

Lecture 10: Bloch-Kato Selmer schemes

We will be especially interested in cohomology schemes when the profinite group G is the absolute Galois group of a local or global field. In this case, the cohomology schemes come with certain distinguished closed subschemes known as the Bloch-Kato Selmer schemes. We will introduce these in three different settings:

- local Bloch-Kato Selmer schemes ($\ell \neq p$);
- local Bloch-Kato Selmer schemes ($\ell = p$);
- global Bloch-Kato Selmer schemes.

But before we get to these, let us review the theory of Bloch-Kato Selmer groups, the abelian theory which we are trying to generalize here. For an excellent exposition, see Joel Bellaïche's notes from the CMI summer school in Honolulu.

Bloch-Kato Selmer groups

Let K be a finite extension of $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ and let V be a $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ -linear representation of G_K . We explicitly allow the possibility that $\ell=p$. In their paper, Spencer Bloch and Kazuya Kato studied the structure of the local cohomology groups

$$H^1(G_K, V).$$

More precisely, they defined certain subspaces $H_*^1(G_K, V)$ (for various values of $*$), whose definitions are purely representation-theoretic, but which are usually of some geometric significance when the representation V arises from geometry.

Let's begin by discussing the case $\ell \neq p$. Here, the only interesting subspace of the cohomology is the unramified part, i.e.

$$H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, V) := \ker(H^1(G_K, V) \rightarrow H^1(I_K, V))$$

where $I_K \subseteq G_K$ is the ~~ramified~~ inertia subgroup.

Remark: If you like thinking of $H^1(G_K, V)$ as the Ext-group $\text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{1}, V)$ in the category of G_K -representations, then $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, V)$ has a particularly nice interpretation. If V is an unramified representation, then $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, V)$ is just the space of unramified extensions

$$0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow E \rightarrow \mathbb{1} \rightarrow 0. \quad (*)$$

In general, $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, V)$ parametrizes those extensions $(*)$ which are split I_K -equivariantly, or equivalently those extensions $(*)$ for which the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow V^{I_K} \rightarrow E^{I_K} \rightarrow \mathbb{1} \rightarrow 0$$

is still exact.

There are many interesting things to say about the unramified cohomology (e.g. that $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, V)$ and $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, V^*(1))$ are exact annihilators under the Poincaré duality pairing for local cohomology) but we'll only really use one fact about them in what follows.

Lemma: Suppose that V is pure of negative weight (or that it is mixed with negative weights). Then $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, V) = 0$.

Proof: One can check that the condition on the weights implies that $V^{G_K} = 0$. Now the inflation-restriction exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}, V^{I_K}) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, V) \rightarrow H^1(I_K, V)^{\hat{\mathbb{Z}}}$$

gives us identifications

$$H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, V) = H^1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}, V^{I_K}) = \frac{V^{I_K}}{(\varphi - 1)V^{I_K}}$$

where φ is a topological generator. Since

$(V^{I_K})^\varphi = V^{G_K} = 0$, we know that $\varphi - 1: V^{I_K} \rightarrow V^{I_K}$ is injective, hence surjective, so $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, V) = 0$. $\square$

In the $l=p$ case, the theory is much richer, and uses Fontaine's period rings B_{cris} and B_{dR} . We shall neither give nor need the precise definitions of these ~~old~~ period rings. Suffice it to say that

B_{dR} is a topological $\bar{K}$ -algebra with a continuous action of G_K extending the usual action on $\bar{K}$, and B_{cris} is a topological $\mathbb{Q}_p^{\text{ur}}$ -algebra with a continuous action of G_K extending the usual action on $\mathbb{Q}_p^{\text{ur}}$.

Moreover B_{cris} is a topological subalgebra of B_{dR} in a manner compatible with their G_K -actions. There is also a semilinear "crystalline Frobenius" φ on B_{cris} , ~~and~~ commuting with the action of G_K , so that we also have the G_K -invariant subring $B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1} \subset B_{\text{cris}}$.

Definition: Let V be a de Rham representation of G_K .

Then define

$$H_e^1(G_K, V) := \ker(H^1(G_K, V) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V))$$

$$H_f^1(G_K, V) := \ker(H^1(G_K, V) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V))$$

$$H_g^1(G_K, V) := \ker(H^1(G_K, V) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, B_{\text{dR}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V)).$$

Since $B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1} \subset B_{\text{cris}} \subset B_{\text{dR}}$, we have

$$0 \leq H_e^1(G_K, V) \leq H_f^1(G_K, V) \leq H_g^1(G_K, V) \leq H^1(G_K, V).$$

Remark: In the definition of H_g^1 , one can equally replace B_{dR} with the semistable period ring B_{st} .

Roughly speaking, the expectation in the $l=p$ case is that the quotients

$$\frac{H_f^1(G_K, V)}{H_e^1(G_K, V)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{H_g^1(G_K, V)}{H_e^1(G_K, V)}$$

behave similarly to the groups

$$H_{ur}^1(G_K, V) \quad \text{and} \quad H^1(G_K, V)$$

in the $l \neq p$ case. For instance, one has the following.

Lemma: Suppose that V is pure of negative weight (or that V is mixed with negative weights). Then

$$H_f^1(G_K, V) = H_e^1(G_K, V)$$

Proof: The map $\varphi^{-1} : B_{c\pi} \rightarrow B_{c\pi}$ is surjective (see the proof of Proposition 1.17 in Bloch-Kato's paper) so we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow B_{c\pi}^{\varphi=1} \rightarrow B_{c\pi} \xrightarrow{\varphi-1} B_{c\pi} \rightarrow 0$$

of topological $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -algebras with G_K -action

Tensoring with V gives

$$0 \rightarrow B_{cns}^{\varphi=1} \otimes V \rightarrow B_{cns} \otimes V \xrightarrow{\varphi-1} B_{cns} \otimes V \rightarrow 0.$$

Taking the LES in cohomology* gives

$$D_{cns}(V) \xrightarrow{\varphi-1} D_{cns}(V) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, B_{cns}^{\varphi=1} \otimes V) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, B_{cns} \otimes V)$$

so the kernel of $H^1(G_K, B_{cns}^{\varphi=1} \otimes V) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, B_{cns} \otimes V)$ is $D_{cns}(V)/(\varphi-1)$. The assumption on the weights ensures that φ acts without fixed points on $D_{cns}(V)$, so

$\varphi-1$ is surjective and $H^1(G_K, B_{cns}^{\varphi=1} \otimes V) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, B_{cns} \otimes V)$ is injective. This implies that

$$H_c^1(G_K, V) = H_f^1(G_K, V). \quad \square$$

* Actually, I don't know whether this sequence is topologically split, but this part of the long exact sequence exists anyway.

The Bloch-Kato Selmer group H_e^1 can be understood quite explicitly thanks to a construction known as the Bloch-Kato exponential. For this, if V is a de Rham representation of G_K , we define

$$D_{\text{dR}}(V) := (B_{\text{dR}} \otimes V)^{G_K}$$

$$D_{\text{dR}}^+(V) := (B_{\text{dR}}^+ \otimes V)^{G_K}$$

$$D_{\text{c\acute{e}is}^{\varphi=1}}(V) := (B_{\text{c\acute{e}is}^{\varphi=1}} \otimes V)^{G_K}$$

where $B_{\text{dR}}^+ \subseteq B_{\text{dR}}$ is the 0^{th} step of the Hodge filtration on B_{dR} .

Proposition: Inside B_{dR} , we have $B_{\text{c\acute{e}is}^{\varphi=1}} \cap B_{\text{dR}}^+ = \mathbb{Q}_p$ (with its usual topology) and $B_{\text{c\acute{e}is}^{\varphi=1}} + B_{\text{dR}}^+ = B_{\text{dR}}$.

Put another way, we have an exact sequence

$$(*) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow B_{\text{c\acute{e}is}^{\varphi=1}} \oplus B_{\text{dR}}^+ \rightarrow B_{\text{dR}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$x \mapsto (x, x)$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto y - x.$$

~~Tensoring $(*)$ with our representation V and taking Galois cohomology gives the Bloch-Kato exponential exact sequence.~~

~~$$0 \rightarrow V^{G_K} \rightarrow D_{\text{c\acute{e}is}^{\varphi=1}}(V) \oplus D_{\text{dR}}^+(V) \rightarrow D_{\text{dR}}(V) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, V)$$~~

Lemma (Bloch-Kato) For V de Rham, the map

$$H^1(G_K, B_{dR}^+ \otimes V) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, B_{dR} \otimes V)$$

is injective.

Consequence:

$$H_e^1(G_K, V) = \ker(H^1(G_K, V) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, B_{c\acute{e}n\acute{s}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes V) \oplus H^1(G_K, B_{dR}^+ \otimes V))$$

Proof: The kernel is clearly contained in H_e^1 .

Conversely, if $\xi \in H_e^1(G_K, V)$, then its image in $H^1(G_K, B_{c\acute{e}n\acute{s}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes V) \oplus H^1(G_K, B_{dR}^+ \otimes V)$ is of the form $(0, \alpha)$. The image of α in $H^1(G_K, B_{dR} \otimes V)$ is 0, so $\alpha = 0$ by the Lemma. So we are done. $\square$

So if we take $\otimes$, tensor with V and take $H^*(G_K, -)$, we get the Bloch-Kato exponential exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow V^{G_K} \rightarrow D_{c\acute{e}n\acute{s}}^{\varphi=1}(V) \oplus D_{dR}^+(V) \rightarrow D_{dR}(V) \rightarrow H_e^1(G_K, V) \rightarrow 0,$$

where the coboundary map $D_{dR}(V) \rightarrow H_e^1(G_K, V)$ is known as the Bloch-Kato exponential.

Remark: the B-K exponential sequence is usually written

$$0 \rightarrow V^{G_K} \rightarrow D_{c\acute{e}n\acute{s}}^{\varphi=1}(V) \rightarrow \frac{D_{dR}(V)}{D_{dR}^+(V)} \rightarrow H_e^1(G_K, V) \rightarrow 0.$$

Global Bloch-Kato Selmer groups

One can also use similar ideas to cut out interesting subspaces of cohomology groups $H^1(G_K, V)$ where K is a number field (and the representation V is de Rham at all p -adic places of K). It is convenient to have some flexibility in what local conditions we impose, as follows.

Definition: A Selmer structure $\mathcal{G}$ for V is a choice of a subspace $\mathcal{G}_v \leq H^1(G_v, V)$ for all finite places v of K , such that $\mathcal{G}_v = H^1_{\text{unr}}(G_v, V)$ for all but finitely many v . decomposition group

The corresponding Selmer group

$$\text{Sel}_{\mathcal{G}, V} \leq H^1(G_K, V)$$

is defined to be the set of cohomology classes

$$[\zeta] \in H^1(G_K, V) \text{ such that } [\zeta]|_{G_v} \in \mathcal{G}_v$$

for all finite places v .

Example: Take the Selmer structure $\mathcal{G}$ given by

$$\mathcal{G}_v := \begin{cases} H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_v, V) & \text{if } v \nmid p \\ H_f^1(G_v, V) & \text{if } v \mid p. \end{cases}$$

The corresponding Selmer group is denoted

$$H_f^1(G_K, V).$$

More generally, fix a finite set S of finite places of K and define a Selmer structure $\mathcal{G}$ by

$$\mathcal{G}_v := \begin{cases} H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_v, V) & \text{if } v \nmid p, v \notin S \\ H^1(G_v, V) & \text{if } v \nmid p, v \in S \\ H_f^1(G_v, V) & \text{if } v \mid p, v \notin S \\ H_g^1(G_v, V) & \text{if } v \mid p, v \in S. \end{cases}$$

The resulting Selmer group is denoted

$$H_{f,S}^1(G_K, V).$$

Remark: the Selmer ~~structure~~ group $\text{Sel}_{\mathcal{G}, V}$ associated to a Selmer structure $\mathcal{G}$ is always finite-dimensional, even though $H^1(G_K, V)$ need not be. (E.g.

$H^1(G_K, \mathbb{Q}_p(1)) = \mathbb{Q}_p \otimes \varprojlim_n (K^\times / K^{\times p^n})$ by Kummer theory, which is infinite-dimensional.)

Bloch-Kato Selmer schemes

Let's now explain how to generalize all of these constructions to the non-abelian (pro-unipotent) case.

Local Bloch-Kato Selmer schemes: $\ell \neq p$

To begin with, suppose that $K/\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ is a finite extension, where $\ell \neq p$. Let $U/\mathbb{Q}_p$ be a finitely generated pro-unipotent group endowed with a continuous action of G_K . Suppose moreover that U possesses a ^{separated} G_K -stable filtration

$$U = W_{-1}U \supseteq W_{-2}U \supseteq \dots$$

such that $V_n := W_{-n}U / W_{-n-1}U$ is pure of weight $-n$

for all $n \geq 1$.

Since G_K has property (F), ~~and~~ we know that $H^i(G_K, V_n)$ is finite-dimensional for all n and i . Moreover, $H^0(G_K, V_n) = 0$ for all n by the weight condition. So the cohomology functor $H^1(G_K, U)$ is representable.

We can define a subfunctor $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, U) \subseteq H^1(G_K, U)$ by $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, U)(\Lambda) := \ker(H^1(G_K, U(\Lambda)) \rightarrow H^1(I_K, U(\Lambda)))$ for $\Lambda \in \underline{\text{Alg}}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$. We claim that $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, U)$ is representable by a closed subscheme of $H^1(G_K, U)$. In fact, this is true for kinda trivial reasons.

Propositions Under the above assumptions,

$H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, U) = \{*\}$ is the distinguished point of $H^1(G_K, U)$, viewed as a one-point scheme in the usual way.

Proof: There is a "non-abelian inflation-restriction exact sequence"

$$1 \rightarrow H^1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}, U(\Lambda)^{I_K}) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, U(\Lambda)) \rightarrow H^1(I_K, U(\Lambda))$$

which gives an isomorphism

$H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, U) \cong H^1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}, U^{I_K})$ of functors, where U^{I_K} is the I_K -fixed subgroup-scheme. Endowing U^{I_K} with the induced weight filtration from U , we have

$$\text{gr}_{-n}^w(U^{I_K}) \subseteq \text{gr}_{-n}^w(U)^{I_K} = V_n^{I_K}, \text{ so}$$

$$[\text{gr}_{-n}^w(U^{I_K})]^{\hat{\mathbb{Z}}} = V_n^{G_K} = 0$$

So U^{I_K} satisfies the conditions of the previous lecture, so that $H^1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}, U^{I_K})$ is representable by a closed subscheme of

$$\prod_n H^1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}, \text{gr}_n^w(U^{I_K})) = 0$$

~~But since $H^1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}, U^{I_K}) = 0$~~

$$\text{since } \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} H^1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}, \text{gr}_n^w(U^{I_K})) = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} H^0(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}, \text{gr}_n^w(U^{I_K})) = 0.$$

Hence $H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_K, U) = \{*\}$ as claimed $\square$

Local Bloch-Kato Selmer schemes: $l=p$

Now suppose that $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$ is a finite extension.

Let $U/\mathbb{Q}_p$ be a finitely generated pro-unipotent group endowed with a continuous ^{de Rham} action of G_K .

Suppose moreover that U is ^{de Rham} endowed with a separated G_K -stable filtration

$$U = W_{-1}U \supseteq W_{-2}U \supseteq \dots$$

such that $V_n := W_{-n}U / W_{-n-1}U$ is pure of weight $-n$

for all $n \geq 1$. These conditions again imply that

the cohomology functor $H^1(G_K, U)$ is representable.

We define closed subschemes

$$\{*\} \subseteq H_e^1(G_K, U) \subseteq H_f^1(G_K, U) \subseteq H_g^1(G_K, U) \subseteq H^1(G_K, U)$$

as follows.

Definition: For $\Lambda \in \underline{\text{Alg}}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ define

$B_{\text{cris}} \otimes \Lambda$ is topologized like $(B_{\text{cris}})^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda$ the topology on $U(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes \Lambda)$ is then the natural one

$$H_e^1(G_K, U(\Lambda)) := \ker (H^1(G_K, U(\Lambda)) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, U(B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda)))$$

$$H_f^1(G_K, U(\Lambda)) := \ker (H^1(G_K, U(\Lambda)) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, U(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes \Lambda)))$$

$$H_g^1(G_K, U(\Lambda)) := \ker (H^1(G_K, U(\Lambda)) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, U(B_{\text{dR}} \otimes \Lambda)))$$

This defines pointed subfunctors

$$H_e^1(G_K, U) \subseteq H_f^1(G_K, U) \subseteq H_g^1(G_K, U) \subseteq H^1(G_K, U).$$

Theorem: The above subfunctors are representable by closed ~~subfunctors~~ ^{subschemes} of $H^1(G_K, U)$.

For the proof, we fix some notation. For $B \in \{B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1}, B_{\text{cris}}, B_{\text{dR}}\}$, we let U_B denote the functor

$$\Lambda \longmapsto U(B \otimes \Lambda)$$

from $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -algebras to topological groups with continuous G_K -action. We define $U_{n,B}$ similarly, where $U_n = U / \varpi_{n-1} U$.

We also define functors

$$D_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}(U): \underline{\text{Alg}}_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Grp}}$$

$$D_{\text{crist}}(U): \underline{\text{Alg}}_{k_0} \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Grp}}$$

$$D_{\text{dR}}(U): \underline{\text{Alg}}_k \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Grp}}$$

$$\text{by } D_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}(U)(\Lambda) := U(B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \Lambda)^{G_K}$$

$$D_{\text{crist}}(U)(\Lambda) := U(B_{\text{crist}} \otimes_{k_0} \Lambda)^{G_K}$$

$$D_{\text{dR}}(U)(\Lambda) := U(B_{\text{dR}} \otimes_k \Lambda)^{G_K}.$$

Here we use that $(B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1})^{G_K} = \mathbb{Q}_p$, $(B_{\text{crist}})^{G_K} = k_0$ is the maximal unramified subfield of k , and $(B_{\text{dR}})^{G_K} = k$.

Proposition: $D_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}(U)$, $D_{\text{crist}}(U)$ and $D_{\text{dR}}(U)$ are representable by pro-unipotent groups over $\mathbb{Q}_p$, k_0 and k , respectively. Moreover, under our assumptions above, we have $D_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}(U) = 1$.

Proof: We use the logarithm isomorphism

$$U \cong \text{Lie}(U).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\text{dR}}(u)(1) &= U(B_{\text{dR}} \otimes_k \Lambda)^{G_K} \cong (\text{Lie}(u)_{B_{\text{dR}} \otimes_k \Lambda})^{G_K} \\ &= (\text{Lie}(u)_{B_{\text{dR}} \Lambda})^{G_K} = D_{\text{dR}}(\text{Lie}(u))_{\Lambda} \end{aligned}$$

So $D_{\text{dR}}(u)$ is representable by the affine space associated to $D_{\text{dR}}(\text{Lie}(u)) \in \text{pro-Vec}_K$. One can check that the above isomorphism identifies the group law on $D_{\text{dR}}(u)$ with the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff product on $A(D_{\text{dR}}(\text{Lie}(u)))$, and so $D_{\text{dR}}(u) \cong G(D_{\text{dR}}(\text{Lie}(u)))$ is pro-unipotent.

A similar ~~ex~~ argument shows that

$$D_{\text{crist}}(u) \cong G(D_{\text{crist}}(\text{Lie}(u))) \quad \text{and}$$

$$D_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}(u) \cong G(D_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}(\text{Lie}(u)))$$

are both representable by pro-unipotent groups.

The final assertion follows from the assumption on the weights of u : we have $D_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}(\text{Lie}(u)) = 0$ so $D_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}(u) = 1$.

Now we return to the proof of the theorem, beginning with the proof of representability of

$$H_e^1(G_K, U) = \ker(H^1(G_K, U) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, U_{B_{\mathbb{C}_n}^{q=1}})).$$

Step 1: $H_e^1(G_K, U_n)$ is representable by a closed subscheme of $H^1(G_K, U_n)$ for all n .

Proof: We proceed by induction, starting from the trivial base case $n=0$. For the inductive step, ~~we~~

~~we~~ suppose that $H_e^1(G_K, U_{n-1})$ is a closed subscheme of $H^1(G_K, U_{n-1})$, and let

$H_{e,n} \subseteq H^1(G_K, U_n)$ be the preimage of $H_e^1(G_K, U_{n-1})$ under the map $H^1(G_K, U_n) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, U_{n-1})$.

So $H_{e,n}$ is a closed subscheme of $H^1(G_K, U_n)$, containing $H_e^1(G_K, U_n)$ as a subfunctor.

Now since the central extension

$$1 \rightarrow V_n \rightarrow U_n \rightarrow U_{n-1} \rightarrow 1$$

is split as a sequence of varieties, it follows that

$$1 \rightarrow V_{n, B_{\mathbb{C}_n}^{q=1}}(\Lambda) \rightarrow U_{n, B_{\mathbb{C}_n}^{q=1}}(\Lambda) \rightarrow U_{n-1, B_{\mathbb{C}_n}^{q=1}}(\Lambda) \rightarrow 1$$

is topologically split and we have a long exact seq.

$$H^1(G_K, V_n, B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}) \xrightarrow{\alpha} H^1(G_K, U_n, B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}) \xrightarrow{\beta} H^1(G_K, U_{n-1}, B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}).$$

The kernel of the left-hand map α is the image of

$$H^0(G_K, U_{n-1}, B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}) = D_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}(U_{n-1}) \text{ in } H^1(G_K, V_n, B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1})$$

which is trivial since $D_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1}(U_{n-1}) = 1$. So $\ker(\alpha) = \{*\}$.

Now let ~~f~~ $f: H^1(G_K, U_n) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, U_n, B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1})$ be the natural map, and $f|_{H_{e,n}}$ its restriction to $H_{e,n}$.

By construction, the composite $\beta \circ f|_{H_{e,n}}$ is zero,

so $f|_{H_{e,n}}$ lifts to a map $\tilde{f}: H_{e,n} \rightarrow H^1(G_K, V_n, B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1})$, (using that $H_{e,n}$ is representable). Since $\ker(\alpha) = \{*\}$, we have that

$$H_e^1(G_K, U_n) := \ker(f) = \ker(f|_{H_{e,n}}) = \ker(\tilde{f}).$$

But now $H^1(G_K, V_n, B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1})$ is the functor

$$\Lambda \longmapsto H^1(G_K, B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \Lambda \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V_n) = H^1(G_K, B_{\text{crist}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V_n) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \Lambda$$

which is clearly subrepresentable. So $\ker(\tilde{f})$ is the kernel of a morphism of ^{pointed} affine schemes, so is representable by a closed subscheme of $H^1(G_K, U_n)$. This completes the inductive step.

Thus, we now know that $H_e^1(G_K, U_n)$ is representable by a closed subscheme of $H^1(G_K, U_n)$ for all n , and in particular we are done if the group U_n is unipotent. For the general case, we claim that $H^1(G_K, U)$ is the intersection of the preimages of $H_e^1(G_K, U_n) \subseteq H^1(G_K, U_n)$ for all n . This is an exercise in chasing limits, and left to the reader. $\square$

We've proved the theorem for $H_e^1(G_K, U)$, which is the main case we will be using in what follows. We outline the proofs in the remaining cases.

For $H_g^1(G_K, U)$, essentially the same proof works, except that we need a slightly different argument for why the map

$$H^1(G_K, V_n, B_{dR}) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, U_n, B_{dR})$$

has trivial kernel. This kernel is given by the cokernel of

$$H^0(G_K, U_n, B_{dR}) \rightarrow H^0(G_K, U_{n+1}, B_{dR}), \text{ i.e.}$$

the cokernel of

$$\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^k D_{dR}(U_n) \rightarrow \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^k D_{dR}(U_{n+1}).$$

(*)

Since $\text{Lie}(U_n)$ is a de Rham representation of G_K , the map $\text{Res} \cdot D_{\text{dR}}(\text{Lie}(U_n)) \rightarrow D_{\text{dR}}(\text{Lie}(U_{n-1}))$ is surjective, and so $\otimes$ is also surjective. This implies that $H^1(G_K, V_n, B_{\text{dR}}) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, U_n, B_{\text{dR}})$ has trivial kernel, and from here the proof of representability of $H^1_f(G_K, U)$ proceeds exactly as for $H^1_e(G_K, U)$.

For $H^1_f(G_K, U)$, we take a different tack, and prove

Proposition: Under the above assumptions,

$$H^1_f(G_K, U) = H^1_e(G_K, U).$$

Lemma: For any $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -algebra Λ , the map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D_{\text{cns}}(U)(\Lambda) & \longrightarrow & D_{\text{cns}}(U)(\Lambda) \\ w & \longmapsto & w^{-1} \varphi(w) \end{array}$$

is bijective. (Here, by mild abuse of notation, we write $D_{\text{cns}}(U)$ for $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{K_0} D_{\text{cns}}(U)$.)

~~Proof of Lemma: We show by induction on n that the map $D_{\text{cns}}(U_n)(\Lambda) \rightarrow D_{\text{cns}}(U_n)(\Lambda)$ is bijective for all n . The base case $n=0$ is trivial,~~

Proof of Lemma:

Let $W_{-n} D_{\text{cris}}(U) := D_{\text{cris}}(W_{-n} U)$, which is a subgroup-scheme of $D_{\text{cris}}(U)$, and let $D_{\text{cris}}(U)_n := D_{\text{cris}}(U) / W_{-n-1} D_{\text{cris}}(U)$.

The crystalline Frobenius on $D_{\text{cris}}(U)$ restricts to a crystalline Frobenius on $W_{-n} D_{\text{cris}}(U)$ for all n , and so there is an induced crystalline Frobenius on $D_{\text{cris}}(U)_n$. We will show by induction that the map

$$D_{\text{cris}}(U)_n(1) \longrightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(U)_n(1) \quad w \longmapsto w^{-1} \varphi(w)$$

is bijective for all n , from which the result follows by ~~induction~~ taking an inverse limit.

The base case $n=0$ of the induction is trivial, so suppose inductively that $D_{\text{cris}}(U)_{n-1}(1) \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(U)_{n-1}(1)$ is bijective. For $u \in D_{\text{cris}}(U)_n(1)$, let $\bar{u} \in D_{\text{cris}}(U)_{n-1}(1)$ denote its image, so that there is a unique $\bar{w} \in D_{\text{cris}}(U)_{n-1}(1)$ s.t. $\bar{u} = \bar{w}^{-1} \varphi(\bar{w})$. Let $w_0 \in D_{\text{cris}}(U)_n(1)$ be any lift, so that $w_0 u \varphi(w_0)^{-1} \in \ker(D_{\text{cris}}(U)_n(1) \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(U)_{n-1}(1))$

$$= \frac{D_{\text{cris}}(W_{-n} U)(1)}{D_{\text{cris}}(W_{-n-1} U)(1)} \subseteq \frac{D_{\text{cris}}(V_n \otimes 1)}{D_{\text{cris}}(V_n) \otimes 1}.$$

Since $D_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1}(V_n) = 0$ by our assumption on the weights, we know that the map $(1-\varphi): \frac{D_{\text{cris}}(W_{-n} U)(1)}{D_{\text{cris}}(W_{-n-1} U)(1)} \rightarrow \frac{D_{\text{cris}}(W_{-n} U)(1)}{D_{\text{cris}}(W_{-n-1} U)(1)}$

is an isomorphism of finitely generated Λ -modules.

So there exists a unique element $v \in \frac{D_{\text{cris}}(W_{-n}U)(\Lambda)}{D_{\text{cris}}(W_{-n-1}U)(\Lambda)}$

such that $w_0 u \varphi(w_0)^{-1} = v^{-1} \varphi(v)$.

It is now easy to see that $w := v w_0$ is the unique element of $D_{\text{cris}}(U)_n(\Lambda)$ s.t.

$$u = w^{-1} \varphi(w).$$

In other words, the map $D_{\text{cris}}(U)_n(\Lambda) \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(U)_n(\Lambda)$ given by $w \mapsto w^{-1} \varphi(w)$ is bijective, which is what we wanted to show. $\square$

~~Remark: There is a rather slicker proof of the same lemma using our representability theorem. That is, if we let $\mathbb{Z}$ act on $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0}(D_{\text{cris}}(U))$ where the generator of $\mathbb{Z}$ acts on $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0}(D_{\text{cris}}(U))$ by the crystalline Frobenius φ , then we have~~

Remark: Here is a rather slicker conceptualisation of the same proof. Let $\mathbb{Z}$ act on $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0}(D_{\text{cris}}(U))$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ acts by φ^n . Equipping $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0}(D_{\text{cris}}(U))$ with the weight filtration induced from the weight filtration on U , we have

that $H^1(\mathbb{Z}, \text{gr}_{-n}^w(\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0} D_{\text{cns}}(u))) = 0$ for all n ,

since $\text{gr}_{-n}^w \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0} D_{\text{cns}}(u) \leq \bigoplus_{i \leq -n} \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0} D_{\text{cns}}(u)$

and the latter has no φ -invariants by our assumption on the weights. So our representability theorem* implies that

$H^1(\mathbb{Z}, \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0} D_{\text{cns}}(u))$ is a closed subscheme

of $\prod_n H^1(\mathbb{Z}, \text{gr}_{-n}^w(\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0} D_{\text{cns}}(u))) = 0$,

using that $\dim H^1(\mathbb{Z}, \text{gr}_{-n}^w(\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0} D_{\text{cns}}(u)))$
 $= \dim H^0(\mathbb{Z}, \text{gr}_{-n}^w(\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0} D_{\text{cns}}(u))) = 0$
by the above. So

$H^1(\mathbb{Z}, \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0} D_{\text{cns}}(u)) = 1$ and $H^0(\mathbb{Z}, \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{k_0} D_{\text{cns}}(u)) = 0$
which says exactly that the map $w \mapsto w^{-1}\varphi(w)$
is bijective.

*Strictly speaking, we only stated our representability theorem for G profinite. It still holds for $G = \mathbb{Z}$, by the same proof.

Proof of Proposition

Suppose that $\xi \in Z^1(G_K, U(1))$ is a 1-cocycle whose class lies in $H_f^1(G_K, U(1))$. Explicitly, this means that there is some $u \in U(B_{\text{cns}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \Lambda)$ such that

$$\xi(\sigma) = u^{-1} \sigma(u)$$

for all $\sigma \in G_K$. Since $\xi(\sigma) \in U(1)$, it is invariant under the action of φ , which implies that

$$\varphi(u)^{-1} \varphi \sigma(u) = u^{-1} \sigma(u)$$

for all $\sigma \in G_K$. Rearranging and using that φ commutes with the action of G_K gives that

$$\sigma(u \cdot \varphi(u)^{-1}) = u \cdot \varphi(u)^{-1}$$

so $u \cdot \varphi(u)^{-1} \in U(B_{\text{cns}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \Lambda)^{G_K} = D_{\text{cns}}(u)(\Lambda)$.

By the preceding lemma, there exists a unique

$w \in D_{\text{cns}}(u)(\Lambda)$ with

$$w^{-1} \varphi(w) = u \cdot \varphi(u)^{-1}$$

This implies that $\varphi(wu) = wu$, so $wu \in U(B_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \Lambda)$, and since $w \in U(B_{\text{cns}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \Lambda)^{G_K}$ we also have

$$(wu)^{-1} \cdot \sigma(wu) = u^{-1} \sigma(u) = \xi(\sigma)$$

for all $\sigma \in G_K$. This shows that $[\xi] \in H_e^1(G_K, U(1))$,
 $\square$

The non-abelian Bloch-Kato exponential

The local Bloch-Kato Selmer scheme $H_e^1(G_K, U)$ can be understood quite explicitly thanks to a non-abelian version of the Bloch-Kato exponential. We temporarily relax our assumption on the weights of U (but keep our assumptions on finite generation, de Rhamness etc.)

Theorem: (^{non-abelian} Bloch-Kato exponential)

There is a canonical isomorphism

$$\frac{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^k D_{\text{dR}}(U)}{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^k D_{\text{dR}}^+(U)} \xrightarrow{D_{\text{cris}}^{q=1}(U)} H_e^1(G_K, U)$$

of functors $\underline{\text{Alg}}_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}_*$, called the Bloch-Kato exponential $\exp_{\text{BK}}$. Its inverse is called the Bloch-Kato logarithm $\log_{\text{BK}}$.

Application: Suppose we're back in the case that all the weights of U are negative. This implies that $D_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1}(U)=1$, and so the Bloch-Kato exponential gives us a completely explicit description of the local Bloch-Kato Selmer scheme, as

$$H_e^1(G_K, U) \cong H_f^1(G_K, U) \cong \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K \overline{D_{\text{dR}}^+(U)}^{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K D_{\text{dR}}(U)}.$$

As we shall see in the fifth Problems Sheet, the right-hand side is an affine space of dimension

$$[K:\mathbb{Q}_p] \cdot (\dim_K D_{\text{dR}}(U) - \dim_K D_{\text{dR}}^+(U)).$$

$$= [K:\mathbb{Q}_p] \cdot (\dim_K D_{\text{dR}}(\text{Lie}(U)) - \dim_K D_{\text{dR}}^+(\text{Lie}(U))).$$

Corollary: in the above setting, the maps

$$H_f^1(G_K, U_n) \longrightarrow H_f^1(G_K, U_{n-1}) \quad (*)$$

are surjective for all n , and the action of

$H^1(G_K, V_n)$ on $H_f^1(G_K, U_n)$ restricts to an action of $H_f^1(G_K, V_n)$ on $H_f^1(G_K, U_n)$ which is simply transitive on the fibres of $(*)$.

In other words, $H_f^1(G_K, U_n)$ is a ~~torsor~~ $H_f^1(G_K, V_n)$ -torsor over $H_f^1(G_K, U_{n-1})$.

Proof of Corollary:

The central extension

$$1 \longrightarrow V_n \longrightarrow U_n \longrightarrow U_{n-1} \longrightarrow 1$$

induces central extensions

$$1 \longrightarrow D_{\text{dR}}(V_n) \longrightarrow D_{\text{dR}}(U_n) \longrightarrow D_{\text{dR}}(U_{n-1}) \longrightarrow 1$$

$$1 \longrightarrow D_{\text{dR}}^+(V_n) \longrightarrow D_{\text{dR}}^+(U_n) \longrightarrow D_{\text{dR}}^+(U_{n-1}) \longrightarrow 1$$

of unipotent groups over K (using that D_{dR} and D_{dR}^+ are exact functors on de Rham representations).

Using this, it is easy to verify that $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K D_{\text{dR}}(U_n)$

is a $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K D_{\text{dR}}^+(V_n) / \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K D_{\text{dR}}(V_n)$ -torsor over

$\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K D_{\text{dR}}^+(U_{n-1}) / \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K D_{\text{dR}}(U_{n-1})$ (with respect to

the action $\otimes$ by multiplication). Naturality of the

Bloch-Kato exponential implies then that

$H_f^1(G_K, U_n)$ is a $H_f^1(G_K, V_n)$ -torsor over $H_f^1(G_K, U_{n-1})$ as claimed.

□

Proof of the non-abelian Bloch-Kato exponential

To construct the exponential map, we need a preparatory lemma.

Lemma: Let $U/\mathbb{Q}_p$ be a ~~finitely~~ generated pro-unipotent group. Then for all $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -algebras Λ

a) the multiplication map

$$U(B_{dR}^+ \otimes \Lambda) \times U(B_{c\ell\mathfrak{s}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda) \rightarrow U(B_{dR} \otimes \Lambda)$$

is surjective; and

$$b) U(B_{dR}^+ \otimes \Lambda) \cap U(B_{c\ell\mathfrak{s}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda) = U(\Lambda)$$

compatibly with topologies.

Proof: The validity of (b) is preserved under small limits, so it suffices to prove it when U is unipotent. Identifying U with its Lie algebra $\text{Lie}(U)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} U(B_{dR}^+ \otimes \Lambda) \cap U(B_{c\ell\mathfrak{s}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda) &= (\text{Lie}(U) \otimes B_{dR}^+ \otimes \Lambda) \cap (\text{Lie}(U) \otimes B_{c\ell\mathfrak{s}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda) \\ &= \text{Lie}(U) \otimes \Lambda = U(\Lambda) \end{aligned}$$

using that $B_{dR}^+ \cap B_{c\ell\mathfrak{s}}^{\varphi=1} = \mathbb{Q}_p$ in the second equality.

(From the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow B_{dR}^+ \oplus B_{c\ell\mathfrak{s}}^{\varphi=1} \rightarrow B_{dR} \rightarrow 0.)$$

So we have proved (b).

The validity of (a) is not a priori preserved under small limits, so we instead prove a stronger statement which is. Fix a complementary subspace $\bar{B}_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1} \subset B_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1}$ to $\mathcal{Q}_p \subset B_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1}$, so that $B_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1} = \mathcal{Q}_p \oplus \bar{B}_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1}$. Note that $\bar{B}_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1}$ is not a ring. Nonetheless, for any unipotent group $U/\mathcal{Q}_p$, we can define $U(\bar{B}_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda)$ to be the subset of $U(B_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda)$ corresponding to

$$\text{Lie}(U) \otimes \bar{B}_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda \subset \text{Lie}(U) \otimes B_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda.$$

We extend this definition to pro-unipotent U by taking an inverse limit. We will prove
a') the multiplication map

$$U(B_{\text{dr}}^+ \otimes \Lambda) \times U(\bar{B}_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda) \rightarrow U(B_{\text{dr}} \otimes \Lambda) \quad \oplus$$

is bijective.

This trivially implies (a).

Now the validity of (a') is preserved under small limits, so it suffices to prove it when U is unipotent.

When U is a vector group, $\oplus$ is identified with the addition map

$$(\text{Lie}(U) \otimes B_{\text{dr}}^+ \otimes \Lambda) \times (\text{Lie}(U) \otimes \bar{B}_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda) \rightarrow (\text{Lie}(U) \otimes B_{\text{dr}} \otimes \Lambda)$$

which is bijective since $B_{\text{dr}}^+ \oplus \bar{B}_{\text{cns}}^{\varphi=1} = B_{\text{dr}}$.

In general, we proceed inductively, writing U as a central extension

$$1 \rightarrow V \rightarrow U \rightarrow U' \rightarrow 1$$

where we know the result for U' and V (as V is abelian).

~~The map~~ ~~The group~~ For $B \in \{B_{dR}^+, \bar{B}_{c\bar{n}3}^{\varphi=1}, B_{dR}\}$,

the group $V(B \otimes \Lambda)$ acts via multiplication on

$U(B \otimes \Lambda)$, ~~and the quotient~~ making $U(B \otimes \Lambda)$

into a $V(B \otimes \Lambda)$ -torsor over $U'(B \otimes \Lambda)$. The map

$$U(B_{dR}^+ \otimes \Lambda) \times U(\bar{B}_{c\bar{n}3}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda) \rightarrow U(B_{dR} \otimes \Lambda)$$

is a morphism of torsors under

$$V(B_{dR}^+ \otimes \Lambda) \times V(\bar{B}_{c\bar{n}3}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda) \cong V(B_{dR} \otimes \Lambda)$$

over

$$U'(B_{dR}^+ \otimes \Lambda) \times U'(\bar{B}_{c\bar{n}3}^{\varphi=1} \otimes \Lambda) \cong U'(B_{dR} \otimes \Lambda)$$

and hence is an isomorphism

□

The Bloch-Kato exponential

$$\frac{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^k D_{\text{dR}}(u)}{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^k D_{\text{dR}}^+(u)} \frac{D_{\text{crys}}^{q=1}(u)}{D_{\text{crys}}^{q=1}(u)} \longrightarrow H_e^1(G_K, U)$$

is defined as follows. Let Λ be a $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -algebra and

$$u \in \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^k D_{\text{dR}}(u)(\Lambda) = U(B_{\text{dR}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \Lambda)^{G_K}$$

We know by the lemma that u can be written as

$$u_{\text{dR}} u_{\text{crys}}^{-1} \text{ for } u_{\text{dR}} \in U(B_{\text{dR}} \otimes \Lambda) \text{ and } u_{\text{crys}} \in U(B_{\text{crys}}^{q=1} \otimes \Lambda)$$

Since $u = u_{\text{dR}} u_{\text{crys}}^{-1}$ is G_K -fixed, we have

$$u_{\text{dR}}^{-1} \sigma(u_{\text{dR}}) = u_{\text{crys}}^{-1} \sigma(u_{\text{crys}})$$

for all $\sigma \in G_K$. So

$$u_{\text{dR}}^{-1} \sigma(u_{\text{dR}}) = u_{\text{crys}}^{-1} \sigma(u_{\text{crys}}) \in U(B_{\text{dR}} \otimes \Lambda) \cap U(B_{\text{crys}}^{q=1} \otimes \Lambda) = U(\Lambda)$$

and the map

$$\zeta: G_K \longrightarrow U(\Lambda)$$

$$\sigma \longmapsto u_{\text{crys}}^{-1} \sigma(u_{\text{crys}})$$

is a continuous cocycle. The class of ζ lies in $H_e^1(G_K, U(\Lambda))$

since it is the coboundary of $u_{\text{crys}} \in U(B_{\text{crys}}^{q=1} \otimes \Lambda)$.

Lemma: the above construction defines a map

$$\frac{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^k D_{\text{dR}}(u)}{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^k D_{\text{dR}}^+(u)} \frac{D_{\text{crys}}^{q=1}(u)}{D_{\text{crys}}^{q=1}(u)} \longrightarrow H_e^1(G_K, U)$$

of functors.

Proof: Suppose that $u = u_{dR} u_{cns}^{-1}$ and

$u' = u'_{dR} u_{cns}'^{-1}$ represent the same element of

$$\frac{U(B_{dR} \otimes \Lambda)^{G_K}}{U(B_{dR}^+ \otimes \Lambda)^{G_K}} \quad \frac{U(B_{cns}^{q=1} \otimes \Lambda)^{G_K}}{U(B_{cns}^{q=1} \otimes \Lambda)^{G_K}}$$

Let ξ and ξ' be the corresponding cocycles

So $u' = w_{dR} u w_{cns}^{-1}$ for $w_{dR} \in U(B_{dR}^+ \otimes \Lambda)^{G_K}$

$$w_{cns} \in U(B_{cns}^{q=1} \otimes \Lambda)^{G_K}$$

Rearranging,

$$u'_{dR} w_{dR} u_{dR} = u_{cns}'^{-1} w_{cns} u_{cns} \in U(B_{dR}^+ \otimes \Lambda) \cap U(B_{cns}^{q=1} \otimes \Lambda)$$

$$\text{So } u'_{dR} = w_{dR} u_{dR} w \quad = U(1)$$

$$\text{and } u_{cns}' = w_{cns} u_{cns} w$$

Now for $\sigma \in G_K$, we have

$$u_{cns}'^{-1} \cdot \sigma(u_{cns}') = w^{-1} \cdot u_{cns}'^{-1} w_{cns}^{-1} \sigma(w_{cns}) \sigma(u_{cns}') \sigma(w)$$

$$\text{so } \sigma \mapsto u_{cns}'^{-1} \sigma(u_{cns}') \text{ and } \sigma \mapsto u_{cns}'^{-1} \sigma(u_{cns}') \text{ represent the same class in } H^1(G_K, U(1)) \quad \square$$

i.e. $\xi' = \xi^w$ is the w -twist of ξ .

$$\text{so } [\xi'] = [\xi] \text{ in } H_e^1(G_K, U(1)). \quad \square$$

Next, we need to construct the inverse map, the Bloch-Kato logarithm

$$H_e^1(G_K, U) \longrightarrow \frac{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K D_{\text{dR}}(U)}{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K D_{\text{dR}}^+(U)} \quad \frac{D_{\text{dR}}^{(1)}(U)}{D_{\text{dR}}^{(1)}(U)}$$

Lemma: Let U be a de Rham representation of G_K on a finitely generated pro-unipotent group. Then for all $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -algebras Λ , the map

$$H^1(G_K, U(B_{\text{dR}}^+ \otimes \Lambda)) \longrightarrow H^1(G_K, U(B_{\text{dR}} \otimes \Lambda))$$

has trivial kernel.

Proof: If V is a de Rham representation of G_K , then a result of Bloch and Kato implies that

$$H^1(G_K, B_{\text{dR}}^+ \otimes V) \longrightarrow H^1(G_K, B_{\text{dR}} \otimes V)$$

is injective. This implies the lemma for U a vector group. The case of U unipotent follows by an inclusion using the long exact sequence in cohomology, and the general case follows by taking an inverse limit. $\square$

Hence if

$[\xi] \in H_e^1(G_K, U(1)) = \ker(H^1(G_K, U(1)) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, U(B_{\text{crist}}^{q=1} \otimes 1)))$,
 then $[\xi]$ maps to zero in $H^1(G_K, U(B_{\text{dR}} \otimes 1))$, and
 so by the lemma $[\xi]$ maps to zero in $H^1(G_K, U(B_{\text{dR}}^+ \otimes 1))$
 also. Choosing a representing cocycle $\xi: G_K \rightarrow U(1)$,
 we know that ξ is the coboundary of an element
 $u_{\text{crist}} \in U(B_{\text{crist}}^{q=1} \otimes 1)$, and also the coboundary of some
 $u_{\text{dR}} \in U(B_{\text{dR}}^+ \otimes 1)$. So

$$\xi(\sigma) = u_{\text{crist}}^{-1} \sigma(u_{\text{crist}}) = u_{\text{dR}}^{-1} \sigma(u_{\text{dR}})$$

so $u := u_{\text{dR}} u_{\text{crist}}^{-1}$ is G_K -fixed, i.e. $u \in U(B_{\text{dR}} \otimes 1)^{G_K}$.

Lemma: the map

$$H_e^1(G_K, U) \rightarrow \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K D_{\text{dR}}^+(U) \Big/ \frac{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^K D_{\text{dR}}(U)}{D_{\text{crist}}^{q=1}(U)}$$

$$[\xi] \longmapsto [u]$$

is well-defined.

Proof: omitted.

The above map is called the Bloch-Kato logarithm.

It is easy to see that this is inverse to the
 Bloch-Kato exponential, so both are isomorphisms
 of functors. $\square$

Global Selmer schemes

Let now K be a number field, and let $U/\mathbb{Q}_p$ be a finitely generated pro-unipotent group endowed with a continuous action of G_K . Assume moreover:

- the action of G_K on U is ramified at only finitely many places;
- U is de Rham at all places $v \nmid p$ of K ; and
- U is endowed with a separated G_K -stable weight filtration

$$U = W_{-1}U \supseteq W_{-2}U \supseteq W_{-3}U \supseteq \dots$$

whose graded pieces are pure of the corresponding weights at all finite places of K .

We want to define a "global Selmer scheme" inside $H^1(G_K, U)$, cut out by local conditions at each finite place of U . As in the abelian case, it is convenient to allow ourselves some flexibility in exactly which local conditions we impose.

Definition A Selmer structure $\mathcal{G}$ for U is a choice of closed subscheme $\mathcal{G}_v \subseteq H^1(G_v, U)$ for each finite place v of K , such that $\mathcal{G}_v = H^1_{\text{ur}}(G_v, U)$ for all but finitely many $v \nmid p$. (N.B. $H^1_{\text{ur}}(G_v, U) = \{*\}$ for ~~almost all~~ all $v \nmid p$.)

Definition: Given a Selmer structure $\mathcal{G}$ on U , we define the associated Selmer scheme

$$\text{Sel}_{\mathcal{G}, U} \subseteq H^1(G_K, U)$$

to be the preimage of $\prod_{v \nmid \infty} G_v \subseteq \prod_{v \nmid \infty} H^1(G_v, U)$ under the product of the localisation maps

$$H^1(G_K, U) \longrightarrow \prod_{v \nmid \infty} H^1(G_v, U)$$

Example: Suppose that S is a finite set of finite places of K . Define a Selmer structure $\mathcal{G}$ on U by

$$\mathcal{G}_v = \begin{cases} H_{\text{ur}}^1(G_v, U) & \text{if } v \nmid p, v \notin S \\ H^1(G_v, U) & \text{if } v \nmid p, v \in S \\ H_f^1(G_v, U) & \text{if } v \mid p, v \notin S \\ H_g^1(G_v, U) & \text{if } v \mid p, v \in S. \end{cases}$$

The associated global Selmer scheme is denoted

$$H_{f,S}^1(G_K, U)$$

and parametrises cohomology classes which are unramified outside $S \cup \{v \mid p\}$, crystalline at ~~$S \cap \{v \mid p\}$~~ $\{v \mid p\} \setminus S$ and de Rham at $S \cap \{v \mid p\}$.

There is something to be proved in the above definition, namely that the functor $\text{Sel}_{\mathcal{G}, U}$ is indeed representable by an affine $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -scheme. Note that since G_K does not satisfy property (F), this is not immediate.

Proposition: $\text{Sel}_{G,U}$ is representable by an affine $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -scheme.

Lemma: Let T be a finite set of finite places of K , containing:

- all places where the action of G_K on U is ramified
- all places dividing p
- all places v for which $G_v \neq \{*\}$.

(Such a finite set T exists by assumption.) Then

$$\text{Sel}_{G,U} \subseteq H^1(G_{K,T}, U)$$

largest quotient of G_K unramified outside T .

as subfunctors of $H^1(G_K, U)$.

Proof: Consider the non-abelian inflation-restriction exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow H^1(G_{K,T}, U) \hookrightarrow H^1(G_K, U) \rightarrow H^1(N, U) \\ \text{Hom}_{\text{out}}(N, U)$$

where $N = \ker(G_K \twoheadrightarrow G_{K,T})$ is the closed normal subgroup generated topologically by the conjugates of the inertia groups I_v for $v \notin T$.

Now let $\bar{\zeta} \in Z^1(G_K, U(\lambda))$ be a cycle representing an element of $\text{Sel}_{G,U}(\lambda) \subseteq H^1(G_K, U(\lambda))$

We know that

$$[\xi|_{I_v}] \in \mathcal{G}_v(1) = \{*\}$$

$$\text{inside } H^1(I_v, U(1)) = \text{Hom}^{\text{ont}}(I_v, U(1))$$

for all $v \notin T$, so $\xi|_{I_v} = 1$. But the cocycle condition implies that $\ker(\xi) := \{\sigma \in G_K : \xi(\sigma) = 1\}$ is a closed normal subgroup of G_K . So we deduce that $N \subseteq \ker(\xi)$, i.e. $\xi|_N = 1$. By non-abelian inflation-restriction, this implies that $[\xi] \in H^1(G_{K,T}, U(1))$ as claimed. ✓ lemma

Now to finish the proof of the proposition, we observe that the group $G_{K,T}$ does have property (F) by Hasse-Minkowski, so $H^1(G_{K,T}, U)$ is representable by our representability theorem. The global Selmer scheme $\text{Sel}_{G,U}$ is then the preimage of $\prod_{v \notin T} \mathcal{G}_v \subseteq \prod_{v \notin T} H^1(G_v, U)$ under the localization map $H^1(G_{K,T}, U) \rightarrow \prod_{v \notin T} H^1(G_v, U)$, so is representable by a closed subscheme of $H^1(G_{K,T}, U)$.

□

The proof of the proposition shows that $\text{Sel}_{\mathcal{G}, U}$ is non-canonically a closed subscheme of $\prod_n H^1(G_{K, T}, V_n)$.

In particular, when U is unipotent, one has the dimension inequality

$$\dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \text{Sel}_{\mathcal{G}, U} \leq \sum_n \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} H^1(G_{K, T}, V_n).$$

This inequality, however, depends on the set T , and hence on the Selmer structure $\mathcal{G}$, in a rather opaque way. We will want to have access to a rather better bound in the cases we care about.

Proposition: Suppose that the Selmer structure $\mathcal{G}$ has $\mathcal{G}_v = H_f^1(G_v, U)$ for all $v \nmid p$. Then $\text{Sel}_{\mathcal{G}, U}$ is a closed subscheme of

$$\prod_{v \nmid p} \mathcal{G}_v \times \prod_n H_f^1(G_K, V_n).$$

In particular, if U is unipotent, then

$$\dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \text{Sel}_{\mathcal{G}, U} \leq \sum_{v \nmid p} \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathcal{G}_v + \sum_n \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} H_f^1(G_K, V_n).$$

For the proof, we adopt some auxiliary notation.
 Let T be as in the preceding lemma, and define
 $\text{Sel}_{G,n}$ to be the pullback

$$\text{Sel}_{G,n} \longrightarrow H^1(G_{K,T}, U_n)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \text{---} & \downarrow \\ \prod_{v|p} H_f^1(G_v, U_n) \times \prod_{v \in T_0} G_v & \longrightarrow & \prod_{v \in T} H^1(G_v, U_n). \end{array}$$

where $T_0 = T \setminus \{v \mid p \nmid v\}$

Explicitly, $\text{Sel}_{G,n}(\lambda)$ is the set of tuples

$(\xi, (\xi_v)_{v \in T_0})$ where

- $\xi \in H^1(G_{K,T}, U_n(\lambda))$;
- $\xi_v \in G_v(\lambda) \subseteq H^1(G_v, U(\lambda))$ for all $v \in T_0$

such that

- $\xi|_{G_v} \in H_f^1(G_v, U_n(\lambda))$ for all $v \mid p$; and
- $\xi|_{G_v}$ is equal to the image of ξ_v in $H^1(G_v, U_n(\lambda))$ for all $v \in T_0$.

Each $\text{Sel}_{G,n}$ is representable by an affine $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -scheme of finite type, the maps $U_n \rightarrow U_{n-1}$ induce projections $\text{Sel}_{G,n} \rightarrow \text{Sel}_{G,n-1}$ for all n , and we have $\text{Sel}_{G,u} = \varprojlim \text{Sel}_{G,n}$. So the proposition follows from (using that $\text{Sel}_{G,0} = \prod_{v \in T_0} G_v$)

Lemma: For all $n \geq 1$, the pointwise image of $\text{Sel}_{G,n} \rightarrow \text{Sel}_{G,n-1}$ is representable by a closed subscheme of $\text{Sel}_{G,n-1}$, and $\text{Sel}_{G,n}$ has the structure of a $H_f^1(G_K, V_n)$ -torsor over this image.

Proof: Recall from the proof of the representability theorem that there is a natural right action of $H^1(G_{K,T}, V_n)$ on $H^1(G_{K,T}, U_n)$ ~~which acts~~ ^{by pointwise} multiplication of cocycles, and that this acts simply transitively on the fibres of $H^1(G_{K,T}, U_n) \rightarrow H^1(G_{K,T}, U_{n-1})$. This restricts to an action of $H_f^1(G_K, V_n) \subseteq H^1(G_{K,T}, V_n)$ on $\text{Sel}_{G,n}$, given by $\alpha: (\xi, (\xi_v)_{v \in T_0}) \mapsto (\xi \cdot \alpha, (\xi_v)_{v \in T_0})$. (Note that the assumption that $\alpha \in H_f^1(G_K, V_n)$ ensures that $(\xi \cdot \alpha)|_{G_v} = \xi|_{G_v}$ for $v \in T_0$ and that $(\xi \cdot \alpha)|_{G_v} \in H_f^1$ for $v \nmid p$, so this action is well-defined on $\text{Sel}_{G,n}$.)

So there are two things to be proved.

Claim 1: The above action of $H_f^1(G_K, V_n)$ is simply transitive on the fibres of $\text{Sel}_{G,n} \rightarrow \text{Sel}_{G,n-1}$.

Claim 2: The image of $\text{Sel}_{G,n} \rightarrow \text{Sel}_{G,n-1}$ is a closed subscheme of $\text{Sel}_{G,n-1}$.

Proof of claim 1: It is clear that $H_f^1(G_K, V_n)$ acts freely, the point is that it acts ~~without fixed~~ transitively. For this, let $(\overline{\xi}_1, (\overline{\xi}_v)_{v \in T_0})$ and $(\overline{\xi}_2, (\overline{\xi}_v)_{v \in T_0})$ be two points in the same fibre.

We know that $\overline{\xi}_2 = \overline{\xi}_1 \cdot \alpha$ for some $\alpha \in H^1(G_{K,T}, V_n)$. ~~and that~~ Since the image of $\overline{\xi}_v$ in $H^1(G_v, U_n)$ is equal to both $\overline{\xi}_1|_{G_v}$ and $\overline{\xi}_2|_{G_v}$ for $v \in T_0$, we deduce that $\alpha|_{G_v} = 1$ (since the action of $H^1(G_v, V_n)$ on $H^1(G_v, U_n)$ is ~~for~~ free). Similarly, ~~we deduce~~ since $H_f^1(G_v, V_n)$ acts simply transitively on the fibres of $H_f^1(G_v, U_n) \rightarrow H_f^1(G_v, U_{n-1})$ for $v \nmid p$ and both $\overline{\xi}_1|_{G_v}$ and $\overline{\xi}_2|_{G_v} = \overline{\xi}_1|_{G_v} \cdot \alpha|_{G_v}$ lie in H_f^1 , we deduce that $\alpha|_{G_v} \in H_f^1(G_v, V_n)$. It follows that $\alpha \in H_f^1(G_K, V_n)$ proving Claim 1.

for the proof of Claim 2, let $\text{Sel}'_{G,n-1}$ denote the image of $\text{Sel}_{G,n} \rightarrow \text{Sel}^*_{G,n-1}$, and let $\text{Sel}''_{G,n-1} \subseteq \text{Sel}_{G,n-1}$ denote the subfunctor consisting of tuples $(\xi, (\xi_v)_{v \in T_0})$ for which ξ lies in the image of $H^1(G_{K,T}, U_n) \rightarrow H^1(G_{K,T}, U_{n-1})$. So we have

$$\text{Sel}'_{G,n-1} \subseteq \text{Sel}''_{G,n-1} \subseteq \text{Sel}_{G,n-1}.$$

Claim 2a: $\text{Sel}''_{G,n-1} \subseteq \text{Sel}_{G,n-1}$ is representable by a closed subscheme.

Proof: We know from the proof of the representability theorem that the image of $H^1(G_{K,T}, U_n) \rightarrow H^1(G_{K,T}, U_{n-1})$ is representable by a closed subscheme of the latter.

$\text{Sel}''_{G,n-1}$ is the inverse image of this closed subscheme by the projection $\text{Sel}_{G,n-1} \rightarrow H^1(G_{K,T}, U_{n-1})$. $\checkmark$ Claim 2a.

Claim 2b: $\text{Sel}'_{G,n-1} \subseteq \text{Sel}''_{G,n-1}$ is representable by a closed subscheme.

Let us write

$$A_n := \prod_{v|p} \frac{H^1(G_v, V_n)}{H_f^1(G_v, V_n)} \times \prod_{v \in T_0} H^1(G_v, V_n)$$

and let C_n denote the cokernel of the natural map $H^1(G_{K,T}, V_n) \rightarrow A_n$, so A_n and C_n are vector groups. For any $(\tilde{\zeta}, (\tilde{\zeta}_v)_{v \in T_0})$ in $\text{Sel}_{G,n-1}''(\Lambda)$, we know that $\tilde{\zeta}$ lifts (by definition) to some $\tilde{\zeta} \in H^1(G_{K,T}, U_n(\Lambda))$. For $v \in T_0$, we know that $\tilde{\zeta}|_{G_v}$ and the image of $\tilde{\zeta}_v$ in $H^1(G_v, U_n(\Lambda))$ lie in the same fibre of $H^1(G_v, U_n(\Lambda)) \rightarrow H^1(G_v, U_{n-1}(\Lambda))$, so differ by the action of some $\alpha_v \in H^1(G_v, V_n(\Lambda))$.

Similarly, for $v|p$, we know $\tilde{\zeta}|_{G_v}$ lies over a point in $H_f^1(G_v, U_{n-1}(\Lambda))$, so there ~~is~~ is some $\alpha_v \in H^1(G_v, V_n(\Lambda))$ such that $\tilde{\zeta}|_{G_v} \cdot \alpha_v \in H_f^1(G_v, U_n(\Lambda))$.

The point $(\alpha_v)_{v \in T}$ defines a Λ -point of A_n , and it is easy to see that the image of this point in C_n is independent of the choice of lift $\tilde{\zeta}$. So we have defined a map $\delta': \text{Sel}_{G,n-1}'' \rightarrow C_n$. We claim that $\ker(\delta') = \text{Sel}_{G,n-1}'$.

In one direction, if $(\tilde{z}, (\tilde{z}_v)_{v \in T_0})$ lies in $\text{Sel}'_{G, n-1}$, then it is by definition the image of a point $(\tilde{\tilde{z}}, (\tilde{\tilde{z}}_v)_{v \in T_0})$ in $\text{Sel}_{G, n}$. Taking this $\tilde{\tilde{z}}$ as the choice of lift, the definition of $\text{Sel}_{G, n}$ implies that we have $\alpha_v = 1$ for all $v \in T_0$ and $\alpha_v \in H_f^1(G_v, V_n)$ for all $v \nmid p$, so $(\tilde{z}, (\tilde{z}_v)_{v \in T_0})$ lies in the kernel of $\tilde{\sigma}$.

Conversely, if $(\tilde{z}, (\tilde{z}_v)_{v \in T_0})$ lies in the kernel, then one may choose the lift $\tilde{\tilde{z}}$ such that $\alpha_v = 1$ for $v \in T_0$ and $\alpha_v \in H_f^1$ for $v \nmid p$, so that $(\tilde{\tilde{z}}, (\tilde{\tilde{z}}_v)_{v \in T_0})$ lies in $\text{Sel}_{G, n}^*$ and $(\tilde{z}, (\tilde{z}_v)_{v \in T_0}) \in \text{Sel}'_{G, n-1}$ as claimed. This completes the proof of claim 2b, and hence of the proposition. $\square$