

for A.2.9 Let $f_0, \dots, f_m \in K(X_0, \dots, X_n)$ be homogeneous of degree d and consider the map

$$\varphi: \mathbb{P}^n \setminus V(f_0, \dots, f_m) \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^m$$

$$[x_0 : \dots : x_n] \mapsto [\epsilon_0(x_0, \dots, x_n) : \dots : \epsilon_m(x_0, \dots, x_n)]$$

Then, $\underset{\varphi}{h}(\varphi(P)) \lesssim d \cdot h(P)$ $\forall P \in \mathbb{P}^n(K) \setminus V(f_0, \dots, f_m)$

for A.2.10 Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{P}_K^n$ be a projective variety and let $f_0, \dots, f_m \in K[X_0, \dots, X_n]$ be homogeneous of degree d and assume that f_0, \dots, f_m have no common zeros in $V(K)$, so that

$$\varphi: V \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^m$$

$$[x_0 : \dots : x_n] \mapsto [\epsilon_0(x_0, \dots, x_n) : \dots]$$

is well-defined.

Then, $\underset{\varphi}{h}(\varphi(P)) \approx d \cdot h(P)$ for all $P \in V(K)$.

A.3. Height and divisor classes

Thm A.3.1 Let C be a smooth projective curve. We can associate to every $\text{Div}(C)$ a function $h_D: C(\bar{\kappa}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

i) $h_D(P) \underset{\varphi}{\approx} h(\varphi(P))$ for any morphism

$\varphi: C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ defined by functions

$f_0, \dots, f_n \in K(C)$ with associated divisor

$D = \sum_Q n_Q Q$ and any $P \in C(\bar{\kappa})$,

(D minimal s.t. $f_0, \dots, f_n \in L(D)$.

$$\text{Or: } n_Q = - \min_i v_Q(f_i)$$

ii) $h_{D+D'}(P) \underset{D, D'}{\approx} h_D(P) + h_{D'}(P) \quad \forall P \in C(\bar{\kappa})$.

Proofs If D, D' lie in the same divisor

class, then $h_D(P) \underset{D, D'}{\approx} h_{D'}(P)$ for any $P \in C(\bar{\kappa})$.

Rf If $\varphi: C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ is def. by f_0, \dots, f_n with divisor D ,

then φ is also def. by f_0g, \dots, f_ng with divisor

$$D + \text{div}(g)$$

for any $g \in K(C)^\times$. \square

Principle h_0 is unique up to bounded functions.

If h_D' denotes other fcts as above, then

$$h_D(p) \approx h'_D(p) \quad \forall D \in \text{Div}(C), p \in C(\bar{k}).$$

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 h_D, h'_D, D

Pf By Riemann-Roch, there is a morphism associated to any divisor of degree $\geq 2g_c$ (then, $L(D-P) = L(D) - 1 \cup P$). Any divisor D can be written as $D = D_1 - D_2$ with $\deg(D_1), \deg(D_2) \geq 2g_c$.

$$\Rightarrow h_D(P) \approx h_{D_1}(P) - h_{D_2}(P) \approx h(\varphi_1(P)) - h(\varphi_2(P))$$

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$$\approx h'_{D_1}(P) - h'_{D_2}(P) \approx h'_D(P),$$

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where φ_i is any morphism associated to D_j .

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Claim If $\deg(D) > 0$, then

a) $h_D(P) \underset{D}{\gtrsim} 0 \quad \forall P \in C(\bar{k})$

b) For any finite field ext. L/K and any $t \in \mathbb{R}$, there are only finitely many $P \in E(L)$ s.t. $h_D(P) \leq t$.

Pf For $n \geq 2^{g+1}$, there is a closed embedding associated to nD , so

a) $n \cdot h_D(P) \underset{\text{ii.}}{\approx} h_{nD}(P) \underset{i}{\approx} \underbrace{h(\varphi(P))}_{\in P_K^m(\bar{k})} \geq 0$

b) $h_D(P) \leq t \Rightarrow h_{nD}(P) \underset{\text{ii.}}{\lesssim} n t$
 $\underbrace{h(\varphi(P))}_{\in P_K^m(L)}$

By Thm A.2.1, there are only finitely many such $\varphi(P) \in P_K^m(L)$ and hence finitely many such P (since φ is injective). \square

Lemma A.3.2 If φ, φ' are defined by functions f_0, \dots, f_n and f'_0, \dots, f'_m with the same divisor $D = \sum_{P \in C(\bar{k})} c_P P$, then

$$h(\varphi(P)) \underset{\varphi, \varphi'}{\approx} h(\varphi'(P)) \quad \forall P \in C(\bar{k}).$$

By w.l.o.g., (by transitivity), f_0, \dots, f_n form a basis of $L(D)$.

$\Rightarrow f'_0, \dots, f'_m \in L(D)$ are linear combinations of f_0, \dots, f_n .

W.l.o.g. (after invertible linear transformations on P^n , P^m and omitting zeroes), we can assume that $m \leq n$, $f'_0 = f_0, \dots, f'_m = f_m$.

If there were a point $P \in C(\bar{k})$ such that

$$\varphi(P) = [x_0 : \dots : x_n] = \left[\frac{f_0}{\epsilon_P^{c_P}}(P) : \dots : \frac{f_n}{\epsilon_P^{c_P}}(P) \right]$$

satisfies $x_0 = \dots = x_m = 0$, then

$$v_P(f_0), \dots, v_P(f_m) > -c_P.$$

$\Rightarrow f_0, \dots, f_m \in L(D-P)$, so f_0, \dots, f_m don't actually have associated divisor D' .

\Rightarrow We can apply Lem A.2.8. □

Prop A.3.3 If φ, ψ are defined by functions f_0, \dots, f_n and g_0, \dots, g_m with divisor D, E , then we obtain a morphism η defined by functions $f_0 g_0, f_0 g_1, \dots, f_n g_m$ with associated divisor $D + E$ (since $\min_{i,j} v_p(f_i g_j) = \min_i v_p(f_i) + \min_j v_p(g_j)$)

where $\eta(P) = \varphi(P) \otimes \psi(P)$
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 Segre embedding

and that $h(\eta(P)) \approx h(\varphi(P)) + h(\psi(P))$ by
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 Thm A.2.3

Pf of Thm A.3.1

For any D , choose D_1, D_2 s.t. there $D = D_1 - D_2$ and there are morphisms φ_1, φ_2 corresponding to D_1, D_2 . Let $h_D(P) := h(\varphi_1(P)) - h(\varphi_2(P))$.

i) If φ is a morphism assoc. to D , then

$h(\varphi(P)) \approx h_D(P)$ because

$$h(\varphi(P)) + h(\varphi_2(P)) \approx h(\varphi_1(P)) \text{ by}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 \\ \varphi \\ D = D_1 - D_2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \\ \varphi_2 \\ D_2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \\ \varphi_1 \\ D_1 \end{matrix}$$

Lemma A.3.2 and Remark A.3.3.

ii) Let $D = D_1 - D_2$, $D' = D'_1 - D'_2$,

$$\begin{matrix} z & z \\ \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 \end{matrix}, \quad \begin{matrix} z & z \\ \varphi'_1 & \varphi'_2 \end{matrix},$$

$$D + D' = \begin{matrix} E_1 - E_2 \\ z \quad z \\ \varphi_1 \quad \varphi_2 \end{matrix} \quad \text{as above.}$$

$$h_{D+D'}(P) = h(\varphi_1(P)) - h(\varphi_2(P))$$

$$h_D(P) = h(\varphi_1(P)) - h(\varphi_2(P))$$

$$h_{D'}(P) = h(\varphi'_1(P)) - h(\varphi'_2(P))$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{D+D'}(P) \approx h_D(P) + h_{D'}(P) \text{ because}$$

$$h(\varphi_1(P)) + h(\varphi_2(P)) + h(\varphi'_2(P)) \approx h(\varphi_2(P)) + h(\varphi_1(P)) + h(\varphi'_1(P))$$

$$\begin{matrix} z & z & z \\ E_1 & D_2 & D'_2 \\ & D_2 & D'_2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} z & z & z \\ E_2 & D_1 & D'_1 \\ & D_1 & D'_1 \end{matrix}$$

by Lemma A.3.2 and Remark A.3.3

(applied 4 times) because $E_1 + D_2 + D'_2 = E_2 + D_1 + D'_1$.

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Thm A.3.4 If $\psi: C \rightarrow C'$ is a nonconstant morphism between smooth proj. curves over K and $h_D: C(\bar{K}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for $D \in \text{Div}(C)$ and $h_{D'}^1: C'(\bar{K}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for $D' \in \text{Div}(C')$ are the corresponding height functions, then

$$h_{\psi^*(D')}(P) \approx h_{D'}^1(\psi(P)) \quad \forall P \in C(\bar{K}).$$

Of we can assume (by ii) that there is a morphism $\varphi: C' \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ defined by f_0, \dots, f_n with divisor D' .

\Rightarrow The morphism

$\varphi \circ \psi: C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ is defined by

$f_0 \circ \psi, \dots, f_n \circ \psi$ with divisor $D = \psi^*(D')$

(because $\text{div}(f_i \circ \psi) = \psi^*(\text{div}(f_i))$.)

$\Rightarrow h_{\psi^*(D')}(P) \approx h(\varphi(\psi(P))) \approx h_{D'}^1(\psi(P)).$

□

2.4. Heights of points on elliptic curves

Let E be an elliptic curve over K and let

$$\varphi: E \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_K^2, \quad \psi: E \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_K^1$$

be the morphisms defined in section 2.1
(corr. to divisor $3[O]$, $2[O]$).

→ We get height function

$$h(\varphi(P)) \approx h_{3[O]}(P) \approx 3h_{[O]}(P)$$

$$h(\psi(P)) \approx h_{2[O]}(P) \approx 2h_{[O]}(P).$$

Rank $\varphi(O) = [0:1:0]$

so the projection $[x:y:z] \mapsto [x:z]$
 $\varphi(P) \mapsto \psi(P)$

is not well-def. at $\varphi(O) = [0:1:0]$ (the polynomials x, z have a common zero on the image $\varphi(E)$) although it can be extended to all of E ! ($\varphi(O) = [1:0]$)

and the height changes under this projection!

$$\underline{\text{Thm 2.4, 1}} \quad h_{[\mathcal{O}]}(nP) \underset{n}{\approx} n^2 h_{[\mathcal{O}]}(P) \quad \forall P \in E(\bar{k})$$

(and E)

Pr By Thm A.3, 4 applied to $[n]: E \rightarrow E$,

$$h_{[n]^*(\mathcal{O})}(P) \approx h_{[\mathcal{O}]}([n](P)) \quad \forall P \in E(\bar{k}).$$

$$\text{But } [n]^*(\mathcal{O}) = \sum_{\substack{P \in E[n] \\ \text{[n] unram.}}} [P] = n^2 [\mathcal{O}] + \sum_{P \in E(n)} ([P] - [\mathcal{O}])$$

lies in the same divisor class as $n^2 [\mathcal{O}]$

$$\text{because } \sum_{P \in E[n]} P = \mathcal{O} \quad \text{as } E[n] \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^2$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{v \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^2} v = \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{O}.$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{[n]^*(\mathcal{O})}(P) \approx h_{n^2[\mathcal{O}]}(P) \approx n^2 h_{[\mathcal{O}]}(P).$$

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