

## THETA IDENTITIES WITH COMPLEX MULTIPLICATION

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**Introduction.** This paper grew out from the attempt to refine the notion of a symmetric line bundle on an abelian variety in the case of complex multiplication. Recall that a line bundle  $L$  on an abelian variety  $A$  is called *symmetric* if  $(-\mathrm{id}_A)^*L \simeq L$ . It is known that in this case one has an isomorphism

$$(n \mathrm{id}_A)^*L \simeq L^{n^2}$$

for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Now assume that  $A$  admits a complex multiplication by a ring  $R$ , that is, we have a ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow \mathrm{End}(A) : r \mapsto [r]_A$ . If  $L$  is non-degenerate, then the corresponding polarization  $\phi_L : A \rightarrow \hat{A}$  (where  $\hat{A}$  is the dual abelian variety to  $A$ ) defines the Rosati involution on  $\mathrm{End}(A) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  (see [5]). Assume that this involution is compatible with some involution  $\varepsilon$  on  $R$ . Let  $R^+ \subset R$  be the subring of  $\varepsilon$ -invariant elements. Then for every  $r \in R^+$ , the homomorphism  $\phi_L \circ [r]_A : A \rightarrow \hat{A}$  is self-dual; hence, one can ask whether it comes from some “natural” line bundle  $L(r)$  on  $A$ . The word “natural” should mean in particular that the map  $r \mapsto L(r)$  from  $R^+$  to the group of symmetric line bundles on  $A$  is a homomorphism, resembling the usual homomorphism  $n \mapsto L^n$ . By analogy with the above isomorphism, we would like to impose the following condition on such a homomorphism

$$[r]_A^*L(r_0) \simeq L(\varepsilon(r)r_0r)$$

for any  $r \in R$ ,  $r_0 \in R^+$ . We call such data a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure (since a suitable generalization of this notion to group schemes with complex multiplication is a refinement of the notion of  $\Sigma$ -structure defined by L. Breen in [2]).

In the first part of the paper we describe an obstruction to the existence of a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure for a given polarization of  $A$ . It turns out that when  $R$  is commutative, one can prove the existence of a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure, assuming that  $R$  is unramified at all  $\varepsilon$ -stable places above 2 (in noncommutative cases, one also needs some additional assumptions at archimedean places). In the case of an elliptic curve  $E$  with its standard principal polarization and  $R = \mathrm{End}(E)$  this result is sharp: a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure exists if and only if  $R$  is unramified at 2. In the case of commutative real multiplication, one needs only that  $R$  is normal above 2 to ensure the existence of a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure.

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In the second part of the paper, we establish an analogue of generalized Riemann's theta relations (see, e.g., [6]) for theta functions with complex multiplication. Instead of an integer-valued matrix  $B$  such that  $B^t \cdot B = n \cdot \text{Id}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , our identity uses a matrix  $A$  with elements in  $R$  (where the abelian variety in question has a complex multiplication by  $R$ ) such that  $B^\varepsilon \cdot B = n \cdot \text{Id}$ , where  $B^\varepsilon$  is obtained by applying  $\varepsilon$  to all entries of  $B^t$ . The existence of a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure is reflected in the simplification of the expression for theta-characteristics in the right-hand side of this identity (see (2.3.6)).

In [7] we interpret the notion of a symmetric cube structure ( $\Sigma$ -structure in the terminology of [2]) as a monoidal functor from the category of integer-valued symmetric forms to the category of abelian varieties equipped with line bundles. The notion of  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure arises when one tries to find a similar picture in the case of complex multiplication. In the present paper we show (Theorem 1.3.2) that a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure indeed leads to a monoidal functor from the category of  $\varepsilon$ -hermitian, projective  $R$ -modules. The results of Section 1.5 on the existence of  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure and the simplest example of theta-identity with complex multiplication can also be found in [7].

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## 1. Line bundles on abelian varieties with complex multiplication

*1.1. Basic operations on abelian varieties with complex multiplication.* Let  $R$  be a ring and  $A$  be an abelian variety with complex multiplication by  $R$ ; that is, a homomorphism  $R \rightarrow \text{End}(A)$  is given. For an element  $r \in R$  we denote by  $[r]_A$  the corresponding endomorphism of  $A$ .

Given a finitely generated, projective right  $R$ -module  $P$ , one can define the tensor product  $P \otimes_R A$  (which is an abelian variety) based on the property

$$\text{Hom}(P \otimes_R A, A') \simeq \text{Hom}_R(P, \text{Hom}(A, A')) \quad (1.1.1)$$

for any abelian variety  $A'$ , where the left  $R$ -action on  $A$  induces the right  $R$ -action on  $\text{Hom}(A, A')$ . Notice that when the ring  $R$  is commutative, there is a natural  $R$ -action on the tensor product  $P \otimes_R A$  defined above. In particular, when  $R$  is commutative, tensoring with rank-1 projective  $R$ -modules  $P$  gives the well-known action of the group  $\text{Pic}(R)$  on the set of abelian varieties with complex multiplication by  $R$ .

Similarly, if  $Q$  is a finitely generated, projective left  $R$ -module and  $A$  has complex multiplication by  $R$ , then one can define an abelian variety  $\text{Hom}_R(Q, A)$  such that

$$\text{Hom}(A', \text{Hom}_R(Q, A)) \simeq \text{Hom}_R(Q, \text{Hom}(A', A)) \quad (1.1.2)$$

for any abelian variety  $A'$ , where  $\text{Hom}(A', A)$  is equipped with the natural left

$R$ -action. It is easy to see that

$$\mathrm{Hom}_R(Q, A) \simeq \mathrm{Hom}_R(Q, R) \otimes_R A,$$

where  $\mathrm{Hom}_R(Q, R)$  is considered as a right  $R$ -module in the natural way.

For an abelian variety  $B$ , we denote by  $\hat{B}$  the dual abelian variety. If  $A$  has complex multiplication by  $R$ , then the dual variety  $\hat{A}$  has the induced complex multiplication by the opposite ring  $R^{\mathrm{op}}$ , such that  $[r]_{\hat{A}} = [r]_{\hat{A}}$ . For any finitely generated, projective right  $R$ -module  $P$ , one has a canonical isomorphism

$$\widehat{P \otimes_R A} \simeq \mathrm{Hom}_{R^{\mathrm{op}}}(P, \hat{A}), \quad (1.1.3)$$

where in the right-hand side  $P$  is considered as a left  $R^{\mathrm{op}}$ -module.

Now assume that  $R$  is equipped with an involution  $\varepsilon : R \rightarrow R$ ; that is,  $\varepsilon$  is an antiautomorphism of  $R$  such that  $\varepsilon^2 = \mathrm{id}$ . Then we can convert the complex multiplication by  $R^{\mathrm{op}}$  on  $\hat{A}$  into a complex multiplication by  $R$  using  $\varepsilon$ . Hence, the isomorphism (1.1.3) can be rewritten as

$$\widehat{P \otimes_R A} \simeq \mathrm{Hom}_R(P^\varepsilon, \hat{A}) \simeq \mathrm{Hom}_R(P^\varepsilon, R) \otimes_R \hat{A}, \quad (1.1.4)$$

where  $P^\varepsilon$  is the left  $R$ -module obtained from  $P$  using the involution  $\varepsilon$ .

**1.2. Sesquilinear forms and biextensions.** There is a bijective correspondence between homomorphisms of abelian varieties  $A_2 \rightarrow \hat{A}_1$  and biextensions of  $A_1 \times A_2$  by  $\mathbb{G}_m$ . Recall that the latter are given by line bundles  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $A_1 \times A_2$  together with isomorphisms

$$(p_1 + p_2, p_3)^* \mathcal{B} \simeq p_{13}^* \mathcal{B} \otimes p_{23}^* \mathcal{B},$$

$$(p_1, p_2 + p_3)^* \mathcal{B} \simeq p_{12}^* \mathcal{B} \otimes p_{13}^* \mathcal{B}$$

on  $A_1 \times A_1 \times A_2$  and  $A_1 \times A_2 \times A_2$ , satisfying some natural compatibility conditions (see [2]). For a homomorphism  $\phi : A_2 \rightarrow \hat{A}_1$ , the corresponding biextension  $\mathcal{B}_\phi$  is given by a line bundle  $(\mathrm{id}, \phi)^* \mathcal{P}$  on  $A_1 \times A_2$ , where  $\mathcal{P}$  is the Poincaré line bundle on  $A_1 \times \hat{A}_1$ .

If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  have complex multiplications by  $R^{\mathrm{op}}$  and  $R$ , respectively, then the condition that a homomorphism  $A_2 \rightarrow \hat{A}_1$  is compatible with  $R$ -action is equivalent to the condition that the corresponding biextension  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $A_1 \times A_2$  is equipped with natural isomorphisms

$$a_r : (r \times \mathrm{id})^* \mathcal{B} \simeq (\mathrm{id} \times r)^* \mathcal{B}$$

for every  $r \in R$ . If we write the  $R^{\mathrm{op}}$ -action on  $A_1$  as the right  $R$ -action, then isomorphisms  $a_r$  can be written symbolically as  $\mathcal{B}_{x_r, y} \simeq \mathcal{B}_{x, r y}$ . These isomorphisms

are compatible with the structure of biextension on  $\mathcal{B}$  and with the  $R$ -module structure on  $A$  as explained in the following definition (cf. [4, VII 2.10.3], where the case of the commutative ring  $R$  is considered).

**Definition 1.2.1.** An  $R$ -biextension of  $A_1 \times A_2$  is a biextension  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $A_1 \times A_2$  together with a system of isomorphisms of biextensions  $a_r$  as above, such that

- (1) the composition

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_{x(r+r'),y} &= \mathcal{B}_{xr+xr',y} \xrightarrow{c} \mathcal{B}_{xr,y} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{xr',y} \xrightarrow{a_r \otimes a_{r'}} \mathcal{B}_{x,ry} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{x,r'y} \xrightarrow{c^{-1}} \mathcal{B}_{x,ry+r'y} \\ &= \mathcal{B}_{x,(r+r')y}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is the isomorphism giving a structure of biextension on  $\mathcal{B}$ , coincides with  $a_{r+r'}$ ;

- (2) the composition

$$\mathcal{B}_{xr'r,y} \xrightarrow{a_r} \mathcal{B}_{xr',ry} \xrightarrow{a_{r'}} \mathcal{B}_{x,r'ry}$$

coincides with  $a_{r'r}$ .

It is easy to see that  $R$ -biextensions of  $A_1 \times A_2$  correspond bijectively to homomorphisms  $A_2 \rightarrow \hat{A}_1$  compatible with  $R$ -action. However, the definition above has an advantage in that it can be given for arbitrary group schemes.

Now if  $R$  is equipped with involution  $\varepsilon$ , and if  $A_1, A_2$  are abelian varieties with complex multiplication by  $R$ , then we can define an  $(R, \varepsilon)$ -biextension of  $A_1 \times A_2$  to be an  $R$ -biextension of  $A_1^\varepsilon \times A_2$ , where  $A_1^\varepsilon$  is  $A_1$  with a complex multiplication by  $R^{\text{op}}$  induced by  $\varepsilon$ . In other words, an  $(R, \varepsilon)$ -biextension is a biextension  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $A_1 \times A_2$  together with isomorphisms  $\mathcal{B}_{\varepsilon(r)x,y} \simeq \mathcal{B}_{x,ry}$  for  $r \in R$ , satisfying the compatibility conditions analogous to the conditions (1) and (2) in Definition 1.2.1. The corresponding homomorphism  $\phi : A_2 \rightarrow \hat{A}_1$  satisfies  $\phi \circ [r]_{A_2} = [\varepsilon(r)]_{A_1} \circ \phi$  for all  $r \in R$ . If  $\phi$  is an isogeny, then this is equivalent to the following equality in  $\text{End}(A_2) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ :

$$[\varepsilon(r)]_{A_2} = \phi^{-1} \circ \widehat{[r]_{A_1}} \circ \phi.$$

For example, if  $A_1 = A_2 = A$  and  $\phi = \phi_M$  for some ample line bundle  $M$  on  $A$ , then the right-hand side of this equality is the Rosati involution associated with  $M$  evaluated at  $r$ . Hence,  $\phi_M$  corresponds to an  $(R, \varepsilon)$ -biextension if and only if  $\varepsilon$  is compatible with the Rosati involution.

An example of an  $(R, \varepsilon)$ -biextension is the canonical biextension of  $\text{Jac}(C)^2$  for a curve  $C$  with automorphisms. Namely, let  $R = \mathbb{Z}[\text{Aut}(C)]$  be the group ring of the group  $\text{Aut}(C)$  and  $\varepsilon : R \rightarrow R$  be the involution such that  $\varepsilon(g) = g^{-1}$  for  $g \in \text{Aut}(C)$ . Then for line bundles  $L_1, L_2$  on  $C$ , and for an automorphism  $g$  of  $C$ ,

we have a natural isomorphism  $\langle g^*L_1, L_2 \rangle \simeq \langle L_1, (g^{-1})^*L_2 \rangle$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the symbol defined in [3].

Let  $P_1$  be a left  $R$ -module and  $P_2$  a right  $R$ -module. A *sesquilinear form*  $b : P_1 \times P_2 \rightarrow R$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear map such that  $b(rx, y) = rb(x, y)$ ,  $b(x, yr) = b(x, y)r$ . This is the same as a morphism of left  $R$ -modules  $P_1 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P_2, R)$  or a morphism of right  $R$ -modules  $P_2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P_1, R)$ . Note that if  $R$  is equipped with an involution  $\varepsilon$ , then we can convert right  $R$ -modules into left ones, and vice versa. Thus, if  $P'_1$  and  $P_2$  are right  $R$ -modules, then  $b : P'_1 \times P_2 \rightarrow R$  is a sesquilinear form if  $b$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear, and  $b(xr, y) = \varepsilon(r)b(x, y)$ ,  $b(x, yr) = b(x, y)r$  for every  $r \in R$ .

Let  $A_1$  be an abelian variety with complex multiplication by  $R^{\text{op}}$ , and let  $A_2$  be an abelian variety with complex multiplication by  $R$ . Assume we are given a homomorphism  $\phi : A_2 \rightarrow \hat{A}_1$  compatible with  $R$ -action. Then for every sesquilinear form  $b : P_1 \times P_2 \rightarrow R$ , one can construct a canonical homomorphism of abelian varieties

$$\phi(b) : (P_2 \otimes_R A_2) \rightarrow P_1 \widehat{\otimes}_{R^{\text{op}}} A_1.$$

Namely, using (1.1.3), (1.1.2), and (1.1.1), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}(P_2 \otimes_R A_2, P_1 \widehat{\otimes}_{R^{\text{op}}} A_1) &\simeq \text{Hom}(P_2 \otimes_R A_2, \text{Hom}_R(P_1, \hat{A}_1)) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_R(P_1, \text{Hom}(P_2 \otimes_R A_2, \hat{A}_1)) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_R(P_1, \text{Hom}_R(P_2, \text{Hom}(A_2, \hat{A}_1))). \end{aligned}$$

Now we can produce an element in the latter group, that is, a homomorphism of left  $R$ -modules  $P_1 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P_2, \text{Hom}(A_2, \hat{A}_1))$  by the formula  $x \mapsto (y \mapsto \phi \circ [b(x, y)]_{A_2})$ .

Thus, every  $R$ -biextension  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $A_1 \times A_2$  induces a map  $b \mapsto \mathcal{B}(b)$  from the set of sesquilinear forms  $b : P_1 \times P_2 \rightarrow R$  to biextensions of  $(P_1 \otimes_{R^{\text{op}}} A_1) \times (P_2 \otimes_R A_2)$ . The original biextension  $\mathcal{B}$  is obtained as  $\mathcal{B}(b_1)$  for  $P_1 = R$  as a left  $R$ -module, and for  $P_2 = R$  as a right  $R$ -module,  $b_1(r_1, r_2) = r_1 r_2$ . One can easily see that

$$\mathcal{B}(b_1 + b_2) \simeq \mathcal{B}(b_1) \otimes \mathcal{B}(b_2). \quad (1.2.1)$$

Also if  $f_1 : P_1 \rightarrow P'_1$  and  $P_2 \rightarrow P'_2$  are morphisms of  $R$ -modules and  $b' : P'_1 \times P'_2 \rightarrow R$  is a sesquilinear form, then  $b = (f_1, f_2)^* b' : P_1 \times P_2 \rightarrow R$  is sesquilinear and  $\mathcal{B}(b) \simeq (f_1 \otimes_R A \times f_2 \otimes_R A)^* \mathcal{B}(b')$ . For example, for every  $r \in R$  we have a morphism of right  $R$ -modules  $l(r) : R \rightarrow R : r' \mapsto rr'$ . Then the pull-back of the form  $b_1$  by  $(\text{id}, l(r))$  is the sesquilinear form  $b_r(r_1, r_2) = r_1 r r_2$ . The above functoriality implies that

$$\mathcal{B}(b_r) \simeq (\text{id} \times [r]_{A_2})^* \mathcal{B}. \quad (1.2.2)$$

Note that we can consider  $P_2$  as a left  $R^{\text{op}}$ -module and  $P_1$  as a right  $R^{\text{op}}$ -module. Then  $b$  induces a sesquilinear form  $b^{\text{op}} : P_2 \times P_1 \rightarrow R^{\text{op}}$  on these  $R^{\text{op}}$ -modules. Now the biextension  $\mathcal{B}(b^{\text{op}})$  of  $A_2 \times A_1$  is obtained from  $\mathcal{B}(b)$  by permutation of factors.

When  $R$  is equipped with an involution  $\varepsilon$ , one can identify  $R^{\text{op}}$  with  $R$  and rewrite the above constructions using only right  $R$ -modules.

**1.3. Hermitian forms and line bundles.** Let  $A$  be an abelian variety with complex multiplication by  $R$  and  $\varepsilon$  be an involution on  $R$ . Recall that every (rigidified) line bundle  $M$  on  $A$  defines a symmetric biextension  $\Lambda(M)$  of  $A^2$  by the formula

$$\Lambda(M) = m^*M \otimes p_1^*M^{-1} \otimes p_2^*M^{-1},$$

which corresponds to a symmetric morphism  $\phi_M : A \rightarrow \hat{A}$ . Now assume that  $\Lambda(M)$  is an  $(R, \varepsilon)$ -biextension. Then for every finitely generated, projective right  $R$ -module  $P$  and a sesquilinear form  $b : P \times P \rightarrow R$ , the construction of the previous section gives a biextension  $\mathcal{B}(b)$  of  $(P \otimes_R A)^2$ . It is easy to see that this biextension is symmetric provided that  $b$  is a *hermitian* form; that is,  $b$ , in addition to being sesquilinear, satisfies the identity  $b(y, x) = \varepsilon(b(x, y))$ . We are going to study the following question: When for every hermitian form  $b$  can one find a “natural” line bundle  $L(b)$  on  $P \otimes_R A$  such that  $\mathcal{B}(b) \simeq \Lambda(L(b))$ ? “Natural” means that if  $b = f^*b'$  for some morphism of  $R$ -modules  $f : P \rightarrow P'$ , then  $L(b) = (f \otimes_R A)^*L(b')$ , and if  $(P, b) = (P_1, b_1) \oplus (P_2, b_2)$  is a direct sum in the category of hermitian modules, then  $L(b)$  is the external tensor product of  $L(b_1)$  and  $L(b_2)$ . To see what this means, note that for any  $r \in R^+ = \{r_1 \in R \mid \varepsilon(r_1) = r_1\}$ , we have the hermitian form  $h_r$  on  $R$  defined by  $h_r(1, 1) = r$ ; that is,  $h_r(x, y) = \varepsilon(x)ry$ . Thus, we should have the set of line bundles  $L(r)$  on  $A$  corresponding to the forms  $h_r$ . The “naturality” imposes certain restrictions on  $L(r)$ , which are described in the following definition.

**Definition 1.3.1.** Let  $A$  be an abelian variety,  $R \rightarrow \text{End}(A) : r \mapsto [r] = [r]_A$  a ring homomorphism, and  $\phi : A \rightarrow \hat{A}$  a symmetric homomorphism (that is,  $\hat{\phi} = \phi$ ) such that  $\phi \circ [\varepsilon(r)]_A = [r]_{\hat{A}} \circ \phi$  for any  $r \in R$ , where  $[r]_{\hat{A}} = \widehat{[r]_A}$ . Then a  $\Sigma_{R, \varepsilon}$ -structure for  $\phi$  is a homomorphism  $R^+ \rightarrow \text{Pic}^+(A) : r_0 \mapsto L(r_0)$ , where  $\text{Pic}^+(A)$  is the group of symmetric line bundles on  $A$  such that

$$\phi_{L(r_0)} = \phi \circ [r_0]_A \quad (1.3.1)$$

for any  $r_0 \in R^+$  and

$$r^*L(r_0) \simeq L(\varepsilon(r)r_0r) \quad (1.3.2)$$

for any  $r \in R, r_0 \in R^+$ .

Note that (1.3.1) and (1.3.2) lead to the isomorphism

$$L(\varepsilon(r) + r) \simeq ([r], \phi)^* \mathcal{P} \quad (1.3.3)$$

for any  $r \in R$ . (Apply (1.3.2) to  $r$  and  $r + 1$  and use an isomorphism  $\Lambda(L(1)) \simeq (\text{id} \times \phi)^* \mathcal{P}$  on  $A \times A$ .) If  $L(r)$  is a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure for  $\phi$ , then any other  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure for  $\phi$  has the form

$$L'(r) = L(r) \otimes \eta(r),$$

where  $\eta : R^+ \rightarrow \text{Pic}_2(A)$  is a homomorphism such that  $r^* \eta(r_0) \simeq \eta(\varepsilon(r)r_0r)$  for any  $r \in R$ ,  $r_0 \in R^+$ . It follows from (1.3.3) that for such  $\eta$  we also have  $\eta(\varepsilon(r) + r) = 0$ .

There is a trivial example of  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure for  $2\phi$ :  $L(r) = (\text{id}, \phi \circ [r]_A)^* \mathcal{P}$ , where  $\mathcal{P}$  is the Poincaré line bundle on  $A \times \hat{A}$ . In particular, if  $\phi = \phi_M$  for a symmetric line bundle  $M$  on  $A$ , then  $L(1) \simeq M^2$  in this example. The natural question is under what condition on  $M$  there exists a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure with  $L(1) = M$ . Below we consider this question for symmetric line bundles of degree 1 on elliptic curves. Now we are going to show that a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure induces a monoidal functor from the category of hermitian forms to the category of line bundles over abelian varieties.

**THEOREM 1.3.2.** *Assume that a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure  $L(\cdot) : R^+ \rightarrow \text{Pic}^+(A)$  for  $\phi$  is given. Then for every finitely generated, projective right  $R$ -module  $P$  and a hermitian form  $h$  on  $P$ , there is a canonical symmetric line bundle  $L(h)$  on  $P \otimes_R A$  such that  $\Lambda(L(h)) \simeq \mathcal{B}_\phi(h)$ . Furthermore, if  $f : P \rightarrow P'$  is a morphism of such modules and  $h = f^* h'$ , then  $L(h) \simeq (f \otimes_R A)^* L(h')$ . Also, if  $(P, h) \simeq (P_1, h_1) \oplus (P_2, h_2)$ , then  $L(h)$  is isomorphic to the external tensor product of  $L(h_1)$  and  $L(h_2)$ .*

*Proof.* For every collection of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in P$ , we denote by  $i_{x_1, \dots, x_n} : R^n \rightarrow P$  the corresponding morphism of right  $R$ -modules:  $i_{x_1, \dots, x_n}(r_1, \dots, r_n) = x_1 r_1 + \dots + x_n r_n$ . We define  $L(h)$  as a unique rigidified line bundle on  $P \otimes_R A$  such that for every element  $x \in P$ , one has

$$(i_x \otimes_R A)^* L(h) \simeq L(h(x, x)),$$

and for every pair of elements  $x_1, x_2 \in P$ , one has

$$(i_{x_1, x_2} \otimes_R A)^* L(h) \simeq p_1^* L(h(x_1, x_1)) \otimes p_2^* L(h(x_2, x_2)) \otimes (\text{id} \times \phi \circ [h(x, y)]_A)^* \mathcal{P},$$

where we identify  $R^2 \otimes_R A$  with  $A^2$ ,  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are the projections of  $A^2$  on  $A$ , and  $\mathcal{P}$  is the Poincaré bundle. First, let us check the uniqueness. When  $P = R^n$  the uniqueness follows immediately from the theorem of cube. For arbitrary  $P$  we can choose a surjective morphism  $f : R^n \rightarrow P$ . Then it follows by definition that  $(f \otimes_R A)^* L(h) = L(f^* h)$ , where  $f^* h$  is the induced form on  $R^n$ . Since  $f$  is a

projection onto a direct summand this implies the uniqueness of  $L(h)$ . As for existence, let us begin with the case  $P = R^n$ . Then if  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is the standard base of  $R^n$ , let us denote  $h_{ij} = h(e_i, e_j)$  and set

$$L(h) = \bigotimes_i p_i^* L(h_{ii}) \otimes \bigotimes_{i < j} p_{ij}^* ([h_{ij}]_A, \phi)^* \mathcal{P}.$$

One can check easily that the required isomorphisms hold. Now to prove the existence of  $L(h)$  in general, choose a surjection  $f : R^n \rightarrow P$ . Then it is sufficient to check that  $L(f^*h)$  is in fact a pull-back of some line bundle on  $P \otimes_R A$  by  $f \otimes_R A : A^n \rightarrow P \otimes_R A$ . In other words, we have to check that two pull-backs of  $L(f^*h)$  to the fiber product  $A^n \times_{P \otimes_R A} A^n$  are the same. But this fiber product is of the form  $Q \otimes_R A$ , where  $Q = \ker(R^n \oplus R^n \xrightarrow{(f, -f)} P)$  and two projections to  $A^n$  are induced by the natural projections  $g_1, g_2 : Q \rightarrow R^n$ . Now the required isomorphism of two pull-backs of  $L(f^*h)$  follows from the equality  $g_1^* f^* h = g_2^* f^* h$  of hermitian forms on  $Q$ . This proves the existence of  $L(h)$ . In the case  $P = R^n$ , using (1.2.1) and (1.2.2) one easily shows that  $\Lambda(L(h)) \simeq \mathcal{B}_\phi(h)$ . The case of general  $P$  follows by considering a surjection  $R^n \rightarrow P$  as before. The functoriality of  $L(h)$  in  $h$  follows from its construction.  $\square$

**1.4. Case of elliptic curve.** Let us consider the case when  $A = E$  is an elliptic curve,  $\phi_0 : E \simeq \hat{E}$  is the standard principal polarization induced by the line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(e)$ , where  $e \in E$  is the neutral element and  $R \subset \text{End}(E)$  is a subring closed under the Rosati involution. We assume that the ground field  $k$  is algebraically closed and  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ . It is known that  $R^+ \subset \mathbb{Z}$ ; hence, a  $\Sigma_{R, \varepsilon}$ -structure for  $\phi_0$  is determined uniquely by the line bundle  $L(1)$ , which should be of the form  $\mathcal{O}(p)$  where  $p \in E_2$  is a point of order 2 on  $E$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.4.1.** *Fix a point  $p \in E_2$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *there exists a  $\Sigma_{R, \varepsilon}$ -structure for  $\phi_0$  with  $L(1) = \mathcal{O}(p)$ ;*
- (2) *for every  $r \in R$  such that  $r|_{E_2} \neq 0$ , one has either  $p \notin r(E_2)$ , or  $r(E_2) = E_2$  and  $r(p) = p$ .*

*Proof.* The line bundle  $L(1) = \mathcal{O}(p)$  defines a  $\Sigma_{R, \varepsilon}$ -structure if and only if for every  $r \in R$ ,  $r \neq 0$  there is an isomorphism

$$\mathcal{O}(N(r)p) \simeq r^* L(1) = \mathcal{O}(r^{-1}(p)),$$

where  $N(r) = \varepsilon(r)r \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since the divisor  $r^{-1}(p) \subset E$  is symmetric, this is equivalent to the following equality in  $E$ :

$$\sum_{x \in r^{-1}(p) \cap E_2} x = N(r)p. \quad (1.4.1)$$



Note that  $N(r) = \deg(r) \equiv |\ker(r|_{E_2})| \pmod{2}$ . Thus,  $N(r)p = 0$  if and only if  $\ker(r|_{E_2}) \neq 0$ , otherwise  $N(r)p = p$ . In particular, both parts of (1.4.1) are equal to zero when  $p \notin r(E_2)$ . Now assume that  $p = r(x_0)$ . If, in addition,  $r|_{E_2}$  is invertible, then (1.4.1) becomes  $x_0 = p$ ; that is,  $r(p) = p$ . Otherwise,  $|\ker(r|_{E_2})| = 2$  and (1.4.1) becomes  $\sum_{x \in \ker(r|_{E_2})} x = 0$ , which is impossible.  $\square$

In the case  $p = e$ , the above proposition implies that a  $\Sigma_{R,e}$ -structure with  $L(1) = \mathcal{O}(e)$  exists if and only if for every  $r \in R$  the restriction  $r|_{E_2}$  is either zero or invertible; that is, the image of  $R$  under the natural homomorphism  $\text{End}(E) \rightarrow \text{End}(E_2)$  is a field. Note that there is a maximal subfield  $\mathbb{F}_4$  in the matrix algebra  $M_2(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . Namely,  $\mathbb{F}_4 = \{0, I, A, A^2 = A + I\}$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . This means that the maximal subalgebra  $R_0$  of  $\text{End}(E)$ , for which there exists a  $\Sigma_{R_0,e}$ -structure with  $L(1) = \mathcal{O}(e)$ , is the preimage of  $\mathbb{F}_4$  under the homomorphism  $\text{End}(E) \rightarrow M(2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ . For example, if  $\text{End}(E)$  is commutative, then  $R_0 = \text{End}(E)$  if and only if 2 remains prime in  $\text{End}(E)$ . When  $\text{End}(E)$  is an order in an imaginary quadratic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  so that  $\text{End}(E) = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}((D + \sqrt{D})/2) \subset \mathbb{C}$ , where  $D < 0$ , this happens if and only if  $D \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ . Otherwise,  $R_0 = \{r \in \text{End}(E) \mid r \equiv \lambda \text{id} \pmod{2 \text{End}(E)}, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}\}$ .

In the case when  $p \in E_2$  is nonzero, we can choose a basis  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  in  $E_2$  with  $e_1 = p$  and use the corresponding identification of  $\text{End}(E_2)$  with  $M(2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ . Then the above proposition implies that  $\Sigma_{R,e}$ -structure with  $L(1) = \mathcal{O}(p)$  exists if and only if the image of  $R$  in  $M(2, \mathbb{F}_2)$  is a subalgebra  $\bar{R} \subset M(2, \mathbb{F}_2)$  such that for every  $T \in \bar{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  one has either  $e_1 \notin \text{im}(T)$  or  $e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} e_1$ . One can easily show that besides  $\mathbb{F}_2 \subset M(2, \mathbb{F}_2)$  there are only two more subalgebras in  $M(2, \mathbb{F}_2)$  having this property (both isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}_2 \times \mathbb{F}_2$ ): one is generated over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and the other is generated by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . In particular,  $\bar{R}$  has no nilpotents. This proves the “only if” part of the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.4.2.** *A  $\Sigma_{R,e}$ -structure for  $\phi_0$  exists if and only if the image of  $R$  in  $\text{End}(E_2)$  is a ring without nilpotents.*

*Proof.* Let  $\bar{R} \subset \text{End}(E_2)$  be a ring without nilpotents. Then either  $\bar{R}$  is a field, or it contains a nontrivial idempotent. In the former case,  $\bar{R}$  is contained in  $\mathbb{F}_4 \subset \text{End}(E_2)$ . Otherwise, we can choose a base in  $E_2$  in such a way that  $\bar{R}$  contains  $E_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and hence it contains the subalgebra  $D \subset M(2, \mathbb{F}_2)$  of diagonal matrices. Since  $\bar{R}$  is without nilpotents, this implies that  $\bar{R} = D$ .

If  $\bar{R}$  is a field, then  $L(1) = \mathcal{O}(e)$  defines a  $\Sigma_{R,e}$ -structure as we have seen above. Otherwise, for some basis  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  of  $E_2$ , the subalgebra  $\bar{R}$  coincides with  $D \subset M(2, \mathbb{F}_2) \simeq \text{End}(E_2)$ . Now the conditions of Proposition 1.4.1 are satisfied for  $p = e_1 + e_2$ ; hence,  $L(1) = \mathcal{O}(p)$  defines a  $\Sigma_{R,e}$ -structure in this case.  $\square$

**1.5. Existence of  $\Sigma_{R,e}$ -structure.** Consider first the case when  $R$  is a commutative integral domain finite over  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\varepsilon = \text{id}$ , that is,  $R = R^+$  (the case of real multiplication). Then the homomorphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow \hat{A}$  above should be just  $R$ -linear. We say that  $R$  is unramified at 2 if  $R/2R$  has no nilpotents.

**PROPOSITION 1.5.1.** *Let  $A$  be an abelian variety with multiplication by  $R$ , and let  $M$  be a symmetric line bundle on  $A$  such that  $\phi = \phi_M$  is  $R$ -linear. Assume that  $R$  is unramified at 2. Then there exists a unique  $\Sigma_{R,\text{id}}$ -structure for  $\phi$  with  $L(1) = M$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $R/2R$  is a product of fields, the Frobenius homomorphism  $F : R/2R \rightarrow R/2R : x \rightarrow x^2$  is bijective. Hence, any element  $r \in R$  can be represented in the form  $r = a^2 + 2b$  with  $a, b \in R$ , and if  $a_1^2 + 2b_1 = a_2^2 + 2b_2$ , then  $a_2 - a_1 \in 2R$ . Now we define the  $\Sigma_{R,\text{id}}$ -structure

$$L(r) := a^*M \otimes ([b], \phi)^*\mathcal{P},$$

where  $r = a^2 + 2b$ . It is easy to check that  $L(r)$  is well defined and satisfies the required properties. The uniqueness follows from (1.3.2) and (1.3.3).  $\square$

Returning to the general case, let us describe an obstruction to the existence of a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure for a given  $\phi$ . For this we need to assume that the ground field is algebraically closed of characteristic  $\neq 2$ . Consider the group

$$\tilde{K}(\phi) = \{(L, r_0) \mid L \in \text{Pic}^+(A), r_0 \in R^+, \phi_L = \phi \circ [r_0]_A\}$$

with the group law  $(L, r_0)(L', r'_0) = (L \otimes L', r_0 + r'_0)$ . We have an exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Pic}_2(A) \rightarrow \tilde{K}(\phi) \xrightarrow{\pi} R^+ \rightarrow 0, \quad (1.5.1)$$

where the first embedding is  $\eta \mapsto (\eta, 0)$ ,  $\eta \in \text{Pic}_2(A)$ , and  $\pi$  is the projection  $(L, r_0) \mapsto r_0$ . Moreover, we have a canonical splitting  $\sigma$  of the pull-back of this extension by the homomorphism  $\text{tr} : R \rightarrow R^+ : r \mapsto \varepsilon(r) + r$ :

$$\sigma(r) = ([r], \phi)^*\mathcal{P}, \varepsilon(r) + r).$$

Note that if a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure for  $\phi$  exists, then for  $r \in R^- = \{r \in R : \varepsilon(r) = -r\}$  from (1.3.3) we get that the line bundle  $([r], \phi)^*\mathcal{P} \simeq L(0)$  is trivial. Thus, the first obstacle to existence of such a structure is given by a homomorphism

$$\delta(\phi) : R^- \rightarrow \text{Pic}_2(A) : r \mapsto ([r], \phi)^*\mathcal{P}.$$

The inclusion  $([r], \phi)^*\mathcal{P} \in \text{Pic}_2(A)$  follows from the isomorphism

$$([r], \phi)^*\mathcal{P} \simeq (\text{id}, \phi \circ [r])^*\mathcal{P} \simeq ([\varepsilon(r)], \phi)^*\mathcal{P}.$$

This isomorphism implies also that  $\delta(\phi)$  factors through a homomorphism  $\bar{\delta}(\phi) : R^-/\text{tr}^-(R) \rightarrow \text{Pic}_2(A)$ , where  $\text{tr}^-(r) = r - \varepsilon(r)$ . Notice that  $\bar{\delta}$  can be con-

sidered as a morphism of right  $R/2R$ -modules, where the action of  $R/2R$  on  $\text{Pic}_2(A)$  is given by  $r(\eta) = r^*(\eta)$ , while its action on  $R^-/\text{tr}^-(R)$  is given by  $r(r') = \varepsilon(r)r'r \bmod(\text{tr}^-(R))$ , where  $r \in R, r' \in R^-/\text{tr}^-(R)$ .

Assume that  $\delta(\phi) = 0$ . Then  $\sigma$  descends to a splitting  $\bar{\sigma} : \text{tr}(R) \rightarrow \tilde{K}(\phi)$  of  $\pi$  over the subgroup  $\text{tr}(R) \subset R^+$ . Hence, we can define the reduced group  $K(\phi) = \tilde{K}(\phi)/\sigma(\text{tr}(R))$ , which is an extension of  $R/\text{tr}(R)$  by  $\text{Pic}_2(A)$ . It is easy to see that the group  $K(\phi)$  has a natural structure of right  $R/2R$ -module induced by the action  $r(L, r') = (r^*L, \varepsilon(r)r'r)$ , so we can consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Pic}_2(A) \rightarrow K(\phi) \rightarrow R^+/\text{tr}(R) \rightarrow 0 \quad (1.5.2)$$

as an extension of  $R/2R$ -modules, where  $R^+/\text{tr}(R)$  is equipped with the following (right)  $R/2R$ -module structure:  $r(r_0) = \varepsilon(r)r_0r \bmod(\text{tr}(R))$  for  $r \in R, r_0 \in R^+$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.5.2.** *Assume that the ground field is algebraically closed of characteristic  $\neq 2$ . Then a  $\Sigma_{R, \text{id}}$ -structure for  $\phi$  exists if and only if  $\bar{\delta}(\phi) = 0$  and the class  $e(\phi) \in \text{Ext}_{R/2R}^1((R^+/\text{tr}(R), \text{Pic}_2(A)))$  of the extension (1.5.2) is trivial.*

*Proof.* We have seen that the condition  $\bar{\delta}(\phi) = 0$  is necessary for existence of a  $\Sigma_{R, \varepsilon}$ -structure for  $\phi$ . Also, such a structure gives a splitting  $r_0 \mapsto (L(r_0), r_0)$  of the extension (1.5.1), which induces an  $R/2R$ -linear splitting of (1.5.2). Since all the steps in the argument are invertible, the “if” part follows easily.  $\square$

*Remark.* Notice that in the case of the standard polarization  $\phi_0$  of an elliptic curve the homomorphism  $\bar{\delta}(\phi_0)$  can be nontrivial. Indeed, the triviality of this homomorphism is equivalent to the triviality of the line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(E_{r-1} - E_r - e)$  for any  $r \in R^-$  where we denote  $E_r = r^{-1}(e)$ . In the case of characteristic zero, this is equivalent to the following identity for the group law on  $E$ :

$$\sum_{(r-1)x=0} x = \sum_{rx=0} x$$

for any  $r \in R^-$ . One can see easily that this can happen only when both sides are zero. In particular, if  $\ker(r|_{E_2})$  has order 2, but  $\ker((r-1)|_{E_2}) = 0$ , then  $\bar{\delta}(\phi_0) \neq 0$ . For example, this is so when  $R$  contains  $r = \sqrt{-2}$ , which acts non-trivially on  $E_2$ .

Let  $R$  be an order in a finite-dimensional division algebra  $D$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $\varepsilon$  be an involution of  $R$ , such that the corresponding involution of  $D$  is positive, that is,  $\text{Tr}_{D/\mathbb{Q}}(\varepsilon(x)x) > 0$  for any  $x \in D^*$ . Let  $K$  be the center of  $D$ , so that  $\mathfrak{o} = R \cap K$  is an order in  $K$ . Recall (see, e.g., [5]) that if  $\varepsilon|_{\mathfrak{o}}$  is trivial, then either  $D = K$  or  $D$  is a quaternion algebra over  $K$ , which is either totally indefinite (unramified at every infinite place) or totally definite.

**THEOREM 1.5.3.** *Assume that  $\mathfrak{o}$  is unramified at every  $\varepsilon$ -stable prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathfrak{o}$  above 2 and that  $R/\mathfrak{p}R$  is semisimple. If  $\varepsilon|_{\mathfrak{o}}$  is trivial, then assume, in addition,*

that either  $D = K$  or that  $D$  is an indefinite quaternion algebra over  $K$  and for every prime  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathfrak{o}$  over 2, the completion  $\hat{R}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is isomorphic to the matrix algebra  $M_2(\hat{\mathfrak{o}}_{\mathfrak{p}})$ , where  $\hat{\mathfrak{o}}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is the completion of  $\mathfrak{o}$  at  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Let  $A$  be an abelian variety over an algebraically closed field  $k$  such that  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ . Then for any symmetric homomorphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow \hat{A}$ , such that  $\phi \circ [\varepsilon(r)]_A = [r]_{\hat{A}} \circ \phi$  for any  $r \in R$ , there exists a  $\Sigma_{R,\varepsilon}$ -structure for  $\phi$ .

*Remark.* Let  $\mathfrak{o}$  be the ring of integers in  $K$  and  $R$  be the maximal  $\mathfrak{o}$ -order in  $D$ . Then the conditions of the above theorem are that  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $D/K$  are unramified at every  $\varepsilon$ -stable place of  $K$  above 2 and  $D$  is not a definite quaternion algebra over  $K$  when  $\varepsilon|_K$  is trivial (is not of Type III in the classification list of [5, IV, 21, Thm. 2]).

We need two lemmas for the proof.

**LEMMA 1.5.4.** *Let  $\mathbb{F}_{2^l}$  be a finite field with  $2^l$  elements and let  $M = M_n(\mathbb{F}_{2^l})$  be the matrix algebra over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^l}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be an involution of  $M$  such that  $\sigma|_{\mathbb{F}_{2^l}}$  is non-trivial. Then for every element  $m_0 \in M$  stable under  $\sigma$ , there exists  $m \in M$  such that  $m_0 = \sigma(m) + m$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\sigma^2 = \text{id}$ , we should have necessarily  $l = 2d$  and  $\sigma|_{\mathbb{F}_{2^l}}(x) = x^{2^d}$ , so for  $m_0 \in \mathbb{F}_{2^l} \subset M$  the assertion follows. Let  $\sigma_0$  be the following involution of  $M$ :

$$\sigma_0((a_{ij})) = (\sigma|_{\mathbb{F}_{2^l}}(a_{ji})).$$

Then  $\sigma \circ \sigma_0$  is an automorphism of  $M$  that should be inner, and hence, we get  $\sigma(x) = u\sigma_0(x)u^{-1}$  for some  $u \in M^* = \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{F}_{2^l})$  such that  $\sigma_0(u) = \lambda u$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_{2^l}^*$ . It follows that  $\lambda^{2^d} = \lambda^{-1}$ ; that is,  $\lambda = \mu^{2^d-1}$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{F}_{2^l}^*$ . Thus, changing  $u$  by  $\mu^{-1}u$  we may assume that  $\sigma_0(u) = u$ . Note that for  $\sigma_0$  the assertion follows from the case  $m_0 \in \mathbb{F}_{2^l}$  considered above. Now if  $\sigma(m_0) = u\sigma_0(m_0)u^{-1} = m_0$ , then  $\sigma_0(m_0u) = m_0u$ ; therefore,  $m_0u = \sigma_0(m) + m$  for some  $m \in M$ , and hence,  $m_0 = \sigma(mu^{-1}) + mu^{-1}$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 1.5.5.** *Let  $B$  be a discrete valuation ring. Then any automorphism of the matrix algebra  $M_n(B)$  is inner.*

*Proof.* Let  $L$  be the field of fraction for  $B$ . Then any automorphism of  $M_n(L)$  is inner; hence, any automorphism of  $M_n(B)$  has form  $\alpha(a) = uau^{-1}$ , where  $u \in \text{GL}_n(L)$  is such that  $uM_n(B)u^{-1} = M_n(B)$ . Considering the standard left action of  $M_n(L)$  on  $L^n$ , we derive the inclusion  $a(uB^n) \subset uB^n$  for any  $a \in M_n(B)$ . Let  $\pi \subset B$  be a uniformizing element. Changing  $u$  by a scalar, we may assume that  $uB^n \subset B^n$ , but  $uB^n \not\subset \pi B^n$ . Then the image of  $uB^n$  in  $(B/\pi B)^n$  is invariant under the standard action of  $M_n(B/\pi B)$ , which implies that  $uB^n = B^n$ , that is,  $u \in \text{GL}_n(B)$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.5.3.* The first step is to show that under the assumptions of the theorem  $R^- = \text{tr}^-(R)$ , so that  $\bar{\delta}(\phi) = 0$ . Since  $2R^- \subset \text{tr}^-(R)$ , it is sufficient

to check the inclusion  $R^-/2R^- \subset \text{tr}(R)/2R^+$  of subgroups in  $R/2R$ . Let  $(2) = \bigcap_i \mathfrak{q}_i$  be the primary decomposition of 2 in  $\mathfrak{o}$ , where  $\mathfrak{q}_i$  are  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ -primary ideals and  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  are different prime ideals of  $\mathfrak{o}$ . Then  $R/2R$  contains  $\mathfrak{o}/2\mathfrak{o} = \prod_i \mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{q}_i$  as a central subalgebra, and there is a decomposition  $R/2R \simeq \prod_i M_i$ , where  $M_i = R/\mathfrak{q}_i R$ . Note that  $\varepsilon$  permutes  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ , so that  $\varepsilon(\mathfrak{p}_i) = \mathfrak{p}_{\varepsilon(i)}$ ; hence,

$$(2) = \bigcap_i \varepsilon(\mathfrak{q}_i) = \bigcap_i \mathfrak{q}_{\varepsilon(i)} = \bigcap_i (\varepsilon(\mathfrak{q}_i) \cap \mathfrak{q}_{\varepsilon(i)}).$$

Changing  $\mathfrak{q}_i$  by  $\mathfrak{q}_i \cap \varepsilon(\mathfrak{q}_{\varepsilon(i)})$ , we may assume that  $\varepsilon(\mathfrak{q}_i) = \mathfrak{q}_{\varepsilon(i)}$ . Then the induced involution of  $R/2R$  maps  $M_i$  to  $M_{\varepsilon(i)}$ . Also, if  $\varepsilon(i) = i$ , then  $\mathfrak{q}_i = \mathfrak{p}_i$ , and  $M_i = R/\mathfrak{p}_i R$  is semisimple. Let  $r \in R^-$ ; then the image of  $r$  in  $R/2R$  decomposes as follows:  $\bar{r} = \sum_i r_i$ , where  $r_i \in M_i$ ,  $r_{\varepsilon(i)} = \varepsilon(r_i)$ . To prove that  $\bar{r} \in \text{tr}(R)/2R^+$ , it is sufficient to check that  $r_i \in \text{tr}(R)/2R^+$  for every  $i$  such that  $\varepsilon(i) = i$ .

Assume first that  $\varepsilon|_{\mathfrak{o}}$  is nontrivial. Since  $\mathfrak{o}$  is unramified at every  $\varepsilon$ -stable place above 2, the induced involution of  $\mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{p}_i$  for  $\varepsilon(i) = i$  is nontrivial. For such  $i$ , the  $\mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{p}_i$ -algebra  $M_i$  is a product of matrix algebras over field extensions of  $\mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{p}_i$ , and we are done by Lemma 1.5.4.

Now let  $\varepsilon|_{\mathfrak{o}}$  be trivial. In the case  $D = K$ , we have  $R^- = 0$ , so we may assume that  $D$  is an indefinite quaternion algebra over  $K$ . Then  $M_i = R/\mathfrak{p}_i R \simeq \hat{R}_i/\mathfrak{p}_i \hat{R}_i$  for every  $i$ , where  $\hat{R}_i \simeq M_2(\hat{\mathfrak{o}}_i)$  is the  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ -adic completion of  $R$ ,  $\hat{\mathfrak{o}}_i = \hat{\mathfrak{o}}_{\mathfrak{p}_i}$ . By Lemma 1.5.5 the induced involution  $\varepsilon: \hat{R}_i \rightarrow \hat{R}_i$  has form  $\varepsilon(x) = ux^t u^{-1}$  for some  $u \in \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathfrak{o}}_i)$ , where  $x^t$  denotes the transposed matrix to  $x$  and  $u^t = \pm u$ . We claim that the case  $u^t = -u$  is impossible. Indeed, let  $x \mapsto x^* = \text{Tr}_{D/K}(x) - x$  be the canonical involution of  $D$ , where  $\text{Tr}_{D/K}: D \rightarrow K$  is the reduced trace. Then for the involution  $\varepsilon$  on  $D$ , we have  $\varepsilon(x) = ax^* a^{-1}$  for some  $a \in D^*$  such that  $a^* = -a$  (see [5]). It follows that for the induced involution of the  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ -adic completion  $\hat{D}_i \simeq M_2(\hat{K}_i)$ , we have  $\varepsilon(x) = ax^* a^{-1} = ux^t u^{-1}$ . Note that  $x^* = sx^t s^{-1}$ , where  $s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ; hence,  $u$  is proportional to  $as$ , and the condition  $a^* = -a$  rewritten as  $(as)^t = as$  implies that  $u^t = u$ . Therefore, if  $\varepsilon(x) = -x$  for some  $x \in \hat{R}_i$ , then  $x = y - \varepsilon(y)$  for  $y \in \hat{R}_i$ , which implies the required inclusion  $r_i \in \text{tr}(R)/2R^+$ .

By Proposition 1.5.2 it remains to show that the extension of  $R/2R$ -modules (1.5.2) splits. When  $\varepsilon|_{\mathfrak{o}}$  is trivial, this is a consequence of the semisimplicity of  $R/2R$ . Otherwise, the argument above shows that  $R^+/\text{tr}(R) = 0$ .  $\square$

If  $\varepsilon = \text{id}$  and  $R = \mathfrak{o}$ , we can improve the above theorem as follows.

**THEOREM 1.5.6.** *Let  $\mathfrak{o}$  be an order in the number field. Assume that the localization of  $\mathfrak{o}$  at every prime ideal above 2 is normal. Let  $A$  be an abelian variety over an algebraically closed field  $k$  such that  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ . Then for any  $\mathfrak{o}$ -linear polarization  $\phi: A \rightarrow \hat{A}$  there exists a  $\Sigma_{\mathfrak{o}, \text{id}}$ -structure for  $\phi$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $R^- = 0$  in this case, it is sufficient to show that  $\text{Ext}_{R/2R}^1(M, \hat{A}_2) = 0$  for any finite  $R/2R$ -module  $M$ . Since  $(2) = \bigcap_i \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$  for different prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p}_i \subset \mathfrak{o}$ , it is sufficient to prove that  $\text{Ext}_{\hat{R}_i}^1(k_i, \hat{A}_{\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}}) = 0$ , where

$R_i = R/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ ,  $k_i = R/\mathfrak{p}_i$ . Now we use the following general fact: If  $B$  is a discrete valuation ring with a uniformizing element  $\pi$  and  $N$  is a  $B/(\pi^n)$ -module such that the natural map  $N \rightarrow N_{\pi^{n-1}} = \{x \in N \mid \pi^{n-1}x = 0\}$  induced by the action of  $\pi$  is surjective, then  $\text{Ext}_{B/(\pi^n)}^1(B/(\pi), N) = 0$ . Indeed, this follows easily from the resolution  $0 \rightarrow B/(\pi^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\pi} B/(\pi^n) \rightarrow B/(\pi) \rightarrow 0$  for  $B/(\pi)$ . Thus, it is sufficient to check the surjectivity of the homomorphism  $\hat{A}_{\mathfrak{p}_i^l} \rightarrow \hat{A}_{\mathfrak{p}_i^{l-1}}$  induced by the action of the local uniformizer  $\pi \in \mathfrak{p}_i$ . Note that  $(\pi) = \mathfrak{p}_i \mathfrak{q}$  for some nonzero ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$  prime to  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ . Hence, we have a decomposition  $\hat{A}_{\pi^n} \simeq \hat{A}_{\mathfrak{p}_i^n} \times \hat{A}_{\mathfrak{q}^n}$ . Since  $[\pi] : \hat{A} \rightarrow \hat{A}$  is an isogeny, the homomorphism  $\hat{A}_{\pi^l} \xrightarrow{\pi} \hat{A}_{\pi^{l-1}}$  is surjective, which implies the surjectivity of the induced homomorphism  $\hat{A}_{\mathfrak{p}_i^l} \rightarrow \hat{A}_{\mathfrak{p}_i^{l-1}}$ .  $\square$

## 2. Theta functions

*2.1. Canonical theta function.* Our notation below is close to [1]. The only substantial difference is that we write the canonical theta series in slightly more invariant form.

Let  $V$  be a complex vector space with a positive-definite hermitian form  $H$ , and let  $L \subset V$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -lattice such that the restriction of  $E = \text{Im } H$  to  $L$  takes integer values. Let  $\chi : L \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_1^* = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$  be a map such that

$$\chi(l_1 + l_2) = \chi(l_1)\chi(l_2) \exp(\pi i E(l_1, l_2)). \quad (2.1.1)$$

A *canonical theta function* for  $(H, \chi)$  is a holomorphic function  $f$  on  $V$  such that

$$f(v + l) = \chi(l) \exp(\pi H(v, l) + \frac{\pi}{2} H(l, l)) f(v).$$

We denote the space of such functions by  $T(H, L, \chi)$ . One can interpret this condition as invariance of  $f$  under the action of some group. Namely, let  $\text{Heis}(V)$  be the Heisenberg group corresponding to  $(V, E)$ . Recall that as a set  $\text{Heis}(V) = \mathbb{C}_1^* \times V$  and the group law in  $\text{Heis}(V)$  is defined by the formula

$$(t, v) \cdot (t', v') = (tt' \exp(\pi i E(v, v')), v + v'),$$

where  $t, t' \in \mathbb{C}_1^*$ ,  $v, v' \in V$ . In particular,  $\text{Heis}(V)$  is a central extension of  $V$  by  $\mathbb{C}_1^*$ . There is a representation of  $\text{Heis}(V)$  on the space of holomorphic functions on  $V$  given by the formula

$$U_{(t,v)} f(x) = t^{-1} \exp\left(-\pi H(x, v) - \frac{\pi}{2} H(v, v)\right) f(x + v),$$

where  $U_{(t,v)}$  is an operator corresponding to  $(t, v) \in \text{Heis}(V)$ . It is easy to see from (2.1.1) that the map  $l \mapsto (\chi(l), l)$  defines a homomorphism  $\sigma_\chi : L \rightarrow \text{Heis}(V)$ . Now the definition of a canonical theta function can be rephrased as the condition that  $f$  is invariant under the action of  $\sigma_\chi(L)$ . In particular, the normalizer

$N_\chi \subset \text{Heis}(V)$  of the subgroup  $\sigma_\chi(L) \subset \text{Heis}(V)$  acts on the space  $T(H, L, \chi)$  of canonical theta functions for  $(H, \chi)$ . It is easy to see that  $N_\chi$  consists of elements  $(t, v) \in \text{Heis}(V)$  with  $v \in L^\perp$ , where  $L^\perp = \{v \in V : E(v, L) \subset \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Furthermore, it is known that  $T(H, L, \chi)$  is an irreducible representation of the group  $G(H, L, \chi) = N_\chi / \sigma_\chi(L)$  of dimension  $\sqrt{[L^\perp : L]}$ . Recall also that  $T(H, L, \chi)$  is identified with the space of global sections of the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}(H, \chi)$  on the complex abelian variety  $V/L$  (see, e.g., [5]), and the action of  $G(H, L, \chi)$  on it can be defined in purely algebraic terms.

An example of a map  $\chi$  satisfying (2.1.1) is obtained when we have a decomposition  $L = L_1 \oplus L_2$ , where  $L_i$  are isotropic with respect to  $E$ . (Further, we refer to such decomposition as *isotropic decomposition* of  $L$ .) Namely, there is a canonical map  $\chi_0 = \chi_0(L_1, L_2) : L \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  satisfying (2.1.1), which is given by the formula

$$\chi_0(l) = \exp(\pi i E(l_1, l_2)), \quad (2.1.2)$$

where  $l = l_1 + l_2$ ,  $l_i \in L_i$ . Any two maps  $\chi$  and  $\chi'$  satisfying (2.1.1) are related by the formula

$$\chi'(l) = \chi(l) \exp(2\pi i E(c, l)) \quad (2.1.3)$$

for some  $c \in V$ , which is uniquely determined modulo  $L^\perp$ . It is easy to see that the corresponding homomorphisms  $\sigma_{\chi'}$  and  $\sigma_\chi$  are related as follows:

$$\sigma_{\chi'}(l) = (1, c) \sigma_\chi(l) (1, c)^{-1}. \quad (2.1.4)$$

Therefore, we can define an isomorphism of the corresponding finite Heisenberg groups

$$\alpha_c : G(H, L, \chi) \rightarrow G(H, L, \chi') : g \mapsto (1, c) g (1, c)^{-1}. \quad (2.1.5)$$

Now the operator  $U_{(1, c)}$  restricts to an isomorphism between  $T(H, L, \chi)$  and  $T(H, L, \chi')$  compatible with the actions of  $G(H, L, \chi)$  and  $G(H, L, \chi')$  via  $\alpha_c$ .

Now assume that we have data  $(H, L, \chi)$  as above and assume that  $U \subset V$  is a maximal  $E$ -isotropic  $\mathbb{R}$ -subspace such that  $U$  is generated by  $U \cap L$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $\chi|_{U \cap L} \equiv 1$ . It is easy to see that  $U$  generates  $V$  as a  $\mathbb{C}$ -space and since  $H|_{U \times U}$  is a symmetric form, it extends to a  $\mathbb{C}$ -bilinear symmetric form  $S : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Now we set

$$\theta_{H, L, U}^\chi(x) = \exp\left(\frac{\pi}{2} S(x, x)\right) \sum_{l \in L/U \cap L} \chi(l) \exp(\pi(H - S)(x, l) - \frac{\pi}{2}(H - S)(l, l)). \quad (2.1.6)$$

One can easily check that  $\theta_{H,L,U}^\chi \in T(H, L, \chi)$ . Furthermore, notice that  $\tilde{L} = L + U \cap L^\perp$  is also a lattice in  $V$  such that the restriction of  $E$  to  $\tilde{L}$  is integer-valued. The map  $\chi$  has a unique extension to a map  $\tilde{\chi}: \tilde{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_1^*$  satisfying (2.1.1), such that  $\tilde{\chi}|_{U \cap L^\perp} \equiv 1$ . Then one has

$$\theta_{H,L,U}^\chi = \theta_{H,\tilde{L},U}^{\tilde{\chi}}.$$

In particular,  $\theta_{H,L,U}^\chi$  is an element of  $T(H, \tilde{L}, \tilde{\chi}) \subset T(H, L, \chi)$ . In other words,  $\theta_{H,L,U}^\chi \in T(H, L, \chi)$ , and  $\theta_{H,L,U}^\chi$  is invariant under the action of  $(1, U \cap L^\perp) \subset G(H, L, \chi)$ .

LEMMA 2.1.1. *For any  $c \in U$  one has*

$$\theta_{H,L,U}^{\chi'} = U_{(1,c)} \theta_{H,L,U}^\chi,$$

where  $\chi'$  and  $\chi$  are related by (2.1.3).

The proof is straightforward and is left to the reader.

The following simple statement is sometimes referred to as the “Isogeny theorem.”

LEMMA 2.1.2. *Let  $H, L, \chi, U$  be as above and let  $L' \subset L$  be a sublattice. Then*

$$\theta_{H,L,U}^\chi = \sum_{l \in L/(L'+U \cap L)} \chi(l)^{-1} U_{(1,l)} \theta_{H,L',U}^\chi.$$

We also need the following lemma (in which  $V$  can be replaced by any real symplectic vector space).

LEMMA 2.1.3. *If  $L \subset V$  and  $U$  are as above, then the lattice  $\tilde{L} = L + U \cap L^\perp$  is self-dual.*

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove that if  $L$  and  $U$  are as above and  $U \cap L^\perp = U \cap L$ , then  $L$  is self-dual. (To prove the statement of the lemma, apply this to  $\tilde{L}$ .) We use the induction in the dimension of  $V$ . Choose a nonzero element  $x \in U \cap L$ . Then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $E(x, L) = N\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ . In particular,  $x/N \in U \cap L^\perp = U \cap L$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $x/N$  we can assume that  $N = 1$ , so that there exists an element  $y \in L$  such that  $E(x, y) = 1$ . Consider the  $E$ -orthogonal decomposition  $V = (\mathbb{R}x \oplus \mathbb{R}y) \oplus V_0$ . Then  $L = (\mathbb{Z}x \oplus \mathbb{Z}y) \oplus V_0 \cap L$ ,  $L^\perp = (\mathbb{Z}x \oplus \mathbb{Z}y) \oplus V_0 \cap L^\perp$  and  $U = \mathbb{R}x \oplus V_0 \cap U$ . Hence, we can apply the induction assumption to  $V_0 \cap L$  and  $V_0 \cap U$ .  $\square$

*Remarks.* (1) When one has an isotropic decomposition  $L = L_1 \oplus L_2$  such that  $U \cap L = L_2$  and  $\chi = \chi_0(L_1, L_2)$ , the function  $\theta_{H,L,U}^\chi$  we defined coincides with the function  $\mathfrak{g}^0$  defined in [1, Ch. 3, 2.3].

(2) If  $L = L^\perp$ , then for given  $H$  and  $\chi$ , an isotropic subspace  $U$  as above exists if and only if the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}(H, \chi)$  on  $V/L$  is even (see [6]).



**2.2. Classical theta functions and the functional equation.** Let  $Z$  be an element of the Siegel upper half-plane  $\mathfrak{H}_g$ ; that is, let  $Z$  be a  $g \times g$  matrix, such that  $Z^t = Z$  and  $\text{Im } Z > 0$ . Then it defines an abelian variety with principal polarization in the standard way. First,  $L(Z) = \mathbb{Z}\mathbb{Z}^g \oplus \mathbb{Z}^g$  is a lattice in  $\mathbb{C}^g$ , and the hermitian form  $H_Z$  on  $\mathbb{C}^g$  is defined by the matrix  $(\text{Im } Z)^{-1}$  in the standard basis. Then one has an isotropic decomposition  $L(Z) = L(Z)_1 \oplus L(Z)_2$ , where  $L(Z)_1 = \mathbb{Z}\mathbb{Z}^g$ ,  $L(Z)_2 = \mathbb{Z}^g$ ; hence the corresponding map  $\chi_0 : L(Z) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ , satisfying (2.1.1). One also has the corresponding decomposition  $\mathbb{C}^g = \mathbb{Z}\mathbb{R}^g \oplus \mathbb{R}^g$  into summands that are lagrangian with respect to the real symplectic form  $E_Z = \text{Im } H_Z$ . For  $v \in \mathbb{C}^g$  we use the notation  $v = \mathbb{Z}v_1 + v_2$ , where  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^g$ . Now one can compute that for any  $c \in \mathbb{C}^g$ , one has

$$U_{(1,c)} \theta_{H_Z, L(Z), \mathbb{R}^g}^{\chi_0} = \exp\left(\frac{\pi}{2} S(\cdot, \cdot) - \pi i (c_1)^t \cdot c_2\right) \theta \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}(\cdot, Z),$$

where  $S(v, w) = v^t (\text{Im } Z)^{-1} w$ ,  $\theta \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}(\cdot, Z)$  is the classical theta function with characteristics

$$\theta \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}(v, Z) = \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^g} \exp(\pi i (l + c_1)^t Z (l + c_1) + 2\pi i (v + c_2)(l + c_1))$$

for  $v \in \mathbb{C}^g$ .

We are going to use this comparison and rewrite the classical functional equation in terms of canonical theta functions. Namely, assume that we have a complex vector space  $V$ , a lattice  $L \subset V$ , and a positive hermitian form  $H$  on  $V$  such that the restriction of  $E = \text{Im } H$  to  $L$  takes integer values and  $L^\perp = L$ . Then to every pair  $(\chi, U)$ , where  $\chi : L \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_1^*$  is a map satisfying (2.1.1) and  $U \subset V$  is an  $E$ -lagrangian subspace generated by  $U \cap L$  such that  $\chi|_U \equiv 1$ , we associated the canonical theta function  $\theta_{H, L, U}^\chi$  for  $(H, \chi)$ . Now if we consider another such pair  $(\chi', U')$ , then we get the canonical theta function  $\theta_{H, L, U'}^{\chi'}$  for  $(H, \chi')$ . We can choose  $c \in V$  (uniquely up to adding an element of  $L$ ) such that

$$\chi'(l) = \chi(l) \exp(2\pi i E(c, l)) \quad (2.2.1)$$

for  $l \in L$ . Then  $U_{(1,c)}$  gives an isomorphism of  $T(H, L, \chi)$  with  $T(H, L, \chi')$ . Since  $T(H, L, \chi')$  in this case is 1-dimensional, we should have an identity

$$\theta_{H, L, U'}^{\chi'}(v) = q \cdot U_{(1,c)} \theta_{H, L, U}^\chi(v), \quad (2.2.2)$$

where  $q \in \mathbb{C}^*$  is a constant depending on  $H, \chi, c, U$ , and  $U'$ .

For every pair  $M_1, M_2$  of free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules of rank  $g = \dim V$  in  $V$  such that  $M_i$  generates  $V$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , we define  $\det_{M_1}(M_2) \in \mathbb{C}^*/\{\pm 1\}$  as follows: choose arbitrary bases of  $M_i$  and write the transition matrix from the basis in  $M_1$  to that in  $M_2$ ,

then take its determinant. Up to sign, this number does not depend on a choice of bases in  $M_i$ .

**THEOREM 2.2.1.** *Let  $(\chi, U)$  and  $(\chi', U')$  be as above. Assume also that  $\chi^2 \equiv \chi'^2 \equiv 1$ . Then for any  $c \in (1/2)L$ , such that (2.2.1) holds, one has*

$$\theta_{H, L, U'}^{\chi'}(v) = \zeta \cdot \det_{U \cap L}(U' \cap L)^{1/2} U_{(1, c)} \theta_{H, L, U}^{\chi}(v), \quad (2.2.3)$$

where  $\zeta^8 = 1$ .

*Proof.* First let us assume that  $\chi = \chi_0(L_1, L_2)$ ,  $U = \mathbb{R}L_2$  for some isotropic decomposition  $L = L_1 \oplus L_2$ , and similarly the pair  $(\chi', U')$  arises from some isotropic decomposition  $L = L'_1 \oplus L'_2$ . Then we can find an automorphism  $T : L \rightarrow L$ , which preserves  $E|_{L \times L}$ , such that  $L'_i = T(L_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Choosing bases in  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  in such a way that the matrix of  $E|_{L \times L}$  with respect to them is standard, and identifying  $V$  with  $\mathbb{C}^g$  using the base in  $L_2$ , we may assume that  $V = \mathbb{C}^g$ ,  $H = H_Z$ ,  $L_1 = \mathbb{Z}\mathbb{Z}^g$ , and  $L_2 = \mathbb{Z}^g$  for some  $Z \in \mathfrak{H}_g$ . Let  $(e_1, \dots, e_g)$  be the standard basis in  $\mathbb{Z}^g$ ; then  $(Ze_1, \dots, Ze_g, e_1, \dots, e_g)$  is the basis of  $L$  in which  $E$  has the standard form. With respect to this base,  $T$  is given by a symplectic matrix  $[T] \in \text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$ . Let  $[T] = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ B & D \end{pmatrix}$  be the block form of  $[T]$ , where  $A, B, C, D \in \text{M}(g, \mathbb{Z})$ . Then  $L'_1 = (ZA + B)(\mathbb{Z}^g) \subset \mathbb{C}^g$  and  $L'_2 = (ZC + D)(\mathbb{Z}^g) \subset \mathbb{C}^g$ . Thus,  $(ZC + D)^{-1}(L'_2) = \mathbb{Z}^g$  and  $(ZC + D)^{-1}(L'_1) = Z'\mathbb{Z}^g$ , where  $Z' = (ZC + D)^{-1}(ZA + B) \in \mathfrak{H}_g$ . It follows that

$$\theta_{H_Z, L'_1, L'_2}^{\chi_0(L'_1, L'_2)}((ZC + D)v) = \theta_{H_{Z'}, L(Z'), L(Z')_2}^{\chi_0(L(Z')_1, L(Z')_2)}(v),$$

so that (2.2.2) with  $v = 0$  assumes the form

$$\theta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (0, Z') = q \cdot \exp(-\pi i(c_1)^t \cdot c_2) \cdot \theta \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} (0, Z). \quad (2.2.4)$$

Comparing this with the classical functional equation and using the fact that  $c \in (1/2)L$ , we conclude that

$$q = \zeta \cdot \det(ZC + D)^{1/2},$$

where  $\zeta^8 = 1$ . Now by definition  $\det(ZC + D)$  represents  $\det_{L_2}(L'_2) \in \mathbb{C}^* / \{\pm 1\}$ . Hence, we can rewrite (2.2.2) in the form

$$\theta_{L'_1, L'_2}^{\chi_0(L'_1, L'_2)}(v) = \zeta \cdot \det_{L_2}(L'_2)^{1/2} \cdot U_{(1, c)} \theta_{L_1, L_2}^{\chi_0(L_1, L_2)}(v), \quad (2.2.5)$$

where  $\det_{L_2}(L'_2)^{1/2}$  is defined up to multiplying by the 4th root of unity and  $\zeta$  is an 8th root of unity defined with the same ambiguity.

The general case can be deduced as follows. We can always choose isotropic decompositions  $L = L_1 \oplus L_2$  and  $L = L'_1 \oplus L'_2$  such that  $U = \mathbb{R}L_2$  and  $U' = \mathbb{R}L'_2$ . Then we can find  $c_1 \in U \cap (1/2)L$  and  $c_2 \in U' \cap (1/2)L$  such that

$$\chi = \chi_0(L_1, L_2) \exp(2\pi i E(c_1, \cdot)),$$

$$\chi' = \chi_0(L'_1, L'_2) \exp(2\pi i E(c_2, \cdot)).$$

Then by Lemma 2.1.1 we have

$$\theta_{H,L,U}^\chi = U_{(1,c_1)} \theta_{H,L,U}^{\chi_0(L_1, L_2)},$$

$$\theta_{H,L,U'}^{\chi'} = U_{(1,c_2)} \theta_{H,L,U'}^{\chi_0(L'_1, L'_2)},$$

and the equation is easily deduced from the case considered above.  $\square$

**2.3. Theta identity.** Let  $V, L, H, \chi$  be as in Section 2.1. Assume that  $V/L$  has a complex multiplication by a ring  $R$  and that  $\varepsilon : R \rightarrow R$  is an involution such that

$$H(\varepsilon(r)v, v') = H(v, rv').$$

Let  $B = (b_{ij}) \in M(k, R)$  be a matrix such that  $B^\varepsilon \cdot B = n \cdot \text{Id}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . Here  $B^\varepsilon = \varepsilon(B)^t$ , where  $\varepsilon(B)$  is obtained by applying  $\varepsilon$  to all elements of  $B$ . In other words, if we consider the morphism of free, right  $R$ -modules  $B : R^k \rightarrow R^k$  and the standard hermitian form  $h_1^k(X, Y) = X^\varepsilon \cdot Y$  on  $R^k$  (here we represent elements of  $R^k$  as columns), then one has

$$B^{-1}h_1^k = nh_1^k. \quad (2.3.1)$$

Then if we consider  $B$  as a complex operator on  $V^{\oplus k}$ , one can easily check that

$$B^{-1}H^{\oplus k} = nH^{\oplus k}. \quad (2.3.2)$$

This implies that we have a map

$$B^* : T(H^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, \chi^{\oplus k}) \rightarrow T(nH^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, B^{-1}(\chi^{\oplus k})) : f \mapsto f(B(\cdot)),$$

where  $\chi^{\oplus k}(l_1, \dots, l_k) = \prod_i \chi(l_i)$ . Furthermore, this map is compatible with the actions of the corresponding Heisenberg groups on these spaces via the homomorphism

$$G(nH^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, (\chi^n)^{\oplus k}) \rightarrow G(H^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, \chi^{\oplus k}) : (t, v) \mapsto (t, B(v)),$$

where  $v \in (n^{-1}L^\perp)^{\oplus k}$ .

Now assume that  $\chi^2 \equiv 1$  and that we have an  $E$ -lagrangian subspace  $U \subset V$  generated by  $U \cap L$  such that  $\chi|_{U \cap L} = 1$ . Let  $\tilde{L} = L + U \cap L^\perp$  and let  $\tilde{\chi} : \tilde{L} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  be the unique extension of  $\chi$  to  $\tilde{L}$  satisfying (2.1.1) such that  $\tilde{\chi}|_{U \cap L^\perp} \equiv 1$ . Then, according to Lemma 2.1.3, the lattice  $\tilde{L}$  is self-dual with respect to  $E$ .

LEMMA 2.3.1. *There exists an element  $c \in ((1/2n)L^\perp)^{\oplus k}$  such that*

$$\chi^{\oplus k}(Bl) = (\chi^n)^{\oplus k}(l) \exp(2\pi i n E^{\oplus k}(c, l))$$

for any  $l \in L^{\oplus k}$ , and

$$\tilde{\chi}^{\oplus k}(Bv) = \exp(2\pi i n E^{\oplus k}(c, v))$$

for any  $v \in U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})$ .

*Proof.* First choose  $c' \in (1/2)B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})$  such that

$$B^{-1}(\tilde{\chi}^{\oplus k})|_{U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})} = \exp(2\pi i n E^{\oplus k}(c', \cdot)).$$

Now we define a map  $\chi' : B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  by the formula

$$B^{-1}(\tilde{\chi}^{\oplus k}) = \chi' \exp(2\pi i n E^{\oplus k}(c', \cdot)).$$

Then  $\chi'|_{U^{\oplus k} \cap L^{\oplus k}} \equiv 1$ , so we can choose an element  $c'' \in U^{\oplus k} \cap ((1/2n)L^\perp)^{\oplus k}$  such that

$$\chi'|_{L^{\oplus k}} = (\chi^n)^{\oplus k} \exp(2\pi i n E^{\oplus k}(c'', \cdot)).$$

It remains to set  $c = c' + c''$ . □

THEOREM 2.3.2. *With the above notation, one has*

$$B^* \theta_{H^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, U^{\oplus k}}^{\chi^{\oplus k}} = \zeta \cdot \det B^{-1/2} n^{gk/2} d^{-1/2} \cdot \sum_v \chi(Bv) U_{(1,v)} U_{(1,c)} \theta_{nH^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, U^{\oplus k}}^{(\chi^n)^{\oplus k}}, \quad (2.3.3)$$

where  $\det B$  is the determinant of  $B$  considered as a complex operator on  $V^k$ , the summation is taken over the finite group  $v \in B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) / (L^{\oplus k} + U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}))$ ,  $d$  is the number of elements in this group, the Heisenberg action on the right-hand side is associated with the hermitian form  $nH^{\oplus k}$ , and an element  $c$  is chosen as in Lemma 2.3.1.

*Proof.* Notice that  $B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})$  is a self-dual lattice with respect to  $B^{-1}E^{\oplus k} = nE^{\oplus k}$ , and one has

$$B^* \theta_{H^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, U^{\oplus k}}^{\chi^{\oplus k}} = \theta_{nH^{\oplus k}, B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}), B^{-1}(U^{\oplus k})}^{B^{-1}(\tilde{\chi}^{\oplus k})}.$$

Now we want to apply the functional equation (2.2.3) to the self-dual lattice  $B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})$  and a pair of lagrangian subspaces  $B^{-1}(U^{\oplus k})$  and  $U^{\oplus k}$  in  $V^{\oplus k}$ . Let us define a map  $\chi' : B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  by the formula

$$B^{-1}(\tilde{\chi}^{\oplus k}) = \chi' \exp(2\pi i n E^{\oplus k}(c, \cdot)),$$

where  $c$  is chosen as in Lemma 2.3.1. Then  $\chi'(v_1 + v_2) = \chi'(v_1)\chi'(v_2) \cdot \exp(2\pi i n E^{\oplus k}(v_1, v_2))$  and  $\chi'|_{U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})} \equiv 1$ . Applying (2.2.3) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta_{nH^{\oplus k}, B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}), B^{-1}(U^{\oplus k})}^{B^{-1}(\tilde{\chi}^{\oplus k})} \\ &= \zeta \cdot \det_{U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})}(B^{-1}(U^{\oplus k}) \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}))^{1/2} U_{(1,c)} \theta_{nH^{\oplus k}, B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}), U^{\oplus k}}^{\chi'} \end{aligned} \quad (2.3.4)$$

Now we apply Lemma 2.1.2 to the embedding of lattices  $L^{\oplus k} \subset B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})$  and use the fact that  $\chi'|_{L^{\oplus k}} = (\chi^n)^{\oplus k}$ :

$$\theta_{nH^{\oplus k}, B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}), U^{\oplus k}}^{\chi'} = \sum_{v \in B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})/(L^{\oplus k} + U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}))} \chi'(v) U_{(1,v)} \theta_{nH^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, U^{\oplus k}}^{(\chi^n)^{\oplus k}} \quad (2.3.5)$$

Combining (2.3.4) and (2.3.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & B^* \theta_{H^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, U^{\oplus k}}^{\chi^{\oplus k}} \\ &= \zeta \cdot \det_{U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})}(B^{-1}(U^{\oplus k}) \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}))^{1/2} \sum_v \chi'(v) U_{(1,c)} U_{(1,v)} \theta_{nH^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, U^{\oplus k}}^{(\chi^n)^{\oplus k}}, \end{aligned}$$

where the summation is taken over  $v \in B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})/(L^{\oplus k} + U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}))$ . It remains to use the relation

$$\chi'(v) U_{(1,c)} U_{(1,v)} = \chi'(v) \exp(2\pi i n E^{\oplus k}(c, v)) U_{(1,v)} U_{(1,c)} = \chi^{\oplus k}(v) U_{(1,v)} U_{(1,c)}$$

and the lemma below. □

**LEMMA 2.3.3.** *In the situation above*

$$\det_{U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})}(B^{-1}(U^{\oplus k}) \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})) = \det B^{-1} \cdot \frac{n^{gk}}{d},$$

where  $d = [B^{-1}(\widetilde{L^{\oplus k}}) : (L^{\oplus k} + U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\widetilde{L^{\oplus k}}))]$ .

*Proof.* We can write

$$\begin{aligned} \det_{U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})}(B^{-1}(U^{\oplus k}) \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})) &= \det_{U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})}(U^{\oplus k} \cap L^{\oplus k}) \\ &\quad \times \det_{U^{\oplus k} \cap L^{\oplus k}}(B^{-1}(U^{\oplus k} \cap L^{\oplus k})) \cdot \det_{B^{-1}(U^{\oplus k} \cap \mathcal{L}^{\oplus k})}(B^{-1}(U^{\oplus k} \cap \tilde{L}^{\oplus k})) \\ &= [U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) : U^{\oplus k} \cap L^{\oplus k}] \cdot \det B^{-1} \cdot [U^{\oplus k} \cap \tilde{L}^{\oplus k} : U^{\oplus k} \cap L^{\oplus k}]^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we use the formula

$$\begin{aligned} [B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) : L^{\oplus k}] &= [B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) : (L^{\oplus k} + U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}))] \\ &\quad \times [U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) : U^{\oplus k} \cap L^{\oplus k}] \\ &= d \cdot [U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) : U^{\oplus k} \cap L^{\oplus k}]. \end{aligned}$$

Since the lattice  $B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})$  is self-dual with respect to  $nE^{\oplus k}$ , it follows that

$$[B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) : L^{\oplus k}] = \left[ \frac{1}{n} L^{\perp} : L \right]^{k/2} = n^{gk} \cdot [L^{\perp} : L]^{k/2}.$$

Together with the previous formula, this leads to

$$[U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) : U^{\oplus k} \cap L^{\oplus k}] = d^{-1} \cdot n^{gk} \cdot [L^{\perp} : L]^{k/2}.$$

It remains to use the fact that

$$[U^{\oplus k} \cap \tilde{L}^{\oplus k} : U^{\oplus k} \cap L^{\oplus k}] = [U \cap L^{\perp} : U \cap L]^k = [L^{\perp} : L]^{k/2}. \quad \square$$

**COROLLARY 2.3.4.** *Assume that  $U^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k}) \subset L^{\oplus k}$  and that the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}(H, \chi)$  on  $V/L$  is of the form  $L(1)$  for some  $\Sigma_{R, \varepsilon}$ -structure  $r \mapsto L(r)$ . Then one has*

$$B^* \theta_{H^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, U^{\oplus k}}^{\chi^{\oplus k}} = \zeta \cdot \det B^{-1/2} [L^{\perp} : L]^{-k/4} \cdot \sum_{v \in B^{-1}(\tilde{L}^{\oplus k})/L^{\oplus k}} \chi(Bv) U_{(1,v)} \theta_{nH^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, U^{\oplus k}}^{(\chi^n)^{\oplus k}}. \quad (2.3.6)$$

*Remarks.* (1) Following Shimura, let us define

$$f_*(x) = \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{2} H(x, x)\right) f(x)$$

for every function  $f$  on  $V$ . In the case when  $V/L$  has many complex multiplications, Shimura [8] defined a subset  $T_a(H, L, \chi) \subset T(H, L, \chi)$  consisting of functions  $f$  for which  $f_*(\mathbb{Q}L) \subset K'_{ab}$ , where  $K'_{ab}$  is the maximal abelian extension of  $K'$ , the reflex of the CM-field  $K$  associated with  $V/L$  (see [9]). It is shown in [8] that, in fact,  $T_a(H, L, \chi)$  generates  $T(H, L, \chi)$ ; more precisely, the standard basis of  $T(H, L, \chi)$  multiplied by a suitable constant is a basis of  $T_a(H, L, \chi)$  over  $K'_{ab}$  (see [8, Prop. 2.4]). Now it follows from definition that the map  $B^*$  for a matrix  $B$  as above sends  $T_a(H^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, \chi^{\oplus k})$  to  $T_a(nH^{\oplus k}, L^{\oplus k}, B^{-1}\chi^{\oplus k})$ . Our theorem gives an explicit formula for this operator in terms of standard bases of these  $K'_{ab}$ -linear spaces (note that  $\det B \in K'$ ).

(2) If the line bundle  $t_c^* \mathcal{L}(H, \chi)$  extends to a  $\Sigma_{R,e}$ -structure for some  $c \in (1/2)L^\perp$ , then the same simplification of theta characteristics as in the above corollary can be achieved—one just has to replace  $\theta$  by  $U_{(1,c)}\theta$  in formula (2.3.6).

Let us rewrite the formula (2.3.6) of Corollary 2.3.4 in the classical notation. Namely, assume that  $V = \mathbb{C}^g$  and  $L = \mathbb{Z}\mathbb{Z}^g + \mathbb{Z}^g$ , where  $Z \in \mathfrak{H}_g$ ,  $H = H_Z$  is given by  $\text{Im } Z^{-1}$  (so that  $L^\perp = L$ ),  $U = \mathbb{R}^g \subset \mathbb{C}^g$ , and  $\chi = \chi_0(\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{Z}^g, \mathbb{Z}^g)$ . Then the corollary can be restated as follows: if  $\mathbb{C}^g/\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{Z}^g + \mathbb{Z}^g$  has a complex multiplication by  $R$  and  $L(1) = \mathcal{L}(H_Z, \chi_0(\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{Z}^g, \mathbb{Z}^g))$  extends to a  $\Sigma_{R,e}$ -structure, then for every matrix  $B = (b_{ij}) \in M_k(R)$  such that  $B^e \cdot B = n \cdot \text{Id}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , and  $(\mathbb{R}^g)^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(L^{\oplus k}) = (\mathbb{Z}^g)^{\oplus k}$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k (Bx)_i^t \cdot (\text{Im } Z)^{-1} \cdot (Bx)_i - \frac{\pi}{2} n \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^t \cdot (\text{Im } Z)^{-1} \cdot x_i\right) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^k \theta\left(\sum_{j=1}^k b_{ij} x_j, Z\right) \\ &= \zeta \cdot \det B^{-1/2} \cdot \sum_{v \in B^{-1}(L^{\oplus k})/L^{\oplus k}} \exp\left(\pi i \sum_{i=1}^k (Bv)_{i,1}^t \cdot (Bv)_{i,2} - \pi i n \sum_{i=1}^k v_{i,1}^t \cdot v_{i,2}\right) \\ & \quad \cdot \prod_{i=1}^k \theta\left[\begin{smallmatrix} v_{i,1} \\ v_{i,2} \end{smallmatrix}\right](nx_i, nZ), \end{aligned}$$

where  $x \in (\mathbb{C}^g)^{\oplus k}$ , for every  $y \in (\mathbb{C}^g)^{\oplus k}$  we denote by  $y_i \in \mathbb{C}^g$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , the components of  $y$ ,  $y_{i,1}, y_{i,2} \in \mathbb{R}^g$  are the corresponding real components:  $y_i = Zy_{i,1} + y_{i,2}$ .

Here are examples of matrices  $B$  in the case  $g = 1$  for which the condition  $(\mathbb{R})^{\oplus k} \cap B^{-1}(L^{\oplus k}) = (\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus k}$  is satisfied. If  $k = 1$ , then it simply means that  $B = (b)$ , where  $b \in L$  is a primitive element of the lattice. If  $k = 2$ , we can take

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -\bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix},$$

such that  $L = a\mathbb{Z} + b\mathbb{Z}$ , to satisfy this condition.

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