The arithmetic fundamental lemma for the diagonal cycles

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Part I

Arithmetic GGP conjecture

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Hasse–Weil zeta & L-functions

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta_X(s) &= \prod_{p,\text{ good}} \zeta_{X,p}(s)\\ &= \prod_{i=0}^{2\dim X} L(s, H^i(X))^{(-1)^i}.\end{aligned}$$

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Special subvarieties

A *special pair* of Shimura data is a homomorphism

$$(\mathrm{H}, \mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{H}}) \longrightarrow (\mathrm{G}, \mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{G}})$$

such that

1. the pair (H, G) is *spherical*, and
2. the dimensions (as complex manifolds) satisfy

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{H}} = \frac{\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{G}} - 1}{2}.$$

Example (Gross–Zagier pair)

Let $K = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{-D}]$ be an imaginary quadratic field. Let

$$\mathrm{H} = \mathrm{R}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}\mathbb{G}_m \subset \mathrm{G} = \mathrm{GL}_{2,\mathbb{Q}}.$$

Then $\dim \mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{G}} = 1, \dim \mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{H}} = 0$.

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Main theorem

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L-functions (via Jacquet–Rallis Relative trace formula)

- Consider the Hasse-Weil L-functions, counted with suitable weights
$$\mathbb{J}(f,s) = \sum_{\pi} L(\pi, s+1/2)\mathbb{J}_{\pi}(f,s).$$
- Its derivative also localizes (for regular f)
$$\begin{aligned}\partial\mathbb{J}(f) :&= \frac{d}{ds}\Big|_{s=0}\mathbb{J}(f,s) \\ &= \sum_{p,\text{ non-split}} \partial\mathbb{J}_p(f).\end{aligned}$$
- The p-th term takes the following form
$$\partial\mathbb{J}_p(f) = \sum_{\gamma} \mathrm{Orb}(\gamma, f^p)\partial\mathrm{Orb}(\gamma, f_p).$$

Main theorem

Theorem (Z. ’19)

If the prime p is unramified, then

$$\mathrm{Int}_p(f) = \partial\mathbb{J}_p(f).$$

Remark

1. This was conjectured by [Z. ’12, Rapoport–Smithling–Z. 17’], based on the relative trace formula approach to the arithmetic GGP conjecture, and is a corollary to the “AFL conjecture" (to be recalled later).
2. To fulfill the modest goal, we still have to prove similar statements for *every ramified p* (including archimedean places).

Part III

Some geometric ingredients

An overview

- Integral models of Shimura varieties (RSZ).
- Two types of algebraic cycles
  (a) Kudla–Rapoport divisors.
  (b) (Fat Big) CM cycles (aka. Derived CM cycles).
- Two types of associated invariants.

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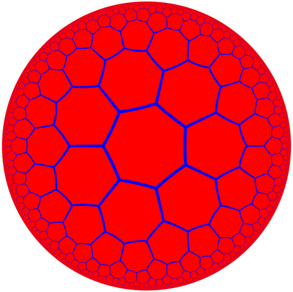
$$\mathbb{D}_{n-1} := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1} : |z| < 1\} \cong \frac{\mathrm{U}(n-1,1)}{\mathrm{U}(n-1) \times \mathrm{U}(1)}.$$

- We have an action

$$\mathrm{U}(n-1,1) \curvearrowright \mathbb{D}_{n-1}.$$

- Notice $\mathbb{D}_1$ is isomorphic to the upper half plane $\mathbb{H}$.



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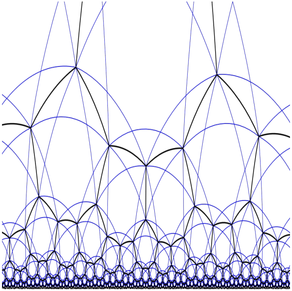

The Shimura variety M_n for $\mathrm{U}(n-1,1)$

- $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$, an imaginary quadratic field.
- V a hermitian space over K of signature $(n-1,1)$.
- $\mathrm{U}(V)$ the associated unitary group.
- $O_K \subseteq K$ ring of integers.
- $\Lambda \subseteq V$ a self-dual hermitian lattice over O_K.
- $\mathrm{U}(\Lambda) \subseteq \mathrm{U}(V)(\mathbb{R}) = \mathrm{U}(n-1,1)$ a discrete subgroup.
- Shimura variety
$$M_n := \mathrm{U}(\Lambda)\backslash\mathbb{D}_{n-1}.$$
- It has dimension $n-1$ over $\mathbb{C}$.

The Shimura variety $\mathcal{M}_n$ over O_K

- Let $\mathcal{M}_n$ be the moduli stack of tuples $(A, \iota, \lambda, A_0, \iota_0, \lambda_0)$:
- A is an abelian scheme of dimension n.
- $\iota : O_K \hookrightarrow \mathrm{End}(A)$ is an action of O_K on A satisfying the Kottwitz condition of signature $(n-1, 1)$,

$$\det(T - \iota(a)|\mathrm{Lie}A) = (T-a)^{n-1}(T-\overline{a}), \quad a \in O_K.$$

- $\lambda : A \xrightarrow{\sim} A^\vee$ is a principal polarization of A whose Rosati involution induces $a \mapsto \overline{a}$ on $\iota(O_K)$.
- $(A_0, \iota_0, \lambda_0)$ is a triple analogous to (A, ι, λ), but of dimension 1 and signature $(1, 0)$.
- Then $\mathcal{M}_n$ is a Deligne–Mumford stack over O_K, smooth away from ramified characteristics of relative dimension $n-1$.
- $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ is (a finite disjoint union of various) $M_n(\mathbb{C})$.

Global intersection revisited

Define the integral model of the arithmetic diagonal cycle:

$$\Delta\colon \mathcal{M}_{n-1} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n-1,n} = \mathcal{M}_{n-1} \times_{\mathrm{Spec}\, O_K} \mathcal{M}_n.$$

and

$$\mathrm{Int}(f) = \left(f * \widehat{\Delta}_{\mathcal{M}_{n-1}},\ \widehat{\Delta}_{\mathcal{M}_{n-1}}\right)_{\mathcal{M}_{n-1,n}}.$$

The Kudla–Rapoport divisor $\mathcal{Z}(m)$

- (KR hermitian lattice) For a geometric point $(A, \iota, \lambda, A_0, \iota_0, \lambda_0) \in \mathcal{M}_n$, the space of homomorphisms

$$V(A_0, A) := \mathrm{Hom}_{O_K}(A_0, A)$$

is a hermitian lattice over O_K. For $x, y \in V(A_0, A)$, the pairing $(x, y) \in O_K$ is given by

$$(A_0 \xrightarrow{x} A \xrightarrow{\lambda} A^\vee \xrightarrow{y^\vee} A_0^\vee \xrightarrow{\lambda_0^{-1}} A_0) \in \mathrm{End}_{O_K}(A_0) = O_K.$$

- Given $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, define the Kudla–Rapoport divisor

$$i_m : \mathcal{Z}_m \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_n$$

to be the moduli stack of tuples $(A, \iota, \lambda, A_0, \iota_0, \lambda_0, x)$, where

$$x \in V(A_0, A) \text{ such that } (x, x) = m.$$

Modularity of generating series of special divisors

Theorem

The generating series

$$c_0 + \sum_{m \geq 1} \mathcal{Z}_m \, q^m \in \mathrm{Ch}^1(M_n)_{\mathbb{Q}}[\![q]\!],$$

where c_0 is a suitable multiple of the first Chern class of the Hodge bundle ω, is a modular form (of weight n and known level).

Remark

1. Replace $\mathrm{Ch}^1(M_n)$ by $H^2(M_n)$: Kudla–Millson.
2. Gross–Kohnen–Zagier ($n = 2$), Borcherds in general (+Liu's thesis).
3. Later proofs by Yuan–Zhang–Zhang, Bruinier.
4. Replace $\mathrm{Ch}^1(M_n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ by $\widehat{\mathrm{Ch}}^1(\mathcal{M}_n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$: a theorem of Bruinier, Howard, Kudla, Rapoport, and Yang.

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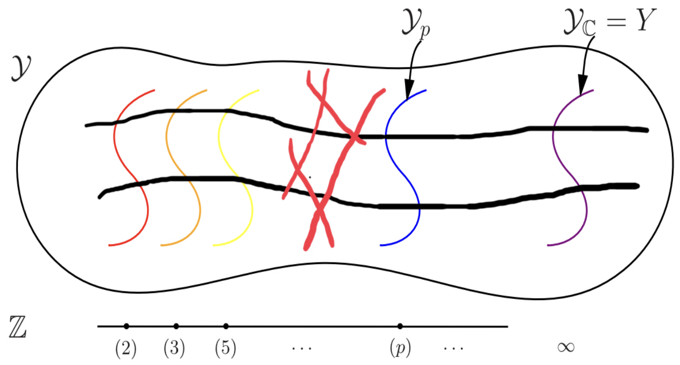

Intersection theory (I)

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Consider the “derived intersection product"

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as classes in

$$\mathrm{Ch}_1(\mathcal{CM}_n^d)_{\mathbb{Q}} = \bigoplus_{a \in \mathrm{Im}(\mathrm{char}_K)} \mathrm{Ch}_1(\mathcal{CM}_n^d(a))_{\mathbb{Q}}.$$

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- The generating series, for a fixed (irred.) $a \in K[T]_{\deg = n}$

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The analog revisited

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The induction process (above $p \nmid dD$)

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\cdots\cdots & & \left(\mathcal{Z}_{m},\ {}^{\mathbb{L}}\mathcal{CM}^{d}(a)\right)_{\mathcal{M}_{n}}
\end{tikzcd}$$

Intersection theory (II)

- $$\begin{tikzcd} \coprod \Delta^d_{\mathcal{Z}_m}(a,b) \arrow[r, dash, "\sim"] & \Delta^d_{\mathcal{Z}_m} \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & \mathcal{CM}^d_n \arrow[d] \\ & \mathcal{Z}_m \arrow[r, "i_m"] & \mathcal{M}_n. \end{tikzcd}$$

  A point in $\Delta^d_{\mathcal{Z}_m}$ is

  $$(A, A_0, \varphi \in \mathrm{End}^\circ(A), x : A_0 \to A).$$

- K-R hermitian form and char. poly. together define a map

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Theorem

Let $a \in K[T]_{\deg = n}$ *be irreducible, and* $b \in K^n$ *such that* $b_0 \neq 0$*.*

- $\Delta^d_{\mathcal{Z}_m}(a, b)$ *has support in the supersingular locus above a unique (necessarily inert) place* p *of* $\mathbb{Q}$*, and is a proper scheme.*
- *Assume that* $p \nmid dD$*. Then*

$$\deg {}^{\mathbb{L}}\Delta^d_{\mathcal{Z}_m}(a, b) = \mathrm{Orb}\left((a, b), f_d^{(p)}\right) \cdot \mathrm{Int}_p\left((a, b)\right),$$

where $\mathrm{Int}_p\left((a, b)\right)$ *is the intersection number on "local Shimura variety" appearing in AFL (to be recalled below).*

Part IV

The Arithmetic Fundamental Lemma conjecture

Relative orbital integrals

Define a family of (weighted) orbital integrals:

$$\mathrm{Orb}\left(\gamma, \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{gl}_n(O_F)}, s\right) = \int_{\mathrm{GL}_{n-1}(F)} \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{gl}_n(O_F)}(h^{-1}\gamma h) \left|\det(h)\right|^s (-1)^{\mathrm{val}(\det(h))}\, dh.$$

This can be viewed as a generating series of lattice counting of O_F-lattices $\Lambda^\flat$:

$$\left\{\Lambda^\flat \subset F^{n-1} \middle| \Lambda = \Lambda^\flat \oplus O_F \cdot e_n \text{ is stable under } \gamma.\right\}$$

The condition can be restated as (“local CM condition")

$$O_F[\gamma] \subset \mathrm{End}(\Lambda).$$

Jacquet–Rallis FL

Theorem (Yun–Gordan (large p), Beuzart–Plessis (all odd p))

Let $\gamma \in \mathfrak{gl}_n(F)$ match an element $g \in \mathrm{G}(F)$, regular semisimple. Then

$$\pm\mathrm{Orb}\left(\gamma, \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{gl}_n(O_F)}, s=0\right) = \mathrm{Orb}(g, \mathbf{1}_{\mathrm{Aut}(\Lambda)}).$$

Remark

1. (Xiao) J-R FL $\Longrightarrow$ Langlands–Shelstad FL for unitary groups (Theorem of Laumon–Ngo).
2. (Xiao, in progress) J-R FL $\Longrightarrow$ weighted FL for unitary groups.

Unitary Rapoport–Zink space

- F'/F : an unramified quadratic extension of p-adic fields.
- $\mathbb{X}_n$: n-dim'l *Hermitian supersingular formal $O_{F'}$-modules of signature* $(1, n-1)$ (unique up to isogeny).
- $\mathcal{N}_n$: the unitary Rapoport–Zink formal moduli space over $\mathrm{Spf}(O_{\breve{F}})$ (parameterizing "deformations" of $\mathbb{X}_n$).
- The group $\mathrm{Aut}^0(\mathbb{X}_n)$ is a unitary group in n-variable and acts on $\mathcal{N}_n$.
- The $\mathcal{N}_n$'s are non-archimedean analogs of Hermitian symmetric domains. They have a "skeleton" given by a union of Deligne–Lusztig varieties for unitary groups over finite fields.

Local intersection numbers

- A natural closed embedding $\delta : \mathcal{N}_{n-1} \to \mathcal{N}_n$, and its graph

$$\Delta\colon \mathcal{N}_{n-1} \longrightarrow \mathcal{N}_{n-1,n} = \mathcal{N}_{n-1} \times_{\mathrm{Spf} O_{\breve{F}}} \mathcal{N}_n.$$

  Denote by $\Delta_{\mathcal{N}_{n-1}}$ the image of Δ.
- The group $\mathrm{G}(F) := \mathrm{Aut}^0(\mathbb{X}_{n-1}) \times \mathrm{Aut}^0(\mathbb{X}_n)$ acts on $\mathcal{N}_{n-1,n}$. For (nice) $g \in \mathrm{G}(F)$, we define the intersection number

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Int}(g) &= \left(\Delta_{\mathcal{N}_{n-1}}, g \cdot \Delta_{\mathcal{N}_{n-1}}\right)_{\mathcal{N}_{n-1,n}} \\ &:= \chi\left(\mathcal{N}_{n-1,n}, \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_{\mathcal{N}_{n-1}}} \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} \mathcal{O}_{g\cdot\Delta_{\mathcal{N}_{n-1}}}\right).\end{aligned}$$

The arithmetic fundamental lemma (AFL) conjecture

Then the local version of the global “arithmetic intersection conjecture" is

Conjecture (Z. '12)

Let $\gamma \in \mathfrak{gl}_n(F)$ match an element $g \in \mathrm{G}(F)$, strongly regular semisimple. Then

$$\pm \frac{d}{ds}\Big|_{s=0} \mathrm{Orb}\left(\gamma, \mathbf{1}_{\mathfrak{gl}_n(O_F)}, s\right) = -\mathrm{Int}(g) \cdot \log q.$$

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Theorem (Z. '19)

The AFL conjecture holds when $F = \mathbb{Q}_p$ and $p > n$.

Remark

1. The case $n = 3$, Z '12 (A simplified proof when $p \geq 5$ is given by Mihatsch.)
2. Rapoport–Terstiege–Z. '13: $p \geq \frac{n}{2} + 1$, and *minuscule* elements $g \in \mathrm{G}(F)$. (A simplified proof is given by Li –Zhu.)
3. He–Li–Zhu, 2018: *minuscule* case but no restriction on p.

Thank you!

The arithmetic fundamental lemma for the diagonal cycles

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