

The broader picture (cf. Notes on Langlands by J. Auschütz)
 GL_2/\mathbb{Q} (easiest non-trivial red. grp. / \mathbb{Q} .
Definitely a natural starting datum.)

In Langlands program, one is interested in passing from
representation theory of $GL_2(\mathbb{A}) \subset L^2(GL_2(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash GL_2(\mathbb{A}))$
to that of $Gal(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$, and vice versa.

In phic, one wants to relate an analytic object
($GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \subset GL_2(\mathbb{A})$ is a contained real Lie group)
to algebraic objects (Galois representations).

In some sense, L^2 -space should decompose into irreducibles.

Obstruction $GL_2(\mathbb{A})$ -reps form only continuous families
because one has $\det: GL_2(\mathbb{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^\times$
(center of $GL_2(\mathbb{A})$)

& characters of $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ form continuous family

$$\left\{ s \mapsto \exp(2\pi i \cdot \lambda s) \right\}_{s \in \mathbb{R}}$$

So consider $V := L^2(GL_2(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash GL_2(\mathbb{A}) / \mathbb{R}_{>0})$

Next idea Consider action $GL_2(\mathbb{A}) \supset GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \supset SO(2) \subset V$

It is a compact Lie group acting unitarily

$$\Rightarrow V = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} V_n \quad \text{weight decomposition,}$$

V_n eigenspace for character $\chi_n: SO(2) \rightarrow SO(2)$
 $z \mapsto z^n$

Then each V_n may be understood as a space of

$SO(2)$ -invariant functions after multiplying by a

function that transforms with χ_{-n} .

Furthermore Restrict attention to $GL_2(\mathbb{A})$ -reps π s.t.

$$\pi^K \neq 0 \quad \text{for some open compact } K \subseteq GL_2(\mathbb{A}_f).$$

Upshot One is lead to consider the quotient

$$Y_K := GL_2(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash \left(GL_2(\mathbb{A}_f) / K \times GL_2(\mathbb{R}) / \mathbb{R}_{>0} SO(2) \right)$$

At ∞ $GL_2(\mathbb{R}) / \mathbb{R}_{>0} SO(2) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{H}^\pm$

$$g \cdot SO(2) \longmapsto g \cdot i = \frac{ai+b}{ci+d}$$

Check $i = \frac{ai+b}{ci+d} \Leftrightarrow -c + id = ai + b$

$$\Leftrightarrow g = \lambda \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

i.e. $\in \mathbb{R}_{>0} \cdot \text{SO}(2)$

Understanding K

Exercise $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ is open + maximal compact.

(i.e. $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) \subseteq K_p$ compact $\Rightarrow K_p = \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$.)

Lemma Given $K_p \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ any compact,

$\exists g \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ s.t. $g K_p g^{-1} \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$

Proof $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \text{Stab}(\mathbb{Z}_p^2 \subseteq \mathbb{Q}_p^2)$

Any lattice $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Q}_p^2$ of form $g \cdot \mathbb{Z}_p^2$. Then

$$\text{Stab}(\Lambda) = g \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) g^{-1}$$

Given compact K_p , pick any lattice Λ .

Since $\text{Stab}(\Lambda)$ open, $K_p / \text{Stab}(\Lambda)$ finite.

$\Rightarrow \sum_{k \in K_p / \text{Stab}(\Lambda)} k \cdot \Lambda =: \tilde{\Lambda}$ is K_p stable

$\Rightarrow \exists g \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ s.t. $g K g^{-1} \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$.

□

Given $K \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$, has form $K_S \times \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}^S)$

where .) S finite set of primes

.) $K_S \subseteq \prod_{p \in S} \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ any open
+ compact subgroup

.) $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}^S = \prod_{p \in S} \mathbb{Z}_p$

Then $K_S \subseteq \prod_{p \in S} \text{proj}_p(K_S)$

again open compact

Prev. Lemma now applies prime-by-prime

$\Rightarrow \exists g \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ s.t.

$$gKg^{-1} \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}).$$

Class number
of $\text{GL}_2 \approx 1$.

Prop 1) $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f) / \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}) = \{pt\}$

2) For any K , $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f) / \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$

is finite.

Proof 1) $g = (g_p)_p \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$. There is finite S s.t.

$$p \notin S \Rightarrow g_p \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p).$$

$$\Rightarrow g \sim (g_p)_{p \in S} \times (1)_{p \notin S}.$$

Fix $p \in S$. Elementary divisor thm allows to write

$$g_p = A \begin{pmatrix} p^n & \\ & p^m \end{pmatrix} B, \quad A, B \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

$n, m \in \mathbb{Z}.$

Replacement possible: $A \mapsto A \begin{pmatrix} \det(A)^{-1} & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$B \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \det(A) & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} B$$

So wlog, $\det A = 1.$

Then $\forall r \geq 1, \exists h \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ s.t. $h \equiv A \pmod{p^r}.$
 (Seen before, euclidean algorithm.)

Furthermore, conjugation action of $\begin{pmatrix} p^n & \\ & p^m \end{pmatrix}$ on $GL_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ continuous. Conditions define nbhd basis of $1 \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$.

$$\Rightarrow \exists r \geq 1 \text{ s.t. } T \equiv 1 \pmod{p^r}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} p^n & \\ & p^m \end{pmatrix}^{-1} T \begin{pmatrix} p^n & \\ & p^m \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p).$$

Pick h for this r .

Then

$$g_p \sim \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} p^{-n} & \\ & p^{-m} \end{pmatrix} h^{-1}}_{\in GL_2(\mathcal{O})} \cdot g_p$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} p^{-n} & \\ & p^{-m} \end{pmatrix} h^{-1} A \begin{pmatrix} p^n & \\ & p^m \end{pmatrix} B \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

Moreover, $\begin{pmatrix} p^{-n} & \\ & p^{-m} \end{pmatrix} h^{-1} \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_\ell) \quad \forall \ell \neq p$

Now induct on $\#S$.

$\square 1)$

$$2) \quad GL_2(\mathcal{O}) \backslash GL_2(\mathcal{A}_\#) / K \xrightarrow{\cong} GL_2(\mathcal{O}) \backslash GL_2(\mathcal{A}_\#) / gKg^{-1}$$

(*) $[h] \longmapsto [hg^{-1}]$

\hookrightarrow wlog, $K \in GL_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$.

Since open & $GL_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$ compact, $GL_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})/K$ finite.

$\Rightarrow \square 2)$

We obtain following description of Y_K :

$g_1, \dots, g_r \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ representatives for $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f) / K$.

$$Y_K = \coprod_{\Gamma_i} \Gamma_i \backslash \mathcal{H}^{\pm}, \quad \Gamma_i = \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}) \cap g_i K g_i^{-1}$$

If $K \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$, then may choose $g_i \in \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$.

Moreover, $\exists N \geq 1$ s.t. $K(N) := \ker(\text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}) \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})) \subseteq K$.

$$\Rightarrow \{ \gamma \mid \gamma \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \} \subseteq \Gamma_i \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}).$$

so Γ 's are congruence subgroups.

In fact This is the general case:

$$\text{There is an iso } Y_K \xrightarrow{\cdot g^{-1}} Y_{gKg^{-1}}$$

$$[h, \tau] \longmapsto [hg^{-1}, \tau]$$

so may always reduce to $K \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$.

Example $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f) / K(N)$

$$= \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}) / K(N) = \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$$

$$\xrightarrow{\cong} \{(2N)^x / \{ \pm 1 \}$$

$K(N) \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$ normal \Rightarrow for all i ,

$$\Gamma_i = \Gamma(N) := \{ \gamma \mid \gamma \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \} \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$$

$$Y_{K(N)} = \coprod_{(2N)^x / \{ \pm 1 \}} \Gamma(N) \backslash \mathbb{H}^\pm$$

Now assume $K(N) \subseteq K \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$.

$K(N)$ is normal in $\text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$, so also in K .

\Rightarrow Obtain finite group $K/K(N)$ that acts:

$$Y_K = Y_{K(N)} / (K/K(N))$$

\mathbb{H}^\pm has complex structure & $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{H}^\pm$ holomorphically

\Rightarrow Each Y_K Riemann surface.

Analytic theory of j -invariant (cf. last term §3)

\Rightarrow Even \mathbb{C} -points of affine algebraic curve/ \mathbb{C} .

Thm There is an inverse system of affine curves / $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Q}$

$\{M_K\}_{K \subset \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)}$ together with a $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ -action

$\{g^{-1}: M_K \xrightarrow{\cong} M_{gKg^{-1}}\}$ s.t. it's \mathbb{C} -points

are isomorphic to $\{Y_K, g^{-1}: Y_K \xrightarrow{\cong} Y_{gKg^{-1}}\}$.

Sketch $M_{K_N} :=$ moduli of ECs + level- N -str. ($N \geq 3$)

For $K_N \subset K \subset \text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$, $M_K := M_{K_N} / (K/K_N)$.

(Here $\text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}) \subset M_{K_N}$ via $\text{GL}_2(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}) \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N)$.)

For general K , pass to quasi-irreducibility moduli problem.

(The functorialities between the M_K will be discussed

in more detail later, so we'll stop here.) \square

Terminology $\{M_K\}$ is the Shimura variety

for GL_2 .

Moduli space provides the

canonical model for the $\{Y_K\}$.

Upshot have achieved a passage from analytic setting
to a number-theoretic one.

To go further, need to also understand integral models
at primes dividing the level.