

# Bar and de Rham Galois reps

## §1. Motivation

$p$ -fixed prime

$K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  finite extension

$$G_K = \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$$

(all that follows is valid when  $K$  is a  $p$ -adic field, i.e. a field of char 0 <sup>complete</sup> w.r.t. a fixed discrete valuation that has a perfect residue field of char  $p > 0$ )

Historically, the first class of "good"  $p$ -adic representations of  $G_K$  were those of Hodge-Tate type; they were discovered by Serre and Tate in their study of  $p$ -adic <sup>rep</sup> arising from abelian varieties with good reduction over  $p$ -adic fields. They were concerned with finding a  $p$ -adic analogue of the classical Hodge decomposition

$$\mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} H_{\text{top}}^n(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q}) \simeq \bigoplus_{Kl=n} H^K(X, \mathbb{Z}_X^{\vee})$$

for smooth proper  $X/\mathbb{C}$ .

Let  $X/K$  be a smooth proper scheme.

Tate discovered that, in the special case of abelian varieties with good reduction, even though  $H_{\text{ét}}^n(X_{\bar{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  are mysterious, they become much simpler after we apply a drastic operation

$$V \mapsto \mathbb{C}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V \hookrightarrow G_K$$
$$g(c \otimes v) = g(c) \otimes g(v)$$

$\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(G_K)$  - category of  $\mathbb{C}_p$ -representations of  $G_K$   
abelian category with evident notions of tensor product, direct sum and exact sequence

## Thm (Faltings)

$X/K$  smooth proper scheme

There exists a canonical isomorphism

$$\mathbb{C}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} H_{\text{et}}^n(X_{\bar{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \simeq \bigoplus_{\mathbb{Q}} \left( \mathbb{C}_p(-\mathbb{Q}) \otimes_K H^{n-\mathbb{Q}}(X, \Omega_{X/K}^{\mathbb{Q}}) \right)$$

in  $\text{Rep}_p(G_K)$  where the  $G_K$ -action on RHS through each  $\mathbb{C}_p(-\mathbb{Q})$ . In particular, non-canonically

$$\mathbb{C}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} H_{\text{et}}^n(X_{\bar{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \simeq \bigoplus_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}_p(-\mathbb{Q})^{h^{n-\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Q}}}$$

in  $\text{Rep}_p(G_K)$  with  $h^{k, \mathbb{Q}} = \dim_K H^k(X, \Omega_{X/K}^{\mathbb{Q}})$ .

This is a basic example of comparison isomorphism relating one  $p$ -adic cohomology to another.

Remarkable theorem for 2 reasons:

1°  $\mathbb{C}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} H_{\text{et}}^n(X_{\bar{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  as  $\mathbb{C}_p$ -rep space of  $G_K$  is a direct sum of extremely simple pieces

2° We are able to recover  $H^{n-\mathbb{Q}}(X, \Omega_{X/K}^{\mathbb{Q}})$  from LHS by operations that make sense on all objects in  $\text{Rep}_p(G_K)$ .

The real importance of this thm is revealed when we consider an arbitrary  $K/G \text{ Rep}_p(G_K)$  admitting isomorphism as in Faltings' thm.

$$(*) \quad W \simeq \bigoplus_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}_p(-i)^{h_i}$$

Such a direct sum decomposition is non-canonical (in the sense that the individual lines  $\mathbb{Q}_p(-i)$  appearing in the direct sum decomposition are generally not uniquely determined within  $W$  when  $h_2 > 1$ ).  
(However, for such  $W$  there is a canonical decomposition ...)

(\*)  $\Leftrightarrow W$  is a Hodge-Tate rep

$V \in \text{Rep}_p(G_K)$  is HT if  $\mathbb{Q}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V \in \text{Rep}_p(G_K)$  is HT.

As suggested, the HT property interacts nicely w.r.t. taking direct sums, and to express how the HT property interacts with tensorial and other operations, it is useful to introduce some terminology.

Def: A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded vector space over  $K$  is a  $K$ -vector space  $D$  equipped with direct sum decomposition  $\bigoplus D_i$  for  $K$ -subspaces  $D_i \subseteq D$  ( $\text{gr}^i(D) \cong D_i$ )?

Morphisms  $T: D \rightarrow D'$  between graded  $K$ -vector spaces are  $K$ -linear maps that respect the grading.

$\text{Gr}_K$  is an abelian category  
 $\text{Gr}_{K,f} \leftarrow$  full subcategory of finite dimensional objects  
 evident notions of kernel, cokernel, exact seq.

Def: The HT ring of  $K$  is the  $\mathbb{C}_p$ -algebra

$$B_{HT} := \bigoplus_{g \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}_p(g)$$

in which multiplication is defined via the natural maps  $\mathbb{C}_p(g) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}_p} \mathbb{C}_p(g') \cong \mathbb{C}_p(g+g')$ .

$B_{HT}$  is graded  $\mathbb{C}_p$ -algebra in the sense that its graded pieces are  $\mathbb{C}_p$ -subspaces w.r.t which multiplication is additive in degrees and the  $G_K$ -action respects the gradings and the ring structure (and is  $K$ -linear over  $\mathbb{C}_p$ ).

Concretely:

$$B_{HT} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}_p[t, t^{-1}]$$

choice of a basis  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p(1)$

with the evident grading (by monomials in  $t$ ) and  $G_K$ -action via

$$g(t^i) = \chi(g)^i t^i \quad i \in \mathbb{Z}, g \in G_K.$$

Def: The covariant functor

$$\underline{D}_K : \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}_p}(G_K) \rightarrow G_K$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{D}_K(W) &= \bigoplus_{g \in \mathbb{Z}} (\mathbb{C}_p(g) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}_p} W)^{G_K} \\ &= (B_{HT} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}_p} W)^{G_K} \end{aligned}$$

## Properties:

- left exact
- exact on short exact seq. of HT objects
- insensitive to replacing  $K$  with a finite extn or restricting to inertia subgrp (i.e. replacing  $K$  with  $\bar{K}^{\text{un}}$ ). That is, the natural map

$$W \in \text{Rep}_G(G_K): K^b \otimes_K \underline{D}_K(W) \rightarrow \underline{D}_K(W) \text{ in } G_{K^b} \text{ is isomorphism.}$$

The latter is very desirable, but the insensitivity of HT property to finite (possibly ramified) extensions is a bad feature, indicating that HT property is not sufficiently fine (e.g. to distinguish between good reduction and potentially good reduction for elliptic curves).

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The multiplicative structure on  $B_{HT}$  defines a natural  $B_{HT}$ -bilinear composite morphism

$$\gamma_{W,W'}^{B_{HT}}: B_{HT} \otimes_K \underline{D}_K(W) \hookrightarrow B_{HT} \otimes_K (B_{HT} \otimes_{\bar{K}} W) \rightarrow B_{HT} \otimes_{\bar{K}} W$$

that respect Galois action.

Let  $\text{Rep}_{HT}(G_K) \subseteq \text{Rep}_G(G_K)$  be the full subcategory of objects that are HT.

It is stable under tensor product, duality, subreps and quotients (and the formation of  $D_{HT}$  naturally commutes with finite extensions of  $K$  as well as with scalar extensions to  $\bar{K}^{\text{un}}$ ).  $\leftarrow$  later

$$D_{HT} : \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(G_K) \rightarrow G_K\text{-if}$$

$$D_{HT}(V) = (B_{HT} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V)^{G_K}$$

The comparison morphism

reasonable regularity  
conditions/property of  $D_{HT}$   
injective  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} D_{HT}(V) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V$

$$\gamma_V : B_{HT} \otimes_K D_{HT}(V) \rightarrow B_{HT} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V$$

for  $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(G_K)$  is an isomorphism precisely when  $V$  is Hodge-Tate and  $D_{HT} : \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(G_K) \rightarrow G_K\text{-if}$  is faithful, but NOT fully faithful functor.  
(terminology:  $B_{HT}$ -admissible)

Example:

Faltings then can be rewritten as:

$X/K$  smooth proper

$V := H_{\text{et}}^n(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  is in  $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(G_K)$  with

$$D_{HT}(V) \simeq H_{\text{Hodge}}^n(X/K) := \bigoplus_2 H^{n-2}(X, \mathbb{Z}_K^2)$$

and the comparison morphism takes the form of  $B_{HT}$ -linear  $G_K$ -equivariant isomorphism

$$B_{HT} \otimes_K H_{\text{Hodge}}^n(X/K) \simeq B_{HT} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} H_{\text{et}}^n(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)$$

Goal: To improve  $D_{HT}$  to get a fully faithful functor from a nice category of  $p$ -adic reps of  $G_K$  into a category of semilinear algebra objects by

1° refining  $B_{HT}$  to a ring with more structure (going beyond mere grading with a compatible Galois action)

2° introduce a target semilinear algebra category that is richer than  $G_K\text{-}\mathcal{A}$ .

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In the view of the comparison morphism in Faltings then the grading on  $B_{HT}$  is closely related to the grading on the Hodge cohomology, so to motivate how we should refine  $B_{HT}$ , we can get a clue from the refinement of  $H^n_{\text{Hodge}}(X)$  by the algebraic de Rham cohomology.

$$\bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} H^k(X, \mathcal{A}_{X/K}^{\otimes k})$$

$H^n(X) := H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K)$  are finite dim.  $K$  vector spaces endowed with a natural decreasing Hodge filtration

$$H^n(X) = \text{Fil}^0(H^n(X)) \supset \text{Fil}^1(X) \supset \dots \supset \text{Fil}^{n+1}(X) = 0$$

and

$$\text{Fil}^2(H^n(X)) / \text{Fil}^{2+1}(H^n(X)) = H^{n-2}(X, \mathcal{A}_{X/K}^{\otimes 2})$$

as  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ .

Def: A filtered module over a comm. ring  $R$  is an  $R$ -module endowed with a decreasing filtration  $\{\text{Fil}^i(M)\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ .

- if  $\bigcup \text{Fil}^i(M) = M \quad \leadsto$  exhaustive
- if  $\bigcap \text{Fil}^i(M) = 0 \quad \leadsto$  separated
- the associated graded module
- $\text{gr}^\bullet(M) = \bigoplus_0 \left( \text{Fil}^i(M) / \text{Fil}^{i+1}(M) \right)$

exhaustive and sep.

- filtered ring  $R$   $\{R^i\}$  additive subgrps st  $1 \in R^0$   
 $R^0, R^i \subseteq R^{i+1}$

$$\text{gr}^\bullet(R) = \bigoplus_0 R^i / R^{i+1}$$

Example:  $R$  dvr with max. id  $\mathfrak{m}$   
 $A = \text{Frac}(R) \quad \{m^i\}$   $k$ -basis of  $\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$  residue field  $k$

- filtered  $K$ -algebra  $A$

filtered ring structure + filtered pieces are  $K$ -subspaces  
 $\text{gr}^\bullet(A) \cong k[t, t^{-1}]$

Idea: To replace graded  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -algebra  $B_{\text{HT}}$   
 with a filtered  $K$ -algebra  $B_{\text{dR}}$  endowed with  
 a  $G_K$ -action respecting filtration such that:

- (1)  $B_{\text{dR}}$  is  $(\mathbb{Q}_p, G_K)$ -regular with  $B_{\text{dR}}^{G_K} = K$ .

$$\text{Frac}(B_{\text{dR}})^{G_K} = B_{\text{dR}}^{G_K}$$

and every nonzero  $b \in B$  whose  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  linear span is  $G_K$ -stable is a unit in  $B_{\text{dR}}$

- (2)  $\text{Fil}^0(B_{\text{dR}}) / \text{Fil}^1(B_{\text{dR}}) \cong \mathbb{Q}_p$  as rings with  $G_K$ -action

- (3) There is a canonical  $G_K$ -inv isomorphism

$$\text{gr}^\bullet(B_{\text{dR}}) \cong B_{\text{HT}} \quad \text{as graded } \mathbb{Q}_p\text{-algebras}$$

Given such  $B_{\text{dR}}$



consider the assoc. functor on  $\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{A}p}(G_K) \rightarrow \text{Fil}_F$

$$D_{\mathcal{A}R}(V) = (B_{\mathcal{A}R} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}p} V)^{G_K}$$

$$j_V^{B_{\mathcal{A}R}} : B_{\mathcal{A}R} \otimes_K D_{\mathcal{A}R}(V) \rightarrow B_{\mathcal{A}R} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}p} V$$

This has a functorial filtration via

$$\text{Fil}^0(D_{\mathcal{A}R}(V)) \subseteq (\text{Fil}^1(B_{\mathcal{A}R}) \otimes_{\mathcal{A}p} V)^{G_K}$$

and it is exhaustive and separated.

By left exactness of  $(\cdot)^{G_K}$  there is injective map

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gr}^0(D_{\mathcal{A}R}(V)) &\hookrightarrow (\text{gr}^0(B_{\mathcal{A}R}) \otimes_{\mathcal{A}p} V)^{G_K} = (B_{HT} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}p} V)^{G_K} \\ &= D_{HT}(V) \end{aligned}$$

of graded vector spaces, so if  $V$  is  $B_{\mathcal{A}R}$ -admissible

$$(j_V^{B_{\mathcal{A}R}} : B_{\mathcal{A}R} \otimes_K D_{\mathcal{A}R}(V) \rightarrow B_{\mathcal{A}R} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}p} V)$$

$$\dim_{\mathcal{A}p} V \leq \dim_K D_{\mathcal{A}R}(V) = \dim_K \text{gr}^0(D_{\mathcal{A}R}(V)) \leq \dim_K D_{HT}(V) \leq \dim_{\mathcal{A}p} V$$

so  $V$  is necessarily HT.

• Further aims:

- (4) Bar should lead to a refinement of Faltings comparison thm between p-adic étale and Hodge cohomology, by using de Rham cohomology instead:

for smooth proper  $X/K$

$H_{\text{ét}}^n(X_{\bar{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  should be Bar-admissible with a natural isomorphism

$$B_{\text{dR}} \otimes_K H_{\text{dR}}^h(X/K) \cong$$

$$D_{\text{dR}}(H_{\text{ét}}^n(X_{\bar{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)) \cong H_{\text{dR}}^n(X/K) \quad B_{\text{dR}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} H_{\text{ét}}^n(X_{\bar{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$$

whose induced isomorphism between graded  $K$ -vector spaces is Faltings comparison isomorphism between p-adic étale and Hodge cohomologies.

conj: mention and discuss Fontaine-Mazur Conjecture

- (5) Inspired by the description  $B_{\text{HT}} \cong \mathbb{C}_p[t, t^{-1}]$ , we are led to seek a complete DVR  $B_{\text{dR}}^+$  over  $K$  (with maximal ideal denoted  $\mathfrak{m}$ ) endowed with a  $G_K$ -action such that the residue field is naturally  $G_K$ -equivariantly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}_p$  and the Zariski cotangent space  $\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$  isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}_p(1)$ :

$B_{\text{dR}}^+$  complete DVR/ $K$

$$B_{\text{dR}}^+/\mathfrak{m} \cong \mathbb{C}_p$$

$$\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}_p(1) \quad \text{in } \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}_p}(G_K)$$

Since  $\mathfrak{m}^i/\mathfrak{m}^{i+1} \cong (\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2)^{\otimes i}$  in  $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}_p}(G_K)$

if  $B_{\text{dR}} = \text{Free}(B_{\text{dR}}^+)$  we would have

$$gr^0(B_{\text{dR}}) \cong B_{\text{HT}} \quad \text{as graded } \mathbb{C}_p\text{-alg with } G_K\text{-action.}$$

A naive guess that will not work is to take

$$B_{\text{dR}}^+ = \prod_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{C}_p(a^n) \simeq \mathbb{C}_p[[t]]$$

$$g(\sum a_n t^n) = \sum g(a_n) X(g)^n t^n$$

but this does not lead to a new concept since the product decomposition canonically defines a splitting of the filtration on  $\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$ .

$B_{\text{dR}}^+$  will be isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}_p[[t]]$  but only as abstract rings and there is no such isomorphism compatible with the Galois action!

Rough Idea of the Construction:

to imitate the procedure of constructing Witt vectors:

$k$  - perfect field of char  $p \leadsto W(k)$   
a complete DVR with unif.  $\rho$  and residue field  $k$

$$\mathbb{C}_p \simeq \mathbb{C}_p[[\frac{1}{p}]]$$

Apply Witt style construction to  $\mathbb{C}_p$

take a certain height 1 valuation ring of eq char  $p$  whose  $\text{Frac}(R)$  is alg. closed (hence perfect) such that

natural  $R \hookrightarrow G_k$  action

natural surj.  $\theta = W(R) \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{C}_p$   $G_k$ -equiv.

$$\theta \otimes W(R)[\frac{1}{p}] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_p$$

if  $\ker \theta$  is principal replace with its  $\ker \theta$ -adic completion to get a complete DVR  $B_{\text{dR}}$  having residue field  $\mathbb{C}_p$ .