

Moduli of abelian varieties:
symmetry and rigidity

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Goal: survey Hecke symmetry on the moduli spaces of abelian varieties in positive characteristic $p > 0$

- history: elliptic curves \rightsquigarrow curves of higher genera
abelian varieties
- \rightsquigarrow moduli spaces \curvearrowright Hecke symmetry
- phenomena structures in characteristic $p > 0$, conjectures
- new tools / results

§1 From elliptic curves to abelian varieties and moduli

1.1. several approaches to elliptic curves

(algebra) $E: y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$, $\Delta = g_2^3 - 27g_3^2$, $j = 1728g_2^3/\Delta$

(geometry) $E(\mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Lie}(E) / H_1(E(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$, $P \mapsto \int_{\infty}^P \frac{dx}{y}$

(analysis) $\wp(z; \tau) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum'_{\gamma \in \Lambda_\tau} \left[\frac{1}{(z-\gamma)^2} - \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \right]$ $\tau \in \mathfrak{H} = \{ \tau \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im}(\tau) > 0 \}$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dz} \wp \right)^2 = 4\wp^3 - g_2\wp - g_3$$

$$g_2 = 60 \sum'_{\gamma \in \Lambda_\tau} \frac{1}{\gamma^4}, \quad g_3 = 140 \sum'_{\gamma \in \Lambda_\tau} \frac{1}{\gamma^6}$$

1.2 origin of elliptic curves

Fermat to Huygens via Carcavi, 1659

A. (Diophantine equation) Fermat: (E) $x^4 - y^4 = z^2$ has no non-trivial rational solution

infinite descent:

$$(E') \quad s^4 + 4t^4 = u^2$$

(x_1, y_1, z_1)
primitive solution
to equation (E)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{-----} & \rightarrow \\ x_1 + y_1 &= 4t^2 \\ x_1 - y_1 &= z^2 \\ z_1 &= 4ust \end{aligned}$$

(s, t, u)
primitive solⁿ
to eq. (E'), $u > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{-----} & \rightarrow \\ (x_2, y_2, z_2) & \\ \text{prim. sol}^n & \\ \text{to (E)} & \\ s^2 &= x_2^4 - y_2^4 \\ t^2 &= x_2^2 y_2^2 \\ u &= x_2^4 + y_2^4 \\ s &= z_2 \end{aligned}$$

Note: This is 2-descent via $2 = (1 + \sqrt{-1}) \cdot (1 - \sqrt{-1})$:

$z^2 = x^4 - 1$ defines an elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} with CM by $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$.

B. (elliptic integral)

Fagnano (December, 1751, paper by Fagnano reached Euler in Berlin)
Euler

Fagnano : $\frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^4}} = \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1-y^4}}$ has rational solutions

i.e. $\int_0^x \frac{dp}{\sqrt{1-x^4}} = \int_0^y \frac{d\psi}{\sqrt{1-\psi^4}}$ has solⁿ
 $y =$ a rational function of x

Euler : $\frac{m dx}{\sqrt{1-x^4}} = \frac{n dy}{\sqrt{1-y^4}}$

$$\int_0^r \frac{dp}{\sqrt{1-p^4}} = \sqrt{2} \int_0^t \frac{d\xi}{\sqrt{1+\xi^4}}, \quad \int_0^t \frac{d\xi}{\sqrt{1+\xi^4}} = \sqrt{2} \int_0^u \frac{d\eta}{\sqrt{1-\eta^4}}$$

$$r^2 = \frac{2t^2}{1+t^4}, \quad t^2 = \frac{2u^2}{1-u^4}$$

$$\int_0^r \frac{dp}{\sqrt{1-p^4}} = (1 \pm \sqrt{-1}) \cdot \int_0^v \frac{d\eta}{\sqrt{1-\eta^4}} \quad r = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{-1}v^2}{1-v^4}$$

inversion of ^{elliptic} abelian integrals
(for $y^2 = f(x)$, i.e. hyperelliptic curves)

Abel 1827, Jacobi 1828.

Jacobi 1829. *Fundamenta Nova Theoriae Functionum Ellipticarum*
defined Jacobi theta functions

1.3. Curves and their Jacobians

Riemann 1857, Theorie der Abel'sche Functionen

 $S = C(\mathbb{C})$ ^{compact} Riemann surface i.e. $C =$ smooth projective connected algebraic curve over \mathbb{C}
 $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{2g} : \mathbb{Z}$ -basis of $H_1(S, \mathbb{Z})$

$$\Delta = (\Delta_{ij})_{2g \times 2g} \quad \Delta_{ij} = \gamma_i \cdot \gamma_j$$

 $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_g : \mathbb{C}$ -basis of $\Gamma(S, \Omega_S^1)$

$$P = P(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_g; \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{2g}) = (P_{ri})_{\substack{1 \leq r \leq g \\ 1 \leq i \leq 2g}} \quad \substack{9 \times 2g}$$

$$P_{ri} = \int \gamma_i \omega_r$$

$$\begin{aligned} P \cdot \Delta^{-1} \cdot {}^t P &= 0 \\ -\sqrt{-1} P \cdot \Delta^{-1} \cdot {}^t \bar{P} &\gg 0_g \end{aligned}$$

Riemann bilinear relations

$$C \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} \text{Pic}^1(C) \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} \text{Pic}^0(C) = \text{Jac}(C)$$

principal homog space

$$\text{Jac}(C)(\mathbb{C}) \cong \Gamma(C, \Omega_C^1) / H_1(C(\mathbb{C}); \mathbb{Z})$$

1.4. Abelian varieties

Def. A $g \times 2g$ matrix $Q \in M_{g \times 2g}(\mathbb{C})$ is a **Riemann matrix** if \exists a skew symmetric $2g \times 2g$ matrix $E \in M_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$ with $\det(E) \neq 0$ satisfying

$$\begin{cases} Q \cdot E^{-1} \cdot {}^t Q = 0_g \\ \sqrt{-1} Q \cdot E^{-1} \cdot {}^t \bar{Q} \gg 0_g \end{cases}$$

(E is called the **principle part** of Q)

Def. (abelian varieties)

(i) (over \mathbb{C}): a compact complex torus $\mathbb{C}^g / Q \cdot \mathbb{Z}^g$ is a complex abelian variety if Q is a Riemann matrix

(i)' (over \mathbb{C}): a compact complex torus is an abelian variety if it admits a holomorphic embedding to $\mathbb{P}^N(\mathbb{C})$ for some N

(ii) An irreducible algebraic group variety A over a field k is an **abelian variety** if A is complete (i.e. proper over k)

Rmk (a) The classical proof of (i) \Leftrightarrow (ii) uses Riemann's theta function

(b) The algebraic theory of abelian varieties was due to André Weil (1948)

Def. (polarization of abelian varieties)

(i) A polarization of an abelian variety A is an ample divisor on A up to algebraic equivalence (equivalently, up to translation)

(ii) The polarization of A given by an ample divisor D on A is principal if $D^g = g!$

Rmk. (a) The polarization induced by D is uniquely determined by

$$\varphi_{[D]} : A \longrightarrow A^\vee = \text{Pic}^\circ(A) = \text{dual abelian variety}$$

$$x \longmapsto \mathcal{O}_A(D-x)$$

(b) \times The fundamental class $c([D]) \in H^2(A(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}(1))$ corresponds over \mathbb{C} to a Riemann form

Recap: Over \mathbb{C}

(1) Every principally polarized abelian variety of dimension g is

of the form $A_\Omega := \mathbb{C}^g / \Omega \cdot \mathbb{Z}^g + \mathbb{Z}^g$ with principal part $\begin{bmatrix} 0_g & 1_g \\ -1_g & 0_g \end{bmatrix}$
 for some $\Omega \in \mathfrak{H}_g = \{ \Omega \in M_g(\mathbb{C}) : {}^t \Omega = \Omega, \text{Im}(\Omega) \gg 0_g \}$ = Siegel's upper space

(ii) $(A_{\Omega_1}, \lambda_{\Omega_1}) \cong (A_{\Omega_2}, \lambda_{\Omega_2}) \iff \exists \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$ such that
 $(A\Omega_1 + B) \cdot (C\Omega_1 + D)^{-1} = \Omega_2$
 \uparrow
 preserves polarization

1.5 Moduli spaces (or, classifying spaces)

Idea / phenomenon:

The set of all isomorphism classes of all algebraic varieties with fixed discrete invariants often has a natural structure as an algebraic variety (or an algebraic structure close to an algebraic variety)

- Ex. M_g = the moduli ^{stack} _{space} classifying all smooth proper curves of genus $g \geq 2$.
- A_g = the moduli ^{stack} _{space} classifying g -dimensional principally polarized abelian varieties

(First existence proof by Mumford, 1965)

Over \mathbb{C} :

$$M_g(\mathbb{C}) = \Gamma_g \backslash \mathcal{T}_g, \text{ where } \mathcal{T}_g = \text{Teichmüller space of genus } g$$

$\Gamma_g =$ mapping class group for an oriented connected smooth closed surface of genus g

$$A_g(\mathbb{C}) = \text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H}_g$$

Rmk. $\mathcal{T}_g: \begin{array}{ccc} M_g & \xrightarrow{\text{Torrelli map}} & A_g \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [\mathbb{C}] & \longrightarrow & [\text{Jac}(\mathbb{C})] \end{array}$

Torelli theorem:

$$\mathcal{T}_g(\mathbb{k}) : M_g(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\sim} A_g(\mathbb{k})$$

\mathbb{k} : algebraically closed field

\mathbb{C} : Torelli
1914

general \mathbb{k}
Weil 1957

Over an arbitrary algebraically closed field k

- M_g/k is irreducible

$\text{char}(k)=0$: from uniformization
+ Lefschetz principle

$\text{char}(k)=p>0$: Deligne-Mumford, 1969
- A_g/k is irreducible

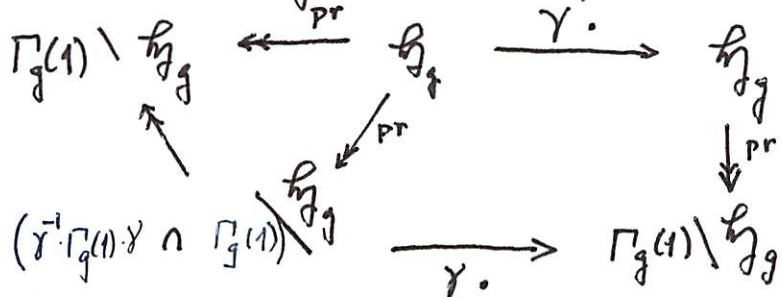
$\text{char}(k)=0$: from uniformization

$\text{char}(k)=p>0$: Faltings-C. 1984

§2 Hecke symmetry on A_g

2.1 Definitions

Over \mathbb{C} : $\forall \gamma \in \mathrm{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q})$, the double coset $\mathrm{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}) \cdot \gamma \cdot \mathrm{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$ induces an algebraic correspondence on $\mathrm{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathfrak{h}_g = \Gamma_g(1) \backslash \mathfrak{h}_g$



These are remnants of the transitive action of $\mathrm{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{R})$ on \mathfrak{h}_g , after quotient by $\Gamma_g(1) = \mathrm{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$.

a feature share with all Shimura varieties

algebraic version :

Def. $[(A_1, \lambda_1)], [(A_2, \lambda_2)] \in A_g(\mathbb{k})$ $\lambda_i: A_i \xrightarrow{\sim} A_i^t$ principal pol

are in the same Hecke orbit if \exists isogeny $\alpha: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$

s.t. $\alpha^*(\lambda_2) = n \cdot \lambda_1$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ $A_1^t \xleftarrow{\alpha^t} A_2^t$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \alpha^t \circ \lambda_2 \circ \alpha \end{array}$$

Note: Suppose $\text{char}(\mathbb{k}) = p > 0$, say $[(A_1, \lambda_1)]$ and $[(A_2, \lambda_2)]$ are in the same prime-to-p Hecke orbit if one can choose α to be an isogeny s.t. $\text{rank}(\text{Ker}(\alpha))$ is prime to p ;

equiv. $\gcd(n, p) = 1$ in Def above.

prime-to-p finite adeles

Adelic picture: $\mathbb{A}_f^{(p)} = \prod'_{\substack{l: \text{prime} \\ l \neq p}} \mathbb{Q}_l$ (restrict product)

$k \cong \mathbb{F}_p$, alg. closed

$$\mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{A}_f^{(p)}) \curvearrowright \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_g^{(p)}/k = \varprojlim_{\gcd(n,p)=1} \mathcal{A}_{g,n}/k$$



$$\mathcal{A}_g/k$$

$\mathcal{A}_{g,n}/k =$ moduli stack of triples
 $(A, \lambda, A[n] \xleftarrow{\text{symplectic}} (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^{2g})$

prime-to-p Hecke orbits on $\mathcal{A}_g/k \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{A}_f^{(p)})$ on $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_g^{(p)}/k$

orbits of

Remark. The Hecke correspondences also act on automorphic vector bundles (and automorphic local systems) on A_g , such as

$$e^* \Omega_{A/A_g}^1, \quad \det(e^* \Omega_{A/A_g}^1) \quad (\text{and } R^1 \pi_* \mathcal{O}_e)$$

therefore induce linear action (via trace) of Hecke algebra(s) on automorphic forms on A_g . (Hecke: case $g=1$)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_g & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A_g \\ & \xleftarrow{e} & \\ & \text{universal abelian} & \\ & \text{scheme} & \end{array}$$

2.2 p -adic invariants $k = \bar{k} \cong \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$
 base field

(*) Every prime-to- p symplectic isogeny between principally polarized abelian varieties over k preserves p -adic invariants

Example of p -adic invariants

(a) slopes / Newton polygon of an abelian variety A/k
 $\leadsto \text{Fr}_A^{(p)}: A \rightarrow A^{(p)}$ and its iterates $\text{Fr}_A^{(p^n)}: A \rightarrow A^{(p^n)}$

slopes (with multiplicity) $0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{2g}$

$\lambda_i \in \mathbb{Q} \quad \forall i, \quad \lambda_i + \lambda_{g+1-i} = 1 \quad \forall i$

denom $(\lambda_i) \mid$ multiplicity $(\lambda_i) \quad \forall i$

properties of slopes / Newton polygon

- They measure asymptotic divisibility properties (by powers of p) of the action of $\text{Fr}^{(p^n)}$ on $H_{\text{crist}}^m(A)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- A is ordinary $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$ slopes are 0 and 1 \iff Hasse invariant of A does not vanish

When $A_{/\mathbb{F}_q}$, ordinary \iff half of the eigenvalues of $\text{Fr}_{A/\mathbb{F}_q} : A \rightarrow A$ are p -adic units

- A is supersingular $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$ all slopes = $\frac{1}{2}$

(b) isomorphism class of $(A[p], \lambda[p]) \leftrightarrow (H_{1,dR}(A) + \text{symplectic pairing})$

In both (a) and (b), the discrete invariants have natural partial ordering, compatible with specialization

\curvearrowright stratification of A_g/\mathbb{k} by locally closed subsets subschemes

In each of the above two stratifications of A_g , there is a dense open stratum = the open subscheme $A_g^{\text{ord}} \subseteq A_g$ corresponding to ordinary principally polarized abelian varieties

Thm (CLC, 1995) $\forall x = [(A, \lambda)] \in \mathcal{A}_g/\mathbb{F}_p$ with A ordinary, the prime-to- p Hecke orbit of x is Zariski dense in $\mathcal{A}_g/\mathbb{F}_p$

⚠ Trivial fact: every prime-to- p Hecke orbit of $\mathcal{A}_g/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ is Zariski dense in $\mathcal{A}_g/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$. However the above theorem does *not* follow from this fact and the Serre-Tate canonical lifting of ordinary abelian varieties (to characteristic 0)

Q. How to generalize this result on Hecke ^{symmetry} orbits to non-ordinary abelian varieties?

2.3. p -divisible groups (or, Barsotti-Tate groups) Tate 1967, Grothendieck 1970

Defⁿ. A p -divisible group $X \rightarrow S$ is an inductive system of commutative finite locally free group schemes

$$\left((X_n \rightarrow S)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, \quad i_{n+1, n} : X_n \hookrightarrow X_{n+1}, \quad \pi_{n, n+1} : X_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\text{faithfully flat}} X_n \right)$$

such that $i_{n+1, n} \circ \pi_{n, n+1} = [p]_{X_{n+1}} \quad \forall n$

Fact: \exists $h : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, height locally constant, such that $\text{rk}(X_n) = p^{nh} \quad \forall n$

Primary example: $A \rightarrow S$ abelian scheme $\rightsquigarrow (A[p^n])_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a p -divisible group

* $A[p^\infty]$: substitute for Lie algebra in characteristic $p > 0$ (or mixed characteristics $(0, p)$)

* $A[p^\infty]$ "gives all p -adic invariants" of A .

2.4 Leaves (or central leaves) in moduli spaces

Definition (Oort, 1999) $k = \bar{k} \geq \mathbb{F}_p$, $x \in A_g(k)$, $x = [(A, \lambda)]$

The leaf $\mathcal{C}(x)$ through x is the locally closed subvariety of A_g such that

$$\mathcal{C}(x)(k) = \left\{ (B, \mu) \in A_g(k) \mid (B[p^\infty], \mu[p^\infty]) \cong (A[p^\infty], \lambda[p^\infty]) \right\}$$

Fact: Every leaf in A_g is smooth, and stable under all prime-to- p Hecke correspondences.

Conjecture (Oort) Let \mathcal{C} be a leaf in A_g . For any $x \in \mathcal{C}(k)$, the prime-to- p Hecke orbit of x is Zariski dense in \mathcal{C} .

Note: A_g^{ord} is a leaf; have seen that the conjecture holds for A_g^{ord}

Remark (i) This Hecke orbit conjecture can be formulated for moduli spaces of PEL type (in characteristic p , classify moduli spaces with fixed type of Polarization, Endomorphism and Level structure)

(ii) This conjecture holds for A_g (Oort + CLC);
 proof uses a special property of A_g .
 Open for PEL type A and D

§3 New tools, structures and ^{phenomena} conjectures related to Hecke symmetry

3.1. Irreducibility $k = \bar{k} \cong \mathbb{F}_p$

Proposition A Let $Z \subset A_g$ be a positive dimensional locally closed subvariety which is stable under all prime-to- p Hecke correspondences. If Hecke operates transitively on $\pi_0(Z)$, then Z is irreducible

Proposition B Let $C \subseteq A_g$ be a positive dimensional leaf on A_g , then the ^{naive} p -adic monodromy for C is maximal

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 $\text{Aut}(A_x[p^\infty], \lambda_x[p^\infty]) \quad x \in C$

Note: Prop. B is useful in Iwasawa theory: "irreducibility of Igusa towers"

Prop C ($0 \text{ort} + C$) Every non-supersingular Newton stratum in A_g is irreducible

Note: (i) supersingular = all slopes = $\frac{1}{2}$

(ii) The supersingular stratum has dimension $\lfloor \frac{g^2}{4} \rfloor$

Prop D ($0 \text{ort} + C$) Every non-supersingular leaf in A_g is irreducible

Note: a leaf C in A_g is supersingular $\iff \dim(C) = 0$

3.2 Local structure of leaves

2-slope case: $\mathcal{C} \ni x_0 = [(A_0, \lambda_0)] \in A_g(k)$, $k = \bar{k} = \mathbb{F}_p$ slopes of A_0
 $= \{ \lambda, 1-\lambda \}$
 $\lambda < \frac{1}{2}$

Prop. \mathcal{C}'_{x_0} ($\hat{=}$ formal completion of \mathcal{C} at x_0)
 has a natural structure as a (neutral torsor for a)
 isoclinic p -divisible group with slope $1-2\lambda$ and height $g(g+1)/2$

3.3 Local stabilizer principle

$$k = \bar{k} \cong \mathbb{F}_p$$

Prop. Let $Z \subseteq \mathcal{A}_g$ be a locally closed subvariety, stable under all prime-to- p Hecke correspondences, $x_0 = [(A_0, \lambda_0)] \in Z(k)$.

Then $Z^{x_0} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_g^{x_0}$ is stable under the natural action of an open subgroup of $U(\text{End}(A_0), *_{\lambda_0})(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ on $\mathcal{A}_g^{x_0}$

$$\text{Aut}(A_0[p^\infty], \lambda_0[p^\infty]) \curvearrowright \mathcal{A}_g^{x_0} = \text{Def}(A_0, \lambda_0) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Def}(A_0[p^\infty], \lambda_0[p^\infty])$$

\uparrow
 Serre-Tate Theorem

$$U(\text{End}(A_0), *_{\lambda_0})$$

(prime-to- p) Hecke correspondences
with x_0 as a fixed point

3.4. Rigidity

Theorem (Local rigidity) X : p -divisible ^{formal} group over $k = \bar{k} \cong \mathbb{F}_p$,
 $Z \subseteq$ irreducible formal subvariety. Suppose \exists subgroup ^{connected p -adic Lie}
 $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(X_0)$ such that $X^G =$ trivial and Z is stable under G .
^{fixed points of G}
 Then Z is a p -divisible formal subgroup of X

"Exer." Case $X = G_m^h$, $G = (1 + p^2 \cdot \mathbb{Z}_p) \cdot \text{Id}_X$

Example / Cor. E_0 : an ordinary elliptic curve / $k = \bar{k} \cong \mathbb{F}_p$ $A_0 = \underbrace{E_0 \times \dots \times E_0}_{g \text{ times}}$
 $x_0 := [(A_0, \lambda_0)]$ $\lambda_0 = \text{product polarization on } A_0$

Then the prime-to- p Hecke orbit of x_0 is dense in A_g

Proof: $A_g \xrightarrow{x_0} \hat{G}_m^{g(g+1)/2}$, $U(\text{End}(A_0), *_{\lambda_0})(\mathbb{Z}_p) \cong GL_g(\mathbb{Z}_p)$
 \uparrow Serre-Tate \uparrow $M_g(\mathcal{O})$
 $\mathcal{O} = \text{order in an imaginary quadratic field } K$
 $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_p \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$

\cong
 $\text{Aut}(A_0[p^\infty], \lambda_0[p^\infty])$

Action of $GL_g(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ on $X^*(\hat{G}_m^{g(g+1)/2})$
 $\cong S^2$ (standard representation of $GL_g(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ on \mathbb{Z}_p^g)

\uparrow
 irreducible! QED

global rigidity
Conjecture: Suppose $Z \subset A_g^{\text{ord}}$, $x_0 = [(A_0, \lambda_0)] \in A_g^{\text{ord}}(\bar{k})$, $\bar{k} = \bar{k} \cong \mathbb{F}_p$

and $Z^{/x_0} \subset A_g^{/x_0}$ is a formal subtorus of $A_g^{/x_0}$ = Serre-Tate formal torus
locally closed irreducible

Then $Z =$ (reduction of) a Shimura subvariety of A_g

Remark: Known if $Z \subseteq$ a Hilbert modular (sub-)variety

This case has application in Iwasawa theory

(geometric input in Hida, non-vanishing of the μ -invariant, Ann. of Math. 2012)
 "density of CM points"

Conjecture (Local rigidity)
(special case)

$G_0 =$ 1-dimensional smooth formal group over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$, $ht(G_0) = h$

$\mathcal{M} =$ equi-char. deformation space of G_0 Lubin-Tate, 1966
 $\cong \text{Spf}(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p[[X_1, \dots, X_{h-1}]])$

$\mathcal{Z} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ irreducible formal subscheme

Assume (i) \mathcal{Z} is stable under the natural action of an open subgroup
 of $\text{Aut}(G_0)$ \leftarrow units in a central division algebra over \mathbb{Q}_p
 with Brauer invariant $\frac{1}{h}$

(ii) \mathcal{Z} is generically ordinary (i.e. $\mathcal{Z} \not\subseteq$ zero locus of Hasse invariant)

Then $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{M}$

Rmk: A proof will have application in chromatic homotopy theory.

3.6 Sustained p -divisible groups

Motivation: Find a good (scheme-theoretic) definition of leaves

One benefit: can study local structure of leaves using deformation theory

Definition (Oort + C.) $\kappa =$ a field of char. $p > 0$ (not nec. alg. closed)

X_0/κ : p -divisible group. S/κ : scheme over κ

A p -divisible group $X \rightarrow S$ is *strongly κ -sustained modeled on X_0*

if $\underline{\text{Isom}}_S (X[p^n], X_0[p^n]_{\text{Spec } \kappa} \times_S) \rightarrow S$ is faithfully flat $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

3.7 "Internal Hom" of p -divisible groups (actually these are "internal Ext")

κ : field of char. $p > 0$, X_0, Y_0 : p -divisible groups over κ

$$G_n := \text{Image} \left(\underline{\text{Hom}}(X_0[p^{n+m}], Y_0[p^{n+m}]) \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(X_0[p^n], Y_0[p^n]) \right)$$

for $m \gg 0$

Proposition (Oort + C.)

(1) $(G_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has a natural structure as a p -divisible group over κ

(2) If X_0, Y_0 are both isoclinic and $\text{slope}(X_0) \leq \text{slope}(Y_0)$,

then $G = (G_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is isoclinic, $\text{slope} = \text{slope}(Y_0) - \text{slope}(X_0)$

$$\text{ht} = \text{ht}(Y_0) \cdot \text{ht}(X_0)$$

Moreover if κ is perfect, then

$D_*(G) = \max. W(\kappa)$ submodule of $\text{Hom}_{W(\kappa)}(D_*(X_0), D_*(Y_0))$

↑
covariant
Dieudonné module

stable under the natural action of F and V

Rmk. (a) $G = (G_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ represents the maximal p -divisible sub of the
 functor $R \mapsto \text{Ext}_R^1(X_0, Y_0)$
 \uparrow
 comm. Artinian
 augmented κ -algebras

(b) This "internal Hom" construction is used in recent work of
 Caraiani - Scholze.

(c) $(\text{Hom}(X_0[p^n], Y_0[p^n]))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a commutative smooth formal group.

corresponding to the whole functor $R \mapsto \text{Ext}_R^1(X_0, Y_0)$;

its Cartier module is $\text{Ext}_{\text{Cart}_p(\kappa)}^1(D_*(X_0), \text{BC}_p(\kappa) \otimes_{\text{Cart}_p(\kappa)} D_*(Y_0))$,
 if κ is perfect

where $\text{BC}_p(\kappa) =$ Cartier module of the ∞ -dim^l smooth formal group

$R \mapsto \text{Ker}(\text{Cart}_p(R) \rightarrow \text{Cart}_p(\kappa))$
 with 3 compatible structure of modules over $\text{Cart}_p(\kappa)$