
MULTIVARIABLE (φ, Γ) -MODULES FOR THE LUBIN-TATE EXTENSION

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1. Introduction

The goal of my talk was to explain some recent progress concerning (φ, Γ) -modules in the “Lubin-Tate” setting. This work was motivated by the p -adic local Langlands correspondence for $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{Q}_p)$. This correspondence is a bijection between the set of irreducible 2-dimensional p -adic representations of $\mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{Q}_p}/\mathbf{Q}_p)$ and the set of some \mathbf{Q}_p -Banach representations of $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{Q}_p)$.

The construction of the p -adic local Langlands correspondence for $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{Q}_p)$ (see for instance [Bre10], [Col10] and [Ber11]) uses the theory of (cyclotomic) (φ, Γ) -modules in an essential way. Consider the ring $\mathbf{Z}_p[[X]]$, and endow it with a Frobenius map φ given by $(\varphi f)(X) = f((1+X)^p - 1)$ and with an action of the group $\Gamma = \mathrm{Gal}(\mathbf{Q}_p(\mu_{p^\infty})/\mathbf{Q}_p) \simeq \mathbf{Z}_p^\times$ given by $([a]f)(X) = f((1+X)^a - 1)$ if $a \in \mathbf{Z}_p^\times$. A (cyclotomic) (φ, Γ) -module is a module D over a ring which contains $\mathbf{Z}_p[[X]]$, and endowed with a semilinear Frobenius map φ and a compatible semilinear action of Γ .

We can package this data into an action of the monoid $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_p \setminus \{0\} & \mathbf{Z}_p \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ on D , with φ given by $\begin{pmatrix} p & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $[a]$ given by $\begin{pmatrix} a & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, and multiplication by $(1+X)^b$ given by $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Colmez makes a similar definition and then extends the action of $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_p \setminus \{0\} & \mathbf{Z}_p \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ on D to an action of $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{Q}_p)$ on a bigger space.

If we are interested in a p -adic local Langlands correspondence for $\mathrm{GL}_2(F)$, with F a finite extension of \mathbf{Q}_p , then the above construction shows that it is possible that we will need (φ, Γ) -modules with $\Gamma \simeq \mathcal{O}_F^\times$, so that instead of working with the cyclotomic extension, we should work with Lubin-Tate extensions.

2. Fontaine's (φ, Γ) -modules

Let F be a finite Galois extension of \mathbf{Q}_p of degree h , let π_F be a uniformizer of \mathcal{O}_F , let q be the cardinality of k_F , let $G_F = \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{Q}_p}/F)$, and let $E = \text{Emb}(F, \overline{\mathbf{Q}_p})$ be the set of embeddings of F into $\overline{\mathbf{Q}_p}$. Let LT be the Lubin-Tate formal group attached to π_F and choose some variable T for the formal group law. We then have for every $a \in \mathcal{O}_F$ a power series $[a](T) = a \cdot T + \deg \geq 2$ giving the multiplication-by- a map. Let $\chi_F : G_F \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_F^\times$ be the Lubin-Tate character and let $H_F = \ker \chi_F$ and $\Gamma_F = G_F/H_F$. If $F = \mathbf{Q}_p$ and $\pi_F = p$, all of this is the usual cyclotomic data.

Let Y be a variable and let $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{E}}(Y)$ be the set of power series $f(Y) = \sum_{i \in \mathbf{Z}} a_i Y^i$ such that $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_F$ for $i \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $a_i \rightarrow 0$ as $i \rightarrow -\infty$. Let $\mathcal{E}(Y) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{E}}(Y)[1/\pi_F]$. This is a two-dimensional local field. We endow it with a relative Frobenius map φ_q by $(\varphi_q f)(Y) = f([\pi_F](Y))$, and an action of Γ_F by $(gf)(Y) = f([\chi_F(g)](Y))$.

A (φ, Γ) -module over $\mathcal{E}(Y)$ is a finite dimensional $\mathcal{E}(Y)$ -vector space endowed with a compatible Frobenius map φ_q and a compatible action of Γ_F . We say that it is *étale* if it admits a basis in which $\text{Mat}(\varphi_q) \in \text{GL}_d(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{E}}(Y))$. By a theorem of Kisin-Ren (theorem 1.6 of [KR09]), based on the constructions [Fon90] of Fontaine, there is an equivalence of categories between $\{F$ -linear representations of $G_F\}$ and $\{\text{étale } (\varphi, \Gamma)\text{-modules over } \mathcal{E}(Y)\}$. Let $D(V)$ denote the étale (φ, Γ) -module over $\mathcal{E}(Y)$ attached to a representation V .

The (φ, Γ) -module $D(V)$ is useful if one can relate it to p -adic Hodge theory, in particular the ring \mathbf{B}_{dR} and its subrings [Fon94]. This is possible if $D(V)$ is *overconvergent*, that is if it admits a basis in which $\text{Mat}(\varphi_q)$ and $\text{Mat}(g)$, for $g \in \Gamma_F$, belong to $\text{GL}_d(\mathcal{E}^\dagger(Y))$, where $\mathcal{E}^\dagger(Y)$ denotes the subfield of $\mathcal{E}(Y)$ consisting of those power series $f(Y)$ that have a nonempty domain of convergence. We say that V is overconvergent if $D(V)$ is.

Which representations are overconvergent? If $F = \mathbf{Q}_p$, then all of them are by a theorem of Cherbonnier and Colmez [CC98]. If $F \neq \mathbf{Q}_p$, then not all representations are overconvergent [FX13]. Let us say that an F -linear representation V of G_F is *F-analytic* if for all $\tau \in E \setminus \{\text{Id}\}$, V is Hodge-Tate with weights 0 “at τ ”, or in other words if $\mathbf{C}_p \otimes_F^\tau V$ is the trivial \mathbf{C}_p -semilinear representation of G_F . For example $F(\chi_F)$ is F -analytic but $F(\chi_{\text{cyc}})$ is not if $F \neq \mathbf{Q}_p$. The following result (theorem 4.2 of [Ber13]) shows that most representations of G_F are not overconvergent if $F \neq \mathbf{Q}_p$: if V is absolutely irreducible and overconvergent, then there is a character $\delta : \Gamma_F \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_F^\times$ such that $V(\delta)$ is F -analytic.

Conversely, we have the following theorem [Ber14]: if V is F -analytic, then it is overconvergent. This theorem had been proved for crystalline representations by Kisin and Ren [KR09], and for some reducible representations by Fourquaux and Xie [FX13].

Kisin and Ren had further suggested that in order to have overconvergent (φ, Γ) -modules for all F -representations of G_F , we need rings of power series in $[F : \mathbf{Q}_p]$ variables, one for each $\tau \in E$. Later on we will see how to achieve this with the variables $\{Y_\tau\}_{\tau \in E}$ where $g(Y_\tau) = [\chi_F(g)]^\tau(Y_\tau)$ (if $f(T) = \sum a_i T^i$ with $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_F$, then $f^\tau(T) = \sum \tau(a_i) T^i$).

3. Construction of overconvergent (φ, Γ) -modules

We start by reviewing overconvergent (φ, Γ) -modules in the cyclotomic setting. Let $F = \mathbf{Q}_p$ and $\pi_F = p$ and let X denote the variable Y above. The *Robba ring* $\mathcal{R}(X)$ is a ring of holomorphic power series, which contains $\mathcal{E}^\dagger(X)$. Let $\tilde{\mathbf{B}} = \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\text{rig}}^\dagger$ denote one of Fontaine's big rings of periods [Ber02]. It contains the element $\pi = [\varepsilon] - 1$ of p -adic Hodge theory, for which $g(\pi) = (1 + \pi)^{\chi_{\text{cyc}}(g)} - 1$ and $\varphi(\pi) = (1 + \pi)^p - 1$. There is therefore a φ -and- $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ compatible injection $\mathcal{R}(X) \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{B}}$, sending X to π .

Let $D(V)$ denote the (φ, Γ) -module $D_{\text{rig}}^\dagger(V)$ over the Robba ring attached to V , whose existence follows from the Cherbonnier-Colmez theorem (we drop the decorations to lighten the notation). In order to construct it, we first descend from $\overline{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ to $\mathbf{Q}_p(\mu_{p^\infty})$ by setting $\tilde{D}(V) = (\tilde{\mathbf{B}} \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V)^{H_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$. There then exists some analogues of Tate's normalized trace maps [Tat67], $T_n : \tilde{D}(V) \rightarrow \varphi^{-n}(\mathcal{R}(\pi)) \otimes_{\mathcal{R}} D(V)$, which allow us to “decomplete” $\tilde{D}(V)$. This procedure is analogous to the construction of $D_{\text{Sen}}(V)$ in Sen theory [Sen81], where one decompletes $(\mathbf{C}_p \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V)^{H_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$ using Tate's normalized trace maps. This procedure, descent and decompletion, is how the Cherbonnier-Colmez theorem is proved.

The main idea for our construction of multivariable (φ, Γ) -modules is that there is a different way of decompleting, which is still available in the cases when Tate's normalized trace maps no longer exist (which is the case as soon as $F \neq \mathbf{Q}_p$). If W is an LF space (i.e., an inductive limit of Fréchet spaces), that is endowed with a continuous action of a p -adic Lie group G , then following [ST03], we can consider the *locally analytic vectors* of W . We let W^{la} be the set of vectors of W such that the orbit map $g \mapsto g(w)$ is locally analytic on G .

Let $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{Q}_p} = \tilde{\mathbf{B}}^{H_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$. This is an LF space, with an action of $\Gamma_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \simeq \mathbf{Z}_p^\times$. We have [Ber14] $(\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{Q}_p})^{\text{la}} = \cup_{n \geq 0} \varphi^{-n}(\mathcal{R}(\pi))$ and $\tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}} = \cup_{n \geq 0} \varphi^{-n}(\mathcal{R}(\pi)) \otimes_{\mathcal{R}} D(V)$. This gives a powerful alternate way of decompleting $\tilde{D}(V)$.

If $F \neq \mathbf{Q}_p$, we proceed in a similar way. Let $F_0 = F \cap \mathbf{Q}_p^{\text{unr}}$, let $\tilde{\mathbf{B}} = F \otimes_{F_0} \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\text{rig}}^\dagger$ and let $\tilde{D}(V) = (\tilde{\mathbf{B}} \otimes_F V)^{H_F}$. Using almost étale descent, it is easy to show that $\tilde{D}(V)$ is a free $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F$ -module of rank d , stable under φ_q and Γ_F . We then have the following theorem [Ber14]: $\tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}}$ is a free $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F^{\text{la}}$ -module of rank d . It is therefore a (φ, Γ) -module over $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F^{\text{la}}$.

4. The structure of $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F^{\text{la}}$

The above theorem is meaningful if we understand the structure of $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F^{\text{la}}$. Using the theory of p -adic periods, we can construct [Col02] for each $\tau \in E$ an element $y_\tau \in \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F$ such that $g(y_\tau) = [\chi_F(g)]^\tau(y_\tau)$ if $g \in \Gamma_F$ and $\varphi_q(y_\tau) = [\pi_F]^\tau(y_\tau)$. This way, we get a (φ, Γ) -equivariant map from the Robba ring $\mathcal{R}(\{Y_\tau\}_{\tau \in E})$ in the h variables alluded to at the end of §2 to $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F$, by sending Y_τ to y_τ . This map is injective. In addition, it extends to a map $\cup_{n \geq 0} \varphi_q^{-n}(\mathcal{R}(\{Y_\tau\}_{\tau \in E})) \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F$, whose image is then dense in $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F$ for the locally analytic topology [Ber14]. This is why we call (φ, Γ) -modules over $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F^{\text{la}}$ *multivariable (φ, Γ) -modules*.

We can ask whether $\tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}}$ descends to a nice subring of $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F^{\text{la}}$. The main result of [Ber13] shows that if V is crystalline, then $\tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}}$ descends to a reflexive coadmissible module over the ring $\mathcal{R}^+(\{Y_\tau\}_{\tau \in E})$ of power series that converge on the open unit polydisk.

In general, since the action of Γ_F on $\tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}}$ is locally analytic, it extends to an action of $\text{Lie}(\Gamma_F)$. For each $\tau \in E$, there is an element $\nabla_\tau \in F \otimes \text{Lie}(\Gamma_F)$ that is the “derivative in the direction of τ ”. Let $t_\tau = \log_{\text{LT}}^\tau(y_\tau)$, so that $g(t_\tau) = \chi_F^\tau(g) \cdot t_\tau$. If $f((Y_\sigma)_\sigma) \in \mathcal{R}(\{Y_\tau\}_{\tau \in E})$, then we have $\nabla_\tau f((y_\sigma)_\sigma) = t_\tau \cdot v_\tau \cdot \partial f((y_\sigma)_\sigma) / \partial Y_\tau$ where v_τ is a unit. Using these operators, we can prove the theorem to the effect that F -analytic representations are overconvergent. First, we can relate Sen theory and (φ, Γ) -modules as in the cyclotomic case [Ber02], and we get [Ber14] that V is Hodge-Tate with weights 0 at τ if and only if $\nabla_\tau(\tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}}) \subset t_\tau \cdot \tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}}$. If this is the case, and if $\partial_\tau = t_\tau^{-1} \nabla_\tau$, then $\partial_\tau(\tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}}) \subset \tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}}$, so that if V is F -analytic, then $\tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}}$ is endowed with a system $\{\partial_\tau\}_{\tau \in E \setminus \{\text{Id}\}}$ of p -adic partial differential operators, as well as a compatible Frobenius map φ_q . A monodromy theorem [Ber14] then allows us to show that $(\tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}})^{\partial_\tau=0 \text{ for } \tau \in E \setminus \{\text{Id}\}}$ is free of rank d over $(\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F^{\text{la}})^{\partial_\tau=0 \text{ for } \tau \in E \setminus \{\text{Id}\}}$. Finally, we show that $(\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_F^{\text{la}})^{\partial_\tau=0 \text{ for } \tau \in E \setminus \{\text{Id}\}} = \cup_{n \geq 0} \varphi_q^{-n}(\mathcal{R}(y_{\text{Id}}))$. This way, we can descend $\tilde{D}(V)^{\text{la}}$ to $\mathcal{R}(Y)$ and then finally prove our theorem, using Kedlaya’s theory of Frobenius slopes [Ked05].

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