

$X = \{ \mathbb{R}\text{-alg. maps } h: \frac{\mathbb{C}}{\lambda} \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R}) \}$ .  $G = GL_2, \mathbb{Q}$ . Can identify  $X$  as  $G(\mathbb{R})$ -conj. class  $X \subseteq \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^\times, G(\mathbb{R}))$ .

We saw last time that, given  $k \leq GL_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$  compact open, [If we instead had  $GL_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$  how would we even know there is an action as desired?!]

$G(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash X \times G(\mathbb{A}_f) / k \xrightarrow{\sim} \{ \text{isom. classes of elliptic curves } E/\mathbb{C} \text{ w/ } k\text{-orbit } [\eta] \ni k \cdot \eta \subseteq \text{Isom}_{\mathbb{A}_f}(\hat{1}E, \hat{\mathbb{Z}}^2) \}$ .

### Digression on Level Structure

$E$  elliptic curve / field  $F$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  coprime to  $\text{char}(F)$ . Recall that a level  $N$  structure is  $E[N] \cong (\mathbb{Z}/N)^2$ .

Same as  $E[N](F) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/N)^2$  (by coprime condition). Same as  $\text{Gal}(F^{\text{sep}}/F)$ -inv. isom.  $E[N](F^{\text{sep}})$

$\cong (\mathbb{Z}/N)^2$  (must have trivial action!). Assume now  $\text{char}(F) = 0$  (so no funny business w/ adelic Tate

module).  $E' := E_{F^{\text{sep}}}$ . Isom.  $E[N](F^{\text{sep}}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/N)^2 \hookrightarrow K(N) := \ker(GL_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}) \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N))$  - orbit of

isom.'s  $\hat{1}E' \cong \hat{\mathbb{Z}}^2$ . The Galois invariance condition says correspond  $k(N)$ -orbit  $\hat{1}E' \cong \hat{\mathbb{Z}}^2$

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 $E[N](F^{\text{sep}}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/N)^2$  is  $\text{Gal}(F^{\text{sep}}/F)$ -stable.

$S \in \text{Sch}$  w/ geom. pt.  $s$ . We get  $\pi_1^{\text{ét}}(S, s)$ . This generalizes the abs. Galois grp. (to geom. setting).

Suppose  $E \rightarrow S$  elliptic curve w/  $S$  conn. let  $p$  prime w/  $p \in \mathcal{O}_S^\times$  (so inv. in the base).

(1)  $s \in S$  geom. pt.  $\rightsquigarrow$  monodromy action of  $\pi_1^{\text{ét}}(S, s)$  on  $T_p E_s$  ( $p$ -adic Tate module rel. to  $s$ ).

(2)  $s' \in S$  another geom. pt.  $\rightsquigarrow$  distinguished set of isoms. in  $\text{Isom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p E_s, T_p E_{s'})$  which is single orbit for induced actions of both  $\pi_1^{\text{ét}}(S, s)$  and  $\pi_1^{\text{ét}}(S, s')$ .

Def:  $k \leq GL_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$  compact open,  $E \rightarrow S$  elliptic curve / conn.  $\mathbb{Q}$ -scheme,  $s \rightarrow S$  geom. pt. Level- $k$ -structure on  $E$  is  $k$ -orbit in  $\text{Isom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\hat{1}E_s, \hat{\mathbb{Z}}^2)$  that is stable under  $\pi_1^{\text{ét}}(S, s)$ -action.

Remark: In this setting, giving the data at some geom. pt. uniquely gives data at every geom. pt. So, choice of geom. pt. does not matter.

Thm:  $k \leq GL_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$  suff. small compact open (e.g.  $k \leq K(N)$  w/  $N \geq 3$ ). The functor

$Y_k: \text{Sch}_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ ,  $S \mapsto \{ \text{isom. classes of elliptic curves } E \rightarrow S \text{ w/ } k\text{-level-structure} \}$  is rep. by smooth

quasi-proj.  $\mathbb{Q}$ -scheme w/  $Y_k(\mathbb{C}) \cong G(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash X \times G(\mathbb{A}_f) / k$ .

Pf: Choose  $N \geq 3$  s.t.  $k(N) \leq k$ . Level- $k(N)$ -structure is same as level- $N$ -structure. So,

$Y_{k(N)} = Y(N)$  is representable by earlier work.  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N)$  acts on  $Y(N)$  (by changing level structures),

hence  $k/k(N) \leq GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N)$  acts as well. Check that quotient of  $Y(N)$  by  $k/k(N)$  represents  $Y_k$ .  $\square$

Notation:  $E$  elliptic curve / alg. closed field of char. 0 has  $\hat{V}E := \hat{T}E \otimes_{\hat{\mathbb{Z}}} \hat{\mathbb{Q}}^{\leftarrow} (= A_f = \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})$ .

$k \leq GL_2(A_f)$  compact open  $\leadsto$   $k$ -level-structure on  $E$  is  $k$ -orbit in  $Isom_{\hat{\mathbb{Q}}}(\hat{V}E, \hat{\mathbb{Q}}^2)$ . Extend to  $E \rightarrow S$

as before ("smear out the fibers").

Thm:  $Y_k$  defined as before is representable as before. [ Isomorphism gives way to isogeny... ]

Paradox: We have two! moduli interpretations for  $k \leq GL_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$  compact open. We are classifying both

isom. classes and isogeny classes. What's going on?! [ Potential student topic for the end of the semester. ]

$[Sh_k(G, X)]$