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# THE BREUIL-MÉZARD CONJECTURE FOR NON-SCALAR SPLIT RESIDUAL REPRESENTATIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** – We prove the Breuil-Mézard conjecture for split non-scalar residual representations of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}/\mathbb{Q}_p)$  by local methods. Combined with the cases previously proved in [20] and [26], this completes the proof of the conjecture (when  $p \geq 5$ ). As a consequence, the local restriction in the proof of the Fontaine-Mazur conjecture in [20] is removed.

**RÉSUMÉ.** – Nous prouvons la conjecture de Breuil-Mézard pour les représentations résiduelles scindées non-scalaires de  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}/\mathbb{Q}_p)$  par des méthodes locales. Combiné avec les cas déjà prouvés dans [20] et [26], cela complète la preuve de la conjecture (lorsque  $p \geq 5$ ). Par conséquent, la restriction locale dans la preuve de la conjecture de Fontaine-Mazur dans [20] est levée.

## Notation

- $p \geq 5$  is a prime number. The  $p$ -adic valuation is normalized as  $v_p(p) = 1$ .
- $E/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is a sufficiently large finite extension with ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}$ , a (fixed) uniformizer  $\varpi$ , and residue field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Its subring of Witt vectors is denoted by  $W(\mathbb{F})$ .
- For a number field  $F$ , the completion at a place  $v$  is written as  $F_v$ , for which we fix a uniformizer denoted by  $\varpi_v$ .
- For a local or global field  $L$ ,  $G_L = \text{Gal}(\overline{L}/L)$ . The inertia subgroup for the local field is written as  $I_L$ .
- For each finite place  $v$  in a number field  $F$ , fix a map  $G_{F_v} \rightarrow G_F$  by choosing an inclusion  $\overline{F} \hookrightarrow \overline{F}_v$  of algebraic closures.
- $\epsilon : G_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  is the cyclotomic character,  $\omega : G_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p^\times$  is its reduction mod  $p$ , and  $\tilde{\omega}$  is the Teichmüller lifting of  $\omega$ .
- $\mathbb{1} : G_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p^\times$  is the trivial character. We also let  $\mathbb{1}$  denote other trivial representations, if no confusion arises.
- Normalize the local class field map  $\mathbb{Q}_p^\times \rightarrow G_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{\text{ab}}$  so that uniformizers correspond to geometric Frobenii. Then a character of  $G_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$  will also be regarded as a character of  $\mathbb{Q}_p^\times$ .
- For a ring  $R$ ,  $\text{m-Spec}R$  denotes the set of maximal ideals.

- For  $R$  a Noetherian ring and  $M$  a finite  $R$ -module of dimension at most  $d$ , let  $\ell_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}}(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$  denote the length of the  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , and let  $Z_d(M) = \sum_{\mathfrak{p}} \ell_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}}(M_{\mathfrak{p}}) \mathfrak{p}$  for all  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$  such that  $\dim R/\mathfrak{p} = d$ . When the context is clear, we simply denote it by  $Z(M)$ .
- For  $R$  a Noetherian local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $M$  a finite  $R$ -module, and for an  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$  of  $R$ , let  $e_{\mathfrak{q}}(R, M)$  denote the Hilbert-Samuel multiplicity of  $M$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{q}$ . We abbreviate  $e_{\mathfrak{m}}(R, M) = e(R, M)$  and  $e_{\mathfrak{q}}(R, R) = e_{\mathfrak{q}}(R)$ .
- For  $r \geq 0$ , we let  $\text{Sym}^r E^2$  (resp.  $\text{Sym}^r \mathbb{F}^2$ ) be the usual symmetric power representation of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  (resp. of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$ ), but viewed as a representation of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ .

## 1. Introduction

Consider the following data:

- an integer  $k \geq 2$ ,
- a representation  $\tau : I_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(E)$  with open kernel,
- a continuous character  $\psi : G_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{\times}$  such that  $\psi|_{I_{\mathbb{Q}_p}} = \epsilon^{k-2} \det \tau$ .

We call such a triple  $(k, \tau, \psi)$  a  $p$ -adic Hodge type. We say a 2-dimensional continuous representation  $\rho : G_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(E)$  is of type  $(k, \tau, \psi)$  if  $\rho$  is potentially semi-stable (i.e., de Rham) such that its Hodge-Tate weights are  $(0, k-1)$ ,  $\text{WD}(\rho)|_{I_{\mathbb{Q}_p}} \simeq \tau$ , and  $\det \rho \simeq \psi \epsilon$ . Here  $\text{WD}(\rho)$  is the Weil-Deligne representation associated to  $\rho$  by Fontaine [12].

By a result of Henniart [14], there is a unique finite dimensional smooth irreducible  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ -representation  $\sigma(\tau)$  (resp.  $\sigma^{\text{cr}}(\tau)$ ) of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  associated to  $\tau$ , such that for any infinite dimensional smooth absolutely irreducible representation  $\pi$  of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  and the associated Weil-Deligne representation  $LL(\pi)$  via classical local Langlands correspondence, we have  $\text{Hom}_{\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)}(\sigma(\tau), \pi) \neq 0$  if and only if  $LL(\pi)|_{I_{\mathbb{Q}_p}} \simeq \tau$  (resp.  $\text{Hom}_{\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)}(\sigma^{\text{cr}}(\tau), \pi) \neq 0$  if and only if  $LL(\pi)|_{I_{\mathbb{Q}_p}} \simeq \tau$  and the monodromy operator is trivial). We remark that  $\sigma(\tau)$  and  $\sigma^{\text{cr}}(\tau)$  differ only when  $\tau = \chi \oplus \chi$  is scalar, in which case

$$\sigma(\tau) = \tilde{\text{st}} \otimes \chi \circ \det, \quad \sigma^{\text{cr}}(\tau) = \chi \circ \det$$

where  $\tilde{\text{st}}$  is the inflation to  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  of the Steinberg representation of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$ .

Enlarging  $E$  if needed, we may and do assume  $\sigma(\tau)$  is defined over  $E$ . Form the finite dimensional  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ -representation

$$\sigma(k, \tau) = \text{Sym}^{k-2} E^2 \otimes_E \sigma(\tau)$$

and the semi-simplification  $\overline{\sigma(k, \tau)}^{\text{ss}}$  of the reduction modulo  $\varpi$  of a  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ -stable  $\mathcal{O}$ -lattice inside  $\sigma(k, \tau)$ . Then  $\overline{\sigma(k, \tau)}^{\text{ss}}$  does not depend on the choice of the lattice.

Recall that the finite dimensional irreducible  $\mathbb{F}$ -representations of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  are of the form

$$\sigma_{n,m} := \text{Sym}^n \mathbb{F}^2 \otimes \det^m, \quad n \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}, m \in \{0, \dots, p-2\}.$$

For each  $\sigma_{n,m}$  let  $a_{n,m} = a_{n,m}(k, \tau)$  be the multiplicity with which  $\sigma_{n,m}$  occurs in  $\overline{\sigma(k, \tau)}^{\text{ss}}$ . We have the obvious analogue in the crystalline case by considering

$$\sigma^{\text{cr}}(k, \tau) := \text{Sym}^{k-2} E^2 \otimes_E \sigma^{\text{cr}}(\tau)$$

and denote the resulting numbers by  $a_{n,m}^{\text{cr}} = a_{n,m}^{\text{cr}}(k, \tau)$ .

Let  $\bar{\rho} : G_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{F})$  be a continuous representation and  $R^\square(\bar{\rho})$  be its universal framed deformation ring ([19]). The following results on the structure of potentially semi-stable framed deformation rings are known.

**THEOREM 1.1** (Kisin, [19]). – *There is a unique (possibly trivial) quotient  $R^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})$  (resp.  $R_{\mathrm{cr}}^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})$ ) of  $R^\square(\bar{\rho})$  such that*

(i) *A map  $x : R^\square(\bar{\rho}) \rightarrow E'$ , for any finite extension  $E'/E$ , factors through  $R^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})$  (resp.  $R_{\mathrm{cr}}^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})$ ) if and only if the Galois representation  $\rho_x$  corresponding to  $x$  is of type  $(k, \tau, \psi)$  (resp. and is potentially crystalline).*

(ii)  *$R^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})$  (resp.  $R_{\mathrm{cr}}^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})$ ) is  $p$ -torsion free.*

(iii)  *$R^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})[1/p]$  (resp.  $R_{\mathrm{cr}}^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})[1/p]$ ) is reduced, all of whose irreducible components are smooth of dimension 4.*

The following conjecture, the so-called Breuil-Mézard conjecture, relates the Hilbert-Samuel multiplicity of  $R^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})/\varpi$  (resp.  $R_{\mathrm{cr}}^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})/\varpi$ ) with the numbers  $a_{n,m}$  (resp.  $a_{n,m}^{\mathrm{cr}}$ ).

**CONJECTURE 1.2** (Breuil-Mézard, [4]). – *For any  $(k, \tau, \psi)$  as above, we have*

$$(1) \quad e(R^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})/\varpi) = \sum_{n,m} a_{n,m}(k, \tau) \mu_{n,m}(\bar{\rho}),$$

$$(2) \quad e(R_{\mathrm{cr}}^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})/\varpi) = \sum_{n,m} a_{n,m}^{\mathrm{cr}}(k, \tau) \mu_{n,m}(\bar{\rho})$$

for some integers  $\mu_{n,m}(\bar{\rho})$  which are independent of  $k, \tau$  and  $\psi$ .

In particular, the conjecture implies that

$$\mu_{n,m}(\bar{\rho}) = e\left(R_{\mathrm{cr}}^{\square,\psi}(n+2, (\tilde{\omega}^m)^{\oplus 2}, \bar{\rho})/\varpi\right)$$

which can be computed. We refer the reader to [20, 1.1.6] for these numbers, and remark that when  $n = p - 2$  and  $\bar{\rho}$  is scalar,  $\mu_{p-2,m}(\bar{\rho}) = 4$ , as is shown in [28].

Conjecture 1.2 was proved by Kisin [20] in the cases that  $\bar{\rho}$  is not (a twist of) an extension of  $\mathbb{1}$  by  $\omega$ . He first proved the “ $\leq$ ” part of (1) and (2) using the  $p$ -adic local Langlands [6], and then combined it with the (global) modularity lifting method to deduce the “ $\geq$ ” part. Years later, the conjecture was proved by Paškūnas [26] for all  $\bar{\rho}$  with only scalar endomorphisms, using the  $p$ -adic local Langlands and his previous (local) results in [25]. We prove, also using local methods (except for one global input due to Emerton [9], see the introduction of [26]), the following theorem (in the language of cycles of [10]), which in particular includes the remaining case of the conjecture (when  $p \geq 5$ ).

**THEOREM 1.3** (Remark 5.7, Theorem 5.11, Theorem 5.12). – *For any continuous representation  $\bar{\rho} : G_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{F})$  which is isomorphic to the direct sum of two distinct characters, and for any  $(k, \tau, \psi)$  as above, there are 4-dimensional cycles  $\mathcal{Z}_{n,m}$  of  $R^\square(\bar{\rho})$  which are independent of  $(k, \tau, \psi)$  such that*

$$\mathcal{Z}(R^{\square,\psi}(k, \tau, \bar{\rho})/\varpi) = \sum_{n,m} a_{n,m}(k, \tau) \mathcal{Z}_{n,m}.$$