

# Abelian Variety

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Abelian variety  $A$  is a connected complete group variety /  $k \leftarrow \text{field}$

Facts: abelian varieties are smooth, proj, comm

Ex elliptic curves

$\stackrel{1}{=}$  pair  $(E, 0)$  where  $E$  is (sm+proj) genus curve /  $k$  &  $0 \in E(k)$

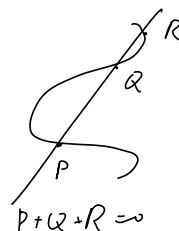
$\stackrel{2}{=}$  plane curve  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \subset \mathbb{P}_k^2$

Group law: (1)  $E(k) \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(E)$

$$x \mapsto [x] - [0]$$

pullback to group structure on  $E(k)$

(2)



Prop An abelian variety,  $\dim A = 1 \Rightarrow \text{genus}(A) = 1$

Pf: trivializes  $\Omega^1$   $h^0(A, \Omega^1) = h^0(A, \mathcal{O}) = 1$   
" genus

Q: How do abelian varieties help us study curves of higher genus?

- every elliptic curve embeds in its Jacobian
- the Jacobian is the universal abelian variety with this property
- Jacobian + [extra structure] completely determines the curve.

Construction /  $\mathbb{C}$

$X$  curve of genus  $g$  /  $\mathbb{C}$

$$H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \hookrightarrow H^0(X, \Omega^1)^*$$

$$\gamma \mapsto (\omega \mapsto \int_\gamma \omega)$$

$$\leadsto \text{Jac}(X) = H^0(X, \Omega^1)^* / H_1(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

Rmk. this is a complex torus

$$H^0(X, \Omega^1)^* \cong \mathbb{C}^g \cong \mathbb{R}^{2g} \quad \leadsto \text{Jac}(X) \cong (S^1)^{2g}$$

$$H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$$

$$X \hookrightarrow \text{Jac}(X) \text{ fix } x_0 \in X$$

$$x \mapsto \int_{x_0}^x$$

Alternative description

$$\mathcal{O}^0(X) \rightarrow \text{Jac}(X)$$

$$\sum n_x [X] \mapsto \sum n_x \int_{x_0}^x$$

Abel - Jacobi:  $\text{Div}^0(X) / \text{PDiv}(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Jac}(X)$

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$\text{Pic}^0(X)$

Abelian varieties /  $\mathbb{C}$

$X$  abelian varieties /  $\mathbb{C} \iff X(\mathbb{C})$  compact connected complex Lie gp

①  $X$  is commutative

Sketch:  $X \xrightarrow{G_x} \mathbb{C}$   $V = T_e X \rightsquigarrow X \rightarrow \text{End}(V) \cong \mathbb{C}^n$

$y \mapsto xyx^{-1}$   $x \mapsto (dG_x)_e$

$$\rightsquigarrow (dG_x)_e = 1_V$$

$$\text{so } G_x(\exp y) = \exp(d(G_x)_e y) = \exp(y)$$

but  $\exp$  is surj

②  $M = \ker(\exp)$  is a lattice in  $V$

③  $X \cong V/M$  complex torus

④  $X[n] \cong \frac{1}{n}M/M \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^{2g}$

$n$  torsion part

Line bundles on complex torus

$$X = V/M \text{ complex torus}$$

$\text{Pic}(X) = \{ \text{isomorphism classes of line bundles on } X \}$  group under  $\otimes$

$$\text{Pic}^0(X) = \{ \text{line bundle which are top trivial} \}$$

$$\text{NS}(X) = \text{Pic}(X) / \text{Pic}^0(X) \quad \text{Néron-Severi group}$$

Def a Riemann form on  $V$  is a Hermitian form  $H$  s.t.

$$E = \text{Im } H \text{ is } \mathbb{Z}\text{-valued on } M$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \{ \text{Riemann forms} \} \text{ group under "+"}$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \{ (H, \alpha) : H \in \mathcal{R}, \alpha : M \rightarrow U(1) \text{ s.t. } \alpha(x+y) = e^{i\pi E(x,y)} \alpha(x)\alpha(y) \}$$

$$\mathcal{P}^0 = \{ (H, \alpha) : H=0 \} = \text{Hom}(M, U(1))$$

Thm: (Appell-Humbert)  $\exists$  nat isom  $\mathcal{P} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Pic}(X)$  ✓ pos def  $\leftrightarrow$  ample (very)

$$(H, \alpha) \mapsto \mathcal{L}(H, \alpha)$$

$$\mathcal{P}^0 \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Pic}^0(X)$$

$$\mathcal{R} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{NS}(X)$$

$$V \xrightarrow{\pi} X, \mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic } X \quad \pi^* \mathcal{L} \text{ is trivial}$$

but commutes with  $M$ -action  
and the quotient is  $\mathcal{L}$

Given  $(H, \alpha) \in \mathcal{P}$ , define  $M \curvearrowright V \times \mathbb{C}$

$$\lambda \cdot (v, z) = (v + \lambda, \alpha(\lambda) e^{\pi H(v, \lambda) + \frac{\pi}{2} H(\lambda, \lambda)} z)$$

$\rightarrow$  set  $\mathcal{L}(H, \alpha) = \text{quotient}$

Rmk:  $(H, \alpha) \in \mathcal{P}$

$$E = \text{im } H : \Lambda^2 M \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{i.e. } E \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda^2 M, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

under this isom

$$E \mapsto c_1(\mathcal{L}(H, \alpha))$$

$$\mathcal{L}(H, \alpha) \text{ is top triv} \Leftrightarrow c_1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow E = 0 \Leftrightarrow H = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (H, \alpha) \in \mathcal{P}^0$$