

Computing Bianchi p -adic L -functions and applications in Iwasawa theory

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Abstract

Let \mathcal{F} be a cuspidal eigenform of weight 2 over an imaginary quadratic field K . In this paper, we explicitly compute p -adic L -functions attached to \mathcal{F} , using an algorithm via overconvergent cohomology. As an application, we provide evidence for a conjecture of Coates and Sujatha, which predicts the pseudo-nullity of the fine Selmer group of a rational elliptic curve over K .

Things we need to add:

1. Sketch of sharp/flat construction
2. description of how to get the classical class/citation of Marc's papers
3. More detail on the pseudo-nullity conjecture
4. description of resultant calculations to show coprimality
5. Evidence!!!
6. Fox derivatives and Fox gradients (RH Fox, free differential calculus)
7. Tietze algorithm


1. Introduction

Many standard conjectures in Iwasawa theory predict that “pseudo-null” modules are ubiquitous. However, the evidence for these conjectures, computational or otherwise, is limited. In this paper, we provide some of the first computational evidence for a pseudo-nullity conjecture of John Coates and Sujatha Ramdorai. Our main tool for doing this is an explicit algorithm for constructing p -adic L -functions attached to modular forms over imaginary quadratic fields, which – combined with a particular case of the Iwasawa main conjectures – allows further study of the structure of the Selmer group of the conjecture.

1.1. The pseudo-nullity conjecture

We state the conjecture in question. Let K denote an imaginary quadratic field, and let K_∞ denote the compositum of the \mathbb{Z}_p -extensions of K . Let p be a rational prime that splits in K , and let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve with good supersingular reduction at p . The conjecture relates a Selmer group attached to the base-change E/K . Let S denote the set of primes of K dividing the conductor of E/K and the discriminant of the imaginary quadratic field K . Let K_S denote the maximal extension of K unramified outside S . The fine Selmer group, denoted $\text{III}^1(E[p^\infty], K_\infty)$, is defined by

$$\text{III}^1(E[p^\infty], K_\infty) := \ker \left(H^1(\text{Gal } K_S K_\infty, E[p^\infty]) \longrightarrow \prod_{\nu \in S} \prod_{\eta | \nu} H^1(G_\eta, E[p^\infty]) \right).$$

Here, G_η denotes the decomposition group for the prime η inside the Galois group $\text{Gal } K_S K_\infty$. 

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The Pontryagin dual of the fine Selmer group, denoted $\text{III}^1(E[p^\infty], K_\infty)^\vee$, turns out to be a finitely generated module over the Iwasawa algebra $\mathbb{Z}_p[[\text{Gal } K_\infty/K]]$, which is (non-canonically) isomorphic to the unique factorization domain $\mathbb{Z}_p[[x_1, x_2]]$.

This project is motivated by the following conjecture of John Coates and Sujatha Ramdurai, which is named “Conjecture B” in [?].

Conjecture. *The $\mathbb{Z}_p[[x_1, x_2]]$ -module $\text{III}^1(E[p^\infty], K_\infty)^\vee$ is pseudo-null. That is, there exist two elements*

$$\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \text{Ann}_{\mathbb{Z}_p[[x_1, x_2]]}(\text{III}^1(E[p^\infty], K_\infty)^\vee)$$

such that they have no irreducible factor in common.

We study this conjecture through the prism of p -adic L -functions. In [Loe14], Loeffler attached four p -adic L -functions $L_p^{\pm, \pm}$ to E/K , which can be viewed Sharp/Flat construction — Chris as elements in the ring $\mathbb{Z}_p[[x_1, x_2]]$. It is expected, if one believes one of the divisibilities of an appropriate Iwasawa Main Conjecture, that $L_p^{\pm, \pm}$ belongs to $\text{Ann}_{\mathbb{Z}_p[[x_1, x_2]]}(\text{III}^1(E[p^\infty], K_\infty)^\vee)$; assuming this, it would thus be possible to verify the conjecture by numerically computing two of these p -adic L -functions and checking that they are coprime in the this annihilator. ♠

1.2. Explicit Bianchi p -adic L -functions

To compute the p -adic L -functions of [Loe14], there is an algorithm of the third author. The main result of [Wil17] was a construction of a p -adic L -function attached to very general classes of Bianchi modular forms – that is, modular forms over K – using a generalisation of Stevens’ theory of *overconvergent modular symbols*. A particular feature of this approach, as explored for classical modular forms in [PS11], is its amenability to computation.

To E/\mathbb{Q} , one can attach a classical modular form f under modularity, and through base-change this corresponds to a Bianchi modular form \mathcal{F} . By assumption, this will have level $N\mathcal{O}_F$ prime to p , but for each prime $\mathfrak{p}|p$, there are two \mathfrak{p} -stabilisations to level $\mathfrak{p}N\mathcal{O}_F$, and hence four p -stabilisations to level $pN\mathcal{O}_F$. The four p -adic L -functions attached to these stabilisations in [Wil17] are precisely those of [Loe14]. We give a sketch of the explicit construction in §2.

We actually use a modified version of the construction of [Wil17]. Existing code is much more developed for computations with arithmetic group cohomology, rather than modular symbols, so we develop a cohomological version of the construction. This approach, however, introduces new theoretical complications, which we explain and treat in the main text. In particular, it requires explicitly inverting the natural map from modular symbols to group cohomology.

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2. Bianchi modular forms and p -adic L -functions

Let K be an imaginary quadratic field, which we take to have class number 1 for simplicity (in line with our later computations). Let \mathcal{O}_K be the ring of integers. For each congruence

subgroup $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathcal{O}_K)$, there is a finite-dimensional \mathbb{C} -vector space $S_2^K(\Gamma)$ of ‘weight 2 Bianchi cusp forms’, defined as harmonic vector-valued functions

$$\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_0, \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2) : \mathcal{H}_3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$$

on the upper half-space $\mathcal{H}_3 := \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ satisfying a suitable transformation property under an action of Γ . Such objects are a natural generalisation of classical modular forms; see [Wil17, §1] for a more detailed exposition (noting that $S_2^K(\Gamma)$ for us is denoted $S_{0,0}(\Gamma)$ *op. cit.*).

There is a Hecke action indexed by ideals of \mathcal{O}_K , **Explicit Hecke operators! — Chris** and to an eigenform $\mathcal{F} \in S_2^K(\Gamma)$ one can define an L -function $L(\mathcal{F}, s)$ as the Dirichlet series whose coefficients are the Hecke eigenvalues (see [Wil17, §1.2]).

Of particular importance to us is the existence of a *base-change* map. Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve of conductor N corresponding to a newform $f \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ under modularity. We can consider E instead to have coefficients over K . As predicted by Langlands, there exists a Bianchi newform f/K , the *base-change of f to K* , whose L -function is equal to $L(E/K, s)$. We have $f/K \in S_2^K(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}))$, where $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathcal{O}_K)$ is the subgroup of matrices that are upper-triangular mod \mathfrak{n} , and where $\mathfrak{n}|N\mathcal{O}_K$ is the conductor of E/K . (Note that if N is coprime to the discriminant of K/\mathbb{Q} , we have $\mathfrak{n} = N\mathcal{O}_K$). The Hecke eigenvalues of f/K can be described simply in terms of those of f (see e.g. [BSW18, §7.2]). Note that

$$L(f/K, s) = L(E/K, s) = L(E/\mathbb{Q}, s)L(E/\mathbb{Q}, \chi_K, s) = L(f, s)L(f, \chi_K, s),$$

where χ_K is the quadratic Hecke character whose kernel cuts out K/\mathbb{Q} .

2.1. Bianchi modular symbols

The space $S_2^K(\Gamma)$ admits a simple description in terms of *modular symbols*, which we now describe. Let

$$\Delta_0 := \mathrm{Div}^0(\mathbb{P}^1(K))$$

denote the space of ‘paths between cusps’ in \mathcal{H}_3 , and let V be any right $\mathrm{SL}_2(K)$ -module. Fix an ideal \mathfrak{n} and let $\Gamma := \Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(K)$. We define the space of V -valued *modular symbols for Γ* to be the space

$$\mathrm{Symb}_\Gamma(V) := \mathrm{Hom}_\Gamma(\Delta_0, V)$$

of functions satisfying the Γ -invariance property that

$$(\phi|\gamma)(\delta) := \phi(\gamma\delta)|\gamma = \phi(\delta) \quad \forall \delta \in \Delta_0, \gamma \in \Gamma,$$

where Γ acts on the cusps by $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot r = (ar + b)/(cr + d)$.

Now let $\mathcal{F} \in S_2^K(\Gamma)$. To \mathcal{F} one may attach an explicit differential form $\delta_{\mathcal{F}}$ on \mathcal{H}_3 as follows: let (z, t) be a co-ordinate on \mathcal{H}_3 , and note that $dz, d\bar{z}, dt$ span the \mathbb{C} -valued 1-forms on \mathcal{H}_3 . Then define

$$\delta_{\mathcal{F}} := \mathcal{F}_0(z, t)dz - \mathcal{F}_1(z, t)dt - \mathcal{F}_2(z, t)d\bar{z} \in \Omega^1(\mathcal{H}_3).$$

For $r, s \in \mathbb{P}^1(K)$, the map

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\mathcal{F}} : \Delta_0 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, \\ \{r \rightarrow s\} &\longmapsto \int_r^s \delta_{\mathcal{F}}, \end{aligned}$$

is well-defined and the transformation property satisfied by \mathcal{F} ensures it is Γ -invariant, thus giving an element $\phi_{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathrm{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{C})$.

The space $\mathrm{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{C})$ admits an action of the Hecke operators, indexed by ideals of \mathcal{O}_F and generated by the operators T_l for $l \nmid \mathfrak{n}$ prime and U_l for $l|\mathfrak{n}$.

Proposition 2.1. *The resulting map*

$$\iota : S_2^K(\Gamma) \longrightarrow \text{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{C})$$

is injective and induces a splitting

$$\text{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{C}) \cong S_2^K(\Gamma) \oplus \text{Eis}_2^K(\Gamma).$$

For a prime $\ell \nmid n$ of norm ℓ , the Hecke operator T_ℓ acts on $\text{Eis}_2^K(\Gamma)$ as multiplication by $\ell + 1$.

Proof. See, for example, [Wil17] for the injection. For part (ii), observe that by [BSW19, Lemma 8.2] we have a Hecke-equivariant isomorphism

$$\text{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{C}) \cong H_c^1(Y_\Gamma, \mathbb{C}),$$

where $Y_\Gamma := \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_3$, and the compactly supported cohomology admits a well-understood splitting $H_{\text{cusp}}^1(Y_\Gamma, \mathbb{C}) \oplus \text{Eis}_\Gamma(\mathbb{C})$ (see [Har87, §3.2.5]). Moreover, under the injection ι , the space $S_2^K(\Gamma)$ is mapped isomorphically onto $H_{\text{cusp}}^1(Y_\Gamma, \mathbb{C})$. The other direct summand corresponds to Bianchi Eisenstein series, giving the claimed action of Hecke operators. \square

Now let $\mathcal{F} \in S_2^K(\Gamma)$ be an eigenform, and let $\phi_{\mathcal{F}} \in \text{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{C})$ denote the associated modular symbol. For p -adic interpolation, we require algebraic coefficients. By [Hid94, §8], there exists a complex period $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ and a finite extension L/\mathbb{Q}_p such that we may consider $\phi_{\mathcal{F}}/\Omega_{\mathcal{F}} \in \text{Symb}_\Gamma(L)$.

2.2. Overconvergent modular symbols

We briefly recap the main ideas in the construction of [Wil17]. Overconvergent modular symbols provide a p -adic interpolation of the space of ‘classical’ modular symbols. For such an interpolation to exist, it is crucial to pass to a level subgroup $\Gamma \subset \Gamma_0(p\mathcal{O}_F)$. If $(p)|n$, then $\Gamma_0(n) \subset \Gamma_0(p\mathcal{O}_F)$ already; if not, then it is necessary to ‘ p -stabilise’ to ensure this condition holds (see for example [BSW18, §2.4]). We now assume $\Gamma \subset \Gamma_0(p\mathcal{O}_F)$ without further comment.

We pass to an (infinite-dimensional) coefficient module; namely, let L/\mathbb{Q}_p be a finite extension, let $\mathbb{A}_2(L)$ denote the space of convergent power series on \mathbb{Z}_p^2 , and let

$$\mathbb{D}_2(L) := \text{Hom}_{\text{cts}}(\mathbb{A}_2(L), L),$$

the space of p -adic analytic distributions on \mathbb{Z}_p^2 . Since $\Gamma \subset \Gamma_0(p)$, the left action of Γ on $\mathbb{A}_2(L)$ by

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot g(x, y) = g\left(\frac{b+dx}{a+cx}, \frac{\bar{b}+\bar{d}y}{\bar{a}+\bar{c}y}\right),$$

is well-defined and induces dually a right action on $\mathbb{D}_2(L)$. The space of *overconvergent modular symbols* is $\text{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{D}_2(L))$.

Dualising the inclusion of L into $\mathbb{A}_2(L)$ gives a surjection $\mathbb{D}_2(L) \rightarrow L$ of Γ -modules, and hence a (Hecke-equivariant) map

$$\rho : \text{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{D}_2) \rightarrow \text{Symb}_\Gamma(L).$$

Whilst this map will have a huge kernel, crucially, the Hecke action allows us to control it.

Theorem 2.2. [Wil17, Thm. 6.10] *Let $\mathcal{F} \in S_2^K(\Gamma)$ be an eigenform, with $U_{\mathfrak{p}}\mathcal{F} = a_{\mathfrak{p}}\mathcal{F}$ for each $\mathfrak{p}|p$. If $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(a_{\mathfrak{p}}) < 1$ for all \mathfrak{p} , then the restriction of ρ to the \mathcal{F} -eigenspaces of the Hecke operators is an isomorphism.*

We say that \mathcal{F} satisfying this condition have *small slope*. If \mathcal{F} is such a form, then the theorem says that there is a *unique* $\psi_{\mathcal{F}} \in \text{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{D}_2(L))$ lifting $\phi_{\mathcal{F}}/\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}$.

2.3. The p -adic L -function of a Bianchi modular form

Let \mathcal{F} be a non-critical Bianchi modular form of level $U_1(\mathfrak{n})$ and weight $\lambda = (k, k)$, where $(p) \mid \mathfrak{n}$, and let $\Psi_{\mathcal{F}} \in H_c^1(Y_1(\mathfrak{n}), \mathcal{D}_{\lambda}(L))^{\leq h}$ be the associated overconvergent class.

Definition 2.3. Define the p -adic L -function of \mathcal{F} to be the Mellin transform $L_p(\mathcal{F}, *) := \text{Mel}(\Psi_{\mathcal{F}})$.

We describe the interpolation property satisfied by $L_p(\mathcal{F}, *)$. Given an algebraic Hecke character φ of K whose conductor divides (p^{∞}) , there is a natural associated character $\varphi_{p\text{-fin}}$ of $\text{Cl}_K(p^{\infty})$ associated to φ (see [Wil17, §7.3]). The main theorem of [Wil17] is the following (Theorem 7.4 *op. cit.*):

Theorem 2.4. For any Hecke character φ of K of conductor $\mathfrak{f} \mid (p^{\infty})$ and infinity type $0 \leq (q, r) \leq (k, k)$, we have

$$L_p(\mathcal{F}, \varphi_{p\text{-fin}}) = \left(\prod_{\mathfrak{p} \mid p} Z_{\mathfrak{p}}(\varphi) \right) A(\mathcal{F}, \varphi) \Lambda(\mathcal{F}, \varphi),$$

for

$$A(\mathcal{F}, \varphi) := \left[\frac{\varphi(x_{\mathfrak{f}}) d\tilde{\tau}(\varphi^{-1}) \# \mathcal{O}_K^{\times}}{(-1)^{k+q+r} 2\varphi_{\mathfrak{f}}(x_{\mathfrak{f}}) \alpha_{\mathfrak{f}} \Omega_{\mathcal{F}}} \right],$$

where $x_{\mathfrak{f}}$ is an explicit idele representing \mathfrak{f} , $\varphi_{\mathfrak{f}}$ is the restriction of φ to $\prod_{v \mid \mathfrak{f}} K_v^{\times}$, $\tilde{\tau}(\varphi^{-1})$ is a Gauss sum, $\alpha_{\mathfrak{f}}$ is the eigenvalue of \mathcal{F} at \mathfrak{f} and

$$Z_{\mathfrak{p}}(\varphi) := \begin{cases} 1 - \alpha_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1} \psi(\mathfrak{p})^{-1} & : \mathfrak{p} \nmid \mathfrak{f}, \\ 1 & : \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Writing $h_{\mathfrak{p}} = v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\alpha_{\mathfrak{p}})$, the distribution $L_p(\mathcal{F}, *)$ is $(h_{\mathfrak{p}})_{\mathfrak{p} \mid p}$ -admissible in the sense of [Wil17, Defns. 5.10, 6.14]. When \mathfrak{f} has small slope, this ensures it is unique with this interpolation property.

3. Computing p -adic L -series from modular symbols

In this section, we show how to compute the p -adic L -series of a Bianchi modular form from its p -adic L -function (as a distribution on $\text{Cl}_K(p^{\infty})$). Since we are working in the case where p is split, this essentially just the product of two copies of the theory for classical modular forms, as found in [PS11, §9], and which we first briefly recall.

3.1. Distributions on \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}

For simplicity, we assume that $p \geq 3$, though the case $p = 2$ can be obtained with very little (and completely standard) modification. The p -adic L -function is naturally a distribution on the Galois group $\text{Gal}_p := \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}^{\text{ab}, p^{\infty}}/\mathbb{Q})$ of the maximal abelian extension of \mathbb{Q} unramified outside $p\infty$. By class field theory, this is isomorphic to the narrow ray class group

$$\text{Cl}_{\mathbb{Q}}^+(p^{\infty}) = \mathbb{Q}^{\times} \backslash \mathbb{A}^{\times} / \mathbb{R}_{>0} \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}^{\times, (p)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}.$$

Let now f be a small slope classical eigenform (for GL_2/\mathbb{Q}), and $\Phi_f \in \text{Symb}_{\Gamma}(\mathbb{D})$ the unique overconvergent modular symbol attached to f . Then $\Phi_f \{0 \rightarrow \infty\} \in \mathbb{D}$ is by definition a distribution on \mathbb{Z}_p , and we obtain a distribution μ_f on \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times} by restriction. This distribution is, by [PS11], the p -adic L -function attached to f , and is entirely encoded in its moments $\{\mu_f(z^j) : j \geq 0\}$. We have a simple description of the moments of μ_f in terms of Φ_f , and thus, in particular, we can compute them by knowing Φ_f .

Proposition 3.1. *If Φ_f is the overconvergent modular symbol attached to a small slope classical cuspidal eigenform, then*

$$\Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(z)) = a_p^{-1} \Phi\left\{\frac{a}{p} \rightarrow \infty\right\}((a + pz)^j),$$

where a_p is the U_p -eigenvalue of f . In particular, we recover

$$\mu_f(z^j) = a_p^{-1} \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \Phi\left\{\frac{a}{p} \rightarrow \infty\right\}((a + pz)^j).$$

Proof. Apply $a_p^{-1}U_p$, which acts as 1 on Φ_f , and note that if $a = b$, then

$$\Phi\{b/p \rightarrow \infty\}((b + pz)^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(b + pz)) = 0. \quad \square$$

The final statement follows since $\mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} = \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}$.

3.2. Passing to p -adic L -series

The distribution μ_f is completely canonical. Even in higher weight situations, it is canonical up to a fixed choice of periods. For practical purposes, however, to compute p -adic L -series from μ_f we wish to break this into $p - 1$ pieces via the decomposition

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^\times = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \times (1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p), \quad (3.1)$$

and then (non-canonically) identify each one with a distribution on \mathbb{Z}_p (depending on a choice of topological generator for $1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p$). On the algebraic side, this corresponds to considering the cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of \mathbb{Q} , identifying its Galois group \mathcal{G} with \mathbb{Z}_p via the choice of a topological generator, and studying Selmer groups over \mathcal{G} .

Notation 3.2: In (3.1), denote projection to the first and second factors by $z \mapsto \{z\}$ and $z \mapsto \langle z \rangle$ respectively.

We can identify distributions μ on \mathbb{Z}_p^\times with analytic functions on *weight space* $\mathcal{W} = \text{Hom}_{\text{cts}}(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times, \mathbb{C}_p^\times)$, which – as a rigid space – is $p - 1$ copies of the open unit disc. Given an element ϕ in weight space, we can write ϕ as $\{\phi\}\langle\phi\rangle$, where $\{\phi\}$ is a homomorphism $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_p^\times$, and the disc in \mathcal{W} in which ϕ lives is completely determined by $\{\phi\}$. From μ_f we then obtain $p - 1$ analytic functions on the open unit disc, one for each character of $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$. Each has a power series representation, which is what we compute.

Fix now a character ψ on $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$, corresponding to some fixed disc in \mathcal{W} . Let T be a parameter on this open unit disc. The part of the (analytic) function attached to μ_f defined over this disc is defined as

$$L_p(\mu, \psi, T) := \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \psi(z)(T + 1)^{\log_\gamma(\langle z \rangle)} d\mu_f(z),$$

where $\gamma = p + 1$, our fixed choice of topological generator for $1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p$. (Of course, for $z \in 1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p$, we have $\log_\gamma(z) = \log_p(z)/\log_p(\gamma)$). Writing $z = \{z\}\langle z \rangle$ and expanding the log, we obtain the power series representation $L_p(\mu, \psi, T) = \sum_{n \geq 0} d_n(\psi) T^n$, where $d_n(\psi)$ is defined as

$$d_n(\psi) = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \psi(a) \int_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p} \left[\sum_{j \geq 0} c_j^{(n)} \left(\frac{z}{\{a\}} - 1 \right)^j \right] d\mu(z).$$

Here, $c_j^{(n)}$ is defined by from the equation

$$\binom{\log_\gamma(z + 1)}{n} = \sum_{j \geq 0} c_j^{(n)} z^j,$$

Note also that for a prime to p , we have $\int_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p} h(z) d\mu(z) = \int_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p} h(z) d\Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z)$, that is, restriction to \mathbb{Z}_p^\times is already built in. For further details on all of the above, see [PS11, §9].

3.3. The Bianchi case

Now we turn to the Bianchi case. Let f be a small slope classical cuspidal Bianchi eigenform, and $\Phi_f \in \text{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{D}_2)$ the attached overconvergent modular symbol. As outlined above, the p -adic L -function of f is most naturally a distribution μ on

$$\text{Gal}(K^{\text{ab},p}/K) \cong \text{Cl}_K(p^\infty) \cong (\mathcal{O}_K \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_p)^\times / \mathcal{O}_K^\times,$$

where in the last assertion we are assuming class number one for simplicity. Since p is split, we identify this with $(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times \times \mathbb{Z}_p^\times) / \mathcal{O}_K^\times$. Evaluating Φ_f at $\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}$, we obtain a distribution on all of \mathbb{Z}_p^\times , and we pass to the p -adic L -function by restricting to functions with support on the units that are invariant under the global units. In this sense, we will identify μ with $\Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}$.

One can consider the direct analogue of the weight space above, that is, considering continuous homomorphisms $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times \times \mathbb{Z}_p^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_p^\times$, and show that this decomposes as the disjoint union of $(p-1)^2$ products of open unit discs, parametrised by characters of $(\mathcal{O}_K/p)^\times = (\mathbb{Z}/p)^\times \times (\mathbb{Z}/p)^\times$. By directly generalising the approach above, given a measure μ on $(\mathcal{O}_K \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_p)^\times$ and such a character ψ , one can define an associated (two-variable) analytic function $L_p(\mu, \psi, T_1, T_2)$ on the corresponding product of open discs. Because the p -adic L -function actually lives on $\text{Cl}_K(p^\infty)$ rather than $(\mathcal{O}_K \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_p)^\times$, such a function only has meaning (in relation to p -adic L -functions) when ψ descends to the quotient $(\mathcal{O}_K/p)^\times / \mathcal{O}_K^\times$.

Fix such a character ψ . Writing $p\mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$, we see that $\psi = \psi_{\mathfrak{p}}\psi_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}$, where $\psi_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is the restriction to $(\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{p})^\times$. We also have parameters $z_{\mathfrak{p}}, z_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}$ on $\text{Cl}_K(p^\infty)$, and $T_{\mathfrak{p}}, T_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}$ on the product of open discs. Using the same arguments as above, we find the following.

Proposition 3.3. *The p -adic L -series attached to ψ and μ is*

$$L_p(\mu, \psi, T_{\mathfrak{p}}, T_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}) = \sum_{m \geq 0} \sum_{n \geq 0} d_{m,n}(\psi) T_{\mathfrak{p}}^m T_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}^n,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} d_{m,n}(\psi) &= \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \psi_{\mathfrak{p}}(a) \psi_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}(b) \\ &\quad \times \int_{(a+p\mathbb{Z}_p) \times (b+p\mathbb{Z}_p)} \left[\sum_{i \geq 1} \sum_{j \geq 1} c_i^{(m)} c_j^{(n)} \left(\frac{z_{\mathfrak{p}}}{\{a\}} - 1 \right)^i \left(\frac{z_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}}{\{b\}} - 1 \right)^j \right] d\mu(\mathbf{z}). \end{aligned}$$

Note here that we've identified distributions on $\text{Cl}_K(p^\infty)$ with distributions on $(\mathcal{O}_K \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_p)^\times$ invariant under the action of \mathcal{O}_K^\times .

3.4. Obtaining power series from the moments of μ

In the setting of modular symbols, there is a simple strategy to compute the values of the distribution arising in the definition of $d_{m,n}$. Write $U_{a,b}$ for the open compact set $(a + p\mathbb{Z}_p) \times (b + p\mathbb{Z}_p) \subset (\mathcal{O}_K \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_p)^\times$. We compute that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{U_{a,b}} f(z_{\mathfrak{p}}, z_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}) d\mu(\mathbf{z}) &:= \Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(f(z_{\mathfrak{p}}, z_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}) \mathbb{1}_{U_{a,b}}) \\ &= \lambda_{(p)}^{-1} \Phi\{c/p \rightarrow \infty\}(f(c + pz_{\mathfrak{p}}, \bar{c} + pz_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})), \end{aligned}$$

where $c = c_{a,b} \in \mathcal{O}_K$ is such that

$$c \equiv a \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}, \quad \bar{c} \equiv b \pmod{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}.$$

To see this, one applies the operator $\lambda_p^{-1} U_{p\mathcal{O}_K} = \lambda_p^{-1} U_{\mathfrak{p}} U_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}$, which acts as the identity on Φ , and note that the indicator function kills all but the a term of $U_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and the b term of $U_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}$,

corresponding to the c term of U_p ; see [Wil17, §7.1] for more details. Since in this calculation f is a polynomial function, it is simple to compute this value by taking a linear combination of the moments of $\Phi\{c/p \rightarrow \infty\}$.

3.5. Twists

The theory for twists by finite order characters is simple. For characters of conductor dividing (p^∞) , this is essentially built into the original definition, so consider a finite order character χ of conductor $(\mathfrak{d}) = \mathfrak{D} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$ prime to p . From Φ , one defines a twisted symbol

$$\Phi_\chi := \sum_{b \pmod{\mathfrak{D}}} \chi(b) \left[\begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{d} & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \Phi\{b/\mathfrak{d} \rightarrow \infty\} \right],$$

then computes $L_p(\mu, \psi_\chi, T) := L_p(\mu_\chi, \psi, T)$, where $\mu_\chi := \Phi_\chi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}|_{\text{Cl}_K(p^\infty)}$. This case is treated in [BSW19, §3.4].

4. Rephrasing via arithmetic cohomology

The above gives a complete algorithm for constructing p -adic L -series from Bianchi modular symbols. For practical reasons, however, this space would be slow to compute, and it is better to work instead with the arithmetic cohomology groups $H^1(\Gamma, \mathbb{D}_2)$, for which extensive implementation already exists. Such an approach might also generalise more naturally to different settings, where modular symbols themselves do not exist.

4.1. Definition and basic properties

See Marc's papers (which one explains it best, Marc?), or [PP09]; include things such as U_p operators.

4.2. Computing p -adic L -series from cohomology

One downside of computing with arithmetic cohomology, rather than modular symbols, is that we are not free to evaluate at the same range of divisors. Directly from the definition, we have a map

$$\begin{aligned} \delta : \text{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{D}_2) &\longrightarrow H^1(\Gamma, \mathbb{D}_2) \\ \Phi &\longmapsto (\varphi : \gamma \mapsto \Phi\{\gamma \cdot \infty \rightarrow \infty\}). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, given φ , we can read off directly the values $\Phi\{r \rightarrow s\}$ *only* for r, s equivalent to the cusp ∞ . This poses a problem for our algorithm, since we need to evaluate at pairs $\{a/p \rightarrow \infty\}$, where a is coprime to p , and in general a/p will *not* give the same cusp as ∞ . To obtain the information we need from φ , then, requires a careful study of the map δ .

From the general theory, the kernel and cokernel of δ are Eisenstein; in particular, it is an isomorphism on the cuspidal part. It follows that there is a *unique* cuspidal lift Φ of φ under δ . In the next section, we show how to explicitly invert δ to obtain this class Φ from φ , and thus how to obtain the p -adic L -function from φ .

4.3. Explicit inversion of δ

4.3.1. Motivation

In the next subsection, we give an explicit and computable recipe for inverting δ on cuspidal arithmetic cohomology classes. Before doing this, however, we give some motivation as to where this recipe comes from.

The map δ can be realised in cohomology as

$$\delta : H^0(\Gamma, \text{Hom}(\Delta_0, \mathbb{D}_2)) \longrightarrow H^1(\Gamma, \mathbb{D}_2),$$

and is the connecting map in a long exact sequence given by the snake lemma. In particular, for a right Γ -module \mathcal{M} , let:

- $C^i(\mathcal{M}) := C^i(\Gamma, M) = \mathcal{M}$ -valued i -cochains for Γ ,
- $Z^i(\mathcal{M}) := \mathcal{M}$ -valued i -cocycles for Γ ,
- and $B^i(\mathcal{M}) := \mathcal{M}$ -valued i -coboundaries for Γ .

Explicitly, as we are using right modules, a 1-cocycle is a map $z : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ such that $z(\gamma_1\gamma_2) = z(\gamma_1) + z(\gamma_2)|\gamma_1^{-1}$. Also write $(C^i/B^i)(\mathcal{M})$ for the i -cochains modulo the i -coboundaries.

Recall that $\Delta_0 = \text{Div}^0(\mathbb{P}^1(F))$, and let $\Delta = \text{Div}(\mathbb{P}^1(F)) = \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{P}^1(F)]$. Now, the degree map gives a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \Delta_0 \rightarrow \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$, and hence – for any right Γ -module M – a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(\Delta, M) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(\Delta_0, M) \rightarrow 0,$$

of Γ -modules, identifying $M \cong \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, M')$, and where Γ act on $\text{Hom}(\Delta, M')$ by $(\phi|\gamma)(D) = \phi(\gamma D)|\gamma$. This gives rise to a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & H^0(\Gamma, \text{Hom}(\Delta_0, M)) & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \\ C_{B^0}^0(\Gamma, M) & \longrightarrow & C_{B^0}^0(\Gamma, \text{Hom}(\Delta, M)) & \longrightarrow & C_{B^0}^0(\Gamma, \text{Hom}(\Delta_0, M)) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 \longrightarrow & Z^1(\Gamma, M) & \longrightarrow & Z^1(\Gamma, \text{Hom}(\Delta, M)) & \longrightarrow & Z^1(\Gamma, \text{Hom}(\Delta_0, M)) & \\ & \downarrow & & & & & \\ & H^1(\Gamma, M) & & & & & \end{array}$$

from which we obtain the snake exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow H^0(\Gamma, \text{Hom}(\Delta, M)) \xrightarrow{\alpha} H^0(\Gamma, \text{Hom}(\Delta_0, M)) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(\Gamma, M) \xrightarrow{\beta} H^1(\Gamma, \text{Hom}(\Delta, M)) \rightarrow \cdots.$$

In proving that this is exact, one takes an element in $\ker(\beta)$ – such as our class φ – and explicitly realises it in the image of δ . Thus we can lift δ by pursuing this diagram chase.

In practice, we will work at the level of cocycles, and this will depend on choices made throughout the algorithm (whilst the corresponding cohomology classes, and the p -adic L -functions, will not). Suppose we are given a cohomology class $\varphi \in H^1(M)$ represented by a cocycle φ_0 . If $M = \mathbb{D}_2$ and φ arises as the lift of a cuspidal classical eigenclass, then it is in $\ker(\beta)$. Then:

Proposition 4.1. *If $\varphi \in \ker(\beta)$, then for any $c_i \in \mathbb{P}^1(F)$, the restriction of φ_0 to $\text{Stab}_\Gamma(c_i)$ is a coboundary in $Z^1(\text{Stab}_\Gamma(c_i), M)$; explicitly, there exists $v_i \in M$ such that*

$$\varphi_0(\gamma) = v_i|\gamma^{-1} - v_i$$

for all $\gamma \in \text{Stab}_\Gamma(c_i)$.

Proof. This is essentially a consequence of Shapiro’s lemma, but with slightly more explicit control on the coboundaries. The map β is induced by the map of cocycles that sends the cocycle $\varphi_0 : \Gamma \rightarrow M$ to

$$\varphi_0 \longmapsto \left(\beta(\varphi_0) : \gamma \mapsto [r \mapsto \varphi_0(\gamma)] \right),$$

where r is any element of $\mathbb{P}^1(F)$ (recalling that $\Delta = \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{P}^1(F)]$ is freely generated such r). In particular, each $\gamma \in \Gamma$ is just sent to a constant function in $\text{Hom}(\Delta, M)$. For $\varphi \in \ker(\beta)$, we must have $\beta(\varphi_0)$ is a coboundary, and hence that there exists $v \in \text{Hom}(\Delta, M)$ such that

$$\beta(\varphi_0)(\gamma) = v|\gamma^{-1} - v.$$

In particular, we have

$$\beta(\varphi_0)(\gamma)(r) = v(\gamma^{-1}r)|\gamma^{-1} - v(r) = \varphi_0(\gamma)$$

for all $c \in \mathbb{P}^1(F)$, by definition of $\beta(\varphi_0)$. For c_i as above and $\gamma \in \text{Stab}_\Gamma(c_i)$, we have

$$\varphi_0(\gamma) = v(c_i)|\gamma^{-1} - v(c_i) = v_i|\gamma^{-1} - v_i,$$

for $v_i := v(c_i) \in M$, as required. \square

Let now $c_1, \dots, c_t \in \mathbb{P}^1(F)$ be a complete set of representatives for the cusps, and, assuming $\varphi \in \ker(\beta)$, let $v_1, \dots, v_t \in \mathbb{D}_2$ be the distributions arising from Proposition 4.1.

4.3.2. Algorithm for inverting δ

Summarising the above, we arrive at the following recipe for inverting δ . Let $\varphi \in H^1(\Gamma, \mathbb{D}_2)$ be a lift of a cuspidal classical eigenclass. In particular, it will be parabolic, and for each cusp $r \in \mathbb{P}^1(F)$, it will vanish under the restriction maps $\text{Res}_r : H^1(\Gamma, \mathbb{D}_2) \rightarrow H^1(\text{Stab}_\Gamma(r), \mathbb{D}_2)$.

1. Find representatives $c_1 = \infty, c_2, \dots, c_t \in \mathbb{P}^1(F)$ of the cusps $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{P}^1(F)$ of Γ .
2. For each $r \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F})$, let $c_{i(r)}$ be the equivalent representative, and let $g_r \in \Gamma$ be such that in $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})$, we have

$$g_r \cdot r = c_{i(r)}.$$

3. Explicitly represent $\text{Res}_{c_i}(\varphi)$ as a coboundary in $H^1(\text{Stab}_\Gamma(c_i), \mathbb{D}_2)$. In particular, find $v_1, \dots, v_t \in \mathbb{D}_2$ such that

$$\varphi(g) = v_i|g^{-1} - v_i$$

for all $g \in \text{Stab}_\Gamma(c_i)$. For this, we compute the action of g as a linear operator on \mathbb{D}_2 up to some precision, and then solve the resulting linear system for a sufficiently large set of generators of the stabiliser¹.

4. Now define

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Phi} : \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q}) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{D}_2, \\ r = g_r^{-1}c_{i(r)} &\longmapsto \varphi(g_r)|g_r + v_{i(r)}|g_r, \end{aligned}$$

and $\Phi : \Delta_0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{D}_2$ by

$$\Phi\{r \rightarrow s\} := \tilde{\Phi}(s) - \tilde{\Phi}(r).$$

Proposition 4.2. *The map Φ gives a well-defined element of $\text{Symb}_\Gamma(\mathbb{D}_2)$ such that $\delta(\Phi) = \varphi$.*

Proof. The map Φ is linear in $r \rightarrow s$, since it is defined as the difference $\tilde{\Phi}(s) - \tilde{\Phi}(r)$. It is mapped to φ under δ ; setting $r = \gamma \cdot \infty$ and $s = \infty$, we have $g_r = \gamma^{-1}$, $g_s = 1$, and $c_{i(r)} = c_{i(s)} = c_1$. Then by definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(\Phi)(\gamma) &:= \Phi\{\gamma \cdot \infty \rightarrow \infty\} = \varphi(1)|1 + v_1 - \varphi(\gamma^{-1})|\gamma^{-1} - v_1|\gamma^{-1} \\ &= \varphi(\gamma) + [v_1 - v_1|\gamma^{-1}], \end{aligned}$$

¹In practice, this is actually more subtle than it appears: in the linear system, the variables will appear with varying degrees of precision, due to the filtration appearing in the explicit lifting theorem.

using that $\varphi(1) = 0 = \varphi(\gamma\gamma^{-1}) = \varphi(\gamma) + \varphi(\gamma^{-1})|\gamma^{-1}$. The term in the square brackets is a coboundary; thus the cocycle $\delta(\Phi)$ represents the same cohomology class as φ .

It remains to show that Φ is Γ -equivariant. Let $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Note that if $g_r \cdot r = c_{i(r)}$, then $g_r\gamma^{-1} \cdot \gamma r = c_{i(r)}$, so that $c_{i(\gamma r)} = c_{i(r)}$ and $g_{\gamma r} = g_r\gamma^{-1}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Phi}(\gamma r) &= \varphi(g_{\gamma r})|g_{\gamma r} + v_{i(\gamma r)}|g_{\gamma r} \\ &= \varphi(g_r\gamma^{-1})|g_r\gamma^{-1} + v_{i(r)}|g_r\gamma^{-1} \\ &= \varphi(g_r)|g_r\gamma^{-1} + \varphi(\gamma^{-1})|g_r^{-1}g_r\gamma^{-1} + v_{i(r)}|g_r\gamma^{-1} \\ &= \tilde{\Phi}(r)|\gamma^{-1} + \varphi(\gamma^{-1})|\gamma^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

The second term is independent of r , so cancels in the difference $\tilde{\Phi}(s) - \tilde{\Phi}(r)$. It follows that

$$\Phi\{\gamma r \rightarrow \gamma s\}|\gamma = \tilde{\Phi}(s)|\gamma - \tilde{\Phi}(r)|\gamma = \Phi\{r \rightarrow s\},$$

as required. \square

In general, the map Φ thus defined is not an eigensymbol. In particular, whilst there is a unique cuspidal lift Φ_{cusp} of φ under δ , the map Φ can be any element of $\Phi_{\text{cusp}} + \ker(\delta)$. However, we have:

Proposition 4.3. *For all sufficiently large primes \mathfrak{l} of K , coprime to pn , the symbol*

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{F}} := \frac{T_{\mathfrak{l}} - \ell - 1}{a_{\mathfrak{l}} - \ell + 1} \Phi \in \text{Symb}_{\Gamma}(\mathbb{D}_2)$$

is the uniquely determined overconvergent (cuspidal) eigensymbol mapped to φ under δ , where ℓ is the norm of \mathfrak{l} and $a_{\mathfrak{l}}$ is the $T_{\mathfrak{l}}$ -eigenvalue of the Bianchi modular form \mathcal{F} .

Proof. By the long exact sequence given by the snake lemma, the kernel of δ is given by the image of $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\Delta, \mathbb{D}_2)$ in $\text{Symb}_{\Gamma}(\mathbb{D}_2)$, or, more precisely, the Eisenstein subspace. We know that for prime $\mathfrak{l} \nmid pn$ of norm ℓ , the Hecke operator $T_{\mathfrak{l}}$ acts on the Eisenstein subspace by $\ell + 1$ (see, for example, [PS11, Rem. 5.2] for this in the rational case; more generally, it can be obtained by studying $\text{Hom}(\Delta, \mathbb{D}_2)$ as a Hecke-module). For sufficiently large \mathfrak{l} , the Hasse bound implies that $a_{\mathfrak{l}} \neq \ell + 1$. By the remarks above, the operator $T_{\mathfrak{l}} - \ell - 1$ kills any Eisenstein contribution, and thus acts as a projector onto the cuspidal subspace. Now renormalising by $a_{\mathfrak{l}} - \ell - 1$ gives a cuspidal eigensymbol in $\delta^{-1}(\varphi)$. Such a symbol is unique by strong multiplicity one combined with Theorem 2.2. \square

4.3.3. Remark: an alternative formula using U_p

In certain cases, there are even more explicit formula for computing p -adic L -functions from the knowledge only of φ (without inverting δ to compute the whole modular symbol Φ).

though they do not work in all cases. We highlight this only in the rational case for simplicity, though the same ideas go through for Bianchi modular forms too.

Let φ be an overconvergent cohomology class

Let If for example we consider $\Gamma_0(Np) \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, with N square-free prime to p , and work with a rational overconvergent eigensymbol $\Phi \in \text{Symb}_{\Gamma_0(Np)}(\mathbb{D})$. The $\Gamma_0(Np)$ orbit of ∞ is precisely the set of rationals b/c , where b and c are coprime and $Np|c$. We wish, then, to compute integrals of the form

$$\int_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p} z^j d\Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\} = \Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(z)),$$

for $a \in \{1, \dots, p-1\}$ and $j \geq 0$, in terms of the distributions $\Phi\{b/Np \rightarrow \infty\}$ (for b prime to Np).

Proposition 4.4. *Let a_p denote the U_p -eigenvalue of Φ .*

(i) *Suppose $N = 1$. Then*

$$\Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(z)) = a_p^{-1} \Phi\{a/p \rightarrow \infty\}((a + pz)^j).$$

(ii) *Suppose $N = q$ is prime. Let d_q denote the order of q in $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$, and write a_q for the U_q -eigenvalue of Φ . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} (a_q - a_q^{1-d_q} q^{d_q j}) \Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(z)) = \\ a_p^{-1} \sum_{m=0}^{d_q-1} a_q^{-m} q^{jm} \sum_{\substack{\beta \in (\mathbb{Z}/Np\mathbb{Z})^\times \\ \beta \equiv a/q^m \pmod{p}}} \Phi\{\beta/q \rightarrow \infty\}((\beta + qpz)^j). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) *Let $N = q_1 \cdots q_r$, with each q_i prime. For $1 \leq i \leq r$, let d_i denote the order of q_i in $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$, and let a_i denote the U_{q_i} -eigenvalue of Φ . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\prod_{i=1}^r (a_i - a_i^{1-d_i} q_i^{d_i j}) \right] \Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(z)) = \\ a_p^{-1} \sum_{m_1=0}^{d_1-1} \cdots \sum_{m_r=0}^{d_r-1} \left(\left[\prod_{i=1}^r a_i^{-m_i} q_i^{j m_i} \right] \sum_{\substack{\beta \in (\mathbb{Z}/Np\mathbb{Z})^\times \\ \beta \equiv a / \prod_{i=1}^r q_i^{m_i} \pmod{p}}} \Phi\{\beta/Np \rightarrow \infty\}((\beta + Npz)^j) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Remark 4.5: Before giving the proof, we note that if $j = 0$ and there is some i such that $a_i = 1$ or $a_i = -1$ and d_i is even, then the multiplying factor on the left-hand side of (iii) is zero. In any other case, we can simply divide through by this factor to obtain the required value. This leads us to the rather odd situation where we can compute all of the higher moments, but *not* the zeroth moments; in other words, we can compute all of the ‘overconvergence’, but not the original classical symbol. In certain cases, for example for the elliptic curve of conductor 55, none of the above exceptional cases occur and we can compute complete information.

Proof. To prove (i), apply $a_p^{-1} U_p$, and note that

$$\Phi\{b/p \rightarrow \infty\}((b + pz)^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(b + pz)) = 0$$

if $b \neq a$. To prove (ii), we pursue a similar strategy. A single application of U_q gives

$$\begin{aligned} a_q \Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}(z)) &= q^j \Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(qz)) \\ &+ \sum_{b=1}^{q-1} \Phi\{b/q \rightarrow \infty\}((b + qz)^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(b + qz)). \end{aligned}$$

Every term in the sum involves $\Phi\{b/q \rightarrow \infty\}$ with b coprime to q , which is moving towards what we ultimately require, and we have another $\Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}$ term that is very similar to the left-hand side. Now applying $a_q^{-1} U_q$ to this $\Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}$ term in the right hand side, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}(z)) &= a_q^{-1} q^{2j} \Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(q^2 z)) \\ &+ a_q^{-1} q^j \sum_{b=1}^{q-1} \Phi\{b/q \rightarrow \infty\}((b + qz)^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(q(b + qz))) \\ &+ \sum_{b=1}^{q-1} \Phi\{b/q \rightarrow \infty\}((b + qz)^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(b + qz)). \end{aligned}$$

Continuing in this vein, after d_q iterations we are left with a series of sums including $\Phi\{b/q \rightarrow \infty\}$, with b coprime to q , and the term

$$a_q^{1-d_q} q^{d_q j} \Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(q^{d_q} z)) = a_q^{1-d_q} q^{d_q j} \Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(z)).$$

We can bring this over to the left-hand side and factor out the resulting factor of $(a_q - a_q^{1-d_q} q^{d_q})$ to obtain

$$\Phi\{0 \rightarrow \infty\}(z^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(z)) = (a_q - a_q^{1-d_q} q^{d_q j})^{-1} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\times \sum_{m=0}^{d_q-1} a_q^{-m} q^{jm} \sum_{b=1}^{\infty} \Phi\{b/q \rightarrow \infty\}((b+qz)^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(q^m(b+qz))). \quad (4.2)$$

Now apply $a_p^{-1} U_p$. For each individual summand $\Phi\{b/q \rightarrow \infty\}((b+qz)^j \mathbf{1}_{a+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(q^m(b+qz)))$ in (4.1), there is a unique $c_{b,m} \pmod{p}$ such that

$$q^m(b + q(c_{b,m} + pz)) \equiv a \pmod{p},$$

namely, $c_{b,m} \equiv q^{-1}(a/q^m - b) \pmod{p}$. On this summand, only the $c_{b,m}$ term of the U_p operator survives, yielding the new summand

$$\Phi\left\{\frac{b + qc_{b,m}}{pq} \rightarrow \infty\right\}((b + qc_{b,m})^j)$$

Writing $\beta = b + qc_{b,m}$. It remains to show:

Claim 4.6. *As b ranges over $\{1, \dots, q-1\}$, the values $b + qc_{b,m}$ range over elements of $(\mathbb{Z}/pq\mathbb{Z})^\times$ congruent to $a/q^m \pmod{p}$.*

But it is clear that all the $b + qc_{b,m}$ are distinct modulo q , and by definition, each is congruent to $a/q^m \pmod{p}$. As both $\{b + qc_{b,m}\}$ and $\{\beta \in (\mathbb{Z}/pq\mathbb{Z})^\times : \beta \equiv a/q^m \pmod{p}\}$ have $q-1$ members, they must be equal. This gives the claim and completes the proof of (ii).

To prove (iii), we work by induction on the number of primes, repeating exactly the arguments of above. \square

5. The algorithms

5.1. Computing with distributions

Two variable distributions with coefficients in an extension L/\mathbb{Q}_p are naturally in bijection with doubly-indexed bounded sequences in L (see [Wil17, Proposition 3.6]), the map being given by

$$\mu \mapsto \{\mu(x_i y_j) : i, j \geq 0\}.$$

We can compute with these distributions using the *finite approximation modules op. cit.*

5.1.1. Computing the action of $\Sigma_0(p)^2$ on distributions

It is important to explicitly understand the action of $\Sigma_0(p)^2$ on these distributions. In particular, there are an increasing number of conventions regarding actions (both left and right) on distributions, and we wish to be as clear as possible about the ones we adopt.

Definition 5.1. Consider the usual basis $\{x^i y^j : i, j \geq 0\}$ of $\mathbb{A}(L)$, and order it first by total degree $i+j$ and then lexicographically in j and then i . To make this explicit, we label these basis monomials by defining

$$v_{n,i} := x^{n-i} y^i,$$

which are then ordered $v_{0,0}, v_{1,0}, v_{1,1}, v_{2,0}, v_{2,1}, \dots$, corresponding to $1, x, y, x^2, xy, \dots$.

Recall that $\Sigma_0(p)^2$ acts on the *left* of $\mathbb{A}(L)$ by

$$g \cdot f(x, y) = f\left(\frac{b + dx}{a + cx}, \frac{\bar{b} + \bar{d}x}{\bar{a} + \bar{c}x}\right), \quad g = \left[\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a} & \bar{b} \\ \bar{c} & \bar{d} \end{pmatrix}\right].$$

Denote by $\psi_{\mathbb{A}}(g)$ the matrix of g acting on $\mathbb{A}(L)$ in the basis $\{v_{n,i}\}$.

We want to compute the dual action on distributions. The natural dual action is a *right* action. However, since we will ultimately compute with the group cohomology – which prefers *left* actions – it is convenient here to pass to the right action on $\mathbb{A}_2(L)$ defined by $f|g = g^{-1} \cdot f$, inducing a left dual action.

Now write

$$v_{n,i}^* := \mathcal{X}^{n-i} \mathcal{Y}^i$$

for the dual basis, where $v_{n,i}^*(v_{m,j}) = \delta_{mn} \delta_{ij}$. For , then the matrix of g acting on $\mathbb{D}(L)$, on the *left*, in this dual basis, is given by

$$\psi_{\mathbb{D}}(g) := \psi_{\mathbb{A}}(g^{-1})^T.$$

We are reduced, then, to computing the action on \mathbb{A} .

In practice, we use the following algorithm. Define

$$r = \frac{b + dx}{a + cx}, \quad s = \frac{\bar{b} + \bar{d}y}{\bar{a} + \bar{c}x}.$$

We then start by considering $r^0 s^0 = 1$. Suppose we have computed $r^{n-i} s^i$ for all $i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$. The coefficients of $r^{n-i} s^i$ give the column (at $v_{n,i}$) of the matrix of g acting on \mathbb{A} . We then compute at step $n + 1$ by multiplying by r or s as necessary, computing up to the desired precision.

5.2. An explicit lifting theorem

Including commutative diagram relating arithmetic cohomology and modular symbols with the action of the $U_p, U_{\bar{p}}$ operators. (Not well-defined on cocycles in general).

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