

# Algorithms for hyperelliptic Mumford curves

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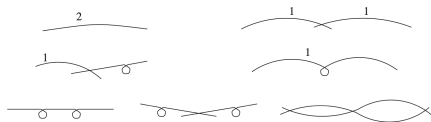
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**Example:** There are 7 stable reduction types in genus 2:



The bottom three pictures are the degenerate ones.



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(Here  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}_p) \setminus \Omega_\Gamma$  is the set of limit points of  $\Gamma$ : the set of all  $x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}_p)$  such that for some  $y \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}_p)$ , there is a sequence  $\{\gamma_n\}_n$  of distinct  $\gamma_n \in \Gamma$  such that  $\gamma_n(y) \rightarrow x$ .)

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We call curves with split degenerate reduction **Mumford curves**.

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Fix generators  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_g$  of  $\Gamma$  and let  $\Lambda \subset (K^{\times})^g$  be spanned by

$$(c(a, \gamma_i(a), \gamma_j))_{j \in \{1, \dots, g\}} \in (K^{\times})^g; \quad i \in \{1, \dots, g\}, \quad a \in \Gamma.$$

**Theorem (Manin–Drinfeld '72).** Let  $C/K$  be the Mumford curve corresponding to  $\Gamma$ . Then there is an analytic isomorphism

$$\text{Jac}_C(K) \simeq (K^{\times})^g / \Lambda.$$

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**Masdeu–Xarles ('23).** Polynomial time algorithm using overconvergent functions.

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## Some applications.

- $p$ -adic uniformization of  $\text{Jac}_C(K)$
- computing isogenies (Kadziela '07)
- local  $p$ -adic height pairing on  $C$ , useful for
  - quadratic Chabauty
  - gathering numerical evidence for (and formulating!) a  $p$ -adic version of the Birch and Swinnerton–Dyer conjecture for split degenerate abelian varieties of  $\text{GL}_2$ -type

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defines a meromorphic  $\Gamma'$ -invariant function on  $\Omega$ , and induces an analytic isomorphism  $\Omega / \Gamma' \simeq (\mathbb{P}^1)^{\mathrm{an}}$ ;

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- $\pi := (F, H)$  uniformizes  $C$

**Corollary:** If  $H(z_0) = y$ , then  $z_P = z_0$ . Otherwise  $z_P = s_0(z_0)$ .

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This is a special case of a pairing defined by Schneider, which features in  $p$ -adic BSD for split multiplicative elliptic curves.

**Algorithm (Kaya–Masdeu–M.–van der Put).** Compute  $h_p^{\text{SW}}$  for hyperelliptic Mumford curves using the above.

## $p$ -adic BSD

Let  $A_f$  be the abelian variety associated to a newform  $f \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$  with good ordinary reduction at  $p$ .

**Conjecture (Balakrishnan–M.–Stein '16).** The Mordell-Weil rank  $r$  of  $A_f/\mathbb{Q}$  equals  $\text{ord}_{s=1}(L_p(A_f, s))$  and

$$\frac{L_p^*(A_f, 1)}{\epsilon_p(A_f)} = \frac{\text{Reg}_p(A_f/\mathbb{Q}) \cdot |\Sha(A_f/\mathbb{Q})| \cdot \prod_v c_v(A_f)}{|A_f(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}| \cdot |A_f^\vee(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}|}.$$

This conjecture

- is equivalent to BSD in rank 0,
- reduces to Mazur-Tate-Teitelbaum if  $g = 1$ ,
- is consistent with the main conjecture of Iwasawa theory for abelian varieties, via work of Perrin-Riou and Schneider.
- has been verified for various examples by Balakrishnan–M.–Stein ('16) and Gajović–M..
- should also work for nonsplit semistable reduction, but there's no data supporting it yet.

Let  $E = E_f$  be an elliptic curve associated to a newform  $f \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$  with split multiplicative reduction at  $p$ .

**Conjecture (Mazur–Tate–Teitelbaum '86).** The Mordell-Weil rank  $r$  of  $E_f/\mathbb{Q}$  equals  $\text{ord}_{s=1}(L_p(E_f, s)) - 1$  and

$$\frac{L_p^*(E_f, 1)}{\mathcal{L}_p} = \frac{\text{Reg}_p^{\text{SW}}(E_f/\mathbb{Q}) \cdot |\Sha(E_f/\mathbb{Q})| \cdot \prod_v c_v(E_f)}{|E_f(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}|^2},$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_p = \log_p(q_E)/\text{ord}_p(q_E)$  and  $q_E$  is the Tate period of  $E$ .

How does this conjecture extend to dimension  $> 1$ ?

## Good position

Let  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_g$  be generators of a Schottky group. We call  $F \subset \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}_p)$  a **good fundamental domain** with respect to  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_g$  if

$$F = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}_p) \setminus (B_1 \cup B_{-1} \cup B_2 \cup B_{-2} \cup \dots \cup B_g \cup B_{-g}),$$

where the  $B_i$  are open balls such that the corresponding closed balls  $\overline{B}_i$  are disjoint and for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, g\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_i(\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus B_{-i}) &= \overline{B}_i \\ \gamma_i^{-1}(\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \overline{B}_i) &= B_{-i}\end{aligned}$$

We say that the fixed points of the  $\gamma_i$  are in **good position** if they have a good fundamental domain.