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Learning seminar on Quadratic Chabauty

The final goal of the seminar is to understand the use of quadratic Chabauty in [BDMTV]. Two intermediate goals will occupy the first 3 of the 4 sessions of the seminar:

- In order to motivate the problem addressed in [BDMTV], in talks 1,3,5 we want to understand Mazur's determination of the set of rational points of the modular curves $X_0(N)$.
- In order to explain some background for the techniques used in [BDMTV], in talks 2,4,6 we want to study Coleman's approach to the Chabauty method.

Talk 1. (February 22 at S3 of UB; Enric Florit) Quickly cover sections 1 and 2 of [Maz] with the objective of showing why Thm.1 reduces to Thm. 2 (if possible, comment on Kubert's input only mentioned in Mazur's paper ([Kub, IV. 1. 2]). Of Section 3, state the proposition on p. 122 and explain how Axiom 3 holds from the Theorem of Herbrand-Kummer.

Talk 2. (February 22 at S3 of UB; Ignasi Sánchez) Let X be a curve over $\mathbb{Q}$. Chabauty's theorem states that, if the rank of the Jacobian J of X is less than the genus of X, then $X(\mathbb{Q})$ is finite. A crucial observation is that in that case there exists a continuous homomorphism $J(\mathbb{Q}_p) \to \mathbb{Q}_p$ such that the group of global points $J(\mathbb{Q})$ is contained in the kernel. In [Col] Coleman makes Chabauty's method effective. Explain *loc.cit.* in detail.

Talk 3. (March 29 at C1/366 of UAB; Xavier Guitart) Cover the argument spreading from page 125 to page 133 of [Maz]: that is, assuming that Axiom 2 holds for the Eisenstein quotient complete the proof of the proposition on p. 122 of [Maz]. The validity of Axiom 2 for the Eisenstein quotient will checked in Talk 5.

Talk 4. (March 29 at C1/366 of UAB; Marc Masdeu) The easiest case in which Chabauty's condition on the rank fails is that of an elliptic curve of rank 1. In [BB] Balakrishnan–Besser replace the linear p-adic logarithm of Chabauty's argument by a quadratic map. More precisely, they use a p-adic height pairing in order to determine the set of integral points of the elliptic curve. Explain Section 1 and 2 of [BB] as well as the necessary background on local heights from [CG]. Given an overview over the theory of Coleman integration necessary for Section 3 (see for example [Bes2, Section 1.4]).

Talk 5. (April 26; Francesc Fité) Prove that Axiom 2 of the proposition on page 122 of [Maz] holds for the Eisenstein quotient. For this, instead of following [Maz, Section 4], follow [MS].

Talk 6. (April 26; Santiago Molina) [BB] Explain Section 3 to 5 of [BB] in as much detail as possible. If time permits, discuss one of the examples presented in Section 6.

Talk 7. (May 31?; Lennart Gehrmann) Explain Besser's approach to Coleman integration using Tannakian formalism (see[Bes1] and [Bes2]).

Talk 8. (May 31?) Give an overview of the strategy and ingredients used in the proof of the main theorem of [BDMTV].

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