

Oddness of Residually Reducible Galois Representations:

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1. Introduction

$f \in S_k(N, \chi)$ Hecke eigenform, $k \geq 1$.

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$$\rho_f : G_{\mathbb{Q}} = \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$$

s.t. • $\text{tr}(\rho_f(\text{Frob}_\ell)) = a_\ell(f)$ (Hecke eigenvalue)

• $\det(\rho_f(c)) = (\chi \chi_{\text{cycl}}^{k-1})(c) = -1$. "odd" where $c =$ complex conjugation

• irreducible

• geometric: unramified for all $\ell \nmid Np$ and $\rho_f|_{D_p}$ is potentially semi-stable.
(e.g. if $p \nmid N$ and $p > k$ then $\rho_f|_{D_p}$ is "short crystalline")

Fontaine-Mazur modularity conjecture:

Let $\rho : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$ irred. and geometric and not twist of even representation with finite image. Then $\rho \cong \rho_f$ (up to twist) for some f .

Thm (Kisin, Emerton, Khare-Wintenberger): FOM_a is true if ρ is odd and

$\bar{\rho} :=$ "p mod p" absolutely irreducible and extra technical assumptions on $\rho|_{D_p}$.

Thm (Coleman): Assume $\bar{\rho}$ abs. irred. and not dihedral and extra assumptions

on $\rho|_{D_p}$. Then ρ is odd.

Goal: Give higher dim. generalization

Thm (Ribet): $p > 2$ $\rho : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$ abs. irred, short crystalline, and

unramified away from p , and $\bar{\rho}|_{D_p}$ distinguished s.t.

$\bar{\rho}$ is reducible. Then Vojta's conjecture [p -class number of $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^t})$] implies p is odd.

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Proof (sketch): Up to twist $\bar{\rho}^{\text{ss}} = \bar{\chi}_{\text{cycl}}^m \oplus \mathbb{1}$, $m \neq 0$.

Ribet (1976): \exists lattice in ρ s.t. mod p reduction $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\chi}_{\text{cycl}}^m & * \\ 0 & \mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix}$

non-split.

This gives $p \mid \# \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)(\bar{\chi}_{\text{cycl}}^m))$.

Vojta gives m must be odd. This implies $\det \rho$ odd. ■

Remark: Ribet proved: $p \mid \frac{S(k)}{\pi^k}$ (k even, "critical")

then $p \mid \# \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)(\bar{\chi}_{\text{cycl}}^{1-k}))$.

2. Polarizations and signs:

Let K/k^+ CM quad. ext., $\hat{c} \in G_{k^+}$ any lift of $1 \neq c \in \text{Gal}(K/k^+)$.

(think $K^+ = \mathbb{Q}$, $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$)

$R: G_K \longrightarrow \text{GL}_m(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$ abs. irred.

$\psi: G_{k^+} \longrightarrow \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p^\times$.

Def: (R, ψ) is polarized if $R^\vee \cong R^c \otimes \psi|_{G_K}$

$R^c(g) = R(\hat{c}g\hat{c}^{-1})$.

R^\vee contragredient.

By Schur's lemma there exists $A \in GL_n(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$ s.t.

$R^v = A R^c A^{-1} \psi$, $A^T = \pm A$. This \pm is the sign associated to the pair (R, ψ) .

Def: (R, ψ) is odd if $\text{sign} = +1$.

Example: $\tilde{R}: G_{K^+} \rightarrow GL_n(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$ s.t. $\tilde{R}^v \cong \tilde{R} \otimes \psi$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{R}$ is either symplectic or orthogonal.
(generalized)

(e.g. $m=2$, $K^+ = \mathbb{Q}_2^*$, $\rho_f^v \cong \rho_f \otimes \det \bar{\rho}_f^{-1}$)

Then $(\tilde{R}|_{G_{K^+}}, \psi)$ odd $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \tilde{R} \text{ symplectic and } \psi(\tilde{\epsilon}) = -1 \\ \tilde{R} \text{ orthogonal and } \psi(\tilde{\epsilon}) = +1 \end{cases}$

pres. sense of oddness

Thm (Bellaïche - Chenevier): π regular algebraic cuspidal polarized rep. of GL_n/K . Then $(\rho_\pi, \chi_{\text{cycl}}^{m-1})$ is odd.

Thm (B.1): Let $p > 2$. Assume there exists $R: G_K \rightarrow GL_{2n}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$ abs. irred. short crystalline, (R, ψ) polarized s.t.

$$\bar{R}^{ss} \cong \bar{\rho} \oplus \bar{\rho}^{c\psi} \otimes \psi^{-1}|_{G_K} \text{ for } \rho: G_K \rightarrow GL_n(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$$

s.t. $\bar{\rho}$ irred. and distinct from $\bar{\rho}^{c\psi} \otimes \psi^{-1}|_{G_K}$. Then

$$p! \# H_f^1(G_{K^+}, A_S^{-\psi(\tilde{\epsilon}) \text{ sym}}(\rho) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p(\psi)) \leftarrow \text{Bloch-Kato Selmer group.}$$

Remarks:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \text{Ext}_{G_k}^1(\bar{\rho}^{c\nu}, \bar{\rho}) &\simeq H_f^1(G_k, \bar{\rho} \otimes \bar{\rho}^c) \\ &= H_f^1(G_{k^+}, A_S^+(\bar{\rho})) \oplus H_f^1(G_{k^+}, A_S^-(\bar{\rho})). \end{aligned}$$

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Asai or Hensen
induction rep.

↖ $A_S^+ \otimes \chi_{k/k^+}$

• coeff. $A_S^{-\psi(\epsilon)} \otimes \psi$ is critical (Deligne) iff $\text{Sgn}(R, \psi) = +1$.

• Theorem provides evidence for Bloch-Kato conjecture for $A_S^\pm(\rho)$
(in critical case existence of R should be governed by

$$\frac{L(A_S^\pm \pi, s)}{\Omega}$$

• for $n=1$, $\rho = \mathbb{1}_{G_k}$, $\psi = \chi_{\text{cycl}}^{m-1}$ this recovers Ribet's situation

$$\text{as } A_S^+(\mathbb{1}_{G_k}) = \mathbb{1}_{G_k}$$

• proof compares \bar{c} -involution on $H^1(G_k, \rho \otimes \rho^c \otimes \psi)$ with involution coming from polarization and use result of Bellaïche-Chenevier on ext $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\rho} & * \\ 0 & \bar{\rho}^{c\nu} \otimes \psi^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ constructed like Ribet.

FoMa style conj:

Let $R: G_k \rightarrow \text{GL}_{2n}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$ irred. and show crystalline.

$$\psi: G_{k^+} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p^\times$$

(R, ψ) polarized

Then $R \simeq \rho_\pi$ for auto. rep. π .

Results: - [BLGGT] for \bar{R} used and odd prove potential
automorphy.

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• Theorem for \bar{R} reducible of Schur type and odd

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(not as in them)

proves automorphy.

Concl: Let R be as in the theorem. Then Vandiver conj. generalization

$(p \nmid \# \text{ non-critical } H_F^1(A_S^\pm(p))) \Rightarrow (R, 4) \text{ odd.}$