

# Abelian $\ell$ -adic Representations and Elliptic Curves

Jean-Pierre Serre

June 28, 2024



# CONTENTS

<b>I</b>	<b><math>\ell</math>-adic representations</b>	<b>1</b>
1	The notion of an $\ell$ -adic representation . . . . .	1
1.1	Definition . . . . .	1
1.2	Examples . . . . .	3
2	$\ell$ -adic representations of number fields . . . . .	4
2.1	Preliminaries . . . . .	4
2.2	Čebotarev’s density theorem . . . . .	5
2.3	Rational $\ell$ -adic representations . . . . .	7
2.4	Representations with values in a linear algebraic group	10
2.5	$L$ -functions attached to rational representations . . . .	12
A	Equipartition and $L$ -functions . . . . .	13
A.1	Equipartition . . . . .	13
A.2	The connection with $L$ -functions . . . . .	16
A.3	Proof of theorem 1 . . . . .	19
<b>II</b>	<b>The groups <math>S_m</math></b>	<b>23</b>
1	Preliminaries . . . . .	23
1.1	The torus $\mathbb{T}$ . . . . .	23
1.2	Cutting down $\mathbb{T}$ . . . . .	24
1.3	Enlarging groups . . . . .	24
2	Construction of $T_m$ and $S_m$ . . . . .	26
2.1	Idèles and idèles-classes . . . . .	26
2.2	The groups $T_m$ and $S_m$ . . . . .	28
2.3	The canonical $\ell$ -adic representation with values in $S_m$ .	28
2.4	Linear representations of $S_m$ . . . . .	31
2.5	$\ell$ -adic representations associated to a linear represen- tation of $S_m$ . . . . .	33
2.6	Alternative construction . . . . .	34

2.7	The real case . . . . .	35
2.8	An example: complex multiplication of abelian varieties . . . . .	35
3	Structure of $T_m$ and applications . . . . .	37
3.1	Structure of $X(T_m)$ . . . . .	37
3.2	The morphism $j^*: \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow T_m$ . . . . .	39
3.3	Structure of $T_m$ . . . . .	39
3.4	How to compute Frobeniuses . . . . .	40
A	Killing arithmetic groups in tori . . . . .	41
A.1	Arithmetic groups in tori . . . . .	41
A.2	Killing arithmetic subgroups . . . . .	42
<b>III Locally algebraic abelian representations</b>		<b>45</b>
1	The local case . . . . .	45
1.1	Definitions . . . . .	45
1.2	Alternative definition of “locally algebraic” via Hodge-Tate modules . . . . .	46
2	The global case . . . . .	47
2.1	Definitions . . . . .	47
2.2	Modulus of a locally algebraic abelian representation . . . . .	47
2.3	Back to $S_m$ . . . . .	49
2.4	A mild generalization . . . . .	51
2.5	The function field case . . . . .	51
3	The case of a composite of quadratic fields . . . . .	53
3.1	Statement of the result . . . . .	53
3.2	A criterion for local algebraicity . . . . .	54
3.3	An auxiliary result on tori . . . . .	56
3.4	Proof of the theorem . . . . .	58
A	Hodge-Tate decompositions and locally algebraic representations . . . . .	58
A.1	Invariance of Hodge-Tate decompositions . . . . .	59
A.2	Admissible characters . . . . .	61
A.3	A criterion for local triviality . . . . .	62
A.4	The character $\xi$ . . . . .	62
A.5	Characters associated with Hodge-Tate decompositions . . . . .	62
A.6	Locally compact case . . . . .	63
A.7	Tate’s theorem . . . . .	65

<b>IV</b>	<b><math>\ell</math>-adic representations attached to elliptic curves</b>	<b>67</b>
1	Preliminaries . . . . .	67
1.1	Elliptic curves . . . . .	67
1.2	Good reduction . . . . .	68
1.3	Properties of $V_\ell$ related to good reduction . . . . .	69
1.4	Šafarevič's theorem . . . . .	71
2	The Galois module attached to $E$ . . . . .	72
2.1	The irreducibility theorem . . . . .	73
2.2	Determination of the Lie algebra of $G_\ell$ . . . . .	74
2.3	The isogeny theorem . . . . .	76
3	Variation of $G_\ell$ and $\tilde{G}_\ell$ with $\ell$ . . . . .	76
3.1	Preliminaries . . . . .	76
3.2	The case of a non integral $j$ . . . . .	76
3.3	Numerical example . . . . .	77
3.4	Proof of the main lemma of 3.1 . . . . .	78
A	Local results . . . . .	78
A.1	The case $v(j) < 0$ . . . . .	78
A.2	The case $v(j) \geq 0$ . . . . .	82
	<b>Index</b>	<b>87</b>



## EDITORS' NOTES

We have tried to keep the book as similar to the original with minor changes. Here are some changes in notation:

Original	New	Meaning
$\Sigma_K$	$M_K^0$	Set of finite places of a number field $K$ .
$\ell$	$\lambda$	The residue field of a field $L$ relative to a finite place.
$R^*$	$R^\times$	The group of units of a ring $R$ .
$U^\circ$	$\mathring{U}$	The interior of a subset $U$ of a topological space.
$A_K$	$\mathcal{O}_K$	The ring of algebraic integers of a number field $K$ .
$\mathbf{N}v$	$\mathbf{N}v$	$= [\mathcal{O}_v : \mathfrak{m}_v]$ .
$\mathbb{G}_{m/K}$	$\mathbb{G}_{m,K}$	The multiplicative group of $K$ .
$\mathbb{P}_{n/K}$	$\mathbb{P}_K^n$	The $n$ -dimensional projective space over a field $K$ .
$X \times_K L$	$X \otimes_K L$	The base change of a $K$ -scheme $X$ by a field extension $L/K$ .

We also did some minor corrections and errata we found:

- Page 2 (I-3): it originally said “ $T'/T$ ”, and it should be “ $T/T'$ ”.
- Page 61 (III-34): it originally said “ $A_n/A_{n+k}$ ”, and it should be “ $A_n/A_{n+1}$ ”.
- Page 72 (IV-8): it originally said “ $\Delta_v = u^{12}\Delta'$ ”, and it should be “ $\Delta_v = u_v^{12}\Delta'$ ”.





# CHAPTER I

## $\ell$ -ADIC REPRESENTATIONS

### §1. The notion of an $\ell$ -adic representation

#### 1.1 Definition

Let  $K$  be a field, and let  $K_s$  be a separable algebraic closure of  $K$ . Let  $G = \text{Gal}(K_s/K)$  be the Galois group of the extension  $K_s/K$ . The group  $G$ , with the Krull topology, is compact and totally disconnected. Let  $\ell$  be a prime number, and let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$  of  $\ell$ -adic numbers. The full linear group  $\text{Aut}(V)$  is an  $\ell$ -adic Lie group, its topology being induced by the natural topology of  $\text{End}(V)$ ; if  $n = \dim(V)$ , we have  $\text{Aut}(V) \cong \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ . I-1

**Definition 1.** An  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $G$  (or, by abuse of language, of  $K$ ) is a continuous homomorphism  $\rho: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$ .

**Remark.** 1) A *lattice* of  $V$  is a sub- $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ -module  $T$  which is free of finite rank, and generate  $V$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ , so that  $V$  can be identified with  $T \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ . Notice that there exists a lattice of  $V$  which is stable under  $G$ . This follows from the fact that  $G$  is compact.

Indeed, let  $L$  be any lattice of  $V$ , and let  $H$  be the set of elements  $g \in G$  such that  $\rho(g)L = L$ . This is an open subgroup of  $G$ , and  $G/H$  is finite. The lattice  $T$  generated by the lattices  $\rho(g)L$ ,  $g \in G/H$ , is stable under  $G$ . I-2

Notice that  $L$  may be identified with the projective limit of the free  $(\mathbb{Z}/\ell^m\mathbb{Z})$ -modules  $T/\ell^m T$ , on which  $G$  acts; the vector space  $V$  may be reconstructed from  $T$  by  $V = T \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ .

- 2) If  $\rho$  is an  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $G$ , the group  $G = \text{Im}(\rho)$  is a closed subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(V)$ , and hence, by the  $\ell$ -adic analogue of Cartan's theorem (cf. [28])  $G$  is itself an  $\ell$ -adic Lie group. Its Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$  is a subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V) = \text{Lie}(\text{Aut}(V))$ . The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is easily seen to be invariant under extensions of finite type of the ground field  $K$  (cf. [24], 1.2).

### Exercises.

- 1) Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension 2 over a field  $k$  and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(V)$ . Assume that  $\det(1 - h) = 0$  for all  $h \in H$ . Show the existence of a basis of  $V$  with respect to which  $H$  is contained either in the subgroup  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$  or in the subgroup  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$  of  $\text{Aut}(V)$ .
- 2) Let  $\rho: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  be an  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $G$ , where  $V_\ell$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ -vector space of dimension 2. Assume  $\det(1 - \rho(s)) = 0 \pmod{\ell}$  for all  $s \in G$ . Let  $T$  be a lattice of  $V_\ell$  stable by  $G$ . Show the existence of a lattice  $T'$  of  $V_\ell$  with the following two properties:
- (a)  $T'$  is stable by  $G$ .
- I-3 (b) Either  $T'$  is a sublattice of index  $\ell$  of  $T$  and  $G$  acts trivially on  $T/T'$  or  $T$  is a sublattice of index  $\ell$  of  $T'$  and  $G$  acts trivially on  $T/T'$ .
- (Apply exercise 1 above to  $k = \mathbb{F}_\ell$  and  $V = T/\ell T$ .)
- 3) Let  $\rho$  be a semi-simple  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $G$  and let  $U$  be an invariant subgroup of  $G$ . Assume that, for all  $x \in U$ ,  $\rho(x)$  is unipotent (all its eigenvalues are equal to 1). Show that  $\rho(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in U$ . (Show that the restriction of  $\rho$  to  $U$  is semi-simple and use Kolchin's theorem to bring it to triangular form.)
- 4) Let  $\rho: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  be an  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $G$ , and  $T$  a lattice of  $V_\ell$  stable under  $G$ . Show the equivalence of the following properties:
- (a) The representation of  $G$  in the  $\mathbb{F}_\ell$ -vector space  $T/\ell T$  is irreducible.
- (b) The only lattices of  $V_\ell$  stable under  $G$  are the  $\ell^n T$ , with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## 1.2 Examples

**1. Roots of unity.** Let  $\ell \neq \text{char}(K)$ . The group  $G = \text{Gal}(K_s/K)$  acts on the group  $\mu_m$  of  $\ell^m$ -th roots of unity, and hence also on  $T_\ell(\mu) = \varprojlim_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \mu_m$ . The  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ -vector space  $V_\ell(\mu) = T_\ell(\mu) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$  is of dimension 1, and the homomorphism  $\chi_\ell: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell) = \mathbb{Q}_\ell^\times$  defined by the action of  $G$  on  $V_\ell$  is a 1-dimensional  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $G$ . The character  $\chi_\ell$  takes its values in the group of units  $U$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ ; by definition

$$g(z) = z^{\chi_\ell(g)} \quad \text{if } g \in G, \quad z^{\ell^m} = 1.$$

**2. Elliptic curves.** Let  $\ell \neq \text{char}(K)$ . Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $K$  with a given rational point  $o$ . One knows that there is a unique structure of group variety on  $E$  with  $o$  as neutral element. Let  $E_m$  be the kernel of multiplication by  $\ell^m$  in  $E(K_s)$ , and let

$$T_\ell(E) = \varprojlim_m E_m, \quad V_\ell(E) = T_\ell(E) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{Q}_\ell.$$

The Tate module  $T_\ell(E)$  is a free  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ -module on which  $G = \text{Gal}(K_s/K)$  acts (cf. [12], chap. VII). The corresponding homomorphism  $\pi_\ell: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell(E))$  is an  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $G$ . The group  $G_\ell = \text{Im}(\pi_\ell)$  is a closed subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(T_\ell(E))$ , a 4-dimensional Lie group isomorphic to  $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$ . (In chapter IV, we will determine the Lie algebra of  $G_\ell$ , under the assumption that  $K$  is a number field.)

Since we can identify  $E$  with its dual (in the sense of the duality of abelian varieties) the symbol  $(x, y)$  (cf. [12], *loc. cit.*) defines canonical isomorphisms

$$\bigwedge^2 T_\ell(E) = T_\ell(\mu), \quad \bigwedge^2 V_\ell(E) = V_\ell(\mu).$$

Hence  $\det(\pi_\ell)$  is the character  $\chi_\ell$  defined in example 1.

**3. Abelian varieties.** Let  $A$  be an abelian variety over  $K$  of dimension  $d$ . If  $\ell \neq \text{char}(K)$ , we define  $T_\ell(A)$ ,  $V_\ell(A)$  in the same way as in example 2. The group  $T_\ell(A)$  is a free  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ -module of rank  $2d$  (cf. [12], *loc. cit.*) on which  $G = \text{Gal}(K_s/K)$  acts.

**4. Cohomology representations.** Let  $X$  be an algebraic variety defined over the field  $K$ , and let  $X_s = X \times_K K_s$  be the corresponding variety over

Belén ♡: ¿Deberíamos modernizar la notación a  $E[\ell^m]$ ?

$K_s$ . Let  $\ell \neq \text{char}(K)$ , and let  $i$  be an integer. Using the étale cohomology of **3** [3] we let

$$H^i(X_s, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) = \varprojlim_n H^i((X_s)_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n \mathbb{Z}), \quad H_\ell^i(X_s) = H^i(X_s, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{Q}_\ell.$$

I-5 The group  $H_\ell^i(X_s)$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$  on which  $G = \text{Gal}(K_s/K)$  acts (via the action of  $G$  on  $X_s$ ). It is finite dimensional, at least if  $\text{char}(K) = 0$  or if  $X$  is proper. We thus get an  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $G$  associated to  $H_\ell^i(X_s)$ ; by taking duals we also get homology  $\ell$ -adic representations. Examples 1, 2, 3 are particular cases of homology  $\ell$ -adic representations where  $i = 1$  and  $X$  is respectively the multiplicative group  $\mathbb{G}_m$ , the elliptic curve  $E$ , and the abelian variety  $A$ .

### Exercise.

- (a) Show that there is an elliptic curve  $E$ , defined over  $K_0 = \mathbb{Q}(T)$ , with  $j$ -invariant equal to  $T$ .
- (b) Show that for such a curve, over  $K = \mathbb{C}(T)$ , one has  $G_\ell = \text{SL}(T_\ell(E))$  (cf. **10** [10] for an algebraic proof).
- (c) Using (b), show that, over  $K_0$ , we have  $G_\ell = \text{GL}(T_\ell(E))$ .
- (d) Show that for any closed subgroup  $H$  of  $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  there is an elliptic curve (defined over some field) for which  $G_\ell = H$ .

## §2. $\ell$ -adic representations of number fields

### 2.1 Preliminaries

(For the basic notions concerning number fields, see for instance **6** [6], **13** [13] or **44** [44].) Let  $K$  be a number field (i.e. a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ). Denote by  $M_K^0$  the set of all finite places of  $K$ , i.e., the set of all normalized discrete valuations of  $K$  (or, alternatively, the set of prime ideals in the ring  $\mathcal{O}_K$  of integers of  $K$ ). The **residue field**  $k_v$  of a place  $v \in M_K^0$  is a finite field with  $\mathbf{N}(v) = p_v^{\deg(v)}$  elements, where  $p_v = \text{char}(k_v)$  and  $\deg(v)$  is the degree of  $k_v$  over  $\mathbb{F}_{p_v}$ . The ramification index  $e_v$  of  $v$  is  $v(p_v)$ .

Let  $L/K$  be a finite Galois extension with Galois group  $G$ , and let  $w \in M_L^0$ . The subgroup  $D_w$  of  $G$  consisting of those  $g \in G$  for which  $gw = w$  is the **decomposition group** of  $w$ . The restriction of  $w$  to  $K$  is an integral multiple of an element  $v \in M_K^0$ ; by abuse of language, we also say that  $v$  is the restriction of  $w$  to  $K$ , and we write  $w \mid v$  (“ $w$  divides  $v$ ”). Let  $L$  (resp.  $K$ ) be the completion of  $L$  (resp.  $K$ ) with respect to  $w$  (resp.  $v$ ). We have  $D_w = \text{Gal}(L_w/K_v)$ . The group  $D_w$  is mapped homomorphically onto the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\lambda_w/k_v)$  of the corresponding residue extension  $\lambda_w/k_v$ . The kernel of  $G \rightarrow \text{Gal}(\lambda_w/k_v)$  is the inertia group  $I_w$  of  $w$ . The quotient group  $D_w/I_w$  is a finite cyclic group generated by the **Frobenius element**  $F_w$ ; we have  $F(\lambda) = \lambda^{\mathbf{N}(v)}$  for all  $\lambda \in \lambda_w$ . The valuation  $w$  (resp.  $v$ ) is called **unramified** if  $I_w = \{1\}$ . Almost all places of  $K$  are unramified.

If  $L$  is an arbitrary algebraic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , one defines  $M_K^0$  to be the projective limit of the sets  $M_{L_\alpha}^0$ , where  $L_\alpha$  ranges over the finite sub-extensions of  $L/\mathbb{Q}$ . Then, if  $L/K$  is an arbitrary Galois extension of the number field  $K$ , and  $w \in M_L^0$ , one defines  $D_w, I_w, F_w$  as before. If  $v$  is an unramified place of  $K$ , and  $w$  is a place of  $L$  extending  $v$ , we denote by  $F_v$  the conjugacy class of  $F_w$  in  $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $\rho: \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  be an  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $K$ , and let  $v \in M_K^0$ . We say that  $\rho$  is unramified at  $v$  if  $\rho(I_w) = \{1\}$  for any valuation  $w$  of  $\overline{K}$  extending  $v$ .

If the representation  $\rho$  is unramified at  $v$ , then the restriction of  $\rho$  to  $D_w$  factors through  $D_w/I_w$  for any  $w \mid v$ ; hence  $\rho(F_w) \in \text{Aut}(V)$  is defined; we call  $\rho(F_w)$  the **Frobenius** of  $w$  in the representation  $\rho$ , and we denote it by  $F_{w,\rho}$ . The conjugacy class of  $F_{w,\rho}$  in  $\text{Aut}(V)$  depends only on  $v$ ; it is denoted by  $F_{v,\rho}$ . If  $L/K$  is the extension of  $K$  corresponding to  $H = \text{Ker}(\rho)$ , then  $\rho$  is unramified at  $v$  if and only if  $v$  is unramified in  $L/K$ . I-7

## 2.2 Čebotarev’s density theorem

Let  $P$  be a subset of  $M_K^0$ . For each integer  $n$ , let  $a_n(P)$  be the number of  $v \in P$  such that  $\mathbf{N}v \leq n$ . If  $a$  is a real number, one says that  $P$  **has density**  $a$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n(P)}{a_n(M_K^0)} = a \quad \text{when } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Note that  $a_n(M_K^0) \sim n/\log(n)$ , by the prime number theorem (cf. Appendix, or [13], chap. VIII), so that the above relation may be rewritten:

$$a_n(P) = a \cdot \frac{n}{\log(n)} + o\left(\frac{n}{\log(n)}\right).$$

**Examples.** A finite set has density 0. The set of  $v \in M_K^0$  of degree 1 (i.e. such that  $\mathbf{N}v$  is prime) has density 1. The set of ordinary prime numbers whose first digit (in the decimal system, say) is 1 has no density.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $L$  be a finite Galois extension of the number field  $K$ , with Galois group  $G$ . Let  $X$  be a subset of  $G$ , stable by conjugation. Let  $P_X$  have density equal to  $\text{Card}(X)/\text{Card}(G)$ .*

For the proof, see [7], [1], or the Appendix.

**Corollary 1.1.** *For every  $g \in G$ , there exist infinitely many unramified places  $w \in M_K^0$  such that  $F_w = g$ .*

For infinite extensions, we have:

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $L$  be a Galois extension of  $K$ , which is unramified outside a finite set  $S$ .*

- a) *The Frobenius elements of the unramified places of  $L$  are dense in  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ .*
- b) *Let  $X$  be a subset of  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ , stable by conjugation. Assume that the boundary of  $X$  has measure zero with respect to the Haar measure  $\mu$  of  $X$ , and normalize  $\mu$  such that its total mass is 1. Then the set of places  $v \notin S$  such that  $F_v \subset X$  has a density equal to  $\mu(X)$ .*

Assertion (b) follows from the theorem, by writing  $L$  as an increasing union of finite Galois extensions and passing to the limit (one may also use Prop. 1 of the Appendix). Assertion (a) follows from (b) applied to a suitable neighborhood of a given class of  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ .

**Exercise.** Let  $G$  be an  $\ell$ -adic Lie group and let  $X$  be an analytic subset of  $G$  (i.e. a set defined by the vanishing of a family of analytic functions on  $G$ ). Show that the boundary of  $X$  has measure zero with respect to the Haar measure of  $G$ .

### 2.3 Rational $\ell$ -adic representations

Let  $\rho$  be an  $\ell$ -adic representation of the number field  $K$ . If  $v \in M_K^0$ , and if  $v$  is unramified with respect to  $\rho$ , we let  $P_{v,\rho}(T)$  denote the polynomial  $\det(1 - F_{v,\rho}T)$ .

**Definition 1.** The  $\ell$ -adic representation  $\rho$  is said to be **rational** (resp. **integral**) if there exists a finite subset  $S$  of  $M_K^0$  such that

- (a) Any element of  $M_K^0 \setminus S$  is unramified with respect to  $\rho$ .
- (b) If  $v \notin S$ , the coefficients of  $P_{v,\rho}(T)$  belong to  $\mathbb{Q}$  (resp. to  $\mathbb{Z}$ ).

**Remark.** Let  $K'/K$  be a finite extension. An  $\ell$ -adic representation  $\rho$  of  $K$  defines (by restriction) an  $\ell$ -adic representation  $\rho|_{K'}$  of  $K'$ . If  $\rho$  is rational (resp. integral), then the same is true for  $\rho|_{K'}$ ; this follows from the fact that the Frobenius elements relative to  $K'$  are powers of those relative to  $K$ .

**Examples.** The  $\ell$ -adic representations of  $K$  given in examples 1, 2, 3 of section 1.2 are rational (even *integral*) representation. In example 1, one can take for  $S$  the set  $S_\ell$  of elements  $v$  of  $M_K^0$  with  $\rho_v = \ell$ ; In examples 2, 3, one can take for  $S$  the union of  $S_\ell$  and the set  $S_A$  where  $A$  has “bad reduction”; the fact that the corresponding Frobenius has an integral characteristic polynomial (which is independent of  $\ell$ ) is a consequence of Weil’s results on endomorphisms of abelian varieties (cf. [40] and [12], chap. VII). The rationality of the cohomology representation is a well-known open question. I-10

Ver si sigue siendo una pregunta abierta.

**Definition 2.** Let  $\ell'$  be a prime,  $\rho'$  an  $\ell'$ -adic representation of  $K$ , and assume that  $\rho, \rho'$  are rational. Then  $\rho, \rho'$  are said to be **compatible** if there exists a finite subset  $S$  of  $M_K^0$  such that  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  are unramified outside of  $S$  and  $P_{v,\rho}(T) = P_{v,\rho'}(T)$  for  $v \in M_K^0 \setminus S$ .

(In other words, the characteristic polynomials of the Frobenius elements are the same for  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$ , at least for almost all  $v$ ’s.)

If  $\rho: \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  is rational  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $K$ , then  $V$  has a composition series

$$V = V_0 \supset V_1 \supset \cdots \supset V_q = 0$$

of  $\rho$ -invariants subspaces with  $V_i/V_{i+1}$  ( $0 \leq i \leq q-1$ ) *simple* (i.e. *irreducible*). The  $\ell$ -adic representation  $\rho'$  of  $K$  defined by  $V' = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} V_i/V_{i+1}$  is semi-simple, rational, and compatible with  $\rho$ ; it is the “semi-simplification” of  $V$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\rho$  be a rational  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $K$ , let  $\ell'$  be a prime. Then there exists at most one (up to isomorphism)  $\ell'$ -adic rational representation  $\rho'$  of  $K$  which is semi-simple and compatible with  $\rho$ .*

(Hence there exists a unique (up to isomorphism) rational semi-simple  $\ell$ -adic representation compatible with  $\rho$ .)

I-11 *Proof.* Let  $\rho'_1, \rho'_2$  be semi-simple  $\ell$ -adic representations of  $K$  which are rational and compatible with  $\rho$ .

We first prove that  $\text{Tr}(\rho'_1(g)) = \text{Tr}(\rho'_2(g))$  for all  $g \in G$ . Let  $H = G/(\text{Ker}(\rho'_1) \cap \text{Ker}(\rho'_2))$ ; the representations  $\rho'_1, \rho'_2$  may be regarded as representations of  $H$ , and it suffices to show that  $\text{Tr}(\rho'_1(h)) = \text{Tr}(\rho'_2(h))$  for all  $h \in H$ . Let  $K' \subset \bar{K}$  be the fixed field of  $H$ . Then by the compatibility of  $\rho'_1, \rho'_2$  there is a finite subset  $S$  of  $M_K^0$  such that for all  $v \in M_K^0 \setminus S$ ,  $w \in M_K^0$ ,  $w \mid v$ , we have  $\text{Tr}(\rho'_1(F_w)) = \text{Tr}(\rho'_2(F_w))$ . But, by cor. 1 to Čebotarev’s theorem (cf. 2.2) the  $F_w$  are dense in  $H$ . Hence  $\text{Tr}(\rho'_1(h)) = \text{Tr}(\rho'_2(h))$  for all  $h \in H$  since  $\text{Tr} \circ \rho'_1, \text{Tr} \circ \rho'_2$  are continuous.

The theorem now follows from the following result applied to the group ring  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Q}_\ell[H]$ . □

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic zero, let  $\Lambda$  be a  $k$ -algebra, and let  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  be two finite-dimensional linear representations of  $\Lambda$ . If  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  are semi-simple and have the same trace ( $\text{Tr} \circ \rho_1 = \text{Tr} \circ \rho_2$ ), then they are isomorphic.*

For the proof see Bourbaki, Alg., ch. 8, §12, n°1, prop. 3.

Cómo citar esto

**Definition 3.** For each prime  $\ell$  let  $\rho_\ell$  be a rational  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $K$ . The system  $(\rho_\ell)$  is said **to be compatible** if  $\rho_\ell, \rho_{\ell'}$  are compatible for any two primes  $\ell, \ell'$ . The system  $(\rho_\ell)$  is said **to be strictly compatible** if there exists a finite subset  $S$  of  $M_K^0$  such that:

- (a) Let  $S_\ell = \{v \mid \rho_v = \ell\}$ . Then, for every  $v \notin S \cup S_\ell$ ,  $\rho_\ell$  is unramified at  $v$  and  $P_{v, \rho_\ell}(T)$  has rational coefficients.



- (b)  $P_{v,\rho_\ell}(T) = P_{v,\rho_{\ell'}}(T)$  if  $v \notin S \cup S_\ell \cup S_{\ell'}$ .

I-12

When a system  $(\rho_\ell)$  is strictly compatible, there is a smallest finite set  $S$  having properties (a) and (b) above. We call it the **exceptional set** of the system.

**Examples.** The systems of  $\ell$ -adic representations given in examples 1, 2, 3 of section 1.2 are strictly compatible. The exceptional set of the first one is empty. The exceptional set of example 2 (resp. 3) is the set of places where the elliptic curve (resp. the abelian variety) has “bad reduction”, cf. [32].

### Questions.

- 1) Let  $\rho$  be a rational  $\ell$ -adic representation. Is true that  $P_{v,\rho}$  has coefficients for all  $v$  such that  $\rho$  is unramified at  $v$ ?

A somewhat similar question is:

Is any compatible system strictly compatible?

- 2) Can any rational  $\ell$ -adic representation be obtained (by tensor products, direct sums, etc.) from ones coming from  $\ell$ -adic cohomology?
- 3) Given a rational  $\ell$ -adic representation  $\rho$  of  $K$ , and a prime  $\ell'$ , does there exist a rational  $\ell'$ -adic representation  $\rho'$  of  $K$  compatible with  $\rho$ ?  $\rightarrow$  [no: easy counter-examples].

- 4) Let  $\rho, \rho'$  be rational  $\ell, \ell'$ -adic representations of  $K$  which are compatible and semi-simple.

- (i) If  $\rho$  is abelian (i.e., if  $\text{Im}(\rho)$  is abelian), is it true that  $\rho'$  is abelian? (We shall see in chapter III that this is true at least if  $\rho$  is “locally algebraic”.)  $\rightarrow$  [yes: this follows from [36].]

- (ii) Is it true that  $\text{Im}(\rho)$  and  $\text{Im}(\rho')$  are Lie groups of the same dimension? More optimistically, is it true that there exists a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\text{Lie}(\text{Im}(\rho)) = \mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$  and  $\text{Lie}(\text{Im}(\rho')) = \mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_{\ell'}$ ? I-13

- 5) Let  $X$  be a non-singular projective variety defined over  $K$ , and let  $i$  be an integer. Is the  $i$ -th cohomology representation  $H_\ell^i(X_s)$  semi-simple? Does its Lie algebra contain the homotheties if  $i \geq 1$ ? (When  $i = 1$ ,

an affirmative answer to either one of these questions would imply a positive solution for the “congruence subgroup problem” on abelian varieties, cf. [24], §3.)  $\rightarrow$  [yes: for  $i = 1$ : see [48] and also [75].]

**Remark.** The concept of an  $\ell$ -adic representation can be generalized by replacing the prime  $\ell$  by a place  $\lambda$  of a number field  $E$ . A  $\lambda$ -adic representation is then a continuous homomorphism  $\text{Gal}(K_s/K) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$ , where  $V$  is a finite-dimensional vector space over the local field  $E_\lambda$ . The concepts of rational  $\lambda$ -adic representation, compatible representations, etc., can be defined in a way similar to the  $\ell$ -adic case.

**Exercise.**

- I-14
- 1) Let  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  be two rational, semi-simple, compatible representations. Show that, if  $\text{Im}(\rho)$  is finite, the same is true for  $\text{Im}(\rho')$  and that  $\text{Ker}(\rho) = \text{Ker}(\rho')$ . (Apply exer. 3 of 1.1 to  $\rho'$  and to  $U = \text{Ker}(\rho)$ .) Generalize this to  $\lambda$ -adic representations (with respect to a number field  $E$ ).
  - 2) Let  $\rho$  (resp.  $\rho'$ ) be a rational  $\ell$ -adic (resp.  $\ell'$ -adic) representation of  $K$ , of degree  $n$ . Assume  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  are compatible. If  $s \in G = \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ , let  $\sigma_i(s)$  (resp.  $\sigma'_i(s)$ ) be the  $i$ -th coefficient of the characteristic polynomial of  $\rho(s)$  (resp.  $\rho'(s)$ ). Let  $P(X_0, \dots, X_n)$  be a polynomial with rational coefficients, and let  $X_P$  (resp.  $X'_P$ ) be the set of  $s \in G$  such that  $P(\sigma_0(s), \dots, \sigma_n(s)) = 0$  (resp.  $P(\sigma'_0(s), \dots, \sigma'_n(s)) = 0$ ).
    - (a) Show that the boundaries of  $X_P$  and  $X'_P$  have measure zero for the Haar measure  $\mu$  of  $G$  (use Exer. of 2.2).
    - (b) Assume that  $\mu$  is normalized, i.e.  $\mu(G) = 1$ . Let  $T_P$  be the set of  $v \in M_K^0$  at which  $\rho$  is unramified, and for which the coefficients  $\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_n$  of characteristic polynomial of  $F_{v,\rho}$  satisfy the equation  $P(\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_n) = 0$ . Show that  $T_P$  has density equal to  $\mu(X_P)$ .
    - (c) Show that  $\mu(X_P) = \mu(X'_P)$ .

## 2.4 Representations with values in a linear algebraic group

Let  $H$  be a linear algebraic group defined over a field  $K$ . If  $k'$  is a commutative  $k$ -algebra, let  $H(k')$  denote the group of points of  $H$  with values

in  $k'$ . Let  $A$  denote the coordinate ring (or “affine ring”) of  $H$ . An element  $f \in A$  is said to be **central** if  $f(xy) = f(yx)$  for any  $x, y \in H(k')$  and any commutative  $k$ -algebra  $k'$ . If  $x \in H(k')$  we say that the conjugacy class of  $x$  in  $H$  is **rational over  $k$**  if  $f(x) \in k$  for any central element  $f$  of  $A$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $H$  be a linear algebraic group over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $K$  be a field. A continuous homomorphism  $\rho: \text{Gal}(K_s/K) \rightarrow H(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  is called an  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $K$  with values in  $H$ .

(Note that  $H(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  is, in a natural way, a topological group and even an  $\ell$ -adic Lie group.)

If  $K$  is a number field, one defines in an obvious way what it means for  $\rho$  to be unramified at a place  $v \in M_K^0$ ; if  $w \mid v$ , one defines the Frobenius element  $F_{w,\rho} \in H(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  and its conjugacy class  $F_{v,\rho}$ . We say, as before, that  $\rho$  is **rational** if

- (a) there is a finite set  $S$  of  $M_K^0$  such that  $\rho$  is unramified outside  $S$ ,
- (b) if  $v \notin S$ , the conjugacy class  $F_{v,\rho}$  is rational over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Two rational representations  $\rho, \rho'$  (for primes  $\ell, \ell'$ ) are said to be **compatible** if there exists a finite subset  $S$  of  $M_K^0$  such that  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  are unramified outside  $S$  and such that for any central element  $f \in A$  and any  $v \in M_K^0 \setminus S$  we have  $f(F_{v,\rho}) = f(F_{v,\rho'})$ . One defines in the same way the notions of **compatible** and **strictly compatible systems** of rational representations.

**Remark.** 1) If the algebraic group  $H$  is abelian, then condition (b) above means that  $F_{v,\rho}$  (which is now an element of  $H(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ ) is rational over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , i.e. belongs to  $H(\mathbb{Q})$ .

- 2) Let  $V_0$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $\text{GL}_{V_0}$  be the linear algebraic group over  $\mathbb{Q}$  whose group of points in any commutative  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra  $k$  is  $\text{Aut}(V_0 \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} k)$ ; in particular, if  $V_\ell = V_0 \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ , then  $\text{GL}_{V_0}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell) = \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$ . If  $\varphi: H \rightarrow \text{GL}_{V_0}$  is a homomorphism of linear algebraic groups over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , call  $\varphi_\ell$  the induced homomorphism of  $H(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  into  $\text{GL}_{V_0}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell) = \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$ . If  $\rho$  is an  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  into  $H(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ , one gets by composition a linear  $\ell$ -adic representation  $\varphi_\ell \circ \rho: \text{Gal}(K_s/K) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$ . Using the fact that the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial are central functions, one sees that  $\varphi_\ell \circ \rho$  is **rational** if  $\rho$  is rational ( $K$  a number field). Of course, compatible

representations in  $H$  give compatible linear representations. We will use this method of constructing compatible representations in the case where  $H$  is abelian (see ch. II, 2.5).

## 2.5 $L$ -functions attached to rational representations

Let  $K$  be a number field and let  $\rho = (\rho_\ell)$  be a strictly compatible system of rational  $\ell$ -adic representations, with exceptional set  $S$ . If  $v \notin S$ , denote by  $P_{v,\rho}(T)$  the rational polynomial does not depend on the choice of  $\ell$ . Let  $s$  be a complex number.

One has:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{v,\rho}(\mathbf{N}v)^{-s} &= \det(1 - F_{v,\rho}/(\mathbf{N}v)^s) \\ &= \prod_i (1 - \lambda_{i,v}/(\mathbf{N}v)^s), \end{aligned}$$

where the  $\lambda_{i,v}$ 's are the eigenvalues of  $F_{v,\rho}$  (note that the  $\lambda_{i,v}$ 's are algebraic numbers and hence may be identified with complex numbers). Put:

$$L_\rho(s) = \prod_{v \notin S} \frac{1}{P_{v,\rho}((\mathbf{N}v)^{-s})}.$$

This is a *formal* Dirichlet series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n/n^s$ , with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

In all known cases, there exists a constant  $k$  such that  $|\lambda_{i,v}| \leq (\mathbf{N}v)^k$ , and this implies that  $L_\rho$  is convergent in some half plane  $\Re(s) > C$ ; one conjectures it extends to a meromorphic function in the whole plane. When  $\rho$  comes from  $\ell$ -adic cohomology, there are some further conjectures on the zeros and poles of  $L_\rho$ , cf. Tate [36]; these, as indicated by Tate, may be applied to get equidistribution properties of Frobenius elements, cf. Appendix A.

**Remark.** 1) One can also associate  $L$ -functions to  $E$ -rational systems of  $\lambda$ -adic representations (2.3, Remark), where  $E$  is a number field, once an embedding of  $E$  into  $\mathbb{C}$  has been chosen.

2) We have given a definition of the local factors of  $L_\rho$  only at the places  $v \notin S$ . One can give a more sophisticated definition in which local factors are defined for all places, even (with suitable hypotheses) for primes at infinity (gamma factors); this is necessary when one wants to study functional equations. We don't go into this here.  $\rightarrow$  [see [51], [74].]

Belén ♡: No  
cacho si el  $\mathbb{C}$  es  
los complejos o  
qué weá

- 3) Let  $\phi(s) = \sum a_n/n^s$  be a Dirichlet series. Using the theorem in 2.3, one sees that there is (up to isomorphism) at most one semi-simple system  $\rho = (\rho_\ell)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $L_\rho = \phi$ . Whether there does exist one (for a given  $\phi$ ) is often a quite interesting question. For instance, is it so for Ramanujan's  $\phi(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tau(n)/n^s$ , where  $\tau(n)$  is defined by the identity

$$x \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - x^n)^2 4 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tau(n) x^n?$$

There is considerable numerical evidence for this, based on the congruence properties of  $\tau$  (Swinnerton-Dyer, unpublished); of course, such a  $\rho$  would be of dimension 2, and its exceptional set  $S$  would be empty.  $\rightarrow$  [proved by Deligne: see [49], [50], [65], ...]

Belén ♥:  
¿Seguirá así?

More generally, there seems to be a close connection between modular forms, such as  $\sum \tau(n)x^n$ , and rational (or algebraic)  $\ell$ -adic representations; see for instance **33** [33] and **45** [45].  $\rightarrow$  [see also [49], [51], [65], [66], [68], [84].]

- Examples.** 1. If  $G$  acts through a *finite* group,  $L_\rho$  is an Artin (non abelian)  $L$ -series, at least up to a finite number of factors (cf. [1]). All Artin  $L$ -series are gotten in this way, provided of course one uses  $E$ -rational representations (cf. Remark 1) and not merely rational ones.
2. If  $\rho$  is the system associated with an elliptic curve  $E$  (cf. 1.2), the corresponding  $L$ -function gives the non-trivial part of zeta function of  $E$ . The symmetric powers of  $\rho$  give the zeta functions of the products  $E \times \dots \times E$ , cf. **36** [36].

## §A. Equipartition and $L$ -functions

### A.1 Equipartition

Let  $X$  be a compact topological space and  $C(X)$  the Banach space of continuous, complex-valued, functions on  $X$ , with its usual norm  $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|$ . For each  $x \in X$  let  $\delta_x$  be the Dirac measure associated to  $x$ ; if  $f \in C(X)$ , we have  $\delta_x(f) = f(x)$ .

Let  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of points of  $X$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , let

$$\mu_n = \frac{\delta_{x_1} + \cdots + \delta_{x_n}}{n}$$

I-19 and let  $\mu$  be a Radon measure on  $X$  (i.e. a continuous linear form on  $C(X)$ , cf. Bourbaki, Int., chap. III, §1). The sequence  $(x_n)$  is said to be  **$\mu$ -equidistributed**, or  **$\mu$ -uniformly distributed**, if  $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$  weakly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e. if  $\mu_n(f) \rightarrow \mu(f)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $f \in C(X)$ . Note that this implies that  $\mu$  is positive and of total mass 1. Note also that  $\mu_n(f) \rightarrow \mu(f)$  means that

$$\mu(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i).$$

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $(\varphi_\alpha)$  be a family of continuous functions on  $X$  with the property that their linear combinations are dense in  $C(X)$ . Suppose that, for all  $\alpha$ , the sequence  $(\mu_n(\varphi_\alpha))_{n \geq 1}$  has a limit. Then the sequence  $(x_n)$  is equidistributed with respect to some measure  $\mu$  it is the unique measure such that  $\mu(\varphi_\alpha) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n(\varphi_\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha$ .*

If  $f \in C(X)$ , an argument using equicontinuity shows that the sequence  $(\mu_n(f))$  has a limit  $\mu(f)$ , which is continuous and linear in  $f$ ; hence the lemma.

**Proposition 1.** *Suppose that  $(x_n)$  is  $\mu$ -equidistributed. Let  $U$  be a subset of  $X$  whose boundary has  $\mu$ -measure zero, and, for all  $n$ , let  $n_U$  be the number of  $m \leq n$  such that  $x_m \in U$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n_U/n) = \mu(U)$ .*

Let  $\mathring{U}$  be the interior of  $U$ . We have  $\mu(\mathring{U}) = \mu(U)$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By the definition of  $\mu(\mathring{U})$  there is a continuous function  $\varphi \in C(X)$ ,  $0 \leq \varphi \leq 1$ , with  $\varphi = 0$  on  $X \setminus \mathring{U}$  and  $\mu(\varphi) \geq \mu(U) - \varepsilon$ . Since  $\mu_n(\varphi) \leq n_U/n$  we have

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n_U}{n} \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n(\varphi) = \mu(\varphi) \geq \mu(U) - \varepsilon,$$

I-20 from which we obtain  $\liminf n_U/n \geq \mu(U)$ . The same argument applied to  $X \setminus U$  shows that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - n_U}{n} \geq \mu(X \setminus U).$$

Hence  $\limsup_n n_U/n \leq \mu(U) \leq \liminf n_U/n$ , which implies the proposition.

- Examples.** 1. Let  $X = [0, 1]$ , and let  $\mu$  be the Lebesgue measure. A sequence  $(x_n)$  of points of  $X$  is  $\mu$ -equidistributed if and only if for each interval  $[a, b]$ , of length  $d > 0$  in  $[0, 1]$  the number of  $m \leq n$  such that  $x_m \in [a, b]$  is equivalent to  $dn$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
2. Let  $G$  be a compact group and let  $X$  be the space of conjugacy classes of  $G$  (i.e. the quotient space of  $G$  by the equivalence relation induced by inner automorphisms of  $G$ ). Let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $G$ ; its image of  $G \rightarrow X$  is a measure on  $X$ , which we also denote by  $\mu$ . We then have:

**Proposition 2.** *The sequence  $(x_n)$  of elements of  $X$  is  $\mu$ -equidistributed if and only if for any irreducible character  $\chi$  of  $G$  we have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \chi(x_i) = \mu(\chi).$$

The map  $C(X) \rightarrow C(G)$  is an isomorphism of  $C(X)$  onto the space of central functions on  $G$ ; by the Peter-Weyl theorem, the irreducible characters  $\chi$  of  $G$  generate a dense subspace of  $C(X)$ . Hence the proposition follows from lemma 1. I-21

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $\mu$  be the Haar measure of  $G$  with  $\mu(G) = 1$ . Then a sequence  $(x_n)$  of elements of  $X$  is  $\mu$ -equidistributed if and only if for any irreducible character  $\chi$  of  $G$ ,  $\chi \neq 1$  we have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \chi(x_i) = 0.$$

This follows from Prop. 2 and the following facts:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\chi) &= 0 & \text{if } \chi \text{ is irreducible } \neq 1 \\ \mu(1) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.2** (46 [46]). *Let  $G = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $\mu$  be the normalized Haar measure on  $G$ . Then  $(x_n)$  is  $\mu$ -equidistributed if and only if for any integer  $m \neq 0$  we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq N} e^{2\pi m i x_n} = o(N) \quad (N \rightarrow \infty).$$

For the proof, it suffices to remark that the irreducible characters of  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  are the mappings  $x \mapsto e^{2\pi m i x}$  ( $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

## A.2 The connection with $L$ -functions

Let  $G$  and  $X$  be as in Example 2 above:  $G$  a compact group and  $X$  the space of its conjugacy classes. Let  $x_v$ ,  $v \in M$ , be a family of elements of  $X$ , indexed by a denumerable set  $M$ , and let  $v \mapsto \mathbf{N}v$  be a function on  $M$  with I-22 values in the set of integers  $\geq 2$ . We make the following *hypotheses*:

- (1) The infinite product  $\prod_{v \in M} \frac{1}{1 - (\mathbf{N}v)^{-s}}$  converges for every  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(s) > 1$ , and extends to a meromorphic function on  $\Re(s) > 1$  having neither zero nor pole except for a simple pole at  $s = 1$ .
- (2) Let  $\rho$  be an irreducible representation of  $G$ , with character  $\chi$ , and put

$$L(s, \rho) = \prod_{v \in M} \frac{1}{\det(1 - \rho(x_v)(\mathbf{N}v)^{-s})}.$$

Then this product converges for  $\Re(s) > 1$ , and extends to a meromorphic function on  $\Re(s) > 1$  having neither zero nor pole except possibly for  $s = 1$ .

The order of  $L(s, \rho)$  at  $s = 1$  will be denoted by  $-c_\chi$ . Hence, if  $L(s, \rho)$  has a pole (resp. a zero) of order  $m$  at  $s = 1$ , one has  $c_\chi = m$  (resp.  $c_\chi = -m$ ).

Under these assumptions, we have:

**Theorem 1.** (a) *The number of  $v \in M$  with  $\mathbf{N}v \leq n$  is equivalent to  $n/\log n$  (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).*

(b) *For any irreducible character  $\chi$  of  $G$ , we have*

$$\sum_{\mathbf{N}v \leq n} \chi(x_v) = c_\chi \frac{n}{\log n} + o(n/\log n), \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

The theorem results, by a standard argument, from the theorem of Wiener-Ikehara, cf. A.3 below. Suppose now that the function  $v \mapsto \mathbf{N}v$  has the I-23 following property:

- (3) There exists a constant  $C$  such that, for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the number of  $v \in M$  with  $\mathbf{N}v = n$  is  $\leq C$ .

One may then arrange the elements of  $M$  as a sequence  $(v_i)_{i \geq 1}$ , so that  $i \leq j$  implies  $\mathbf{N}v_i \leq \mathbf{N}v_j$  (in general, this is possible in many ways). It then makes sense to speak about the equidistribution of the sequence of  $x_v$ 's; using (3), one shows easily that this does not depend on the chosen ordering of  $M$ . Applying theorem 1 and proposition 2, we obtain:



**Theorem 2.** *The elements  $x_v$  ( $v \in M$ ) are equidistributed in  $X$  with respect to a measure  $\mu$  such that for any irreducible character  $\chi$  of  $G$  we have*

$$\mu(\chi) = c_\chi.$$

**Corollary 2.1.** *The elements  $x_v$  ( $v \in M$ ) are equidistributed in  $X$  normalized Haar measure of  $G$  if and only if  $c_\chi = 0$  for every irreducible character  $\chi \neq 1$  of  $G$ , i.e., if and only if the  $L$ -functions relative to the non trivial irreducible characters of  $G$  are holomorphic and non zero at  $s = 1$ .*

**Examples.** 1) Let  $G$  be the Galois group of a *finite* Galois extension  $L/K$  of the number field  $K$ , let  $M$  be the set of unramified places of  $K$ , let  $x_v$  be the Frobenius conjugacy class defined by  $v \in M$ , and let  $\mathbf{N}v$  be the norm of  $v$ , cf. §2.1.

Properties (1), (2), (3) are satisfied with  $c_\chi = 0$  for all irreducible  $\chi \neq 1$ . This is trivial for (3). For (1), one remarks that  $L(s, l)$  is the zeta function of  $K$  (up to a finite number of terms), hence has a simple pole at  $s = 1$  and is holomorphic on the rest of the line  $\Re(s) = 1$ , I-24 cf. for instance **13** [13], chap. VII; for a proof of (2), cf. **1** [1]. Hence theorem ?? gives the equidistribution of the Frobenius elements, i.e. the Čebotarev density theorem, cf. 2.2.

2) Let  $C$  be the idèle class group of a number field  $K$ , and let  $\rho$  be a continuous homomorphism of  $C$  into a compact abelian Lie group  $G$ . An easy argument (cf. ch. III, 2.2) shows that  $\rho$  is almost everywhere unramified (i.e., if  $U_v$  denotes the group of units at  $v$ , then  $\rho(U_v) = 1$  for almost all  $v$ ). Choose  $\pi_v \in K$  with  $v(\pi_v) = 1$ . If  $\rho$  is unramified at  $v$ , then  $\rho(\pi_v)$  depends only on  $v$ , and we set  $x_v = \rho(\pi_v)$ . We make the following *assumption*:

(\*) *The homomorphism  $\rho$  maps the group  $C$  of idèles of volume 1 onto  $G$ .*

(Recall that the **volume** of an idèle  $\mathbf{a} = (a_v)$  is defined as the product of the normalized absolute values of its components  $a_v$ , cf. **13** [13] or **44** [44].)

Then, the elements  $x_v$  are *uniformly distributed* in  $G$  with respect to the normalized Haar measure. This follows from theorem 1 and the fact that the  $L$ -functions relative to the irreducible characters  $\chi$  of  $G$

are Hecke  $L$ -functions with Grössencharakteren; these  $L$ -functions are holomorphic and non-zero for  $\Re(s) \geq 1$  if  $\chi \neq 1$ , see [13], chap. VII.

**Remark.** This example (essentially due to Hecke) is given in Lang (*loc. cit.*, ch. VIII, §5) except that Lang has replaced the condition (\*) by the condition “ $\rho$  is surjective”, which is insufficient. This led him to affirm that, for example, the sequence  $(\log p)_p$  (and also the sequence  $(\log n)_n$ ) is uniformly distributed modulo 1; however, one knows that this sequence is not uniformly distributed for any measure on  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  (cf. 22 [22]).

- 3) (Conjectural example). Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over a number field  $K$  and let  $M$  be the set of finite places  $v$  of  $K$  such that  $E$  has good reduction at  $v$ , cf. 1.2 and chap. IV. Let  $v \in M$ , let  $\ell \neq p_v$  and let  $F_v$  be the Frobenius conjugacy class of  $v$  in  $\text{Aut}(T_\ell(E))$ . The eigenvalues of  $F_v$  are algebraic numbers; when embedded into  $\mathbb{C}$  they give conjugate complex numbers  $\pi_v, \bar{\pi}_v$  with  $|\pi_v| = (\mathbf{N} v)^{1/2}$ . We may write then

$$\pi_v = (\mathbf{N} v)^{1/2} e^{i\phi_v}; \quad \bar{\pi}_v = (\mathbf{N} v)^{1/2} e^{-i\phi_v} \quad \text{with } 0 \leq \phi_v \leq \pi.$$

On the other hand, let  $G = \text{SU}(2)$  be the Lie group of  $2 \times 2$  unitary matrices with determinant 1. Any element of the space  $X$  of conjugacy classes of  $G$  contains a unique matrix of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\phi} \end{pmatrix}, \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi.$$

The image in  $X$  of the Haar measure of  $G$  is known to be  $\frac{2}{\pi} \sin^2 \phi d\phi$ . The irreducible representations of  $G$  are the  $m$ -th symmetric powers  $\rho_m$  of the natural representation  $\rho_1$  of degree 2.

Take now for  $x_v$  the element of  $X$  corresponding to the angle  $\phi = \phi_v$  defined above. The corresponding  $L$  function, relative to  $\rho_m$ , is:

$$L_{\rho_m}(s) = \prod_v \prod_{a=0}^{a=m} \frac{1}{1 - e^{i(m-2a)\phi_v} (\mathbf{N} v)^{-s}}.$$

If we put:

$$L_m^1(s) = \prod_v \prod_{a=0}^{a=m} \frac{1}{1 - \pi_v^{m-a} \bar{\pi}_v^a (\mathbf{N} v)^{-s}}$$

I-26 we have

$$L_{\rho_m}(s) = L_m^1(s - m/2).$$

The function  $L$  has been considered by **36** [36]. He conjectures that  $L_m^1$ , for  $m \geq 1$ , is holomorphic and non zero for  $\Re(s) \geq 1 + m/2$ , provided that  $E$  has no complex multiplication. Granting this conjecture, the corollary to theorem 2 would yield the uniform distribution of the  $x_v$ 's, or, equivalently, that the angles  $\phi_v$  of the Frobenius elements are uniformly distributed in  $[0, \pi]$  with respect to the measure  $\frac{2}{\pi} \sin^2 \phi d\phi$  ("conjecture of Sato-Tate").

One can expect analogous results to be true for other  $\ell$ -adic representations.

### A.3 Proof of theorem 1

The logarithmic derivative of  $L$  is

$$\frac{L'(s)}{L(s)} = - \sum_{\substack{v \geq 1 \\ m \geq 1}} \frac{\chi(x_v^m) \log(\mathbf{N} v)}{(\mathbf{N} v)^{ms}},$$

where  $x_v^m$  is the conjugacy class consisting of the  $m$ -th powers of elements in the class  $x_v$ . One sees this by writing  $L$  as the product

$$\prod_{j,v} \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_v^{(j)} (\mathbf{N} v)^{-s}}$$

where the  $\lambda_v^{(j)}$  are the eigenvalues of  $x_v$  in the given representation. Now the I-27 series

$$\sum_{\substack{v \geq 1 \\ m \geq 1}} \frac{\log(\mathbf{N} v)}{|(\mathbf{N} v)^{ms}|},$$

converges for  $\Re(s) > 1/2$ . Indeed it suffices to show that

$$\sum_v \frac{\log(\mathbf{N} v)}{(\mathbf{N} v)^\sigma} < \infty$$

if  $\sigma > 1$ ; but this series is majorized by

$$(\text{Constant}) \times \sum_v \frac{1}{(\mathbf{N} v)^{\sigma+\varepsilon}}, \quad (\varepsilon > 0).$$

On the other hand, the convergence for  $\sigma > 1$  of the product

$$\prod_v \frac{1}{1 - (\mathbf{N} v)^{-\sigma}}$$

shows that

$$\sum_v \frac{1}{(\mathbf{N} v)^\sigma} < \infty$$

for  $\sigma > 1$ ; hence our assertion. One can therefore write

$$\frac{L'(s)}{L(s)} = - \sum_v \frac{\chi(x_v) \log(\mathbf{N} v)}{(\mathbf{N} v)^s} + \phi(s)$$

I-28 where  $\phi(s)$  is holomorphic for  $\Re(s) > \frac{1}{2}$ . Moreover, by hypothesis,  $L'/L$  can be extended to a meromorphic function on  $\Re(s) \geq 1$  which is holomorphic except possibly for a simple pole at  $s = 1$  with residue  $-c_\chi$ . One may then apply the Wiener-Ikehara theorem (cf. [13]):

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n/n^s$  be a Dirichlet series with complex coefficients. Suppose there exists a Dirichlet series  $F(s) = \sum_n a_n^+/n^s$  with positive real coefficients such that*

- (a)  $|a_n| \leq a_n^+$  for all  $n$ ;
- (b) The series  $F^+$  converges for  $\Re(s) > 1$ ;
- (c) The function  $F$  (resp.  $F^+$ ) can be extended to a meromorphic function on  $\Re(s) \geq 1$  having no poles except (resp. except possibly) for a simple pole at  $s = 1$  with residue  $c_+ > 0$  (resp.  $c$ ).

Then

$$\sum_{m \leq n} a_m = cn + o(n) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

(where  $c = 0$  if  $F$  is holomorphic at  $s = 1$ ).

One applies this theorem to

$$F(s) = - \sum_v \frac{\chi(x_v) \log(\mathbf{N} v)}{(\mathbf{N} v)^s},$$

and we take for  $F^+$  the series

$$d \sum_v \frac{\log(\mathbf{N} v)}{(\mathbf{N} v)^s},$$

I-29 where  $d$  is the degree of the given representation  $\rho$ ; this is possible since  $\chi(x_v)$  is a sum of  $d$  complex numbers of absolute value 1, hence  $|\chi(x_v)| \leq d$ ; moreover, the series

$$\sum_v \frac{\log(\mathbf{N} v)}{(\mathbf{N} v)^s}$$

differs from the logarithmic derivative of

$$\prod_v \frac{1}{1 - (\mathbf{N} v)^{-s}}$$

by a function which is holomorphic for  $\Re(s) > 1/2$  as we saw above. Hence by the Wiener-Ikehara theorem we have

$$\sum_{\mathbf{N} v \leq n} \chi(x_v) \log(\mathbf{N} v) = c_\chi n + o(n) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Consequently, by the Abel summation trick (cf. [13], Prop. 1),

$$\sum_{\mathbf{N} v \leq n} \chi(x_v) = c_\chi \frac{n}{\log n} + o(n/\log n) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

and in particular,

$$\sum_{\mathbf{N} v \leq n} 1 = \frac{n}{\log n} + o(n/\log n) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\sum_{\mathbf{N} v \leq n} \chi(x_v)}{\sum_{\mathbf{N} v \leq n} 1} \longrightarrow c_\chi \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and we may apply proposition ?? to conclude the proof.

q.e.d.



## CHAPTER II

### THE GROUPS $S_m$

Throughout this chapter,  $K$  denotes an algebraic number field. We associate to  $K$  a projective family  $(S_m)$  of commutative algebraic groups over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and we show that each  $S_m$  gives rise to a strictly compatible system of rational  $\ell$ -adic representations of  $K$ . II-1

In the next chapter, we shall see that all “locally algebraic” abelian rational representations are of the form described here.

### §1. Preliminaries

#### 1.1 The torus $\mathbb{T}$

Let  $\mathbb{T} = \mathfrak{R}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{G}_{m,K})$  be the algebraic group over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , obtained from the multiplicative group  $\mathbb{G}_m$  by restriction of scalars from  $K$  to  $\mathbb{Q}$ , cf. **43** [43], §1.3. If  $A$  is a commutative  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra, the points of  $\mathbb{T}$  with values in  $A$  form by definition the multiplicative group  $(K \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} A)^{\times}$  of invertible elements of  $K \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} A$ . In particular,  $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{Q}) = K^{\times}$ . If  $d = [K : \mathbb{Q}]$ , the group  $\mathbb{T}$  is a **torus** of dimension  $d$ ; this means that the group  $\mathbb{T}_{/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}} = \mathbb{T} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  obtained from  $\mathbb{T}$  by extending the scalars from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ , is isomorphic to  $G_{m/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}} \times \dots \times G_{m/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}$  II-2  
 $(d \text{ times})$ . More precisely, let  $\Gamma$  be the set of embeddings of  $K$  into  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ ; each  $\sigma \in \Gamma$  extends to a homomorphism  $K \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \overline{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ , hence defines a morphism  $[\sigma] : T_{/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}} \rightarrow G_{m/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}$ . The collection of all  $[\sigma]$ ’s gives the isomorphism  $T_{/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}} \rightarrow G_{m/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}} \times \dots \times G_{m/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}$ . Moreover, the  $[\sigma]$ ’s form a basis of the *character group*  $X(T) = \text{Hom}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(T_{/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}, G_{m/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}})$  of  $T$ . Note that the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  acts in a natural way on  $X(T)$ , viz. by permuting the  $[\sigma]$ ’s. (For the dictionary between tori and Galois modules, see for instance T. Ono [21].)

## 1.2 Cutting down $\mathbb{T}$

Let  $E$  be a subgroup of  $K = \mathbb{T}(\mathbb{Q})$  and let  $\overline{E}$  be the Zariski closure of  $E$  in  $\mathbb{T}$ . Using the formula  $\overline{E} \times \overline{E} = \overline{E \times E}$ , one sees that  $E$  is an algebraic subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}$ . Let  $\mathbb{T}_E$  be the quotient group  $\mathbb{T}/E$ ; then  $\mathbb{T}_E$  is also a torus over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Its character group  $X_E = X(\mathbb{T}_E)$  is the subgroup of  $X = X(T)$  consisting of those characters which take the value 1 on  $E$ . If  $\lambda = \prod_{\sigma \in \Gamma} [\sigma]^{n_\sigma}$  denotes a character of  $\mathbb{T}$ , then  $X_E$  is the subgroup of those  $\lambda \in X$  for which  $\prod_{\sigma \in \Gamma} [\sigma]^{n_\sigma} = 1$ , for all  $x \in E$ .

### Exercise.

- a. Let  $K$  be quadratic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , so that  $\dim T = 2$ . Let  $E$  be the group of units of  $K$ . Show that  $T$  is of dimension 2 (resp. 1) if  $K$  is imaginary (resp. real).
- b. Take for  $K$  a cubic field with one real place and one complex one, and let again  $E$  be its group of units (of rank 1). Show that  $\dim T = 3$  and  $\dim T_E = 1$ .

II-3 (For more examples, see 3.3.)

## 1.3 Enlarging groups

Let  $k$  be a field and  $A$  a commutative algebraic group over  $k$ . Let

$$0 \longrightarrow Y_1 \longrightarrow Y_2 \longrightarrow Y_3 \longrightarrow 0 \quad (\text{II.1})$$

an exact sequence of (abstract) commutative groups, with  $Y_3$  finite. Let

$$\varepsilon : Y_1 \rightarrow A(k)$$

be a homomorphism of  $Y_1$  into the group of  $k$ -rational points of  $A$ . We intend to construct an algebraic group  $B$ , together with a morphism of algebraic groups  $A \rightarrow B$  and a homomorphism of  $Y_2$  into  $B(k)$  such that,

(a) *the diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y_1 & \longrightarrow & A(k) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Y_2 & \longrightarrow & B(k) \end{array}$$

*is commutative,*



(b)  $B$  is “universal” with respect to (a).

The universality of  $B$  means that, for any algebraic group  $B'$  over  $k$  and morphism  $A \rightarrow B'$ ,  $Y_2 \rightarrow B'(k)$  such that (a) is true (with  $B$  replaced by  $B'$ ), there exists a unique algebraic morphism  $f : B \rightarrow B'$  such that the given maps  $A \rightarrow B'$  and  $Y_2 \rightarrow B(k)$  can be obtained by composing those of  $B$  with  $f$ . (In other words,  $B$  is a *push-out* over  $Y_1$  of  $A$  and the “constant” group scheme defined by  $Y_2$ .) II-4

The uniqueness of  $B$  is assured by its universality. Let us prove its existence. For each  $y \in Y_3$  let  $\bar{y}$  be a representative of  $y$  in  $Y_2$ . If  $y, y' \in Y_3$ , we have

$$\bar{y} + \bar{y}' = \overline{y + y'} + c(y, y')$$

with  $c(y, y') \in Y_1$ ; the cochain  $c$  is a 2-cocycle defining the extension II.1. Let  $B$  be the disjoint union of copies  $A_y$  of  $A$ , indexed by  $y \in Y_3$ . Define a group law on  $B$  via the mappings

$$\pi_{y,y'} : A_y \times A_{y'} \rightarrow A_{y+y'} \quad (y, y' \in Y_3),$$

given by addition in  $A$  followed by translation by  $\varepsilon(c(y, y'))$ . One then checks easily that  $B$  has the required universal property, the maps  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $Y_2 \rightarrow B(k)$  being defined as follows:

$A \rightarrow B$  is the natural map  $A \rightarrow A_0$  followed by translation by  $-c(0, 0)$ ,  
 $Y_2 \rightarrow B(k)$  maps an element  $\bar{y} + z$ ,  $y \in Y_3$ ,  $z \in Y_1$  onto the image of  $z$  in  $A_y$ .

Note that for any extension field  $k'$  of  $k$  we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow A(k') \longrightarrow B(k') \longrightarrow Y_3 \longrightarrow 0,$$

and a commutative diagram

II-5

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & Y_1 & \longrightarrow & Y_2 & \longrightarrow & Y_3 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A(k') & \longrightarrow & B(k') & \longrightarrow & Y_3 \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

The algebraic group  $B$  is thus an *extension* of the “constant” algebraic group  $Y_3$  by  $A$ .

**Remark.** 1) Let  $k'$  be an extension of  $k$  and  $A' = A \times_k k'$ . We may apply the above construction to the  $k'$ -algebraic group  $A'$ , with respect to the exact sequence II.1 and to the map  $Y_1 \rightarrow A(k) \rightarrow A'(k')$ . The group  $B'$  thus obtained is canonically isomorphic to  $B \times_k k'$ ; this follows, for instance, from the explicit construction of  $B$  and  $B'$ .

2) We will only use the above construction when  $\text{char}(k) = 0$  and  $A$  is a torus. The enlarged group  $B$  is then a “group of multiplicative type”; this means that, after a suitable finite extension of the ground field,  $B$  becomes isomorphic to the product of a torus and a finite abelian group. Such a group is uniquely determined by its character group  $X(B) = \text{Hom}_{\bar{k}}(B_{/\bar{k}}, G_{m/\bar{k}})$ , which is a Galois-module of finite type over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Here  $X(B)$  can be described as the set of pairs  $(\phi, \chi)$ , where  $\phi : Y_2 \rightarrow \bar{k}^*$  is a homomorphism and  $\chi \in Z(A)$  is such that  $\phi(y_1) = \chi(y_1)$  for all  $y_1 \in Y_1$ . Note that this gives an alternate definition of  $B$ .

**Exercise.**

a) Let  $k'$  be a commutative  $k$ -algebra, with  $k' \neq 0$ , and  $\text{Spec}(k')$  connected (i.e.  $k'$  contains exactly two idempotents: 0 and 1). Show the existence of an exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow A(k') \longrightarrow B(k') \longrightarrow Y_3 \longrightarrow 0$$

b) What happens when  $\text{Spec}(k')$  is not connected?

## §2. Construction of $T_m$ and $S_m$

### 2.1 Idèles and idèles-classes

We defined in Chapter I, 2.1 the set  $M_K^0$  of finite places of the number field  $K$ . Let now  $M_K^\infty$  be the set of equivalence classes of archimedean absolute values of  $K$ , and let  $M_K$  be the union of  $M_K^0$  and  $M_K^\infty$ . If  $v \in M_K$  then  $K_v$  denotes the *completion* of  $K$  with respect to  $v$ . For  $v \in M_K^\infty$  we have  $K_v = \mathbb{R}$  or  $K_v = \mathbb{C}$ , and  $K$  is ultrametric if  $v \in M_K^0$ . For  $v \in M_K^0$ , the group of units

of  $K_v$  is denoted by  $U_v$ . The **idèle group**  $I$  of  $K$  is the subgroup of

$$\prod_{v \in M_K} K_v^\times,$$

consisting of the families  $(a_v)$  with  $a_v \in U_v$ , for almost all  $v \in M_K^0$ ; it is given a topology by decreeing that the subgroup (with the product topology)

$$\prod_{v \in M_K^\infty} K_v^\times \times \prod_{v \in M_K^0} U_v$$

be open. We embed  $K^\times$  into  $I$  by sending  $a \in K^\times$  onto the idèle  $(a_v)$ , where  $a_v = a$  for all  $v$ . The topology induced on  $K$  is the discrete topology. The quotient group  $C_K = I/K^\times$  is called the **idèle class group** of  $K$ . (For all this, see **6** [6], **13** [13] or **44** [44].)

Let  $S$  be a finite subset of  $M_K^0$ . Then by a **modulus of support**  $S$  we mean a family  $\mathfrak{m} = (m_v)_{v \in S}$  where the  $m_v$  are integers  $\geq 1$ . If  $v \in M_K$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a modulus of support  $S$ , we let  $U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$  denote the connected component of  $K_v^\times$  if  $v \in M_K^\infty$ , the subgroup of  $U_v$  consisting of those  $u \in U_v$  for which  $v(1-u) \geq m_v$  if  $v \in S$ , and  $U_v$  if  $v \in M_K^0 \setminus S$ . The group  $U_{\mathfrak{m}} = \prod_v U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$  is an open subgroup of  $I$ . If  $E$  is the group of units of  $K$ , let  $E_{\mathfrak{m}} = E \cap U_{\mathfrak{m}}$ . The subgroup  $E_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is of finite index in  $E$ . (Conversely, by a theorem of Chevalley ([8], see also [24], n° 3.5) every subgroup of finite index in  $E$  contains an  $E_{\mathfrak{m}}$  for a suitable modulus  $\mathfrak{m}$ .)

Let  $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$  be the quotient  $I/U_{\mathfrak{m}}$  and  $C_{\mathfrak{m}}$  the quotient  $I/K^\times U_{\mathfrak{m}} = C/(\text{Image of } U_{\mathfrak{m}} \text{ in } C)$ . One then has the exact sequence:

$$1 \longrightarrow K^\times/E_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow I_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow C_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow 1$$

The group  $C_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is finite; in fact, the image of  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$  in  $C$  is open, hence contains the connected component  $D$  of  $C$ , and the group  $C/D$  is known to be compact (see [13], [44]). Moreover, any open subgroup of  $I$  contains one of the  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$ 's, hence  $C/D$  is the projective limit of the  $C_{\mathfrak{m}}$ 's. Class field theory (cf. for instance **6** [6]), gives an isomorphism of  $C/D = \varprojlim C_{\mathfrak{m}}$  onto the Galois group  $G^{\text{ab}}$  of the maximal abelian extension of  $K$ .

**Remark.** A more classical definition of  $C_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is as follows. Let  $\text{Id}_S$  be the group of fractional ideals of  $K$  prime to  $S$ , and  $P$  the subgroup of principal ideals  $(\gamma)$ , where  $\gamma$  is totally positive and  $\gamma \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$  (i.e.  $\gamma$  belongs to

$U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$  for all  $v \in S$  and  $v \in M_K^\infty$ ). Let  $\text{Cl}_{\mathfrak{m}} = \text{Id}_S / P_{S,\mathfrak{m}}$ . We have the exact sequence:

$$1 \longrightarrow P_{S,\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow \text{Id}_S \longrightarrow \text{Cl}_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow 1.$$

For each  $a = \prod_{v \notin S} v^{a_v} \in \text{Id}_S$ , choose an idèle  $\alpha = (\alpha_v)$ , with  $\alpha_v \in U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$  if  $v \in S$  or  $v \in M_K^\infty$ , and  $v(\alpha_v) = a_v$  if  $v \in M_K^\infty \setminus S$ . The image of  $\alpha$  in  $I_{\mathfrak{m}} = I/U_{\mathfrak{m}}$  depends only on  $\mathbf{a}$ . We then get a homomorphism  $g: \text{Id}_S \rightarrow I_{\mathfrak{m}}$ . One checks readily that  $g$  extends to a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & P_{S,\mathfrak{m}} & \longrightarrow & \text{Id}_S & \longrightarrow & \text{Cl}_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow f \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & K^\times / E_{\mathfrak{m}} & \longrightarrow & I_{\mathfrak{m}} & \longrightarrow & C_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

and that  $f: \text{Cl}_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow C_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is an isomorphism: hence  $C$  can be identified with the ideal class group mod  $\mathfrak{m}$  (and this shows again that it is finite).

## 2.2 The groups $T_{\mathfrak{m}}$ and $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$

Belen.

## 2.3 The canonical $\ell$ -adic representation with values in $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$

Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be a modulus, and let  $\ell$  be a prime number. Let  $\varepsilon: I \rightarrow I_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q})$  be the homomorphism defined in 2.2. Let  $\pi: T \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}$  be the algebraic morphism  $T \rightarrow T_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}$ ; by taking points with values in  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ ,  $\pi$  defines a homomorphism

$$\pi_\ell: T(\mathbb{Q}_\ell) \longrightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$$

Since  $K \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell = \prod_{v|\ell} K_v$ , the group  $T(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  can be identified with  $K_\ell^\times = \prod_{v|\ell} K_v^\times$ , and is therefore a direct factor of the idele group  $I$ . Let  $\text{pr}_\ell$  denote the projection of  $I$  onto this factor. The map

$$\alpha_\ell = \pi_\ell \circ \text{pr}_\ell: I \longrightarrow T(\mathbb{Q}_\ell) \longrightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$$

is a continuous homomorphism.

**Lemma 1.**  $\alpha_\ell$  and  $\varepsilon$  coincide on  $K^\times$ .

This is trivial from the commutativity of the diagram (\*\*) of 2.2.

Now, let  $\varepsilon_\ell: I \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  be defined by

II-8

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_\ell(\mathbf{a}) &= \varepsilon(\mathbf{a})\alpha_\ell(\mathbf{a}^{-1}) & (***) \\ \text{i.e. } \varepsilon_\ell &= \varepsilon \cdot \alpha_\ell^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

(If  $\mathbf{a} \in I$ , write  $a_\ell$  the  $\ell$ -component of  $\mathbf{a}$ . Then

$$\varepsilon_\ell(\mathbf{a}) = \varepsilon(\mathbf{a})\pi_\ell(a_\ell^{-1}).)$$

By the lemma,  $\varepsilon_\ell$  is trivial on  $K$  and, hence, defines a map  $C \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ ; since  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  is totally disconnected (it is an  $\ell$ -adic Lie group), the latter homomorphism is trivial on the connected component  $D$  of  $C$ . We have already recalled that  $C/D$  may be identified with the Galois group  $G^{\text{ab}}$  of the maximal abelian extension of  $K$ . So we end up with a homomorphism  $\varepsilon_\ell: G^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ , i.e. with an  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $K$  with values in  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$  (cf. Chap. I, 2.3).

This representation is rational in the sense of Chapter I, 2.3. More precisely, let  $v \notin \text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$ , and let  $f_v \in I$  be an idèle which is a uniformizing parameter at  $v$ , and which is equal to 1 everywhere else; let  $F_v = \varepsilon(f_v)$  be the image of  $f_v$  in  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ . With these notations we have:

**Proposition 1.** a) The representation  $\varepsilon_\ell: G^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  is a rational representation with values in  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .

b)  $\varepsilon_\ell$  is unramified outside  $\text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m}) \cup S_\ell$ , where  $S_\ell = \{v \mid p_v = \ell\}$ .

c) If  $v \notin \text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m}) \cup S_\ell$ , then the Frobenius element  $F_{v, \varepsilon_\ell}$  (cf. Chap. I, 2.3) is equal to  $F_v \in S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ . II-9

*Proof.* It is known that the class field isomorphism  $C/D \xrightarrow{\sim} G^{\text{ab}}$  maps  $K_v^\times$  (resp.  $U_v$ ) onto a dense subgroup of the decomposition group of  $v$  in  $G^{\text{ab}}$  (resp. onto the inertia group of  $v$  in  $G^{\text{ab}}$ ), and that a uniformizing element  $f_v$  of  $K_v^\times$  is mapped onto the Frobenius class of  $v$ .

If  $v \notin \text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$  and  $a \in U_v$ , then  $\varepsilon(a) = 1$ ; if moreover  $p_v \neq \ell$ ,  $\alpha_\ell(a) = 1$ , hence  $\varepsilon_\ell(a) = 1$  and  $\varepsilon_\ell$  is unramified at  $v$ ; this proves b). For such a  $v$ , we have  $\varepsilon_\ell(f_v) = \varepsilon(f_v) = F_v$ ; hence c), and a) follows from c).  $\square$

**Corollary 1.1.** *The representations  $\varepsilon$  form a system of strictly compatible  $\ell$ -adic representations with values in  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .*

We also see that the exceptional set of this system is contained in  $\text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$ ; for an example where it is different from  $\text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$ , see Exercise 2.

**Remark.** By construction,  $\varepsilon_\ell: I \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  is given by  $x \mapsto \pi_\ell(x^{-1})$  on the open subgroup  $U_{\ell, \mathfrak{m}} = \prod_{v|\ell} U_{v, \mathfrak{m}}$  of  $K_\ell^\times$ . Hence,  $\text{Im}(\varepsilon_\ell)$  contains  $\pi_\ell(U_{\ell, \mathfrak{m}}) \subset T_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell) \subset S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ , and is an open subgroup of  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ . This open subgroup maps onto  $C_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , as remarked above. These properties imply, in particular, that  $\text{Im}(\varepsilon_\ell)$  is Zariski-dense in  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .

II-10

### Exercises.

(1) Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m}) = \emptyset$ .

- a) Show that  $E_{\mathfrak{m}} = \{1\}$ ,  $C_{\mathfrak{m}} = \{1\}$ , hence  $T_{\mathfrak{m}} = S_{\mathfrak{m}} = \mathbb{G}_m$  and  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}^\times$ ,  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell) = \mathbb{Q}_\ell^\times$ .
- b) Show that  $I$  is the direct product of its subgroups  $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}^\times$ ; hence any  $\mathbf{a} \in I$  may be written as

$$\mathbf{a} = u \cdot \gamma, \quad u \in U_{\mathfrak{m}}, \gamma \in \mathbb{Q}^\times.$$

Show that, if  $\mathbf{a} = (a_p)$ , one has

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{a}) = \gamma = \text{sgn}(a_\infty) \prod_p p^{v_p(a_p)}.$$

c) Show that

$$\rho_\ell(\mathbf{a}) = \gamma \cdot a_\ell^{-1},$$

and

$$F_p = p.$$

d) Show that  $\rho_\ell$  coincides with the character  $\chi_\ell$  of Chap. I, 1.2.

- (2) Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m}) = \{2\}$  and  $m_2 = 1$ . Show that the groups  $E_{\mathfrak{m}}$ ,  $C_{\mathfrak{m}}$ ,  $T_{\mathfrak{m}}$ ,  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$  coincide with those of Exercise 1, hence that the exceptional set of the corresponding system is empty.

## 2.4 Linear representations of $S_m$

We recall first some well known facts on representations.

- a) Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic 0; let  $H$  be an affine commutative algebraic group over  $k$ . Let  $X(H) = \text{Hom}_{\bar{k}}(H_{/\bar{k}}, \mathbb{G}_{m,\bar{k}})$  be the group of characters of  $H$  (of degree 1). Here we write the characters of  $X(H)$  multiplicatively. The group  $G = \text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$  acts on  $X(H)$ . II-11

Let  $\Lambda$  be the affine algebra of  $H$ , and let  $\bar{\Lambda} = \Lambda \otimes_k \bar{k}$  be the one of  $H_{/\bar{k}}$ . Every element  $\chi \in X(H)$  can be identified with an invertible element of  $\bar{\Lambda}$ . Hence, by linearity, a homomorphism

$$\alpha: \bar{k}[X(H)] \longrightarrow \bar{\Lambda}$$

where  $\bar{k}[X(H)]$  is the group algebra of  $X(H)$  over  $\bar{k}$ . This is a  $G$ -homomorphism if the action of  $G$  is defined by

$$s \left( \sum_{\chi} a_{\chi} \chi \right) = \sum s(a_{\chi}) s(\chi)$$

for  $a_{\chi} \in \bar{k}$  and  $\chi \in X(H)$ . It is well-known (linear independence of characters) that  $\alpha$  is injective. It is bijective if and only if  $H$  is a group of multiplicative type (cf. 1.3, remark 2). Hence we may identify  $\bar{k}[X(H)]$  with a subalgebra of  $\Lambda$ .

- b) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional  $k$ -vector space and let

$$\phi: H \longrightarrow \text{GL}_V$$

be a *linear representation* of  $H$  into  $V$ . Assume  $\phi$  is *semi-simple* (this is always the case if  $H$  is of multiplicative type). We associate to  $\phi$  its **trace**

$$\theta_{\phi} = \sum_{\chi} n_{\chi}(\phi) \chi$$

in  $\mathbb{Z}[X(H)]$ , where  $n_{\chi}(\phi)$  is the multiplicity of  $\chi$  in the decomposition of  $\chi$  over  $\bar{k}$ .

We have  $\theta_{\phi}(h) = \text{Tr}(\phi(h))$  for any point  $h$  of  $H$  (with value in any commutative  $k$ -algebra). Let  $\text{Rep}_k(H)$  be the set of isomorphism classes of II-12

linear semi-simple representations of  $H$ . If  $k_1$  is an extension of  $k$ , then scalar extension from  $k$  to  $k_1$  defines a map  $\text{Rep}_k(H) \rightarrow \text{Rep}_{k_1}(H/k_1)$  which is easily seen to be *injective*. We say that an element of  $\text{Rep}_{k_1}(H/k_1)$  *can be defined over  $k$* , if it is in the image of this map.

**Proposition 1.** *The map  $\phi \mapsto \theta_\phi$  defines a bijection between  $\text{Rep}_k(H)$  and the set of elements  $\theta = \sum n_\chi \chi$  of  $\mathbb{Z}[X(H)]$  which satisfy:*

- (a)  $\theta$  is invariant by  $G$  (i.e.  $n_\chi = n_{s(\chi)}$  for all  $s \in G$ ,  $\chi \in X(H)$ ).
- (b)  $n_\chi \geq 0$  for every  $\chi \in X(H)$ .

*Proof.* The injectivity of the map  $\phi \mapsto \theta_\phi$  is well-known (and does not depend on the commutativity of  $H$ ). To prove surjectivity, consider first the case where  $\theta$  has the form  $\theta = \sum_i \chi^{(i)}$  where  $\chi^{(i)}$  is a full set of different conjugates of a character  $\chi \in X(H)$ . If  $G(\chi)$  is the subgroup of  $G$  fixing  $\chi$ , then

$$\theta = \sum_{s \in G/G(\chi)} s(\chi). \quad (*)$$

II-13 The fixed field  $k_\chi$  of  $G(\chi)$  in  $k$  is the smallest subfield of  $k$  such that  $\chi \in \Lambda \otimes k_\chi$ . Consider  $\chi$  as a representation of degree 1 of  $H/k_\chi$ . One gets, by restriction of scalars to  $k$ , a representation  $\phi$  of  $H$  of degree  $[k_\chi : k]$ . One sees easily that the trace  $\theta_\phi$  of  $\phi$  is equal to  $\theta$ . The surjectivity of  $\phi \mapsto \theta_\phi$  now follows from the fact that any  $\theta$  satisfying (a) and (b) is a sum of elements of the form (\*) above.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.1.** *In order that  $\phi_1 \in \text{Rep}_{k_1}(H/k_1)$  can be defined over  $k$ , it is necessary and sufficient that  $\theta_{\phi_1} \in \Lambda \otimes_k k_1$  belongs to  $k_1$ .*

c) We return now to the groups  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$ :

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $k_1$  be an extension of  $k$  and let  $\phi \in \text{Rep}_{k_1}(S_{\mathfrak{m}/k_1})$ . The following properties are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\phi$  can be defined over  $k$ ,
- (ii) for every  $v \notin \text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$ , the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial  $\phi(F_v)$  belong to  $k$ ,
- (iii) there exists a set  $M$  of places of  $k$  of density 1 (cf. Chapter I, 2.2) such that  $\text{Tr}(\phi(F_v)) \in k$  for all  $v \in M$ .



*Proof.* The implications (i)  $\implies$  (ii)  $\implies$  (iii) are trivial. To prove (iii)  $\implies$  (i) we need the following lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.** *The set of Frobeniuses  $F_v$ ,  $v \in M$ , is dense in  $S$  for the Zariski topology.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be the set of all  $F_v$ 's,  $v \in M$ , and let  $\ell$  be a prime number. Let  $\overline{X} \subseteq S_m$  (resp.  $\overline{X}_\ell \subseteq S_m(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ ) the closure of  $X$  in the Zariski topology (resp.  $\ell$ -adic topology). It is clear that  $\overline{X} \subseteq \overline{X}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ . On the other hand, II-14 Čebotarev's theorem (cf. Chapter I, 2.2) implies that  $\overline{X} = \text{Im}(\varepsilon_\ell)$  (cf. 2.3). The set  $\text{Im}(\varepsilon_\ell)$ , however, is Zariski dense in  $S_m$  (cf. Remark in 2.3). Hence  $\overline{X} = S_m$ , which proves the lemma.  $\square$

Let us now prove that (iii)  $\implies$  (i). Let  $\theta_\phi$  be the trace of  $\theta$  in  $\Lambda \otimes_k k_1$ , where  $\Lambda$  is the affine algebra of  $H = S_{m/k}$ . Let  $\{\ell_\alpha\}$  be a basis of the  $k$ -vector space  $k_1$ , with  $\ell_{\alpha_0} = 1$  for some index  $\alpha_0$ . We have  $\theta_\phi = \sum_\alpha \lambda_\alpha \otimes \ell_\alpha$  ( $\lambda_\alpha \in \Lambda$ ); hence  $\text{Tr}(\phi(h)) = \theta_\phi(h) = \sum_\alpha \lambda_\alpha(h) \ell_\alpha$  for all  $h \in H(k_1)$ . Take  $h = F_v$ , with  $v \in M$ . Since  $F_v$  belongs to  $H(k)$  we have  $\lambda_\alpha(F_v) \in k$  for all  $\alpha$ ; since  $\text{Tr}(\phi(F_v)) \in k$ , we get  $\lambda_\alpha(F_v) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$ . By the lemma, the  $F_v$ 's,  $v \in M$ , are Zariski-dense in  $H$ ; hence  $\lambda_\alpha = 0$  for  $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$  and  $\theta_\phi = \lambda_{\alpha_0}$  belongs to  $\Lambda$  and (i) follows from the corollary to Proposition 1.  $\square$

**Exercise.** Show that the characters of  $S_m$  correspond in a one-one way to the homomorphisms  $\chi: I \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$  having the following two properties:

- (a)  $\chi(x) = 1$  if  $x \in U_m$ .
- (b) For each embedding  $\sigma$  of  $K$  into  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ , there exists an integral number  $n(\sigma)$  such that

$$\chi(x) = \prod_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \sigma(x)^{n(\sigma)}$$

for all  $x \in K^\times$ .

## 2.5 $\ell$ -adic representations associated to a linear representation of $S_m$

Belen.

## 2.6 Alternative construction

Let  $\phi_0: S_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_0}$  be as in 2.5. If we compose  $\phi_0$  with the map  $\varepsilon: I \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q})$  defined in 2.2, we obtain a homomorphism

$$\phi_0 \circ \varepsilon: I \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_0}(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathrm{Aut}(V_0).$$

II-15 Conversely:

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $f: I \rightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(V_0)$  be a homomorphism. There exists a  $\phi_0: S_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_0}$  such that  $\phi_0 \circ \varepsilon = f$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

- 1) *The kernel of  $f$  contains  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .*
- 2) *There exists an algebraic homomorphism  $\psi: T \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_0}$  such that  $\psi(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in K^{\times} = T(\mathbb{Q})$ .*

Moreover, such a  $\phi_0$  is unique.

*Proof.* The necessity of the conditions (a) and (b) is trivial. Conversely, if  $f$  has properties (a), (b), it defines a homomorphism  $I/U_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(V_0)$ . On the other hand, since  $f$  and  $\psi$  agree on  $K^{\times}$  the morphism  $\psi$  is equal to 1 on  $E_{\mathfrak{m}} = K^{\times} \cap U_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , hence on its Zariski-closure  $\overline{E}_{\mathfrak{m}}$ . This means that  $\psi$  factors through

$$T \longrightarrow T_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_0}.$$

By the universal property of  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$  (cf. 1.3 and 2.2), the maps  $I/U_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_0}(\mathbb{Q})$  and  $T_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_0}$  define an algebraic morphism  $\phi_0: S_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_0}$ , and one checks easily that  $\phi_0$  has the required properties, and is unique.  $\square$

II-16 **Remark.** Since  $U$  is open, property (a) implies that  $f$  is *continuous* with respect to the discrete topology of  $\mathrm{Aut}(V_0)$ . Conversely, any continuous homomorphism  $f: I \rightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(V_0)$  is trivial on some  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$ ; moreover, there is a smallest such  $\mathfrak{m}$ ; it is called the **conductor** of  $f$ .

**Exercise.** Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be a modulus and let  $V_0$  be a finite dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space. For each  $v \notin \mathrm{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$  let  $F_v$  be an element of  $\mathrm{Aut}(V_0)$ . Assume:

- 1) The  $F_v$ 's commute pairwise.

- 2) There exists an algebraic morphism  $\psi: T \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_0}$  such that  $\psi(\alpha) = \prod F_v^{v(\alpha)}$  for  $\alpha \in K^\times$ ,  $\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$ , and  $\alpha > 0$  at each real place.

Show that there exists an algebraic morphism  $\phi_0: S_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_0}$  for which the Frobenius elements are equal to the  $F_v$ 's.

## 2.7 The real case

Belen.

## 2.8 An example: complex multiplication of abelian varieties

(We give here only a brief sketch of the theory, with a few indications on the proofs. For more details, see **34** [34], **35** [35], **41** [41], [42] and **32** [32].)

Let  $A$  be an abelian variety of dimension  $d$  defined over  $K$ . Let  $\mathrm{End}_K(A)$  be its ring of endomorphisms and put  $\mathrm{End}_K(A)_0 = \mathrm{End}_K(A) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $E$  be a number field of degree  $2d$ , and

II-17

$$i: E \rightarrow \mathrm{End}_K(A)_0$$

be an injection of  $E$  into  $\mathrm{End}_K(A)_0$ . The variety  $A$  is then said to have “complex multiplication” by  $E$ ; in the terminology of Shimura-Taniyama, it is a variety of “type (CM)”.

Let  $\ell$  be a prime integer and define  $T_\ell(A)$  and  $V_\ell = T_\ell(A) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell$  as in Chapter I, 1.2. These are free modules over  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$  and  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ , of rank  $2d$ . The  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra  $\mathrm{End}_K(A)_0$  acts on  $V_\ell$ ; hence the same is true for  $E$ , and, by linearity, for  $E_\ell = E \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ . One proves easily:

**Lemma 1.**  *$V_\ell$  is a free  $E_\ell$ -module of rank 1.*

Let  $\rho: \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \rightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(V_\ell)$  be the  $\ell$ -adic representation defined by  $A$ . If  $s \in \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ , it is clear that  $\rho(s)$  commutes with  $E$ , hence with  $E_\ell$ . But the lemma above implies that the commuting algebra of  $E_\ell$  in  $\mathrm{End}_K(V_\ell)$  is  $E_\ell$  itself. Hence,  $\rho$  may be identified with a homomorphism

$$\rho_\ell: \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \longrightarrow E_\ell^\times$$

Let now  $T_E$  be the  $2d$ -dimensional torus attached to  $E$  (as  $\mathbb{T}$  is attached to  $K$ ), so that  $T_E(\mathbb{Q}_\ell) = E_\ell^\times$ , and  $\rho$  takes values in  $T_E(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ .

**Theorem 1.** (a) *The system  $(\rho_\ell)$  is a strictly compatible system of rational  $\ell$ -adic representations of  $K$  with values in  $T_E$  (in the sense of Chap. I, 2.4).*

(b) *There is a modulus  $\mathfrak{m}$  and a morphism*

$$\varphi: S_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow T_E$$

*such that  $\rho$  is the image by  $\varphi$  of the canonical system  $(\varepsilon_\ell)$  attached to  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , cf. 2.3.*

Moreover, the restriction of  $\varphi$  to  $T_{\mathfrak{m}}$  can be given explicitly:

Let  $t$  be the tangent space at the origin of  $A$ . It is a  $K$ -vector space on which  $E$  acts, i.e. an  $(E, K)$ -bimodule. If we view it as an  $E$ -vector space, the action of  $K$  is given by a homomorphism  $j: K \rightarrow \text{End}_E(t)$ . In particular, if  $x \in K^\times$ ,  $\det_E j(x)$  is an element of  $E^\times$ ; the map  $\det_E j: K^\times \rightarrow E^\times$  is clearly the restriction of an algebraic morphism  $\delta: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow T_E$ .

**Theorem 2.** *The map  $\delta: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow T_E$  coincides with the composition map  $\mathbb{T} \rightarrow T_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}} \xrightarrow{\varphi} T_E$*

**Examples.** If  $A$  is an elliptic curve,  $E$  is an imaginary quadratic field, and the action of  $E$  on the one-dimensional  $K$ -vector space  $t$  defines an embedding  $E \rightarrow K$ . The map  $\det_E j: K^\times \rightarrow E^\times$  is just the *norm* relative to this embedding.

**Indications on the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2.** Part (a) of Theorem 1 is proved as follows: Let  $S$  denote the finite set of  $v \in M_K^0$  where  $A$  has “bad reduction”. If  $v \notin S$ , and  $\ell \neq p_v$ , one shows easily that  $p_\ell$  is unramified at  $v$  (the converse is also true, see [32]); moreover the corresponding Frobenius element  $F_{v, \rho_\ell}$  may be identified with the Frobenius endomorphism  $F_v$  of the reduced variety  $\tilde{A}_v$ . But  $F_v$  commutes with  $E$  in  $\text{End}(\tilde{A}_v)_0$  and the commuting algebra of  $E$  in  $\text{End}(\tilde{A}_v)_0$  is  $E$  itself (cf. [34]). Hence  $F_v$  belongs to  $E^\times = T_E(\mathbb{Q})$  and this implies (a).

Theorem 2 and part (b) of Theorem 1 are less easy; they are proved, in a somewhat different form in 34 [34] (see also [32]). Note that one could express them (as in ??) by saying that *there exists a homomorphism  $f: I \rightarrow E^\times$  (where  $I$  denotes, as usual, the group of idèles of  $K$ ) having the following properties:*

- 1)  $f$  is trivial on  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , for some modulus  $\mathfrak{m}$  with support  $S$ .
- 2) If  $v \notin S$ , the image by  $f$  of a uniformizing parameter at  $v$  is the Frobenius element  $F_v \in E^\times$ .
- 3) If  $x \in K^\times$  is a principal idèle, one has  $f(x) = \det_E j(x)$ .

This is essentially what is proved in [34], formula (3), except that the result is expressed in terms of ideals instead of ideles, and  $\det_E j(x)$  is written in a different form, namely “ $\prod_\alpha N_{K/K^\times}(x)^{\psi_\alpha}$ ”.

**Remark.** Another possible way of proving Theorems 1 and 2 is the following:

Let  $\ell$  be a prime integer distinct from any of the  $p_v$ ,  $v \in S$ . One then sees that the Galois-module  $V_\ell$  is of Hodge-Tate type in the sense of Chapter III, 1.2 (indeed, the corresponding local modules are associated with  $\ell$ -divisible groups, and one may apply Tate’s theorem [39]). Hence  $\rho_\ell$  is “locally algebraic” (Chapter III, *loc. cit.*), and using the theorem of Chapter III, 2.3 one sees it defines a morphism  $\varphi: S_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow T_E$ . One has  $\varphi \circ \varepsilon_\ell = \rho_\ell$  by construction; the same is true for any prime number  $\ell'$ , since  $\varphi \circ \varepsilon_{\ell'}$  and  $\rho_{\ell'}$  have the same Frobenius elements for almost all  $v$ . This proves part (b) of Theorem 1. As for Theorem 2, one uses the explicit form of the Hodge-Tate decomposition of  $V_\ell$ , as given by 39 [39], combined with the results of the Appendix to Chapter III. II-20

### §3. Structure of $T_{\mathfrak{m}}$ and applications

#### 3.1 Structure of $X(T_{\mathfrak{m}})$

If  $w$  is a complex place of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ , the completion of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  with respect to  $w$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ ; the decomposition group of  $w$  is thus cyclic of order 2; its non-trivial element will be denoted by  $c_w$  (the “Frobenius at the infinite place  $w$ ”). The  $c_w$ ’s are conjugate in  $G = \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ ; let  $C_\infty$  denote their conjugacy class. (By a theorem of Artin [1], the elements of  $C_\infty$  are the only non-trivial elements of finite order in  $G$ .)

Let  $X(\mathbb{T})$  be the character group of the torus  $\mathbb{T}$ , cf. 1.1; we write  $X(\mathbb{T})$  additively and put  $Y(\mathbb{T}) = X(\mathbb{T}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ . We decompose  $Y$  as a direct sum  $Y = Y^0 \oplus Y^- \oplus Y^+$  of  $G$ -invariant subspaces, as follows (cf. Appendix, A.2)

$$Y^0 = Y^G = \{y \in Y \mid gy = y \text{ for all } g \in G\}$$

$$Y^- = \{y \in Y \mid cy = -y \text{ for all } c \in C_\infty\}$$

II-21 and  $Y$  is a  $G$ -invariant supplement to  $Y^0 \oplus Y^-$  in  $Y$ ; one proves easily that  $Y^+$  is unique, cf. Appendix, *loc. cit.*

More explicitly, if  $\sigma \in \mathbb{T}$  is an embedding of  $K$  into  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ , let  $[\sigma] \in X(\mathbb{T})$  be the corresponding character of  $T$ ; the  $[\sigma]$ 's,  $\sigma \in \Gamma$ , form a basis of  $X(\mathbb{T})$  and  $g \cdot [\sigma] = [g \circ \sigma]$  if  $g \in G$ . The space  $Y^0$  is generated by the norm element  $\sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} [\sigma]$ , and its  $G$ -invariant supplement is

$$Y^- \oplus Y^+ = \left\{ \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} b_\sigma [\sigma] \mid b_\sigma \in \mathbb{Q}, \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} b_\sigma = 0 \right\}.$$

Hence, any character  $\chi \in X(\mathbb{T})$  can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \chi &= a \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} [\sigma] + \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} b_\sigma [\sigma] \\ a, b_\sigma &\in \mathbb{Q}, \sum_{\sigma} b_\sigma = 0, a + b_\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned} \tag{*}$$

(In particular, we see that  $da \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $d = [K : \mathbb{Q}]$ .) The subspace  $Y^-$  can now be described as follows

$$Y^- = \left\{ \sum_{\sigma} b_\sigma [\sigma] \mid b_\sigma \in \mathbb{Q}, \sum_{\sigma} b_\sigma = 0, b_{c\sigma} = -b_\sigma \text{ for all } c \in C_\infty \text{ and } \sigma \in \Gamma \right\}.$$

On the other hand, the projection  $\mathbb{T} \rightarrow T_m$  defines an injection of  $X(T_m)$  into  $X(\mathbb{T})$ ; we identify  $X(T_m)$  with its image under this injection.

**Proposition 1.**  $X(T_m) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} = Y^0 \oplus Y^-$ .

This follows from Appendix, A.2.

II-22

**Corollary 1.1.** *The character group  $X(T_m)$  is a sublattice of finite index of  $X(\mathbb{T}) \cap (Y^0 \oplus Y^-)$ .*

**Corollary 1.2.** *If  $\chi \in X(\mathbb{T})$  is written in the form (\*), then  $2a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

In fact, given  $c \in C_\infty$  and  $\sigma \in \Gamma$ , we have

$$2a = 2a + b_\sigma + b_{c\sigma} = (a + b_\sigma) + (a + b_{c\sigma}) \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

### 3.2 The morphism $j^*: \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow T_m$

Belen.

### 3.3 Structure of $T_m$

We need first some notations:

Let  $H_c$  be the closed subgroup of  $G = \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  generated by  $C_\infty$  (cf. 3.1). There is a unique continuous homomorphism  $\varepsilon: H_c \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  such that  $\varepsilon(c) = -1$  for all  $c \in C_\infty$ . Indeed the unicity of  $\varepsilon$  is clear, and one proves its existence by taking the restriction to  $H_c$  of the homomorphism  $G \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  associated with an imaginary quadratic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We let  $H = \text{Ker}(\varepsilon)$ . The groups  $H$  and  $H_c$  are closed invariant subgroups of  $G$ , and  $(H : H_c) = 2$ . II-23

Let now  $K$  be, as before, a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ; we identify it with a subfield of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ ; let  $G_K = \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/K)$  be the corresponding subgroup of  $G$ . The field  $K$  is *totally real* if and only if all the elements  $c$  of  $C_\infty$  act trivially on  $K$ , i.e. if and only if  $G_K$  contains  $G_c$ . Hence, there exists a *maximal totally real subfield*  $K_0$  of  $K$ , whose Galois group is  $G_{K_0} = G_K \cdot H_c$ . We let  $K_1$ , be the field corresponding to  $G_K \cdot H$ . We have

$$K_0 \subset K_1 \subset K \quad \text{and} \quad [K_1 : K_0] = 1 \text{ or } 2.$$

As shown by Weil (cf. [47]) the fields  $K_0$  and  $K_1$  are closely connected to the groups  $T_m$  relative to  $K$ . Indeed, if  $\chi = \sum_\sigma b_\sigma[\sigma]$  is an element of the group denoted by  $Y^-$  in 3.1, we have  $b_{c\sigma} = -b_\sigma$  for all  $c \in C_\infty$ . If  $h = c_1 \cdots c_n$ , this gives

$$b_{h\sigma} = (-1)^n b_\sigma = \varepsilon(h) b_\sigma$$

and by continuity the same holds for all  $h \in H_c$ . One deduces from this:

**Proposition 1.** *The norm map defines an isomorphism of the space  $Y_{K_1}^0$  relative to  $K$  onto the space  $Y_K^-$  relative to  $K$ .*

More precisely, if  $\chi_1 = \sum b_{\sigma_1}[\sigma_1]$  belongs to  $Y_{K_1}^-$ , where  $\sigma_1 \in \Gamma_{K_1}$ , the image of  $\chi_1$ , by the norm map is II-24

$$N_{K_1/K_0}^*(\chi_1) = \sum_\sigma b_{\sigma/K_1}[\sigma], \quad \sigma \in \Gamma_K,$$

where  $\sigma/K_1$  is the restriction of  $\sigma$  to  $K$ . It is clear that this map is injective. Conversely, if  $\chi = \sum_\sigma b_\sigma[\sigma]$  belongs to  $Y_K^-$ , we saw above that  $b_{h\sigma} = \varepsilon(h)b_\sigma$

for all  $h \in H_c$ , hence  $b_{h\sigma} = b_\sigma$  for  $h \in H$  and of course also for  $h \in H \cdot G_K$ . This shows that  $b_\sigma$  depends only on the restriction of  $\sigma$  to  $K_1$ , and hence that  $\chi$  belongs to the image of the norm map.

**Corollary 1.1.** *The tori  $T_{\mathfrak{m}}$  attached to  $K$  and  $K_1$  are isogenous to each other.*

There remains to describe the tori  $T_{\mathfrak{m}}$  attached to  $K_1$ . There are two cases:

- (1)  $K_1 = K_0$ . In this case, we have  $Y^- = 0$  and  $T_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is one-dimensional, and isomorphic to  $\mathbb{G}_m$ .

Indeed, if  $\chi = \sum_{\sigma} b_{\sigma}[\sigma]$  belongs to  $Y^-$ , and  $c \in C_{\infty}$ , we have  $b_{c\sigma} = -b_{\sigma}$  (cf. 3.1) but also  $b_{c\sigma} = b_{\sigma}$  since  $c \in G_K \cdot H_c = G_K \cdot H$ . This shows that  $b_{\sigma} = 0$  for all  $\sigma$ , hence  $Y^- = 0$ .

- (2)  $[K_1 : K_0] = 2$ . The field  $K_1$  is then a *totally imaginary quadratic extension* of  $K_0$  (and it is the only one contained in  $K$ , as one checks readily). In this case  $Y^-$  is of dimension  $d = [K_0 : \mathbb{Q}]$  and  $T_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is  $(d+1)$ -dimensional.

II-25 More precisely, the space  $Y$  attached to  $K_1$  is  $2d$ -dimensional and the involution  $\sigma$  of  $K_1$  corresponding to  $K_0$  decomposes  $Y$  in two eigenspaces of dimension  $d$  each; the space  $Y^-$  is the one corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$  of  $\sigma$ . This is proved by the same argument as above, once one remarks that all  $c \in C_{\infty}$  induce  $\sigma$  on  $K_1$ .

**Remark.** In this last case (which is the most interesting one), the torus  $T_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is isogenous to the product of  $\mathbb{G}_m$  by the  $d$ -dimensional torus kernel of the norm map from  $K_1$  to  $K_0$ .

### 3.4 How to compute Frobeniuses

Belen.



## §A. Killing arithmetic groups in tori

### A.1 Arithmetic groups in tori

Let  $A$  be a linear algebraic group over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $\Gamma$  be a subgroup of the group  $A(\mathbb{Q})$  of rational points of  $A$ . Then  $\Gamma$  is said to be an **arithmetic subgroup** if for any algebraic embedding  $A \subseteq \mathrm{GL}_n$  ( $n$  arbitrary) the groups  $\Gamma$  and  $A(\mathbb{Q}) \cap \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$  are **commensurable** (two subgroups  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  are said to be commensurable if  $\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2$  is of finite index in  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ ). It is well-known that it suffices to check that  $\Gamma$  and  $A(\mathbb{Q}) \cap \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$  are commensurable for one embedding  $A \subseteq \mathrm{GL}_n$ . II-26

**Examples.** Let  $K$  be a number field and let  $E$  be the group of units of  $K$ . Then  $E$  is an arithmetic subgroup of  $\mathbb{T} = \mathfrak{R}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{G}_m)$ .

If  $\mathbb{T}$  is a torus over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , let  $\mathbb{T}^0$  be the intersection of the kernels of the homomorphisms of  $\mathbb{T}$  into  $\mathbb{G}_m$ . The torus  $\mathbb{T}$  is said to be **anisotropic** if  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{T}^0$ ; in terms of the character group  $X = X(\mathbb{T})$  this means that  $X$  has no non-zero elements which are left fixed by  $G = \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be a torus over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $\Gamma$  be an arithmetic subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}$ . Then  $\Gamma \cap \mathbb{T}^0$  is of finite index in  $\Gamma$ , and the quotient  $\mathbb{T}^0(R)/\Gamma \cap \mathbb{T}^0$  is compact.*

This is due to T. Ono; for a proof of a more general statement (“Gode-ment’s conjecture”) see **18** [18].

**Corollary 1.1.** *Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be a torus over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $\Gamma$  be an arithmetic subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}$ . If  $\mathbb{T}$  is anisotropic, then  $\mathbb{T}(R)/\Gamma$  is compact.*

**Exercise.** Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be a torus over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , with character group  $X$ . II-27

a) Show that

$$\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Gal}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times).$$

b) Let  $U$  be the subgroup of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$  whose elements are the algebraic units of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Let

$$\Gamma = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Gal}}(X, U)$$

Show that  $\Gamma$  is an arithmetic subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{Q})$  and that any arithmetic subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{Q})$  is contained in  $\Gamma$ .

## A.2 Killing arithmetic subgroups

Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be a torus over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $X(\mathbb{T})$  be its character group; put  $Y(\mathbb{T}) = X(\mathbb{T}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\Lambda$  be the set of classes of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -irreducible representations of  $G = \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  through its finite quotients. For each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , let  $Y$  be the corresponding isotypic sub- $G$ -module of  $Y$ , i.e. the sum of all sub- $G$ -modules of  $Y$  isomorphic to  $\lambda$ . One has the direct sum decomposition

$$Y = \coprod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} Y_{\lambda}$$

Let  $Y^0 = Y_1$ , where 1 is the unit representation of  $G$ ; let  $Y^-$  be the sum of those  $Y$  where for all the infinite Frobeniuses  $c \in C_{\infty}$  (cf. 3.1) we have  $\lambda(c) = -1$ ; let  $Y^+$  be the sum of the other  $Y_{\lambda}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} Y^0 &= Y^G = \{y \in Y \mid gy = y \text{ for all } g \in G\} \\ Y^- &= \{y \in Y \mid cy = -y \text{ for all } c \in C_{\infty}\}, \\ Y &= Y^0 \oplus Y^- \oplus Y^+. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $Y = Y^0$  if and only if  $\mathbb{T}$  is anisotropic. If  $c \in C_{\infty}$ , and  $H = \{1, c\}$ , then, since  $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Hom}_H(X(\mathbb{T}), \mathbb{C}^{\times})$ , we see that  $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{R})$  is compact if and only if  $Y = Y^-$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be an arithmetic subgroup of the torus  $\mathbb{T}$ , and  $\overline{\Gamma}$  its Zariski closure (cf. 1.2). Then:*

$$Y(\mathbb{T}/\overline{\Gamma}) = Y^0 \oplus Y^-. \quad (*)$$

[Since the torus  $\mathbb{T}/\overline{\Gamma}$  is a quotient of  $\mathbb{T}$ , we identify  $Y(\mathbb{T}/\overline{\Gamma})$  with a submodule of  $Y(\mathbb{T})$ .]

*Proof.* Suppose first that  $Y$  is *irreducible*, i.e. that  $\mathbb{T}$  has no proper subtori and is  $\neq 0$ .

If  $Y = Y^0$ , then  $\mathbb{T}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{G}_m$  and hence  $\Gamma$  is finite. This shows that  $Y(\mathbb{T}/\overline{\Gamma}) = Y(\mathbb{T})$ , hence (\*). If  $Y = Y^-$ , then  $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{R})$  is compact. Since  $\Gamma$  is a discrete subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{R})$ , it is finite. Hence  $Y(\mathbb{T}/\overline{\Gamma}) = Y(\mathbb{T})$  and (\*) follows.

If  $Y = Y^+$ , then  $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{R})$  is not compact. Consequently,  $\Gamma$  is infinite since  $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{R})/\mathbb{T}$  is compact by Ono's theorem. Hence  $\overline{\Gamma}$  is an algebraic subgroup of

$\mathbb{T}$  of dimension  $\geq 1$ . Its connected component is a non-trivial subtorus of  $\mathbb{T}$ . This shows that  $\bar{\Gamma} = \mathbb{T}$ , hence  $Y(\mathbb{T}/\bar{\Gamma}) = 0$ . Hence again (\*).

II-29 The general case follows easily from the irreducible one; for instance, choose a torus  $\mathbb{T}'$  to  $\mathbb{T}$  which splits in direct product of irreducible tori and note that  $\Gamma$  is commensurable with the image by  $\mathbb{T}' \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  of an arithmetic subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}$ .  $\square$

**Exercise.** Let  $y \in Y$ . Define  $Ny$  as the mean value of the transforms of  $y$  by  $G$ .

- a. Prove that  $N$  is a  $G$ -linear projection of  $Y$  onto  $Y^0$  hence  $\text{Ker}(N) = Y^- \oplus Y^+$ .
- b. Prove that  $Y$  is generated by the elements  $cy + y$ , with  $y \in \text{Ker}(N)$  and  $c \in C_\infty$ .



# CHAPTER III

## LOCALLY ALGEBRAIC ABELIAN REPRESENTATIONS

In this Chapter, we define what it means for an abelian  $\ell$ -adic representation to be *locally algebraic* and we prove (cf. 2.3) that such a representation, when rational, comes from a linear representation of one of the groups  $S_m$  of Chapter II.

When the ground field is a composite of quadratic extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , any rational semi-simple  $\ell$ -adic representation is *ipso facto* locally algebraic; this is proved in §3, as a consequence of a result on transcendental numbers due to Siegel and Lang.

In the local case, an abelian semi-simple representation is locally algebraic if and only if it has a “Hodge-Tate decomposition”. This fact, due to Tate (College de France, 1966), is proved in the Appendix, together with some complements.

### §1. The local case

#### 1.1 Definitions

Let  $p$  be a prime number and  $K$  a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ; let  $\mathbb{T} = \mathfrak{R}_{K/\mathbb{Q}_p}(\mathbb{G}_{m,K})$  be the corresponding algebraic torus over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  (cf. 43 [43], III-1 Chap. I).

Belén.

## 1.2 Alternative definition of “locally algebraic” via Hodge-Tate modules

Let us recall first the notion of a **Hodge-Tate module** (cf. [27], §2); here  $K$  is only assumed to be complete with respect to a discrete valuation, with perfect residue field  $k$  and  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ ,  $\text{char}(k) = p$ . Denote by  $C$  the completion  $\widehat{\overline{K}}$  of the algebraic closure of  $K$ .

The group  $G = \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  acts continuously on  $K$ . This action extends continuously to  $C$ . Let  $W$  be a  $C$ -vector space of finite dimension upon which  $G$  acts continuously and semi-linearly according to the formula

$$s(cw) = s(c) \cdot s(w) \quad (s \in G, c \in C \text{ and } w \in W).$$

Let  $\chi: G \rightarrow U_p$  be the homomorphism of  $G$  into the group  $U_p = \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  of  $p$ -adic units, defined by its action on the  $p^\nu$ -th roots of unity (cf. chap. I, 1.2):

$$s(z) = z^{\chi(s)} \quad \text{if } s \in G \text{ and } z^{p^\nu} = 1.$$

Define for every  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  the subspace

$$W^i = \{w \in W \mid sw = \chi(s)^i w \text{ for all } s \in G\}$$

of  $W$ . This is a  $K$ -vector subspace of  $W$ . Let  $W(i) = C \otimes_K W^i$ . This is a  $C$ -vector space upon which  $G$  acts in a natural way (i.e. by the formula  $s(c \otimes y) = s(c) \otimes s(y)$ ). The inclusion  $W^i \rightarrow W$  extends uniquely to a  $C$ -linear map  $\alpha_i: W(i) \rightarrow W$ , which commutes with the action of  $G$ .

**Proposition 1** (Tate). *Let  $\coprod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} W(i)$  be the direct sum of the  $W(i)$ . Let  $\alpha: \coprod_i W(i) \rightarrow W$  be the sum of the  $\alpha_i$ 's defined above. Then  $\alpha$  is injective.*

For the proof see [27], §2, prop. 4.

**Corollary 1.1.** *The  $K$ -spaces  $W^i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) are of finite dimension. They are linearly independent over  $C$ .*

**Definition 1.** The module  $W$  is of **Hodge-Tate type** if the homomorphism  $\alpha: \coprod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} W(i) \rightarrow W$  is an isomorphism.

Let now  $V$  be as in 1.1, a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , of finite dimension. Let  $\rho: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  be a  $p$ -adic representation. Let  $W = C \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V$  and let  $G$  act on  $W$  by the formula

$$s(c \otimes v) = s(c) \otimes s(v) \quad s \in G, c \in C, v \in V.$$

**Definition 2.** The representation  $\rho$  is of **Hodge-Tate type** if the  $C$ -space  $W = C \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V$  is of Hodge-Tate type (cf. def. 1).

**Examples.** Let  $F$  be a  $p$ -divisible group of finite height (cf. [26], [39]); let  $T$  be its Tate module (*loc. cit.*) and  $V = \mathbb{Q}_p \otimes T$ . The group  $G$  acts on  $V$ , and Tate has proved ([39], Cor. 2 to Th. 3) that this Galois module is of Hodge-Tate type; more precisely, one has  $W = W(0) \oplus W(1)$ , where  $W = C \otimes V$  as above.

**Theorem 1** (Tate). *Assume  $K$  is a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  (i.e. its residue field is finite). Let  $\rho: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  be an abelian  $p$ -adic representation of  $K$ . The following properties are equivalent:*

- (a)  $\rho$  is locally algebraic (cf. 1.1).
- (b)  $\rho$  is of Hodge-Tate type and its restriction to the inertia group is semi-simple.

For the proof, see the Appendix.

## §2. The global case

### 2.1 Definitions

Belén.

### 2.2 Modulus of a locally algebraic abelian representation

Let  $\rho: \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  be as above; by composition with the class field homomorphism  $i: I \rightarrow \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)^{\text{ab}}$ ,  $\rho$  defines a homomorphism  $\rho \circ i: I \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$ .

We assume that  $\rho$  is locally algebraic and we denote by  $f$  the associated algebraic morphism  $T/\mathbb{Q}_\ell \rightarrow \text{GL}_{V_\ell}$ .

III-4

**Definition 1.** Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be a modulus (chap. II, 1.1). One says that  $\rho$  is defined mod  $\mathfrak{m}$  (or that  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a modulus of definition for  $\rho$ ) if

- (i)  $\rho \circ i$  is trivial on  $U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$  when  $p_v \neq \ell$ .

(ii)  $\rho \circ i_\ell(x) = f(x^{-1})$  for  $x \in \prod U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$ .

(Note that  $\prod_{v|\ell} U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$  is an open  $v|\ell$  subgroup of  $K_\ell^\times = T_{/\mathbb{Q}_\ell}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ .)

In order to prove the existence of a modulus of definition, we need the following auxiliary result:

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $H$  be a Lie group over  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$  (resp.  $\mathbb{R}$ ) and let  $\alpha$  be a continuous homomorphism of the idèle group  $I$  into  $H$ .*

(a) *If  $p_v \neq \ell$  (resp.  $p_v \neq \infty$ ), the restriction of  $\alpha$  to  $K$  is equal to 1 on an open subgroup of  $K_v^\times$ .*

(b) *The restriction of  $\alpha$  to the unit group  $U_v$  of  $K_v^\times$  is equal to 1 for almost all  $v$ 's.*

*Proof.* Part (a) follows from the fact that  $K_v^\times$  is a  $p_v$ -adic Lie group and that a homomorphism of a  $p$ -adic Lie group into an  $\ell$ -adic one is locally equal to 1 if  $p \neq \ell$ .

To prove (b), let  $N$  be a neighborhood of 1 in  $H$  which contains no finite subgroup except  $\{1\}$ ; the existence of such an  $N$  is classical for real Lie groups, and quite easy to prove for  $\ell$ -adic ones. By definition of the idèle topology,  $\alpha(U_v)$  is contained in  $N$  for almost all  $v$ 's. But (a) shows that, if  $p_v \neq \ell$ , the group  $\alpha(U_v)$  is finite; hence  $\alpha(U_v) = \{1\}$  for almost all  $v$ 's.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.1.** *Any abelian  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $K$  is unramified outside a finite set of places.*

This follows from (b) applied to the homomorphism  $\alpha$  of  $I$  induced by the given representation, since the  $\alpha(U_v)$  are known to be the inertia subgroups.

**Remark.** This does not extend to non-abelian representations (even solvable ones), cf. Exercise.

**Proposition 2.** *Every locally algebraic abelian  $\ell$ -adic representation has a modulus of definition.*

Let  $\rho: \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  be the given representation and  $f$  the associated morphism of  $T_{/\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$  into  $\text{GL}_{V_\ell}$ . Let  $X$  be the set of places  $v \in M_K^0$ , with  $p_v \neq \ell$ , for which  $\rho$  is ramified; the corollary 1.1 to Prop. 1 shows that  $X$  is finite. By Prop. 1, (a), we can choose a modulus  $\mathfrak{m}$  such that  $\rho \circ i: I \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  is trivial on all the  $U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$ ,  $v \in X$ . Enlarging  $\mathfrak{m}$  if necessary, we can assume that  $\rho \circ i_\ell(x) = f(x^{-1})$  for  $x \in \prod_{p_v=\ell} U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$ . Hence,  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a modulus of definition for  $\rho$ .



**Remark.** It is easy to show that there is a smallest modulus of definition for  $\rho$ ; it is called the **conductor** of  $\rho$ .

**Exercise.** Let  $z_1, \dots, z_n, \dots \in K^\times$ . For each  $n$ , let  $E_n$  be the subfield of  $\overline{K}$  III-6 generated by all the  $\ell^n$ -th roots of the element  $z_1 z_2^\ell \cdots z_n^{\ell^{n-1}}$ .

- a) Show that  $E_n$  is a Galois extension of  $K$ , containing the  $\ell^n$ -th roots of unity and that its Galois group is isomorphic to a subgroup of the affine group  $(\begin{smallmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix})$  in  $\mathrm{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n \mathbb{Z})$ .
- b) Let  $E$  be the union of the  $E_n$ 's. Show that  $E$  is a Galois extension of  $K$ , whose Galois group is a closed subgroup of the affine group relative to  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ .
- c) Give an example where  $E$  (and hence the corresponding 2-dimensional  $\ell$ -adic representation) is ramified at all places of  $K$ .

### 2.3 Back to $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$

Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be a modulus of  $K$  and let

$$\phi: S_{\mathfrak{m}/\mathbb{Q}_\ell} \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_\ell}$$

be a linear representation of  $S_{\mathfrak{m}/\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$ . Let

$$\phi_\ell: \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)^{\mathrm{ab}} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(V_\ell)$$

be the corresponding  $\ell$ -adic representation (cf. chap. II, 2.5).

**Theorem 1.** *The representation  $\phi_\ell$  is locally algebraic and defined mod  $\mathfrak{m}$ . The associated algebraic morphism* III-7

$$f: \mathbb{T}/\mathbb{Q}_\ell \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{V_\ell}$$

is  $\phi \circ \pi$ , where  $\pi$  denotes the canonical morphism of  $\mathbb{T}$  into  $S_{\mathfrak{m}}$  (cf. chap. II, 2.2).

This is trivial from the construction of  $\phi_\ell$  as  $\phi \circ \varepsilon$  (chap. II, 2.5) and the corresponding properties of  $\varepsilon_\ell$  (chap. II, 2.3).

The converse of Theorem 1 is true. We state it only for the case of rational representations:

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\rho: \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  be an abelian  $\ell$ -adic representation of the number field  $K$ . Assume  $\rho$  is rational (chap. I, 2.3) and is locally algebraic with  $\mathfrak{m}$  as a modulus of definition (cf. 2.2). Then, there exist a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector subspace  $V_0$  of  $V_\ell$ , with  $V_\ell = V_0 \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ , and a morphism  $\phi_0: S_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_{V_\ell}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebraic groups such that  $\rho$  is equal to the  $\ell$ -adic representation  $\phi_\ell$  associated to  $\phi_0$  (cf. chap. II, 2.5).*

(The condition  $V_\ell = V_0 \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$  means that  $V_0$  is a “ $\mathbb{Q}$ -structure” on  $V_\ell$ , cf. Bourbaki Alg., chap. II, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.)

*Proof.* Let  $r: \mathbb{T}/\mathbb{Q}_\ell \rightarrow \text{GL}_{V_\ell}$  be the algebraic morphism associated with  $\rho$ . We have

$$\rho \circ i(x) = r(x^{-1}) \quad \text{for } x \in K_\ell^\times \cap U_{\mathfrak{m}} = \prod_{v|\ell} U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$$

III-8 Define a map  $\psi: I \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  by

$$\psi(x) = \rho \circ i(x) \cdot r(x_\ell)$$

José: ¿Es-tandarizar notación  $\mathfrak{x}$  para idèles?

where  $x_\ell$  is the  $\ell^{\text{th}}$  component of the idèle  $x$ . One checks immediately that  $\psi$  is trivial on  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$  and coincides with  $r$  on  $K^\times$ . Hence  $r$  is trivial on  $E_{\mathfrak{m}} = K^\times \cap U_{\mathfrak{m}}$  and factors through an algebraic morphism  $r_{\mathfrak{m}}: T_{\mathfrak{m}/\mathbb{Q}_\ell} \rightarrow \text{GL}_{V_\ell}$ . By the universal property of the  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ -algebraic group  $S_{\mathfrak{m}/\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$  (cf. chap. II, 1.3 and 2.2), there exists an algebraic morphism

$$\phi: S_{\mathfrak{m}/\mathbb{Q}_\ell} \longrightarrow \text{GL}_{V_\ell}$$

with the following properties:

- (a) The morphism  $T_{\mathfrak{m}/\mathbb{Q}_\ell} \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{m}/\mathbb{Q}_\ell} \xrightarrow{\phi} \text{GL}_{V_\ell}$  is  $r_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .
- (b) The map  $I \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} S_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell) \xrightarrow{\phi} \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  is  $\psi$ .

It is trivial to check that the  $\ell$ -adic representation  $\phi_\ell$  attached to  $\phi$  as above coincides with  $\rho$ . Indeed, if  $a \in I$ , we have (with the notations of chap. II)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_\ell \circ i(a) &= \phi(\varepsilon_\ell(a)) = \phi(\varepsilon(a))\phi(\pi_\ell(a_\ell^{-1})) = \psi(a)\phi(\pi_\ell(a_\ell^{-1})) \\ &= \rho \circ i(a)r(a_\ell)\phi(\pi_\ell(a_\ell^{-1})) = \rho \circ i(a). \end{aligned}$$

III-9 since  $\phi \circ \pi_\ell = r$  by (a) above.

Hence  $\phi_\ell = \rho$ ; the fact that  $\rho$  is rational then implies that  $\phi$  can be defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (chap. II, 2.4, Prop.), and this gives  $V_0$  and  $\phi_0$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** The subspace  $V_0$  of  $V_\ell$  constructed in the proof of the theorem is *not* unique; however, any other choice gives us a space of the form  $\sigma V_0$ , where  $\sigma$  is an automorphism of  $V_\ell$  commuting with  $\rho$ . To a given  $V_0$  corresponds of course a unique  $\phi$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** *For each prime number  $\ell'$  there exists a unique (up to isomorphism)  $\ell'$ -adic rational semi-simple representation  $\rho$  of  $K$ , compatible with  $\rho$ . It is abelian and locally algebraic. These representations form a strictly compatible system (cf. chap. I, 2.3) with exceptional set contained in  $\text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$ . For an infinite number of  $\ell'$ ,  $\rho_{\ell'}$  can be brought in diagonal form.*

*Proof.* The unicity of the  $\rho_{\ell'}$ , follows from the theorem of chap. I, 2.3. For the existence, take  $\rho_{\ell'}$  to be the  $\phi_{\ell'}$  associated to  $\phi$  as in chapter II, 2.5. The remaining assertion follows from the proposition in chap. II, 2.5.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *The eigenvalues of the Frobenius elements  $F_{v,\rho}$  ( $v \notin \text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$ ,  $p_v \neq \ell$ ) generate a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

This follows from the corresponding property of  $\phi_\ell$ , cf. chapter II, 2.5, Remark ??.

Belén ♥: Añadir referencia al Rmk. 1 en II.2.5.

## 2.4 A mild generalization

Belén.

## 2.5 The function field case

The above constructions have a (rather elementary) analogue for *function fields of one variable over a finite field*:

Let  $K$  be such a field, and let  $p$  be its characteristic. If  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a modulus for  $K$  (i.e. a positive divisor) we define the subgroup  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$  of the idèle group  $I$  as in chap. II, 2.1, and we put

$$\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}} = I/U_{\mathfrak{m}}K^{\times}.$$

The degree map  $\deg: I \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is trivial on  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , hence defines an exact sequence III-10

$$1 \longrightarrow J_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 1.$$

One sees easily that the group  $J_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is finite; moreover, it may be interpreted as the group of rational points of the “generalized Jacobian variety defined by  $\mathfrak{m}$ ”. If  $\widehat{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}$  denotes the completion of  $\Gamma$  with respect to the topology of subgroups of finite index, it is known (class field theory) that  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)^{\text{ab}} \cong \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{m}} \widehat{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .

Let now  $\rho: \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_{\ell})$  be an abelian  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $K$ , with  $\ell \neq p$ . One proves as in 2.2 that there exists a modulus  $\mathfrak{m}$  such that  $\rho$  is trivial on  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , i.e. such that  $\rho$  may be identified with a *homomorphism of  $\widehat{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}$  into  $\text{Aut}(V_{\ell})$* . Moreover

**Proposition 1.** *A homomorphism  $\phi: \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_{\ell})$  can be extended to a continuous homomorphism of  $\widehat{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}$  if and only if there exists a lattice of  $V_{\ell}$  which is stable by  $\rho(\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}})$ .*

The necessity follows from Remark 1 of chap. I, 1.1. The sufficiency is clear.

Note that, as in the number field case, we have Frobenius elements and we can define the notion of *rationality* of an  $\ell$ -adic representation.

**Theorem 1.** *An abelian  $\ell$ -adic representation*

$$\phi: \widehat{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_{\ell})$$

III-11 *of  $K$  is rational if and only if  $\text{Tr } \phi(\gamma)$  belongs to  $\mathbb{Q}$  for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .*

If  $v \notin \text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$ , and if  $f_v$  is a uniformizing parameter at  $v$ , the image  $F_v$  of  $f_v$  in  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is the Frobenius element of the Galois group  $\widehat{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}$ . Hence, if  $\text{Tr } \phi$  takes rational values on  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , the characteristic polynomial of  $\phi(F_v)$  has rational coefficients for all  $v \notin \text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$  and  $\phi$  is rational.

To prove the converse, note first that Čebotarev’s theorem (Chap. I, 2.2) is valid for  $K$ , if one uses a somewhat weaker definition of equipartition. Hence, the Frobenius elements  $F_v$  are *dense* in  $\widehat{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}$ . In particular, they generate  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , and, from this, one sees that  $\text{Tr } \rho(\gamma)$  belongs to some number field  $E$ . We can then construct an  $E$ -linear representation  $\phi: \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \text{GL}(n, E)$  with the same trace as  $\rho$ , and the theorem follows from:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a finitely generated abelian group, and  $\phi: \Gamma \rightarrow \text{GL}(n, E)$  a linear representation of  $\Gamma$  over a number field  $E$ . Let  $\Sigma$  be a subset of  $\Gamma$ , which is dense in  $\Gamma$  for the topology of subgroups of finite index. Assume that  $\text{Tr } \phi(\gamma) \in \mathbb{Q}$  for all  $\gamma \in \Sigma$ . Then  $\text{Tr } \phi(\gamma) \in \mathbb{Q}$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\phi(\Gamma)$  is finitely generated, there is a finite  $S$  of places of  $E$  such that all the elements of  $\phi(\Gamma)$  are  $S$ -integral matrices. If  $\ell'$  is a prime number not divisible by any element of  $S$ , the image of  $\phi(\Gamma)$  in  $\mathrm{GL}(n, E \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell'})$  is contained in a compact subgroup of  $\mathrm{GL}(n, E \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell'})$ ; hence  $\phi$  extends by continuity to

$$\widehat{\phi}: \widehat{\Gamma} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(n, E \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell'})$$

III-12

where  $\widehat{\Gamma}$  is the completion of  $\Gamma$  for the topology of subgroups of finite index. Since  $\Sigma$  is dense in  $\widehat{\Gamma}$ , it follows that  $\mathrm{Tr} \widehat{\phi}(\hat{\gamma})$  belongs to the adherence  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell'}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  in  $E \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell'}$  for every  $\hat{\gamma} \in \widehat{\Gamma}$ . Hence, if  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , we have

$$\mathrm{Tr} \phi(\gamma) \in E \cap \mathbb{Q}_{\ell'} = \mathbb{Q}. \quad \square$$

### Exercises.

- 1) Let  $\phi: \widehat{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(V_{\ell})$  be a semi-simple  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ . Show the equivalence of:
  - (a)  $\phi$  extends continuously to  $\widehat{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .
  - (b) For every  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , the eigenvalues of  $\phi(\gamma)$  are units (in a suitable extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ ).
  - (c) There exists  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , with  $\deg(\gamma) \neq 0$ , such that the eigenvalues of  $\phi(\gamma)$  are units.
  - (d) For every  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , one has  $\mathrm{Tr} \phi(\gamma) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}$ .
- 2) Let  $\phi: \widehat{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(V_{\ell})$  be a rational  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $K$ . Show that, for almost all prime number  $\ell'$ , there is a rational  $\ell'$ -adic representation of  $K$  compatible with  $\phi$ . Show that this holds for all  $\ell' \neq p$  if and only if the following property is valid: for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial of  $\phi(\gamma)$  are  $p$ -integers.

## §3. The case of a composite of quadratic fields

III-13

### 3.1 Statement of the result

Belén.

### 3.2 A criterion for local algebraicity

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\rho: \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  be a rational semi-simple  $\ell$ -adic abelian representation of  $K$ . Assume that there exists an integer  $N \geq 1$  such that  $\rho^N$  is locally algebraic. Then  $\rho$  is locally algebraic.*

III-14 *Proof.* Since  $\rho$  is semi-simple, it can be brought in diagonal form over a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ , hence gives rise to a family  $\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n\}$  of  $n$  continuous characters  $\psi_i: C_K \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}^\times$ , where  $C_K$  is the idèle-class group of  $K$ , and  $n = \dim V_\ell$ . Let  $\chi_1 = \psi_1^N, \dots, \chi_n = \psi_n^N$  be the corresponding characters occurring in  $\rho^N$ . Since  $\rho^N$  is locally algebraic, to each  $\chi_i^N$  corresponds an algebraic character  $\chi_i^{\text{alg}} \in X(\mathbb{T})$  of the torus  $\mathbb{T}$  (here we identify  $X(\mathbb{T})$  with  $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{T}/\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}, \mathbb{G}_{m, \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}})$ , since  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$  is algebraically closed). Each  $\chi_i^{\text{alg}}$  is of the form  $\prod_{\sigma \in \Gamma} [\sigma]^{n_{\sigma(i)}}$ , where  $\Gamma$  is the set of embeddings of  $K$  into  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$ , cf. Chap. II, 1.1. One has

$$\chi_i(x) = \chi_i^{\text{alg}}(x^{-1}) = \prod_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \sigma(x)^{-n_{\sigma(i)}}$$

for all  $x \in K_\ell^\times$  close enough to 1. □

**Lemma 1.** *All the integers  $n_\sigma(i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $\sigma \in \Gamma$ , are divisible by  $N$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be an open subgroup of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}^\times$  containing no  $N^{\text{th}}$ -root of unity except 1, and let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be a modulus of  $K$  such that  $\psi_i(x) \in U$  for all  $x \in U_\mathfrak{m}$  and  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ; the existence of such an  $\mathfrak{m}$  follows from the continuity of  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$ . We take  $\mathfrak{m}$  large enough so that:

- a) It is a modulus of definition for  $\rho^N$ .
  - b)  $\rho$  is unramified at all  $v \in \text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$ , and the corresponding Frobenius elements  $F_{v, \rho}$  have a characteristic polynomial with rational coefficients.
- III-15

Let  $K_\mathfrak{m}$  be the abelian extension of  $K$  corresponding to the open subgroup  $K^\times U_\mathfrak{m}$  of the idèle group  $I$ , and let  $L$  be a finite Galois extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  containing  $K_\mathfrak{m}$ . Choose a prime number  $p$  which is distinct from 1, is not divisible by any place of  $\text{Supp}(\mathfrak{m})$ , and splits completely in  $L$ . Let  $v$  be a place of  $K$  dividing  $p$ , and let  $f_v$  be an idèle which is a uniformizing element at  $v$  and is equal to 1 elsewhere. The fact that  $v$  splits completely in  $K_\mathfrak{m}$  (since it does in  $L$ ) implies that  $f_v$  is the norm of an idèle of  $K_\mathfrak{m}$ , hence (by class-field theory) belongs to  $K^\times U_\mathfrak{m}$ ; this means that the prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_v$  is a

principal ideal  $(\alpha)$ , with  $\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$  and  $\alpha$  positive at all real places of  $K$ .

Let  $x = \psi_i(f_v)$  and  $y = \chi_i(f_v)$ , so that  $y = x^N$ ; these are the Frobenius elements of  $\psi_i$  and  $\chi_i$  relative to  $v$ . By definition of  $\chi_i^{\text{alg}}$ , we have

$$y = \chi_i^{\text{alg}}(\alpha) = \prod_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \sigma(\alpha)^{n_{\sigma}(i)}$$

where  $\alpha$  is as above.

Hence  $y$  belongs to the subfield  $\tilde{L}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  corresponding to  $L$  (this field is well defined since  $L$  is a Galois extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ). Moreover, if  $w_{\sigma}$  is any place of  $L$  such that  $w_{\sigma} \circ \sigma$  induces  $v$  on  $K$ , we have (as in chap. II, 3.4):

$$w_{\sigma}(y) = n_{\sigma}(i).$$

Assume now that  $n_{\sigma}(i)$  is not divisible by  $N$ . Then  $x$ , which is an  $N^{\text{th}}$ -root of  $y$ , does not belong to  $\tilde{L}$ . Hence there is a non-trivial  $N^{\text{th}}$ -root of unity  $z$  III-16 such that  $x$  and  $zx$  are conjugate over  $\tilde{L}$ , and *a fortiori* over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Since the characteristic polynomial of  $F_{v,\rho}$  has rational coefficients, any conjugate over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of an eigenvalue of  $F_{v,\rho}$  is again an eigenvalue of  $F_{v,\rho}$ . Hence, there exists an index  $j$  such that

$$\psi_j(f_v) = zx = z\psi_i(f_v).$$

But  $f_v \in K^{\times}U_{\mathfrak{m}}$  and all  $\psi_j$  are trivial on  $K^{\times}$  and map  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$  into the open subgroup  $U$  we started with. Hence  $z = \psi_j(f_v)\psi_i(f_v)^{-1}$  belongs to  $U$ , and this contradicts the way  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}$  has been chosen.  $\square$

*Proof of the proposition.* Since the  $n_{\sigma}(i)$  are divisible by  $N$ , there exist  $\varphi_i \in X(\mathbb{T})$  with  $\varphi_i^N = \chi_i^{\text{alg}}$ . If  $x \in K_{\ell}^{\times}$ , we have:

$$\varphi_i(x^{-1})^N = \chi_i^{\text{alg}}(x^{-1}) = \chi_i(x) = \psi_i(x)^N$$

if  $x$  is close enough to 1. Hence  $\varphi_i(x)\psi_i(x)$  is an  $N^{\text{th}}$ -root of unity when  $x$  is close enough to 1, and, by continuity, it is equal to 1 in a neighbourhood of 1. Hence, the restriction of  $\rho$  to  $K_{\ell}^{\times}$  is locally equal to  $\varphi^{-1}$ , where  $\varphi$  is the (algebraic) representation of  $\mathbb{T}$  defined by the family  $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$ . The representation  $\varphi$ , *a priori* defined over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}}$ , can be defined over  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$  (and even over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ); this follows, for instance, from the fact that the family  $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$  is *stable* under the action of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ , since the family  $(\chi_1^{\text{alg}}, \dots, \chi_n^{\text{alg}})$  is.

Hence  $\rho$  is locally algebraic.  $\square$

### 3.3 An auxiliary result on tori

In [15], Lang proved that two exponential functions  $\exp(b_1 z)$ ,  $\exp(b_2 z)$ ,  $b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , which take algebraic values for at least 3  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearly independent values of  $z$ , are multiplicatively dependent: the ratio  $b_1/b_2$  is a rational number. This had also been noticed by Siegel.

Lang proved the following  $\ell$ -adic analogue:

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $E$  be a field containing  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$  and complete for a real valuation extending the valuation of  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ . Let  $b_1, b_2 \in E$  and let  $\Gamma$  be an additive subgroup of  $E$ . Assume:*

- 1)  $\Gamma$  is of rank at least 3 over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- 2) The exponential series  $\exp(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^n/n!$  converges absolutely on  $b_1\Gamma$  and  $b_2\Gamma$ .
- 3) For all  $z \in \Gamma$  the elements  $\exp(b_1 z)$  and  $\exp(b_2 z)$  are algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Then  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are linearly dependent over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (i.e.  $b_1/b_2$  belongs to  $\mathbb{Q}$  if  $b_2 \neq 0$ ).

For the proof, see [15], Appendix, or [30], §1.

We will apply this result to tori, taking for  $E$  the completion of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ . We need a few definitions first:

- a/ Let  $T$  be an  $n$ -dimensional torus over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , with character group  $X(T)$ . As before, we identify  $X(T)$  with the group of morphisms of  $T/E$  into  $\mathbb{G}_{m,E}$ . We say that  $T$  is a *sum of one-dimensional tori* if there exist one-dimensional subtori  $T_i$  of  $T$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , such that the sum map  $T_1 \times \cdots \times T_n \rightarrow T$  is surjective (and hence has a finite kernel). An equivalent condition is:

III-17  $X(T) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is a direct sum of one-dimensional subspaces stable by  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ .

- b/ Let  $f$  be a continuous homomorphism of  $T(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  into  $E$ . We say that  $f$  is **locally algebraic** if there is a neighbourhood  $U$  of 1 in the  $\ell$ -adic Lie group  $T(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ , and an element  $\varphi \in X(T)$  such that  $f(x) = \varphi(x)$  for all  $x \in U$ . We say that  $f$  is **almost locally algebraic** if there is an integer  $N \geq 1$  such that  $f^N$  is locally algebraic.



c/ Let  $S$  be a finite set of prime numbers, and, for each  $p \in S$ , let  $W_p$  be an open subgroup of  $T(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ; denote by  $W$  the family  $(W_p)_{p \in S}$ .

Let  $T(\mathbb{Q})_W$  be the set of elements  $x \in T(\mathbb{Q})$  whose images in  $T(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  belong to  $W$  for all  $p \in S$ ; this is a subgroup of  $T(\mathbb{Q})$ . With these notations, we have:

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $f: T(\mathbb{Q}_\ell) \rightarrow E^\times$  be a continuous homomorphism. Assume:*

- (a) *There exists a family  $W = (W_p)_{p \in S}$  such that  $f(x)$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for all  $x \in T(\mathbb{Q})_W$ .*
- (b)  *$T$  is a sum of one-dimensional tori.*

*Then  $f$  is almost locally algebraic.*

*Proof.*

- i) We suppose first that  $T$  is *one-dimensional*, and we denote by  $\chi$  a generator of  $X(T)$ . If  $\chi$  is invariant by  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $T$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{G}_m$  and  $T(\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Q}^\times$ . If not,  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  acts on  $X(T)$  via a group of order 2, corresponding to some quadratic extension  $F$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ; the character  $\chi$  defines an isomorphism of  $T(\mathbb{Q})$  onto the group  $F_1^\times$  of elements of  $F$  of norm 1. In both cases, one sees that  $T(\mathbb{Q})$  is an abelian group of *infinite rank* (for a more precise result, see Exercise below). On the other hand, each quotient  $T(\mathbb{Q}_p)/W_p$  is a finitely generated abelian group of rank  $\leq 1$ . Hence  $T(\mathbb{Q})/T(\mathbb{Q})_W$  is finitely generated, and this implies that  $T(\mathbb{Q})_W$  is also of *infinite rank*. III-18

Since  $T(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  is an  $\ell$ -adic Lie group of dimension 1, it is locally isomorphic to the *additive group*  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ . This means that there exists a homomorphism

$$e: \mathbb{Z}_\ell \longrightarrow T(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$$

which is an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}$  onto an open subgroup of  $T(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ . By composition we get two continuous homomorphisms

$$f \circ e: \mathbb{Z}_\ell \longrightarrow E^\times, \quad \chi \circ e: \mathbb{Z}_\ell \longrightarrow E^\times.$$

But any continuous homomorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}$  into  $E^*$  is locally an exponential. This implies that, after replacing  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$  by  $\ell^m \mathbb{Z}_\ell$  if necessary, there exist  $b_1, b_2 \in E$  such that

$$f \circ e(z) = \exp(b_1 z), \quad \chi \circ e(z) = \exp(b_2 z),$$

with absolute convergence of the exponential series.

III-19 Let now  $\Gamma$  be the set of elements  $z \in \mathbb{Z}_\ell$  such that  $e(z) \in T(\mathbb{Q})_W$ . Since  $T(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)/e(\mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  is finitely generated, and  $T(\mathbb{Q})_W$  is of infinite rank,  $\Gamma$  is of infinite rank. If  $z \in \Gamma$ ,  $e(z)$  belongs to  $T(\mathbb{Q})_W$ , hence  $f \circ e(z)$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ; the same is true for  $\chi \circ e(z)$  since  $\chi$  maps  $T(\mathbb{Q})$  either into  $\mathbb{Q}^\times$  or into the group  $F$  defined above. Proposition 1 then shows that  $b_1/b_2$  is rational. This means that some integral power  $f^N$  of  $f$ , with  $N \geq 1$ , is locally equal to an integral power of  $\chi$ , hence  $f$  is *almost locally algebraic*.

- ii) *General case.* Write  $T = T_1 \cdots T_n$  where  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  are one-dimensional subtori of  $T$ . Since  $X(T) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is the direct sum of the  $X(T_i) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ , it is enough to show that, for all  $i$ , the restriction  $f_i$  of  $f$  to  $T_i(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  is almost locally algebraic. But we may choose open subgroups  $W_{i,p}$  of  $T_i(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  such that  $W_{1,p} \cdots W_{n,p} \subset W_p$ . If we put  $W_i = (W_{i,p})_{p \in S}$ , we then see that  $f_i$  takes algebraic values on  $T_i(\mathbb{Q})_{W_i}$ , hence is almost locally algebraic by i) above.  $\square$

**Remark.** If one could suppress condition (b) from Prop. 2, all the results of this § would extend to arbitrary number fields. This would be possible if one had a sufficiently strong  $n$ -dimensional version of Prop. 1 above; the one given in [30], §2 does not seem strong enough (it requires density properties which are unknown in the case considered here).  $\rightarrow$  [This has been done by Waldschmidt: see [63], [83].]

**Exercise.** Let  $T$  be a non-trivial torus over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Show that  $T(\mathbb{Q})$  is the direct sum of a finite group and a free abelian group of infinite rank.

### 3.4 Proof of the theorem

Belén.

## §A. Hodge-Tate decompositions and locally algebraic representations

Let  $K$  be a field of characteristic zero, complete with respect to a discrete valuation and with perfect residue field  $k$  of characteristic  $p > 0$ . In this

Appendix we deal with Hodge-Tate decomposition of  $p$ -adic abelian representations of  $K$ .

Sections A.1 and A.2 give invariance properties of these decompositions under ground field extensions. Special characters of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  are defined in A.4; they are closely connected both with Hodge-Tate modules (A.4 and A.5) and local algebraicity (A.6). The proof of Tate's theorem (cf. 1.2) is given in the last section. III-20

## A.1 Invariance of Hodge-Tate decompositions

Let  $C$  be the completion of  $\overline{K}$  (cf. 1.2); the group  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  acts continuously on  $C$ . Let  $\chi$  be the character of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  into the group of  $p$ -adic units defined in chap. I, 1.2. Let  $K'/K$  be a subextension of  $\overline{K}/K$  on which the valuation  $\bar{v}$  of  $\overline{K}$  is discrete; this means that  $K'$  is a finite extension of an unramified one of  $K$ . Let  $\widehat{K'}$  denote the closure of  $K'$  in  $C$ .

Let now  $W$  be a finite dimensional  $C$ -vector space on which  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  acts continuously and semi-linearly (see 1.2). As before, we denote by  $W^n$  (resp.  $W_{K'}^n$ ) the  $K$ - (resp.  $\widehat{K'}$ -)vector space defined by

$$W^n = \{w \in W \mid s(w) = \chi(s)^n w \text{ for all } s \in \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \\ \text{(resp. } s \in \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K'))\}$$

Let  $W(n) = C \otimes_K W^n$  and  $W(n)' = C \otimes_{\widehat{K'}} W_{K'}^n$ . Identifying the modules  $W(n)$  and  $W(n)'$  with their canonical images in  $W$ , we prove

**Theorem 1.** *The canonical map  $\widehat{K'} \otimes_K W^n \rightarrow W_{K'}^n$  is a  $\widehat{K'}$ -isomorphism.*

**Corollary 1.1.** *The Galois modules  $W(n)$  and  $W(n)'$  are equal.* III-21

Indeed, Theorem 1 shows that  $W^n$  and  $W_{K'}^n$ , generate the same  $C$ -vector subspace of  $W$ .

**Corollary 1.2.** *The Galois module  $W$  is of Hodge-Tate type over  $K$  if and only if it is so over  $\widehat{K'}$ .*

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Note first that replacing the action of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $W$  by  $(s, w) \mapsto \chi(s)^{-i} sw$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , just changes  $W^n$  to  $W^{n+i}$ . This shifting process reduces the problem to the case  $n = 0$ ; in that case,  $W^n$  (resp.  $W_{K'}^n$ ) is the set of elements of  $W$  which are invariant under  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  (resp. under

$\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K')$ ). Note also that the injectivity of  $\widehat{K'} \otimes W^0 \rightarrow W_{K'}^0$  is trivial, since we know that  $C \otimes_K W^0 \rightarrow W$  is injective (cf. 1.2).

On the other hand, an easy up-and-down argument shows that one can assume  $K'/K$  to be either *finite Galois* or *unramified Galois*. In both cases, since  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K')$  acts trivially on  $W_{K'}^0$ , we have a semi-linear action of  $\text{Gal}(K'/K)$  on  $W_{K'}^0$ . When  $K'/K$  is finite, it is well known that this implies that  $W_{K'}^0$  is generated by the elements invariant by  $\text{Gal}(K'/K)$ , i.e. by  $W^0$  (this is a non-commutative analogue of Hilbert's "Theorem 90", cf. for instance [29]).

Let now  $K'/K$  be unramified Galois and let  $G$  be its Galois group. Let  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}'}$  denote the ring of integers of  $\widehat{K'}$ . Let  $\Lambda$  be an  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}'}$ -lattice of  $W_{K'}^0$  (i.e. a free  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}'}$ -submodule of  $W_{K'}^0$  of the same rank as  $W_{K'}^0$ ). Since  $G$  acts continuously on  $W_{K'}^0$ , the stabilizer in  $G$  of  $\Lambda$  is open, hence of finite index, and the lattice  
 III-22  $\Lambda$  has finitely many transforms. The sum  $\Lambda^0$  of these transforms is invariant by  $G$ . Let  $e_1, \dots, e_N$  be a basis of  $\Lambda^0$ . Let  $s \in G$ . Then

$$s(e_j) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ij}(s) e_i, \quad a_{ij} \in \widehat{\mathcal{O}'}$$

and the matrix  $a(s) = (a_{ij}(s))$  belongs to  $\text{GL}(N, \widehat{\mathcal{O}'})$ . We have  $a(st) = a(s) s(a(t))$ ; this means that  $a$  is a *continuous 1-cocycle on  $G$  with values in  $\text{GL}(N, \widehat{\mathcal{O}'})$* . Recall that two such cocycles  $a$  and  $a'$  are said to be cohomologous if there exists  $b \in \text{GL}(N, \widehat{\mathcal{O}'})$  such that  $a'(s) = b^{-1} a(s) s(b)$  for all  $s \in G$ . This is an equivalence relation on the set of cocycles and the corresponding quotient space is denoted by  $H^1(G, \text{GL}(N, \widehat{\mathcal{O}'}))$ . In fact:

**Lemma 1.**  $H^1(G, \text{GL}(N, \widehat{\mathcal{O}'})) = \{1\}$ .

Assuming the lemma, the proof of the theorem is concluded as follows. Since  $a(s)$  is cohomologous to 1, there exists  $b \in \text{GL}(N, \widehat{\mathcal{O}'})$  such that  $b = a(s) s(b)$  for all  $s \in G$ . If  $b = (b_{ij})$ , define a new basis  $e'_1, \dots, e'_N$  of  $W_{K'}^0$  by

$$e'_j = \sum_{i=1}^N b_{ij} e_i.$$

Using the identity  $b = a(s) s(b)$ , one sees that  $e'_1, \dots, e'_N$  are invariant under  $G$ , hence belong to  $W^0$ ; this proves the surjectivity of  $\widehat{K'} \otimes_K W^0 \rightarrow W_{K'}^0$ .  $\square$

III-23 *Proof of the lemma.* Let  $\pi$  be a uniformizing element of  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}'}$ . Filter the ring

$A = \mathrm{GL}(N, \widehat{\mathcal{O}})$  by means of  $A_n = \{a \in A \mid a \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi^n}\}$ . We get  $A/A_1 \cong \mathrm{GL}(N, k'/k)$ , where  $k'/k$  is the residue field extension of  $K'/K$ . Moreover, for  $n \geq 1$ , there is an isomorphism  $A_n/A_{n+1} \cong M_N(k')$ , where  $M_N(k')$  is the additive group of  $N \times N$  matrices with coefficients in  $k'$ . The lemma follows now from the triviality of  $H^1(G, \mathrm{GL}(N, k'))$  and  $H^1(G, M_N(k'))$ , where now  $k'$  is endowed with the discrete topology (so this is ordinary Galois cohomology, cf. [29]).  $\square$

## A.2 Admissible characters

Let  $G = \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  and let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow K^\times$  be a continuous homomorphism.

**Definition 1.** The character  $\varphi$  is said to be **admissible** (notation:  $\varphi \sim 1$ ) if there exists  $x \in C$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , such that  $s(x) = \varphi(s)x$  for all  $s \in G$ .

**Remark.** 1) The admissible characters form a subgroup of the group of all characters of  $G$  with values in  $K^\times$ ; if  $\varphi, \varphi'$  are two characters, we write  $\varphi \sim \varphi'$  if  $\varphi^{-1}\varphi' \sim 1$ .

2) Let  $H^1(G, C^\times)$  be the first cohomology group of  $G$  with values in  $C$  (cohomology being defined by *continuous* cochains, as in A.1). A continuous character  $\varphi: G \rightarrow K^\times$  is a 1-cocycle, hence defines an element  $\overline{\varphi}$  of  $H^1(G, C^\times)$ . One has  $\overline{\varphi} = \overline{\varphi'}$  if and only if  $\varphi \sim \varphi'$ .

3) Define a new action of  $G$  on  $C^\times$  by means of

III-24

$$(s, c) \mapsto \varphi(s) s(c), \quad s \in G, c \in C,$$

Denote the  $C$ - $G$ -module thus obtained by  $C(\varphi)$ . Then  $\varphi$  is admissible if and only if  $C(\varphi)$  and  $C$  are isomorphic as  $C$ - $G$ -modules.

**Proposition 1.** Suppose there exists  $c \in C^\times$  such that  $\varphi(s) = s(c)/c$  for  $s$  in some open subgroup  $N$  of the inertia group of  $G$ . Then  $\varphi$  is admissible.

*Proof.* Let  $K'/K$  be the subextension of  $\overline{K}/K$  corresponding to  $N$ ; it is a finite extension of an unramified one. Let  $W = C(\varphi)$ , as in Remark 3, and let  $W^0$  (resp.  $W_{K'}^0$ ) be the subspace of  $W$  consisting of elements invariant by  $G$  (resp. by  $N$ ). By hypothesis,  $W_{K'}^0 \neq 0$ . Hence, by A.1, Theorem 1, we also have  $W^0 \neq 0$ , and this means that  $\varphi$  is admissible.  $\square$

Let now  $U_C$  be the group of units of  $C$ ,  $U_C^1$  the subgroup of units congruent to 1 modulo the maximal ideal, and identify  $\bar{k}^\times$  with the group of multiplicative representatives, so that  $U_C = U_C^1 \times \bar{k}^\times$ , cf. [29]. Define the logarithm map by

$$\begin{aligned} \log: U_C &\longrightarrow C \\ x &\longmapsto \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in \bar{k}^\times \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} (x-1)^n, & \text{if } x \in U_C^1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

This is a continuous homomorphism and even a local isomorphism.

### A.3 A criterion for local triviality

Belén.

### A.4 The character $\xi$

Belén.

### A.5 Characters associated with Hodge-Tate decompositions

Belén.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\rho$ ,  $V$ ,  $W$  be as above and, for each  $\sigma \in \Gamma_E$ , let  $n_\sigma$  be an integer. The following are equivalent:*

$$(i) \quad \rho \equiv \prod_{\sigma \in \Gamma_E} \sigma^{-1} \circ \chi_{\sigma E}^{n_\sigma},$$

$$(ii) \quad \sigma \circ \rho \sim \chi^{n_\sigma} \text{ for all } \sigma \in \Gamma_E,$$

$$(iii) \quad \text{for every } \sigma \in \Gamma_E \text{ the Galois-module } W_\sigma \text{ is isomorphic to } C(\chi^{n_\sigma}).$$

## A.6 Locally compact case

We now add to all the previous assumptions regarding  $K$  and  $E$ , the assumption that  $K$  is *finite* over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (i.e.  $K$  is locally compact). By local class field theory, we may then identify  $G^{\text{ab}}$  with  $\widehat{K}^\times$ , and the inertia subgroup of  $G^{\text{ab}}$  with  $U_K$ , the group of units of  $K$ .

Let  $T$  (resp.  $T_E$ ,  $T_{\sigma E}$ ) be the  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -torus associated to  $K$  (resp. to  $E$ ,  $\sigma E$ , where  $\sigma \in \Gamma_E$ ), cf. 1.1. The norm map from  $K$  to  $\sigma E$  defines an algebraic morphism

$$N_{K/\sigma E}: T \longrightarrow T_{\sigma E}.$$

By composition with  $\sigma^{-1}: T_{\sigma E} \rightarrow T_E$ , this gives a morphism

III-25

$$r_\sigma = \sigma^{-1} \circ N_{K/\sigma E}: T \rightarrow T_E.$$

**Proposition 1.** (a)  $r_\sigma(u^{-1}) = \sigma^{-1} \circ \chi_{\sigma E}(u)$  for all  $u \in U_K$ ,

(b) the  $r_\sigma$  ( $\sigma \in \Gamma_E$ ) make a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\text{Hom}_{\text{alg}}(T, T_E)$ .

(Note that (a) makes sense, since  $U_K$  has been identified with the inertia group of  $G^{\text{ab}}$ .)

Assertion (a) follows from the remark at the end of A.4. On the other hand, let  $X(T)$  and  $X(T_E)$  be the character groups of  $T$  and  $T_E$  respectively. The characters  $[s]$ ,  $s \in \Gamma_K$  (resp.  $(\sigma)$ ,  $\sigma \in \Gamma_E$ ) make a basis of  $X(T)$  (resp. of  $X(T_E)$ ). The morphism  $r_\sigma: T \rightarrow T_E$  defines by transposition a homomorphism

$$X(r_\sigma): X(T_E) \longrightarrow X(T).$$

One checks easily that the effect of  $X(r_\sigma)$  on the basis  $[\tau]$ ,  $\tau \in \Gamma_E$  is:

$$X(r_\sigma)([\tau]) = \sum_{s\sigma=\tau} [s].$$

Assertion (b) then follows from:

**Lemma 1.** The elements  $X(r_\sigma)$ ,  $\sigma \in \Gamma_E$ , form a basis of  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Gal}}(X(T_E), X(T))$ . III-26

*Proof.* The independence of the  $X(r_\sigma)$  is clear. On the other hand, let  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\text{Gal}}(X(T_E), X(T))$  be such that

$$\varphi([\tau]) = \sum_s n(\tau, s)[s].$$

If  $\alpha \in \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}/\mathbb{Q}_p)$  is equal to the identity on  $\tau E$ , we have  $\alpha[\tau] = [\tau]$ , hence  $\alpha\varphi([\tau]) = \varphi([\tau])$ , i.e.  $n(\tau, \alpha s) = n(\tau, s)$  for all  $s \in \Gamma_K$ . This means that  $n(\tau, s)$  depends only on the element  $\sigma = s^{-1}\tau$ ; if we put  $n_\sigma = n(\tau, s)$ , we then have

$$\varphi([\tau]) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_E} n_\sigma \sum_{s\sigma=\tau} [s] = \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_E} n_\sigma X(r_\sigma)([\tau]).$$

This proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\rho$  and  $(n_\sigma)$ ,  $\sigma \in \Gamma_E$ , be as in Th. 1 of A.5. Let  $r: T \rightarrow T_E$  be the morphism defined by*

$$r = \prod_{\sigma \in \Gamma_E} r_\sigma^{n_\sigma}.$$

*The equivalent properties (i), (ii), (iii) of Th. 1 are equivalent to:*

*(iv) There exists an open subgroup  $U'$  of the inertia subgroup  $U_K$  of  $G^{\text{ab}}$  such that  $r(u)\rho(u) = 1$  if  $u \in U'$ .*

Indeed, (iv) is just a reformulation of (i), since we know that  $\sigma^{-1} \circ \chi_{\sigma E}(u) = r_\sigma(u^{-1})$  if  $u \in U_K$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** *The following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $\rho$  is locally algebraic.*
- (b) The Galois module  $V$  attached to  $\rho$  is of Hodge-Tate type.*

This follows from Theorem 1, combined with Prop. 1 and Prop. 2.

### Exercises.

- 1) a) Let  $A = \text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(K)$  be the space of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -linear endomorphisms of  $K$ ; if  $a \in A$ , denote by  $\text{Tr}(a)$  the trace of  $a$ . If  $x \in K$ , denote by  $u_x$  the endomorphism  $y \mapsto xy$  of  $K$ . Show that, for any  $a \in A$ , there exists a unique element  $c_K(a)$  of  $K$  such that

$$\text{Tr}(u_x \circ a) = \text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}_p}(x \cdot c_K(a)) \quad \text{for all } x \in K.$$

- b) Show that the map  $c_K: A \rightarrow K$  so defined is  $K$ -linear for both the natural structures of  $K$ -vector space on  $A$ .



- III-27 c) Let  $e_i$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -basis of  $K$  and let  $e'_i$  be the dual basis, so that  $\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}_p}(e_i e'_j) = \delta_{ij}$ . Show that

$$c_K(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n a(e_i) e'_i, \quad \text{if } a \in A.$$

- d) If  $L \supset K$  and  $a \in A$ , show that

$$c_L(a \circ \text{Tr}_{L/K}) = c_K(a).$$

Show that  $c_K(\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}_p}) = 1$ .

- e) If  $K$  is a Galois extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , show that  $c_K(\sigma) = 0$  for every  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,  $\sigma \neq \text{id}$ , and  $c_K(\text{id}) = 1$ .
- 2) Let  $\varphi: G^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow K^\times$  be a continuous homomorphism, and let  $a_\varphi$  be the  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -linear endomorphism of  $K$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_K & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & U_K \\ \log \downarrow & & \downarrow \log \\ K & \xrightarrow{a_\varphi} & K \end{array}$$

is commutative. Let  $L\bar{\varphi}$  (resp.  $L\bar{\chi}$ ) be the image of  $\varphi$  (resp.  $\chi$ ) in the one-dimensional  $K$ -vector space  $H^1(G, C)$ , cf. A.2. Show that

$$L\bar{\varphi} = c \cdot L\bar{\chi},$$

where  $c = -c_K(a_\varphi)$ . (Check the formula first when  $K$  is a Galois extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $\varphi = \sigma^{-1} \circ \chi_K$ ,  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , in which case III-28  $a_\varphi = -\sigma^{-1}$  and  $c_K(a_\varphi)$  is given by Exer. 1, d.)

In particular,  $\varphi$  is admissible if and only if  $c_K(a_\varphi) = 0$ .

## A.7 Tate's theorem

We recall the statement (cf. 1.2); here again,  $K$  is locally compact.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and let  $\rho: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  be an abelian  $p$ -adic representation of  $K$ . The following are equivalent:*

(1)  $\rho$  is locally algebraic

(2)  $\rho$  is of Hodge-Tate type and its restriction to the inertia group is semi-simple.

*Proof.* We have already remarked (cf. 1.1) that (1) implies:

(\*) The restriction of  $\rho$  to the inertia group is semi-simple.

Hence we may assume that (\*) holds.

Let  $\pi$  be a uniformizing element of  $K$ , and let  $\text{pr}_\pi$  denote the projection map of  $G^{\text{ab}}$  onto its inertia group  $U_K$  associated to  $\pi$  (cf. A.4 and 6 [6]). Define a new representation  $\rho'$  of  $G^{\text{ab}}$  by

$$\rho' = \rho \circ \text{pr}_\pi.$$

Replacing  $\rho$  by  $\rho'$  does not affect the local algebraicity (clear), nor the Hodge-Tate property (this follows from A.1, Cor. 1.2 to Th. 1). Since (\*) implies that  $\rho'$  is semi-simple, this means that, after replacing  $\rho$  by  $\rho'$ , we may assume that  $\rho$  is semi-simple and even (by an easy reduction) that it is *simple*. Let then  $E \subset \text{End}(V)$  be the commuting algebra of  $\rho$ . Since  $\rho$  is abelian and simple,  $E$  is a commutative field, of finite degree over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , and  $V$  is a one-dimensional vector space over  $E$ ; the representation  $\rho$  is given by a continuous character  $\rho: G \rightarrow E^\times$ .

Let now  $K'$  be a finite extension of  $K$  which is large enough to contain all the  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -conjugates of  $E$ . Call (1') and (2') the properties corresponding to (1) and (2), when  $K'$  is taken as groundfield instead of  $K$ . We know (cf. 1.1) that (1)  $\iff$  (1'). By Cor. 1.2 to Th. 1 of A.1, we have (2)  $\iff$  (2'). Hence it is enough to prove that (1')  $\iff$  (2'), and this has been done in A.6 (Cor. to Prop. 1).  $\square$

## CHAPTER IV

### $\ell$ -ADIC REPRESENTATIONS ATTACHED TO ELLIPTIC CURVES

Let  $K$  be a number field and let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $K$ . If  $\ell$  is a prime number, let

$$\rho_\ell: \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(V_\ell(E))$$

be the corresponding  $\ell$ -adic representation of  $K$ , cf. chap. I, 1.2. The main result of this Chapter is the determination of the Lie algebra of the  $\ell$ -adic Lie group  $G_\ell = \text{Im}(\rho_\ell)$ . This is based on a finiteness theorem of Šafarevič (1.4) combined with the properties of locally algebraic abelian representations (chap. III) and Tate's local theory of elliptic curves with non-integral modular invariant (Appendix, A.1). The variation of  $G_\ell$  with  $\ell$  is studied in §??.

The Appendix gives analogous results in the local case (i.e. when  $K$  is a local field).

#### §1. Preliminaries

IV-2

##### 1.1 Elliptic curves (cf. 5 [5], 9 [9], 10 [10])

By an elliptic curve, we mean an abelian variety of dimension 1, i.e. a complete, non singular, connected curve of genus 1 with a given rational point  $P_0$ , taken as an origin for the composition law (and often written  $o$ ).

Let  $E$  be such a curve. It is well known that  $E$  may be embedded, as a non-singular cubic, in the projective plane  $\mathbb{P}_K^2$ , in such a way that  $P_0$  becomes a “flex” (one takes the projective embedding defined by the complete linear series containing the divisor  $3 \cdot P_0$ ). In this embedding, three points  $P_1, P_2$ ,

$P_3$  have sum 0 if and only if the divisor  $P_1 + P_2 + P_3$  is the intersection of  $E$  with a line. By choosing a suitable coordinate system, the equation of  $E$  can be written in Weierstrass form

$$y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$$

where  $x, y$  are non-homogeneous coordinates and the origin  $P_0$  is the point at infinity on the  $y$ -axis. The discriminant

$$\Delta = g_2^3 - 27g_3^2$$

is non-zero.

The coefficients  $g_2, g_3$  are determined up to the transformations  $g_2 \mapsto u^4g_2, g_3 \mapsto u^6g_3, u \in K^\times$ . The modular invariant  $j$  of  $E$  is

$$j = 2^6 3^3 \frac{g_2^3}{g_2^3 - 27g_3^2} = 2^6 3^3 \frac{g_2^3}{\Delta}.$$

IV-3 Two elliptic curves have the same  $j$  invariant if and only if they become isomorphic over the algebraic closure of  $K$ .

(All this remains valid over an arbitrary field, except that, when the characteristic is 2 or 3, the equation of  $E$  has to be written in the more general form

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y + x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6 = 0.$$

Here again, 0 is the point at infinity on the  $y$ -axis and the corresponding tangent is the line at infinity. There are corresponding definitions for  $\Delta$  and  $j$ , for which we refer to **9** [9] or **20** [20]; note, however, that there is a misprint in Ogg's formula for  $\Delta$ : the coefficient of  $\beta_4^3$  should be  $-8$  instead of  $-1$ .)

## 1.2 Good reduction

Let  $v \in M_K^0$  be a finite place of the number field  $K$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{O}_v$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{m}_v, k_v$ ) the corresponding local ring in  $K$  (resp. its maximal ideal, its residue field).

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $K$ . One says that  $E$  has **good reduction at**  $v$  if one can find a coordinate system in  $\mathbb{P}_K^2$  such that the corresponding equation  $f$  for  $E$  has coefficient in  $\mathcal{O}_v$  and its reduction  $\tilde{f} \bmod \mathfrak{m}_v$  defines a

IV-4 non-singular cubic  $\tilde{E}_v$  (hence an elliptic curve) over the residue field  $k_v$  (in other words, the discriminant  $\Delta(f)$  of  $f$  must be an invertible element of  $\mathcal{O}_v$ ). The curve  $\tilde{E}_v$  is called the **reduction** of  $E$  at  $v$ ; it does not depend on the choice of  $f$ , provided, of course, that  $\Delta(f) \in \mathcal{O}_v^\times$ .

One can prove that the above definition is equivalent to the following one: there is an abelian scheme  $E_v$  over  $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_v)$ , in the sense of **19** [19], chap. VI, whose generic fiber is  $E$ ; this scheme is then unique, and its special fiber is  $\tilde{E}_v$ . Note that  $\tilde{E}_v$  is defined over the finite field  $k_v$ ; we denote its **Frobenius endomorphism** by  $F_v$ .

On either definition, one sees that  $E$  has **good reduction for almost all places of  $K$** .

If  $E$  has good reduction at a given place  $v$ , its  $j$  invariant is **integral at  $v$**  (i.e. belongs to  $\mathcal{O}_v$ ) and its reduction  $\tilde{j} \bmod \mathfrak{m}_v$  is the  $j$  invariant of the reduced curve  $\tilde{E}_v$ .

The converse is almost true, but not quite: if  $j$  belongs to  $\mathcal{O}_v$ , there is a finite extension  $L$  of  $K$  such that  $E \otimes_K L$  has good reduction at all the places of  $L$  dividing  $v$  (this is the “potential good reduction” of **32** [32], §2). For the proof of this, see **29** [29], §4, n° 3.

**Remark.** The definitions and results of this section have nothing to do with number fields. They apply to every field with a discrete valuation.

### 1.3 Properties of $V_\ell$ related to good reduction

Let  $\ell$  be a prime number. We define, as in chap. I, 1.2, the Galois modules  $T_\ell$  and  $V_\ell$  by:

$$V_\ell = T_\ell \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell, \quad T_\ell = \varprojlim_n E_{\ell^n}$$

where  $E_{\ell^n}$  is the kernel of  $\ell^n: E(\overline{K}) \rightarrow E(\overline{K})$ .

IV-5

We denote by  $\rho_\ell$  the corresponding homomorphism of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  into  $\text{Aut}(T_\ell)$ . Recall that  $E_{\ell^n}$ ,  $T_\ell$  and  $V_\ell$  are of rank 2 over  $\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$  and  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ , respectively.

Let now  $v$  be a place of  $K$ , with  $p_v \neq \ell$  and let  $\tilde{v}$  be some extension of  $v$  to  $\overline{K}$ ; let  $D$  (resp.  $I$ ) be the corresponding decomposition group (resp. inertia group), cf. chap. I, 2.1. If  $E$  has good reduction at  $v$ , one easily sees that reduction at  $v$  defines an *isomorphism* of  $E_{\ell^n}$  onto the corresponding module for the reduced curve  $\tilde{E}_v$ . In particular,  $E_{\ell^n}$ ,  $T_\ell$ ,  $V_\ell$  are *unramified*

at  $v$  (chap. I, 2.1) and the Frobenius automorphism  $F_{v,\rho_\ell}$  of  $T_\ell$  corresponds to the Frobenius endomorphism  $F_v$  of  $\tilde{E}_v$ . Hence:

$$\det(F_{v,\rho_\ell}) = \det(F_v) = \mathbf{N} v$$

and

$$\det(1 - F_{v,\rho_\ell}) = \det(1 - F_v) = 1 - (F_v) + \mathbf{N} v$$

is equal to the number of  $k_v$ -points of  $\tilde{E}_v$ .

Conversely:

**Theorem 1** (Criterion of Néron-Ogg-Šafarevič). *If  $V$  is unramified at  $v$  for some  $\ell \neq p_v$ , then  $E$  has good reduction at  $v$ .*

For the proof, see **32** [32], §1.

**Corollary 1.1.** *Let  $E$  and  $E'$  be two elliptic curves which are isogenous (over  $K$ ). If one of them has good reduction at a place  $v$ , the same is true for the other one.*

IV-6 (Recall that  $E$  and  $E'$  are said to be **isogenous** if there exists a non-trivial morphism  $E \rightarrow E'$ .)

This follows from the theorem, since the  $\ell$ -adic representations associated with  $E$  and  $E'$  are isomorphic.

**Remark.** For a direct proof of this corollary, see **11** [11].

**Exercise.** Let  $S$  be the finite set of places where  $E$  does not have good reduction. If  $v \in M_K^0 \setminus S$ , we denote by  $t_v$  the number of  $k_v$ -points of the reduced curve  $\tilde{E}_v$ .

(a) Let  $\ell$  be a prime number and let  $m$  be a positive integer. Show that the following properties are equivalent:

- (i)  $t_v \equiv 0 \pmod{\ell^m}$  for all  $v \in M_K^0 \setminus S$ ,  $p_v \neq \ell$ .
- (ii) The set of  $v \in M_K^0 \setminus S$  such that  $t_v \equiv 0 \pmod{\ell^m}$  has density one (cf. chap. I, 2.2).
- (iii) For all  $s \in \text{Im}(\rho)$ , one has  $\det(1 - s) \equiv 0 \pmod{\ell^m}$ .

(The equivalence of (ii) and (iii) follows from Čebotarev's density theorem. The implications (i)  $\implies$  (ii) and (iii)  $\implies$  (i) are easy.)

(b) We take now  $m = 1$ . Show that the properties (i), (ii) and (iii) are equivalent to:

(iv) There exists an elliptic curve  $E'$  over  $K$  such that:

( $\alpha$ ) Either  $E'$  is isomorphic to  $E$ , or there exist an isogeny  $E' \rightarrow E$  of degree  $\ell$ .

( $\beta$ ) The group  $E'(K)$  contains an element of order  $\ell$ .

(The implication (iv)  $\implies$  (iii) is easy. For the proof of the converse, use Exer. 2 of chap. I, 1.1.) [For  $m > 2$ , see **64** [64].]

## 1.4 Šafarevič's theorem

IV-7

It is the following (cf. [23]):

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $S$  be a finite set of places of  $K$ . The set of isomorphism classes of elliptic curves over  $K$ , with good reduction at all places not in  $S$ , is finite.*

Since isogenous curves have the same bad reduction set (cf. 1.3), this implies:

**Corollary 1.1.** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $K$ . Then, up to isomorphism, there are only a finite number of elliptic curves which are  $K$ -isogenous to  $E$ .*

To prove the theorem, we use the following criterion for good reduction:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $S$  be a finite set of places of  $K$  containing the divisors of 2 and 3, and such that the ring  $\mathcal{O}_S$  of  $S$ -integers is principal. Then, an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $K$  has good reduction outside  $S$  if and only if its equation can be put in the Weierstrass form  $y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$  with  $g_i \in \mathcal{O}_S$  and  $\Delta = g_2^3 - 27g_3^2 \in \mathcal{O}_S^\times$  (the group of units of  $\mathcal{O}_S$ ).*

*Proof.* The sufficiency is trivial. To prove necessity, we write the curve  $E$  in the form

$$y^2 = 4x^3 - g'_2x - g'_3 \quad (*)$$

with  $g'_i \in K$ . Let  $v$  be a place of  $K$  not in  $S$ . Then, since there is good reduction at  $v$ , and since the divisors of 2 and 3 do not belong to  $S$ , the IV-8 curve  $E$  can be written in the form

$$y^2 = 4x^3 - g'_{2,v}x - g'_{3,v}$$

with  $g_{i,v}$  in the local ring at  $v$  and the discriminant  $\Delta_v$  a unit in this ring. Using the properties of the Weierstrass form, there is an element  $u_v \in K$  such that  $g_{2,v} = u_v^4 g'_2$ ,  $g_{3,v} = u_v^6 g'_3$ ,  $\Delta_v = u_v^{12} \Delta'$ ; moreover, as we can take  $g_{i,v} = g'_i$  for almost all  $v$ , we see that we can assume that  $u_v = 1$  for almost all  $v \notin S$ . Since the ring  $\mathcal{O}_S$  is principal, there is an element  $u \in K^\times$  with  $v(u) = v(u_v)$  for all  $v \notin S$ . Then, if we replace  $x$  by  $u^{-2}x$  and  $y$  by  $u^{-3}y$  in (\*), the curve  $E$  takes the form

$$y^2 = 4x^3 - g'_2x - g'_3$$

with  $g_2 = u^4 g'_2$ ,  $g_3 = u^6 g'_3$  and  $\Delta = u^{12} \Delta'$ . Since, by construction,  $g_i \in \mathcal{O}_S$  and  $\Delta \in \mathcal{O}_S^\times$  the lemma is established.  $\square$

*Proof of the theorem.* After possibly adding a finite number of places of  $K$  to  $S$ , we may assume that  $S$  contains all the divisors of 2 and 3, and that the ring  $\mathcal{O}_S$  is principal. If  $E$  is an elliptic curve defined over  $K$  having good reduction outside  $S$ , the above lemma tells us that we can write  $E$  in the form

$$y^2 = 4x^3 - g'_2x - g'_3 \quad (*)$$

with  $g_i \in \mathcal{O}_S$  and  $\Delta = g_2^3 - 27g_3^2 \in \mathcal{O}_S$ . But, since we are free to multiply  $\Delta$  by any  $u \in (\mathcal{O}_S^\times)^{12}$ , and since  $\mathcal{O}_S^\times / (\mathcal{O}_S^\times)^{12}$  is a finite group, we see that there  
IV-9 is a finite set  $X \subset \mathcal{O}_S^\times$  such that any elliptic curve of the above type can be written in the form (\*) with  $g_i \in \mathcal{O}_S$  and  $\Delta \in X$ . But, for a given  $\Delta$ , the equation

$$U^3 - 27V^2 = \Delta$$

represents an affine elliptic curve. Using a theorem of Siegel (generalized by Mahler and Lang, cf. **14** [14], chap. VII), one sees that this equation has only a *finite* number of solutions in  $\mathcal{O}_S$ . This finishes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Remark.** There are many ways in which one can deduce Šafarevič's theorem from Siegel's. The one we followed has been shown to us by Tate.

## §2. The Galois module attached to $E$

In this section,  $E$  denotes an elliptic curve over  $K$ . We are interested in the structure of the Galois modules  $E_{\ell^n}$ ,  $T_\ell$ ,  $V_\ell$  defined in 1.3.



## 2.1 The irreducibility theorem

Recall first that the ring  $\text{End}_K(E)$  of  $K$ -endomorphisms of  $E$  is either  $\mathbb{Z}$  or of rank 2 over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . In the first case, we say that  $E$  has “no complex multiplication over  $K$ .” If the same is true for any finite extension of  $K$ , we say that  $E$  has “no complex multiplication.”

**Theorem 1.** *Assume that  $E$  has no complex multiplication over  $K$ . Then:* IV-10

- (a)  $V_\ell$  is irreducible for all primes  $\ell$ ;
- (b)  $E_\ell$  is irreducible for almost all primes  $\ell$ .

We need the following elementary result:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $K$  with  $\text{End}_K(E) = \mathbb{Z}$ . Then, if  $E' \rightarrow E$ ,  $E'' \rightarrow E$  are  $K$ -isogenies with non-isomorphic cyclic kernels, the curves  $E'$  and  $E''$  are non-isomorphic over  $K$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $n'$  and  $n''$  be respectively the orders of the kernels of  $E' \rightarrow E$  and  $E'' \rightarrow E$ . Suppose that  $E'$  and  $E''$  are isomorphic over  $K$ , and let  $E' \rightarrow E''$  be an isomorphism. If  $E \rightarrow E'$  is the transpose of the isogeny  $E' \rightarrow E$ , it has a cyclic kernel of order  $n'$ , and hence the isogeny  $E \rightarrow E''$ , obtained by composition of  $E \rightarrow E'$ ,  $E' \rightarrow E''$ ,  $E'' \rightarrow E$ , has for kernel an extension of  $\mathbb{Z}/n''\mathbb{Z}$  by  $\mathbb{Z}/n'\mathbb{Z}$ . But, since  $\text{End}_K(E) = \mathbb{Z}$ , this isogeny must be multiplication by an integer  $a$ , and its kernel must therefore be of the form  $\mathbb{Z}/a\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/a\mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $n'$  and  $n''$  divide  $a$ . Since  $a^2 = n'n''$ , we obtain  $a = n' = n''$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

*Proof of the theorem.*

- (a) It suffices to show that, if  $\text{End}_K(E) = \mathbb{Z}$ , there is no one-dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ -subspace of  $V_\ell$  stable under  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ . Suppose there were one; its intersection  $X$  with  $T_\ell$  would be a submodule of  $T_\ell$  with  $X$  and  $T_\ell/X$  free  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ -modules of rank 1. For  $n \geq 0$ , consider the image  $X(n)$  of  $X$  in  $E_{\ell^n} = T/\ell^n T$ . This is a submodule of  $E_\ell$  which is cyclic of order  $\ell^n$  and stable by  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ . Hence it corresponds to a finite  $K$ -algebraic subgroup of  $E$  and one can define the quotient curve  $E(n) = E/X(n)$ . IV-11  
The kernel of the isogeny  $E \rightarrow E(n)$  is cyclic of order  $\ell^n$ . The above lemma then shows that the curves  $E(n)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , are pairwise non-isomorphic, contradicting the corollary to Šafarevič's theorem (1.4).

- (b) If  $E$  is not irreducible, there exists a Galois submodule  $X$  of  $E$  which is one-dimensional over  $\mathbb{F}_\ell$ . In the same way as above, this defines an isogeny  $E \rightarrow E/X_\ell$  whose kernel is cyclic of order  $\ell$ . The above lemma shows that the curves which correspond to different values of  $\ell$  are non-isomorphic, and one again applies the corollary to Šafarevič's theorem.  $\square$

**Remark.** One can prove part (a) of the above theorem by a quite different method (cf. [25], §3.4); instead of the Šafarevič's theorem, one uses the properties of the decomposition and inertia subgroups of  $\text{Im}(\rho_\ell)$ , cf. Appendix.

## 2.2 Determination of the Lie algebra of $G_\ell$

Let  $G_\ell = \text{Im}(\rho_\ell)$  denote the image of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  in  $\text{Aut}(T_\ell)$ , and let  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell \subset \text{End}(V_\ell)$  be the Lie algebra of  $G_\ell$ .

**Theorem 1.** *If  $E$  has no complex multiplication (cf. 2.1), then  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \text{End}(V_\ell)$ , i.e.  $G_\ell$  is open in  $\text{Aut}(T_\ell)$ .*

*Proof.* The irreducibility theorem of 2.1 shows that, for any open subgroup  $U$  of  $G_\ell$ ,  $V_\ell$  is an irreducible  $U$ -module. Hence,  $V_\ell$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$ -module. By Schur's lemma, it follows that the commuting algebra  $\mathfrak{g}'_\ell$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$  in  $\text{End}(V_\ell)$  is a field; since  $\dim V_\ell = 2$ , this field is either  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$  or a quadratic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ . If  $\mathfrak{g}'_\ell = \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ , then  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$  is equal to either  $\text{End}(V_\ell)$ , or the subalgebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(V_\ell)$  of  $\text{End}(V_\ell)$  consisting of the endomorphisms with trace 0; but, in the second case, the action of  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$  on  $\bigwedge^2 V_\ell$  would be trivial, and this would contradict the fact that the Galois modules  $\bigwedge^2 V_\ell$  and  $V_\ell(\mu)$  are isomorphic (chap. I, 1.2). Hence  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \mathfrak{sl}(V_\ell)$  is impossible.

Suppose now that  $\mathfrak{g}'_\ell$  is a quadratic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Then  $V_\ell$  is a one-dimensional  $\mathfrak{g}'_\ell$ -vector space and the commuting algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}'_\ell$  in  $\text{End}(V_\ell)$  is  $\mathfrak{g}'_\ell$  itself. Hence  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{g}'_\ell$ , and is *abelian* ( $\mathfrak{g}'_\ell$  is a “non-split Cartan algebra” of  $\text{End}(V_\ell)$ ). After replacing  $K$  by a finite extension (this does not affect  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$ , cf. chap. I, 1.1), we may then suppose that  $G_\ell$  itself is abelian. The  $\ell$ -adic representation  $V_\ell$  is then semi-simple, abelian and rational. It is, moreover, *locally algebraic*. To see this, we first remark that, at a place  $v$  dividing  $\ell$ , we have  $v(j) \geq 0$  since otherwise the decomposition group of  $v$  in  $G_\ell$  would be non-abelian by Tate's theory (cf. Appendix, 3); hence, after a finite extension of  $K$ , we can assume that  $E$  has good reduction at all places  $v$  dividing  $\ell$  (cf. 1.2). Let  $E(\ell)$  be the  $\ell$ -divisible group attached to  $E$  at  $v$

(cf. **39** [39], 2.1, example (a)). We have  $V_\ell \cong V_\ell(E(\ell))$  and this module is known to be of Hodge-Tate type (*loc. cit.*, §4). Using another result of Tate (chap. III, 1.2), this implies that the representation  $V_\ell$  is locally algebraic, as claimed above. (This could also be seen by using, instead of the theory of Hodge-Tate modules, the local results of the Appendix, A.2.)

We may now apply to  $V_\ell$  the results of chap. III, 2.3. Hence, there is, for each prime  $\ell'$ , a rational, abelian, semi-simple  $\ell'$ -adic representation  $W_{\ell'}$  compatible with  $V_\ell$ . But  $V_{\ell'}$  is compatible with  $V_\ell$ , and  $V_{\ell'}$  is semi-simple. Hence  $V_{\ell'}$  is isomorphic to  $W_{\ell'}$  (cf. chap. I, 2.3). But we know (chap. III, 2.3) that we may choose  $\ell'$  such that  $W_{\ell'}$  is the direct sum of one-dimensional IV-13 subspaces stable under  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ . This contradicts the irreducibility of  $V_\ell$ . Hence, we must have  $\mathfrak{g}'_\ell = \mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \text{End}(V_\ell)$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** If  $E$  has complex multiplication, and  $L = \mathbb{Q} \otimes \text{End}(E \otimes_K \bar{K})$  is the corresponding imaginary quadratic field, one shows easily that  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$  is the Cartan subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V_\ell)$  defined by  $L_\ell = \mathbb{Q}_\ell \otimes L$ . It splits if and only if  $\ell$  decomposes in  $L$ .

**Exercises.** (In these exercises, we assume  $E$  has no complex multiplication. Let  $S$  be the set of places  $v \in M_K^0$  where  $E$  has bad reduction. If  $v \in M_K^0 \setminus S$ , we denote by  $F_v$  the Frobenius endomorphism of the reduced curve  $\bar{E}_v$ ; if  $\ell \neq p_v$ , we identify  $F_v$  to the corresponding automorphism of  $T_\ell$ .)

- 1) Let  $H(X, Y)$  be a polynomial in two indeterminates  $X, Y$  with coefficients in a field of characteristic zero. Let  $V_H$  be the set of those  $v \in M_K^0 \setminus S$  for which  $H(\text{Tr}(F_v), \mathbf{N} v) = 0$ . If  $H$  is not the zero polynomial, show that  $V_H$  has density 0. (Show that the set of  $g \in \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  with  $H(\text{Tr}(g), \det(g)) = 0$  has Haar measure zero.)
- 2) The eigenvalues of  $F_v$  may be identified with complex numbers of the form

$$(\mathbf{N} v)^{1/2} e^{\pm i\varphi_v}, \quad 0 \leq \varphi_v \leq \pi,$$

cf. chap. I, Appendix A.2. Show that the set of  $v$  for which  $\varphi_v$  is a given angle  $\varphi$  has density zero. (Show that  $\text{Tr}(F_v)^2 = 4(\mathbf{N} v) \cos^2 \varphi$  and then use the preceding exercise.)

- 3) Let  $L_v = \mathbb{Q}(F_v)$  be the field generated by  $F_v$ . By the preceding exercise, IV-14  $L_v$  is quadratic imaginary except for a set of  $v$  of density 0.

- (a) Let  $\ell$  be a fixed prime. Let  $C$  be a semi-simple commutative  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ -algebra of rank 2. Let  $X_C$  be the set of elements  $s \in \text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  such that the subalgebra  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell[s]$  of  $\text{End}(V_\ell)$  generated by  $s$  is isomorphic to  $C$ . Show that  $X_C$  is open in  $\text{Aut}(V_\ell)$ , and show that it has a non-empty intersection with every open subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(V_\ell)$ , in particular, with  $G_\ell$ .
- (b) Show that  $F_v \in X_C$  if and only if the field  $L_v$  is quadratic and  $L_v \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell$  is isomorphic to  $C$ .
- (c) Let  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n$  be distinct prime numbers, and choose for each an algebra  $C_i$  of the type considered in 3a. Show that the set of  $v$  for which  $F_v \in X_{C_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  has density  $> 0$ .  
(Use the fact that the image of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  in any finite product of the  $\text{Aut}(V_\ell)$  is open; this is an easy consequence of the theorem proved above.)
- (d) Deduce that, for any finite set  $P$  of prime numbers, there exist an infinity of  $v$  such that  $L_v$  is ramified at all  $\ell \in P$ . In particular, there are an infinite number of distinct fields  $L_v$ .

## 2.3 The isogeny theorem

Belen.

## §3. Variation of $G_\ell$ and $\tilde{G}_\ell$ with $\ell$

### 3.1 Preliminaries

Belen.

### 3.2 The case of a non integral $j$

IV-15

**Theorem 1.** *Assume that the modular invariant  $j$  of  $E$  is not an integer of  $K$ . Then  $E$  enjoys the equivalent properties (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) of 3.1.*

Since  $j$  is not integral, we can choose a place  $v$  of  $K$  such that  $v(j) < 0$ . Let  $q$  be the element of the local field  $K$  which corresponds to  $j$  by Tate's

theory (cf. Appendix, 1) and let  $E$  be the corresponding elliptic curve over  $K$ . There is a finite extension  $K'$  of  $K_v$  over which  $E$  and  $E_q$  are isomorphic; one can even take for  $K'$  either  $K_v$  or a quadratic extension of  $K_v$ . Let  $v'$  be the valuation of  $K'$  which extends  $v$ ; assume  $v'$  is normalized so that  $v'(K'^\times) = \mathbb{Z}$ , and let

$$n = v'(q) = -v'(j)$$

We have  $n > 1$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Assume  $\ell$  does not divide  $n$ , and let  $I_{v,\ell}$  be the inertia subgroup of  $\tilde{G}_\ell$  corresponding to some extension of  $v$  to  $\bar{K}$ . Then  $I_{v,\ell}$  contains a transvection, i.e. an element whose matrix form is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for a suitable  $\mathbb{F}_\ell$ -basis of  $E_\ell$ .*

This is true for the curve  $E_q$  over  $K'$ , cf. Appendix, 5. The result for  $E$  follows from the isomorphism  $E_{/K'} \cong E_{q/K'}$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $\mathrm{GL}(2, \mathbb{F}_\ell)$  which acts irreducibly on  $\mathbb{F}_\ell \times \mathbb{F}_\ell$  and which contains a transvection. Then  $H$  contains  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{F}_\ell)$ .*

For any transvection  $s \in H$ , let  $D$  be the unique one dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_\ell \times \mathbb{F}_\ell$  which is fixed by  $s$ . If all such lines were the same, the line so defined would be stable by  $H$ , and  $H$  would not be irreducible. Hence there are transvections  $s, s' \in H$  such that  $D_s \neq D_{s'}$ . If we choose a suitable basis  $(e, e')$  of  $\mathbb{F}_\ell \times \mathbb{F}_\ell$ , this means that the matrix forms of  $s, s'$  are

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad s' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The lemma follows then from the well known fact that these two matrices generate  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{F}_\ell)$ .

*Proof of the theorem.* Lemma 1 shows that, for almost all  $\ell$ ,  $I_{v,\ell}$  and a fortiori  $\tilde{G}_\ell$ , contains a transvection. On the other hand, we know (cf. 2.1) that  $\tilde{G}_\ell$  is irreducible for almost all  $\ell$ . Applying lemma 2 to  $\tilde{G}_\ell$  we then see that  $\tilde{G}_\ell$  contains  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{F}_\ell)$  for almost all  $\ell$ ; hence we have (iv).  $\square$

**Remark.** It seems likely that the condition “ $j$  is not integral” can be replaced by the weaker one “ $E$  has no complex multiplication.”  $\rightarrow$  [yes: see [76].]

### 3.3 Numerical example

Belen.

### 3.4 Proof of the main lemma of 3.1

José.

## §A. Local results

IV-16

In what follows,  $K$  denotes a field which is complete with respect to a discrete valuation  $v$ ; we denote by  $\mathcal{O}_K$  (resp. by  $k$ ) the ring of integers (resp. the residue field) of  $K$ ; we assume that  $k$  is perfect and of characteristic  $p \neq 0$ .

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $K$  and let  $\ell$  be a prime number different from the characteristic of  $K$ . Let  $T_\ell$  and  $V_\ell$  be the corresponding Galois modules; we denote by  $G_\ell$  the image of  $\text{Gal}(K_s/K)$  in  $\text{Aut}(T_\ell)$ , and by  $I_\ell$  the inertia subgroup of  $G_\ell$ . The Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \text{Lie}(G_\ell)$ ,  $\mathfrak{i}_\ell = \text{Lie}(I_\ell)$  are subalgebras of  $\text{End}(V_\ell)$  and we will determine them under suitable assumptions on  $K$  and  $v$ ; note that, since  $I_\ell$  is an invariant subgroup of  $G_\ell$ , its Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{i}_\ell$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$ .

If  $j = j(E)$  is the modular invariant of  $E$  (cf. 1.1), we consider the cases  $v(j) < 0$  and  $v(j) \geq 0$  separately.

#### A.1 The case $v(j) < 0$

In this section we assume that the modular invariant  $j$  of the elliptic curve  $E$  has a pole, i.e. that  $v(j) < 0$ .

**1. The elliptic curves of Tate.** Let  $q$  be an element of  $K$  with  $v(q) > 0$ , and let  $\Gamma_q$  be the discrete subgroup of  $K^\times$  generated by  $q$ . Then, by Tate's theory of ultrametric theta functions (unpublished, but see Morikawa, *Nagoya Math. Journ.*, 1962), there is an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $K$  with the property that, for any finite extension  $K'$  of  $K$ , the analytic group  $K'^\times/\Gamma_q$  is isomorphic to the group  $E_q(K')$  of points of  $E_q$  with values in  $K'$ . The equation defining  $E_q$  can be written in the form

$$y^2 + xy = x^3 - b_2x - b_3,$$

with

$$b_2 = 5 \sum_{n \geq 1} n^3 \frac{q^n}{1 - q^n}, \quad \text{and} \quad b_3 = \sum_{n \geq 1} (7n^5 + 5n^3) \frac{q^n}{12(1 - q^n)},$$

IV-17

these series converging in  $K$ . The modular invariant  $j(q)$  of  $E_q$  is given by the usual formula

$$j(q) = \frac{(1 + 48b_2)^3}{q \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - q^n)^{24}} = \frac{1}{q} + 744 + 196\,884q + \dots$$

a series with integral coefficients. The function field of  $E_q$  consists of the fractions  $F/G$ , where  $F$  and  $G$  are Laurent series

$$F = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_n z^n, \quad G = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} b_n z^n$$

with coefficients in  $K$ , converging for all values of  $z \neq 0, \infty$ , and such that  $F(qz)/G(qz) = F(z)/G(z)$ .

Since the modular invariant  $j$  of the given elliptic curve  $E$  is such that  $v(j) < 0$ , and since the series for  $j(q)$  has integral coefficients, one can choose  $q$  so that  $j = j(q)$ . The elliptic curves  $E$  and  $E_q$  become then isomorphic over a finite extension of  $K$  (which can be taken to be of degree 2). Hence, after possibly replacing  $K$  by a finite extension, we may assume that  $E = E_q$ .

**2. An exact sequence.** We conserve the notation of 1. Let  $E_n$  be the IV-18 kernel of multiplication by  $\ell^n$  in  $K_s^\times/\Gamma_q$ . If  $\mu_n$  is the group of  $\ell^n$ -th roots of unity in  $K_s$ , we have an injection  $\mu_n \rightarrow E_n$ . On the other hand, if  $z \in E_n$ , we have  $z^{\ell^n} \in \Gamma_q$ , and hence there exists an integer  $c$  such that  $z^{\ell^n} = q^c$ . If we associate to  $z$  the image of  $c$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n\mathbb{Z}$ , we obtain a homomorphism of  $E_n$  into  $\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n\mathbb{Z}$ , and the resulting sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mu_n \longrightarrow E_n \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \quad (\text{IV.1})$$

is an exact sequence of  $\text{Gal}(K_s/K)$ -modules,  $\text{Gal}(K_s/K)$  acting trivially on  $\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n\mathbb{Z}$ . Passing to the limit, we obtain an exact sequence of Galois modules

$$0 \longrightarrow T_\ell(\mu) \longrightarrow T_\ell(E_n) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_\ell \longrightarrow 0 \quad (\text{IV.2})$$

where  $\text{Gal}(K_s/K)$  acts trivially on  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ . Tensoring with  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ , we obtain the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow V_\ell(\mu) \longrightarrow V_\ell(E_n) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_\ell \longrightarrow 0. \quad (\text{IV.3})$$

We now show that this sequence of  $\text{Gal}(K_s/K)$ -modules does not split. To do this we introduce an invariant  $x$  which belongs to the group  $\varprojlim_n H^1(G, \mu_n)$ , where  $G = \text{Gal}(K_s/K)$ . Let  $d$  be the coboundary homomorphism:

$$H^0(G, \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^1(G, \mu_n)$$

with respect to the exact sequence (IV.1) and let  $x_n = d(1)$ . The invariant  $x$  is the element of  $\varprojlim_n H^1(G, \mu_n)$  defined by the family  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$ .

**Proposition 1.** (a) *The isomorphism  $\delta: K^\times/K^{\times \ell^n} \rightarrow H^1(G, \mu_n)$  of Kummer theory transforms the class of  $q \bmod K^{\times \ell^n}$  into  $x_n$ .*

(b) *The element  $x$  is of infinite order.*

(Recall that  $\delta$  is induced by the coboundary map relative to the exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \mu_n \longrightarrow \overline{K}^\times \xrightarrow{(\cdot)^{\ell^n}} \overline{K}^\times \longrightarrow 1.)$$

*Proof.* Assertion (a) is proved by an easy computation. To prove (b), note that the valuation  $v$  defines a homomorphism

$$f_n: K^\times/K^{\times \ell^n} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n \mathbb{Z},$$

and hence a homomorphism

$$f: \varprojlim_n K^\times/K^{\times \ell^n} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_\ell.$$

If we identify  $x$  with the corresponding element of  $\varprojlim_n K^\times/K^{\times \ell^n}$ , as in (a), we have  $f(x) = v(q)$ , hence  $x$  is of infinite order.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.1.** *The sequence (IV.3) does not split.*

*Proof.* Assume it does, i.e. there is a  $G$ -subspace  $X$  of  $V_\ell(E_q)$  which is mapped isomorphically onto  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ . Let  $X_T = T_\ell(E_q) \cap X$ . The image of  $X_T$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$  is  $\ell^N \mathbb{Z}_\ell$ , for some  $N \geq 0$ . It is then easy to see that  $\ell^N x = 0$ , and this contradicts the IV-19 fact that  $x$  is of infinite order.  $\square$



**3. Determination of  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$  and  $\mathfrak{i}_\ell$ .** We keep the notation of 1 and 2. If  $X$  is a one-dimensional subspace of  $V_\ell = V_\ell(E)$ , let  $\mathfrak{r}_X$  denote the subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V_\ell)$  consisting of those endomorphisms  $u$  for which  $u(V_\ell) \subset X$ , and let  $\mathfrak{n}_X$  be the subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{r}_X$  formed by those  $u \in \mathfrak{r}_X$  with  $u(X) = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.** (a) *If  $k$  is algebraically closed and  $\ell \neq p$ , then there is a one-dimensional subspace  $X$  of  $V_\ell$  such that  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \mathfrak{n}_X$ .*

(b) *If  $k$  is algebraically closed and  $\ell = p$ , then there is a one-dimensional subspace  $X$  of  $V_\ell$  such that  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \mathfrak{r}_X$ .*

(c) *If  $k$  is finite, then  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \mathfrak{r}_X$  for some one-dimensional subspace  $X$  of  $V_\ell$ , and  $\mathfrak{i}_\ell = \mathfrak{n}_X$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{i}_\ell = \mathfrak{r}_X$ ) if  $\ell \neq p$  (resp.  $\ell = p$ ).*

*Proof.* Note first that, since  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$  and  $\mathfrak{i}_\ell$  are invariant under finite extension of  $K$ , we may assume that  $E = E_q$ .

- 1) In this case,  $K$  contains the  $\ell^n$ -th roots of unity, hence  $\text{Gal}(K_s/K)$  acts trivially on  $T_\ell(\mu)$ . Consequently, there is a basis  $e_1, e_2$  of  $T_\ell(E)$  such that, for all  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K_s/K)$ , we have  $\sigma(e_1) = e_1$ ,  $\sigma(e_2) = a(\sigma)e_1 + e_2$  with  $a(\sigma) \in \mathbb{Z}_\ell$ . Moreover, the homomorphism  $\sigma \mapsto a(\sigma)$  cannot be trivial since the sequence (IV.3) does not split. It follows that  $\text{Im}(a)$  is an open subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ , and hence that  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \mathfrak{n}_X$  with  $X = V_\ell(\mu)$ .
- 2) Since  $\ell = p$ , we must have  $\text{char}(K) = 0$  as  $\ell \neq \text{char}(K)$ . In this case, the action of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $V_\ell(\mu)$  is by means of the character  $\chi_\ell$  (cf. chap. I, 1.2) which is of infinite order. It follows that  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \mathfrak{r}_X$  where  $X = V_\ell(\mu)$ ; in fact,  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell \supset \mathfrak{n}_X$  since the sequence (IV.3) does not split, and we cannot have  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \mathfrak{n}_X$ . IV-20
- 3) Since  $k$  is finite, the action of  $\text{Gal}(K_s/K)$  on  $T_\ell(\mu)$  is not trivial nor even of finite order. Hence, the argument used in (b) shows that  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \mathfrak{r}_X$  where  $X = V_\ell(\mu)$ . Applying (a) to the completion of the maximal unramified extension of  $K$ , we see that  $\mathfrak{i}_\ell = \mathfrak{n}_X$  if  $\ell \neq p$ , and that  $\mathfrak{i}_\ell = \mathfrak{r}_X$  if  $\ell = p$ .  $\square$

**Exercise.** In case (a), show that  $\text{Im}(a) = \ell^n \mathbb{Z}_\ell$ , where  $\ell^n$  is the highest power of  $\ell$  which divides  $v(q) = -v(j)$ .

#### 4. Application to isogenies.

Belén.

#### 5. Existence of transvections in the inertia group.

Belén.

### A.2 The case $v(j) \geq 0$

In this section we assume that the modular invariant  $j$  of the elliptic curve  $E$  is integral, i.e. that  $v(j) \geq 0$ . Hence, after possibly replacing  $K$  by a finite extension, we may assume that  $E$  has *good reduction* (cf. 1.2). We also assume that  $K$  is of characteristic zero.

#### 1. The case $\ell \neq p$ .

Belén.

**2. The case  $\ell = p$  with good reduction of height 2.** Here we assume that the reduced curve  $\tilde{E}$  is of height 2; recall that, if  $A$  is an abelian variety defined over a field of characteristic  $p$ , its height can be defined as the integer  $h$  for which  $p$  is the inseparable part of the degree of the homothety “multiplication by  $p$ .” An elliptic curve is of height 2 if and only if its *Hasse invariant* (cf. 9 [9]) is 0. Since  $E$  has good reduction, it defines an *abelian scheme*  $E(p)$  over  $\mathcal{O}_{K'}$ , hence a  $p$ -divisible group  $E(p)$  over  $\mathcal{O}_K$  (cf. 39 [39], 2.1 – see also [26], §1, Ex. 2). The Tate module of  $E(p)$  can be identified with  $T_p$ . The connected component  $E(p)^\circ$  of  $E(p)$  coincides with the *formal group* (over  $\mathcal{O}_K$ ) attached to  $E_v$ ; the height of  $\tilde{E}$  is precisely the height of this formal group (in the usual sense). In our case, we have  $E(p) = E(p)^\circ$  since the height is assumed to be 2.

**Theorem 1.** *One has  $\mathfrak{g}_p = \mathfrak{i}_p$ . This Lie algebra is either  $\text{End}(V_p)$  or a non-split Cartan subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V_p)$ .*

(Recall that a non-split Cartan subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V_p)$  is a commutative subalgebra of rank 2 with respect to which  $V_p$  is irreducible. It is given by a quadratic subfield of  $\text{End}(V_p)$ .)

*Proof.* The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_p$  has the property that  $\mathfrak{g}_p z = V_p$  for any non zero element  $z$  of  $V_p$  (cf. [27], Prop. 8). In particular,  $V_p$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}_p$ -module; its commuting algebra is either a field of degree 2 (which is then necessarily equal to  $\mathfrak{g}_p$ ) or the field  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , in which case  $\mathfrak{g}_p$  is a *a priori*  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  or  $\mathfrak{gl}_2$ . But  $\mathfrak{g}_p \neq \mathfrak{sl}_2$  since  $\bigwedge^2 V_p$  is canonically isomorphic to  $V_p(\mu)$ , and the action of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $V_p(\mu)$  is by means of the character  $\chi_p$ , which is of infinite order (indeed, no finite extension of  $K$  can contain all  $p^n$ -th roots of unity,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Hence the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_p$  is either  $\text{End}(V_p)$  or a non split Cartan subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V_p)$ . Since the above applies to the completion of the maximal unramified extension of  $K$ , we have the same alternative for  $\mathfrak{i}_p$ . Moreover,  $\mathfrak{i}_p$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{g}_p$ . We have *a priori* three possibilities: IV-21

- (a)  $\mathfrak{i}_p = \mathfrak{g}_p = \text{End}(V_p)$ .
- (b)  $\mathfrak{i}_p = \mathfrak{g}_p$  is a non split Cartan subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V_p)$ .
- (c)  $\mathfrak{i}_p$  is a Cartan subalgebra and  $\mathfrak{g}_p = \text{End}(V_p)$ .

However,  $\mathfrak{i}_p$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}_p$ . Hence, (c) is impossible, and this proves the theorem.  $\square$

**Remark.** 1) By a theorem of Tate ([39], §4, cor. 1 to th. 4), the algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_p$  is a Cartan subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V_p)$  if and only if  $E(p)$  has “formal complex multiplication”, i.e. if and only if the ring of endomorphisms of  $E(p)$ , over a suitable extension of  $K$ , is of rank 2 over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . There exist elliptic curves without complex multiplication (in the algebraic sense) whose  $p$ -completion  $E(p)$  have formal complex multiplication.

- 2) Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g}_p$  is a Cartan subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V_p)$ , and let  $H = \mathfrak{g}_p \cap \text{Aut}(V_p)$  be the corresponding Cartan subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(V_p)$ . If  $N$  is the normalizer of  $H$  in  $\text{Aut}(V_p)$ , then one knows that  $N/H$  is cyclic of order 2. Since  $G_p \subset N$ , it follows that  $G_p$  is commutative if and only if  $G_p \subset H$ . The case  $G_p \subset H$  corresponds to the case where the formal complex multiplication of  $E(p)$  is defined over  $K$ , and the case  $G_p \not\subset H$  IV-22 corresponds to the case where this formal multiplication is defined over a quadratic extension of  $K$ .
- 3) Suppose that  $G_p$  is commutative, and that the residue field  $k$  is *finite*. Let  $F$  be the quadratic field of formal complex multiplication (i.e.  $\mathfrak{g}_p$  itself, viewed as an associative subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V_p)$ ). If  $U_F$  denotes

the group of units of  $F$ , the action of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  on  $V_p$  is given by a homomorphism

$$\varphi_I: \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \longrightarrow U_F.$$

By local class field theory, we may identify the inertia group of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)^{\text{ab}}$  with the group  $U_K$  of units of  $K$ . Hence the restriction  $\varphi_I$  of  $\varphi$  to the inertia group is a *homomorphism of  $U_K$  into  $U_F$* . To determine  $\varphi_I$ , we first remark that the action of  $\text{End}(E(p))$  on the tangent space to  $E(p)$  defines an *embedding of  $F$  into  $K$* . For that embedding, one has (compare with chap. III, A.4)

$$\varphi_I(x) = N_{K/F}(x^{-1}), \quad \text{for all } x \in U_K.$$

José: Añadir referencia.

Indeed, by a result of Lubin (*Ann. of Math.* 85, 1967), there is a formal group  $E'$  which is  $K$ -isogenous to  $E(p)$ , and has for ring of endomorphisms the ring of integers of  $F$ . But then, if  $E''$  is a Lubin-Tate group over  $K$  (cf. **17** [**17**]), the formal groups  $E'$  and  $E''$  are isomorphic over the completion of the maximal unramified extension of  $K$  (cf. **16** [**16**], th. 4.3.2). Hence to prove the formula (\*), we may assume that  $E(p)$  is a Lubin-Tate group, in which case the formula (\*) follows from the main result of [**17**].

José: ¿A qué fórmula se refiere?

**3. Auxiliary results on abelian varieties.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two abelian varieties over  $K$ , with good reduction, so that the associated  $p$ -divisible groups  $A(p)$  and  $B(p)$  are defined (these are  $p$ -divisible groups over the ring  $\mathcal{O}_{K'}$ , cf. **39** [**39**]). Let  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  (resp.  $\widetilde{A(p)}$  and  $\widetilde{B(p)}$ ) be the reductions of  $A$  and  $B$  (resp. of  $A(p)$  and  $B(p)$ ).

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\tilde{f}: \tilde{A} \rightarrow \tilde{B}$  be a morphism of abelian varieties, and let  $\widetilde{f(p)}$  be the corresponding morphism of  $\widetilde{A(p)}$  into  $\widetilde{B(p)}$ . Assume there is a morphism  $f(p): A(p) \rightarrow B(p)$  whose reduction is  $\widetilde{f(p)}$ . Then, there is a morphism  $f: A \rightarrow B$  whose reduction is  $\tilde{f}$ .*

A proof of this “lifting” theorem has been given by Tate in a Seminar (Woods Hole, 1964), but has not yet been published; a different proof has been given by W. Messing (*L. N.* 264, 1972).

José: Añadir referencia

**Theorem 3.** *Assume  $T_p(A)$  is a direct sum of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -modules of rank 1 invariant under the action of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ . Then every endomorphism of  $\tilde{A}$  lifts to an*

endomorphism of  $A$ , i.e., the reduction homomorphism  $\text{End}(A) \rightarrow \text{End}(\tilde{A})$  is surjective (and hence bijective, since it is known to be injective).

Using theorem 2, one sees that it is enough to show that any endomorphism of  $\widetilde{A(p)}$  can be lifted to an endomorphism of  $A(p)$ . But the assumption made on  $T_p$  implies (cf. **39** [39], 4.2) that  $A(p)$  is a product of  $p$ -divisible groups of height 1. Hence we are reduced to proving the following elementary result:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $H_1, H_2$  be two  $p$ -divisible groups, over  $\mathcal{O}_{K'}$  both of height one. Then the reduction map:  $\text{Hom}(H_1, H_2) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\tilde{H}_1, \tilde{H}_2)$  is bijective.*

*Proof.* This is clear if both  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are étale. If both are not étale, their IV-24  
duals are étale and we are reduced to the previous case. If one of them is étale, and the other is not, one checks readily that

$$\text{Hom}(H_1, H_2) = \text{Hom}(\tilde{H}_1, \tilde{H}_2) = 0. \quad \square$$

**Corollary 1.1.** *Assume:*

- (i)  $V_p(A)$  is a direct sum of one-dimensional subspaces stable under  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ .
- (ii) The residue field  $k$  of  $K$  is finite.

Then  $A$  is isogenous to a product of abelian varieties of (CM) type ( $m$  the sense of **34** [34], cf. also chap. II, 2.8).

*Proof.* Assumption (i) implies that  $T_p(A)$  contains a lattice  $T'$  which is a direct sum of free  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -modules of rank 1 stable under  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ . One can find an isogeny  $A_1 \rightarrow A$  such that  $T_p(A_1)$  is mapped onto  $T'$ . This means that, after replacing  $A$  by an isogenous variety, we may apply Th. 3 to  $A$ , i.e.  $\text{End}(A) \rightarrow \text{End}(\tilde{A})$  is an isomorphism. But, since  $k$  is finite, it follows from a result of **38** [38] that  $\mathbb{Q} \otimes \text{End}(\tilde{A})$  contains a semi-simple commutative  $\mathbb{Q}$ -subalgebra  $\Lambda$  of rank  $2 \dim(A)$  (this is not explicitly stated in [38], but follows easily from its “Main Theorem”). Hence, the same is true for  $\mathbb{Q} \otimes \text{End}(A)$ . If we now write  $\Lambda$  as a product of commutative fields  $\Lambda_\alpha$ , one sees that  $A$  is isogenous to a product  $\prod_\alpha A_\alpha$ , where  $A_\alpha$  has complex multiplication of type  $\Lambda_\alpha$ .  $\square$

#### 4. The case $\ell = p$ with good reduction of height 1.

Belén.



# INDEX

- Admissible (character), 61
- Almost locally algebraic  
(homomorphism), 56
- Anisotropic (torus), 41
- Arithmetic subgroup, 41
- $C_K$ , 27
- $C_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , 27
- Commensurable (subgroups), 41
- Compatible (system  $(\rho_\ell)$ ), 8
- Conductor, 34, 49
- $D$ , 27
- $\varepsilon_\ell$ , 29
- $E_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , 27
- Equidistribution, 14
- Exceptional set (of a system), 9
- $G_\ell$ , 74
- $\mathbb{G}_m$ , 23
- Hodge-Tate module, 46
- Hodge-Tate representation, 47
- Hodge-Tate type (module), 46
- Hodge-Tate type (representation),  
47
- $I$ , 27
- Idèle, 27
- Idèle class, 27
- $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , 27
- Integral (representation), 7
- Locally algebraic  
(homomorphism), 56
- $M_K$ , 26
- $M_K^\infty$ , 26
- Rational (representation), 7
- Strictly compatible (system  $(\rho_\ell)$ ),  
8
- Torus, 23
- Trace, 31
- $\mathbb{T} = \mathfrak{R}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{G}_{m,K})$ , 23
- $U_v$ , 27
- $U_{v,\mathfrak{m}}$ , 27