

Abelian Varieties over \mathbb{C}

Goal: Study these

Alex's goal: What is a polarisation?

Recall: For E an elliptic curve (\mathbb{C})

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

where

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

This is a meromorphic function whose image lands in

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

Let A be an abelian variety over \mathbb{C} .

What does $A(\mathbb{C})$ look like?

Proposition

$A(\mathbb{C})$ is a compact, connected, complex Lie group.

Proposition

$A(\mathbb{C}) \cong V/\Lambda$, where V is a g -dimensional \mathbb{C} -vector space, and Λ is a full rank lattice $\Lambda \subseteq V$.

Note: • Full rank means $\mathbb{R} \otimes \Lambda = V$
• Lattice means discrete subgroup of V

Proof: Differential geometry $\Rightarrow \exp: T_{\text{gt}_0} A(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow A(\mathbb{C})$.

This is holomorphic.

Since $A(\mathbb{C})$ is abelian, this is a homomorphism.

Locally an isomorphism at 0 .

Claim: \exp is surjective.

There exists a neighbourhood $U \ni 0$ s.t. $\exp(U) \cong U$.

Consider $\exp(T_{\text{gt}_0} A(\mathbb{C}))$.

For $x \in \exp(T_{\text{gt}_0} A(\mathbb{C}))$, $\{U + x\}$ are all open and give a cover. Thus $\exp(T_{\text{gt}_0} A(\mathbb{C}))$ is open.

Since $A(\mathbb{C})$ is connected, we are thus reduced to showing $\exp(\text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbb{C}))$ is closed also.

Since \exp is a homomorphism, the image is a subgroup. So its complement is the union of its cosets, which is open. Thus $\exp(\text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbb{C}))$ is closed.

$$\Rightarrow \exp(\text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbb{C})) = A(\mathbb{C})$$

Thus the claim.

\exp is a local isomorphism

$\Rightarrow \ker(\exp)$ is discrete

$\Rightarrow \ker(\exp)$ is a lattice.

We now have $A(\mathbb{C}) \cong \text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbb{C}) / \ker(\exp)$.

$A(\mathbb{C})$ is compact $\Rightarrow \text{Tgt}_0 A(\mathbb{C}) / \ker(\exp)$

$\Rightarrow \ker(\exp)$ is full rank. \square

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

We call V/Λ a complex torus.

Proposition

$A(\mathbb{C})$ is divisible, and $A(\mathbb{C})[n] = (\mathbb{C}/n\mathbb{C})^{2g}$.

Proof: $A(\mathbb{C}) \cong V/\Lambda \cong (R/\mathbb{Z})^{2g}$.

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as groups

Thus divisible.

Further, $(R/\mathbb{Z})[n] = (\frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z})/\mathbb{Z}$.

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

Some cases: $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \cong E(\mathbb{C})$ always

$\cdot \mathbb{C}^2/\Lambda^2 \cong (E \times E)(\mathbb{C})$ sometimes yes

$\cdot \mathbb{C}^2 / (\mathbb{Z}\text{-span}\{(i,0), (i\sqrt{p}, i), (1,0), (0,1)\})$

p prime
(Perhaps no? Not sure)

Theorem (Chow)

If X is an analytic submanifold of $\mathbb{P}^m(\mathbb{C})$, then X is an algebraic subvariety.

By this theorem, it is enough to analytically embed $V/\Lambda \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^m$.

Mimic the elliptic curve strategy: find enough functions $\theta: V/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Proposition

Let $X = V/\Lambda$. Then

$$H^r(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \left\{ \text{alternating } r\text{-forms } \underbrace{\Lambda \times \dots \times \Lambda}_r \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

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

Then

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

Because all these spaces are nice,

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

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

$$\Lambda^r(H^1(X, \mathbb{R}), \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^r(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

// Künneth

$$\Lambda^r(H^1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \oplus H^1(X_2, \mathbb{Z}))$$

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// Künneth

$$\bigoplus_{p+q=r} (\Lambda^p(H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})) \otimes \Lambda^q(H^1(X_2, \mathbb{Z}))) = \bigoplus_{p+q=r} (H^p(X, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes H^q(X_2, \mathbb{Z}))$$

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

Proposition

There is a correspondence

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hermitian forms} \\ H \text{ on } V \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Alternating real-valued forms} \\ E: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$H \longmapsto \text{Im } H$$

$$E(\cdot, \cdot) + iE(\cdot, \cdot) \longleftarrow E$$

We now want to consider line bundles on $X = V/\Lambda$.

That is

$$\begin{array}{c} L \\ \pi \downarrow \\ X \end{array}$$

such that for any $x \in X$ there exists $U \ni x$ such that $\pi^{-1}(U) \cong \mathbb{C} \times U$.

Definition

If H is a Hermitian form on V such that $E(\Lambda \times \Lambda) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$, there exists a map $\alpha: \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^* \mid |z|=1\}$ such that $\alpha(u+v) = e^{i\pi H(u,v)} \alpha(u)\alpha(v)$.

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

$$\phi_u(\lambda, v) = \left(\underbrace{\alpha(u) e^{\pi H(v,u) + \frac{1}{2}\pi H(u,u)}}_{=: e_u}, \lambda, v+u \right) \quad \text{for } u \in \Lambda.$$

Theorem (Appell-Humbert)

Any line bundle on X is $L(H, \alpha)$ for some H, α as above. Further,

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

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \mathbb{C}) & \longrightarrow & \{ \text{data } (H, \alpha) \} & \longrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{group of Hermitian } H \\ \text{with } E(\Lambda \times \Lambda) \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \underbrace{\text{Pic}^0(X)}_{\text{topologically trivial line bundles on } X} & \longrightarrow & \underbrace{\text{Pic}(X)}_{\text{line bundles on } X} & \xrightarrow{c} & \ker(H^2(X; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(X; \mathbb{O}_X)) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

We wanted functions $X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Now we can consider sections

$$s \begin{array}{c} \nearrow L(H, \alpha) \\ \downarrow \pi \\ X \end{array} \quad \text{with } \pi \circ s = \text{id}.$$

Denote the space of such things as $H^0(X, L(H, \alpha))$

These correspond to holomorphic functions

$$\theta: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \text{such that } \theta(z+u) = e_{\alpha} \theta(z)$$

factor from earlier

Such θ is called a theta function for (H, α) .

If H is not positive-definite, the space of such functions is 0.

Proposition

If H is positive definite, then the dimension of $H^0(X, L(H, \alpha))$ is $\lfloor \det E \rfloor$ where we write a matrix for E with respect to an integral basis.

Theorem (Lefschetz)

Given a positive definite H , there exists an embedding $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^m$.

Proof (sketch): Let $L = L(H, \alpha)$.

Consider $L(H, \alpha)^{\otimes 3} = L(3H, \alpha^3)$

Take a basis $\theta_0, \dots, \theta_d$ of $H^0(X, L^{\otimes 3})$.

Claim: $\Theta: z \mapsto (\theta_0(z) : \dots : \theta_d(z)) \in \mathbb{P}^d$ 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.

For injectivity, show that if the above section has the same value on some z, z_0 , then it's a theta function for some sublattice.

Almost all sections aren't theta functions for a sublattice (uses previous prop about dimensions).

Similarly for tangent vectors.

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Definition

A Riemann Form is $E: \lambda \times \lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ alternating such that $E_{\mathbb{R}}: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has the property that $E(iv, iw) = E(v, w)$ and the corresponding Hermitian form was positive definite.

Definition

A complex torus $X = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ is polarisable if there exists a Riemann form E on Λ .

Example (Proposition)

Every \mathbb{C}/Λ , where $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\text{-span}\{1, \tau\}$, is polarisable.

To see this, $E(z, w) = \frac{z\bar{w}}{\text{Im}\tau}$ is a Riemann form.

Putting everything together, we have an equivalence of categories

$$\left\{ \text{Abelian varieties over } \mathbb{C} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \text{Polarisable complex tori} \right\}$$

Definition

An isogeny of complex tori is a homomorphism $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$ with finite kernel.

Definition

Given V a complex vector space, let

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

Given $\Lambda \subseteq V$ a lattice, let

$$\Lambda^* = \left\{ f \in V^* \mid f(\lambda) \in \mathbb{Z}, \lambda \in \Lambda \right\}.$$

Definition

If $X = V/\Lambda$, $X^\vee = V^*/\Lambda^*$ is the dual torus.

Proposition

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

So

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

This is called the Weil pairing.

Can a torus be isogenous to its own dual?

If X is polarisable, then

$$X \longrightarrow X^\vee$$

$$\vee \longmapsto H(\vee, -) \quad \text{is an isogeny.}$$

Definition

A polarisation is an isogeny $X \longrightarrow X^\vee$.