

Constructing Unramified Extensions of $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)$

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- The “only if” direction is a corollary to Vandiver's conjecture that p does not divide the class number of $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)^+$, but Ribet gives an unconditional proof.

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- The conjugation formula follows from (ii) and an analogous formula on the level of upper triangular matrices, used to represent the image of $\bar{\rho}$.

Anatomy of the Paper

- Section 1: Introduction
- Section 2: Lemma (2.1) on mod p representations
- Section 3: Creating a cuspform f with specific congruence conditions
- Section 4: Construction of $\bar{\rho}$ from f

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- Then one may hope that $E_k \equiv f \pmod{p}$ for some genuine cuspform f that lifts and produces a Galois representation with the desired properties since the Fourier coefficients of E_k match the values traces of Frobenius on $\mathbf{1} \oplus \chi^{k-1}$.

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where \mathfrak{p} divides p in K , the field generated by the a_n 's.

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- (1.3)(iv) comes from a geometric argument involving Raynaud's classification of group schemes of type (p, \dots, p) .

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- Since f' is a cuspform mod \mathfrak{p} , a lifting argument of Deligne-Serre gives a semi-cuspform f whose Hecke eigenvalues satisfy

$$a_\ell(f) \equiv 1 + \varepsilon(\ell)\ell \pmod{\mathfrak{q}}$$

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