

## Outline:

- 1) Basic facts about algebraic groups
- 2) Basic facts about group actions on quasi-projective schemes

## ① Basic facts about linear algebraic groups

$k$  a field

$G$  is a smooth affine group scheme/ $k$

$$\begin{array}{l} \stackrel{\cong}{\longrightarrow} G \xrightarrow{\mu} G \\ e: pt \longrightarrow G \\ \text{assoc, inverse, ident} \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{commutative Hopf algebra } k[G] \\ k[G] \xrightarrow{\Delta} k[G] \otimes k[G] \\ k[G] \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} k \end{array} \right]$$

Remark: also characterized via functor of points  $\rightsquigarrow$  functor  
 Rings  $\longrightarrow$  groups

Remark: we also discuss group schemes sometimes

$$\text{Eg } GL_n = \text{Spec}\left(k[x_{ij}] \left[\frac{1}{\det}\right]\right)$$

$$\text{Eg } G_m = \text{Spec}(k[t^\pm]), \quad \Delta: k[t^\pm] \longrightarrow k[t_1^\pm] \otimes k[t_2^\pm]$$

$$t \longmapsto t_1 \otimes t_2$$

split torus  $(G_m)^n$

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E.g.  $G$  is a torus if  $G_{\bar{k}}$  is a torus

Deligne torus: Weil restriction of  $(\mathbb{G}_m)_{\mathbb{C}}$  along  $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{Spec}(R)$

$$S(R) = \mathbb{C}^\times, S_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{G}_m \times \mathbb{G}_m$$

Weil restriction compatible w/ base change  $\Rightarrow S = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\bar{z}, \bar{z}^\pm]^\circ)$   
takes disjoint unions to products

Generalization - A geometrically reduced finite commutative  $k$ -algebra  
can Weil restrict  $(\mathbb{G}_m)_A$  along  $\text{Spec}(A) \rightarrow \text{Spec}k$ ,  
result is torus of rank  $= \dim(A)$

↪ Note  $A$  action gives embedding  $A^\times \hookrightarrow \text{GL}(A)$ , max'l torus

Representations: Correct notion is comodule over  $k[G]$ :

$$G \times V \rightarrow V \iff \text{Sym}(V^*) \rightarrow \text{Sym}(V^*) \otimes k[G]$$
$$\rho: V^* \xrightarrow{k\text{-linear}} V^* \otimes k[G] \quad \sim \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{must lie in } V^* \\ \text{because geometric points of } \\ \text{must induce linear maps} \end{array} \right)$$

comodule axioms: 1)  $V^* \rightarrow V^* \otimes k[G] \xrightarrow{\epsilon} V^*$  is id.

$$2) V^* \xrightarrow{\rho} V^* \otimes k[G]$$

$$\rho \downarrow \quad \cong \quad \downarrow \rho \otimes 1$$

$$(V^* \otimes k[G]) \rightarrow (V^* \otimes k[G] \otimes k[G])$$

$$V^* \otimes k[G] \xrightarrow[\Delta]{} V^* \otimes k[G] \otimes k[G]$$

Ex: category of  $G_m$ -modules is equivalent to graded vector spaces over any field, of any dimension (for a split torus)

Ex: Representations of Deligne-torus are real Hodge  $M$ -graded structures

Prop: every representation is a union of finite sub rep.s

Pf: write  $\rho(v) = \sum v_i \otimes e_i$  basis for  $k[G]$   
define  $\Delta(e_i) = \sum r_{ijk} e_j \otimes e_k$ ,  $r_{ijk} \in k$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{associativity}} \sum_{ijk} r_{ijk} (v_i \otimes e_j \otimes e_k) = \sum_k \rho(v_k) \otimes e_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(v_k) = \sum_j r_{ijk} (v_i \otimes e_j) \Rightarrow \{v_i\} \text{ span a submodule containing } v \quad \square$$

Thm: Main structural properties

- a)  $G \hookrightarrow GL_n$  for some  $k$  (Find a finite subrep of regular rep. containing set of gen's)
- b) Jordan decomposition for any  $g \in G(\bar{k})$ ,  $g = g_{ss} \cdot g_u$  where  $g_{ss}$  is semisimple and  $g_u$  unipotent

$g \in G(k)$ ,  $g = g_{ss} \circ g_u$   
 functorial  
 semistable, unipotent, and they commute  
 $T$  defined in some (and all) linear embeddings

- c)  $\exists$  maximal connected solvable  $B \hookrightarrow G \Leftrightarrow G/B$  is projective  
 (in fact over  $\bar{k}$  unique up to conjugacy (Remark on parabolics)  
 every geom. point lies in one)  
 d)  $\exists$  maximal torus  $T \hookrightarrow G$ ,  $T_{\bar{k}} \hookrightarrow G_{\bar{k}}$  is maximal as well,  
 and unique up to conj.

e)  $\exists !$  maximal unipotent conn. normal subgp  $R_u(G) \hookrightarrow G \rightarrow H$   
 "unip. radical"  
 ↳ Defn:  $G$  reductive if  $R_u(G) = 1$

f) Reductive  $\Leftrightarrow$  linear reductive (meaning the category of leftcomodules has no higher ext's)  
in char 0 ↳ isogenous to torus  $\times$  semisimple

In char  $\neq 0$  Nagata, conn component  $G_0 \cong (\mathbb{G}_m)^n$  and  $|G/G_0|$   
 prime to  $p$

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Remark: If  $G$  is split-reductive  
I.P.S any parabolic  $P \subset G$  is standard meaning there is some  
 $\lambda: \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow G$  and a linear embedding such that  
 $P = G \cap \{ \text{block upper triangular matrices} \}$   
w.r.t. corresponding  
filtration

Rem: over  $\mathbb{F}$ ,  $G$  is rational as a variety

Ref's : Borel, linear alg. groups  
 Conrad, beginning of reductive gp. schemes  
 Milne, algebraic groups

### Group actions on schemes:

Def:  $G \times X \xrightarrow{\sigma} X$  satisfying axioms

$X$  a scheme

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{ 1) identity  $X \rightarrow G \times X \rightarrow X$   
 2) associativity

Important map  $G \times X \rightarrow X \times X$   
 $(g, x) \mapsto (gx, x)$  (or more generally  $\psi_f: G \times T \rightarrow X \times T$ )  
 for any  $T$ -point  $f: T \rightarrow X$

e.g. for a  $k$ -point, get  $\psi_x: G \rightarrow X$  w/ its image is the  
 orbit, fiber over  $x$  is  $\text{Stab}_x \subset G$ , a sub gp  
 ↳ more generally

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Stab}_f & \longrightarrow & G \times T \\ \downarrow f_0 & & \downarrow \psi_f \\ T & \xrightarrow{(f, 1)} & X \times T \end{array}$$

get inertia group,  
 $I_x \rightsquigarrow$  a group scheme  
 over  $X$   
 giving stabilizer  
 of each  
 point

Rem: Fiber dimension of  $I_x \rightarrow X$  is  
 upper semi-continuous because

Kemo: fiber dimension of  $\pi: X \rightarrow X$  is upper semi-continuous because it is a locally finite type group scheme

Most concrete: Actions on affine scheme  $X = \text{Spec } A$

Equivalent to giving  $k[G]$ -comodule structure on  $A$  such that  $\rho: A \rightarrow A \otimes k[G]$  is a map of algebras

Lemma: If  $A$  is finite type/ $k$ , there is a linear rep.  $V$  and an embedding  $\text{Spec } A \hookrightarrow V$  which is  $G$ -equivariant

PF of idea:  $V$  is the dual of a finite dim $\mathbb{Q}$  invariant sub-rep of  $A$  which generates  $A$  as an algebra.  $\square$

Eg: an affine scheme w/  $T$  action, where  $T$  is split torus, is equiv. to an  $M$ -graded algebra, where  $M$  is char lattice  
↳ useful fact: every invariant ideal is gen. by homogeneous elements.

Remark: Matsushima's theorem: If  $G$  is a reductive algebraic group and  $H \subset G$  an algebraic subgroup, then  $H$  reductive  $\Leftrightarrow G/H$  is affine

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always  $g\text{-proj.}$

(Alper has proves the same result for lin. reductive fppf group schemes over arbitrary base)

Then choose  $G \hookrightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n$ , then  $\mathrm{GL}_n$  acts<sup>transitively</sup> on  $X = \mathrm{GL}_n/G = \mathrm{Spec} A$   
by above, have closed imm.  $\mathrm{Spec}(A) \hookrightarrow V$  for some  $\mathrm{GL}_n$ -rep  $V$   
 $\Rightarrow H$  reductive  $G$ ,  $\exists$  a rep of  $\mathrm{GL}_n$  and a  $v \in V$  w/ closed orbit such that  $G = \mathrm{stab}(v)$

This statement (except for  $v$  having closed orbit) is true  
for any  $G$ .

Next level of complexity:  $V$  linear rep of  $G \rightsquigarrow$  action on  $P(V)$

Consider  $X \hookrightarrow P(V)$  which is equivariant

(Rem: we will see later that this is true for any normal proj. variety)

$G \times X \rightarrow P(V)$  factors through  $X$ , in which case it does so uniquely and induces an action on  $X$

Eg: Homogeneous spaces  $G/H$  are always  $G$ -quasi-projective

Existence of quotients: We don't quite have the technology yet, but there is a very general

Thm: IF  $G \times X \hookrightarrow X \times X$  is a closed immersion, then the sheaf  $X/G$  is an algebraic space

Thm: every algebraic space has an affine open subspace

$\Rightarrow$  for free actions, you can at least form a <sup>q-proj'</sup> quotient for some open subscheme

Special results for  $T$ -varieties:

Thm (Sumihiro) Let  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$  be a  $T$ -equivariant <sup>q-proj'</sup> subvariety, then for any point  $x \in X$ ,  $\exists$  a  $T$ -equivariant affine open containing  $x$ .

Proof: • case  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$  closed  $\Leftrightarrow f \in V^*$  is eigenvect.

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- case  $k = \bar{k}$ ,  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$  loc. closed: consider closure, then have

T-inv. affine variety  $Y \supset X, Y \ni x$

Show that you can find an eigenvector  $f \in \mathcal{O}(Y)$  which vanishes on  $Y \setminus X \ni y$  and does not vanish at  $x$

- Both steps use standard opens for some functions  $f$ . Such a function is defined over some finite Galois extension of  $k$   
 $\Rightarrow$  taking the intersection of the Galois orbits of  $U$  gives an open subset defined over  $k$



## Fixed loci and Bialynicki-Birula theorem

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Thm: Let  $T$  act on  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$ ,

then the functor  $R \mapsto \text{Map}_T(\text{Spec } R, X)$  is representable by  
 $\uparrow$  trivial  $T$ -action a closed  
 subscheme of  $X$

It is smooth if  $X$  is smooth.

PF<sup>o</sup> can reduce to affine case using sunihiro, and suffices to assume  $k = \bar{k}$ , so  $T$  is lin. reductive

$A$  is  $M$ -graded algebra, let  $I \subset A$  be the ideal gen. by  $\bigoplus_{x \in M \setminus \{0\}} A_x$

Then  $Z = \text{Spec}(A/I)$  represents the functor. It is smooth because can show that

$T_x Z = (T_x X)^T$ ; and can lift non-invariant elements of  $m_x/m_x^2$  to elements of  $m_x$  which define  $Z$  as a transverse intersection at  $x$ .



Thm (Bialynicki-Birula):  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$  is  $G_m$ -qproj. then the functor

- 1)  $R \longmapsto \text{Map}_{G_m}(\text{Spec}(R) \times A', X)$  is representable by a scheme
- 2) the restriction  $\text{Map}_{G_m}(\text{Spec}(R) \times A', X) \xrightarrow{i} \text{Map}(\text{Spec}(R) \times \mathbb{G}_m, X)$  is an embedding.
- 3) if  $X$  is smooth, then  $\text{Map}_{G_m}(\text{Spec}(R) \times A', X) \xrightarrow{T} \text{Map}_{G_m}(\text{Spec}(R) \times \mathbb{G}_m, X)$  is a locally trivial bundle of affine spaces

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Pf<sup>o</sup> (Idea) Similar to last, can reduce to the affine case. In that case  $\text{Spec}(A/I^+)$  represents the functor, where  $I^+$  is the ideal gen. by elements of positive weight.  $\blacksquare$

Ex<sup>o</sup>  $P(V)$  with a linear action of  $G_m$

→ choose eigenbasis, i.e. coordinates s.t.  $G_m$ -action is  
 $[t^{a_0}z_0 : \dots : t^{a_n}z_n]$  with  $a_0 \leq \dots \leq a_n$

→ then fixed loci are eigenspaces for each  $a$

→ BB strata look like  $[0 : \dots : 0 : 1 : * : * : \dots]$