

Roughly following

- Huybrechts, Chap. 10.2.
- Huybrechts-Lehn, Chap. 4.

Throughout talk,  $X$  is a projective variety,  $k = \bar{k}$  of char. zero.

Def  $\mathcal{C}$  category. Then  $\text{yon} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Pr}(C) := \text{Func}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$ .

Given  $F \in \text{Pr}(C)$ , we say that  $F$  is representable if  $F \cong \mathbb{Z}$  for some  $x \in C$ .

$F$  is represented by  $x \in C$  if  $\exists F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , initial among all  $y \in C$ .

Equivalently,  $F$  is represented by  $x$  if  $\forall y \in C, \text{Mor}_C(y, \mathbb{Z}) \cong F(y)$ .

... corresp... by  $x \quad \forall y \in C, \text{Mor}_C(x, y) \cong \text{Mor}_{\text{Pr}(C)}(F, \mathbb{Z})$ .

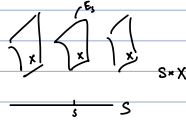
$x$  universally corepresents  $F$  if  $\forall I \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, I \cong F$  corepresented by  $I$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I \cong F & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

Prop: Representable  $\Rightarrow$  Corepresentable. When  $F$  is corepresentable, the object corepresenting it is unique up to unique isomorphism.

Def Let  $P \in \mathbb{Q}[S]$ . Then let  $\mathcal{M} := (\text{Sch}/k)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

Depends on  $P$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$ .  $S \mapsto \{ E \in \text{Coh}(S \times X) : E \text{ S-flat}, \forall s \in S, P(E_s) = P, E_s \text{ semistable} \} / \sim$



Theorem  $\mathcal{M}$  is corepresented by a projective  $k$ -scheme  $M$ . The closed pts of  $M$  are  $S$ -equivalence classes of semistable sheaves on  $X$  w/ Hilbert polynomial  $P$ .

Why  $S$ -equivalence?

1.  $M$  is projective.  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-1) \rightarrow E_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(1) \rightarrow 0 \quad P^2$ .

But  $\mathcal{O}(-1) \otimes \mathcal{O}(1)$  and  $\mathcal{O} \otimes \mathcal{O}$  are  $S$ -equivalent.

2. If  $E, F$  are stable, then  $E, F$   $S$ -equivalent  $\Leftrightarrow E \cong F$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E^{st} & \xrightarrow{E_s} & M(A^s) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong \\ E^{st} & \xrightarrow{A^s \otimes \mathbb{Z}} & M(A^s \otimes \mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

Strategy for construction: Fix  $P, X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)$ .

1. There exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\forall$  semistable coherent sheaf  $F$  on  $X$  w/ Hilbert polynomial  $P$ ,  $F(m)$  is globally generated and  $h^0(F(m)) = P(m)$ .

• Boundedness results. (Le Potier-Simpson estimates, Groth-Mulich Theorem, Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity).

• Easy for smooth curves.

In other words,  $H^0(X, F(m)) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow F(m)$ , or  $H^0(X, F(m)) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-m) \rightarrow F$ .

2. Consider the quot scheme  $\text{Quot}(H, P)$ , which represents the functor  $(\phi : S \rightarrow X) \mapsto \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi^* H \rightarrow E \text{ such that } E_s \text{ has Hilbert polynomial } P \\ E \text{ flat over } S, \text{ Supp } E \rightarrow S \text{ is proper} \end{array} \right\} / \sim$

3. Take GIT quotient of the action  $\text{GL}(n) \curvearrowright \text{Quot}(H, P)$  with respect to  $L_2 = \det(p_*[\mathbb{P}^1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(1)])$ , which is very ample for large  $l$ , and can be  $\text{GL}(n)$ -linearized.

$\tilde{F}$  is the universal quotient that lives on  $\text{Quot} \times X \xrightarrow{\phi} \text{Quot}$ .

Brief Review of GIT

$k = \bar{k}$  char 0.

Let  $G$  be an algebraic gp/ $k$  (finite type). For GIT, want  $G$  affine reductive, e.g.  $G_m^n, \text{PGL}_n, \text{SL}_n, \text{GL}_n$ .

Right action is a morphism  $X \times G \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $X(T) \times G(T) \rightarrow X(T)$  is a group action  $\forall k$ -scheme  $T$ .

•  $G$ -equivariant morphism,  $G$ -invariant morphism.

Def. (Categorical quotient).  $\sigma : X \times G \rightarrow X$  gp action. A categorical quotient for  $\sigma$  is a  $k$ -scheme  $Y$  that

corepresents the functor  $X/G$ .

The identity morphism  $X \rightarrow X$  corresponds then to a morphism  $X \rightarrow Y$  which is  $G$ -invariant.

In fact,  $\text{Mor}(X/G, Y) \cong \{ G\text{-invariant maps } X \rightarrow Y \}$ .

Def (Good quotient). Let  $G$  be an affine alg gp over  $k$  acting on  $X \in \text{Sch}/k$ .

Then  $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$  is a good quotient if

- $Y$  is affine and invariant
- $\varphi$  is surjective,  $U \subset Y$  open  $\Leftrightarrow \varphi^{-1}(U) \subset X$  open.
- $\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow (\varphi_* \mathcal{O}_X)^{G^m}$  is iso.
- If  $W$  is an invariant closed subset of  $X$ , then  $\varphi(W)$  is closed in  $Y$ .
- If  $W_1, W_2 \subset X$  invariant closed disjoint, then  $\varphi(W_1)$  and  $\varphi(W_2)$  are disjoint.

If a good quotient exists, then denote by  $X//G$ .

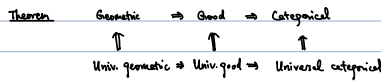
**Def (Geometric quotient):** A good quotient  $X \rightarrow Y$  is: any geometric fiber is the orbit of a geometric pt is called a geometric quotient.

**Theorem (4.2.9 H-1):** Let  $G$  be reductive acting on  $X = \text{Spec } A$   $k$ -scheme of finite type.

Let  $Y = \text{Spec } A^G$ . Then  $X \rightarrow Y$  is a universal good quotient.

**Example**  $G = \mathbb{C}^* \curvearrowright \mathbb{A}^n$ . Then the only  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ -invariant of  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is  $k$ . So have universal good quotient  $\mathbb{A}^n \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$ .

This is not geometric because all orbits are collapsed into a single fiber.



**Proof.** Only Good  $\Rightarrow$  Categorical is not obvious.

Suppose that  $X \rightarrow Y$  is a good quotient and  $X \rightarrow Z$  is invariant. What map  $\phi: Y \rightarrow Z$  factoring.

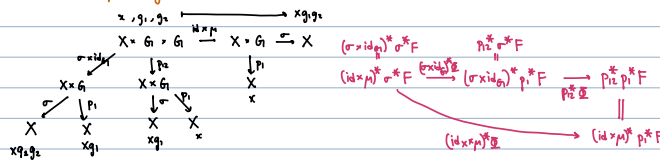
Take open affine cover of  $Z$ ,  $\{V_i = \text{Spec } A_i\}$ . Then  $\phi^{-1}V_i$  is invariant, and so  $\phi^{-1}V_i = \phi^{-1}U_i$  for some  $U_i \in Y$ .

By property of good quotient,  $U_i$  is open. So we arrive at the local picture  $\phi^{-1}U_i = \phi^{-1}V_i \rightarrow V_i = \text{Spec } A_i$ , induced by  $\mathbb{P}(x^{-1}V_i, \mathcal{O}_X) \leftarrow A_i$ .  
 $\mathbb{P}(U_i, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(U_i, \mathcal{O}_Y) \leftarrow A_i$  since  $A_i$  is  $G$ -invariant.

**Def ( $G$ -linearization)** Given coherent sheaf  $F$  on  $X \times G$ , a  $G$ -linearization is an isomorphism

$$(X \times G \xrightarrow{p_1} X) \quad \sigma^* F \xrightarrow{\cong} p_2^* F, \text{ such that certain cocycle conditions are satisfied.}$$

Fiberwise, isomorphisms  $F_{g_2} = F_{g_1} \forall g_1, g_2 \in G$ .



**Remark:** The space of global sections of a  $G$ -linearized sheaf naturally is a  $G$ -representation.

$\Rightarrow$  If  $L$  is very ample  $G$ -linearized, have that  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(H^0(X, L))$  is  $G$ -equivariant.

So that we've "linearized" the  $G$ -action on  $X$  into  $G$ -action on a vector space / projective space.

**Taking quotients of a projective variety by a reductive group:**

Suppose  $X \times G$ ,  $L$   $G$ -linearized ample line bundle, then

$$R = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} H^0(X, L^{\otimes n})$$

is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded  $k$ -algebra w/  $G$ -action respecting the grading.

Then  $R^G$  is also  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded  $k$ -algebra, and the inclusion  $R^G \hookrightarrow R$  induces

$$\text{Proj } R \rightarrow \text{Proj } R^G$$

$$U = \text{Proj } R \setminus V(R_+^G \cdot R)$$

A point  $x \in \text{Proj } R$  lies in  $U$  iff  $\exists s \in H^0(X, L^{\otimes n})^G$  for some  $n$  such that  $s(x) \neq 0$ .

Let  $X = \text{Proj } R$ ,  $Y = \text{Proj } R^G$ . (with respect to  $L$ )

**Definition** A point  $x \in X$  is semistable w.r.t.  $L$  if  $x \in V(R_+^G \cdot R)$ . This open set is denoted  $X^ss = X^{ss}(L)$ .

stable if  $G_x$  is finite and the  $G$ -orbit of  $x$  is closed in  $X^ss$ . This is also an open condition, denoted  $X^s \subset X^ss$ .

**Theorem** Let  $G$  be reductive  $\mathbb{C}$  projective scheme  $X$  w/ a  $G$ -linearized ample line bundle  $L$ .

Then  $\exists$  projective scheme  $Y$  and a morphism  $\pi: X^ss \rightarrow Y$  which is a universal good quotient.

Moreover,  $\exists$  open  $Y^s \subset Y$  s.t.  $X^s(L) = \pi^{-1}Y^s$  and  $X^s \rightarrow Y^s$  is a universal geometric quotient.

Lastly, we can take for some positive  $m$ , a very ample line bundle  $M$  on  $Y$  s.t.  $L^{\otimes m}|_{X^ss(L)} = \pi^* M$ .

Lastly, a useful criterion to determine stability / semistability with respect to some  $L$ :

**Theorem (Hilbert-Mumford Criterion).**

Definition Invariant function means?

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**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $X$  be an affine scheme over  $k$ , let  $G$  be a reductive algebraic group, and let  $\sigma: G \times X \rightarrow X$  be an action of  $G$  on  $X$ . Then a ~~uniform~~ <sup>universal</sup> categorical quotient  $(Y, \phi)$  of  $X$  by  $G$  exists,  $\phi$  is universally submersive, and  $Y$  is an affine scheme. Moreover, if  $X$  is algebraic, then  $Y$  is algebraic over  $k$ .

- If  $\text{char}(k) = 0$ ,  $(Y, \phi)$  is a universal categorical quotient. Moreover:
- ✓  $X$  noetherian implies  $Y$  noetherian.
  - ✓ Separates disjoint closed invariant subschemes.

**Theorem 1.10.** Let  $X$  be an algebraic pre-scheme over  $k$ , and let  $G$  be a reductive algebraic group acting on  $X$ . Suppose  $L$  is a  $G$ -linearized invertible sheaf on  $X$ . Then a ~~uniform~~ <sup>universal</sup> categorical quotient  $(Y, \phi)$  of  $X^*(L)$  by  $G$  exists. Moreover:

- (i)  $\phi$  is affine and universally submersive;
- (ii) there is an ample invertible sheaf  $M$  on  $Y$  such that  $\phi^*(M) \cong L^n$  for some  $n$ ; hence  $Y$  is a quasi-projective algebraic scheme;
- (iii) there is an open subset  $\tilde{Y} \subset Y$  such that  $X^*(L) = \phi^{-1}(\tilde{Y})$  and such that  $(\tilde{Y}, \phi|_{X^*(L)})$  is a uniform geometric quotient of  $X^*(L)$  by  $G$ .

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $x$  be a geometric point of  $X$ . Then:

- (a)  $x$  is *pre-stable* (with respect to  $\sigma$ ) if there exists an invariant affine open subset  $U \subset X$  such that  $x$  is a point of  $U$ , and the action of  $G$  on  $U$  is closed. orbits of geometric pts are closed

Now suppose  $L$  is an invertible sheaf on  $X$ , and  $\phi$  is a  $G$ -linearization of  $L$ . Then:

- (b)  $x$  is *semi-stable* (with respect to  $\sigma, L, \phi$ ) if there exists a section  $s \in H^0(X, L^n)$  for some  $n$ , such that  $s(x) \neq 0$ ,  $X_x$  is affine, and  $s$  is invariant, i.e. if  $\phi_n: \sigma^*(L^n) \rightarrow \phi_n^*(L^n)$  is induced by  $\phi$ , then  $\phi_n(\sigma^*(s)) = \mathcal{P}_n^*(s)$ .

- (c)  $x$  is *stable* (with respect to  $\sigma, L, \phi$ ) if there exists a section  $s \in H^0(X, L^n)$  for some  $n$ , such that  $s(x) \neq 0$ ,  $X_x$  is affine,  $s$  is invariant, and the action of  $G$  on  $X_x$  is closed.