

Galois Cohomology (Study Group)

1 Some p -adic Hodge Theory (by Chris Williams)

1.1 p -adic Hodge Theory

Aim: Study local Galois representation in the case $l = p$.

Notation. Let K/\mathbb{Q}_p be a finite extension, V/\mathbb{Q}_l a finite dimensional vector space with continuous action of $G_K := \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$

In the case $l \neq p$, the topologies are not compatible - there are not many representations and they are of algebraic nature.

In the case $l = p$, the topologies are compatible - we end up with far too many representations! So the study of them becomes p -adic analytic

Example. Let χ be the cyclotomic character. Define *weight space* $\mathcal{W} := \text{Hom}_{\text{cts}}(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times, \mathbb{C}_p^\times) = \prod_{p-1 \text{ copies}} \mathbb{Z}_p \supset \mathbb{Z}$. Then for all $s \in \mathcal{W}$, χ^s is a p -adic representations. We are only really “interested” in χ^s where $s \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Idea: Isolate “interesting” subcategories.

Fontaine’s Strategy: Define *ring of periods*, i.e., topological \mathbb{Q}_p -algebra B with a continuous action of G_K . The idea is for some p -adic representation V , the invariant $D_B(V) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)^{G_K}$.

Fact. *With stronger assumptions of B (G_K -regular) we have $\dim_{B^{G_K}} D_B(V) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V$. (The stronger assumption will always be met in this section)*

We say that V is B -admissible if we have an equality.

Question: What are good choices of B ?

Theorem. *There exists a ring of periods \mathbb{B}_{dR} such that*

1. *There is a natural filtration $\text{Fil}^i \mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}}, i \in \mathbb{Z}$*
2. *A p -adic representation V is \mathbb{B}_{dR} -admissible if it “comes from geometry”*

We call such representation de Rham.

Example. Let E be an elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q}_p , $V_p E := T_p E \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p$. Then $V_p E$ is de Rham

Let X be a proper, smooth variety over K , then $H_{\text{ét}}^i(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ are de Rham.

Theorem. *There exists a ring of periods $\mathbb{B}_{\text{crys}} \subset \mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}}$ such that*

1. *There exists a natural Frobenius operator ϕ , and*
2. *A p -adic representation V is \mathbb{B}_{crys} -admissible is de Rham, and representation that comes from geometry “with” good reduction at p are \mathbb{B}_{crys} -admissible.*

We call such representation Crystalline.

Example. $V_p E$ is crystalline if and only if E has good reduction at p .

Remark.

1. \mathbb{B}_{dR} and \mathbb{B}_{crys} are huge (in fact, they surject onto $\mathbb{C}_p = \widehat{K}$)
2. $\mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}}^{G_K} = K$ and $\mathbb{B}_{\text{crys}}^{G_K} = K_0 =$ maximal unramified subfield of K .
3. We said $\mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}}, \mathbb{B}_{\text{crys}}$ had extra structure. This passes to $\mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}}(V) := D_{\mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}}}(V) = (V \otimes \mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}})^{G_K}$ and $\mathbb{D}_{\text{crys}}(V) := D_{\mathbb{B}_{\text{crys}}}(V) = (V \otimes \mathbb{B}_{\text{crys}})^{G_K}$.

1.2 Relation to Galois Cohomology

1.2.1 The group $H_*^1(K, V)$

Recall: Elements of $H^1(K, V)$ bijects with isomorphism classes of extension $0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow E \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow 0$ of the trivial representation by V . (Recap: given such an extension, we take the Galois cohomology, get $0 \rightarrow V^{G_K} \rightarrow E^{G_K} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(K, V)$, and E correspond to $\delta(1) \in H^1(K, V)$).

Let V be de Rham. Then consider the complex

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & V & \longrightarrow & E & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Q}_p & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & V \otimes \mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}} & \longrightarrow & E \otimes \mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}} & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

We can take Galois cohomology:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & V^{G_K} & \longrightarrow & E^{G_K} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Q}_p \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(K, V) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}}(V) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}}(E) & \longrightarrow & K \xrightarrow{\gamma} H^1(K, V \otimes \mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}}) \end{array}$$

E is de Rham if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_K \mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}}(E) &= \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(E) \\ &= \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V + 1 \\ &= \dim_K \mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}}(V) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

if and only if $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}}(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}}(E) \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$ is exact, if and only if, γ is identically 0.

E correspond to $\phi = \delta(1) \in H^1(K, V)$. Now $\beta(\phi) = \beta\delta(1) = \gamma\alpha(1)$. So E is de Rham implies $\beta(\phi) = 0$. Conversely, if $\beta(\phi) = 0$, then $\delta\alpha(1) = 0$, but α is the inclusion, hence δ is identically 0.

So E is de Rham if it is in the kernel of β .

Definition. We set:

- $H_g^1(K, V) = \ker(H^1(K, V) \rightarrow H^1(K, V \otimes \mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}}))$
- $H_f^1(K, V) = \ker(H^1(K, V) \rightarrow H^1(K, V \otimes \mathbb{B}_{\text{crys}}))$
- $H_e^1(K, V) = \ker(H^1(K, V) \rightarrow H^1(K, V \otimes \mathbb{B}_{\text{crys}}^{\phi=1}))$

Note. We have $H_g^1(K, V) \supset H_f^1(K, V) \supset H_e^1(K, V)$.

Proposition. *Let V be de Rham (respectively crystalline), and $0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow E \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence corresponding to $\phi \in H^1(K, V)$. Then E is de Rham (respectively crystalline) if and only if $\phi \in H_g^1(K, V)$ (respectively in $H_f^1(K, V)$).*

1.2.2 Tate's Duality.

Recall: $V^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(V, \mathbb{Q}_p)$, and $V(1) = V \otimes \chi = V \otimes \varprojlim \mu_{p^n}$.

There exists a natural pairing $V \times V^*(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p(1)$ given by $(v, \mu) \mapsto \mu(v)$. Under cup product, we get a perfect pairing, $H^i(K, V) \times H^{2-i}(K, V^*(1)) \rightarrow H^2(K, \mathbb{Q}_p(1)) \cong \mathbb{Q}_p$.

Theorem (Bloch - Kato). *Under this pairing:*

- $H_g^1(K, V)$ and $H_e^1(K, V^*(1))$ are exact annihilators
- $H_f^1(K, V)$ and $H_f^1(K, V^*(1))$ are exact annihilators
- $H_e^1(K, V)$ and $H_g^1(K, V^*(1))$ are exact annihilators.

Example. For $V = V_p E$, $\dim H^1(K, V_p E) = 2$, by the above theorem, $\dim H_g^1 = \dim H_f^1 = \dim H_e^1 = 1$. Hence $H_g^1 = H_f^1 = H_e^1$ in this case. (In fact, this happens for a large class of examples in which we are interested)

1.2.3 The exponential map

Fact. *There exists an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_{\text{crys}}^{\phi=1} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}}/\text{Fil}^0 \mathbb{B}_{\text{dR}} \rightarrow 0$.*

If we tensor with V and then taking Galois cohomology, we get

$$0 \longrightarrow H^0(K, V) \longrightarrow \mathbb{D}_{\text{crys}}^{\phi=1}(V) \longrightarrow \mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}}(V)/\text{Fil}^0 \mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}}(V) \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} H^1(K, V) \longrightarrow H^1(K, V \otimes \mathbb{B}_{\text{crys}}^{\phi=1})$$

Conclusion: We get a map $\text{exp} : \mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}}(V)/\text{Fil}^0 \mathbb{D}_{\text{dR}} \rightarrow H_e^1(K, V)$.

Remark. Usually, $\mathbb{D}_{\text{crys}}^{\phi=1}(V)$ is trivial, which implies exp is an isomorphism.