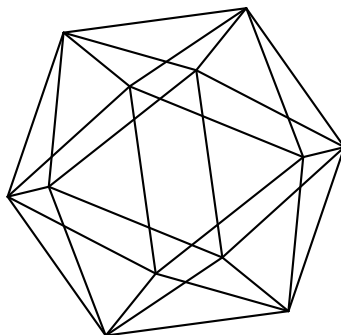


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ABSTRACT. In this paper we discuss multiplicative relations between eigenvalues of Frobenius endomorphism of abelian varieties of small dimension over finite fields.

1. INTRODUCTION

There was a growing interest recently, in the study of multiplicative relations between eigenvalues of Frobenius endomorphism Fr_X of an abelian variety X over a finite field k . e.g, see [2, 1]. That is why I decided to return to this topic after a rather long break. Our main tool, as in [14, 15, 16, 5, 17], is the multiplicative group $\Gamma(X, k)$ generated by the set of R_X of eigenvalues of Fr_X . Assuming that k is *sufficiently large* with respect to X , i.e., $\Gamma(X, k)$ does *not* contain *nontrivial* roots of unity, we say that X is *neat* (see [17, Sect. 3] and Sect. 2 below) if it enjoys the following property.

If $e : R_X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is an integer-valued function such that

$$\prod_{\alpha \in R_X} (q^{-1}\alpha^2)^{e(\alpha)} = 1$$

then $e(\alpha) = e(q/\alpha)$ for all $\alpha \in R_X$. Here q is the number of elements of k . (Recall that $\alpha \mapsto q/\alpha$ is a permutation of R_X .)

Our main result is the following statement.

Theorem 1.1. *Suppose that $1 \leq \dim(X) \leq 3$ and k is sufficiently large with respect to X . Then X is not neat if and only if it enjoys all of the following three properties.*

- (i) X is absolutely simple, all endomorphisms of X are defined over k and its endomorphism algebra $\text{End}^0(X)$ is a sextic CM field that is generated by Fr_X .
- (ii) $\text{End}^0(X)$ contains an imaginary quadratic subfield B that enjoys the following property. If

$$\text{Norm} : \text{End}^0(X) \rightarrow B$$

is the norm map corresponding to the cubic field extension $\text{End}^0(X)/B$ then

$$\text{Norm}(q^{-1}\text{Fr}_X^2) = 1.$$

- (iii) X is almost ordinary, i.e. the set of slopes of its Newton polygon is $\{0, 1/2, 1\}$ and $\text{length}(1/2) = 2$.

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Remark 1.2. Let X and B satisfy the conditions (i)-(iii) of Theorem 1.1. Let us fix an embedding $B \subset \mathbb{C}$ of the imaginary quadratic field B into the field \mathbb{C} of complex numbers. Let

$$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3 : \text{End}^0(X) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

the distinct embeddings of sextic $\text{End}^0(X)$ to \mathbb{C} that act as the identity map on B . Let us put

$$\alpha_1 = \sigma_1(\text{Fr}_X), \alpha_2 = \sigma_2(\text{Fr}_X), \alpha_3 = \sigma_3(\text{Fr}_X).$$

Then $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ are distinct eigenvalues of Fr_X and

$$q^3 = (\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3)^2.$$

Remark 1.3. See [17, Sect. 4] for examples of not neat abelian threefolds constructed by Hendrik Lenstra.

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2. RANKS OF NEAT ABELIAN VARIETIES

As usual, ℓ is a prime different from p , $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ stand for the set of positive integers, ring of integers, ring of ℓ -adic integers and the fields of rational, complex and ℓ -adic numbers respectively. If A is a finite set then we write $\#(A)$ for number of its elements. We write $\text{rk}(\Delta)$ for rank of a finitely generated commutative group Δ .

Throughout this paper k is a finite field of characteristic p that consists of q elements, \bar{k} an algebraic closure of k and $\text{Gal}(K) = \text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ the absolute Galois group of k . It is well known that the profinite group $\text{Gal}(K)$ is procyclic and the Frobenius automorphism

$$\sigma_k : \bar{k} \rightarrow \bar{k}, x \mapsto x^q$$

is a topological generator of $\text{Gal}(k)$.

Let X be an abelian variety of positive dimension over k . We write $\text{End}(X)$ for the ring of its k -endomorphisms and $\text{End}^0(X)$ for the corresponding (finite-dimensional semisimple) \mathbb{Q} -algebra $\text{End}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$. We write $\text{Fr}_X = \text{Fr}_{X,k}$ for the Frobenius endomorphism of X . We have

$$\text{Fr}_X \in \text{End}(X) \subset \text{End}^0(X).$$

By a theorem of Tate [12, Sect. 3, Th. 2 on p, 140], the \mathbb{Q} -subalgebra $\mathbb{Q}[\text{Fr}_X]$ of $\text{End}^0(X)$ generated by Fr_X coincides with the center of $\text{End}^0(X)$. In particular, if $\text{End}^0(X)$ is a field then $\text{End}^0(X) = \mathbb{Q}[\text{Fr}_X]$.

If ℓ is a prime different from p then we write $T_\ell(X)$ for the \mathbb{Z}_ℓ -Tate module of X and $V_\ell(X)$ for the corresponding \mathbb{Q}_ℓ -vector space

$$V_\ell(X) = T_\ell(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{Q}_\ell.$$

It is well known [7] that $T_\ell(X)$ is a free \mathbb{Z}_ℓ -module of rank $2\dim(X)$ that may be viewed as a \mathbb{Z}_ℓ -lattice in the \mathbb{Q}_ℓ -vector space $V_\ell(X)$ of dimension $2\dim(X)$.

By functoriality, $\text{End}(X)$ and Fr_X acts on $(T_\ell(X))$ and $V_\ell(X)$; it is well known that the action of Fr_X coincides with the action of σ_k . By a theorem of A. Weil

[7, Sect. 19 and Sect. 21], Fr_X acts on $V_\ell(X)$ as a semisimple linear operator, its characteristic polynomial

$$\mathbb{P}_X(t) = \mathbb{P}_{X,k}(t) = \det(t\text{Id} - \text{Fr}_X, V_\ell(X)) \in \mathbb{Z}_\ell[t]$$

lies in $\mathbb{Z}[t]$ and does not depend on a choice of ℓ . In addition, all eigenvalues of Fr_X (which are algebraic integers) have archimedean absolute value equal to $q^{1/2}$. This means that if

$$L = L_X \subset \mathbb{C}$$

is the splitting field of $\mathbb{P}_X(t)$ and

$$R_X = R_{X,k} \subset L$$

the set of roots of $P(t)$ then L is a finite Galois extension of \mathbb{Q} such that for every field embedding $L \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ we have $|\alpha| = q^{1/2}$ for all $\alpha \in R_X$. Let $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ be the Galois group of L/\mathbb{Q} . Clearly, R_X is a $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ -invariant (finite) subset of L^* . It follows easily that if $\alpha \in R_X$ then $q/\alpha \in R_X$. Indeed, q/α is the *complex-conjugate* $\bar{\alpha}$ of α . We have

$$q^{-1}\alpha^2 = \frac{\alpha}{q/\alpha}.$$

Remark 2.1. Let $m(\alpha)$ be the multiplicity of the root α of $\mathbb{P}_X(t)$. Then

$$P_X(t) = \prod_{\alpha \in R_X} (t - \alpha)^{m(\alpha)} \in \mathbb{C}[t] \quad (1)$$

and

$$\text{rk}(\text{End}(X)) = \sum_{\alpha \in R_X} m(\alpha)^2 \quad (2)$$

(see [12, pp. 138–139], especially (4) and (5)). Let κ be a finite overfield of k of degree d and $X_\kappa = X \times_k \kappa$. Then $T_\ell(X_\kappa)$ and $V_\ell(X_\kappa)$ are canonically isomorphic to $T_\ell(X)$ and $V_\ell(X)$ respectively,

$$\text{Fr}_{X_\kappa} = \text{Fr}_X^d \subset \text{End}(X) \subset \text{End}(X_\kappa),$$

$$R_{X_\kappa} = \{\alpha^d \mid \alpha \in R_X\}, \quad \mathbb{P}_{X_\kappa}(t) = \prod_{\alpha \in R_X} (t - \alpha^d)^{m(\alpha)}.$$

Suppose that α/β is *not* a root of unity for every pair of *distinct* $\alpha, \beta \in R_X$. This implies that α^d and β^d are distinct roots of $\mathbb{P}_{X_\kappa}(t)$. It follows that for every $\alpha \in R_X$ the positive integer $m(\alpha)$ coincides with the multiplicity of root α^d of the polynomial $\mathbb{P}_{X_\kappa}(t)$. The formulas (1) and (2) applied to X_κ give us the equality $\text{rk}(\text{End}(X_\kappa)) = \text{rk}(\text{End}(X))$, which implies that $\text{End}(X_\kappa) = \text{End}(X)$, because the quotient $\text{End}(X_\kappa)/\text{End}(X)$ is torsion-free [11, Sect. 4, p. 501].

Remark 2.2. Let \mathcal{O}_L be the ring of integers in L . Clearly, $R_X \subset \mathcal{O}_L$. It is also clear that \mathfrak{B} is a maximal ideal in \mathcal{O}_L such that $\text{char}(\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{B}) \neq p$ then all elements of R_X are \mathfrak{B} -adic units.

Remark 2.3. Notice that R_X is a $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ -orbit if and only if $\mathbb{P}_X(t)$ is a power of an irreducible polynomial (over \mathbb{Q}), which means that X is isogenous over k to a simple abelian variety over k [12, Theorem 2(e)].

Example 2.4. By functoriality, $\text{End}^0(X)$ and $\mathbb{Q}[\text{Fr}_X]$ act on $V_\ell(X)$. This action extends by \mathbb{Q}_ℓ -linearity to the embedding of \mathbb{Q}_ℓ -algebras

$$\mathbb{Q}[\text{Fr}_X] \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_\ell \subset \text{End}^0(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_\ell = \text{End}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_\ell \subset \text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}(V_\ell(X)).$$

Let us assume that $E = \mathbb{Q}[\text{Fr}_X]$ is a field. (E.g., X is simple.) Then it is known [10] that $V_\ell(X)$ carries the natural structure of a free $E \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ -module and this module is free of rank $e = 2\dim(X)/[E : \mathbb{Q}]$. It follows that

$$\mathbb{P}_X(t) = [\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)]^e$$

where $\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)$ is the minimal polynomial of the semisimple linear operator $\text{Fr}_X : V_\ell(X) \rightarrow V_\ell(X)$. Clearly, $\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)$ has integer coefficients, $\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(\text{Fr}_X) = 0 \in \text{End}(X)$ and the natural homomorphism

$$\mathbb{Q}[t]/\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)\mathbb{Q}[t] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[\text{Fr}_X], \quad t \mapsto \text{Fr}_X + \mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)\mathbb{Q}[t]$$

is a field isomorphism. (In particular, $\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .)

This implies that if we fix an embedding $E \subset \mathbb{C}$ then L_X is the normal closure of E over \mathbb{Q} and R_X is the set of images of Fr_X on \mathbb{C} with respect to all field embeddings $E \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$; in addition, every eigenvalue $\alpha \in R_X$ has multiplicity e .

We write

$$\Gamma = \Gamma(X, k)$$

for the multiplicative subgroup of L^* generated by R_X . One may easily check, using Weil's results that Γ_X contains q and is a finitely generated group of rank $\text{rk}(\Gamma) \leq \dim(X) + 1$. Notice that the rank of Γ is $\dim(X) + 1$ if and only if Γ is a free commutative group of rank $\dim(X) + 1$ [16].

Remark 2.5. It follows from Remark 2.2 that if \mathfrak{B} is a maximal ideal in \mathcal{O}_L such that $\text{char}(\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{B}) \neq p$ then all elements of $\Gamma(X, k)$ are \mathfrak{B} -adic units.

We write

$$\Gamma' = \Gamma(X, k)'$$

for the multiplicative subgroup of L^* generated by all the eigenvalues of $q^{-1}\text{Fr}_X^2$. In other words, Γ' is the multiplicative (sub)group generated by

$$R'_X = \{q^{-1}\alpha^2 \mid \alpha \in R_X\}.$$

Clearly, all the archimedean absolute values of all elements of Γ' are equal to 1.

One may easily check that

$$\text{rk}(\Gamma') + 1 = \text{rk}(\Gamma)$$

and Γ' and q generate a subgroup of finite index in Γ . We define the rank of X as $\text{rk}(\Gamma')$ and denote by $\text{rk}(X)$. Clearly,

$$0 \leq \text{rk}(X) \leq \dim(X).$$

It is known [17, Sect. 2.9 on p. 277 and Remark 2.9.2 on p. 278] that if Y is an abelian variety over k then

$$\max(\text{rk}(X), \text{rk}(Y)) \leq \text{rk}(X \times Y) \leq \text{rk}(X) + \text{rk}(Y).$$

Notice also that $\text{rk}(X)$ does not depend on a field of definition of X and would not change if we replace X by an isogenous abelian variety. In addition, $\text{rk}(X) = 0$ if and only if X is a supersingular abelian variety [17, Sect. 2.0].

This implies the following *trivial* multiplicative relations between eigenvalues $\alpha, \beta, q/\alpha, q/\beta \in R_X$.

$$\alpha \cdot \frac{q}{\alpha} = q = \beta \cdot \frac{q}{\beta}. \quad (3)$$

Let us put

$$R'_X := \{q^{-1}\alpha^2 \mid \alpha \in R_X\}.$$

Clearly, all elements of R'_X have archimedean absolute value 1 with respect to all field embeddings $L \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and the map $\beta \mapsto \beta^{-1}$ is an involution of R'_X .

Assume that k is sufficiently large with respect to X , i.e., the multiplicative group $\Gamma(X, k)$ generated by k does not contain roots of unity (except 1). This implies (thanks to Remark 2.1) that all the endomorphisms of X are defined over k . On the other hand, the map

$$R_X \rightarrow R'_X, \quad \alpha \mapsto \alpha' = q^{-1}\alpha^2$$

is a bijective map that sends q/α to $1/\alpha'$.

Suppose that there are an integer-valued function $e : R_X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ and an integer M such that

$$\prod_{\alpha \in R_X} \alpha^{e(\alpha)} = q^M. \quad (4)$$

Since the archimedean absolute value of each α is $\sqrt{\alpha}$, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{\alpha \in R_X} e(\alpha) \right) = M$$

and therefore

$$2M = \sum_{\alpha \in R_X} e(\alpha), \quad \prod_{\alpha \in R_X} \alpha^{2e(\alpha)} = q^{2M}.$$

This implies that

$$\prod_{\alpha \in R_X} (q^{-1}\alpha^2)^{e(\alpha)} = 1. \quad (5)$$

We may rewrite (5) as

$$\prod_{\beta \in R'_X} \beta^{e'(\beta)} = 1 \quad (5bis)$$

where $e'(\alpha^2/q) := e(\alpha)$.

Conversely, if (5bis) holds for some $e' : R'_X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ then we have

$$\prod_{\alpha \in R_X} \alpha^{e(\alpha)} = q^M$$

with $e(\alpha) := 2e'(\alpha^2/q)$ and $M := \sum_{\beta \in R'_X} e'(\beta)$. We say that X is *neat* if it enjoys one of the following (obviously equivalent) equivalent conditions (we continue to assume that k is sufficiently large).

- (i) Suppose an integer-valued function $e : R_X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ and a positive integer M satisfy (3). Then $e(\alpha) = e(q/\alpha) \forall \alpha \in R_X$.
- (ii) Suppose an integer-valued function $e' : R'_X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ satisfies (4bis). Then $e'(\beta) = e'(1/\beta) \forall \beta \in R'_X$.

Remark 2.6. Let us consider the (sub)set $R_{X,ss}$ of $\alpha \in R_X$ such that $q^{-1}\alpha^2$ is a root of unity. (Here the subscript *ss* is short for supersingular.) Clearly, $\alpha \in R_{X,ss}$ if and only if $q\alpha^{-1} \in R_{X,ss}$. It is also clear that if $R_{X,ss}$ is non-empty then $1/2$ is a slope of X . (The converse is not true if $\dim(X) > 1$.)

Recall [17, Definition 2.3 on p. 276] that k is *sufficiently large* with respect to X or just sufficiently large if $\Gamma(X, k)$ does not contain roots of unity different from 1. If m the order of the subgroup of roots of unity in $\Gamma(X, k)$ and κ/k is a finite algebraic field extension then κ is sufficiently large for X if and only if the degree $[\kappa : k]$ is divisible by m [17, p. 276]. In particular, if k is sufficiently large and $\beta \in R'_X$ is a root of unity then $\beta = 1$. Notice also that if $\text{rk}(X) = \dim(X)$ then $\Gamma(X, k)$ is a free commutative group [16, Sect. 2.1], i.e., k is sufficiently large.

Lemma 2.7. *Suppose that k is sufficiently large with respect to X . If $R_{X,ss}$ is non-empty then the following conditions hold:*

- (i) q is a square.
- (ii) $R_{X,ss}$ is either the singleton $\{\sqrt{q}\}$ or the singleton $\{-\sqrt{q}\}$. In both cases R'_X contains

$$q^{-1}(\pm\sqrt{q})^2 = 1.$$

Proof. Let $\alpha \in R_{X,ss}$. Since the root of unity $q^{-1}\alpha^2$ lies in $\Gamma(X, k)$, we conclude that $\alpha^2 = q$. Since R_X is $\text{Gal}(L/Q)$ -stable, we conclude that if q is not a square then both \sqrt{q} and $-\sqrt{q}$ lie in R_X and therefore

$$-1 = \frac{-\sqrt{q}}{\sqrt{q}} \in \Gamma(X, k),$$

which is not the case, because k is sufficiently large. Therefore q is a square and R_X is either the singleton $\{\sqrt{q}\}$ or the singleton $\{-\sqrt{q}\}$. \square

Remark 2.8. Suppose that k is sufficiently large. Then if α_1 and α_2 are *distinct* elements of R_X then

$$\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} \neq \pm 1$$

and therefore $q^{-1}\alpha_1^2$ and $q^{-1}\alpha_2^2$ are *distinct* elements of R'_X . This implies that

$$\#(R_X) = \#(R'_X).$$

Till the end of this Section we assume that k is sufficiently large with respect to X .

In order to compute the rank of *neat* abelian varieties, let us consider the minimal polynomial $\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)$ of the semisimple linear operator $\text{Fr}_X : V_\ell(X) \rightarrow V_\ell(X)$. The set of roots of $\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)$ coincides with one of $\mathbb{P}_X(t)$, i.e., with R_X ; in addition, all the roots of $\mathbb{P}_X(t)$ are simple. It follows from Remark 2.3 that if X is simple or k -isogenous to a k -simple abelian variety then $\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} and $\mathbb{P}_X(t) = [\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)]^d$ for a certain positive integer d . In general case we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t) = \prod_{\alpha \in R_X} (t - \alpha).$$

In particular,

$$\deg(\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}) = \#(R_X).$$

Example 2.9. Suppose X a supersingular abelian variety. According to Subsection 4.2, α^2/q is a root of unity for all $\alpha \in R_X$, i.e., $R_X = R_{X,ss}$. It follows from Lemma 2.7 that q is a square and R_X is either the singleton $\{-\sqrt{q}\}$ or the singleton $\{\sqrt{q}\}$. Then $\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}(t)$ is a linear polynomial that equals $t - \sqrt{q}$ or $t + \sqrt{q}$ respectively. This implies that that $\mathbb{P}_X(t) = (t \pm \sqrt{q})^{2\dim(X)}$ and R'_X is always the singleton $\{1\}$. It follows that X is neat.

Example 2.10. Suppose $R_{X,ss}$ is empty. This implies that $\alpha \neq q/\alpha$ for every $\alpha \in R_X$, the set R_X consists of even, say, $2d$ elements and one may choose d distinct elements $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d$ of R_X such that

$$R_X = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d; q/\alpha_1, \dots, q/\alpha_d\}.$$

If we put $\beta_i = q^{-1}\alpha_i^2$ then R'_X also consists of $2d$ (distinct) elements and coincides with

$$\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d; \beta_1^{-1}, \dots, \beta_d^{-1}\}.$$

In particular, $\text{rk}(X) \leq d$. Now X is neat if and only if the set $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d\}$ is multiplicatively independent, which means that

$$\text{rk}(X) = d.$$

If this is the case then

$$\text{rk}(X) = d = \frac{\#(R_X)}{2} = \frac{\deg(\mathbb{P}_{X,\min})}{2}.$$

Example 2.11. Suppose $R_{X,ss}$ is non- empty but does *not* coincide with the whole R_X . Let us denote by α_0 the only element of $R_{X,ss}$; as we have seen above, q is a square and $\alpha_0 = \pm\sqrt{q}$. This implies that if α is an element of R_X that is different from α_0 then $\alpha \neq q/\alpha$, the set $R_X \setminus \{\alpha_0\}$ consists of even, say, $2d$ elements and one may choose d distinct elements $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d$ of $R_X \setminus \{\alpha_0\}$ such that

$$R_X = \{\alpha_0; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d; q/\alpha_1, \dots, q/\alpha_d\}.$$

If we put $\beta_i = q^{-1}\alpha_i^2$ then $\beta_0 = 1$ R'_X consists of $(2d + 1)$ (distinct) elements

$$\{1; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_d; \beta_1^{-1}, \dots, \beta_d^{-1}\}.$$

In particular, $\text{rk}(X) \leq d$. Now X is neat if and only if the set $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d\}$ is multiplicatively independent, which means that

$$\text{rk}(X) = d.$$

. If this is the case then

$$\text{rk}(X) = d = \frac{\#(R_X) - 1}{2} = \frac{\deg(\mathbb{P}_{X,\min}) - 1}{2}.$$

Example 2.12. Suppose that X is simple and $\text{rk}(X) = 1$. It follows from Lemma 2.10 of [17] that R'_X consists of two elements say, β and β^{-1} . Clearly, β is not a root of unity. This implies easily that X is neat.

We will need the following elementary lemma.

Lemma 2.13. *Let p be a prime, B an imaginary quadratic field, T the set of maximal ideals in B that lie above p . Let $U_T \subset B^*$ be the multiplicative subgroup of T -units in B and U_T^1 the subgroup of T_B that consists of all $\gamma \in U_T$ such that the archimedean absolute value of γ is 1. If U_T^1 is infinite then p splits in B (i.e., $\#(T) = 2$), $\text{rk}(U_T) = 2$ and $\text{rk}(U_T^1) = 1$.*

Proof. By the generalized Dirichlet unit's theorem [3, Ch. V, Sect. 1], U_T is a finitely generated commutative group of rank $\#(T)$. Clearly, U_T contains an element p of infinite order. If $\#(T) = 1$ then $\text{rk}(U_T) = 1$ and therefore for each

$$\gamma \in U_T^1 \subset U_T$$

a certain positive power of γ is a power of p . However, the archimedean absolute value of γ equals 1 and therefore γ must be a root of unity, which is not the case, since there are only finitely many roots of unity in B . So, $\#(T) = 2$, i.e., p splits in B . In addition, U_T has rank 2. Since no power of p (except $1 = p^0$) lies in U_T^1 , we conclude that $\text{rk}(U_T^1) < \text{rk}(U_T) = 2$. Since $\text{rk}(U_T^1) \geq 1$, we conclude that $\text{rk}(U_T^1) = 1$. \square

Corollary 2.14. *Let B be an imaginary quadratic subfield in L . Suppose that the intersection $\Gamma'(X, k)_B$ of B and $\Gamma'(X, k)$ is infinite. Then p splits in B and the infinite multiplicative group $\Gamma'(X, k)_B$ has rank 1.*

Proof. Notice that (in the notation of Lemma 2.13) $\Gamma'(X, k)_B$ is an infinite subgroup of U_T^1 . In particular, U_T^1 is also infinite. Now Corollary follows readily from Lemma 2.13. \square

Remark 2.15. Suppose that $g = \dim(X) > 1$, k is sufficiently large with respect to X and X is simple. Then X is absolutely simple. In addition, if $\alpha \in R_X$ then $\alpha \neq q/\alpha$. (Indeed, otherwise, α is a square root of q and therefore X is supersingular [12]. Now the absolute simplicity of X implies that $\dim(X) = 1$, which is not the case.) This implies that R_X has even cardinality say, $2m$ and one may choose m distinct elements $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}$ of R_X such that the $2m$ -element set R_X coincides with $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m; q/\alpha_1, \dots, q/\alpha_m\}$. If we put $\beta_i = \alpha_i^2/q$ then R'_X coincides with the $2m$ -element set $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m; \beta_1^{-1}, \dots, \beta_m^{-1}\}$ and

$$\text{rk}(X) = \text{rk}(\Gamma'(X, k)) \leq m.$$

Clearly, X is neat if and only if the set $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m\}$ consists of multiplicatively independent elements, i.e., $\Gamma'(X, k)$ has rank m .

We have

$$\mathbb{P}_{X, \min}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^m (t - \alpha_i)(t = q/\alpha_i)$$

has degree $2m$. Since X is simple, there is a positive integer d such that $\mathbb{P}_X(t) = \mathbb{P}_{X, \min}(t)^d$. Comparing the degrees, we obtain that

$$2g = 2\dim(X) = 2md, \quad g = md.$$

It follows that if $\text{rk}(X) > g/2$ then $m > g/2$ and therefore $d = 1$, i.e., $\mathbb{P}_X(t)$ has no multiple roots and therefore $\text{End}^0(X)$ is a field.

3. RANKS OF NON-SIMPLE ABELIAN VARIETIES

The following assertion was proven in [17, pp. 273, 280–281].

Theorem 3.1. *Let X and Y be non-supersingular simple abelian varieties over k . If*

$$\text{rk}(X \times Y) = \text{rk}(X) + \text{rk}(Y) - 1$$

then there exists an imaginary quadratic field B enjoying the following properties.

- 0) p splits in B ;

- 1) The number fields $E_X = \mathbb{Q}[\mathrm{Fr}_{X,k}]$ and $E_Y = \mathbb{Q}[\mathrm{Fr}_{Y,k}]$ contain subfields isomorphic to B ;
- 2) $\mathrm{Norm}_{E_X/B}(q^{-1}\mathrm{Fr}_{X,k}^2)$ and $\mathrm{Norm}_{E_Y/B}(q^{-1}\mathrm{Fr}_{Y,k}^2)$ are not roots of unity.

Remark 3.2. There was a typo in the displayed formula for ranks in [17, Th. 2.12], see Sect. 8. It was also erroneously claimed (without a proof) in [17, Th. 2.12] that the conditions 0,1,2 are equivalent to the formula $\mathrm{rk}(X \times Y) = \mathrm{rk}(X) + \mathrm{rk}(Y) - 1$. Actually, the conditions 0,1,2) imply only the inequality $\mathrm{rk}(X \times Y) \leq \mathrm{rk}(X) + \mathrm{rk}(Y) - 1$.

Proof of Theorem 3.1. Assertions 1 and 2 are proven in [17, pp. 280–281]. Assertion 0 is proven in [17, Remark 1.1.5 on p. 273]. (It also follows from Assertion 2 combined with Lemma 2.14). □

Corollary 3.3 (Theorem 2.11 of [17]). *Assume that $E = \mathrm{End}^0(X)$ is a number field. Let Y be an ordinary elliptic curve over k . The equality $\mathrm{rk}(\Gamma(X \times Y)) = \mathrm{rk}(\Gamma(X))$ holds true if and only if $\mathrm{End}^0 X$ contains an imaginary quadratic subfield isomorphic to $B = \mathrm{End}^0 Y$ and $\mathrm{Norm}_{E/B}(q^{-1}\mathrm{Fr}_{X,k}^2)$ is not a root of unity.*

Proof. Since $\mathrm{rk}(Y) = 1$, we have

$$\mathrm{rk}(X \times Y) = \mathrm{rk}(X) + \mathrm{rk}(Y) - 1.$$

This implies that in one direction (if we are given that $\mathrm{rk}(\Gamma(X \times Y)) = \mathrm{rk}(\Gamma(X))$, i.e., $\mathrm{rk}(X \times Y) = \mathrm{rk}(X)$) our assertion follows from Theorem 3.1. Conversely, suppose that $B = \mathrm{End}^0 Y$ is isomorphic to a subfield of E and

$$\gamma := \mathrm{Norm}_{E/B}(q^{-1}\mathrm{Fr}_{X,k}^2) \in B$$

is not a root of unity. Let us fix an embedding $E \subset \mathbb{C}$. We have

$$\gamma \in B \subset E \subset L_X \subset \mathbb{C}.$$

By definition, γ is a product of elements of R'_X and therefore lies in $\Gamma'(X, k)$. In particular, in the notation of Lemma 2.14, $\gamma \in \Gamma'(X, k)_B$. On the other hand, $q^{-1}\mathrm{Fr}_{Y,k}^2 \in B$ is also not a root of unity; in addition, it generates $\Gamma'(Y, k)$. Notice that (in the notation of Lemma 2.13) both γ and $q^{-1}\mathrm{Fr}_{Y,k}^2$ lie in U_T^1 ; in particular, U_T^1 is infinite. By Lemma 2.13, U_T^1 is a group of rank 1 and therefore the intersection of cyclic (sub)groups generated by γ and $q^{-1}\mathrm{Fr}_{Y,k}^2$ is an infinite cyclic group. This implies that the intersection of finitely generated groups $\Gamma'(X, k)$ and $\Gamma'(Y, k)$ is an infinite group. It follows that the rank of $\Gamma'(X \times Y, k) = \Gamma'(X, k)\Gamma'(Y, k)$ is strictly less than the sum

$$\mathrm{rk}(\Gamma'(X, k)) + \mathrm{rk}(\Gamma'(Y, k)) = \mathrm{rk}(\Gamma'(X, k)) + 1.$$

In other words, $\mathrm{rk}(X \times Y) < \mathrm{rk}(X) + 1$, i.e., $\mathrm{rk}(X \times Y) \leq \mathrm{rk}(X)$. It follows that $\mathrm{rk}(X \times Y) = \mathrm{rk}(X)$ and we are done. □

4. NEWTON POLYGONS

In order to define the Newton polygon of X , let us consider the ring \mathcal{O}_L of integers in L and pick a maximal ideal \mathfrak{P} in \mathcal{O}_L such that the residue field $\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{P}$ has characteristic p . The set S_p of such ideals constitutes a $\mathrm{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ -orbit. Let

$$\mathrm{ord}_{\mathfrak{P}} : L^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

be the discrete valuation map that corresponds to \mathfrak{P} and normalized by the condition

$$\text{ord}_{\mathfrak{P}}(q) = 1.$$

Then the set

$$\text{Slp}_X = \text{ord}_{\mathfrak{P}}(\mathfrak{A}_X) \subset \mathbb{Q}$$

is called the *set of slopes* of X . For each $c \in \text{Slp}_X$ we write

$$\text{length}(c) = \text{length}_X(c)$$

for the number of roots α of $\mathbb{P}_X(t)$ (with multiplicities) such that

$$\text{ord}_{\mathfrak{P}}(\alpha) = c.$$

By definition

$$\sum_{c \in \text{Slp}_X} \text{length}(c) = \deg(\mathbb{P}_X) = 2\dim(X). \quad (6)$$

Remark 4.1. It is well known that all slopes $c \in \text{Slp}_X$ are rational numbers that lie between 0 and 1. In addition, if c is a slope then $1 - c$ is also a slope and $\text{length}(c) = \text{length}(1 - c)$. In addition, if $1/2$ is a slope then its length is even. Notice also that the rational number c can be presented as a fraction, whose denominator is a positive integer that does not exceed $2\dim(X)$ [15, p. 173].

Since $\mathbb{P}(t)$ has rational coefficients and $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ acts transitively on S_p , the set Slp_X and the function

$$\text{length}_X : \text{Slp}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

do not depend on a choice of \mathfrak{P} . The *integrality property* of the Newton polygon [9, Sect. 9 and 21] means that $c \cdot \text{length}_X(c)$ is a positive integer for each nonzero slope c . Suppose that a slope $c \neq 1/2$ is presented as the fraction in lowest terms, whose denominator is greater than $\dim(X)$. Then $\text{length}(c) > \dim(X)$ and

$$\text{length}(1 - c) = \text{length}(c) > \dim(X),$$

which implies $\text{length}(c) + \text{length}(1 - c) > 2\dim(X)$ and we get a contradiction to (6). So, each slope $c \neq 1/2$ can be presented as a fraction, whose denominator does not exceed $\dim(X)$. It is also clear, that if the denominator of c in lowest terms is exactly $\dim(X)$ then

$$\text{length}(c) = \dim(X) = \text{length}(1 - c)$$

and $\text{Slp}_X = \{c, 1 - c\}$.

Definition 4.2. An abelian variety X is called *ordinary* if $\text{Slp}_X = \{0, 1\}$; it is called *supersingular* if $\text{Slp}_X = \{1/2\}$. It is well known that X is supersingular if and only if R'_X consists of roots of unity, i.e., $q^{-1}\alpha^2$ is a root of unity for all $\alpha \in R_X$. (By the way, it follows immediately from Proposition 3.1.5 in [15, p. 172].)

X is called of *K3 type* [16] if Slp_X is either $\{0, 1/2, 1\}$ or $\{0, 1\}$ while (in both cases) $\text{length}_X(0) = \text{length}_X(1) = 1$. It is called *almost ordinary* [5] if

$$\text{Slp}_X = \{0, 1/2, 1\}, \quad \text{length}_X(1/2) = 2.$$

Remark 4.3. Clearly, X is supersingular if and only if $\text{rk}(X) = 0$. If X is a simple abelian variety of K3 type then $\text{rk}(X) = \dim(X)$ [16]. If X is a simple almost ordinary then $\text{rk}(X) = \dim(X)$ or $\dim(X) - 1$; if, in addition $\dim(X)$ is *even* then $\text{rk}(X) = \dim(X)$ [5].

Theorem 4.4. *Let X be a simple abelian variety of positive dimension over k and $\mathbb{P}_X(t)$ is irreducible. Suppose there exists a rational number $c \neq 1/2$ such that $\text{Slp}_X = \{c, 1 - c\}$. (E.g., X is ordinary.) If $\text{rk}(X) = \dim(X) - 1$ then $\dim(X)$ is even.*

Proof. Let us put $g = \dim(X)$ and

$$c' = 2c - 1 = -[2(1 - c) - 1].$$

Clearly, $c' \neq 0$ and for all i the rational number $\text{ord}_{\mathfrak{P}}(\alpha_i^2/q)$ is either c' or $-c'$. Let us define m_i by

$$\text{ord}_{\mathfrak{P}}(\alpha_i^2/q) = m_i c'.$$

Clearly, $m_i = 1$ or -1 . By Theorem 3.6(b) of [5] there exist $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g \in R_X$ and integers n_1, \dots, n_g such that every n_i is either 1 or -1 and $\gamma = \prod_{i=1}^g (\alpha_i^2/q)^{n_i}$ is a root of unity. Pick $\mathfrak{P} \in S_p$. We have

$$0 = \text{ord}_{\mathfrak{P}}(\gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^g n_i \text{ord}_{\mathfrak{P}}(\alpha_i^2/q) = \sum_{i=1}^g n_i m_i c' = \left[\sum_{i=1}^g (\pm 1) \right] c'.$$

It follows that for a certain choice of signs $\sum_{i=1}^g (\pm 1) = 0$ and therefore g is even. \square

Corollary 4.5. *Suppose that X is a simple abelian variety over k . Assume that $1 \leq \dim(X) \leq 3$ and k is sufficiently large with respect to X . If X is not neat then it is almost ordinary and $\dim(X) = 3$.*

Proof. The equality $\dim(X) = 3$ follows from Theorem 3.5 in [17]. Since X is not neat, $1 < \text{rk}(X) < \dim(X) = 3$. This implies that $\text{rk}(X) = 2$ and therefore $\deg(\mathbb{P}_{X, \min}) > 2 \cdot 2 = 4$. Since $\deg(\mathbb{P}_{X, \min})$ divides $\deg(\mathbb{P}_X) = 6$, we conclude that $\deg(\mathbb{P}_{X, \min}) = \deg(\mathbb{P}_X)$, i.e., $\mathbb{P}_X(t) = P_{X, \min}$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . By Theorem 4.4, the Newton polygon of X has, at least, 3 distinct slopes. By Remark 4.1, all the slopes different from $1/2$ can be presented as fractions, whose denominator is strictly less than $\dim(X) = 3$. In other words, $\text{Slp}_X = \{0, 1/2, 1\}$. In particular, $\text{length}(1/2) = 2$ or 4 . If $\text{length}(1/2) = 4$ then $\text{length}(0) = \text{length}(1) = 1$ and X is of K3 type, which is not the case, since the rank of a simple abelian variety of K3 type equals its dimension [16]. Therefore $\text{length}(1/2) = 2$ and $\text{length}(0) = \text{length}(1) = 2$, i.e., X is almost ordinary. \square

5. ABELIAN SURFACES

The following statement should be known (at least, to experts) but I failed to find a reference.

Theorem 5.1. *Let L be a quartic CM field that contains an imaginary quadratic field B . Let S be a complex abelian surface provided with an embedding $L \hookrightarrow \text{End}^0(S)$. Then S is isogenous to a square of an elliptic curve with complex multiplication. In particular, S is not simple.*

Proof. We may view L as a subfield of \mathbb{C} , Then $B = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ where d is a positive integer. The field L contains the real quadratic subfield $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{r})$ where r is a square-free positive integer. Clearly,

$$L = \mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Q}\sqrt{-d} \oplus \mathbb{Q}\sqrt{r} \oplus \mathbb{Q}\sqrt{-rd}$$

is a Galois extension of \mathbb{Q} . This implies that L contains a second imaginary quadratic subfield $H := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-rd})$. The natural map $B \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} H \rightarrow L$, $b \otimes h \mapsto bh$ is a field isomorphism. In addition, the natural injective homomorphism

$$\mathrm{Gal}(B/\mathbb{Q}) \times \mathrm{Gal}(H/\mathbb{Q}) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$$

is surjective and therefore is a group isomorphism. Since $[L : \mathbb{Q}] = 2 \cdot 2$, it admits $2^2 = 4$ CM types Φ [7, ect. 22], [4]. Here is the list of all them. We have two CM types $\mathrm{Gal}(B/\mathbb{Q}) \otimes \tau_2$ indexed by $\tau_2 \in \mathrm{Gal}(H/\mathbb{Q})$ and two CM types $\tau_1 \otimes \mathrm{Gal}(H/\mathbb{Q})$ indexed by $\tau_1 \in \mathrm{Gal}(B/\mathbb{Q})$. They all have nontrivial automorphism groups

$$\mathrm{Aut}(\Phi) := \{\sigma \in \mathrm{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}) \mid \sigma\Phi = \Phi\}.$$

Namely, $\mathrm{Aut}(\Phi) = \mathrm{Gal}(B/\mathbb{Q})$ for the former two CM types and $\mathrm{Aut}(\Phi) = \mathrm{Gal}(H/\mathbb{Q})$ for the latter two. Now the result follows from Theorem 3.5 of [4, p. 13] (applied to $F = l$.) \square

Corollary 5.2. *There does not exist an abelian surface Y over a finite field k that enjoys the following properties.*

- (i) *All endomorphisms of Y are defined over k .*
- (ii) *$\mathrm{End}^0(Y)$ is a quartic CM field that contains an imaginary quadratic subfield.*

Proof. Assume that such Y does exist. Then it is absolutely simple. Replacing if necessary, k by its finite overfield and Y by a k -isogenous abelian variety, we may and will assume that Y can be *lifted* to an abelian variety A in characteristic zero such that there is an embedding $\mathrm{End}^0(Y) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{End}^0(A)$ [13, Sect. 3, Th. 2]. It follows that A is absolutely simple, which contradicts Theorem 5.1. The obtained contradiction proves Corollary. \square

6. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

Assume that X is *not neat*, k is sufficiently large and $1 \leq \dim(X) \leq 3$. According to [17, Th. 3.5 on p. 283], $\dim(X) = 3$ and one of the following two conditions holds.

- (a) X is simple, $E = \mathrm{End}^0(X)$ is a number field that contains an imaginary quadratic subfield B such that $\mathrm{Norm}_{E/B}(q^{-1}\mathrm{Fr}_X^2)$ is a root of unity.
- (b) X is isogenous over k to a product $Y \times Z$ of a *simple* abelian surface Y and an elliptic curve Z ; $\mathrm{End}^0(Y)$ is a quartic CM-field containing an imaginary quadratic subfield.

It follows from Corollary 5.2 that such an Y does not exist. Indeed, $\Gamma(X, k) = \Gamma(Y, k)\Gamma(Z, k)$; in particular, $\Gamma(Y, k)$ does not contain nontrivial roots of unity. Therefore all endomorphisms of Y are defined over k and therefore Y is absolutely simple. This contradicts to Corollary 5.2 and implies that the case (b) does not occur.

In the case (a), Corollary 4.5 implies that X is almost ordinary. Let us fix a field embedding $B \subset \mathbb{C}$ and let

$$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3 : E \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

be the list of field embedding $E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ that coincide with the identity map on B . Let us put

$$\alpha_1 = \sigma_1(\mathrm{Fr}_X) \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha_2 = \sigma_2(\mathrm{Fr}_X) \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha_3 = \sigma_3(\alpha_3) \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Then

$$R_X = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3; q/\alpha_1, q/\alpha_2, q/\alpha_3\},$$

$$L = \mathbb{Q}(R_X) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) = B(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$$

and the root of unity

$$\text{Norm}_{E/B}(q^{-1}\text{Fr}_X^2) = \prod_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i(q^{-1}\text{Fr}_X^2) = q^{-3} \prod_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i^2 \in \Gamma(X, k).$$

Since $\Gamma(X, k)$ does *not* contain nontrivial roots of unity,

$$\text{Norm}_{E/B}(q^{-1}\text{Fr}_X^2) = 1.$$

(By the way, this gives us the relation

$$q^3 = \left(\prod_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i \right)^2 .)$$

This ends the proof.

7. ABELIAN FOURFOLDS

The following observation was inspired by results of Rutger Noot [8, Prop. 4.1 on p. 165 and p. 168] about the reduction type of abelian varieties of Mumford's type [6, Sect. 4].

Theorem 7.1. *Let X be an abelian fourfold over k . Suppose k is sufficiently large with respect to X , $\text{rk}(X) = 3$ and X enjoys one of the following two properties.*

- X is absolutely simple.
- X is isogenous over k to a product $X^{(3)} \times X^{(1)}$ of an (absolutely) simple abelian threefold $X^{(3)}$ and an ordinary elliptic curve $X^{(1)}$.

Then one of the following two conditions holds.

- (i) there exist an imaginary quadratic field B and an embedding $B \hookrightarrow \text{End}^0(X)$ that sends 1 to 1.
- (ii) X is not simple and $X^{(3)}$ is an almost ordinary abelian threefold that is not neat and therefore satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1.1. In particular, $\text{End}^0(X^{(3)})$ contains an imaginary quadratic subfield.

Proof. If X is simple then

$$\text{rk}(X) = 3 > 2 = \frac{\dim(X)}{2}.$$

By Remark 2.15, $\text{End}^0(X)$ is a field. it follows from Theorem 3.6 of [5] that the condition (i) holds.

Now we may assume that $X = X^{(3)} \times X^{(1)}$. Since $X^{(1)}$ is an ordinary elliptic curve, $\text{End}^0(X^{(1)})$ is an imaginary quadratic field and $\text{rk}(X^{(1)}) = 1$. We have

$$\text{rk}(X^{(3)}) \leq \text{rk}(X) = 3 \leq \text{rk}(X^{(3)}) + \text{rk}(X^{(1)}) = \text{rk}(X^{(3)}) + 1.$$

This implies that $\text{rk}(X^{(3)}) = 2$ or 3 . In both cases

$$\text{rk}(X^{(3)}) > \frac{3}{2} = \frac{\dim(X^{(3)})}{2}.$$

Now Remark 2.15 implies that $\text{End}^0(X^{(3)})$ is a field (recall that $X^{(3)}$ is simple). If $\text{rk}(X^{(3)}) = 3$ then it follows from Corollary 3.3 (applied to $X = X^{(3)}$ and

$Y = X^{(1)}$) that there is a field embedding $\text{End}^0(X^{(1)}) \hookrightarrow \text{End}^0(X^{(3)})$ and therefore one may take as B the imaginary quadratic field $\text{End}^0(X^{(1)})$, which implies that the condition (i) holds. If $\text{rk}(X^{(3)}) = 2$ then $X^{(3)}$ is *not* neat. It follows from Theorem 1.1 that the condition (ii) holds. \square

8. CORRIGENDUM TO [17]

- Page 274, Remark 2.1 The displayed formula should read

$$\text{rk}(\Gamma) \leq \lfloor \deg(\mathcal{P}_{\min})/2 \rfloor + 1.$$

The formula on last line should read $\lfloor \deg(\mathcal{P}_{\min})/2 \rfloor + 1$.

- Page 280, Theorem 2.12. The beginning of second sentence

The equality

$$\text{rk}(\Gamma(X \times Y)) = \text{rk}(X) + \text{rk}(Y) - 1$$

holds true if and only if there exists an imaginary quadratic field B enjoying the following properties:

should read as follows.

If

$$\text{rk}(X \times Y) = \text{rk}(X) + \text{rk}(Y) - 1$$

then there exists an imaginary quadratic field B that enjoys the following properties.

- Page 281, Remark 3.1, last line. The formula should read

$$\text{rk}(\Gamma) = \lfloor \deg(\mathcal{P}_{\min})/2 \rfloor + 1.$$

- Page 284, line 8. $\alpha - 1$ should read α'^{-1} .

9. CORRIGENDUM TO [16]

- Pages 267, 269 (and throughout the text), \angle and \angle^* should read L and L^* respectively.
- Page 267, line -10: multiplicities should read multiplies.
- Page 271, Definition 3.4: ignore senseless **tenibk**.

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