

# Control of Pro-Limit Mordell–Weil groups.

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Abstract: We give a control theorem of partially ordinary factor of modular jacobians. Then we prove almost constancy of Mordell–Weil rank of Shimura’s abelian variety quotients moving along an slope 0 analytic family. We fix a prime  $p$  assumed  $\geq 5$  for simplicity.

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**§1. The  $U(p)$ -operators.** We have a well known commutative diagram of  $U(p^{s-r})$ -operators:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 J_{r,R} & \xrightarrow{\pi^*} & J_{s,R}^r \\
 \downarrow u & \swarrow u' & \downarrow u'' \\
 J_{r,R} & \xrightarrow{\pi^*} & J_{s,R}^r
 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

where the middle  $u'$  is given by  $U_r^s(p^{s-r})$  and  $u$  and  $u''$  are  $U(p^{s-r})$ . These operators comes from  $\Gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p^{s-r} \end{pmatrix} \Gamma'$  for  $u : \Gamma = \Gamma_r = \Gamma'$ ,  $u' : \Gamma = \Gamma_s^r, \Gamma' = \Gamma_r$  and  $u : \Gamma = \Gamma_s^r = \Gamma'$ .

Note that  $U(p^n) = U(p)^n$ . Define an idempotent  $e := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U(p)^n!$  as an endomorphism of  $p$ -torison group  $J_r[p^\infty]$  and  $J_s^r[p^\infty]$ . Then the above diagram implies

$$J_{r/\mathbb{Q}}[p^\infty]^{\text{ord}} \cong J_{s/\mathbb{Q}}^r[p^\infty]^{\text{ord}} \quad \text{and} \quad J_{r/\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{ord}}(k) \cong J_{s/\mathbb{Q}}^{r,\text{ord}}(k),$$

where “ord” indicates the image under  $e$ .

## §2. fppf cohomology.

Since we have  $J_{r/\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{ord}}(k) \cong J_{s/\mathbb{Q}}^{r,\text{ord}}$ , to get a control of  $J_{r/\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{ord}}(k)$ , we need to replace the cohomology group in the above commutative diagram by something else.

Suppose that we have morphisms of three varieties schemes  $X \xrightarrow{\pi} Y \xrightarrow{g} S = \text{Spec}(k)$ . Then we get, for  $?_T = ? \times_S T$ ,

$$\text{Pic}_{X/S}(T) = H_{\text{fppf}}^1(X_T, O_X^\times)$$

$$\text{Pic}_{Y/S}(T) = H_{\text{fppf}}^1(Y_T, O_{Y_T}^\times)$$

for any  $S$ -scheme  $T$  with  $H_{\text{fppf}}^1(T, O_T^\times) = 0$  (for example  $T = \text{Spec}(K)$  for a field). We suppose that the functors  $\text{Pic}_{X/S}$  and  $\text{Pic}_{Y/S}$  are representable by smooth group schemes. We then put  $J_? = \text{Pic}_{?/S}^0$  ( $? = X, Y$ ). We apply this to  $X = X_s$  and  $Y = X_s^r$  with cuspidal  $\infty$ -sections.

**§3. A spectral sequence under fppf topology.** For an fppf covering  $\mathcal{U} \rightarrow Y$  and a presheaf  $P = P_Y$  on the fppf site over  $Y$ , we define via Čech cohomology an fppf presheaf  $\mathcal{U} \mapsto \check{H}^q(\mathcal{U}, P)$  denoted by  $\check{H}^q(P_Y)$ . The inclusion functor from the category of fppf sheaves over  $Y$  into the category of fppf presheaves over  $Y$  is left exact. The derived functor of this inclusion of an fppf sheaf  $F = F_Y$  is denoted by  $\underline{H}^\bullet(F_Y)$  (see Milne III.1.5 (c)). Thus  $\underline{H}^\bullet(\mathbb{G}_{m/Y})(\mathcal{U}) = H_{\text{fppf}}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, O_{\mathcal{U}}^\times)$  for a  $Y$ -scheme  $\mathcal{U}$  as a presheaf.

Assuming that  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $\pi$  are all faithfully flat of finite presentation, we use the spectral sequence of Čech cohomology of the flat covering  $\pi : X \twoheadrightarrow Y$  in the fppf site over  $Y$  (Milne III.2.7):

$$\check{H}^p(X_T/Y_T, \underline{H}^q(\mathbb{G}_{m/Y})) \Rightarrow H_{\text{fppf}}^n(Y_T, O_{Y_T}^\times) \quad (2)$$

for each  $S$ -scheme  $T$ .

**§4. New fppf commutative diagram.** Suppose that  $S = \text{Spec}(k) = T$ . We have  $H^1(Y, O_Y^\times) \cong \text{Pic}_{Y/S}(T)$ . From this spectral sequence, we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \check{H}^1(\underline{H}_Y^0) & \hookrightarrow & H^1(Y, O_Y^\times) & \rightarrow & \check{H}^0(\frac{X}{Y}, \underline{H}^1(\mathbb{G}_{m,Y})) & \rightarrow & \check{H}^2(\underline{H}_Y^0) \\
 \uparrow & & \wr \uparrow & & \parallel \uparrow & & \parallel \uparrow \\
 \check{H}^1(\underline{H}_Y^0) & \rightarrow & \text{Pic}_{Y/S}(k) & \rightarrow & \check{H}^0(\frac{X}{Y}, \text{Pic}_Y(k)) & \rightarrow & \check{H}^2(\underline{H}_Y^0) \\
 \uparrow & & \cup \uparrow & & \cup \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 ?_1 & \rightarrow & J_Y(k) & \rightarrow & \check{H}^0(\frac{X}{Y}, J_X(k)) & \rightarrow & ?_2,
 \end{array}$$

where we have written  $J_? = \text{Pic}_{?/S}^0$ . Note that

$$\check{H}^0(\frac{X}{Y}, J_X(k)) = J_s[\gamma^{p^{r-1}} - 1](k).$$

## §5. Control of ordinary Mordell–Weil groups.

By an explicit computation of Čech cohomology (which we recall later if time allows), from  $\deg(U(p)) = p$ , we get

**Key Lemma.**  $U(p)^m(\check{H}^q(\underline{H}_Y^0)) = 0$  for  $m \gg 0$ .

Thus we get

**Theorem 1** (Control). *We have*

$$J_s^{\text{ord}}(k)[\gamma^{p^{r-1}} - 1] \cong J_r^{\text{ord}}(k) \quad \text{and} \quad (J_s/(\gamma^{p^{r-1}} - 1)(J_s))^{\text{co-ord}} \cong J_r^{\text{co-ord}}.$$

Here  $J_s^{\text{ord}}(k)[\gamma^{p^{r-1}} - 1] := \text{Ker}(\gamma^{p^{r-1}} - 1 : J_s^{\text{ord}}(k) \rightarrow J_s^{\text{ord}}(k))$  and the second identity is the **sheaf** identity.

## §6. Shimura's abelian variety quotients.

A prime  $P \in \text{Spec}(\mathbb{T})(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$  is called *arithmetic* of weight 2 if  $P$  factors through  $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma/\Gamma^{p^r}])$  for some  $r \geq 0$ . Associated to  $P$  is a unique Hecke eigenform of weight 2 on  $X_1(Np^r)$  for some minimal  $r > 0$ . Write  $B_P$  (resp.  $A_P$ ) for the Shimura's abelian quotient (resp. abelian subvariety) associated to  $f_P$  of the jacobian  $J_s$  (for  $s \geq r$ ). Note that  $A_P \subset J_s$  and  $J_s \twoheadrightarrow B_P$  are stable under  $w_s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ Np^s & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

If  $s > r$ ,  $f_P$  regarded as  $S_2(\Gamma_s)$  is still Hecke eigenform; so,  $\pi^* : J_r \rightarrow J_s$  send  $A_P$  of level  $Np^r$  isogenous to  $A_P$  of level  $Np^s$ . The Albanese map  $\pi_* : J_s \twoheadrightarrow J_r$  is  $T^*(n)$ -equivariant; so,  $B_P$  of level  $Np^s$  does not cover by  $\pi_*$  the  $B_P$  of level  $p^r$ .

**This causes some problems.**

## §7. Albanese functoriality.

Let  $\iota_s : C_s/\mathbb{Q} \subset J_s/\mathbb{Q}$  be an abelian subvariety stable under  $T(n)$ ,  $U(l)$  and  $w_s$  and  ${}^t\iota : J_s/\mathbb{Q} \twoheadrightarrow {}^tC_s/\mathbb{Q}$  be the dual abelian quotient. We then define  $\pi : J_s \twoheadrightarrow D_s$  by  $D_s := {}^tC_s$  and  $\pi = {}^tw_s \circ {}^t\iota_s \circ w_s$  for the map  ${}^tw_s \in \text{Aut}({}^tC_s/\mathbb{Q}[\mu_{p^s}])$  dual to  $w_s \in \text{Aut}(C_r/\mathbb{Q}[\mu_{p^s}])$ . Then  $\iota$  and  $\pi$  are defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and Hecke equivariant (i.e.,  $T(n)$ -equivariant).

Taking  $C_s$  to be  $J_r$   $r \leq s$ , we write  $\pi_s^r$  for  $\pi : J_s \rightarrow J_r$  and put

$$\widehat{J}_\infty^{\text{ord}}(k) = \varprojlim_r J_r^{\text{ord}}(k) \quad \text{with respect to } \pi_s^r.$$

Now let  $\iota_s : A_{P,s} := \pi^*(A_P) \subset J_s$  for  $s > r$  and  $B_{P,s}$  be the quotient abelian variety of  $J_s$ .

Then  $\pi^* : A_P^{\text{ord}} \cong A_{P,s}^{\text{ord}}$  and  $\pi_s^r : B_{P,s}^{\text{ord}} \cong B_P^{\text{ord}}$ .



## §8. An identity.

By computation,  $\pi_s^r \circ \pi_{r,s}^* = p^{s-r}U(p^{s-r})$ . To see this, as Hecke operators coming from  $\Gamma_s$ -coset,  $\pi_{r,s}^* = [\Gamma_s \mathbf{1} \Gamma_r]$  (restriction) and  $\pi_{r,s,*} = [\Gamma_r]$  (trace). Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_s^r \circ \pi_{r,s}^*(x) &= x|[\Gamma_s] \cdot w_s \cdot [\Gamma_r] \cdot w_r = x|[\Gamma_s \mathbf{1} \Gamma_s^r][\Gamma_s^r \cdot [w_s w_r] \cdot [\Gamma_r]] \\ &= x|[\Gamma_s^r : \Gamma_s][\Gamma_s^r \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p^{s-r} \end{pmatrix} \Gamma_r] = p^{s-r}(x|U(p^{s-r})). \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 1.** *We have the following two commutative diagram for  $s' > s$*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_{P,s'}^{\text{ord}} & \xleftarrow[\pi_{s,s'}^*]{\sim} & A_{P,s}^{\text{ord}} \\ \pi_{s'}^s \downarrow & & \downarrow p^{s'-s}U(p)^{s'-s} \\ A_{P,s}^{\text{ord}} & = & A_{P,s}^{\text{ord}}. \end{array}$$

**§9. Naive control.** Pick a height 1 principal prime  $P = (\varpi) \in \text{Spec}(\mathbb{T})$ . Suppose  $\varpi | (\gamma^{p^r} - 1)$  (prime  $P$  with this property is called an *arithmetic* prime). The control result and the corollary before tells us the exactness of

$$0 = \varprojlim_s A_{P,s}^{\text{ord}}(k) \rightarrow \hat{J}_{\infty}^{\text{ord}}(k)_{\mathbb{T}} \xrightarrow{\varpi} \hat{J}_{\infty}^{\text{ord}}(k)_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow B_P^{\text{ord}}(k)$$

is exact. Suppose that  $\mathbb{T}$  is an integral domain. We expect that

$$\text{rank } B_P(k) = R \cdot [\mathbb{Q}(f_P) : \mathbb{Q}]$$

for almost all  $P$ . Here  $\mathbb{Q}(f_P)$  is the field generated by the Hecke eigenvalues of  $f_P$  (the Hecke field of  $f_P$ ).

This follows if  $E^{\infty}(k) := \text{Coker}(\hat{J}_{\infty}^{\text{ord}}(k)_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow B_P^{\text{ord}}(k))$  is finite for  $R = \text{rank}_{\mathbb{T}} \hat{J}_{\infty}^{\text{ord}}(k)_{\mathbb{T}}$ .

## §10. Control theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *For almost all principal arithmetic prime  $P = (\varpi) \in \text{Spec}(\mathbb{T})$ , we have the following exact sequence (of  $p$ -profinite  $\Lambda$ -modules):*

$$0 \rightarrow \hat{J}_{\infty, \mathbb{T}}^{\text{ord}}(k) \xrightarrow{\varpi} \hat{J}_{\infty, \mathbb{T}}^{\text{ord}}(k) \xrightarrow{\rho_{\infty}} B_P^{\text{ord}}(k) \rightarrow E_2^{\infty}(k) \rightarrow 0.$$

*If  $k$  is a number field, the error term  $E_2^{\infty}(k)$  is finite under  $|\text{III}^1(k^S/k, T_p B_P^{\text{ord}})| < \infty$ . If  $k/\mathbb{Q}_l$  is a finite extension with  $l \neq p$ , for any principal  $(\varpi)$ ,  $E_2^{\infty}(k) = 0$ , and if  $k/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is a finite extension,  $E_2^{\infty}(k)$  is finite if  $A_r$  has good reduction over  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\mu_{p^{\infty}}]$ .*

This tells us that if  $|\text{III}^1(k^S/k, T_p B_{P_0}^{\text{ord}})| < \infty$  ( $\Leftrightarrow |\text{III}(k^S/k, B_{P_0}^{\text{ord}})| < \infty$  and  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}(f_{P_0})} B_{P_0}(k) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \leq 1$ ) for one point  $P_0$ , the generic  $\Lambda$ -rank of  $\hat{J}_{\infty, \mathbb{T}}^{\text{ord}}(k)$  is constant equal to  $\text{rank } B_{P_0}(k) = \dim B_{P_0}$  or 0; so, if the constancy of the rank for almost all principal  $P$ .

## §11. Error term and Tate–Shafarevich groups.

Let  $k$  be a number field. Put  $E^s(k) = \text{Coker}(J_s^{\text{ord}}(k) \rightarrow B_P^{\text{ord}}(k))$ .

From the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \varpi(J_s^{\text{ord}})(k^S) \rightarrow J_s^{\text{ord}}(k^S) \rightarrow B_P^{\text{ord}}(k^S) \rightarrow 0,$$

we have  $E^s(k) \hookrightarrow H^1(\varpi(J_s^{\text{ord}}))[\varpi]$  for  $H^1(?) = H^1(k^S/k, ?)$ .

It is easy to show  $E^\infty(k_v) = 0$  if  $v \nmid p$ . By a result of P. Schneider on universal norm from  $k_v[\mu_{p^\infty}]/k_v$  for  $p|v$ , we have  $E^\infty(k_v)$  is finite if  $v|p$ . Since  $\prod_{v \in S} E^s(k_v) = \prod_{v|p} E^s(k_v)$  is finite, essentially

$$E^s(k) \hookrightarrow \underline{\text{III}}^1(k^S/k, \varpi(J_s^{\text{ord}}))[\varpi].$$

We can also show that

$$\underline{\text{III}}^1(k^S/k, T_p A_P^{\text{ord}}) \twoheadrightarrow \underline{\text{III}}^1(k^S/k, \varpi(J_s^{\text{ord}}))[\varpi]$$

up to finite error.