

3. The Eisenstein symbol

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In this final section we'll see how Beilinson proves the BHC for Kuga(-Sata) varieties $E^l(N)$, and how the construction of cycles required also leads to cycles on modular curves and CM elliptic curves. [Note: For solutions to exercises, see my paper with Dares.]

Kuga varieties.

Recall $\Gamma(N) = \ker \{SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})\}$. Assume $N \geq 3$, and consider the action

$$h \leftarrow h \times \mathbb{C} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circlearrowleft \\ \Gamma(N) \times \mathbb{Z}^2 \end{array}$$

by $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

$$\gamma \cdot (\tau, z) = \left(\underbrace{\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}}_{=: \delta(\tau)}, \frac{z + m\tau + n}{c\tau + d} \right)$$

with quotient the elliptic modular surface (with full level- N structure)

$$Y(N) \xleftarrow{\pi} E(N).$$

The Kuga varieties are just the l -fold fiber products

$$Y(N) \xleftarrow{\pi} E^l(N) := \underset{Y(N)}{X^l} E(N)$$

with good compactifications

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X(N) & \xleftarrow{\pi} & \bar{E}^l(N) \end{array}$$

and complements

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ K(N) & \xleftarrow{\pi} & D^l(N). \end{array}$$

The cusps are explicitly described by

$$\kappa(N) = \left\{ \frac{r}{s} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q}) \mid \exists p, q \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } pq + rs \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \right\} / \Gamma(N)$$

$$= \left\{ (-s, r) \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2 \mid |\langle (-s, r) \rangle| = N \right\} / (-s, r) \sim (s, -r),$$

and we will fix a choice of $M_\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ -s & r \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ for each $\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix} \in \kappa(N)$.

Modular forms

Define

$$A_{l+2}(N) := \left\{ F \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{H}) \mid F(\tau) = \frac{F(\gamma(\tau))}{(c\tau + d)^{l+2}} =: F \Big|_{l+2} \gamma \quad (\forall \gamma \in \Gamma(N)) \right\}$$

$$M_{l+2}(N) := \left\{ F \in A_{l+2}(N) \mid \pi_\sigma(F) := \lim_{\tau \rightarrow i\infty} F \Big|_{l+2} M_\sigma^{-1} < \infty \quad (\forall \sigma \in \kappa(N)) \right\} \quad (\text{modular forms})$$

$$S_{l+2}(N) := \left\{ F \in A_{l+2}(N) \mid \pi_\sigma(F) = 0 \quad (\forall \sigma \in \kappa(N)) \right\} \quad (\text{cusp forms})$$

By a result of Shokurov, sending

$$(1) \quad F(\tau) \mapsto (2\pi i)^{l+1} F(\tau) \, d\tau, \wedge \dots \wedge dz_l \wedge d\tau$$

induces isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \theta: A_{l+2}(N) &\xrightarrow{\cong} \Omega^{l+1}(\mathcal{E}^l(N)) \\ \cup & \quad \cup \\ M_{l+2}(N) &\xrightarrow{\cong} \Omega^{l+1}(\overline{\mathcal{E}}^l(N)) \langle \log D^l(N) \rangle \\ \cup & \quad \cup \\ M_{l+2}^{\mathbb{Q}}(N) &\xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\text{MHG}}(\mathbb{Q}(0), H^{l+1}(\mathcal{E}^l(N), \mathbb{Q}(l+1))) = \text{Hg}^{l+1, l+1}(\mathcal{E}^l(N)) \\ S_{l+2}(N) &\xrightarrow{\cong} \Omega^{l+1}(\overline{\mathcal{E}}^l(N)). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: Check that the RHS of (1) is indeed a well-defined holomorphic form on $\mathcal{E}^l(N)$. //

The Beilinson-Hodge conjecture takes the specific form here :

as a relative 1-form^{*}, whereas

$$\tilde{d}u := du - \frac{\bar{u}-u}{v} d\tau \quad (\text{and } \tilde{d}\bar{u} := \overline{\tilde{d}u})$$

is well-defined on E , define Fourier coefficients for currents $K \in D^M(E)$ by

$$(3) \quad \hat{K}(\lambda) := \begin{cases} \pi_* (K \cdot \bar{\chi}_\lambda) \in D^{M-2}(\mathfrak{h}) & , \quad M \geq 2 \\ v^{-1} \pi_* (K \cdot \bar{\chi}_\lambda \tilde{d}u \wedge \tilde{d}\bar{u}) \in D^M(\mathfrak{h}) & , \quad M < 2 \end{cases}$$

where $\lambda := (m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ and $\bar{\chi}_\lambda(u) := e^{2\pi i(m\tau - n\bar{u})}$.

Exercise: (i) $e^* K = \sum \hat{K}(\lambda)$ ($M < 2$)

(ii) $\widehat{\sigma_{(f)}}(\lambda) = \widehat{\rho_f}(\lambda)$, $f \in \mathcal{O}^*(U(N))$

(iii) $\widehat{\partial F / \partial \bar{u}} = \frac{2\pi i \omega(\lambda)}{v} \hat{F}$, $F \in \mathcal{D}^0(E)$, where $\omega(\lambda) := m\tau + n$

(iv) if $d \log f = \alpha_f \tilde{d}u + \beta_f d\tau$, then $\hat{\alpha}_f = -\hat{\rho}_f / \omega$, $\hat{\beta}_f = \hat{\rho}_f / 2\pi i \omega^2$.

[e.g. to see '2 of (iv) from (ii) & (iii), working with forms relative to π we have $d \log f = \alpha_f du \Rightarrow 2\pi i \hat{\sigma}_{(f)} = d[d \log f] = -\frac{\partial \alpha_f}{\partial \bar{u}} du \wedge \tilde{d}\bar{u}$,
 hence $\hat{\rho}_f \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \widehat{\sigma_{(f)}} \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{-v}{2\pi i} \widehat{\frac{\partial \alpha_f}{\partial \bar{u}}} \stackrel{(iii)}{=} -\omega(\lambda) \hat{\alpha}_f$.]
 i.e. mod $d\tau, d\bar{u}$

Eisenstein series

Define $E_{\lambda+2}(N)$ by

$$\Phi^{\mathbb{C}}(N)^{\circ} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{\lambda}} E_{\lambda+2}(N) \subset \mathcal{O}(\mathfrak{h})$$

$$\varphi \longmapsto E_{\varphi}^{\lambda}(\tau) := \frac{-(\lambda+1)}{(2\pi i)^{\lambda+2}} \sum'_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \frac{\hat{\varphi}(m,n)}{(m\tau+n)^{\lambda+2}},$$

and $E_{\lambda+2}^{\mathbb{Q}}(N) := \mathbb{R}^{\lambda}(\Phi^{\mathbb{Q}}(N)^{\circ})$.

* putting it back (on $\mathfrak{h} \times \mathbb{C}$) by $u \mapsto u + m\tau + n$ (action of \mathbb{Z}^2) yields, not du but $du + m d\tau$, so du isn't well-defined on E .

We also define the horospherical map (for $\sigma \in \kappa(N)$) by

$$H_\sigma^\ell : \mathbb{Z}^\ell(N)^\circ \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\varphi \longmapsto H_\sigma^\ell(\varphi) := \frac{(-1)^\ell (\ell+1)}{(\ell+2)!} \sum_{a=0}^{N-1} (\overline{\pi}_{\sigma \times} \varphi)(a) \cdot B_{\ell+2} \left(\frac{a}{N} \right)$$

Exercise: Using $B_k(x) = \frac{(-1)^{k-1} k!}{(2\pi i)^k} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{e^{-2\pi i m x}}{m^k}$,

check directly that $(\overline{\pi}_{[\text{inv}]^\vee}(E_\varphi^\ell) =) \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \text{inv}} E_\varphi^\ell(\tau) = H_{[\text{inv}]}^\ell(\varphi)$.

$(\ell+2)^{\text{th}}$ Bernoulli polynomial
 $\overline{\pi}_{\sigma \times}$ = projection along eq. $\langle (-s, r) \rangle \leftrightarrow \sigma$
 $(\overline{\pi}_{\sigma \times} \varphi)$ is fun. on $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$

One can also show that

$$\oplus H_\sigma^\ell : \mathbb{Z}^\ell(N)^\circ \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^\ell(N) := \{\mathbb{Q}\text{-valued functions on } \kappa(N)\}$$

is surjective.

Construction of cycles

Let $M := \mathbb{S}_\ell \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^\ell$ act on $\mathfrak{h} \times \mathbb{C}^\ell$ [resp. $\mathfrak{E}^\ell, \mathfrak{E}^\ell(N)$] by

$$(\sigma, \underline{\varepsilon}) \cdot (\tau; z_1, \dots, z_\ell) := (\tau; (-1)^{\varepsilon_1} z_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, (-1)^{\varepsilon_\ell} z_{\sigma(\ell)}).$$

Fixing N , let $\Lambda^\ell = (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^{2\ell}$ act on \mathfrak{E}^ℓ [resp. $\mathfrak{E}^\ell(N)$] by translations

$$\text{tr}_\lambda(\tau; z_1, \dots, z_\ell) := (\tau; z_1 + \frac{\lambda_1 \tau + \lambda_2}{N}, \dots, z_\ell + \frac{\lambda_{2\ell-1} \tau + \lambda_{2\ell}}{N}).$$

Write $\widehat{W}^\ell(N)$ for the union of tr_λ 's of the fixed-point sets of all

$$(\sigma, \underline{\varepsilon})\text{'s, and } \widehat{U}^\ell(N) = \mathfrak{E}^\ell(N) \setminus \widehat{W}^\ell(N), \quad U^\ell(N) = \frac{x^\ell}{\gamma(N)} U(N),$$

$$\overline{U}^\ell(N) = \mathfrak{E}^\ell(N) \setminus \{N^{2\ell} \text{ } N\text{-torsion sections}\}; \quad \text{defining embeddings}$$

$$\iota : \mathfrak{E}^\ell \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{E}^{\ell+1}$$

$$(z_1, \dots, z_\ell) \mapsto (-z_1, z_1 - z_2, \dots, z_{\ell-1} - z_\ell, z_\ell) =: (u_1, \dots, u_{\ell+1})$$

set $\widetilde{U}^\ell(N) := \iota(N)^{-1}(U^{\ell+1}(N))$. We have inclusions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}^l(N) &\supset \bar{U}^l(N) \supset \tilde{U}^l(N) \\ &\quad \cup \quad \quad \cup \\ U^l(N) &= \hat{U}^l(N) . \end{aligned}$$

Now to each monomial

$$\mathbb{f} := f_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_{l+1} \in \otimes^{l+1} \mathbb{Q}[\mathcal{O}^*(U(N))]$$

we associate the graph cycles

$$\{\mathbb{f}\} := \left\{ (\tau, \underline{u}; f_1(u_1), \dots, f_{l+1}(u_{l+1})) \mid (\tau, \underline{u}) \in U^{l+1}(N) \right\} \in \mathcal{H}^{l+1}(U^{l+1}(N), l+1)$$

and

$${}^* \{\mathbb{f}\} (= \{f_1(-z_1), f_2(z_1 \rightarrow z_2), \dots, f_l(z_{l-1} \rightarrow z_l), f_{l+1}(z_l)\}) \in \mathcal{H}^{l+1}(\hat{U}^l(N), l+1) .$$

Writing $\tilde{\mathcal{A}} := \mathcal{A} \times \Lambda^l$ and

$$\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}^* := \frac{1}{l! 2^l N^{2l}} \left\{ \sum_{(\sigma, \underline{\varepsilon}, \underline{a}) \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} (-1)^{\text{sgn}(\sigma) + \sum \varepsilon_i} (\sigma, \underline{\varepsilon})^* (\underline{a}, \underline{z})^* \right\} ,$$

one has that

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{H}^{l+1}(\mathcal{E}^l(N), l+1) \xrightarrow[\text{restriction}]{\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}^*} \mathcal{H}^{l+1}(\hat{U}^l(N), l+1) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}^*} .$$

Hence

$$Z_{\mathbb{f}} := \tilde{\mathcal{Y}}^* \{^* \{\mathbb{f}\}\}$$

can be moved (in its class on RHS (4)) to the restriction of some

$$Z_{\mathbb{f}} \in \mathcal{H}^{l+1}(\mathcal{E}^l(N), l+1) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}^*} .$$

More precisely: $Z_{\mathbb{f}}$ is already ∂ -closed on $\bar{U}^l(N)$, with trivial Tame symbol.

Exercise: check this. [Hint: start with $l=1, 2$.]

Define a modular form $F_{\mathbb{f}} \in M_{l+2}^{\mathbb{Q}}(N)$ by

$$(5) \quad \Omega_{Z_{\mathbb{f}}} = \tilde{\mathcal{Y}}^* \{ \underbrace{d \log f_1(u_1) \wedge \dots \wedge d \log f_{l+1}(u_{l+1})}_{=: \Omega_{\mathbb{f}}} \} = \underbrace{(2\pi i)^{l+1}}_{=: \Omega_{\mathbb{f}}} F_{\mathbb{f}}(\tau) dz_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_l \wedge d\tau .$$

The main computation.

Define a "Pontryagin product" map (or convolution)

$$(\Phi^{\mathbb{Q}(N)^0})^{\otimes \ell+1} \xrightarrow{*^{\ell+1}} \Phi^{\mathbb{Q}(N)^0}$$

$$\varphi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \varphi_{\ell+1} \longmapsto (\varphi_1 * \dots * \varphi_{\ell+1})(m, n) := \sum_{\substack{\{m_i, n_i\} \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^{2\ell+2} \\ \sum (m_i, n_i) \equiv (m, n) \pmod{N}}} \prod_i \varphi_i(m_i, n_i)$$

and note that $\widehat{\varphi_1 * \dots * \varphi_{\ell+1}} = \prod \widehat{\varphi_i}$. We have

(6) $\otimes^{\ell+1} \mathbb{Q}[O^*(U^{\ell}(N))] \longrightarrow \Phi^{\mathbb{Q}(N)^0}$
 $(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_{\ell+1}) \longmapsto \varphi_f := \varphi_{f_1} * \dots * \varphi_{f_{\ell+1}}$.

Proposition: $F_f = E_{\varphi_f}^{\ell}$.

Proof: Consider the diagram $(u_1, \dots, u_{\ell+1}) \rightarrow \Sigma u_i$

(7)
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}^{\ell} & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathcal{E}^{\ell+1} \xrightarrow{P} \mathcal{E} \\ & \searrow \pi^{\ell} & \downarrow \pi^{\ell+1} \swarrow \pi \\ & & \mathcal{L} \end{array}$$
 [Note: P maps \mathcal{E}^{ℓ} to $e(\mathcal{L})$]
 $e = 0$ -section

and the current $A_f := (-1)^{\ell} \Omega_f \wedge \widetilde{du}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widetilde{du}_{\ell} \in \mathcal{D}^{\ell+1, \ell}(\mathcal{E}^{\ell+1})$. We will

compute $\pi_*^{\ell} \iota^* A_f$ in two different ways:

① $\pi_*^{\ell} (\iota^* A_f) = \pi_*^{\ell} (\widetilde{J}_0^* \iota^* A_f) = \pi_*^{\ell} \left(\underbrace{(\widetilde{J}_0^* \iota^* \Omega_f)}_{\substack{\widetilde{J}_0^* \text{ w/o the signs} \\ \Omega_{\mathcal{E}^{\ell}}} } \wedge \widetilde{d\tilde{z}}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widetilde{d\tilde{z}}_{\ell} \right)$
 $= \pi_*^{\ell} \left((2\pi i)^{\ell+1} F_f(z) dz_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{\ell} \wedge dz \wedge \widetilde{d\tilde{z}}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widetilde{d\tilde{z}}_{\ell} \right)$
 $= (-1)^{\binom{\ell+1}{2}} (2\pi i)^{\ell+1} \nu^{\ell} F_f(z) dz$

② $\pi_*^{\ell} (\iota^* A_f) \stackrel{(7)}{=} e^* P_* A_f = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \widehat{P_* A_f}(\lambda) = \nu^{-1} \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \pi_* (\overline{\chi}_{\lambda} P_* A_f \wedge \widetilde{du} \wedge \widetilde{d\tilde{u}})$
 $= \nu^{-1} \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \pi_*^{\ell+1} \left((P^* \overline{\chi}_{\lambda}) A_f \wedge (\widetilde{du}_1 + \dots + \widetilde{du}_{\ell+1}) \wedge P^* \widetilde{d\tilde{u}} \right)$

$\left(\begin{array}{l} d \log f_i(u_i) = \\ \alpha_i \widetilde{du}_i + \beta_i dz \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow = (-1)^{\binom{\ell+1}{2}} \nu^{-1} \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell+1} \pi_*^{\ell+1} \left\{ \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\ell+1} \overline{\chi}_{\lambda}(u_k) \right) \beta_i \prod_{j \neq i} \alpha_j \widetilde{du}_1 \wedge \widetilde{du}_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \widetilde{du}_{\ell+1} \wedge \widetilde{d\tilde{u}} \wedge dz \right\}$

Pf: (i) $(\Theta^{-1} \circ) \text{cl}_0 \text{ surjective} \Rightarrow \text{for } E^l \text{ of surjective} \Rightarrow \rho \text{ surjective,}$
 and then $\text{Res} \cong \Rightarrow \text{both } \oplus \mathcal{R}_\rho \text{'s } \cong$.

(ii) Use
$$E_{2l+2}(N) \rightarrow \frac{M_{2l+2}(N)}{S_{2l+2}(N)} \xrightarrow{\text{cl}_0} Y(N)$$

$$\cong \xrightarrow{\oplus \mathcal{R}_\rho} Y(N)$$
□

Cycles on modular curves.

Eisenstein symbols $z_{\pm l} \in CH^{2l+1}(E^l(N), 2l+1)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ are building blocks for constructing many of the cycles appearing in proofs of the (weak) BC \pm .

For instance, a pair of them leads to a cycle on $Y(N)$:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 CH^{2l+1}(E^l(N), 2l+1) \otimes CH^{2l+1}(E^l(N), 2l+1) \\
 \downarrow \cup \\
 CH^{2l+2}(E^l(N), 2l+2) \\
 \downarrow \pi^l(N)_* \\
 CH^{2l+2}(Y(N), 2l+2) \\
 \uparrow \rho \\
 CH^{2l+2}(X(N), 2l+2) \left(\xrightarrow[\mathbb{R}_{\text{Be}}]{} H^1(X(N), \mathbb{R}(2l+1))^+ \right)
 \end{array}$$

And taking $\rho^{-1}(\text{im}(\mu))$ yields the required cycles on $X(N)$. (The case $l=0$ is in some sense the construction of the last section, done for modular curves.)

Schoen has a generalization of this to obtain cycles on all $\bar{E}^k(N)$ (in $CH^{k+2l+2}(\bar{E}^k(N), k+2l+2)$), which he then projects to "motives of cusp forms" (weight $k+2$); the resulting regulator images yield special values of the L-functions of these cusp forms. (Baikun's construction is of course the case $k=0$.)

Cycles on CM elliptic curves.

Let E be an elliptic curve with CM by $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$; we shall consider it to be defined over an extension $L \supset K$ over which the N^2 N -torsion points are defined. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_K &\xrightarrow{\cong} \text{End}_L(E) \\ \sqrt{D_K} &\longmapsto \delta \end{aligned}$$

and write $\Delta = (\text{id}, \delta) : E \rightarrow E^2$ ("graph of CM"), $\text{pr} : E^{\lambda+1} = E^{\lambda} \times_L E \rightarrow E$ (project to last coord.). This time we consider the composition

(start w/ an Eisenstein symbol) \rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{CH}^{2\lambda+2}(E^{2\lambda+1}(N), 2\lambda+2) \\ & \quad \downarrow \iota_E^* \\ & \text{CH}^{2\lambda+2}(E^{2\lambda+1}, 2\lambda+2) \\ & \quad \downarrow (\Delta^{\lambda} \times \text{id})^* \\ & \text{CH}^{2\lambda+2}(E^{\lambda+1}, 2\lambda+2) \\ & \quad \downarrow \text{pr}^* \\ & \text{CH}^{2\lambda+2}(E, 2\lambda+2) \left(\xrightarrow[r_{Be}]{} H^1(E, \mathbb{R}(\lambda+1))^{\oplus} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\iota_E : E^{\lambda+1} \rightarrow E^{2\lambda+1}(N)$
(as fiber)

(This construction is due to Deninger.)

Again in some sense the $d=0$ case is the construction of the last section.

Just as those cycles were related to $L(E, 2)$, these correspond to $L(E, 2\lambda+2)$.

