

Last time We finished discussing  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ -representations of  $G_K$  for  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  finite extension.

Main consequence: Described by a representation w/ finite image in inertia  $\Leftrightarrow$  a nilpotent matrix.

Examples of  $p$ -adic representations:

Cyclotomic character, Kummer representations, abelian representations.

Today: Elliptic curves, Tate modules  $\Leftrightarrow$  examples from this (baby case of étale cohomology).

Elliptic curve over a field  $K$  is a smooth proper genus 1 dimensional geometrically connected scheme  $/K$ .  $\leftarrow$  no multiple roots  
(char  $K \neq 2, 3$ )  $E: y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$   $a, b \in K$ .  
 $\sim$  (take Zariski closure in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ ).

E.g.  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$   $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}e_1 + \mathbb{Z}e_2$  lattice.

(via  $P = P'$   $y = P'$   $x = P$ ).

If  $E/K$  is an elliptic curve then  $E$  is a group scheme. (i.e.  $\exists e: E \rightarrow E$  w/ expected properties)  
addition

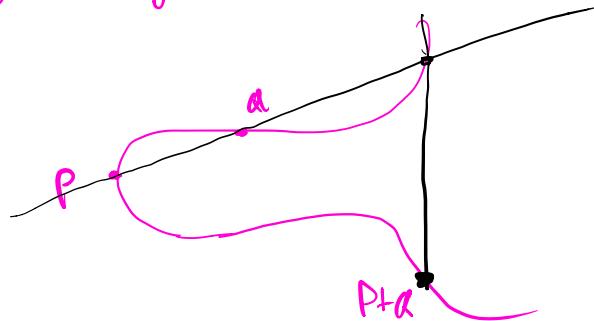
Identity element is  $o = [0:1:0]$ .

( $E \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$   
via Weierstrass equation).

Group structure is obvious

In general:  $E \xrightarrow{\phi} \text{Jac } E \leftarrow$  group structure.  
 $P \mapsto (P) - (\infty)$

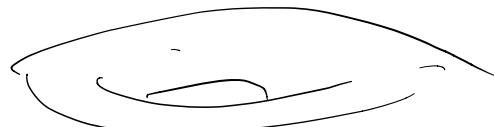
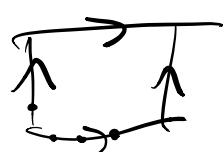
Can also give a geometric construction:



If  $\bar{K}$  is an algebraic closure of  $K$

$E(\bar{K})[n] \leftarrow n\text{-torsion points}$   
 $(E[n](\bar{K})) \quad E[n] = n\text{-torsion sub-group}$

Example  $\mathbb{C}/(\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}i) \cong E(K)$   $E: y^2 = x^3 + x$   
 n-torsion.



$$(\frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z}i)/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}i \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^2$$

with basis  
 $\frac{1}{n}, \frac{i}{n}$ .

In general if  $(1, \text{char } K)$   
 then  $E(\bar{K})[n] \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^2$ .

$$G_K = \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K) \subset E(\bar{K})[n].$$

Because  $E$ , multiplication, identity element  
are all defined using polynomials over  $K$ .

$$\text{(e.g.) } y^2 = x^3 + x \quad K = \mathbb{R}$$

$y = i$  is a real root of  $x^3 + x = 1$ .

$$(i, a) \quad \boxed{y^2 = x^3 + a}$$

$$(\bar{i}, \bar{a})$$

$$(-i, a) \quad \begin{matrix} (-i)^2 = a^3 + a \\ \downarrow \\ i^2 \end{matrix}$$

fix complete basis  
for  $E(K)$ .

If  $\ell$  is a prime number

$$T_\ell E := \lim_{\leftarrow} E(\bar{\mathbb{K}})[\ell^n] \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_\ell\text{-module.}$$

$$V_\ell E = T_\ell E \left[ \frac{1}{\ell} \right] \quad \text{if } (\text{char } K, \ell) = 1.$$

$V_\ell E$  2-dim'l  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ -vector space.

$$G_K \curvearrowright T_\ell E \quad G_K \curvearrowright V_\ell E.$$

2-dim'l representation of  $G_K$ .

Back to  $K = \text{finite extension of } \mathbb{Q}_p$ .

Claim For any  $\pi \in K$  with  $|(\pi)| < 1$

there is an elliptic curve

$$E_\pi \text{ s.t. } E_\pi / (\mathbb{C}_\pi) \cong \mathbb{C}_\pi^\times / \pi$$

(Tate curve)

compatible with  $\tilde{G}_K$ -actions.

(Like if  $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$  ( $\tau = a+bi$ ,  $b > 0$ ))

$$\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\tau \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}^*/(e^{2\pi i \tau})\mathbb{Z}$$

$$z \mapsto e^{2\pi iz}$$

$$|\tau| < 1.$$

Exercise

Find a basis for  $E_\pi(\mathbb{F}_p)[n]$   
and describe the Galois action  
on it.

(take  $n = p$  prime if it's easier  
to think about.)

$\zeta_n$  = primitive  $n$ th root of unity.

$\pi^{\frac{1}{n}}$  =  $n$ th root of  $\pi$

$\zeta_n^n = 1 = \text{identity in } \mathbb{F}_p^*/\pi\mathbb{Z}$

$(\pi^{\frac{1}{n}})^n = \pi = \text{identity in } \mathbb{F}_p^*/\pi\mathbb{Z}$ .

Give a basis.

Subspace  
generated  
by Galois  
fixed points

$\chi_n = n$ th cyclotomic.

$G_K \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$ .

$\sigma \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \chi_n & \tau_\pi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\hookrightarrow$  Extension of  
trivial representation  
by multiplication.

$$\tau_{\pi}: G_K \rightarrow N_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$$

(a cocycle; homomorphism if  $N_n(\mathbb{Q}_p) \subseteq K$ .).

If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an  $\ell$ -adic Tate-module.

$$G_K \rightarrow \left( \begin{smallmatrix} \chi_{\text{adic}} & \tau_{\pi} \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$$

in basis  $\left( \begin{smallmatrix} 1^n \\ \dots \\ 1^n \end{smallmatrix} \right) \quad \left( \begin{smallmatrix} \pi^{\wedge n} \\ \dots \\ \pi^{\wedge n} \end{smallmatrix} \right)$

Kumon representations.

$\ell \neq p$  tamely ramified.  $\ell = p$  very wildly ramified.

**WARNING:** Unlike over  $\mathbb{C}$ , not every elliptic curve over  $K$  (over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ) admits such a uniformization.

Bonus exercise: Do same exercise for  $K = \mathbb{R}$ .

Example E:  $y^2 = x^3 + x$

(note: no matter what  $p$   
 $\Rightarrow$  this will not be a Tate curve).

$$K = \mathbb{Q}_p \text{ if } p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$\mathbb{Q}_{p^2} \text{ if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

Ignore  $p=2$ .

$$i \in K \text{ s.t. } i^2 = -1.$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto (-x, iy)$$

$$(i, 0)^2 \stackrel{?}{=} (-x)^3 + (-x)$$

$$(f_i)^2(x, y) = (x, -y)$$

which is  $-1$  in the group law.

$$-y^2 = -x^3 + -x \quad \checkmark \quad \text{if } y^2 = x^3 + x.$$

so  $f_i$  is an automorphism of  $E$ .  
 (as curve + group structure).

$$\mathbb{Q}_\ell \subseteq \text{End}(V_\ell E) \quad (\cong M_2(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)).$$

$f_i \in$

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell[x]/x^{l+1}}} \subseteq \text{End}(V_\ell E).$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \mathbb{Q}_{\ell^2} & \mathbb{Q}_\ell \times \mathbb{Q}_\ell &\hookrightarrow \text{as } \mathbb{Q}_\ell\text{-algebra.} \\ \begin{matrix} \text{unramified} \\ \text{extn of} \\ \text{degree 2} \\ \text{if } \ell \neq p \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{if } l \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \text{if } l \equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{matrix} & & \end{aligned}$$

Because  $f_i$  is defined with coefficients in  $K$ .  
 the action of  $G_K$  commutes with  
 this.

If  $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

$V_\ell E$  1-dim  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell^2}$ -vector  
 space

with  $G_K$ -action.

↑ so it must be abelian.  
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Look like the action  
 I wrote down last time  
 if  $l=p$ .