & \xleftarrow{\text{id} \times e} & G \times * \\ & \searrow \sim & \downarrow m & \swarrow \sim & \\ & & G & & \end{array}$$

Inverse

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} G & \xrightarrow{\text{inv}, \text{id}} & G \times G & \xleftarrow{\text{id}, \text{inv}} & G \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow m & & \downarrow \\ * & \xrightarrow{e} & G & \xleftarrow{e} & * \end{array}$$

Associativity

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times G \times G & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times m} & G \times G \\ m \times \text{id} \downarrow & & \downarrow m \\ G \times G & \xrightarrow{m} & G \end{array}$$

Definition 1.1.3 Complete varieties. A variety X is **complete** if every projection map $X \times Y \rightarrow Y$ \diamond

is closed. \diamond

Example 1.1.4 Abelian varieties.

- Elliptic curves.
- Weil restriction $\text{Res}_{K/Q} E$ of an elliptic curve E .
- Jacobian varieties of curves.

□

Plan:

- Some motivation via elliptic curves.
- Gathering some material about “completeness”.
- Prove that abelian varieties are abelian.

1.1.2 Elliptic curves ($\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$)**Theorem 1.1.5** *TFAE for a projective curve E over k .*

1. E is given by $Y^2Z = X^3 + aXZ^2 + bZ^3$, $4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0$.
2. E is nonsingular of genus 1 with a distinguished point P_0 .
3. E is nonsingular with an algebraic group structure.
4. (if $k \subseteq \mathbb{C}$) such that $E(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ for some lattice $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{C}$.

Proof. Strategy: Item 1 \iff Item 2 \iff Item 3 and Item 2 \implies Item 4 \implies Item 1.

Item 1 \implies Item 2 is done.

Item 2 \implies Item 1: Riemann-Roch states that $l(D) = l(K - D) + \deg(D) + 1 - g$ so here $l(D) = l(K - D) + \deg(D)$ further is $D > 0$ then $l(K - D) = 0$ in which case $l(D) = \deg(D)$. Consider $L(nP_0)$ for $n > 0$ Riemann-Roch implies that $l(nP_0) = n$ then it always contains the constants.

$$L(P_0) = k$$

$$L(2P_0) = k \oplus kx$$

$$L(3P_0) = k \oplus kx \oplus ky$$

$$\vdots$$

$$L(6P_0) = k \oplus kx \oplus ky \oplus kx^2 \oplus ky^2 \oplus kxy \oplus kx^3 / \sim$$

so we must have a relation which after manipulation is of the desired form. We get an embedding

$$E \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$P \mapsto (x(P) : y(P) : 1) \ (P \neq P_0)$$

$$P_0 \mapsto (0 : 1 : 0)$$

and thus E is of the desired form. ■

Definition 1.1.6 Elliptic curves. An elliptic curve over k is any/all of that 1.1.5.

◇

Which of the above characterisations generalise to abelian varieties?

1. No, in general we don't know that the equations look like.

2. One could possibly replace “genus” with a condition on the dimension of cohomology groups.
3. Yes, this is essentially the definition.
4. Yes, stay tuned!

1.1.3 Complete varieties

Idea: if $X \times Y$ had product topology (instead of its Zariski topology) then **complete** is equivalent to compact.

We’d like to gather a few results about **complete** varieties we can use to access properties of **abelian varieties** (like abelianness).

Proposition 1.1.7 *Let V be a **complete** variety. Given any morphism $\phi: V \rightarrow W$ $\phi(V)$ is closed.*

Proof. Let $\Gamma_\phi = \{(v, \phi(v))\} \subseteq V \times W$ be the graph of ϕ . Its a closed subvariety of $V \times W$. Under the projection $V \times W \rightarrow W$, the image of Γ_ϕ is $\phi(V)$ and thus closed. ■

Corollary 1.1.8 *If V is **complete** and connected, any regular function on V is constant.*

Proof. A regular function is a morphism $f: V \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^1$. By the above $f(V) \subseteq \mathbf{A}^1$ is closed, and this is a finite set of points. But connected implies we just have one point. ■

Corollary 1.1.9 *Let V be a **complete** connected variety. Let W be an affine variety. Given $\phi: V \rightarrow W$, then $\phi(V)$ is a point.*

Proof. We have an embedding $W \hookrightarrow \mathbf{A}^n$. On \mathbf{A}^n we have the coordinate functions $\mathbf{A}^n \xrightarrow{x_i} \mathbf{A}^1$. The composition

$$V \xrightarrow{\phi} W \hookrightarrow \mathbf{A}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^1$$

be the above is constant. Thus the coordinates of $\phi(V)$ are constant, so $\phi(V) = \{\text{pt}\}$. ■

A final result of interest that I won’t prove today:

Theorem 1.1.10 *Projective varieties are **complete**.*

The main goal of this section is to prove the following theorem:

Theorem 1.1.11 Rigidity. *Let V, W be varieties such that V is **complete** and $V \times W$ is geometrically irreducible. Let $\alpha: V \times W \rightarrow U$ be a morphism such that $\exists u_0 \in U(k), v_0 \in V(k), w_0 \in W(k)$ with $\alpha(V \times \{w_0\}) = \alpha(\{v_0\} \times W) = \{u_0\}$. Then $\alpha(V \times W) = \{u_0\}$.*

Proof. Since $V \times W$ is geometrically irreducible, V must be connected. Denote the projection $q: V \times W \rightarrow W$. Let $U_0 \ni u_0$ be an open neighborhood. We consider the set

$$Z = \{w \in W : \alpha((v, w)) \notin U_0 \text{ for some } v \in V\} = q(\alpha^{-1}(U \setminus U_0))$$

Since q is closed, $Z \subseteq W$ is closed. Since $w_0 \in W \setminus Z$, $W \setminus Z$ is a nonempty open subset of W .

Consider $w \in W \setminus Z$. Since $V \times \{w\} \cong V$ it is **complete** and connected. Thus

$$\alpha(V \times \{w\}) = \{\text{pt}\} = \alpha((v_0, w)) = \{u_0\}$$

which implies that

$$\alpha(V \times (W \setminus Z)) = \{u_0\}$$

Since $V \times (W \setminus Z) \subseteq V \times W$ is open and $V \times W$ is irreducible, it is dense. So $\alpha(V \times W) = \{u_0\}$. ■

Proposition 1.1.12 *Let A, B be [abelian varieties](#). Every morphism $\alpha: A \rightarrow B$ is the composition of a homomorphism and a translation.*

Proof. First compose by a translation on B such that $\alpha(0) = 0$. Consider the map

$$\begin{aligned} \phi: A \times A &\rightarrow B \\ (a, a') &\mapsto \alpha(a + a') - \alpha(a) - \alpha(a') \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(A \times \{0\}) &= \alpha(a + 0) - \alpha(a) - \alpha(0) = 0 \\ \phi(\{0\} \times A) &= \alpha(0 + a) - \alpha(0) - \alpha(a) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By the [rigidity theorem 1.1.11](#) $\phi(A \times A) = \{0\}$ hence $\alpha(a + a') = \alpha(a) + \alpha(a')$. ■

Corollary 1.1.13 *Abelian varieties are abelian.*

Proof. The inversion map $a \mapsto -a$ sends 0 to 0, thus is a homomorphism. Therefore

$$a + b - a - b = a + b - (a + b) = 0$$

and so

$$a + b = b + a. \quad \blacksquare$$

1.2 Abelian varieties over \mathbf{C} (Alex)

The goal of this talk is to understand what [abelian varieties](#) look like over \mathbf{C} . The goal for me is to understand what a (principal) polarisation is and why it is important.

First immediate question: why study complex theory at all? The most classical field, algebraically closed, archimidean, characteristic 0.

Recall/rapidly learn the picture for [elliptic curves](#), given E an [elliptic curve](#) we have for some Λ a rank 2 lattice in \mathbf{C}

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}/\Lambda &\xrightarrow{\sim} E(\mathbf{C}) \subseteq \mathbf{P}^2(\mathbf{C}) \\ z &\mapsto (\wp(z) : \wp'(z) : 1) \\ 0 &\mapsto (0 : 1 : 0) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}} \left(\frac{1}{(z - \lambda)^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right).$$

This is a [meromorphic function](#) whose image lands in

$$y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3.$$

So the \mathbf{C} points of an [elliptic curve](#) are topologically a torus.

1.2.1 Abelian varieties

Naturally one asks: does this generalise? Let A be an [abelian variety](#) over \mathbf{C} , what does $A(\mathbf{C})$ look like? Another torus?

Proposition 1.2.1 $A(\mathbf{C})$ is a compact, connected, complex lie group.

Proposition 1.2.2 Let A be an *abelian variety* of dimension g over \mathbf{C} . Then we have

$$A(\mathbf{C}) \cong V/\Lambda$$

where V is a g dimensional complex vector space and Λ is a full rank lattice of V (i.e. Λ is a discrete subgroup of V s.t. $\mathbf{R} \otimes \Lambda = V$).

Proof. Differential geometry gives us a map of complex manifolds, the exponential map

$$\exp: \text{Tgt}_0(A(\mathbf{C})) \rightarrow A(\mathbf{C})$$

this is holomorphic. And since $A(\mathbf{C})$ is abelian, this is a homomorphism also. In general this is locally an isomorphism around 0.

Claim: \exp is injective. There exists a neighborhood $U \ni 0$ s.t. $\exp(U) \cong U$. Consider the image $\exp(\text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbf{C}))$. For $x \in \exp(\text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbf{C}))$, $\{U + x\}$ are all open and give a cover. Thus $\exp(\text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbf{C}))$ is open. Since $A(\mathbf{C})$ is connected we are thus reduced to showing $\exp(\text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbf{C}))$ is closed also. Since \exp is a homomorphism, the image is a subgroup. So its complement is the union of its non-trivial cosets, which is open. Thus $\exp(\text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbf{C}))$ is closed. Giving $\exp(\text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbf{C})) = A(\mathbf{C})$, which proves the claim.

\exp is a local isomorphism, which gives that $\ker(\exp)$ is discrete, i.e. a lattice. We now have

$$A(\mathbf{C}) \cong \text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbf{C})/\ker(\exp)$$

so as $A(\mathbf{C})$ is compact we cannot have a kernel which is not full rank, as otherwise the quotient could not be compact. ■

Definition 1.2.3 We call any such V/Λ a **complex torus**. ◇

From the above isomorphism we can now read off properties of $A(\mathbf{C})$ as a group.

Proposition 1.2.4 $A(\mathbf{C})$ is divisible, and $A(\mathbf{C})[n] \cong (\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})^{2g}$.

Proof.

$$A(\mathbf{C}) \cong V/\Lambda \cong (\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z})^{2g}$$

isomorphisms as groups, thus $A(\mathbf{C})$ is divisible. Further, $(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z})[n] = (\frac{1}{n}\mathbf{Z})/\mathbf{Z}$. ■

Question: Given a *complex torus* V/Λ , does there exist an *abelian variety* A such that $A(\mathbf{C}) \cong V/\Lambda$?

Example 1.2.5

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$$\mathbf{C}/\Lambda \cong E(\mathbf{C}) \text{ always in dim 1}$$

•

$$\mathbf{C}^2/\Lambda^2 \cong (E \times E)(\mathbf{C}) \text{ sometimes yes in higher dimension}$$

•

$$\mathbf{C}^2/\langle (i, 0), (i\sqrt{p}, i), (1, 0), (0, 1) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}}$$

for p prime??? (I guess not, see Mumford)

□

Theorem 1.2.6 Chow. *If X is an analytic submanifold of $\mathbf{P}^n(\mathbf{C})$ then X is an algebraic subvariety.*

By this theorem it is enough to analytically imbed $V/\Lambda \hookrightarrow \mathbf{P}^m$. We can try and do this by mimicing the [elliptic curve](#) strategy, find enough functions $\theta: V/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$.

1.2.2 Cohomology

Proposition 1.2.7 *Let $X = V/\Lambda$. Then*

$$H^r(X, \mathbf{Z}) \cong \{\text{alternating } r\text{-forms } \Lambda \times \cdots \times \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}\}.$$

Proof. $\pi: V \rightarrow V/\Lambda$ is a universal covering map, so

$$\Lambda = \pi^{-1}(0) \cong \pi_1(X, 0).$$

Because all these spaces are nice

$$H^1(X, \mathbf{Z}) \cong \text{Hom}(\pi_1(X), \mathbf{Z}) \cong \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \mathbf{Z}).$$

To extend to $r \neq 1$ use the Künneth formula:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \wedge^r(H^1(X_1 \times X_2, \mathbf{Z})) & \xlongequal{\quad\quad\quad} & H^r(X_1 \times X_2, \mathbf{Z}) \\ \parallel \text{Künneth} & & \parallel \\ \wedge^r(H^1(X_1, \mathbf{Z}) \otimes H^1(X_2, \mathbf{Z})) & & \\ \parallel & & \parallel \text{Künneth} \\ \bigoplus_{p+q=r} (\wedge^p(H^1(X_1, \mathbf{Z})) \otimes \wedge^q(H^1(X_2, \mathbf{Z}))) & \xlongequal{\quad\quad\quad} & \bigoplus_{p+q=r} (H^p(X_1, \mathbf{Z}) \otimes H^q(X_2, \mathbf{Z})) \end{array}$$

Since we know the proposition for $S^1 = \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}$ by taking products and applying the above we get it for all complex tori V/Λ . ■

Proposition 1.2.8 *There is a correspondence*

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{Hermitian forms } H \text{ on } V\} &\leftrightarrow \{\text{Alternating forms } E: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, E(iu, iv) = E(u, v)\} \\ H &\mapsto \text{im } H \\ E(iu, v) + iE(u, v) &\leftarrow E. \end{aligned}$$

1.2.3 Line bundles

Now we will consider [line bundles](#) on $X = V/\Lambda$, that is

$$L \xrightarrow{\pi} X$$

such that for any $x \in X$ there exists $U \ni x$ with $\pi^{-1}(U) \cong \mathbf{C} \times U$. We can obtain these from hermitian forms and some auxilliary data as follows.

Definition 1.2.9 If H is a hermitian form on V such that $E(\Lambda \times \Lambda) \subseteq \mathbf{Z}$ there exists a map

$$\alpha: \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^* = \{z \in \mathbf{C}^* : |z| = 1\}$$

such that

$$\alpha(u + v) = e^{i\pi E(u, v)} \alpha(u) \alpha(v).$$

Further, there is a [line bundle](#) $L(H, \alpha)$ on X which is defined by quotienting $\mathbf{C} \times V$ by Λ which acts via

$$\phi_u(\lambda, v) = (\alpha(u)e^{\pi H(v,u) + \frac{1}{2}\pi H(u,u)}\lambda, v + u) \text{ for } u \in \Lambda,$$

we'll denote by e_u the factor $\alpha(u)e^{\pi H(v,u) + \frac{1}{2}\pi H(u,u)}$ for brevity. \diamond

Theorem 1.2.10 Appell-Humbert. Any [line bundle](#) on X is of the form $L(H, \alpha)$ for some H, α as above. Further

$$L(H_1, \alpha_1) \otimes L(H_2, \alpha_2) = L(H_1 + H_2, \alpha_1 \alpha_2).$$

In fact we have the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \mathbf{C}) & \longrightarrow & \{\text{data } (H, \alpha)\} & \longrightarrow & \{\text{gp. of Herm. } H \text{ w/ } E(\Lambda \times \Lambda) \subseteq \mathbf{Z}\} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Pic}^0(X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Pic}(X) & \longrightarrow & \ker(H^2(X, \mathbf{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X)) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

where $\text{Pic}(X)$ is the group of all [line bundles](#) on X and Pic^0 is the subgroup of those which are topologically trivial.

We wanted functions $X \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$. Now we can instead consider sections s of $L(H, \alpha) \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ i.e. maps $s: X \rightarrow L(H, \alpha)$ with $\pi \circ s = \text{id}$. Denote the space of such sections $H^0(X, L(H, \alpha))$.

Definition 1.2.11 Theta functions. The sections of $L(H, \alpha)$ correspond to [holomorphic functions](#)

$$\theta: V \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$$

such that $\theta(z + u) = e_u \theta(z)$, we will call such a θ a **theta function** for (H, α) . \diamond

If H is not positive definite the space of such functions is 0!

Proposition 1.2.12 If H is positive definite, then the dimension of $H^0(X, L(H, \alpha))$ is $\sqrt{\det E}$ where we really mean the determinant of a matrix for E with respect to an integral basis.

Theorem 1.2.13 Lefschetz. Given a positive definite H , there exists an imbedding $X \hookrightarrow \mathbf{P}^m$.

Proof. Sketch: Let $L = L(H, \alpha)$, consider $L(H, \alpha)^{\otimes 3} = L(3H, \alpha^3)$, take a basis of $\theta_0, \dots, \theta_d$ of $H^0(X, L^{\otimes 3})$.

Claim: $\Theta: z \mapsto (\theta_0(z) : \dots : \theta_d(z)) \subseteq \mathbf{P}^d$ is an embedding.

To see that this is well defined, we must give a section of $L^{\otimes 3}$ not vanishing at z for all $z \in X$. Let $\theta \in H^0(X, L) \setminus \{0\}$. Then pick a, b such that the section of $L^{\otimes 3}$ given by

$$\theta(z - a)\theta(z - b)\theta(z + a + b)$$

does not vanish. This is possible and thus we have a nonvanishing section of $L^{\otimes 3}$.

For injectivity, show that if the above section has the same values on z_1, z_2 then it is a [theta function](#) for some sublattice. Almost all sections aren't [theta functions](#) for a sublattice (this uses [Proposition 1.2.12](#)).

Something similar must be done for tangent vectors. \blacksquare

Definition 1.2.14 Riemann forms. A **Riemann form** is $E: \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ alternating such that

$$E_{\mathbf{R}}: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$$

has the property that $E(iu, iv) = E(u, v)$ and the corresponding Hermitian form is positive definite. \diamond

Definition 1.2.15 Polarizable tori. A **complex torus** $X = V/\Lambda$ is **polarizable** if there exists a **Riemann form** E on Λ . \diamond

Example 1.2.16 Proposition. Every \mathbf{C}/Λ where $\Lambda = \langle 1, \tau \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}}$ is **polarizable**. To see this take

$$E(u, v) = \frac{uv}{\operatorname{im} \tau}$$

as a **Riemann form**. \square

Putting everything together we have obtained an equivalence of categories

$$\{\text{abelian varieties over } \mathbf{C}\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{polarizable complex tori}\}.$$

1.2.4 Isogenies

Definition 1.2.17 Isogenies of complex tori. An **isogeny** of complex tori is a homomorphism $V/\Lambda \rightarrow V'/\Lambda'$ with finite kernel. \diamond

Definition 1.2.18 Dual vector spaces. Given V a complex vector space, let

$$V^* = \{f: V \rightarrow \mathbf{C} : f(u+v) = f(u) + f(v), f(\alpha v) = \bar{\alpha}f(v)\}$$

and given $\Lambda \subset V$ a lattice, let

$$\Lambda^* = \{f \in V^* : f(\lambda) \in \mathbf{Z} \forall \lambda \in \Lambda\}.$$

Definition 1.2.19 Dual tori. If $X = V/\Lambda$, $X^\vee = V^*/\Lambda^*$ is the **dual torus**. \diamond

Proposition 1.2.20 Existence of Weil pairing.

$$X \times X^\vee \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$$

so

$$X[n] \times X^\vee[n] \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \mathbf{Z} / \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{Z} \right) \cong \mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$$

this is called the **Weil pairing**.

Can a **complex torus** be isogenous to its own dual? If X is **polarizable** then

$$\begin{aligned} X &\rightarrow X^\vee \\ v &\mapsto H(v, -) \end{aligned}$$

is an **isogeny**. \diamond

Definition 1.2.21 A **polarization** is an **isogeny** $X \rightarrow X^\vee$. \diamond

1.3 Rational Maps into Abelian Varieties (Maria)

Note all varieties are irreducible today.

1.3.1 Rational maps

V, W varieties $/K$. Consider pairs (U, ϕ_U) , where $\emptyset \neq U \subset V$ an open subset so U is dense, and $\phi_U: U \rightarrow W$ is a regular map.

Definition 1.3.1 Rational maps. $(U, \phi_U), (U', \phi_{U'})$ are equivalent if ϕ_U and $\phi_{U'}$ agree on $U \cap U'$. An equivalence class ϕ of $\{(U, \phi_U)\}$ is a **rational map** $\phi: V \dashrightarrow W$. If $\phi: V \dashrightarrow W$ is defined at $v \in V$ if $v \in U$ for some $(U, \phi_U) \in \phi$. \diamond

Note 1.3.2 The set $U_1 = \bigcup U$ where ϕ is defined is open and $(U_1, \phi_1) \in \phi$ where $\phi_1: U_1 \rightarrow W$ restricts to ϕ_U on U .

Example 1.3.3

1. Let $\emptyset \neq W \subseteq V$ be open. Then the **rational map** $V \dashrightarrow W$ induced by $\text{id}: W \rightarrow W$ will not extend to V . To avoid this, assume W is **complete** (so $W = V$).
2. $C: y^2 = x^3$, then $\alpha: \mathbf{A}^1 \rightarrow C, a \mapsto (a^2, a^3)$ is a regular map, restricting to an isomorphism $\mathbf{A}^1 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow C \setminus \{0\}$. The inverse of $\alpha|_{\mathbf{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}}$ represents $\beta: C \dashrightarrow \mathbf{A}^1$ which does not extend to C . This corresponds on function fields to

$$K(t) \rightarrow K(x, y)$$

$$t \mapsto y/x$$

which does not send $K[y]_{(t)}$ to $K[x, y]_{(x, y)}$.

3. Given a nonsingular surface $V, P \in V$ then $\exists \alpha: W \rightarrow V$ regular that induces an isomorphism $\alpha: W \setminus \alpha^{-1}(P) \rightarrow V \setminus P$, but $\alpha^{-1}(P)$ is a projective line. The **rational map** represented by α^{-1} is not regular on V (where to send P ?).

□

Theorem 1.3.4 Milne 3.1. A **rational map** $\phi: V \dashrightarrow W$ from a nonsingular variety V to a **complete** variety W is defined on an open subset $U \subseteq V$ whose complement has codimension ≥ 2 .

Proof. (V a curve) V nonsingular curve, $\emptyset \neq U \subseteq V$ open, $\phi: U \rightarrow W$ a regular map.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & & V & \\
 & \nearrow & & \uparrow p & \\
 U & \longrightarrow & U' \subseteq Z \subseteq V \times W \ni (v, w) & & \\
 & \searrow & & \downarrow q & \\
 & & W \ni w & &
 \end{array}$$

U' is the image of U , $Z = \overline{U'}$. W is **complete**, Z closed implies $p(Z) \subseteq V$ is closed. Also, $U \subseteq p(Z) \implies p(Z) = V$.

$$U \xrightarrow{\sim} U' \rightarrow U$$

so

$$U' \xrightarrow{\sim} U$$

$$Z \twoheadrightarrow V$$

this implies $Z \xrightarrow{\sim} V$. Then $q|_Z: Z \rightarrow W$ is the extension of ϕ to V . ■

Theorem 1.3.5 Milne 3.2. A **rational map** $\phi: V \dashrightarrow A$ from a nonsingular variety V to an **abelian variety** W , extends to all of V .

Proof. Theorem 1.3.4 Lemma 1.3.6 ■

Lemma 1.3.6 *Let $\phi: V \dashrightarrow G$ be a map from a nonsingular variety to a group variety. Then either ϕ is defined on all of V or the set where ϕ is not defined is closed of pure codimension 1.*

Proof. Fix $(U, \phi_U) \in \phi$ and consider

$$\Phi: V \times V \dashrightarrow G$$

represented by

$$U \times U \xrightarrow{\phi_U \times \phi_U} G \times G \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times \text{inv}} G \times G \xrightarrow{m} G$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto \phi_U(x)\phi_U(y)^{-1}$$

Check ϕ is defined at x iff Φ is defined at (x, x) (and in this case $\Phi(x, x) = e$). This is equivalent to the map $\Phi^*: \mathcal{O}_{G,e} \rightarrow K(V \times V)$ induced by Φ satisfying $\text{im}(\mathcal{O}_{G,e}) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{V \times V, (x,x)}$. For a nonzero function f on $V \times V$, write $\text{div}(f) = \text{div}(f)_0 - \text{div}(f)_\infty$ which are effective divisors. Then

$$\mathcal{O}_{V \times V, (x,x)} = \{0\} \cup \{f \in K(V \times V) : \text{div}(f)_\infty \text{ does not contain } (x, x)\}.$$

Suppose ϕ is not defined at x , then there exists $f \in \text{im}(\mathcal{O}_{G,e})$ s.t. $(x, x) \in \text{div}(f)_\infty$. Then Φ is not defined at any $(y, y) \in \Delta \cap \text{div}(f)_\infty = \text{div}(f^{-1})_0$, which is a pure codimension 1 subset of Δ by Milne's AG thm 9.2. The corresponding subset in V is of pure codimension 1, and ϕ is not defined there. ■

Theorem 1.3.7 Milne 3.4. *Let $\alpha: V \times W \rightarrow A$ be a morphism from a product of nonsingular varieties into an [abelian variety](#). If $\alpha(V \times \{w_0\}) = \{a_0\} = \alpha(\{v_0\} \times W)$ for some $a_0 \in A$, $v_0 \in V$, $w_0 \in W$, then $\alpha(V \times W) = \{a_0\}$.*

Corollary 1.3.8 Milne 3.7. *Every [rational map](#) $\alpha: G \dashrightarrow A$ from a group variety into an [abelian variety](#) is the composition of a homomorphism and a translation in A .*

Proof. Since group varieties are nonsingular, $\alpha: G \rightarrow A$ is a regular map by [Theorem 1.3.5](#). The rest is as proof of Corollary 1.2. ■

1.3.2 Dominating and birational maps

Definition 1.3.9 Dominating maps. $\phi: V \dashrightarrow W$ is **dominating** if $\text{im}(\phi_U)$ is dense in W for a representative $(U, \phi_U) \in \phi$. ◇

Exercise: A [dominating](#) $\phi: V \dashrightarrow W$ defines a homomorphism $K(W) \rightarrow K(V)$ and any such homomorphism arises from a unique [dominating rational map](#).

Definition 1.3.10 $\phi: V \dashrightarrow W$ is **birational** if the corresponding $K(W) \rightarrow K(V)$ is an isomorphism or, equivalently if there exists $\psi: W \dashrightarrow V$ s.t. $\phi \circ \psi$ and $\psi \circ \phi$ are the identity wherever they are defined. In this case we say V and W are **birationally equivalent**. ◇

Note 1.3.11 In general [birational](#) equivalence does not imply isomorphic. E.g. V a variety $\emptyset \neq W \subsetneq V$ an open subset, or $V = \mathbb{A}^1$, $W: y^2 = x^3$.

Theorem 1.3.12 Milne 3.8. *If two [abelian varieties](#) are [birationally equivalent](#) then they are isomorphic as [abelian varieties](#).*

Proof. A, B [abelian varieties](#) with $\phi: A \dashrightarrow B$ a [birational](#) map with inverse ψ . Then by [Theorem 1.3.5](#) ϕ, ψ extend to regular maps $\phi: A \rightarrow B$, $\psi: B \rightarrow A$ and $\phi \circ \psi, \psi \circ \phi$ are the identity everywhere. This implies that ϕ is an isomorphism of algebraic varieties and after composition with a translation, ϕ is also a group isomorphism. ■

Proposition 1.3.13 Milne 3.9. Any *rational map* $\mathbf{A}^1 \dashrightarrow A$ or $\mathbf{P}^1 \dashrightarrow A$, for A an *abelian variety* is constant.

Proof. **Theorem 1.3.5** implies $\alpha: \mathbf{A}^1 \dashrightarrow A$ extends to $\alpha: \mathbf{A}^1 \rightarrow A$ and we may assume $\alpha(0) = e$. $(\mathbf{A}^1, +): \alpha(x+y) = \alpha(x) + \alpha(y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbf{A}^1(K) = K$. $(\mathbf{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}, \cdot): \alpha(xy) = \alpha(x) + \alpha(y) + c$ for all $x, y \in K^\times$. These can only hold at the same time if α is constant. $\mathbf{P}^1 \dashrightarrow A$ is constant, since its constant on affine patches. ■

Definition 1.3.14 V/\bar{K} is **unirational** if there is a *dominating map* $\mathbf{A}^n \dashrightarrow V$, where $n = \dim_{\bar{K}} V$. V/K is **unirational** if V/\bar{K} is. ◇

Proposition 1.3.15 Milne 3.10. Every *rational map* $V \dashrightarrow A$ from V *unirational* to A *abelian* is constant.

Proof. Wlog $K = \bar{K}$. Since V is **unirational** we get $\beta: \mathbf{P}^1 \times \cdots \times \mathbf{P}^1 \dashrightarrow V \dashrightarrow A$, which extends to $\beta: \mathbf{P}^1 \times \cdots \times \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow A$. Then by Milne corollary 1.5, there exist regular maps $\beta_i: \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow A$ s.t. $\beta(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum \beta_i(x_i)$ and by **Proposition 1.3.13** each β_i map is constant. ■

1.4 Theorem of the Cube (Ricky)

1.4.1 Crash Course in Line Bundles

Consider \mathbf{R}^2 , $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 1$, now $S = \{f = 0\} \subseteq \mathbf{R}^2$ is a closed submanifold (in fact a circle). Question: Do all closed submanifolds arise in this way? Lets switch to \mathbf{C} better analogies with AG.

Example 1.4.1 Let $X \in \mathbf{P}^n(\mathbf{C})$, the answer here is no! (Because $f: X \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^1$ is constant!) Want to define functions locally that give us level sets, but gluing such will give us a global section. Instead glue in a different way (i.e. into different “copies” of \mathbf{C}) so that this doesn’t happen. □

Example 1.4.2 $X \in \mathbf{P}^1_{\mathbf{C}}$, \mathcal{O}_X the structure sheaf.

$$X = U_0 \cup U_1 = (\mathbf{A}^1, t) \cup (\mathbf{A}^1, s)$$

on $U_0 \cap U_1$, $t = s^{-1}$. What is a global section of \mathcal{O}_X , a section of U_0 and a section of U_1 that glue. $\mathcal{O}_X(U_0) = k[t]$, $\mathcal{O}_X(U_1) = k[s]$ so given $f(t)$, $g(s)$ these glue to a global section iff $f(t) = g(1/t)$ so f, g must be constant. □

Definition 1.4.3 Line bundles. A **line bundle** on X is a locally free \mathcal{O}_X -module of rank 1, i.e. $\exists \{U_i\}$ open cover along with isomorphisms $\phi_i: \mathcal{L}|_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_X|_{U_i}$. ◇

Exercise 1.4.4 Alternative definition: A **line bundle** on X is equivalent to the following data:

- An open cover of X .
- Transition maps $\tau_{ij} \in \text{GL}_1(\mathcal{O}_X(U_i \cap U_j))$ satisfying $\tau_{ij}\tau_{jk} = \tau_{ik}$ and $\tau_{ii} = \text{id}$.

Example 1.4.5 On $X = \mathbf{P}^n_k$, we have **line bundles** $\mathcal{O}(d)$ for all $d \in \mathbf{Z}$. Just have to give cover and transition functions, use usual open cover $\{U_i\}$ with $U_i \cong \mathbf{A}^n$. Then τ_{ji} is given by multiplication by $(x_i/x_j)^d$. □

Exercise 1.4.6

$$H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(d)) (= \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}(d)))$$

= k vector space spanned by deg. d homogenous polynomials in $k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$.

Exercise 1.4.7 All [line bundles](#) on \mathbf{P}^n are isomorphic to some $\mathcal{O}(d)$.

We say a [line bundle](#) \mathcal{L} on X is trivial if $\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{O}_X$. Given \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_2 on X (line bundles) we can create a new [line bundle](#) $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \mathcal{L}_2$. So isomorphism classes of [line bundles](#) on X with \otimes form a group, denoted $\text{Pic}(X)$ with identity \mathcal{O}_X and inverses $\mathcal{L}^{-1} = \text{Hom}(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{O}_X)$.

Example 1.4.8 By previous exercise $\text{Pic}(\mathbf{P}_k^n) \cong \mathbf{Z}$ since $\mathcal{O}_X(d_1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(d_2) \cong \mathcal{O}_X(d_1 + d_2)$. \square

Fact 1.4.9 If $f: X \rightarrow Y$, then given \mathcal{L} on Y we can pullback to a [line bundle](#) $f^* \mathcal{L}$ on X , definition is complicated. We also know that f^* commutes with \otimes so in fact (as $f^* \mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_X$) we get a homomorphism $f^*: \text{Pic}(Y) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(X)$.

1.4.2 Relation to (Weil) divisors

Let X be a normal variety, call $Z \subseteq X$, a closed subvariety of codimension 1, a **prime divisor**. Then a divisor on X is a formal sum

$$D = \sum_{Z \subseteq X} n_Z \cdot Z$$

of [prime divisors](#).

Let $K = K(X)$ be the function field of X . Given $f \in K^\times$ we can define

$$\text{div}(f) = \sum v_Z(f) \cdot Z.$$

Given $D \in \text{Div}(X)$, we can define a [line bundle](#) $\mathcal{L}(D)$ on X via

$$\mathcal{L}(D)(U) = \{f \in K^\times : (D + \text{div}(f))|_U \geq 0\} \cup \{0\}$$

where $D|_U = \sum_{Z \cap U \neq \emptyset} n_Z \cdot (Z \cap U)$.

Proposition 1.4.10 The map

$$\text{Cl}(X) = \text{Div}(X)/\text{Princ}(X) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}(\cdot)} \text{Pic}(X)$$

is an isomorphism.

1.4.3 Onto cubes

Theorem 1.4.11 Theorem of the cube. Let U, V, W be [complete](#) varieties. If \mathcal{L} is a [line bundle](#) on $U \times V \times W$ s.t. $\mathcal{L}|_{\{u_0\} \times V \times W}$, $\mathcal{L}|_{U \times \{v_0\} \times W}$, $\mathcal{L}|_{U \times V \times \{w_0\}}$ are all trivial then \mathcal{L} is trivial.

Corollary 1.4.12 Milne 5.2. Let A be an [abelian variety](#). Let $p_i: A \times A \times A \rightarrow A$ be the projection onto the i th coordinate. $p_{ij} = p_i + p_j$, $p_{123} = p_1 + p_2 + p_3$. Then for any \mathcal{L} on A , the [line bundle](#)

$$\mathcal{M} = p_{123}^* \mathcal{L} \otimes p_{12}^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes p_{23}^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes p_{13}^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes p_1^* \mathcal{L} \otimes p_2^* \mathcal{L} \otimes p_3^* \mathcal{L}$$

is trivial.

Proof. Let $m: A \times A \rightarrow A$ be multiplication (addition?) and p, q the projections $A \times A \rightarrow A$. Then the composites of the maps $\phi: A \times A \rightarrow$

$A \times A \times A$, $\phi(x, y) = (x, y, 0)$ with $p_{123}, p_{12}, p_{23}, p_{13}, p_1, p_2, p_3$ are respectively $m, m, q, p, p, q, 0$. Hence the restriction of \mathcal{M} to $A \times A \times \{0\}$ is

$$m^* \mathcal{L} \otimes m^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes q^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes p^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes p^* \mathcal{L} \otimes q^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{A \times A}$$

this is trivial by tensor commuting with pullback. Similarly \mathcal{M} restricts to a trivial bundle on $A \times \{0\} \times A$ and $\{0\} \times A \times A$. So by [theorem of the cube 1.4.11](#) \mathcal{M} is trivial. ■

Corollary 1.4.13 Milne 5.3. *Let $f, g, h: V \rightarrow A$ (A abelian). Then for any \mathcal{L} on A the bundle*

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

is trivial.

Proof. \mathcal{M} is the pullback of the [line bundle](#) of [Corollary 1.4.12](#) via the map $(f, g, h): V \rightarrow A \times A \times A$. ■

On A we have $n_A: A \rightarrow A$ be $n_A(a) = a + \dots + a$ (n times) for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Corollary 1.4.14 Milne 5.4. *For \mathcal{L} on A we have*

$$n_A^* \mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{L}^{(n^2+n)/2} \otimes (-1)_A^* \mathcal{L}^{(n^2-n)/2}$$

In particular if $(-1)^ \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}$ (symmetric) then $n_A^* \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^{n^2}$. And if $(-1)^* \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}$ (antisymmetric) then $n_A^* \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^n$.*

Proof. Use [Corollary 1.4.13](#) with $f = n_A, g = 1_A, h = (-1)_A$. So the [line bundle](#)

$$(n)^* \mathcal{L} \otimes (n+1)^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes (n-1)^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes (1-1)^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes n^* \mathcal{L} \otimes 1^* \mathcal{L} \otimes (-1)^* \mathcal{L}$$

is trivial i.e.

$$(n+1)^* \mathcal{L} = (n-1)^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes n^* \mathcal{L}^2 \otimes \mathcal{L} \otimes (-1)^* \mathcal{L}$$

in statement $n = 1$ is clear, so use $n = 1$ in the above to get

$$2_A^* \mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{L}^2 \otimes \mathcal{L} \otimes (-1)_A^* \mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{L}^3 \otimes (-1)_A^* \mathcal{L}.$$

Then induct on n in above. ■

Theorem 1.4.15 Theorem of the square (Milne 5.5). *Let \mathcal{L} be an invertible sheaf (line bundle) on A . Let $t_a: A \rightarrow A$ be translation by $a \in A(k)$. Then*

$$t_{a+b}^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L} \cong t_a^* \mathcal{L} \otimes t_b^* \mathcal{L}.$$

Proof. Use [Corollary 1.4.13](#) with $f = \text{id}, g(x) = a, h(x) = b$ to get

$$t_{a+b}^* \mathcal{L} \otimes t_a^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes t_b^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes \mathcal{L}$$

is trivial. ■

Remark 1.4.16 Tensor by \mathcal{L}^{-2} in the above equation to get

$$t_{a+b}^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{-1} \cong (t_a^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{-1}) \otimes (t_b^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{-1}).$$

This gives a group homomorphism

$$A(k) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(A)$$

via

$$a \mapsto t_a^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{-1}$$

for any $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(A)$.

1.5 The Adventures of BUNTES (Sachi)

1.5.1 In which we are introduced to an important homomorphism, review some concepts and our story begins

Abelian variety X , we know this is a [complete](#) group variety, our goal is to give an embedding $X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^N$ for some N . This motivates the study of [line bundles](#).

Last time Ricky proved theorem of [cube 1.4.11](#) and [square 1.4.15](#). For any [line bundle](#) L on X , there is a group homomorphism $\Phi_L: X \rightarrow \text{Pic}(X)$ via $x \mapsto T_x^* L \otimes L^{-1}$. Be careful T_x^* is $-x$, convention, who knows why.

Example 1.5.1 Let $X = E$ an [elliptic curve](#), $L = L((0))$, $x \mapsto (x) - (0)$, in this case this is in $\text{Pic}^0(E) \cong E \cong \widehat{E}$,

Proposition 1.5.2 *This is translation invariant.*

Proof. Translate by $q \in E$. $(x + q) - (q)$ take p to be the third point on the line with x, q , $(x) + (q) + (p) \cong 3(0)$ and $(x + q) + (p) \cong 2(0)$ subtracting these gives $(x) - (x + q) + (q) \cong (0)$ or $(x) - (0) \cong (x + q) - (q)$. ■

□

What about the converse of this, what can we say about translation invariant [line bundles](#)

$$K(L) = \{x \in X : T_x^* L \cong L\}$$

Proposition 1.5.3 *$K(L)$ is Zariski closed in X .*

Proof. Consider $m^* L \otimes p_2^* L^{-1}$ on $X \times X$, then

$$\{x : \text{this is trivial on } \{x\} \times X\}$$

is closed. [See-saw 1.6.6](#) implies restriction is pullback

$$T_x^* L \otimes L^{-1}$$

so this is $K(L)$. ■

1.5.2 In which Pooh discovers our main theorem

Proposition 1.5.4 *Let X be an [abelian variety](#) and L a [line bundle](#), $L = L(D)$ then TFAE:*

1. $H(D) = \{x \in X : T_x^* D = D\}$ is finite.
2. $K(L) = \{x \in X : T_x^* L \cong L\}$ is finite.
3. $|2D|$ is basepoint free and defines a finite morphism $X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^N$.
4. L is ample.

Proof. 3. to 4.. Is algebraic geometry.

2. to 1.. Follows as being equal is stronger than being linearly equivalent.

4. to 2.. [Section 1.5.3](#)

3. to 4.. [Section 1.5.4](#) ■

1.5.3 In which Owl proves the ampleness of L implies finiteness of $K(L)$

4. to 2. Assume L ample and $K(L)$ is infinite. Let Y be the connected component at 0 of $K(L)$, $\dim Y > 0$. Show trivial bundle is ample on Y implies Y is affine, But Y is closed and therefore [complete](#) so this is a contradiction. $L|_Y$ ample $[-1]^*L|_Y$ is ample. $L|_Y \otimes [-1]^*L|_Y$ is ample, consider

$$\begin{aligned} d: Y &\rightarrow Y \times Y \\ y &\mapsto (y, -y) \end{aligned}$$

$m \circ d = \text{constant}$, $d^*m^*(L) = \mathcal{O}_Y$, LHS is $L|_Y \otimes [-1]^*L|_Y$.

1.5.4 In which Rabbbit sets out on a long journey to prove finiteness of $H(D)$ implies $|2D|$ is basepoint free and gives a finite map $X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^N$

Note 1.5.5 $|2D|$ is always basepoint free.

Apply the [theorem of the square 1.4.15](#): $T_{x+y}^*D + D \cong T_x^*D + T_y^*D$, let $y = -x$, $2D \cong T_x^*D + T_{-x}^*D$. (D effective) For any $y \in X$, choose some x s.t. RHS doesn't contain y . $E = 2D$

$$\psi_E: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^N$$

can we make this finite? If ψ_E is not finite then $\psi(C) = \text{pt}$ for some irreducible curve C (Zariski's main theorem). For each divisor in $|E|$ either it contains C or fails to intersect C by changing E if necessary, assume $E \cap C = \emptyset$.

Claim 1.5.6 $T_x^*E \cap C = \emptyset$ or all of C for all $x \in X$.

Proof. Intersection numbers are constant. ■

Proof. $\mathcal{O}(T_x^*E)|_{\tilde{C}}$, when $x = 0$ this is trivial so $\deg = 0$. So $\deg = 0$ for all [line bundles](#). E effective implies $C \cap T_x^*E = \emptyset$ for all x s.t. \cap is not in C . ■

Claim 1.5.7 E is invariant by translation by $x - y$ for $x, y \in C$.

Proof. If $e \in E$, $T_{x-e}^*(E) \cap C \neq \emptyset$. This is as x is in it, $x - (x - e) = e$, because it is nonempty it's all of C . So y is in it. So $y - (x - e) \in E$. This is also $e - (x - y) \in E$, so E is invariant under T_{x-y} ■

Now assume $H(E) = \{x \in X : T_x^*E = E\}$ is finite. But if $\psi_E(C) = \text{pt}$ then $T_{x-y}^*(E) = E$ for all $x, y \in C$. So H is not finite, a contradiction. So ψ_E can't collapse a curve so ψ_E is finite.

1.5.5 In which Piglet discovers a corollary

Corollary 1.5.8 *Abelian varieties are projective.*

Proof. Let X be an [abelian variety](#), $U \subseteq X$ be an open affine set, $0 \in U$, $X \setminus U = D_1 \cup \dots \cup D_t$ irreducible divisors. Let $D = \sum D_i$, then claim: $H(D) = \{x \in X : T_x^* D = D\}$ is finite. If $H \subseteq U$, U affine, then H closed subvariety of an [abelian variety](#), hence [complete](#), so its finite. If $x \in H$ then $-x \in H$. Now claim that if $x \in H$ then T_x^* preserves U , if not let $u \in U$. Suppose $u - x = d$ for some $d \in D$ then $u = d + x$ which is d translated by $-x$ so $d + x \in D$ so $u \in D$. But contradiction, oh no! So T_x^* preserves U , for all $x \in H$, as $0 \in U$, for all $x \in H$ we have $0 - x \in U$ and $0 + x \in U$ so $H \subseteq U$. ■

Corollary 1.5.9 *Abelian varieties are divisible. $X[n]$ is finite for $n \geq 1$.*

Proof. $[n]: X \rightarrow X$ and $X[n]$ is the kernel of this. Note that for $x \in X[n]$

$$[n] \circ T_x = [n]$$

$y \in X$, then $n(y - x) = ny - nx = ny$ so for all $L \in \text{Pic } X$

$$T_x^*([n]^* L) \cong ([n]^* L)$$

which implies

$$K([n]^* L) \supseteq X[n]$$

and we just need to find L s.t. this is finite. X projective implies there exists an ample L . The [theorem of the cube 1.4.11](#) implies

$$[n]^* L \cong L^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}} \otimes L^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}$$

where both terms on the right are ample, hence the left is also. ■

1.5.6 Epilogue: In which we might discuss isogenies

Definition 1.5.10 $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a morphism of varieties, get a field extension $k(X)/f^*k(Y)$, if $\dim X = \dim Y$ and f is surjective. Then this is a finite field extension and $\deg f$ is $d = [k(X) : f^*k(Y)]$ and $d = \#f^{-1}(y)$ for almost all y . ◇

Definition 1.5.11 A homomorphism of [abelian varieties](#) $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an **isogeny** if f is surjective with finite kernel. ◇

Corollary 1.5.12 *Degree of $[n]$ is n^{2g} , if n is prime to the characteristic of k , $k = \bar{k}$, $g = \dim X$.*

Proof. Let D be an ample [symmetric](#) divisor, e.g.

$$D = D' + [-1]^* D'$$

know $[n]^* D \sim n^2 D$

$$\deg([n]^*(D \cdots D)) = ([n]^* D \cdots [n]^* D) = (n^2 D \cdots n^2 D) = n^{2g}(D \cdots D). \quad \blacksquare$$

1.6 Line Bundles and the Dual Abelian Variety (Angus)

Introduction

Meta-goal Understand [line bundles](#) on [abelian varieties](#).

Setup A an [abelian variety](#) $/k$.

Last time For L a [line bundle](#) on A we get a map

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_L: A(k) &\rightarrow \text{Pic}(A) \\ a &\mapsto t_a^* L \otimes L^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\text{Pic}(A) = \{\text{line bundles on } A\} / \sim.$$

This is a group homomorphism (by the [theorem of the square 1.4.15](#)). We define

$$K(L)(k) = \ker(\phi_L) = \{a \in A(k) : t_a^* L \simeq L\}.$$

Today We are going to package these into a big map

$$\begin{aligned}\phi: \text{Pic}(A) &\rightarrow \text{Hom}(A(k), \text{Pic}(A)) \\ L &\mapsto \phi_L.\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1.6.1

1. ϕ is a group homomorphism
- 2.

$$\phi_{t_a^* L} = \phi_L$$

Proof. 1.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{L \otimes M}(a) &= t_a^*(L \otimes M) \otimes (L \otimes M)^{-1} \\ &= t_a^* L \otimes L^{-1} t_a^* M \otimes M^{-1} \\ &= \phi_L \otimes \phi_M\end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{t_b^* L}(a) &= t_a^*(t_b^* L) \otimes (t_b^* L)^{-1} \\ &= t_{a+b}^* L \otimes (t_b^* L)^{-1} \\ &= t_a^* L \otimes t_b^* L \otimes L^{-1} \otimes (t_b^* L)^{-1} \\ &= \phi_L(a)\end{aligned}$$

by the [theorem of the square 1.4.15](#) ■

Definition 1.6.2

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Pic}^0(A) &= \ker(\phi) \\ &= \{L \in \text{Pic}(A) : \phi_L = 0\} \\ &= \{L \in \text{Pic}(A) : t_a^* L \simeq L \forall a \in A(k)\} \\ &= \{\text{translation invariant line bundles}\} / \sim\end{aligned}$$

◇

Goals Study $\text{Pic}^0(A)$, give it an [abelian variety](#) structure, solve a moduli problem, demonstrate some duality.

1.6.1 Aside: alternate description of $\text{Pic}^0(A)$

Definition 1.6.3 Algebraic Equivalence. Two [line bundles](#) L_1, L_2 on an [abelian variety](#) are **algebraically equivalent** if there exists a variety Y with [line bundle](#) L on $A \times Y$ and points $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ s.t. $L|_{A \times \{y_1\}} \simeq L_1, L|_{A \times \{y_2\}} \simeq L_2$. \diamond

Remark 1.6.4 This looks like homotopy.

Proposition 1.6.5

$$\text{Pic}^0(A) = \{\text{line bundles which are alg. equiv to } \mathcal{O}_A\}$$

Proof. [\[47\]](#). ■

1.6.2 See-Saws

Theorem 1.6.6 See-saw theorem. Let X, T be varieties X [complete](#), let L be a [line bundle](#) on $X \times T$, let $T_1 = \{t \in T : L|_{X \times \{t\}} \text{ is trivial}\}$ then T_1 is closed in T . Further let $p_2: X \times T_1 \rightarrow T_1$, then $L|_{X \times T_1} \cong p_2^* M$ for some [line bundle](#) M on T_1 .

Remark 1.6.7 In fact $M = p_{2*} L$.

Corollary 1.6.8 that no one states/only Milne. Let X, T be as above and let L, M be [line bundles](#) on $X \times T$ s.t.

$$L|_{X \times \{t\}} \cong M|_{X \times \{t\}} \forall t \in T$$

$$L|_{\{t\} \times X} \cong M|_{\{t\} \times X} \text{ for some } x \in X$$

then $L \cong M$.

1.6.3 Properties of $\text{Pic}^0 A$

Lemma 1.6.9 $L \in \text{Pic}^0(A)$ and $m, p_1, p_2: A \times A \rightarrow A$

1.

$$m^* L \cong p_1^* L \otimes p_2^* L$$

2. Given $f, g: X \rightarrow A$

$$(f + g)^* L \cong f^* L \otimes g^* L$$

3.

$$[n]^* L \cong L^{\otimes n}$$

4.

$$\phi_L(A(k)) \subseteq \text{Pic}^0(A)$$

for $L \in \text{Pic}(A)$.

Proof. 1.

$$(m^* L \otimes (p_1^* L)^{-1} \otimes (p_2^* L)^{-1})|_{A \times \{a\}} = t_a^* L \otimes L^{-1} = \mathcal{O}_A$$

$$(m^* L \otimes (p_1^* L)^{-1} \otimes (p_2^* L)^{-1})|_{\{a\} \times A} = t_a^* L \otimes L^{-1} = \mathcal{O}_A$$

by [see-saw 1.6.6](#) whole thing is trivial on $A \times A$.

2.

$$(f + g)^* L \cong (f \times g)^* m^* L \cong (f \times g)^* (p_1^* L \otimes p_2^* L) \cong f^* L \otimes g^* L$$

3. Induction of 3.

4.

$$\phi_{\phi_L(a)} = \phi_{t_a^* L} \otimes L^{-1} = \phi_{t_a^* L} \otimes L^{-1} = \phi_L \otimes \phi_{L^{-1}} = 0$$
 ■

Proposition 1.6.10 *If L is nontrivial in $\text{Pic}^0(A)$ then $H^i(A, L) = 0 \forall i$.*

Proof. If $H^0(A, L) \neq 0$, we would have a nontrivial section s of L then $[-1]^*s$ is a nontrivial section of $[-1]^*L = L^{-1}$. But if both L and L^{-1} have a nontrivial section then $L \cong \mathcal{O}_A$. So since L is nontrivial $H^0(A, L) = 0$. Now assume $H^i(A, L) = 0$ for all $i < j$. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} A &\xrightarrow{\text{id} \times 0} A \times A \xrightarrow{m} A \\ a &\mapsto (a, 0) \mapsto a \end{aligned}$$

this gives

$$H^j(A, L) \rightarrow H^j(A \times A, m^*L) \rightarrow H^j(A, L)$$

which composes to the identity.

$$H^j(A \times A, m^*L) = H^j(A \times A, p_1^*L \otimes p_2^*L) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^j H^i(A, L) \otimes H^{j-i}(A, L)$$

by Künneth. The RHS is 0 by the inductive hypothesis. So the identity on $H^j(A, L)$ factors through 0, hence the group is 0. ■

We now think of ϕ_L as a map $\phi_L: A(k) \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(A)$ with kernel $K(L)(k)$.

Theorem 1.6.11 *If $K(L)(k)$ is finite then ϕ_L is surjective.*

Proof. Idea is to study

$$\Lambda(L) = m^*L \otimes (p_1^*L)^{-1} \otimes (p_2^*L)^{-1}. \quad \blacksquare$$

Given an ample [line bundle](#) L on A we now have an isomorphism of groups

$$A(k)/K(L)(k) \cong \text{Pic}^0(A)$$

the LHS allows us to put an [abelian variety](#) structure on $\text{Pic}^0(A)$.

1.6.4 The Dual Abelian Variety

Theorem 1.6.12 *Let A be an [abelian variety](#) and L an ample [line bundle](#) on A , then the quotient scheme $A/K(L)$ exists and is an [abelian variety](#) of the same dimension as A .*

Proof. (Sketch) (characteristic 0) Cover A by affine opens $U_i = \text{Spec } R_i$ such that for all $a \in A$ the orbit $K(L)a \subseteq U_i$ for some i . We can do this because [abelian varieties](#) are projective. Then we say $U_i/K(L) = \text{Spec}(R_i^{K(L)})$ then glue. (details in Mumford, II sec, 6 appendix). Since we are in characteristic 0, the quotient scheme is in fact a variety. ■

Definition 1.6.13 **Dual abelian varieties.** The dual [abelian variety](#) is

$$\hat{A} = A/K(L).$$

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Remark 1.6.14

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$$\hat{A}(K) = \text{Pic}^0(A)$$

- We have an [isogeny](#)

$$\phi_L: A \rightarrow \hat{A}.$$

Theorem 1.6.15 *There is a unique [line bundle](#) \mathcal{P} on $A \times \hat{A}$ called the **Poincaré bundle** such that*

1.

$$\mathcal{P}|_{A \times \{x\}} \in \text{Pic}^0(A) \text{ for all } x \in \hat{A}$$

2.

$$\mathcal{P}|_{0 \times \hat{A}} = 0$$

3. *If Z is a scheme with a [line bundle](#) R on $A \times Z$ satisfying 1., 2., there exists a unique*

$$f: Z \rightarrow \hat{A}$$

s.t.

$$(\text{id} \times f)^* \mathcal{P} = R.$$

That is (\hat{A}, \mathcal{P}) represents the functor

$$Z \mapsto \left\{ L \in \text{Pic}(A \times Z) : \begin{array}{l} L|_{A \times \{z\}} \in \text{Pic}^0(A) \forall z \in Z \\ L|_{0 \times Z} = 0 \end{array} \right\} / \sim .$$

1.6.5 Dual morphisms

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a homomorphism of [abelian varieties](#). Let $\mathcal{P}_A, \mathcal{P}_B$ be the [Poincaré bundles](#) on A and B . Consider $M = (f \times \text{id}_{\hat{B}})^* \mathcal{P}_B$ on $A \times \hat{B}$, then

1.

$$M|_{A \times \{x\}} \in \text{Pic}^0(A)$$

2.

$$M|_{\{0\} \times \hat{B}} = 0$$

thus by the universal property we get a unique morphism

$$\hat{f}: \hat{B} \rightarrow \hat{A}$$

satisfying

$$(\text{id}_A \times \hat{f})^* \mathcal{P}_A = (f \times \text{id}_{\hat{B}})^* \mathcal{P}_B .$$

Definition 1.6.16 Dual morphisms. \hat{f} as above is called the **dual morphism**.
 \diamond

Remark 1.6.17

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$$\hat{f}: \hat{B} = \text{Pic}^0(B) \rightarrow \hat{A}(k) = \text{Pic}^0(A)$$

$$L \mapsto f^* L$$

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$$[\hat{n}_A] = [n_{\hat{A}}]$$

Consider the [Poincaré bundle](#) $\mathcal{P}_{\hat{A}}$ on $\hat{A} \times \hat{\hat{A}}$, now think of \mathcal{P}_A as living on $\hat{A} \times A$. By the universal property of $\mathcal{P}_{\hat{A}}$ get a unique morphism

$$\text{can}_A: A \rightarrow \hat{\hat{A}}.$$

Theorem 1.6.18 can_A is an isomorphism.

Lemma 1.6.19

$$\phi_{f^*L} = \hat{f} \circ \phi_L \circ f.$$

Proposition 1.6.20 If $f: A \rightarrow B$ is an *isogeny*, then $\hat{f}: \hat{B} \rightarrow \hat{A}$ is an *isogeny*. Further if $N = \ker f$, then $\hat{N} = \ker \hat{f}$ is the Cartier dual of N .

Definition 1.6.21 **Symmetric morphisms, (principal) polarizations.** A morphism $f: A \rightarrow \hat{A}$ is **symmetric** if $f = \hat{f} \circ \text{can}_A$

A **polarization** is a **symmetric isogeny** $f: A \rightarrow \hat{A}$ s.t. $f = \phi_L$ for some ample **line bundle** L on A .

A **principal polarization** is a **polarization** of degree 1, i.e. an isomorphism. \diamond

Remark 1.6.22 Elliptic curves always admit **principal polarization**.

If one wishes to mimic the theory of **elliptic curves**, one should study principally polarized **abelian varieties**.

1.7 Endomorphisms and the Tate module (Berke)

Motivation

$$\begin{aligned} f: \mathbf{P}^n \subseteq V_1 &\rightarrow V_2 \subseteq \mathbf{P}^m, V_i = V(I_i) \\ P &\mapsto \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$f = [f_1 : \dots : f_m], f_i \in \overline{K}(V_1)$$

this feels quite restrictive, an *isogeny* is even more so, rational, regular, homomorphism, surjective, finite kernel. It feels like there won't be too many but we have multiplication by n etc. so we should ask how many are there that will surprise us? I.e. what is

$$\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}(A, B) = ?$$

1.7.1 Poincaré's complete reducibility theorem

Theorem 1.7.1 **Poincaré's complete reducibility theorem.** Let $B \subseteq A$ then there is $C \subseteq A$ s.t. $B \cap C$ is finite and $B + C = A$. I.e. $B \times C \rightarrow A, (b, c) \mapsto b + c$ is an *isogeny*.

Proof. Choose \mathcal{L} ample on A

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{i} & A \\ \phi_{i^*\mathcal{L}} \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi_{\mathcal{L}} \\ \hat{B} & \xleftarrow{\hat{i}} & \hat{A} \end{array}$$

C is defined to be the connected component of $\phi_{\mathcal{L}}^{-1}(\ker \hat{i})$ in A

$$\dim C = \dim \ker \hat{i} \geq \dim \hat{A} - \dim \hat{B} = \dim A - \dim B.$$

$B \cap C$ finite, $z \in B, z \in B \cap \phi_{\mathcal{L}^{-1}}(\ker \hat{i}) = T_z^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{-1}|_B$ is trivial if and only if $z \in K(\mathcal{L}|_B)$. So $\mathcal{L}|_B$ ample implies $K(\mathcal{L}|_B)$ finite and so $B \cap C$ is finite. So $B \times C \rightarrow A$ has finite kernel and

$$\dim(B \times C) = \dim B + \dim C \geq \dim A$$

and surjective implies its an *isogeny*. \blacksquare

Definition 1.7.2 Simple abelian varieties. A is called **simple** if there does not exist $B \subseteq A$ other than $B = 0, A$. \diamond

Corollary 1.7.3

$$A \sim A_1^{n_1} \times \cdots \times A_k^{n_k}$$

$A_i \not\sim A_j$ for $i \neq j$ and A_i *simple*.

Corollary 1.7.4 $\alpha \in \text{Hom}(A, B)$ for A, B *simple* then α is an *isogeny* or 0.

Proof. $\alpha(A) \subseteq B$ which implies $\alpha(A) = B$ or 0. The connected component of 0 of $\ker \alpha$ will be an abelian subvariety of A , denote it C . If $C = 0$ then $\ker \alpha$ is finite, if $C = A$ then $\alpha = 0$. So α is an *isogeny* or 0. \blacksquare

Corollary 1.7.5 If A, B are *simple* and $A \not\sim B$ then $\text{Hom}(A, B) = 0$.

Definition 1.7.6

$$\text{End}^0(A) = \text{End}(A) \otimes \mathbf{Q}.$$

\diamond

Lemma 1.7.7 If $\alpha: A \rightarrow B$ is an *isogeny*, then there exists $\beta: B \rightarrow A$ s.t. $\beta \circ \alpha = n_A$ for some $n \geq 1$.

Proof. α an *isogeny* implies $\ker \alpha$ is finite. So there exists n with $n \ker \alpha = 0$. $\ker \alpha \subseteq \ker n_A$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & A & \xrightarrow{n_A} & A \\ & \swarrow \alpha & \downarrow & \nearrow \circ & \\ B & \xrightarrow{\sim} & A/\ker \alpha & & \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \exists \beta & & \\ & & A/n_A & & \end{array}$$

so $\beta \circ \alpha = n_A$, also $\alpha \circ \beta = n_B$. \blacksquare

Corollary 1.7.8 A is *simple* then $\text{End}^0(A)$ is a division ring, $\alpha^{-1} = \beta \otimes \frac{1}{n}$.

Corollary 1.7.9 to Poincaré reducibility theorem. If

$$A \sim A_1^{n_1} \times \cdots \times A_k^{n_k}$$

then

$$\text{End}^0(A) \simeq \prod \text{End}^0(A_i)^{n_i^2}.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{End}(A) \otimes \mathbf{Q} &\simeq \prod_{i,j} \text{Hom}(A_i^{n_i}, A_j^{n_j}) \otimes \mathbf{Q} \\ &\simeq \prod_i \text{End}(A_i)^{n_i^2} \otimes \mathbf{Q} \\ &\simeq \prod_i \text{End}^0(A_i)^{n_i^2} \end{aligned} \quad \blacksquare$$

Theorem 1.7.10 7.2. If $\dim A = g$ then $\deg n_A = n^{2g}$.

Corollary 1.7.11 $\text{char } k \nmid n$ implies $\ker(n_A) \simeq (\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})^{2g}$.

Proof. If $m|n$ then $|\ker(m_A)| = m^{2g}$, then use structure theorem. ■

In particular if we let $A[l^n] = A(k^{\text{sep}})[l^n]$, then $A[l^n] \simeq (\mathbf{Z}/l^n)^{2g}$. Define

$$T_l(A) = \varprojlim_n A[l^n], \quad A[l^{n+1}] \xrightarrow{l} A[l^n]$$

Proposition 1.7.12

$$T_l \simeq (\mathbf{Z}_l)^{2g}$$

$\alpha: A \rightarrow B$ induces

$$T_l \alpha: T_l(A) \rightarrow T_l(B)$$

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots) \mapsto (\alpha(a_1), \alpha(a_2), \dots)$$

Lemma 1.7.13

$$\text{Hom}(A, B) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}(T_l(A), T_l(B))$$

Proof. Let $\alpha \in \text{Hom}(A, B)$ and assume $T_l \alpha = 0$ then

$$\ker(\alpha|_{A_i}) \supseteq A_i[l^n] \forall n$$

for any **simple** component A_i of A so $\alpha = 0$ on each A_i and hence $\alpha = 0$ on A . ■

Corollary 1.7.14 $\text{Hom}(A, B)$ is torsion free.

Recall we are interested in knowing about $\text{rank}_{\mathbf{Z}} \text{Hom}(A, B) = ?$, can we bound this? If we could show that

$$\text{Hom}(A, B) \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}(T_l(A), T_l(B))$$

we could conclude, so:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}(A, B) \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Hom}(T_l A, T_l B) \\ \sim \downarrow & & \sim \downarrow \\ \prod_{i,j} (\text{Hom}(A_i, B_j) \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l) & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & \prod_{i,j} \text{Hom}(T_l A_i, T_l B_j) \end{array}$$

$A_i + B_j = 0$, $A_i \sim B_j$ $\text{Hom}(A_i, B_j) \hookrightarrow \text{End}(A_i)$. Assume $A = B$ and A **simple**, then $\text{End}(A) \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l \hookrightarrow \text{End}(T_l(A))$.

Definition 1.7.15 V/k then $f: V \rightarrow k$ is called a (homogenous) polynomial function of degree d if $\forall \{v_1, \dots, v_m\} \subseteq V$ linearly independent.

$$f(\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots + \lambda_m v_m)$$

is given by a homogenous polynomial of degree d in λ_i i.e.

$$f(\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots + \lambda_m v_m) = P(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m)$$

for some $P \in k[X_m]$ homogenous of degree d . ◇

$$\deg: \text{End}(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$$

α an **isogeny** iff $\deg \alpha, \alpha$ not an **isogeny** iff 0.

Theorem 1.7.16 \deg uniquely extends to a polynomial function of degree $2g$ on $\text{End}^0(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$.

Proof. (of above continued)

$$\mathrm{End}(A) \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l \hookrightarrow \mathrm{End}(T_l(A))$$

for A **simple** iff for any finitely generated $M \subseteq \mathrm{End}(A)$

$$M \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l \hookrightarrow \mathrm{End}(T_l(A))$$

Claim:

$$M^{\mathrm{div}} = \{f \in \mathrm{End}(A) : nf \in M \text{ for some } n \geq 1\}$$

is finitely generated.

Proof: $M^{\mathrm{div}} = (M \otimes \mathbf{Q}) \cap \mathrm{End}(A)$ $\deg: M \otimes \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$ is a polynomial so it is continuous.

$$U = \{\phi \in M \otimes \mathbf{Q} : \deg \phi < 1\}$$

is open in $M \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ but $U \cap M^{\mathrm{div}} = 0$ so M^{div} is a discrete subgroup of the finite dimensional \mathbf{Q} -vector space $M \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ so M^{div} is finitely generated. $M \hookrightarrow M^{\mathrm{div}}$ so $M \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l \hookrightarrow M^{\mathrm{div}} \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l$ so we may assume $M = M^{\mathrm{div}}$.

Let f_1, \dots, f_r be a \mathbf{Z} -basis for M and suppose that $\sum a_i T_l(f_i) = 0$ for some $a_i \in \mathbf{Z}_l$ not all 0. We can assume not all a_i are divisible by l . Choose $a'_i \in \mathbf{Z}$ s.t. $a'_i = a_i \pmod{l}$

$$f = \sum a'_i f_i \in \mathrm{End}(A)$$

we then have

$$f = \sum a'_i T_l f_i$$

is 0 on the first coordinate of T_l . So $A[l] \subseteq \ker f$ so there exists g with $f = lg$ $f \in M$ implies $g \in M^{\mathrm{div}} = M$ so $g = \sum b_i f_i$ and $f = \sum lb_i f_i = \sum a_i f_i$ hence $l \mid a_i$ for all i a contradiction. So $\mathrm{End}(A) \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l \hookrightarrow \mathrm{End}(T_l(A))$.

Therefore

$$\mathrm{Hom}(A, B) \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(T_l(A), T_l(B))$$

$$\mathrm{rank}_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathrm{Hom}(A, B) \leq 4 \dim A \dim B. \quad \blacksquare$$

1.8 Polarizations and Étale cohomology (Alex)

Plan: **polarizations**, a little cohomological warmup and a cool finiteness result. **Étale** cohomology.

1.8.1 Polarizations

Definition 1.8.1 Polarizations. A **polarization** of an **abelian variety** A/k is an **isogeny**

$$\lambda: A \rightarrow \hat{A}$$

such that

$$\lambda \simeq_{\bar{k}} \lambda_{\mathcal{L}} : a \mapsto t_a^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{-1}$$

for an ample invertible sheaf \mathcal{L} on $A_{\bar{k}}$.

We then have a notion of degree, **polarizations** of degree 1 (i.e. isomorphisms $A \rightarrow \hat{A}$) are called **principal polarizations**. \diamond

Remark 1.8.2 This is in fact equivalent to the **previous definition 1.6.21**, see [58].

Natural questions: what does the **line bundle** \mathcal{L} tell us about the polarization? Can we tell principality?

To answer this we must (rapidly) recall (Zariski) sheaf cohomology. But this will help us in the next section too.

A **line bundle** (or indeed any sheaf) defines for us for any open subset $U \hookrightarrow X$ an abelian group of sections $\mathcal{L}(U)$.

However taking (global) sections doesn't play well with exact sequences!

Example 1.8.3 Classic example. Let $X = \mathbb{C}^*$ and consider

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \xrightarrow{e^{2\pi i -}} \mathcal{O}_X^* \rightarrow 0$$

but

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^*(X)$$

is not surjective on the right, for example $f(z) = z$ is a nowhere vanishing **meromorphic function** on X but its not exp of anything. Upshot: maps of sheaves can be surjective (by being so locally) but not globally. \square

To understand/control this phenomenon we introduce $H^1(X, \mathcal{F})$ fitting into the above and so on.

Explicitly: for a sheaf \mathcal{F} we fix an injective resolution

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_1 \rightarrow \dots$$

which we then take global sections of to get a chain complex

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}_0) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}_1) \rightarrow \dots$$

and we truncate and take cohomology of this to measure “failure of exactness”

$$H^0(X, \mathcal{F}), H^1(X, \mathcal{F}), H^2(X, \mathcal{F}), \dots$$

Definition 1.8.4 Euler-Poincaré characteristic. Define the **Euler-Poincaré characteristic** of a **line bundle** \mathcal{L} to be

$$\chi(\mathcal{L}) = \sum (-1)^i \dim_k H^i(A, \mathcal{L}).$$

\diamond

Theorem 1.8.5 Riemann-Roch. Let A be an **abelian variety** of dimension g then

1. The degree of $\lambda_{\mathcal{L}}$ is $\chi(\mathcal{L})^2$.
2. If $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(D)$ then $\chi(\mathcal{L}) = (D^g)/g!$, this is the g -fold self intersection number of D .

Theorem 1.8.6 Vanishing. If $\#K(\mathcal{L}) < \infty$ then there is a unique integer $0 \leq i(\mathcal{L}) \leq g$ with $H^i(A, \mathcal{L}) \neq 0$ and $H^p(A, \mathcal{L}) = 0$ for all $p \neq i$. Moreover $i(\mathcal{L}^{-1}) = g - i(\mathcal{L})$.

Recall **Subsection 1.5.3**: So for ample \mathcal{L} we have $K(\mathcal{L})$ finite, so the vanishing theorem applies. Additionally for very ample \mathcal{L} we know $H^0(A, \mathcal{L}) \neq 0$ so in this case we get vanishing of higher cohomology.

Theorem 1.8.7 Finiteness. Let k be a finite field, and $g, d \geq 1$ integers. Up to isomorphism there are only finitely many **abelian varieties** A/k of dimension g and with a **polarization** of degree d^2 .

Proof. (Super sketch)

Over a finite field implies there is an ample \mathcal{L} with $\lambda_{\mathcal{L}}$ a **polarization** of degree d^2 , then using above $\chi(\mathcal{L}^3) = 3^g d$ and \mathcal{L}^3 is very ample hence

$\dim H^0(A, \mathcal{L}^3) = 3^g d$ so we get an embedding into $\mathbf{P}^{3^g d-1}$.

The degree of A in $\mathbf{P}^{3^g d-1}$ is $((3D)^g) = 3^g d(g!)$. It is determined by its Chow form, which by these formulae has some (large) bounded degree, as we are over a finite field however there are only finitely many such. ■

1.8.2 Étale Cohomology of Abelian Varieties

See [43] or [55].

Recall for [abelian varieties](#) over A/\mathbf{C} we considered singular cohomology of the complex points $A(\mathbf{C})$. Indeed this theory was strongly connected to the lattice Λ defining $A(\mathbf{C})$.

We saw that in fact $\pi_1(A, 0) = \pi^{-1}(0) = \Lambda \subseteq V$ which was the universal covering space of $A(\mathbf{C})$. We want to emulate this over a general field.

We want to allow multiplication by n to define finite covers for our [abelian varieties](#) as they did before.

Problem: Zariski topology is too coarse: we can't find an open U set around $0 \in A$ such that $[2]: U \rightarrow A$ is an isomorphism onto its image. Isogenies are not local isomorphisms for the Zariski topology.

How on earth do we "allow" maps which are clearly not local isomorphisms to become such? First what do we mean by local isomorphism?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & U \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow i \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

There exists an open subset U such that the base change $X \times_Y U$ is isomorphic with $\coprod U$ of several copies of U in a compatible way with the map to U .

So let's cheat, the best isomorphism is the identity map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\sim} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

if we define an "open set" U to be a morphism $X \rightarrow Y$ with the properties we want, then all such become local isomorphisms.

By taking our *topology* to be given by some maps we decide are decent covering maps we can circumvent these difficulties.

What is the correct class of morphisms to take here, we feel like our $[n]$ maps should count. Taking inspiration from differential geometry perhaps, we are led to the notion of a local diffeomorphism, an [étale](#) map.

Definition 1.8.8 Let X, Y be nonsingular varieties over $k = \bar{k}$. Then $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is [étale](#) at a point $P \in X$ if

$$df: \text{Tgt}_P(X) \rightarrow \text{Tgt}_{f(P)}(Y)$$

is an isomorphism. ◇

Proposition 1.8.9 Let $f: \mathbf{A}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^m$ then f is [étale](#) at (a_1, \dots, a_m) iff

$$\left(\frac{\partial(X_i \circ f)}{\partial Y_j} \Big|_{(a_k)} \right)$$

is nonsingular.

Example 1.8.10 A non-étale map. Consider the map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^2 &\rightarrow \mathbf{A}^2 \\ (x, y) &\mapsto (x^3, x^2 + y) \end{aligned}$$

we can see that the image of $y = 0$ is the nodal cubic ($Y^3 = X^2$), which is messed up (singular) at $(0, 0)$. The jacobian is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x^2 & 0 \\ 2x & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

so this matrix is singular exactly when $x = 0$ (unless characteristic 3). So the map is not [étale](#) at these points. \square

Proposition 1.8.11 *The maps $[n]$ are [étale](#) on an [abelian variety](#) A/k for all $\text{char } k \nmid n$*

Proof. Key point $d(\alpha + \beta)_0 = (d\alpha)_0 + (d\beta)_0$. So the map on tangent spaces is simply multiplication by n . \blacksquare

Definition 1.8.12 Étale morphisms. A morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ of schemes is [étale](#) if it is flat and unramified.

Flatness for finite morphisms of varieties is equivalent to each fibre $f^{-1}(t)$ being of equal cardinality, counting [multiplicities](#). \diamond

All [isogenies](#) are finite and flat.

Definition 1.8.13 Let FEt/X be the category of finite [étale](#) maps $\pi: Y \rightarrow X$ (i.e. finite [étale](#) coverings of X).

Then after picking a basepoint $x \in X$ we can map

$$F: \text{FEt}/X \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$\pi \mapsto \text{Hom}_X(x, Y) \approx \pi^{-1}(x).$$

This is in fact pro-representable, i.e. there exists a system

$$\tilde{X} = (X_i)_{i \in I}$$

with

$$F(Y) = \text{Hom}(\tilde{X}, Y) = \varinjlim_i \text{Hom}(X_i, Y).$$

We then define

$$\pi_1(X, x) = \text{Aut}_X(\tilde{X}) = \varprojlim_i \text{Aut}_X(X_i).$$

\diamond

So we need to understand [étale](#) covers of [abelian varieties](#). Following [58]:

Proposition 1.8.14 surprising proposition. *Let X be a [complete](#) variety over a field k with $e \in X(k)$ and $m: X \times X \rightarrow X$ s.t. $m(e, x) = m(x, e) = x$ for all $x \in X$. Then (X, m, e) is an [abelian variety](#).*

Proof. (Sketch)

Let

$$\tau: X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$$

$$\tau(x, y) = (xy, y)$$

so $\tau^{-1}(e, e) = (e, e)$. Some exercise in Hartshorne implies $\text{im } \tau$ has dimension $2 \dim X$.

Reduce to algebraically closed case.

Let

$$\tau^{-1}(\{e\} \times X) = \{(x, y) : xy = e\} = \Gamma \subseteq X \times X$$

as τ is surjective we get $p_2: \Gamma \rightarrow X$ is also so pick an irreducible $\Gamma_1 \subseteq \Gamma$ with $p_2(\Gamma_1) = X$. This also implies $p_1(\Gamma_1) = X$.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} f: \Gamma_1 \times X \times X &\rightarrow X \\ f((x, y), z, w) &= x((yz)w) \end{aligned}$$

then

$$f(\Gamma_1 \times \{e\} \times \{e\}) = \{eee\} = \{e\}$$

so a version of [rigidity 1.1.11](#) gives

$$x((yz)w) = zw \quad \forall (x, y) \in \Gamma_1, z, w \in X$$

So letting $w = e$ we get

$$x(yz) = z.$$

Fix $y \in X(k)$, and then by surjectivity we can find $x, z \in X(k)$ with $(x, y) \in \Gamma_1 \ni (y, z)$. So we get

$$x = x(yz) = ze = z$$

and so y has both a left and right inverse. We then multiply above by y to get

$$y(zw) = y(x((yz)w)) = (yz)w$$

so $X(k)$ is associative. ■

Theorem 1.8.15 Lang-Serre. *Let X/k be an [abelian variety](#) and Y/k a variety with $e_Y \in Y(k)$ s.t. $f: Y \rightarrow X$ is an [étale](#) covering where $f(e_Y) = e_X$. Then Y can be given the structure of an [abelian variety](#) so that f is a separable [isogeny](#).*

Proof. Must construct a group law on Y :

Take the graph of $m: X \times X \rightarrow X$

$$\Gamma_X \subseteq X \times X \times X$$

and pullback along $f \times f \times f$ to

$$\Gamma'_Y \subseteq Y \times Y \times Y$$

fix the connected component Γ_Y containing (e_Y, e_Y, e_Y) .

Call the projections from Γ_Y q_i . Now we must show that $q_{12}: \Gamma_Y \rightarrow Y \times Y$ is an isomorphism, then $m_Y: Y \times Y \rightarrow Y$ can be defined as $q_3 \circ q_{12}^{-1}$. q_{12} has sections s_1, s_2 over $\{e_Y\} \times Y, Y \times \{e_Y\}$ respectively given by $s_1(e_Y, y) = (e_Y, y, y)$ and $s_2(y, e_Y, y) = (y, e_Y, y)$. So m_Y satisfies the conditions of the surprising proposition.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma_Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Gamma_X \\ q_{12} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{12} \\ Y \times Y & \xrightarrow{f \times f} & X \times X \end{array}$$

the horizontal maps are [étale](#) coverings and the rightmost an isomorphism so q_{12} is an [étale](#) covering. The projection $p_2 \circ q_{12} = q_2: \Gamma_Y \rightarrow Y$ is smooth

proper. Fact: all fibres of q_2 are irreducible. So $Z = q_2^{-1}(e_Y) = q_{12}^{-1}(Y \times \{e_Y\})$ is irreducible. Moreover q_{12} restricts to an [étale](#) covering $Z \rightarrow Y = Y \times \{e_Y\}$ of the same degree, but s_2 is a section of this covering, hence it is an isomorphism. Hence q_{12} has degree 1 and is therefore an isomorphism as required. ■

So we have some control over the finite [étale](#) maps, what does the covering space look like? Last week we saw that for an [isogeny](#) $\alpha: B \rightarrow A$ we could find $\beta: A \rightarrow B$ with $\beta \circ \alpha = [n]: A \rightarrow A$. This means we can take our universal covering space to be

$$(A)_{i \in I}$$

with multiplication by n maps.

So we find

$$\pi_1^{\text{et}}(A, 0) = \varprojlim_n \text{Aut}_A(A \xrightarrow{[n]} A) = \varprojlim_n A[n].$$

Theorem 1.8.16

$$H_{\text{et}}^1(A, \mathbf{Z}_l) = \text{Hom}(\pi_1(A, 0), \mathbf{Z}_l) = \text{Hom}(T_l, \mathbf{Z}_l)$$

Theorem 1.8.17

$$H^r(A_{\text{et}}, \mathbf{Z}_l) = \bigwedge^r H^1(A_{\text{et}}, \mathbf{Z}_l)$$

Note that Milne gives a combined proof of the above two statements, this relies on some theorems on Hopf algebras such as [\[15\]](#).

1.9 Weil pairings (Maria)

1.9.1 Weil pairings on elliptic curves

Start with [elliptic curves](#), later repeat for [abelian varieties](#). E/k an [elliptic curve](#), $m \geq 2$, if $\text{char}(k) = p > 0$ (m, p) = 1. The Weil e_m -pairing $e_m: E[m] \times E[m] \rightarrow \mu_m$ is defined as follows: Fix $T \in E[m]$ then $f \in \bar{k}(E)$ s.t. $\text{div}(f) = m(T) - m(0)$. Fix $T' \in E$ with $mT' = T$ and $g \in \bar{k}(E)$ s.t. $\text{div}(g) = [m]^*(T) = [m]^*(0) = \sum_{R \in E[m]} (T + R) - (R)$. Check $\text{div}(f \circ [m]) = \text{div}(g^m)$, hence

$$f \circ [m] = c g^m$$

so can assume $f \circ [m] = g^m$. For $s \in E[m]$, $x \in E$:

$$g(x + s) = f([m]x + [m]s) = f([m]x) = g(x)^m$$

$$\frac{g(\cdot + s)^m}{g(\cdot)}: E \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

is then a constant function, since not surjective. So we define

$$\begin{aligned} e_m: E[m] \times E[m] &\rightarrow \mu_m \\ (s, t) &\mapsto \frac{g_t(x + s)}{g_t(x)} \end{aligned}$$

will state many properties later, but for now. e_m is compatible:

$$e_{mm'}(a, a')^{m'} = e_m(m'a, m'a') \quad \forall a, a' \in E[mm']$$

so for any $l \neq \text{char}(k)$ prime we can combine e_{l^n} -pairings into an l -adic [Weil pairing](#) on $T_l E$

$$e: T_l E \times T_l E \rightarrow T_l \mu = \mathbf{Z}_l(1)$$

1.9.2 Weil pairings on abelian varieties

Story will be broadly similar to before but we must use the dual, which doesn't appear in the presentation for [elliptic curves](#).

Let A/k be an [abelian variety](#) $k = \bar{k}$. We construct a Weil e_m -pairing

$$\begin{aligned} e_m: A[m] \times A^\vee[m] &\rightarrow \mu_m \\ (a, a') &\mapsto \frac{g \circ t_a(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{g(x+a)}{g(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Fix $a \in A[m]$, $a' \in A^\vee[m]$ say a' corresponds to \mathcal{L} and a divisor D then \mathcal{L}^m and $m_A^* \mathcal{L}$ are trivial so $\exists f, g \in k(A)$ s.t.

$$\operatorname{div}(f) = mD$$

$$\operatorname{div}(g) = m_A^* D$$

again we have

$$\operatorname{div}(f \circ m_A) = \operatorname{div}(g^m)$$

$$g(x+a)^m = g(x)^m$$

Proposition 1.9.1 *The Weil e_m -pairing has the following properties*

1. e_m is bilinear

$$e_m(a_1 + a_2, a') = e_m(a_1, a') e_m(a_2, a')$$

$$e_m(a, a'_1 + a'_2) = e_m(a, a'_1) e_m(a, a'_2)$$

2. e_m is non-degenerate: if $e_m(a, a') = 1 \forall a \in A[m]$ then $a' = 0$ (and likewise for the reverse).

3. e_m is Galois-invariant... but we assume $\bar{k} = k$ so we ignore this.

4. e_m is compatible

$$e_{mm'}(a, a')^{m'} = e_m(m'a, m'a') \forall a \in A[mm'], a' \in A^\vee[mm']$$

$$(mm', \operatorname{char} k) = 1$$

Corollary 1.9.2 *There exists a bilinear non-degenerate (Galois invariant) pairing*

$$e_l = e: T_l A \times T_l A^\vee \rightarrow T_l \mu$$

$$((a_n), (a'_n)) \mapsto (e_{l^n}(a, a'_n))$$

For a homomorphism $\lambda: A \rightarrow A^\vee$ we define

$$e_m^\lambda: A[m] \times A[m] \rightarrow \mu_m$$

$$(a, a') \mapsto e_m(a, \lambda(a'))$$

$$e_m: T_l A \times T_l A \rightarrow T_l \mu$$

$$(a, a') \mapsto e_m(a, \lambda(a')).$$

Proposition 1.9.3 *For a homomorphism $\alpha: A \rightarrow B$*

1.

$$e(a, \alpha^\vee(b)) = e(\alpha(a), b) \forall a \in T_l A, b \in T_l B$$

2.

$$e^{\alpha^\vee \lambda \alpha}(a, a') = e^\lambda(\alpha(a), \alpha(a'))$$

for $a, a' \in T_l(A)$, $\lambda \in \text{Hom}(B, B^\vee)$.

3.

$$e^{\alpha^* \mathcal{L}}(a, a') = e^{\mathcal{L}}(\alpha(a), \alpha(a'))$$

$a, a' \in T_l A$ $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(B)$.

4.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pic } A &\rightarrow \text{Hom}\left(\bigwedge^2 T_l A, T_l \mu\right) \\ \mathcal{L} &\mapsto e^{\mathcal{L}} \end{aligned}$$

is a homomorphism (in particular $e^{\mathcal{L}}$ is skew-symmetric).

Proof.

1. $a = (a_n) \in T_l A$ $b = (b_n) \in T_l B^\vee$ fix a divisor D on B representing b_n and $g \in k(B)$ s.t. $\text{div}(g) = (l_B^n)^* D$. Then $\alpha^* D$ represents $\alpha^\vee(b_n)$ so:

$$\text{div}(g \circ \alpha) = \alpha^* \text{div}(g) = \alpha^*(l_B^n)^* D = (l_A^n)^* \alpha^* D.$$

So

2.

$$e^{\alpha^\vee \lambda \alpha}(a, a') = e(a, \alpha^\vee \lambda \alpha(a')) = e(\alpha(a), \lambda(\alpha(a'))) = e^\lambda(\alpha(a), \alpha(a')).$$

3.

$$\lambda_{\alpha^* \mathcal{L}} = \alpha^\vee \lambda_{\mathcal{L}} \alpha$$

4. Follows from $\lambda_{\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}'} = \lambda_{\mathcal{L}} + \lambda_{\mathcal{L}'}$.

■

Example 1.9.4 Computation over \mathbb{C} . A/\mathbb{C} be an abelian variety

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_A \xrightarrow{e^{2\pi i(\cdot)}} \mathcal{O}^\times \rightarrow 0$$

induces

$$H^1(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^1(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow H^1(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathcal{O}^\times) \simeq \text{Pic } A \rightarrow H^2(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$$

and

$$H^1(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathcal{O})/H^1(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \simeq A^\vee(\mathbb{C}) = \text{Pic}^0(A)$$

so we get an exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \text{NS}(A) \rightarrow H^2(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathcal{O}_A) \\ \lambda \mapsto E_\lambda \end{aligned}$$

then we can regard E_λ as a skew-symmetric 2-form on $H_1(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$. Mumford pg. 237 proves

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_1(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \times H_1(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \ni m \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T_l \times T_l & \longrightarrow & T_l \mu \ni \zeta^m \end{array}$$

commutes with - sign so $e^\lambda(a, a') = \zeta^{-E(a, a')}$

□

1.9.3 Results about polarizations

$k = \bar{k}$ $p = \text{char}(k) \geq 0$.

Theorem 1.9.5 13.4. *Let $\alpha: A \rightarrow B$ be an **isogeny** of degree prime to $\text{char } k$ and $\lambda \in \text{NS}(A)$ then $\lambda = \alpha^* \lambda'$ for $\lambda' \in \text{NS}(B) \iff \forall l \mid \deg(\alpha)$ l prime there exists a skew-**symmetric** form $f: T_l B \times T_l B \rightarrow T_l \mu$ s.t. $e^\lambda(a, a') = f(\alpha(a), \alpha(a'))$ for all $a, a' \in T_l(A)$.*

Proof. Milne 1986 16.4 ■

Corollary 1.9.6 13.5. *$l \neq \text{char}(k)$ $\lambda \in \text{NS}(A)$ is divisible by $l^n \iff e^\lambda$ is divisible by l^n in $\text{Hom}(\wedge^2 T_l A, T_l \mu)$.*

Proof. Apply theorem 13.4 with $\alpha = l^n$. ■

Lemma 1.9.7 13.7. *Let \mathcal{P} be the Poincaré sheaf on $A \times A^\vee$ then*

$$e^{\mathcal{P}}((a, b), (a', b')) = \frac{e(a, b')}{e(a', b)}$$

for all $a, a' \in T_l A$, $b, b' \in T_l A^\vee$.

Proof. Milne 1986 16.7. Use:

$$(1 + \lambda_{\mathcal{L}})^* \mathcal{P} \cong m^* \mathcal{L} \otimes p^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes q^* \mathcal{L}^{-1} \quad \blacksquare$$

Proposition 1.9.8 13.6. *Assume $\text{char } k \neq l, 2$ then a homomorphism $\lambda: A \rightarrow A^\vee$ is $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{L}}$ for some $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic } A$ iff e^λ is skew-**symmetric**.*

Proof. Clear.

e^λ is skew-**symmetric**, define $\mathcal{L} = (1 \times \lambda)^* \mathcal{P}$ then $\forall a, a' \in T_l A$

$$\begin{aligned} e(a, \lambda_{\mathcal{L}}(a')) &= e^{\mathcal{L}}(a, a') = e^{(1 \times \lambda)^* \mathcal{P}}(a, a') = e^{\mathcal{P}}((a, \lambda(a)), (a', \lambda(a'))) = \frac{e(a, \lambda(a'))}{e(a', \lambda(a))} \\ &= \frac{e^\lambda(a, a')}{e^\lambda(a', a)} = (e^\lambda(a, a'))^2 = e(a, 2\lambda(a')) \end{aligned}$$

so $2\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{L}}$. So by corollary 13.5 $\lambda_{\mathcal{L}} = 2\lambda_{\mathcal{L}'}$ for some $\mathcal{L}' \in \text{Pic } A$ so $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{L}'}$. ■

Definition 1.9.9 For a **polarization** $\lambda: A \rightarrow A^\vee$ define

$$\begin{aligned} e^\lambda: \ker(\lambda) \times \ker(\lambda) &\rightarrow \mu_m \\ (a, a') &\mapsto e_m(a, \lambda(b)) \end{aligned}$$

where m kills $\ker(\lambda)$ and $b \in A$ s.t. $mb = a'$. ◇

Check: this is well defined.

Note 1.9.10 e^λ is skew-**symmetric**.

Proposition 1.9.11 13.8. *$\alpha: A \rightarrow B$ is an **isogeny** of degree prime to p , $\lambda: A \rightarrow A^\vee$ **polarization** then $\lambda = \alpha^* \lambda'$, $\lambda': B \rightarrow B^\vee$ **polarization** iff*

$$\ker(\alpha) \subset \ker \lambda$$

$$e^\lambda \text{ is trivial on } \ker(\alpha) \times \ker(\alpha)$$

Note 1.9.12 If $\lambda = \alpha^* \lambda'$ then

$$\deg(\lambda) = \deg(\lambda') \deg(\alpha)^2.$$

Corollary 1.9.13 13.10. *A an [abelian variety](#), $\lambda: A \rightarrow A^\vee$ is a [polarization](#) with $(\deg(\lambda), p) = 1$ then A is isogenous to a principally polarized [abelian variety](#).*

Proof. Fix $l \mid \deg(\lambda)$ prime. Choose a subgroup $N \subseteq \ker \lambda$ of order l let $\alpha: A \rightarrow A/N = B$ N is cyclic and e^λ is skew-symmetric so e^λ is trivial on $N \times N$ so B has a [polarization](#) of degree $\deg(\lambda)/l^2$ by 13.8. ■

Corollary 1.9.14 13.11. *Let λ be a [polarization](#) of A s.t. $\ker(\lambda) \subseteq A[m]$ for some $(m, p) = 1$. If $\exists \alpha: A \rightarrow A$ s.t. $\alpha(\ker(\lambda)) \subseteq \ker(\lambda)$ and $\alpha^\vee \lambda \alpha = -\lambda$ on $A[m^2]$ then $A \times A^\vee$ is principally polarized.*

Theorem 1.9.15 13.12 (Zarhin's trick). *For any [abelian variety](#) A $(A \times A^\vee)^4$ is principally polarized.*

Proof. Fix $\lambda: A \rightarrow A^\vee$ [polarization](#), assume $\ker(\lambda) \subseteq A[m]$ $(m, p) = 1$ there exists $a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{Z}$ s.t. $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = m^2 - 1 = -1 \pmod{m^2}$ then

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & -b & -c & -d \\ b & a & d & -c \\ c & -d & a & b \\ d & c & -b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

works. ■

Corollary 1.9.16 13.13. *Let k be a finite field, then for each $g \in \mathbf{Z}$ there exist only finitely many isomorphism classes of [abelian varieties](#) of dimension g over k .*

Proof. A/k an [abelian variety](#) of dimension g , so $(A \times A^\vee)^4$ is an [abelian variety](#) of dimension $8g$ with a [principal polarization](#) so using theorem 11.2 there are finitely many (up to \simeq) of those. Also $(A \times A^\vee)^4$ has finitely many direct factors (theorem 15.3). ■

1.10 The Rosati involution (Alex)

Let A/k be an [abelian variety](#) and $f \in \text{End}(A)$. Via pullback we get $\hat{f} \in \text{End}(\hat{A})$, in the case where A is polarized i.e. we have an [isogeny](#) $\phi: A \rightarrow \hat{A}$ we might wonder what the relation is between \hat{f} and f . E.g. $\hat{\text{id}} = \text{id}$ but here we have $\hat{\phi} \text{id} \phi = [\deg \phi]$, this is a little ugly, depends on the degree of our [polarization](#). If we work with $\text{Hom}^0(A, B) = \text{Hom}(A, B) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ rather than $\text{Hom}(A, B)$ we have a bona fide inverse ϕ^{-1} of an [isogeny](#) ϕ . So now we can ask precisely, what is the relationship of the [endomorphism](#) $f^\dagger = \phi^{-1} \circ \hat{f} \circ \phi \in \text{End}^0(A)$ with f ?

What sort of properties does this map $f \mapsto f^\dagger$ have?

Definition 1.10.1 The Rosati involution. The map $\phi^{-1} \circ \phi = -^\dagger: \text{End}^0(A) \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A)$ is called the **Rosati involution**. ◇

Proposition 1.10.2 $-^\dagger$ is \mathbf{Q} -linear

Proposition 1.10.3 $-^\dagger$ is an anti-homomorphism i.e.

$$(fg)^\dagger = g^\dagger f^\dagger$$

Proposition 1.10.4 Recall the l -adic [Weil pairing](#) for $l \neq \text{char}(k)$, fix $a, a' \in V_l A =$

$T_l A \otimes \mathbf{Q}$, then

$$e_l^\phi(fa, a') = e_l^\phi(a, f^+a').$$

Proof.

$$e_l^\phi(fa, a') = e_l(fa, \phi a') = e_l(a, \hat{f}\phi a') = e_l(a, \phi\phi^{-1}\hat{f}\phi a') = e_l^\phi(a, f^+a') \quad \blacksquare$$

Proposition 1.10.5 $-^\dagger$ is an involution, i.e.

$$\alpha^{\dagger\dagger} = \alpha.$$

Proof. We apply the previous proposition and skew-symmetry of a [polarization](#) (over some extension)

$$e_l^\lambda(\alpha a, a') = e_l^\lambda(a, \alpha^\dagger a') = e_l^\lambda(\alpha^{\dagger\dagger} a, a')$$

for all $a, a' \in V_l A$. \blacksquare

So we have a weird algebra with a weird operation, what can we do? Perhaps inspired by the killing form of a lie algebra:

We can form a bilinear form using the trace

$$\text{End}^0(A) \times \text{End}^0(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$$

$$(f, g) \mapsto \text{tr}(fg^\dagger).$$

Proposition 1.10.6 This is positive definite. In fact

$$\text{tr}(ff^\dagger) = 2g \frac{(Dg^{-1} \cdot f^*(D))}{(Dg)}$$

for $\phi = \phi_{\mathcal{L}(D)}$.

So given a [simple abelian variety](#) we have a division algebra $/\mathbf{Q}$ equipped with a positive definite involution.

Definition 1.10.7 **Albert algebras?** A division algebra D finite over \mathbf{Q} with an involution $'$ such that $\text{tr}_{D/\mathbf{Q}}(xx') > 0 \forall x \in D^\times$ is called an **Albert algebra**. \diamond

Such algebras were studied by Albert who proved an important classification theorem.

Theorem 1.10.8 **Albert (1934/5).** Let $(D, ')$ be an [Albert algebra](#), let K be the center of D and K_0 the subfield fixed by $'$. Then we have the following classification

1. Type I: $D = K = K_0$ a totally real number field and $'$ is the identity.
2. Type II: D is a quaternion algebra over $K = K_0$ a totally real field, that is split at all infinite places and $'$ is defined by letting starting with the standard quaternion algebra conjugation for which $x + x^* = \text{tr}(x)$ and then letting $x' = ax^*a^{-1}$ for some $a \in D$ for which $a^2 \in K$ and is totally negative.
3. Type III: D is a quaternion algebra over $K = K_0$ a totally real field, that is [ramified](#) at all infinite places and $'$ is the standard quaternion algebra conjugation as above.
4. Type IV: D is a division algebra over a CM field K and K_0 is the maximal totally real subfield. Additionally if v is a finite place with $v = \bar{v}$ we have $\text{Inv}_v(D) = 0$ and $\text{Inv}_v(D) + \text{Inv}_{\bar{v}}(D) = 0$ for all places v .

There is a fascinating table in Mumford, page 200 or something.

As one might hope, changing the [polarization](#) does not change the type of the algebra + involution pair.

One might wonder which [endomorphisms](#) are invariant under this process? I.e. what is

$$\{f \in \text{End}^0(A) : f^\dagger = f\}.$$

Equivalently, for which f is the dual given by conjugating by our [polarization](#).

We can map

$$\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \text{NS}(X) = \mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \text{Pic } X / \text{Pic}^0 X \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, \hat{A})$$

$$\mathcal{M} \mapsto \phi_{\mathcal{M}},$$

however we also have an isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}^0(A, \hat{A}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{End}^0(A)$$

$$\phi \mapsto \lambda^{-1} \phi$$

for some fixed [polarization](#) λ , hence we can view $\text{NS}(A) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ inside $\text{End}^0(A)$.

Proposition 1.10.9 *Assume k algebraically closed. The image of*

$$\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \text{NS}(X) \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A)$$

is the fixed subspace

$$\{f \in \text{End}^0(A) : f^\dagger = f\}.$$

Proof. Fix $\alpha \in \text{End}^0(A)$ and $l \neq \text{char}(k)$ odd. Applying [Proposition 1.9.8](#) we see that $\lambda \alpha = \phi_{\mathcal{L}}$ for some \mathcal{L} iff $e_l^{\lambda \alpha}$ is skew-[symmetric](#), but we also have

$$e_l^{\lambda \alpha}(a, a') = e_l^{\lambda}(\alpha a', a) = -e_l^{\lambda}(\alpha a', a) = -e_l(a', \hat{\alpha} \lambda a)$$

for all $a, a' \in V_l A$ this is the same as requiring $\lambda \alpha = \hat{\alpha} \lambda$ i.e. $\alpha = \alpha^\dagger$. ■

Another cool result we can now prove (in fact this was the reason Weil introduced the notion of a [polarization](#)).

Theorem 1.10.10 *The automorphism group of a polarized [abelian variety](#) is finite.*

Proof. Let α be an automorphism of (A, λ) i.e. $\lambda = \hat{\alpha} \lambda \alpha$, then $\alpha^\dagger \alpha = 1$ and so

$$\alpha \in \text{End}(A) \cap \{\beta \in \text{End}(A) \otimes \mathbf{R} : \text{Tr}(\alpha^\dagger \alpha) = 2g\}$$

but $\text{End}(A)$ is discrete inside the compact RHS. ■

1.11 Abelian Varieties over finite fields (Ricky)

Set $q = p^m$, p prime. Given X/\mathbf{F}_q have geometric Frobenius $\pi_X : X \rightarrow X$ which acts as id on $|X|$ and sends $f \rightarrow f^q$ for $f \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$.

Example 1.11.1 $X \hookrightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$ then $\pi_X(a_0 : \cdots : a_n) = (a_0^q : \cdots : a_n^q)$. □

We also have absolute Frobenius

$$F : X \rightarrow X^{(p)}.$$

Example 1.11.2

$$X : y^2 = x^3 + i/\mathbf{F}_q$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X & & & & \\
 \swarrow & & & \searrow & \\
 & X^{(p)} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X & \\
 \downarrow & & & \downarrow & \\
 & \mathbf{F}_q & \xrightarrow[p]{} & \mathbf{F}_p &
 \end{array}$$
$$f_X(n) = \deg([n] - \pi_X),$$

identifying $(X^\vee)^{(p)} = (X^{(p)})^\vee$, Ref 7.33, 7.34.

Proof. Reduce to the case where X is **simple**, we have

$$h: X \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots \times X_s$$

an **isogeny** with X_i **simple**, then h induces an isomorphism

$$h: V_l(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \bigoplus_i V_l(X_i)$$

so $f_X = f_{X_1} \cdots f_{X_s}$. Hence we can assume X is **simple**.

Let $\lambda: X \rightarrow X^\vee$ be a **polarization** of X and \dagger be the corresponding **Rosati involution** on $\text{End}^0(X)$ we will show that $\pi_X \pi_X^\dagger = q$.

$$\pi_X \pi_X^\dagger = \pi_X \lambda^{-1} \pi_X^\vee \lambda = \lambda^{-1} \pi_{X^\vee} \pi_X^\vee \lambda = \lambda^{-1} [q] \lambda = [q]$$

To see $\pi_{X^\vee} = \pi_X^\vee = q$ we use $\pi_X = F^m$ and $\pi_X^\vee = V^m$. So $\pi_{X^\vee} \pi_X^\vee = F^M V^M = p^m = q$. As X is **simple** $\mathbb{Q}[\pi_X]$ is a field. Thus f_X is a power of g , the minimal polynomial of π_X/\mathbb{Q} . So the complex roots of f_X are $\iota(\pi_X)$ for every embedding $\mathbb{Q}[\pi_X] \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$. since $\pi_X^\dagger = q/\pi_X$, we see that

$$\mathbb{Q}[\pi_X] \subseteq \text{End}^0(X)$$

is stable under \dagger . We have two cases for such a $K = \mathbb{Q}[\pi_X]$

1. K is totally real and $\dagger = \text{id}$.
2. K is a CM field and $\dagger = \bar{\cdot}$.

hence we get

$$\iota(\pi_X \pi_X^\dagger) = \iota(\pi_X) \overline{\iota(\pi_X)} = q$$

for any $\iota: K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

If $\pm\sqrt{q}$ is a root of f_X then we are in the case of K totally real. If \sqrt{q} has **multiplicity** n . Then $-\sqrt{q}$ has **multiplicity** $2g - n$. Thus $f_X(0) = (-1)^n q^g$. But also $f_X(0) = \deg(0 - \pi_X) = q^g$. Hence n is even. ■

Honda-Tate The correspondence between **isogeny** classes of X/\mathbb{F}_q and conjugacy classes of q -**Weil numbers** is a bijection. (i.e. algebraic integers α s.t. $|\iota\alpha| = \sqrt{q}$ for all $\iota: \mathbb{Q}(\alpha) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$).

Using relations between a curve C/\mathbb{F}_q and its Jacobian $J(C)$, one can show:

Theorem 1.11.5 Hasse-Weil-Serre bound.

$$q + 1 - g[2\sqrt{q}] \leq \#C(\mathbb{F}_q) \leq q + 1 + g[2\sqrt{q}]$$

where $g = g(C)$.

Proof. Hint: Use Lefschetz trace and $H^1(C, \mathbb{Q}_l) \simeq H^1(J(C), \mathbb{Q}_l)$. ■

Application: Let $J = J_0(103) = J(X_0(103))$. $J \sim J_+ \times J_-$.

$$J_\pm = \text{im}(w \pm \text{id})$$

w Atkin-Lehner. $\dim J = 8$ and $\dim(J_-) = 6$. In fact $\exists f \in S_2(\Gamma_0(103))$ an eigenform s.t. if

$$f = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^n$$

then $[\mathbb{Q}(a_n)_{n \geq 1} : \mathbb{Q}] = 6$ and $\text{tr}(F_{J_-, p}; T_l(J_-)) = \text{tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a_p)$ for $l \neq p, p \neq 103$ We can compute $\text{tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a_2) = 4$. This implies that $J_- \times \mathbb{F}_2$ is not the Jacobian of a curve $/\mathbb{F}_2$, if it were, then if $J_- \times \mathbb{F}_2 = J(C)$ then via Lefschetz trace formula

$$\#C(\mathbb{F}_2) = 2 + 1 - 4 = -1$$

similar thing at 17.

1.12 Tate's Isogeny Theorem (Sachi)

1.12.1 The Theorem

Theorem 1.12.1 Tate. Let $A, B/\mathbf{F}_q = k$, $q = p^n$, $l \neq p$ be *abelian varieties* and $G = \text{Gal}(k^s/k)$, then

$$\text{Hom}_k(A, B) \otimes \mathbf{Z}_l \rightarrow \text{Hom}_G(T_l A, T_l B) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Z}_l}(T_l A, T_l B)^G$$

(where the G action on $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Z}_l}(T_l A, T_l B)$ is $(gf)(x) = gf(g^{-1}x)$) is an isomorphism.

Remark 1.12.2 Tate's theorem is also true for function fields over finite fields (Zarhin) and fields that are finitely generated over their prime field (Faltings), e.g. number fields. Not true over algebraically closed fields though.

1.12.2 Motivation

Let π_A and π_B be the (relative) Frobenii on $V_l(A), V_l(B)$

$$\text{Hom}_k(A, B) \otimes \mathbf{Q}_l \rightarrow \text{Hom}_G(V_l A, V_l B)$$

P_A, P_B characteristic polynomials of π_A, π_B .

Toy Weil conjectures: P_A, P_B have \mathbf{Z} -coefficients, don't depend on the choice of l . Provided that induced action of Frobenii are semisimple, we can find a number $r(P_A, P_B)$ then Tate implies

$$r(P_A, P_B) = \dim_{\mathbf{Q}_l} \text{Hom}_G(V_l(A), V_l(B)) = \text{rank Hom}_k(A, B)$$

Corollary 1.12.3 Let A, B be *abelian varieties* over \mathbf{F}_q and P_A, P_B as above

1.

$$\text{rank Hom}_k(A, B) = r(P_A, P_B)$$

2. TFAE

(a) B is k -isogenous to an abelian subvariety of A

(b) $V_l B$ is G -isomorphic to a G -subrepresentation of $V_l A$ for $l \neq \text{char } k$

(c)

$$P_B | P_A$$

we also have similar statements for equivalence, but get a nice statement about counting points over all extensions determining an *abelian variety*.

Proof.

$$\alpha: V_l(B) \hookrightarrow V_l(A)$$

the surjectivity in Tate's theorem means we can choose $u \in \text{Hom}_k(B, A) \otimes \mathbf{Q}_l$. $V_l(u) = \alpha$. Choose $u \in \text{Hom}_k(B, A) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ arbitrarily close to α . Lower semicontinuity implies if $V_l(u)$ is close enough to α , can ensure $V_l(u)$ is injective ($\ker(V_l(u)) = 0$) take multiple to get $u \in \text{Hom}_k(B, A)$. Since $T_l(u)$ is injective u is an *isogeny* to an abelian subvariety. ■

1.12.3 Isogeny category

Recall: The *isogeny* category, [Theorem 1.7.1](#), [Corollary 1.7.3](#). So we have a category $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{f}\mathcal{t}$ of *abelian varieties* with

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{I}\mathcal{f}\mathcal{t}}(A, B) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{AV}}(A, B) \otimes \mathbf{Q}.$$

Now if $f: A \rightarrow B$ there exists $g: B \rightarrow A$ an **isogeny** and $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ s.t. $gf = [n]$. So $\frac{1}{n}g$ is an inverse for $f \in \mathcal{I}f_k\}$ so **isogenies** are isomorphisms in $\mathcal{I}f_k\}$.

$\mathcal{I}f_k\}$ is a semisimple abelian category. The **simples** are **simple abelian varieties**.

1. Decomposition up to **isogeny** into a product of **simple abelian varieties** is unique.
2. If A is **simple** $\text{End } A \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ is a division algebra over \mathbb{Q} . Reason: If A is **simple** in an abelian category, if $\text{End } A \supseteq k$ a field implies it's a division algebra.

1.12.4 Reductions

Lemma 1.12.4

1.

$$\mathbb{Z}_l \otimes \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{AV}}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_H(T_l, T_l B)$$

is an isomorphism if and only if

$$\mathbb{Q}_l \otimes \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{AV}}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_G(V_l A, V_l B)$$

is an iso

2. If for every C ,

$$\mathbb{Q}_l \otimes \text{End}_{\mathcal{AV}}(C) \rightarrow \text{End}_G(V_l C)$$

is an isomorphism then the above is an isomorphism for every pair A, B .

Proof.

1. The first map is always injective, the cokernel is torsion free, hence free. It's an isomorphism if and only if $\mathbb{Q}_l \otimes \text{coker} = 0$ As \mathbb{Q}_l is flat over \mathbb{Z}_l the second map injective and its cokernel is $\mathbb{Q}_l \otimes$ the cokernel of the first map.

2.

$$C = A \times B$$

then

$$\text{End}^0(C) = \text{End}^0(A) \oplus \text{Hom}^0(A, B) \oplus \text{Hom}^0(B, A) \oplus \text{End}^0(B)$$

and

$$\text{End}_G(V_l C) = \text{End}_G(V_l A) \oplus \text{Hom}_G(V_l A, V_l B) \oplus \text{Hom}_G(V_l B, V_l A) \oplus \text{End}_G(V_l B)$$

which the injection above preserves, in particular if the last map is an isomorphism, so are the rest.

■

One more reduction!

$$E_l = \text{End}_k(A) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_l \subseteq \text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}_l}(V_l A)$$

$$F_l = \mathbb{Q}_l[G] \subseteq \text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}_l}(V_l A)$$

automorphisms of $V_l(A)$ coming from G .

Note 1.12.5 E_l coming from k -rational [endomorphisms](#) commute with the Galois action

$$F_l \subseteq C_{\text{End}_{\mathbf{Q}_l}(V_l(A))}(E_l)$$

want equality.

Lemma 1.12.6

1. The last map of the reduction lemma is an isomorphism if and only if

$$C(C(E_l)) = \text{End}_G(V_l(A))$$

2. If F_l is semisimple the map is an isomorphism if and only if

$$C(E_l) = F_l$$

Proof.

1. Double centralizer theorem, if E_l is semisimple then $C(C(E_l)) = E_l$. Poincaré reducibility implies

$$A \sim \prod A_i^{m_i}$$

$$\text{End}^0(A) = \text{End}^0\left(\prod A_i^{m_i}\right) = \prod \text{Mat}_{m_i}(\text{End}^0(A_i))$$

a finite dimensional division algebra / \mathbf{Q} . A matrix algebra over a finite dimensional division algebra is semisimple.

2. If F_l is semisimple

$$C(E_l) = F_l \iff E_l = C(C(E_l))$$

so

$$E_l = C(F_l) = \text{End}_G(V_l(A)). \quad \blacksquare$$

1.12.5 Proof of Tate using finiteness

We introduce a hypothesis: $\text{Hyp}(k, A, l)$ there exist only finitely many (up to k -isomorphism) [abelian varieties](#) B s.t. there is a k -isogeny of l -power degree from $B \rightarrow A$.

$D = C(E_l)$ want that $C(D) = \text{End}_G(V_l(A))$ know $C(D) \subseteq E_l \subseteq \text{End}_G(V_l(A))$ want $C(D) \supseteq \text{End}_G(V_l(A))$. Let $\alpha \in \text{End}_G(V_l(A))$ show that it commutes with everything in D . Equivalently let W be the graph of α

$$W = \{(x, \alpha x) \in V_l(A) \times V_l(A)\} \subseteq V_l(A) \times V_l(A)$$

note $g \in G$ then $g \cup (x, \alpha x) = (gx, g\alpha x) = (gx, \alpha(gx))$.

$$\alpha \in C(D) \iff \forall x \in V_l(A), d \in D$$

$$\alpha dx = d\alpha x \iff (d \oplus d)W \subseteq W \forall d \in D$$

$$W \ni (dx, d\alpha x) = (dx, \alpha dx)$$

Lemma 1.12.7 Technical lemma. If $W \subseteq V_l(A)$ is G -stable subspace then there exists $u \in E_l$ s.t. $u|_{V_l(A)} = W$.

Proof. For $n \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ let $U_n = (W \cap T_l(A)) + l^n T_A$ which is a G -stable lattice in $V_l A$,

$$l^n T_l A \subseteq U_n \subseteq T_l A$$

let $\mathcal{K}_n \subseteq A[l^n](k^s) = T_l A / l^n T_l A$ be the image of U_n . \mathcal{K}_n is stable under G -action on $A[l^n](k^s)$ which implies $\mathcal{K}_n = K_n(k^s)$. Let $\pi_n: A \rightarrow B_n = A/K_n$, $\iota_n: B_n \rightarrow A$ unique **isogeny** s.t.

$$\iota_n \circ \pi_n = [[l^n]]_A$$

then $T_l B \cong U_n$ as \mathbf{Z}_l -modules with G -action. As $T_l(\iota_n): U_n = T_l B \rightarrow T_l A$ is the inclusion map. Assuming $\text{Hyp}(k, A, l)$ we can find $n = n_1 < n_2 < \dots$ s.t. we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \alpha_i: B_n & \xrightarrow{\sim} & B_{n_i} \\ B_n & \xrightarrow{\alpha_i} & B_{n_i} \\ \uparrow \pi_n & & \downarrow \iota_{n_i} \\ A & \xrightarrow{u_i} & A \end{array}$$

$u_i = \iota_{n_i} \circ \alpha_i \circ \pi_n$ is an **endomorphism** of A on Tate modules $T_l(u_i)$ is induced map

$$T_l A \xrightarrow{[l^n]} U_n \xrightarrow{T_l \alpha_i} U_{n_i} \hookrightarrow T_l A$$

because $\mathbf{Z}_l \otimes \text{End } A$ is a free \mathbf{Z}_l -module of finite rank compact in l -adic topology subsequence of $u_i \rightarrow u$ in $\mathbf{Z}_l \otimes \text{End } A$

$$U_{n_1} \supseteq U_{n_2} \supseteq \dots$$

the **endomorphism** of $T_l u$ maps $T_l A$ to $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} U_{n_i} = W \cap T_l A$ passing to \mathbf{Q}_l -coefficients, note $\mathbf{Q}_l(W \cap T_l A) = \mathbf{Q}_l(l^n(W \cap T_l A)) = W$ so $\text{im}(V_l(u)) = W$. ■

Why does the hypothesis hold.

Fact 1.12.8 *There exists a moduli space of d -polarised **abelian varieties** of $\dim = g$ $A_{g,d}$ which is a stack of finite type $/k$.*

$$A_{g,d}(k) = \{(A, \lambda) : A, \lambda: A \rightarrow A^\vee, \deg d\}$$

Zahrin's trick: A **abelian variety** $(A \times A^\vee)^4$ is principally polarized. Finiteness of direct factors $B \subseteq A \simeq B \times C$.

Corollary 1.12.9 *If $k = \mathbf{F}_q$ exists only finitely many **isogeny** classes of **abelian varieties** of $\dim g$.*

Proof. A is a direct factor $(A \times A^\vee)^4 \in A_{8g,1}$. ■

Proof. of Tate.

Apply technical lemma to $V_l(A \times A)$ and W so

$$(d \oplus d)W = (d \oplus d)u V_l(A \times A) = u(d \oplus d)V_l(A \times A) \subseteq u V_l(A \times A) = W$$

$$\implies C(D) \supseteq \text{End}_G(V_l(A)). \quad \blacksquare$$

1.13 The Honda Tate Theorem (Angus)

$q = p^n$, A a **simple abelian variety** over \mathbf{F}_q , π_A the frobenius on A , $\text{End}^0(A) = \mathbf{Q} \otimes \text{End}(A)$, f_A is the charpoly of A (i.e. of π_A).

Fact 1.13.1

- $\text{End}^0(A)$ is a division ring.
- $\mathbb{Q}[\pi]$ is a field.
- $Z(\text{End}^0(A)) = \mathbb{Q}[\pi_A]$

Lemma 1.13.2 The Weil Conjectures. *The roots of f_A all have absolute value \sqrt{q} . Alternatively, under all embeddings*

$$\iota: \mathbb{Q}[\pi_A] \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}, |\iota(\pi_A)| = \sqrt{q}.$$

Definition 1.13.3 q -Weil numbers. A q -Weil number is an algebraic integer π s.t.

$$\forall \iota: \mathbb{Q}[\pi] \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}, |\iota(\pi)| = \sqrt{q}$$

we say that two q -Weil numbers are conjugate if they have the same minimal polynomial over \mathbb{Q} , and write $\pi \sim \pi'$. \diamond

From the facts so far we have a map

$$\{\text{simple AVs}/\mathbb{F}_q\} \rightarrow \{q\text{-Weil numbers}\}$$

$$A \mapsto \pi_A$$

Theorem 1.13.4 *We have a bijection*

$$\{\text{isogeny classes of simple AVs}/\mathbb{F}_q\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{\text{conjugacy classes of } q\text{-Weil numbers}\}$$

$$A \mapsto \pi_A.$$

We need to show this is well-defined, injectivity and surjectivity.

1.13.1 Honda-Tate map

Recall:

Corollary 1.13.5 *Let A, B be abelian varieties over \mathbb{F}_q with rational Tate modules $V_l A, V_l B$ then*

$$A \sim_{\text{isog}} B \iff V_l A \simeq V_l B \forall l \neq p.$$

Corollary 1.13.6

$$A \sim_{\text{isog}} B \iff f_A = f_B$$

Proof. By above $V_l A \simeq V_l B$ for all $l \neq p$ but f_A (resp. f_B) is the charpoly of π_A (π_B) on $V_l A$ ($V_l(B)$).

The Galois modules $V_l A$ and $V_l B$ are semisimple. The Brauer-Nesbitt theorem says $f_A = f_B \implies V_l A \simeq V_l B$ for $l \neq p$. \blacksquare

Recalling that f_A is a power of the minimal polynomial of π_A ,

$$A \sim_{\text{isog}} B \implies f_A = f_B \implies \pi_A \sim \pi_B.$$

So the Honda-Tate map is well defined.

This doesn't quite give injectivity because a priori f_A and f_B could be powers of the minpolys of π_A, π_B .

1.13.2 Injectivity and Brauer groups

From last time:

Proposition 1.13.7 *There exists a certain quantity $r(f_A, f_B)$ such that*

$$r(f_A, f_B) = \text{rank Hom}(A, B).$$

Corollary 1.13.8 *Let $d = [\text{End}^0(A) : \mathbf{Q}(\pi_A)]^{1/2}$, let $h_A = \text{minpoly}_{\mathbf{Q}}(\pi_A)$ then $f_A = h_A^d$.*

Proof. Study the formula for $r(f_A, f_A)$ Edixhoven-van der Geer-Moonen 16.22. ■

So the next step is to try and recover $\text{End}^0(A)$ from π .

Definition 1.13.9 A central **simple algebra** B/k is a k -algebra B with no two-sided ideals and $Z(B) = k$. ◇

Theorem 1.13.10 Artin-Wedderburn. *Any such algebra is isomorphic to $M_n(D)$ for D a division ring over k .*

Definition 1.13.11 Brauer groups. The **Brauer group** of k $\text{Br}(k)$ is the set of central simple algebras under \otimes module the algebras $M_n(k)$. ◇

Fact 1.13.12

- If $k = \bar{k}$, $\text{Br}(k) = 0$.
- k complete nonarchimidean $\text{Br}(k) = \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$
- $\text{Br}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$

Given a place v of k we get a map

$$\text{Br}(k) \rightarrow \text{Br}(k_v)$$

$$D \mapsto D \otimes k_v$$

in fact we get an injection

$$\text{Br}(k) \hookrightarrow \prod_v \text{Br}(k_v) \simeq \prod_{v \text{ nonarch}} \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z} \times \prod_{v \text{ real}} \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$$

$$D \mapsto (\text{inv}_v(D))_v$$

these $\text{inv}_v(D)$ are called the **local invariants**.

Proposition 1.13.13 *Let A/\mathbf{F}_q be an elementary abelian variety. Let $K = \mathbf{Q}(\pi_A)$ then*

$$\text{inv}_v(\text{End}^0(A)) = \begin{cases} \frac{v(\pi_A)}{v(q)} [k_v : \mathbf{Q}_p], & v|p \\ \frac{1}{2}, & v \text{ real} \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Edixhoven-van der Geer-Moonen 16.30. ■

Proposition 1.13.14 *Let $d = [\text{End}^0(A) : \mathbf{Q}(\pi_A)]^{1/2}$ then d is the least common denominator of all the $\text{inv}_v(\text{End}^0(A))$.*

Corollary 1.13.15

$$\pi_A \sim \pi_B \iff f_A = f_B.$$

Proof. \Leftarrow done.

\Rightarrow Let D_{π_A}, D_{π_B} be the division rings with invariants specified as in Proposition 1.13.13. $\pi_A \sim \pi_B \implies D_{\pi_A} \simeq D_{\pi_B} \implies f_A = \text{minpoly}(\pi_A)^d = f_B$. ■

1.13.3 Surjectivity and CM theory

We need to show that for a q -Weil number π there exists an abelian variety A/\mathbb{F}_q such that $\pi_A \sim \pi$.

Definition 1.13.16 Such a q -Weil number π is called effective. \diamond

Proposition 1.13.17 A q -Weil number π is effective if and only if π^N is effective for some $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$.

Proof. \Rightarrow clear.

\Leftarrow By assumption we have A'/k a simple abelian variety s.t. $\pi_{A'} \sim \pi^N$ for k a degree N extension of \mathbb{F}_q . Let

$$A = \text{Res}_{k/\mathbb{F}_q}(A')$$

on the rational Tate modules we have

$$V_l A = \text{Ind}_{G_k}^{G_{\mathbb{F}_q}}(V_l A')$$

where

$$G_k = \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{F}_q}/k)$$

$$G_{\mathbb{F}_q} = \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{F}_q}/\mathbb{F}_q)$$

since $G_k, G_{\mathbb{F}_q}$ are abelian, by studying the induced action, one can see

$$\text{Ind}_{G_k}^{G_{\mathbb{F}_q}}(\pi_{A'}) = \pi_A^N$$

in particular $f_A(T) = f_{A'}(T^N)$. Choosing a simple factor A_i one gets $\pi_{A_i} \sim \pi$. \blacksquare

So it is sufficient to show π^N is effective.

Strategy for proving surjectivity

1. Construct a division algebra D_π .
2. Choose a CM field L splitting D_π .
3. Find an abelian variety A/\mathbb{C} of type (L, Φ) .
4. In fact A is defined over a number field K and has good reduction at $v|p$.
5. Apply the Shimura-Taniyama formula to relate π_A to Φ .
6. Choose Φ wisely (in retrospect in 3) to relate π to π_A .
7. Show $\pi_A^N = \pi^{N'}$.

D_π is given by the invariants described by π (and $K = \mathbb{Q}(\pi)$).

Proposition 1.13.18 There exists a CM field $L/\mathbb{Q}(\pi)$ such that L splits D_π and further

$$[L : \mathbb{Q}(\pi)] = [D_\pi : \mathbb{Q}(\pi)]^{1/2}$$

Proof. Two cases:

1. $\mathbb{Q}(\pi)$ is totally real, in which case $\mathbb{Q}(\pi) = \mathbb{Q}$ or $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p})$.
2. $\mathbb{Q}(\pi)$ is a CM field with totally real subfield $\mathbb{Q}(\pi + q/\pi)$.

In the case

1. Choose $L = \mathbf{Q}(\pi)(\sqrt{-p})$.
2. Let $d = [D_\pi : \mathbf{Q}(\pi)]^{1/2}$. This L splits D_π .

■

For a CM field L all the embeddings

$$\iota: L \hookrightarrow \mathbf{C}$$

come in complex conjugate pairs, choosing an embedding for each pair defines a subset $\Phi \subseteq \text{Hom}(L, \mathbf{C})$ such that

$$\Phi \cup \overline{\Phi} = \text{Hom}(L, \mathbf{C})$$

$$\Phi \cap \overline{\Phi} = \emptyset$$

such a choice of Φ is called a CM type.

Let A/\mathbf{C} be an [abelian variety](#) with CM by L i.e.

$$L \hookrightarrow \text{End}^0(A)$$

then

$$\mathbf{C} \otimes L = \prod_{\iota} \mathbf{C}$$

acts on the tangent space at the origin $\text{Lie}(A)$.

Proposition 1.13.19 *The action of $\mathbf{C} \otimes L$ factors through the quotient $\prod_{\iota \in \Phi} \mathbf{C}$ for some CM type Φ . We then say A/\mathbf{C} is of type (L, Φ) .*

Theorem 1.13.20 *For any CM type (L, Φ) there exists an [abelian variety](#) A/\mathbf{C} of type (L, Φ) .*

Proof. Found in Shimura-Taniyama. ■

The fact that A is in fact defined over a number field K is also in Shimura-Taniyama.

Theorem 1.13.21 *Let A/K be an [abelian variety](#) which admits CM. Then A/K admits potentially good reduction at all places v of K .*

Proof. Highly nontrivial, Neron models, Chevalley decomposition, Neron-Ogg-Shafarevich criterion, result of Grothendieck on potentially stable reduction. ■

After passing to a finite extension we will assume A/K has good reduction at places $v|p$. So we have a reduction $A_{\mathbf{F}_{q'}}/\mathbf{F}_{q'}$. For a place $w|p$ of L let

$$\Sigma_w = \text{Hom}(L_w, \mathbf{C}_p)$$

$$\Phi_w = \Phi \cap \Sigma_w.$$

Theorem 1.13.22 Shimura-Taniyama formula. *For all places $w|p$ of L ,*

$$\frac{w(\pi_{A_{\mathbf{F}_{q'}}})}{w(q')} = \frac{\#\Phi_w}{\#\Sigma_w}$$

Proof. Tate has a proof using CM theory of p -divisible groups. ■

Recall we fixed π and from this we deterministically formed $\mathbf{Q}(\pi), D_\pi, L$ however we have no restriction on our choice of Φ .

Lemma 1.13.23 *We can choose Φ such that for all places $w|p$ of L ,*

$$\frac{w(\pi)}{w(q)} = \frac{\#\Phi_w}{\#\Sigma_w}$$

Proof. Let $v = w|_{\mathbf{Q}(\pi)}$ be the place of $\mathbf{Q}(\pi)$ below w . Let

$$\begin{aligned} n_w &= \frac{w(\pi)}{w(q)} \#\Sigma_w = \frac{w(\pi)}{w(q)} [L_w : \mathbf{Q}_p] \\ &= \frac{w(\pi)}{w(q)} [L_w : \mathbf{Q}(\pi)_v] [\mathbf{Q}(\pi)_v : \mathbf{Q}_p] \end{aligned}$$

by recalling the formula for the [local invariants](#) of D_π we get

$$n_w = \text{inv}_w(D_\pi \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}(\pi)} L).$$

But L splits D_π so $n_w \in \mathbf{Z}$, further

$$\begin{aligned} n_w + n_{\bar{w}} &= \left(\frac{w(\pi)}{w(q)} + \frac{\bar{w}(\pi)}{\bar{w}(q)} \right) \#\Sigma_w \\ &= \left(\frac{w(\pi\bar{\pi})}{w(q)} \right) \#\Sigma_w = \#\Sigma_w \end{aligned}$$

check the CM type $\Phi = \bigcup_w \Phi_w$ where for each w $\#\Phi_w = n_w$. Then the formula follows. \blacksquare

Combining the previous result with the Shimura-Taniyama formula we get that for all places $w|p$

$$\frac{w(\pi_{A_{\mathbf{F}_{q'}}})}{w(q')} = \frac{w(\pi)}{w(q)}.$$

Taking the correct power,

$$w \left(\frac{\pi_{A_{\mathbf{F}_{q'}}}^m}{\pi^{m'}} \right) = 0 \forall w|p$$

$$\pi, \pi_{A_{\mathbf{F}_{q'}}} | q^{m'}$$

$$\implies w(\dots) = 0 \forall w \nmid p$$

since $|\pi^{m'}|_w = |\pi_{A_{\mathbf{F}_{q'}}}^m|_w = (q^{m'})^{1/2} \forall$ infinite places

$$\pi_{A_{\mathbf{F}_{q'}}} / \pi_A^{m'}$$

is a root of unity $\pi_{A_{\mathbf{F}_{q'}}}^N = \pi^{N'}$.

Chapter 2

Dessins d'Enfants

These are notes for BUNTES Spring 2018, the topic is [Dessins d'Enfants](#), they were last updated September 11, 2018. For more details see [the webpage](#). These notes are by Alex, feel free to email me at alex.j.best@gmail.com to report typos/suggest improvements, I'll be forever grateful.

2.1 Overview (Angus)

2.1.1 Belyi morphisms

Let X be an algebraic curve over \mathbf{C} (i.e. a compact [Riemann surface](#)) when is X defined over $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$?

Theorem 2.1.1 Belyi. *An algebraic curve X/\mathbf{C} is defined over $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ \iff there exists a morphism $\beta: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}$ [ramified](#) only over $\{0, 1, \infty\}$.*

Definition 2.1.2 Ramified. (AG) A morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is **ramified** at $x \in X$ if on local rings the induced map $f^\#: \mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ descended to

$$\mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)}/\mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}/f^\#(\mathfrak{m})$$

is not a finite inseparable field extension.

(RS) A morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is [ramified](#) at $x \in X$ if there are charts around x and $f(x)$ such that $f(x) = x^n$. This n is the **ramification index**. \diamond

Definition 2.1.3 Belyi morphisms. A **Belyi morphism** is one [ramified](#) only over $\{0, 1, \infty\}$

A **clean Belyi morphism** or **pure Belyi morphism** is a **Belyi morphism** where the [ramification indices](#) over 1 are all exactly 2. \diamond

Lemma 2.1.4 *A curve X admits a [Belyi morphism](#) iff it admits a [clean Belyi morphism](#).*

Proof. If $\alpha: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}$ is Belyi, then $\beta = 4\alpha(1-\alpha)$ is a [clean Belyi morphism](#). \blacksquare

2.1.2 Dessin d'Enfants

Definition 2.1.5 A **dessin d'Enfant** (or Grothendieck [Dessin](#) or just **Dessin**) is a triple (X_0, X_1, X_2) where X_2 is a compact [Riemann surface](#), X_1 is a graph, $X_0 \subset X_1$ is a finite set of points, where $X_2 \setminus X_1$ is a collection of open cells. $X_1 \setminus X_0$ is a disjoint union of line segments \diamond

Lemma 2.1.6 *The data of a [dessin](#) is equivalent to a graph with an ordering on the edges coming out of each vertex.*

Definition 2.1.7 Clean dessins. A clean dessin is a dessin with a colouring (white and black) on the vertices such that adjacent vertices do not share a colour. \diamond

2.1.3 The Grothendieck correspondence

Given a Belyi morphism $\beta: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}$ the graph $\beta^{-1}([0, 1])$ defines a dessin.

Theorem 2.1.8 *The map*

$$\begin{aligned} \{(Clean) \text{ Belyi morphisms}\} &\rightarrow \{(clean) \text{ dessins}\} \\ \beta &\mapsto \beta^{-1}([0, 1]) \end{aligned}$$

is a bijection up to isomorphisms.

Example 2.1.9

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C} &\rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C} \\ x &\mapsto x^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C} &\rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C} \\ x &\mapsto x^3 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

□

2.1.4 Covering spaces and Galois groups

A Belyi morphism defines a covering map.

$$\tilde{\beta}: \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$$

the coverings are controlled by the profinite completion of

$$\pi_1(\mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}) = \mathbf{Z} * \mathbf{Z} = F_2.$$

Theorem 2.1.10 *There is a faithful action*

$$\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{Q}}/\mathbf{Q}) \curvearrowright \hat{\pi}_1(\mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\})$$

Proof. By Belyi's theorem every elliptic curve $E/\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ admits a Belyi morphism. For each $j \in \overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ there exists an elliptic curve $E_j/\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ with j -invariant j .

Given $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{Q}}/\mathbf{Q})$,

$$\sigma(E_j) = E(\sigma(j))$$

assume $\sigma \mapsto 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} E_j &\cong E_{\sigma(j)} \quad \forall j \\ j &= \sigma(j) \quad \forall j \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. ■

Corollary 2.1.11 *We have a faithful action of $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{Q}}/\mathbf{Q})$ on dessins.*

Theorem 2.1.12 *We have a faithful action of $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{Q}}/\mathbf{Q})$ on the set of dessins of any fixed genus.*

2.1.5 Exercises

Exercise 2.1.13 Compute the [Dessins](#) for the following [Belyi morphisms](#)

1.

$$\mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}, x \mapsto x^4$$

2.

$$\mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}, x \mapsto x^2(3 - 2x)$$

3.

$$\mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}, x \mapsto \frac{1}{x(2-x)}$$

Exercise 2.1.14 Give an alternate proof of the fact that X admits a [Belyi morphism](#) if and only if it admits a [clean Belyi morphism](#) using [dessins](#) and the Grothendieck correspondence.

Exercise 2.1.15 Prove that a [Belyi morphism](#) corresponding to a tree, that sends ∞ to ∞ is a polynomial.

2.2 Riemann Surfaces I (Ricky)

2.2.1 Definitions

Definition 2.2.1 A **topological surface** is a Hausdorff space X which has a collection of charts

$$\{\phi_i: U_i \xrightarrow{\sim} \phi_i(U_i) \subseteq \mathbf{C}, \text{ open}\}_{i \in I}$$

such that

$$X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i.$$

We call X a **Riemann surface** if the transition functions $\phi_i \circ \phi_j^{-1}$ are holomorphic. \diamond

2.2.2 Examples

Example 2.2.2 Open subsets of \mathbf{C} , e.g.

$$\mathbf{C}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z| < 1\}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \{z \in \mathbf{C} : \text{Im } z > 0\}.$$

□

Example 2.2.3 $\hat{\mathbf{C}}$ = Riemann sphere = $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$. A basis of neighborhoods of ∞ is given by

$$\{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z| > R\} \cup \{\infty\}.$$

□

Example 2.2.4

$$\mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{C}) = \{[z_0 : z_1] : (z_0, z_1) \neq (0, 0)\}$$

$$U_0 = \{[z_0 : z_1] : z_0 \neq 0\} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$$

$$[z_0 : z_1] \mapsto \frac{z_1}{z_0}$$

$$U_1 = \{[z_0 : z_1] : z_1 \neq 0\} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$$

$$[z_0 : z_1] \mapsto \frac{z_0}{z_1}.$$

□

Example 2.2.5 Let $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}i \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ then $X = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ is a [Riemann surface](#). □

2.2.3 Morphisms

Definition 2.2.6 (Holo/Mero)-morphisms of Riemann surfaces. A morphism of [Riemann surfaces](#) is a continuous map

$$f: S \rightarrow S'$$

such that for all charts ϕ, ψ on S, S' respectively we have $\psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$ is holomorphic.

We call a morphism $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a **holomorphic function** on S .

We say $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a **meromorphic function** if $f \circ \phi^{-1}$ is meromorphic. ◇

Exercise 2.2.7 The set of [meromorphic functions](#) on a [Riemann surface](#) form a field.

We denote the field of [meromorphic functions](#) by $\mathcal{M}(S)$.

Proposition 2.2.8 1.26.

$$\mathcal{M}(\hat{\mathbb{C}}) = \mathbb{C}(z).$$

Proof. Let $f: \hat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be meromorphic. Then the number of poles of f is finite say at a_1, \dots, a_n . So, locally at a_i we can write

$$f(z) = \sum_{j=1}^{j_i} \frac{\lambda_{j,i}}{(z - a_i)^j} + h_i(z)$$

with h_i holomorphic. Then

$$f(z) - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{j_i} \frac{\lambda_{j,i}}{(z - a_i)^j}$$

is holomorphic everywhere. By Liouville's theorem this is constant. ■

We say S, S' are isomorphic if $\exists f: S \rightarrow S', g: S' \rightarrow S$ morphisms such that $f \circ g = \text{id}_{S'}, g \circ f = \text{id}_S$.

Exercise 2.2.9 Show that

$$\hat{\mathbb{C}} \simeq \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}).$$

Remark 2.2.10 $\mathbb{C} \neq \mathbb{D}$ by Liouville.

If S, S' are connected compact [Riemann surfaces](#), then any nonconstant morphism $f: S \rightarrow S'$ is surjective. (Nonconstant holomorphic maps are open)

2.2.4 Ramification

Definition 2.2.11 Orders of vanishing. The **order of vanishing** at $P \in S$ of a [holomorphic function](#) on S is defined as follows: For ϕ a chart centered at P write

$$f \circ \phi^{-1}(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots, a_n \neq 0$$

then $\text{ord}_P(f) = n$.

More generally, for $f: S \rightarrow S'$ we can define $m_P(f)$ (**multiplicity** of f at P) by

using a chart ψ on S' and setting

$$m_P(f) = \text{ord}_P(\psi \circ f).$$

If $m_P(f) \geq 2$ then we call P a **branch point** of f and call f **ramified** at P . \diamond

Example 2.2.12

$$f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, f(z) = z^2.$$

The chart $\phi_a(z) = z - a$ is centered at $a \in \mathbb{C}$. Then to compute $m_a(f)$ we compute

$$f \circ \phi_a^{-1}(z) = a^2 + 2az + z^2$$

hence

$$\text{ord}_a(f) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a \neq 0 \\ 2, & \text{if } a = 0 \end{cases}.$$

□

2.2.5 Genus

Theorem 2.2.13 Rado. *Any orientable compact surface can be triangulated.*

Fact 2.2.14 *Riemann surfaces are orientable.*

Given such an oriented polygon coming from a **Riemann surface**, we can associate a word w to it from travelling around the perimeter.

Example 2.2.15 For the sphere $w = a^{-1}ab^{-1}bc^{-1}c$. \square

Fact 2.2.16 *Every such word can be normalised without changing the corresponding Riemann surface.*

$$w = \begin{cases} w_0 = aa^{-1}, \\ w_g = a_1b_1a_1^{-1}b_1^{-1} \cdots a_gb_ga_g^{-1}b_g^{-1} \end{cases}$$

The (uniquely determined) g is the **genus** of the surface.

Example 2.2.17 $w_1 = a_1b_1a_1^{-1}b_1^{-1}$.

$w_2 = a_1b_1a_1^{-1}b_1a_2b_2a_2^{-1}b_2^{-1}$. \square

Theorem 2.2.18

$$\chi(S) = v - e + f = 2 - 2g(S).$$

2.3 Riemann Hurwitz Formula (Sachi)

Exercise 2.3.1 Unimportant. The **genus** is invariant under changing triangulation.

In particular there are at least two distinct ways of thinking about **genus** for **Riemann surfaces** R

1.

$$\chi(R) = V - E + F = 2 - 2g$$

2. The dimension of the space of holomorphic differentials on R .

Goal: given R calculate **genus**

$$y^2 = (x+1)(x-1)(x+2)(x-2)$$

so in an ad hoc way

$$y = \sqrt{(x+1)(x-1)(x+2)(x-2)}$$

when x is not a root of the above we have two distinct values for y , we can imagine two copies of \mathbf{C} sitting above each other and then square root will land in both copies. We have to make branch cuts between the roots and glue along these to account for the fact that going around a small loop surrounding a root will change the sign of our square root. We end up with something looking like a torus here.

Here we examined the value where there were not enough preimages when we plugged in a value for x . The idea is to project to x , and understand the number of preimages.

$$P(x, y) = y^n + p_{n-1}(x)y^{n-1} + \cdots + p_0(x)$$

an irreducible polynomial.

$$R = \{(x, y) : P(x, y) = 0\}.$$

If we fix $x_0 \in \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}$ we can analyse how many y values lie over this x . If we have fixed our coefficients we expect n solutions in y over \mathbf{C} , i.e. points $(x_0, y) \in R$.

For some values of x_0 this will not be true, there will be fewer y -values, this occurs when we have a multiple root. This happens precisely when the discriminant of this polynomial vanishes, the discriminant is a polynomial and so has finitely many roots.

Definition 2.3.2 Branch points. Let $\pi: R \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}$. We say x_0 is a **branch point** if there are fewer than n distinct y -values above x . Then define the **total branching index**

$$b = \sum_{x \in \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}} (\deg(\pi) - \#\pi^{-1}(x)).$$

◇

Claim 2.3.3

$$\chi(R) = \deg \pi \cdot \chi(\mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}) - b.$$

Lemma 2.3.4 *Locally given some choice of coordinates a non-constant [morphism of Riemann surfaces](#)*

$$f: R \rightarrow S$$

is given by $w \mapsto w^n$. More precisely given $r \in R$, $f(r) = s$ and $V_s \ni s$ a small neighbourhood choose an identification of

$$V_s \xrightarrow{\Psi} D$$

which sends $s \mapsto 0$ and we can find an analytic identification

$$r \in R_r \xrightarrow{\phi} D$$

such that

$$f(U_r) \subseteq V_s.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_r & \xrightarrow{f} & V_s \\ \phi \downarrow & & \downarrow \Psi \\ D & \xrightarrow{w \mapsto w^n} & D \end{array}$$

Proof. In Sachi's notes. ■

Proof. Of Claim 2.3.3.

Triangulate R so that every face lies in some small coordinate neighborhood s.t.

$$\pi: R \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}$$

is given by $w \mapsto w^m$, s.t. every edge, all **branch points** are vertices. This ensures that each face edge and vertex has $n = \deg(\pi)$ preimages (except **branch points**). Then accounting for **branch points** we have $\deg(\pi) - \#\pi^{-1}(x_0)$ preimages. ■

Example 2.3.5 $P(x, y)$ plane curve, classically have

$$g = \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2}$$

$\mathbf{P}^2 = \{[x : y : z]\}$ and $(\mathbf{P}^2)^* = [a : b : c]$, lines in \mathbf{P}^2

$$ax + by + cz = 0$$

and we have lines \leftrightarrow points. We have C^* the dual curve in \mathbf{P}^2 cut out by the tangent lines t_Q for $Q \in C$. Claim $\deg C^* = (d-1)d$.

Want

$$R: \{P(x, y) = 0\} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{C}$$

compute b . In other words, if we fix an arbitrary point $Q \in C$ then there are $d(d-1)$ lines through Q which are tangent to C . Projecting to the x -coordinate \iff family of lines through a point at $\infty \iff$ * line in $(\mathbf{P}^2)^*$. We have a new question: How many points does this line intersect (up to **multiplicity**). By bezout $\iff \deg C^*$.

Proof (Matt emerton) Consider a point on C in \mathbf{P}^2 such that no tangent line to the curve at ∞ passes through it. Move this point to the origin. If we write

$$P(x, y) = f_d + f_{d-1} + \cdots + f_0$$

then

$$(f_d, f_{d-1}) = 1$$

suppose they share a linear factor:

$$0 = (f_d)_x x + (f_d)_y y + f_{d-1},$$

then this defines a line through the origin. (Because this gives an equation of an asymptote, this is a contradiction).

$$f_d + f_{d-1} + \cdots + f_0 = 0$$

$$df_d + (d-1)f_{d-1} + \cdots + f_1 = 0$$

$$\implies$$

$$\begin{cases} f_d + f_{d-1} + \cdots + f_0 = 0 \\ f_{d-1} + 2f_{d-2} + \cdots + (d-1)f_1 = 0 \end{cases} \quad .$$

Now these have $d(d-1)$ common solutions. C^* has degree $d(d-1)$ so $b = d(d-1)$. Riemann-Hurwitz implies

$$\chi(R) = 2 \deg \pi - d(d-1)$$

$$\chi(R) = 2d - d(d-1)$$

so

$$g = \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2}.$$

□

A 3-fold equivalence of categories Amazing synthesis.

1. Analysis: Compact connected [riemann surfaces](#).
2. Algebra: Field extensions K/\mathbb{C} where K is finitely generated of transcendence degree 1 over \mathbb{C} .

3. Geometry: [Complete](#) nonsingular irreducible algebraic curves in \mathbb{P}^n .

3) curve \rightarrow 2) field extension. Over \mathbb{C} all rational functions $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ $\deg P = \deg Q$, $P, Q: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$.

3) \rightarrow 1) take complex structure induced by \mathbb{P}^n .

1) \rightarrow 2) associated field of [meromorphic functions](#) on X .

1) \rightarrow 3) Any curve which is holomorphic has an embedding into \mathbb{P}^n (Riemann-Roch).

2) \rightarrow 1) K/\mathbb{C} consider valuation rings R such that $K \supseteq R \supseteq \mathbb{C}$.

Example 2.3.6 $g = 0$, $\mathbb{P}^1 \mathbb{C} \mathbb{C}(t)$, $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$. □

Example 2.3.7 $g = 1$, [elliptic curves](#), $f(x, y, z)$ smooth plane cubic, $f = 0$, $\mathbb{C}(\sqrt{f(x)}, x)$.

$$\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$z \mapsto (z, \wp(z), \wp'(z))$$

$$z \notin \Lambda$$

backwards

$$(x, y) \mapsto \int_{(x_0, y_0)}^{(x, y)} \frac{dx}{y}$$

□

Riemann-Hurwitz (generally) There's nothing that doesn't generalise about the previous proof.

Claim 2.3.8 For $\pi: R \rightarrow S$ a non-constant morphism of compact [Riemann surfaces](#)

$$\chi(R) = \deg \pi \cdot \chi(S) - \sum_{x \in S} (\deg(\pi) - \#\pi^{-1}(x)).$$

Corollary 2.3.9 There are no non-constant morphisms from a sphere to a surface of [genus](#) > 0 .

Proof.

$$f: \mathbb{P}^1 \mathbb{C} \rightarrow S$$

$$\chi(\mathbb{P}^1 \mathbb{C}) = \deg f \chi(S) - b$$

$$2 = (+) \cdot (-) - b.$$

■

Exercise 2.3.10

$$x^n + y^n + z^n = 0$$

is not solvable in non-constant polynomials for $n > 2$.

Exercise 2.3.11

$$E = \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}i$$

multiplication by i rotates $x \mapsto xi$ let $x \sim xi$. If we mod out by \sim to get E/\sim this is still a [Riemann surface](#) and the quotient map

$$f: E \rightarrow E/\sim$$

is nice, compute the [branch points](#) of order 4 and order 2.

Exercise 2.3.12 X compact [Riemann surface](#) of $g \geq 2$ then there are at most $84(g-1)$ automorphisms of X .

Exercise 2.3.13 Klein quartic

$$x^3y + y^3z + z^3x = 0$$

has 168 automorphisms and is [genus](#) 3.

2.4 Riemann Surfaces and Discrete Groups (Rod)

Welcome to BUGLES (Boston university geometry learning expository seminar), the reason it is called bugles is because bugles are hyperbolic, and today we will see a lot of hyperbolic objects.

Plan

1. Uniformization
2. Fuchsian groups
3. Automorphisms of [Riemann surfaces](#)

Proposition 2.4.1

$$\text{Aut}(\hat{\mathbf{C}}) = \{z \mapsto \frac{az+b}{cz+d}\}$$

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbf{C}) = \{z \mapsto za+b\}$$

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbf{H}) = \{z \mapsto \frac{az+b}{cz+d}, a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{R}\} = \text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})$$

Theorem 2.4.2 Σ has a universal cover $\tilde{\Sigma}$ with $\pi_1(\Sigma) = 1$. $\tilde{\Sigma} \rightarrow \Sigma$ holomorphic. $\Sigma = \tilde{\Sigma}/G$ for $G = \pi_1(\Sigma)$. G acts freely and properly discontinuously.

2.4.1 Uniformization

Theorem 2.4.3 The only simply connected [Riemann surfaces](#) are $\hat{\mathbf{C}}$, \mathbf{C} , \mathbf{H} .

Theorem 2.4.4 Σ is a [Riemann surface](#) then

$$g = 0 : \Sigma \cong \hat{\mathbf{C}}$$

$$g = 1 : \Sigma \cong \mathbf{C}/\Lambda$$

$$g \geq 2 : \Sigma \cong \mathbf{H}/K.$$

Proof. $g = 0$ Uniformization.

$g \geq 1$ $\hat{\mathbf{C}}$ can't be a cover by Riemann-Hurwitz. $g = 1$ $\pi_1(\Sigma) = \mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}$ abelian.

Claim: no subgroup of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{H})$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}$ acting freely and properly discontinuously. So $\tilde{\Sigma} = \hat{\mathbf{C}}$ $z \mapsto az+b$ free $\text{id } a = 1$ so $z \mapsto z + \lambda_1$ $z \mapsto z + \lambda_2$.

$g = 2$ $\pi_1(\Sigma)$ is not abelian but $z \mapsto z + \lambda_1$ is abelian!

$$\Sigma = \mathbf{H}/K, K \subseteq \text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R}).$$

■

Goal Understand Σ through $\tilde{\Sigma}$ and G .

Fuchsian groups $g \geq 2$.

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbf{H}) = \text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R}) = \text{Isom}^+(\mathbf{H}, \frac{|dz|^2}{\Im Z})$$

hyperbolic \mathbf{H} , \mathbf{D} and $\text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ acts transitively on geodesics.

Definition 2.4.5 Fuchsian groups. A **Fuchsian group** is a discrete subgroup of $\text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})$. \diamond

Remark 2.4.6 (proof in book) Even if Γ doesn't act freely the quotient

$$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}/\Gamma$$

is still a covering map and \mathbf{H}/Γ is a [Riemann surface](#).

Reflections on \mathbf{H} Say μ is a geodesic in \mathbf{H} , i.e. a horocycle. There is $M \in \text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ with $M\mu$ the imaginary axis. Then $R = -\bar{z}$ is the reflection over the imaginary axis. Now $R_\mu = M^{-1} \circ R \circ M$ is a reflection over μ .

$$R_\mu = \frac{a\bar{z} + b}{c\bar{z} + d} \notin \text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})$$

this is a problem for us.

Triangle groups Given $n, m, l \in \mathbf{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$ then there is a hyperbolic triangle with angles $\pi/n, \pi/m, \pi/l$ if

$$\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{l} < 1.$$

With area $\pi(1 - \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{l})$.

In the disk model we can start with a wedge of the disk and by adding a choice third geodesic with endpoints on the edge we can adjust the other angles to be what we like. So we can construct hyperbolic triangles with whatever angles we like. Then let R_1 be the reflection over 1 edge, R_2, R_3 similarly. By reflecting our original triangle T with these reflections we can tessellate the disk, colouring alternately the triangles obtained using an odd or even number of reflections.

The only remaining problem is that R_i 's are not in $\text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})$. The solution is to define $x_1 = R_3 \circ R_1, x_2 = R_1 \circ R_2, x_3 = R_2 \circ R_3$ which are all in $\text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ now. Now we need to take the union of two adjacent triangles before as a fundamental domain, some quadrilateral that still tessellates. So we have formed a [Fuchsian group](#) from our triangles.

A presentation for this group is

$$\langle x_1, x_2, x_3 | x_1^n = x_2^m = x_3^l = x_1 x_2 x_3 = 1 \rangle$$

note n, m, l can still be ∞ .

Definition 2.4.7 Triangle groups. Let $\Gamma_{n,m,l}$ be the **triangle group** with signature $(1/n, 1/m, 1/l)$. \diamond

Remark 2.4.8

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{l} &= 1 \\ \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{l} &> 1 \end{aligned}$$

still work on \mathbf{C} and $\hat{\mathbf{C}}$ respectively.

Example 2.4.9 $\text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$. Consider $\Gamma_{2,3,\infty}$ angles $\pi/2, \pi/3, 0$. We can draw such a triangle in the upper half plane with vertices $i, e^{\pi i/3}, \infty$. So a fundamental domain will be the region obtained by reflecting through the imaginary axis, given by $-\frac{1}{2} \leq \Re z \leq \frac{1}{2}, |z| \geq 1$. We have $R_1 = \frac{1}{z}, R_2 = -\bar{z} + 1, R_3 = -\bar{z}$ so $x_1 = \frac{-1}{z}, x_2 = \frac{1}{-z+1}, x_3 = z + 1$. Then $\Gamma_{2,3,\infty} \cong \text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$. Sometimes denoted $\Gamma(1)$. \square

Observation 2.4.10 If $\Gamma_1 < \Gamma_2$ and T is a fundamental domain of Γ_2 then if $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma_2$ are representatives of $\Gamma_1 \backslash \Gamma_2$ then

$$\bigcup \gamma_i(T)$$

is a fundamental domain for Γ_1 .

Example 2.4.11 $\Gamma(1)$.

$$\Gamma(2) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \text{id} \pmod{2} \right\}$$

then

$$[\Gamma(1) : \Gamma(2)] = 6$$

representatives of $\Gamma(2) \backslash \Gamma(1)$ are

$$x_1 = \text{id}, x_2 = \frac{-1}{z-1}, x_3 = \frac{z-1}{z}, x_4 = \frac{z-1}{z}, x_5 = \frac{-z}{x-1}, x_6 = \frac{-1}{z}.$$

Lets see what these do, for example if $z = e^{i\theta}$

$$\Re(x_2(z)) = \frac{-1}{e^{i\theta} - 1} = \frac{-e^{i\theta} + 1}{2 - 2\cos\theta} = \frac{1 - \cos\theta}{2 - 2\cos\theta} \frac{1}{2}$$

if we plot this we see we get two copies of a 0,0,0 triangle so this corresponds to $\Gamma_{\infty,\infty,\infty}$.

$$\langle x_1, x_2, x_3 | x_1 x_2 x_3 = 1 \rangle = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = \pi_1(\mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}).$$

\square

Proposition 2.4.12 $S_1 = \mathbf{H}/\Gamma_1, S_2 = \mathbf{H}/\Gamma_2$ then

$$S_1 \cong S_2 \iff \Gamma_1 = T \circ \Gamma_2 \circ T^{-1}, T \in \text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R}).$$

Proof. \Leftarrow Define an $\phi: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ via $\phi([z]_1) = [T(z)]_2$.

\Rightarrow Take a lift

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{H} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}} & \mathbf{H} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{H}/\Gamma_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbf{H}/\Gamma_2 \end{array}$$

then $T = \tilde{\phi}$. \blacksquare

Proposition 2.4.13 Γ a *Fuchsian group* acts freely

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbf{H}/\Gamma) = N(\Gamma)/\Gamma.$$

Proof. Previous proposition, set $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2$

$$N(\Gamma) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbf{H}/\Gamma)$$

kernel is Γ . ■

Corollary 2.4.14 Let Σ be a *Riemann surface* with $g \geq 2$ then

$$|\text{Aut}(\Sigma)| < \infty.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{H} & & \\ \phi_2 \downarrow & \searrow \phi_1 & \\ S = \mathbf{H}/\Gamma & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbf{H}/N(\Gamma) = S/\text{Aut}(S) \end{array}$$

since ϕ_1, ϕ_2 are holomorphic then so is f . So $\deg f = |N(\Gamma)/\Gamma|$ and $\deg f < \infty$. ■

Say $\Sigma, g \geq 2, G \subseteq \text{Aut}(\Sigma)$. Let \bar{g} be the *genus* of Σ/G

$$2g - 2 = |G|(2\bar{g} - 2) + \sum_p (I(p) - 1) = |G|(2\bar{g} - 2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \frac{1}{|I(p_i)|}))$$

where $I(p)$ is the stabiliser of p in G and $\{p_i\}$ area maximal set of fixed points of G inequivalent under the action of G .

Exercise 2.4.15 $\Sigma, g \geq 2$ then $|\text{Aut}(\Sigma)| \leq 84(g - 1)$. Hint: cases.

Exercise 2.4.16 Consider

$$1 \rightarrow \Gamma(n) \rightarrow \Gamma(1) \rightarrow \text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}) \rightarrow 1$$

compute *genus* of $\mathbf{H}/\Gamma(n)$.

2.5 Riemann Surfaces and Discrete Groups II (Jim)

2.5.1 Moduli space of compact Riemann surfaces with genus g

$g = 0$. Uniformization tells us that up to isomorphisms all *Riemann surfaces* of *genus* 0 are \mathbf{P}^1 hence the moduli space $\mathcal{M}_0 = \{\text{pt}\}$.

$g = 1$. Uniformization tells us that each *Riemann surface* of *genus* 1 is a torus and can be written as $\mathbf{C}/\omega_1\mathbf{Z} + \omega_2\mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}/(\mathbf{Z} \oplus \tau\mathbf{Z})$, with $\tau = \pm\omega_1/\omega_2$.

Proposition 2.5.1 2.54.

$$\mathcal{M}_1 \simeq \mathbf{H}/\text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{Z}) \simeq \mathbf{C}.$$

Proof. Idea: Existence of

$$\mathbf{C}/\Lambda_{\tau_1} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{C}/\Lambda_{\tau_2}$$

with $\bar{T}([0]) = [0]$ is equivalent to the existence of $T \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{C})$ (choose $T(z) = wz$) such that $w(\mathbf{Z} \oplus \tau_1\mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{Z} \oplus \tau_2\mathbf{Z}$. This in turn is equivalent to the existence of

$$A, A' \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$$

s.t. $\det(A) = \det(A') = \pm 1$ so that

$$\begin{pmatrix} w \\ w\tau_1 \end{pmatrix} A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} = A' \begin{pmatrix} w \\ w\tau_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies \tau_q = A\psi_2 = \frac{a\tau_2 + b}{c\tau_2 + d}$$

and $A \in \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})$. Implies $A \in \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ as both $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \mathbf{H}$. Conversely if

$$\tau_1 = \frac{a\tau_2 + b}{c\tau_2 + d}$$

isomorphism is induced by $T(z) = (c\tau_2 + d)z$. \blacksquare

$g > 1$ \mathcal{M}_g is a complex variety of dimension $3g - 3$. Uniformization tells us that describing a [Riemann surface](#) amounts to specifying $2g$ real 2×2 matrices $\{\gamma_i\}_{i=1}^{2g}$ such that

1. $\det(\gamma_i) = 1$ which implies that γ_i depends on 3 real parameters so we have a total of $6g$.
2. $\prod_{i=1}^g [\gamma_i, \gamma_{g+i}] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 3 relations, so $6g - 3$. Since for any $\gamma \in \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ $\Gamma = \langle \gamma_i \rangle$ and $\gamma\Gamma\gamma^{-1}$ uniformize isomorphic [Riemann surfaces](#) implies $6g - 6$ real parameters, so $3g - 3$ complex parameters.

2.5.2 Monodromy

Let $f: S_1 \rightarrow S$ be a morphism of degree d [ramified](#) over $y_1, \dots, y_n \in S$. For $y \in S \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ we have a group homomorphism

$$M_f: \pi_1(S \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Bij}(f^{-1}(y))$$

$$\gamma \mapsto M_f(\gamma) = \sigma_\gamma^{-1}.$$

σ_γ is defined as follows:

$$\gamma \in \pi_1(S \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_n\})$$

lifts to a path $\tilde{\gamma}$ from $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ to another $x' \in f^{-1}(y)$ set $\sigma_\gamma(x) = x'$. If we number the points in $f^{-1}(y)$ we may think of $M_f(\pi_1) \subseteq \Sigma_d$, via some $\phi: \{1, \dots, d\} \rightarrow f^{-1}(y)$. $\mathrm{Mon}(f)$ is the image of $M_f(\pi_1)$ in Σ_d .

Monodromy and Fuchsian groups Let

$$\pi: \mathbf{H}/\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{H}/\Gamma$$

be the [Fuchsian group](#) representation of the map

$$f: S_1 \rightarrow S \ni y.$$

Identifications $y = [z_0]_\Gamma$ for some $z_0 \in \mathbf{H}$.

$$\pi_1(S \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}) \simeq \Gamma$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = \{[\beta z_0]_{\Gamma_1}\}$$

where β runs along a set of representatives of $\Gamma_1 \backslash \Gamma$.

$$M_f: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathrm{Bij}(\Gamma_1 \backslash \Gamma)$$

$$\gamma \mapsto M_f(\gamma)$$

$$\implies \gamma \sim \pi_1([z_0, \gamma(z_0)])$$

where $[z_0, \gamma(z_0)]$ is a path in \mathbf{H} . Lift this loop to \mathbf{H}/Γ_1 is the path $\pi_{\Gamma_1}(\beta[z_0, \gamma_0(z_0)])$. which corresponds to $\Gamma_1\beta\gamma$, this implies $\sigma_\gamma(\Gamma_1\beta) = \Gamma_1\beta\gamma$.

Corollary 2.5.2 2.59.

$$M_\pi : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Bij}(\Gamma_1 \backslash \Gamma)$$

induces an isomorphism

$$\frac{\Gamma}{\bigcap_{\beta \in \Gamma_1} \beta^{-1} \Gamma_1 \beta} \simeq \text{Mon}(\pi)$$

characterize morphisms by monodromy. Let f_i have degree 2, non conjugate.

Proposition 2.5.3 2.63. For S a compact *Riemann surface* and $\beta = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \subset S$ for some $d \geq 1$ there are only finitely many pairs (\tilde{S}, f) where \tilde{S} is a compact *Riemann surface* and

$$f : \tilde{S} \rightarrow S$$

is a degree d morphism with branching value set β .

Proof. Special case: Assume $S = \mathbf{P}^1$ and $n = 3$.

$$\Gamma = \Gamma(2) = \{A \in \text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{Z}) : A \equiv \text{id} \pmod{2}\}$$

$$= \pi_1(S' \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\})$$

is generated by γ_1, γ_2 so any map $M_f : \Gamma(2) \rightarrow \Sigma_d$ is determined by images of γ_1, γ_2 . ■

2.5.3 Galois coverings

Definition 2.5.4 A covering $f : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ is Galois (or regular, or normal) if the covering group

$$\text{Aut}(S, f) = \{h \in \text{Aut}(S_1) : f \circ h = f\} = G$$

acts transitively on each fibre. With this notion we can think of $S_1 \rightarrow S_1/G$. ◇

Proposition 2.5.5 2.65.

$$f : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$$

is Galois if and only if

$$f^* : M(S_2) \rightarrow M(S_1)$$

is a Galois extension. In this case $\text{Aut}(S_1, f) \simeq \text{Gal}(M(S_1)/M(S_2))$.

Example 2.5.6 Hyperelliptic covers of \mathbf{P}^1 given by

$$S = \{y^2 = \prod_{i=1}^N (x - a_i)\} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow x$$

covering group G is order 2 generated by the involution $J(x, y) = (x, -y)$. □

Proposition 2.5.7 2.66. A covering

$$f : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$$

is normal/Galois iff

$$\deg(f) = |\text{Mon}(f)|.$$

2.5.4 Normalization of coverings of \mathbf{P}^1

Let $f: S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ be a cover of $\deg d > 0$ with $\text{Mon}(f) \leq \Sigma_d$.

The normalisation

$$\tilde{f}: \tilde{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

associated to f has $\text{Mon}(f) \cong \text{Aut}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{g})$ and $\tilde{f}^*: M(\mathbf{P}^1) \rightarrow M(\mathbf{P}^1)$ is the normalisation of the extension

$$f^*: M(\mathbf{P}^1) \hookrightarrow M(S)$$

Normalization of extensions $K \hookrightarrow L$ is a Galois extension of K of lowest possible degree containing L .

Definition 2.5.8 Normalization of $f: S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ $\deg d > 0$ is a Galois covering $\tilde{f}: \tilde{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ of lowest possible degree s.t. $\exists \pi: \tilde{S} \rightarrow S$ with the diagram commuting. \diamond

Corollary 2.5.9 2.73.

$$\text{Mon}(f) \simeq \text{Aut}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{f})$$

Interpretation in terms of [Fuchsian groups](#):

Proposition 2.5.10 Let $f: S_1 \rightarrow S$ be a covering of [Riemann surfaces](#) $S_1 \setminus f^{-1}\{y_1, \dots, y_n\} \rightarrow S \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$. The unramified cover and $\pi: \mathbf{H}/\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{H}/\Gamma$ the [Fuchsian group](#) representatives. The normalisation of f can be represented as the compactification of

$$\mathbf{H} / \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma^{-1} \Gamma_1 \gamma \rightarrow \mathbf{H}/\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{H}/\Gamma$$

so the covering group is isomorphic to $\Gamma / \bigcap \gamma^{-1} \Gamma_1 \gamma \simeq \text{Mon}(f)$.

Example 2.5.11 Let $F(x, y) = y^2x - (y - 1)^3$ consider

$$S_F \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow x$$

S_F has [genus](#) 0. $S_F \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ is of degree 3 and [ramified](#) at most over $0, \frac{-27}{4}, \infty$. $\text{Mon}(x) \simeq \Sigma_3$ so not a normal covering. Normalization of (S_F, x) is $S_{\tilde{F}}, \tilde{x}$ where

$$\tilde{F}(x, y) = y^2(1 - y)^2x + (1 - y + y^2)$$

□

2.6 Belyi's theorem (Maria)

Theorem 2.6.1 Let S be a compact [riemann surface](#), then the following are equivalent.

1. S is defined over $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ (iff over a number field)
2. S admits a morphism $f: S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ with at most 3 branching values.

Definition 2.6.2 **Belyi functions.** A [meromorphic function](#) with less than 4 branching values is a **Belyi function**. \diamond

Remark 2.6.3

1. Branching values can be taken to be in $\{0, 1, \infty\}$.
2. If $S \neq \mathbf{P}^1$, then $f: S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ has at least 3 branching values

Definition 2.6.4 Belyi polynomials. Let $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$, $\lambda = m/(m+n)$, define

$$P_\lambda(x) = P_{m,n}(x) = \frac{(m+1)^{m+n}}{m^m n^n} x^m (1-x)^n$$

Belyi polynomials. ◇

Proposition 2.6.5 P_λ satisfies

1. P_λ ramifies at exactly $0, 1, \lambda, \infty$.
2. $P_\lambda(0) = P_\lambda(1) = 0, P_\lambda(\lambda) = 1, P_\lambda(\infty) = \infty$.

Example 2.6.6

$$S_\lambda : y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda)$$

with $\lambda = m/(m+n)$. From ex. 1.32

$$x : S_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto x$$

$$\infty \mapsto \infty$$

ramifies over $0, 1, \lambda, \infty$. Then $f = P_\lambda \circ x : S_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ ramifies exactly at $(0, 0), (1, 0), (\lambda, 0), \infty$. With branching values $0, 0, 1, \infty$ so that f is a [Belyi function](#). □

2.6.1 Proof of a) implies b)

Note 2.6.7 Its enough to show $\exists f : S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ [ramified](#) over $\{0, 1, \infty, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\} \subseteq \mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$. Given this we can repeatedly use [Belyi polynomials](#) to obtain $g : S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ [ramified](#) over $\{0, 1, \infty\}$.

Write $S = S_F$

$$F(x, y) = p_0(x)y^n + \dots + p_n(x)$$

defined over $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}[x, y]$. Let $B_0 = \{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_s\}$ be the branching values of $x : S_F \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$.

Theorem 1.86 says that the each μ_i is ∞ , a root of $p_0(x)$ or a common root of F, F_y which implies by lemma 1.84 that $B_0 \subseteq \overline{\mathbf{Q}} \cup \{\infty\}$. If $B_0 \subseteq \mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ we are done otherwise let $m_1(T) \in \mathbf{Q}[T]$ be the minimal polynomial of $\{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_s\}$. Let $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d\}$ be the roots of $m'_1(T)$ and $p'(T)$ their min. poly. Note : $\deg P(t) < \deg m'_1(T)$

Note: $\text{Branch}(g \circ f) = \text{Branch}(g) \cup g(\text{Branch}(f))$ branching values.

So $B_1 \text{ Branch}(m_1 \circ x) = m_1(\{\text{roots of } m'_1\}) \cup \{0, \infty\}$.

$$S \xrightarrow{x} \mathbf{P}^1 \xrightarrow{m_1} \mathbf{P}^1$$

If $B_1 \subseteq \mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ done. Otherwise let $m_2(T)$ be the minimal polynomial / \mathbf{Q} of $\{m_1(\beta_1), \dots, m_1(\beta_d)\}$, $B_2 = \text{Branch}(m_2 \circ m_1 \circ x)$. Fact: $\deg(m(t)) < \deg(m_1(T))$.

Repeat inductively until $B_k \subseteq \mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ which is guaranteed by the decreasing degrees.

2.6.2 Algebraic characterization of morphisms

Proposition 2.6.8 Defining a morphism $f : S_F \rightarrow S_G$ is equivalent to giving a pair

of rational functions

$$f = (R_1, R_2), R_i = \frac{P_i}{Q_i}, P_i, Q_i \in \mathbf{C}[x, y], Q_i \notin (F)$$

such that $Q_1^{\deg_x(G)} Q_2^{\deg_y(G)} G(R_1, R_2) = HF$ for some $H \in \mathbf{C}[x, y]$. $f(R_1, R_2)$ is an isomorphism if there exists an inverse morphism $h: S_G \rightarrow S_F$.

Remark 2.6.9

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_f & \xrightarrow{f} & S_G \\ & \searrow m & \downarrow h \\ & & S_D \end{array}$$

The fact that this diagram commutes can be expressed by polynomial identities.

2.6.3 Galois action

Let $\text{Gal}(\mathbf{C}) = \text{Gal}(\mathbf{C}/\mathbf{Q})$.

Definition 2.6.10 For $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbf{C})$, $a \in \mathbf{C}$ denote $a^\sigma = \sigma(a)$,

1. If $P = \sum a_{ij} x^i y^j \in \mathbf{C}[x, y]$ set

$$P^\sigma = \sum a_{ij}^\sigma x^i y^j \in \mathbf{C}[x, y]$$

if $R = P/Q$ set $R^\sigma = P^\sigma/Q^\sigma$.

2. If $S \simeq S_F$, $S^\sigma = S_{F^\sigma}$.
3. If $\Psi = (R_1, R_2) S_F \rightarrow S_G$ is a morphism, set $\Psi^\sigma = (R_1^\sigma, R_2^\sigma): S_{F^\sigma} \rightarrow S_{G^\sigma}$.
4. For an equivalence class $(S, f) = (S_F, R(x, y))$ of **ramified** covers of \mathbf{P}^1 set $(S, f)^\sigma = (S^\sigma, f^\sigma) = (S_{F^\sigma}, R^\sigma(x, y))$.

◇

Exercise 2.6.11 Verify this Galois action is well-defined (lemma 3.12).

Recall: S_F is constructed from a noncompact **Riemann surface** $S_F^\times \subseteq \mathbf{C}^2$ by adding finitely many points, (theorem 1.86). If $P = (a, b) \in S_F^\times$ then $P^\sigma = (a^\sigma, b^\sigma)$. What about the other points?

2.6.4 Points and valuations

Definition 2.6.12 Let \mathcal{M} be a function field. A (discrete) valuation of \mathcal{M} is $v: \mathcal{M}^* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ s.t.

1. $v(\phi\psi) = v(\phi) + v(\psi)$
2. $v(\phi \pm \psi) \geq \min\{v(\phi), v(\psi)\}$
3. $v(\phi) = 0$ if $\phi \in \mathbf{C}^*$
4. v is nontrivial $\exists \phi: v(\phi) \neq 0$

set $v(0) = \infty$.

◇

Facts:

$$A_v = \{\phi \in \mathcal{M} : v(\phi) \geq 0\} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$$

is a subring that is a local ring with a maximal ideal

$$M_v = \{\phi \in \mathcal{M} : v(\phi) > 0\} = (\phi)$$

for some ϕ a uniformizer.

If $v(\phi) = 1$ v is normalised.

Proposition 2.6.13 3.15. *Every point $P \in S$ a compact Riemann surface defines a valuation on $\mathcal{M}(S)$ by $v_P(\phi) = \text{ord}_P(\phi)$.*

Proof. Easy exercise. ■

Theorem 2.6.14 3.23. *For any compact Riemann surface S*

$$P \in S \mapsto v_P = \text{ord}_P$$

gives a 1-1 correspondence between points of S and normalised valuations on $\mathcal{M}(S)$.

Proof. Sketch: First prove it for $S = \mathbf{P}^1$.

Inductively meromorphic functions separate points.

Surjectivity study behaviour of valuations in finite extensions of fields and use a nonconstant morphism $f: S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ to reduce to the case of \mathbf{P}^1 . ■

Galois action on points

Definition 2.6.15

1. Given a valuation v on $\mathcal{M}(S)$ define a valuation v^σ on $\mathcal{M}(S^\sigma)$ by $v^\sigma = v \circ \sigma^{-1}$ i.e. $v^\sigma(\psi^\sigma) = v(\psi)$ for all $\psi \in \mathcal{M}(S)$.
2. For $P \in S$ define $P^\sigma \in S^\sigma$ as the unique point in S^σ s.t. $v_{P^\sigma} = (v_P)^\sigma$.

◇

Proposition 2.6.16 3.25.

1. For $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbf{C})$, $P \mapsto P^\sigma$ is a bijection $S \rightarrow S^\sigma$.
2. On $P \in S_F^\times$ this agrees with the previous definition of P^σ .
3. $a^\sigma = a$ for all $a \in \mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ for all $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbf{C})$.

Proof. Sketch

1. $a \mapsto a^{\sigma^{-1}}$.
2. Follows as in proof of 3.22
3. Obvious for $a \in \mathbf{Q}$, for ∞ :

$$(v_\infty)^\sigma(x-1) = v_\infty(x-a^{\sigma^{-1}}) = 1 = v_\infty(x-1)$$

for all $a \in \mathbf{C}$ implies $(v_\infty)^{\sigma^{-1}} = v_\infty$ implies $\infty^\sigma = \infty$. ■

2.6.5 Elementary invariants of the action of $\text{Gal}(\mathbf{C})$.

Remark 2.6.17 The bijection $S \leftrightarrow S^\sigma$ is not holomorphic. In general S and S^σ are not isomorphic.

Theorem 2.6.18 *The action of $\text{Gal}(\mathbf{C})$ on pairs (S, f) satisfies*

1.
$$\deg(f^\sigma) = \deg(f)$$
2.
$$(f(P))^\sigma = f^\sigma(P^\sigma)$$
3.
$$\text{ord}_{P^\sigma}(f^\sigma) = \text{ord}_P(f)$$
4. $a \in \hat{\mathbf{C}}$ is a branching value of f iff a^σ is a branching value of f^σ .
5. $\text{genus}(S) = \text{genus}(S^\sigma)$ i.e. they are homeomorphic.
6. $\text{Aut}(S, f) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(S^\sigma, f^\sigma)$ via $h \mapsto h^\sigma$ is a group homomorphism.
7. The monodromy group $\text{Mon}(f)$ of (S, f) is isomorphic to $\text{Mon}(f^\sigma)$ of (S^σ, f^σ) .

We will use properties 1 and 4 at least.

Proposition 2.6.19 Criterion 3.29. *For a compact Riemann surface S the following are equivalent*

1. S is defined over $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$.
2. $\{S^\sigma\}_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbf{C})}$ contains only finitely many isomorphism classes of Riemann surfaces.

Proof. 1 implies 2: $S = S_F$, $F = K[x, y]$ for K a number field then

$$|\{F^\sigma\}_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbf{C})}| \leq [K : \mathbf{Q}]$$

2 implies 1 is section 3.7. ■

Proof of b implies a in Belyi's theorem (3.61) Suppose $f: S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ is a morphism of degree d with branching values $\{0, 1, \infty\}$. By theorem 3.28 $\forall \sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbf{C})$

$$f^\sigma: S^\sigma \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

is a morphism of degree d and branching values are

$$\{\sigma(0), \sigma(1), \sigma(\infty)\} = \{0, 1, \infty\}.$$

So $\{f^\sigma\}_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbf{C})}$ gives rise to only finitely many monodromy homomorphisms.

$$F_{f^\sigma}: \pi_1(\mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}) \rightarrow \Sigma_d$$

the fundamental group is free on two generators so there are only finitely many such maps. Theorem 2.61 implies $\{S^\sigma\}_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbf{C})}$ contains only finitely many equivalence classes so by the criterion S is defined over $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$.

2.6.6 The field of definition of Belyi functions (3.8)

Proposition 2.6.20 *Belyi functions are defined over $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$.*

Proof. Use the same methods as in 3.7. ■

2.7 Dessins (Berke)

$$G_Q \cup (X, D) \leftrightarrow (S, f) \cup G_Q$$

where (X, D) is a **dessin**, (S, f) is a Belyi pair.

2.7.1 Dessins

Definition 2.7.1 A **dessin** is a pair (X, D) where X is an oriented compact topological surface and $D \subset X$ is a finite graph:

1. D is connected
2. D is bicoloured
3. $X \setminus D$ is a disjoint union of topological disks.

◇

Not all of these are so important (for example 3 implies 1 (but the converse does not hold)). We can also obtain a bicoloured graph from an uncoloured graph by subdividing all edges and colouring the new vertices black and the others white.

A single edge in a sphere is, a single edge in a torus is not.

Permutation representation of a Dessin Label the edges of a **dessin** $\{1, \dots, N\}$ then

$$\sigma_0(i) = \text{subsequent edge in the cycle around the white vertex of } i$$

as we have a positive orientation on the edges

$$\sigma_1(i) = \text{subsequent edge in the cycle around the black vertex of } i.$$

Then we define

Definition 2.7.2 (σ_0, σ_1) is the permutation representation pair of (X, D) . ◇

Say

$$\sigma_0 = (1, \dots, N_1)(N_1 + 1, \dots, N_2) \cdots$$

a product of disjoint cycles. Then each of these cycles corresponds to a white vertex, where the length of the cycle is the degree of the corresponding vertex. Same for σ_1 and black vertices.

$$\{\text{cycles appearing in the decomposition of } \sigma_0 \sigma_1\}$$

$$\updownarrow$$

$$\{\text{faces of } D\}$$

Exercise 2.7.3 Prove this.

Remark 2.7.4 D connected implies that $\langle \sigma_0, \sigma_1 \rangle$ is transitive on Σ_N . As D is bicoloured the cycles on D contain an even number of edges.

A **dessin** is not a triangulation of X but

$$\chi(X) = \#V - \#E + \#F$$

proof later.

Proposition 2.7.5

$$\chi(X) = (\#cycles \text{ of } \sigma_0 + \#cycles \text{ of } \sigma_1) - N + \#cycles \text{ of } \sigma_0 \sigma_1.$$

$$(\sigma_0, \sigma_1) \rightsquigarrow (X', D)$$

$$\langle \sigma_0, \sigma_1 \rangle \subseteq \Sigma_N$$

is transitive.

Proposition 2.7.6 *There exists (X, D) with permutation representation (σ_0, σ_1) .*

Proof. Write $\sigma_0\sigma_1 = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_k$, τ_i disjoint cycles each of length n_i with $\sum n_i = N$. Create k faces bounded by $2n_1, \dots, 2n_k$ vertices, and assign the vertices white and black colours so that the graph is bicoloured. As $\sigma_0\sigma_1$ should jump two each time we get an identification of all edges which we then glue using σ_0 . ■

Definition 2.7.7 We say that

$$(X_1, D_1) \sim (X_2, D_2)$$

if there exists an orientation preserving homeomorphism $\phi: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$, $\phi|_{D_1}: D_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} D_2$. ◇

Theorem 2.7.8

$$\{\text{Dessins}\}/\sim \leftrightarrow \{(\sigma_0, \sigma_1), \langle \sigma_0, \sigma_1 \rangle \subseteq \Sigma_N \text{ transitive}\}/\sim$$

2.7.1.1 Dessins 2 Belyi pairs

Triangle decomposition of $(X, D) \rightsquigarrow T(D)$ a set of triangles that cover D and intersect along edges or at vertices.

Example 2.7.9 Edge in the sphere, add an extra vertex \times not on the edge and get a decomposition into two triangles. □

We will label triangles by T_j^\pm as there are two for each edge, by orientation some are the same.

$$T(D) \rightsquigarrow f_D: X \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$$

Glue

$$f_j^\pm: T_j^\pm \rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{H}}^2$$

for $\pm \in \{+, -\}$, where $f_j^+ = f_j^-$ on the intersection. Where $\partial T_j \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{R} \cup \{\infty\}$

$$\text{black} \mapsto 0$$

$$\text{white} \mapsto 1$$

$$\times \mapsto \infty$$

and we have $\text{Branch}(f_D) \subseteq \{0, 1, \infty\}$. Now $\deg f_D = \#\text{edges of } D$, $m_v(f_D) = \deg v$, $f_D^{-1}([0, 1]) = D$. Modify X a little bit and use some lemma to get $S_D \simeq_{\text{top}} X$ for some [Riemann surface](#) with $f_D: S_D \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$.

Definition 2.7.10 (S, f) is a Belyi pair with S compact [Riemann surface](#) and f a [Belyi function](#) on S .

$$(S_1, f_1) \sim (S_2, f_2)$$

if it is an isomorphism of [ramified](#) coverings. ◇

So we can now go in both directions.

$$\{\text{Dessins}\}/\sim$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\updownarrow \\
\{\text{Belyi pairs}\}/\sim \\
(X, D) \mapsto (S_D, f_D) \\
(S, D_f) \leftarrow (S, f)
\end{array}$$

Now to define the Galois action

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
G_{\mathbf{Q}} \cup \{\text{Dessins}\} & \leftrightarrow & \{\text{Belyi pairs}\} \\
(X, D) & \dashrightarrow & (X, D)^{\sigma} \\
\downarrow & & \uparrow \\
(S_D, f_D) & \longrightarrow & (S_D^{\sigma}, f_D^{\sigma})
\end{array}$$

The $G_{\mathbf{Q}}$ action is faithful on [dessins](#) of [genus](#) g .

Example 2.7.11 Same example \mathbf{P}^1 with a single edge, $f_D = z$, $\deg f_D = \# \text{ edges}$, $m_v(f) = \deg v$. \square

Exercise 2.7.12 String.

Exercise 2.7.13 n star.

2.8 A Sandwich Table of Dessins d'Enfants

Alex: So I haven't typed this section as it was a lot of pictures and I haven't got nice scans of them, will try at some point.

2.9 Belyi's theorem, effective Mordell and ABC (Angus)

We begin with one of the most famous results in arithmetic geometry.

Theorem 2.9.1 Mordell conjecture/Falting's theorem. *Let C be an algebraic curve of [genus](#) ≥ 2 over a number field K . Then $C(K)$ is finite.*

There are many proofs of this, Falting's being the original and most famous.

Remark 2.9.2 Falting's proof is not effective. That is, it cannot predict the number of points or give any bounds.

Today we'll show how this theorem follows from a (much harder conjecture), but how this nonetheless gives new insight into the question of effectiveness. Specifically we'll show ABC implies Mordell.

"Mordell is as easy as ABC"- Zagier

Conjecture 2.9.3 ABC. *Let $A, B, C \in \mathbf{Z}$ s.t. $\gcd(A, B, C) = 1$ and $A + B + C = 0$, then for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a constant k_{ϵ} s.t.*

$$N(A, B, C) > k_{\epsilon} H(A, B, C)^{1-\epsilon}$$

where

$$N(A, B, C) = \prod_{p|ABC} p$$

$$H(A, B, C) = \max(|A|, |B|, |C|).$$

This is a remarkably deep statement about the integers. Something surprising about how one compares the additive and multiplicative structures of the integers.

For our purposes (to connect it to the curves and Mordell) we'd like to remove the dependence on integrality and coprimality, by making it scaling invariant.

We now define

$$H(A, B, C) = \prod_v \max(|A|_v, |B|_v, |C|_v)$$

$$N(A, B, C) = \prod_{p \in I} p$$

for

$$I = \{p \text{ prime} : \max(|A|_p, |B|_p, |C|_p) > \min(|A|_p, |B|_p, |C|_p)\}.$$

Exercise 2.9.4 For sanity.

$$H(\lambda A, \lambda B, \lambda C) = H(A, B, C)$$

$$N(\lambda A, \lambda B, \lambda C) = N(A, B, C)$$

for $\lambda, A, B, C \in \mathbf{Q}^\times$. Moreover if $A, B, C \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $\gcd = 1$ then we recover the original definition.

Since we have $A + B + C = 0$ and our functions are scaling invariant, they only depend on $r = -A/B$. We'll also reformulate it over an arbitrary number field K .

Note that to satisfy the hypotheses of the conjecture we require

$$r \in \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}.$$

We now define

$$H(r) = \prod_v \max(1, |r|_v)$$

$$N(r) = \prod_{p \in I} p$$

for

$$I = \{p \text{ prime} : \max(v_p(r), v_p(1/r), v_p(r-1)) > 0\}.$$

Remark 2.9.5 In fact this new height is off from the old one by a constant factor, but since ABC allows for a constant factor this won't trouble us.

Motivation: ABC implies Fermat bound One can see this simply by assuming a solution

$$x^n + y^n = z^n, \quad n \geq 3$$

and setting

$$(A, B, C) = (x^n, y^n, z^n)$$

then

$$N(A, B, C) = \prod_{p|ABC} p \leq |xyz| < \max(|x|^3, |y|^3, |z|^3) = H(A, B, C)^{3/n}.$$

So setting

$$\epsilon = 1 - 3/n$$

for (A, B, C) s.t. $H(A, B, C)$ is sufficiently large we get a contradiction to ABC. Thus ABC gives us a bound on the possible solutions to the Fermat equation, reducing the remainder of the conjecture to a finite computation.

Let us phrase this in the following alternate way: Let

$$F_n: x^n + y^n + z^n = 0$$

be the Fermat curve and consider the function

$$f: F_n \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

$$(x : y : z) \mapsto -\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^n$$

ramified over $0, 1, \infty$.

Note 2.9.6 $\deg(f) = n^2$

Each of $0, 1, \infty$ has n preimages in $F_n(\overline{\mathbf{Q}})$.

The idea now is that $N(A, B, C)$ is measuring ramification, while $H(A, B, C)$ is a height function. The note above tells us that each of $0, 1, \infty$ contributes a factor of $O(H(A, B, C)^{n/n^2})$ to $N(A, B, C)$. So in this formulation, what we used was the existence of a rational function f such that

$$\#\{p \in C(\overline{\mathbf{Q}}) : f(p) \in \{0, 1, \infty\}\} < \deg(f).$$

Exercise 2.9.7 If C has [genus](#) 0 or 1, no such f can exist (hint: Riemann-Hurwitz).

ABC implies a bound on Mordell We begin with a technical proposition:

Proposition 2.9.8 *Let K be a number field and C/K a curve. Let $f \in K(C)$ be a rational function of degree d . Then for $p \in C(K) \setminus f^{-1}(0)$ we have*

$$\log N_0(f(p)) < (1 - b_f(0)/d) \log H(f(p)) + O(\sqrt{\log H(f(p))} + 1)$$

with the following notation

$$N(r) = N_0(r)N_1(r)N_\infty(r)$$

$$N_0(r) = \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \mid (r)} \text{Norm}(\mathfrak{p})$$

$$N_1(r) = \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \mid (1-r)} \text{Norm}(\mathfrak{p})$$

$$N_\infty(r) = \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \mid (1/r)} \text{Norm}(\mathfrak{p})$$

$$b_f(0) = \sum_{f(p)=0} (e_p - 1).$$

Proof. The [genus](#) 0 case follows from the fact that the f is a rational function (and in fact the error term is $O(1)$) (exercise). For the general case we need the theory of log heights on curves. From this we require the following

- For D a divisor on C we have a height function

$$h_D(\cdot)$$

which is well defined up to $O(1)$.

- If

$$D = \sum m_k D_k$$

is a decomposition into irreducible divisors, then

$$h_D(P) = \sum m_k h_{D_k}(P).$$

- For Δ a degree 0 divisor

$$h_\Delta(P) = O(\sqrt{\log H(f(P))} + 1).$$

Let $D = \text{div}_0(f) = \sum m_k D_k$, $D' = \sum_{f(P)=0} (P)$ then $b_f(0) = \deg D'$. Then

$$\log H(f(P)) = h_D(P) + O(1) = \sum m_k h_{D_k}(P) + O(1)$$

since $\log H(f(P))$ is also a height function relative to D . We now turn to $N_0(f(P))$. Any prime occurring in this must also occur in $h_{D_k}(P)$ for some k (except for a finite set $\{p : p|f \text{ or } p \text{ bad red. for } C\}$). Then

$$N_0(f(P)) < \sum h_{D_k}(P) + O(1) = h_{D'}(P) + O(1).$$

Letting

$$\Delta = (\deg D)D' - (\deg D')D$$

we have

$$h_\Delta(P) = O(\sqrt{\log H(f(P))} + 1)$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} \log N_0(f(P)) &< h_{D'}(P) + O(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\deg D} (\deg D') h_{D'}(P) + O(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\deg D} (\deg D') h_D(P) + O(\sqrt{\log H(f(P))} + 1) \\ &= \frac{1 - b_f(0)}{d} \log H(f(P)) + O(\sqrt{\log H(f(P))} + 1) \end{aligned} \quad \blacksquare$$

Remark 2.9.9 One can show the above for N_1, N_∞ instead making the appropriate replacements for f .

Adding the three terms together we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\log N_0(f(P)) N_1(f(P)) N_\infty(f(P)) \\ &< \left(\left(1 - \frac{b_f(0)}{d}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{b_f(1)}{d}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{b_f(\infty)}{d}\right) \right) \log H(f(P)) + O(\dots) \\ \log N(f(P)) &< \frac{1}{d} (\#f^{-1}(0) + \#f^{-1}(1) + \#f^{-1}(\infty)) \log H(f(P)) + O(\dots) \\ &< \frac{m}{d} \log H(f(P)) + O(\dots) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$m = \#\{P \in C(\overline{\mathbf{Q}}) : f(P) \in \{0, 1, \infty\}\}$$

exponentiating we get

$$N(f(P)) < H(f(P))^{m/d} K.$$

Theorem 2.9.10 ABC implies Mordell. *ABC implies Mordell.*

Proof. Let C be a given curve of [genus](#) $g \geq 2$ Belyi's theorem gives a function

$$f: C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

ramified over $\{0, 1, \infty\}$. By Riemann-Hurwitz $m = d + 2 - 2g$, $d = \deg(f)$ m as above. Thus $m < d$, thus we can pick $0 < \epsilon < 1 - \frac{m}{d}$ and so for sufficiently large $H(f(P))$ (i.e. all but finitely many) we have a counterexample to ABC. ■

Remark 2.9.11 Closing remarks. Belyi's theorem gives an algorithm for determining $f: C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ i.e. it is effective.

One can also show ABC implies Siegel's theorem.

In fact it can be shown that a particular effective form of Mordell (applied to $y^2 + y = x^5$) for all number fields implies ABC. This is related to Szpiro's conjecture.

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2.10 Dessins, integer points on elliptic curves and a proof of the ABC conjecture (Alex)

2.10.1 A proof of the ABC theorem (for polynomials)

Last week Angus told us about the incredibly powerful ABC conjecture and its arithmetic consequences (apparently). This week we will prove this conjecture (for polynomials). The proof is very similar to some of the things Angus mentioned, but seeing as I wasn't there its new to me... Following Goldring / Stothers / Parab.

Let K be algebraically closed of characteristic 0, with $f \in K[x]$, we can define the radical as before

$$\text{rad}(f) = \prod_{p|f} p$$

over the primes/irreducibles dividing f , this is the maximal squarefree polynomial dividing f . How do we measure the size of a polynomial? Let $r(f) = \deg \text{rad}(f)$, and $h(f_1, \dots, f_n) = \max\{\deg f_i\}$. This is a complicated way of saying

$$\#\{x \in K : f(x) = 0\},$$

but we do so to emphasise the link with ABC.

The result is then

Theorem 2.10.1 Mason-Stothers. *Let*

$$e, f, g \in K[x], e + f = g$$

be pairwise coprime and all of height > 0 . Then

$$h(e, f, g) < r(e f g) = r(e) + r(f) + r(g).$$

We have sharpness if and only if f/g is a Belyi map for $\mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ with $(f/g)(\infty) \in \{0, 1, \infty\}$. Another way of saying this is that if $\deg f = \deg g$ then their leading coefficients are equal, and hence $\deg(e) < \deg(f)$.

Proof. First of all we note that the statement is **symmetric** in e, f, g , so we may arrange that $h(g) \leq h(e, f)$ which implies that $h(e) = h(f) = h(e, f, g)$. The second statement is less obviously invariant but note that ϕ is a **Belyi function** is equivalent to $1 - \phi$ and $1/\phi$ being Belyi also and this preserves $\phi(\infty) \in \{0, 1, \infty\}$, so rearranging does not change the truth of the second statement either. Let $\phi = f/g$ so $\deg(\phi) = \max\{\deg(f), \deg(g)\} = h(e, f, g)$, we will denote this by h now. Apply Riemann-Hurwitz (suprise-suprise)

$$-2 = -2h + \sum_{x \in \mathbb{P}^1} e_\phi(x) - 1.$$

Let

$$R_y = \sum_{x: f(x)=y} e_\phi(x) - 1$$

be the ramification above y , we will consider B_0, B_1, B_∞ . These ramification numbers will simply be $h - \#(\phi^{-1}(y))$. Lets begin with R_1 , we have $f(x)/g(x) = 1$ so $e(x) = 0$ and in fact

$$R_1 = h(e) - r(e) = h - r(e).$$

For R_0 we have either $f(x) = 0$ or $g(x) = \infty$. Having $g(x) = \infty$ means $x = \infty$ but this cannot really happen as $h(f) \geq h(g)$. So this is really just

$$\sum_{x: f(x)=0} e_\phi(x) - 1 = h - r(f).$$

Finally $\phi(x) = \infty$ only when $g(x) = 0$ or $x = \infty$. If $h(f) = h(g)$ then $\phi(\infty) \neq \infty$ and we have simply

$$R_\infty = h - r(g).$$

If $h(g) < h(f)$ then we also have $\phi(\infty) = \infty$ so we pick up an extra preimage and we get instead

$$R_\infty = h - (r(g) + 1).$$

Back up in Riemann-Hurwitz this comes down (magically?) to

$$-2 = \cancel{-2h} + \overset{0}{h} + h + h - r(e) - r(f) - r(g) + R - \delta_{h(f) > h(g)}$$

so

$$R = h - r(e f g) - 2 + \delta_{h(f) > h(g)}$$

but of course $R \geq 0$ so

$$h \geq r(e f g) + 1$$

with equality exactly when

$$h = r(e f g) + 1 \implies R = 0, h(f) > h(g).$$

$R = 0$ is equivalent to being Belyi. ■

2.10.2 Back to number theory

That was all well and good, but this is a number theory seminar, not a function field analogues of number theory seminar, so let's take it back to why we are all here, solving Diophantine equations.

Let's try and find nontrivial integral points on Mordell curves!

$$E_k: y^2 = x^3 + k.$$

Example 2.10.2

$$1001^2 = 5009^3 - (5009^3 - 1001^2)$$

so I found a large point on

$$y^2 = x^3 - (5009^3 - 1001^2) = x^3 - 125675213728$$

are you not impressed? □

Although this point would look slightly non-trivial if I started with the curve 5009^3 is roughly 125675213728 anyway so you should only be impressed if I find points of height somewhat larger than the coefficients. We should probably ask that

$$|x|^3 > |k|$$

by some margin at least.

A nice question is then given k how big can an integer point (x, y) on E_k be? Bounds are known, e.g. Via work of Baker we get

$$\max(|x|, |y|) < e^{10^{10}|k|^{1000}}.$$

Ouch.

If we want to study more realistic bounds we can instead reverse the problem. Can we minimise $x^3 - y^2$ for integer x, y , how close can the square of a large integer and the cube of a large integer be? Euler showed that $x^3 - y^2 = 1$ has only 1 (interesting) solution, for example.

Marshall Hall was interested in this, did some nice computations and conjectured:

Conjecture 2.10.3 Marshall Hall's conjecture, 1970. *If*

$$x^3 - y^2 = k$$

for integers x, y then

$$|k| > \frac{\sqrt{|x|}}{5}$$

(or $k = 0 \dots$).

This is false!

Example 2.10.4 Elkies (who else?). *If*

$$x = 5853886516781223, y = 447884928428402042307918$$

is a point on

$$y^2 = x^3 - 1641843$$

then

$$\frac{\sqrt{|x|}}{k} = 46.6004943471754.$$

□

This is far larger than the previous best known, but still remains the record as far as I can tell. It seems Hall's conjecture is unlikely to be true for any fixed constant, but the following of Stark-Trotter is more believable.

Conjecture 2.10.5 Stark-Trotter/Weak Hall. *For any $\epsilon > 0$ there is some $C(\epsilon)$ such that for any x, y integers*

$$|x^3 - y^2| > C(\epsilon)x^{\frac{1}{2}-\epsilon}$$

for any $x > C(\epsilon)$.

If Hall's/Stark-Trotter is true we get a *huge* improvement on Baker

$$\frac{\sqrt{|x|}}{|k|} < 100 \implies x < 10^4 k^2$$

and hence

$$y^2 = x^3 + k < 10^{12} k^6 + k$$

giving polynomial bounds on x, y in terms of k .

How might one find such triple (x, y, k) that is extremal? One approach is to try and come up with a parametrisation of nice triples. We can search for polynomials $X(t), Y(t), K(t)$ and then plug in various integer values for t and hope for the best. To give ourselves the best chance of succeeding we want $K(t)$ to be smaller than $X(t)^3$ and $Y(t)^2$ for some values of t . This leads us to ask for K to be of smallest degree possible. So how low can we go?

This is the point where we come full circle right, we are searching for

$$X(t)^3 - Y(t)^2 = K(t)$$

with degree of K minimised, so we apply Mason-Stothers to see that, if M is the degree of the left hand terms we have $\deg(X) = 2m$ and $\deg(Y) = 3m$, indeed h in Mason-Stothers is then $6m$. We also have $r(X^3) = r(X) \leq 2m$ and $r(X^2) = r(Y) \leq 3m$ so together Mason-Stothers gives

$$6m < 2m + 3m + r(K)$$

or $m < r(K)$. So we have lower-bounded the degree of K in terms of $\frac{1}{2} \deg(X)$ for example.

We just proved:

Conjecture 2.10.6 **Birch B. J., Chowla S., Hall M., Jr., Schinzel A. On the difference $x^3 - y^2$, 1965..** Let X, Y be two coprime polynomials with X^3, Y^2 of equal degree ($6m$) and equal leading coefficient, then

$$K = X^3 - Y^2$$

is of degree $> m$.

(Now the speaker has just given a theorem with an inequality, so in order to appear smart one of you should ask is this bound sharp.)

The bound is sharp, this can mean several things in general, originally it was asked that for infinity many m there is an example where $\deg K = m + 1$.

The first part was proved initially by Davenport (in the same year, and journal). The second part had to wait until '81 for Stothers to prove it.

Someone else should probably also ask, how is any of this related to Dessins?

To prove sharpness we have to exhibit for each m triple of polynomials X, Y, K of degrees $2m, 3m, m + 1$. Coming up with polynomial families is hard, drawing stupid pictures is easy, can Dessins aid us here?

Lets back-track, when we proved Mason-Stothers we also said that sharpness was equivalent to f/g being Belyi, so $X(t)^3/K(t) = (K(t) + Y(t)^2)/K(t) = Y(t)^2/K(t) + 1$ should be a Belyi map of degree $6m$ from $\mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$. What does its ramification look like? We should have all preimages of 0 degree 3, preimages of 1 degree 2, and above infinity $m + 1$ points of degree 1 and the remaining of degree $6m - (m + 1) = 5m - 1$.

How can we draw a Dessin like this? Begin with a tree with all internal vertices degree 3, with $2m$ vertices, this will have $2m - 1$ edges, and as it is trivalent by the handshake lemma

$$3\#\{\text{internal}\} + \#\{\text{leaves}\} = 4m - 2$$

and

$$\#\{\text{internal}\} + \#\{\text{leaves}\} = 2m$$

giving

$$2\#\{\text{internal}\} = 2m - 2$$

$$\#\{\text{internal}\} = m - 1$$

$$\#\{\text{leaves}\} = m + 1$$

Add loops to the leaves, you now have a [clean Dessin](#) as above. It has $2m - 1 + m + 1 = 3m$ edges. We have a face for every loop of degree 1, and one on the outside of degree $m + 1 + 2(2m - 1) = 5m - 1$ as each internal edge is traversed twice if you walk around the outside. So this works!

Example 2.10.7 For $m = 1$

$$(x^2 + 2)^3 - (x^3 + 3x)^2 = 3x^2 + 8.$$

$m = 2$

$$(x^4 - 4x)^3 - (x^6 - 6x^3 + 6)^2 = 8x^3 - 36.$$

□

Example 2.10.8 For $m = 5$

$$X(t) = \frac{1}{9}(t^{10} + 6t^7 + 15t^4 + 12t)$$

$$Y(t) = \frac{1}{54}(2t^{15} + 18t^{12} + 72t^9 + 144t^6 + 135t^3 + 27)$$

$$K(t) = -\frac{1}{108}(3t^6 + 14t^3 + 27)$$

and we can let $t = -3$ to get $X(-3) = 5234$, $Y(-3) = -378661$ and $K(-3) = -17$, so we have a point

$$(5234, 378661) \in E_{17}: y^2 = x^3 + 17$$

letting $t = \pm 9$ we get

$$|384242766^3 - 7531969451458^2| = 14668$$

$$|390620082^3 - 7720258643465^2| = 14857$$

both of which have

$$\frac{\sqrt{|x|}}{k} \approx 1.33,$$

these get lower as we increase t though. □

We should expect this decrease from this method as if $\deg X = 2m$ and $\deg K = m + 1$ then $\sqrt{X(t)}/K(t)$ grows like $t^m/t^{m+1} = t^{-1}$.

Can we do the same for abc?

Take the [Dessin](#) with a deg 1 vertex at infinity, degree 3 at 0 with an edge surrounding 1, we get a [Belyi function](#)

$$f(x) = \frac{64x^3}{(x+9)^3(x+1)}, f(x) - 1 = -\frac{(x^2 - 18x - 27)^2}{(x+9)^3(x+1)}$$

plugging in $x = a/b$ and cross multiplying gives

$$64a^3b + (a^2 - 18ab - 27b^2)^2 = (a + 9b)^3(a + b)$$

which could of course be verified independently, but how would you find this identity without Dessins? Now for $a = -32$, $b = 23$ we get

$$-2^{21} \cdot 23 + 11^2 = -1 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^6 \cdot 7^3$$

or

$$11^2 + 3^2 \cdot 5^6 \cdot 7^3 = 2^{21} \cdot 23$$

This is the second highest quality abc triple known with quality

$$\frac{\log c}{\log R} = 1.62599$$

(the current winner has quality 1.6299).

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2.11 Three Short Stories about Belyi's theorem (Ricky)

Theorem 2.11.1 *X/\mathbb{C} a curve. Then X is defined over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ iff there exists a Belyi map*

$$\phi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$$

such that $B(\phi) \subseteq \{0, 1, \infty\}$.

Main reference: Unifying Themes Suggested by Belyi's Theorem - Wushi Goldring

2.11.1 The case of the Rising Degree

Definition 2.11.2 The **Belyi degree** of $X/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ (a curve) is the minimal degree of $\phi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ a Belyi map. \diamond

Question, how does the [Belyi degree](#) of $X/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ relate to the arithmetic of X ?

Definition 2.11.3 The **field of moduli** of $X/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ is the intersection over all fields $\subseteq \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ over which X is defined. Similarly for a morphism $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$. \diamond

Remark 2.11.4 This is not the same as the field of definition always.

Given $X/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ with [field of moduli](#) K we say X has good (resp. semistable) reduction at $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$ if there exists a model for X over $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathfrak{p}}}$ s.t. the special fibre is smooth (resp. semistable) reduction.

For $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ we say X has good/semistable reduction at p if it does for all $\mathfrak{p}|p$.

Theorem 2.11.5 Zapponi. *If $X/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ then the [Belyi degree](#) of X is at least the largest prime $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that X has bad semistable reduction at p .*

Remark 2.11.6

1. The lower bound is not "sharp" because there exist E/K with good reduction everywhere, but no degree 1 maps $\phi: E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$.

2. If

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + x^2 + p$$

then E has bad semistable reduction at p so the **Belyi degree** of E is $\geq p$.

Theorem 2.11.7 Beckmann. *Let $\phi: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ be a Belyi map with **field of moduli** M . Let G be the Galois group of the Galois closure of ϕ . Then for all p such that $p \nmid |G|$, $\tilde{\phi}: \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ has good reduction at p and p is unramified in M .*

Proof. Of Zapponi.

Let $\phi: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ be a Belyi map of degree n . Let K be the **field of moduli** of X , M the **field of moduli** of ϕ then M/K is a finite extension. Take G as above and let $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$ be a place of bad semistable reduction for X . Then $\mathfrak{p} \mid p$ for $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_M$ is a place of bad semistable reduction for ϕ . By **Theorem 2.11.7** $p \mid |G|$ for $p \in \mathbf{Z}$ below \mathfrak{p} but $G \hookrightarrow S_n$ which implies $p \mid n!$ so $p \leq n$. ■

2.11.2 Finitists Dream

Recall that if k is a perfect field of characteristic p then

$$\phi: C_1 \rightarrow C_2$$

is said to be tamely **ramified** at $P \in C_1$ if $p \nmid e_\phi(P)$ (wildly **ramified** if $p \mid e_\phi(P)$).

Theorem 2.11.8 Wild p -Belyi. *For C a curve over k perfect of characteristic p , there exists a “wild Belyi map”*

$$\phi: C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

such that $B(\phi) = \{\infty\}$. I.e. every curve $/k$ is **birational** to an **étale** cover of \mathbf{A}^1 .

Example 2.11.9

$$\mathbf{G}_m \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^1$$

$$x \mapsto x^p + \frac{1}{x}$$

but the tame **étale** fundamental group of \mathbf{A}^1 is 0. □

Theorem 2.11.10 Tame p -Belyi (Saidi). *Let $p > 2$. For $C/\overline{\mathbf{F}}_p$ there exists $\phi: C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ tamely **ramified** everywhere (i.e. possibly unramified) with*

$$B(\phi) \subseteq \{0, 1, \infty\}.$$

Lemma 2.11.11 Fulton. *Let $p > 2$ then for C/k (k algebraically closed of characteristic p) there exists $\psi: C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ such that*

$$e_\psi(P) \leq 2.$$

Proof. Of Tame p -Belyi

Take $\psi: C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ as in the lemma then

$$B(\psi) \subseteq \mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{F}_{p^m})$$

for some m . Define

$$f: \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

by

$$x \mapsto x^{p^m-1}.$$

Take $\phi = f \circ \psi$. So π is tamely **ramified** everywhere and $B(\phi) \subseteq \{0, 1, \infty\}$. ■

Analogue of Fulton's lemma is that there exists

$$\tau: C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

for $\text{char}(k) \neq 3$ such that $e_\tau(P) = 1$ or 3 .

2.11.3 In the Stacks

Observation 2.11.12 $\mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$ is the moduli space of **genus** 0 curves with four (ordered) marked points.

$$(\mathbf{P}^1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4) \mapsto \text{im}(\alpha_4) \text{ when } \alpha_1 \mapsto 0, \alpha_2 \mapsto 1, \alpha_3 \mapsto \infty.$$

Definition 2.11.13 Let $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$ be the moduli space of **genus** g curves with n (ordered) marked points (then $\mathcal{M}_{g,[n]}$ is the same for unordered points). If n is large enough relative to g then $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$ will be a scheme (but the unordered version will not). \diamond

Example 2.11.14

$$\mathcal{M}_{0,4} \simeq \mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$$

□

Question 2.11.15 Braungardt. Is every $X/\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ (smooth projective variety) **birational** to a finite **étale** cover of some $\mathcal{M}_{g,[n]}$? \square

Note 2.11.16 There exists an **étale** map

$$\mathcal{M}_{g,n} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{g,[n]}$$

by forgetting the ordering of the points.

So the dimension 1 case of the conjecture is Belyi's theorem, by

$$X \setminus \phi^{-1}(B(\phi)) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\} \simeq \mathcal{M}_{0,4} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{0,[4]}.$$

In dimension 2 we have $\mathcal{M}_{1,[2]}$ and $\mathcal{M}_{0,[5]}$, the only 2-d spaces of interest. We also have an **étale** map

$$\mathcal{M}_{1,[2]} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathcal{M}_{0,[5]}$$

as follows:

$$\eta = (E; \{q_1, q_2\}) \in \mathcal{M}_{1,[2]}$$

with

$$\alpha(\eta) = (\mathbf{P}^1; \{r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, r_5\})$$

where the r_i come from constructing a projection ϕ from E to \mathbf{P}^1 situated perpendicularly to the line joining q_1, q_2 . This then has 4 ramification points

$$B(\phi) = \{r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4\}$$

and $r_5 = \phi(q_1) = \phi(q_2)$. So Braungardt for surfaces $(X/\overline{\mathbf{Q}})$? Does there exist $\phi: X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{0,[5]}$ which is étale?

Theorem 2.11.17 Braungardt. For $X/\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ an abelian surface X is **birational** to an **étale** cover of $\mathcal{M}_{0,[5]}$.

Proof. Sketch.

For an abelian surface over $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ there exists another isogenous to it which is principally polarized. Such surfaces come in two flavours

$$E_1 \times E_2$$

or $J(C)$ for C of **genus** 2.

Case 1:

Let $\phi_i: E_i \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$ be Belyi maps. Then we have $\alpha: A \xrightarrow{\phi_1, \phi_2} \mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$. Then α restricts to a finite unramified cover

$$\alpha^{-1}(S) \xrightarrow{\alpha} S$$

where

$$S = (\mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\} \times \mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}) \setminus \Delta.$$

Note that $S \simeq \mathcal{M}_{0,5}$ by

$$(a, b) \mapsto (\mathbf{P}^1; \{0, 1, \infty, a, b\}).$$

So A is [birational](#) to $\alpha^{-1}(S)$ which is an [étale](#) cover of $\mathcal{M}_{0,[5]}$.

Case 2

If $A = J(C)$ then use $\phi: C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ and a relation between A and $\text{Sym}^2(C)$. ■

2.12 Dessins in Physics (Jim)

Physics Let M be a manifold with a metric g . We call the pair (M, g) a “spacetime manifold”. Let \mathcal{E} be a “space of fields”, either $C^\infty(M)$, sections of some $E \rightarrow M$, connections, or similar.

$$S(\phi) = \int_M \mathcal{L}(\phi)$$

for $\phi \in \mathcal{E}$ and \mathcal{L} the Lagrangian. “Physically realisable states” are then fields ϕ that minimise $S(\phi)$. W is a superpotential, this is a term in \mathcal{L} that satisfies some special symmetries. E.g. we could also have

$$S(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \int_M \mathcal{L}(\phi_1, \phi_2)$$

the W might satisfy $W(\phi_1, \phi_2) = W(\phi_2, \phi_1)$.

Definition 2.12.1 Gauge transformations. Let $G \curvearrowright E \xrightarrow{p} M$ be an action s.t. each fibre $E_x = p^{-1}(x)$ is a representation of G . A **gauge** is a section $s(x)$ of $E \rightarrow M$. A **gauge transformation** is a map $g: M \rightarrow G$ s.t.

$$g(x)s(x)$$

is another section, call G the **gauge group**. The important [gauge transformations](#) are the ones that fix the set of physically realisable states (i.e. fixes the subset of \mathcal{E} that minimise S). ◇

Quivers and dessins Let’s now study the relationship between quivers and [dessins](#).

Example 2.12.2 $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM (supersymmetric Yang-Mills) (Gauge symmetries given by some product of $\text{SU}(N)$). □

A quiver is a directed graph, possibly with self-loops. Here we think of the nodes as corresponding to factors of the [gauge group](#). And the arrows as fields, so in a bouquet with 3 petals we have three fields, and only $G = \text{SU}(N)$.

There is also the notion of a periodic quiver (a tiling of the plane). We can take the triangular lattice and consider its dual, this is a hexagonal tiling with a bicolouring corresponding to the fact we had upwards pointing and downwards pointing triangles. This is a Dimer model.

Relating the Dimer model back to physics: We have hexagonal faces in correspondence with factors of the [Gauge group](#), and edges fields, with vertices terms in W .

So one distinct face gives one factor in the [gauge group](#) so $G = \text{SU}(N)$. 3 distinct edges give 3 fields X_1, X_2, X_3 . To recover W consider the permutation arising from reading the edges around the vertices counterclockwise.

A black vertex $(1, 2, 3)$ gives σ_B corresponding to a positive term in W . A white vertex $(1, 2, 3)$ gives σ_W corresponding to a negative term in W . Then $\sigma_\infty = (\sigma_B \sigma_W)^{-1} = (123)$ σ_i gives a term for each cycle. Each cycle in σ_B gives a product of fields indexed by the cycle, e.g. in this example σ_B gives $X_1 X_2 X_3$. Each cycle in σ_W^{-1} gives a product of fields indexed by the cycle, e.g. in this example σ_W gives $X_1 X_3 X_2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \text{Tr}((\text{sim of } \sigma_B \text{ terms}) - (\text{sim of } \sigma_W \text{ terms})) \\ &= \text{Tr}(X_1 X_2 X_3 - X_1 X_3 X_2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Aut}(\{\sigma_B, \sigma_W, \sigma_\infty\}) &= \{\gamma \in S_3 : \gamma \sigma_i \gamma^{-1} = \sigma_i\} \\ &= \{1, (123), (132)\} \\ &= \mathbf{Z}/3\mathbf{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

The fundamental domain of the Dimer gives a [dessin](#) on the torus with two vertices of degree 3. This corresponds to the Belyi pair (Σ, β) where

$$\Sigma: y^2 = x^3 + 1$$

$$\beta: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto \frac{y+1}{2}.$$

$$\text{Aut}(\Sigma, \beta) \simeq \text{Aut}(\{\sigma_B, \sigma_W, \sigma_\infty\})$$

$\text{Aut}(\Sigma, \beta)$ is generated by

$$(x, y) \mapsto (w^3 x, y)$$

where $w^3 = 1$.

Example 2.12.3 Take the quiver with two vertices and two edges in each direction connecting them. This has 4 fields and two factors of G (i.e. $G = \text{SU}(N) \times \text{SU}(N)$). The dimer is a square lattice alternately coloured, with $\sigma_B = \sigma_W = (1234)$, $\sigma_\infty = (13)(24)$.

$$W = \text{Tr}(X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 - X_1 X_4 X_3 X_2).$$

In this case the Belyi pair is

$$\Sigma: y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\frac{1}{2})$$

$$\beta = \frac{x^2}{2x-1}.$$

$$\text{Aut}(\{\sigma_B, \sigma_W, \sigma_\infty\}) = \langle (1234) \rangle \simeq \mathbf{Z}/4\mathbf{Z}$$

$$\phi_\pm: (x, y) \mapsto \left(\frac{x}{2x-1}, \frac{\pm i}{(2x-1)^2} \right)$$

$$\phi_+^2 = \phi_-^2: (x, y) \mapsto (x, -y)$$

$$\phi_+^3 = \phi_+^{-1} = \phi_-$$

$$\phi_+^4 = 1$$

so

$$\text{Aut}(\Sigma, \beta) \simeq \mathbf{Z}/4\mathbf{Z}$$

$$\beta^{-1}(0) = \{(0, 0)\}$$

$$\beta^{-1}(1) = \{(1, 0)\}$$

$$\beta^{-1}(\infty) = \{(\frac{1}{2}, 0), (\infty, \infty)\}$$

on the Dimer we have the square lattice so taking a fundamental domain containing of the vertices we see the torus as a topology. \square

Example 2.12.4 Final example. Let's jump straight to the Dimer the hexagonal lattice with fundamental domain containing 6 vertices. We have 9 fields and three factors in the **gauge group** $G = \text{SU}(N)^2$.

$$\sigma_B = (147)(258)(369)$$

$$\sigma_W = (123)(456)(789)$$

$$\sigma_\infty = (195)(276)(384)$$

so

$$W = \text{Tr} \sum_{i,j,k} X_{12}^i X_{23}^j X_{31}^k \epsilon_{ijk}$$

where

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} \text{sgn}(ijk) & \text{if } i, j, k \text{ distinct} \\ 0 & \text{otw} \end{cases}$$

X_{12}^i acts on the i th field by $N, \bar{N}, 1$ where N is the canonical representation, \bar{N} the anticanonical and 1 is trivial.

$$\text{Aut}(\{\sigma_B, \sigma_W, \sigma_\infty\}) \simeq \mathbf{Z}/3\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z}/3\mathbf{Z}$$

now the Belyi pair

$$\Sigma = \text{projective closure of } F = \{(x, y) : x^3 + y^3 = 1\}$$

$$\beta(x, y) = x^3$$

$$\gamma_1(x, y) = (w_1 x, y)$$

$$\gamma_2(x, y) = (x, w_2 y)$$

$$w_i^3 = 1.$$

\square

Chapter 3

Supersingular isogeny graphs and Quaternion Algebras

These are notes for BUNTES Fall 2018, the topic is Supersingular isogeny graphs and Quaternion Algebras.

Outline:

1. Background, isogeny graphs, applications.
2. Supersingular isogeny graph cryptography (candidate for post-quantum cryptography).
3. Introduction to Quaternion algebras.
4. The Deuring correspondence:

$$\{\text{maximal orders } \mathcal{O} \subseteq B_{p,\infty}\} / \sim \leftrightarrow \{j \text{ s.s. } \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}\} / \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{p^2}/\mathbb{F}_p).$$

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3.1 Isogeny graphs: background and motivation (Maria Ines)

3.1.1 Background

Let $k = \mathbb{F}_q$, $\text{char}(k) = p \neq 2, 3$.

Definition 3.1.1 Elliptic curves. An elliptic curve E/k is a smooth projective curve of genus 1 together with a point $\infty \in E(k)$. \diamond

We can always write such a curve using a Weierstrass equation

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \quad a, b \in k$$

E is really the projective closure of this affine equation.

Definition 3.1.2 j -invariants. The j -invariant of an elliptic curve E is

$$j(E) = j(a, b) = 1728 \frac{4a^3}{4a^3 + 27b^2}$$

doesn't depend on the choice of Weierstrass equation. \diamond

Fact 3.1.3

1. E, E' are isomorphic over $\bar{k} \iff j(E) = j(E')$.
2. There is a 1-1 correspondence

$$k \leftrightarrow \bar{k}\text{-isomorphism classes of EC's } /k.$$

Definition 3.1.4 Isogenies. Let $E, E'/k$ be **elliptic curves**. An **isogeny**, $\phi: E \rightarrow E'$ is a non-constant morphism of pointed curves. The degree $\deg \phi$ is the degree as a morphism. E, E' are said to be n -isogenous if there exists $\phi: E \rightarrow E'$ of degree n . $j, j' \in k$ are n -isogenous if the corresponding **elliptic curves** are. \diamond

Fact 3.1.5

1. If $p \nmid n = \deg \phi$ then the kernel of ϕ has size n (ϕ is separable).
2. every finite subgroup of $E(\bar{k})$ is the kernel of a separable **isogeny** from E , unique up to isomorphism.
3. Every n -**isogeny** $\phi: E \rightarrow E'$ has a dual **isogeny** $\hat{\phi}: E' \rightarrow E$ such that

$$\phi \circ \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi} \circ \phi = [n],$$

the multiplication-by- n map.

4. The n -torsion subgroup

$$E[n] = \{P \in E(\bar{k}) : nP = \infty\}$$

is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}/n)^2$ if $p \nmid n$.

Lemma 3.1.6 Let E/k be an **elliptic curve** with $j(E) \notin \{0, 1728\}$ and let $l \neq p$ be prime, up to isomorphism the number of l -**isogenies** from E defined over k is 0, 1, 2 or $l + 1$.

Proof. In Maria's notes. ■

The modular equation Let $j(\tau)$ be the modular j -function. For each prime l the minimal polynomial ϕ_l of $j(l\tau)$ over $\mathbb{C}(j(\tau))$ is the modular polynomial

$$\phi_l \in \mathbb{Z}[j(\tau)][y] \simeq \mathbb{Z}[x, y].$$

Fact 3.1.7

1. ϕ_l is **symmetric** in x, y and has a degree $l + 1$ in both variables.
2. The modular equation

$$\phi_l(x, y) = 0$$

is a canonical model for

$$Y_0(l) = \Gamma_0(l) \backslash \mathbb{H}$$

it parameterises pairs of **elliptic curves** related by an l -**isogeny**. This moduli interpretation is still valid when we use any field F with $\text{char}(F) \neq l$.

3. Let $m_l(j, j') = \text{ord}_{t=j'} \phi_l(j, t)$, whenever $j, j' \neq 0, 1728$,

$$m_l(j, j') = m_l(j', j).$$

The endomorphism ring

Definition 3.1.8 Endomorphisms of elliptic curves. An endomorphism of an elliptic curve E is either the zero map or an isogeny from E to itself. They form a ring $\text{End}(E)$. \diamond

For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have $[n] \in \text{End}(E)$ so $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \text{End}(E)$ over a finite field k , $\text{End}(E)$ is always larger than \mathbb{Z} . It is either an order in an imaginary quadratic field, in which case we say E is ordinary. Or an order in a quaternion algebra, in which case we say E is supersingular. We say E has complex multiplication by \mathcal{O} .

Proposition 3.1.9 Let $E/k = \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ be an elliptic curve, TFAE

1. E is supersingular.
2. $E[p]$ is trivial.
3. The map $[p]: E \rightarrow E$ is purely inseparable and $j(E) \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$.

Note 3.1.10 If E, E' are isogenous elliptic curves then $\text{End}(E) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \simeq \text{End}(E') \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$. So supersingularity is preserved by isogenies.

Isogeny graphs of elliptic curves Let $k = \mathbb{F}_q$ with $\text{char}(k) = p$ and $l \neq p$ be prime.

Definition 3.1.11 Isogeny graphs. The l -isogeny graph $G_l(k)$ is the directed graph with vertex set k and edges (j, j') present with multiplicity

$$m_j(l, l') = \text{ord}_{t=j} \phi_l(j, t)$$

vertices are \bar{k} isomorphism classes of elliptic curves $/k$, edges are isomorphism classes of l -isogenies defined over k . \diamond

Since $m_l(j, j') = m_l(j', j)$ whenever $j, j' \neq 0, 1728$ the subgraph of $G_l(k)$ supported on $k \setminus \{0, 1728\}$ can be thought of as undirected. By the last note $G_l(k)$ consists of ordinary and supersingular components.

Supersingular isogeny graphs Since every supersingular j -invariant lives in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} if E is supersingular all roots of $\phi_l(j(E), y)$ live in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} . every vertex in a supersingular component has out-degree $l + 1$.

Moreover by a result of Kohel $G_l(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ has only one supersingular component.

By the above if $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ then the supersingular component of $G_l(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ is an undirected $(l + 1)$ -regular graph with around $p/12$ vertices.

Theorem 3.1.12 Pizer. The supersingular component of $G_l(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ is a Ramanujan graph.

Definition 3.1.13 Ramanujan graphs. A d -regular graph is a Ramanujan graph if $\lambda_2 \leq \sqrt{d + 1}$ where λ_2 is the second largest eigenvalue of its adjacency matrix. \diamond

Ordinary isogeny graphs Let E/\mathbb{F}_q be an ordinary elliptic curve, then $\text{End}(E) \simeq \mathcal{O}$ is an order in an imaginary quadratic field K with $\mathbb{Z}[\pi] \subseteq \mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$ where π is Frobenius and

$$K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{(\text{Tr } \pi)^2 - 4q})$$

by Tate, isogenous [elliptic curves](#) have the same $\text{Tr } \pi$.

We can separate the vertices in the component V of $G_l(k)$ containing $j(E)$ into levels V_0, \dots, V_d so that $j(E') \in V_i$ if $i = v_l([\mathcal{O}_K : \mathcal{O}'])$. We'll see that $\bigcup_{i=0}^d V_i$ is connected.

Let $\phi: E \rightarrow E'$ be an l -isogeny between two [elliptic curves](#) with CM by $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathcal{O}' = \mathbb{Z} + \tau'\mathbb{Z}$. Then $\hat{\phi}\tau'\phi \in \text{End}(E) \implies l\tau' \in \mathcal{O}$. Similarly $l\tau \in \mathcal{O}'$. There are 3 cases

1. $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}'$ (ϕ is horizontal).
2. $[\mathcal{O} : \mathcal{O}'] = l$ (ϕ is descending).
3. $[\mathcal{O}' : \mathcal{O}] = l$ (ϕ is ascending).

In the last two cases we say ϕ is critical.

Horizontal isogenies E/k with CM by $\mathcal{O} \subseteq K$ imaginary quadratic. Let \mathfrak{a} be an invertible ideal.

$$E[\mathfrak{a}] = \{P \in E(\bar{k}) : \alpha(P) = 0 \forall \alpha \in \mathfrak{a}\}$$

this is a finite group so it is the kernel of a separable [isogeny](#) $\phi_{\mathfrak{a}}$. If $p \nmid N(\mathfrak{a})$ then $\deg(\phi_{\mathfrak{a}}) = N(\mathfrak{a})$ with \mathfrak{a} invertible implying $\phi_{\mathfrak{a}}$ is horizontal.

Each horizontal l -isogeny ϕ arises from some invertible ideal \mathfrak{a} of norm l .

If $l \nmid [\mathcal{O}_K : \mathcal{O}]$ no such ideals exist, otherwise the number of invertible ideals of norm l is

$$1 + \left(\frac{\text{disc}(K)}{l} \right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } l \text{ inert} \\ 1 & \text{if } l \text{ ramified} \\ 2 & \text{if } l \text{ splits} \end{cases}$$

Vertical isogenies Let \mathcal{O} be an order in an imaginary quadratic field K of discriminant $D < -4$ and let $\mathcal{O}' = \mathbb{Z} + l\mathcal{O}$.

Lemma 3.1.14 *Let E'/k be an [elliptic curve](#) with CM by \mathcal{O}' then there is a unique ascending l -isogeny $E' \rightarrow E$ with E/k an [elliptic curve](#) with CM by \mathcal{O} .*

Definition 3.1.15 An l -volcano V is a connected undirected graph whose vertices are partitioned into levels V_0, \dots, V_d .

1. The subgraph V_0 is regular of degree ≤ 2 .
2. For each $i > 0$ each vertex in V_i has exactly one neighbour in level V_{i-1} , and this accounts for all edges outside of V_0 .
3. For $i < d$ each vertex has degree $l + 1$.

The number d is the depth. ◇

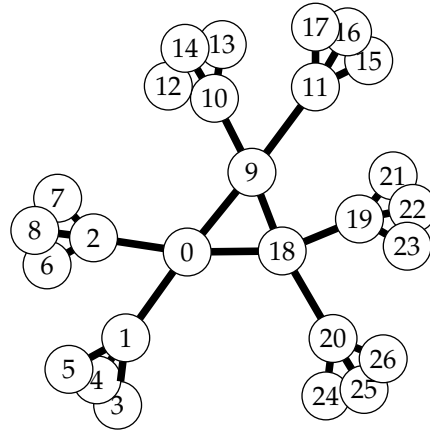


Figure 3.1.16: A 3-volcano

The Sage code used to make this picture was:

```
N = 3 # number of flows
p = 3
d = 2
G = graphs.BalancedTree(p,d) # a (p+1)-regular tree of depth
    d
G.delete_edge(G.edges()[0])
F = G.subgraph(G.connected_component_containing_vertex(0)) #
    A single 'flow'
H = N*F
H.add_cycle([len(F.vertices())*i for i in range(N)])
show(H)
#latex(H) # for the code
```

Theorem 3.1.17 Kohel. Let V be an ordinary component of $G_l(\mathbf{F}_q)$ that doesn't contain 0 or 1728 then V is an l -volcano s.t.

1. All vertices in V_i have the same *endomorphism* ring \mathcal{O}_i .
2. The subgraph on V_0 has degree

$$1 + \left(\frac{\text{disc}(K)}{l} \right)$$

where $K = \text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}_0)$

3. If

$$\left(\frac{\text{disc}(K)}{l} \right) \geq 0$$

then $\#V_0$ is the order $[l]$ in $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_0)$ else $\#V_0 = 1$.

4. The depth of V is $d = v_l([O_K : \mathbf{Z}[\pi]])$ where π is the Frobenius morphism on any E with $j(E) \in V$.
5. $l \nmid [O_K : O_0], [O_i : O_{i+1}] = l$ for $0 \leq i < d$.

Application: Identifying supersingular elliptic curves

Algorithm 3.1.18 Sutherland. *Input:* *Elliptic curve* E/k , $\text{char } k = p$.
Output: Ordinary or supersingular.

1. If $j(E) \notin \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ then ordinary.
2. If $p = 2, 3$ return supersingular if $j(E) = 0$ or ordinary otherwise.
3. Find 3 roots of $\phi_2(j(E), 4)$ over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} if not possible return ordinary.
4. Walk 3 paths in parallel for up to $\lceil \log_2 p \rceil + 1$ steps. If any of these paths get to V_d , return ordinary.
5. Otherwise supersingular.

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