Brauer containers

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Picard group in algebraic geometry

- In algebraic geometry we study **algebraic varieties**, which are the set of solutions of a system of polynomial equations
- A variety V is equipped with a **topology**—a collection of subsets termed as open subsets—and a **structure sheaf** \mathcal{O}_V of rings, associating a ring to each open subset compatibly with restriction of subsets
- A **module** over a ring is a set that the ring acts on linearly, like a vector space over a field
- We refer to a sheaf of modules over \mathcal{O}_V as a V-module
- From the tensor product \otimes of modules, we can define a tensor product \otimes of V-modules
- The **Picard group** of *V* is the group of isomorphism classes of invertible *V*-modules or **line bundles** (operation is \otimes , identity element is \mathcal{O}_V)

Jacobian of a complex curve

- The Picard group can be given the structure of an algebraic variety $\operatorname{Pic}(V)$
- Varieties like Pic(V) that are also abelian groups are called abelian varieties
- Over \mathbb{C} , any complex abelian variety is a **complex torus** \mathbb{C}^d/Γ that admits an algebraic structure
- If *C* is a curve over the complex numbers, then the connected component of the identity in Pic(C) is the **Jacobian variety**
- In addition to this algebraic definition, we can give an analytic construction of the Jacobian variety

Analytic construction of the Jacobian

• Given a complex curve *C* we have a short exact sequence of sheaves (called the **exponential sequence**)

$$\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \stackrel{\exp}{\twoheadrightarrow} \mathcal{O}_C^{\times}$$

- This gives rise to a long exact sequence of sheaf cohomology groups $0 \to \mathrm{H}^0(C, \mathbb{Z}) \to \mathrm{H}^0(C, \mathscr{O}_C) \to \mathrm{H}^0(C, \mathscr{O}_C^{\times}) \to \mathrm{H}^1(C, \mathbb{Z}) \to \mathrm{H}^1(C, \mathscr{O}_C) \to \dots$
- The cokernel of $H^1(C, \mathbb{Z}) \to H^1(C, \mathcal{O}_C)$ is a **complex torus** \mathbb{C}^g/Γ (Γ is a discrete subgroup of \mathbb{C}^g)
- This torus gives an **analytic construction** of the Jacobian variety
- This torus is algebraic, which makes it an **abelian variety**

Higher dimensional complex varieties

- The Jacobian of a complex curve can be generalized to give an algebraic complex torus structure to the cokernel of $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \to H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ for higher-dimensional X
- If *X* is smooth and projective, this construction is a complex torus because the image of $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ in $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ is **discrete**
- Is the cokernel of $H^m(X, \mathbb{Z}) \to H^m(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ also a complex torus for m > 1?
- If *m* > 1,
 - 1. the image of $H^m(X, \mathbb{Z})$ in $H^m(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ is **not necessarily discrete**, so the cokernel of $H^m(X, \mathbb{Z}) \to H^m(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ is **not** necessarily a complex torus;
 - 2. even if it is a complex torus, it is **not** necessarily algebraic

Degree 2: the Brauer container

- If the rank of the group $\operatorname{Pic}(X)$ is **maximal**, then the cokernel of $\operatorname{H}^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \to \operatorname{H}^2(X, \mathscr{O}_X)$ is a complex torus that we denote $\mathfrak{C}(X)$
- The torsion subgroup of $\mathfrak{C}(X)$ is isomorphic to the Brauer group $\operatorname{Br}(X)$, so we call $\mathfrak{C}(X)$ the Brauer container
- $\mathfrak{C}(X)$ has been studied by Beauville, Shioda & Mitani, among others
- When X is an abelian variety, $\mathfrak{C}(X)$ has been computed up to **isogeny** (a surjective morphism with finite kernel)
- Furthermore, in this case $\mathfrak{C}(X)$ is algebraic (an abelian variety)

Products of elliptic curves

- An **elliptic curve** is a 1-dimensional abelian variety, which is often described as the solution set of an equation $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$
- We say the elliptic curve has **complex multiplication (CM)** if it has more endomorphisms than just multiplication by \mathbb{Z}
- (Schoen) A complex abelian variety X of maximal Picard rank is (not uniquely) isomorphic to a product of pairwise isogenous CM elliptic curves

$$X \cong E_1 \times E_2 \times \ldots \times E_n$$

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- We will use this concrete description of X to compute $\mathfrak{C}(X)$ up to **isomorphism**, via number theory
- We will show that for such X, the cokernel of $H^m(X, \mathbb{Z}) \to H^m(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ for all $m \leq n$ is also a complex abelian variety of maximal Picard number

Roadmap

- Number theory
 - Elliptic curves over ${\mathbb C}$ and lattices
 - Complex multiplication and the ideal class group
- Computing containers
- Fields of definition
 - Issues with extending to fields other than ${\mathbb C}$

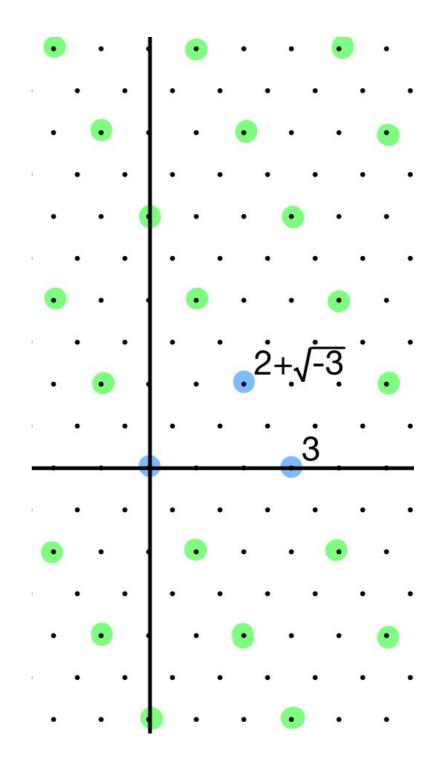
Number theory

Lattices in the complex numbers

• A lattice $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is the set of \mathbb{Z} -linear combinations of some $v, w \in \mathbb{C}$ with $v/w \notin \mathbb{R}$:

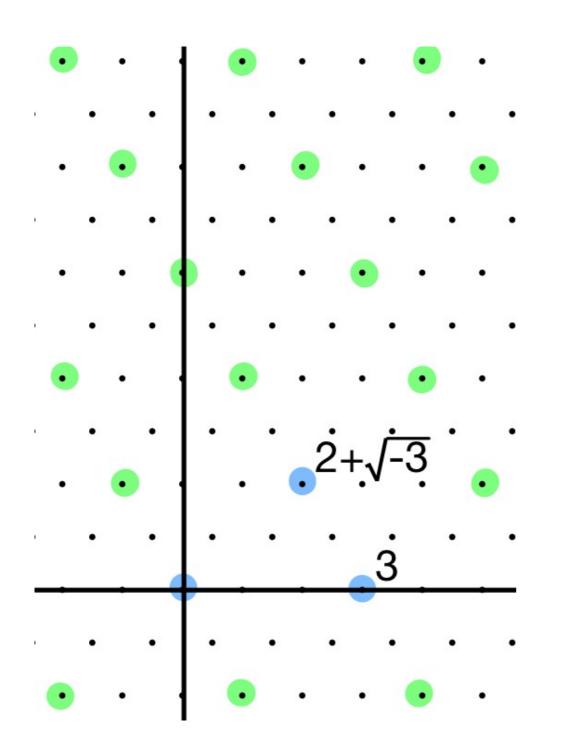
 $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}v + \mathbb{Z}w = \langle v, w \rangle$

- Any complex elliptic curve E is isomorphic as a Lie group to a torus \mathbb{C}/Γ for a lattice $\Gamma\subseteq\mathbb{C}$
- An isomorphism of elliptic curves $E\cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma, E'\cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma' \text{ corresponds to } \alpha\in \mathbb{C} \text{ with } \alpha\Gamma=\Gamma'$
- Isomorphism is homothety (rotation, scaling) of lattices
- An isogeny of elliptic curves corresponds to $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\alpha \Gamma \subseteq \Gamma'$
- Two lattices are isogenous if one is homothetic to a sublattice of the other



Number theory

Complex multiplication



- The **endomorphism ring** of a lattice is the ring of isogenies to itself $\operatorname{End}(\Gamma) = \{ \alpha \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha \Gamma \subseteq \Gamma \}$
- If End(Γ) is larger than Z we say that the lattice/elliptic curve has complex multiplication (CM) by End(Γ)

• For
$$\Lambda = \langle 3, 2 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$$
 we have
End $(\Lambda) = \mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}]$

• Λ is homothetic to $3\Lambda = \langle 9, 6 + 3\sqrt{-3} \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}],$ which is an ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}]$

Number theory

CM elliptic curves and the class group

- If $E \cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$ has CM, then Γ is homothetic to an ideal of $\operatorname{End}(\Gamma) = \operatorname{End}(E)$
- Think of Γ as a (fractional) ideal of $R = \text{End}(\Gamma)$, and homothety as multiplication by an element of R—or by a principal ideal
- The **ideal class group** Cl(R) is the group of (invertible) fractional ideals of R modulo principal ideals (R is the identity element)
- Homothety classes of lattices with CM by R correspond to elements of $\operatorname{Cl}(R)$
- We use $[E] = [\Gamma] \in Cl(R)$ for the group element corresponding to the homothety/isomorphism class of $E \cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$

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Computing containers Isogeny of CM lattices

 Recall: a complex abelian variety X of maximal Picard number is isomorphic to a product of pairwise isogenous CM elliptic curves (Schoen)

$$X \cong E_1 \times E_2 \times \ldots \times E_n$$

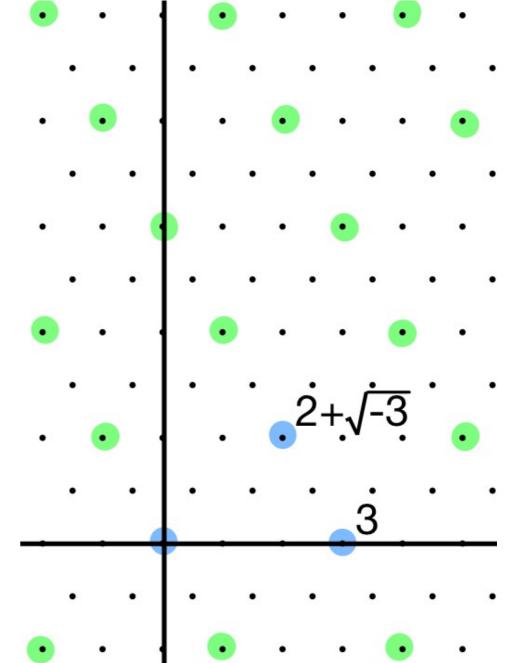
- What does this mean in terms of lattices?
- If Γ is a CM lattice with $R = \text{End}(\Gamma)$, then the **endomorphism algebra** $R \bigotimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ is an imaginary quadratic number field $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$
- In fact, *R* is a subring of the endomorphism algebra $K = R \bigotimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$
- Two CM elliptic curves E_1 , E_2 are isogenous if and only if the endomorphism algebras are the same

Computing containers Lattices and the Brauer container

- Shioda and Mitani found that $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)$ is a CM elliptic curve
- **isogenous** to both E_1, E_2
- To compute $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)$ up to **isomorphism**, we'll find $R = \operatorname{End}(\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2))$ and an element in $\operatorname{Cl}(R)$ for the isomorphism class $[\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)]$
- It's known that if $E_i \cong \mathbb{C}/\langle v_i, w_i \rangle$ and $v_1v_2, v_1w_2, w_1v_2, w_1w_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ span a lattice Γ then $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2) \cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$

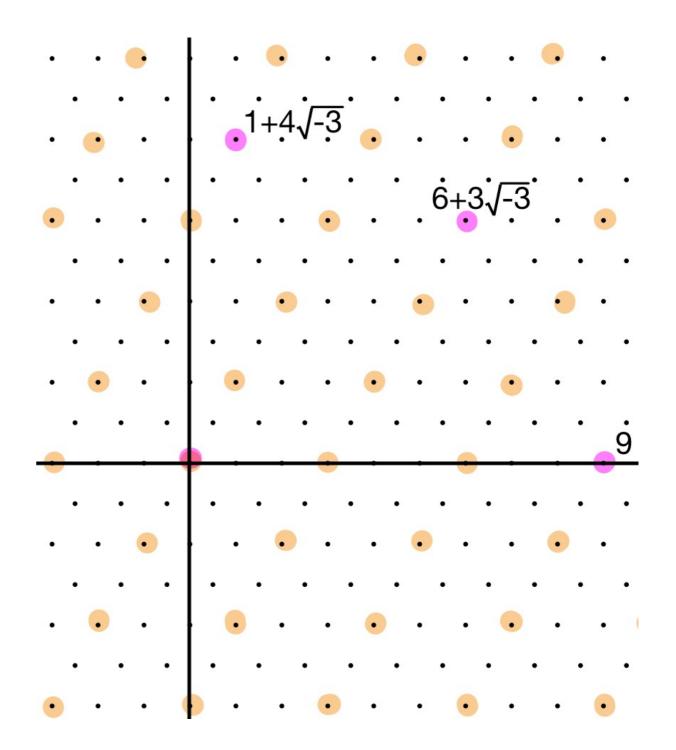
Computing containers Self-product example

- Consider the elliptic curve $E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ corresponding to the lattice $\Lambda = \langle 3, 2 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$
- $\mathfrak{C}(E\times E)$ is isomorphic to an elliptic curve $E'\cong \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$
- Λ' is spanned by
 - $3^2 = 9$
 - $3 \cdot (2 + \sqrt{-3}) = 6 + 3\sqrt{-3}$
 - $(2 + \sqrt{-3})^2 = 1 + 4\sqrt{-3}$



Computing containers Self-product example

- $\{9, 6 + 3\sqrt{-3}, 1 + 4\sqrt{-3}\}$ span the lattice $\Lambda' = \langle 3, 1 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$
- Hence $\mathfrak{C}(E\times E)$ is isomorphic to $E'=\mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$
- Λ , Λ' are **not homothetic**, so $E \ncong E' \cong \mathfrak{C}(E \times E)$
- However, they are isogenous; both have endomorphism ring $\mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}]$



Computing containers

Brauer container of an abelian surface

- The easiest case to compute the isomorphism class $[\mathfrak{C}(E_1\times E_2)]$ is when ${\rm End}(E_1)={\rm End}(E_2)=R$
- In that case, $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)$ also has CM by R and $[\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)] = [E_1][E_2] \in \mathrm{Cl}(R)$
- More generally, if $\operatorname{End}(E_i) = R_i$, then we can show $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)$ has CM by $R_0 := R_1 + R_2 \subseteq K = R_i \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$
- Letting $E_i\cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma_i$ we find that $\Gamma_i\otimes_{R_i}R_0$ is a lattice with CM by R_0 and

 $[\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)] = [\Gamma_1 \otimes_{R_1} R_0][\Gamma_2 \otimes_{R_2} R_0] \in \mathrm{Cl}(R_0)$

Computing containers

Brauer containers of abelian *n*-folds

• Recall: a complex abelian variety X of maximal Picard number is isomorphic to a **product of pairwise isogenous CM elliptic curves** (Schoen)

$$X \cong E_1 \times E_2 \times \ldots \times E_n$$

- Computing directly with the map $\mathrm{H}^2(X,\mathbb{Z}) \to \mathrm{H}^2(X,\mathcal{O}_X)$ we find that

$$\mathfrak{C}(X) \cong \prod_{i < j} \mathfrak{C}(E_i \times E_j)$$

- This means $\mathfrak{C}(X)$ is a product of CM elliptic curves, hence an abelian variety of dimension $\binom{n}{2}$
- In fact, the $\mathfrak{C}(E_i \times E_j)$ are also pairwise isogenous, so $\mathfrak{C}(X)$ is also a complex abelian variety of maximal Picard rank!

Computing containers

The *n*-container of an abelian *n*-fold

- For $X \cong E_1 \times \ldots \times E_n$ an abelian variety of maximal Picard number, the cokernel of $H^m(X, \mathbb{Z}) \to H^m(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ is **also a complex torus**
- We call this torus $\mathfrak{C}_m(X)$ or the *m*-container
 - The Brauer container $\mathfrak{C}(X)$ is the 2-container
- If n = m, then we find similarly that $\mathfrak{C}_n(E_1 \times \ldots \times E_n)$ is an elliptic curve with CM by R, where R is

$$R_1 + \ldots + R_n \subseteq K = R_i \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$$
, for $R_i = \text{End}(E_i)$

• We can compute $\mathfrak{C}_n(X)$ up to isomorphism as

$$[\mathfrak{C}_{n}(X)] = \prod_{i=1}^{n} [\Gamma_{i} \otimes_{R_{i}} R] \in \mathrm{Cl}(R), \text{ for } \Gamma_{i} \text{ such that } E_{i} \cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma_{i}$$

Computing containers Computing the *m*-container

• For *m* < *n*, we find that the *m*-container of *X* is

$$\mathfrak{C}_m(X) \cong \prod_{i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_m} \mathfrak{C}_m\left(E_{i_1} \times \ldots \times E_{i_m}\right)$$

- Each $\mathfrak{C}_m(E_{i_1} \times \ldots \times E_{i_m})$ is a CM elliptic curve isogenous to the E_i
- $\mathfrak{C}_m(X)$ is a product of pairwise isogenous CM elliptic curves
- Therefore, for any X which is a complex abelian variety of maximal Picard rank, the *m*-containers $\mathfrak{C}_m(X)$ for $m \leq \dim(X)$ are also **complex abelian varieties of maximal Picard rank!**
- In particular, $\mathfrak{C}_{n-1}(X)$ is a complex abelian variety of the same dimension n

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 - Return to self-product example
 - $\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)$ cannot be defined over the minimal field of definition of E
 - Elliptic curves and the ring class field
 - Give a condition on the fields of definition of two elliptic curves with class field theory
 - Finding other interesting examples

Issues extending to other fields

- Question: is there an analogue of the Brauer container for varieties of maximal Picard number over fields other than $\mathbb{C}?$
- For example, if we have an abelian surface \mathscr{A} over a number field L, is there **an elliptic curve** $E_{\mathscr{A}}$ **over** L with some nice relationship to the Brauer group of \mathscr{A} ?
- We would expect that $E_{\mathscr{A}} \otimes \mathbb{C} \cong \mathfrak{C}(\mathscr{A}_{\mathbb{C}})$, but sometimes **no** such $E_{\mathscr{A}}$ over L exists!
- This means though $\mathfrak{C}(\mathscr{A}_{\mathbb{C}})$ is algebraic (it is an abelian variety), the construction of $\mathfrak{C}(\mathscr{A}_{\mathbb{C}})$ is **not-so-algebraic**

j-invariants of elliptic curves

• For a complex elliptic curve *E* defined by an equation $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$, the *j*-invariant is

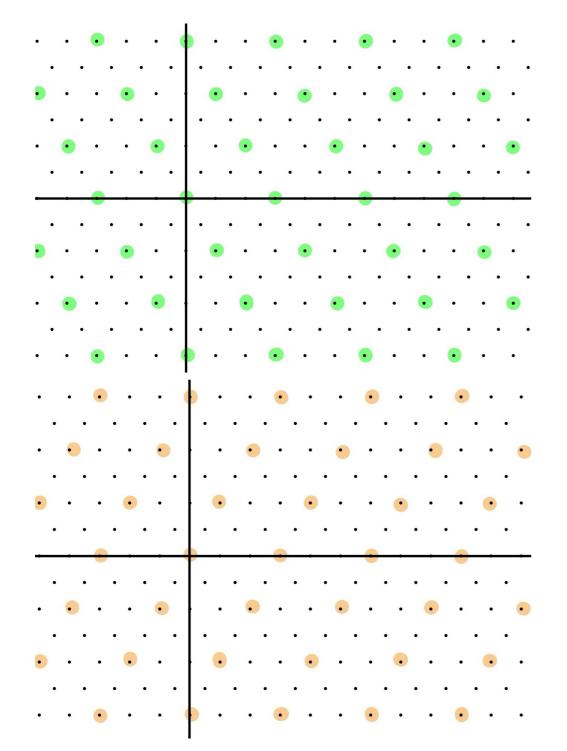
$$j(E) = 1728 \frac{4a^3}{4a^3 + 27b^2}$$

• A complex elliptic curve is determined up to isomorphism by its j-invariant, and E is always isomorphic over \mathbb{C} to the elliptic curve defined by

$$y^{2} = x^{3} + \frac{3j(E)}{1728 - j(E)}x + \frac{2j(E)}{1728 - j(E)}$$

- $\mathbb{Q}(j(E))$ is the "smallest" number field over which *E* can be defined
- We will give an example of an abelian surface \mathscr{A} over a number field L so that $j(\mathfrak{C}(\mathscr{A}_{\mathbb{C}})) \notin L$

Return to self-product example



- Recall the elliptic curve $E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ corresponding to the lattice $\Lambda = \langle 3, 2 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$
- $\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)$ is isomorphic to an elliptic curve $E' = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$ with $\Lambda' = \langle 3, 1 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$
- Λ, Λ' are **not homothetic** so $E \ncong E'$
- By computation, $\mathbb{Q}(j(E)) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3\sqrt[3]{2})$ and $\mathbb{Q}(j(E')) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3^2\sqrt[3]{2})$
- Since $j(\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)) \notin \mathbb{Q}(j(E))$, we can define $E \times E$ over this field $\mathbb{Q}(j(E)) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3 \sqrt[3]{2})$, but we **can't define its Brauer container!**

Self-product example and the class group

- We will find other examples of an elliptic curve *E* such that *E* can be defined over a number field *L* but $\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)$ cannot, using the class group of End(E)
- Let's look at $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{End}(E))$ for our previous example $E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ where $\Lambda = \langle 3, 2 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$
- In this case, $\operatorname{End}(E) = \mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}]$ and $\operatorname{Cl}(\mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}]) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$
- Note that $\mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}] = \langle 1, 3\sqrt{-3} \rangle$ is the lattice corresponding to the identity element and $[E], [E]^2 = [\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)] = [E']$ are the non-identity elements
- $\mathbb{Q}(j(\mathbb{C}/\langle 1, 3\sqrt{-3}\rangle)) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$, which is distinct from both $\mathbb{Q}(j(E)), \mathbb{Q}(j(E'))$
- All elements of the class group have different minimal fields of definition

Elliptic curves and the ring class field

- For two CM elliptic curves $E_1,\,E_2,$ we want to describe when $j(E_2)\in \mathbb{Q}(j(E_1))$
- For any elliptic curve E with CM by $R \subseteq R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} = K$ the extension K(j(E)) is equal to the ring class field L_R
- L_R is a degree n = |Cl(R)| extension of K
- We use class field theory to prove a field of definition condition: if *E*₁, *E*₂ both have CM by *R* then either
 (i) [*E*₁]² = [*E*₂]² ∈ Cl(*R*) and Q(*j*(*E*₁)) = Q(*j*(*E*₂)) is a degree *n* extension of Q, or

(ii) $j(E_2) \notin \mathbb{Q}(j(E_1))$ and $\mathbb{Q}(j(E_1), j(E_2)) = L_R$

Other interesting examples

- We can find many cases of an elliptic curve E such that E can be defined over a number field L but $\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)$ cannot
- If *E* is a CM elliptic curve such that the order of $[E] \in Cl(End(E))$ is greater than 2, then

 $[\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)]^2 = [E]^4 \neq [E]^2$

- This means that $j(\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)) \notin \mathbb{Q}(j(E)) = L$ by our field of definition condition
- It is still true that both j(E) and $j(\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)) \in L_{\text{End}(E)}$, the ring class field

Isomorphism classes of abelian surfaces

- To determine the "field of definition" of an abelian surface of maximal Picard rank $\mathscr{A} = E_1 \times E_2$ we must determine when $\mathscr{A} \cong \mathscr{A}'$ for another abelian surface of maximal Picard rank
- Shioda and Mitani proved that for $E_1 \times E_2$ of maximal Picard rank, we have $E_1 \times E_2 \cong E_3 \times E_4$ if and only if (i) $\operatorname{End}(E_1) \cap \operatorname{End}(E_2) = \operatorname{End}(E_3) \cap \operatorname{End}(E_4)$ (ii) $\operatorname{End}(E_1) + \operatorname{End}(E_2) = \operatorname{End}(E_3) + \operatorname{End}(E_4)$ (iii) $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2) \cong \mathfrak{C}(E_3 \times E_4)$
- So in particular, if $\text{End}(E_1) = \text{End}(E_2) = R$ then $E_1 \times E_2 \cong E_3 \times E_4$ if and only if both

(1) $R = \text{End}(E_3) = \text{End}(E_4)$ (2) $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2) \cong \mathfrak{C}(E_3 \times E_4)$, or $[E_1][E_2] = [E_3][E_4] \in \text{Cl}(R)$

Interesting examples, part 2

- If *E* is a CM elliptic curve such that the order of $[E] \in Cl(End(E))$ is greater than 2, then $j(\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)) \notin \mathbb{Q}(j(E))$
- However, by the Shioda-Mitani condition, $E \times E$ is isomorphic to various other products $E_1 \times E_2$ with

 $End(E_1) = End(E_2) = End(E)$ and $[E]^2 = [E_1][E_2]$

• If $[E] \in Cl(End(E))$ has order 4, then

 $E \times E \cong \mathbb{C}/\text{End}(E) \times \mathfrak{C}(E \times E)$

• By our field of definition condition,

 $\mathbb{Q}(j(\mathfrak{C}(E \times E))) = \mathbb{Q}(j(\mathbb{C}/\text{End}(E)))$

• This means $E \times E$ and $\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)$ can both be defined over a field smaller than the ring class field

Conclusion

In summary

- For $X \cong E_1 \times E_2 \times \ldots \times E_n$ pairwise isogenous CM elliptic curves with $\operatorname{End}(E_i) = R_i$, then $\mathfrak{C}_n(X)$ is an elliptic curve with CM by $R_1 + \ldots + R_n \subseteq K = \operatorname{End}(E_i) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$
- For m < n we have

$$\mathfrak{C}_m(X) \cong \prod_{i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_m} \mathfrak{C}_m\left(E_{i_1} \times \ldots \times E_{i_m}\right)$$

which is also a complex abelian variety of maximal Picard number

- We gave examples of some abelian surfaces \mathscr{A} over a number field L so that $j(\mathfrak{C}(\mathscr{A}_{\mathbb{C}})) \notin L$
- This means though $\mathfrak{C}(\mathscr{A}_{\mathbb{C}})$ is algebraic (it is an abelian variety), the construction of $\mathfrak{C}(\mathscr{A}_{\mathbb{C}})$ is **not quite algebraic**

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Future work

- For X a complex abelian variety of maximal Picard number and dimension n, $\mathfrak{C}_{n-1}(X)$ is also a complex abelian variety of maximal Picard number and dimension n
 - Does the \mathfrak{C}_{n-1} action on the set of such X have finite orbits?
 - Does the action have fixed points?
- Beauville computed $\mathfrak{C}(S)$ up to isogeny for some surfaces of maximal Picard number that are not abelian surfaces
 - Can we compute these $\mathfrak{C}(S)$ up to isomorphism?
 - Are there complex surfaces such that $\mathfrak{C}(S)$ is a complex torus but not an abelian variety?

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