

The building  $X_v$  on which  $G(k_v)$  and  $\bar{G}(k_v)$  act, when  $v$  splits in  $\ell$ .

$K :=$  nonarchimedean local field, with valuation  $v$ .

$\mathfrak{o}_K := \{x \in K : v(x) \geq 0\}$ .

$\{x \in K : v(x) > 0\}$  equals  $\pi\mathfrak{o}_K$ .

$q := |\mathfrak{o}_K/\pi\mathfrak{o}_K|$ .

When  $K = k_v$ , write  $\mathfrak{o}_v$  for  $\mathfrak{o}_{k_v}$ ,  $q_v$  for  $q$ .

Any basis  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  of  $K$  gives a **lattice** in  $K^3$ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \{a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + a_3v_3 : a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathfrak{o}_K\}. \quad (1)$$

E.g.  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\} = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  gives  $\mathcal{L}_0 := \mathfrak{o}_K^3$ .

$\text{Lat}_K :=$  set of lattices in  $K^3$ .

$g \in GL(3, K)$  &  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Lat}_K \Rightarrow g(\mathcal{L}) \in \text{Lat}_K$ .

$GL(3, K)$  acts transitively on  $\text{Lat}_K$ .

$GL(3, \mathfrak{o}_K) := \{g \in GL(3, K) : g \text{ \& } g^{-1} \text{ have entries in } \mathfrak{o}_K\}$ .

$GL(3, \mathfrak{o}_K)$  equals  $\{g \in GL(3, K) : g(\mathcal{L}_0) = \mathcal{L}_0\}$ .

$GL(3, \mathfrak{o}_K) = \{g \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathfrak{o}_K) : v(\det(g)) = 0\}$ .

$\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2 \in \text{Lat}_K$  **equivalent** if  $\mathcal{L}_2 = t\mathcal{L}_1$ , some  $t \in K^\times$ .

$[\mathcal{L}] :=$  equivalence class of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

$X_K :=$  set of equivalence classes.

For  $g \in GL(3, K)$ ,  $g.[\mathcal{L}] := [g(\mathcal{L})]$ .

$GL(3, K)$  acts transitively on  $X_K$ .

$g = tI \Rightarrow g.[\mathcal{L}] = [\mathcal{L}]$  for all  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Lat}_K$ .

$PGL(3, K)$  acts transitively on  $X_K$ .

For  $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $[g(\mathcal{L}_0)] \in X_K$  has **type**  $i$  if  $v(\det(g)) \equiv i \pmod{3}$ .

$SL(3, K)$  acts transitively on  $\{[\mathcal{L}] \in X_K : \text{type}([\mathcal{L}]) = i\}$ .

$[\mathcal{L}_1]$  is **adjacent** to  $[\mathcal{L}_2]$  if there are representatives  $\mathcal{L}_j$  of  $[\mathcal{L}_j]$  for  $j = 1, 2$  so that

$$\pi\mathcal{L}_1 \subsetneq \mathcal{L}_2 \subsetneq \mathcal{L}_1.$$

This implies

$$\pi\mathcal{L}_2 \subsetneq \pi\mathcal{L}_1 \subsetneq \mathcal{L}_2,$$

so adjacency is a symmetric relation. Adjacent lattice classes have different types.

Fact: Given  $[\mathcal{L}]$  with  $\text{type}([\mathcal{L}]) = i$ , and  $j \neq i$ ,

$$\#\{[\mathcal{M}] \in X_K : [\mathcal{M}] \text{ adjacent to } [\mathcal{L}] \ \& \ \text{type}([\mathcal{M}]) = j\} = q^2 + q + 1.$$

Proof:  $\mathcal{L}/\pi\mathcal{L}$  is a vector space of dimension 3 over the residual field  $\mathfrak{o}_K/\pi\mathfrak{o}_K$ . For  $\nu = 1, 2$ ,  $\pi\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{L}$  and  $\text{type}([\mathcal{M}]) = i + \nu \pmod{3}$  iff  $\mathcal{M}/\pi\mathcal{L}$  is a  $\nu$ -dimensional subspace.

$[\mathcal{L}_1], [\mathcal{L}_2], [\mathcal{L}_3]$  form a **chamber** if there are representatives  $\mathcal{L}_j$  of  $[\mathcal{L}_j]$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$  so that

$$\pi\mathcal{L}_1 \subsetneq \mathcal{L}_3 \subsetneq \mathcal{L}_2 \subsetneq \mathcal{L}_1.$$

Each chamber contains one lattice class of each type.

Any pair of adjacent lattice classes lies in  $q + 1$  distinct chambers.

Any lattice class belongs to  $(q^2 + q + 1)(q + 1)$  distinct chambers.

$X_K$  is a simplicial complex.

For  $g \in SL(3, K)$  and  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Lat}_K$ ,  $g \cdot [\mathcal{L}] = [\mathcal{L}]$  iff  $g(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L}$ .

For  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Lat}_K$ ,  $\{g \in SL(3, K) : g(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L}\}$  is a maximal compact subgroup of  $SL(3, K)$ .

Any maximal compact subgroup of  $SL(3, K)$  has this form.

There are three conjugacy classes of maximal compact subgroups of  $SL(3, K)$ , corresponding to the three types.

Any two maximal compact subgroups of  $SL(3, K)$  are conjugate by an element of  $GL(3, K)$ .

For  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $SL(3, \mathfrak{o}_K)$  acts transitively on

$$\{[\mathcal{L}] \in X_K : [\mathcal{L}] \text{ adjacent to } [\mathcal{L}_0] \text{ \& type}([\mathcal{L}) = i\}.$$

For any edge containing  $[\mathcal{L}_0]$ , the stabilizer in  $SL(3, K)$  of that edge has index  $q^2 + q + 1$  in  $SL(3, \mathfrak{o}_K)$ .

$SL(3, \mathfrak{o}_K)$  acts transitively on the set of chambers containing  $[\mathcal{L}_0]$ .

For any chamber containing  $[\mathcal{L}_0]$ , the stabilizer in  $SL(3, K)$  of that chamber has index  $(q^2 + q + 1)(q + 1)$  in  $SL(3, \mathfrak{o}_K)$ .

We have seen that when  $v \in V_f \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$  splits in  $\ell$ , then  $G(k_v) \cong SL(3, k_v)$ . The *parahoric* subgroups of  $G(k_v)$  are its subgroups corresponding to the stabilizers of vertices, edges and chambers of  $X_v := X_{k_v}$ .

In particular,

$$P_v = \{g \in SL(3, k_v) : g(\mathfrak{o}_v^3) = \mathfrak{o}_v^3\} = SL(3, \mathfrak{o}_v).$$

is a maximal parahoric subgroup of  $G(k_v)$ .

Given  $\xi \in \mathcal{D}$  satisfying  $\iota(\xi)\xi = 1$ , we need to understand when the image  $\xi_v$  of  $\xi$  in  $GL(3, k_v)$  under the map

$$\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \otimes_{\ell} k_v \cong M_{3 \times 3}(k_v)$$

fixes the lattice class  $[\mathfrak{o}_v^3]$ . In particular, if  $\xi \in G(k)$  when does  $\xi_v$  fix  $\mathfrak{o}_v^3$ ?



$b_1, \dots, b_6 :=$  basis of  $m$  over  $k$ .

$$\xi \in \mathcal{D} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \xi = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} b_i \sigma^j.$$

Form matrix  $B = (\psi_i(b_j))$ , where  $\text{Gal}(m/k) = \{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_6\}$ .

Fact:  $\det(B)^2 \in \ell$ .

**Lemma.**  $b_1, \dots, b_6$  can be chosen so that  $v(\det(B)^2) = 0$  for all  $v \in V_f \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$  which split in  $\ell$ .

**Example.** In  $(a = 7, p = 2)$  case,  $m = \mathbb{Q}[\zeta]$ , where  $\zeta = \zeta_7$ . Choose  $b_1, \dots, b_6 = 1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^5$ . Then  $\det(B) = 7^2 s$  for  $s = 1 + 2\zeta + 2\zeta^2 + 2\zeta^4$ , so  $\det(B)^2 = -7^5$ . So  $v(\det(B)^2) = 0$  unless  $v = u_7$ .

**Proposition.** If  $\iota(\xi)\xi = 1$ , and  $v \in V_f \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$  splits in  $\ell$ , then

$$\xi_v(\mathfrak{o}_v^3) = \mathfrak{o}_v^3 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad a_{ij} \in k \cap \mathfrak{o}_v \text{ for all } i, j.$$

When  $m \hookrightarrow k_v$ , the calculations only involve the matrix  $B$ .

When  $m \not\hookrightarrow k_v$ , we also need the following:

**Lemma.** If  $v \in V_f \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$  splits in  $\ell$ , but  $m \not\hookrightarrow k_v$ , there is an  $\eta_v \in k_v(Z)$  such that  $N_{k_v(Z)/k_v}(\eta_v) = D$ . Moreover,  $\tilde{v}(\eta_v) = 0$ .

Reasons: Embed  $\ell$  in  $k_v$ , then extend to  $m = \ell(Z) \hookrightarrow k_v(Z)$ . This gives valuation  $\tilde{v}$  on  $k_v(Z)$  extending  $v$ . The image of  $D \in \ell$  in  $k_v$  satisfies  $v(D) = 0$ . Case by case we see  $k_v(Z)$  is an unramified extension of  $k_v$ . Now apply norm theorem from local class field theory.

When  $v \in V_f \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$  splits in  $\ell$  but  $m \not\rightarrow k_v$ , the isomorphism  $\mathcal{D} \otimes_{\ell} k_v \cong M_{3 \times 3}(k_v)$  involves conjugation by  $J_v = \Theta C_v$ . Here  $C_v$  is diagonal matrix with diagonal entries  $\eta_v, 1$  and  $1/\varphi(\eta_v)$ , and  $\Theta = (\varphi^i(\theta_j))$  for some basis  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2$  of  $m$  over  $\ell$ .

**Lemma.**  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2$  can be chosen in  $\mathfrak{o}_m$  and so that  $\tilde{v}(\det(\Theta)) = 0$  for all  $v \in V_f \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$  which split in  $\ell$ .

**Example.** In  $(a = 7, p = 2)$  case,  $m = \mathbb{Q}[\zeta]$ , where  $\zeta = \zeta_7$ . Choose  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2 = 1, \zeta, \zeta^2$ . Then  $\det(\Theta) = -s$ . So  $\tilde{v}(\Theta) = 0$  unless  $v = u_7$ .

The building  $X_v$  when  $v$  does not split in  $\ell$ .

$K :=$  non-archimedean local field, with valuation  $v$ , as before.

$L := K(s)$ , a separable quadratic extension of  $K$ .

The automorphism  $a + bs \mapsto a - bs$  of  $L$  is denoted  $x \mapsto \bar{x}$ .

$\tilde{v} :=$  unique extension to  $L$  of  $v$ .

$\mathfrak{o}_L := \{x \in L : \tilde{v}(x) \geq 0\}$ , and  $\{x \in L : \tilde{v}(x) > 0\}$  equals  $\pi_L \mathfrak{o}_L$ .

When  $K = k_v$ , where  $v \in V_f$  does not split in  $\ell$ ,  $L = k_v(s)$  is the completion  $\ell_{\tilde{v}}$  of  $\ell$  with respect to the unique extension  $\tilde{v}$  of  $v$  to  $\ell$ , and we write  $\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}$  for  $\mathfrak{o}_L$ .

$f : L^3 \times L^3 \rightarrow L$ : a nondegenerate sesquilinear form on  $L^3$ .

Then  $f \leftrightarrow$  a nonsingular Hermitian matrix  $F$ :

$$f(x, y) = y^* F x,$$

where  $x = x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + x_3 e_3$  and  $y = y_1 e_1 + y_2 e_2 + y_3 e_3$ .

The **unitary group** of  $F$  is

$$U_F = \{g : L^3 \rightarrow L^3 : f(gx, gy) = f(x, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in L^3\}.$$

$$U_F \cong \{g \in M_{3 \times 3}(L) : g^* F g = F\}.$$

$$SU_F \cong \{g \in M_{3 \times 3}(L) : g^* F g = F \text{ and } \det(g) = 1\}.$$

For  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Lat}_L$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}' = \{x \in L^3 : f(x, y) \in \mathfrak{o}_L \text{ for all } y \in \mathcal{L}\} \quad (2)$$

is again a lattice, called the **dual lattice** of  $\mathcal{L}$  with respect to  $f$ .

Then

$$(\mathcal{L}')' = \mathcal{L} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}_1 \subset \mathcal{L}_2 \iff \mathcal{L}'_2 \subset \mathcal{L}'_1.$$

For  $\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathfrak{o}_L^3$  and  $g \in GL(3, L)$ ,

$$(g(\mathcal{L}_0))' = (g^*F)^{-1}(\mathcal{L}_0). \quad (3)$$

Let

$$\text{Lat}_1 = \{\mathcal{L} \in \text{Lat}_L : \mathcal{L}' = \mathcal{L}\},$$

and

$$\text{Lat}_2 = \{(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}') : \mathcal{M} \in \text{Lat}_L \text{ and } \pi\mathcal{M}' \subsetneq \mathcal{M} \subsetneq \mathcal{M}'\}.$$

$(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}') \in \text{Lat}_2$  iff the lattice classes  $[\mathcal{M}]$  and  $[\mathcal{M}']$  are adjacent in the building  $X_L$  of  $SL(3, L)$ .

$\mathcal{L} \in \text{Lat}_1$  and  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}') \in \text{Lat}_2$  are called **adjacent** if

$$\pi\mathcal{L} \subsetneq \mathcal{M} \subsetneq \mathcal{L}.$$

This means that

$$\pi\mathcal{L} \subsetneq \pi\mathcal{M}' \subsetneq \mathcal{M} \subsetneq \mathcal{L},$$

so that  $[\mathcal{L}]$ ,  $[\mathcal{M}]$  and  $[\mathcal{M}']$  form a chamber in  $X_L$ .

Using (3), we see that

$$\mathcal{L}_0 \in \text{Lat}_1 \Leftrightarrow F \in GL(3, \mathfrak{o}_L).$$

If  $g \in U_F$  and  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Lat}_L$ , then

- $(g(\mathcal{L}))' = g(\mathcal{L}')$ ,
- $g$  fixes  $\mathcal{L}$  iff  $g$  fixes  $\mathcal{L}'$ ,
- if  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Lat}_1$ , then  $g(\mathcal{L}) \in \text{Lat}_1$ , and
- if  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}') \in \text{Lat}_2$ , then  $(g(\mathcal{M}), g(\mathcal{M}')) \in \text{Lat}_2$ .

So  $U_F$  acts on each of the sets  $\text{Lat}_1$  and  $\text{Lat}_2$ .



**Lemma.** Suppose that  $F \in GL(3, \mathfrak{o}_L)$  so that  $\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathfrak{o}_L^3$  is in  $\text{Lat}_1$ . Let  $g \in GL(3, K)$ , and  $\mathcal{M} = g(\mathcal{L}_0)$ . Then  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}')$  is in  $\text{Lat}_2$ , and is adjacent to  $\mathcal{L}_0$  if and only if

- (a) If  $g$  has entries in  $\mathfrak{o}_L$ ,
- (b) If  $\pi g^{-1}$  has entries in  $\mathfrak{o}_L$ ,
- (c) If  $g^* F g$  has entries in  $\mathfrak{o}_L$ ,
- (d) If  $\pi(g^* F g)^{-1}$  has entries in  $\mathfrak{o}_L$ ,
- (e) If  $\tilde{v}(\det(g)) = \tilde{v}(\pi)$ .

**Lemma.** Let  $g \in U_F$ . Then

(a) If  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Lat}_1$ , then  $g(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L}$  if and only if  $g(\mathcal{L}) \subset \mathcal{L}$ .

(b) If  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}') \in \text{Lat}_2$ , then  $g(\mathcal{M}) = \mathcal{M}$  if and only if  $g(\mathcal{M}) \subset \mathcal{M}$ .

(c) If  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}') \in \text{Lat}_2$ , then  $g(\mathcal{M}') = \mathcal{M}'$  if and only if  $g(\mathcal{M}') \subset \mathcal{M}'$ .

There is a building  $\mathcal{B}$  associated with  $SU_F$ . This is a very special case of results of Bruhat and Tits (see §10.1 in Bruhat-Tits “Groupes Réductifs sur un corps local I: Données radicielles valuées”, *Publ. Math. I.H.E.S.* **41** (1972), 5–251, and §1.15 in Tits, “Reductive groups over local fields”, *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. Symp. Pure Math.* **33** (1979), 29–69. In this case, the building  $\mathcal{B}$  is a tree.

**Theorem.** With the above notation, the set  $\text{Lat}_1 \cup \text{Lat}_2$ , together with the above adjacency relation, forms a tree  $T$ . This tree is homogeneous of degree  $q+1$  when  $L$  is a ramified extension of  $K$ , and is bihomogeneous when  $L$  is an unramified extension of  $K$ , each  $v \in \text{Lat}_1$  having  $q^3 + 1$  neighbors, and each  $v \in \text{Lat}_2$  having  $q + 1$  neighbors. It is isomorphic to the Bruhat Tits building  $\mathcal{B}$  associated with  $SU_F$ .

Elements of  $\text{Lat}_i$  are called vertices of **type**  $i$  of this tree.

Assume now  $K = k_v$  and  $L = k_v(s)$ , where  $v \in V_f$  does not split in  $\ell$ .

We have seen that

$$G(k_v) \cong \{g \in SL(3, k_v(s)) : g^* F'_v g = F'_v\}$$

for some invertible Hermitian  $F'_v$ .

**Lemma.** In each case, we can arrange that  $F'_v \in GL(3, \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}})$ , so that  $\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3$  is a type 1 vertex of  $X_v$ .

Recall:  $\Psi(\iota(\xi)) = F^{-1} \Psi(\xi)^* F$  for either

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{OR} \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varphi(T) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varphi^2(T) \end{pmatrix}$$

for  $\mathcal{D}$  defined using  $m$  so that  $\text{Gal}(m/\mathbb{Q})$  is non-abelian and  $\sigma$  satisfying  $\sigma^3 = p$  OR for  $\mathcal{D}$  defined using  $m$  so that  $\text{Gal}(m/\mathbb{Q})$  is abelian and  $\sigma$  satisfying  $\sigma^3 = D$ , respectively.

Recall:  $\tilde{v} :=$  unique extension of  $v$  to  $\ell$ .

$$\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}} := \{x \in \ell_{\tilde{v}} = k_v(s) : \tilde{v}(x) \geq 0\}.$$

$F$  has entries in  $m$ .

When  $v \in V_f$  does not split in  $\ell$ , and  $m \hookrightarrow k_v(s) = \ell_{\tilde{v}}$ ,  $F'_v$  is just the image of  $F$  under the embedding  $M_{3 \times 3}(m) \hookrightarrow M_{3 \times 3}(k_v(s))$ .

**Example:** ( $a = 7, p = 2$ ).  $F$  has diagonal entries  $T, \varphi(T), \varphi^2(T)$ , where  $T = \zeta + \zeta^{-1} \in \mathfrak{o}_m \subset \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}$ , and  $\det(F) = N_{m/\ell}(T) = 1$ .

When  $v \in V_f$  does not split in  $\ell$ , and  $m \nrightarrow k_v(s) = \ell_{\tilde{v}}$ ,  $F'_v$  is  $c_v J_v^{*-1} F_v J_v^{-1}$ , where  $F_v$  is the image of  $F$  in  $M_{3 \times 3}(k_v(s, Z))$ , and  $J_v = \Theta C_v$ , as before.

**Lemma.** We can choose  $\eta_v \in k_v(s, Z)$  so that  $N_{k_v(s, Z)/k_v(s)}(\eta_v) = D$  so that  $\bar{\eta}_v = \eta_v$  when  $\bar{D} = D$ , and so that  $\bar{\eta}_v \eta_v = 1$  when  $\bar{D} D = 1$ .

When the extension  $\tilde{v}$  of  $v$  to  $v$  ramifies in  $m$ , we need to make case by case calculations.

**Example:** ( $a = 7, p = 2$ ). The 7-adic valuation on  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  does not split in  $\ell = \mathbb{Q}(s)$  (where  $s^2 = -7$ ) — it ramifies there. Its unique extension to  $\ell$  ( $\leftrightarrow s\mathfrak{o}_\ell$ ) ramifies in  $m = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ , where  $\zeta = \zeta_7$ , because  $N_{m/\ell}(\zeta - 1) = s$ .

We cannot use the norm theorem to show that  $D = (3 + s)/4$  is a norm  $N_{k_v(s,Z)/k_v(s)}(\eta_v)$  when  $v$  is the 7-adic valuation.

However:

Hensel's Lemma shows that  $16c^3 - 12c - 3 = 0$  holds for a unique  $c \in \mathbb{Q}_7$ . Then  $\eta = c + (8c^2 - 3c - 4)s/7$  is in  $\mathbb{Q}_7(s) \subset \mathbb{Q}_7(s, Z) = k_v(s, Z)$  and satisfies  $\bar{\eta}\eta = 1$  and  $N_{\ell_{\bar{v}}(Z)/\ell_{\bar{v}}}(\eta) = \eta^3 = D$ .

In cases like this when  $\bar{D}D = 1$  and  $\bar{\eta}_v\eta_v = 1$ , the matrix  $C_v$  has inverse  $C_v^*$  and so

$$J_v^{*-1}F_vJ_v^{-1} = \Theta^{*-1}C_v^{*-1}F_vC_v^{-1}\Theta^{-1} \text{ equals } \Theta^{*-1}F_v\Theta^{-1}$$

The choice of the basis  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2$  of  $m$  over  $\ell$  used to define  $\Theta$  can be made independent of  $v$ . If  $c_v$  is constant, the matrix  $F'_v = c_vJ_v^{*-1}F_vJ_v^{-1}$  has entries in  $\ell$  and is independent of  $v$ .

**Example:** ( $a = 7, p = 2$ ). If we choose  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2 = 1, \zeta, \zeta^2$  as before, the  $\Theta^{*-1}F_v\Theta^{-1}$  is not in  $GL(3, \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}})$  for the 7-adic valuation  $v$ . We choose instead  $\theta_0 = s, \theta_1 = s(\zeta - 1)$  and  $\theta_2 = (\zeta - 1)^2$ , and find that

$$7J_v^{*-1}F_vJ_v^{-1} = 7\Theta^{*-1}F_v\Theta^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & s \\ 3 & 2 & (1+s)/2 \\ -s & (1-s)/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

which has entries in  $\mathfrak{o}_{\ell} \subset \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}$  and determinant 1.

So for the case ( $a = 7, p = 2$ ), whenever  $v \in V_f$  does not split in  $\ell$ , and  $m$  does not embed in  $k_v(s)$ ,

$$G(k_v) \cong \{g \in SL(3, k_v(s)) : g^*F'g = F'\}$$

for the above  $F' \in SL(3, \mathfrak{o}_{\ell})$ , and the lattice  $\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3 \subset k_v(s)^3$  is a type 1 vertex of the building  $X_v$ .



Let  $\xi \in \mathcal{D}$  satisfy  $\iota(\xi)\xi = 1$ . As before, let  $b_1, \dots, b_6$  be a basis of  $m$  over  $k$ , and write

$$\xi = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} b_i \sigma^j.$$

Suppose that  $v \in V_f$  does not split in  $\ell$ , and let  $\xi_v \in U_{F'_v}$  be the image of  $\xi_v$  under the inclusion

$$\mathcal{D} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D} \otimes_{\ell} k_v(s) \cong M_{3 \times 3}(k_v(s)).$$

**Proposition.** If  $\tilde{v}(\det(B)) = 0$  and if  $\tilde{v}(\det(\Theta)) = 0$ , then

$$\xi_v(\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3) = \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3 \quad \text{iff} \quad a_{ij} \in k \cap \mathfrak{o}_v \text{ for all } i, j.$$

Let us define the principal arithmetic subgroup  $\Lambda$  so that

- $P_v = SL(3, \mathfrak{o}_v)$  whenever  $v \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$  splits in  $\ell$ ,
- $P_v = \{g \in SL(3, \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}) : g^* F'_v g = F'_v\}$  whenever  $v$  does not split in  $\ell$ ,
- $P_{v_0} = G(k_{v_0})$  if  $\mathcal{T}_0 = \{v_0\}$ .

Let  $\xi \in G(k) \subset \mathcal{D}$ . So  $\xi \in \Lambda$  iff

- $\xi_v(\mathfrak{o}_v^3) = \mathfrak{o}_v^3$  whenever  $v \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$  splits in  $\ell$ ,
- $\xi(\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3) = \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3$  whenever  $v$  does not split in  $\ell$ ,

**Example.** ( $a = 7, p = 2$ ) case. We choose  $b_1, \dots, b_6 = 1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^5$  and  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2 = s, s(\zeta - 1), (\zeta - 1)^2$  as before. Then  $\tilde{v}(\det(B)) = 0$  and  $\tilde{v}(\det(\Theta)) = 0$  for all  $v \in V_f \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$  except  $v = u_7$ . Writing

$$\xi = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} b_i \sigma^j,$$

$\xi_v \in P_v$  for all  $v \neq u_2, u_7 \Leftrightarrow a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Q} \cap \mathbb{Z}_p$  for all primes  $p \neq 2, 7$   
 $\Leftrightarrow a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}[1/2, 1/7]$  for each  $i, j$ .

When  $v = u_2$ , the condition  $\xi_v \in P_v$  always holds.

In the case  $v = u_7$ , when is  $\xi_v \in P_v$ ?

Taking  $v = u_7$ ,  $\xi_v$  equals  $J_v \Psi(\xi) J_v^{-1}$ , where  $J_v = \Theta C_v$ . This is a matrix with entries in  $k_v(s) = \mathbb{Q}_7(s)$ , and we can write

$$\xi_v = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} + y_{11}s & x_{12} + y_{12}s & x_{13} + y_{13}s \\ x_{21} + y_{21}s & x_{22} + y_{22}s & x_{23} + y_{23}s \\ x_{31} + y_{31}s & x_{32} + y_{32}s & x_{33} + y_{33}s \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $x_{ij}, y_{ij} \in \mathbb{Q}_7$  for each  $i, j$ . Each of these is a linear combination of the coefficients  $a_{ij}$ 's of  $\xi$ . So we can write

$$\mathbf{x} = M\mathbf{a},$$

where  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  are column vectors of length 18, made from the coefficients  $a_{ij}$  and from the numbers  $x_{ij}$  and  $y_{ij}$ , and where  $M$  is an  $18 \times 18$  matrix with entries in  $\mathbb{Q}_7$ . In this case, the entries of  $M$  are explicit polynomials in the  $c \in \mathbb{Q}_7$  used in solving  $N_{\mathbb{Q}_7(s,Z)/\mathbb{Q}_7(s)}(\eta) = D$ .

$$\xi_v(\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3) = \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \xi_v(\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3) \subset \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \xi_v \text{ has entries in } \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}.$$

In this case,  $\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}} = \{x + ys : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_7\} \subset \mathbb{Q}_7(s)$ , and so

$$\xi_v(\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3) = \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad x_{ij}, y_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_7 \text{ for all } i, j \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x} = M\mathbf{a} \text{ has entries in } \mathbb{Z}_7.$$

If  $L \in GL(18, \mathbb{Z}_7)$ , then

$$M\mathbf{a} \text{ has entries in } \mathbb{Z}_7 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad LM\mathbf{a} \text{ has entries in } \mathbb{Z}_7.$$

We can choose  $L \in GL(18, \mathbb{Z}_7)$  so that  $LM = \mathcal{E}$  is in “reduced row echelon form”. Then

$$\xi_v(\mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3) = \mathfrak{o}_{\tilde{v}}^3 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{E}\mathbf{a} \text{ has entries in } \mathbb{Z}_7.$$

We only need a 7-adic approximation  $M_7$  (mod 49 is enough) to  $M$  to get  $\mathcal{E}$ . The following Magma commands give us  $\mathcal{E}$ .

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 $M_7 := \text{Matrix}(\text{IntegerRing}(49), 18, 18, [\dots]);$ 
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 $\mathcal{E} := \text{EchelonForm}(M_7);$ 
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We used the order

$$a_{10}, \dots, a_{60}, a_{11}, \dots, a_{61}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{62}$$

for the coefficients of  $\xi$ .



To summarize:

For each  $v \in V_f \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$  which splits in  $\ell$ , let  $x_v$  be the vertex  $[\sigma_v^3]$  of  $X_v$ .

For each  $v \in V_f$  which does not split in  $\ell$ , let  $x_v$  be the type 1 vertex  $\sigma_v^3$  of  $X_v$ .

Let  $\Lambda = \{\xi \in G(k) : \xi_v.x_v = x_v \text{ for all } v \in V_f \setminus \mathcal{T}_0\}$ .

This is a principal arithmetic subgroup in which each  $P_v$  is maximal, and no  $x_v$ 's are of type 2. So the set we call  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is  $\emptyset$  here.

The elements  $\xi$  of  $\Lambda$  are the

$$\xi = \sum_{i=1}^6 \sum_{j=0}^2 a_{i,j} \zeta^{i-1} \sigma^j \in \mathcal{D}$$

such that  $\iota(\xi)\xi = 1$ ,  $\text{Nrd}(\xi) = 1$ ,  $a_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z}[1/2, 1/7]$  for all  $i, j$ , and such that  $\mathcal{E}a$  has entries in  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ .



We want to find elements not only of  $\Lambda$  but of its normalizer  $\Gamma$  in  $SU(2, 1)$ . Recall equation (\*):

$$3^{\alpha-1}d_{k,\ell} = [\bar{\Gamma} : \Pi] \prod_{v \in \mathcal{T}} e'(P_v)$$

In the case  $(a = 7, p = 2)$ , with  $\mathcal{T}_1 = \emptyset$ ,  $\mathcal{T}$  equals  $\mathcal{T}_0 = \{2\}$ , and the term  $e'(P_v)$  for the 2-adic  $v$  is  $(2 - 1)^2(2 + 1) = 3$ . Also,  $d_{k,\ell} = 21$  and  $\alpha = 2$ . We get  $[\bar{\Gamma} : \Pi] = 21$ .

We can identify  $\bar{\Gamma}$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \{ \xi = \sum a_{i,j} \zeta^{i-1} \sigma^j \in \mathcal{D} : \iota(\xi)\xi = 1, \\ a_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z}[1/2, 1/7] \text{ for all } i, j, \\ \mathcal{E}\mathbf{a} \text{ has entries in } \mathbb{Z}_7 \} / \mathcal{Z}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{Z} = \{t1 : t \in \ell \ \& \ \bar{t}t = 1\}$ .