

1. Abelian varieties in char. p

Notation p prime, $q = p^r$

$$k = \overline{\mathbb{F}_p} \supseteq \mathbb{F}_q \supseteq \mathbb{F}_p,$$

K any of these

Def 1.13 An AV X/\mathbb{F}_q has a

Frobenius endomorphism $\pi_X (= F_{X/\mathbb{F}_q}^n)$

It's an \mathbb{F}_q -morphism, $f \mapsto f^q$ on regular functions.

So on projective points:

$$\pi_X : (x_0 : \dots : x_n) \mapsto (x_0^q : \dots : x_n^q)$$

hence: $X(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is fixed by π_X ,

$$X(\mathbb{F}_{q^m}) \text{ --- } \pi_X^m$$

Def 1.14 π_X has a characteristic polynomial

$$h_{\pi_X}(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

Thm 1.15

- $\deg(h_{\pi_X}) = 2 \cdot \dim(X)$
- All roots of h_{π_X} have abs. value \sqrt{q}
- α root $\Leftrightarrow \bar{\alpha} = \frac{q}{\alpha}$ root

Thm 1.17 If $h_{\pi_X}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^g (x - \alpha_i)$ over \mathbb{Q} ,
 then

$$|X(\mathbb{F}_q^m)| = \prod_{i=1}^g (1 - \alpha_i^m)$$

 $\forall m \geq 1$

Write $X \sim Y$ if X isogenous to Y ,

i.e. $\exists \varphi: X \rightarrow Y$ surjective + finite kernel

\Rightarrow equivalence relation on AV's of dim g

Thm 1.10 $X \sim_{\mathbb{F}_q} Y \Leftrightarrow h_{\pi_X} = h_{\pi_Y}$
(Tate)

Also, for "every" h_{π} ,

\exists AV Z/\mathbb{F}_q s.t. $h_{\pi} = h_{\pi_Z}$.

§ p^n -torsion in char p

For E/K elliptic curve,

$$E[p](k) \approx \begin{cases} 0 & \text{supersingular} \\ \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} & \text{ordinary} \end{cases}$$

For X/K AV of dim g ,

Def 1.19 $|X[p](k)| = p^f$, $0 \leq f \leq g$.

$f(X) = f$ is the p -rank of X .

Def 1.20 $f(X) = g \Leftrightarrow X$ ordinary.

Def 1.22 X/K is supersingular (SS)

$$\text{iff } X \underset{k}{\sim} E^g \quad E \text{ ss EC}$$

supersingular
superspecial

$$\text{iff } X \underset{k}{\simeq} E^g \quad , \quad E \text{ ss EC}$$

So $X \text{ ss} \Rightarrow f(X) = 0,$

but converse need not hold iff $g \geq 3$, as we'll see.

p -rank is an isogeny invariant.

Next: $p \rightarrow p^n, p^\infty$

isogeny \rightarrow Isomorphism.

Def 1.25 The p-divisible group of X/K

$$\text{is } X[p^\infty] = \varinjlim X[p^n]$$

w.r.t. natural inclusions $X[p^n] \hookrightarrow X[p^{n+1}]$

Thm 2.21 (Dieudonné - Manin)

$$X[p^\infty] \sim_{\mathbb{Z}} \sum_i (G_{m_i, n_i} \oplus G_{n_i, m_i}) \oplus \underbrace{G_{1,1}^{\oplus s}}_{ss} \oplus \underbrace{(G_{1,0} \oplus G_{0,1})^{\oplus f}}_{\text{ordinary}}$$

for $(m_i, n_i) = 1, 0 \leq s, f$ st. $s + f \leq g$.

All $G_{m,n}$ are simple, $\dim m$,
height $m+n$, dual $G_{n,m}$ has $\dim n$

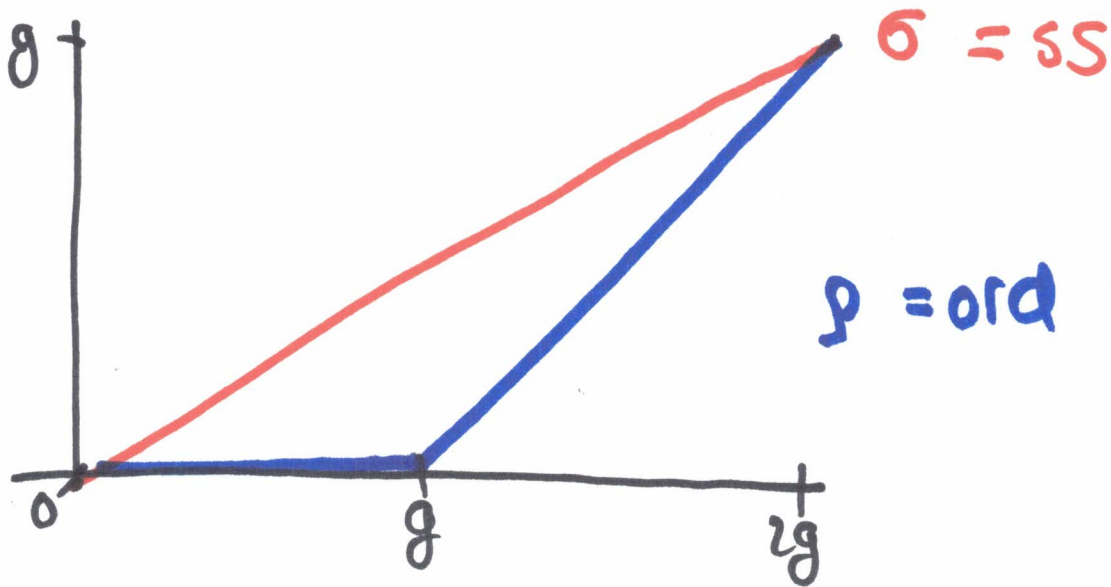
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$G_{m,n} \mapsto \text{slope } \lambda = \frac{m}{m+n}$,
multiplicity $m \cdot n$.

Def 2.23 The Newton polygon $\mathcal{N}(X)$
of X (of $X[\mathbb{P}^{\infty}]$) is formed out of
the slopes λ of $X[\mathbb{P}^{\infty}]$ in non-decreasing
order.

Note p -rank is number of zero slopes.

Ex 2.25



We say $\sigma < \rho$

Any other NP satisfies $\sigma < \xi < \rho$

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Example ($g=3$)

$$NP = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

has p -rank 0 but it is not SS.

Thm (Honda-Serre)

Every symmetric NP occurs for some abelian variety.

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There are three non-isomorphic group schemes \mathcal{H} of rank p :

$\mu_p, \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$

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Commutative dual

$\alpha_p = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{F}_p[X]/X^p)$

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self-dual

Def 1.31 The a -number of X/K is

$$a(X) := \dim_K \text{Hom}(\alpha_p, X).$$

$$0 \leq a(X) + f(X) \leq g$$

So X ordinary $\Rightarrow a(X) = 0$.

Non-ord X generically has $a(X) = 1$.

[Oort] X superspecial $\Leftrightarrow a(X) = g = \dim(X)$.

is
to
EG

Def 2.38 On $X[\mathbb{F}_p]$ (group scheme) we have

$$0 = [\mathbb{F}_p] = \underset{\substack{\nearrow \\ \text{Frobenius}}}{F} \circ \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Verschiebung}}}{V} = V \circ F$$

Write $G = X[\mathbb{F}_p]$, consider filtration

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 G & \supseteq & V(G) & \supseteq & V^2(G) & \supseteq & V^3(G) \supseteq \dots \\
 & & \cap & VF^{-1}V(G) & \cap & VF^{-1}V^2(G) & \cap & \dots \\
 & & F^{-1}V(G) & & F^{-1}V^2(G) & & F^{-1}V^3(G) & \dots \\
 & & \cap & & \cap & & \cap & \dots \\
 & & F^{-2}V(G) & & \vdots & & \vdots & \dots \\
 & & \vdots & & & & & \dots
 \end{array}$$

Rank G is finite (p^r) \Rightarrow
stabilises after $< \infty$ many ($\leq 2(r-1)$) steps.

Def 2.39 Canonical filtration of $X[p] = G$

$$0 = G_0 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_s = V(G) \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_t = G$$

Def 2.41 Encoded in canonical type

$$\tau = (v, f, p)$$

\nearrow \uparrow \nwarrow
 $V(G_i) = G_{v(i)}$ $F^{-1}(G_i) = G_{f(i)}$ $\text{rank}(G_i) = p^{g(i)}$

Thm 2.43 Canonical type determines $X[p]$
up to \mathbb{R} -isomorphism.

Note: For us: $s = g$, $t = 2g$.

Ex 2.40(2.42) (g=3)

Canonical filtration

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 G_0 & \subseteq & G_1 & \subseteq & G_2 & \subseteq & G_3 & \subseteq & G_4 & \subseteq & G_5 & \subseteq & G_6 \\
 \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\
 0 & \subseteq & V^2(G) & \subseteq & VF^{-1}V(G) & \subseteq & V(G) & \subseteq & F^{-1}V^2(G) & \subseteq & F^{-1}V(G) & \subseteq & G
 \end{array}$$

$\nu: V(G_i) = G_{\nu(i)}$ so

$\nu(0) = \nu(1) = \nu(2) = 0, \nu(3) = \nu(4) = 1, \nu(5) = 2, \nu(6) = 3$

$f: F^{-1}(G_i) = G_{f(i)}$ so

$f(0) = 3, f(1) = 4, f(2) = f(3) = 5, f(4) = f(5) = f(6) = 6$

$\rho: \text{rank}(G_i) = p^{\rho(i)}$ so $\rho(i) = i \quad \forall i$

Next, canonical type \Rightarrow

elementary sequence $(\varphi(0)=0, \varphi(1), \dots, \varphi(g))$

From $(\varphi(0), \dots, \varphi(\rho(i)))$ with $\rho(i) < \rho(i+1)$

get $(\varphi(0), \dots, \varphi(\rho(i+1)))$ via

$$\begin{cases} \varphi(\rho(i+1)) = \dots = \varphi(\rho(i)+1) = \varphi(\rho(i)) \\ \varphi(\rho(i+1)) \underset{!}{>} \dots \underset{!}{>} \varphi(\rho(i)+1) \underset{!}{>} \varphi(\rho(i)) \end{cases}$$

if $v(i) = v(i+1)$

if $v(i) < v(i+1)$

Ex ctd $\varphi = (\cancel{0}, 0, 0, 1)$

Also call φ the Eckardt-OoR (EO) type.

We can read off the a -number from φ

$$\text{as } a(X) = g - \varphi(g)$$

We can read off the p -rank from φ

$$\text{as } f(X) = \max \{ i : \varphi(i) = i \}.$$

But it's not as easy to see what the Newton polygon is.

Ex (ctd) $\varphi = (0, 0, 1)$, $g = 3$

$$a(X) = 3 - 1 = 2$$

$$f(X) = 0$$

But supersingular ?

$$\downarrow$$

$$NP = (\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2})$$

Example other φ for $g=3$

• with a-number 2, p-rank 0:

$(\emptyset, 0, 1, 1)$

• with a-number 2, p-rank 1:

$(1, 1, 1)$

• with a-number 1, p-rank 0:

$(0, 1, 2)$