

# **Iwasawa Theory for Kummer Extensions**

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## Classical Iwasawa Theory:

### Basic objects:

$p$  prime number,  $F$  number field.

$K$  cyclotomic  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ -extension of  $F$ .

$\Gamma = \text{Gal}(K/F) \cong \mathbf{Z}_p$ ,  $\Lambda = \mathbf{Z}_p[[\Gamma]] \cong \mathbf{Z}_p[[T]]$ .

An Iwasawa module is a continuous  $\Lambda$ -module.  
Any Galois group of a pro- $p$  abelian extension of  $K$  Galois over  $F$  is an Iwasawa module via conjugation (lifting elements of  $\Gamma$ ).

### Examples:

Module	Galois group over $K$ of its maximal abelian pro- $p$ ... unramified outside $p$ extension
$\mathfrak{X}_K$	unramified extension
$X_K$	unramified extension in which all primes above $p$ split completely
$Y_K$	

$$\mathfrak{X}_K \twoheadrightarrow X_K \twoheadrightarrow Y_K.$$

$\mathfrak{X}_K$  is a finitely generated  $\Lambda$ -module.

$X_K$  is a torsion  $\Lambda$ -module.

**Conjecture** (Iwasawa).  *$X_K$  is finitely generated over  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ .*

Iwasawa's conjecture holds at  $p$  if and only if the  $p$ -torsion in  $X_K$  is finite.

Ferrero-Washington proved this for abelian extensions of  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

If  $F$  is abelian, then Iwasawa's Main Conjecture (Mazur-Wiles) describes the even eigenspaces of  $\mathfrak{X}_K$  in terms of the  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions of the corresponding characters.

The Main Conjecture also describes the odd eigenspaces of  $X_K$ .

## Iwasawa modules over larger extensions:

$L$  abelian pro- $p$  extension of  $K$  unramified outside a finite set of primes and Galois over  $F$ .

$$G = \text{Gal}(L/K), \mathcal{G} = \text{Gal}(L/F).$$

Examples:

1.  $L = \tilde{K}$ , the compositum of all  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ -extensions of  $F$ .

**Conjecture** (Greenberg).  $X_{\tilde{K}}$  has annihilator of height  $\geq 2$  as a  $\mathbf{Z}_p[[\mathcal{G}]]$ -module.

Greenberg's conjecture  $\Leftrightarrow X_L$  is  $\mathbf{Z}_p[[G]]$ -torsion.

$F$  totally real  $\Rightarrow \tilde{K} = K$  and Greenberg's conjecture reduces to the finiteness of  $X_K$ .

In fact, Vandiver had conjectured that  $X_K$  is trivial when  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\mu_p)^+$ .

2.  $L$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ -extension of  $K$  Galois over  $F$ .  
Is  $X_L$  a  $\mathbf{Z}_p[[G]]$ -torsion module?

If  $\mu_p \subset F$ , Kummer theory implies that  $L$  can be defined by the  $p$ -power roots of an element of the  $p$ -completion of  $K^\times$ .

**Conjecture.** *If  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\mu_p)$  and  $L$  is defined by a sequence of  $p$ -units of  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\mu_{p^\infty})$ , then  $X_L$  is  $\mathbf{Z}_p[[G]]$ -torsion.*

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\mu_p)$  and  $L = K(p^{1/p^\infty})$ . For  $p < 1000$ , we have  $X_L \cong X_K$ .*

**Theorem 2** (Hachimori-S.). *If  $L$  is a CM-field and the  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ -rank of  $X_K$  is at least 2, then  $X_L$  is not  $\mathbf{Z}_p[[G]]$ -torsion.*

There are unramified outside  $p$  examples for  $p = 157, 353, 379$ , etc., when  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\mu_p)$ .

Theorem 1 has the following consequence.

**Theorem 3.** *Greenberg's conjecture holds for  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)$  for all  $p < 1000$ .*

The above conjecture on those  $L$  defined by  $p$ -units implies Greenberg's conjecture for  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)$ .

Another application:

A slightly stronger statement gives us the following.

**Theorem 4.** *The Galois group  $\mathcal{G}_K^{\text{un}}$  of the maximal unramified pro- $p$  extension of  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^\infty})$  is abelian for all  $p < 1000$ .*

Note: this contradicts a twice-published result (1994) that  $\mathcal{G}_K^{\text{un}}$  is free pro- $p$  under Vandiver's conjecture.

## Iwasawa theory for Kummer extensions:

$L$  a  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ -extension of  $K$  Galois over  $F$  and unramified outside a finite set of primes.

**Theorem 5.** *There is a canonical exact sequence of  $\Lambda$ -modules:*

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow Y_L^G \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}_p} G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{L/K} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}_p} G \rightarrow \ker \Sigma_{L/K} \\ \rightarrow (Y_L)_G \rightarrow Y_K \rightarrow \text{coker } \Sigma_{L/K} \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

$G_v$  decomposition group of  $G$  at a prime  $v$ .

$\Sigma_{L/K}: \bigoplus_v G_v \rightarrow G$  product map.

$\mathcal{U}_{L/K}$  quotient of universal norm sequences of  $p$ -units for  $K/F$  by universal norms from  $L$ .

$\Sigma_{L/K}$  is an isomorphism if there is a unique prime above  $p$  in  $L$  outside of which  $L/K$  is unramified.

For simplicity, let us assume this.

$I_G$  augmentation ideal in  $\mathbf{Z}_p[[G]]$ .

Note:  $(Y_L)_G = Y_L/I_G Y_L$ .

We can consider higher graded quotients.

**Theorem 6.** *For each  $k \geq 1$ , there is a canonical isomorphism:*

$$I_G^k Y_L / I_G^{k+1} Y_L \cong Y_K / \mathcal{P}_{L/K}^k \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}_p} G^{\otimes k},$$

with  $\mathcal{P}_{L/K}^k$  the group of “ $(k + 1)$ -fold Massey products for  $L/K$ .”

In particular,  $\mathcal{P}_{L/K}^1$  is generated by inverse limits of cup products of a Kummer generator of  $L$  with a universal norm of  $p$ -units.



## Modular Galois representations:

$\mathfrak{h}$  even eigenspace of Hida's ordinary cuspidal Hecke algebra of increasing  $p$ -power levels (mild restrictions on the eigenspace).

$\mathfrak{h}$  has Hecke operators  $U_p$  and  $T_l$  for  $l \neq p$ .

Eisenstein ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$ : generated by  $T_l$  minus the  $l$ th coefficient of an Eisenstein series and  $U_p - 1$ .

Consider the Galois action on the corresponding eigenspace  $\mathfrak{Z}$  of an inverse limit of cohomology groups for  $X_1(p^n)$ .

Note: M. Ohta used this action to give another proof of the Main Conjecture for  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

The fixed field of the kernel of  $G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\mathfrak{h}} \mathfrak{Z}$  contains an unramified outside  $p$ , totally ramified at  $p$  extension  $L/K$  with  $\Lambda$ -torsion Galois group  $G$ .

$\mathcal{V} = \mathbf{Z}_p$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{I}$  generated by  $U_p - 1$ .  
 $F = \mathbf{Q}(\mu_p)$ ,  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q})$ .

**Theorem 7.** *There are canonical isomorphisms*

$$\begin{aligned} (I_G X_L / I_G^2 X_L)_{\tilde{\Gamma}} &\cong \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2, \\ (I_G Y_L / I_G^2 Y_L)_{\tilde{\Gamma}} &\cong \mathcal{I} / (\mathcal{V} + \mathcal{I}^2). \end{aligned}$$

**Outline of proof of Theorem 1.** We show that  $U_p - 1$  generates  $\mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2$  as a pro- $p$  group if and only if  $G \cong \mathbf{Z}_p$  and an eigenspace of  $\mathcal{P}_{L/K}^1$  and  $Y_K$  agree. This eigenspace is generated by the cup product of an element of the  $p$ -completion of  $K^\times$  defining  $L$  with a universal norm in  $K$  with value  $p$  in  $F$ . Set  $E = K(p^{1/p^\infty})$ . By an argument involving antisymmetry of the cup product, we can deduce that  $X_E$  and  $X_K$  agree if  $U_p - 1$  generates  $\mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2$  in all eigenspaces. The latter holds for  $p < 1000$  by computation in level  $p$ .

## Cup Products:

$G_{F,\{p\}}$  Galois group of the maximal unramified outside  $p$  extension of  $F$ .

$\mathcal{E}_F$   $p$ -units in  $F$ ,  $A_F$   $p$ -part of class group of  $F$ .  
 $\Delta = \text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})$ .

Cup product on  $H^1(G_{F,\{p\}}, \mu_p)$  induces:

$$(\cdot, \cdot): \mathcal{E}_F \times \mathcal{E}_F \rightarrow A_F \otimes \mu_p.$$

Theorem 1  $\Rightarrow (p, \cdot)$  is surjective for  $p < 1000$ .

**Theorem 8** (McCallum-S.). *For  $p < 10000$ , we have a computation of  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  up to scalar in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}[\Delta]$  (or, in terms the value  $(p, 1 - \zeta)$  with  $\langle \zeta \rangle = \mu_p$ ).*

This allows us to prove Theorem 4 on unramified Galois groups.

Rough form of a conjecture: the values of the cup product pairing are  $p$ -adic  $L$ -values modulo  $p$  of cusp forms congruent to Eisenstein series modulo  $p$ .