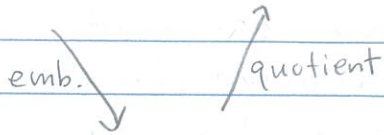


Next  $X_n \longrightarrow X$



(copies of)  $\Gamma_p = \text{PGL}_2 \mathbb{Q}_p / \text{PGL}_2 \mathbb{Z}_p$   
 $=$  lattices (rank 2  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module)  
in  $\mathbb{Q}_p^2$  modulo "det"

We want to construct these maps and play graph theory.

Some useful facts

Thm (Strong approximation)

Let  $G$  be a linear alg gp /  $k$  global field,  
 $S$  a finite nonempty set of places of  $k$ ,  
 $A_k^S$  the adèle ring minus the places in  $S$ .

Then  $G(k)$  is dense in  $G(A_k^S)$  i.e. for any  $g \in G(A_k^S)$ ,  
can find  $x \in G(k)$  s.t.  $g_p - x_p$  is arbitrarily small  $\forall p \notin S$ .

A definite quaternion alg is not a linear alg gp /  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  
but if we impose  $S =$  nonempty set of finite places  
it holds true.

Thm (local Artin reciprocity)

not needed  $\rightarrow$  Let  $k$  be a local field. There exists a unique map  
 $\text{Art} : k^* \rightarrow \text{Gal}(k^{ab}/k)$

any uniformizer  $\mapsto$  Frob

and if  $\mathcal{L}/k$  is any finite abelian extension,

$$k^* / \text{Nm}(\mathcal{L}^*) \xrightarrow{\text{Art}} \text{Gal}(\mathcal{L}/k).$$

In fact, Art induces

$$\hat{k}^* \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gal}(k^{ab}/k)$$

where  $\hat{k}^*$  is def'd by the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow U \rightarrow \hat{k}^* \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow 0$$

cf. we have

$$0 \rightarrow U \rightarrow k^* \xrightarrow{\text{ord}} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

"  $O_k^*$  "  $\langle \text{Frob} \rangle$

Fix any Eichler order  $R$ , and  $p \nmid N$ .

If  $R'$  any other Eichler order, can find  $b \in B^*$  s.t.

$$b_l R'_l b_l^{-1} = R_l \text{ for all } l \neq p, \text{ using strong approximation.}$$

$S := b R b^{-1}$  is called the normal form of  $R'$

and this is used to embed Heegner points into  $T_p$  as follows: if  $(f, S) \in X_n$  and  $S$  is in normal form,

$S$  corresponds to  $v \in T_p$  where  $S_p = \text{stab}(v)$

e.g. if  $v = \text{PGL}_2 \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $S_p = \text{PGL}_2 \mathbb{Z}_p$

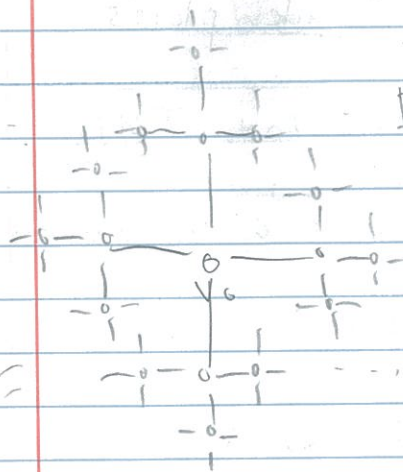
$$v = a \text{PGL}_2 \mathbb{Z}_p, S_p = a \cdot \text{PGL}_2 \mathbb{Z}_p \cdot a^{-1}$$

Now that we know how to embed  $X_n \hookrightarrow T$ , we discuss the compatible actions of  $\text{Gal}$  on  $T$ .

Fix any  $P_0 \in X_0$  i.e. maximal order of  $K$ .

There are  $\#(1)$  many of them.

Say it corresponds to  $v_0 \in T_p$ .



Then  $\text{Gal}(H_1/H)$  takes  $v_0$  to neighboring  $\frac{p \pm 1}{u}$  vertices (- if  $p$  splits in  $K$ , + if inert) which corresponds to pts of cond  $p$ .

n.b.  $|\text{Gal}(H_1/H)| = \frac{p \pm 1}{u}$ .

if  $v$  corresponds to pt of cond  $p^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,

$\text{Gal}(H_n/H)$  permutes pts of the same cond, and  $\text{Gal}(H_{n+1}/H_n)$  sends  $v$  to a neighboring pt of cond  $p^{n+1}$ . i.e.  $\text{Gal}$  really acts like matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ .

How does  $\text{Gal}(H/K)$  act? Say  $\tau \in \text{Gal}(H/K)$ .

$$\text{If } P = (f, R), P^\tau = (f, f(\tau) \hat{R} f(\tau)^{-1} \cap B)$$

need to put into normal form,

so find  $b \in B^*$  s.t.  $b$  that  $|b^{-1}$  is in normal form.

At the end we have  $P^\tau = (b f b^{-1}, S)$  w/  $S$  normal form. We associate this to  $v \in T_p$  s.t.  $S_p = \text{stab}(v)$ .

It may be confusing that  $(f, S)$  and  $(bfb^{-1}, S)$  maps to the same pt on  $T$ . So I prefer to imagine that there are distinct copies of  $T$ .

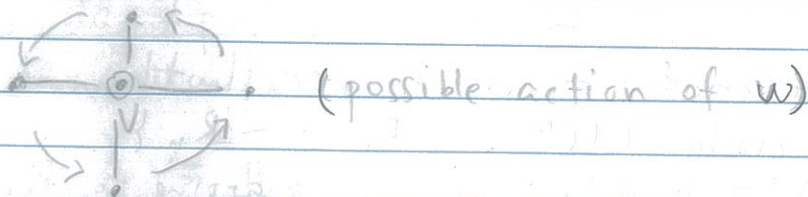
As desired, we're finally set up for graph theory.

Heegner pts  $\hookrightarrow T_p$

$\downarrow$   
 $X = \mathbb{R}[\frac{1}{p}]^* \setminus T_p$ . a finite graph.

It'd be so much nicer if we could replace  $X$  by a regular graph, i.e. any vertex has the same # of edges.

Analogous situation in indefinite case:  $PSL_2\mathbb{Z} \setminus PSL_2\mathbb{R}$  has two singularities due to the elliptic elements of  $PSL_2\mathbb{Z}$ . The "irregularity" happens because when there is an element of finite order  $w \in \mathbb{R}[\frac{1}{p}]^*$ ,  $w$  acts as a stabilizer of a vertex say  $v \in T$ , and  $w$  identifies some neighbors of  $v$ .



The solution is to increase level, as in indefinite case: recall  $\Gamma(N)$  for  $N \geq 5$  has no elliptic element.

We define  $\Gamma(N) \subseteq \mathbb{R}[\frac{1}{p}]^*$  by the same prescription i.e. elts that are identity mod  $N$ . Then for  $N \geq 5$  again  $X' = \Gamma(N) \setminus T_p$  is a regular graph. We'll work on  $X'$  and show that the desired result descends to  $X$  (there's an obvious map  $X' \rightarrow X$ )

Caveat In Vatsal's presentation he makes no clear distinction between oriented/non-oriented graphs.  $T$  is oriented but  $X$  is considered not.

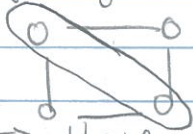
(unoriented)

Some black boxes regarding graphs:

- If  $G$  is a regular graph of degree  $d$  and  $A$  is its adjacency matrix then by Perron-Frobenius its largest  $e$ -value (in absolute value) is  $\lambda = d$ , and this has multiplicity 1.

-  $G$  is bipartite if  $\lambda = -d$  is also an  $e$ -value of  $A$ .

This means we can divide the vertices into two s/sets s.t. every edge goes from one subset to the other, e.g.:



$G$  is not bipartite  $\Leftrightarrow$  there is a path of odd length starting and ending at any one vertex

We want  $X'$  to be not bipartite. To do this we set  $N$  so that  $N \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $p$  is a square mod  $N$ , so that  $p$  has odd order mod  $N$ .

Hence  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix}$  has odd order modulo  $\Gamma(N)$ . So, this induces a loop of odd length in  $X'$ , so  $X'$  is not bipartite.

Now it's a good time to recall thm 1.5:

Thm Enumerate  $C(B) = \{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$ .

$\mu_i(n) := \#$  of pts of  $X_n$  mapping to  $R_i$  via  $X_n \rightarrow X$ .

$e_n := \# X_n$ ,  $w_i := \# R_i$ .

$$\text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu_i(n)}{e_n} = \frac{1}{w_i} = \frac{1/w_i}{\sum_j 1/w_j}.$$

This sort of means  $X_n$  is equidistributed in  $X$ .

We show instead that  $X_n$  is equidistributed in  $X'$ . This suffices because

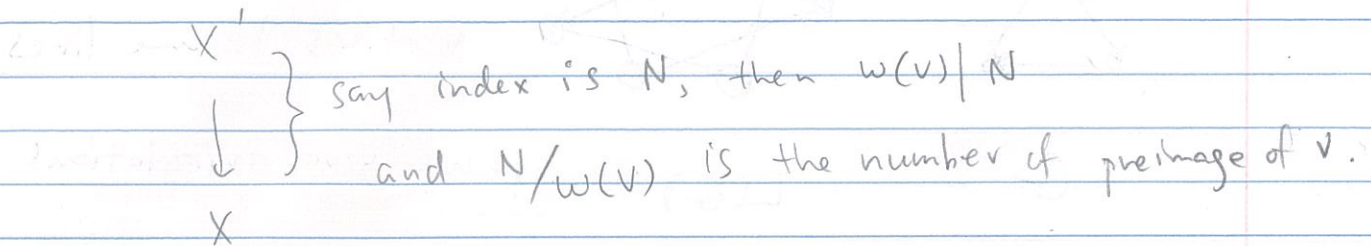
Lemma Recall the projection  $X' \rightarrow X$ , let  $\psi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $\tilde{\psi}$  is the pullback to  $X'$ , then

$$(*) \quad \sum_{v \in X'} \tilde{\psi}(v) = \sum_{v \in X} \psi(v) / w(v) \quad \begin{array}{l} w(v) = \# \text{stab}(v) \\ \text{if } v = R_i, w(v) = w_i. \end{array}$$

If  $\psi$  is the "cuspidal form" coming from Jacquet-Langlands  
 (\*) equals zero.

proof (\*) is rather obvious:



(So to be correct, have to multiply RHS by  $N$ )

To show the next part, equip  $L^2(X')$  w/ the inner  
 product  $(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \sum_{v \in X'} \phi_1(v) \overline{\phi_2(v)}$   
 and Laplacian  $(\Delta \phi)(x) = \sum_{y \sim x} \phi(y)$ , self-adjoint wrt  $(,)$ .

But recall  $T_p$  coincides with  $\Delta$ , so  $\tilde{\psi}$  is a  $\Delta$ -e/fn,  
 w/ e/value  $a_p = a_p(g)$ . On the other hand  $\mathbb{1}$  (const  
 fn on  $X'$ ) is also an e/fn, w/ e/value  $p+1$ .

Since  $a_p \neq p+1$  (Weil bound)  $(\tilde{\psi}, \mathbb{1}) = 0$ .  
 (\*) follows immediately.  $\square$

So if  $\eta_i(n) := \# \text{ pts of } X_n$  it suffices to show  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\eta_i(n)}{e_n} = \frac{1}{|X|}$ , i.e.  $X_n$  is equidistributed in  $X'$ .

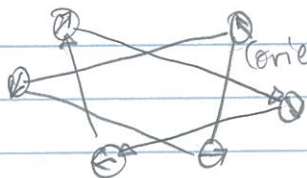
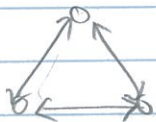
But  $X_n$  is the set of points that are  $n$  steps  
 away from  $v_0$ . So we have to show

Prop Suppose  $G$  is a (unoriented) regular graph,  
 on  $m$  vertices. Fix  $v_0 \in G$ , let  $W_n =$  set of all  
 terminal vertices <sup>of walks from  $v_0$  of length  $n$ ,</sup>  
<sup>and counted w/ proper multiplicity</sup>  
 without backtracking (i.e.  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow v_1$  is not permitted  
 in a walk). Also assume  $G$  is not bipartite. Then  
 for any  $\phi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  we have  

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e_n} \sum_{y \in W_n} \phi(y) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{x \in G} \phi(x)$$

pt (sketch) Draw the "line graph"  $L(G)$  of  $G$ ,

e.g.



(oriented) lines became vertices,  
vertices became lines.

$G$

$L(G)$

$\times$  we give orientations here!

There's a correspondence b/w walks w/o backtracking in  $G$  and plain walks on  $L(G)$ . So it suffices to show equidistribution in  $L(G)$ .

If  $G$  is regular,  $L(G)$  is regular, if  $G$  is not bipartite,  $L(G)$  is not bipartite. So now showing equi becomes very easy: simply consider

$$\left( \frac{1}{\deg L(G)} A(L(G)) \right)^n \cdot \phi$$

Largest  $\lambda$  value is  $\deg L(G) \stackrel{=d-1}{}$ , all other  $\lambda$  values die out b/c there's no  $\lambda = -\deg L(G)$  anymore. So it only picks up the average of  $\phi$ .  $\square$

In our case it's a little more subtle, as if  $p$  is split, there are  $p-1$  paths rather than  $p+1$ . But fortunately it's not too big an obstacle (see Prop 3.16 of Vatsal). We skip the argument.