

THEOREM 0.1.  $(K_{Tate})_A(pt)/I_{tr}^A$  classifies  $Level(A^*, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})$  when  $A$  is any finite abelian group.

### 1. The case when $A = \mathbb{Z}/p^N \times \mathbb{Z}/p^N$

In this section we prove Theorem 0.1 when  $A$  is of the form  $\mathbb{Z}/p^N \times \mathbb{Z}/p^N$  for  $p$  a prime and  $N$  a positive integer.

We use quasi-elliptic cohomology here because it's more convenient to compute it using representation theory. And the rank of it as a  $\mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm}]$ -module is the same as the rank of Tate K-theory as  $\mathbb{Z}((q))$ -module.

To simplify the symbol, let  $G$  denote the group  $\mathbb{Z}/p^N \times \mathbb{Z}/p^N$ .

Recall the definition of quasi-elliptic cohomology

$$(1.1) \quad QEll_G^*(X) := \prod_{\sigma \in G_{conj}^{tors}} K_{\Lambda_G(\sigma)}^*(X^\sigma) = \left( \prod_{\sigma \in G^{tors}} K_{\Lambda_G(\sigma)}^*(X^\sigma) \right)^G.$$

where  $G_{conj}^{tors}$  is a set of representatives of  $G$ -conjugacy classes in  $G^{tors}$ . Because  $H$  and  $G$  are both finite abelian groups, so the set  $G_{conj}^{tors}$  is  $G$  itself and  $H_{conj}^{tors}$  is  $H$ .

We need this conclusion from the representation theory.

LEMMA 1.1. Let  $\phi : H \longrightarrow G$  be an inclusion of abelian groups with finite index. If  $\phi^* : RG \longrightarrow RH$  is surjective, then as an ideal  $\phi!(RH) = RG(\phi!(1))$  where  $\phi!$  is the induced map.

PROPOSITION 1.2. The rank of

$$QEll_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N \times \mathbb{Z}/p^N}(pt)/I_{tr}$$

is equal to

$$|GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^N)|,$$

where  $I_{tr}$  is

$$\sum \text{Image}[I_H^{\mathbb{Z}/p^N \times \mathbb{Z}/p^N} : QEll(pt//H) \longrightarrow QEll(pt//\mathbb{Z}/p^N \times \mathbb{Z}/p^N)]$$

and the sum goes over all the proper subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}/p^N \times \mathbb{Z}/p^N$ .

PROOF. We need to consider the induced maps of the form

$$I_H^G : \prod_{h \in H} K_{\Lambda_H(h)}(pt) \longrightarrow \prod_{g \in G} K_{\Lambda_G(g)}(pt)$$

which is in fact

$$\prod_{h \in H} \left( K_{\Lambda_H(h)}(pt) \xrightarrow{Ind_{\Lambda_H(h)}^{\Lambda_G(h)}} K_{\Lambda_G(h)}(pt) \right)$$

with  $Ind_{\Lambda_H(h)}^{\Lambda_G(h)}$  the induced map of equivariant K-theories.

We take the quotients by the image of each  $I_H^G$  one by one and get  $QEll_G(pt)/I_{tr}$  finally.

$$QEll_G(pt)/\text{Image} I_H^G = \prod_{g \notin H} K_{\Lambda_G(g)}(pt) \times \prod_{h \in H} K_{\Lambda_G(h)}(pt)/\text{Image}(Ind_{\Lambda_H(h)}^{\Lambda_G(h)}).$$

Quotient by  $\text{Image} I_H^G$  only has something to do with the factors corresponding to  $h \in H$ .

We only need to consider those proper subgroups  $H$  that are maximal subgroups of  $G$ . The order of each maximal subgroup should be  $p^{N-1} \times p^N$ . Each maximal subgroups should be the kernel of some surjective homomorphism  $\phi_{(a,b)} : G \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p$  sending  $[(x, y)]$  to  $ax + by$  with  $a, b$  some fixed integers.

The kernel of  $\phi_{(a,b)}$  is  
 either Case I:  $\mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1} \times \mathbb{Z}/p^N$  when  $(a, p) = 1$  and  $(b, p) = p$ ;  
 or Case II:  $\mathbb{Z}/p^N \times \mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1}$  when  $(a, p) = p$  and  $(b, p) = 1$ ;  
 or Case III:  $\langle(-b, a)\rangle \oplus \langle(p, 0)\rangle$  when  $(a, p) = 1$  and  $(b, p) = 1$ .

Now let's start the tedious computation part. Consider an element  $[(g, h)] \in G$ . Assume  $0 \leq g, h < p^N$ .

If  $(g, p) = 1$  and  $(h, p) = p$ , this type of elements is contained in the subgroup Case II above but in no other maximal subgroups of  $G$ . Then  $\text{Image} I_H^G$  in this case is equal to  $\left( \text{Ind}_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1}}(h)}^{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(h)} K_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1}}(h)}(\text{pt}) \right) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[q^\pm]} K_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(g)}(\text{pt})$ . And  $K_{\Lambda_G(g,h)}(\text{pt})/\text{Image} I_H^G$  is

$$\left( K_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(h)}(\text{pt}) / \text{Ind}_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1}}(h)}^{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(h)} K_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1}}(h)}(\text{pt}) \right) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[q^\pm]} K_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(g)}(\text{pt}).$$

According to Lemma 1.1, we only need to compute  $\text{Ind}_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1}}(h)}^{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(h)} 1$ . It is

$$1 + (x_{h,p^N}^{p^{N-1}} q^{-\frac{h}{p}}) + \cdots + (x_{h,p^N}^{p^{N-1}} q^{-\frac{h}{p}})^{p-1}$$

where  $x_{h,p^N}([\alpha, t]) = e^{2\pi i(\frac{\alpha + ht}{p^N})}$  is a  $\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(h)$ -representation. It is a generator of

$$K_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(h)}(\text{pt}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[q^\pm][x_{h,p^N}] / (x_{h,p^N}^{p^N} - q^h).$$

The rank of  $(K_{\Lambda_G(g,h)}(\text{pt})/\text{Image} I_H^G)$  is  $p^N \times p^{N-1}(p-1)$ . The number of elements  $(g, h)$  with  $(g, p) = 1$  and  $(h, p) = p$  or  $(g, p) = p$  and  $(h, p) = 1$  is  $(p^N - p^{N-1})p^{N-1} \times 2$ .

Then, let's consider those  $(g, h)$  with  $(g, p) = 1$  and  $(h, p) = 1$ . Then  $(g, h)$  is contained in only one maximal subgroup of  $G$ , i.e.  $H = \langle(g, h)\rangle \oplus \langle(p, 0)\rangle$ .  $\langle(g, h)\rangle$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/p^N$ .

Note that  $G = \langle(g, h)\rangle \oplus \langle(1, 0)\rangle$ .  $K_{\Lambda_G(g,h)}(\text{pt})/\text{Image} I_H^G$  is isomorphic to

$$K_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(g,h)}(\text{pt}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[q^\pm]} \left( K_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(p)}(\text{pt}) / \text{Ind}_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1}}(1)}^{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(p)} K_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1}}(1)}(\text{pt}) \right).$$

We compute  $\text{Ind}_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1}}(1)}^{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/p^N}(p)} 1 = 1 + (x_{p,p^N}^{p^{N-1}} q^{-1}) + \cdots + (x_{p,p^N}^{p^{N-1}} q^{-1})^{p-1}$  where  $x_{p,p^N}[\alpha, t] = e^{2\pi i(\frac{\alpha + pt}{p^{N-1}})}$ .

The rank of  $K_{\Lambda_G(g,h)}(\text{pt})/\text{Image} I_H^G$  in this case is  $p^N \times p^{N-1}(p-1)$ . And the number of elements  $(g, h)$  in  $G$  with  $(g, p) = 1$  and  $(h, p) = 1$  is  $(p^N - p^{N-1}) \times (p^N - p^{N-1})$ .

The last case is the most complicated one. We consider elements  $(g, h)$  with  $g$  and  $h$  both can be divided by  $p$ . Then the maximal subgroup  $H$  containing  $(g, h)$  can be

- $H := \mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1} \times \mathbb{Z}/p^N$ ;
- $H' := \mathbb{Z}/p^N \times \mathbb{Z}/p^{N-1}$ ;

- $H_m := \langle (1, m) \rangle \oplus \langle (p, 0) \rangle$  with  $m = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ .

Then the transfer ideal is generated by the polynomials:

- $A := 1 + x^{p^{N-1}} + \dots + x^{p^{N-1}(p-1)}$  where  $x([a, b, t]) = e^{2\pi i \frac{a}{p^N}}$ ;
- $A' := 1 + y^{p^{N-1}} + \dots + y^{p^{N-1}(p-1)}$  where  $y([a, b, t]) = e^{2\pi i \frac{b}{p^N}}$ ;
- $A_m := 1 + (xy^{-m})^{p^{N-1}} + \dots + (xy^{-m})^{p^{N-1}(p-1)}$  for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ .

$y^{-p^{N-1}}([a, b, t]) = e^{-2\pi i \frac{b}{p}}$ . Thus,  $\sum_{m=0}^{p-1} y^{-mp^{N-1}}([a, b, t]) = \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} e^{-2\pi i \frac{mb}{p}} = 0$ .

So

$$(1.2) \quad A + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} A_m = \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} 1 = p.$$

Thus,  $K_{\Lambda_G(g,h)}(\text{pt})$  modulo the transfer ideal is

$$\mathbb{Z}[q^\pm][x, y]/(A, A', A_m) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p)[q^\pm][x, y]/(A', A_m).$$

It is a torsion part.

The rank of the first two cases  $p^N \times p^{N-1}(p-1) \times (p^N - p^{N-1})p^{N-1} \times 2 + p^N \times p^{N-1}(p-1)(p^N - p^{N-1}) \times (p^N - p^{N-1})$  equals  $p^{4N-3}(p-1)^2(p+1)$ , which is  $|GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^N)|$ .  $\square$

## 2. The general case

In this section we prove Theorem 0.1 for any finite abelian group  $A$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $p_1, p_2$  be two distinct primes and  $N_1, N_2$  two different positive integers. We have the decompositions*

$$(K_{Tate})_{\mathbb{Z}/p_1^{N_1} \times \mathbb{Z}/p_2^{N_2}}(pt)/I_{tr}^{\mathbb{Z}/p_1^{N_1} \times \mathbb{Z}/p_2^{N_2}} \cong (K_{Tate})_{\mathbb{Z}/p_1^{N_1}}(pt)/I_{tr}^{\mathbb{Z}/p_1^{N_1}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}((q))} (K_{Tate})_{\mathbb{Z}/p_2^{N_2}}(pt)/I_{tr}^{\mathbb{Z}/p_2^{N_2}}.$$

$$Level((\mathbb{Z}/p_1^{N_1} \times \mathbb{Z}/p_2^{N_2})^*, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}) \cong Level((\mathbb{Z}/p_1^{N_1})^*, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}) \times Level((\mathbb{Z}/p_2^{N_2})^*, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}).$$

The proof of Lemma 2.1 is straightforward.

Then the only case we need to study is when  $A = \mathbb{Z}/p^k \times \mathbb{Z}/p^j$  with  $p$  prime and  $k > j > 0$ . In this case  $A[p] = \mathbb{Z}/p \times \mathbb{Z}/p$ . Fix any surjective group homomorphism  $s : A \longrightarrow A[p]$ . Each maximal subgroup  $H$  is the pullback

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} H & \longrightarrow & A \\ s \downarrow & & \downarrow s \\ H' & \longrightarrow & A[p] \end{array}$$

with  $H'$  a maximal subgroup of  $A[p]$ . In this way we have a one-to-one correspondence between the maximal subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}/p^k \times \mathbb{Z}/p^j$  and those of  $A[p]$ .

Consider the pull back diagram as you suggest

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Hom(A[p], \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}) & \longleftarrow & Level(A[p], \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ Hom(A, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}) & \longleftarrow & Level(A, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}) \end{array}$$

Apply the ring of functions to (2.2), we get

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} O(\text{Hom}(A[p], \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})) & \longrightarrow & O(\text{Level}(A[p], \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ O(\text{Hom}(A, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})) & \longrightarrow & O(\text{Level}(A, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})) \end{array}$$

which is a pushout square.

Then we consider the diagram

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} (K_{Tate})_{A[p]}(\text{pt}) & \longrightarrow & (K_{Tate})_{A[p]}(\text{pt})/I_{tr}^{A[p]} \\ s^* \downarrow & & \downarrow s^* \\ (K_{Tate})_A(\text{pt}) & \longrightarrow & (K_{Tate})_A(\text{pt})/I_{tr}^A \end{array}$$

LEMMA 2.2. *The right map  $s^*$  in (2.4) is well-defined.*

PROOF. It suffices to show  $s^*$  is well-defined between quasi-elliptic cohomology and we can use the language of representation theory.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} QEll_{A[p]}(\text{pt}) & \longrightarrow & QEll_{A[p]}(\text{pt})/I_{tr}^{A[p]} \\ s^* \downarrow & & \downarrow s^* \\ QEll_A(\text{pt}) & \longrightarrow & QEll_A(\text{pt})/I_{tr}^A \end{array}$$

For each  $g \in A$ ,  $s^*$  maps the factor  $K_{\Lambda_{A[p]}(s(g))}(pt) \xrightarrow{s^*} K_{\Lambda_A(g)}(pt)$  is the restriction. For any  $g \in A$ , if  $s(g)$  is in some maximal subgroup  $H'$  of  $A[p]$ , then  $g$  is in the maximal subgroup  $H = pb(H')$  of  $A$  corresponding to it. Since restriction  $\circ$  transfer = transfer  $\circ$  restriction, we have  $s^*(\text{Ind}_{\Lambda_{H'}(s(g))}^{\Lambda_{A[p]}(s(g))} x) = \text{Ind}_{\Lambda_H(g)}^{\Lambda_A(g)} s^* x$ .

So the map  $s^* : QEll_{\mathbb{Z}/p \times \mathbb{Z}/p}(\text{pt})/I_{tr}^{A[p]} \longrightarrow QEll_A(\text{pt})/I_{tr}^A$  is well-defined.  $\square$

LEMMA 2.3. *The diagram (2.4) is a pushout square.*

PROOF. Consider the obvious isomorphism

$$(K_{Tate})_A(\text{pt}) \otimes_{(K_{Tate})_{A[p]}(\text{pt})} (K_{Tate})_{A[p]}(\text{pt}) \longrightarrow (K_{Tate})_A(\text{pt}).$$

Let  $H'$  be any maximal subgroup of  $A[p] = \mathbb{Z}/p \times \mathbb{Z}/p$  and  $H = pb(H')$  be the maximal subgroup of  $A$  corresponding to  $H'$ . Let  $g \in H$ . Then  $s(g) \in H'$ . We have the pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_H(g) & \longrightarrow & \Lambda_A(g) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Lambda_{H'}(s(g)) & \longrightarrow & \Lambda_{A[p]}(s(g)) \end{array}$$

and the pushout square of the representation rings

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R\Lambda_H(g) & \longleftarrow & R\Lambda_A(g) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ R\Lambda_{H'}(s(g)) & \longleftarrow & R\Lambda_{A[p]}(s(g)) \end{array}.$$

We have

$$Ind_{\Lambda_H(g)}^{\Lambda_A(g)} R\Lambda_H(g) = (Ind_{\Lambda_{H'}(s(g))}^{\Lambda_{A[p]}(s(g))} R\Lambda_{H'}(s(g))) \otimes_{R\Lambda_{A[p]}(s(g))} R\Lambda_A(g).$$

With  $g$  fixed, we have

$$\sum_{\text{all } H \ni g} Ind_{\Lambda_H(g)}^{\Lambda_A(g)} R\Lambda_H(g) = \sum_{\text{all } H' \ni s(g)} (Ind_{\Lambda_{H'}(s(g))}^{\Lambda_{A[p]}(s(g))} R\Lambda_{H'}(s(g))) \otimes_{R\Lambda_{A[p]}(s(g))} R\Lambda_A(g).$$

Then we can get

$$I_{tr}^A = I_{tr}^{A[p]} \otimes_{(K_{Tate})_{A[p]}(\text{pt})} (K_{Tate})_A(\text{pt}).$$

So we get the isomorphism

$$(K_{Tate})_A(\text{pt}) \otimes_{(K_{Tate})_{A[p]}(\text{pt})} (K_{Tate})_{A[p]}(\text{pt})/I_{tr}^{A[p]} \cong (K_{Tate})_A(\text{pt})/I_{tr}^A.$$

So (2.4) is a pushout.  $\square$

PROPOSITION 2.4. For any finite abelian group  $A$ ,  $(K_{Tate})_A(\text{pt})$  is the ring of functions on  $Hom(A^*, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})$ .

PROOF. We first consider the case  $A = \mathbb{Z}/N$ . Then  $Hom(A^*, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/N$ . Let  $F_k$  denote the fiber of the natural map

$$Hom(A^*, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}) \longrightarrow Hom(A^*, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$$

at  $\frac{k}{N}$ . For any  $\mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm}]$ -algebra  $R$  with connected spectrum,

$$F_k(R) = \{f = (f, \frac{k}{N}) | f(1)^N = q^k\}.$$

It is isomorphic to  $\{x \in R | x^N = q^k\}$ . So  $F_k$  is isomorphic to

$$T_k[N] = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm}][x]/\langle x^N - q^k \rangle) = \text{Spec}(R\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/N}(k)).$$

So  $O(Hom(A^*, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})) = \prod_k O(F_k) = \prod_k R\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}/N}(k) = QEll_{\mathbb{Z}/N}(\text{pt})$ .

When  $A$  is any finite abelian group, it is the product of some cyclic groups  $\mathbb{Z}/N$ . And  $QEll_A(\text{pt})$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm}]$ -tensor product of those  $QEll_{\mathbb{Z}/N}(\text{pt})$ ;

$$O(Hom(A^*, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}))$$

is the product of  $O(Hom(\mathbb{Z}/N, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}))$ . So we still have the isomorphism.  $\square$

Then we consider the natural maps from the square (2.4) to (2.3).

We have the isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} (K_{Tate})_{A[p]}(\text{pt}) &\cong O(Hom(A[p], \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})); \\ (K_{Tate})_A(\text{pt}) &\cong O(Hom(A, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})). \end{aligned}$$

So the pushouts

$$(2.5) \quad (K_{Tate})_A(\text{pt})/I_{tr}^A \cong O(Level(A, \mathbb{G} \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})).$$