

# The adventures of BUNTES

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(J.S. Milne in the style of A.A. Milne)

Chapter 1: in which we are introduced to an important homomorphism, review some concepts, and our story begins

Chapter 2: in which Pooh discovers our main theorem

Chapter 3: in which Owl proves that acyclicity of  $h$  (iv) implies finiteness of  $K(h)$  (ii)

Chapter 4: in which Rabbit sets out on a long journey to prove finiteness of  $H(D)$  implies  $|2D|$  is basepoint free and gives a finite map  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$

Chapter 5: in which Piglet discovers a corollary

Epilogue: in which we might discuss isogenies

§1

Abelian variety  $X$

A complete group variety

Goal:  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$  for some  $N$ .

This motivates the study of line bundles.

Last time: Riey gave Thm of  $\square$ , and Thm of  $\square$

For any line bundle  $L$  on  $X$ , there is a group homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_L: X &\longrightarrow \text{Pic}(X) \\ x &\longmapsto T_x^* L \otimes L^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Caution:  $T_x^*$  is translation by  $-x$ , by convention.  
(Except in the elliptic curve case)

Example:  $X = E$ , an elliptic curve,  $L = L(0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{(0)}: E &\longrightarrow \text{Pic}(E) \\ x &\longmapsto (x) - (0) \end{aligned}$$

In this case, this is in  $\text{Pic}^0(E) \simeq \hat{E}$  and this is translation invariant.

Pf: Translate by  $q \in E$ ,  $(x+q) - (q)$

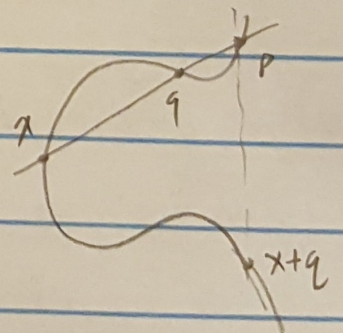
Let  $p$  be the third point on the line with  $x, q$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad (x) + (p) + (q) \simeq 3(0)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (x+q) + (p) \simeq 2(0)$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1}: \quad (x+q) - (x) - (q) \simeq -(0)$$

$$(x+q) - (q) \simeq (x) - (0)$$



□

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

Proposition:  $K(\mathcal{L})$  is Zariski closed in  $X$ .

Proof: Consider  $\mu^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \rho^* \mathcal{L}^{-1}$  on  $X \times X$ .

Then we consider

$$\{x \in X \mid \mu^* \mathcal{L} \otimes \rho^* \mathcal{L}^{-1}\}$$

This is a closed condition.

By the seesaw principle, restriction is pullback.

Thus the above set is precisely  $K(\mathcal{L})$ .  $\square$

§ 2 Let  $X$  be an abelian variety.

Let  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(D)$  be a line bundle.

The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $H(D) = \{x \in X \mid T_x^* D = D\}$  is finite
- (ii)  $K(\mathcal{L}) = \{x \in X \mid T_x^* \mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{L}\}$  is finite
- (iii)  $|2D|$  is basepoint free and defines a finite morphism  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$  (not an immersion)
- (iv)  $\mathcal{L}$  is ample.

Proof strategy: (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) by general algebraic geometry

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) since  $K(\mathcal{L})$  is a priori larger than  $H(D)$

We do: (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)

§3 pf of (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): for contradiction, assume  $L$  ample and  $K(L)$  is  $\infty$ .

Let  $Y$  be the connected component of  $0$  in  $K(L)$ ,  $\dim Y > 0$ .

Idea: Show trivial bundle is ample on  $Y \Rightarrow Y$  is affine.

But,  $Y \subseteq X$  closed  $\Rightarrow$  complete. Contradiction.

$L|_Y$  is ample.

$[-1]^* L|_Y$  is ample.

$L|_Y \otimes [-1]^* L|_Y$  is ample.

Consider  $d: Y \rightarrow Y \times Y$ , the mod = constant

$$y \mapsto (y, -y)$$

$$\Rightarrow d^* m^*(L) = \mathcal{O}_Y, \text{ but } d^* m^*(L) = L|_Y \otimes [-1]^* L|_Y$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y \text{ is ample. } \square$$

§4 Note:  $(2D)$  is always basepoint free.

$$\text{Then of } \square: T_{x+y}^* D + D \cong T_x^* D + T_y^* D$$

$$\text{Letting } y = -x, \quad 2D \cong T_x^* D + T_{-x}^* D$$

Assume  $D$  is effective.

For any  $y \in X$ , choose some  $x$  such that RHS doesn't contain  $y$ .

Let  $E = 2D$ .

Let  $|E| = |2D|$  (ie. the linear system corresponding to  $2D$ ).

We get

$$\Psi_E: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^N \quad (\text{construction + follow}).$$

Can we make this finite?

If  $\Psi_E$  is not finite, then  $\Psi(C) = \{pt\}$  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:  $T_x^* E \cap C = 0$  or all of  $C$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Pf 1: Intersection #s are constant.  $\square$

Pf 2:  $O(T_x^* E)|_{\tilde{C}}$ , <sup>normalization of  $C$</sup>  when  $x=0$  this is trivial, so  $\text{deg} = 0$ .

So  $\text{deg} = 0$  for all line bundles.

$E$  effective  $\Rightarrow C \cap T_x^* E = \emptyset$  for all  $x$  such that

the intersection is not in  $C$ .  $\square$

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

Pf: If  $e \in E$ ,  $T_{x-e}^*(E) \cap C \neq \emptyset$

Remember that this is subtraction, so  $x$  is in it ( $x - (x-e) = e$ ).

Because it's not  $\emptyset$ , it's all of  $C$ , so  $y$  is in it.

$$y - (x - e) \in E$$

$$= e - (x - y)$$

Thus  $E$  is invariant under  $T_{x-y}$ .  $\square$

Now assume (i), that is  $H(D) = \{x \in X \mid T_x^* E = E\}$  is finite.

However, if  $\psi_e(C) = \{pt\}$ , then  $T_{x-y}^*(E) = E$  for all  $x, y \in C$ .

$\Rightarrow H(D) \supseteq C$  and is not finite.

This is a contradiction.

$\Rightarrow \psi_e$  cannot collapse a curve.

$\Rightarrow \psi_e$  is finite.

§5 Corollary: Abelian Varieties are projective.

Proof: Let  $X$  be an abelian variety.

Let  $U \subseteq X$  be an open affine,  $0 \in U$ .

Then

$X|_U = D_1 \cup \dots \cup D_r$  irreducible components.

$$D = \sum D_i.$$

Claim:  $H(D) = \{x \in X \mid T_x^* D = D\}$  is finite.

Sketch: If  $H(D) \subseteq U$ , then  $H(D)$  is a complete (closed  $\subseteq X$ ) subset of an affine, thus finite.

If  $x \in H$ , then  $-x \in H$ .

Subclaim: If  $x \in H$ , then  $T_x^*$  preserves  $U$ .

Subsubpt: If not, let  $u \in U$ .

Suppose  $u - x = d$  for some  $d \in D$ .

Then  $u = d + x$

However, since  $x \in H$ ,  $-x \in H$ .

So  $D$  invariant under  $H \Rightarrow d + x \in D$ .

So  $u \in D$ , contradiction.

So  $T_x^*$  preserves  $U$ .

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□

In particular,  $0 \in U$  and  $\forall x \in H$ ,  $0 - x \in U$   
 $0 + x \in U$ .

Thus  $H \subseteq U$ .

Thus  $H$  is finite.

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□

Thus, by the main theorem,  $X$  is projective.

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Corollary: Abelian varieties are divisible.

$X[n]$  is finite for  $n \geq 1$ .

Pf:  $[n]: X \rightarrow X$ .

$X[n] = \ker([n])$ .

Note that for  $x \in X[n]$ ,

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

$(n(y-x)) = ny - nx = ny$ .

So for all  $h \in P_{i-1}(X)$ ,

$$T_x^*(\mathcal{O}_X(n)^* h) \simeq \mathcal{O}_X(n)^* h.$$

$$\Rightarrow X \subset \mathcal{O}_X(n) \subseteq K(\mathcal{O}_X(n)^* h)$$

$X$  projective  $\Rightarrow$  There exists  $h$  ample.

Then  $f$  the  $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(n)^* h \simeq \mathcal{O}_X(\frac{n^2+n}{2}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(\frac{n^2-n}{2})$

Thus  $\mathcal{O}_X(n)^* h$  ample.

$\Rightarrow K(\mathcal{O}_X(n)^* h)$  finite.

$\Rightarrow X \subset \mathcal{O}_X(n)$  finite. □

Dfn: Given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  a morphism of varieties, get a field extension  $K(X)/f^*K(Y)$ . If  $\dim X = \dim Y$  and  $f$  surjective then this is a finite field extension, and  $\deg f = d = [K(X) : f^*K(Y)]$ .

$d = \#f^{-1}(y)$  for almost all  $y$ .

Dfn: A homomorphism of abelian varieties  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an isogeny if  $f$  is surjective with finite kernel.



Corollary: Deg of  $[n]$  is  $n^2g$  if  $n$  is prime to  $\text{char}(k)$ ,  $k = \bar{k}$ ,  
 $g = \dim X$ .

Pf:  $D'$  = ample symmetric divisor, eg.  $D' + [-1]^* D' =: D$   
We know  $[n]^* D \sim n^2 D$

$$\begin{aligned} \deg([n](\underbrace{D \cdots D}_g)) &= ([n]^* D \cdots [n]^* D) \\ &= (n^2 D \cdots n^2 D) \\ &= n^{2g} (D \cdots D). \end{aligned}$$

□



"What if the divisor is non-effective?"  
said Winnie the Pooh. "Oh bother."

Jeff Hicks

"That Accounts for a Good Deal," said Eeyore  
gloomily. "It Explains Everything. No Wonder."



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