

Arithmetic compactification of Hilbert modular varieties

§1. Degeneration of abelian varieties

Ref: Mumford, An analytic construction of degenerating abelian varieties over complete rings.

Writing style: Example/Prototype, usually $\mathbb{C}$. Main logic flow Comments

Recall: (Over $\mathbb{C}$). To construct an abelian variety, we need

$\Lambda \simeq \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 2n}$, $E: \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ alternating form

& a complex structure on $\Lambda_{\mathbb{R}}$ s.t. $E(iu, iv) = E(u, v)$ & $E(u, iu) > 0 \ \forall u \neq 0$.

Take $X^{\vee} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 2n}$ a Lagrangian lattice, i.e. $X^{\vee}$ saturated, rank n , $E|_{X^{\vee} \times X^{\vee}} = 0$

↳ To be consistent w/ later notation, $X^{\vee} = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(X, \mathbb{Z})$

Choose $\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 2n} = X^{\vee} \oplus Y$ so that Y is also Lagrangian

Identify $\Lambda_{\mathbb{R}} \simeq X^{\vee}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} X^{\vee}$, then

$$\Lambda_{\mathbb{R}} / \Lambda \cong \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} X^{\vee} / X^{\vee} \oplus Y \xrightarrow[\exp(2\pi i \cdot)]{\cong} X^{\vee} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}^{\times} / \tilde{q}^Y \quad \text{where } \tilde{q}^Y = \{e^{2\pi i y} \mid y \in Y\}$$

Goal: Construct $X^{\vee} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{G}_m / \tilde{q}^Y$ in "family"

Let R be an excellent integrally closed noetherian ring, Typical example in $R = \mathbb{Z}_p[[q]]$
 $I = (q)$.

$I = \sqrt{I} \subseteq R$ ideal. $K = \text{Frac}(R)$. $S = \text{Spec } R$, $S_0 = \text{Spec } R/I$

Assume that R is complete for I -adic topology.

Consider an algebraic torus $\tilde{G}$ over R . i.e. $\tilde{G} \simeq \mathbb{G}_{m,R}^n$

More canonically, set $X := X^{\vee}(\tilde{G}) := \text{Hom}_R(\tilde{G}, \mathbb{G}_{m,R}^n) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus n}$

thus $\tilde{G} = \mathbb{G}_{m,R} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} X^{\vee}$ Serre tensor, where $X^{\vee} := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(X, \mathbb{Z})$

$$= \underbrace{R[X]}_{\uparrow \text{group algebra}} = R[X^{\alpha}; \alpha \in X] / X^{\alpha+\beta} = X^{\alpha} \cdot X^{\beta}$$

In particular, X^{α} is a function on $\tilde{G}$

Consider a subgroup $Y \subseteq \tilde{G}(K)$ isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus n}$

$$\exists \text{ a natural pairing } q: X \times Y \xrightarrow{*} K^x$$

$$\alpha, y \mapsto \chi^\alpha(y) \in K^x$$

or equivalently $\tilde{q}: Y \rightarrow X^\vee \otimes \mathbb{G}_{m,K}$

or equivalently $\alpha: \tilde{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m$
 $y \mapsto \chi^\alpha(y)$

"Goal" Construct $\tilde{g}/Y \approx \mathbb{G}_{m,R} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} X^\vee / Y$.

Def'n: A polarization for the period Y is a homomorphism $\phi: Y \rightarrow X$

s.t. (1) $\chi^{\phi(y)}(z) = \chi^{\phi(z)}(y)$ for all $y, z \in Y$

(2) $\chi^{\phi(y)}(y) \in I$ the ideal for all $y \in Y, y \neq 0$

($\Rightarrow \phi$ is injective & $[X: \phi Y] < \infty$, & some usual positivity.)

Let's explain where (1) & (2) comes from.

$$E: \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \text{ induces } \tilde{\phi}: X^\vee \times \Lambda /_{X^\vee} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

Note: $\chi^{\phi(y)}(z) = q(\phi(y), z) = \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbb{C}^*}(\tilde{q}(y), z)$

Exercise: Condition $E(iu, iv) = E(u, v)$ implies (1)

The other condition $\Leftrightarrow$ (2)

Goal: Construct a semiabelian variety $\mathcal{G}$ on S s.t.

(1) $\mathcal{G}_\eta$ is an abelian variety of dim n & " $\mathcal{G}_\eta = \tilde{g}/Y$ "

(2) $\mathcal{G} \times_S S_0$ is a split torus $\mathbb{G}_{m, S_0}^n$.

E.g. " $\mathbb{G}_m / q\mathbb{Z}$ " over $\mathbb{C}[[q]]$. at $q=0$, we see " $\mathbb{G}_m$ ".

Step 1: Construct a "line bundle" that is supposedly the pull back of ample line bundle on " $\tilde{g}/Y$ " defined by ϕ

Back to $\mathbb{C}$ -story:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C} & & \mathcal{L}_E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{C}^n & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C}^n / \Lambda \end{array}$$

described by Appel - Humbert theorem.

For us, we'll pull back to $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n \cong X^\vee \otimes \mathbb{C}^*$ & study transition function there.

Recall: $X^\vee \otimes G_{m,R} = \text{Spec } R[X^\alpha; \alpha \in X^\vee] / (X^\alpha \cdot X^\beta = X^{\alpha+\beta}, X^0 = 1)$

Consider $\mathcal{R} := R[X^\alpha; \alpha \in X^\vee] / (X \dots X) [\theta]$

This carries an action of Y by: for $y \in Y$, $S_y^*: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$

$$S_y^*(a) = a \text{ for } a \in R$$

$$S_y^*(X^\alpha) = X^\alpha(y) \cdot X^\alpha \quad (\text{because } y \text{ acts by translation by } \tilde{q}(y))$$

$$S_y^*(\theta) = X^{\phi(y)}(y) \cdot X^{2\phi(y)} \cdot \theta.$$

(We explain that this corresponds to the line bundle with $4E$.)

Recall from Mumford's AV book: pulling back the line bundle $[4E]$ to $X^\vee \otimes \mathbb{C} \simeq \mathbb{C}^n$

the action of Λ on $(X^\vee \otimes \mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{C}$ is given by, for $u \in \Lambda$,

$$u \cdot (z, \lambda) = (z+u, \alpha(u) \cdot e^{4\pi i H(z,u) + 2\pi i H(u,u)})$$

$$\text{where } \alpha: \Lambda \rightarrow S^1 \text{ satisfies } \alpha(u_1+u_2) = \alpha(u_1) \cdot \alpha(u_2) \cdot e^{4\pi i E(u_1, u_2)}$$

We need to modify this action so that $X^\vee \subseteq \Lambda$ acts trivially.

Following §3 therein, as $E|_{X^\vee \times X^\vee} = 0 = E|_{Y \times Y} \Rightarrow \exists \text{ char } \alpha': \Lambda \rightarrow S^1 \text{ s.t. } \alpha'(x) = \alpha(x) \forall x \in X^\vee \text{ or } x \in Y.$

we change the sections by a scalar $z \mapsto e^{2\pi i B(z,z)} \cdot \alpha'(z)^{-1}$

where $B: X^\vee_{\mathbb{C}} \times X^\vee_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a bilinear symmetric form s.t. $B|_{X^\vee \times X^\vee} = H|_{X^\vee \times X^\vee}$

$\leadsto$ get a new action $u \cdot (z, \lambda) = (z+u, e^{4\pi i (H-B)(z,u) + 2\pi i (H-B)(u,u)})$ for $u \in X^\vee \text{ or } Y$.

But then the condition $\Rightarrow X^\vee$ acts trivially.

Exercise: This agrees w/ the action above.

Idea: Take the "minimal" ring R_ϕ on which this action can be defined.

Key Example: $R = \mathbb{C}[[q]]$, $I = (q)$, $X^\vee = \mathbb{Z}$, $Y \hookrightarrow (X^\vee \otimes G_m)(K)$
 $\phi: Y \rightarrow X$ identity $\mathbb{Z} \ni 1 \mapsto q$

Then $S = S_1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{R} = \underbrace{\mathbb{C}((q))}_{G_{m,R}} [X^{\pm 1}] [\theta]$

$$S(a) = a \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{C}[[q]], \quad S(x) = qx, \quad S(\theta) = q \cdot x^2 \theta$$

Consider certain partial compactification of bundles on $\mathbb{G}_m$.

$$\text{Take } R_\phi = \mathbb{C}[[q]] \left[\begin{array}{l} \theta, S(\theta) = qx^2\theta, \dots, S_k(\theta) = q^{k^2}x^{2k}\theta, \\ x\theta, S(x\theta) = q^2x^3\theta, \dots, S_k(x\theta) = q^{k^2+k}x^{2k+1}\theta \end{array} ; k \in \mathbb{Z} \right]$$

$$\uparrow S^{-1}(x\theta) = x^{-1}\theta \quad \text{b/c } S(x^{-1}\theta) = q^{-1}x^{-1} \cdot qx^2\theta$$

Viewing R_ϕ as a graded algebra $\deg \theta = 1$. $\leftarrow$ NOT finitely generated!

$$\leadsto \text{Proj}(R_\phi) =: \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \leftarrow \tilde{\mathcal{Y}} \quad \text{in fact open immersion}$$

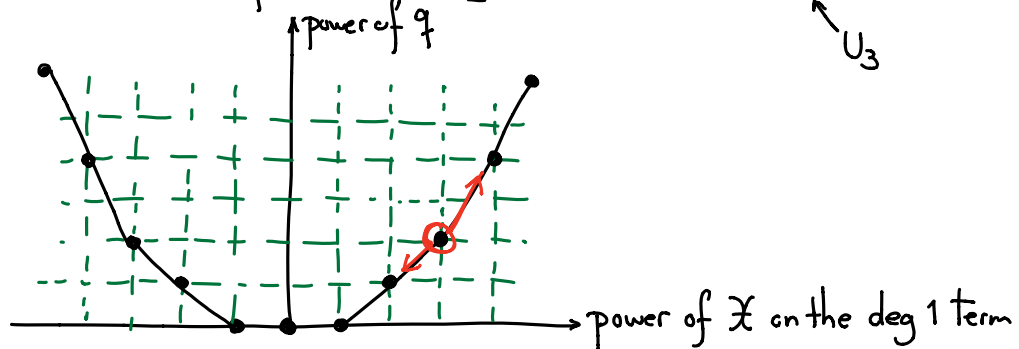
natural map b/c $R_\phi \subseteq \mathbb{C}[[q]][[x^{\pm 1}]][\theta]$

$$\text{Note: } \text{Proj}(R_\phi) = \bigcup_{\substack{f \in \deg 1 \\ \text{generators}}} \text{Spec}(R_\phi[\frac{1}{f}]^{\deg=0})$$

$$R_\phi[\frac{1}{\theta}]^{\deg=0} = \mathbb{C}[[q]] \left[\frac{1}{\theta}, qx^2, \dots, q^{k^2}x^{2k} \right] = \mathbb{C}[[q]][x, x^{-1}] \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \text{annulus } |x|=1$$

$$R_\phi[\frac{1}{q^2x^3\theta}]^{\deg=0} = \mathbb{C}[[q]] \left[\frac{1}{q^2x^3\theta}, q^{-2}x^{-3}, q^{-1}x^{-1}, q^2x \right] = \mathbb{C}[[q]][q^{-1}x^{-1}, q^2x] \quad \leftrightarrow \quad |x| \in [q, q^2]$$

$\nwarrow U_0$
 $\nwarrow U_3$



In other words, the special fiber of $\text{Proj } R_\phi$ looks like

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} U_1 & U_{-1} & U_0 & U_1 & U_2 & U_3 & U_4 \end{array}$$

$\xrightarrow{\quad} S\text{-action, translation by 2. \quad}$

$$\text{Taking "quotient" by } S\text{-action} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P} =$$

$\leftarrow$ generic fiber

$$G := \mathcal{P} \text{ removing } \bullet$$

$\nwarrow$ more calculation of this in the exercise.

Now, more rigorously and more generally

we choose a subset $\Sigma \subseteq X$ s.t. $0 \in \Sigma$ and $\Sigma = -\Sigma$ and Σ contains a basis of X .

Define $R_{\phi, \Sigma} := R \left[S_y(\mathcal{X}^\alpha \theta) ; \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } y \in Y \\ \text{for all } \alpha \in \Sigma \end{array} \right]$

$$= R \left[\dots, \mathcal{X}^\alpha \theta, \mathcal{X}^{\phi(y)+\alpha}(y) \cdot \mathcal{X}^{2\phi(y)+\alpha} \theta, \dots ; \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } y \in Y \\ \text{for all } \alpha \in \Sigma \end{array} \right]$$

(Take ϕ "positive enough" so that $\mathcal{X}^{\phi(y)+\alpha}(y) \in A \ \forall y \in Y, \alpha \in \Sigma$.)

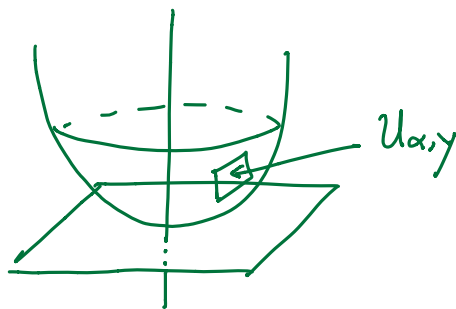
$$R[\mathcal{X}^\alpha \theta, \dots ; \text{for all } \alpha \in X]$$

Take $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} := \text{Proj } R_{\phi, \Sigma} \xleftarrow{\text{open.}} \text{Proj}(R[\mathcal{X}^\alpha \theta, \dots ; \text{for all } \alpha \in X]) = \tilde{\mathcal{Y}}$

Localizing at all degree 1 generators of $R_{\phi, \Sigma}$, we get

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}} = \bigcup_{\substack{\alpha \in \Sigma \\ y \in Y}} U_{\alpha, y} \text{ with } U_{\alpha, y} = \text{Spec } R \left[\frac{\mathcal{X}^{\phi(z)+\beta}(z) \cdot \mathcal{X}^{2\phi(z)+\beta}}{\mathcal{X}^{\phi(y)+\alpha}(y) \cdot \mathcal{X}^{2\phi(y)+\alpha}}, \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } z \in Y \\ \text{all } \beta \in \Sigma \end{array} \right]$$

If we visualize this as above, we get



- Each $U_{\alpha, y}$ is of finite type
- $\forall y' \in Y, S_{y'}(U_{\alpha, y}) = U_{\alpha, y+y'}$

Step 2. Perform the quotient by Y .

* Need to be careful: $\tilde{G}_Y \simeq \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_Y$

$$\text{b/c } K \left[\frac{\cancel{\mathcal{X}^{\phi(z)+\beta}(z)} \cdot \mathcal{X}^{2\phi(z)+\beta}}{\cancel{\mathcal{X}^{\phi(y)+\alpha}(y)} \cdot \mathcal{X}^{2\phi(y)+\alpha}}, \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } z \in Y \\ \text{all } \beta \in \Sigma \end{array} \right] = K[\mathcal{X}^\alpha ; \alpha \in X] = \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{G}_Y}$$

↑
in K (but not in R)

So these $U_{\alpha, y}$'s have different special fibers but same generic fiber!

- Let $\hat{U}_{\alpha, y}$ denote the completion of $U_{\alpha, y}$ along its special fiber $U_{\alpha, y} \times_R R/\mathcal{I}$.

Fact: $\forall \alpha, y$, there's only finitely many other β, z s.t. $\hat{U}_{\alpha, y} \cap \hat{U}_{\beta, z} \neq \emptyset$.

$\leadsto \mathcal{P} := \text{quot of completion of } \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \text{ along its special fiber}$

Further arguments: $\tilde{P}$ carries a natural ample line bundle $\tilde{L} = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(1)$

- * Show that $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(1)$ can be quotiented as well to get L ample on P
- * Use Grothendieck's formal algebraization to make P algebraic.
- * Define $G := P - (\tilde{P} - \tilde{G})/\gamma$ & show that G is a semi-abelian scheme.

Details are in Mumford's paper.

§2 Compactification of Hilbert modular variety

Reference: C.L.-Chai, Arithmetic minimal compactification of the Hilbert-Blumenthal moduli spaces

- F a totally real field. $\delta =$ different ideal.
- Will work with $G = \text{Res}_{F/\mathbb{Q}} \text{GL}_{2,F}$. $\Gamma(N)$ -level structure

① Moduli problem

Fix a set $\{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_h\}$ a set of representatives of the strict ideal class group of F .

For $\epsilon = \epsilon_i$, set $\mathcal{M}_N(\epsilon) =$ moduli space over $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{N}, \frac{1}{\delta}]$,

sending a $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{N}, \frac{1}{\delta}]$ -scheme S to isomorphism classes of (A, λ, η)

- A is an abelian scheme over S of $\dim [F:\mathbb{Q}]$, equipped with faithful $\mathcal{O}_F$ -action

- $\mathcal{O}_F$ -linear $\lambda: A \otimes \epsilon \xrightarrow{\sim} A^\vee$ s.t. the $\epsilon \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_F}(A, A \otimes \epsilon) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_F}(A, A^\vee)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{UI} & & \text{UI} \\ \epsilon^\dagger & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_F}(A, A^\vee)^{\text{Sym}} \\ & \searrow \sim & \downarrow \text{UI} \\ & & \text{Pol}_{\mathcal{O}_F}(A, A^\vee) \end{array}$$

- $\eta: (\mathcal{O}_F/\mathcal{N}\mathcal{O}_F)^{\oplus 2} \xrightarrow{\sim} A[N]$ $\mathcal{O}_F$ -linear isom.

(This induces an isom. $\mathcal{O}_F/\mathcal{N}\mathcal{O}_F \xrightarrow{\sim} \wedge^2_{\mathcal{O}_F} A[N] \xrightarrow{\sim} \epsilon^{-1} \delta^{-1} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mu_N$.)

$$\mathcal{M}_N := \coprod_i \mathcal{M}_N(\epsilon_i)$$

② Cusp labels

Definition. A cusp label of $\mathcal{M}(\epsilon)$ consists of the following data

- (i) projective rank-one modules a, b

comes with a natural positivity

(ii) an exact sequence of projective $\mathcal{O}_F$ -modules $0 \rightarrow S^{-1}a^{-1} \rightarrow H \rightarrow b \rightarrow 0$

(iii) an isomorphism $\beta: b^{-1}a \xrightarrow{\sim} c$.

(Number of such isomorphism classes is $\#Cl(\mathcal{O}_F)$.)

Where does this come from?

$$GL_2(F) \backslash (b^{\pm})^{[F:\mathbb{Q}]} \times GL_2(A_f) / GL_2(\hat{\mathcal{O}}_F) = GL_2(F)_{>0} \backslash b^{[F:\mathbb{Q}]} \times GL_2(A_f) / GL_2(\hat{\mathcal{O}}_F)$$

cusps are labeled by $GL_2(F) \backslash \mathbb{P}^1(F) \times GL_2(A_{F,f}) / GL_2(\mathcal{O}_F)$

By Iwasawa decomposition, $GL_2(A_{F,f}) = B(A_{F,f}) \cdot GL_2(\hat{\mathcal{O}}_F)$

$$\Rightarrow GL_2(F)_{>0} \backslash \mathbb{P}^1(F) \times GL_2(A_{F,f}) / GL_2(\hat{\mathcal{O}}_F) = B(F)_{>0} \backslash B(A_{F,f}) / B(\hat{\mathcal{O}}_F)$$

As F is dense in $A_{F,f}$ & $A_{F,f}^{\times} / F^{\times} \hat{\mathcal{O}}_F^{\times} \simeq cl(F)$.

Definition A cusplabel for $M_N(\tau)$ is a cusplabel for $M_1(\tau)$ as above together with an $\mathcal{O}$ -linear isom. $\gamma: (\mathcal{O}_F / N\mathcal{O}_F)^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} H/N \cdot H$.

③ Periods for Hilbert-Tate abelian varieties.

Write $M := a \cdot b = c \cdot b^2$ & let M^+ denote the subset of totally non-negative elements

$$\text{Let } R := \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{N}, \zeta_N][[q^{\alpha}; \alpha \in M^+]] / (q^{\alpha} \cdot q^{\beta} = q^{\alpha+\beta}, q^0 = 1)$$

In the way we set things up, we want to make the quotient

$$\begin{array}{l} q: b \longrightarrow \left(\mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \left(a^{-1} \delta^{-1} \right) \right)_R \\ \quad \quad \quad \updownarrow \\ \tilde{q}: M = a \cdot b \longrightarrow \mathbb{G}_m(R). \\ \quad \quad \quad \alpha \longmapsto q^{\alpha} \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} Y = b \\ X^{\vee} = a^{-1} \delta^{-1} \\ \quad \quad \downarrow \\ X = a. \end{array} \right. \quad \text{over some period ring } R.$$

Why do we want $R = \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{N}, \zeta_N][[q^{M^+}]]$ with the positivity?

The polarization is a map $\phi: Y \rightarrow X \rightsquigarrow \phi = \beta: b \otimes c \xrightarrow{\sim} a$.

We need some "positivity" on R , namely, $\tilde{q}(y, \phi(y)) \in I \subseteq R$ for $y \in Y = b$

* Quick digression on toric variety:

A toric variety over a field k is a variety X containing a torus G_m^n/k as an open subscheme and the G_m^n -action on this torus extends to X .

E.g. $G_m^n = \text{Spec } k[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}] = \text{Spec } k[\mathbb{Z}^n]$

$\downarrow$

$\mathbb{A}^n = \text{Spec } k[x_1, \dots, x_n] = \text{Spec } k[\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n]$

So basically, there's a contravariant functor

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{submonoids of } \mathbb{Z}^n\} &\longrightarrow \text{Schemes}/k \\ \sigma &\longmapsto \text{Spec } k[\sigma] \end{aligned}$$

Better to make it covariant theory:

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{Cones } \check{\sigma} \text{ in } (\mathbb{Z}^n)_{\mathbb{R}}^{\vee}\} &\longrightarrow \{\text{submonoids of } \mathbb{Z}^n\}^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Sch}/k \\ \check{\sigma} &\longmapsto \sigma := \{x \in \mathbb{Z}^n, \text{ s.t. } \langle x, y \rangle \geq 0 \ \forall y \in \check{\sigma}\} \longmapsto \text{Spec } k[\sigma] \end{aligned}$$

E.g. $\check{\sigma} = (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n)^{\vee} \subseteq (\mathbb{Z}^n)^{\vee} \longmapsto \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n \longmapsto \text{Spec } k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

$\cup$ facet

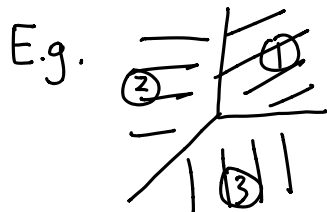
$\cup$ open subscheme

$$(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{n-1})^{\vee} \times \{0\} \longmapsto \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{n-1} \times \mathbb{Z} \longmapsto \text{Spec } k[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n^{\pm 1}]$$

$\cup$

$\cup$ open torus

$$\{0\} \longmapsto \mathbb{Z}^n \longmapsto \text{Spec } k[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$$

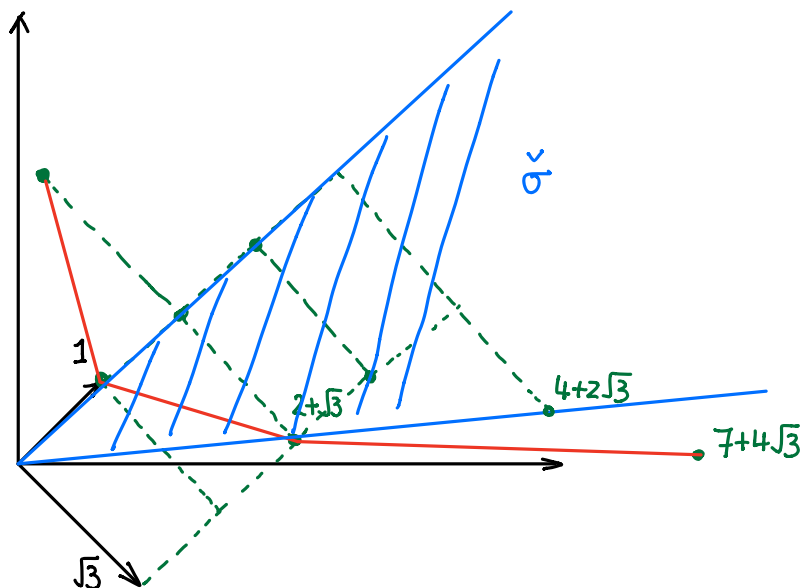


$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Spec } k\left[x^{-1}, \frac{y}{x}\right] \cup_{\text{Spec } k[y, x^{\pm 1}]} \text{Spec } k[x, y] \\ &\cup_{\text{Spec } k\left[\frac{x}{y}, \frac{1}{y}, y^{-1}\right]} \cup_{\text{Spec } k[y^{-1}, xy^{-1}]} \cup_{\text{Spec } k[x; y^{\pm 1}]} \\ &\parallel \\ &\mathbb{P}^2 \end{aligned}$$

④ Cone decomposition

fundamental unit

E.g. $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$, $a=b=(1)$ $M^* = (a \ b)^* = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}] \supseteq M^+ \ni u = 2 + \sqrt{3}$



(a) $\mathbb{Z}[M^+]$ is not finitely generated.

(b) $\mathcal{O}_{F,N}^\times$ acts on $(\mathbb{G}_m \otimes a^{-1} \delta^{-1}) / q^b$ by isom. preserving N -torsion points
 $\leadsto (\mathcal{O}_{F,N}^\times)^2$ acts on $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{N}, \zeta_N][[M^+]]$

& we are supposed to take $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{N}, \zeta_N][[M^+]]) / (\mathcal{O}_{F,N}^\times)^2$

In practice, $\text{Spec} \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{N}, \zeta_N][[\check{\sigma}]]$ as shown can be used as a proxy of $\uparrow$

(In general, we need to discuss toric varieties here,

taking a cone decomposition of $M^{*,+}$ that is $\mathcal{O}_{F,N}^\times$ -stable & then glue.)

Then we apply Mumford's construction to $(\mathbb{G}_m \otimes a^{-1} \delta^{-1}) / q^b$ over $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{N}, \zeta_N][[\check{\sigma}]]$

$\leadsto \mathcal{Y}$ a degeneration of HBAV into $\mathbb{G}_m \otimes a^{-1} \delta^{-1}$ over $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{N}, \zeta_N][[\check{\sigma}]]$.

Theorem: Upon fixing an $\mathcal{O}_{F,N}^\times$ -stable rational polyhedral cone decomposition $\{\sigma\}$ of $M^{*,+}$,

there's a unique compactification $M_N(\mathcal{E}) \subseteq M_N(\mathcal{E}) \{\sigma\}$

s.t. (1) the universal abelian variety A extends to a semiabelian variety G on $M_N(\mathcal{E}) \{\sigma\}$

(2) there's an isom. $\coprod_{\text{cusp labels}} \text{Spec} \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{N}, \zeta_N][[\check{\sigma}]] \xrightarrow{\sim} M_N(\mathcal{E}) \{\sigma\}^\wedge \leftarrow \text{completion along cusps}$

matching the boundary & natural universal family of abelian varieties.