

LECTURE 1: Quotient stacks and good moduli spaces

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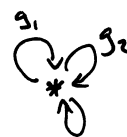
§1.1 Groupoids

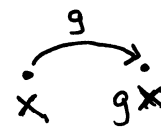
Def. A groupoid is a $(1, 0)$ -category: $\left(\begin{array}{l} 1\text{-category where all } 1\text{-morphisms} \\ (= \text{arrows}) \end{array} \right)$ are invertible

$$\text{Ar}(\mathcal{X}) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{t} \end{array} \text{ob}(\mathcal{X}) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ar}(\mathcal{X}) & \rightrightarrows & \text{ob}(\mathcal{X}) \\ \text{set} & & \text{set} \end{array} \right]$$

Def. A 1-morphism of grpds = functor $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{Y}$
 2-morphism = nat. tfm. $f_1 \Rightarrow f_2$ Exc.: always nat. iso

(Grpd) is a $(2, 1)$ -category (2-category where all 2-morphisms inv.)

Ex.: G discrete group. $BG = [G \rightrightarrows *] =$ 

Ex.: $G \curvearrowright X$ set. $[X/G] = [G \times X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\sigma} \\ \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \end{array} X] =$ 

Exercises:

Ex. 1.1: (a) $\text{Hom}_{\text{Grpd}}(BG, BH) = [\text{Hom}_{\text{Grp}}(G, H) / H]$

H acts via conjugation.

(b) 2-fiber product in (Grpd)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X} \times_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Y} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Y} \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow g \\ \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathcal{Z} \end{array}$$

$\mathcal{X} \times_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Y}$ groupoid with

objs: (x, y, y) $x \in \text{ob } \mathcal{X}$
 $y \in \text{ob } \mathcal{Y}$
 $\gamma: f(x) \rightarrow g(y)$

mor:

(c) Exact seq of groups $1 \rightarrow H \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/H \rightarrow 1$

\rightsquigarrow

2-cosmos
2-cartesian
diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H & \longrightarrow & * & & & & \\
 \downarrow & \square & \downarrow & & & & \\
 G & \longrightarrow & G/H & \longrightarrow & * & & \\
 \downarrow & \square & \downarrow & \square & \downarrow & & \\
 * & \longrightarrow & BH & \longrightarrow & BG & & \\
 & & \downarrow & \square & \downarrow & & \\
 & & * & \longrightarrow & B(G/H) & &
 \end{array}$$

(b')

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G & \longrightarrow & * \\
 \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \\
 * & \longrightarrow & BG
 \end{array}$$

(b'')

$$\text{Ob}(\mathcal{X}) \times_{\mathcal{X}} \text{Ob}(\mathcal{X}) = \text{Ar}(\mathcal{X})$$

(set)

Exc 1.2 Describe $BG = [BH / (G/H)] !$

Exc 1.3 Kummer seq. $1 \rightarrow \mu_n \rightarrow G_m \rightarrow G_m \rightarrow 1$
Describe action of G_m on $B\mu_n$.

§1.2 Algebraic stacks and presentations

Schemes

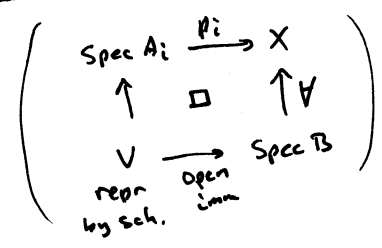
either ① (X, \mathcal{O}_X) loc. ringed space

or ② $X: (\text{AffSch})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Set})$ Zariski-sheaf

s.t.h. \exists Zariski atlas = presentation

$$U := \coprod \text{Spec } A_i \xrightarrow{\coprod \pi_i} X \text{ surjective}$$

π_i represented by open immersions



Alg spaces

① $(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{O}_{X_{\text{ét}}})$ loc. ringed topos

② $X: (\text{AffSch})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Set})$ étale sheaf

s.t.h. \exists étale atlas = pres

$\coprod \pi_i, \pi_i$ repr by étale

$$U \xrightarrow{p} X \text{ étale surj}$$

scheme

Alg stacks

① only for DM-stacks

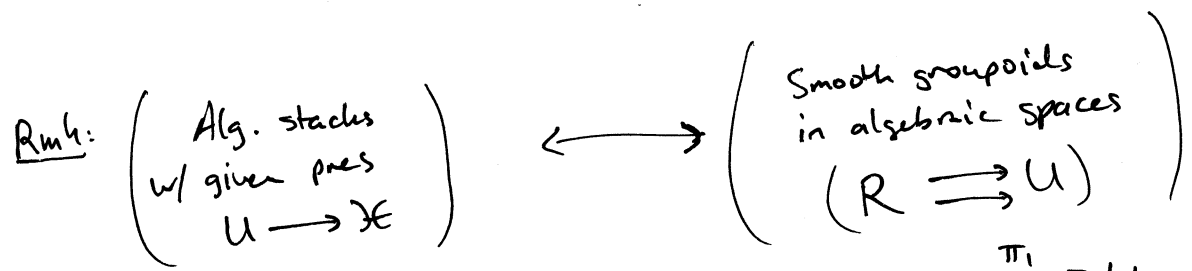
② $\mathcal{X}: (\text{AffSch})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Grpd})$ étale stack

s.t.h. \exists smooth atlas $p: U \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$
scheme

(repr. by smooth maps of alg spaces)

Remark: Replacing étale/smooth w/ lpp/lpp gives equiv notion

Def: \mathcal{X} DM if \exists étale atlas. (Prop: \mathcal{X} DM $\Leftrightarrow \Delta_{\mathcal{X}}$ unramified \Leftrightarrow sub. gps finite étale)



$$U \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \longmapsto R = U \times_{\mathcal{X}} U \xrightarrow{\pi_1} U \xleftarrow{\pi_2} U$$

$$U \rightarrow [U/R] \longleftrightarrow (R \rightrightarrows U)$$

§1.3 Examples of alg. stacks: quotient stacks

flat + f.p.

Ex 1: G group scheme (over some base S) $\hookrightarrow X$ scheme/alg sp.

\leadsto action groupoid $G \times X \xrightarrow[\pi_2]{\sigma} X$ and stack quotient $[X/G] = [G \times X \rightrightarrows X]$
 (in top. if G not smooth)

Features:

(1) $X \xrightarrow{p} [X/G]$ G -torsor $G \times X \longrightarrow X$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \downarrow p \\ & \square & \downarrow p \\ X & \xrightarrow{p} & [X/G] \end{array}$$

In part, p flat + surj.

(2) X smooth $\Rightarrow [X/G]$ smooth.
 red \vdots red \vdots

(3) Functor of points: a T -point of $[X/G]$ is:

$$E \xrightarrow{G\text{-equiv}} X$$

$$\downarrow G\text{-torsor}$$

$$T$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{G\text{-equiv}} & X \\ \downarrow G\text{-torsor} & \square & \downarrow \\ T & \longrightarrow & [X/G] \end{array}$$

Ex: $M_2 \curvearrowright \mathbb{A}^2$ w/ weights $(1,1)$. $\mathbb{A}^2 \xrightarrow[\text{étale}]{2:1} [A^2/M_2] \xrightarrow{\text{smooth}} A^2/M_2 = k[u,v,w]/(uv-w^2)$ singular

Ex 2: G as above. $BG = [S/G]$, $BG(T) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} E \\ \downarrow \\ T \end{array} \right\}$ G -torsor

To be precise: $BG(T)$ groupoid w/ objects:

$$\begin{array}{c} E \\ \downarrow \\ T \end{array} \quad G\text{-torsor}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \longrightarrow & S \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \\ T & \longrightarrow & BG \\ & [E] & \end{array}$$

morphisms:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_1 & \xrightarrow[\cong]{G\text{-equiv}} & E_2 \\ \downarrow & \circ & \downarrow \\ & & T \end{array}$$

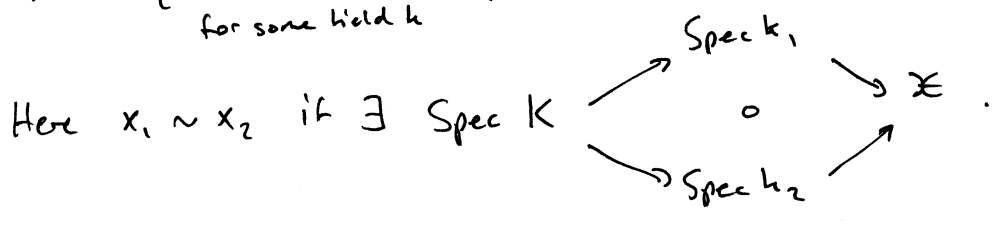
Remark:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & S \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \text{univ } G\text{-torsor} \\ [X/G] & \longrightarrow & BG \end{array}$$

§1.4 "Underlying" topological space, stabilizer groups and inertia

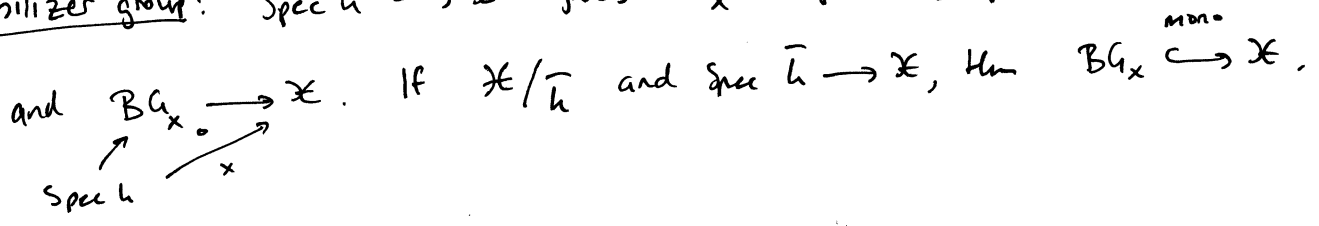
\mathcal{X} alg. stack.

Def: $|\mathcal{X}| = \{ \text{Spec } k \xrightarrow{x} \mathcal{X} \} / \sim$
for some field k



Rmk: Functorial in \mathcal{X} . Equip w/ finest topology s.t. $|\mathcal{U}| \rightarrow |\mathcal{X}|$ continuous for a presentation $\mathcal{U} \xrightarrow{P} \mathcal{X}$.

Stabilizer group: $\text{Spec } k \xrightarrow{x} \mathcal{X}$ gives $G_x \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$ group scheme

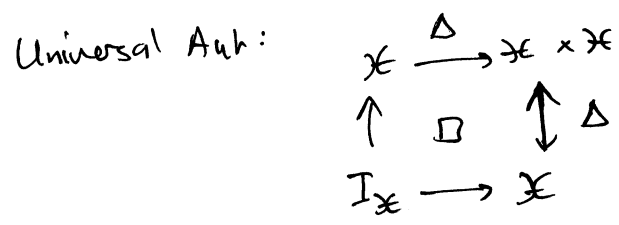
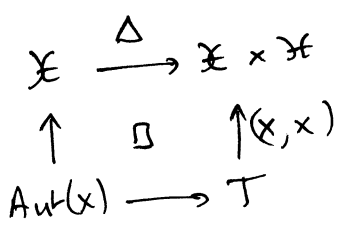


In general: $\text{Spec } k \rightarrow G_x \xrightarrow{\text{mono}} \mathcal{X}$ G_x residual gerbe.
 $(\mathcal{X} \text{ qsep})$ \downarrow gerbe $\text{Spec } k(x)$

so $|\mathcal{X}| = \{ G_x \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X} \}$ (no equiv)

Inertia stack: $T \xrightarrow{x} \mathcal{X}$ gives group $\text{Aut}_{\mathcal{X}(T)}(x) = \left\{ T \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{x} \\ \Downarrow \gamma \\ \xrightarrow{x} \end{array} \mathcal{X} \right\}$

gives (non-flat) group scheme $\text{Aut}(x) \rightarrow T$.
 as space



Inertia stack $I_{\mathcal{X}} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$
 relative group alg. space.

§1.5 More examples of quotient stacks and dictionary

$$|[X/G]| = |X|/|G| \quad \text{orbit space}$$

$$\text{Spec } k \xrightarrow{x} X \longrightarrow [X/G] \quad G_{\bar{x}} = G_x \text{ stabilizer}$$

$\xrightarrow{\bar{x}}$

Ex: $G_m \subset A^1, \lambda \cdot t = \lambda t \quad [A^1/G_m] = \underbrace{BG_m}_{\text{closed pt}} \quad *$

$\lambda \cdot t = \lambda^2 t \quad [A^1/G_m] = \underbrace{BG_m}_{\text{closed}} \quad \underbrace{B\mathbb{P}^1}_{\text{open}}$

Ex: $\mu_n \subset A^1, \lambda \cdot t = \lambda t \quad A^1 \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{DM-stack (if } n \text{ invertible)}$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$

$[A^1/\mu_n] \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---}$

$\quad \quad \quad \bullet \quad \quad \quad$

$\quad \quad \quad B\mu_n \quad \quad \quad$

Ex: $G_m \subset A^2, \lambda \cdot (x, y) = (\lambda x, \lambda y) \quad [A^2/G_m] = \underbrace{\text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---}}_{BG_m} \mathbb{P}^1$

unique closed pt BG_m
(= image of 0)

Cartesian diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times X & \xrightarrow{(\sigma, \pi_2)} & X \times X \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow p \times p \\ \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times X & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & X \\ \sigma \downarrow & \square & \downarrow p \\ X & \xrightarrow{p} & \mathcal{X} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{"Ob}(\mathcal{X}) = X \\ \text{Ar}(\mathcal{X}) = G \times X \\ \mathcal{X} = [G \times X \rightrightarrows X] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Stab}(X) & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \Delta \\ G \times X & \longrightarrow & X \times X \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Stab}(X) & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \\ I_{\mathcal{X}} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{X} \end{array}$$

Dictionary

Equivariant geometry

$$G \curvearrowright X$$

$$G\text{-orbit } Gx = p^{-1}(y)$$

$$\text{stabilizer } G_x$$

$$p^{-1}(Z) = Z \hookrightarrow X \text{ } G\text{-inv. } \begin{matrix} \text{closed} \\ \text{open} \end{matrix} \text{ subsch}$$

$$p^* \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F} \text{ } \mathcal{F} \text{ } \mathcal{O}_X\text{-mod w/ } G\text{-action}$$

$$H_G^i(X, \mathcal{F})$$

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{F})^G$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times X & \longrightarrow & X \times X \\ \uparrow & \square & \uparrow \\ \text{Stab } X & \longrightarrow & X \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{X} = [X/G]$$

$$I_{\mathcal{X}} = [\text{Stab } X/G] \text{ (conj. action)}$$

$$\text{Ex: } \mathcal{X} = BG, \quad I_{\mathcal{X}} = [G/G] \text{ (conj action)}$$

Stacks

$$\mathcal{X} = [X/G]$$

$$\text{point } y \in |\mathcal{X}|$$

$$\text{stab. } G_y$$

$$\mathcal{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X} \text{ } \begin{matrix} \text{closed} \\ \text{open} \end{matrix} \text{ substack}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{Z}} \text{ } \mathcal{F} \text{ } \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Z}}\text{-mod}$$

$$H^i(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F})$$

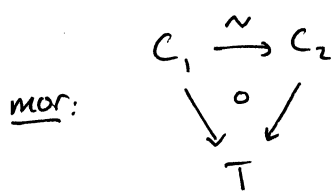
$$\Gamma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \\ \uparrow & \square & \uparrow \\ I_{\mathcal{X}} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{X} \end{array}$$

§1.6 Examples from moduli

(a) $\mathcal{M}_g : (\text{Sch})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Grpd})$ proj, conn.

$T \longmapsto \left\{ \begin{array}{c} C \\ \downarrow \\ T \end{array} \right\}$ flat family of smooth curves of genus g



Fact: \mathcal{M}_g smooth in alg. stack.

$\text{Spec } k \xrightarrow{x} \mathcal{M}_g \iff C/k \text{ curve, } \text{Aut}(x) = \text{Aut}(C).$

Ex: $\mathcal{M}_0 = \text{BPG}L_2$ $\dim \mathcal{M}_g = 3g - 3.$

\mathcal{M}_g DM-stack for $g \geq 2.$

(b) $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{Y}$ $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$

flat proper

(c) $X \xrightarrow{f} S$ (flat) proper, lin. pres.

- Variants

 - $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}(X)$
 - \mathcal{M}
 - polarized varieties
 - surfaces of gen type
 - K3-surfaces

(and $\text{Hilb}_{X/S}, \text{Quot}_{F/X/S}$)

$\text{Coh}_{X/S} : (\text{Sch}/S)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Grpd})$

$(T \rightarrow S) \longmapsto \left\{ F \in \text{Coh}(X \times_S T) \text{ f.p., flat}/T \right\}$

If f flat: $\text{VB}_{n, X/S} \subset \text{Coh}_{X/S}$ substack of F loc free of rank $n.$ (vector bundles)

$\text{Pic}_{X/S} = \text{VB}_{1, X/S} \xrightarrow{h} 1$ (line bundles)

Can be rigidified to alg. space if f coh. flat in dim zero.

(d) $\text{Hom}(F, G) \supset \text{Isom}(F, G)$
(diagonal of $\text{Coh}_{X/S}$)

(e) $\mathcal{L}og, \mathcal{L}og^{al}$ moduli of (aligned) log structures

§1.7 Coarse moduli spaces

Def: A coarse moduli space is a map $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ s.t.

alg stack alg space

(i) π strong homeomorphism ($|\mathcal{X}| \rightarrow |X|$ homeo, also after base change)
 (e.s. separated univ homeo)
 or flat univ homeo

$\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \times_X \mathcal{X}$ univ. submersive

(ii) $\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}} = \mathcal{O}_X$

Fact: π cms $\Rightarrow \pi$ initial among maps to alg. spaces.

Fact: A stack \mathcal{X} w/ finite inertia $I_{\mathcal{X}} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \Rightarrow \exists \mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ cms
 (and π separated)

Ex: A finite group scheme $G \hookrightarrow X$ proj. $[X/G] \rightarrow X/G$ cms

If X affine: $X/G = \text{Spec } A^G$
 " $\text{Spec } A$

Ex: $\mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow M_g$

§1.8 Good moduli spaces

[Alp13]

Def: A good moduli space is a map $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ s.t.h
 alg st. alg sp

(0) π qcqs.

(i) π cohomologically affine: $\pi_*: \mathcal{Q}coh(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}coh(X)$ exact (also other b.c.)

(ii) $\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}} = \mathcal{O}_X$

Fact: If π gms: [Alp13] 4.5, 4.7, 4.16

(a) π initial among maps to alg. spaces. (also [AHR2, Thm 3.11])

(b) π universally closed (but in general not homeo)

(c) $\forall x \in |X|, \exists!$ closed pt $x_0 \in \pi^{-1}(x)$ and $(\Rightarrow$ conn. fibers)

- $\text{Aut}(x_0)$ linearly reductive

- $\dim \text{Aut}(x_0) > \dim \text{Aut}(y) \forall y \neq x_0 \in \pi^{-1}(x)$.

(d) π cms $\Leftrightarrow \dim \text{Aut}(x)$ loc. constant.

(e) If $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X}' & \xrightarrow{g'} & \mathcal{X} \\ \pi' \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \pi \\ \mathcal{X}' & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathcal{X} \end{array}$ then

- π' gms
- $g^* \pi_* = \pi'_* g'^*$

(f) If $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X}' & \xrightarrow{g'} & \mathcal{X} \\ \pi' \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \pi \\ \mathcal{X}' & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathcal{X} \end{array}$, then $\text{Spec}_{\mathcal{X}'} \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ (not cartesian)
 \mathcal{A} qcqh $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}'}\text{-alg}$ gms \downarrow $\circ \pi \downarrow$ gms
 $\text{Spec}_{\mathcal{X}'} \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$

(g) If \mathcal{X} noetherian, then X noetherian and π_* preserves coherence.

(h) If \mathcal{X} noetherian, $\Delta_{\mathcal{X}/X}$ affine, then π of finite type. [AHR1, Thm A.1]

(i) If $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\text{f.t.}} S$ noeth $\Rightarrow X \rightarrow S$ f.t. $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{[Alp14] for } S \text{ noeth} \\ \text{[Alp13] for } S \text{ exc.} \end{array} \right)$

(j) Projection formula: $\pi_*(F \otimes \pi^* G) \cong \pi_* F \otimes G$

§1.9 Examples of good moduli spaces

G/k linearly reductive $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{char } 0: \Leftrightarrow \text{reductive} \\ \text{char } p: \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{G^\circ \text{ diagonalizable}} + |G/G^\circ| \text{ prime to } p \end{array} \right.$

$G \curvearrowright \text{Spec } A = X$

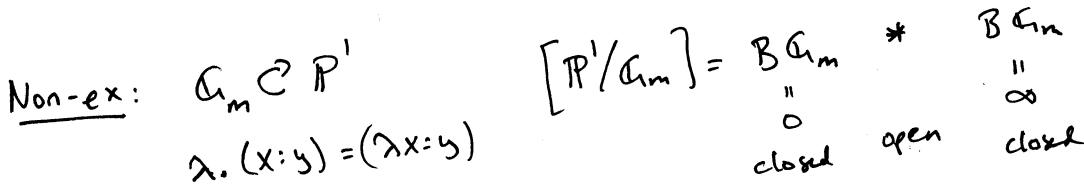
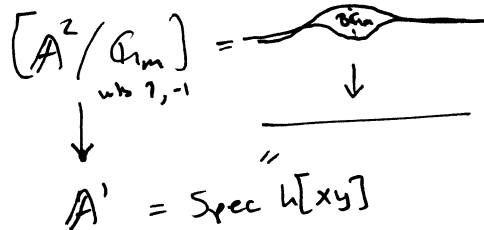
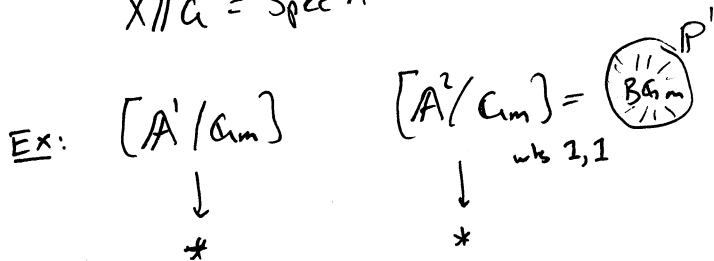
$[X/G]$

$\downarrow \text{gms}$

$X//G = \text{Spec } A^G$

product of torus and by Cartier dual of abelian p -group

e.s. $\mathbb{G}_m^n \times (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^3 \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$



Any map $[\mathbb{P}^1/\mathbb{G}_m] \rightarrow X$ identifies the 3 pts \Rightarrow not unique closed pt in fiber.

Every orbit must contain a unique closed orbit in its closure.

Ex: $GL_n \curvearrowright \mathfrak{gl}_n = A^{n^2}$ acting by conjugation, char = 0.

$\mathcal{X} = [\mathfrak{gl}_n/GL_n]$

\bar{k} -closed points \leftrightarrow diagonalizable matrices

\bar{k} -points \leftrightarrow Jordan forms

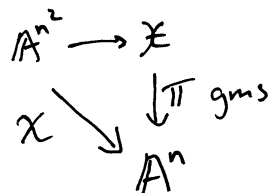
$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

Spec.

$\mapsto \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$

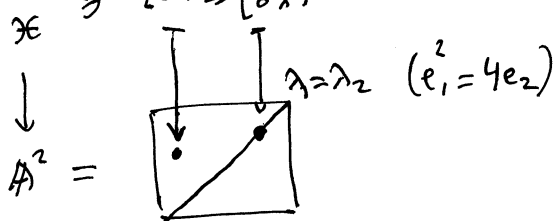
$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ open pt in fiber

$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ closed pt in fiber x_0



$\chi(A)$ char. pol. $= \{e_1(A), e_2(A), \dots, e_n(A)\}$

Ex: $n=2$



$\text{stab} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = GL_2$

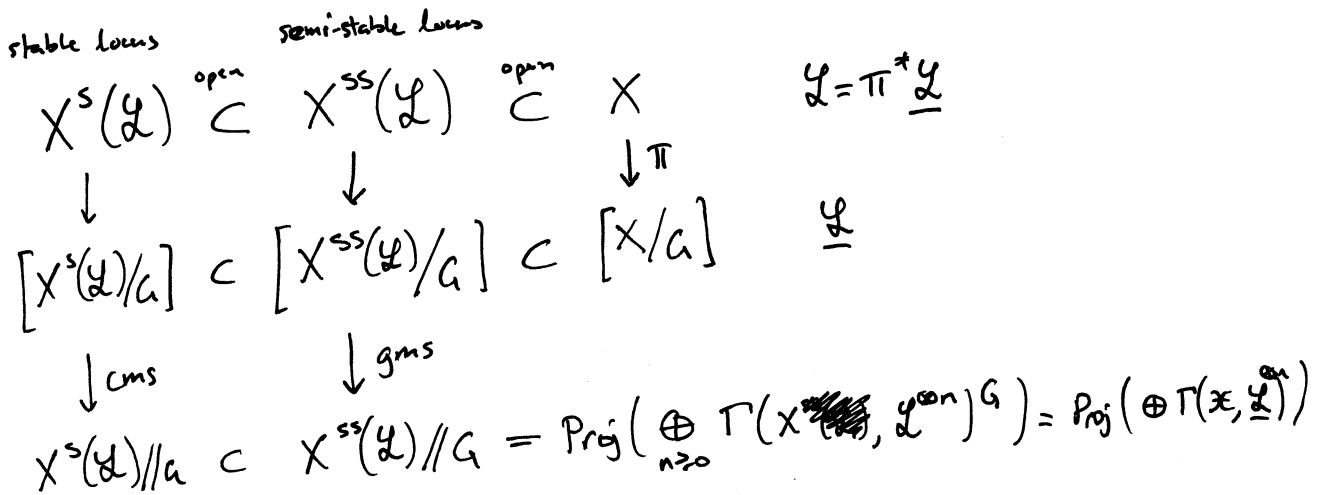
$\text{stab} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{G}_m \times \mathbb{G}_m$

$\text{stab} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{G}_m^2$

§1.10 G/T and good moduli spaces

- G linearly reductive $\hookrightarrow X$ projective / h
- \mathcal{L} G -linearized ample line bundle

(roughly equiv to $X \xrightarrow{|\mathcal{L}|} \mathbb{P}(V)$ V linear rep. of G .)



Def: $X^{ss}(\mathcal{L}) = \{x \in X : \exists n \geq 0, s \in \Gamma(x, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n})^G, s(x) \neq 0\}$

exactly the locus where $\mathcal{X} = [X/G] \xrightarrow{\underline{\mathcal{L}}^{\otimes n}} \mathbb{P}(\Gamma(\mathcal{X}, \underline{\mathcal{L}}^{\otimes n}))$

defined for suff. divisible n .

Excs 1.4 (a) G lin red $\hookrightarrow X = \text{Spec } A \Rightarrow [X/G] \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{Spec } A = X//G$

(b) G lin red $\hookrightarrow X$ proj, $\mathcal{L} \Rightarrow [X^{ss}(\mathcal{L})/G] \xrightarrow{\text{gms}} X^{ss}(\mathcal{L})//G = \text{Proj}(\dots)$

(c) G lin red $\hookrightarrow X$ qproj, $\mathcal{L} \Rightarrow X^{ss}(\mathcal{L}) = \{x \in X : \dots + X_s \text{ affine}\}$

Prove $[X^{ss}(\mathcal{L})/G] \xrightarrow{\text{gms}} U \subset \text{Proj}(\bigoplus \Gamma(x, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n})^G)$ for suitable open U .

§1.1 Example of GIT

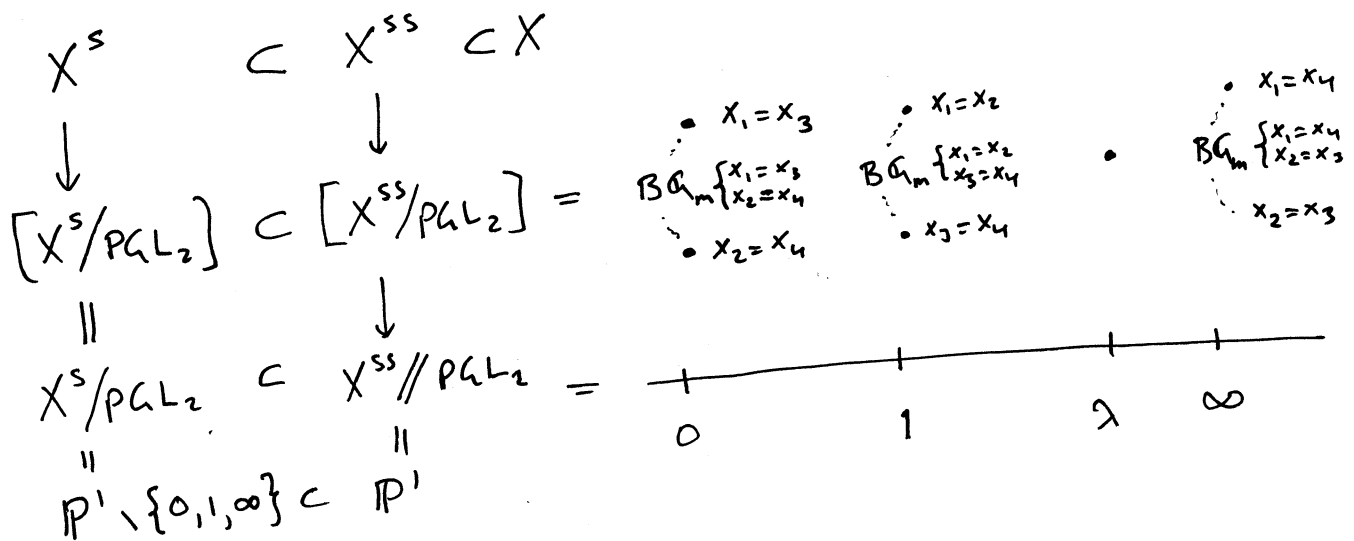
Ex: (4 ordered points on \mathbb{P}^1)

$$\mathrm{PGL}_2 \curvearrowright X = (\mathbb{P}^1)^4$$

cross-ratio $(\mathbb{P}^1)^4 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{P}^1$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \mapsto (x_1, x_2; x_3, x_4) := \frac{x_3 - x_1}{x_3 - x_2} \cdot \frac{x_4 - x_2}{x_4 - x_1}$$

π well-defined on $X^{ss} =$ no three pts coincide
 $X^s =$ no two pts coincide



Fibers over $0, 1, \infty$: $[A'/\mathcal{G}_m] \amalg_{\mathrm{B}\mathcal{G}_m} [A'/\mathcal{G}_m]$.

Fiber over $\lambda \notin \{0, 1, \infty\}$: single pt \leftrightarrow orbit of $(\infty, 0, 1, \lambda)$
w/o stab