

# Higher-weight Jacobians

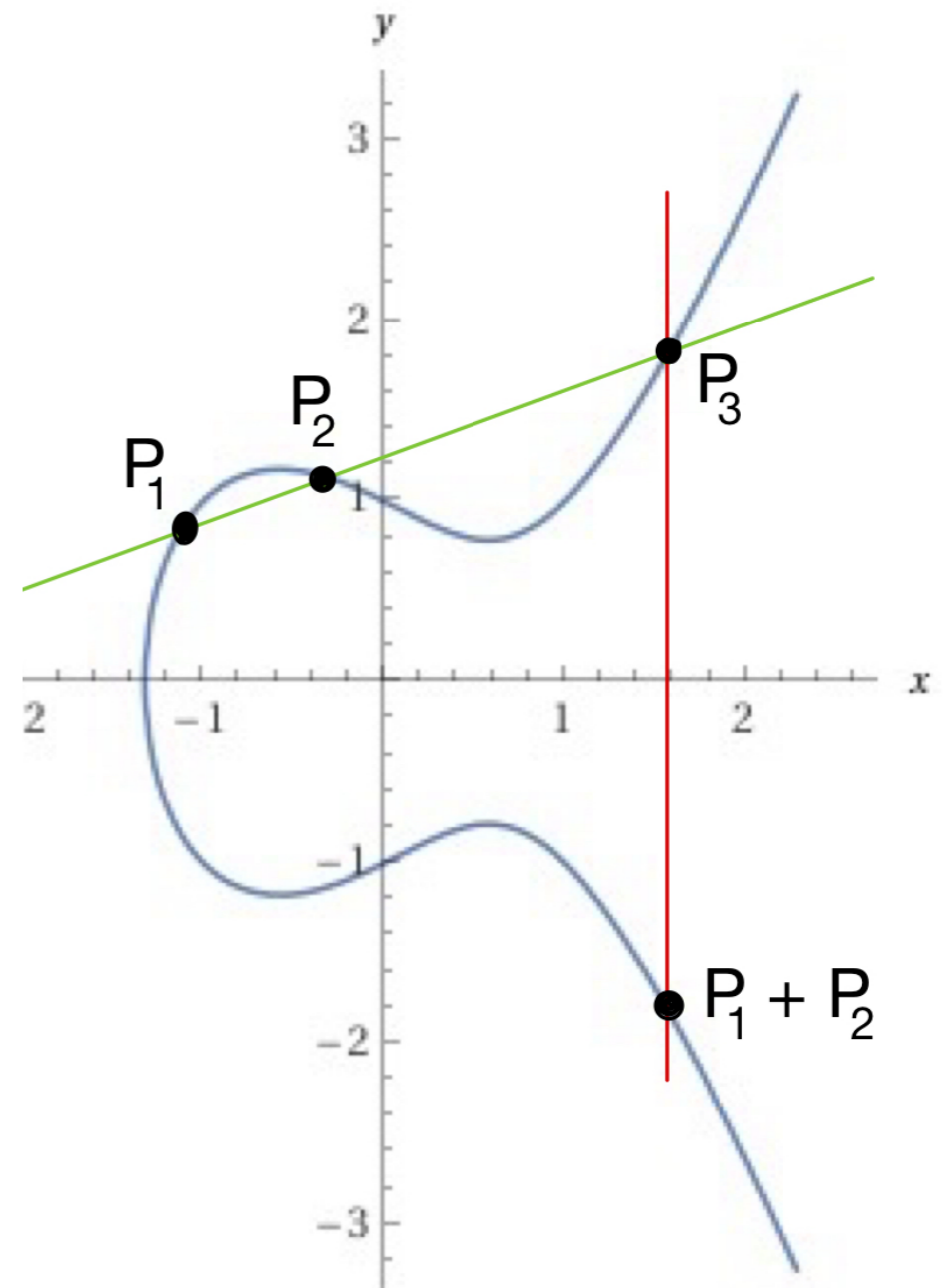
Generalizing the notion of adding points on a curve

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# Motivation

## Elliptic curves in algebraic geometry

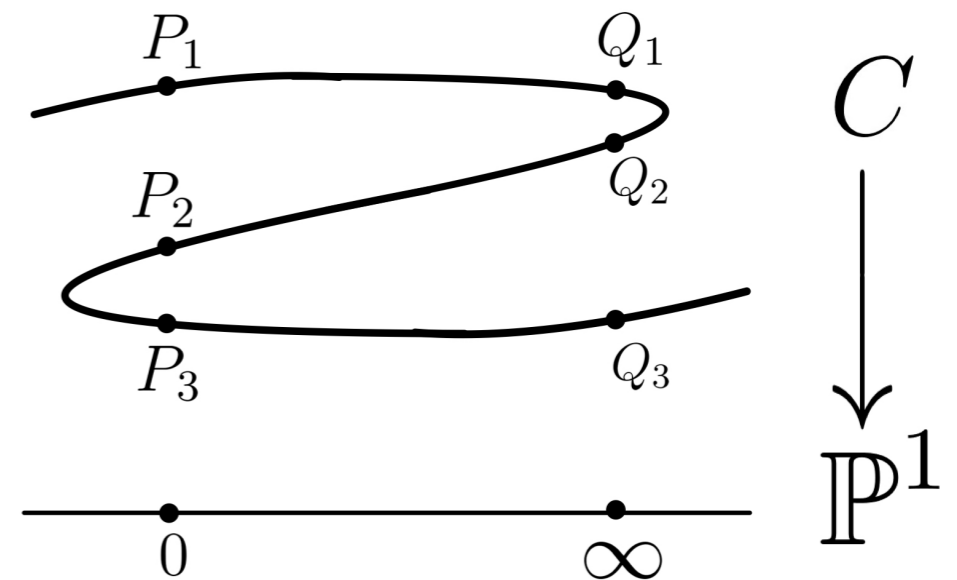
- In algebraic geometry we study **algebraic varieties**, which are the set of solutions of a system of polynomial equations
- An **elliptic curve** is the solution set of an equation  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$
- In fact elliptic curves are **abelian varieties**, since we can “add” points, giving it the structure of an abelian group
- These important objects of number theory have applications in cryptography, integer factorization, and primality proving



# Motivation

## Jacobian of a complex curve

- For more general curves we cannot add points as with an elliptic curve
- Instead, we can embed the curve  $C$  in a higher-dimensional abelian variety known as the **Jacobian variety**  $\text{Jac}(C)$
- Elements of  $\text{Jac}(C)$  are **degree 0 divisors**—abstract “combinations of points”



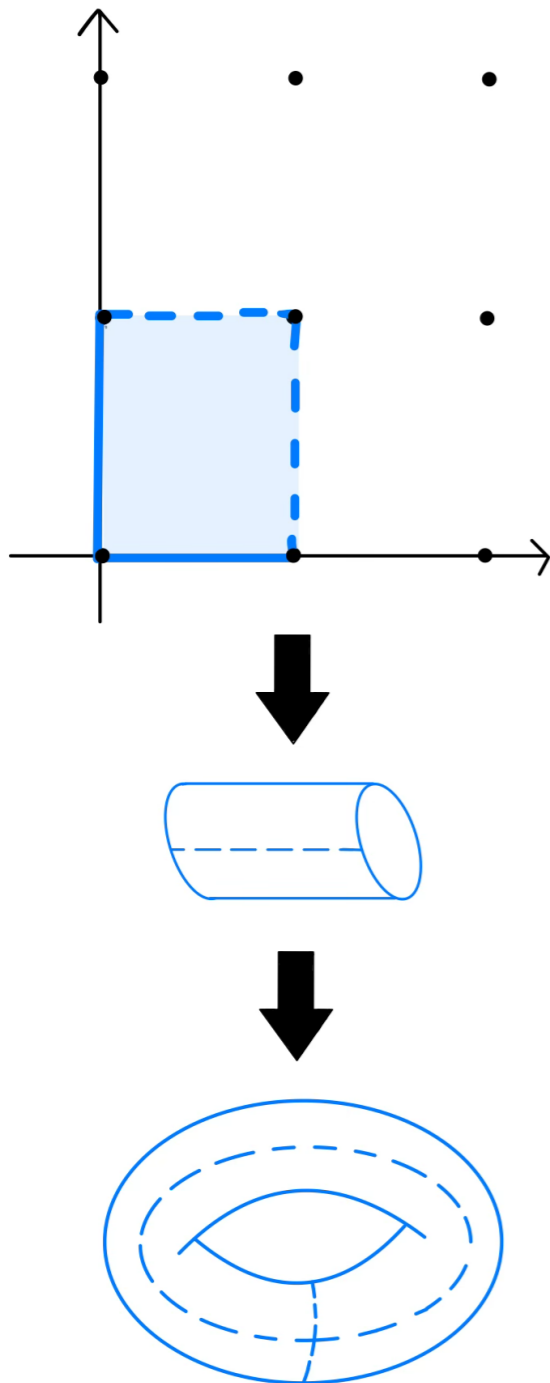
$$\sum_{P \in C} n_P P \text{ such that } \sum_{P \in C} n_P = 0$$

modulo the relation of rational equivalence ( $P_1 + P_2 + P_3 = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$ )

- Geometrically, we can give this abelian group the structure of a variety
- In addition to this algebraic definition, we can give an analytic construction of the Jacobian variety as a complex torus

# Motivation

## Complex abelian varieties and tori



- A **complex torus**  $\mathbb{C}^d/\Gamma$  is the quotient of a complex vector space  $\mathbb{C}^d$  by a discrete subgroup or lattice  $\Gamma$
- Any complex abelian variety can be realized as a complex torus which admits an algebraic structure
- For  $d = 1$  every torus is algebraic, so  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  is always isomorphic to an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{C}$
- This is not true in higher dimensions!

# Motivation

## Analytic construction of the Jacobian

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

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

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

# Motivation

## Higher dimensional complex varieties

- The Jacobian of a complex curve can be generalized to give an algebraic complex torus structure to the cokernel of  $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  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 a **discrete subgroup** of the complex vector space  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$
- Is the cokernel of  $H^m(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^m(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  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  $H^m(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^m(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is **not necessarily** a complex torus;
  2. even if it is a complex torus, it is **not necessarily algebraic**

# Motivation

## Degree 2: the Brauer-Jacobian

- The cokernel  $\mathfrak{C}(X)$  of  $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is a complex torus exactly when the kernel has maximal rank—meaning  $X$  is “very algebraic” (has many line bundles)
- We say that  $X$  which satisfies the above has **maximal Picard number**
- The torsion subgroup of  $\mathfrak{C}(X)$  is isomorphic to the Brauer group  $\text{Br}(X)$ , so we call  $\mathfrak{C}(X)$  the **Brauer-Jacobian**
- $\mathfrak{C}(X)$  has been studied by Beauville ‘14, Shioda & Mitani ‘74, 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)

# Motivation

## Products of elliptic curves

- Recall: 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  $\mathbb{Z}$

**Theorem (Schoen).** A complex abelian variety  $X$  of maximal Picard rank is (not uniquely) isomorphic to a **product of pairwise isogenous CM elliptic curves**

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

- In the  $n = 2$  case, Shioda and Mitani show that  $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)$  is an elliptic curve that is isogenous to both  $E_1$  and  $E_2$



# Our results

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- My work with M. Lieblich uses this concrete description of  $X$  to compute  $\mathfrak{C}(X)$  up to **isomorphism**, via number theory
- We proved that for such  $X$ , the cokernel of  $H^m(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^m(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  for **all**  $m \leq n$  is also a complex abelian variety of maximal Picard number, which we call the **weight  $m$  Jacobian**  $\mathfrak{C}_m(X)$
- We also proved conditions on the **field of definition** for  $\mathfrak{C}_2(E_1 \times E_2)$  in certain cases, and we plan to prove similar conditions in the general case

# Roadmap

- **Number theory**
  - Elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{C}$  and lattices
  - Complex multiplication and the ideal class group
- Computing higher-weight Jacobians
- Fields of definition
  - Issues with extending to fields other than  $\mathbb{C}$
- Conclusions and future work

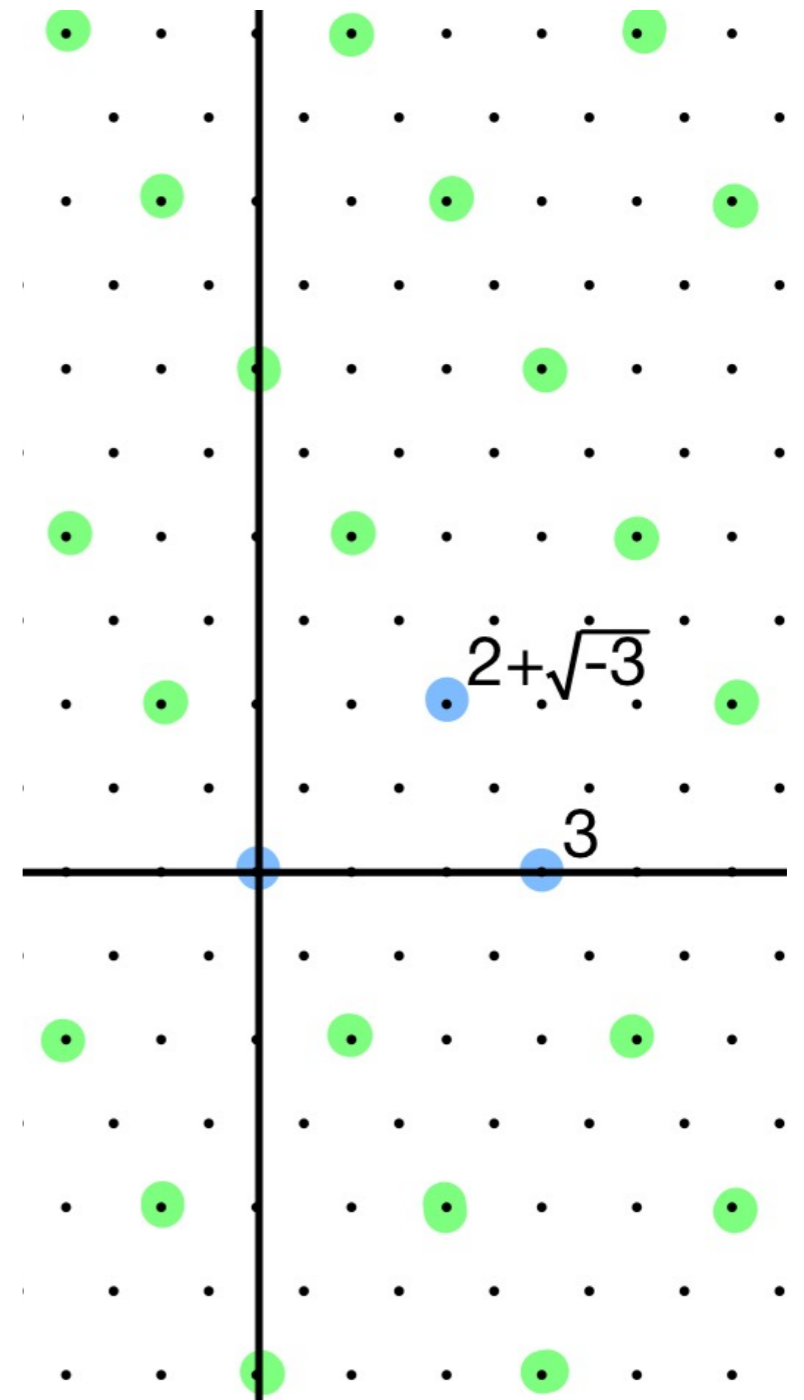
# Number theory

## Lattices in the complex numbers

- Any complex elliptic curve  $E$  is isomorphic as a Lie group to a torus  $\mathbb{C}/\Gamma$  for a discrete subgroup or **lattice**  $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbb{C}$
- Any lattice in  $\mathbb{C}$  can be written as the set of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear combinations of some  $v, w \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $v/w \notin \mathbb{R}$ :

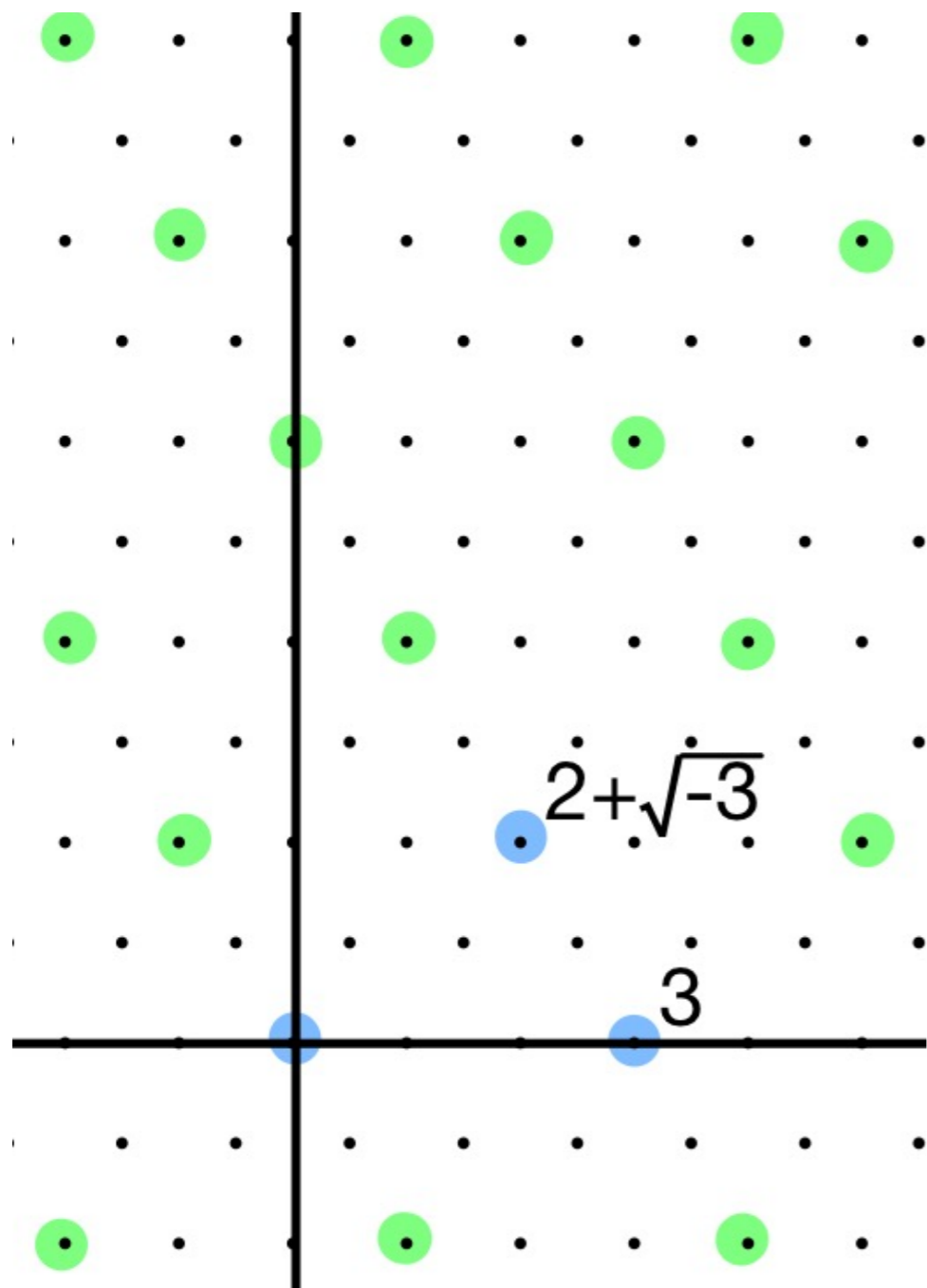
$$\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}v + \mathbb{Z}w = \langle v, w \rangle$$

- An **isomorphism** of elliptic curves  $E \cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma, E' \cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma'$  corresponds to a **homothety** (rotation/scaling) of lattices, which is some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\alpha\Gamma = \Gamma'$
- 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
$$\text{End}(\Gamma) = \{ \alpha \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha\Gamma \subseteq \Gamma \}$$
- If  $\text{End}(\Gamma)$  is larger than  $\mathbb{Z}$  we say that the lattice/elliptic curve has **complex multiplication (CM)** by  $\text{End}(\Gamma)$
- For  $\Lambda = \langle 3, 2 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$  we have
$$\text{End}(\Lambda) = \mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}]$$
- $\Lambda$  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  $\Gamma$  is homothetic to an ideal of  $\text{End}(\Gamma) = \text{End}(E)$
- Think of  $\Gamma$  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**  $\text{Cl}(R)$  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  $\text{Cl}(R)$
- We use  $[E] = [\Gamma] \in \text{Cl}(R)$  for the group element corresponding to the homothety/isomorphism class of  $E \cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$

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- Number theory
- **Computing higher-weight Jacobians**
  - Lattices and the Brauer-Jacobian (2-Jacobian)
  - Self-product example  $E \times E$
  - 2-Jacobian of an abelian surface
  - The  $n$ -Jacobian of an abelian  $n$ -fold
  - Computing the  $m$ -Jacobian
- Fields of definition
  - Issues with extending to fields other than  $\mathbb{C}$
- Conclusions and future work

# Computing higher-weight Jacobians

## 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)

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

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

# Computing higher-weight Jacobians

## Lattices and the 2-Jacobian

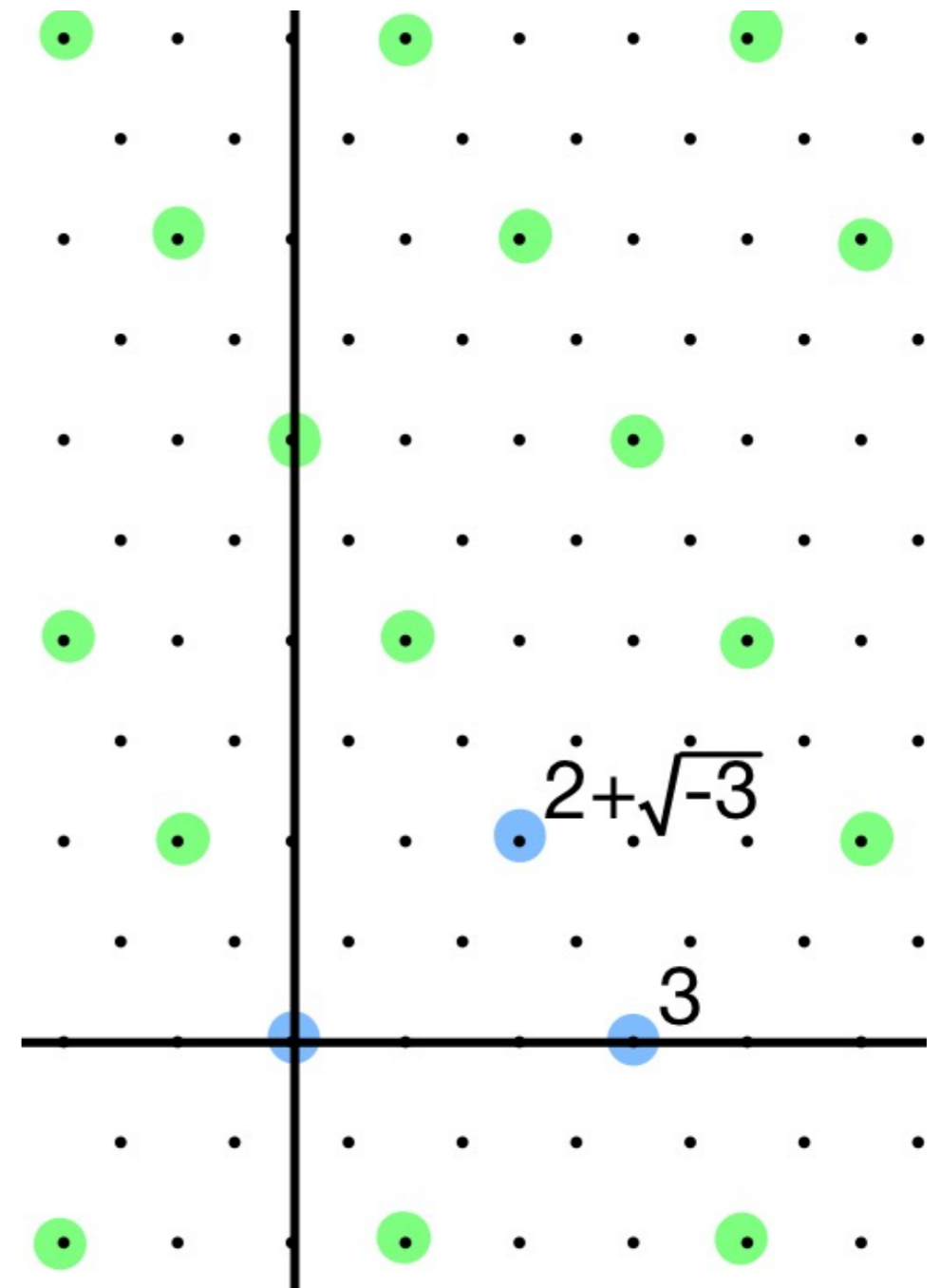
- Shioda and Mitani found that  $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)$  is a CM elliptic curve **isogenous** to both  $E_1, E_2$
- To compute  $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)$  up to **isomorphism**, we'll find  $R = \text{End}(\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2))$  and an element in  $\text{Cl}(R)$  for the isomorphism 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  $\Gamma$  then  $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2) \cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$



# Computing higher-weight Jacobians

## Self-product example

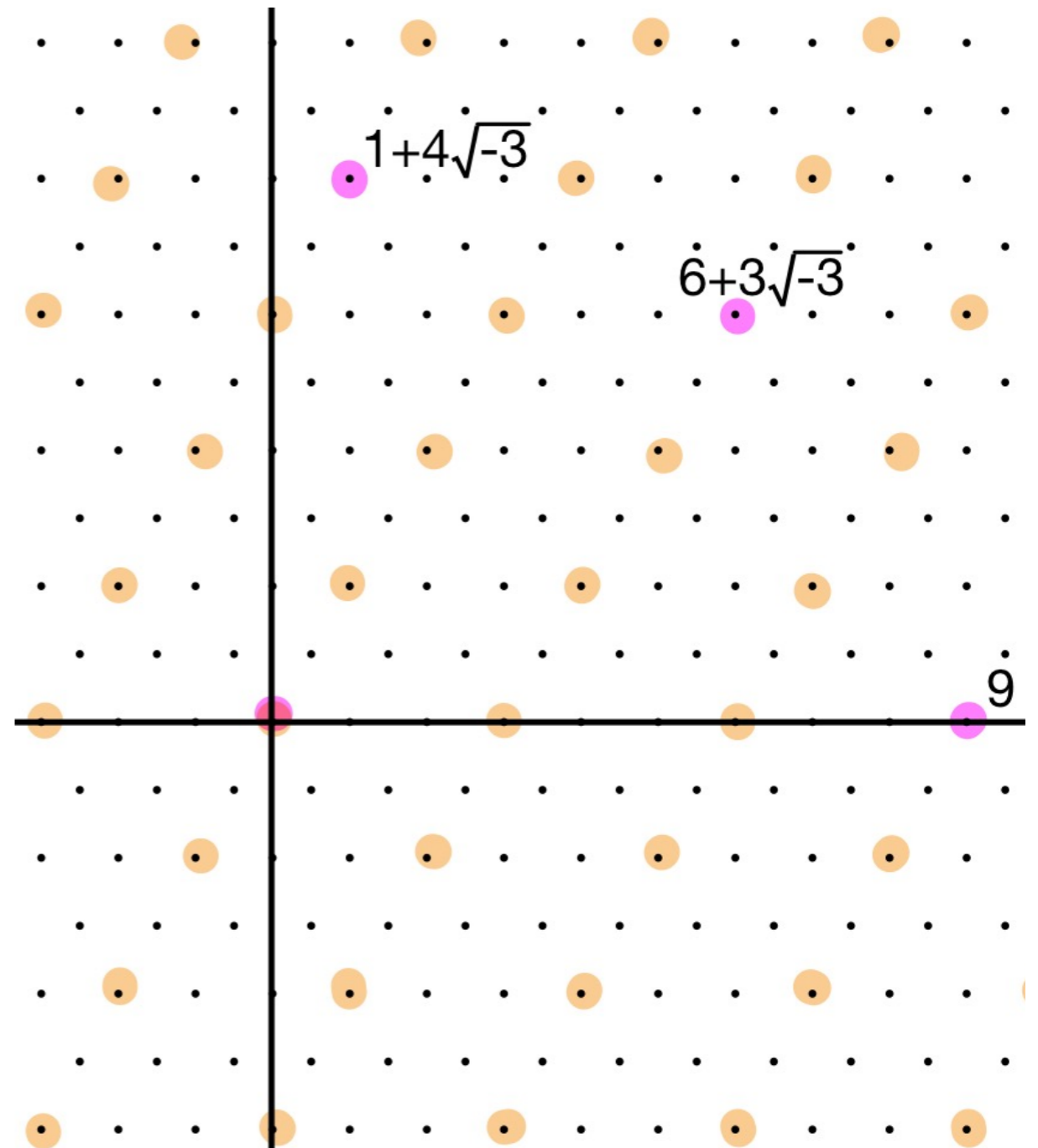
- Consider the elliptic curve  $E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  corresponding to the lattice  $\Lambda = \langle 3, 2 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$
- $\mathfrak{C}(E \times E)$  is isomorphic to an elliptic curve  $E' \cong \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$
- $\Lambda'$  is spanned by
  - $3^2 = 9$
  - $3 \cdot (2 + \sqrt{-3}) =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



# Computing higher-weight Jacobians

## 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  $E' = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$
- $\Lambda, \Lambda'$  are **not homothetic**, so  $E \not\cong E' \cong \mathfrak{C}(E \times E)$
- However, they are isogenous; both have endomorphism ring  $\mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}]$



# Computing higher-weight Jacobians

## 2-Jacobian of an abelian surface

- The easiest case to compute the isomorphism class  $[\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)]$  is when  $\text{End}(E_1) = \text{End}(E_2) = R$
- In that case,  $\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)$  **also has CM by  $R$**  and
$$[\mathfrak{C}(E_1 \times E_2)] = [E_1][E_2] \in \text{Cl}(R)$$
- More generally, if  $\text{End}(E_i) = R_i$ , 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

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

# Computing higher-weight Jacobians

## The $n$ -Jacobian of an abelian $n$ -fold

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

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

- Since  $X$  has maximal Picard rank,  $\mathfrak{C}(X)$  is a complex torus
- For  $m \geq 2$ , the cokernel of  $H^m(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^m(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is **also a complex torus**, the  $m$ -Jacobian  $\mathfrak{C}_m(X)$
- If  $n = m$ , then we find similarly that  $\mathfrak{C}_n(E_1 \times \dots \times E_n)$  is an elliptic curve with CM by  $R$ , where  $R$  is

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

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

$$[\mathfrak{C}_n(X)] = \prod_{i=1}^n [\Gamma_i \otimes_{R_i} R] \in \text{Cl}(R), \text{ for } \Gamma_i \text{ such that } E_i \cong \mathbb{C}/\Gamma_i$$

# Computing higher-weight Jacobians

## Computing the $m$ -Jacobian

- For  $m < n$ , we find that the  $m$ -Jacobian of  $X$  is

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

- Each  $\mathfrak{C}_m(E_{i_1} \times \dots \times E_{i_m})$  is a **CM elliptic curve isogenous to the  $E_i$**
- $\mathfrak{C}_m(X)$  is a product of pairwise isogenous CM elliptic curves

**Theorem (Devadas-Lieblich).** If  $X$  is a complex abelian variety of maximal Picard rank, the  $m$ -Jacobian  $\mathfrak{C}_m(X)$  for any  $2 \leq m \leq \dim(X)$  is also a complex abelian variety of maximal Picard rank.

- In particular,  $\mathfrak{C}_{n-1}(X)$  is a complex abelian variety of the same dimension  $n$

# Roadmap

- Number theory
- Computing higher-weight Jacobians
- **Fields of definition**
  - Issues with extending to fields other than  $\mathbb{C}$
  - 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
- Conclusions and future work

# Field of definition

## Issues extending to other fields

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

# Field of definition

## $j$ -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

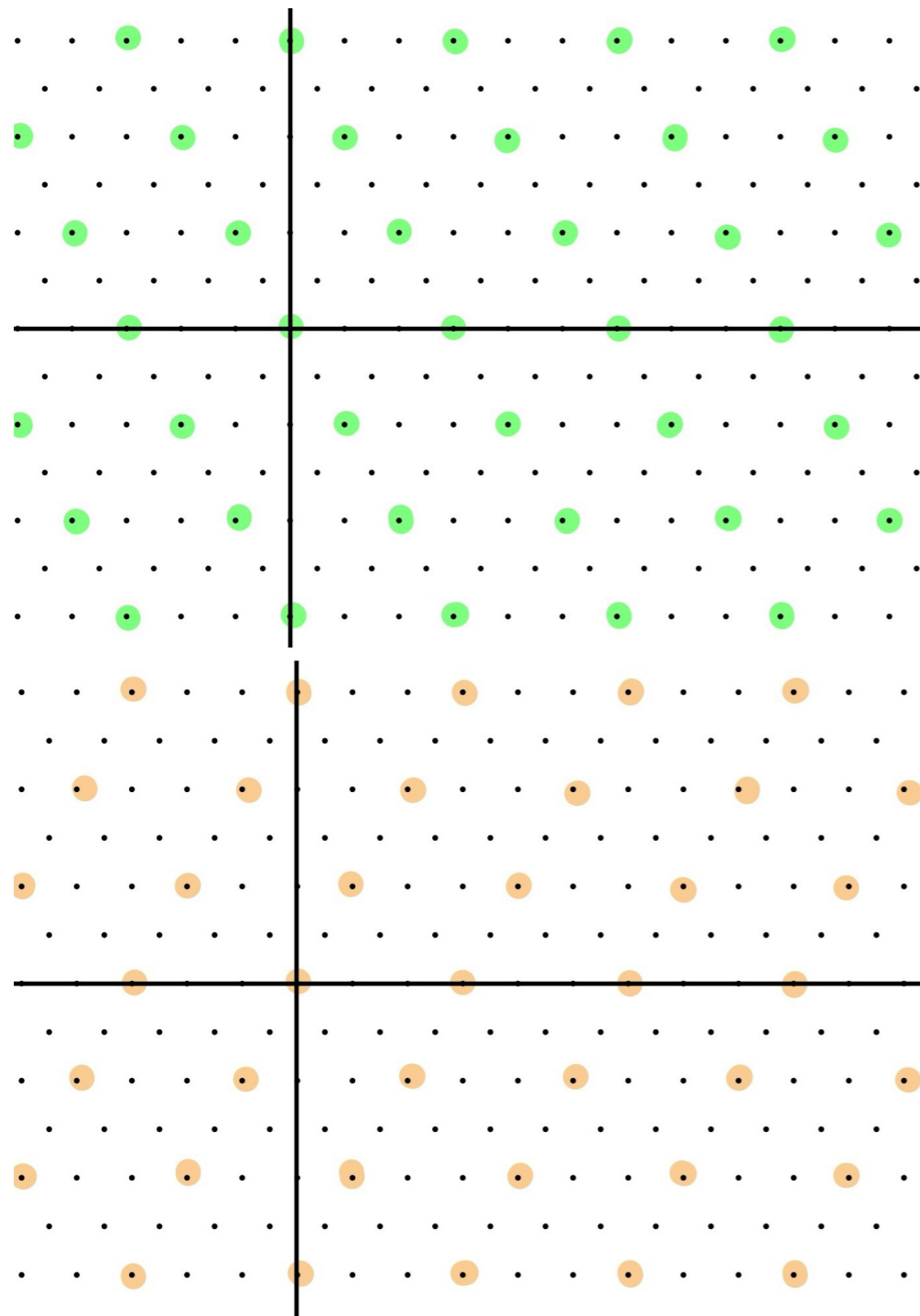
$$y^2 = x^3 + \frac{3j(E)}{1728 - j(E)}x + \frac{2j(E)}{1728 - j(E)}$$

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



# Field of definition

## 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  $\Lambda' = \langle 3, 1 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$
- $\Lambda, \Lambda'$  are **not homothetic** so  $E \not\cong E'$
- 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 2-Jacobian!**

# Field of definition

## 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  $\text{End}(E)$
- Let's look at  $\text{Cl}(\text{End}(E))$  for our previous example  $E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  where  $\Lambda = \langle 3, 2 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$
- In this case,  $\text{End}(E) = \mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}]$  and  $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{Z}[3\sqrt{-3}]) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$
- 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**

# Field 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  $n = |\text{Cl}(R)|$  extension of  $K$
- We use class field theory to prove a **field of definition condition**:

**Proposition (Devadas-Lieblich).** If  $E_1, E_2$  are two elliptic curves with CM by  $R$  then either

(i)  $[E_1]^2 = [E_2]^2 \in \text{Cl}(R)$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(j(E_1)) = \mathbb{Q}(j(E_2))$  is a degree  $n$  extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , or

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

# Field of definition

## 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  $[E] \in \text{Cl}(\text{End}(E))$  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

# Field of definition

## Isomorphism classes of abelian surfaces

- To determine the “field of definition” of an abelian surface of maximal Picard rank  $\mathcal{A} = E_1 \times E_2$  we must determine when  $\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{A}'$  for another abelian surface of maximal Picard rank

**Theorem (Shioda-Mitani).** If  $E_1, \dots, E_4$  are pairwise isogenous CM elliptic curves, then  $E_1 \times E_2 \cong E_3 \times E_4$  if and only if

- (i)  $\text{End}(E_1) \cap \text{End}(E_2) = \text{End}(E_3) \cap \text{End}(E_4)$
- (ii)  $\text{End}(E_1) + \text{End}(E_2) = \text{End}(E_3) + \text{End}(E_4)$
- (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  $[E_1][E_2] = [E_3][E_4] \in \text{Cl}(R)$

# Field of definition

## Interesting examples, part 2

- If  $E$  is a CM elliptic curve such that the order of  $[E] \in \text{Cl}(\text{End}(E))$  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

$$\text{End}(E_1) = \text{End}(E_2) = \text{End}(E) \text{ and } [E]^2 = [E_1][E_2]$$

- If  $[E] \in \text{Cl}(\text{End}(E))$  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

**Theorem (Devadas-Lieblich).** If  $\mathcal{A} = E \times E'$  is an abelian surface of maximal Picard rank such that  $\text{End}(E) = \text{End}(E') = R$ , then there exist elliptic curves  $E_1, E_2$  with  $\mathcal{A} \simeq E_1 \times E_2$  such that  $\mathbb{Q}(j(E_1)) = \mathbb{Q}(j(E_2)) = \mathbb{Q}(j(\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{A})))$  if and only if the group element  $[\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{A})] \in \text{Cl}(R)$  has order  $\leq 2$ .

# Conclusion

## In summary

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

- For  $m < n$  we have

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

which is also a complex abelian variety of maximal Picard number

- This analytic construction produces objects which are “very algebraic”!
- We gave examples of some abelian surfaces  $\mathcal{A}$  over a number field  $L$  so that  $j(\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}})) \notin L$
- This means though  $\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}})$  is algebraic (it is an abelian variety), the construction of  $\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}})$  is **not quite algebraic**

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## Future work

- By the Shioda-Mitani condition, an abelian surface of maximal Picard number  $\mathcal{A} = E_1 \times E_2$  is described up to isomorphism by  $\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{A})$  and its **degree of primitivity**.
  - For primitive Picard-maximal abelian surfaces, we can fully describe the minimal field over which  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{A})$  can both be defined. What about the non-primitive case?
  - Can we extend this field of definition condition further to Kummer surfaces and general singular K3 surfaces?
- Are there complex surfaces such that  $\mathfrak{C}(S)$  is a complex torus but not an abelian variety?
- Beauville computed  $\mathfrak{C}(C_1 \times C_2)$  up to isogeny for products of curves with maximal Picard number
  - Can we compute these  $\mathfrak{C}(C_1 \times C_2)$  up to isomorphism? What about  $\mathfrak{C}_m(C_1 \times \dots \times C_n)$  for products of  $n$  curves?



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