

# Galois representations with specified Sato–Tate distributions

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## 1 Introduction

(Summary of [6], mention connection with [1, 4])

## 2 Notation and preliminary results

Now we loosely summarize the results of [2], adapting them as needed for our context. For a field  $F$ , write  $G_F = \text{Gal}(\overline{F}/F)$  for the absolute Galois group of  $F$ . If  $M$  is a  $G_F$ -module, write  $H^\bullet(F, M)$  in place of  $H^\bullet(G_F, M)$ . All Galois representations will be to  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z}/l^n)$  or  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z}_l)$  for  $l$  a (fixed) rational prime, and all deformations will have fixed determinant, so we only consider the cohomology of  $\text{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho}$ , the induced representation on trace-zero matrices by conjugation.

If  $S$  is a set of rational primes,  $\mathbf{Q}_S$  denotes the largest extension of  $\mathbf{Q}$  unramified outside  $S$ . So  $H^i(\mathbf{Q}_S, -)$  is what is usually written as  $H^1(G_{\mathbf{Q}, S}, -)$ . If  $M$  is a  $G_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -module and  $S$  a finite set of primes, write

$$\text{III}_S^i(M) = \ker \left( H^i(\mathbf{Q}_S, M) \rightarrow \prod_{p \in S} H^i(\mathbf{Q}_p, M) \right).$$

If  $l$  is a rational prime and  $S$  a finite set of primes containing  $l$ , then for any  $\mathbf{F}_l[G_{\mathbf{Q}_S}]$ -module  $M$ , write  $M^\vee = \text{hom}_{\mathbf{F}_l}(M, \mathbf{F}_l)$  with the obvious  $G_{\mathbf{Q}_S}$ -action, and write  $M^* = M^\vee(1)$  for the Cartier dual. By [5, Th. 8.6.7], there is an isomorphism  $\text{III}_S^1(M^*) = \text{III}_S^2(M)^\vee$ .

A *good (residual) representation* is an odd, absolutely irreducible, weight-2 representation  $\bar{\rho}: G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbf{F}_l)$ , where  $l \geq 7$  is a rational prime. Roughly, good residual representations are well-behaved enough that we can prove a lot about them directly, without assume the modularity results of Khare–Wingberger.

**Theorem 1** ([7, Th. 1]). *Let  $\bar{\rho}: G_{\mathbf{Q}_S} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbf{F}_l)$  be a good residual representation. Then there exists a weight-2 lift of  $\bar{\rho}$  to  $\mathbf{Z}_l$ .*

Let  $\bar{\rho}: G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{F}_l)$  be a good representation. An unramified prime  $p \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{l}$  is *nice* if  $\mathrm{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho} \simeq \mathbf{F}_l \oplus \mathbf{F}_l(1) \oplus \mathbf{F}_l(-1)$ , i.e. if the eigenvalues of  $\bar{\rho}(\mathrm{fr}_p)$  have ratio  $p$ . If  $p$  is nice, then all unramified torsion lifts of  $\bar{\rho}|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$  have lifts to characteristic zero.

Now we introduce some new terminology and notation to condense the lifting process used in [2].

Fix a good residual representation  $\bar{\rho}$ . We will consider weight-2 deformations of  $\bar{\rho}$  to  $\mathbf{Z}/l^n$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_l$ . Call such a deformation a “lift of  $\bar{\rho}$  to  $\mathbf{Z}/l^n$  (resp.  $\mathbf{Z}_l$ ).” We will often restrict the local behavior of such lifts, i.e. the restrictions of a lift to  $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$  for  $p$  in some set of primes. The necessary constraints are captured in the following definition.

Let  $\bar{\rho}$  be a good representation,  $h: \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$ . An *h-bounded lifting datum* is a tuple  $(\rho_n, R, U, \{\rho_p\}_{p \in R \cup U})$ , where

1.  $\rho_n: G_{\mathbf{Q}_R} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z}/l^n)$  is a lift of  $\bar{\rho}$ .
2.  $R$  and  $U$  are finite sets of primes,  $R$  containing  $l$  and all primes at which  $\rho_n$  ramifies.
3.  $\pi_R(x) \leq h(x)\pi(x)$  for all  $x$ .
4.  $\mathrm{III}_R^1(\mathrm{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho}) = \mathrm{III}_R^2(\mathrm{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho}) = 0$ .
5. For all  $p \in R \cup U$ ,  $\rho_p \equiv \rho_n|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}} \pmod{l^n}$ .
6. For all  $p \in R$ ,  $\rho_p$  is ramified.
7.  $\rho_n$  admits a lift to  $\mathbf{Z}/l^{n+1}$ .

If  $(\rho_n, R, U, \{\rho_p\})$  is an  $h$ -bounded lifting datum, we call another  $h$ -bounded lifting datum  $(\rho_{n+1}, R', U', \{\rho_p\})$  a *lift of  $(\rho_n, R, U, \{\rho_p\})$*  if  $U \subset U'$ ,  $R \subset R'$ , and for all  $p \in R \cup U$ , the two possible “ $\rho_p$ ” agree.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\bar{\rho}$  be a good residual representation,  $h: \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$  decreasing to zero. If  $(\rho_n, R, U, \{\rho_p\})$  is an  $h$ -bounded lifting datum,  $U' \supset U$  is a finite set of primes disjoint from  $R$ , and  $\{\rho_p\}_{p \in U'}$  extends  $\{\rho_p\}_{p \in U}$ , then there exists an  $h$ -bounded lift  $(\rho_{n+1}, R', U', \{\rho_p\})$  of  $(\rho_n, R, U, \{\rho_p\})$ .*

*Proof.* By [2, Lem. 8], there exists a finite set  $N$  of nice primes, such that the map

$$\mathrm{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}_{R \cup N}, \mathrm{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho}) \rightarrow \prod_{p \in R} \mathrm{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathrm{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho}) \times \prod_{p \in U'} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{nr}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathrm{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho}) \quad (1)$$

is an isomorphism. In fact,  $\#N = \dim \mathrm{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}_{R \cup N}, \mathrm{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho}^*)$ , and the primes in  $N$  are chosen, one at a time, from Chebotarev sets. This means we can force them to be large enough to ensure that the bound  $\pi_{R \cup N}(x) \leq h(x)\pi(x)$  continues to hold.

By our hypothesis,  $\rho_n$  admits a lift to  $\mathbf{Z}/l^{n+1}$ ; call one such lift  $\rho^*$ . For each  $p \in R \cup U'$ ,  $\mathrm{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathrm{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho})$  acts simply transitively on lifts of  $\rho_n|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$  to

$\mathbf{Z}/l^{n+1}$ . In particular, there are cohomology classes  $f_p \in H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \text{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho})$  such that  $f_p \cdot \rho^* \equiv \rho_p \pmod{l^{n+1}}$  for all  $p \in R \cup U'$ . Moreover, for all  $p \in U'$ , the class  $f_p$  is unramified. Since the map (1) is an isomorphism, there exists  $f \in H^1(\mathbf{Q}_{R \cup N}, \text{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho})$  such that  $f \cdot \rho^*|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}} \equiv \rho_p \pmod{l^{n+1}}$  for all  $p \in R \cup U'$ .

Clearly  $f \cdot \rho^*|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$  admits a lift to  $\mathbf{Z}_l$  for all  $p \in R \cup U'$ , but it does not necessarily admit such a lift for  $p \in N$ . By repeated applications of [6, Prop. 3.10], there exists a set  $N' \supset N$ , with  $\#N' \leq 2\#N$ , of nice primes and  $g \in H^1(\mathbf{Q}_{R \cup N'}, \text{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho})$  such that  $(g + f) \cdot \rho^*$  still agrees with  $\rho_p$  for  $p \in R \cup U'$ , and  $(g + f) \cdot \rho^*$  is nice for all  $p \in N'$ . As above, the primes in  $N'$  are chosen one at a time from Chebotarev sets, so we can continue to ensure the bound  $\pi_{R \cup N'}(x) \leq h(x)\pi(x)$ . Let  $\rho_{n+1} = (g + f) \cdot \rho^*$ . Let  $R' = R \cup N'$ . For each  $p \in R' \setminus R$ , choose a ramified lift  $\rho_p$  of  $\rho_{n+1}|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$  to  $\mathbf{Z}_l$ .

Since  $\rho_{n+1}|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$  admits a lift to  $\mathbf{Z}/l^{n+2}$  (in fact, it admits a lift to  $\mathbf{Z}_l$ ) for each  $p$ , and  $\text{III}_{R'}^2(\text{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho}) = 0$ , the deformation  $\rho_{n+1}$  admits a lift to  $\mathbf{Z}/l^{n+2}$ . Thus  $(\rho_{n+1}, R', U', \{\rho_p\})$  is the desired lift of  $(\rho_n, R, U, \{\rho_p\})$ .  $\square$

Since we are interested in measuring the rate of convergence of empirical data to a measure, let's recall one way of doing so. Given a sequence  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  and a probability measure  $\mu$ , the *discrepancy* of  $x$  with respect to  $\mu$  is

$$D_N(x, \mu) = \sup_I \left| \frac{\#\{n \leq N : x_n \in I\}}{N} - \mu(I) \right|,$$

where  $I$  ranges over all closed intervals. If instead  $x$  is indexed by the prime numbers,  $D_N$  measures the difference between the empirical measure  $\frac{1}{\pi(N)} \sum_{p \leq N} \delta_{x_p}$  and  $\mu$ . Here are some basic facts about discrepancy, taken from [3].

1. If the  $x_n$  are contained in a fixed bounded interval, then the  $x_n$  are  $\mu$ -equidistributed if and only if  $D_N(x, \mu) \rightarrow 0$ .
2. ?

In [1], Akiyama–Tanigawa conjecture that if  $E/\mathbf{Q}$  is a non-CM elliptic curve, then for  $\theta = (\theta_2, \theta_3, \dots)$  the Satake parameters of  $E$  and  $\text{ST} = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^2 \theta d\theta$ , one has  $D_N(\theta, \text{ST}) \ll N^{-\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon}$ . They prove that their conjecture implies the Riemann Hypothesis for  $E$ , and [4] proves that their conjecture in fact implies the Riemann Hypothesis for all  $L(\text{sym}^k E, s)$ .

### 3 Master theorem

Fix a good residual representation  $\bar{\rho}$ . We consider weight-2 deformations of  $\bar{\rho}$ . The final deformation,  $\rho: G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z}_l)$ , will be constructed as the inverse limit of a compatible collection of lifts  $\rho_n: G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z}/l^n)$ . At any given stage, we will be concerned with making sure that there exists a lift to the next stage, that such a lift can be forced to have the necessary properties. Fix a sequence  $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$  in  $[-1, 1]$ . The set of unramified primes of  $\rho$  is

not determined at the beginning, but at each stage there will be a large finite set  $U$  of primes which we know will remain unramified. Re-indexing  $(x_n)$  by these unramified primes, we will construct  $\rho$  so that for all unramified primes  $p$ ,  $\text{tr } \rho(\text{fr}_p) \in \mathbf{Z}$ , satisfies the Hasse bound, and has  $\text{tr } \rho(\text{fr}_p) \approx x_p$ . Moreover, we can ensure that the set of ramified primes has density zero in a very strong sense (controlled by a parameter function  $h$ ) and that our trace of Frobenii are very close to specified values, the “closeness” again controlled by a parameter function. Write  $\pi_{\text{ram}(\rho)}$  for the function which counts  $\rho_n$ -ramified primes.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $l, \bar{\rho}, (x_n)$  be as above. Fix functions  $h: \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$  (resp.  $b: \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{\geq 1}$ ) which decrease to zero (resp. increase to infinity). Then there exists a weight-2 deformation  $\rho$  of  $\bar{\rho}$ , such that*

1.  $\pi_{\text{ram}(\rho)}(x) \ll h(x)\pi(x)$ .
2. For each unramified prime  $p$ ,  $a_p = \text{tr } \rho(\text{fr}_p) \in \mathbf{Z}$  and satisfies the Hasse bound.
3. For each unramified prime  $p$ ,  $\left| \frac{a_p}{2\sqrt{p}} - x_p \right| \leq \frac{lb(p)}{2\sqrt{p}}$ .

*Proof.* Begin with  $\rho_1 = \bar{\rho}$ . By [2, Lem. 6], there exists a finite set  $R$ , containing the set of primes at which  $\bar{\rho}$  ramifies, such that  $\text{III}_R^1(\text{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho}) = \text{III}_R^2(\text{Ad}^0 \bar{\rho}) = 0$ . Let  $R_2$  be the union of  $R$  and all primes  $p$  with  $\frac{l}{2\sqrt{p}} > 2$ . For all  $p \notin R_2$  and any  $a \in \mathbf{F}_l$ , there exists  $a_p \in \mathbf{Z}$  satisfying the Hasse bound with  $a_p \equiv a \pmod{l}$ . In fact, given any  $x_p \in [-1, 1]$ , there exists  $a_p \in \mathbf{Z}$  satisfying the Hasse bound such that  $\left| \frac{a_p}{2\sqrt{p}} - x_p \right| \leq \frac{l}{2\sqrt{p}}$ . Choose, for all primes  $p \in R_2$ , a ramified lift  $\rho_p$  of  $\rho_1|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$ . Let  $U_2$  be the set of primes not in  $R_2$  such that  $\frac{l^2}{2\sqrt{p}} > \min\left(2, \frac{lb(p)}{2\sqrt{p}}\right)$ . For each  $p \in U_2$ , there exists  $a_p \in \mathbf{Z}$ , satisfying the Hasse bound, such that

$$\left| \frac{a_p}{2\sqrt{p}} - x_p \right| \leq \frac{l}{2\sqrt{p}} \leq \frac{lb(p)}{2\sqrt{p}},$$

and moreover  $a_p \equiv \text{tr } \bar{\rho}(\text{fr}_p) \pmod{l}$ . For each  $p \in U_2$ , let  $\rho_p$  be an unramified lift of  $\bar{\rho}|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$  with  $a_p \equiv \text{tr } \rho_p(\text{fr}_p) \pmod{l}$ . It may not be that  $\pi_{R_2}(x) \leq h(x)\pi(x)$  for all  $x$ , but there is a scalar multiple  $h^*$  of  $h$  so that  $\pi_{R_2}(x) \leq h^*(x)\pi(x)$  for all  $x$ .

We have constructed our first  $h^*$ -bounded lifting datum  $(\rho_1, R_2, U_2, \{\rho_p\})$ . We proceed to construct  $\rho = \varprojlim \rho_n$  inductively, by constructing a new  $h^*$ -bounded lifting datum for each  $n$ . We ensure that  $U_n$  contains all primes for which  $\frac{l^n}{2\sqrt{p}} > \min\left(2, \frac{lb(p)}{2\sqrt{p}}\right)$ , so there are always integral  $a_p$  satisfying the Hasse bound which satisfy any mod- $l^n$  constraint, and that can always choose these  $a_p$  so as to preserve statement 2 in the theorem.

The base case is already complete, so suppose we are given  $(\rho_n, R_n, U_n, \{\rho_p\})$ . We may assume that  $U_n$  contains all primes for which  $\frac{l^n}{2\sqrt{p}} > \min\left(2, \frac{lb(p)}{2\sqrt{p}}\right)$ . Let  $U_{n+1}$  be the set of all primes not in  $R_n$  such that  $\frac{l^{n+1}}{2\sqrt{p}} > \min\left(2, \frac{lb(p)}{2\sqrt{p}}\right)$ . For

each  $p \in U_{n+1} \setminus U_n$ , there is an integer  $a_p$ , satisfying the Hasse bound, such that  $a_p \equiv \rho_n(\text{fr}_p) \pmod{l^n}$ , and moreover  $\left| \frac{a_p}{2\sqrt{p}} - x_p \right| \leq \frac{lb(p)}{2\sqrt{p}}$ . For such  $p$ , let  $\rho_p$  be an unramified lift of  $\rho_n|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$  such that  $a_p \equiv \text{tr } \rho_n(\text{fr}_p) \pmod{l^n}$ . By Theorem 2, there exists an  $h^*$ -bounded lifting datum  $(\rho_{n+1}, R_{n+1}, U_{n+1}, \{\rho_p\})$  extending and lifting  $(\rho_n, R_n, U_n, \{\rho_p\})$ . This completes the inductive step.  $\square$

## 4 Main construction

For  $k \geq 1$ , let  $U_k(\theta) = \frac{\sin((k+1)\theta)}{\sin \theta}$ , the trace of the  $k$ -th symmetric power under the identification of  $[0, \pi]$  with conjugacy classes in  $\text{SU}(2)$ . Recall that  $U_k(\cos^{-1} t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$ .

Let  $\mu = f(t) dt$  be a probability measure on  $[0, \pi]$ . We assume  $f$  is bounded, that  $f(t) \ll \sin(t)$ , and that moreover  $f(\pi/2 - \theta) = f(\theta)$ . Call such  $\mu$  *nice*.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\mu$  be a nice measure, and fix  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ . Then there is a sequence  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  in  $[-1, 1]$  such that*

1.  $|D_N(x, \cos_* \mu) - N^{-\alpha}| \ll N^{-1}$ .

2.  $x_{2n+1} = \frac{\pi}{2} - x_{2n}$ .

The key facts about Sato–Tate compatible measures are that  $\cos_* \mu$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem ??, so there are “ $N^{-\alpha}$ -decaying van der Corput sequences” for  $\cos_* \mu$ , and also that since  $\cos: [0, \pi] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  is an order anti-isomorphism, we know that for any sequence  $(x_n)$  on  $[-1, 1]$ , there is equality  $D(\{x_n\}^N, \cos_* \mu) = D(\cos^{-1}(x_n)^N, \mu)$ .

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $\mu$  be a Sato–Tate compatible measure, and fix  $\alpha \in (0, 1/2)$ . Then there exists a sequence of integers  $a_p$  satisfying the Hasse bound, such that if we set  $\theta_p = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{a_p}{2\sqrt{p}} \right)$ , then  $D^*(\{\theta\}^N, \mu) = \Theta(\pi(N)^{-\alpha})$ .*

*Proof.* Apply Theorem ?? to find a sequence  $(x_n)$  such that  $D(\{x_n\}^N, \cos_* \mu) = \Theta(\pi(N)^{-\alpha})$ . For each prime  $p$ , there exists an integer  $a_p$  such that  $|a_p| \leq 2\sqrt{p}$  and  $\left| \frac{a_p}{2\sqrt{p}} - x_p \right| \leq p^{-1/2}$ . Let  $y_p = \frac{a_p}{2\sqrt{p}}$ . Now apply Lemma ?? with  $\epsilon = N^{-1/2}$ . We obtain

$$|D(\{x\}^N, \cos_* \mu) - D(\{y\}^N, \cos_* \mu)| \ll N^{-1/2} + \frac{\pi(N^{1/2})}{\pi(N)},$$

which tells us that  $D(\{y\}^N, \cos_* \mu) = \Theta(\pi(N)^{-\alpha})$ . Now let  $\{\theta\} = \cos^{-1}(\{y\})$ . Apply Lemma ?? to  $\{\theta\} = \cos^{-1}(\{y\})$ , and we see that  $D(\{\theta\}^N, \mu) = \Theta(\pi(N)^{-\alpha})$ .  $\square$

We can improve this example by controlling the behavior of sums of the form  $\sum_{p \leq N} U_k(\theta_p)$  for odd  $k$ . Let  $\sigma$  be the involution of  $[0, \pi]$  given by  $\sigma(\theta) = \pi - \theta$ . Note that  $\sigma_* \text{ST} = \text{ST}$ . Moreover, note that for any odd  $k$ ,  $U_k \circ \sigma = -U_k$ , so

$\int U_k \, d\text{ST} = 0$ . (Of course,  $\int U_k = 0$  for the reason that  $U_k$  is the trace of a non-trivial unitary representation, but we will directly exploit the “oddness” of  $U_k$  in what follows.)

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $\mu$  be a  $\sigma$ -invariant Sato–Tate compatible measure. Fix  $\alpha \in (0, 1/2)$ . Then there is a sequence of integers  $a_p$ , satisfying the Hasse bound, such that for  $\theta_p = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{a_p}{2\sqrt{p}} \right)$ , we have*

1.  $D(\{\theta\}^N, \mu) = \Theta(\pi(N)^{-\alpha})$ .
2. For all odd  $k$ ,  $\left| \sum_{k \leq N} U_k(\theta_p) \right| \ll \pi(N)^{1/2}$ .

*Proof.* The basic idea is as follows. Enumerate the primes

$$p_1 = 2, q_1 = 3, p_2 = 5, q_2 = 7, p_3 = 11, q_3 = 13, \dots$$

Consider the measure  $\mu|_{[0, \pi/2)}$ . An argument nearly identical to the proof of Theorem 5 shows that we can choose  $a_{p_i}$  satisfying the Hasse bound so that

$$D\left(\{\theta_{p_i}\}_{i \leq N}, \mu|_{[0, \pi/2)}\right) = \Theta(N^{-\alpha}).$$

We can also choose the  $a_{q_i} \in [\pi/2, \pi]$  so that

$$\left| \frac{a_{p_i}}{2\sqrt{p_i}} + \frac{a_{q_i}}{2\sqrt{q_i}} \right| \ll \frac{1}{\sqrt{p_i}}.$$

If  $\{x\}$  is the sequence of the  $\frac{a_{p_i}}{2\sqrt{p_i}}$  and  $\{y\}$  is the similar sequence with the  $q_i$ -s, then Lemma ??, Lemma ??, and Theorem ?? tell us that  $D((\{x\} \wr \{y\})^N, \mu) = \Theta(N^{-\alpha})$ .

Moreover,  $U_k(\cos^{-1} t)$  is an odd polynomial in  $t$ , so if  $|x_i - (-y_i)| \ll p_i^{-1/2}$ , then  $|U_k(\theta_{p_i}) + U_k(\theta_{q_i})| \ll p_i^{-1/2}$ . We can then bound

$$\left| \sum_{i \leq N} U_k(\theta_{p_i}) + U_k(\theta_{q_i}) \right| \ll \sum_{p \leq N} p^{-1/2} \ll \pi(N)^{1/2}.$$

□

Now we combine the results of the last section and Chapter ?? to obtain a “beefed-up” version of Theorem 6.

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $\mu$  be a nice measure on  $[0, \pi]$ . Fix  $\alpha \in (0, 1/2)$  and a good representation  $\rho: G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbf{F}_l)$ . Then there exists a weight-2 lift  $\bar{\rho}: G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z}_l)$  of  $\bar{\rho}$  such that*

1.  $\pi_{\text{ram}(\rho)}(x) \ll e^{-x} \pi(x)$ .
2. For each unramified prime  $p$ ,  $a_p = \text{tr } \rho(\text{fr}_p) \in \mathbf{Z}$  and satisfies the Hasse bound.

3. If, for unramified  $p$  we set  $\theta_p = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{a_p}{2\sqrt{p}} \right)$ , then  $D(\{\theta\}^N, \mu) = \Theta(\pi(N)^{-\alpha})$ .
4. For each odd  $k$ , the function  $L(\text{sym}^k \rho, s)$  satisfies the Riemann Hypothesis.

*Proof.* Let  $\{x\}$  be an  $N^{-\alpha}$ -decay van der Corput sequence for  $\cos_* \mu|_{[0, \pi/2)}$ . Let  $\mathbf{y} = -\mathbf{x}$ . Then  $D((\{x\} \wr \{y\})^N, \cos_* \mu) = \Theta(N^{-\alpha})$ . Set  $h(x) = e^{-x}$  and  $b(x) = \log(x)$ . By Theorem 3, there is a  $\rho: G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z}_l)$  lifting  $\bar{\rho}$  such that parts 1 and 2 of the theorem hold. The discrepancy estimate comes from Lemma ??, Lemma ??, and Theorem ?? as above, while the Riemann Hypothesis for odd symmetric powers follows from the proof of Theorem 6.  $\square$

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