

CM LIFTINGS

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§1 CM lifting questions

Book on CM liftings with B. Conrad and F. Oort,
[www.math.upenn.edu/~chai/papers_pdf/
CMlifting_book_ver0615_2011.pdf](http://www.math.upenn.edu/~chai/papers_pdf/CMlifting_book_ver0615_2011.pdf)

Notation

- p is a prime number, $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ is an algebraic closure of \mathbb{F}_p .
- B is an *isotypic* abelian variety over a finite field \mathbb{F}_q ,
 $q \in p^{\mathbb{N}}$, $g := \dim(B)$,
- K is a CM field, $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 2g$, K_0 is the maximal totally real subfield of L .
- $\beta : K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(B) := \text{End}(B) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ is a ring homomorphism.

We are interested in several version of lifting problems for the CM structure (B, β) to characteristic 0.

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Background and motivation: Honda/Tate

Honda/Tate

- An abelian variety B over a finite field \mathbb{F}_q admits a CM structure $K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(B)$ for some CM field K if and only if B/\mathbb{F}_q is isotypic.
- If $B \sim C$ with C simple over \mathbb{F}_q , then $\text{End}^0(B) \cong M_r(D)$, where $D = \text{End}^0(C)$ is a division ring; C is determined up to \mathbb{F}_q -isogeny by the Weil q -number Fr_C .
- Every Weil q -number comes from a simple abelian variety over \mathbb{F}_q .

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Question (CML)

(CML) CM *lifting*: \exists a lifting of (B, β) to char. 0.

Spelled out: there exists

- a local domain R with characteristic 0 and residue field \mathbb{F}_q ,
- an abelian scheme A over R with relative dimension g ,
- a ring hom. $\alpha : K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A) := \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{End}(A)$, and
- an isomorphism $\phi : (A, \alpha)_{\mathbb{F}_q} \simeq (B, \beta)$ of CM structures over \mathbb{F}_q .

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CML holds after base extension and isogeny

Honda/Tate + Shimura/Taniyama:

Given a CM structure $(B, K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(B))_{/\mathbb{F}_q}$, $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ and an \mathbb{F}_{q^n} -isogeny $B_{/\mathbb{F}_{q^n}} \rightarrow B_1$ such that $(B_1, K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(B_1))_{/\mathbb{F}_{q^n}}$ admits a CM lifting to characteristic 0.

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(I) *CM lifting up to isogeny*: there exists an \mathbb{F}_q -isogeny $(B, \beta) \rightarrow (B_1, \beta_1)$ such that (B_1, β_1) lifts to char. 0.

Spelled out: there exists

- an \mathbb{F}_q -isogeny $\delta : (B, \beta) \rightarrow (B_1, \beta_1)$, where $\beta_1 : K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(B_1)$ is the CM structure induced by the isogeny δ from (B, β)
- a local domain R with characteristic 0 and residue field \mathbb{F}_q ,
- an abelian scheme A over R with relative dimension g
- a ring homomorphism $\alpha : K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A) := \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{End}(A)$,
- an isomorphism $\phi : (A, \alpha)_{\mathbb{F}_q} \simeq (B_1, \beta_1)$ of CM structures over \mathbb{F}_q .

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Question (IN)

(IN) *CM lifting to normal domains up to isogeny*:

Spelled out: there exists a *normal* local domain R with characteristic 0 and residue field \mathbb{F}_q such that (I) is satisfied for (B, β) using R .

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Answers

- (CML) is **false**. (The size of fields of definition is an obstruction, leading to ubiquitous counterexamples; Oort 1992)
 ▶ Failure of CML at the level of p -divisible groups
- (I) CM lifting up to isogeny **holds**.
- (IN) CM lifting over normal domain up to isogeny:
 - There is an **obstruction**, from the sizes of the residue fields above p of reflex fields for CM types compatible with (B, β) .
 ▶ statement of the residual reflex condition
 - The above *residual reflex condition* is the **only** obstruction.

Basic method:

Localize to CM lifting questions for p -divisible groups.

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Open question (sCML)

(sCML) *strong* CM lifting:

Every CM structure $(B, \mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow \text{End}(B))$ over a finite field admits a CM lifting to characteristic 0.

(i.e. all obstructions to CML for $(B, K \rightarrow \text{End}(B))$ disappear if the whole ring of integers \mathcal{O}_L operates on B .)

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§2 CM theory over reflex fields

2.1 CM theory for abelian varieties

Notation

- K is a CM field; K_0 is the max. totally real subfield of K .
- ι denotes the complex multiplication.
- $\underline{K}^\times = \text{Res}_{K/\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{G}_m$.
- Φ is a CM type for K , i.e. $\text{Hom}(K, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}) = \Phi \sqcup \iota \cdot \Phi$.
- μ_Φ is the cocharacter of \underline{K}^\times corresponding to Φ .
- $E(K, \Phi) \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ is the reflex field of (K, Φ) ; it is the field of definition of μ_Φ .

Reflex norm

- $N_{\mu_\Phi} : E(K, \Phi)^\times \rightarrow \underline{K}^\times$ is the reflex norm of (K, Φ) .

Recall: N_{μ_Φ} is the unique \mathbb{Q} -homomorphism from $E(K, \Phi)^\times$ to \underline{K}^\times which sends the cocharacter of $E(K, \Phi)^\times$ corresponding to the inclusion $E(K, \Phi) \hookrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ to the cocharacter μ_Φ of \underline{K}^\times .

- Let $M(K, \Phi)$ be the field of moduli for (K, Φ) .

Recall: $M(K, \Phi)$ is the unramified abelian extension of $E = E(K, \Phi)$ corresponding to the subgroup of \mathbb{A}_E^\times consisting of all ideles $s = (s_\infty, s_f) \in \mathbb{A}_E^\times$ such that $\exists x \in K^\times$ satisfying

$$N_{\mu_\Phi}(s_f) \cdot \mathcal{O}_K = x \cdot \mathcal{O}_K \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Nm}_{K/K_0}(x) = |s_f|_{\mathbb{A}_E}^{-1}$$

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Main theorem of complex multiplication

Theorem

- 1** (Shimura-Taniyama) *Let $(A/F, K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A))$ be a CM abelian variety over a number field $F \subset \mathbb{Q}$ of CM type Φ . Then $F \supset E(K, \Phi) =: E$. Moreover there exists an algebraic Hecke character $\varepsilon : \mathbb{A}_F^\times \rightarrow K^\times$ such that $\varepsilon|_{F^\times} = (\text{Nm}_\Phi \circ \text{Nm}_{F/E})|_{E^\times}$ and the idele class character*

$$\varepsilon \cdot (\text{Nm}_\Phi^{-1} \circ \text{Nm}_{F/E}) : \mathbb{A}_F^\times / F^\times \rightarrow (K \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell)^\times$$

corresponds to the ℓ -adic representation attached to $T_\ell(A)$ for every prime number ℓ (via arithmetically normalized CFT).

- 2** (Casselman) *Every algebraic Hecke character $\varepsilon : \mathbb{A}_F^\times \rightarrow K^\times$ with algebraic part $\text{Nm}_\Phi \circ \text{Nm}_{F/E}$ comes from a K -linear CM abelian variety with CM type Φ , unique up to K -linear isogeny.*

Existence over the field of moduli

Let K be a CM field. Let Φ be a CM type for K and let M be the field of moduli for (K, Φ) .

Theorem

- 1** (Shimura) *There exists a CM abelian variety $(A, \mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A))$ of CM type Φ over M .*
- 2** *Given a finite set S of prime numbers, there exists a prime number ℓ prime to S and a CM abelian variety $(A, \mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A))$ of CM type Φ over M which*
- has good reduction outside ℓ , and*
 - at most tamely ramified at all places above ℓ .*

In particular A has good reduction at all places of M above S .

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p -adic CM types and reflex norms

2.2 CM theory for p -divisible groups

Notation

- L is a finite extension field of \mathbb{Q}_p .
- $\Psi \subset \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(L, \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p})$ is a p -adic CM type for L .
- μ_Ψ is the cocharacter of the \mathbb{Q}_p -torus $\underline{L}^\times := \text{Res}_{L/\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{G}_m$ corresponding to Ψ .
- $N\mu_\Psi : E(\Psi)^\times \rightarrow \underline{L}^\times$ is the *reflex norm* for (L, Ψ) .

It is the unique \mathbb{Q}_p -homomorphism which sends the cocharacter of $E(\Psi)^\times$ corresponding to the embedding $E(\Psi) \hookrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ to μ_Ψ .

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Theorem

- 1 There exists an \mathcal{O}_L -linear CM p -divisible group $(X, \mathcal{O}_L \rightarrow \text{End}(X))$ of CM type (L, Ψ) over the reflex field $E(L, \Psi) =: E$.
- 2 $N\mu_\Psi^{-1}|_{\mathcal{O}_E^\times} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_L^\times$ corresponds to the restriction to the inertia subgroup of the Galois representation attached to X (via arithmetically normalized local CFT).
- 3 If $(Y, L \rightarrow \text{End}^0(X))$ is an L -linear CM p -divisible group of p -adic CM type (L, Ψ) , then $L \supset E$ and the base change of X and Y to \mathcal{O}_{L^w} are L -linearly isogenous.

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§3 Existence of CM lifting up to isogeny

Theorem

Let K be a CM field. Given a finite field \mathbb{F}_q , and a CM structure $(B, K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(B))$ over \mathbb{F}_q with $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 2 \dim(B)$, there exists an \mathbb{F}_q -isogeny $B \rightarrow B_1$ and a lifting $(A, K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A))$ of the induced CM structure $(B_1, K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(B_1))$ to a local integral domain of characteristics $(0, p)$ and residue field \mathbb{F}_q .

A toy model

- p is a prime number with $p \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{5}$.
- C_0 is a $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$ -linear abelian surface over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} such that $\text{Fr}_{C_0} = p \cdot \zeta_5$.

First properties:

- $(C_0, \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5] \rightarrow \text{End}(C_0))$ cannot be lifted to char. 0
(The CM type Φ of such a lifting $(A, \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5] \rightarrow \text{End}(A))$ is determined by the action of $(\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]/p) \cong \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ on $\text{Lie}(A)$, which forces Φ to be stable under cpx. conj.)
- $C_0[p] \cong \alpha_p \times \alpha_p$.

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How to construct of CM lifting of the toy model

- 1 \exists a $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$ -linear isogeny $\delta: A_0 \rightarrow C_0 \times_{\text{Spec}(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})} \text{Spec}(\mathbb{F}_{p^4})$ s.t. $\text{Ker}(\delta) \cong \alpha_p$ is the unique subgroup scheme of order p of A_0 .
- 2 The action of $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$ on the Lie algebra of the $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$ -linear formal lifting \mathfrak{A} of A_0 over $W(\mathbb{F}_{p^4})$ is a CM type of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$. So \mathfrak{A} algebraizes to a $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$ -linear abelian scheme A over $W(\mathbb{F}_{p^4})$.
- 3 Over a suitable finite flat local ring R over $W(\mathbb{F}_{p^4})$, we have a finite flat subgroup \mathfrak{G} of $A \times_{\text{Spec} W(\mathbb{F}_{p^4})} \text{Spec} R$ of degree p . Then A/\mathfrak{G} is a $(\mathbb{Z} + p\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5])$ -linear lifting of a base field extension of the toy model C_0 (because the closed fiber of \mathfrak{G} has to be $\text{Ker}(\delta)$).
- 4 Conclude by an argument using the deformation theory.

→ Skip proof of (1)

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Localize the CM lifting problem (I)

Sketch of a proof of (I)

Reduction Step 1. By the Serre-Tate theorem, an algebraicity criterion for CM formal abelian schemes and the deformation theory argument used for the toy model, reduce (I) to the following problem:

Given an \mathcal{O}_K -linear abelian variety B over \mathbb{F}_q with $2\dim(B) = [K : \mathbb{Q}]$ and a p -adic place v of K_0 ; write K_v for $K \otimes_{K_0} K_{0,v}$. Construct

- 1 an $\mathcal{O}_{K,v}$ -linear \mathbb{F}_q -isogeny $B[v^\infty] \rightarrow X$ of p -divisible groups over \mathbb{F}_q ,
- 2 a K_v -linear p -divisible group $(\mathfrak{X}, K_v \rightarrow \text{End}^0(\mathfrak{X}))$ over a characteristic 0 local domain R with residue field $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ whose closed fiber is (the base extension to $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ of) $(X, K_v \rightarrow \text{End}^0(X))$.

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Lie types of \mathcal{O}_{K_v} -linear p -div. groups in char. p

Definition

The Lie type of an \mathcal{O}_{K_v} -linear p -divisible group Z of height $[K_v : \mathbb{Q}_p]$ over a finite field $\kappa \supset \mathbb{F}_p$ is the class $[\text{Lie}(Z)]$ in the Grothendieck group $R(\mathcal{O}_{K_v} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$ of all finitely generated $(\mathcal{O}_{K_v} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$ -modules.

- \exists an explicit combinatorial description of $R(\mathcal{O}_{K_v} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$ with a natural action by $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p/\mathbb{F}_p)$ s.t. $[\text{Lie}(Z)]$ is κ -rational.
- \exists a combinatorial notion of slopes for elements of $R(\mathcal{O}_{K_v} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$, compatible with the definition of slopes of an K_v -linear p -divisible group.
- From the action of the “complex conjugation” for K/K_0 on $R(\mathcal{O}_{K_v} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$ we have a notion of duality for Lie types.
- \exists a reduction map from the set of all p -adic CM types for K_v to $R(\mathcal{O}_{K_v} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$. The reduction of the v -component Φ_v of a CM type Φ for K is self-dual.

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Classification and weak descent with Lie types

Proposition

- 1 (Chia-Fu Yu) An \mathcal{O}_{K_v} -linear p -divisible group of height $[K_v : \mathbb{Q}_p]$ over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ is determined up to (non-unique) isomorphism by its Lie type.
- 2 If Z is an \mathcal{O}_{K_v} -linear p -divisible group of height $[K_v : \mathbb{Q}_p]$ over a finite field $\kappa \subset \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ and ξ is a κ -rational Lie type for K_v with the same slopes as Z , then there exists an \mathcal{O}_{K_v} -linear κ -isogeny $Z \rightarrow Y$ such that ξ is the slope of the \mathcal{O}_{K_v} -linear p -divisible group Y over κ .

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Tougher places for the CM lifting problem (I)

Recall that K is a CM field, v is a p -adic place of K_0 and $\kappa \supset \mathbb{F}_p$ is a finite field

Definition

A p -adic place v of K_0 is **bad** for (K, κ) if the following conditions hold.

- K/K_0 is unramified and inert above v ; denote by w the p -adic place of L above v .
- $e(K/\mathbb{Q}, w) = e(K_0/\mathbb{Q}, v)$ is odd,
- $f_w \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$,
- $[\kappa_w : (\kappa_w \cap \kappa)]$ is even.

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Step 2: case when v is a good place for (K, \mathbb{F}_q)

Proposition

Suppose that v is a good place for (K_v, \mathbb{F}_q) .

- \exists an \mathbb{F}_q -rational self-dual Lie type ξ for K_v with the same slopes as $B[v^\infty]$. Hence \exists an $\mathcal{O}_{K,v}$ -linear p -divisible group X_v over \mathbb{F}_q which is $\mathcal{O}_{K,v}$ -linearly \mathbb{F}_q -isogenous to $B[v^\infty]$ with Lie type ξ .
- \exists a p -adic CM type Ψ_v for K_v whose reduction modulo p is ξ such that $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(K_v, \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}) = \Psi_v \sqcup \iota \cdot \Psi_v$. Let $(\mathfrak{X}_v, \mathcal{O}_{K,v} \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathfrak{X}_v))$ be an $\mathcal{O}_{K,v}$ -linear p -divisible group over a char. $(0, p)$ discrete valuation ring R with residue field $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ with CM type Ψ_v .
- The closed fiber of $(\mathfrak{X}_v, \mathcal{O}_{K,v} \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathfrak{X}_v))$ is $\mathcal{O}_{K,v}$ -linearly isomorphic to (the base extension of) $(X_v, \mathcal{O}_{K,v} \rightarrow \text{End}(X_v))$.

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Step 3: Reduction to the toy model

Proposition

Suppose that v is a bad place for (K, \mathbb{F}_q) .

- \exists an \mathbb{F}_{p^2} -rational Lie type ξ_s for K_v with the same slope as $B[v^\infty]$.
- \exists an \mathcal{O}_{K_v} -linear p -divisible group Y_v over \mathbb{F}_q with Lie type ξ_s and an \mathcal{O}_{K_v} -linear \mathbb{F}_q -isogeny $B[v^\infty] \rightarrow Y_v$.
- \exists an \mathcal{O}_{K_v} -linear isomorphism from $Y_v \times_{\text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_q} \text{Spec } \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ to $\mathcal{O}_{K_v} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_{p^2}} (C_0[p^\infty] \times_{\text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_q} \text{Spec } \overline{\mathbb{F}_p})$.
(tensor product of fpqc sheaves)

From the CM lifting for the toy model we obtain a K_v -linear p -divisible group \mathfrak{Y}_v over a char. $(0, p)$ d.v.r. R with residue field $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ whose closed fiber is isomorphic to $(Y_v \times_{\text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_q} \text{Spec } \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}, K_v \rightarrow \text{End}^0(Y_v))$.

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§4 Size of fields of definition as obstruction to (CML)

- Let L be a finite extension field of \mathbb{Q}_p ,
- let $\Psi \subset \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(L, \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p})$ be a p -adic CM type,
- $E = E(L, \Psi) \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ is the reflex field of (L, Ψ) ,
- κ_E is the residue field of \mathcal{O}_E ,

Theorem

Let $(Z, L \rightarrow \text{End}^0(Z))_{\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}}$ be an L -linear p -divisible group over $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ with $[L: \mathbb{Q}_p] = \text{ht}(Z)$. If $(Z, L \rightarrow \text{End}^0(Z))$ admits a CM lifting $(Y, L \rightarrow \text{End}^0(Y))$ to characteristic 0 of CM type Ψ , then it is isomorphic to the base extension of an CM p -divisible group $(Z_1, L \rightarrow \text{End}^0(Z_1))_{\kappa_E}$ over κ_E .

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Idea:

- \exists an \mathcal{O}_L -linear CM p -divisible group X/E over \mathcal{O}_E of CM type Ψ such that every torsion point of X is defined over a **totally ramified** extension field of E .
- Y and X are isogenous after suitable base change.

Failure of (CML)

- Let $L = L_1 \times \cdots \times L_r$, L_i be a finite extension field of \mathbb{Q}_p for each $i = 1, \dots, r$.
- Let $(Z, L \rightarrow \text{End}^0(Z))_{/\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p}$ be an F -linear CM p -divisible group over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$.

Proposition

Assume that the **non-ordinary** part of Z is neither a one-dimensional p -divisible formal group nor the dual of a one-dimensional p -divisible formal group. For any given finite field $\kappa \supset \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$, there exists a p -divisible group Z' isogenous to Z which **cannot** be defined over κ .

Corollary

There exists a p -divisible group Z' over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ isogenous to Z which does not admit a CM lifting to char. 0.

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How to produce a Z' "with large moduli"

Idea: In a \mathbb{P}^1 -family of p -divisible groups isogenous to Z , $\exists Z'$ which cannot be defined over the composite of all $\kappa_{E(L_i, \Psi)}$'s, where $i = 1, \dots, r$ and Ψ runs through all possible p -adic CM types for L_i .

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§5 CM lifting over normal domains up to isogeny

(Shimura-Taniyama formula for slopes)

If $(A, K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A))_R$ is a CM abelian scheme over a noetherian normal local domain $R \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ of generic characteristic 0 and residue field \mathbb{F}_q , with p -adic CM type $\Phi \subset \text{Hom}(K, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$, then

$$\frac{\text{ord}_v(\text{Fr}_{B,q})}{\text{ord}_v(q)} = \frac{\#\{\phi \in \Phi \mid \phi \text{ induces } v \text{ on } K\}}{[K_v : \mathbb{Q}_p]}$$

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Necessary condition for (IN)

(Residual reflex condition) If (IN) holds for a given CM abelian variety $(B, K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(B))_{/\mathbb{F}_q}$ over \mathbb{F}_q , then there exists a p -adic CM type $\Phi \subset \text{Hom}(K, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$ for K such that

- the slopes of B are given by the Shimura-Taniyama formula, and
- $\kappa_{E,v} \subset \mathbb{F}_q$, where
 - v is the p -adic place of $E(K, \Phi)$ induced by $E(K, \Phi) \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$,
 - $\kappa_{E(K, \Phi), v}$ is the residue field of $E(K, \Phi)$ at v .

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Sufficiency of the residual reflex condition

Theorem

If $(B, K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(B))_{/\mathbb{F}_q}$ is a CM structure over a finite field \mathbb{F}_q which satisfies the residual reflex condition, then (IN) holds for $(B, K \rightarrow \text{End}^0(B))_{/\mathbb{F}_q}$.

- global proof: Casselman's theorem + a "surgery procedure" for algebraic Hecke characters.
- local proof: Serre-Tate theorem + CM theory for p -divisible groups.

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