

# Commutative algebraic groups

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Theorem.  $G$ : commutative affine algebraic group

$$G_s := \{g \in G \mid g: \text{semisimple}\}$$

$$G_u := \{g \in G \mid g: \text{unipotent}\}$$

①  $G_s$  and  $G_u$  are closed subgroups

②  $G_s \times G_u \rightarrow G \quad (s, u) \mapsto su$  is an isomorphism.

Pf ① Fix an embedding  $G \subseteq GL_n(k) \Rightarrow G_s = \{g \in G \mid \text{diagonalizable in } GL_n(k)\}$

and  $G_u = \{g \in G \mid g \in GL_n(k) \text{ is unipotent}\}$

$G_s \subseteq GL_n(k)$  consists of pairwise commuting semisimple

elements  $\Rightarrow \exists x \in GL_n(k)$  s.t.  $x G_s x^{-1} \subseteq \text{diag. matrices}$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{x \langle G_s \rangle x^{-1}} \subseteq \text{diag. matrices}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\langle G_s \rangle} \subseteq G_s$$

$$\Rightarrow G_s = \overline{\langle G_s \rangle} \Rightarrow G_s \text{ is a closed subgroup}$$

of  $G$ .

•  $G_u$  consists of commuting matrices  $\Rightarrow \exists y \in GL_n(k)$  s.t.

$$y G_u y^{-1} \subseteq \text{upper-triang. matrices} \Rightarrow y G_u y^{-1} \subseteq \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * \\ & \ddots \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$G_u$ : consists of unipotent elements

$$\Rightarrow y \overline{\langle G_u \rangle} y^{-1} \subseteq \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * \\ & \ddots \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow \overline{\langle G_u \rangle} \subseteq G_u \Rightarrow G_u$  is a closed subgroup of  $G$ .

② Since  $G, G_u$ , and  $G_s$  are abelian groups,

$$\phi: G_s \times G_u \rightarrow G, \phi(s, u) := su$$

is an algebraic group homomorphism.

•  $(s, u) \in \ker \phi \Leftrightarrow s = u^{-1} \Rightarrow s$  is both semisimple and unipotent

$$\Rightarrow s = I \Rightarrow u = I.$$

• Because of Jordan decomposition,  $\phi$  is surjective.

• Since  $G$  is abelian,  $\exists x \in GL_n(k)$  s.t.  $x G x^{-1} \subseteq \text{diag. matrices.}$

$$\Rightarrow \forall g \in G, (x g x^{-1})_s = \text{diag}(a_{11}, \dots, a_{nn}) \text{ if}$$

$$(x g x^{-1})_s = [a_{ij}].$$

Hence  $G \rightarrow G_s, g \mapsto g_s$  is a morphism of varieties

$\Rightarrow G \rightarrow G_s \times G_u, g \mapsto (g_s, g_s^{-1}g)$  is a morphism of

varieties.  $\Rightarrow \phi$  is an isomorphism of algebraic groups.  $\blacksquare$

Corollary.  $G$ : commutative affine algebraic group.

$G$  is connected  $\Leftrightarrow G_s$  and  $G_u$  are connected.

Def. A linear algebraic group is called diagonalizable if it is isomorphic

to a closed subgroup of  $D_n := \{\text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in k^\times\}$  for some  $n$ .

• A linear algebraic group is called a torus if it is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{D}_n$  for some  $n$ .

Theorem. Let  $G$  be an affine algebraic group. TFAE:

①  $G$  is commutative and consists of semisimple elements  
(this is not needed)

②  $G$  is diagonalizable.

③  $X^*(G)$  is a f.g. abelian group and

$$k[G] = \bigoplus_{\chi \in X^*(G)} k\chi.$$

④  $\forall \rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$  algebraic homomorphism,  $V = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \Phi(G, V)} V_\chi$  for some finite subset  $\Phi(G, V) \subseteq X^*(G)$ .

Pf. ①  $\Rightarrow$  ②

$$G = G_s \Rightarrow \exists x \in GL_n(k) \text{ st. } xG_s x^{-1} \subseteq \mathbb{D}_n$$

$\Rightarrow G_s$  is diagonalizable.

②  $\Rightarrow$  ③  $G \subseteq \mathbb{D}_n$  as a closed subgroup.

$$\Rightarrow k[G] \simeq k[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}] / I_G.$$

Notice that  $X^*(\mathbb{D}_n)$  is a basis of  $k[\mathbb{D}_n] \simeq k[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$ .

Since  $X^*(\mathbb{D}_n) \xrightarrow{\varphi} X^*(G)$ ,  $\chi \mapsto \chi|_G$  is a well-defined group homomorphism,  $k[G]$  is spanned by  $\text{Im } \varphi \subseteq X^*(G)$ .

Since  $\chi^*(G)$  are linearly independent and subset of the span of  $\text{Im } \varphi^S$ , we get that  $\underline{\text{Im } \varphi^S = \chi^*(G)}$  and  $\chi^*(G)$  is a basis of  $k[G]$ .

(Here we proved also that, if  $G$  is a closed subgroup of  $D_n$ , then  $\chi^*(D_n) \rightarrow \chi^*(G)$  is onto. Hence we get

$$\chi \mapsto \chi|_G$$

Lemma. If  $G_1 \subseteq G_2$  and  $G_2$  is diagonalizable, then

$$\chi^*(G_2) \rightarrow \chi^*(G_1), \chi \mapsto \chi|_{G_1}$$

is an onto group homomorphism.)

③  $\Rightarrow$  ④ Fix a basis for  $V$  and write  $\rho: G \rightarrow GL_n(k)$ .

So  $g \mapsto \rho(g)_{ij}$  is in  $k[G] \Rightarrow$

$\forall \chi \in \chi^*(G), \exists a_\chi \in M_n(k)$  s.t.

$$\rho(g) = \sum_{\chi \in \chi^*(G)} a_\chi \chi(g).$$

So  $\rho(g_1) \rho(g_2) = \rho(g_1 g_2)$  implies

$$\sum_{\chi_1, \chi_2 \in \chi^*(G)} a_{\chi_1} a_{\chi_2} \chi_1(g_1) \chi_2(g_2) = \sum_{\chi} a_\chi \chi(g_1) \chi(g_2)$$

Hence by indepen. of elements of  $\chi^*(G \times G)$  we get

$$\bullet \chi_1 \neq \chi_2 \Rightarrow a_{\chi_1} a_{\chi_2} = 0$$

- $\chi_1 \neq \chi_2 \Rightarrow \chi_1 \chi_2 = 0$
- $a_{\chi}^2 = a_{\chi}$
- $\rho(e) = I \Rightarrow \sum a_{\chi} = I$

Let  $V_{\chi} := a_{\chi}(V)$ . Then

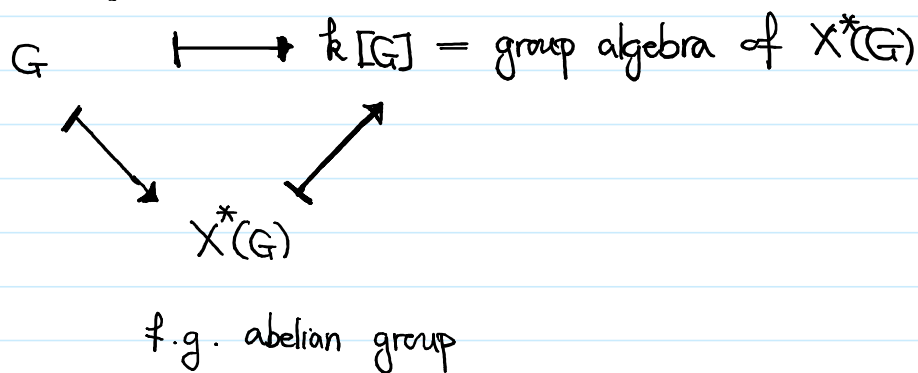
- $\forall v \in V \Rightarrow v = \sum a_{\chi}(v) ; a_{\chi}(v) \in V_{\chi}$
- $\left. \begin{array}{l} \sum_{v_{\chi} \in V_{\chi}} v_{\chi} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \forall \chi_0 \in X^*(G), a_{\chi_0}(\sum v_{\chi}) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 0 = \sum a_{\chi_0} a_{\chi} v_{\chi} = a_{\chi_0}^2 v_{\chi_0} = v_{\chi_0}. \end{array} \right\}$

So  $V = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \Phi} V_{\chi}$  for some finite subset  $\Phi \subseteq X^*(G)$

and  $\rho(g)v = \sum \chi(g) v_{\chi}$  where  $v_{\chi} = a_{\chi}(v)$ .

④  $\Rightarrow$  ② and ②  $\Rightarrow$  ① are clear. ■

Diag. alg. gp                  Hopf algebra



- If  $G \subseteq GL_n(k)$  and  $\text{char}(k) = p > 0$ , then  $X^*(G)$  has no  $p$ -torsion element (because of the Frob. automorphism of  $k$ .)
- Let  $M$  be a f.g. abelian group with no  $\text{char}(k)$ -torsion element.

Let  $kM$  be the group algebra of  $M$ . Let

$$m^*: kM \rightarrow kM \otimes kM, \quad m^* \delta_x := \delta_x \otimes \delta_x$$

$$i^*: kM \rightarrow kM, \quad i^* \delta_x = \delta_{-x}$$

$$e^*: kM \rightarrow k, \quad e^* \delta_x = 1.$$

Theorem ①  $(kM, m^*, i^*, e^*)$  is a reduced commutative Hopf algebra of finite type; the corresponding affine algebraic group  $G_M$  is a diagonalizable affine group.

②  $M \simeq X^*(G_M)$  canonically.

③ If  $G$  is diagonalizable affine group, then

$$G_{X^*(G)} \simeq G \quad \text{canonically.}$$

Pf ①  $M \simeq \bigoplus \mathbb{Z}/q_i \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow kM \simeq k \mathbb{Z}/q_1 \mathbb{Z} \otimes \dots \otimes k \mathbb{Z}/q_m \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$k \mathbb{Z}/q \mathbb{Z} \simeq k[T]/\langle T^q - 1 \rangle.$$

Since  $p \nmid q$ ,  $T^q - 1$  has  $q$  distinct roots. ( $\gcd(T^q - 1, qT^{q-1}) = 1$ ).

$$\Rightarrow k \mathbb{Z}/q \mathbb{Z} \simeq \bigoplus_{i=0}^{q-1} k \zeta_q^i \quad \text{is a reduced algebra}$$

$$1 + q\mathbb{Z} \mapsto (1, \zeta_q, \dots, \zeta_q^{q-1})$$

$\Rightarrow kM$  is a reduced algebra of finite-type.

One can easily check properties of Hopf algebra.

$\forall x \in M, g \in G_M := \text{Hom}(kM, k)$ , let  $x(g) := g(\delta_x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \forall g_1, g_2 \in G_M, \quad x(g_1 \cdot g_2) &= (g_1 \cdot g_2)(\delta_x) \\ &= m \cdot (g_1 \otimes g_2) \cdot m^*(\delta_x) \\ &= m \cdot (g_1 \otimes g_2)(\delta_x \circ \delta_x) \\ &= m(g_1(\delta_x) \otimes g_2(\delta_x)) \\ &= x(g_1) x(g_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow M \hookrightarrow X^*(G_M) \subseteq k[G_M] = kM \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{by the independ. of elements} \\ \text{of } X^*(G_M) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow M = X^*(G_M). \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad G_M \text{ is diagonalizable.} \end{aligned}$$

③ we have seen that  $k[G] = kX^*(G)$  and one can see that the Hopf algebra structure is as above  $\Rightarrow$

$$k[G] \simeq k[G_{X^*(G)}] \text{ as Hopf algebras} \Rightarrow G \simeq G_{X^*(G)}. \quad \blacksquare$$

Corollary.  $\text{Hom}_{\text{alg. gps}}(G_1, G_2) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}\text{-mod}}(X^*(G_2), X^*(G_1))$

if  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are diagonalizable algebraic groups.

PP.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\text{alg. gps}}(G_1, G_2) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{Hom}_{\text{Hopf-alg.}}(k[G_2], k[G_1]) \\ \downarrow & \begin{array}{c} \phi \longmapsto \phi^* \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \phi^*|_{X^*(G_2)} \end{array} & \downarrow \\ \text{Hom}(X^*(G_2), X^*(G_1)) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{Hom}(kX^*(G_2), kX^*(G_1)) \end{array}$$

extending linearly

 $(G \mapsto X^*(G) \text{ fully faithful.})$ Corollary. Let  $G$  be a diagonalizable algebraic group.

①  $G \simeq T \oplus F$  where  $T$  is a torus and  $F$  is a finite group and  $\gcd(|F|, \text{char}(k)) = 1$ .

②  $G$  is a torus  $\iff$  it is connected  $\iff X^*(G)$  is a free abelian gp.

PP.  $G \simeq G_{X^*(G)}$  $X^*(G) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^n \oplus M$  where  $|M| < \infty$  with no  $p$ -torsion element
$$\Rightarrow G_{X^*(G)} \simeq G_{\mathbb{Z}^n} \times G_M \simeq \underbrace{D_n}_{\text{torus}} \times \underbrace{G_M}_F \rightsquigarrow \text{finite abelian with no } p\text{-element}$$

Ex. complete the proof. ■

Theorem (Rigidity of diagonalizable groups) $G_1, G_2$ : diagonalizable;  $V$ : connected affine variety; $\phi: V \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  a morphism st. $\forall v \in V, \phi_v: G_1 \rightarrow G_2, \phi_v(g) := \phi(v, g)$  is an algebraic gp homom. $\Rightarrow \phi(v, g)$  is independ. of  $v$ .

(a group homom. between two dia. al. groups cannot be algebraically deformed.)



Pf. For any  $\psi \in X^*(G_2)$ ,

$$(v, g) \mapsto \psi(\phi(v, g))$$

is in  $k[V \times G_1] \simeq k[V] \otimes k[G_1]$ . So  $\forall \chi \in X^*(G_1), \exists f_{\psi, \chi} \in k[V]$

$$\text{s.t. } \psi(\phi(v, g)) = \sum_{\chi \in X^*(G_1)} f_{\psi, \chi}(v) \chi(g)$$

So  $\psi(\phi(v, g_1)) \psi(\phi(v, g_2)) = \psi(\phi(v, g_1 g_2))$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\chi_1, \chi_2} f_{\psi, \chi_1}(v) f_{\psi, \chi_2}(v) \chi_1(g_1) \chi_2(g_2) \\ &= \sum_{\chi} f_{\psi, \chi} \chi(g_1) \chi(g_2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence again by the indep. of elements of  $X^*(G_1 \times G_1)$  we have

$$\bullet f_{\psi, \chi_1}(v) f_{\psi, \chi_2}(v) = 0 \quad \text{if } \chi_1 \neq \chi_2$$

$$\bullet f_{\psi, \chi}^2 = f_{\psi, \chi} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow f_{\psi, \chi} = 0 \text{ or } f_{\psi, \chi} = 1.$$

$V$ : irred.  $\Rightarrow k[V]$  integral domain

$\Rightarrow \psi(\phi(v, g))$  is either 0 or  $\chi_{\psi}(g)$  for some  $\chi_{\psi} \in X^*(G_1)$

In particular,  $\psi(\phi(v, g))$  is indep. of  $v$  for any  $\psi \in X^*(G_2)$

$\Rightarrow \phi(v, g)$  is indep. of  $v$  as  $k[G_2]$  is gener. by  $X^*(G_2)$ . ■

Corollary. Suppose  $H$  is a diagonalizable subgroup of an affine alg. gp  $G$ ;

then  $Z_G(H)^\circ = N_G(H)^\circ$  and  $N_G(H)/Z_G(H)$  is finite.

Pf. Let  $V := N_G(H)^\circ$  and  $\phi: V \times H \rightarrow H$ ,

$$\phi(g, h) := ghg^{-1}.$$

$\Rightarrow$  by rigidity of  $H$ ,  $\phi(g, h) = \phi(e, h) = h$

$\Rightarrow g \in Z_G(H) \Rightarrow N_G(H)^\circ \subseteq Z_G(H) \subseteq N_G(H)$

$\Rightarrow Z_G(H)^\circ = N_G(H)^\circ$  and  $N_G(H)/N_G(H)^\circ \twoheadrightarrow N_G(H)/Z_G(H)$

and so  $N_G(H)/Z_G(H)$  is finite.  $\blacksquare$