

# Jacobians and Abel's Theorem I

$X$  - compact connected Riemann surface.

$$\text{Div}(X) \supseteq \text{Div}_0(X) \supseteq \text{PDiv}(X)$$

Divisor class group:  $\text{Cl}(X) = \text{Div}(X) / \text{PDiv}(X)$  [Aka. Pic(X)]  
 $\text{Cl}_0(X) = \text{Div}_0(X) / \text{PDiv}(X)$  [Picard group]

There is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Div}_0(X) \rightarrow \text{Div}(X) \xrightarrow{\text{deg}} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Cl}_0(X) \rightarrow \text{Cl}(X) \xrightarrow{\text{deg}} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

This splits, so  $\text{Cl}(X) \cong \text{Cl}_0(X) \times \mathbb{Z}$  (noncanonically)

To understand  $\text{Cl}(X)$ , the main thing is to get at  $\text{Cl}_0(X)$ .

Abel's theorem (weak/simplified version)

Suppose  $X$  has genus  $g$ . Then there is an isomorphism of abelian groups

$$\text{Cl}_0(X) \cong \mathbb{R}^{2g} / \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$$

Eg.  $g=0$   $\text{Cl}_0(X) = \{0\}$  is a trivial group  
 $g=1$   $\text{Cl}_0(X) = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$  is a torus.

In fact, the  $2g$ -dim'd torus  $\mathbb{R}^{2g} / \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$  carries the structure of a complex manifold making it a complex torus  $\mathbb{C}^g / \Lambda$  or abelian variety. This complex structure depends on the complex structure of  $X$ .

Recall:  $C_0(X)$  0-chains       $(\partial: C_0(X) \rightarrow 0)$   
 $C_1(X)$  1-chains       $\partial: C_1(X) \rightarrow C_0(X)$   
 $C_2(X)$  2-chains       $\partial: C_2(X) \rightarrow C_1(X)$

$$Z_i(X) = \ker \partial$$

$$B_i(X) = \text{Im } \partial$$

$$H_0(X) = \frac{Z_0(X)}{B_0(X)} = \frac{C_0(X)}{B_0(X)} \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(X) = \frac{Z_1(X)}{B_1(X)} \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$$

The isomorphism  $H_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  is given by degree

A zero chain (=divisor) is a boundary iff it has degree zero

If  $\omega \in \Omega^1(X)$  is a holomorphic 1-form then  $d\omega = 0$   
 Thus, by Stokes, for any 1-chain  $\alpha$  and 2-chain  $\beta$ ,

$$\int_{\alpha + \partial\beta} \omega = \int_{\alpha} \omega + \int_{\partial\beta} \omega = \int_{\alpha} \omega + \int_{\beta} d\omega = \int_{\alpha} \omega + 0$$

Thus homologous 1-chains have the same value of  $\int_{\alpha} \omega$ .

so we can think of integration as defining a bilinear map

$$\int: \frac{C_1(X)}{B_1(X)} \times \Omega^1(X) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

Restricting to 1-cycles, we get a bilinear map

$$\int: H_1(X) \times \Omega^1(X) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

An expression of the form  $\int_a \omega$  with  $a \in Z_1(X)$  or  $H_1(X)$  and  $\omega \in \Omega^1(X)$  is called a period.

For each  $a \in H_1(X)$ , taking the period on  $a$  gives a map

$$\Pi_a: \Omega^1(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \text{or} \quad \Pi_a \in \Omega^1(X)^*$$

$$\omega \mapsto \int_a \omega$$

This amounts to a linear map  $\Pi: H_1(X) \rightarrow \Omega^1(X)^*$   
 $a \mapsto \Pi_a$

Def The Jacobian of  $X$  is the abelian group

$$\text{Jac}(X) := \Omega^1(X)^* / \Pi(H_1(X))$$

In more concrete terms, let  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_g$  be a basis of  $\Omega^1(X) \cong \mathbb{C}^g$   
 let  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{2g}$  be a basis of  $H_1(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$ .

Form the  $g \times (2g)$  matrix  $\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} \int_{c_1} \omega_1 & \int_{c_2} \omega_1 & \dots & \int_{c_{2g}} \omega_1 \\ \int_{c_1} \omega_2 & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \\ \int_{c_1} \omega_g & & & \int_{c_{2g}} \omega_g \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Pi_{ij} = \int_{c_j} \omega_i \\ 1 \leq i \leq g \\ 1 \leq j \leq 2g \end{array} \right.$$

Then  $\Pi$  is called the period matrix of  $X$  (w/r/t the chosen bases.)

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Let  $\Lambda \in \mathbb{C}^g$  denote the subgroup generated by the columns of  $\Pi$ .  
 It is a fact that the columns are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  
 so this is a lattice.

Prop:  $\text{Jac}(X) \cong \mathbb{C}^g / \Lambda$  is a complex torus of complex dim  $g$ .

Abel-Jacobi map: This is a map  $A_0: \text{Div}_0(X) \rightarrow \text{Jac}(X)$

Start with  $D \in \text{Div}_0(X)$ . Since  $\text{Div}_0(X) = B_0(X)$ , the  
 group of boundary 0-chains, there exists a nonunique  
 1-chain  $\gamma \in C_1(X)$  such that  $\partial\gamma = D$

Two choices  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  differ by  $\delta = \gamma_2 - \gamma_1$   
 that satisfies

$$\partial\delta = \partial\gamma_2 - \partial\gamma_1 = D - D = 0$$

ie  $\delta \in Z_1(X)$ .

Define  $A_0(D) = \left[ \int_\gamma \right] \in \text{Jac}(X)$

That is,  $\int_\gamma: \Omega^1(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  or  $\int_\gamma \in \Omega^1(X)^*$ , and we take

the equivalence class  $\left[ \int_\gamma \right] \in \Omega^1(X)^* / \Pi(H_1(X)) = \text{Jac}(X)$

We need to see that this does not depend on the choice  
 of  $\gamma$  st.  $\partial\gamma = D$ . But if  $\gamma_2 = \gamma_1 + \delta$  with  $\delta \in Z_1(X)$

Then  $\int_{\gamma+\delta} = \int_\gamma + \int_\delta = \int_\gamma + \Pi_\delta$

and  $\Pi_\delta \in \Pi(H_1(X))$  so the equivalence class is the same.

Abel's theorem:  $A_0: \text{Div}_0(X) \rightarrow \text{Jac}(X)$  is surjective, and its kernel is precisely  $\text{PDiv}(X)$ .

$$0 \rightarrow \text{PDiv}(X) \rightarrow \text{Div}_0(X) \xrightarrow{A_0} \text{Jac}(X) \rightarrow 0$$

So  $A_0$  induces an isomorphism  $\text{Cl}_0(X) \xrightarrow{A_0} \text{Jac}(X)$ .