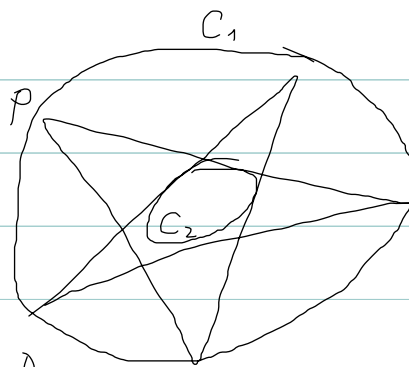


Damian Testa: Poncelet's Porism

Start with two plane conics, and point p on one of the conics. Starting at p draw successive tangents to the other one. If we eventually get back to p , then you get back to q on the first conic for any such q in the same number of steps. This is called the Poncelet's Theorem.



What does this have to do with the moduli of abelian varieties?

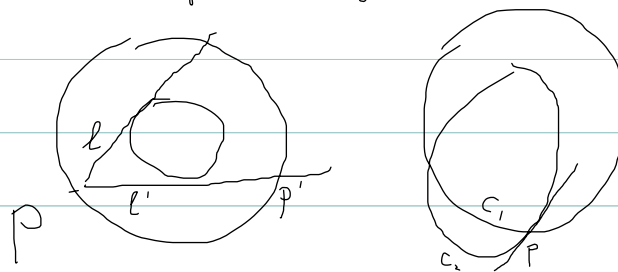
Let $E = \{(p, l) \mid p \in C_1, l \text{ line through } p \text{ \& tangent to } C_2\}$.

$E \xrightarrow{2:1} C_1, (p, l) \mapsto p$ is a 2:1 cover branched at points of intersection of C_1 and C_2 , where the tangents merge

Note that $C_1 \cong \mathbb{P}^1$

We also have a map

$$E \rightarrow E, (p, l) \mapsto (p', l')$$



Here, l' is tgt line to C_2 at p different from l .

E is an elliptic curve, since there are 4 ramification points.

A self-map from elliptic curve to an elliptic curve is an automorphism with no fixed points

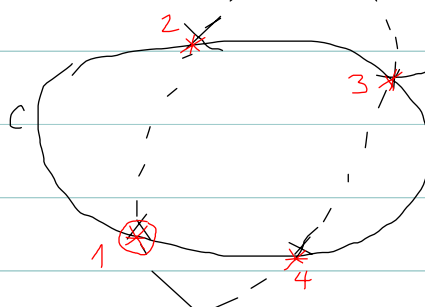
Therefore τ is a translation, if τ is a point of finite order.

So, two conics in plane \mapsto genus one curve and a translation with some order.

Now, fix one conic C and a general pencil of conics containing C (i.e. a linear family of conics)

Let \tilde{Y} be the double cover of \mathbb{P}^2 branched over C .

Each conic in the pencil produces a double cover of itself branched at four points.



This yields a one-parameter family of genus one curves with four points marked.

$\leadsto \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_t^1$ this is a family of elliptic curves with 2-torsion points marked
 \uparrow
 base of the pencil

$\leadsto X_1(2)$ this requires work, which can be found in Barth, Michel (that's what \sim means).

This is a moduli space of elliptic curves with level 2-structure

$$C_m \subset \tilde{Y}, \quad C_m = \{(t, p) \mid p \text{ has order } m\}$$

C_m is a moduli space of elliptic curves with level-2 structure
and a point of order m .

To come:

HS 1: A_g and level structures

HS 2: Classifying where moduli spaces lie in classification

HS 4: Explicit examples of moduli spaces ($g=2$)

HS 6: Degenerations

Marcus Stang

Defn (Elliptic curve via Weierstrass equation).

Defn A (smooth geom. red. proj. alg.) pointed curves of genus 1.

These are proj. group varieties of genus 1.

$$m: E \times E \rightarrow E, \quad \iota: E \rightarrow E.$$

Defn If $k = \mathbb{C}$, a compact analytic manifold of form V/Λ
with V a 1-dim'l vector space, Λ a lattice of rank 2.

Defn (Complex torus as $T = V/\Lambda$ with $V \simeq \mathbb{C}^g$, $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} \Lambda = 2g$)

Topologically, $T \cong (\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})^{2g} \cong (\text{torus})^g$

Defn Abelian variety over a field k is a projective algebraic
irreducible group variety.

Defn If $k = \mathbb{C}$, a complex torus that is isomorphic to a
projective variety.

Defn A Riemann form on $T = V/\Lambda$ is an \mathbb{R} -bilinear form

$$E: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t.}$$

- E is alternating $E(v, u) = -E(u, v)$
- $E(\Lambda \times \Lambda) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$
- $(u, v) \mapsto E(iu, v)$ is symm. & positive definite

Thm T is algebraic iff T is projective if exists Riemann form on T

Defn A pair $T = (T, E)$ is called a polarized abelian variety

Remark: there exists a purely algebraic defn of polarization.

Lemma Let $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$ and $E: \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ alternating.

Then exist basis $e_1, \dots, e_g, v_1, \dots, v_g$ of Λ

and nonnegative integers d_1, \dots, d_g s.t. E is given w.r.t. to this basis by

$$\begin{pmatrix} O_{g \times g} & D \\ -D & O_{g \times g} \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_g \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{i.e. } E(e_i, e_j) = E(v_i, v_j) = 0$$

$$E(e_i, v_i) = -E(v_i, e_i) = d_i$$

$$E(e_i, v_j) = E(v_i, e_j) = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j.$$

We call such a basis symplectic. The numbers d_1, \dots, d_g are uniquely determined. We call (d_1, \dots, d_g) the type of the polarization E .

Def E is principal if its type is $(1, \dots, 1)$.

Eg If $g=1$, then any T has a unique principal polarization

$$T = \mathbb{C} / \tau\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{Im } \tau > 0$$

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & d \\ -d & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

§ Jacobians

Let C be any curve over \mathbb{C} (equiv. a Riemann surface)

We will assoc a pp.a.v. $J(C)$ to C

$$H^0(C, \omega_C)^\vee / H_1(C, \mathbb{Z})$$

called the Jacobian of C .

via $H_1(C, \mathbb{Z}) \xleftrightarrow{\vee \leftarrow \text{dual}} H^0(\omega_C)$

$$[\gamma] \mapsto (w \mapsto \int_\gamma w)$$

Fix $P_0 \in C$. Then we get $C \rightarrow J(C)$

$$P \mapsto (w \mapsto \int_{P_0}^P w)$$

This is injective for $g \geq 1$.

We also have the Abel-Jacobi map

$$\text{Pic}^0(C) \xrightarrow{\sim} J(C) \quad \begin{matrix} a_i \\ \sum (P_i - (Q_i)) \end{matrix} \mapsto (w \mapsto \sum \int_{P_i} w)$$

Remark There exists a purely algebraic construction

Idea (say k is alg. closed).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}^{\text{Sym } g} & \longrightarrow & \text{Pic}^0(C) \\ \{P_1, \dots, P_g\} & \longmapsto & [P_1 + \dots + P_g - D] \end{array}$$

fixed divisor of degree g .

by contracting subvarieties, can make it 1-1.

Polarization on $J(C)$: on $\Lambda = H_1(C, \mathbb{Z})$ there is an oriented intersection pairing

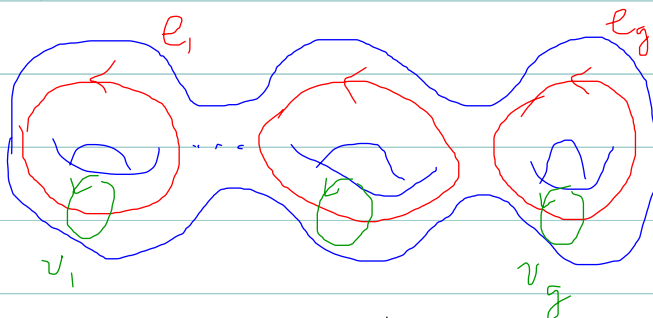
for $u, v \in \Lambda$ let $E(u, v) = v \cdot u = -v \cdot u$

and extend by \mathbb{R} -linearity.

Fact: this is a polarization.

Symplectic basis:

Type $(1, \dots, 1)$



Hint to polarization in algebraic setting

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J(C) & \longleftrightarrow & \mathbb{C}^{\text{Sym } g} \longrightarrow \text{Pic}^0(C) \\ & & \uparrow \\ & & \mathbb{C}^{\text{Sym } g-1} \end{array}$$

• Diane

$$A = V/L, \quad V \cong \mathbb{C}^g, \quad L \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2g} \text{ discrete}$$

A is projective iff exists polarization, i.e. Riemann form:

\mathbb{R} -bilinear form $E: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

- $E(u, v) = -E(v, u)$
- $E(L, L) \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \stackrel{=}{=} E(iv, u)$
- $(u, v) \mapsto E(iu, v)$ is symmetric, pos. def., $E(iu, u) > 0$ for $u \neq 0$.

$H: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $(u, v) \mapsto E(iu, v) + iE(u, v)$ is Hermitian, pos. def.,

satisfies $H(v, u) = \overline{H(u, v)}$ (Check all of this!)

$$\begin{aligned} E(iu, iv) &= E(u, v) \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ E(ii v, u) &= E(-v, u) \end{aligned}$$

Recall: given E we can choose a symplectic basis for L

$$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_g, \quad d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_g$$

s.t. $E(\alpha_i, \beta_i) = d_i$, all other pairings zero.

$$\begin{aligned} E(u, v) &= u^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D \\ -D & 0 \end{pmatrix} v \\ D &:= \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_g) \end{aligned}$$

Principal polarization: $d_1 = \dots = d_g = 1$.

Note: we can describe $V/L, E$ by giving $d_1, \dots, d_g, \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_g\} \in \mathbb{C}^{2g}$

Lemma Set $e_i := \frac{1}{d_i} \alpha_i$. Then $\{e_1, \dots, e_g\}$ is a basis for V .

Pf. Let W be the real span of $\{e_1, \dots, e_g\}$. Now $E|_W = 0$, but

$Q(u) := E(iu, u) > 0$ for $u \neq 0$. So $u \in W \Rightarrow iu \notin W$.

$W \cap iW = \{0\}$, so $V = W \oplus iW$. \square

Let Ω be the $2g \times g$ matrix with rows $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_g$ in the basis

e_1, \dots, e_g ; $\begin{pmatrix} D \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}$, e.g., if $g=1$, $\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}$ for $L = \mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z}$.

Prop. τ is a $g \times g$ symmetric matrix with $\text{im}(\tau)$ pos. def.

Defn. The Siegel upper half space is $\mathcal{H}_g = \{ \tau \in M(g, \mathbb{C}) \mid \tau = \tau^t, \text{im}(\tau) > 0 \}$.

Note. Given $\tau \in \mathcal{H}_g$, we construct $\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} D \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}$, $L_\tau = \mathbb{Z}$ [rows of Ω]

$A = \mathbb{C}^g / L_\tau$ is an abelian variety with polarization of type (d_1, \dots, d_g)

given by $\text{im}(\tau)$.

Pf. Let $\tau = R + iS$. Consider the \mathbb{R} -basis $e_1, \dots, e_g, ie_1, \dots, ie_g$ of V .

and compare with the basis $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_g$.

This has a change of basis matrix $[I]_{\mathcal{B}_1}^{\mathcal{B}_2} = \begin{pmatrix} D & R \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix}$

E in basis \mathcal{B}_1 is $\begin{pmatrix} D & R \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D \\ -D & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D & R \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & S^{-1} \\ -S^{-t} & S^{-t}(R-R^T)S^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$

$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & S^{-1} \\ -S^{-t} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, because

$$S^{-t}(R-R^T)S^{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow R = R^T$$

See Debarre's Complex Tori...

since E is skew-symmetric and so $S^{-t} = S^{-1} \Rightarrow S = S^t$, i.e. $\tau = \tau^t$. \square

Summary so far: $\mathbb{H}_g \longrightarrow \{ \text{ab. vars with polarization of type } (d_1, \dots, d_g) \}$
 $\tau \longmapsto L \quad \begin{pmatrix} D \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}.$

Problem: different τ can give isomorphic polarized ab. var.

Eg $\mathbb{C}/\langle 1, 1+i \rangle = \mathbb{C}/\langle 1, 2+i \rangle.$

Issue: chose a symplectic basis, write $\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D \\ -D & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Defn $Sp(\Lambda, \mathbb{Z}) = \{ h \in GL(2g, \mathbb{Z}), h^t \Lambda h = \Lambda \}$

If $D=I$, $Sp(\Lambda, \mathbb{Z}) = Sp(2g, \mathbb{Z})$

Point: $h = [I]_{\beta_1}^{\beta_2}$, if β_1, β_2 are different symplectic bases.

$Sp(\Lambda, \mathbb{Z}) \ni \mathbb{H}_g.$

$h = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}$, then $h \begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha\tau + \beta D \\ \gamma\tau + \delta D \end{pmatrix}.$

Multiply by $(\gamma\tau + \delta D)^{-1} D$ to obtain $\begin{pmatrix} (\alpha\tau + \beta D)(\gamma\tau + \delta D)^{-1} D \\ D \end{pmatrix}$

i.e. $h \cdot \tau = (\alpha\tau + \beta D)(\gamma\tau + \delta D)^{-1} D.$

Eg $g=1, D=1$: $\tau \mapsto \frac{\alpha\tau + \beta}{\gamma\tau + \delta}$

Defn $A_{d_1, \dots, d_g} := \mathbb{H}_g / Sp(\Lambda, \mathbb{Z})$
 = moduli space of abelian varieties
 with polarization of type (d_1, \dots, d_g)



$A_g(n) := A_{\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_g \text{ times}}, A_g := A_g(1)$, also $\mathbb{H}_g / \Gamma_g(n)$ for $\Gamma_g(n) := \{ h \in Sp(2g, \mathbb{Z}) \mid h \equiv I \pmod{n} \}.$

• David Holmes. Compactification of Siegel Modular Varieties.

Recall: principally polarized level 1 case

$$\mathbb{H}_g = \{ \tau \in M_g(\mathbb{C}) \mid \tau^t = \tau, \operatorname{Im}(\tau) > 0 \}$$

$$\operatorname{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{H}_g \text{ by } \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \tau := (A\tau + B)(C\tau + D)^{-1}$$

$$A_g := \operatorname{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}_g$$

Def A compactification of A_g is a complex proj. variety with a dense open subset $\cong A_g$ as alg. variety.

Why? - Michael's Talk

- Degeneration of Abelian varieties

Eg $\dim = 1$: recall $j: A_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} A'_1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{C}}$ - Satake compactification.

Topological view: Cayley transform $\varphi: \mathbb{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{D} := \{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1 \} \subset \mathbb{C}$

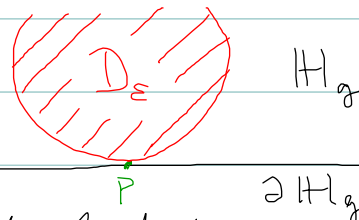
$$\tau \mapsto \frac{\tau - i}{\tau + i}$$

Add in $\varphi(\mathbb{Q}) \cup \{1\}$.

Def A partial compactification of \mathbb{H}_g is a top. space $\overline{\mathbb{H}}_g$ containing \mathbb{H}_g as a dense open subset, s.t. $\operatorname{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$ acts on $\overline{\mathbb{H}}_g$ and $\operatorname{Sp}_{2g} \backslash \overline{\mathbb{H}}_g$ is compact.

Eg Set $\overline{\mathbb{H}}_1 := \varphi(\mathbb{H}, \cup \mathbb{Q}) \cup \{i\}$ as a set. DON'T take subspace topology from \mathbb{C} : the quotient will not be hausdorff.

Put the horoyde \ Satake topology on $\overline{\mathbb{H}}_1$. let $p \in \overline{\mathbb{H}}_1 \setminus \mathbb{H}$. A system of open nbhd of p is $\{ \{p\} \cup D_\varepsilon \mid \varepsilon > 0 \}$ where D_ε is an open disk of radius ε touching $\partial \mathbb{H}$, at p . Then $\overline{\mathbb{A}}_1^s = \text{Sp}_2 \mathbb{Z} \backslash \overline{\mathbb{H}}_1$.



- Dimension > 1 .

Def A modular form of weight k and level 1 is a holomorphic function

$F: \mathbb{H}_g \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. for all $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$ we have

$$F(M\tau) = \det(C\tau + D)^k F(\tau).$$

Facts: - Elements of $\text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$ which have fixed pts are torsion

- the order of all torsion el'ts of $\text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$ is bounded.

Fix $k \geq 1$. Then exists $n > 0$ s.t. the $M(nk)$ of modular forms of weight nk is equal to the global sections of very ample line bundle on A_g .

$$A_g \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(M(nk))^{\vee}$$

Def The Satake compactification is the closure of A_g in $\mathbb{P}(M(nk))^{\vee}$.

• Partial compactifications:

Step 1. Cayley transform: $\varphi: \mathbb{H}_g \rightarrow \text{Sym}^g(\mathbb{C})$ $\mathbb{D}_g := \varphi(\mathbb{H}_g)$
 $\tau \mapsto (\tau - Ii)(\tau + Ii)^{-1}$

Step 2. A real affine hyperplane $H \subset \text{Sym}^g \mathbb{C}$ is

- a supporting hyperplane if $\mathbb{D}_g \cap H = \emptyset$, but $\overline{\mathbb{D}_g} \cap H \neq \emptyset$,
- rational if it is spanned by rational vectors

Step 3. $\overline{\mathbb{H}_g} = \mathbb{H} \cup \{\text{boundary components}\}$

Let H be a rational supp. hyperplane. let $\overline{F} := H \cap \overline{\mathbb{D}_g}$.

let L be the smallest affine space containing \overline{F} .

Then the interior of \overline{F} in L is a boundary component.

Satake compactification

- Normal
- singular along boundary
- $\overline{A}_g = \bigsqcup_{n \leq g} A_n$

Toroidal compactification

- resolution of singularities of Satake compactification
- not unique.

Classification stuff. Surfaces

§0. Introduction.

Classification up to birational isomorphism:

C	P^1	EU	K_C ample
g	0	1	2

Defn X - smooth proj. surface, then X is minimal if for all birational morphisms $X \rightarrow Y$ we have $X \xrightarrow{\sim} Y$.

Except for some cases, X is minimal iff K_X is nef
(Recall: nef is $K_X \cdot C \geq 0$ for all curves $C \subset X$)

Defn Say X is normal proj. variety over C of dim n ,
 X° is the nonsingular locus, $\omega_{X^\circ} := \bigwedge^n \Omega_{X^\circ}$ is invertible
on $X^\circ \iff K_{X^\circ}$ on X° , extend to X via Hartog (take closure)

Defn Kodaira dimension

$$k(X) := \begin{cases} \max_{m \geq 1} \{ \dim \phi_{mK_X}(X) \} \\ -\infty \text{ if } \underbrace{h^0(mK_X)}_{=: P_m} = 0 \text{ for all } m \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Fact: $k(x) = d$ iff $P_m \sim m$.

§1. Calculating the canonical divisor.

Recall: $\mathbb{H}_g := \{\tau \in \text{Sym}^{g \times g}(\mathbb{C}) \mid \text{im}(\tau) > 0\}$

$\Gamma_g := \text{Sp}(2g, \mathbb{Z})$ or $\Gamma_g(n) := \{\gamma \in \Gamma_g \mid \gamma \equiv 1 \pmod{n}\}$

$\Gamma_g \curvearrowright \mathbb{H}_g$ by $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$, $\gamma \cdot \tau = (A\tau + B)(C\tau + D)^{-1}$.

$A_g := \Gamma_g \backslash \mathbb{H}_g$, $A_g(n) := \Gamma_g(n) \backslash \mathbb{H}_g$.

Defn: $F: \mathbb{H}_g \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a modular form of weight k and level $\Gamma_g(n)$ if

- F is holomorphic
- $F(M\tau) = \det(C\tau + D)^k F(\tau)$ for all $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_g(n)$

• Line bundles on $A_g(n)$.

Assume: Γ_g acts freely on \mathbb{H}_g .

Define action $\Gamma_g \curvearrowright \mathbb{H}_g \times \mathbb{C}$ as $\gamma(\tau, z) = (\gamma\tau, \det(C\tau + D)^{-1}z)$.

This makes $\Gamma_g \backslash \mathbb{H}_g \times \mathbb{C}$ into a line bundle over A_g .

Γ_g -invariant section is a Γ_g -invariant function on $\mathbb{H}_g \times \mathbb{C}$ with values in \mathbb{C} .

Let $\tilde{F}: \mathbb{H}_g \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a modular form of weight 1.

$$\tilde{F}(\tau, z) := F(\tau)z.$$

Then \tilde{F} is Γ_g -invariant. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{F}(M(\tau, z)) &= \tilde{F}(M\tau, \det(C\tau + D)^{-1}z) \\ &= F(M\tau) \cdot \det(C\tau + D)^{-1}z \\ &= \det(C\tau + D) F(\tau) \det(C\tau + D)^{-1}z \\ &= F(\tau) z \\ &= \tilde{F}(\tau, z).\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $\Gamma_g \curvearrowright \mathbb{H}_g \times \mathbb{C}$

$$\gamma(\tau, z) = (\gamma\tau, \det(C\tau + D)^{-k}z)$$

$\Gamma_g \curvearrowright \mathbb{H}_g \times \mathbb{C}$ defines a line bundle L on A_g .

Punchline: sections of $L^{\otimes k}$ correspond to weight k modular forms

$$\mathbb{H}_g \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

Aim: Want a top diff. form $d\tau$ on \mathbb{H}_g ,

let F be a weight $(g+1)$ modular form,

Prove: $Fd\tau$ is Γ_g -invariant.

Conclusion: $K_{A_g} = L^{\otimes (g+1)}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Case } g=1: \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma \cdot (Fd\tau) &= F|_{\gamma} d(\gamma\tau) \\ &= F|_{\gamma} d\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = \dots (\text{proof}) \\ &= Fd\tau\end{aligned}$$

$g > 1$ case: Exercise in multivariate calculus with worries about commuting matrices.

Here, for
$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_{11} & & \tau_{1g} \\ & \ddots & \\ \tau_{g1} & & \tau_{gg} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d\tau := \bigwedge_{i \leq j} d\tau_{ij} = d\tau_{11} \wedge d\tau_{12} \wedge \dots \wedge d\tau_{gg}.$$

• What about boundary?

Fact: let \bar{A}_g be a toroidal compactification s.t. $D := \bar{A}_g \setminus A_g$ is a normal crossing divisor.

and
$$\text{rank Pic}(\bar{A}_g) = 2$$

$$= \langle L, D \rangle.$$

Claim $F d\tau$ has a simple pole along D , where F is a weight $(g+1)$ cusp form not vanishing too often.

$g=1$
$$\mathbb{H} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{C}$$

$$z \mapsto q := e^{2\pi i z}$$

$$\varphi(\mathbb{H} \cup \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\})$$

$$dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{dq}{q}$$

$$\text{div}(dz)|_{\infty} = -(\infty)$$

Conclusion: $K_{\bar{A}_g} = (g+1)L - D$

Thm (Freitag) This extends to a non-free action.

Also true for $A_g(n)$ of general type (i.e. all $n \geq n_0$ for

g	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...
n_0	7(?)	4	3	2	2	2	1	...

• level $(2, 4, 8)$ structure on genus 2 curves

(or rather on their jacobians)

We will be working with p.p. ab. surfaces.

k - field of char $\neq 2$.

C - genus 2 curve

$J(C)$ - its Jacobian

$J(C)[2]$ - it's 2-torsion with symplectic structure.

Level 2 structure - choice of symplectic basis.

If C is of genus 2, then it is hyperelliptic with canonical map $\varphi: C \xrightarrow{2:1} \mathbb{P}^1$ ramified at exactly 6 pts.

It has an affine model $y^2 = f(x)$ with $\deg f = 6$, f having no repeated roots.

What is $J(C)$? $\text{Sym}^2(C) = J(C)$

↓

unordered pairs of pts. in C
with rep'ns allowed: $p+q, p, q \in C$

Recall that, as a group, $J(C) = \text{Div}^0(C) / \text{Div}^L(C)$
 $= \{ \text{line bundles of deg } 0 \} / \cong$

We have $\varphi: \text{Sym}^2(C) \rightarrow J(C)$

$p+q \mapsto \mathcal{O}(p+q)(-K_C) = \mathcal{O}_C(p+q-K)$.

where K is the canonical divisor.

What are the fibers of φ :

\mathcal{L} - line bundle of degree zero,

$$\mathbb{P}(H^0(\mathcal{L}(K)) = \varphi^{-1}(\mathcal{L})$$

deg \mathcal{L} by R.R.

$$H^0(\mathcal{L}(K))$$

$$h^0(\mathcal{L}(K)) - h^1(\mathcal{L}(K)) = 2 - 1 = 1$$

Typically, $h^0(\mathcal{L}(K)) = 1$, $h^1(\mathcal{L}(K)) = 0$

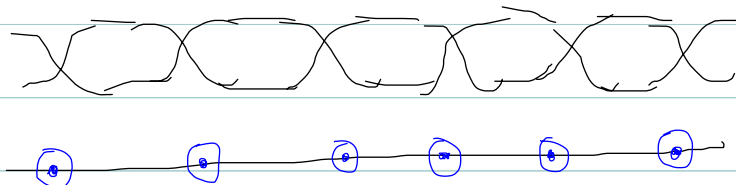
So, φ is an "isomorphism" away from $\varphi^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_C)$

and replaces \mathcal{O}_C by \mathbb{P}^1 .

So $\text{Sym}^2(C) = \text{Bl}_{\mathcal{O}_C}(J(C))$.

Remark (J. Cremona): This is how Comp Sci views Jacobians of genus 2 curves for the purposes of cryptography

§ Level-2 structures:



$f(x) = y^2$, If p is ram. pt., then $2p \in \text{Sym}^2(C)$

$\varphi(2p) = \mathcal{O}_C(2p - K) = \mathcal{O}_C$, since $2p \sim K$.

Say $p \neq q$ are ram. pts. What is $\mathcal{O}_C(p+q-K)$?

$$\mathcal{O}_C(2(p+q-K)) = \mathcal{O}(K+K-2K) = \mathcal{O}_C.$$

If $p \neq q$, then $p+q$ "is" a 2-torsion pt not of order 1.

6 branch pts \Rightarrow 6 ram pts \Rightarrow there are $\binom{6}{2} = 15$ points on $J(C)$ of order 2. These are the only ones.

Choosing $p=q$ yields identity on $J(C)$, i.e., we have 6 different representatives for the sole el't of order 1.

§ Symplectic structure:

$$\langle (p,q), (p',q') \rangle := \tau \pmod{2} \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

where $\tau = \#$ coincidences among (p,q) and (p',q')

$$= \#(\{p,q\} \cap \{p',q'\})$$

This defines a symplectic structure on $J(C)[2]$.

What is a symplectic basis?

We have $\underbrace{v_1 \quad v_2}_{\text{Lagrangian mspace}} \quad \underbrace{v_3 \quad v_4}_{\text{Ditto}}$, where $\langle v_1, v_3 \rangle = \langle v_1, v_4 \rangle = 0$

Lagrangian
mspace

Ditto

$$\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = 1$$

$$\langle v_3, v_4 \rangle = 1$$

$$J(C)[2] \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^4$$

$$\textcircled{12} \textcircled{23} \mid \textcircled{45} \textcircled{56}$$

⊆ symmetric basis iff ordering of branch pts.

Moduli space of abelian surfaces (p.p.) with level-2 structure
 - roots of poly $d(x)$ up to action of GL_2 .

§ Igusa Quartic :

$$Q_4 \subset \mathbb{P}^4$$

$$Q_4 \subset \mathbb{P}_{x_0, \dots, x_5}^5$$

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$$V(\delta_1(x), 4\delta_4 - \delta_2^2), \text{ where } \delta_i \text{ are the elem. sym. functions,}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \prod_i (t + x_i) = \sum \delta_{6-i}(x) t^i.$$

We have $p \in V \mapsto$ ab. surface with level-2 structure

Q_4 is singular along 15 lines:

$$x_0 = x_2, \quad x_1 = x_3, \quad x_0 + x_1 + x_4 = 0, \quad x_0 + x_1 + x_5 = 0$$

$$=: Q_4^{\text{sing}}$$

\rightarrow tangent space to Q_4 at P

$$\mathcal{T}_{Q_4, P} \cong \mathbb{P}^3 \supset (Q_4 \cap \mathcal{T}) \cong Q_P = \text{quartic in } \mathbb{P}^3$$

Q_P is singular at P and at the 15 intersection pts
 of $\mathcal{T}_{Q_4, P}$ with sing pts of Q_4

Therefore, Q_4 is a Kummer surface.

Thus $Q_p \xleftarrow{2:1} A_p$, where A_p is a p.p.a.v. of dim 2
 with $Q_p = A_p / \{\pm 1\}$ with framing of 2-torsion
 subgroup.

Remark (from Miles Reid): something about tropes,
 16 conics are called tropes.

More level structures on ab. surfaces

Can also put a $(2, 4, 8)$ -level structure

$$Q_{0000}^2 = \mathbb{H}_{00}^2 + \mathbb{H}_{01}^2 + \mathbb{L}_{10}^2 + \mathbb{L}_{11}^2$$

$$\dots = \dots \pm \dots \pm \dots \pm \dots$$

These are also the equations for the cubed problem (Ganter)