Irrationality of the moduli spaces of polarised generalised Kummer varieties

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1. Itroduction: moduli of elliptic curves



2. Modular varieties of orthogonal type

Let's replace the imaginary axis y > 0 with the cone of future of an integral hyperbolic lattice of signature (1, n - 1)

$$V^+(L_{1,n-1}) = \{Y \in L_{1,n-1} \otimes \mathbb{R}, \ (Y,Y) > 0\}^+$$

For the lattice $L = U \oplus L_{1,n-1}$ of signature (2, *n*), where $U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is the hyperbolic plane we define two realisations of the hermitian homogeneous domain of type IV

$$\Omega(L) = \{ [Z] \in \mathbb{P}(L \otimes \mathbb{C}) : (Z, Z) = 0, (Z, \overline{Z}) > 0 \}^+ \cong$$
$$\mathcal{D}(L) = \{ X + iY, X \in L_{1,n-1} \otimes \mathbb{R}, Y \in V^+(L_{1,n-1}) \}.$$

The integral orthogonal group $O^+(L)$ of the lattice L acts on $\Omega(L)$. For any lattice L of signature (2, n) and any subgroup of finite index $\Gamma < O^+(L)$ we define the modular variety of dimension n

$$\mathcal{M}_{\Gamma}(L) = \Gamma \setminus \Omega(L), \quad \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{M}_{\Gamma}(L) = n.$$

sign(L) = (2,3) – the moduli spaces of polarised Abelian surfaces (Gr-1993) and polarised Kummer surfaces.

sign(L) = (2, 19) – the moduli spaces of polarised K3 surfaces. The last open question of A.Weil's program (1956) on K3 surfaces (GHS-2007).

sign(L) = (2, 20) – the moduli spaces of polarised hyperkähler varieties of type $Hilb^n(K3)$ (GHS-2010, 2014).

sign(L) = (2, 21) - the moduli spaces of polarised hyperkähler varieties of OG10 (GHS-2011).

sign(L) = (2, 10) – the moduli spaces of Enriques surfaces and of polarised Enriques surfaces.

sign(L) = (2, 4) – the moduli spaces of polarised hyperkähler varieties of type $Kum^n(A)$. There are no concrete results on the geometric type of these moduli spaces.

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4. IHSVs

A **K3 surface** is the first example of irreducible holomorphic symplectic varieties (or hyperkähler manifold).

Def. A compact Kähler manifold X is called an irreducible holomorphic symplectic manifold (or **hyperkähler manifold**) if

1) X is simply-connected,

2) $H^0(X, \Omega_X^2) = H^{2,0}(X) = \mathbb{C}\omega$ where ω is an everywhere nondegenerate holomorphic 2-form.

Beauville (1983) found two infinite series of IHSVs:

1) The length *n* Hilbert scheme $Hilb^n(S)$ for a K3 surface S, and its deformations.

2) Let A be a 2-dimensional complex torus and consider $A^{[n+1]} = Hilb^{n+1}(A) \ (n \ge 2)$ with the morphism of $p : A^{[n+1]} \to A$ given by addition. Then $X = p^{-1}(0)$ is an IHSV, called a generalised Kummer variety. The deformation space of these manifolds has dimension 5.

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5. Polarisations

A great deal of information on IHSVs is encoded in the cohomology group $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ coming with the structure of an integral quadratic lattice, the Beauville-Bogomolov form.

$$X \sim \mathcal{K}3^{[n]}$$
: $H^2(X,\mathbb{Z}) \cong 3U \oplus 2E_8(-1) \oplus \langle -2(n-1) \rangle$.

 $X \sim \operatorname{Kum}^n$: $H^2(X,\mathbb{Z}) \cong 3U \oplus \langle -2(n+1) \rangle \ (n \geq 2).$

This isomorphism of the lattices is called **marking** of X.

A **polarisation** of X is a choice of ample line bundle \mathcal{L} on X

$$c_1(\mathcal{L}) = h \in H^2(X,\mathbb{Z}) \cong L_{BB}, \quad h^2 = 2d > 0.$$

We have $(h, L) = div(h)\mathbb{Z}$. If div(h)=1, then the polarisation is called **split**. For a split polarisation we get a lattice of signature (2, 4) (for GKVs)

$$h_L^{\perp} = L_{2n+2,2d} \cong 2U \oplus \langle -2(n+1) \rangle \oplus \langle -2d \rangle.$$

A period of X is defined as follows

$$[\varphi(\omega)] \in \{[Z] \in \mathbb{P}(L_{2n+2,2d} \otimes \mathbb{C}) : (Z,Z) = 0, (Z,\overline{Z}) > 0\}.$$

Global Torelli Theorem is true for IHSVs (Verbitski, Markmann). In our case we have an open immersion

$$\mathcal{M}(\operatorname{Kum}^n, h_{2d}^{\operatorname{split}}) \to \Gamma_{2n+2,2d} \setminus \Omega(L_{2n+2,2d}).$$

The group $\Gamma_{2n+2,2d}$ is the group of Markmann's parallel transport operators acting on $H^2(X, \mathbb{C})$. Montgardi (2018) proved that

$$\Gamma_{2n+2,2d} = \langle \widetilde{SO}^+(L_{2n+2,2d}), \sigma_{-(2n+2)} \rangle,$$

where $\sigma_{-(2n+2)}$ is the reflection with respect to the generator of $\langle -2(n+1) \rangle$ of the lattice $L_{2n+2,2d}$ of signature (2, 4). "Tilde" means the stable orthogonal group acting trivially on the finite discriminate group $L^*_{2n+2,2d}/L_{2n+2,2d}$ of order $(2n+2) \cdot 2d$.

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Let $F_4(\tau, z_1, z_2, \omega)$ be a modular form of weight 4 on $\mathcal{D}(L_{2n+2,2d})$ with respect to $\Gamma_{2n+2,2d}$ with character $det : \Gamma_{2n+2,2d} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$. Then $F_4(Z)dZ$ is a canonical differential form on an **open part** of the modular variety. It can be continued on any its smooth compactification if and only if $F_4(Z)$ is a cusp form. Thus

$$H^{4,0}\big(\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\Gamma_{2n+2,2d}}(L_{2n+2,2d})\big)\cong S_4(\Gamma_{2n+2,2d},det).$$

Problem: To construct at least one such cusp form.

I can do this using my model of the **automorphic discriminant** of the moduli spaces of Enriques surfaces. This modular form belongs to the kernel of the hyperbolic differential operator for $U \oplus D_8(-1)$ and its determines a gravitational correction of the FHSV-model.

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Main Theorem. $\mathcal{M}(Kum^n, h_{2d}^{split})$ is irrational (i.e., its Kodaira dimension is non-negative) if

$$2n + 2 = a_1^2 + \dots + a_k^2, \ k = 1, 3, 5, 7, \ a_i \neq 0,$$

$$2d = b_1^2 + \dots + b_{8-k}^2, \ b_j \neq 0,$$

and the following cups condition is true

$$rac{a_1\cdot\ldots\cdot a_k}{\gcd(a_1,\ldots,a_k)}$$
 or $rac{b_1\cdot\ldots\cdot b_{8-k}}{\gcd(b_1,\ldots,b_{8-k})}$ is even.

9. Odd Jacobi theta-series and the automorphic discriminant

We take the odd Jacobi theta-series $\vartheta(au,z)$ of characteristic 2

$$\sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}\left(\frac{-4}{n}\right)q^{n^2/8}r^{n/2}=-q^{1/8}r^{-1/2}\prod_{n\geq 1}\left(1-q^{n-1}r\right)\left(1-q^nr^{-1}\right)(1-q^n),$$

$$egin{aligned} q &= e^{2\pi i\, au}, \quad r = e^{2\pi i\, au}, \quad au \in \mathbb{H}_1, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \ artheta(au, -z) &= -artheta(au, z), \qquad rac{\partial\,artheta(au, z)}{\partial\,z}|_{z=0} &= 2\pi i\,\eta(au)^3. \end{aligned}$$

We take the following model of the root lattice D_8

$$D_8 = \{(a_1,\ldots,a_8) \in \mathbb{Z}^8, a_1 + \cdots + a_8 \in 2\mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Then $\vartheta(\tau, z_1) \cdot \ldots \cdot \vartheta(\tau, z_8)$ is a Jacobi form of weight 4 for the root lattice D_8 . We can take its arithmetic lifting (Gr-1993)

$$\Phi_4(\tau, z_1, \dots, z_8, \omega) = \operatorname{G-Lift} (\vartheta(\tau, z_1) \cdot \dots \cdot \vartheta(\tau, z_8)),$$

$$\Phi_4 \in M_4(O^+(2U \oplus D_8(-1)), \chi_2).$$

10. Proof: a game with sums of non-zero squares

1) We embed the diagonal quadratic form $\langle 2n+2\rangle\oplus\langle 2d\rangle$ in D_8 :

$$(u_{2n+2} = (a_1, \ldots, a_k), \ v_{2d} = (b_1, \ldots, b_{8-k})) \in D_8.$$

2) We get an embedding of the lattice $L_{2n+2,2d} \rightarrow 2U \oplus D_8(-1)$ and the corresponding homogeneous tube domains. 3) Using the pull-back of the modular form $\Phi_4(\tau, z_1, \ldots, z_8, \omega)$, we get a $\Gamma_{2n+2,2d}$ -modular form of weight 4:

$$F_4(\tau, z_1, z_2, \omega) =$$

$$= \operatorname{G-Lift} \left(\left(\vartheta(a_1 z_1) \cdot \ldots \cdot \vartheta(a_k z_1) \right) \cdot \left(\vartheta(b_1 z_2) \cdot \ldots \cdot \vartheta(b_{8-k} z_2) \right) \right).$$

4) $F_4 \neq 0$ if all a_i and b_j are non zero and F_4 is a cusp form if the cusp condition is satisfied.

5) $F_4(\tau, -z_1, z_2, \omega) = -F_4(\tau, z_1, z_2, \omega)$, i.e. F_4 is anti-invariant with respect to the reflection σ_{2n+2} , if k is odd.

Proposition.

1) 2*d* is a sum of 5 positive squares if $2d \neq 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 18$. 2) 2*d* is a sum of 7 positive squares if $2d \neq 2, 4, 6, 8, 14, 20$. **Proof.** 169 is a sum of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 positive squares. $169 = 13^2 = 12^2 + 5^2 = 12^2 + 4^2 + 3^2 = 11^2 + 3.4^2 = 12^2 + 4^2 + 2.2^2 + 1 = 10^2 + 2.5^2 + 2.3^2 + 1 = 11^2 + 5^2 + 4^2 + 2^2 + 3.1$. Then $n - 169 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$ and one has to check only n < 169.

Conjecture. 2d is a sum of 3 positive squares if 2d does not belong to

$$\{4' \cdot m, m \equiv 7 \mod 8\} \cup \{4' \cdot (1, 2, 5, 10, 13, 25, 37, 58, 85, 130)\}.$$

12. Particular series of irrational moduli spaces

- Let n = 2. Then 2n + 2 = 6 = 4 + 1 + 1. Therefore $\mathcal{M}(Kum^2, h_{2d}^{split})$ is irrational if $2d \neq 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 18$. The same result we have for n = 5 (cusp), $6, 8, 10, \dots$
- The "dual" result for h_6 (and also for 2d = 12, 14, 18, 22, ...): $\mathcal{M}(Kum^n, h_6^{split})$ is irrational if $n \neq 2, 4, 5, 8$.
- Let n = 3. Then $2n + 2 = 8 = 2^2 + 4.1$. Therefore $\mathcal{M}(Kum^3, h_{2d}^{split})$ is irrational if $2d = 6, 12, 14, 18, \ldots$ is a sum of three positive squares.
- Let n = 6. Then 2n + 2 = 14 = 9 + 4 + 1 = 3.4 + 2.1. Then $\mathcal{M}(Kum^6, h_{2d}^{split})$ is irrational if $2d \neq 2, 4, 10$.
- The dual result: $\mathcal{M}(Kum^n, h_{14}^{split})$ is irrational if $n \neq 4$.

• Let
$$2d = 4 = 2^2$$
. Then we get $\mathcal{M}(Kum^n, h_4^{split})$ is irrational if $n \neq 2, 3, 5, 6, 9$.