

ULTRAMETRIC THETA FUNCTIONS AND ABELIAN VARIETIES

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Let k be a field complete with respect to a non-trivial, non-archimedean valuation and let g be a positive integer. Consider the following question: if Γ is a multiplicative subgroup of $G_g = (k^*)^g$ satisfying certain "Riemann conditions", can one construct in a natural way an abelian variety defined over k having G_g/Γ as its set of k -rational points? This problem was first considered by Morikawa [3]. J. Tate provided a complete solution for $g = 1$ (cf. for example [6]). J. McCabe [2] gave a partial solution for $g > 1$. He showed how to attach to Γ a graded ring R of theta functions such that $A = \text{Proj. } R$ is a g -dimensional abelian variety over k . He further constructed a homomorphism $\varphi: G_g/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ and showed that it is injective. But he could only prove that φ is surjective under restrictive hypotheses, assuming that k is locally compact of characteristic zero. Recently Raynaud [5], Gerritzen [1] and Mumford [4] have generalized and completely solved the problem we are considering. But their techniques are non-elementary and it is still perhaps interesting to show that the map φ is surjective within the context of Tate-McCabe theory, using only simple calculations with Laurent power series.

That is the goal of this paper.

Let $\text{ord.}: k^* \rightarrow \text{Reals}$ denote the order function associated to our valuation. In part 1 we start with a $g \times g$ matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) with entries in k^* satisfying the following Riemann conditions: $\mathcal{A}_{ij} = \mathcal{A}_{ji}$ and the associated matrix $(\text{ord. } \mathcal{A}_{ij})$ is positive definite. Following McCabe we construct the ring R of theta functions associated to (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) , the abelian variety A and the map $\varphi: G_g/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ where Γ is the multiplicative sub-

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group of G_g generated by the column vectors of (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) .

Part II is the heart of the paper. In it we assume that the off-diagonal elements of (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) have order 0. We call this case the “diagonal case”. Here the reduction \bar{A} of A plays an important role. For $g = 1$ \bar{A} is a rational curve with an ordinary double point; in general \bar{A} is a rational variety which looks very much like a product of such curves. We attach to each $P \in A_k$ a certain subset $S(P)$ of $\{1, 2, \dots, g\}$; $S(P)$ describes how singular \bar{P} is on \bar{A} . We say that P is a unit point if $S(P) = \emptyset$; this means that \bar{P} is non-singular on \bar{A} . In § II. 3 we use an implicit function type argument to show that φ is 1-1 and that all unit points are in the image of φ . The proof that any $P \in A_k$ is in $\varphi(G_g)$ is by induction on the cardinality of $S(P)$. The key steps in the induction are an *addition formula* on A , (Theorem II. 4.6), and the “*decomposition theorem*”, (Theorem II. 6.6), whose proof depends on the study of the zeroes of a certain Laurent series θ_P .

We return to the general case in part III. Using the diagonal case and an isogeny argument we show that φ is bijective, assuming only that each $\text{ord. } \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ is rational. This mild restriction is unnecessary as Gerritzen’s result show, but we have been unable to avoid it.

Throughout this paper we use the following notation: k is a field complete with respect to a non-trivial, non-archimedean valuation, $\text{ord}: k^* \rightarrow \text{Reals}$ is the associated order function, \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{M} and \bar{k} are the valuation ring, maximal ideal and residue class field of the valuation. U is the unit group of \mathcal{O} and G_g is the product of g copies of k^* .

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Part I is concerned with the definition and basic properties of the ring of theta functions R . It contains a proof that $A = \text{Proj. } R$ is an abelian variety of dimension g over k .

Most of this material can be found in the first three chapters of McCabe [2], but our arguments are somewhat simpler.

§ I.1. The ring of theta-functions

A Laurent series over k is a formal sum $\sum_{I \in \mathbb{Z}^g} \mathcal{A}_I X^I$, $\mathcal{A}_I \in k$, which converges for all $(x_1, \dots, x_g) \in G_g$. (we shall use standard multivariable notation throughout. If $I = (i_1, \dots, i_g)$ then X^I means $\prod_j X_j^{i_j}$). The Laurent series form a k -algebra \mathcal{L} . The subring of \mathcal{L} consisting of

series with $\mathcal{A}_I \in \mathcal{O}$ is called $\mathcal{L}_\mathcal{O}$. \mathcal{L} is a domain, and if an element of \mathcal{L} vanishes on all of $G_\mathcal{O}$, each $\mathcal{A}_I = 0$. Suppose $n > 1$ and $(r) = (r_1, \dots, r_g) \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^g$. An element $\sum \mathcal{A}_I X^I$ of \mathcal{L} is said to have n -parity (r) if $\mathcal{A}_I = 0$ unless each i_j reduces to $r_j \bmod n$. Let $\mathcal{L}^{(r)}$ denote the subspace of elements of \mathcal{L} having n -parity (r) . Then we get a decomposition $\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{(r)} \mathcal{L}^{(r)}$; the “ n -parity decomposition of \mathcal{L} ”.

Let (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) be a $g \times g$ symmetric matrix with entries in k^* such that the associated matrix (ord. \mathcal{A}_{ij}) is positive definite.

Let $V_j = (\mathcal{A}_{j1}, \dots, \mathcal{A}_{jg})$, $q_j = \mathcal{A}_{jj}$. If $m > 0$, $R_m(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ (or just R_m) will denote the set of elements $\theta \in \mathcal{L}$ which satisfy the following functional relation:

$$(P) \quad \theta(V_j X) = q_j^{-m} X_j^{-2m} \theta(X) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, g.$$

Note that if $\theta(X) = \sum b_I X^I \in R_m$ and $V_j^I = \prod_{t=1}^g \mathcal{A}_{jt}^{i_t}$ it follows from the relation (P) that the b_I 's satisfy:

$$(P') \quad b_I V_j^I q_j^m = b_{I+2m\delta_j} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, g$$

where $\delta_j = (0, \dots, 0, \underset{(j)}{1}, 0, \dots, 0)$

THEOREM I.1.1. *Let $m > 0$ and $\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{(r)} \mathcal{L}^{(r)}$ be the $2m$ -parity decomposition of \mathcal{L} . If $R_m^{(r)} = R_m \cap \mathcal{L}^{(r)}$, then:*

- 1) $R_m^{(r)}$ is a 1-dimensional k -vector space.
- 2) $R_m = \bigoplus_{(r)} R_m^{(r)}$ and $\dim_k R_m = (2m)^g$
- 3) $R = \bigoplus_0^\infty R_m$ is a graded k -algebra with $R_0 = k$.

Proof. Suppose $\sum b_I X^I \in R_m^{(r)}$. Using the relation (P') we see that b_I determines $b_{I'}$ for $I \equiv I' \bmod 2m$. Thus $\dim R_m^{(r)} \leq 1$. To complete the proof of 1) we exhibit a generator of $R_m^{(r)}$. Take representatives of r_j in \mathbb{Z} and by abuse of language call them r_j too. If $i_j = 2mt_j + r_j$, set

$$b_I = \prod_{j=1}^g q_j^{t_j(m t_j + r_j)} \prod_{j>\ell} \mathcal{A}_{j\ell}^{t_j t_\ell + r_\ell t_j}$$

and let $b_I = 0$ if $I \not\equiv (r) \bmod 2m$. Set $\varphi(X) = \sum b_I X^I$.

A calculation shows that the b_I satisfy (P'). Also

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ord. } b_I &= \sum_j t_j(m t_j + r_j) \text{ ord. } q_j + \sum_{j>\ell} (r_j t_\ell + r_\ell t_j + 2m t_j t_\ell) \text{ ord. } \mathcal{A}_{j\ell} \\ &= m \sum_{j,\ell} t_j t_\ell \text{ ord. } \mathcal{A}_{j\ell} + \sum_{j,\ell} r_j t_\ell \text{ ord. } \mathcal{A}_{j\ell} \end{aligned}$$

Since the matrix (ord. \mathcal{A}_{ij}) is positive definite, $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$ and 1) is proved. 2) and 3) are obvious.

The decomposition of R_m in the Theorem is called the $2m$ -parity decomposition of R_m and R is called the graded ring of Theta functions associated to the matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) .

There is a relation between the graded rings $R(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ and $R(\mathcal{A}_{ij}^n)$, $n > 0$, that we shall make constant use of. Namely:

- (a) $\theta \in R_m(\mathcal{A}_{ij}) \Rightarrow \theta \in R_{mn}(\mathcal{A}_{ij}^n)$
- (b) $\theta \in R_m(\mathcal{A}_{ij}^n) \Rightarrow \theta(X^n) \in R_{mn}(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$.

These are easily verified. Using (a) together with Theorem I.1.1. we get:

PROPOSITION I.1.2. *If n is a fixed positive integer, $S_m = R_{mn}(\mathcal{A}_{ij}^n)$ is a k -vector space of dimension $(2mn)^g$, $S = \bigoplus_0^\infty S_m$ is a graded k -algebra, $R_m \subseteq S_m$ and R is a subring of S .*

Next using (b) with m replaced by mn we see that $\theta(X) \rightarrow \theta(X^n)$ defines a graded homomorphism $S \rightarrow R$ of degree n^2 . The restriction of this map to R is a graded endomorphism of R of degree n^2 . Both of these maps will be denoted by α_n . A dimension count shows that $\alpha_n(S)$ consists precisely of those elements of R that can be written as Laurent series in X_j^n , $j = 1, 2, \dots, g$.

THEOREM I.1.3. *R is integral over $\alpha_n(R)$.*

Proof. We first show that S is integral over R . Let $\theta \in S_m$. For $1 \leq i \leq g$ let $T_i(\theta) = q_i^n X_i^{2m} \theta(V_i X)$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} T_i(\theta)(V_i^n X) &= q_i^m (q_i^n X_i)^{2m} \theta(V_i^n (V_i X)) \\ &= (q_i^m X_i^{2m} q_i^{2mn}) (q_i^{-mn^2} (q_i X_i)^{-2mn}) \theta(V_i X) = q_i^{-mn^2} X_i^{-2mn} T_i(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $T_i(\theta) \in S_m$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, g$ and we have defined operators $T_i: S_m \rightarrow S_m$. An easy induction shows that $T_i^\ell(\theta)(X) = q_i^{m\ell^2} X_i^{2m\ell} \theta(V_i^\ell X)$, for all ℓ . Thus T_i^n is the identity map on S_m . Also

$$(T_i \circ T_j)(\theta) = T_i(q_j^m X_j^{2m} \theta(V_j X)) = q_i^m X_i^{2m} q_j^m \mathcal{A}_{ij}^{2m} X_j^{2m} \theta(V_j V_i X).$$

Since this is symmetric in i and j , the T_i commute.

For each i , the various $T_i: S_m \rightarrow S_m$ fit together to give a graded

automorphism of S which we also denote by T_i . Let T be the finite group generated by the automorphisms T_i . By the definition of T_i , R is the subring of invariants of S under T . So, S is integral over R and $\alpha_n(S)$ over $\alpha_n(R)$. It remains to show that every $\theta \in R$ is integral over $\alpha_n(S)$. We may assume that θ is in some R_{mn} and has a definite n -parity. But then θ^n is a Laurent series in the X_i^n , lies in $\alpha_n(S)$, and the theorem is proved.

Now let E be the $g \times g$ matrix all of whose entries are 1. Then the $2g \times 2g$ matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_{ij} & E \\ E & \mathcal{A}_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$ clearly satisfies the Riemann conditions. Let R' be the graded ring of theta-functions attached to this matrix. We shall label the Laurent series variables by $X_1, \dots, X_g, Y_1, \dots, Y_g$ instead of X_1, \dots, X_{2g} . Then a Laurent series $\theta(X, Y)$ is in R'_m if and only if:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \theta(V_j X, Y) = q_j^{-m} X_j^{-2m} \theta(X, Y) \\ (2) \quad & \theta(X, V_j Y) = q_j^{-m} Y_j^{-2m} \theta(X, Y) . \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if θ and φ are elements of R_m , then $\theta(X)\varphi(Y)$ is in R'_m and we get a map $R_m \otimes_k R_m \rightarrow R'_m$.

PROPOSITION I.1.4. *The above map is bijective; thus R' is the 2-fold Segré product of R with itself over k .*

Proof. Injectivity is clear. To prove ontoeness it suffices to construct elements of pre-assigned $2m$ -parity in the image of $R_m \otimes R_m$. This may be done by taking $\theta(X)\varphi(Y)$ where θ and φ have the desired $2m$ -parities.

The following proposition is the key to the construction of a group law on $A = \text{Proj.}(R)$.

PROPOSITION I.1.5. *If $\theta \in R'_m$ then $\theta'(X, Y) = \theta(XY, XY^{-1}) \in R'_{2m}$. $\theta \rightarrow \theta'$ defines a graded endomorphism β of R' of degree 2. $\beta \circ \beta$ maps θ to $\theta(X^2, Y^2)$ and R' is integral over $\beta(R')$.*

Remark. $\theta(XY, XY^{-1})$ is shorthand for

$$\theta(X_1 Y_1, \dots, X_g Y_g, X_1 Y_1^{-1}, \dots, X_g Y_g^{-1}) .$$

Proof.

$$\theta'(V_j X, Y) = \theta(V_j XY, V_j XY^{-1}) = q_j^{-m} (X_j Y_j)^{-2m} q_j^{-m} (X_j Y_j^{-1})^{-2m} \theta .$$

Since $(X_j Y_j)(X_j Y_j^{-1}) = X_j^2$ we get the first functional equation for θ' . Similarly, using the fact that $(XY)(X^{-1}Y) = Y^2$ we get the second, and $\theta' \in R'_{2m}$. We see at once that β is a degree 2 endomorphism and that $\beta \circ \beta = \alpha_2$. By Theorem I.1.3, with R replaced by R' , R' is integral over $\beta(R')$.

For technical reasons connected with characteristic 2 we shall also need a 4-fold Segré product. The $4g \times 4g$ matrix which has 4 copies of (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) down its diagonal and all 1's elsewhere satisfies the Riemann conditions. Let R'' be the corresponding graded ring of theta-functions. Label the Laurent series variables by $X_1, \dots, X_g, Y_1, \dots, Y_g, Z_1, \dots, Z_g, T_1, \dots, T_g$. The proof of Proposition I.1.4, gives:

PROPOSITION I.1.6. *The natural map $R_m \otimes R_m \otimes R_m \otimes R_m \rightarrow R''_m$ is bijective and R'' is the 4-fold Segré product of R with itself over k .*

PROPOSITION I.1.7. *If $\theta \in R''_m$ then*

$$\theta''(X, Y, Z, T) = \theta(XYZ, XZ^{-1}T, XY^{-1}T^{-1}, YZ^{-1}T^{-1}) \in R''_{3m}.$$

$\theta \rightarrow \theta''$ defines a degree 3 graded endomorphism η of R'' . $\eta \circ \eta = \alpha_3$ and R'' is integral over $\eta(R'')$.

Proof. Similar to that of Proposition I.1.5 and based on the identities:

$$\begin{aligned} (XYZ)(XZ^{-1}T)(XY^{-1}T^{-1}) &= X^3 \\ (XYZ)(X^{-1}YT)(YZ^{-1}T^{-1}) &= Y^3 \\ (XYZ)(X^{-1}ZT^{-1})(Y^{-1}ZT) &= Z^3 \\ (XZ^{-1}T)(X^{-1}YT)(Y^{-1}ZT) &= T^3. \end{aligned}$$

Remark. The proof of Proposition I.1.5 essentially rests on the fact that $A \circ A^t = 2I$ where A is the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$. Similarly, Proposition I.1.7 uses the fact that $B \circ B^t = 3I$ where

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

§ I.2. Finite generation of R

In this section we show that the graded ring of theta functions is

a finitely generated algebra over k . In the course of the proof stronger results are obtained, namely:

- (1) if $\text{char. } k \neq 2$, R_2 generates R_{2m} for large m .
- (2) if $\text{char. } k \neq 3$, R_3 generates R_{3m} for large m .

LEMMA I.2.1. *The elements of R_1 have no common zero in G_g .*

Proof. Let $q_j = \mathcal{A}_{jj}$; by extending k we may assume $q_j = b_j^2$ with $b_j \in k^*$. If $I = (i_1, \dots, i_g)$, $i_j = 2mt_j + r_j$, let

$$C_I = \prod_{j=1}^g b_j^{i_j^2} \cdot \prod_{r>s} \mathcal{A}_{rs}^{i_r i_s}.$$

and set $\varphi(X) = \sum C_I X^I$.

Since $\text{ord. } C_I = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j i_j^2 \text{ord. } q_j + \sum_{r>s} i_r i_s \text{ord. } \mathcal{A}_{rs}$ and the matrix $(\text{ord. } \mathcal{A}_{ij})$ is positive definite, $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$. Clearly we have:

$$C_{I+\delta_j} = C_I \cdot b_j^{2i_j+1} \prod_{s \neq j} \mathcal{A}_{sj}^{i_s}.$$

Thus

$$\left(\prod_{s=1}^g \mathcal{A}_{js}^{i_s} \right) C_I = b_j^{-1} C_{I+\delta_j},$$

and

$$\varphi(V_j X) = b_j^{-1} X_j^{-1} \varphi(X) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, g.$$

Let $\theta(X, Y) = \varphi(XY)\varphi(XY^{-1})$. The proof of Proposition I.1.5 shows that $\theta \in R'_1$. So θ is in the image of $R_1 \otimes R_1$. Now suppose all the elements of R_1 vanish at some point $x \in G_g$. Then $\theta(x, Y) = 0$, so $\varphi(xY) \cdot \varphi(xY^{-1}) = 0$. But \mathcal{L} is an integral domain and $\varphi \neq 0$, so the lemma follows.

THEOREM I.2.2. *Let $m > 0$. Then the elements of R_m which are power series in X_i^m have no common zero in G_g .*

Proof. Let x be any element of G_g . By Lemma I.2.1 there is a $\theta \in R_1(\mathcal{A}_{ij}^m)$ such that $\theta(x^m) \neq 0$. Then by the remark preceding Proposition I.1.2. $\theta(X^m) \in R_m(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ and does not vanish at x .

Let $n > 0$. We assume for now that $\text{char. } k$ does not divide n and the group U_n of n -th roots of unity is contained in k . Recall that $S_m = R_{mn}(\mathcal{A}_{ij}^n)$.

For $m > 0$ and $u = (u_1, \dots, u_g) \in U_n^g$ let $R_{m,u}$ denote the set of elements $\theta \in \mathcal{L}$ satisfying the following functional relation:

$$\theta(V_j X) = u_j q_j^{-m} X_j^{-2m} \theta(X) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, g$$

PROPOSITION I.2.3. *Let n, U_n and S_m be as above. Then each $R_{m,u}$ is a subspace of S_m of dimension $(2m)^g$ and $S_m = \bigoplus_{(u)} R_{m,u}$, $(u) \in U_n^g$.*

Proof. Let $T_i: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ be the operators of Theorem I.1.3. If $\theta \in R_{m,u}$ then $T_i(\theta) = u_i \theta$ and $T_i^n(\theta) = \theta$. By the proof of Theorem I.1.3, S_m is the subspace of \mathcal{L} fixed by the T_i^n , so $R_{m,u} \subset S_m$. Also the $R_{m,u}$ are just the subspaces of S_m corresponding to the various irreducible representations of the group T . So $S_m = \bigoplus_{(u)} R_{m,u}$. The proof that $\dim R_{m,u} = (2m)^g$ is similar to that of Theorem I.1.1. We omit it.

PROPOSITION I.2.4. *With the same notation as above, the elements of $R_{m,u}$ of pre-assigned n -parity have no common zero in G_g .*

Proof. Let $(r) = (r_1, \dots, r_g)$ be a given n -parity. Suppose $\theta \in R_n$ with trivial n -parity. By extending k we can get $C_j \in k^*$ such that

$$C_j^{2n} = \left(\prod_{t=1}^g \mathcal{A}_{j_t}^{r_t} \right) \cdot u_j^{-1} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, g.$$

If $(C) = (C_1, \dots, C_g)$, set $\varphi(X) = (\prod_{j=1}^g X_j^{r_j}) \cdot \theta(CX)$. Then $\varphi(V_j X) = (\prod_{t=1}^g \mathcal{A}_{j_t}^{r_t} X_t^{r_t}) q_j^{-n} (C_j X_j)^{-2n} \theta(CX)$ and it follows that $\varphi \in R_{n,u}$ with n -parity (r) .

The zeroes of φ are just translates of the zeroes of θ by C^{-1} . But, by Theorem I.2.2, the $\theta \in R_n$ with trivial n -parity have no common zero.

COROLLARY I.2.5. *If m is a multiple of n , the elements of $R_{m,u}$ of pre-assigned n -parity have no common zero in G_g .*

Proof. If (r) is the given n -parity and $x \in G_g$, choose $\theta_1 \in R_n$ with trivial n -parity such that $\theta_1(x) \neq 0$ and $\theta_2 \in R_{n,u}$ with n -parity (r) such that $\theta_2(x) \neq 0$. If $m = np$, $\theta_1^{p-1} \theta_2 \in R_{m,u}$ and has n -parity (r) .

The following simple lemma will be used to prove the finite generation of R .

LEMMA I.2.6. *Let M be a graded algebra over a field k . Assume: $M_m = 0$ for all negative m , M_m is finite dimensional over k for all m and there is a polynomial P such that $\dim M_m = P(m)$ for all large m . Then, if M_1 generates M_m for infinitely many m , it generates M_m for all large m .*

Proof. Let \tilde{M} be the subalgebra of M generated by M_1 and \tilde{P} be the Hilbert polynomial of \tilde{M}_m . By assumption, $M_m = \tilde{M}_m$ for infinitely many m . Thus P and \tilde{P} are equal at infinitely many m , $P = \tilde{P}$ and $\dim M_m = \dim \tilde{M}_m$ for large m .

Suppose now that we are in the situation of Proposition I.2.3 with $n = 2$. In other words, we assume that $\text{char. } k \neq 2$.

PROPOSITION I.2.7. *If $\text{char. } k \neq 2$ and $n = 2$, then S_1 generates S_m for all large m .*

Proof. It suffices to show that each $\theta \in S_{2t}$ is in $S_t \cdot S_t$. For then S_1 generates S_{2r} for all r and we can use Lemma I.2.6.

By Proposition I.2.3 we may assume $\theta \in R_{2t,u}$ for some $u \in U_2^g$, and that θ has a definite 2-parity. Choose $\theta_1 \in R_{2t,u}$ with the same 2-parity as θ so that $\theta_1(1) \neq 0$. (see Cor. I.2.5). Let $\varphi(X, Y) = \theta(XY)\theta_1(XY^{-1})$. It is easy to see that $\varphi \in R'_{4t}$. Since θ and θ_1 have the same 2-parity, φ is a power series in X_i^2, Y_i^2 and therefore is in $\alpha_2(S_t) \otimes \alpha_2(S_t)$, (cf. remark after Proposition I.1.2). Thus,

$$\varphi(X, X) = \theta_1(1)\theta(X^2) = \theta_1(1)\alpha_2(\theta) \in \alpha_2(S_t) \cdot \alpha_2(S_t); \quad \theta \in S_t \cdot S_t$$

and we are done.

THEOREM I.2.8. *If $\text{char. } k \neq 2$, $R_2(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ generates $R_{2m}(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ for all large m , and the graded subring $R_{(2)} = \bigoplus_0^\infty R_{2m}$ of the ring of theta functions is a finitely generated k -algebra.*

Proof. By extending k we may assume $\mathcal{A}_{ij} = b_{ij}^2$ with $b_{ij} \in k^*$ and $b_{ij} = b_{ji}$. Since $S_m(b_{ij}) = R_{2m}(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$, the first part comes from Prop. I.2.7, and the second part follows.

THEOREM I.2.9. *If $\text{char. } k \neq 2$, the ring R of theta functions is a finitely generated k -algebra.*

Proof. Since multiplication by a non-zero element of R_1 gives an isomorphism of the $R_{(2)}$ -module $\bigoplus_0^\infty R_{2m+1}$ with an ideal in $R_{(2)}$, $\bigoplus_0^\infty R_{2m+1}$ is a finite $R_{(2)}$ -module. So R is a finite $R_{(2)}$ -module and a finitely generated k -algebra.

We now treat the case of characteristic 2. More generally we suppose that $\text{char. } k \neq 3$. We take $n = 3$ and assume temporarily that $U_3 \subset k$.

PROPOSITION I.2.10. *With the assumptions above, S_1 generates S_m for all large m .*

Proof. As in the proof of Prop. I.2.7, it suffices to show that each $\theta \in S_{3t}$ is in $S_t \cdot S_t \cdot S_t$. We may assume that $\theta \in R_{3t,u}$ and has a definite 3-parity. Choose $\theta_1 \in R_{3t,u}$ with the same 3-parity as θ so that $\theta_1(1) \neq 0$. Choose $\theta_2 \in R_{3t}$ with trivial 3-parity so that $\theta_2(1) \neq 0$. Set

$$\varphi(X, Y, Z, T) = \theta(XYZ)\theta_1(XZ^{-1}T)\theta_1(XY^{-1}T^{-1})\theta_2(YZ^{-1}T^{-1}).$$

It is easily seen that $\varphi \in R''_{9t}$ and is a power series in $X_i^3, Y_i^3, Z_i^3, T_i^3$, so it lies in the image of $\alpha_3(S_t) \otimes \alpha_3(S_t) \otimes \alpha_3(S_t) \otimes \alpha_3(S_t)$. Then $\varphi(X, X, X, 1) = \theta_1^3(1)\theta_2(1)\theta(X^3)$ is in $\alpha_3(S_t) \cdot \alpha_3(S_t) \cdot \alpha_3(S_t)$ and so $\theta \in S_t \cdot S_t \cdot S_t$.

THEOREM I.2.11. *If $\text{char. } k \neq 3$ then $R_3(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ generates $R_{3m}(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ for all large m , and $\bigoplus_0^\infty R_{3m}$ is a finitely generated k -algebra.*

Proof. By extending k we may assume that $U_3 \subset k$ and that $\mathcal{A}_{ij} = b_{ij}^3$ with $b_{ij} \in k^*$ and $b_{ij} = b_{ji}$. Since $S_m(b_{ij}) = R_{3m}(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$, the result follows from Prop. I.2.10.

Imitating the proof of Theorem I.2.9, we have:

THEOREM I.2.12. *If $\text{char. } k \neq 3$, the ring R of theta functions is a finitely generated k -algebra.*

Finally, by Theorem I.2.9 and Theorem I.2.12, R is a finitely generated k -algebra no matter what the characteristic of the field k is.

§ I.3. The structure of $\text{Proj.}(R)$

Let R be the graded ring of theta functions associated with the matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) , let A denote the scheme $\text{Proj.}(R)$ and A_k the set of its k -valued points. Let Γ be the multiplicative subgroup of G_θ generated by the column vectors of (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) . In this section we show that A is an abelian variety of dimension g over k and construct a canonical homomorphism $\varphi: G_\theta/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$.

Let x be any element of G_θ . By Lemma I.2.1, there is a $\theta \in R_1$ such that $\theta(x) \neq 0$. Thus we have an evaluation homomorphism $\varphi_x: R_\theta \rightarrow k$ which induces a morphism $\varphi_x: \text{Spec.}(k) \rightarrow \text{Spec.}(R_\theta)$. This gives us a k -valued point P_x of A . P_x depends only on the class of x modulo Γ , and we have defined a function:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi: G_g/\Gamma &\rightarrow A_k \\ x &\rightarrow P_x.\end{aligned}$$

The following standard facts will be needed later on.

LEMMA I.3.1. *Let $N \subset M$ be graded rings with M integral over N . Then the open sets $\text{Spec.}(M_n)$, $n \in N_i$, $i > 0$, cover $\text{Proj.}(M)$ and the maps $\text{Spec.}(M_n) \rightarrow \text{Spec.}(N_n)$ piece together to give a morphism $\text{Proj.}(M) \rightarrow \text{Proj.}(N)$.*

LEMMA I.3.2. *Let M and N be graded algebras and $\varphi_1, \varphi_2: \text{Proj.}(M) \rightarrow \text{Proj.}(N)$ morphisms. Suppose further that φ_1 and φ_2 have the same restrictions to $\text{Spec.}(M_n)$ for some $n \in M_r$, $r > 0$, and M is a domain. Then $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$.*

We are now ready to interpret the results of the last two sections geometrically.

THEOREM I.3.3. *Let $\beta: R' \rightarrow R'$ be the map $\theta(X, Y) \rightarrow \theta(XY, XY^{-1})$. Then:*

- (1) *R' is integral over $\beta(R')$.*
- (2) *$A' = \text{Proj.}(R')$ is the scheme theoretic product $A \times A$ of A with itself over k .*
- (3) *β induces a morphism $\beta^*: A \times A \rightarrow A \times A$.*
- (4) *The map $A_k \times A_k \rightarrow A_k \times A_k$ induced by β^* takes (P_x, P_y) to $(P_{xy}, P_{xy^{-1}})$.*

Proof. Assertions (1) and (2) come from Propositions I.1.5 and I.1.4. Lemma I.3.1 and (1) give a morphism $A' \rightarrow A'$ induced by β . Since A' identifies with $A \times A$ we get the morphism β^* of (3), and (4) follows from the definition of β .

With the notations above let:

- 1) $m: A \times A \rightarrow A$ be the morphism $A \times A \xrightarrow{\beta^*} A \times A \xrightarrow{\pi_1} A$ where π_1 is projection on the first factor.
- 2) $-1_A: A \rightarrow A$ be the morphism induced by the automorphism $\theta(X) \rightarrow \theta(X^{-1})$ of R .
- 3) $O_A: A \rightarrow A$ be the morphism $A \rightarrow \text{Spec.}(k) \xrightarrow{e} A$ where e is the k -valued point $P_{(1, \dots, 1)}$.

THEOREM I.3.4. *With the operations defined above A is a commuta-*

tive group scheme over k . The map $\varphi: G_\theta/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ constructed at the beginning of this section is a group homomorphism.

Proof (In outline). To show that A is a commutative group scheme we must verify the commutativity of certain diagrams expressing the associative and commutative law, and the existence of a unit and inverse. For example, for associativity we must show that the morphisms $m \circ (\text{id}_A \times m)$ and $m \circ (m \times \text{id}_A)$ from $A \times A \times A \rightarrow A$ are the same. To do this we choose affine open subsets U and V on $A \times A \times A$ and A such that $m \circ (\text{id} \times m)$ and $m \circ (m \times \text{id})$ take U into V . An obvious but tedious calculation shows that the two induced maps $\Gamma(V) \rightarrow \Gamma(U)$ coincide and we apply Lemma I.3.2 (for a more detailed proof of a similar result see Theorem I.3.5). Finally, (4) of Theorem I.3.3 shows that $m: A_k \times A_k \rightarrow A_k$ takes (P_x, P_y) to P_{xy} : i.e. that $x \rightarrow P_x$ is a homomorphism.

THEOREM I.3.5. *For each $n > 0$ the map $\alpha_n^*: A \rightarrow A$ induced by α_n is just group scheme multiplication by n (which we will denote by n_A).*

Proof. Since R is integral over $\alpha_n(R)$, we get a morphism of schemes $\alpha_n^*: A \rightarrow A$. We show first that if θ and θ' are in R'_m then the pull-back of $\theta'/\theta \in \Gamma((A \times A)_\theta)$ under $\alpha_n^* \times \text{id}$ is $\theta'(X^n, X)/\theta(X^n, X)$, at least on some principal open subset U of $A_{\theta(X^n, X)}$.

To see this, take $\psi \neq 0$ in R_m . Since $R'_m = R_m \otimes R_m$, direct calculation shows that the pull-back of $\theta/\psi(X)\psi(Y)$ under $\alpha_n^* \times \text{id}$ is $\theta(X^n, X)/\psi(X^n)\psi(X)$. Since a similar formula holds for the pull-back of $\theta'/\psi(X)\psi(Y)$, we get our result where U is defined by $\psi(X^n)\psi(X)$.

The theorem can now be proved by induction on n . $n = 1$ is obvious. $(n + 1)_A$ is the composite map

$$\pi_1 \circ \beta^* \circ (n_A \times \text{id}): A \rightarrow A \times A \rightarrow A \times A \rightarrow A.$$

Fix $G \neq 0$ in R_1 and suppose $F \in R_m$. Then F/G^m in $\Gamma(A_\sigma)$ pulls back to $F(X)G(Y)^m/G(X)^mG(Y)^m$ under π_1 and this pulls back to $F(XY)G(XY^{-1})^m/G(XY)^mG(XY^{-1})^m$ under β^* . By induction, $(n_A \times \text{id}) = (\alpha_n^* \times \text{id})$. If we apply the result of the paragraph above with $\psi = G^{2m}$, we conclude that the pull-back of F/G^m under $(n + 1)_A = \pi_1 \circ \beta^* \circ (\alpha_n^* \times \text{id})$ is $F(X^{n+1})/G(X^{n+1})^m$ over the affine subset of A defined by $G(X^{n+1})G(X^{n-1})G(X^n)G(X)$. The theorem then follows from Lemma I.3.2 applied to the maps α_{n+1} and $(n + 1)_A$.

THEOREM I.3.6. *The scheme $A = \text{Proj.}(R)$ is an abelian variety of dimension g over k .*

Proof. From Theorem I.3.4, A has the structure of commutative group scheme over k . Since R is a finitely generated k -algebra and an integral domain, A is of finite type, reduced and irreducible. If L is a finite extension of k , let $R(L)$ be the graded L -algebra corresponding to the matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) over the field L . Then $R \otimes_k L \simeq R(L)$ and is a domain. Hence, A remains reduced and irreducible under finite extensions of k , and since it is projective, it is an abelian variety. Since $\dim R_m = (2m)^g$ for all $m > 0$, A has dimension g .

II

In this part we show that the map $\varphi: G_\theta/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ defined in § I.3 is an isomorphism provided the elements off the main diagonal of the matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) are units in the valuation ring \mathcal{O} . *Throughout part II we make this assumption on the \mathcal{A}_{ij} 's.* Note that $q_i = \mathcal{A}_{ii} \in \mathcal{M}$ because of positive definiteness.

§ II.1. The reduction of A

Let $R = \bigoplus_0^\infty R_m$ be the graded ring of theta functions associated to the matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) . If m is a positive integer, let $R_{m,\theta}$ denote the subspace of R_m consisting of Laurent series with coefficients in \mathcal{O} . The $2m$ -parity decomposition $R_m = \bigoplus_{(r)} R_m^{(r)}$, $r_j \in \mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z}$, induces a decomposition $R_{m,\theta} = \bigoplus_{(r)} R_{m,\theta}^{(r)}$ where $R_{m,\theta}^{(r)} = R_m^{(r)} \cap R_{m,\theta}$. Let $\bar{R}_m = R_{m,\theta} / \mathcal{M}R_{m,\theta}$, $\bar{R} = \bigoplus_0^\infty \bar{R}_m$. Then \bar{R}_m is a direct sum of 1-dimensional subspaces $\bar{R}_m^{(r)} = R_{m,\theta}^{(r)} / \mathcal{M}R_{m,\theta}^{(r)}$ over \bar{k} .

There is an obvious map $R_{m,\theta} \rightarrow \bar{k}[X_i, X_i^{-1}]$ given by $\sum \mathcal{A}_I X^I \rightarrow \sum \bar{\mathcal{A}}_I X^I$. The kernel is evidently $\mathcal{M} \cdot R_{m,\theta}$, so \bar{R}_m identifies with a subspace of $\bar{k}[X_i, X_i^{-1}]$. We now calculate what this subspace is. Rather than taking r_j to be elements of $\mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z}$ we shall take r_j to be integers with $-m < r_j \leq m$. Then, by Theorem I.1.1, every $\theta \in R_{m,\theta}$ may be written as $\sum b_I X^I$ where

$$b_I = \prod_{j=1}^g q_j^{t_j(m t_j + r_j)} \prod_{j>\ell} \mathcal{A}_{j\ell}^{i_\ell t_j + r_j t_\ell} \cdot b_{(r)}$$

where $b_{(r)} \in \mathcal{O}$, $I = (i_1, \dots, i_g)$ and $i_j = 2m t_j + r_j$.

Now each $\mathcal{A}_{j\ell}$ ($j \neq \ell$) has order 0. Also $t_j(mt_j + r_j) \geq 0$ and equality holds only when $t_j = 0$ or when $t_j = -1$ and $r_j = m$. Thus the reduction $\sum \bar{b}_I X^I$, of θ only involves monomials with $|i_j| \leq m$. In particular the monomials X^I appearing in a generator of $\bar{R}_m^{(r)}$ are just those for which the following conditions hold:

$$\begin{aligned} i_j &= r_j && \text{whenever } |r_j| < m \\ i_j &= \pm m && \text{whenever } r_j = m. \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION II.1.1. \bar{R}_2 generates \bar{R}_{2m} for all $m > 0$.

Proof. It suffices to show that $\bar{R}_1 \bar{R}_m = \bar{R}_{m+1}$ for all $m > 1$. If $\bar{R}_{m+1} = \bigoplus_{(r)} \bar{R}_{m+1}^{(r)}$ is the $2(m+1)$ -parity decomposition of \bar{R}_{m+1} it suffices to construct a non-zero element of $\bar{R}_1 \bar{R}_m$ of arbitrary $2(m+1)$ -parity $(r) = (r_1, \dots, r_\theta)$, $-(m+1) < r_j \leq (m+1)$. We argue by induction on $\sum |r_j|$, and define numbers c_j and d_j by:

$$\begin{aligned} c_j &= 0, \quad d_j = r_j && \text{if } |r_j| < m \\ c_j &= 1 && \text{if } r_j = m, -m, m+1 \\ d_j &= m-1, 1-m, m && \text{if } r_j = m, -m, m+1. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\bar{\theta}_c$ generate $\bar{R}_1^{(c)}$ and $\bar{\theta}_d$ generate $\bar{R}_m^{(d)}$. The monomials X^I appearing in $\bar{\theta}_c \bar{\theta}_d$ are just those for which:

$$\begin{aligned} i_j &= r_j && \text{whenever } |r_j| < m \\ i_j &= m \text{ or } m-2 && \text{whenever } r_j = m \\ i_j &= -m \text{ or } 2-m && \text{whenever } r_j = -m \\ i_j &= \pm(m+1) \text{ or } \pm(m-1) && \text{whenever } r_j = m+1. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, a generator $\bar{\theta}_r$ of $\bar{R}_{m+1}^{(r)}$ occurs as a component of $\bar{\theta}_c \bar{\theta}_d$. By induction it will suffice to show that every other $\bar{\theta}_s$ occurring in $\bar{\theta}_c \bar{\theta}_d$ has $\sum |s_j| < \sum |r_j|$. Now X^s must appear in $\bar{\theta}_c \bar{\theta}_d$. So by the above, either $s_j = r_j$, or $|r_j| \geq m$ and $s_j = \pm(m-2)$ or $\pm(m-1)$. If $(s) \neq (r)$, we are in this latter case for at least one index j . Since $m > 1$, $|m-2| < |m|$, $|s_j| < |r_j|$, $\sum |s_j| < \sum |r_j|$ and the proposition is proved.

The above result and Nakayama's Lemma show that $R_{2,\theta}$ generates $R_{2m,\theta}$ for all m . So the graded ring $R_{(2)} = \bigoplus_0^\infty R_{2m}$ is generated by R_2 . Let \hat{R}_2 be the space of linear maps $R_2 \rightarrow k$. Then we may identify A_k with a Zariski-closed subset of the projectification of \hat{R}_2 . The linear maps $i: R_2 \rightarrow k$ which correspond to points of A_k are those which can

be extended to k -algebra maps $R_{(2)} \rightarrow k$. If $x \in G_q$ then P_x corresponds to the evaluation map $\theta \rightarrow \theta(x)$.

For $P \in A_k$, the corresponding element of \hat{R}_2 will be denoted by i_P . We shall normalize i_P so that $i_P(R_{2,\theta}) = \mathcal{O}$. It is still, of course, only determined up to multiplication by a unit of \mathcal{O} .

We next define bases θ_α and λ_α , of $R_{2,\theta}$ and $R_{1,\theta}$, that we shall make constant use of. Namely, if $\alpha_j \in \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$ let θ_α be a generator of $R_{2,\theta}^{(\alpha)}$. If $\alpha_j \in \{0, 1\}$, let λ_α be a generator of $R_{1,\theta}^{(\alpha)}$. The monomials X^I appearing in $\bar{\theta}_\alpha$ are just those for which:

$$\begin{aligned} i_j &= \alpha_j & \text{whenever} & & \alpha_j &= 0, 1 \text{ or } -1 \\ i_j &= \pm 2 & \text{whenever} & & \alpha_j &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

The monomials X^I appearing in $\bar{\lambda}_\alpha$ are just those for which:

$$\begin{aligned} i_j &= 0 & \text{whenever} & & \alpha_j &= 0 \\ i_j &= \pm 1 & \text{whenever} & & \alpha_j &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

If $P \in A_k$, let $X_\alpha(P) = i_P(\theta_\alpha)$. The $X_\alpha(P)$ are projective coordinates for P . Since the θ_α are a basis for $R_{2,\theta}$ and i_P is normalized, the $X_\alpha(P)$ are in \mathcal{O} , but not all in \mathcal{M} .

Now let $\bar{A} = \text{Proj.}(\bar{R})$ and \bar{A}_k be the set of \bar{k} -valued points of \bar{A} . Since \bar{R}_2 generates $\bar{R}_{(2)}$ we may identify \bar{A}_k with a Zariski-closed subset of the projectification of \hat{R}_2 . Let $i_{\bar{P}}$ be the map corresponding to \bar{P} . For $\bar{P} \in \bar{A}_k$, $X_\alpha(\bar{P}) = i_{\bar{P}}(\bar{\theta}_\alpha)$ give projective coordinates for \bar{P} .

Each normalized $i_P: R_2 \rightarrow k$ gives by reduction a non-zero map $\bar{R}_2 \rightarrow \bar{k}$. Thus we get a reduction mapping $P \rightarrow \bar{P}$ from A_k to \bar{A}_k . If P has projective coordinates $\{X_\alpha(P)\}$, those of \bar{P} are $\{\bar{X}_\alpha(P)\}$.

§ II.2. A stratification on A

To simplify notation let $\theta_0 = \theta_{0,\dots,0}$ and $\theta_j = \theta_{0,\dots,\frac{1}{(j)},\dots,0}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, g$. We may assume that the reductions of $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_g$ are $1, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_g$ respectively. Let x_j denote the rational function $\bar{\theta}_j/\bar{\theta}_0$ $j = 1, 2, \dots, g$ on \bar{A} . Since $\bar{\theta}_\alpha$ is a polynomial in X_i and X_i^{-1} with coefficients in \bar{k} , the rational function $\bar{\theta}_\alpha/\bar{\theta}_0$ on \bar{A} is given by $\sum c_I x^I$, $c_I \in \bar{k}^*$ where the sum extends over all (i_1, \dots, i_g) such that

$$\begin{aligned} i_j &= \alpha_j & \text{if} & & \alpha_j &= 0, 1, \text{ or } -1 \\ i_j &= \pm 2 & \text{if} & & \alpha_j &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM II.2.1. *For each $\bar{P} \in \bar{A}_k$ there is a unique subset $S = S(\bar{P})$ of $\{1, 2, \dots, g\}$ such that:*

- (1) *if $\alpha^{-1}(2) = S$, then $X_\alpha(\bar{P}) \neq 0$*
 (2) *if $\alpha^{-1}(2) \not\supset S$, then $X_\alpha(\bar{P}) = 0$.*

Proof. The uniqueness of $S(\bar{P})$ is obvious. To prove the existence, let $(\mathcal{O}_v, \mathcal{M}_v)$ be a valuation ring dominating the local ring $(\mathcal{O}_{\bar{P}}, \mathcal{M}_{\bar{P}})$ of \bar{P} on \bar{A} . Let v be the order function attached to the ring \mathcal{O}_v .

With $x_j = \bar{\theta}_j/\bar{\theta}_0$, let $S = \{j: v(x_j) \neq 0\}$. Writing $\bar{\theta}_\alpha/\bar{\theta}_0$ as $\sum c_I x^I$ with $c_I \in \bar{k}^*$ we see:

$$(*) \quad v(c_I x^I) = \sum_{j=1}^g i_j v(x_j) \geq \sum_{j \in S} 2 \min. (v(x_j), v(x_j^{-1}))$$

$$(**) \quad v(\bar{\theta}_\alpha/\bar{\theta}_0) \geq \sum_{j \in S} 2 \min. (v(x_j), v(x_j^{-1})).$$

If $\alpha^{-1}(2) = S$, there is exactly one term x^I such that the equality in (*) holds, so strict equality holds in (**). Suppose now that for some α with $\alpha^{-1}(2) = S$, $X_\alpha(\bar{P}) = 0$. Let $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_g)$ be such that $X_\beta(\bar{P}) \neq 0$. Then the rational function $\bar{\theta}_\alpha/\bar{\theta}_\beta$ is in $\mathcal{M}_{\bar{P}} \subset \mathcal{M}_v$. Since $\alpha^{-1}(2) = S$, the above calculation shows that:

$$v(\bar{\theta}_\alpha/\bar{\theta}_\beta) = v(\bar{\theta}_\alpha/\bar{\theta}_0) - v(\bar{\theta}_\beta/\bar{\theta}_0) \leq 0$$

which is a contradiction, and (1) follows.

In order to prove (2), note that if $\alpha^{-1}(2) \not\supset S$, we have strict inequality in (**). Now let β be such that $\beta^{-1}(2) = S$. By (1), $X_\beta(\bar{P}) \neq 0$ and so the rational function $\bar{\theta}_\alpha/\bar{\theta}_\beta \in \mathcal{O}_{\bar{P}}$. Since $\alpha^{-1}(2) \not\supset S$, the above calculation shows that $v(\bar{\theta}_\alpha/\bar{\theta}_\beta) > 0$ and so $\bar{\theta}_\alpha/\bar{\theta}_\beta \in \mathcal{M}_v$. Therefore $\bar{\theta}_\alpha/\bar{\theta}_\beta \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{P}} = \mathcal{M}_v \cap \mathcal{O}_{\bar{P}}$ and (2) follows.

THEOREM II.2.2. *Let $i_{\bar{P}}: \bar{R}_2 \rightarrow \bar{k}$ be the map associated to $\bar{P} \in \bar{A}_k$ and let $S = S(\bar{P})$. Then:*

- (1) *$\alpha^{-1}(1) = S \Rightarrow i_{\bar{P}}(\bar{\lambda}_\alpha^2) \neq 0$*
 (2) *$\alpha^{-1}(1) \not\supset S \Rightarrow i_{\bar{P}}(\bar{\lambda}_\alpha^2) = 0$.*

Proof. $\bar{\lambda}_\alpha^2/\bar{\theta}_0 = (\sum d_I x^I)^2$, $d_I \in \bar{k}^*$ with $i_j = 0$ when $\alpha_j = 0$, $i_j = \pm 1$ when $\alpha_j = 1$, and $x_j = \bar{\theta}_j/\bar{\theta}_0$.

It follows that:

$$v(\bar{\lambda}_\alpha^2/\bar{\theta}_0) \geq \sum_{j \in S} 2 \min. (v(x_j), v(x_j^{-1}))$$

with equality if $\alpha^{-1}(1) = S$ and strict inequality if $\alpha^{-1}(1) \not\supset S$.

To prove (1) suppose $\alpha_i \in \{0, 1\}$ with $\alpha^{-1}(1) = S$. Choose $\beta_i \in \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$ so that $\beta^{-1}(2) = S$. By Th. II.2.1, $\bar{\lambda}_\alpha^2/\bar{\theta}_\beta \in \mathcal{O}_F$. Furthermore:

$$v(\bar{\lambda}_\alpha^2/\bar{\theta}_\beta) = v(\bar{\lambda}_\alpha^2/\bar{\theta}_0) - v(\bar{\theta}_\beta/\bar{\theta}_0) = 0.$$

Thus $\bar{\lambda}_\alpha^2/\bar{\theta}_\beta$ is a unit in $\mathcal{O}_{\bar{F}}$ and (1) follows.

Similarly, if $\alpha^{-1}(1) \not\supset S$, $\bar{\lambda}_\alpha^2/\bar{\theta}_\beta \in \mathcal{O}_{\bar{F}} \cap \mathcal{M}_v = \mathcal{M}_{\bar{F}}$ and (2) follows.

Suppose now $P \in A_k$ with reduction \bar{P} . By the support $S(P)$ of P we mean the set $S(\bar{P})$ of Theorem II.2.1. We conclude this section with some remarks which we will use constantly.

- (a) $P \in A_k$ has empty support if and only if $X_0(P)$ is a unit.
- (b) Suppose $y = (y_1, \dots, y_g) \in G_g$ with $|\text{ord. } y_j| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ord. } q_j$. Then $S(\varphi(y)) = \{j : \text{ord. } y_j \neq 0\}$
- (c) $\lambda_\alpha(X) = \sum b_I X^I$ where $i_j = 2t_j + \alpha_j$ and $\text{ord. } b_I = \sum_j t_j(t_j + \alpha_j) \text{ord. } q_j$
- (d) $\theta_\alpha(X) = \sum b_I X^I$ where $i_j = 4t_j + \alpha_j$ and $\text{ord. } b_I = \sum_j t_j(2t_j + \alpha_j) \text{ord. } q_j$.

(a) is immediate from the definitions of $S(P)$. We call such points unit points; in the next section we study them carefully. We get (c) and (d) by specifying m to be 1 or 2 in the remarks before Prop. II.1.1. To prove (b) we use:

LEMMA II.2.3. Let $0 \neq q \in \mathcal{M}$ and $y \in k^*$ with $|\text{ord. } y| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ord. } q$. Let $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$, $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ and set $s = t(t + \alpha) \text{ord. } q + (2t + \alpha) \text{ord. } y$. Then:

- (1) if $\alpha = 0$, $s \geq 0$
- (2) if $\alpha = 1$, $s \geq -|\text{ord. } y|$. For $\text{ord. } y > 0$ (respectively $\text{ord. } y < 0$) equality occurs if and only if $t = -1$ (respectively $t = 0$).

Proof. (1) is trivial. In order to prove (2) note that if $\text{ord. } y \geq 0$ then $s \geq (2(t + 1)^2 - 1) \text{ord. } y$, and if $\text{ord. } y < 0$, $s \geq (2t^2 - 1) |\text{ord. } y|$.

LEMMA II.2.4. Suppose $y = (y_1, \dots, y_g) \in G_g$ with $|\text{ord. } y_j| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ord. } q_j$. Let $S = \{j : \text{ord. } y_j \neq 0\}$. Suppose $\alpha_j \in \{0, 1\}$. Then:

$$(*) \quad \text{ord. } \lambda_\alpha(y) \geq -\sum_{j \in S} |\text{ord. } y_j|.$$

Furthermore, equality holds if $\alpha^{-1}(1) = S$ and inequality holds if $\alpha^{-1}(1) \not\supset S$.

Proof. By (c), $\lambda_\alpha(y) = \sum b_I y^I$ where

$$\text{ord. } (b_I y^I) = \sum_{j=1}^g s_j = \sum_{j=1}^g t_j(t_j + \alpha_j) \text{ord. } q_j + (2t_j + \alpha_j) \text{ord. } y_j .$$

So by Lemma II.2.3, $\text{ord. } (b_I y^I) \geq -\sum_{j \in S} |\text{ord. } y_j|$ giving (*). Suppose now that $\alpha^{-1}(1) = S$. Then there is precisely one monomial $b_I y^I$ in $\lambda_\alpha(y)$ such that $\text{ord. } (b_I y^I) = -\sum_{j \in S} |\text{ord. } y_j|$ (whenever $\text{ord. } y_j = 0, t_j = 0$. When $\text{ord. } y_j > 0, t_j = -1$ and when $\text{ord. } y_j < 0, t_j = 0$). Thus equality holds in (*). Finally, if $\alpha^{-1}(1) \not\subset S$, there is an index j such that $\alpha_j = 0$ and $\text{ord. } y_j \neq 0$. Then, $s_j \geq 0 > -|\text{ord. } y_j|$ and the last assertion follows.

Remark (b) is an immediate consequence of Lemma II.2.4 and Theorem II.2.2. (note that $i_P(\lambda_\alpha^2) = \lambda_\alpha(y)^2$ up to multiplication by a non-zero constant independent of α).

§ II.3. The unit points of A_k

Let U denote the multiplicative group of units of the ring \mathcal{O} and U_k be the set of unit points of A_k (i.e. points with empty support). In this section we show that φ induces a bijection $U^g \rightarrow U_k$. The injectivity of $\varphi: G_g/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ follows easily.

Let $P \in U_k$. We shall normalize the coordinates of P so that $X_0(P) = 1$. Then $X_\alpha(P) \in \mathcal{O}$ for all $\alpha: \{1, 2, \dots, g\} \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$. Furthermore, if $P \in A_k$ and α is such that $\alpha^{-1}(2) = \emptyset$, then $X_\alpha(P) \in U$. In particular $X_1(P), \dots, X_g(P)$ are in U . (here $X_j = X_{0, \dots, \frac{1}{(j)}, \dots, 0}$).

THEOREM II.3.1. *The restriction of the canonical map $\varphi: G_g/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ to U^g is a bijection of U^g with U_k .*

Proof. If $x \in U^g$, it follows from remark (b) of § II.2. that $\varphi(x) \in U_k$. In order to prove bijectivity, it is enough to show the following:

- (1) $\psi: U^g \rightarrow U^g; x \rightarrow (\theta_1(x)/\theta_0(x), \dots, \theta_g(x)/\theta_0(x))$ is 1-1 and onto.
- (2) Two unit points with the same values of X_1, \dots, X_g must be equal.

We proceed to prove (1) and (2). We may normalize the θ_i so that $\theta_0 = 1 + \dots$, and $\theta_j = X_j + \dots$. Then ψ is "close to the identity" so (1) is intuitively clear. To give a rigorous proof, suppose $u = (u_1, \dots, u_g) \in U^g$. Let $T: U^g \rightarrow U^g$ be the map $x \rightarrow x - \psi(x) + u$. It suffices to show that T has a unique fixed point.

Let $r = \min. (\text{ord. } q_j)$. If $x, y \in U^g$ set $\text{ord. } (x - y) = \min. \text{ord. } (x_j - y_j)$. We know that $\theta_0(X) = \sum C_I X^I$ where $i_j = 4t_j$ and $\text{ord. } C_I = \sum 2t_j^2 \text{ord. } q_j$. So if $I \neq (0, \dots, 0)$, $\text{ord. } C_I \geq r$. It follows that if $x, y \in U^g$:

$$(a) \quad \text{ord.}(\theta_0(x) - \theta_0(y)) \geq \text{ord.}(x - y) + r.$$

Let $\theta_j^*(X) = \theta_j(X) - X_j\theta_0(X)$. A similar calculation gives:

$$(b) \quad \text{ord.}(\theta_j^*(x) - \theta_j^*(y)) \geq \text{ord.}(x - y) + r.$$

Now the difference between the j 'th coordinate of $T(x)$ and of $T(y)$ is $\theta_j^*(x)/\theta_0(x) - \theta_j^*(y)/\theta_0(y)$. Using (a), (b) and the fact that $\theta_0(x)$ and $\theta_0(y)$ are units, we see that this has $\text{ord.} \geq \text{ord.}(x - y) + r$. So T is a contraction mapping. Since k is complete, so is U^q , and T has a unique fixed point.

To prove (2) note that for any α , $(\bar{\theta}_0)^{2g-1}(\prod_{i=1}^g (\bar{\theta}_i)^2)\bar{\theta}_\alpha$ is an element of \bar{R}_{8g} which only contains terms X^I with $0 \leq i_j \leq 4$. So we may write:

$$(\bar{\theta}_0)^{2g-1}\left(\prod_{i=1}^g (\bar{\theta}_i)^2\right)\bar{\theta}_\alpha = \bar{F}_\alpha(\bar{\theta}_0, \bar{\theta}_1, \dots, \bar{\theta}_g)$$

where \bar{F}_α is a homogeneous polynomial of degree $4g$ with coefficients in \bar{k} . Lift \bar{F}_α to a homogeneous F_α with coefficients in \mathcal{O} . Then $\theta_\alpha^{2g-1}(\prod_{i=1}^g \theta_i^2)\theta_\alpha$ and $F_\alpha(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_g)$ differ by an element of $\mathcal{M}R_{8g, \mathcal{O}}$. Since $R_{2, \mathcal{O}}$ generates $R_{8g, \mathcal{O}}$ we have:

$$\theta_0^{2g-1}\left(\prod_{i=1}^g \theta_i^2\right)\theta_\alpha = F_\alpha(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_g) + CG_\alpha(\theta_\beta)$$

where $C \in \mathcal{M}$ and may be taken independent of α , and each G_α has coefficients in \mathcal{O} . From this we deduce polynomial identities that hold on all A . Namely suppose $P \in A_k$ with $X_0(P) = 1$. Then:

$$(*) \quad \left(\prod_{i=1}^g X_i(P)^2\right)X_\alpha(P) = f_\alpha(X_1(P), \dots, X_g(P)) + Cg_\alpha(X_\beta(P))$$

where f_α, g_α have coefficients in \mathcal{O} . Suppose now that P and Q are unit points with $X_j(P) = X_j(Q)$. Then $X_\alpha(P)$ and $X_\alpha(Q)$ are in \mathcal{O} and each $X_j(P)$ is a unit. (*) and an easy induction show that $X_\alpha(P) \equiv X_\alpha(Q) \pmod{C^n}$ for all n . So $X_\alpha(P) = X_\alpha(Q)$ and $P = Q$.

THEOREM II.3.2. $\varphi: G_q/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ is injective.

Proof. Suppose $\varphi(x) = \varphi(1) = P$. Modifying x by an element of Γ we may assume $x = (x_1, \dots, x_g)$ with $|\text{ord. } x_j| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ord. } q_j$. Now P is a unit point. So by remark (b) of § II.2 each $\text{ord. } x_j = 0$ and $x \in U^q$. By the theorem above, $x = 1$.

§ II.4. An addition formula

THEOREM II.4.1. *Suppose $Q, R \in A_k$ with disjoint supports. Then $S(QR) = S(Q) \cup S(R)$.*

The proof of this result will occupy the rest of this section. It is based on an *addition formula*, Theorem II.4.6, which plays a central role in this paper. Recall that A' is the abelian variety attached to the $2g \times 2g$ matrix with two copies of (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) down its diagonal and ones elsewhere. We identify $\{1, 2, \dots, 2g\}$ with the disjoint union of two copies of $\{1, 2, \dots, g\}$ in the obvious way. Then a map $\alpha: \{1, 2, \dots, 2g\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ may be thought of as a pair of maps β and $\gamma: \{1, 2, \dots, g\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. Under the identification of R'_1 with $R_1 \otimes R_1$, $\lambda_\alpha(X, Y)$ corresponds to $\lambda_\beta(X)\lambda_\gamma(Y)$, and similarly for R'_2 and $\theta_\alpha(X, Y)$. If $P \in A'_k$, $S(P)$ may be thought of as a subset of the disjoint union of two copies of $\{1, 2, \dots, g\}$. On the other hand P identifies with some $(Q, R) \in A_k \times A_k$ and we have:

LEMMA II.4.2. *$S(P)$ is the disjoint union of $S(Q)$ in the first copy of $\{1, 2, \dots, g\}$ and $S(R)$ in the second.*

Proof. $i_P(\lambda_{\beta, \gamma}(X, Y)) = i_Q(\lambda_\beta) i_R(\lambda_\gamma)$. The result follows easily from Theorem II.2.2. applied to A' .

LEMMA II.4.3. *Let $Q, R \in A_k$. Suppose there is a subset S of $\{1, 2, \dots, g\}$ such that*

$$\text{ord. } i_{(Q, R)}(\lambda_\beta(XY)\lambda_\gamma(XY^{-1})) \geq 0$$

for all $\beta, \gamma: \{1, 2, \dots, g\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, with equality if $\beta^{-1}(1) = \gamma^{-1}(1) = S$ and inequality if $\beta^{-1}(1) \not\supset S$ or $\gamma^{-1}(1) \not\supset S$. Then $S(QR) = S$.

Proof. $i_{(QR, QR^{-1})}(\lambda_\beta(X)\lambda_\gamma(Y)) = i_{(Q, R)}(\lambda_\beta(XY)\lambda_\gamma(XY^{-1}))$. So if the hypotheses of the lemma hold, Theorem II.2.2 applied to A' shows that the support of (QR, QR^{-1}) is the disjoint union of two copies of S . By Lemma II.4.2, $S(QR) = S(QR^{-1}) = S$.

LEMMA II.4.4. *Suppose the monomial $X^\delta Y^\eta$ appears in $\lambda_\beta(XY) \cdot \lambda_\gamma(XY^{-1})$. Then:*

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} \text{whenever } \beta_j = \gamma_j \text{ both } \delta_j \text{ and } \eta_j \text{ are even} \\ \text{whenever } \beta_j \neq \gamma_j \text{ both } \delta_j \text{ and } \eta_j \text{ are odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{whenever } \gamma_j = 0, \delta_j \equiv \eta_j \pmod{4} \\ \text{whenever } \gamma_j = 1, \delta_j \not\equiv \eta_j \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Proof. $\lambda_\beta(XY)\lambda_\gamma(XY^{-1})$ is a sum of monomials of the form $X^{m+n}Y^{m-n}$ with $m_j \equiv \beta_j \pmod{2}$ and $n_j \equiv \gamma_j \pmod{2}$. The result follows.

LEMMA II.4.5. Suppose we are given $\beta_j, \gamma_j, \delta_j, \eta_j$ such that β_j and γ_j are in $\{0, 1\}$, δ_j and η_j are in $\{0, \pm 1, 2\}$, and (*) of Lemma II.4.4 is satisfied. Then the coefficient of $X^\delta Y^\eta$ in $\lambda_\beta(XY)\lambda_\gamma(XY^{-1})$ is (unit) $(\prod_j q_j)$ where j runs over all indices such that $\delta_j = \eta_j = 2$.

Proof. Let $\lambda_\beta(X) = \sum b_I X^I$ and $\lambda_\gamma(X) = \sum C_J X^J$. The coefficient we are studying is just $b_{(\delta+\eta)/2} C_{(\delta-\eta)/2}$. (*) shows that $(\delta_j + \eta_j)/2 \equiv \beta_j \pmod{2}$, and that $(\delta_j - \eta_j)/2 \equiv \gamma_j \pmod{2}$. Also $(\delta_j + \eta_j)/2$ and $(\delta_j - \eta_j)/2$ are both in $\{0, \pm 1\}$ except for the single exceptional case $\delta_j = \eta_j = (\delta_j + \eta_j)/2 = 2$. The result now follows from remark (c) of § II.2.

THEOREM II.4.6. $\lambda_\beta(XY)\lambda_\gamma(XY^{-1}) = \sum_{\delta, \eta} C_{\delta, \eta} \theta_\delta(X) \theta_\eta(Y)$. Here δ and η range over all maps $\{1, \dots, g\} \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1, 2\}$ satisfying (a) and (b) below, and $C_{\delta, \eta} = (\text{unit}) (\prod_j q_j)$, the product ranging over all j such that $\delta_j = \eta_j = 2$.

- (a) whenever $\beta_j = \gamma_j$ then δ_j and η_j are in $\{0, 2\}$. They are equal when $\gamma_j = 0$ and unequal when $\gamma_j = 1$.
- (b) whenever $\beta_j \neq \gamma_j$ then δ_j and η_j are in $\{-1, 1\}$. They are equal when $\gamma_j = 0$ and unequal when $\gamma_j = 1$.

Proof. $\lambda_\beta(XY)\lambda_\gamma(XY^{-1}) \in R'_2$ and so may be written as $\sum_{\delta, \eta} C_{\delta, \eta} \theta_\delta(X) \cdot \theta_\eta(Y)$. Lemma II.4.4 shows that only δ and η satisfying (a) and (b) can occur in this decomposition. Comparing coefficients of $X^\delta Y^\eta$ and using Lemma II.4.5 we get the result.

Taking every β_j and γ_j equal to 1 in Theorem II.4.6 we get:

THEOREM II.4.7.

$$\lambda_{1, \dots, 1}(XY) \lambda_{1, \dots, 1}(XY^{-1}) = \sum_\alpha C_\alpha \theta_{2-\alpha}(X) \theta_\alpha(Y)$$

where α ranges over all maps $\{1, 2, \dots, g\} \rightarrow \{0, 2\}$ and the C_α are units.

We now prove Theorem II.4.1. Suppose $S(Q) \cap S(R) = \emptyset$, and let $S = S(Q) \cup S(R)$. It suffices to show that the hypotheses of Lemma II.4.3 are satisfied. So, by Theorem II.4.6 we must show that $\sum C_{\delta, \eta} X_\delta(Q) X_\eta(R)$

is a unit when $\beta^{-1}(1) = \gamma^{-1}(1) = S$ and is in \mathcal{M} when $\beta^{-1}(1) \not\supset S$ or $\gamma^{-1}(1) \not\supset S$.

Suppose first that $\beta^{-1}(1) = \gamma^{-1}(1) = S$. For $j \in S(Q)$ let $\delta_j = 2$ and $\eta_j = 0$, for $j \in S(R)$ let $\delta_j = 0$ and $\eta_j = 2$ and for $j \notin S$ let $\delta_j = \eta_j = 0$. Then δ, η satisfy the conditions of Theorem II.4.6 and $C_{\delta, \eta} X_\delta(Q) X_\eta(R)$ is a unit. Suppose we have any pair δ, η appearing in the expansion of $\lambda_\beta(XY) \lambda_\gamma(XY^{-1})$. If $X_\delta(Q)$ is to be a unit we must have $\delta_j = 2$ (and $\eta_j = 0$) for $j \in S(Q)$. If $X_\eta(R)$ is a unit, $\eta_j = 2$ (and $\delta_j = 0$) for $j \in S(R)$. Finally if $C_{\delta, \eta}$ is a unit, $\delta_j = \eta_j = 0$ for $j \notin S$. So $C_{\delta, \eta} X_\delta(Q) X_\eta(R)$ is a unit for a single pair and $\sum C_{\delta, \eta} X_\delta(Q) X_\eta(R)$ is a unit.

Suppose next that $\beta^{-1}(1) \not\supset S$. Take an index $j \in S$ such that $\beta_j = 0$. If $\gamma_j = 1$ then δ_j and η_j are in $\{\pm 1\}$ and $X_\delta(Q) X_\eta(R) \in \mathcal{M}$. If $\gamma_j = 0$ then either $\delta_j = \eta_j = 0$ so that $X_\delta(Q) X_\eta(R) \in \mathcal{M}$, or $\delta_j = \eta_j = 2$ so that $C_{\delta, \eta} \in \mathcal{M}$. Thus $\sum C_{\delta, \eta} X_\delta(Q) X_\eta(R) \in \mathcal{M}$. We argue similarly if $\gamma^{-1}(1) \not\supset S$.

§ II.5. The function θ_P

Let $P \in A_k$. Then $i_P: R_2 \rightarrow k$ induces a map $i_P \otimes 1: R'_2 = R_2 \otimes R_2 \rightarrow R_2$. If $\theta \in R'_2$ its image under $i_P \otimes 1$ is denoted by $(\theta|X = P)$. If $P = \varphi(x)$, then $(\theta(X, Y)|X = P)$ is just the Laurent series $\theta(x, Y)$.

We abbreviate $\lambda_{1, \dots, 1}$ to λ_1 and let ψ be the element $\lambda_1(XY) \lambda_1(XY^{-1})$ of R'_2 . For $P \in A_k$ let $\theta_P = (\psi|X = P)$. θ_P , like i_P , is determined up to multiplication by a unit in \mathcal{O} .

If $\theta \in R_2$ and $Q \in A_k$ we say that $\theta(Q) = 0$ if $i_Q(\theta) = 0$. Note that $\theta(\varphi(x)) = 0$ if and only if $\theta(x) = 0$. We shall need a simple result, Proposition II.5.2, concerning the zeroes of θ_P , which follows from:

LEMMA II.5.1. $\theta_P(Q) = 0$ if and only if either $\lambda_1^2(PQ) = 0$ or $\lambda_1^2(PQ^{-1}) = 0$.

Proof. (P, Q) and (PQ, PQ^{-1}) are in $A'_k = A_k \times A_k$ and so give homomorphisms $R'_{(2)} \rightarrow k$. $i_{(P, Q)} = i_P \otimes i_Q$ and $i_{(PQ, PQ^{-1})} \theta(X, Y) = i_{(P, Q)} \theta(XY, XY^{-1})$.

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} i_{PQ}(\lambda_1^2) i_{PQ^{-1}}(\lambda_1^2) &= i_{(PQ, PQ^{-1})}(\lambda_1(X)^2 \lambda_1(Y)^2) \\ &= i_{(P, Q)}(\psi^2) = (i_P \otimes i_Q)(\psi^2) = i_Q(\theta_P^2) \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows.

PROPOSITION II.5.2. *Suppose $P, Q, R \in A_k$ and $\theta_P(R) = 0$. Then, either $\theta_{PQ^{-1}}(QR) = 0$ or $\theta_{PQ}((QR)^{-1}) = 0$.*

We next study the Laurent expansion of θ_P .

PROPOSITION II.5.3. *$\theta_P = \sum C_\alpha X_{2-\alpha}(P) \theta_\alpha$ where α ranges over all maps $\{1, 2, \dots, g\} \rightarrow \{0, 2\}$ and each C_α is a unit.*

Proof. Apply $i_P \otimes 1$ to both sides of Theorem II.4.7.

PROPOSITION II.5.4. *The reduction of $\theta_P(Y)$ is a non-zero polynomial in Y_j and Y_j^{-1} ($1 \leq j \leq g$), which does not involve Y_j or Y_j^{-1} if $j \in S(P)$.*

Proof. If $\alpha: \{1, 2, \dots, g\} \rightarrow \{0, 2\}$ is chosen so that $\alpha^{-1}(0) = S(P)$, then $X_{2-\alpha}(P)$ is a unit. So by Proposition II.5.3 $\bar{\theta}_P \neq 0$. Suppose now $j \in S(P)$. Then, if $\alpha_j = 0$, $\bar{\theta}_\alpha$ does not involve Y_j or Y_j^{-1} while if $\alpha_j = 2$, $X_{2-\alpha}(P) \in \mathcal{M}$. The result follows.

§ II.6. The decomposition theorem

Throughout this section we assume k algebraically closed. Our goal is the following “decomposition theorem”: Suppose $P \in A_k$. Then $P = QR$ where $Q = \varphi(z, 1, \dots, 1)$ for some $z \in k^*$ and $1 \notin S(R)$. We begin the proof with a criterion which guarantees that $1 \notin S(R)$. Suppose $R \in A_k$ and $(\bar{u}_2, \dots, \bar{u}_g) \in (\bar{k}^*)^{g-1}$. We say that $(\bar{u}_2, \dots, \bar{u}_g)$ is in \bar{N}_R if there exists $u = (u_1, \dots, u_g) \in U^g$ such that u_i lifts \bar{u}_i for $i > 1$, and $\theta_R(u) = 0$.

PROPOSITION II.6.1. *If $1 \in S(R)$, then \bar{N}_R is contained in a proper Zariski-closed subset of $(\bar{k}^*)^{g-1}$.*

Proof. Let $\bar{\theta}_R$ be the reduction of θ_R . By Proposition II.5.4, $\bar{\theta}_R$ is a non-zero polynomial in Y_j and Y_j^{-1} for $j > 1$. If $(\bar{u}_2, \dots, \bar{u}_g) \in \bar{N}_R$ then $\bar{\theta}_R(\bar{u}_2, \dots, \bar{u}_g) = 0$.

We next derive some simple results on the zeroes of power series and Laurent series in one variable.

LEMMA II.6.2. *Suppose $H(X) = \sum_0^\infty \mathcal{A}_i X^i \in \mathcal{O}[[X]]$ with $\bar{H} \neq 0$ and $\mathcal{A}_0 \in \mathcal{M}$. Then there exists an $x \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $H(x) = 0$.*

Proof. Let s be the smallest index such that \mathcal{A}_s is a unit. By the Weierstrass Preparation Theorem, $H(X) = G \cdot (X^s - \sum_0^{s-1} C_i X^i)$ where G is a unit in $\mathcal{O}[[X]]$ and each $C_i \in \mathcal{M}$. Now k is algebraically closed and

x may be taken to be any root of $X^s - \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} C_i X^i$.

LEMMA II.6.3. *Let \mathcal{L}_\circ be the ring of everywhere convergent Laurent series, $\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_i X^i$, with $\mathcal{A}_i \in \mathcal{O}$. Suppose $G \in \mathcal{L}_\circ$ with $\bar{G} \neq 0$. Then any root \bar{x} of \bar{G} in \bar{k}^* lifts to a root of G in U .*

Proof. Let $x \in U$ be any lifting of \bar{x} . Replacing G by $G(xX)$ we may assume $\bar{x} = 1$. Let $\psi: \mathcal{L}_\circ \rightarrow \mathcal{O}[[Y]]$ be the homomorphism mapping X on $1 - Y$, and $H = \psi(G)$. Then $\bar{H} = \bar{G}(1 - Y) \neq 0$, and $\bar{H}(0) = 0$. By the lemma above, $H(y) = 0$ for some $y \in \mathcal{M}$, and $G(1 - y) = 0$.

The next result requires some notation. Suppose G is an everywhere convergent Laurent series in X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n and $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in U^n$. Let G_u be the 1-variable Laurent series $G(X, u_1, \dots, u_n)$. If $g(X) = \sum b_I X^I$ is an everywhere convergent Laurent series let $\text{ord. } g = \min. (\text{ord. } b_I)$. Finally if \bar{g} is a polynomial over \bar{k} in X_j and $X_j^{-1} (1 \leq j \leq n)$ let $(U^n)_{\bar{g}} = \{u \in U^n: \bar{g}(\bar{u}) \neq 0\}$.

LEMMA II.6.4. *Suppose G is an everywhere convergent Laurent series in X_0, \dots, X_n . Write $G = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} g_i(X_1, \dots, X_n) X_0^i$ and suppose that for at least two indices i , $g_i \neq 0$. Then there exists a real number r and a $\bar{g} \neq 0$ such that whenever $u \in (U^n)_{\bar{g}}$ there exists a $y \in k^*$ with $G_u(y) = 0$ and $\text{ord. } y = r$.*

Proof. Let $d_i = \text{ord. } g_i$. We may assume $\min. d_i = 0$. Multiplying G by a power of X_0 and replacing X_0 by X_0^{-1} if necessary we may assume that $d_0 = 0$ and that $d_j \neq \infty$ for some positive j . Suppose first that $d_j = 0$ for some $j > 0$. Take $r = 0$ and $\bar{g} = \bar{g}_0 \bar{g}_j$. Then if $u \in (U^n)_{\bar{g}}$, $g_0(u)$ and $g_j(u)$ are units. So $G_u = \sum g_i(u) X^i$ has at least two unit coefficients, \bar{G}_u has a root in \bar{k}^* and G_u has a root with $\text{ord.} = 0$ by Lemma II.6.3. In general note that $d_i/i \rightarrow \infty$ with i . Let $r = -\min_{i>0} d_i/i$ and choose $C \in k^*$ with $\text{ord. } C = r$. Replacing G by $G(CX_0, X_1, \dots, X_n)$ we reduce to the previously handled case.

We apply the above result to θ_P , where P is a given element of A_k .

PROPOSITION II.6.5. *There exists a real number r and an $\bar{h} \neq 0$ such that whenever $(u_2, \dots, u_g) \in U^{g-1}$ with $\bar{h}(\bar{u}_2, \dots, \bar{u}_g) \neq 0$, then there exists a $y \in k^*$ with $\theta_P(y, u_2, \dots, u_g) = 0$ and $\text{ord. } y = r$.*

Proof. $\theta_P = \sum C_\alpha X_{2-\alpha}(P) \theta_\alpha$ and the $C_\alpha X_{2-\alpha}(P)$ do not all vanish. So

if we write $\theta_P(X) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_i(X_2, \dots, X_g)X_1^i$ we find that $h_i \neq 0$ for all i in some congruence class mod. 4. Now apply Lemma II.6.4.

THEOREM II.6.6. *Suppose $P \in A_k$ with $1 \in S(P)$. Then $P = QR$ where $Q = \varphi(z, 1, \dots, 1)$ for some $z \in k^*$, and $1 \notin S(R)$.*

Proof. Take r and \bar{h} as in Proposition II.6.5. Choose $z \in k^*$ with $\text{ord. } z = -r$ and set $Q = \varphi(z, 1, \dots, 1)$. Suppose that $\bar{u} = (\bar{u}_2, \dots, \bar{u}_g) \in (\bar{k}^*)^{g-1}$ and $\bar{h}(\bar{u}) \neq 0$. We shall show that \bar{u} is either in $\bar{N}_{PQ^{-1}}$ or in $(\bar{N}_{PQ})^{-1}$. It will follow from this that either $\bar{N}_{PQ^{-1}}$ or \bar{N}_{PQ} is Zariski-dense. Replacing z by z^{-1} if necessary we can assume $\bar{N}_{PQ^{-1}}$ is dense. By Proposition II.6.1, $1 \notin S(PQ^{-1})$. Since $P = Q(PQ^{-1})$, the theorem will follow.

To show that \bar{u} is either in $\bar{N}_{PQ^{-1}}$ or in $(\bar{N}_{PQ})^{-1}$ lift it to (u_2, \dots, u_g) in U^{g-1} and choose y as in Proposition II.6.5. Set $R = \varphi(y, u_2, \dots, u_g)$. Then $\theta_P(R) = 0$. Now, since $\text{ord. } z = -r$, (yz, u_2, \dots, u_g) is in U^g and its image under φ is QR . Since $\theta_P(R) = 0$, Proposition II.5.2, shows that $\theta_{PQ^{-1}}(QR) = 0$ or $\theta_{PQ}((QR)^{-1}) = 0$. In the first case $\bar{u} \in \bar{N}_{PQ^{-1}}$, in the second case $(\bar{u})^{-1} \in \bar{N}_{PQ}$.

THEOREM II.6.7. *In the situation of Theorem II.6.6, $S(Q) = \{1\}$ and $S(R) = S(P) - \{1\}$.*

Proof. Q and R have disjoint supports so we may apply Theorem II.4.1.

§ II.7. φ is surjective

THEOREM II.7.1. *Suppose k is algebraically closed. Then $\varphi: G_g/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ is surjective.*

Proof. Suppose $P \in A_k$. We show that $P \in \text{Im}(\varphi)$ arguing by induction on the cardinality of $S(P)$. If $S(P) = \emptyset$, Theorem II.3.1 shows that $P \in \varphi(U^g)$. If $S(P) \neq \emptyset$ we may assume $1 \in S(P)$. Since k is algebraically closed we may write $P = QR$ as in Theorem II.6.6. Theorem II.6.7 and induction conclude the proof.

We next show how to eliminate the hypothesis of algebraic closure.

LEMMA II.7.2. *Let $0 \neq q \in \mathcal{M}$ and $y \in k^*$ with $|\text{ord. } y| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ord. } q$. Suppose $\alpha \in \{0, \pm 1, 2\}$, $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $s = t(2t + \alpha) \text{ord. } q + (4t + \alpha) \text{ord. } y$. Then:*

- (1) if $\alpha = 0$, $s \geq 0$

- (2) if $\alpha = \pm 1$, $s \geq -|\text{ord. } y|$. If $\alpha = -1$ and $\text{ord. } y > 0$, or if $\alpha = 1$ and $\text{ord. } y < 0$ equality occurs only when $t = 0$.
- (3) if $\alpha = 2$, $s \geq -2|\text{ord. } y|$. For $\text{ord. } y > 0$ equality occurs only when $t = -1$. For $\text{ord. } y < 0$, equality occurs only when $t = 0$.

Proof. (1) is clear. To prove (2) and (3) note that $t(2t + \alpha) \geq 0$. Thus the results hold if $\text{ord. } y = 0$. If $\text{ord. } y > 0$, $s \geq (2t(2t + \alpha) + (4t + \alpha)) \text{ord. } y$, while if $\text{ord. } y < 0$, $s \geq (2t(2t + \alpha) - (4t + \alpha))|\text{ord. } y|$. The calculation is now straightforward.

LEMMA II.7.3. Suppose $y = (y_1, \dots, y_g) \in G_g$ with $|\text{ord. } y_j| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ord. } q_j$. Let $S = \{j : \text{ord. } y_j \neq 0\}$. Let $\alpha : \{1, 2, \dots, g\} \rightarrow \{0, 2\}$ be the map such that $\alpha^{-1}(2) = S$. Then $\text{ord. } \theta_\alpha(y) = -2 \sum_{j \in S} |\text{ord. } y_j|$.

Proof. By (d) of § II.2, $\theta_\alpha(y) = \sum b_I y^I$ where

$$\text{ord. } (b_I y^I) = \sum_{j=1}^g s_j = \sum_{j=1}^g (t_j(2t_j + \alpha_j) \text{ord. } q_j + (4t_j + \alpha_j) \text{ord. } y_j) .$$

By Lemma II.7.2, $s_j \geq -2|\text{ord. } y_j|$ for $j \in S$. Thus $\text{ord. } (b_I y^I) \geq -2 \sum_{j \in S} |\text{ord. } y_j|$. Also if equality is to hold we must have $t_j = 0$ for $j \notin S$, $t_j = -1$ when $\text{ord. } y_j > 0$, and $t_j = 0$ when $\text{ord. } y_j < 0$. So there is only one monomial for which equality holds, and the lemma follows.

LEMMA II.7.4. Situation as in Lemma II.7.3. Suppose $\text{ord. } y_1 \neq 0$. Define $\beta_j \in \{0, \pm 1, 2\}$ by setting $\beta_j = \alpha_j$ if $j > 1$, $\beta_1 = -1$ if $\text{ord. } y_1 > 0$ and $\beta_1 = 1$ if $\text{ord. } y_1 < 0$. Then $\text{ord. } \theta_\beta(y) = |\text{ord. } y_1| - 2 \sum_{j \in S} |\text{ord. } y_j|$.

Proof. Entirely similar to that of Lemma II.7.3.

THEOREM II.7.5. $\varphi : G_g/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ is bijective.

Proof. Theorem II.3.2 shows that φ is 1:1. To prove onto-ness suppose $P \in A_k$. Let L be a complete algebraically closed extension of k . By Theorem II.7.1 there is a $y = (y_1, \dots, y_g) \in (L^*)^g$ with $\varphi(y) = P$, and we may assume $|\text{ord. } y_j| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ord. } q_j$. Suppose $\text{ord. } y_1 \neq 0$. Define α and β as in Lemmas II.7.2 and II.7.3. Then

$$|\text{ord. } y_1| = \text{ord. } \theta_\beta(y) - \text{ord. } \theta_\alpha(y) = \text{ord. } (X_\beta(P)/X_\alpha(P)) .$$

In particular there exists an $x_1 \in k^*$ such that $\text{ord. } x_1 = \text{ord. } y_1$. Similarly choose $x_j \in k^*$ so that $\text{ord. } x_j = \text{ord. } y_j$ and let $x = (x_1, \dots, x_g)$. Then

$yx^{-1} \in U_L^q$, so $\varphi(yx^{-1})$ is a unit point. Since $\varphi(yx^{-1}) = P\varphi(x^{-1})$ it is in A_k . Thus $P\varphi(x^{-1}) \in \varphi(U_k^q)$ and $P \in \varphi(G_q)$.

III

In this part we show that the map $\varphi: G_q/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ is bijective assuming only that the matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) is such that each ord. \mathcal{A}_{ij} is rational. We do this by reducing to the diagonal case (cf. § II).

§ III.1. Isogenies

Let (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) be a $g \times g$ matrix with entries in k^* satisfying the Riemann conditions (i.e. (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) is symmetric and (ord. \mathcal{A}_{ij}) is positive definite). Let $S = (s_{ij})$ and $T = (t_{ij})$ be $g \times g$ matrices over Z such that $S \cdot T = nI$, $n \neq 0$ and let

$$b_{ij} = \prod_{k, \ell} \mathcal{A}_{k\ell}^{s_{ik}t_{j\ell}}$$

It is readily seen that the matrix (b_{ij}) also satisfies the Riemann conditions. Attached to the matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) are the period vectors V_i , the group Γ , the graded ring $R(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ of theta functions, the abelian variety A and the map $\varphi: G_q/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$; similarly attached to (b_{ij}) we have W_i , Γ' , $R(b_{ij})$, B and $\varphi': G_q/\Gamma' \rightarrow B_k$.

The following identities are obvious:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \prod_j b_{ij}^{trj} = \prod_j \mathcal{A}_{rj}^{ns_{ij}} \\ (2) \quad & \prod_{i,j} b_{ij}^{tristj} = \mathcal{A}_{rr}^{n^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2: G_q \rightarrow G_q$ be the maps defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1(x) &= (y_1^n, \dots, y_g^n) \quad \text{where} \quad y_i = \prod_j x_j^{s_{ij}} \\ \lambda_2(x) &= (z_1, \dots, z_g) \quad \text{where} \quad z_i = \prod_j x_j^{t_{ij}}. \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION III.1.1. λ_1 maps Γ into Γ' , λ_2 maps Γ' into Γ and the composition in either order is the map $x \rightarrow x^{n^2}$.

Proof. The image of V_r under λ_1 is the vector whose i -th component is $\prod_j \mathcal{A}_{rj}^{ns_{ij}} = \prod_j b_{ij}^{trj}$. But this is just the vector $\prod_j W_j^{trj}$. Similarly $\lambda_2(W_r) = \prod_j V_j^{ns_{rj}}$. The last assertion is obvious.

For $\theta \in \mathcal{L}$ let $\psi_1(X) = \theta(Y_1^n, \dots, Y_g^n)$ where $Y_i = \prod_j X_j^{s_{ij}}$ and $\psi_2(X) = \theta(Z_1, \dots, Z_g)$ where $Z_i = \prod_j X_j^{t_{ij}}$.

PROPOSITION III.1.2. *If $\theta \in R_m(b_{ij})$ then $\psi_1 \in R_{mn^2}(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$. If $\theta \in R_m(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ then $\psi_2 \in R_{mn^2}(b_{ij})$. Consequently $\theta \rightarrow \psi_1$ (resp. $\theta \rightarrow \psi_2$) gives a graded homomorphism of degree $n^2\mu_1: R(b_{ij}) \rightarrow R(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ (resp. $\mu_2: R(\mathcal{A}_{ij}) \rightarrow R(b_{ij})$), and the composition (in either order) is the map $\alpha_{n^2}: \theta(X) \rightarrow \theta(X^{n^2})$.*

Proof. $\psi_1(V_r X) = \theta(Z_1^n, \dots, Z_g^n)$ where $Z_i = \prod_j (\mathcal{A}_{rj} X_j)^{s_{ij}}$. It follows from (1) above that $Z_i^n = (\prod_j b_{ij}^{t_{rj}}) Y_i^n$ and thus

$$(Z_1^n, \dots, Z_g^n) = \left(\prod_j W_j^{t_{rj}} \right) (Y_1^n, \dots, Y_g^n).$$

Since $\theta \in R_m(b_{ij})$,

$$\psi_1(V_r X) = \left(\prod_{i,j} b_{ij}^{t_{rj}} \right)^{-m} \left(\prod_i Y_i^{-2mnt_{ri}} \right) \psi_1(X).$$

By (2) this is just $\mathcal{A}_{rr}^{-mn^2} X_r^{-2mn^2} \psi_1(X)$, and so $\psi_1 \in R_{mn^2}(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$. Similarly for ψ_2 . The other statements are obvious.

PROPOSITION III.1.3. *The homomorphisms of Proposition III.1.2 are finite and induce morphisms of group varieties $\mu_1^*: A \rightarrow B$ and $\mu_2^*: B \rightarrow A$.*

Proof. Since the composition (in either order) is the map α_{n^2} which is finite (cf. Theorem I.1.3), μ_1 and μ_2 are finite. So we get morphisms of varieties $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$ which are readily seen to be group variety morphisms.

From Proposition III.1.3 we get homomorphisms $\mu_1^*: A_k \rightarrow B_k$ and $\mu_2^*: B_k \rightarrow A_k$. The composite map $A_k \rightarrow B_k \rightarrow A_k$ is the map induced by $\alpha_{n^2}: R(\mathcal{A}_{ij}) \rightarrow R(\mathcal{A}_{ij})$ which by Theorem I.3.5 is multiplication by n^2 .

§ III.2. φ is bijective

PROPOSITION III.2.1. *There is a commutative diagram of maps:*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} G_g/\Gamma & \xrightarrow{\lambda_1} & G_g/\Gamma' & \xrightarrow{\lambda_2} & G_g/\Gamma \\ \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow \varphi' & & \downarrow \varphi \\ A_k & \xrightarrow{\mu_1^*} & B_k & \xrightarrow{\mu_2^*} & A_k \end{array}$$

where the λ_i are induced by the maps of Proposition III.1.1.

Furthermore $(\lambda_2 \circ \lambda_1)(x) = x^{n^2}$ and $\mu_2^* \circ \mu_1^*$ is just multiplication by n^2 .

Proof. The commutativity of the diagram follows in a straight-

forward way from the definition of the maps. The last assertions follow from Propositions III.1.1 and III.1.3.

Now we proceed to show that φ is bijective.

Let A be a subring of the reals, R . We say that a $g \times g$ matrix \mathcal{A} over R is A -diagonalizable if there exists an invertible matrix S_0 over A such that $S_0 \mathcal{A} S_0^{-1}$ is diagonal. Let Z_ℓ denote the localization (not the completion) of Z at the prime ℓ .

THEOREM III.2.2. *Let $\alpha_{ij} = \text{ord. } \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ and \mathcal{A} be the matrix (α_{ij}) . Suppose that \mathcal{A} is Z_ℓ -diagonalizable for every prime ℓ . Then the map $\varphi: G_g/\Gamma \rightarrow A_k$ is bijective (for the matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij})).*

Proof. Let S_0 be an invertible matrix over Z_ℓ diagonalizing \mathcal{A} and let $T_0 = S_0^{-1}$. Replacing S_0 and T_0 by integer multiples prime to ℓ we get matrices S and T over Z with $ST = nI$, $(n, \ell) = 1$ and $S\mathcal{A}S^t$ diagonal. Let b_{ij} be defined as in § III.1. Then the matrix $(\text{ord. } b_{ij})$ which is equal to $S\mathcal{A}S^t$, is diagonal. So by the main result of § II, the map φ' of Proposition III.2.1 is bijective.

Now let $x \in G_g/\Gamma$ be such that $\varphi(x) = 0$. Then by Proposition III.2.1, $\lambda_1(x) = 1$ and so $x^{n^2} = 1$. But n may be taken prime to any ℓ . Since the n^2 obtained in this way generate the unit ideal in Z , $x = 1$. Similarly, if $P \in A_k$ let $P' = \mu_1^*(P)$. Then $P' \in \text{Im. } \varphi'$ and so $n^2 P' \in \text{Im. } \varphi$. Since n may be chosen prime to any ℓ , $P \in \text{Im. } \varphi$ and the theorem is proved.

The following slight modification of Theorem III.2.2 will be useful later.

THEOREM III.2.3. *Suppose $\alpha_{ij} = \text{ord. } \mathcal{A}_{ij} \in Z$ and generate the unit ideal. Suppose further there exist positive integers m_1, \dots, m_s such that $\mathcal{A} \oplus \text{diag. } (m_1, \dots, m_s)$ is Z_ℓ -diagonalizable for every prime ℓ . Then φ is bijective (for the matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij})).*

Proof. Since the α_{ij} generate the unit ideal, there exist $q \in k^*$ with $\text{ord. } q = 1$. Then the matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|cccc} \mathcal{A}_{ij} & & & & \\ \hline & & & 1 & \\ \hline & q^{m_1} & & & 1 \\ & & \cdot & & \\ 1 & & & \cdot & \\ & 1 & & & q^{m_s} \end{array} \right]$$

also satisfies the Riemann conditions and the corresponding order matrix is $\mathcal{A} \oplus \text{diag.}(m_1, \dots, m_s)$.

Let Γ_i be the subgroup of k^* generated by q^{m_i} , and E_i the corresponding elliptic curve. Then by Theorem III.2.2 the map

$$G_q/\Gamma \times k^*/\Gamma_1 \times \dots \times k^*/\Gamma_s \rightarrow A_k \times (E_1)_k \times \dots \times (E_s)_k$$

is bijective. Therefore φ is bijective too.

The following simple result will be proved in the appendix.

LEMMA. *Let (α_{ij}) be a symmetric matrix with entries in \mathbf{Z}_ℓ . Then:*

1) *if $\ell \neq 2$, (α_{ij}) is \mathbf{Z}_ℓ -diagonalizable.*

2) *if $\ell = 2$, there exist integers m_1, \dots, m_s*

which are powers of 2 such that $(\alpha_{ij}) \oplus \text{diag.}(m_1, \dots, m_s)$ is \mathbf{Z}_ℓ -diagonalizable.

Let (\mathcal{A}_{ij}) be our matrix satisfying the Riemann conditions. Combining the above lemma with Theorem III.2.3 we have:

COROLLARY 1. *If $\text{ord. } \mathcal{A}_{ij} \in \mathbf{Z}$ and generate the unit ideal, then φ is bijective (for the matrix (\mathcal{A}_{ij})).*

COROLLARY 2. *If each $\text{ord. } \mathcal{A}_{ij}$ is in \mathbf{Q} , or less generally, if the value group of the valuation is contained in \mathbf{Q} , then φ is bijective.*

Appendix Quadratic forms over \mathbf{Z}_ℓ

Let R be a discrete valuation ring, M a finite free R -module and $(,): M \times M \rightarrow R$ a symmetric bilinear map. The following lemma is easy linear algebra.

LEMMA 1. *Let $n_1, \dots, n_s \in M$ and N be the R -submodule generated by the n_i 's. If $\det.((n_i, n_j))$ is a unit in R , then the n_i 's are R -linearly independent and $M = N \oplus N^\perp$.*

We say that M is decomposable if $M = N \oplus N'$ with N and N' non-zero submodules of M and orthogonal; M is diagonalizable if it is the orthogonal sum of 1-dimensional submodules; and M is primitive if there exist $m, m' \in M$ with (m, m') a unit in R .

THEOREM 1. *If 2 is a unit in R , then M is diagonalizable.*

Proof. We may assume M primitive. Let $m, m' \in M$ with (m, m') a

unit. Then $(m + m', m + m') = (m, m) + (m', m') + \text{unit}$. So there exists $n \in M$ with (n, n) a unit. By Lemma 1, $M = Rn \oplus (Rn)^\perp$ and we use induction on the dimension.

COROLLARY 1. *Let \mathcal{A} be a symmetric matrix over \mathbf{Z}_ℓ ($\ell \neq 2$). Then there exists an invertible matrix S over \mathbf{Z}_ℓ such that $S\mathcal{A}S^t$ is diagonal.*

Suppose now that 2 is not a unit in R .

LEMMA 2. *If M is primitive and indecomposable, then $\dim M \leq 2$.*

Proof. If there exists $m \in M$ with (m, m) a unit then by Lemma 1, $M = Rm \oplus (Rm)^\perp$. So $M = Rm$ and $\dim M = 1$. Suppose that (m, m) is in the maximal ideal of R for all m . Choose m_1 and m_2 with (m_1, m_2) a unit. By Lemma 1 and indecomposability, $M = Rm_1 + Rm_2$.

THEOREM 2. *For any M there exists a diagonalizable R -module N such that the orthogonal direct sum of M and N is diagonalizable.*

Proof. We may assume M primitive and indecomposable. By Lemma 2 we may assume M generated by e_1 and e_2 with $(e_1, e_1), (e_2, e_2)$ in the maximal ideal and (e_1, e_2) a unit. Replacing e_2 by a multiple we may assume $(e_1, e_2) = -1$. Let $N = Re_3$ with $(e_3, e_3) = 1$. Then $(e_1 + e_3, e_2 + e_3) = 0$. Since $(e_1 + e_3, e_1 + e_3)$ and $(e_2 + e_3, e_2 + e_3)$ are units we conclude from Lemma 1 that $M \oplus N$ admits an orthogonal basis consisting of $e_1 + e_3, e_2 + e_3$ and one other vector.

Remark. The proof of Theorem 2 shows the following: if π is a generator of the maximal ideal of R , then N can be chosen to have the form $\oplus Ru_i$ with $(u_i, u_j) = \pi^{n_{ij}}\delta_{ij}$.

Taking $R = \mathbf{Z}_2$ and $\pi = 2$ we have:

COROLLARY 2. *Let \mathcal{A} be a symmetric matrix over \mathbf{Z}_2 . Then there exist m_1, \dots, m_s which are powers of 2 such that the matrix $\mathcal{A} \oplus \text{diag.}(m_1, \dots, m_s)$ is \mathbf{Z}_2 -diagonalizable.*

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