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Introduction to Drinfeld  
modules and modular varieties

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Goal: (1) Construction of Drinfeld modular varieties. (Chap. I of [L])  
(2) Introduce tools for studying Drinfeld modules  
particularly over "finite characteristic" fields, e.g.  
endomorphism rings, Tate modules and Dieudonné modules.  
(Chap II. of [L]).

Basic parallel analogues between number field world  
and function field world:

global fields,

# field

function fields,

$F$

$\mathbb{Q}$

$\mathbb{F}_q(t)$

$A$

$\mathbb{Z}$

$\mathbb{F}_q[t]$

$\infty$

usual abs.  
value  $| \cdot |$ ,  
or real place

$\infty$  pt at  
the infinity.

$F_\infty$

$\mathbb{R}$

$\mathbb{F}_q((t^{-1}))$ .

$\mathbb{C}_\infty$

$\mathbb{C}$

$\widehat{\mathbb{F}_\infty}$

$E$

elliptic  
curves /  $\mathbb{C}$

Drinfeld  $A$ -modules  
of rank 2 /  $\mathbb{C}_\infty$

$\Omega$  $\mathbb{H}^+ = \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$   
double half plane $\mathbb{C}_\infty - F_\infty$  : Drinfeld (2)  
upper half plane $GL_2(A)$  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  $GL_2(\mathbb{F}_q[t])$ moduli  
spaces $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}^+ \simeq SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}^+$  $GL_2(A) \backslash \Omega$  $\mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im}(z) > 0\}$  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H} \simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{isom classes of} \\ \text{elliptic curves} / \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right\} : \mathbb{H} : \text{complex analytic space}$  $GL_2(A) \backslash \Omega \simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{isom classes of} \\ \text{Drinfeld } A\text{-modules} \\ \text{of rank 2} / \mathbb{C}_\infty \end{array} \right\} \quad \Omega \text{ "rigid" analytic space.}$  $\nwarrow$   
analytic construction of moduli spaces

→ Provide an arithmetic construction of  $GL_2(A) \backslash \Omega$   
for general function fields and any rank.

### Notation :

 $p$  : prime ,  $q$  : a power of  $p$ . $\mathbb{F}_q$  : the finite field of  $q$  elements. $X$  : geometrically connected smooth projective alg curve /  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .1-dim reduced closed closed subscheme of  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^N$ .geom. connected :  $X \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_q} \bar{\mathbb{F}}_q = X \times_{\text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_q} \text{Spec } \bar{\mathbb{F}}_q$  : connected.

Smooth:  $X \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_q} \bar{\mathbb{F}}_q$  is non-singular, i.e.

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$\forall$  a closed point  $x \in X \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_q} \bar{\mathbb{F}}_q$  ( $\Leftrightarrow x \in X(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q)$ )

the local ring  $\mathcal{O}_x$  is a DVR ( $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_x$ : regular)

$F := \mathbb{F}_q(X)$  the function field of  $X$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$

= the quotient field of the ring of regular functions on an Zariski open subset  $U$ .

geom. connected  $\Rightarrow$  the constant subfield of  $F := \{a \in F : a \text{ alg. over } \mathbb{F}_q\} = \mathbb{F}_q$ .

$\infty$ : closed point, as the "point at infinity".

$A = \Gamma(X \setminus \{\infty\}, \mathcal{O}_X)$ : the ring of regular functions on  $X \setminus \{\infty\}$ ,  
a Dedekind domain.

$|X|$ : the set of closed points.  $= X(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q) / \Gamma_{\mathbb{F}_q} = \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q / \mathbb{F}_q)$

We identify  $|X|$  with the set of places (or valuations)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v: F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\} \end{array} \right\}$  of  $F$ .

For any  $v \in |X|$ ,  $F_v$  = the completion of  $F$  at  $v$

$\mathcal{O}_v$  = the valuation ring (the ring of integers) of  $F_v$ .

$\mathbb{F}_v := \mathcal{O}_v / \mathfrak{m}_v$ , the residue field at  $v$ ,  $[\mathbb{F}_v : \mathbb{F}_q] = \deg(v)$

$v: F_v \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$  discrete valuation  $[\mathbb{F}_v : \mathbb{F}_p] = \deg_{\mathbb{F}_p}(v)$

normalized by  $v(\pi_v) = 1$

$\pi_v$ : uniformizer of  $F_v$ .



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$\forall a \in A \setminus \{0\}$ . define  $\deg(a) := \dim_{\mathbb{F}_q} A/(a)$  ( $\deg_{\mathbb{F}_p}(a) = \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} A/(a)$ )

If  $u \in A^\times$ ,  $\deg(u) = 0$

Thm 1: (Product formula)  $\forall a \in F^\times$ , one has

$$\sum_{v \in |X|} \deg(v) \cdot v(a) = 0$$

$$(a) = \prod_{v \in |X|} \mathfrak{p}_v^{v(a)}$$

If  $a \neq 0 \in A$ .  $A/(a) = \prod_{v \neq \infty} A/\mathfrak{p}_v^{v(a)}$ ,  $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_q} A/\mathfrak{p}_v = \deg(v)$

$$\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{F}_q} A/(a) = \sum_{v \neq \infty} \deg(v) \cdot v(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \deg(a) = -\deg(\infty) \omega(a).$$

Endomorphisms of the additive groups.

$k$ : any commutative ring of char  $p$ ,  $k \supset \mathbb{F}_p$ .

A polynomial  $f(t) \in k[t]$  is **additive** if  $f(t_1+t_2) = f(t_1) + f(t_2)$  in  $k[t_1, t_2]$ .

Lemma 2 Every additive polynomial  $f(t) \in k[t]$  is of the form

$$f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^{p^i} = a_0 t + a_1 t^p + \dots + a_n t^{p^n}$$

Pf: Exercise.

$G_{a,k} = \text{Spec } k[t]$ , the additive group /  $k$ .

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The group law:  $m: G_{a,k} \times G_{a,k} \rightarrow G_{a,k} \quad (x,y) \mapsto x+y$

$l: G_{a,k} \rightarrow G_{a,k} \quad x \mapsto -x$ .

Hopf algebra  $k[t]$ .

Co-multiplication  $\Delta: k[t] \rightarrow k[t] \otimes k[t] = k[t_1, t_2]$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(t) &= t \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t & t_1 &= t \otimes 1 \\ &= t_1 + t_2 & t_2 &= 1 \otimes t \end{aligned}$$

$l: k[t] \rightarrow k[t], \quad l(t) = -t$ .

$\text{End}(G_{a,k})$ : the endomorphism ring of  $G_{a,k}$ .

$$= \{ f: G_{a,k} \rightarrow G_{a,k} \mid m \circ (f, f) = f \circ m \}$$

$$= \{ f(t) \in k[t] : f(t_1 + t_2) = f(t_1) + f(t_2) \}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_a^2 & \xrightarrow{(f,f)} & G_a^2 \\ \downarrow m & & \downarrow \\ G_a & \xrightarrow{f} & G_a \end{array}$$

$a \in k \quad [a]: G_a \rightarrow G_a, \quad t \mapsto at$

$\tau = \tau_p \quad G_a \rightarrow G_a, \quad t \mapsto t^p, \quad \Rightarrow \tau \cdot [a] = [a^p] \tau$ .

Define:  $k\{\tau\} = \{ a_0 + a_1 \tau + \dots + a_n \tau^n : a_i \in k, \tau a = a^p \tau \}$

Then  $\text{End}(G_{a,k}) \simeq k\{\tau\}$

$$[a] \longleftarrow a$$

$$t \mapsto t^p \longleftarrow \tau$$

Suppose  $k \supset \mathbb{F}_q$  say  $f(t) \in \text{End}(G_{a,k})$  is  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -linear if it commutes with  $[a]$ ,  $\forall a \in \mathbb{F}_q$ , i.e.  $f(at) = a f(t) \forall a \in \mathbb{F}_q$ .

Easy to show  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(G_{a,k}) := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{F}_q\text{-linear endomorphisms} \\ \text{on } G_{a,k} \end{array} \right\}$

$$= k\{\tau_a\} \subseteq k\{\tau\}$$

$$\tau_a(z) = z^a, \quad \tau_a a = a^q \tau_a$$

$$\text{If } f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \tau^i \in k\{\tau\}$$

$\partial f = a_0$ , the derivative of  $f$ .

$$G_a \xrightarrow{f} G_a$$

$$\text{Lie}(G_a) \rightarrow \text{Lie}(G_a)$$

$$\parallel$$

$$k$$

$$k$$

$$X \mapsto a_0 X.$$

## Drinfeld modules

Def (1) An  $A$ -field is  $(L, \gamma)$ , where  $L$ : a field,  $\gamma: A \rightarrow L$

ring homo. The  $A$ -characteristic of  $(L, \gamma)$  is defined to be

$v = \ker \gamma$ . If  $v = 0$ , then we say  $(L, \gamma)$  of generic

characteristic, otherwise, we say  $(L, \gamma)$  is of (finite)

characteristic  $v$

(2)  $(L, \gamma)$   $A$ -field, a Drinfeld  $A$ -module /  $L$  is a 7  
 ring monomorphism  $\phi: A \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(G_{A,L}) = L\{\tau\}$ ,  $\tau(z) = z^q$   
 $a \mapsto \phi_a = a_0 + a_1 \tau + \dots + a_n \tau^n$

s.t.  $(*)$   $a_0 = \partial \phi_a = \gamma(a) \forall a \in A$  and  $\phi(A) \not\subseteq L$  ( $\phi$  is not const)

Thus,  $\forall L$ -alg  $R$   $G_A(R) = R$  is endowed with an  $A$ -module by  $\phi$ .

$$a \in A, r \in R \quad a *_{\phi} r = \phi_a(r)$$

$\therefore A$  commutative  $\phi_{a_1} \cdot \phi_{a_2} = \phi_{a_2} \phi_{a_1}$ ,  $\phi_a(z)$  :  $q$ -poly in  $z$

$$\phi_a \circ \phi = \phi \cdot \phi_a$$

(3)  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  Drinfeld  $A$ -modules /  $L$ . A morphism from  $\phi_1$  to  $\phi_2$   
 is a homomorphism  $f: G_{\phi_1} \rightarrow G_{\phi_2}$  over  $L$  s.t.  $\phi_{2,a} \circ f = f \circ \phi_{1,a} \forall a \in A$

$\text{Hom}(\phi_1, \phi_2)$  = the group of morphisms

$f: \phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2$  over  $L$ .

$$f \in \text{Hom}(\phi_1, \phi_2)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{\phi_1} & \xrightarrow{f} & G_{\phi_2} \\ \downarrow \phi_{1,a} & & \downarrow \phi_{2,a} \\ G_{\phi_1} & \xrightarrow{f} & G_{\phi_2} \end{array}$$

$$a \cdot f = \phi_{2,a} \circ f$$

Then  $\phi_2 \circ (\phi_{2,a} \circ f) = \phi_{2,a} \circ \phi_2 \circ f = (\phi_{2,a} \circ f) \circ \phi_1 \Rightarrow \text{Hom}(\phi_1, \phi_2) : A\text{-module}$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{f} & R \\ \phi_1 & & \phi_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} a *_{\phi_1} r \\ \phi_{1,a}(r) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} a *_{\phi_2} r = \phi_{2,a}(r) \end{array} \right)$$

$$(a \cdot f)(r) = a *_{\phi_2} f(r) = \phi_{2,a}(f(r))$$

One can show that  $\text{Hom}(\phi_1, \phi_2)$  is a projective  $A$ -module of finite rank.

## Ranks and heights:

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Notation  $f = \sum a_i \tau^i = a_0 + \dots + a_n \tau^n \in k\{\tau\}$ ,  $a_n \neq 0$   $k = \mathbb{F}_q\langle a \rangle$

$$a_0 = \text{const term} =: \text{c.t.}(f)$$

$$a_n = \text{leading term} =: \text{l.t.}(f)$$

$$\deg(f) = \max \{i : a_i \neq 0\} = n.$$

$$w(f) = \min \{i : a_i \neq 0\} = \text{ord}_\tau(f)$$

$$\text{If } k \text{ is a field, } \# \{z \in \bar{k}, f(z) = 0\} = q^{n-w(f)}$$

Prop 3:  $\phi$ : Drinfeld  $A$ -module / an  $A$ -field  $L$ .

(1) There exists an  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  s.t.  $\deg(\phi_a) = r \cdot \deg(a) \quad \forall a \in A \setminus \{0\}$

(2) Suppose  $L$  has finite char  $v$ . Then exists an  $h \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$

$$\text{s.t. } w(\phi_a) = h \cdot \deg(v) \cdot v(a), \quad \forall a \in A \setminus \{0\}.$$

Def The integers  $r$  and  $h$  in Prop 3 are called the **rank** and **height** of  $\phi$ , respectively.

$$\left( 1 \leq h \leq r, \quad \begin{cases} h=1 & \phi: \text{ordinary} \\ h=r & \phi: \text{supersingular} \end{cases} \right)$$

# I-torsion submodules:

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Def:  $\phi$ : Drinfeld  $A$ -module /  $L$  ( $A$ -field).  $\forall a \in A$ . define

$$\phi[a] := \ker \phi_a \subseteq \mathbb{G}_a, \text{ subgp scheme of } \mathbb{G}_a.$$

which is stable under  $A$ -action and called the  $a$ -torsion submodule. of  $\phi$

$$\forall L\text{-alg } R, \quad \phi[a](R) = \{x \in R : \phi_a(x) = 0\}.$$

$$\because \phi_a \phi_b = \phi_b \phi_a, \quad \phi_a(\phi_b(x)) = \phi_b(\phi_a(x)) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi_b(x) \in \phi[a](R) \\ \Rightarrow \phi[a](R) \subseteq R : A\text{-module, in fact } A/(a)\text{-module.}$$

Similarly, for any ideal  $I \subseteq A$ , define

$$\phi[I] := \bigcap_{a \in I} \phi[a],$$

called the  $I$ -torsion submodule of  $\phi$ .  $\phi[I] : A/I$ -module scheme.

Note:  $\because A$ : Dedekind domain.  $I = (a_1, a_2)$  for  $a_1, a_2 \in I$

$$\therefore \phi[I] = \phi[a_1] \cap \phi[a_2]$$

$$\deg(\phi_a) = r \cdot \deg(a)$$

Explicitly  $\phi[a] = \text{Spec } L[z] / (\phi_a(z)).$   $\deg(\phi_a(z)) = q^{r \cdot \deg(a)}$

finite subgp scheme of order  $(\dim_L \downarrow) q^{r \cdot \deg(a)}$

$$\text{Similarly. } \phi[I] = \text{Spec } L[z] / (\phi_a(z))_{a \in I} = \text{Spec } L[z] / (\phi_{a_1}(z), \phi_{a_2}(z))$$

$$\because L[z] : \text{PID, } \exists! \text{ monic poly } f_I(z) \text{ st } (f_I(z)) = (\phi_{a_1}(z), \phi_{a_2}(z))$$

Suppose  $\deg f_I(z) = q^d$ , then  $\phi[I]$  has order  $q^d$ .

One can show  $d = r \cdot \deg(I)$

Note  $\therefore$  roots of  $f_{\mathbb{I}}(z)$  form an  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -linear subspace in  $\overline{\mathbb{I}}$  (10)

$\therefore f_{\mathbb{I}}(z)$ :  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -polynomial in  $z$ ,  $f_{\mathbb{I}} \in L\{z\}$

Lemma 4:  $R$ : Dedekind domain with  $K = \text{Frac}(R)$ ,  $M$ :  $R$ -module.

- (1) Let  $I \neq (0) \subseteq R$  an ideal and write  $I = P_1^{e_1} \dots P_r^{e_r}$  into the product of prime ideals  $P_i$ . Then  $M[I] := \{m \in M : I \cdot x = 0\} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r M[P_i^{e_i}]$ .
- (2) If  $M$  is  $A$ -divisible (i.e.  $\forall a \neq 0 \in R$ ,  $a: M \rightarrow M$  surjective) then  $\forall$  non-zero prime ideal  $P \subseteq A$  and  $e \geq 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$M[P^e]$  is a free  $A/P^e$ -module of rank indep of  $e$ . Moreover,

if the common rank  $r$  is finite, then  $M[P^{\infty}] := \bigcup_{e \geq 1} M[P^e]$

$\cong (K_P / \hat{R}_P)^r$ , where  $K_P$  and  $\hat{R}_P$  the completions of  $K$  &  $R$  at  $P$ , respectively.

Pf. (1) Chinese Remainder Theorem.

(2) For each non-zero prime  $P$  of  $R$ , replacing  $R$  by  $R_P$ ,

we may assume that  $R$ : DVR,  $P = (\pi)$ ,  $\pi$ : uniformizer.

$\Rightarrow M[\pi]$ :  $R/\pi R$ -vector space. (say of dim  $r$ ,  $r$  maybe  $\infty$ ).

Choose a free  $R$ -module  $N$  of rank  $\dim M[\pi]$  and

an isom  $\alpha: \pi^{-1}N/N \cong M[\pi]$  of  $R/\pi$ -modules,

Idea: construct a compatible system of isoms

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$$\alpha_e: \pi^{-e} N / N \cong M[\pi^e] \text{ of } R/\pi^e\text{-modules.}$$

by induction.

Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow \pi' N / N & \rightarrow & \pi^{-(e+1)} N / N & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \pi^{-e} N / N & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & \downarrow \alpha_1 & \downarrow \alpha_{e+1} & \searrow & \downarrow \alpha_e & & \\ 0 \rightarrow M[\pi] & \rightarrow & M[\pi^{e+1}] & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M[\pi^e] & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Let  $\{X_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}$  be an  $R$ -basis of  $N$ .  $m_\beta \mapsto \alpha_e(\pi X_\beta)$

$$\alpha_e(\pi X_\beta) \in M[\pi^e],$$

$\therefore M$  is  $\pi$ -divisible

$$\therefore \exists m_\beta \in M[\pi^{e+1}] \text{ st } \pi \cdot m_\beta = \alpha_e(\pi \cdot X_\beta)$$

define  $\alpha_{e+1}(X_\beta) = m_\beta$  and yields an  $R$ -linear homo

$$\alpha_{e+1}: \pi^{-(e+1)} N / N \rightarrow M[\pi^{e+1}].$$

$\therefore \alpha_1, \alpha_e$  isom.  $\therefore \alpha_{e+1}$  isom (the five lemma).

$$\text{Finally } M[p^\infty] = \bigcup_{e \geq 1} M[p^e] \stackrel{(\alpha_e)}{\cong} \bigcup_{e \geq 1} \pi^{-e} N / N = (K_p / \hat{R}_p)^r.$$

$$r = \text{rank}_R N.$$