

Using Mass Formulas to Enumerate Definite Quadratic Forms of Class Number One:

An (integer-valued) quadratic form

$$Q(\vec{x}) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq n} c_{ij} x_i x_j$$

is a homogeneous polynomial
of degree 2 in n variables
with coefficients $c_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We can also express $Q(\vec{x})$ as a
symmetric (Hessian) matrix

$$A = (a_{ij}) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} Q(\vec{x}) \right) \in \text{Sym}_n(\mathbb{Z})$$

with even diagonal entries.

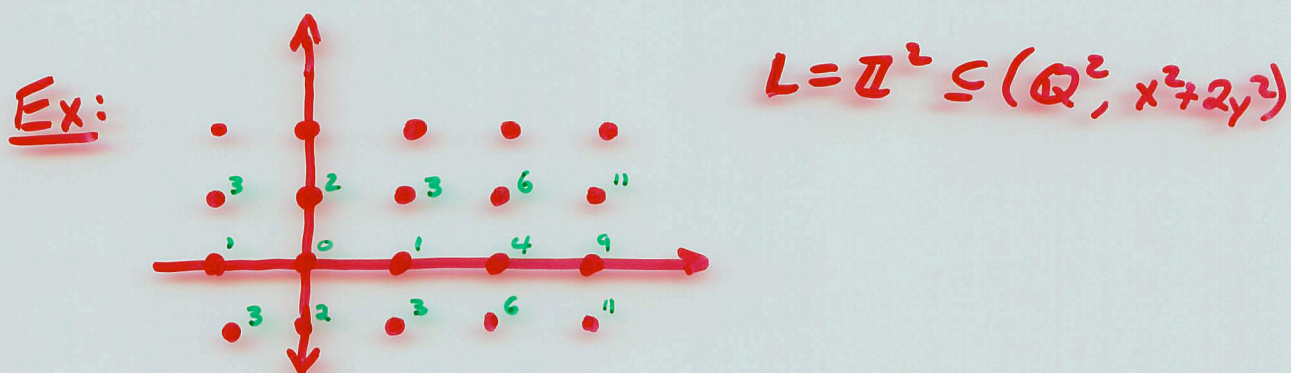
Ex: $Q(\vec{x}) = x^2 + xy + y^2$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\cdot 1/2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\in \text{Sym}_n(\mathbb{Z})$

Hessian (points to the matrix A)
Gram (points to the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$)

We can also think of Q as describing a lattice $L = \mathbb{Z}^n$ in a fixed quadratic vector space $(V, Q) = (\mathbb{Q}^n, Q)$.



For any ring R , ~~we~~ we can consider $Q(\vec{x})$ as a quadratic form over R by considering its coefficient $c_{ij} \in R$. In the lattice perspective this corresponds to considering the "lattice" $L \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R$ in the quadratic space $(\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R, Q)$.

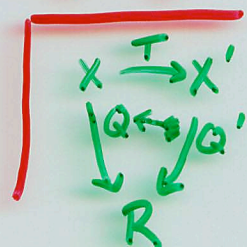
Equivalence of Quadratic Forms:

We say that two quadratic forms Q and Q' are equivalent over R and write $Q \sim_R Q'$ if there is some invertible R -linear change of variables $T \in GL_n(R)$ so that $Q'(\vec{x}') = Q(T\vec{x})$ as quadratic forms over R .

Ex: $(x')^2 + (y')^2 \sim_{\mathbb{Z}} x^2 + (x+y)^2 = 2x^2 + xy + y^2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x+y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} =: \vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: $x^2 + y^2 \sim_{\mathbb{F}_7} x^2 + (3y)^2 = x^2 + 2y^2$



$Q = \text{pullback of } Q' \text{ under } T.$

From the matrix perspective we

have $A' = {}^t T A T$, but on lattices we're forgetting about the basis.

Given a quadratic form Q , we define the class of Q to be the set of all $Q' \sim_{\mathbb{Z}} Q$ and the genus of Q (denoted $\text{Gen}(Q)$) as the set of all Q' which are everywhere locally equivalent to Q , meaning that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Equivalently} \\ Q' \sim_{\mathbb{Z}_v} Q \\ \text{for all places} \\ v \text{ of } \mathbb{Q}. \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \cdot Q' \sim_{\mathbb{Z}_p} Q \quad \text{for all primes } p \in \mathbb{N} \\ \cdot Q' \sim_{\mathbb{R}} Q \end{array}$$

Thrm(Siegel): There are only finitely many classes in $\text{Gen}(Q)$.

We denote by $h(Q)$ the number of classes in $\text{Gen}(Q)$, called the class number of Q .

Local and Global Representations:

We say that Q (globally) represents

$m \in \mathbb{Z}$ if $\exists \vec{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ so that

$Q(\vec{x}) = m$, and say that Q

locally represents m if $\exists \vec{x}_v \in \mathbb{Z}_v^n$

so that $Q(\vec{x}_v) = m$ for all

places v of \mathbb{Q} .

Let $r_Q(m) := \#\{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid Q(\vec{x}) = m\}$.

For Q (positive) definite we

see that $r_Q(m) < \infty \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

In this case we can define

the theta series of Q by

$$\Theta_Q(z) := \sum_{m \geq 0} r_Q(m) e^{2\pi i m z}.$$

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This is a modular form.

$$\in M_{n/2}(N, \chi).$$

Genus and Class Invariants:

$$\textcircled{1} Q' \in \text{Gen}(Q) \xRightarrow{\text{Hasse-Minkowski}} (V, Q) \sim_Q (V, Q')$$

So all rational invariants are also genus invariants.

Ex: $\det(Q) \in \mathbb{Q}^x / (\mathbb{Q}^x)^2$, Hasse Invariants $c_p \in \{\pm 1\}$,
signature $\in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\textcircled{2} Q' \in \text{Gen}(Q) \Rightarrow \det(A) = \det(A') \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Since } A' = {}^t T_v A T_v \\ \Rightarrow \det(A') = \det(T_v)^2 \cdot \det(A)$$

$$\text{But } \det(T_v) \in \mathbb{Z}_v^x$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) \text{ and } \det(A') \in \mathbb{Z}$$

have the same p -divisibility and the same sign.

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) = \det(A').$$

$$\textcircled{3} Q \sim_{\mathbb{Z}} Q' \Rightarrow r_Q(m) = r_{Q'}(m) \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta_Q(z) = \Theta_{Q'}(z).$$

Consequences of $h(Q)=1$:

- Q locally represents m
 $\Rightarrow Q$ represents m (globally)
- $\theta_Q(z)$ is an Eisenstein series
- The circle method gives an exact formula for $r_Q(m)$
- There is a "simple" formula for $r_Q(m)$ as a sum over divisors of m .

Ex: $Q = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2$

$$\Rightarrow r_Q(m) = 8 \cdot \sum_{\substack{0 < d | m \\ 4 \nmid d}} d$$

- The adelic "symmetric space"

This is like

$$\mathfrak{f} \cong \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) / \text{SO}_2(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \left| \text{O}_Q(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash \text{O}_Q(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\times}) / \text{Stab}_{\mathbb{A}}(L) \right| = 1.$$

How many (classes of) ^{primitive, definite} \wedge quadratic forms have class number one?

Magnus \Rightarrow only finitely many in $n \geq 3$ variables, and need $n \leq 35$.
(1937 by Mass Formula)

Watson \Rightarrow need $n \leq 10$, and lists most of them for $2 \leq n \leq 10$.
(1960s + 70s by reducing to "maximal" lattices)

Gerstein \Rightarrow $n \geq 16t + 5 \Rightarrow h(\mathbb{Q}) \geq p(t)$ for any totally real F , so need $n \leq 36$.
(1972 by modular lattices)

Pfeuffer \Rightarrow Only finitely many \mathbb{Q} over all totally real number fields!
(1978-9 by Mass Formula)

Mass Formulas:

Assuming Q is definite, we define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass}^+(Q) &:= \sum_{Q' \in \text{Gen}(Q)} \frac{1}{\#\text{Aut}^+(Q')} \in \mathbb{Q} > 0 \\ &= 2 \cdot \prod_v \beta_v(Q)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

where the local density $\beta_v(Q)$ is defined by

$$\beta_v(Q) := \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\substack{u \supseteq \{Q\} \\ \text{open} \\ u \rightarrow \{Q\}}} \frac{\text{vol}(Q^{-1}(u))}{\text{vol}(u)}$$

where $Q \leftrightarrow A \in \text{Sym}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ defines

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_n(\mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{Q} & \text{Sym}_n(\mathbb{R}) \\ X & \longmapsto & {}^t X A X. \end{array}$$

For $v = p$ prime, we can write

the local density more simply as

$$\beta_p(Q) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{X \in M_n(\mathbb{Z}/p^\alpha\mathbb{Z}) \mid {}^t X A X = A\}}{p^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \cdot \alpha}}$$

which can be computed at all but finitely many places by Hensel's Lemma, and if $p \nmid 2 \cdot \det(A)$ then the limit stabilizes at $\alpha = 1$.

$$\Rightarrow \beta_p(Q) = \frac{\# O_Q^+(\mathbb{F}_p)}{p^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}$$

This tells us that the infinite product for $\text{Mass}^+(Q)$ is generically a product like

Since over \mathbb{F}_p there is only one orthogonal group if n is odd, but two if n is even.

$\rightarrow \zeta(2) \cdot \zeta(4) \cdot \dots \cdot \zeta(n-1)$ if n is odd,
 $\rightarrow \zeta(2) \cdot \zeta(4) \cdot \dots \cdot \zeta(n-2) L(n/2, \chi)$ if n is even,
 where χ is some quadratic character determined by $\det(A)$.

Explicit Mass Formula "Highlights":

- Local densities for $p > 2$ (Pall, '65)
and for $p = 2$ (Watson, '76) / \mathbb{Q}
in terms of local Jordan form.
- Conway + Sloane, '88 give a correct
unproven formula for all local
densities, differing from Watson's / \mathbb{Q}
- Shimura gives an explicit formula
for maximal lattices ^{over} \mathbb{Z} totally
real fields F ('99)
- Gan $\bar{\cdot}$ H. $\bar{\cdot}$ Yu give an extended
definite
formula for \sim maximal lattices \mathbb{Z} / F
(also \mathbb{Z} for Hermitian forms!).
('01)

Ex: $Q = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \Rightarrow n = 3$

$$\text{Mass}^+(Q) \stackrel{G-H-Y}{=} \frac{1}{2^{\frac{n-1}{2} \cdot d}} \cdot |\mathcal{S}_F(-1)| \cdot \gamma(O_F^+(Q)) \cdot \prod_{p \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_p$$

where

$$\lambda_p := \begin{cases} \frac{p-1}{2} & \text{if aniso. dim}(V_p) = 3 \\ \frac{p+1}{2} & \text{if aniso. dim}(V_p) = 1 \end{cases}$$

and $\mathcal{S} := \left\{ \text{primes } p \text{ s.t. } p \mid \det(Q) \right. \\ \left. \text{or aniso. dim}(V_p) = 3 \right\}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{S} = \{2\} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{2-1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Mass}^+(Q) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left| \frac{-1}{12} \right| \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \end{aligned}$$

Check: $\# \text{Aut}^+(Q) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2^n \cdot n!$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 48 = 24.$$

This proves that $h(Q) = 1$, or checks the mass formula if we knew this independently.

Arithmetic Bounds when $n=3$:

Since n is odd, the classes and proper classes coincide. So

$$h(Q) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{Mass}^+(Q) = \frac{1}{\# \text{Aut}^+(Q)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{12} \cdot \prod_{p \in S} \frac{p \pm 1}{2} \in \frac{1}{N}. \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{\mathbb{Z}}$$

However the factor $\lambda_p = \frac{p \pm 1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$

if $p \geq 2$, and λ_p will contain

some ^(odd) prime factors that are not

killed by the remaining product

if $p \in S$ is very large.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p \pm 1}{2} < 24$$

$$\Rightarrow p \pm 1 < 48$$

$$\Rightarrow p < 49 \quad \text{for all } p \mid \det(Q)$$

So there are finitely many ^{ternary} quadratic spaces (V, Q) with a class #1 ^{max! lattice!}

Basic Strategy:

- ① Enumerate quadratic spaces (V, Q) which could support a maximal lattice L of class number one.
- ② Construct a maximal lattice on each (V, Q) .
- ③ Check if $h(L) = 1$ by testing Mass v.s. #Aut.
- ④ Enumerate all possible non-maximal local lattice types on (V, Q) satisfying the mass eligibility test.
($\text{Mass}^+ \in \frac{1}{N}$ or $\text{Mass}^+ \leq 1$)

Finding a Maximal Lattice:

- ① Compute elementary divisors of $L^\# / L$ (w.r.t. $A \in \text{Sym}_n(\mathbb{Z})$).
- ② Find a "Watson" superlattice containing L , so the elementary divisors of $L^\# / L$ are square-free.
- ③ Look for totally isotropic subspaces of $L^\# / L$ over \mathbb{F}_p for all $p \mid \#(L^\# / L)$.
- ④ Use 2-neighbors to find an even lattice, ~~which~~ which corresponds to a quadratic form.

Outline of Computational Tools:

Quadratic Spaces:

- Constructive Hasse-Minkowski/ \mathbb{Q}
- Maximal lattice finding.
- Local invariants (std \leftrightarrow GHY)
- Local tests (aniso dim + invs/ \mathbb{Q}_p)

Square Classes:

- Over local + global fields
- Hilbert Symbol
- Weck approx. for local-global/ \mathbb{Q}

Quadratic Forms:

- Neighbor method for finding all classes in $\text{Gen}(Q)$
- Spinor Genera in $\text{Gen}(Q)$
- Automorphism finding

Also,
CS + GHY
mass
formulas
and
Special
values
of $\mathfrak{S}(s) + L(s, \chi)$

Computational Challenges:

- Dealing with non-free lattices
over #fields F with $h(F) > 1$.
- Computing local masses at $\mathfrak{p}|2$
~~lattices~~ when 2 is ramified.
- Local-Global for $(V, Q) / F$
- Maximal lattice finding ($\mathfrak{p}|2$ - neighbors)
- Exact special values of
 $S_F(m)$ and $L_F(m, \chi)$.
- Enumeration of totally real F
with bounded root disc.
(Voight)

Future Directions:

Finding totally definite class number
one forms for other groups!

Adelic Interpretations:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \mathcal{T}(G_F \backslash G_{\mathbb{A}}) = \# \quad \leftarrow \text{Known}$$

\Leftrightarrow Mass Formula

$$\textcircled{2} \quad G_F \backslash G_{\mathbb{A}} / K \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \text{Classes in a Genus of "objects".}$$

EX: $G = U_{2n}(\mathbb{H}) \rightsquigarrow$ Hermitian forms
 H of class #1.

$G = G_2 \xrightarrow{?}$ Octonion orders
of type #1.

$G = F_4 \xrightarrow{?}$ Freudenthal orders
of type #1.

$G = O_n(\mathbb{Q}) \rightsquigarrow$ Quadratic forms
 Q of class #1.

Interpreting Classes in a Genus:

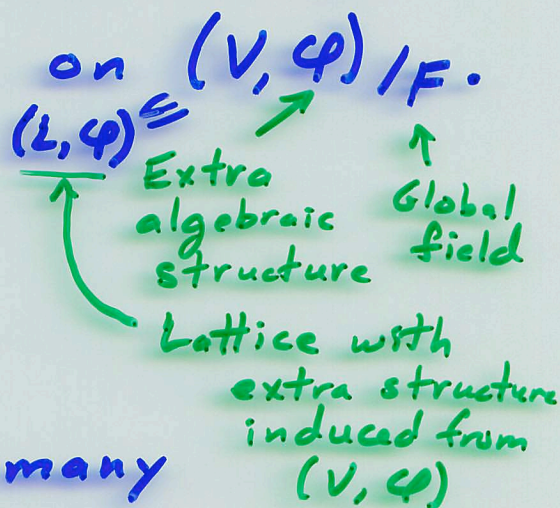
$G =$ linear algebraic gp acting
as isometries on $(V, \varphi) / F$.

$G_{\mathbb{A}} :=$ adelization of G

$:= \prod'_v G_v$ with

all but finitely many

components stabilizing (L, φ) .



Now $G_{\mathbb{A}}$ acts on lattices in (V, φ)

by a local non-archimedean action

$$\begin{array}{ccc} g_{\mathbb{A}}: L & \dashrightarrow & L' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (g_v) & (L_p) \mapsto & (g_p L_p) \end{array}$$

Then the $G_{\mathbb{A}}$ -orbit of L is the

set of lattices in (V, φ) which

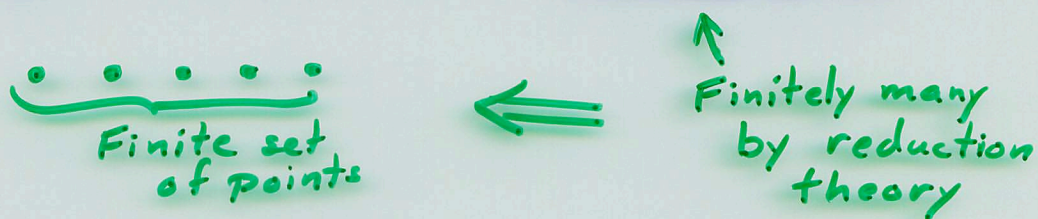
are locally isomorphic to (L, φ) .

We call this the genus of (L, φ) .

Let $K := \text{Stab}_{G_{\mathbb{A}}}(L, \varphi)$ be the adelic stabilizer of (L, φ) . Then

$$G_{\mathbb{A}}/K \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \text{Genus of } L$$

$$G_F \backslash G_{\mathbb{A}}/K \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \text{Classes in the Genus of } L$$



Question: When is there just one pt?

Claim/Conj: There are only finitely many such K over all totally real number fields F .

We consider only totally real F since we want G_v to be compact at all archimedean places.

Tamagawa Numbers and Mass Formulas:

G = connected semi-simple linear algebraic group / F

$$\gamma(G) := \text{vol}(G_F \backslash G_{\mathbb{A}}) := \int_{G_F \backslash G_{\mathbb{A}}} d\mu_{\mathbb{A}}$$

Tamagawa number

To define $\mu_{\mathbb{A}}$ on $G_{\mathbb{A}}$ we choose a set of local Haar measures μ_v on F_v , and choose any top-degree (left) invariant non-vanishing differential "volume" form ω on G/F .

This gives a measure $\mu_{\mathbb{A}}$ on $G_{\mathbb{A}}$

Tamagawa measure

$$\mu_{\mathbb{A}}(U) := \int_{U \subseteq G_{\mathbb{A}}} |\omega|_{\mathbb{A}} \cdot \prod_v d\mu_v \quad (\text{left})$$

independent of ω which is ${}_{\mathbb{A}}G_{\mathbb{A}}$ -inv.

\Rightarrow Measure on $G_F \backslash G_{\mathbb{A}}$.

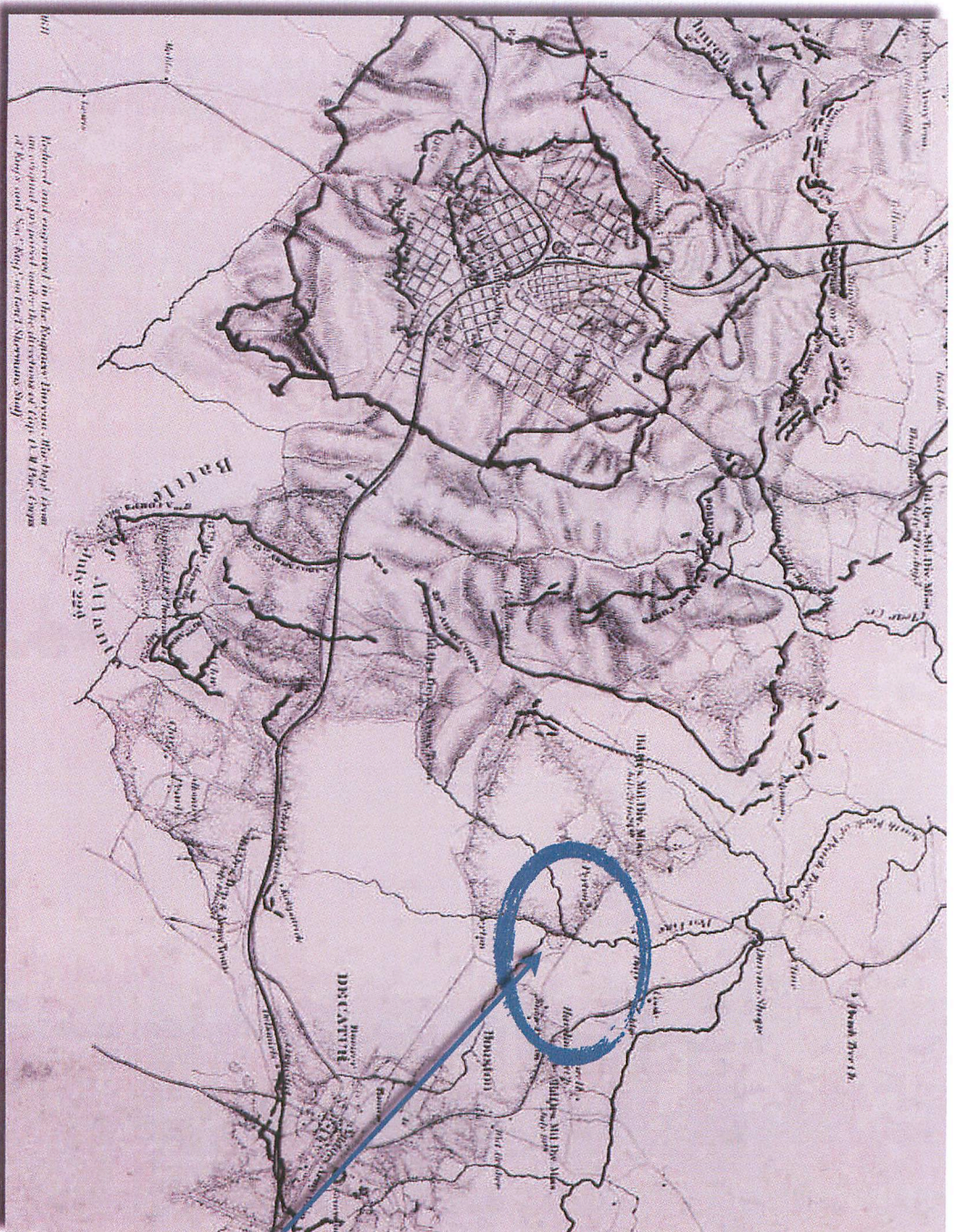
To derive a mass formula from a known Tamagawa number, write

$$G_M = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^r G_F a_i K, \quad K = \text{Stab}_M(L)$$

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 Assume K is cpt.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \tau(G) &= \text{vol}(G_F \backslash G_M) \\ &= \bigsqcup_{i=1}^r \text{vol}(G_F \backslash G_F a_i K) \\ &= \bigsqcup_{i=1}^r \text{vol}(G_F \backslash G_F a_i K a_i^{-1}) \\ &= \bigsqcup_{i=1}^r \text{vol}(\underbrace{(G_F \cap a_i K a_i^{-1})}_{\text{Aut}^+(L_i)} \backslash a_i K a_i^{-1}) \\ &= \text{vol}(a_i K a_i^{-1}) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\#\text{Aut}^+(L_i)} \\ &= \text{vol}(K) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\#\text{Aut}^+(L_i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\#\text{Aut}^+(L_i)} &= \tau(G) \cdot \text{vol}(K)^{-1} \\ &= 2 \cdot \prod_v \text{vol}(K_v)^{-1} \\ &= 2 \prod_v \beta_v(Q)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$



4pm

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Constructing elliptic curves of high rank over function fields

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