

# A Torsor of Lifts of The Frobenius

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# POINT OF THIS TALK

Theorem (Dupuy 2012). For curves over (+technical hypoth) the sheaf of formal lifts of the Frobenius are a torsor under a line bundle.

(Amounts to proving that the first p-jet space of a curve is a is an affine bundle with an “affine linear structure.”)

(Statement really says that local lifts of the Frobenius are parametrized by something linear)

# The Result

**Theorem.** Let  $X$  over  $W_{p^\infty}(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$  be a smooth projective curve of genus  $g \geq 1$ . If  $p > 6g - 5$  then  $J_p^1(X)$  is a torsor under a line bundle.

# Remarks on the Proof

- Prove reduction of the structure group of the first p-jet spaces to the affine linear group.
- Uses are “pairing” between group cohomology and cech cohomology together with vanishing theorems to sucessively reduce the structure group.

# Remarks on p-jets

- Introduced by Buium to study Lang conjecture in the Arithmetic setting --- using intersections in p-jets
- The nth p-jet space of a scheme is a scheme (or p-formal scheme) whose Zariski closed subsets correspond to Kolchin closed sets of the original scheme.
- Kolchin closed are just sets cut-out by “Arithmetic Differential Equations”.

# What is a p-derivation?

Fermat's Little Theorem

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall p \text{ prime}$

$$n \equiv n^p \pmod{p}$$

$$n - n^p = p \cdot$$

CRAP

This is a p-derivation

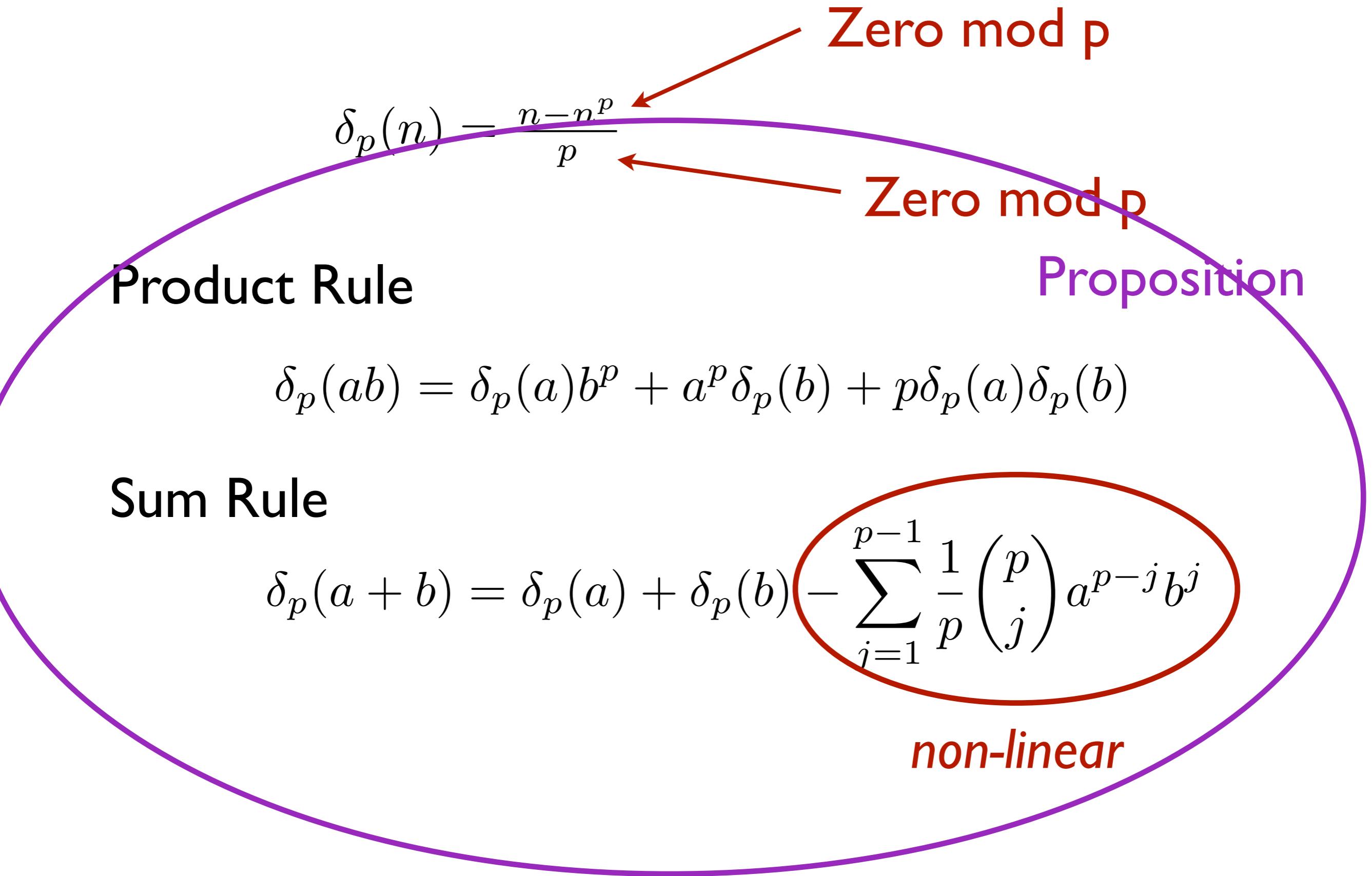
$$\text{CRAP} = \frac{n - n^p}{p}$$

$$\delta_p(n) = \frac{n - n^p}{p}$$

The Frobenius

$$\begin{aligned} F : A/p &\mapsto A/p \\ a &\mapsto a^p \end{aligned}$$

# Properties of p-derivations



(Buium, Joyal ~1994)

**Abstract Definition:**  $\delta_p : A \rightarrow B$  is a **p-derivation**  
provided that

Always an  $A$  algebra

**Product Rule:**

$$\delta_p(ab) = \delta_p(a)b^p + a^p\delta_p(b) + p\delta_p(a)\delta_p(b)$$

**Sum Rule:**

$$\delta_p(a + b) = \delta_p(a) + \delta_p(b) - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{p} \binom{p}{j} a^{p-j} b^j$$

# Proposition:

For  $\delta_p : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$   
defined by  $\delta_p(n) = \frac{n-n^p}{p}$

show  $\delta_p(p^m) = p^{m-1} \cdot (\text{ unit mod } p)$

## Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_p(p) &= \frac{p - p^p}{p} \\ &= 1 - p^{p-1}\end{aligned}$$

Idea: order of vanishing is  
“bumped down”

$$\delta_t = \frac{d}{dt}$$

$$\delta_t(t^n) = n \cdot t^{n-1}$$

derivations

$$\delta : A \rightarrow A$$

ring homomorphisms

$$f : A \rightarrow A[\varepsilon]/\langle \varepsilon^2 \rangle$$

“dual numbers”

“infinitesimals”

p-derivations

$$\delta_p : A \rightarrow A$$

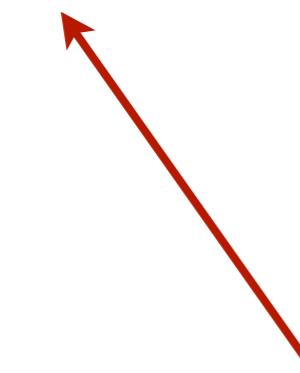
ring homomorphisms

$$f : A \rightarrow W_1(A)$$

“Witt vectors”

“wittinfinitesimals”

“Wittdifferentiation”



# Analogies

Dual Numbers

$$D_1(A) = A[t]/\langle t^2 \rangle$$

Truncated Witt Vectors

$$W_1(A)$$

Power Series

$$D(A) = A[[t]]$$

Witt Vectors

$$W(A)$$

(p-typical, not like in Jim's Talk)

# Lifts of the Frobenius

**Definition:** A **lift of the Frobenius** is a ring homomorphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\phi(a) \equiv a^p \pmod{p}$$

**Proposition:** If  $\delta_p : A \rightarrow B$  is a p-derivation then

$$\phi(a) := a^p + p\delta_p(a)$$

is a lift of the Frobenius.

Conversely, if  $B$  is p-torsion free ring with a lift of the Frobenius  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  then

$$\delta_p(a) := \frac{\phi(a) - a^p}{p}$$

defines a p-derivation.

# p-Jets I

$$A^1 = \Lambda_{p,1} \odot A = \mathcal{O}(J_p^1(\text{Spec}(A)))$$

$$= \frac{A[\dot{a}:a \in A]}{(\text{relations for } p\text{-derivations})}$$

$$\delta_{univ} : A \rightarrow A^1$$

Universal Property:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \delta & \\ B & \xleftarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & A \\ f_\delta \swarrow & & \searrow \delta_{univ} \\ & A^1 & \end{array}$$

# p-Jets 2

Setup:  $W = W(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}_p^{\text{ur}}$  first p-jet space

$X/W$  smooth

$$\exists \quad J_p^1(X) \xrightarrow{\pi} X \ni U$$

local sections

local lifts of the  
Frobenius  
 $\phi : U \rightarrow U$

$$\{ \text{lifts of Frobenius on } U \} = \Gamma(U, J_p^1(X))$$

# How do we get a Torsor structure?

**Philosophy:** p-jets know all about lifts of the Frobenius.

$$\{ \text{lifts of Frobenius on } U \} = \Gamma(U, J_p^1(X))$$

Recipe for torsor structure:

**Step 1:** Show that the first p-jet space of a smooth variety is an affine bundle which admits an additional structure.

**Step 2:** Reduce the structure group to the “affine linear group” (which is equivalent to being a torsor under a line bundle)

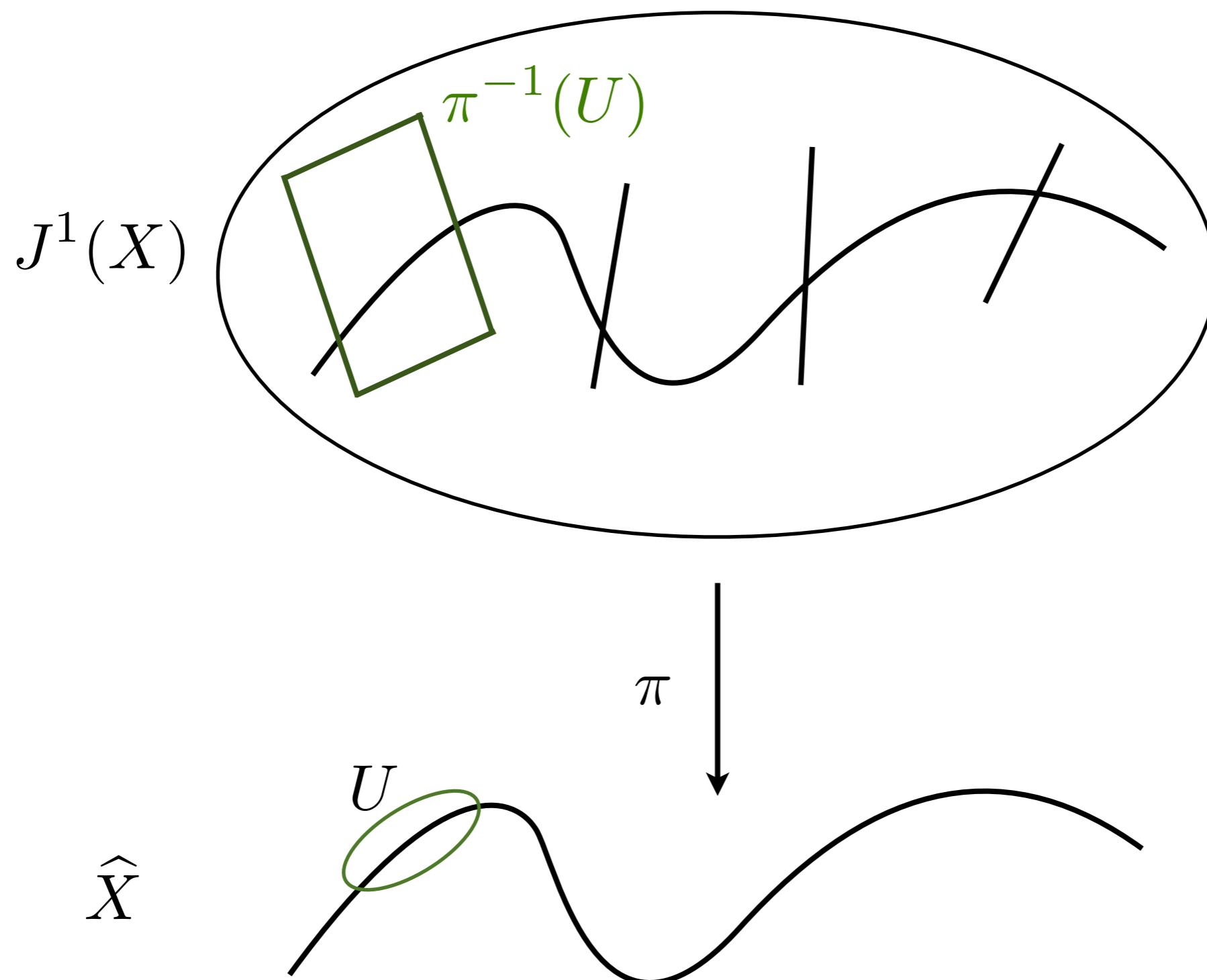
Defn. An **affine bundle** is a fiber bundle with fibers  $\mathbb{A}^n$

Lemma. For  $X/W(\overline{\mathbb{F}_p})$  smooth the *p-adic completion* of the first p-jet space  $\widehat{J_p^1(X)}$  is an affine bundle.

obligatory bundle diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{J_p^1(X)} \supset \pi^{-1}(\widehat{U}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \widehat{U} \hat{\times} \widehat{\mathbb{A}}^n \\ \pi \downarrow & & \\ \widehat{X} & \supset \widehat{U} & \end{array}$$

# obligatory bundle picture



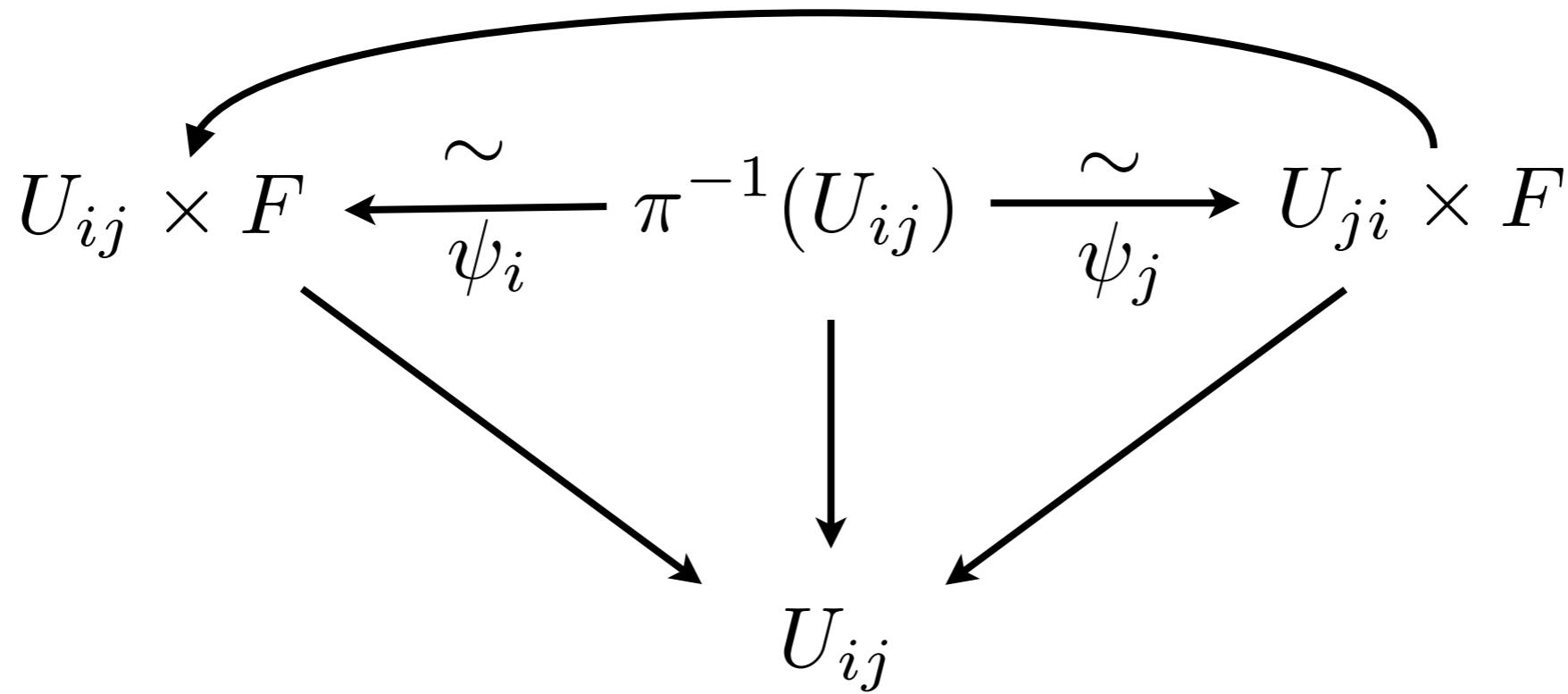
Fix an  $F$ -bundle  $E$  and a trivializing cover

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E \supset \pi^{-1}(U_i) & \xrightarrow[\psi_i]{\sim} & U_i \times F \\
 \downarrow \pi & & \\
 X \supset U_i & & 
 \end{array}$$
  

$$\psi_{ij} := \psi_i \circ \psi_j^{-1} \in \underline{\text{Aut}}(F)(U_{ij})$$
  

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \text{---} & & \\
 & \curvearrowleft & \text{---} & \curvearrowright & \\
 U_{ij} \times F & \xleftarrow[\psi_i]{\sim} & \pi^{-1}(U_{ij}) & \xrightarrow[\psi_j]{\sim} & U_{ji} \times F \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow & \swarrow & \\
 & & U_{ij} = U_i \cap U_j & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$\psi_{ij} := \psi_i \circ \psi_j^{-1} \in \underline{\text{Aut}}(F)(U_{ij})$$



cohomology class

$$\rightsquigarrow [\psi_{ij}] \in \check{H}^1(X, \underline{\text{Aut}}(F))$$

# Our Particular Application

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J^1(X) \supset \pi^{-1}(\widehat{U}_i) & \xrightarrow[\psi_i]{\sim} & \widehat{U}_i \hat{\times} \widehat{\mathbb{A}}^m \\ \pi \downarrow & & \\ \widehat{X} \supset \widehat{U}_i & & \end{array}$$

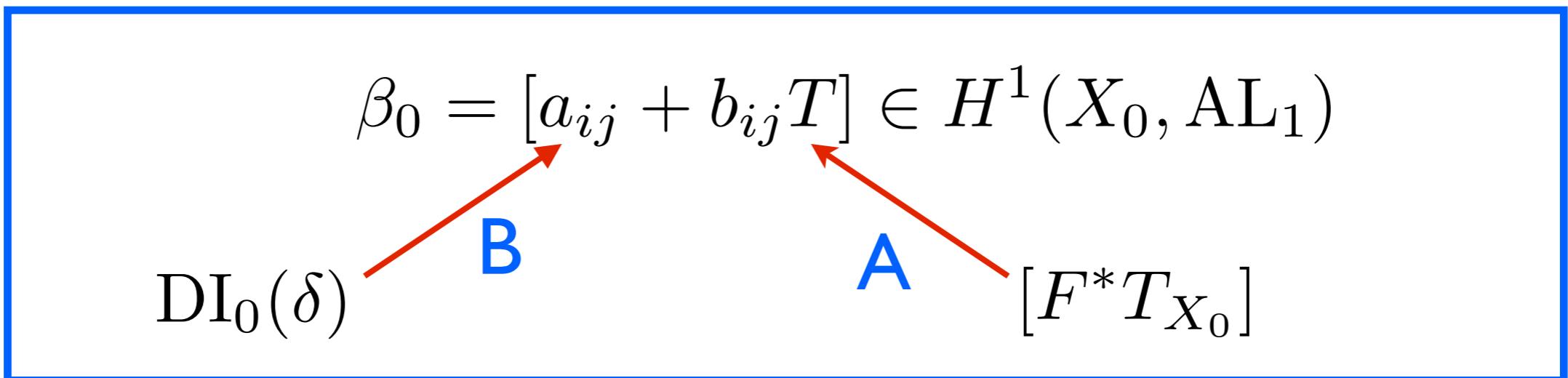
$m = \dim(X)$

$$\rightsquigarrow \beta := [\psi_{ij}] \in H^1(\widehat{X}, \underline{\text{Aut}}(\widehat{\mathbb{A}}^m))$$

Controls “Deligne-Illusie class”

# Information Modulo p:

## Theorem



idea used in A

$$AL_1 = \underline{\text{Aut}}(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{F}_p}^1) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_{X_0} \rtimes \mathcal{O}_{X_0}^\times$$

$$a + bT \circ c + dT = a + bc + bdT \quad (a, b) \cdot (c, d) = (a + bc, bd)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{X_0} \rtimes \mathcal{O}_{X_0}^\times \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{O}_{X_0}^\times$$

$$H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X \rtimes \mathcal{O}_X^\times) \longrightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X^\times)$$

$$\pi(\beta_0) = [b_{ij}] = [F^*T_{X_0}]$$



### Conventions

$$\varphi_i : \mathcal{O}(U_i) \rightarrow L(U_i)$$

$$\varphi_i(1) = v_i$$

$$b_{ij}v_i = v_j$$

$$[L] = [b_{ij}]$$

# Remarks

- The fibers for the bundle structure on the first  $p$ -jet spaces are affine spaces
- The transition maps are univariate polynomial automorphisms
- The structure of these groups is extremely rich ( $p$ -formally or mod  $p^n$ )
- Similar “Arithmetic Kodaira-Spencer” classes originally introduced by Buium for Abelian Varieties

# Ideas for Mod $p^n$

- Twisted (semi-direct product) cech-cocycles give cocycles in line bundles.
- Group cocycles applied to Cech cocycles produce twisted cocycles
- Vanishing theorems for line bundles give information about our twisted cocycles.
- “Triviality” of twisted cocycles allows us to reduce our structure group

# Twisted Cocycles

Working out what a Čech cocycle in  $\mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{O}^\times$  looks like gives

$$(a_{ij}, b_{ij})(a_{jk}, b_{jk})(a_{ki}, b_{ki}) = 1$$

which gives

$$b_{ij}b_{jk}b_{ki} = 1$$

$$a_{ij} + b_{ij}a_{jk} + b_{ij}b_{jk}a_{ki} = 0$$

Alternatively, one can get such pairs from a Čech cocycle for the line bundle  $[b_{ij}] \in \text{Pic}(Y) = H^1(Y, \mathcal{O}^\times)$

Strategy: Produce twisted cocycles from cocycles with values in more complicated groups to study them.

# Structures!

Back to the abstract setting with an arbitrary fiber bundle

- Fix an  $F$ -bundle and subgroup  $H \leq \underline{\text{Aut}}(F)$
- An  **$H$ -atlas** is a trivializing cover whose transition maps lie in the subgroup
$$\{(U_i, \psi_i)\} = H\text{-atlas}$$
$$\psi_{ij} \in H(U_{ij})$$
- A  **$H$ -structure** is a maximal  $H$ -atlas.

# Degree Structures

Naturally Occuring Structure Group

$$\{a_0 + a_1 T + p a_2 T^2 + \cdots + p^{n-1} a_n T^n \pmod{p^n}\} \leq \underline{\text{Aut}}(\mathbb{A}_{W/p^n}^1)$$
$$= A_n$$

Affine Linear Group

$$\{a + bT \pmod{p^n}\} \leq \underline{\text{Aut}}(\mathbb{A}_{W/p^n}^1)$$

# Group cocycles that are involved

example: cocycle we use to get twisted cocycle from an  $A_d$  structure.

$$\psi(T) \mapsto \psi''(T)/\psi'(T) \pmod{p}$$

**NEW multivariate version!**

$$C[f] = ((df^{-1})^j{}_l (d^2 f)^l{}_{jk})$$

example: in dimension 2

$$C_1[\psi] = \frac{f_{xx}g_y - f_{xy}g_x - g_{xx}f_y + g_{xy}f_x}{f_xg_y - g_xf_y}$$

$$C_2[\psi] = \frac{f_{xy}g_y - f_{yy}g_x - g_{xy}g_y + g_{yy}f_x}{f_xg_y - g_xf_y}$$

**THE END**