

Proof of the last Proposition.

Look at $\rho(G) \leq GL_n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p})$. It is a compact Hausdorff topological group

\Rightarrow Baire's Lemma holds for $\rho(G)$.

(Baire's Lemma: a countable union of nowhere dense closed subspaces of X is nowhere dense in X .)

Nowhere dense: it does not contain any open set of X

$$GL_n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}) = \bigcup_{\substack{E/\mathbb{Q}_p \\ \text{finite}}} GL_n(E) \quad \text{countable union of closed subsets.}$$

($\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$: there are only finitely many E/\mathbb{Q}_p st. $[E:\mathbb{Q}_p] = n$)

Write $\rho(G) = \bigcup_{\substack{E/\mathbb{Q}_p \\ \text{finite}}} (GL_n(E) \cap \rho(G))$. Either there exists E/\mathbb{Q}_p finite such

that $GL_n(E) \cap \rho(G)$ has finite index in $\rho(G)$

\Rightarrow We can choose F/E finite such that $\rho(G) \leq GL_n(F)$ (finite index -)

Or for every E/\mathbb{Q}_p finite, $GL_n(E) \cap \rho(G)$ has infinite index in $\rho(G)$

$\Rightarrow GL_n(E) \cap \rho(G)$ is nowhere dense in $\rho(G)$ (basis of open subgroups \Rightarrow open subgroups in compact spaces are of finite index)

Now $\rho(G)$ is a countable union of nowhere dense sets \Rightarrow Contradicts Baire's Lemma. \square

Lemma. If $\rho: G \rightarrow GL_n(K)$ is a continuous representation with coefficients in K/\mathbb{Q}_p

finite, then there exists a continuous representation $\rho': G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathcal{O}_K)$ such that

if $i: GL_n(\mathcal{O}_K) \rightarrow GL_n(K)$ is the inclusion $\rho \cong i \circ \rho'$
 \uparrow
 equivalent

Proof. Recall: an \mathcal{O}_K -lattice in K^n is a free \mathcal{O}_K -module L of rank n such that $L \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \cong K^n$.

Choosing a basis for K^n we obtain a continuous action of G on K^n via ρ .

Let L be any lattice in K^n . For $g \in GL_n(K)$ let $g(L) := \{g(x) \mid x \in L\}$

Exercise: $g(L)$ is a lattice, and $\text{Stab}(L) = \{g \in GL_n(K) \mid g(L) \subseteq L\}$ $\bar{E}x$
 is an open subgroup of $GL_n(K)$.

Look at $\rho^{-1}(\underbrace{\text{Stab}(L)}_{\substack{\subseteq GL_n(K) \\ \text{open}}}) \subseteq G \xRightarrow{G \text{ compact}} \rho^{-1}(\text{Stab}(L))$ has finite index in G .

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Choose a set $\{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$ of representatives for $G/\bar{p}^{-1}(\text{Stab}(L))$.

Then define

$$L' := \sum_{i=1}^m p(g_i)(L). \quad \text{We check that the lattice } L' \text{ is } G\text{-stable.}$$

$$(G\text{-stable: } p(g)L' \subseteq L' \quad \forall g \in G)$$

Choose an \mathcal{O}_K -basis for the lattice L' , then the action of G on L' gives a (continuous) representation $\rho': G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathcal{O}_K)$

$$\text{By construction } \iota \circ \rho' \sim \rho$$

Start with $\rho: G \rightarrow GL_n(K)$ continuous representation.

Then by the Lemma we can choose a conjugate of ρ with values in $GL_n(\mathcal{O}_K)$.

Then we can reduce modulo the maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}_K \triangleleft \mathcal{O}_K$ and we obtain a

"residual" representation $\bar{\rho}: G \rightarrow GL_n(\underbrace{\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{m}_K}_{=\mathbb{F}_p})$ attached to ρ .

Def. If G acts on a finite free module M . Choose a filtration $M \supseteq M_n \supseteq \dots \supseteq \{0\}$

in G -stable A -modules such that M_i/M_{i-1} is an irreducible $A[G]$ -module.
(A : field)

(Does not admit any G -stable submodule)

Then the semi-simplification of M is the $A[G]$ -module $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i/M_{i-1}$.

$$\text{Example: If } \rho(g) = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1(g) & \delta(g) \\ 0 & \chi_2(g) \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \bar{\rho}^{ss}(g) = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1(g) & 0 \\ 0 & \chi_2(g) \end{pmatrix}$$

χ_1, χ_2 : Character of ρ

Remark: the representation $\bar{\rho}^{ss}$ attached to ρ is well-defined up to equivalence.

$$K \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{O}_K \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{F}_{p^m}$$

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Idea: fix $\bar{\rho}: G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{F}_{p^m})$ and look at $\rho: G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathcal{O}_K)$

(with $\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{m}_K = \mathbb{F}_{p^m}$) such that $\rho \bmod \mathfrak{m}_K = \bar{\rho}$.

Example of p-adic Galois representation. ("p-adic cyclotomic character")

(p prime, $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$)

$$\chi_n: G_{\mathbb{Q}} \longrightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})/\mathbb{Q}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^{\times} (= GL_1(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}))$$

This representations are compatible with the maps $(\mathbb{Z}/p^m\mathbb{Z})^{\times} \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$ for $m \geq n$.

$$\chi_m \bmod p^n = \chi_n.$$

$$\text{We can take } \varprojlim_n \chi_n: G_{\mathbb{Q}} \longrightarrow \varprojlim_n \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})/\mathbb{Q}) = \varprojlim_n (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^{\times} = \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}$$

$\varprojlim_n \chi_n =: \chi_{\text{cyc}}$

$$\text{Write } \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^{\infty}}) = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$$

We call χ_{cyc} the p-adic cyclotomic character. χ_{cyc} factors through

$$G_{\mathbb{Q}, p^{\infty}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}. \text{ It also factors through } G_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{ab}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}.$$

Theorem: (Kronecker-Weber) The product of all cyclotomic characters gives an isomorphism

$$G_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{ab}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}.$$

Look at "deformation functors". $=: h_R$

* \mathcal{C} -category, $R \in \mathcal{C}$, then $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(R, \cdot): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$ is the functor

$$A \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(R, A), \quad f \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B) \mapsto \begin{cases} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(R, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(R, B) \\ g \mapsto f \circ g \end{cases}$$

We will work with some categories of rings.

Fix a field k . We denote by \mathcal{C}_k the category whose objects are Artinian, local rings with residue field k and morphisms are local ring morphisms, that induce the identity on k .

Examples. * $k = \mathbb{F}_p$, then $\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z} \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{F}_p} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$.

$$\frac{\mathbb{F}_p[T]}{T^n}$$

* \exists unique degree n unramified extension of \mathbb{Q}_p , we will denote it by \mathbb{Q}_p^n . We write \mathbb{Z}_p^n for its valuation ring, then $\mathbb{Z}_p^n / p \mathbb{Z}_p^n = \mathbb{F}_p^n$

$$\forall m \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}: \mathbb{Z}_p^n / p^m \mathbb{Z}_p^n \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{F}_{p^m}}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^n / p^m \mathbb{Z}_p^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^n / p^m \mathbb{Z}_p^n$$

This is not a morphism in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{F}_{p^m}}$ if $m \geq 2$.

$$x \text{ modulo } p^m \longmapsto \text{Frob}_p(x) \text{ modulo } p^m$$

Let $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_k$ be the category whose objects are complete local Noetherian rings with residue field k , morphisms are local ring morphisms that induce the identity on k .

Example. $\mathbb{Z}_p^n \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{F}_{p^n}}$ | An object of \mathcal{C}_k is also an object in $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_k$
 $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}[[T]]$ | (same for morphisms)

DEFORMATION FUNCTORS

Fix $n \geq 1$.

Let G be a profinite group, k a finite field. Fix a continuous representation

$$\bar{\rho}: G \rightarrow GL_n(k).$$

Def. For $A \in \hat{\mathcal{C}}_k$, a deformation (of $\bar{\rho}$ to A) is a continuous representation

$$\rho: G \rightarrow GL_n(A) \text{ such that } \rho \text{ modulo } m_A = \bar{\rho}.$$

We say that $\rho_1, \rho_2: G \rightarrow GL_n(A)$ are strictly equivalent iff. $\exists M \in \ker(GL_n(A) \rightarrow GL_n(k))$

$$\text{such that } M^{-1} \rho_1 M = \rho_2.$$

Remark: if $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ is a morphism in $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_k$ and $\rho_1, \rho_2: G \rightarrow GL_n(A)$ are strictly equivalent representations, then $f \rho_1, f \rho_2: G \rightarrow GL_n(B)$ are strictly equivalent.

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We define $D_{\bar{f}} : \hat{\mathcal{C}}_k \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$ as the functor

$$* \quad D_{\bar{f}}(A) := \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{deformations of} \\ \bar{f} \text{ to } A \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{strict equivalence}$$

* $D_{\bar{f}}(f)$ maps a deformation $p: G \rightarrow GL_n(A)$ to the class of $f \circ p$
 $f: A \rightarrow B$ morphism in $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_k$

(We obtain a functor $\mathcal{C}_k \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$ by restricting $D_{\bar{f}}$ to \mathcal{C}_k)

Goal: show that $D_{\bar{f}}$ is "pro-represented" by some $R \in \hat{\mathcal{C}}_k$, in the sense

$$\text{that } D_{\bar{f}} \cong \text{Hom}_{\hat{\mathcal{C}}_k}(R, \cdot)$$