

# Abel-Jacobi Maps and a geometric interpretation of Riemann-Roch.

Recall:  $Cl(X) = Div(X) / PDiv(X)$   
 $Cl_0(X) = Div_0(X) / PDiv(X)$

Exact seq:  $0 \rightarrow Cl_0(X) \rightarrow Cl(X) \xrightarrow{\deg} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$

Jacobian:  $Jac(X) = \Omega^1(X)^* / \pi(H_1(X)) \cong \mathbb{C}^g / \Lambda$

Abel-Jacobi map:  $A_0: Div_0(X) \rightarrow Jac(X)$

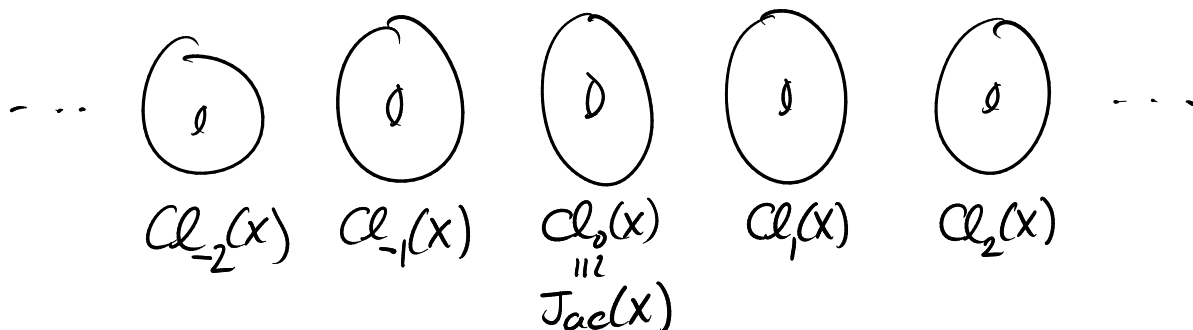
induces isomorphism

$$A_0: Cl_0(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} Jac(X)$$

Now  $Cl(X) = \coprod_{d \in \mathbb{Z}} Cl_d(X)$ , where  $Cl_d(X)$  is degree  $d$

divisors modulo linear equivalence.

$Cl_d(X)$  is a coset  $[D] + Cl_0(X)$ , where  $D$  is any divisor of degree  $d$ . Thus  $Cl_d(X)$  is in bijection with  $Cl_0(X)$ , hence with  $Jac(X)$ . We can visualize  $Cl(X)$  as a disjoint union of  $g$ -dimensional complex tori.



We can get maps  $A_d: Div_d(X) \rightarrow Jac(X)$   
 if we make some choices.

Choose a basepoint  $p_0 \in X$ . Define a map.

$$A_{p_0, d}: \text{Div}_d(X) \rightarrow \text{Jac}(X)$$

$$A_{p_0, d}(D) = A_0(D - dp_0) \quad \text{for degree } d \text{ divisor } D.$$

This descends to a map  $A_{d, p_0}: \text{Cl}_d(X) \rightarrow \text{Jac}(X)$  which is a bijection.

Back to linear systems:  $D \in \text{Div}(X)$ .

$$|D| = \{ E \in \text{Div}(X) \mid E \geq 0, E \sim D \}$$

and this set has the structure of a projective space.

If  $\deg(D) = d$  then  $|D| \subseteq \text{Div}_d(X)$

and the Abel-Jacobi image of  $|D|$  is a single point.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_{d, p_0}: \text{Div}_d(X) & \rightarrow & \text{Cl}_d(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Jac}(X) \\ |D| & \longrightarrow & [D] \longrightarrow A_0(D - dp_0) \end{array}$$

[Two  $E_1, E_2 \in |D|$  differ by a principal divisor, and  $A_0$  sends principal divisors to zero]

Symmetric products: A divisor  $E$  that satisfies  $E \geq 0$  can be thought of as an unordered set of points in  $X$ , with multiplicities. Thus we can think of  $E$  as an element of the symmetric product of  $X$ :

$$\text{Sym}^d X := X^{(d)} = \underbrace{X \times \dots \times X}_d / S_d$$

where the symmetric group  $S_d$  permutes the factors

There is an embedding  $\text{Sym}^d X \hookrightarrow \text{Div}_d(X)$   
whose image is the set of divisors  $E$  st.  $E \geq 0$ .

Also if  $D \in \text{Div}_d(X)$ ,  $|D| \subseteq \text{Sym}^d X$

$$\text{And in fact } \text{Sym}^d X = \bigcup_{D \in \text{Div}_d(X)} |D|$$

Fact When  $X$  is a Riemann surface,  $\text{Sym}^d X$  is a complex manifold.

There is a map  $AJ: \text{Sym}^d X \rightarrow \text{Jac}(X)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Sym}^d X & \hookrightarrow & \text{Div}_d(X) \xrightarrow{A_{p_0, d}} \text{Jac}(X) \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \\ & & \text{AJ} \end{array}$$

Fact: This is a holomorphic map.

The fibers of  $AJ$  are projective spaces, namely the complete linear systems of degree  $d$ .

$$AJ^{-1}(A_{p_0, d}(D)) = |D|$$

Degree 1: This is a map  $AJ: X \rightarrow \text{Jac}(X)$

$$AJ(p) = A_0(p - p_0)$$

Prop: If  $g \geq 1$ ,  $AJ: X \rightarrow \text{Jac}(X)$  is injective.

Proof Suppose  $AJ(p) = AJ(q)$ . Then  $A_0(p - p_0) = A_0(q - q_0)$   
 so  $A_0(p - q) = 0$  so  $p - q \in \text{PDiv}(X)$  by Abel's theorem

But we know  $l(p) = 1$  if  $g \geq 1$ . Thus  $|p|$  is a  
 two-dim'l projective space, i.e. just a point.  $|p| = \{p\}$   
 So if  $p - q \in \text{PDiv}(X)$ ,  $q \in |p|$  and so  $q = p$ .  $\square$

Cor: If  $g = 1$ ,  $AJ: X \rightarrow \text{Jac}(X)$  is an isomorphism.

Proof  $\dim \text{Jac}(X) = g = 1$ , so  $\text{Jac}(X)$  is a Riemann surface.  
 $AJ$  is an injective holomorphic map between R.S.'s,  
 so it is an isomorphism.

Thus, every genus one Riemann surface is a complex torus!

Relation to Riemann-Roch:

$AJ: \text{Sym}^d X \rightarrow \text{Jac}(X)$  is a holomorphic map  
 Between complex manifolds of dimensions  $d$  and  $g$  respectively  
 Therefore, the dimension of its fibers is bounded below  
 by the difference in dimensions.

$$\dim(\text{fiber of } AJ) \geq d - g$$

But the fibers of  $AJ$  are the complete linear systems of degree  $d$ !  
 Thus, we have shown that if  $D$  is a divisor of degree  $d$ ,

$$\dim |D| \geq d - g = \deg D - g$$

or

$$l(D) = \dim L(D) = \dim |D| + 1 \geq \deg D + 1 - g$$

Thus we have derived Riemann's inequality.

$$l(D) \geq \deg D + 1 - g$$

Roch's contribution was to figure out the error term

$$l(D) = \deg D + 1 - g + l(K - D)$$