

# Overconvergent modular forms

## §1. Hasse invariants for modular forms

Let  $S$  be an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -scheme.

There's a Frobenius endomorphism  $S \xrightarrow{Fr_S} S$

If  $A$  is an abelian  $S$ -scheme, we have a relative Frobenius

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{Fr_A} & \sum s_n^p x^{np} \\
 \downarrow Fr_{A/S} & \nearrow A^{(p)} \xrightarrow{Fr_S} & \downarrow \sum s_n^p x^n \\
 & \pi^{(p)} \downarrow & \downarrow \pi \\
 S & \xrightarrow{Fr_S} S & \sum s_n x^n
 \end{array}$$

"Frobenius on the fiber"

Fact:  $\text{Ker}(Fr_{A/S}) \subseteq A[p]$ , so we have a factorization

$$A \xrightarrow{Fr_{A/S}} A^{(p)} \xrightarrow{\text{V}} A$$

$\xrightarrow{x^p}$  /S      all  $S$ -morphisms

called Verschiebung.

$$\text{Then } H_{dR}^1(A/S) \xrightarrow{V^*} H_{dR}^1(A^{(p)}/S) \cong H_{dR}^1(A/S) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{S, Fr_S}} \mathcal{O}_S$$

General Fact:  $\text{Im } V^*$  is precisely  $\omega_{A^{(p)}/S} \cong \omega_{A/S} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{S, Fr_S}} \mathcal{O}_S$

to be discussed  
next week.

Example: modular curve

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 E & \xleftarrow{\quad} & E & & X_1(N) \text{ & } X_1(N) \text{ are compactifications} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 Y_1(N) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & Y_1(N) & & M_k(\Gamma_1(N)) := H^0(X_1(N), \omega^{\otimes k}) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & M_k(\Gamma_1(N), \mathbb{F}_p) := H^0(X_1(N), \omega_{\mathbb{F}_p}^{\otimes k}) \\
 \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_p & \sim \text{special fiber.} &
 \end{array}$$

\* Applying the above construction to  $E \rightarrow Y_1(N)$

$$\text{get } V^* : H_{dR}^1(E/Y_1(N)) \longrightarrow \omega_{E/Y_1(N)}^{(p)} \cong \omega^{\otimes p}$$

$\omega$    
 $\xrightarrow{\text{UI}}$    
 $\xrightarrow{\text{Hasse invariant map}}$

When pulling back a line bundle along Frobenius,  
 the transition maps got  $p^{\text{th}}$ -powered, so  $\omega^{\otimes p}$

$$h := V^* \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{Y_1(N)}}(\omega, \omega^{\otimes p}) = \Gamma(\mathcal{O}_{Y_1(N)}, \omega^{\vee} \otimes \omega^{\otimes p}) \cong \Gamma(\mathcal{O}_{Y_1(N)}, \omega^{p-1})$$

This is called the Hasse invariant; it is a weight  $p-1 \bmod p$  modular form.

Fact: The  $q$ -expansion for  $h$  is just 1. Fact:  $h$  has no repeated zeros.

Fact:  $h$  is the reduction mod  $p$  of Eisenstein series  $E_{p-1}$ . (somewhat coincidental)

Lemma: The zero locus of  $h$ ,  $Z(h)$ , is precisely the locus of  $\mathcal{Y}_1(N)$  where  $E$  is supersingular.

Proof: At a point  $x \in \mathcal{Y}_1(N)(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p)$ , the elliptic curve  $E_x$  is ordinary

$$\Rightarrow E_x[p] \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mu_p \text{ as group scheme.}$$

$\uparrow$        $\uparrow$   
 $\text{Fr}_{E_x/x} = \text{id}$        $\text{Fr}_{E_x/x} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow V=0 \quad V \text{ is an isom.}$$

Note:  $\omega_{E_x/x} \cong \omega_{E_x[p]/x}$   $\hookrightarrow V$  is an isom

$\Rightarrow h$  doesn't vanish at this point.

Conversely,  $V^* : \omega_{E_x/x} \rightarrow \omega_{E_x^{(p)}/x}$  is an isom.  $\Rightarrow \text{Ker } V$  is an étale group scheme  
 $\Rightarrow E_x$  must be ordinary.  $\square$

Remark: On  $X_1(1)$ , with some care of the stackiness, can count supersingular elliptic curves  
by understanding  $\deg \omega^{p-1}$  (& Kodaira-Spencer  $\omega^{\otimes 2} \cong \Omega_X^1(\log C)$ ).

Example: (Fake Hilbert moduli variety)

$F$  totally real field of discriminant  $D$ ,  $p \nmid ND$

$\Rightarrow p$  unram. in  $F$ .

Say  $p\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{P}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{P}_g$  &  $[\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{P}_i} : \mathbb{F}_p] = f_i$

Take  $r$  to be divisible by all  $f_i$

Fix an isom.  $\mathbb{C} \cong \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ . then

$$\text{Hom}(F, \mathbb{C}) = \bigoplus_i \text{Hom}(\mathcal{O}_{F_{\mathfrak{P}_i}}, \mathbb{Z}_{p^r})$$

embeddings here are  $\tau, \sigma \circ \tau, \sigma^2 \circ \tau, \dots$

we denote them as  $\tau_1^{(i)}, \tau_2^{(i)}, \dots$  so that  $\tau_{j+1}^{(i)} = \sigma \circ \tau_j^{(i)}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{\quad} & A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xleftarrow{\quad} & M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{ND}\right] & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_{p^r} \text{ special fiber.} \end{array}$$

$\sigma = \text{Frob on } \mathbb{Z}_{p^r}$

Then  $0 \rightarrow \omega_{A/M} \rightarrow H_{dR}^1(A/M) \rightarrow \text{Lie}_{A^\vee/M} \rightarrow 0$  & the subindices are mod  $\mathfrak{f}_i$ .

$$\mathcal{O}_F \otimes \mathcal{O}_M \cong \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{P}_i} \bigoplus_{j=1}^{f_i} \mathcal{O}_M$$

Fix a  $p_i$  for the rest of the discussion, get  $0 \rightarrow \omega_{\tau_j} \rightarrow H^1_{dR, \tau_j} \rightarrow \text{Lie}_{\tau_j} \rightarrow 0$

The Verschiebung map  $V: H^1_{dR}(A/M) \rightarrow (\omega_{A/M})^{(p)}$

$$\Rightarrow H^1_{dR, \tau_j} \rightarrow (\omega_{\tau_{j-1}})^{(p)} \simeq \omega_{\tau_{j-1}}^{\otimes p}$$

Note the twist from  $\tau_j$  to  $\tau_{j-1}$  here!  $(\omega^{(p)})_{\tau_j} \cong (\omega_{\tau_{j-1}})^{(p)}$

$\leadsto$  partial Hasse invariant  $h_j: \omega_{\tau_j} \rightarrow \omega_{\tau_{j-1}}^p$

So  $h_j \in H^1(M, \omega_{\tau_j}^{-1} \otimes \omega_{\tau_{j-1}}^p)$  is a mod  $p$  Hilbert modular form of wt -1 at  $\tau_j$  &  $p$  at  $\tau_{j-1}$

Note:  $h_j$  is not of paritious weight, so it can't be lifted to char 0.

This is a purely char 0 phenomenon.

$h := \prod_{p_i} \prod_{j=1}^{f_i} h_j \in H^1(M, \otimes \omega_{\tau_j}^{p-1})$  is called the total Hasse invariant

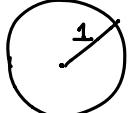
Fact: The complement of the zero locus of  $h$  in  $M$  is the ordinary locus,

i.e. where  $A_{\bar{x}}[p] \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_F \oplus \mu_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_F$  for  $\bar{x} \in M^{\text{ord}}(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p)$ .

Remark: Our discussion crucially need  $p$  to be unramified in  $F$ .

## §2 Overconvergent modular forms

Quick recall of some facts on rigid analytic space:

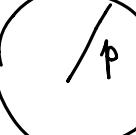
\*   $D := D(0; 1) = \text{closed unit disc}$

  $/ \mathbb{Q}_p$  Ring of rigid analytic functions on  $D$  is

$$\mathbb{Q}_p\langle x \rangle := \left\{ f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n, a_n \in \mathbb{Q}_p, |a_n| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \right\}$$

$$\underline{\text{Gauss norm. }} \|f(x)\| = \max_{n \geq 0} |a_n| = \sup_{z \in D(0; 1)} |f(z)|$$

Write  $D = \text{Spm } \mathbb{Q}_p\langle x \rangle$

  $D' = D(0; p) = \text{closed disc of radius } p$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p\langle px \rangle = \left\{ f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n, a_n \in \mathbb{Q}_p, p^n | a_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \right\}$$

We can restrict functions on  $D'$  to that on  $D$

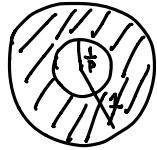
$$\text{i.e. } \mathbb{Q}_p\langle px \rangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p\langle x \rangle$$

$$\phi: \hat{\bigoplus}_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{Z}_p[[\mathbb{Z}_p^\times]] \rightarrow \hat{\bigoplus}_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$$

This is a  $p$ -adic limit of finite rank operators, i.e.  $\phi_n$  = truncating at deg  $n$ .

So restricting strictly bigger space to strictly smaller space,

the map on rigid analytic functions is completely continuous/compact/limit of finite rank.



$$D^o = D(0; 1) - D(0; \frac{1}{p}) = \text{annulus of radius in } [\frac{1}{p}, 1]$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{Q}_p\langle x, \frac{p}{x} \rangle := \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n x^n, a_n \in \mathbb{Q}_p \begin{array}{l} |a_n| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \\ |a_{-n}| \cdot p^n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow -\infty \end{array} \right\}$$

*This is in fact the original definition*  $\Rightarrow \left\{ \sum_{m \geq 0} f_m(x) \left(\frac{p}{x}\right)^m, f_m(x) \in \mathbb{Q}_p\langle x \rangle, \|f_m\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow +\infty \right\}$

*rewrite this slightly*  $\Rightarrow \left( \bigcup_{m \geq 0} \left(\frac{p}{x}\right)^m \mathbb{Z}_p\langle x \rangle \right) \hat{[}\frac{1}{p} \hat{]}$

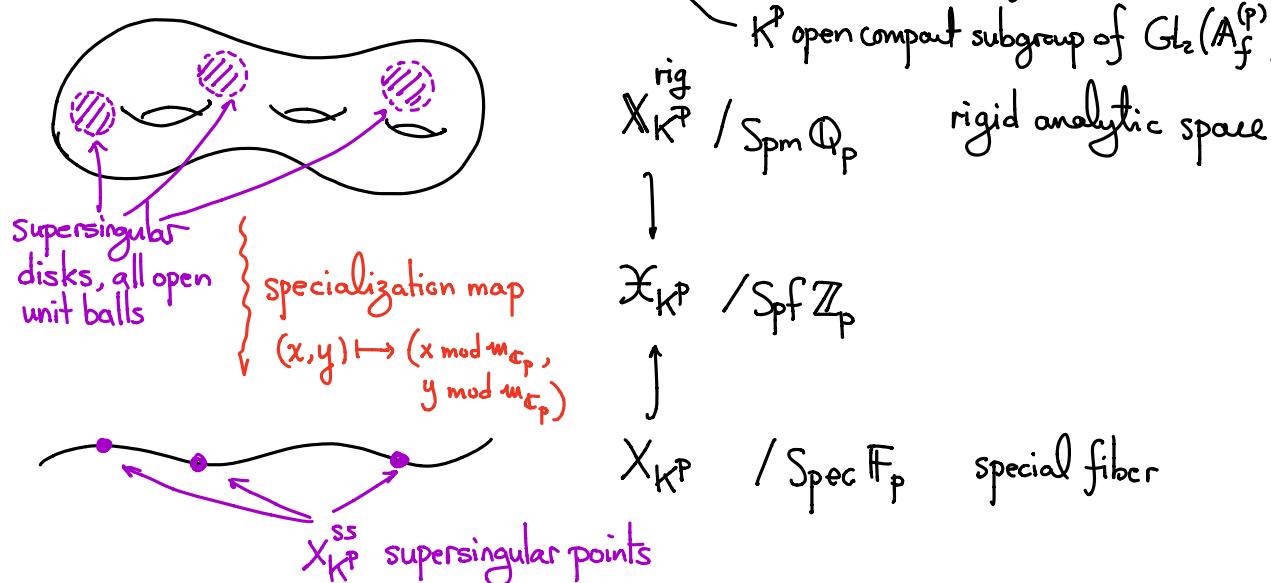
Remark: We can also write  $D^o = D(0; 1) - (p^2; (\frac{1}{p}))$

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{Q}_p\langle x, \frac{p}{x-p^2} \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{m \geq 0} f_m(x) \left(\frac{p}{x-p^2}\right)^m, f_m(x) \in \mathbb{Q}_p\langle x \rangle, \|f_m\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow +\infty \right\}$$

but we can write  $\frac{p}{x-p^2}$  as  $\frac{p}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{p^2}{x}} = \frac{p}{x} \left(1 + \frac{p^2}{x} + \left(\frac{p^2}{x}\right)^2 + \dots\right)$

to reduce to the previous expression.

Move to the case of modular curves  $X_{K^p}$  (assuming the compactification is not a problem)



Why open disk: Since  $X_{K^p}$  is a smooth curve over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , the completion of  $X_{K^p}$  at a closed point  $x \in X_{K^p}$

is  $\text{Spf}(W(k_x)[[\varpi_x]])$ , the one-variable formal power series ring.



open unit disk, as  $\varpi_x$  must take values in  $M_{\mathbb{C}_p}$ .

Fix  $0 < r < 1$  ( $\& r \in p^{\mathbb{Q}}$ )

Fix a lift  $\tilde{h}$  of the Hasse invariant  $h$ . in  $H^0(\mathcal{X}_{K^p}, \omega^{\otimes(p-1)})$

Then  $\tilde{h}$  is a local parameter at each supersingular disk

Then  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^{\text{rig}} \setminus (\text{all supersingular open disks}) = \{ z \in \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^{\text{rig}} ; |h(z)| = 1 \}$

Define  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^{\text{rig}}(r) := \{ z \in \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^{\text{rig}} ; |h(z)| \geq r \}$   
 $= \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^{\text{rig}} \setminus (\text{all supersingular disks of radius } r^-)$

Key: If  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}$  is defined over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  & thus  $h$  is,  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^{\text{rig}}(r)$  is well-defined for  $\frac{1}{p} < r < 1$ .

(See the explanation above with parameters  $x$  &  $x-p^2$ .)

Definition  $S_k^{t,r}(K^p) := H^0(\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^{\text{rig}}(r), \omega^k)$  (better to assume  $\frac{1}{p} < r < 1$ )

space of overconvergent modular forms of wt  $k$ , level  $K^p$  & radius  $r$ .

Explicitly,  $S_k^{t,r}(K^p) = \left( \bigcup_{m \geq 0} \left( \frac{\lambda}{\tilde{h}} \right)^m H^0(\mathcal{X}_{K^p}, \omega^{k+(p-1)m}) \right)^{\wedge} [\frac{1}{p}]$

Compare with our earlier example

as  $\tilde{h}$  is a section of  $\omega^{p-1}$ , we need to twist  $\omega^k$  to  $\omega^{k+(p-1)m}$ .

$S_k^t(K^p) := \bigcup_{r \geq 1^-} S_k^{t,r}(K^p)$

### §3 Canonical subgroups and Up-operator

Let  $S$  be a scheme of  $\text{char } p > 0$ , e.g.  $S = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_p}/(p)$ .

Let  $A \xrightarrow{\pi} S$  be an abelian variety,  $\omega_{A/S} := \wedge^{\dim A} (\pi_* \Omega^1_{A/S})$

Verschiebung  $V: A^{(p)} \longrightarrow A$

$\rightsquigarrow V^*: \omega_{A/S} \longrightarrow \omega_{A^{(p)}/S} \cong \omega_{A/S}^p$

Hasse invariant  $\text{Ha}(A/S) \in H^0(S, \omega_{A/S}^{p-1})$

Black Box Theorem: Let  $R$  be a  $p$ -adically complete flat  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{\text{cyc}}$ -alg (e.g.  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_p}$ )  $\times_A R$  an abelian var.

(1)  $\text{Ha}(A \otimes R/\mathfrak{p})$  is a unit in  $R/\mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow A \otimes R/\mathfrak{p}$  is ordinary

(2) Assume  $\text{Ha}(A \otimes R/\mathfrak{p})^{\frac{p^m-1}{p-1}} \in R/\mathfrak{p}$  divides  $p^\varepsilon$  for  $\varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$ .

Then there exists a unique closed subgroup  $C \subset A[p^m]$  such that  $C = \ker F_r^m \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon}$

i.e.  $A[p^m] \supseteq \ker F_r^m$

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$R/p^{1-\varepsilon}$

lifts uniquely

$C$

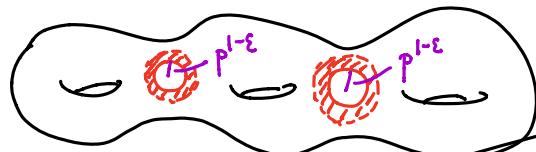
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\* In the ordinary case,  $A/\mathcal{O}_{C_p}$ , s.t.  $A \otimes \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$  ordinary

$$A[p^\infty] \simeq \mu_{p^\infty} \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \quad \& \text{the canonical subgp is } \mu_{p^\infty} = A[p^\infty]^{\text{conn.}}$$

Back to our situation at hand:



i.e. where  $\text{Ha}(E) | p^\varepsilon$

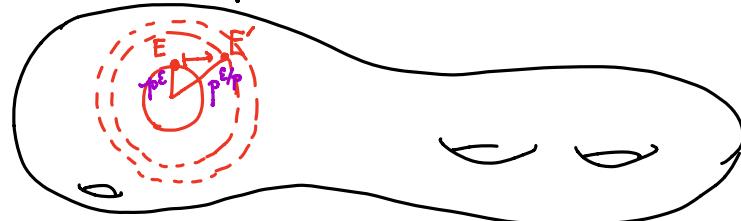
So over  $X_{K^p}^{\text{rig}}(p^\varepsilon)$ , there exists a canonical subgroup  $C \subseteq E[p]$  of order  $p$ .

Define a  $U_p$ -operator on  $S_k^{\dagger, p^\varepsilon}(K^p)$  (in terms of Katz modular form)

$$U_p(f)(E, i, \omega) = p^{k-1} \sum_{\substack{C' \subset E[p] \\ C' \neq C}} f(E/C', i_{C'}, \pi^* \omega)$$

Here, we only take objects  $(E, i)$  over  $X_{K^p}^{\text{rig}}(p^\varepsilon)$

Important claim: The "map"  $E \mapsto E' = E/C'$  looks like when  $\varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$



So the  $U_p$ -operator factors as  $S_k^{\dagger, p^\varepsilon}(K^p) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} S_k^{\dagger, p^{\varepsilon/\rho}}(K^p) \xrightarrow{U_p} S_k^{\dagger, p^\varepsilon}(K^p)$

*compact operator!*      *continuous*  
b/c  $X_{K^p}^{\text{rig}}(p^{\varepsilon/\rho})$  is strictly contained in  $X_{K^p}^{\text{rig}}(p^\varepsilon)$

$\Rightarrow U_p$ -operator is compact

$\Rightarrow$  Given any  $\lambda > 0$ , only finitely many  $U_p$ -eigenvalues are  $\geq \lambda$ .

Proof of the claim:

$$\text{Note } E'/\text{Im}(C \rightarrow E') = E/C + C' = E/E[p] \simeq E$$

$$\& C \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon} = \text{Ker } \text{Fr}_{E \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon}} \Rightarrow \text{Im}(C \rightarrow E') \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon} = \text{Ker } \text{Fr}_{E' \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon}}$$
$$\Rightarrow E \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon} \simeq (E' \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon})^p$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ha}(E \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon}) = \text{Ha}(E' \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon})^p$$

$$\text{So if } \text{Ha}(E \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon}) = p^\varepsilon \cdot \text{unit}, \text{ then } \text{Ha}(E' \bmod p^{1-\varepsilon}) = p^{\varepsilon/p} \cdot \text{unit}$$