

Quadratic Chabauty and L-functions

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In the p -adic variety $J(\mathbb{Q}_p)$,

$$C(\mathbb{Q}) \subset C(\mathbb{Q}_p) \cap \overline{J(\mathbb{Q})}.$$

If $\text{codim } \overline{J(\mathbb{Q})} \geq 1$, this should enable to prove finiteness !

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Hope for success of Mordell-Weil sieve + Chabauty

Find a finite set of primes S such that $C(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \prod_{p \in S} C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ is injective (by Chabauty) and the only coordinates (n_1, \dots, n_r) satisfying congruences conditions modulo all N_p come from points of $C(\mathbb{Q})$ already known.

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for A a quotient abelian variety of J , in particular if $\text{rank } A(\mathbb{Q}) = \dim A$ and $\rho(A) > 1$.

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Fundamental remark for modular curves

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