

# What can be found in Introduction to Kolyvagin systems by B.Mazur and K.Rubin?

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# Overview

1. Cyclotomic unit Euler systems
2. Cyclotomic unit Kolyvagin systems
3. Selmer sheaf
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# Cyclotomic units

- Let  $F = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)$  and  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\mu_p]$
- Define

$$\mathcal{P} = \{\text{rational primes } \ell \equiv 1 \pmod{p^k}\}$$

$$\mathcal{N} = \{\text{square free products of primes from } \mathcal{P}\}$$

- Defining property of Euler system:
  - $1 - \zeta_{np}$  is a unit if  $n \neq 1$
  - $N_{F(\mu_{npl})/F(\mu_{np})}(1 - \zeta_{npl}) = (1 - \zeta_{np})^{Frob_\ell - 1}$

# Cyclotomic unit Kolyvagin system for $\mu_{p^k} \otimes \chi^{-1}$

- Next step is to construct Kolyvagin system from cyclotomic Euler system above
- Kolyvagin's machine produces a collection of “derivative classes”

$$\{\kappa_n^{cycl} \in (F^\times/p^k)^\chi | n \in \mathcal{N}\}$$

## Theorem

1.  $\kappa_1^{cycl} = (1 - \zeta_p)^\chi$
2.  $\text{ord}_\lambda(\kappa_n^{cycl}) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k} \text{ if } \lambda \nmid n$
3.  $\text{ord}_\lambda(\kappa_n^{cycl}) \equiv \log_\lambda(\kappa_{n/\ell}^{cycl}) \pmod{p^k} \text{ if } \lambda \mid \ell \mid n$

## Idea behind $\kappa_n$

- Each  $\kappa_n$  gives principal ideal
- Principal ideals = relations in class group
- Cleverly choosing a good sequence of integers  $n$ , one can produce enough relations on class group to bound

- It would be nice if we can recover all elements in  $\{\kappa_n\}$  using theorem above
- In general it can be done only modulo some subgroup

$$H(1) = \{\alpha \in F^\times / p^k \mid \text{ord}_\lambda(\alpha) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k}\}$$

- It's called Selmer group because

$$H(1) = \text{Ker}(H^1(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{G}_m[p^k])^\chi \rightarrow \prod_{\ell} H^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, \mathbb{G}_m[p^k])^\chi)$$

- $H(1)$  is an extension of  $A_F^\chi[p^k]$  by  $(\mathcal{O}^\times/p^k)^\chi$

$$0 \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}^\times/p^k)^\chi \rightarrow H(1) \rightarrow A_F^\chi[p^k] \rightarrow 0$$

$$\alpha \mapsto \alpha \mapsto \mathfrak{a}$$

where  $\mathfrak{a}^{p^k} = (a)$ , it's defined exactly modulo units

## Transverse subgroup

- Image of  $\mathbb{Z}/p^k$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell^\times/p^k$  under  $1 \mapsto \ell$  called transverse subgroup and denoted by  $(\mathbb{Q}_\ell^\times/p^k)_{tr}$

$$\mathbb{Q}_\ell^\times/p^k = \mathbb{Z}_\ell^\times/p^k \oplus (\mathbb{Q}_\ell^\times/p^k)_{tr}$$

- And for every  $\ell \in \mathcal{P}$

$$(F_\lambda^\times/p^k)^\chi = (\mathcal{O}_\lambda^\times/p^k)^\chi \oplus (F_\lambda^\times/p^k)_{tr}^\chi$$

is a splitting into a product of two cyclic groups of order  $p^k$

## Modified Selmer groups

- For  $n \in \mathcal{N}$  define

$$H(n) = \{\alpha \in (F^\times/p^k)^\chi \mid \text{if } \ell \mid n \text{ then } \alpha_\ell \in (F_\ell^\times/p^k)_{tr}^\chi, \text{ else } \alpha_\ell \in (\mathcal{O}_\ell^\times/p^k)^\chi\}$$

- $H(1)$  related to class group
- Modified means that we have changed the defining local condition at primes dividing  $n$  allowing them to ramify in controlled way

## Finite to singular map

- If  $\ell \in \mathcal{P}$  define finite to singular isomorphism as

$$\phi_\ell^{fs} : (\mathcal{O}_\ell^\times / p^k)^\chi \rightarrow (F_\ell^\times / p^k)_{tr}^\chi$$

- This is the unique map which makes the diagram of isomorphisms commute

## Theorem

1.  $\kappa_n^{cycl} \in H(n)$
2. If  $\ell \mid n$  then  $(\kappa_n^{cycl})_\ell = \phi_\ell^{fs}((\kappa_{n/\ell}^{cycl})_\ell)$

## Corollary

If  $\kappa_d^{cycl}$  is known for every  $d$  properly dividing  $n$ , then theorem determines  $\kappa_n^{cycl}$  modulo

$$\{\alpha \in (F^\times/p^k)^\chi \mid \alpha_\ell \in (\mathcal{O}_\ell^\times/p^k)^\chi \text{ for every prime } \ell, \text{ and } \alpha_\ell \equiv 1 \pmod{\ell}\}$$

for sufficiently large  $n$  this group is trivial

# Selmer sheaf and Kolyvagin system attached to $\mu_p \otimes \chi^{-1}$

- Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a graph on  $\mathcal{N}$
- Sheaf on  $\mathcal{X}$  consist of
  - a stalk over every vertex
  - a stalk over every edge
  - if  $e$  is an edge and  $v$  is one of its vertices, a homomorphism from the stalk over  $v$  to the stalk over  $e$
- Selmer sheaf  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $\mathcal{X}$  defined as follows
  - a stalk over  $n$  is a  $H(n)$
  - a stalk over edge  $\ell$  is a  $(F_\ell^\times / p^k)_{tr}^\chi$  (denote it by  $H(e)$ )
  - maps:  $\phi_\ell^{fs}$  from  $n$  and just localization from  $n\ell$
- Global section is a consistent collection  $\{\kappa_n \in H(n) | n \in \mathcal{N}\}$
- Kolyvagin system is a global section of Selmer sheaf
- Previously mentioned theorem is equal to say that  $\{\kappa_n^{cycl}\}$  is a Kolyvagin system

# Modified Selmer groups attached to $\mu_p \otimes \chi^{-1}$

- For character  $\chi \neq 1, \omega$  let  $r = r(\chi)$  denote its parity
- Get back to

$$0 \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}^\times/p^k)^\chi \rightarrow H(1) \rightarrow A_F^\chi[p^k] \rightarrow 0$$

- $(\mathcal{O}^\times/p^k)^\chi$  is free  $\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z}$ -module of rank  $r$ . Hence  $H(1)$  contains free  $\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z}$ -module of rank  $r$

## Proposition

For every  $n \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $H(n)$  contains a free  $\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z}$ -module of rank  $r$

## Core vertexes

- Define  $\lambda^*(n) = \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} H(n)[p] - r$
- Vertex  $n$  is called core if  $\lambda^*(n) = 0$
- $n$  is core iff  $H(n) = (\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z})^r$

### Proposition

1.  $|\lambda^*(n) - \lambda^*(n\ell)| \leq 1$
2. If  $\lambda^*(n) \geq 1$  then there exist infinitely many primes in  $\mathcal{P}$  s.t.  $\lambda^*(n\ell) = \lambda^*(n) - 1$
3. If  $\lambda^*(n) = t$  there is a path of length  $t$  from  $n$  to a core vertex

## Stub subgroup

- Let  $A$  is a finite abelian group  $d \geq 0$
- Define  $d$ -stub of  $A$  as maximal subgroup  $A' \subseteq A$  of the form  $[A : C]A$  where  $C$  is subgroup generated by  $d$  elements
- $A'$  can be generated by  $d$  elements
- If  $A$  generated by  $d$  elements then  $A' = A$
- If  $d = 0$  then  $A' = 0$
- If  $d = 1$  then  $A'$  is a canonical cyclic subgroup

- Define  $H'(n)$  as  $r$ -stub of  $H(n)$
- From proposition above  $H'(n) = \frac{|H(n)|}{p^{kr}} H(n)$
- If  $\chi$  odd, then  $H'(n) = 0$ , else  $H'(n)$  cyclic subgroup
- For  $n = 1$  from the above s.e.s.  $H'(n) = |A_F^\chi[p^k]| \cdot H(1)$
- If  $n$  is core then  $H'(n) = H(n)$

# Bounding class number

## Theorem (Kolyvagin induction)

Let  $\{\kappa_n\}$  is a Kolyvagin system, then  $\kappa_n \in H'(n)$  for every  $n$

If  $\chi$  is odd, then there is no nonzero Kolyvagin systems

## Corollary

If  $\{\kappa_n\}$  is a Kolyvagin system for  $\mu_p \otimes \chi^{-1}$  then

$$|A_F^\chi| \leq \max\{p^i \mid \kappa_1 \in (F^\times)^{p^i}/(F^\times)^{p^k}\}$$

# Computation

- If we know class  $\kappa_1$  r.h.s. can be computed
- Consider  $S$ -units for  $S = \{\text{primes dividing } \kappa_1\}$
- It's a finitely generated abelian group, we can find these generators
- Decompose projection  $\kappa_1^\chi$  and check  $p$ -valuation of exponents

# Stub subsheaf

- Define stub subsheaf as  $\mathcal{H}' \subset \mathcal{H}$ 
  - Stalk at  $n$  is  $H'(n)$
  - Stalk at  $\ell$  is image of  $H'(n)$  under  $\psi_n^\ell$
  - Homomorphisms are restrictions  $\bar{\psi}_n^\ell$

## Theorem (Reformulated)

*Every global section of  $\mathcal{H}$  is actually a section of  $\mathcal{H}'$*

- Surjective path is a path s.t. map  $H'(n) \rightarrow H'(e)$  is isomorphism

$$\cdots H'(n_{i-1}) \twoheadrightarrow H'(e_i) \xleftarrow{\sim} H'(n_i) \twoheadrightarrow H'(e_{i+1}) \xleftarrow{\sim} H'(n_{i+1}) \cdots$$

# Rigidity

## Theorem

1. Suppose  $n$  is core vertex. Then for every  $m \in \mathcal{N}$  there is surjective path from  $n$  to  $m$
2. If  $P, Q$  two surjective paths between  $n, m$  then two maps equal in  $\text{Hom}(H'(n), H'(m))$

- Theorem says that if we restrict on subgraph on core vertices and edges that induce iso on stalks, theorem says that it's connected and provides canonical isomorphism  $H(n) \simeq H(m)$
- We say that  $\mathcal{H}'$  has trivial monodromy

## Corollary

For core  $n$  specialization map  $\mathbf{KS} \rightarrow H(n)$  is an isomorphism

# Primitive systems

- We say that system  $\kappa$  is primitive if it generate  $\mathbf{KS}$

## Theorem

*The following statements are equivalent*

1.  $\kappa$  is primitive
2.  $\kappa_n$  generates  $H'(n)$  for every  $n$
3.  $\kappa_n$  generates  $H'(n)$  for some  $n$  with nonzero  $H(n)$

If  $\kappa \in \mathbf{KS}$  with  $\kappa_1 \neq 1$ , then  $\kappa$  is primitive iff

$$|A_F^\chi[p^k]| = \max\{p^i \mid \kappa_1 \in (F^\times)^{p^i}/(F^\times)^{p^k}\}$$

## Back to cyclotomic system

The results above apply to every Kolyvagin system, and prove the existence of Kolyvagin systems for even characters  $\chi$  without making use of the cyclotomic unit Kolyvagin system

### Theorem

*The cyclotomic unit Kolyvagin system is primitive*

- Proof based on Gras conjecture proved by Mazur and Wiles
- Alternative proof given by Kolyvagin using analytic class number formula

# Kolyvagin systems for general Galois representations

- Fix  $\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z}[Gal(\mathbb{Q})]$ -module  $T$
- Most interesting cases are  $\mu_p \otimes \chi^{-1}$  and  $E[p^k]$
- Associate  $H(1) = \{c \in H^1(\mathbb{Q}, T) \mid c_\ell \in H_{\mathcal{F}}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T)\}$
- We require that for all but finitely many  $\ell$   
$$H_{\mathcal{F}}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T) = H_{unr}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T) := \text{Ker}(H^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell^{unr}, T))$$
- $\mathcal{P}$  consist of prime  $\ell$ 's s.t.
  - $T$  unramified at  $\ell$
  - $\ell \equiv 1 \pmod{p^k}$
  - $\det(1 - Frob_\ell \mid T) = 0$
  - $H_{\mathcal{F}}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T) = H_{unr}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T)$

# Finite and singular parts

## Proposition

We again have a decomposition

$$H^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T) = H_{unr}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T) \oplus H_{tr}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T)$$

and finite to singular map

$$\phi_\ell^{fs} : H_{unr}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T) \rightarrow H_{tr}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T)$$

where  $H_{tr}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T) := \text{Ker}(H^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell(\mu_\ell), T))$

- Define the graph, Selmer sheaf and Kolyvagin systems as before

## General modified Selmer groups

- Let  $T^*$  be Cartier dual of  $T$
- $H^*(n)$  is the set of classes  $c \in H^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T^*)$  s.t.
  - $c_\ell$  orthogonal to  $H_{unr}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T)$ , if  $\ell \nmid n$
  - $c_\ell$  orthogonal to  $H_{tr}^1(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, T)$ , if  $\ell \mid n$

## Theorem

Assuming some technical hypothesis, there is an integer  $r(\chi)$  s.t.

- $H(n) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z})^r \oplus H^*(n)$ , if  $r \geq 0$
- $H(n) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z})^{-r} = H^*(n)$ , if  $r \leq 0$
- Define  $\chi(T) = \max\{0, r(T)\}$  and  $\chi(T)$ -stub subgroup  $H'(n) = | H^*(n) \cap H(n) |$

# General results

## Theorem

- If  $\chi(T) = 0$  there is no Kolyvagin systems
- If  $\chi(T) = 1$   $\mathbf{KS}$  is a cyclic group of order  $p^k$
- If  $\chi(T) > 1$  then  $\mathbf{KS}$  contains a free  $\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z}$  module of any finite rank

## Theorem

Suppose  $\chi(T) = 1$ , then  $\kappa_n \in H'(n)$  and following statements are equal

- $\kappa$  generates  $\mathbf{KS}(T)$
- $\kappa_n$  generates  $H'(n)$  for every  $n$
- Nonzero  $\kappa_n$  generates  $H'(n)$  for some  $n$

It is still true under additional hypotheses that if  $\chi(T) > 1$ , then  $\kappa_n \in H'(n)$  for every  $n$

# Bounding dual Selmer group

## Corollary

1. For  $\chi(T) \geq 1$  and  $\kappa \in \mathbf{KS}$

$$|H^*(1)| \leq \max\{p^i \mid \kappa_1 \in p^i H^1(\mathbb{Q}, T)\}$$

2. If  $\chi(T) = 1$  then there is equality iff  $\kappa$  generates  $\mathbf{KS}$

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