

3.1

Moduli Spaces

On graded rings and quasi-torus actions

Assume from now on that X_Σ has no (\mathbb{C}^*) factors, i.e., Σ is not contained in a hyperplane of $N \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$. Let

$$\mathbb{Z}^{\Sigma(1)} := \bigoplus_{\rho \in \Sigma(1)} \mathbb{Z} \cdot D_\rho$$

denote the lattice of torus-invariant Weil divisors on X_Σ . If $v_\rho \in N$ denotes the primitive lattice point on the ray $\rho \in \Sigma(1)$, then the lattice map

$$\text{div} : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\Sigma(1)} : m \longmapsto \sum_{\rho \in \Sigma(1)} \langle m, v_\rho \rangle D_\rho$$

is injective (our assumption on X_Σ implies that the dual map to div is surjective) and its cokernel is isomorphic to the

Class group

$$\text{Cl}(X_\Sigma) := \{ \mathcal{O}_X(D) \mid D \text{ is Weil divisor} \} / \sim_{\text{isom}}$$

where for $U \subset X_\Sigma$ open, we have

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X(D)) = \{ f \in \mathbb{C}(X)^* \mid (\text{div}(f) + D)|_U \geq 0 \} \cup \{0\}$$

Therefore

$$0 \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{\text{div}} \mathbb{Z}^{\Sigma(1)} \xrightarrow{\text{deg}} \text{Cl}(X_\Sigma) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$D \longmapsto \mathcal{O}_X(D)$$

is a short exact sequence of finitely generated abelian groups. Note that $\text{Cl}(X_\Sigma)$ is isomorphic to the Picard group of line bundles on X_Σ when X_Σ is smooth.

3.2 Prop'n For $E \in \mathcal{C}l(X_\Sigma)$ we have

$$\Gamma(E) \cong \bigoplus_{D \in \mathcal{N}^{\Sigma(1)}_{\text{ndeg}^{-1}(E)}} \mathbb{C} \cdot x^D = \bigoplus_{\substack{D \text{ effective} \\ \mathcal{O}_X(D) = E}} \mathbb{C} \cdot x^D$$

Corollary The Cox ring of X_Σ is the $\mathcal{C}l(X_\Sigma)$ -graded ring

$$\text{Cox}(X_\Sigma) = \bigoplus_{E \in \mathcal{C}l(X_\Sigma)} \Gamma(E) \cong \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{N}^{\Sigma(1)}] \cong \mathbb{C}[x_\rho \mid \rho \in \Sigma(1)]$$

where a monomial $x^D \in \text{Cox}(X_\Sigma)$ has degree $\mathcal{O}_X(D) \in \mathcal{C}l(X_\Sigma)$.

Examples

(i) \mathbb{P}^2

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & M & & & & \text{Pic}(\mathbb{P}^2) \\ & & \parallel & \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & & (1, 1, 1) & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

and $\mathbb{C}[z_0, z_1, z_2]_d \cong \Gamma(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(d))$ spanned by monomials of deg d .

(ii) \mathbb{F}_1

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & M & & & & \text{Pic}(\mathbb{F}_1) \\ & & \parallel & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^4 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^2 \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

and $\Gamma(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(1, 1)) \cong \mathbb{C}^5$ has basis $x, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_1^2 x_2, x_1 x_2 x_3, x_2 x_3^2$

(iii) Y

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & & & \\ & & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & & \\ & & & & & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^5 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^2 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ & & M & & & & \text{Pic}(Y) \end{array}$$

and $\Gamma(\mathcal{O}_Y(-1, 2))$ is gen'd as $\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{N}^{\Sigma} \text{ndeg}^{-1}(0)]$ -module by 4 elements.

3.3 Def'n. An affine algebraic group G is an affine variety together with morphisms $\nu: G \times G \rightarrow G$, $e: \text{Spec } \mathbb{C} \rightarrow G$ and $\iota: G \rightarrow G$ satisfying a compatibility condition for each defining axiom of a group,

e.g., associativity becomes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times G \times G & \xrightarrow{\nu \times \text{id}} & G \times G \\ \text{id} \times \nu \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \nu \\ G \times G & \xrightarrow{\nu} & G \end{array}$$

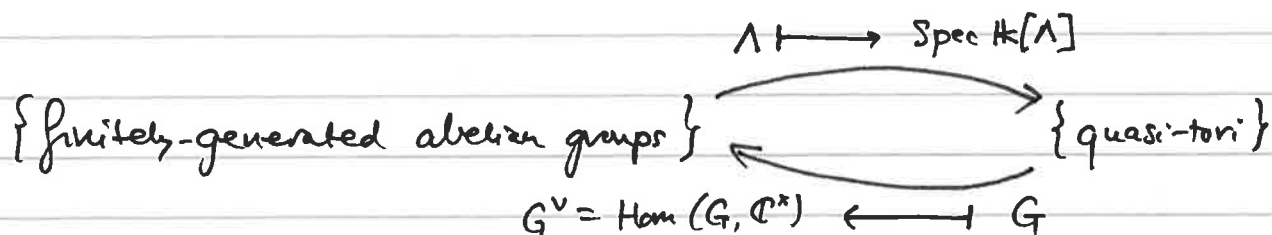
An affine algebraic group G is a quasi-torus (a.k.a. diagonalizable algebraic group) if the character group $G^\vee := \text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{C}^\times)$ provides a \mathbb{C} -vector space basis for the \mathbb{C} -algebra $\Gamma(\mathcal{O}_G)$.

Example $G := (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$ has $G^\vee \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$ and $\Gamma(\mathcal{O}_G) := \mathbb{C}[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}] \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \mathbb{C} \cdot t^\lambda =: \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}^n]$

Remarks In fact every quasi-torus is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^n \times \prod_{i=1}^k \mu_{r_i}$.

Theorem

There is a contravariant equivalence of categories



Sketch

as ν on $\text{Spec } k[\Lambda]$ via $k[\Lambda] \rightarrow k[\Lambda] \otimes k[\Lambda] : t^\lambda \mapsto t^\lambda \otimes t^\lambda$. The construction in both directions is clear. The def'n of quasi-torus ensures that $\text{Spec } k[G^\vee] \cong G$. Given Λ , choose presentation $\mathbb{Z}^d \twoheadrightarrow \Lambda$ induces closed immersion $\text{Spec } k[\Lambda] \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{C}^\times)^d$ and exact sequence with cokernel $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^k$, so $\text{Spec } k[\Lambda] \cong (\mathbb{C}^\times)^{d-k} \times \prod_{i=1}^k \mu_{r_i}$ whose character group is isomorphic to Λ .

3.4 Def'n An affine variety X admits an algebraic action of G if \exists morphism $\mu: G \times X \rightarrow X$ satisfying a compatibility condition for each defining axiom of a group action, e.g.,

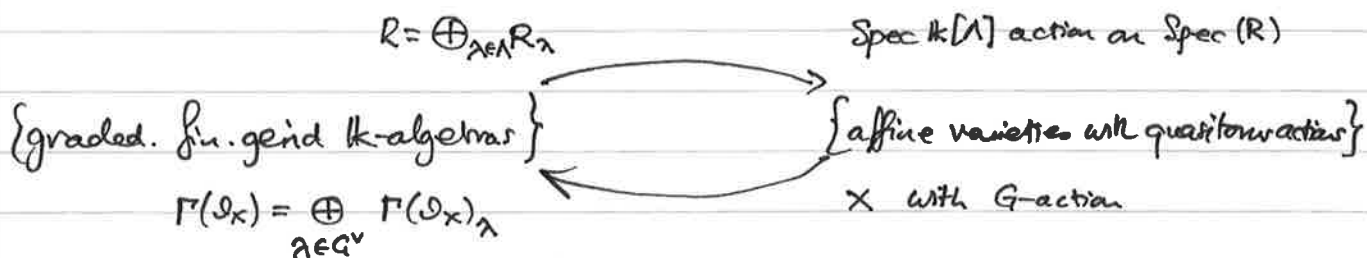
$$g \cdot (hx) = (gh) \cdot x \quad \text{becomes} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} G \times G \times X & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times \mu} & G \times X \\ \downarrow \nu \times \text{id} & & \downarrow \mu \\ G \times X & \xrightarrow{\mu} & X \end{array}$$

The dual action of G on the ring $\Gamma(\mathcal{O}_X)$ of regular functions is given by $(g \cdot f)(p) = f(g^{-1} \cdot p)$ for $f \in \Gamma(\mathcal{O}_X)$, $g \in G$, $p \in X$.

Def'n Given $\lambda \in G^\vee$, we say $f \in \Gamma(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is homogeneous of weight λ (and we write $f \in \Gamma(\mathcal{O}_X)_\lambda$) iff $f(g \cdot p) = \lambda(g) f(p)$ for $g \in G$ and $p \in X$.

Theorem

Let Λ be a finitely generated abelian group. There is a contravariant equivalence of categories



Sketch

From left to right, the action of $\text{Spec } k[\Lambda]$ on $\text{Spec } R$ is obtained by pulling back along $\mu^*: R \rightarrow k[\Lambda] \otimes_k R$ given by

$$\mu^*(f) = t^\lambda \otimes f \quad \text{for } f \in R_\lambda$$

From right to left, the dual action of G on $\Gamma(\mathcal{O}_X)$ comes from a rational representation which splits as the given direct sum. \square

3.5 Examples

① Let X_Σ be a toric variety. The polynomial ring $\text{Cox}(X_\Sigma) = \mathbb{C}[x_\rho \mid \rho \in \Sigma(1)]$ is graded by the finitely generated abelian group $\text{Cl}(X_\Sigma)$, so we obtain an action of the quasitorus

$G = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[\text{Cl}(X_\Sigma)]$ on the affine space $A^{\Sigma(1)} = \text{Spec } \text{Cox}(X_\Sigma)$
Explicitly:

(i) \mathbb{P}^2 has $G = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}] \cong \mathbb{C}^\times$ acting on $\mathbb{C}^3 = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[z_0, z_1, z_2]$ where z_0, z_1, z_2 are homogeneous of weight $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, i.e.

$$g \cdot (p_0, p_1, p_2) = (gp_0, gp_1, gp_2)$$

(ii) \mathbb{F}_1 has $G \cong (\mathbb{C}^\times)^2$ acting on $A^4 = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$ where

$$(g_1, g_2) \cdot (p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = (g_1 p_1, g_1^{-1} g_2 p_2, g_1 p_3, g_2 p_4).$$

② Consider a finitely-generated \mathbb{C} -algebra with a \mathbb{Z} -grading

$$R = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}} R_\lambda \quad \text{s.t. } R_\lambda = 0 \text{ for } \lambda < 0.$$

Then

$$\text{Proj}(R) := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{Z}\text{-homogeneous prime ideals in } R \\ \text{that do not contain } \bigoplus_{\lambda > 0} R_\lambda \end{array} \right\}$$

More geometrically, choose homogeneous generators f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n with $f_i \in R_{a_i}$ and write

$$\psi: \mathbb{C}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] \longrightarrow R$$

satisfy $\psi(x_i) = f_i$ and set $\deg(x_i) = a_i$, so ψ is a homomorphism of graded rings. Then $\ker(\psi) \subset \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ is a $-\mathbb{Z}$ -homogeneous ideal that encodes relations

3.6 Between the f_i , and

$$\text{Proj}(R) \cong \mathbb{V}(k\langle \psi \rangle) \subset \mathbb{P}_{R_0}^n(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n);$$

the ambient space here is weighted projective space, i.e. the quotient of $\mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\}$ mod \mathbb{C}^\times acting with weights a_0, \dots, a_n [when $\mathbb{C} = R_0$; otherwise it's a quotient of $A_{R_0}^{n+1} - \{0\}$]

assume
 $R_0 = \mathbb{C}$

More geometrically still, ψ induces a closed immersion $\psi^* : \text{Spec } R \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ sending a point p to $(f_0(p), \dots, f_n(p))$. The \mathbb{Z} -grading $\mathbb{C}^\times = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}]$ acts on both $\text{Spec } R$ and \mathbb{C}^{n+1} that make ψ^* into a \mathbb{C}^\times -equivariant map. If we remove from $X = \text{Spec } R$ the common zero-locus of f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n , then the restriction of ψ^* descends to a map on \mathbb{C}^\times -orbits

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X \setminus \mathbb{V}(f_i) & & & & \\ \text{"} & & & & \\ \text{Spec } R[f_i^{-1}] & \xrightarrow{\text{open}} & X \setminus \mathbb{V}(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec } R[f_i^{-1}]^{\mathbb{C}^\times} & \xrightarrow{\text{open}} & \text{Proj}(R) & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n(a_0, \dots, a_n) \end{array}$$

where the vertical maps identify points in the same \mathbb{C}^\times -orbit. The locus $X \setminus \mathbb{V}(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n)$ on which the quotient map is well-defined is covered by the principal affine open subsets

$$X \setminus \mathbb{V}(f_i) = \text{Spec } R[f_i^{-1}],$$

so $\text{Proj}(R)$ is covered by local charts $\text{Spec } R[f_i^{-1}]^{\mathbb{C}^\times}$ where

$$R[f_i^{-1}]^{\mathbb{C}^\times} = \left\{ \frac{f}{f_i^j} \mid f \in R_{j a_i}, j \geq 0 \right\}$$