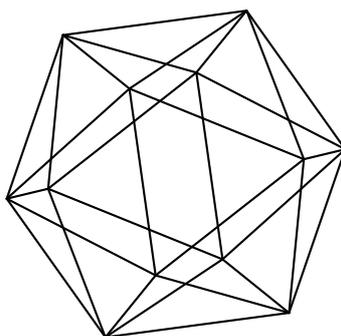


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ABSTRACT. We prove that some of the basic differential functions appearing in the theory of arithmetic differential equations [6], especially some of the basic differential modular forms in that theory, have a remarkable “differential overconvergence” property. One can also go in the opposite direction by using “differentially overconvergent” series to construct “new” differential functions.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper is a continuation of the study of arithmetic differential equations begun in [3, 5]; cf. the Introduction and bibliography of [6]. For the convenience of the reader the present paper is written so as to be logically independent of the above references; we will instead quickly review here the main concepts of that theory and we will only refer to [3, 5, 6] for various results as need.

The purpose of the theory in [3, 5, 6] is to develop an arithmetic analog of ordinary differential equations. Analytic functions  $x(t)$  are replaced in our theory by integer numbers  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (or, more generally, by integers in number fields and their  $p$ -adic completions). The derivative operator  $x(t) \mapsto \frac{dx}{dt}(t)$  is replaced by a Fermat quotient operator which, on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , acts as  $n \mapsto \delta_p n := \frac{n-n^p}{p}$ . Non-linear differential operators  $x(t) \mapsto F(x(t), \frac{dx}{dt}(t), \dots, \frac{d^r x}{dt^r}(t))$ , with  $F$  analytic, are replaced by what is being referred to as  $\delta_p$ -functions. The latter have a series of purely arithmetic applications for which we refer to [4, 5, 11]. What we discover in this paper is that some of the most important  $\delta_p$ -functions appearing in this theory have a remarkable “differential overconvergence” property: they come from “ $\delta_\pi$ -functions”,  $\pi = 1 - \zeta_p$ , where  $\zeta_p$  denotes, in this paper, a root of unity of order  $p$ . We will call this property  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence; cf. the definitions below. Conversely one can use bad reduction phenomena to construct  $\delta_\pi$ -functions whose traces, then, are “new”, interesting  $\delta_p$ -functions.

In the rest of the introduction we will define our main concepts and state (in a rough form) our main results. We shall refer to the main body of the paper for detailed statements and for the proofs of our results.

**1.1. Review of notation and terminology** [3, 5, 6]. Throughout this paper  $p \geq 5$  is a fixed prime and we denote by  $R_p = \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}_p^{ur}$  the completion of the maximum unramified extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . We set  $K_p = R_p[1/p]$  (fraction field of  $R_p$ ) and  $k = R_p/pR_p$  (residue field of  $R_p$ ); so  $k$  is an algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Let  $\pi$  be a root of an Eisenstein polynomial of degree  $e$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . (Recall that  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\pi)$  is then a totally ramified extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ; conversely any finite totally ramified extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  is of the form  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\pi)$  with  $\pi$  a root of an Eisenstein polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .) In order to simplify some of our exposition we will assume in what follows that

$\mathbb{Q}_p(\pi)/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is a Galois. (A typical we have in mind for our applications is  $\pi = 1 - \zeta_p$  in which case  $e = p - 1$ .) Consider the ring  $R_\pi := R_p[\pi] = R_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p[\pi]$ . Then  $R_\pi$  is a complete discrete valuation ring with maximal ideal generated by  $\pi$  and with fraction field  $K_\pi$  of degree  $e$  over  $K_p$ . If  $v_p : K_\pi^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the  $p$ -adic valuation with  $v_p(p) = 1$  then  $v_p(\pi) = 1/e$ . The ring  $R_\pi$  possesses a unique ring automorphism  $\phi$  such that  $\phi(\pi) = \pi$  and  $\phi$  lifts the  $p$ -power Frobenius of  $k = R_\pi/\pi R_\pi$ . Clearly  $\phi$  sends  $R_p$  into itself and is a lift of the  $p$ -power Frobenius of  $k = R_p/pR_p$ . Also throughout the paper  $\hat{\phantom{x}}$  denotes  $p$ -adic completion. For  $R_\pi$ -algebras the  $p$ -adic completion  $\hat{\phantom{x}}$  is, of course the same as the  $\pi$ -adic completion.

Our substitutes for “differentiation” with respect to  $p$  and  $\pi$  respectively are the *Fermat quotient maps* [3]  $\delta_p : R_p \rightarrow R_p$  and  $\delta_\pi : R_\pi \rightarrow R_\pi$  defined by

$$\delta_p x := \frac{\phi(x) - x^p}{p}, \quad x \in R_p,$$

$$\delta_\pi x := \frac{\phi(x) - x^p}{\pi}, \quad x \in R_\pi,$$

respectively. In particular, for  $x \in R_p$ , we have

$$\delta_\pi x = \frac{p}{\pi} \delta_p x,$$

$$\delta_\pi^2 x = \frac{p^2}{\pi^2} \delta_p^2 x + \left( \frac{p}{\pi^2} - \frac{p^p}{\pi^{p+1}} \right) (\delta_p x)^p, \dots$$

Let  $V$  be an affine smooth scheme over  $R_p$  and fix a closed embedding  $V \subset \mathbb{A}^d$  over  $R_p$ . (The concepts below will be independent of the embedding.) A function  $f_p : V(R_p) \rightarrow R_p$  is called a  $\delta_p$ -*function* (or order  $r \geq 0$ ) if there exists a restricted power series  $F_p$  with  $R_p$ -coefficients, in  $(r+1)d$  variables such that

$$(1.1) \quad f_p(x) = F_p(x, \delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^r x), \quad x \in V(R_p) \subset R_p^d.$$

Here and later a power series is called *restricted* if its coefficients tend to 0. (If  $V$  is not necessarily affine  $f_p$  is called a  $\delta_p$ -function if its restriction to the  $R_p$ -points of any affine subset of  $V$  is a  $\delta_p$ -function.) A function  $f_\pi : V(R_\pi) \rightarrow R_\pi$  is called a  $\delta_\pi$ -*function* (or order  $r \geq 0$ ) if there exists a restricted power series  $F_\pi$  with  $R_\pi$ -coefficients, in  $(r+1)d$  variables such that

$$(1.2) \quad f_\pi(x) = F_\pi(x, \delta_\pi x, \dots, \delta_\pi^r x), \quad x \in V(R_\pi) \subset R_\pi^d.$$

(If  $V$  is not necessarily affine  $f_\pi$  is called a  $\delta_\pi$ -function if its restriction to the  $R_\pi$ -points of any affine subset of  $V$  is a  $\delta_\pi$ -function.)

**1.2.  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence.** The main concept we would like to explore (and exploit) in this paper is given in the following definition. Let  $f_p : V(R_p) \rightarrow R_p$  be a  $\delta_p$ -function. We will say that  $f_p$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -*overconvergent* if one of the following equivalent conditions is satisfied:

1) There exists an integer  $\nu \geq 0$  and a  $\delta_\pi$ -function  $f_\pi$  making the diagram below commutative:

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} V(R_p) & \xrightarrow{p^\nu f_p} & R_p \\ \iota \downarrow & & \uparrow Tr \\ V(R_\pi) & \xrightarrow{f_\pi} & R_\pi \end{array}$$

(Here  $\iota$  stands for the inclusion and  $Tr$  stands for the  $R_\pi/R_p$ -trace.)

2) There exists an integer  $\nu \geq 0$  and a (necessarily unique)  $\delta_\pi$ -function  $f_\pi$  making the diagram below commutative:

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} V(R_p) & \xrightarrow{p^\nu f_p} & R_p \\ \iota \downarrow & & \downarrow \iota \\ V(R_\pi) & \xrightarrow{f_\pi} & R_\pi \end{array}$$

The equivalence between conditions 1 and 2 above is trivial to check; cf. also Proposition 2.3.

Our terminology above is motivated by the following link with the classical concept of *overconvergence* introduced in the work of Dwork, Monsky, and Washnitzer. Indeed one can show (as we will later) that if  $V = \mathbb{A}^d$  is the affine space, say, and  $f_p : V(R_p) = R_p^d \rightarrow R_p$  is a  $\delta_p$ -function as in (1.1) which is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent and has order  $r \leq e - 1$  then the series  $F_p$  appearing in (1.1) is overconvergent (in the classical sense) in the variables  $\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^r x$  (but of course not necessarily overconvergent in the variables  $x$ ). Also, if  $f_p$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent of order  $r \geq e$  then it does not follow that  $F_p$  is overconvergent in the variables  $\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^r x$ . Finally note that if  $f_p$  has order 0 (which is the same as saying that  $f_p$  comes from a global function on the  $p$ -adic completion  $\hat{V}$  of  $V$ ) then  $f_p$  is automatically  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent but, of course,  $F_p$  will not generally be overconvergent.

**1.3. Main results.** The interaction between  $\delta_p$ -functions and  $\delta_\pi$ -functions turns out to be a two way avenue as follows:

1) *From  $\delta_\pi$ -functions to  $\delta_p$ -functions.* Given a  $\delta_\pi$ -function  $f_\pi : V(R_\pi) \rightarrow R_\pi$  the function  $f_p$  defined by the diagram (1.3) with  $\nu = 0$  turns out to be a  $\delta_p$ -function. In this paper we will construct “interesting”  $\delta_\pi$ -functions using bad reduction phenomena and then we will apply trace constructions (a *geometric trace* construction and also the  $R_\pi/R_p$ -trace construction in diagram (1.3) which can be referred to as an *arithmetic trace*) to get “new”  $\delta_p$ -functions. Cf. Theorem 1.1.

2) *From  $\delta_p$ -functions to  $\delta_\pi$ -functions.* In this paper we discover that some of the basic “old”  $\delta_p$ -functions that played a role in [3, 5, 6] are  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent. Cf. Theorem 1.2.

We will apply the above considerations mainly to the theory of differential modular forms [5, 6]. To explain this recall the modular curve  $X_1(N)_{R_p}$  over  $R_p$  with  $(N, p) = 1$ ,  $N > 4$ . This curve is smooth and carries a line bundle  $L$  such that the spaces of sections  $H^0(X_1(N)_{R_p}, L^\kappa)$  identify with the spaces of modular forms on  $\Gamma_1(N)$  defined over  $R_p$  of weight  $\kappa$ ; cf. [15], p. 450, where  $L$  was denoted by  $\omega$ . The curve  $X_1(N)_{R_p}$  contains two remarkable (disjoint) closed subsets: the *cuspl locus* (*cusps*) and the *supersingular locus* (*ss*). On  $Y_1(N) = X_1(N) \setminus (\text{cusps})$  the line bundle  $L$  identifies with  $u_* \Omega_{E/Y_1(N)}^1$  where  $u : E \rightarrow Y_1(N)$  is the corresponding universal elliptic curve. Next consider an affine open set  $X \subset X_1(N)_{R_p}$  and consider the restriction of  $L$  to  $X$  which we continue to denote by  $L$ . We can consider the affine  $X$ -scheme  $V := \text{Spec}(\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^{\otimes n}) \rightarrow X$ . Then a  $\delta_p$ -modular function (on  $X$ , of level  $N$  and order  $r$ ) is simply a  $\delta_p$ -function  $V(R_p) \rightarrow R_p$  (of order  $r$ ). Similarly a  $\delta_\pi$ -modular function (on  $X$ , of level  $N$  and order  $r$ ) is a  $\delta_\pi$ -function  $V(R_\pi) \rightarrow R_\pi$  (of order  $r$ ). There is a natural concept of weight for a  $\delta_p$ -modular function or a  $\delta_\pi$ -modular function; weights are elements in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\phi]$  of polynomials in  $\phi$  with

$\mathbb{Z}$ -coefficients; cf. the body of the text for the definition of weight.  $\delta_p$ -modular functions (respectively  $\delta_\pi$ -modular functions) possessing weights are called  $\delta_p$ -modular forms (respectively  $\delta_\pi$ -modular forms). Now, as we shall review in the body of the paper,  $\delta_p$ -modular functions  $f$  (and hence forms) possess  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansions denoted by  $E(f)$  which are restricted power series in variables  $\delta_p q, \dots, \delta_p^r q$ , with coefficients in the ring  $R_p((q))$ .

Our first main result is a construction of some interesting “new”  $\delta_p$ -modular forms as  $R_\pi/R_p$ -traces of some  $\delta_\pi$ -modular forms. In their turn, these  $\delta_\pi$ -modular forms will be constructed using the bad reduction of modular curves. Here is the result (in which  $X$  is assumed to be disjoint from the supersingular locus):

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $f = \sum a_n q^n$  be a classical normalized newform of weight 2 and level  $\Gamma_0(Np)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Assume  $a_p = 1$  and let  $\pi = 1 - \zeta_p$ . Then there exists a  $\delta_p$ -modular form  $f_p^\sharp$  of level  $N$ , order 1, and weight 0 which is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent and whose  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansion satisfies the following congruence mod  $p$ :*

$$E(f_p^\sharp) \equiv \left( \sum_{(n,p)=1} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n \right) - \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^{np} \right) \frac{\delta_p q}{q^p}.$$

Cf. Proposition 4.11 in the paper. Note that the condition  $a_p = 1$  is equivalent to the condition that the elliptic curve attached to  $f$  via the Eichler-Shimura construction have split multiplicative reduction at  $p$ . The  $\delta_p$ -modular form  $f_p^\sharp$  in Theorem 1.1 should be viewed as a bad reduction analogue of the  $\delta_p$ -modular forms  $f^\sharp = f_p^\sharp$  of level  $N$ , order  $\leq 2$ , and weight 0 that were attached in [7] to classical normalized newforms  $f = \sum a_n q^n$  of weight 2 and level  $\Gamma_0(N)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . For such an  $f$  on  $\Gamma_0(N)$  that does not have CM (in the sense that the elliptic curve attached to it via the Eichler-Shimura construction does not have CM) the forms  $f_p^\sharp$  have order exactly 2 and were shown in [11] to have  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansions satisfying the following congruence mod  $p$ :

$$E(f_p^\sharp) \equiv \left( \sum_{(n,p)=1} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n \right) - a_p \left( \sum_{m \geq 1} a_m q^{mp} \right) \frac{\delta_p q}{q^p} + \left( \sum_{m \geq 1} a_m q^{mp^2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\delta_p q}{q^p} \right)^p.$$

Similar results are available for  $f$  on  $\Gamma_0(N)$  having CM; cf. [7, 11]. Unlike the forms  $f_p^\sharp$  for  $f$  on  $\Gamma_0(Np)$  the forms  $f_p^\sharp$  for  $f$  on  $\Gamma_0(N)$  were defined for *any*  $X$  (not necessarily disjoint from the supersingular locus).

Our second main result is a construction of  $\delta_\pi$ -modular forms from certain  $\delta_p$ -modular forms. Indeed, a key role in the theory in [5, 1, 6] was played by certain  $\delta_p$ -modular forms denoted by  $f_p^1, f_p^2, f_p^3, \dots$  of weights  $-1 - \phi, -1 - \phi^2, -1 - \phi^3, \dots$  and by a  $\delta_p$ -modular form denoted by  $f_p^\partial$  of weight  $\phi - 1$  (where the former are defined whenever  $X$  is disjoint from the cusps while the latter is only defined if  $X$  is disjoint from both the cusps and the supersingular locus). The definition of these forms will be reviewed in the body of the paper. Our second main result (cf. Theorems 5.1, 5.3, and 5.5 in the body of the paper) is the following:

**Theorem 1.2.** *Assume  $v_p(\pi) \geq \frac{1}{p-1}$ . Then the  $\delta_p$ -functions  $f_p^\partial, f_p^1, f_p^2, f_p^3, \dots$  are  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent. Also  $f_p^\sharp$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent for any classical normalized newform  $f$  of weight 2 and level  $\Gamma_0(N)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .*

By the way the forms  $f_p^1, f_p^2, f_p^3, \dots$  and  $f_p^\partial$  “generate” (in a sense explained in [5, 1, 6]) all the so called *isogeny covariant*  $\delta_p$ -modular forms (in the sense of loc.cit.).

We refer to loc.cit. for the role of these forms in the theory and for the significance of the theory itself (in relation, for instance, to the construction in  $\delta_p$ -geometry of the quotient of the modular curve by the action of the Hecke correspondences); reviewing this background here would take us too far afield and is not necessary for the understanding of our second main result above.

**1.4. Summary of the main forms.** We end our discussion by summarizing (cf. the table below) the main  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent  $\delta_p$ -modular forms appearing in this paper.

| form           | attached to           | order  | weight        | domain $X$   |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| $f_p^r$        | $r \geq 1$            | $r$    | $-1 - \phi^r$ | $X$ disjoint from ( <i>cusps</i> )                   |
| $f_p^\sharp$   | $f$ on $\Gamma_0(N)$  | 1 or 2 | 0             | $X$ arbitrary  |
| $f_p^\sharp$   | $f$ on $\Gamma_0(Np)$ | 1      | 0             | $X$ disjoint from ( <i>ss</i> )                      |
| $f_p^\partial$ |                       | 1      | $\phi - 1$    | $X$ disjoint from ( <i>cusps</i> ) and ( <i>ss</i> ) |

**1.5. Plan of the paper.** We begin, in section 2, by revisiting our main set theoretic concepts above from a scheme theoretic viewpoint;  $\delta_p$ -functions and  $\delta_\pi$ -functions will appear as functions on certain formal schemes called  $p$ -jet spaces and  $\pi$ -jet spaces respectively; cf. [3, 4]. We shall review some of the properties of the latter and we shall analyze the concept of  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence in some detail. Section 3 is mainly devoted to reviewing some basic aspects of modular parameterization and bad reduction of modular curves, following [13, 12, 15]; so this section is exclusively concerned with “non-differential” matters. In section 4 we go back to arithmetic differential equations: we will use modular parameterizations and bad reduction of modular curves to construct certain  $\delta_\pi$ -modular forms and eventually the “new”  $\delta_p$ -modular forms in Theorem 1.1. In section 5 we prove  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence of some of the basic  $\delta_p$ -functions of the theory, in particular we prove Theorem 1.2.

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## 2. $\delta_\pi$ -OVERCONVERGENCE

As explained in the Introduction we begin in this section by presenting  $\delta_p$ -functions and  $\delta_\pi$ -functions from a scheme-theoretic viewpoint (which is equivalent to the set-theoretic viewpoint of the Introduction). The scheme-theoretic viewpoint is less direct than the set-theoretic one but is the correct viewpoint when it comes to

proofs so will be needed in the sequel. We then introduce and examine the concept of  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence in a general setting.

**2.1.  $p$ -jet spaces and  $\pi$ -jet spaces [3].** Let  $C_p(X, Y) \in \mathbb{Z}[X, Y]$  be the polynomial with integer coefficients

$$C_p(X, Y) := \frac{X^p + Y^p - (X + Y)^p}{p}.$$

A  $p$ -derivation from a ring  $A$  into an  $A$ -algebra  $B$ ,  $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ , is a map  $\delta_p : A \rightarrow B$  such that  $\delta_p(1) = 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_p(x + y) &= \delta_p x + \delta_p y + C_p(x, y) \\ \delta_p(xy) &= x^p \cdot \delta_p y + y^p \cdot \delta_p x + p \cdot \delta_p x \cdot \delta_p y, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Given a  $p$ -derivation we always denote by  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  the map  $\phi(x) = \varphi(x)^p + p\delta_p x$ ; then  $\phi$  is a ring homomorphism. A  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequence is a sequence  $S^* = (S^n)_{n \geq 0}$  of rings  $S^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , together with ring homomorphisms (still denoted by)  $\varphi : S^n \rightarrow S^{n+1}$  and  $p$ -derivations  $\delta_p : S^n \rightarrow S^{n+1}$  such that  $\delta_p \circ \varphi = \varphi \circ \delta_p$  on  $S^n$  for all  $n$ . We view  $S^{n+1}$  as an  $S^n$ -algebra via  $\varphi$ . A morphism of  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequences,  $u^* : S^* \rightarrow \tilde{S}^*$  is a sequence  $u^n : S^n \rightarrow \tilde{S}^n$  of ring homomorphisms such that  $\delta_p \circ u^n = u^{n+1} \circ \delta_p$  and  $\varphi \circ u^n = u^{n+1} \circ \varphi$ . Let  $W$  be the ring of polynomials  $\mathbb{Z}[\phi]$  in the indeterminate  $\phi$ . For  $w = \sum a_i \phi^i$  (respectively for  $w$  with  $a_i \geq 0$ ),  $S^*$  a  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequence, and  $x \in (S^0)^\times$  (respectively  $x \in S^0$ ) we can consider the element  $x^w := \prod_{i=0}^r \varphi^{r-i} \phi^i(x)^{a_i} \in (S^r)^\times$  (respectively  $x^w \in S^r$ ).

Recall the ring  $R_p := \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p^{ur}$ , completion of the maximum unramified extension of the ring of  $p$ -adic integers  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Then  $R_p$  has a unique  $p$ -derivation  $\delta_p : R_p \rightarrow R_p$  given by

$$\delta_p x = (\phi(x) - x^p)/p,$$

where  $\phi : R_p \rightarrow R_p$  is the unique lift of the  $p$ -power Frobenius map on  $k = R_p/pR_p$ . One can consider the  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequence  $R_p^*$  where  $R_p^n = R_p$  for all  $n$ . By a  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequence over  $R_p$  we understand a prolongation sequence  $S^*$  equipped with a morphism  $R_p^* \rightarrow S^*$ . From now on all our  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequences are assumed to be over  $R_p$ .

Let now  $\pi$  be a root of an Eisenstein polynomial with  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -coefficients and let  $C_\pi(X, Y) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[\pi][X, Y]$  be the polynomial

$$C_\pi(X, Y) := \frac{X^p + Y^p - (X + Y)^p}{\pi} = \frac{p}{\pi} C_p(X, Y).$$

A  $\pi$ -derivation from an  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\pi]$ -algebra  $A$  into an  $A$ -algebra  $B$ ,  $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ , is a map  $\delta_\pi : A \rightarrow B$  such that  $\delta_\pi(1) = 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_\pi(x + y) &= \delta_\pi x + \delta_\pi y + C_\pi(x, y) \\ \delta_\pi(xy) &= x^p \cdot \delta_\pi y + y^p \cdot \delta_\pi x + \pi \cdot \delta_\pi x \cdot \delta_\pi y, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Given a  $\pi$ -derivation we always denote by  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  the map  $\phi(x) = \varphi(x)^p + \pi\delta_\pi x$ ; then  $\phi$  is a ring homomorphism. A  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequence is a sequence  $S^* = (S^n)_{n \geq 0}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\pi]$ -algebras  $S^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , together with  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\pi]$ -algebra homomorphisms (still denoted by)  $\varphi : S^n \rightarrow S^{n+1}$  and  $\pi$ -derivations  $\delta_\pi : S^n \rightarrow S^{n+1}$  such that  $\delta_\pi \circ \varphi = \varphi \circ \delta_\pi$  on  $S^n$  for all  $n$ . A morphism of  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequences,  $u^* : S^* \rightarrow \tilde{S}^*$  is a sequence  $u^n : S^n \rightarrow \tilde{S}^n$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\pi]$ -algebra homomorphisms such that  $\delta_\pi \circ u^n = u^{n+1} \circ \delta_\pi$  and  $\varphi \circ u^n = u^{n+1} \circ \varphi$ . Let  $W$

be, again, the ring of polynomials  $\mathbb{Z}[\phi]$  in the indeterminate  $\phi$ . For  $w = \sum a_i \phi^i$  (respectively for  $w$  with  $a_i \geq 0$ ),  $S^*$  a  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequence, and  $x \in (S^0)^\times$  (respectively  $x \in S^0$ ) we can consider the element  $x^w := \prod_{i=0}^r \varphi^{r-i} \phi^i(x)^{a_i} \in (S^r)^\times$  (respectively  $x^w \in S^r$ ).

As above we may consider  $R_\pi = R_p[\pi]$  and the  $\pi$ -derivation  $\delta_\pi : R_\pi \rightarrow R_\pi$  given by

$$\delta_\pi x = (\phi(x) - x^p)/\pi.$$

One can consider the  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequence  $R_\pi^*$  where  $R_\pi^n = R_\pi$  for all  $n$ . By a  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequence over  $R_\pi$  we understand a prolongation sequence  $S^*$  equipped with a morphism  $R_\pi^* \rightarrow S^*$ . From now on all our  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequences are assumed to be over  $R_\pi$ .

We note that if  $S^* = (S^n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequence such that each  $S^n$  is flat over  $R_p$  then the sequence  $S^* \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi = (S^n \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi)_{n \geq 0}$  has a natural structure of  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequence. Indeed letting  $\phi : S^n \rightarrow S^{n+1}$  denote, as usual, the ring homomorphisms  $\phi(x) = x^p + p\delta_p x$  one can extend these  $\phi$ s to ring homomorphisms  $\phi : S^n \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi \rightarrow S^{n+1} \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  by the formula  $\phi(x \otimes y) = \phi(x) \otimes \phi(y)$  where  $\phi : R_\pi \rightarrow R_\pi$  is given, as usual, by  $\phi(y) = y^p + \pi \delta_\pi y$ . Then one can define  $\pi$ -derivations  $\delta_\pi : S^n \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi \rightarrow S^{n+1} \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  by  $\delta_\pi(z) = (\phi(z) - z^p)/\pi$  for  $z \in S^n \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ . With these  $\delta_\pi$ s the sequence  $S^* \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  is a  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequence.

For any affine  $R_p$ -scheme of finite type  $X = \text{Spec } A$  there exists a (unique)  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequence,  $A^* = (A^n)_{n \geq 0}$ , with  $A^0 = A$  such that for any  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequence  $B^*$  and any  $R_p$ -algebra homomorphism  $u : A \rightarrow B^0$  there exists a unique morphism of  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequences  $u^* : A^* \rightarrow B^*$  with  $u^0 = u$ . We define the  $p$ -jet spaces  $J_p^n(X)$  of  $X$  as the formal schemes  $J_p^n(X) := \text{Spf } \hat{A}^n$ . This construction immediately globalizes to the case  $X$  is not necessarily affine (such that the construction commutes, in the obvious sense, with open immersions). For  $X$  smooth over  $R_p$  the ring of  $\delta_p$ -functions  $X(R_p) \rightarrow R_p$  naturally identifies with the ring of global functions  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X))$ : under this identification any function  $f \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X))$  gives rise to a  $\delta_p$ -function  $X(R_p) \rightarrow R_p$  sending any point  $P \in X(R_p)$ ,  $P : \text{Spec } R_p \rightarrow X$  into the  $R_p$ -point of the affine line  $\mathbb{A}_{R_p}^1$  defined by

$$\text{Spf } R_p \xrightarrow{P^n} J_p^n(X) \xrightarrow{f} \hat{\mathbb{A}}_{R_p}^1;$$

here  $P^n$  is the morphism induced from  $P$  via the universality property of the  $p$ -jet space. If  $X$  is a group scheme over  $R_p$  then

$$f : J_p^n(X) \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{G}}_{a, R_p} = \hat{\mathbb{A}}_{R_p}^1$$

is a group homomorphism into the additive group of the line if and only if the corresponding map  $X(R_p) \rightarrow R_p$  is a group homomorphism; such an  $f$  is called a  $\delta_p$ -character of  $X$ .

As a prototypical example if  $X = \mathbb{A}_{R_p}^N = \text{Spec } R_p[x]$  is the affine space (where  $x$  is an  $N$ -tuple of variables) then  $J_p^n(X) = \text{Spf } R_p[x, \delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x]^\wedge$  (where  $\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x$  are new  $N$ -tuples of variables).

We will need, in this paper, a slight generalization of the above constructions as follows; cf. [5]. First note that the  $p$ -jet spaces  $J_p^n(X)$  only depend on the  $p$ -adic completion of  $X$  and not on  $X$ . This immediately implies that one can introduce

$p$ -jet spaces  $J_p^n(\mathcal{X})$  attached to formal  $p$ -adic schemes  $\mathcal{X}$  over  $R_p$  which are locally  $p$ -adic completions of schemes of finite type over  $R_p$ ; the latter association is functorial in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Similarly, for any affine  $R_\pi$ -scheme of finite type  $Y = \text{Spec } A$  there exists a (unique)  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequence,  $A^* = (A^n)_{n \geq 0}$ , with  $A^0 = A$  such that for any  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequence  $B^*$  and any  $R_\pi$ -algebra homomorphism  $u : A \rightarrow B^0$  there exists a unique morphism of  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequences  $u^* : A^* \rightarrow B^*$  with  $u^0 = u$ . We define the  $\pi$ -jet spaces  $J_\pi^n(Y)$  of  $Y$  as the formal schemes  $J_\pi^n(Y) := \text{Spf } \hat{A}^n$ . This construction immediately globalizes to the case  $Y$  is not necessarily affine (such that the construction commutes, in the obvious sense, with open immersions). Again, for  $Y$  smooth over  $R_\pi$  the ring of  $\delta_\pi$ -functions  $Y(R_\pi) \rightarrow R_p$  naturally identifies with the ring of global functions  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^n(Y))$ . If  $Y$  is a group scheme over  $R_\pi$  then  $f : J_\pi^n(Y) \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{A}}_{R_\pi}^1$  is a group homomorphism into the additive group of the line if and only if the corresponding map  $Y(R_\pi) \rightarrow R_\pi$  is a group homomorphism; such an  $f$  is called a  $\delta_\pi$ -character of  $Y$ .

As a prototypical example if  $Y = \mathbb{A}_{R_\pi}^N = \text{Spec } R_\pi[x]$  is the affine space then  $J_\pi^n(Y) = \text{Spf } R_\pi[x, \delta_\pi x, \dots, \delta_\pi^n x]^\wedge$  (where  $\delta_\pi x, \dots, \delta_\pi^n x$  are new  $N$ -tuples of variables).

As in the case of  $p$ -jet spaces, note that the  $\pi$ -jet spaces  $J_\pi^n(Y)$  only depend on the  $\pi$ -adic completion of  $Y$  and not on  $Y$ . This immediately implies that one can introduce  $\pi$ -jet spaces  $J_\pi^n(\mathcal{Y})$  attached to formal  $\pi$ -adic schemes  $\mathcal{Y}$  over  $R_\pi$  which are locally  $\pi$ -adic completions of schemes of finite type over  $R_\pi$ ; the latter association is functorial in  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

For any scheme  $X/R_p$  we write  $X_{R_\pi} := X \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ . Let  $X/R_p$  be a smooth affine scheme. The  $\delta_p$ -prolongation sequence  $(\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)))_{n \geq 0}$  induces a structure of  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequence on the sequence  $(\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi)_{n \geq 0}$ . By the universality property of the  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequence  $(\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^n(X_{R_\pi})))_{n \geq 0}$  we get a canonical morphism of  $\delta_\pi$ -prolongation sequences

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^n(X_{R_\pi})) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi.$$

The following is trivial to prove by induction:

**Lemma 2.1.** *For any  $n \geq 1$  there exists a polynomial  $F_n \in R_\pi[t_1, \dots, t_n]$  without constant term with the property that for any  $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  we have*

$$(2.2) \quad \delta_\pi^n f \mapsto \frac{p^n}{\pi^n} \delta_p^n f + \pi^{\max\{e-n, 0\}} F_n(\delta_p f, \dots, \delta_p^{n-1} f)$$

under the map (2.1).

In particular, for instance,

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \delta_\pi f &\mapsto \frac{p}{\pi} \delta_p f \\ \delta_\pi^2 f &\mapsto \frac{p^2}{\pi^2} \delta_p^2 f + \left( \frac{p}{\pi^2} - \frac{p^p}{\pi^{p+1}} \right) (\delta_p f)^p. \end{aligned}$$

Note that for  $1 \leq n \leq e-1$  and  $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  the image of  $\delta_\pi^n f$  in  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  is always in the ideal generated by  $\pi$ . Also note that for  $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  the image of  $\delta_\pi^e f$  in  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  is *not* always in the ideal generated by  $\pi$ ; indeed the image of  $\delta_\pi^e p$  in  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  belongs to  $R_\pi^\times$ . For  $X$  not necessarily affine we get a morphism (2.1) and a canonical morphism of  $\pi$ -adic formal schemes

$$(2.4) \quad J_p^n(X) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi \rightarrow J_\pi^n(X_{R_\pi}).$$

Note that the map (2.1) is an isomorphism if  $n = 0$ . For  $n \geq 1$  the map (2.1) is not surjective and its reduction mod  $p$  is not injective. Nevertheless, we have:

**Proposition 2.2.** *The map (2.1) is injective.*

We will usually view the map (2.1) as an inclusion.

*Proof.* Indeed it is enough to prove this for  $X$  affine and sufficiently small. So let us assume that  $X$  has étale coordinates i.e. there is an étale map  $R[x] \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$  with  $x$  a tuple of variables. Then by the local product property of  $\pi$ -jet spaces [3], Proposition 1.4, (2.1) becomes the natural map

$$(2.5) \quad \mathcal{O}(X_{R_\pi})[\delta_\pi x, \dots, \delta_\pi^n x]^\wedge \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)[\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x]^\wedge \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi.$$

Now let  $L$  be the fraction field of the  $\pi$ -adic completion of  $\mathcal{O}(X_{R_\pi})$ . (The latter is an integral domain by the smoothness of  $X/R_p$ .) Then the left hand side of (2.5) embeds into  $L[[\delta_\pi x, \dots, \delta_\pi^n x]]$  while the right hand side of (2.5) embeds into  $L[[\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x]]$  (the latter because  $R_\pi$  is finite over  $R_p$ ). Finally we claim that we have a natural isomorphism

$$(2.6) \quad L[[\delta_\pi x, \dots, \delta_\pi^n x]] \simeq L[[\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x]]$$

that induces (2.1); this of course will end the proof that (2.1) is injective. To prove the claim note that there is natural homomorphism

$$(2.7) \quad L[\delta_\pi x, \dots, \delta_\pi^n x] \rightarrow L[\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x]$$

which is trivially seen by induction to be surjective by the formulae (2.2). Since the rings in (2.7) have both dimension  $n$  it follows that (2.7) is an isomorphism. Since (2.7) maps the ideal  $(\delta_\pi x, \dots, \delta_\pi^n x)$  into (and hence onto) the ideal  $(\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x)$  we get an isomorphism like in (2.6) and we are done.  $\square$

Let now  $Tr : R_\pi \rightarrow R_p$  be the ( $R_p$ -linear) trace map. We may consider the  $R_p$ -linear map

$$(2.8) \quad 1 \otimes Tr : \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_p = \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)).$$

Composing (2.1) with (2.8) we get an  $R_p$ -linear *arithmetic trace* map:

$$(2.9) \quad \tau_\pi : \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^n(X_{R_\pi})) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)).$$

(Later we will encounter another type of trace maps which will be referred to as *geometric trace* maps.)

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a smooth scheme over  $R_p$  and  $f \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X))$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $f$  times a power of  $p$  belongs to the image of the trace map (2.9).
- 2)  $f$  times a power of  $p$  belongs to the image of the inclusion map (2.1).

*Proof.* The fact that condition 2 implies condition 1 is trivial.

In order to check that condition 1 implies condition 2 let  $\Sigma$  be the Galois group of  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\pi)/\mathbb{Q}_p$  (and hence also of  $K_\pi/K_p$ ) and let us consider the action of  $\Sigma$  on  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  via the action on the second factor. We will prove that  $\Sigma$  acts on the image of  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^n(X_{R_\pi})) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ ; this will of course end the proof of the Proposition. Let  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  and  $\frac{\sigma\pi}{\pi} =: u \in \mathbb{Z}_p[\pi]^\times$ .

*Claim 1.*  $\phi$  and  $\sigma$  commute on  $R_\pi$ . Indeed  $\phi \circ \sigma$  and  $\sigma \circ \phi$  have the same effect on  $R_p$  and on  $\pi$ .

*Claim 2.*  $\phi \circ \sigma = \sigma \circ \phi$  as maps from  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^i(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  to  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^{i+1}(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ . Indeed it is enough to check this for  $X = \text{Spec } R_p[x]$  the affine space,  $x$  a tuple of variables. So it is enough to check that  $\phi$  and  $\sigma$  commute as maps from  $R_\pi[x, \delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^i x]^\wedge$  to  $R_\pi[x, \delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^{i+1} x]^\wedge$ . This is clear because  $\phi$  and  $\sigma$  commute on  $R_\pi$  and on each tuple  $\delta_p^j x$ .

*Claim 3.*  $\sigma \circ \delta_\pi = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \delta_\pi \circ \sigma$  as maps from  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^i(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  to  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^{i+1}(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ . This follows trivially from Claim 2.

Now to conclude it is enough to show that for any  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , and any  $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  we have that  $\sigma(\delta_\pi^i f)$  is obtained by evaluating a polynomial  $P_i$  with  $R_\pi$ -coefficients at  $\delta_\pi f, \dots, \delta_\pi^i f$ . We proceed by induction on  $i$ . The case  $i = 1$  is clear. Assume our assertion is true for  $i$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \delta_\pi^{i+1} f &= \sigma \delta_\pi(\delta_\pi^i f) \\ &= \frac{1}{u} \delta_\pi(\sigma(\delta_\pi^i f)) \\ &= \frac{1}{u} \delta_\pi(P_i(\delta_\pi f, \dots, \delta_\pi^i f)) \end{aligned}$$

and we are done.  $\square$

**Definition 2.4.** A function  $f \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X))$  is called  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent if it satisfies one of the equivalent conditions in Proposition 2.3.

*Remark 2.5.* The set of  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent elements of  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X))$  is a subring containing all the elements of the form  $\delta_p^i f$  with  $i \leq n$  and  $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ . In particular if  $X$  is affine then the subring of  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent elements of  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X))$  is  $p$ -adically dense in  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X))$  and it is sent into itself by any  $R_p$ -derivation  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X))$ .

*Remark 2.6.* Under the identification of  $\delta_p$ -functions (respectively  $\delta_\pi$ -functions) with elements of the ring  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X))$  (respectively  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^n(X_{R_\pi}))$ ) the definition of  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence above corresponds to the definition of  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence given in the Introduction.

*Remark 2.7.* Let us note that  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence is preserved by precomposition with regular maps. Indeed, if  $u : Y \rightarrow X$  is a morphism of smooth  $R_p$ -schemes and if  $\lambda \cdot f$  is in the image of (2.1) for some  $\lambda \in R_\pi$  and some  $f \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X))$  then if  $f$  is identified with the corresponding map  $f : X(R_p) \rightarrow R_p$  it follows that  $\lambda \cdot f \circ u$  is in the image of  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(Y_{R_\pi})) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(Y)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ . (Here  $f \circ u$  is identified with  $u^* f$  where  $u^*$  is the naturally induced map  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X)) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(Y))$ ).

The next Proposition shows that the trace map  $\tau_\pi$  in (2.1), although not injective, is “as close as possible” to being so.

**Proposition 2.8.** *The map*

$$(2.10) \quad \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^n(X_{R_\pi})) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^{e-1} \mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)), \quad f \mapsto (\tau_\pi(f), \tau_\pi(\pi f), \dots, \tau_\pi(\pi^{e-1} f))$$

*is injective.*

*Proof.* Indeed if the image of  $f$  in  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^n(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  is  $\sum_{i=0}^{e-1} f_i \otimes \pi^i$  and the image of  $f$  via the map (2.10) is 0 then we get  $\sum_{i=0}^{e-1} \text{Tr}(\pi^{i+j}) f_i = 0$  for all  $j = 0, \dots, e-1$ .

Now  $\det(\text{Tr}(\pi^{i+j})) \neq 0$  which implies  $f_0 = \dots = f_{e-1} = 0$  hence, by Proposition 2.2,  $f = 0$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.9.** Consider the multiplicative group  $\mathbb{G}_{m,R_p} = \text{Spec } R_p[x, x^{-1}]$  and the standard  $\delta_p$ -character

$$\psi_p \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^1(\mathbb{G}_{m,R_p})) = R_p[x, x^{-1}, \delta_p x]^\wedge$$

in [3] defined by

$$\psi_p := \left\langle \frac{1}{p} \log \left( \frac{\phi(x)}{x^p} \right) \right\rangle := \sum_{n \geq 1} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{p^{n-1}}{n} \left( \frac{\delta_p x}{x^p} \right)^n.$$

Assume  $v_p(\pi) \geq \frac{1}{p-1}$ , e.g.  $\pi = 1 - \zeta_p$ . Then clearly  $p\psi_p = \pi\psi_\pi$  where  $\psi_\pi$  is the  $\delta_\pi$ -character  $\psi_\pi \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^1(\mathbb{G}_{m,R_\pi}))$  defined by

$$(2.11) \quad \psi_\pi := \sum_{n \geq 1} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\pi^{n-1}}{n} \left( \frac{\delta_\pi x}{x^p} \right)^n.$$

(which is well defined because if  $v_p(\pi) \geq \frac{1}{p-1}$  then  $v_p(\pi^{n-1}/n)$  is  $\geq 0$  and  $\rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ). So  $\psi_p$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent. Moreover

$$\tau_\pi(\psi_\pi) = \text{Tr} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \right) \cdot p\psi_p.$$

By the way, if  $\pi = 1 - \zeta_p$  then  $\text{Tr}(\frac{1}{\pi}) = \frac{p-1}{2}$ .

The above global concepts and remarks have a local counterpart as follows. Let  $q$  be a variable and  $\delta_\pi^i q$ ,  $\delta_p^i q$  corresponding variables. Then exactly as above we have that the natural map

$$(2.12) \quad R_\pi((q))[\delta_\pi q, \dots, \delta_\pi^n q]^\wedge \rightarrow R_\pi((q))[\delta_p q, \dots, \delta_p^n q]^\wedge$$

is injective. We shall view this map as an inclusion. On the other hand there is a natural *trace map*

$$(2.13) \quad \tau_\pi : R_\pi((q))[\delta_\pi q, \dots, \delta_\pi^n q]^\wedge \rightarrow R_\pi((q))[\delta_p q, \dots, \delta_p^n q]^\wedge \xrightarrow{\text{Tr}} R_p((q))[\delta_p q, \dots, \delta_p^n q]^\wedge,$$

where the first map is the inclusion (2.12) and the second map  $\text{Tr}$  is induced by the trace map  $\text{Tr} : R_\pi \rightarrow R_p$  on the coefficients of the series. As in the global case we have that:

**Proposition 2.10.** *For a series  $f$  in  $R_p((q))[\delta_p q, \dots, \delta_p^n q]^\wedge$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $f$  times a power of  $p$  belongs to the image of the trace map (2.13).
- 2)  $f$  times a power of  $p$  belongs to the image of the inclusion map (2.12).

So as in the global case we can make the following:

**Definition 2.11.** A series in  $R_p((q))[\delta_p q, \dots, \delta_p^n q]^\wedge$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent if it satisfies one of the equivalent conditions in Proposition 2.10.

**Example 2.12.** Assume  $v_p(\pi) \geq \frac{1}{p-1}$ , e.g.  $\pi = 1 - \zeta_p$ . Then the series

$$(2.14) \quad \Psi_p := \left\langle \frac{1}{p} \log \left( \frac{\phi(q)}{q^p} \right) \right\rangle := \sum_{n \geq 1} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{p^{n-1}}{n} \left( \frac{\delta_p q}{q^p} \right)^n \in R_p((q))[\delta_p q]^\wedge$$

is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent. Indeed we can write  $p\Psi_p = \pi\Psi_\pi$  where the series

$$\Psi_\pi := \sum_{n \geq 1} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\pi^{n-1}}{n} \left( \frac{\delta_\pi q}{q^p} \right)^n;$$

is in  $R_\pi((q))[\delta_\pi q]^\wedge$  because  $v_p(\pi^{n-1}/n)$  is  $\geq 0$  and  $\rightarrow \infty$ .

**2.2.  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence versus classical overconvergence.** We would like to compare the concept of  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence introduced above with the classical concept of overconvergence as it was introduced in the work of Dwork, Monsky, and Washnitzer. The material in this subsection will not be used in the rest of the paper. Let us recall the classical concept of *overconvergence* of power series or, more generally the concept of *overconvergence of series with respect to a subset of variables*.

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be tuples of variables and  $F \in R_p[x, y]^\wedge \subset R_p[[x, y]]$  a restricted power series,  $F = \sum a_{\alpha, \beta} x^\alpha y^\beta$  (where  $\alpha, \beta$  are multiindices). Then  $F$  is called *overconvergent in the variables  $y$*  if there exist positive real numbers  $C_1, C_2$  such that for all  $\alpha, \beta$  one has  $v_p(a_{\alpha, \beta}) \geq C_1|\beta| - C_2$ .

Here  $|\beta|$  is, of course, the sum of the components of  $\beta$ .

Then we have the following:

**Proposition 2.14.** Let  $F \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(\mathbb{A}^d)) = R_p[x, \delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x]^\wedge$  where  $x$  is a  $d$ -tuple of variables. Assume  $n \leq e - 1$ . Assume furthermore that  $F$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent. Then  $F$  is overconvergent in the variables  $\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x$ .

*Proof.* By hypothesis  $p^\nu F$  is in the image of

$$R_\pi[x, \delta_\pi x, \dots, \delta_\pi^n x]^\wedge \rightarrow R_p[x, \delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x]^\wedge \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$$

for some  $\nu$ . We may assume  $\nu = 0$ . Write

$$F(x, \delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x) = \sum_{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n} a_{\alpha_0 \dots \alpha_n} x^{\alpha_0} (\delta_p x)^{\alpha_1} \dots (\delta_p^n x)^{\alpha_n},$$

with  $a_{\alpha_0 \dots \alpha_n} \in R_\pi$ . By (2.2) one can find polynomials  $G_i \in R_\pi[t_1, \dots, t_i]$  such that

$$\delta_\pi^i x = \pi \cdot G_i(\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^i x), \quad 1 \leq i \leq e - 1.$$

We get that

$$F(x, \delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x) = \sum a_{\alpha_0 \dots \alpha_n} \pi^{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n} x^{\alpha_0} (G_1(\delta_p x))^{\alpha_1} \dots (G_n(\delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^n x))^{\alpha_n}.$$

Let  $D_n := \max\{\deg(G_1), \dots, \deg(G_n)\}$ . Then clearly the coefficient of the monomial

$$x^\alpha (\delta_p x)^{\beta_1} \dots (\delta_p^n x)^{\beta_n}$$

in  $F$  is going to be divisible by

$$\pi^{\lfloor \frac{\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_n}{D_n} \rfloor}$$

in  $R_\pi$  and we are done.  $\square$

*Remark 2.15.* Proposition 2.14 fails if we do not assume the order  $n$  is strictly less than the ramification index  $e$ . Here is a typical example. Let  $\pi = \sqrt{p}$ ; so  $e = 2$  and  $\delta_\pi^2 x = p(\delta_p^2 x) + u(\delta_p x)^p$ ,  $u = 1 - p^{(p-1)/2}$ . Let  $a_n \in R_p$ ,  $v_p(a_n) \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $v_p(a_n) \leq n^\epsilon$ ,  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ , let  $x$  be one variable, and let

$$F = F(x, \delta_p x, \delta_p^2 x) := \sum a_n (p(\delta_p^2 x) + u(\delta_p x)^p)^n \in R_p[x, \delta_p x, \delta_p^2 x]^\wedge.$$

Then (the map  $R_p \rightarrow R_p$  defined by)  $F$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent because

$$F = \sum a_n (\delta_\pi^2 x)^n \in R_\pi[x, \delta_\pi x, \delta_\pi^2 x]^\wedge.$$

On the other hand  $F(x, \delta_p x, \delta_p^2 x)$  is not overconvergent in  $\delta_p x, \delta_p^2 x$ . Indeed if this were the case then

$$F(0, y, 0) = \sum a_n u^n y^{np}$$

would be overconvergent in the variable  $y$  which is clearly not the case.

**2.3.  $p$ -jets and  $\pi$ -jets of formal groups.** In what follows we recall from [6], section 4.4, the construction of  $p$ -jets of formal groups and we also introduce the  $\pi$ -jet analogue of that construction.

Start with a formal group law  $\mathcal{F} \in S[[T_1, T_2]]$  (in one variable  $T$ ) over  $S = \mathcal{O}(X)$ , where  $X$  is a smooth affine  $R_p$ -scheme. For  $r \geq 1$  we let  $S_p^r := \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X))$ . Let  $\mathbf{T}$  be the pair of variables  $T_1, T_2$ . One has a natural  $p$ -prolongation sequence

$$(S_p^r[[\mathbf{T}, \delta_p \mathbf{T}, \dots, \delta_p^r \mathbf{T}]])_{r \geq 0}$$

(where  $\delta_p \mathbf{T}, \delta_p^2 \mathbf{T}, \dots$  are pairs of new variables). Then the  $r + 1$ -tuple

$$\mathcal{F}, \delta_p \mathcal{F}, \dots, \delta_p^r \mathcal{F}$$

defines a commutative formal group in  $r + 1$  variables  $T, \delta_p T, \dots, \delta_p^r T$ . Setting  $\mathbf{T} = 0$  in the above series, and forgetting about the first of them, we obtain an  $r$ -tuple of series

$$F_1 := \{\delta_p \mathcal{F}\}_{|\mathbf{T}=0}, \dots, F_r := \{\delta_p^r \mathcal{F}\}_{|\mathbf{T}=0}.$$

This  $r$ -tuple belongs to  $S_p^r[\delta_p \mathbf{T}, \dots, \delta_p^r \mathbf{T}]^\wedge$  and defines a group

$$(2.15) \quad (\hat{\mathbb{A}}_{S_p^r}^r, [+])$$

in the category of  $p$ -adic formal schemes over  $S_p^r$ . Now let

$$l(T) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n T^n \in (S \otimes \mathbb{Q})[[T]]$$

be the logarithm of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Recall that  $na_n \in S$  for all  $n$ . Define

$$(2.16) \quad L_p^r := \frac{1}{p} \{\phi^r(l(T))\}_{|T=0} \in (S_p^r \otimes \mathbb{Q})[[\delta_p T, \dots, \delta_p^r T]].$$

Then  $L_p^r$  actually belong to  $S_p^r[\delta_p T, \dots, \delta_p^r T]^\wedge$  and define group homomorphisms

$$L_p^r : (\hat{\mathbb{A}}_{S_p^r}^r, [+]) \rightarrow (\hat{\mathbb{A}}_{S_p^r}^1, +) = \hat{\mathbb{G}}_{a, S_p^r}.$$

For all the facts above we refer to [6], pp. 123-125.

Now let  $S_\pi^r := \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi})) \subset S_p^r \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ ; cf. Proposition 2.2. We have the following

**Proposition 2.16.**

1) For some integer  $n(r) \geq 1$ ,  $p^{n(r)} F_r$  belongs to the image of the natural homomorphism

$$S_\pi^r[\delta_\pi \mathbf{T}, \dots, \delta_\pi^r \mathbf{T}]^\wedge \rightarrow (S_p^r \otimes_R R[\pi])[\delta_p \mathbf{T}, \dots, \delta_p^r \mathbf{T}]^\wedge.$$

2) If  $v_p(\pi) \geq \frac{1}{p-1}$ , e.g. if  $\pi = 1 - \zeta_p$ , then  $L_\pi^r := \frac{p}{\pi} L_p^r$  belongs to the image of the natural homomorphism

$$S_\pi^r[\delta_\pi T, \dots, \delta_\pi^r T]^\wedge \rightarrow (S_p^r \otimes_R R[\pi])[\delta_p T, \dots, \delta_p^r T]^\wedge.$$

*Proof.* Since  $\phi^r(T) \equiv T^{p^r} \pmod{\pi}$  in  $R_\pi[\delta_\pi T, \dots, \delta_\pi^r T]$  we have  $\{\phi^r(T)\}_{|T=0} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$  in the same ring. Set  $G_{r,\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi} \{\phi^r(T)\}_{|T=0}$ . We claim that for any  $F \in S[[T]]$  with  $F(0) = 0$  we have

$$p^N \{\delta_p^r F\}_{|T=0} \in S_\pi^r[\delta_\pi T, \dots, \delta_\pi^r T]^\wedge$$

for some  $N$ . Indeed since some power of  $p$  times  $\delta_p^r F$  is a polynomial with  $\mathbb{Z}$ -coefficients in  $F, \phi(F), \dots, \phi^r(F)$  it is enough to show that  $\{\phi^r(F)\}_{|T=0}$  is a restricted power series in  $\delta_\pi T, \dots, \delta_\pi^r T$  for any  $r$ . But  $\{\phi^r(F)\}_{|T=0}$  is a power series with  $S_\pi^r$ -coefficients in  $\{\phi^i(T)\}_{|T=0} = \pi G_{i,\pi}$ ,  $i \leq r$ , and our claim is proved. The same argument works for  $T$  replaced by and tuple of variables; this ends the proof of assertion 1. To check assertion 2 note that

$$L_\pi^r = \sum_{n \geq 1} \phi(na_n) \frac{\pi^{n-1}}{n} G_{r,\pi}^n$$

and we are done because  $na_n \in S$  and  $v_p(\pi^{n-1}/n)$  is  $\geq 0$  and  $\rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

**2.4. Conjugate operators.** Recall from [6], Proposition 3.43, that if  $X/R_p$  is a smooth affine scheme and  $\partial : \mathcal{O}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$  is an  $R_p$ -derivation then for each  $r \geq 1$  there is a unique  $R_p$ -derivation

$$(2.17) \quad \partial_r : \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X)) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X))$$

with the properties that  $\partial_r$  vanishes on  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^{r-1}(X))$  and  $\partial_r \circ \delta_p^r = \phi^r \circ \partial$  on  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ . (By uniqueness this construction extends, in its obvious sheafified version, to the case when  $X$  is not necessarily affine.) The operators  $\partial_r$  are a special case of what is called in [6] *conjugate operators* and were introduced, in a special case by Barcau in [1]. By Remark 2.5  $\partial_r : \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X)) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X))$  sends the ring of  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent elements into itself. We would like to slightly strengthen this as follows. Note that  $\partial_r$  uniquely extend to  $R_\pi$ -derivations  $\partial_r : \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ . View  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi}))$  as a subring of  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ . Then we have:

**Proposition 2.17.**  $\partial_r(\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi}))) \subset \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi}))$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi}))$  contains, as a dense subring, the  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^{r-1}(X_{R_\pi}))$ -algebra generated by all the elements of the form  $\delta_\pi^r f$  with  $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  it is enough to show that  $\partial_r \delta_\pi^r f \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi}))$  for  $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ . Since  $\delta_\pi^r f$  is a polynomial with  $R_\pi$ -coefficients in  $\delta_p f, \dots, \delta_p^r f$  it is enough to show that  $\partial_r \delta_p^r f \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi}))$ . But the latter equals  $\phi^r \partial f$  which is obviously in  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi}))$ .  $\square$

### 3. REVIEW OF BAD REDUCTION

This section is entirely “non-differential” and represents a review of essentially well-known facts about bad reduction of modular curves. These facts will play a role later in the paper.

**3.1. Modular parameterization.** Consider the following classes of objects:

(1) Normalized newforms

$$(3.1) \quad f = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^n$$

of weight 2 on  $\Gamma_0(M)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ; in particular  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(2) Elliptic curves  $A$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of conductor  $M$ .

Say that  $f$  in (1) and  $A$  in (2) correspond to each other if there exists a morphism

$$(3.2) \quad \Phi : X_0(M) \rightarrow A$$

over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that the pull back to  $X_0(M)$  of some 1-form on  $A$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  corresponds to  $f$  and  $L(A, s) = \sum a_n n^{-s}$ . We have the following fundamental result:

**Theorem 3.1.**

- i) For any  $f$  as in (1) there exists an  $A$  as in (2) which corresponds to  $f$ .*
- ii) For any  $A$  as in (2) there exists  $f$  as in (1) which corresponds to  $A$ .*

The first part of the theorem is due to Eichler, Shimura, and Carayol; cf. [17] for an exposition of this theory and references. The second part of the Theorem is the content of the Taniyama-Shimura conjecture proved, in its final form, in [2].

*From now on we fix  $M = Np$  with  $(N, p) = 1$ ,  $p \geq 5$ ,  $N \geq 5$ , and we fix  $f$  and  $A$  corresponding to each other, as in Theorem 3.1. We further assume  $a_p = 1$  or, equivalently,  $A$  has split multiplicative reduction at  $p$ .*

Recall from [17], p.282, that  $a_{mn} = a_m a_n$  for  $(m, n) = 1$ ,  $a_{\ell^r} a_\ell = a_{\ell^{r+1}} + \ell a_{\ell^{r-1}}$  for  $\ell \nmid Np$ , and  $a_{\ell^r} = a_\ell^r$  for  $\ell | Np$ ; in particular  $a_{p^r} = 1$  for all  $r$ .

**3.2. Model of  $X_1(Np)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}[1/N, \zeta_p]$ .** Recall that the modular curve  $X_1(Np)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  has a model (still denoted by  $X_1(Np)$  in what follows) over  $\mathbb{Z}[1/N, \zeta_p]$  considered in [15], p. 470; this is a version of a curve introduced by Deligne and Rapoport [12] and the two curves become canonically isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Z}[1/N, \zeta_N, \zeta_p]$  if  $\zeta_N$  is a fixed primitive  $N$ -th root of unity. Recall some of the main properties of  $X_1(Np)$ . First  $X_1(Np)$  is a regular scheme proper and flat of relative dimension 1 over  $\mathbb{Z}[1/N, \zeta_p]$  and smooth over  $\mathbb{Z}[1/Np, \zeta_p]$ . Also the special fiber of  $X_1(Np)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  is a union of two smooth projective curves  $I$  and  $I'$  crossing transversally at a finite set  $\Sigma$  of points. Furthermore  $I$  is isomorphic to the Igusa curve  $I_1(N)$  in [15], p. 160, so  $I$  is the smooth compactification of the curve classifying triples  $(E, \alpha, \beta)$  with  $E$  an elliptic curve over a scheme of characteristic  $p$ , and  $\alpha : \mu_N \rightarrow E$ ,  $\beta : \mu_p \rightarrow E$  are embeddings (of group schemes). Similarly  $I'$  is the smooth compactification of the curve classifying triples  $(E, \alpha, b)$  with  $E$  an elliptic curve over a scheme of characteristic  $p$ , and  $\alpha : \mu_N \rightarrow E$ ,  $b : \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow E$  are embeddings. Finally  $\Sigma$  corresponds to the supersingular locus on the corresponding curves.

**3.3. Neron model of  $A$  over  $R_\pi$ .** Let  $\pi = 1 - \zeta_p$  and consider a fixed embedding of  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_N, \zeta_p, 1/N]$  into  $R_\pi$  (hence of  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_N, 1/N]$  into  $R_\pi$ .)

Let  $A_{R_\pi}$  be the Neron model of  $A_{K_\pi} := A \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} K_\pi$  over  $R_\pi$ ; cf. [20], p. 319. Then the  $\pi$ -adic completion  $(A_{R_\pi}^0)^\wedge$  of the connected component  $A_{R_\pi}^0$  of  $A_{R_\pi}$  is isomorphic to the  $\pi$ -adic completion  $(\mathbb{G}_m)^\wedge$  of  $\mathbb{G}_m = \text{Spec } R_\pi[x, x^{-1}]$ . Indeed by [20], Theorem 5.3, p. 441,  $A_{K_\pi}$  is isomorphic over  $K_\pi$  to a Tate curve  $E_q/K_\pi$  with  $q \in \pi R_\pi$ . By [20], Corollary 9.1, p. 362,  $A_{R_\pi}^0$  is the smooth locus over  $R_\pi$  of a projective curve defined by the minimal Weierstrass equation of  $A_{K_\pi}$ . Now the defining Weierstrass equation of the Tate curve ([20], p. 423) is already minimal (cf. [20], Remark 9.4.1, p. 364). The isomorphism  $(A_{R_\pi}^0)^\wedge \simeq (\mathbb{G}_m)^\wedge$  then follows from the formulae of the Tate parameterization [20], p. 425.

On the other hand recall that the modular curve  $X_1(N)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  has a natural smooth projective model (still denoted by  $X_1(N)$ ) over  $\mathbb{Z}[1/N]$  such that

$$Y_1(N) := X_1(N) \setminus (\text{cusps})$$

parameterizes pairs  $(E, \alpha)$  consisting of elliptic curves  $E$  with an embedding  $\alpha : \mu_N \rightarrow E$ . The morphism  $X_1(Np) \rightarrow X_1(N)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  induces a morphism

$$\epsilon : X_1(Np)_{R_\pi} \setminus \Sigma \rightarrow X_1(N)_{R_\pi} \setminus (ss)$$

over  $R_\pi$ , where  $(ss)$  is the supersingular locus in the closed fiber of  $X_1(N)_{R_\pi}$ . Indeed the morphism  $X_1(Np) \rightarrow X_1(N) \rightarrow J_1(N)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  (where  $J_1(N)$  is the Jacobian of  $X_1(N)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $X_1(N) \rightarrow J_1(N)$  is the Abel-Jacobi map defined by  $\infty$ ) induces a morphism from  $X_1(Np)_{R_\pi} \setminus \Sigma$  into the Jacobian  $J_1(N)_{R_\pi}$  of  $X_1(N)_{R_\pi}$  (by the Neron property, because the latter Jacobian is an abelian scheme and hence is the Neron model of its generic fiber). But the image of  $X_1(Np)_{R_\pi} \setminus \Sigma \rightarrow J_1(N)_{R_\pi}$  is clearly contained in the image of the Abel-Jacobi map  $X_1(N)_{R_\pi} \rightarrow J_1(N)_{R_\pi}$  which gives a morphism  $X_1(Np)_{R_\pi} \setminus \Sigma \rightarrow X_1(N)_{R_\pi}$  and hence the desired morphism  $\epsilon : X_1(Np)_{R_\pi} \setminus \Sigma \rightarrow X_1(N)_{R_\pi} \setminus (ss)$ . Let  $X \subset X_1(N)_{R_p} \setminus (ss)$  be an affine open set,  $X_{R_\pi} := X \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi \subset X_1(N)_{R_\pi} \setminus (ss)$  its base change to  $R_\pi$ , and  $X_\dagger := \epsilon^{-1}(X_{R_\pi})$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{X}_{R_\pi}$  the  $\pi$ -adic completion of  $X_{R_\pi}$ . Also note that the  $\pi$ -adic completion of  $X_\dagger$  has two connected components; let  $\mathcal{X}_\dagger$  be the component whose reduction mod  $\pi$  is contained in  $I \setminus \Sigma$ . We get a morphism  $\epsilon : \mathcal{X}_\dagger \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{R_\pi}$ .

**3.4. Igusa curve and lift to characteristic zero.** It will be useful to recall one of the possible constructions of the Igusa curve  $I$ . Let  $L$  be the line bundle on  $X_1(N)_{R_p}$  such that the sections of the powers of  $L$  identify with the modular forms of various weights on  $\Gamma_1(N)$ ; cf. [15] p. 450 where  $L$  was denoted by  $\omega$ . Let  $E_{p-1} \in H^0(X_1(N)_{R_p}, L^{p-1})$  be the normalized Eisenstein form of weight  $p-1$  and let  $(ss)$  be the supersingular locus on  $X_1(N)_{R_p}$  (i.e. the zero locus of  $E_{p-1}$ ). (Recall that  $E_{p-1}$  is normalized by the condition that its Fourier expansion has constant term 1.) Take an open covering  $(X_i)$  of  $X$  such that  $L$  is trivial on each  $X_i$  and we let  $x_i$  be a basis of  $L$  on  $X_i$ . Then  $E_{p-1} = \varphi_i x_i^{p-1}$  where  $\varphi_i \in \mathcal{O}(X_i)$ . Set  $x_i = u_{ij} x_j$ ,  $u_{ij} \in \mathcal{O}^\times(X_{ij})$ ,  $X_{ij} = X_i \cap X_j$ . Consider the  $R_\pi$ -scheme  $X_{\dagger\dagger}$  obtained by gluing the schemes  $X_{\dagger\dagger i} := \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}(X_{i, R_\pi})[t_i]/(t_i^{p-1} - \varphi_i)$  via  $t_i = u_{ij}^{-1} t_j$  (where  $X_{i, R_\pi} := X_i \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ ). Note that  $t_i^{p-1} - \varphi_i$  are monic polynomials whose derivatives are invertible in  $\mathcal{O}(X_{i, R_\pi})[t_i]/(t_i^{p-1} - \varphi_i)$ . Denote in the discussion below by an upper bar the functor  $\otimes k$ . Note that the scheme  $\overline{X}_{\dagger\dagger} = X_{\dagger\dagger} \otimes k$  is isomorphic to  $\overline{X}_\dagger = \mathcal{X}_\dagger \otimes k$ ; indeed  $\overline{X}_{\dagger\dagger}$  is clearly birationally equivalent to  $I$  (cf. [15], pp. 460, 461) and is the integral closure of  $\overline{X}$  in the fraction field of  $\overline{X}_{\dagger\dagger}$ . We claim that:

**Proposition 3.2.** *The isomorphism  $\overline{X}_{\dagger\dagger} \simeq \overline{X}_\dagger$  lifts uniquely to an isomorphism  $(X_{\dagger\dagger})^\wedge \simeq \mathcal{X}_\dagger$ .*

*Proof.* Indeed this follows immediately by applying the standard Lemma 3.3 below to  $S := \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{X}_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_i = \widehat{X}_i$ ,  $S_\dagger = \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{X}_{\dagger i})$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_{\dagger i} = \epsilon^{-1}(\mathcal{X}_i)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $S \rightarrow S_\dagger$  be a morphism of flat  $\pi$ -adically complete  $R_\pi$ -algebras, let  $f \in S[t]$  be a monic polynomial and assume we have an isomorphism  $\overline{\sigma} : \overline{S}[t]/(\overline{f}) \rightarrow \overline{S}_\dagger$  such that  $d\overline{\sigma}/d\overline{\sigma}$  is invertible in  $\overline{S}[t]/(\overline{f})$ . Then  $\overline{\sigma}$  lifts uniquely to an isomorphism  $\sigma : S[t]/(f) \rightarrow S_\dagger$ .*

*Proof.* The homomorphism  $\sigma$  exists and is unique by Hensel's Lemma; it is an isomorphism because  $\overline{\sigma}$  is one and  $\pi$  is a non-zero divisor in both  $S$  and  $S_\dagger$ .  $\square$

**3.5. Review of diamond operators.** Recall from [15] that  $G := (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$  acts on the covering  $X_1(Np) \rightarrow X_1(N)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}[1/N, \zeta_p]$  via the diamond operators  $\langle d \rangle_p$ ,  $d \in G$ ; this action preserves the Igusa curve  $I$  and induces on  $I$  the usual diamond operators. In particular  $I/G \rightarrow X_1(N)_{\mathbb{F}_p}$  is an isomorphism. So  $G$  acts on the covering  $\epsilon : \mathcal{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{R_\pi}$  and hence on the isomorphic covering  $(\mathcal{X}_{!!})^\wedge \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{R_\pi}$ ; cf. Proposition 3.2. It is easy to explicitly find the latter action. Indeed any  $G$ -action on a covering  $(X_{!!i})^\wedge \rightarrow X_{i,R_\pi}$  must have the form

$$(3.3) \quad d \cdot t_i = \zeta_{p-1}^{\chi(d)} t_i, \quad d \in G,$$

for some homomorphism  $\chi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\zeta_{p-1}$  is a primitive root of unity of order  $p-1$ . Now we claim that  $\chi$  must be an isomorphism. Indeed if  $\chi$  was not surjective then the  $G$ -action on the Igusa curve  $I$  would be such that  $I/G \rightarrow X_1(N)_{\mathbb{F}_p}$  has degree  $> 1$ , a contradiction.

**3.6. Classical and  $p$ -adic modular forms.** We end by reviewing some more terminology and facts, to be used later, about classical modular forms and their relation with the  $p$ -adic modular forms of Serre and Katz. Let  $M$  be any positive integer. (In applications we write  $M = Np^\nu$ ,  $(N, p) = 1$ .) In what follows a *classical modular form* over a ring  $B$ , of weight  $\kappa$ , on  $\Gamma_1(M)$  will be understood in the sense of [12, 16, 15] as a rule that attaches to any  $B$ -algebra  $C$  and any triple consisting of an elliptic curve  $E/C$ , an embedding  $\mu_{M,C} \rightarrow E[M]$ , and an invertible one form on  $E$  an element of  $C$  satisfying the usual compatibility rules and the usual holomorphy condition for the Fourier expansion (evaluation on the Tate curve). We denote by

$$M(B, \kappa, M) = M(B, \kappa, \Gamma_1(M))$$

the  $B$ -module of all these forms. We denote by

$$M(B, \kappa, \Gamma_0(M))$$

the submodule of those forms which are invariant under the usual diamond operators. In particular any newform as in (3.1) is an element of  $M(\mathbb{Z}, 2, \Gamma_0(Np))$ ; cf. [13], p.113. Also by [14], p. 21, the spaces  $M(R_p, \kappa, Np^\nu)$  embed into Katz's ring of generalized  $p$ -adic modular forms  $\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{W}(N, R_p)$  parameterizing trivialized elliptic curves  $E$  over  $p$ -adically complete  $R_p$ -algebras, equipped with an embedding  $\mu_N \subset E[N]$ ; if  $f \in M(R_p, \kappa, Np^\nu)$  then  $f$ , as an element of  $\mathbb{W}$ , satisfies  $\lambda \cdot f = \lambda^\kappa f$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$ ,  $\lambda \equiv 1 \pmod{p^\nu}$ . (Here  $\lambda \cdot f$  denotes the action of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  on  $\mathbb{W}$  induced by changing the trivialization.) If  $f$  is actually in  $M(R_p, \kappa, \Gamma_0(Np^\nu))$  then  $\lambda \cdot f = \lambda^\kappa f$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$ . In particular any newform  $f$  as in (3.1) on  $\Gamma_0(Np)$  defines an element (still denoted by  $f$ ) of  $\mathbb{W}$  such that  $\lambda \cdot f = \lambda^2 f$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$ . By [14], p.21, any  $f$  as in (3.1) on  $\Gamma_0(Np)$  is a  $p$ -adic modular form of weight 2 over  $R_p$  in the sense of Serre, i.e. it is a  $p$ -adic limit in  $\mathbb{W}$  (or equivalently in  $R_p[[q]]$ ) of classical modular forms over  $R_p$  of weight  $\kappa_n \in \mathbb{Z}$  on  $\Gamma_1(N)$  with  $\kappa_n \equiv 2 \pmod{p^n(p-1)}$ . So if  $f = \sum a_n q^n$  is as in (3.1) on  $\Gamma_0(Np)$  then, by [14], p. 36,  $\sum a_n q^{np}$  is also a  $p$ -adic modular form of weight 2 in the sense of Serre. In particular the reduction mod  $p$  of  $\sum a_n q^{np}$  is the expansion of a modular form over  $k$  on  $\Gamma_1(N)$  of weight  $\equiv 2 \pmod{p-1}$ . Finally recall from [15] that the Serre operator  $\theta := d \frac{d}{dq} : k[[q]] \rightarrow k[[q]]$  increases weights of classical modular forms over  $k$  by  $p+1$ . We conclude that the image in  $k[[q]]$  of

$$\sum_{(n,p)=1} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n \in R_p[[q]]$$

is the expansion of a modular form over  $k$  on  $\Gamma_1(N)$  of weight  $\equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$ .

We end by recalling a few basic facts about Hecke operators. Throughout the discussion below the divisors of a given non-zero integer are always taken to be positive, the greatest common divisor of two non-zero integers  $m, n$  is denoted by  $(m, n)$ , and we use the convention  $(m, n) = n$  for  $m = 0, n \neq 0$ . Fix again a positive integer  $M$  and let  $\epsilon_M : \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be the “trivial primitive character” mod  $M$  defined by  $\epsilon_M(A) = 1$  if  $(A, M) = 1$  and  $\epsilon_M(A) = 0$  otherwise.

For each integers  $n \geq 1, \kappa \geq 2$  and any ring  $C$  define the operator  $T_{\kappa, M}(n) : C[[q]] \rightarrow C[[q]]$  by the formula

$$T_{\kappa, M}(n)f = \sum_{m \geq 0} \left( \sum_{A|(n, m)} \epsilon_M(A) A^{\kappa-1} a_{\frac{m}{A^2}} \right) q^m.$$

Recall (cf., say, [17]) that if  $f = \sum_{m \geq 0} a_m q^m \in \mathbb{C}[[q]]$  is the Fourier expansion of a form in  $M(\mathbb{C}, \kappa, \Gamma_0(M))$ ,  $\kappa \geq 2$ , then the series  $T_{\kappa, M}(n)f$  is the Fourier expansion of the corresponding Hecke operator on  $f$ . Note that if  $M = Np^\nu$ ,  $(N, p) = 1$ ,  $(n, p) = 1$  then  $T_{\kappa, N} = T_{\kappa, M}$  as operators on  $C[[q]]$ . Now if  $f$  is as in (3.1) then  $T_{2, Np}(n)f = a_n f$  for all  $n \geq 1$ ; so, for  $(n, p) = 1$  we have  $T_{2, N}(n)f = a_n f$ . On the other hand, going back to an arbitrary  $f = \sum a_m q^m \in C[[q]]$ , we have

$$T_{\kappa, N}(p)f = \sum_n a_{mp} q^m + p^{\kappa-1} \sum_m a_m q^{pm},$$

$$T_{\kappa, Np}(p)f = \sum_m a_{mp} q^m.$$

So  $T_{\kappa, N}(p) \equiv T_{\kappa, Np}(p) \pmod{p}$  as operators on  $C[[q]]$ . Specializing again to  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[[q]]$  as in (3.1) on  $\Gamma_0(Np)$  we have  $T_{2, Np}(p)f = a_p f = f$  so we get  $T_{2, N}(p)f \equiv f \pmod{p}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[[q]]$ .

#### 4. $\delta_p$ -MODULAR FORMS ARISING FROM BAD REDUCTION

In this section we return to “differential matters”. We will use bad reduction of the modular curve  $X_1(Np)$  at  $p$  to construct certain  $\delta_\pi$ -functions on this curve. These functions will then induce (via a *geometric trace* construction) certain new interesting  $\delta_\pi$ -modular forms on the modular curve  $X_1(N)$ . By further applying the *arithmetic trace* from  $R_\pi$  down to  $R_p$  we will obtain certain new  $\delta_p$ -modular forms on  $X_1(N)$ . We will then analyze the  $\delta_\pi$ -Fourier expansions (respectively  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansions) of these forms. On our way of doing this we will review the concepts of  $\delta_p$ -modular form and  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansion following [5, 6].

**4.1.  $\delta_p$ -modular forms and  $\delta_\pi$ -modular forms.** Let  $L$  be the line bundle on  $X_1(N)_{R_p}$  such that the spaces of sections  $H^0(X_1(N)_{R_p}, L^{\otimes \kappa})$  identify with the spaces  $M(R_p, \kappa, N)$  of classical modular forms over  $R_p$  of weight  $\kappa$  on  $\Gamma_1(N)$ ; cf. [15] p. 450 where  $L$  was denoted by  $\omega$ .

Let  $X \subset X_1(N)_R$  an affine open subset. (In [6, 10, 9] we always assumed that  $X$  is disjoint from the cusps; we will not assume this here because we find it convenient to cover a slightly more general case.) The restriction of  $L$  to  $X$  will still be denoted by  $L$ . Consider the  $X$ -scheme

$$(4.1) \quad V := \text{Spec} \left( \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^{\otimes n} \right).$$

By a  $\delta_p$ -modular function of order  $r$  on  $X$  [10] we understand an element of the ring  $M_p^r := \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(V))$ . If we set, as usual,  $V_{R_\pi} := V \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  then by a  $\delta_\pi$ -modular function of order  $r$  on  $X$  we will understand an element of  $M_\pi^r := \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(V_{R_\pi}))$ . The formation of these rings is functorial in  $X$ . Also if  $L$  is trivial on  $X$  with basis  $x$  then  $M_p^r$  identifies with  $\mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X))[x, x^{-1}, \delta_p x, \dots, \delta_p^r x]^\wedge$  and  $M_\pi^r$  identifies with  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X))[x, x^{-1}, \delta_\pi x, \dots, \delta_\pi^r x]^\wedge$ . Recall the ring  $W := \mathbb{Z}[\phi]$  of polynomials in  $\phi$ ; it will play in what follows the role of ring of *weights*. By a  $\delta_p$ -modular form of order  $r$  and weight  $w \in W$  on  $X$  we mean a  $\delta_p$ -modular function  $f \in M_p^r$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X_i)) \cdot x_i^w$ ; cf. [10]. We denote by  $M_p^r(w)$  the  $R_p$ -module of  $\delta_p$ -modular forms of order  $r$  and weight  $w$  on  $X$ . For  $w = 0$  we set  $S_p^r = M_p^r(0) = \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X))$ . By a  $\delta_\pi$ -modular form of order  $r$  and weight  $w$  on  $X$  we will mean a  $\delta_\pi$ -modular function  $f \in M_\pi^r$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{i,R_\pi})) \cdot x_i^w$ . We denote by  $M_\pi^r(w)$  the  $R_\pi$ -module of  $\delta_\pi$ -modular forms of order  $r$  and weight  $w$  on  $X$ . For  $w = 0$  we set  $S_\pi^r = M_\pi^r(0) = \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi}))$ . In view of (2.1) and (2.9) we have natural  $R_\pi$ -algebra homomorphisms

$$(4.2) \quad M_\pi^r \rightarrow M_p^r \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$$

preserving weights, i.e. inducing  $R_\pi$ -linear maps

$$M_\pi^r(w) \rightarrow M_p^r(w) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi, \quad w \in W.$$

Also we have  $R_p$ -linear trace maps

$$(4.3) \quad \tau_\pi : M_\pi^r \rightarrow M_p^r$$

that preserve weights i.e. induce maps

$$(4.4) \quad \tau_\pi : M_\pi^r(w) \rightarrow M_p^r(w), \quad w \in W.$$

In particular we have  $R_\pi$ -algebra homomorphisms

$$S_\pi^r \rightarrow S_p^r \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$$

and  $R$ -linear trace maps

$$\tau_\pi : S_\pi^r \rightarrow S_p^r.$$

When applied to the scheme  $V$ , Definition 2.4 translates into the following:

**Definition 4.1.** A  $\delta_p$ -modular function  $f \in M_p^r$  is called  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent if one of the following equivalent conditions is satisfied:

- 1)  $f$  times a power of  $p$  belongs to the image of the map (4.2);
- 2)  $f$  times a power of  $p$  belongs to the image of the map (4.3).

**4.2.  $\delta_\pi$ -modular forms from  $\delta_\pi$ -functions on  $\mathcal{X}_i$ .** Let  $X \subset X_1(N)_{R_p}$  be disjoint from the supersingular locus (*ss*) (but necessarily from (*cusps*)!). There is a canonical way of constructing  $\delta_\pi$ -modular forms of weights  $0, -1, \dots, -p+2$  on  $X$  from  $\delta_\pi$ -functions on  $\mathcal{X}_i$ . Indeed we will construct natural *geometric trace* maps

$$(4.5) \quad \tau_\kappa : \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(\mathcal{X}_i)) \rightarrow M_\pi^r(-\kappa), \quad \kappa = 0, \dots, p-2,$$

as follows. The isomorphism  $(X_{!!})^\wedge \simeq \mathcal{X}_i$  in Proposition 3.2 induces an isomorphism  $J_\pi^r(\mathcal{X}_i) \simeq J_\pi^r(X_{!!})$ . Since  $X_{!!i} := \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}(X_{i,R_\pi})[t_i]/(t_i^{p-1} - \varphi_i)$  is étale over  $X_{i,R_\pi}$  and since the formation of  $\pi$ -jet spaces commutes with étale maps it follows that we have an identification

$$(4.6) \quad \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{!!i})) = \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{i,R_\pi}))[t_i]/(t_i^{p-1} - \varphi_i).$$

Let us denote the class of  $t_i$  in the latter ring again by  $t_i$  and let the image of  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(\mathcal{X}_!)) \simeq \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{!!}))$  in  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{!!}))$  be  $\sum_{\kappa=0}^{p-2} \alpha_{\kappa,i} t_i^\kappa$ ,  $\alpha_{\kappa,i} \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{i,R_\pi}))$ . Then define

$$\tau_{\kappa,i} \alpha := \alpha_{\kappa,i} x_i^{-\kappa} \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{i,R_\pi})) \cdot x_i^{-\kappa}.$$

Note that from the equalities

$$\sum_{\kappa=0}^{p-2} \alpha_{\kappa,j} t_j^\kappa = \sum_{\kappa=0}^{p-2} \alpha_{\kappa,i} t_i^\kappa = \sum_{\kappa=0}^{p-2} \alpha_{\kappa,i} u_{ij}^{-\kappa} t_j^\kappa$$

it follows that  $\alpha_{\kappa,i} = u_{ij}^\kappa \alpha_{\kappa,j}$  hence  $\tau_{\kappa,i} \alpha = \tau_{\kappa,j} \alpha$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ . So the latter give rise to well defined elements  $\tau_\kappa \alpha \in M_\pi^r(-\kappa)$  which ends the construction of the map (4.5).

**Proposition 4.2.** *The map*

$$(4.7) \quad \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(\mathcal{X}_!)) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\kappa=0}^{p-2} M_\pi^r(-\kappa), \quad \alpha \mapsto (\tau_0 \alpha, \dots, \tau_{p-2} \alpha)$$

is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* Injectivity is clear from construction. Surjectivity immediately follows by reversing the construction of the trace maps above.  $\square$

On the other hand it will be useful to have a criterion saying when a  $\delta_\pi$ -function on  $\mathcal{X}_!$  “comes from” a  $\delta_\pi$ -modular form on  $X$  of weight 0, i.e. from a  $\delta_\pi$ -function on  $X$ . Indeed recall the  $G = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ -action on  $\mathcal{X}_!$  induced by the diamond operators. This action induces a  $G$ -action on  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(\mathcal{X}_!))$  for all  $r \geq 1$ . Then we have:

**Proposition 4.3.** *The ring  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(\mathcal{X}_!))^G$  of  $G$ -invariant elements of  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(\mathcal{X}_!))$  equals  $\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi}))$ .*

*Proof.* This follows immediately from the identification (4.6) and the fact that  $G$  acts on  $t_i$  by the formula (3.3) where  $\chi$  is an isomorphism.  $\square$

**4.3.  $\delta_\pi$ -character composed with modular parameterization.** We assume, unless otherwise specified, that  $\pi = 1 - \zeta_p$  and we fix, as usual an embedding  $\mathbb{Z}[1/N, \zeta_N, \zeta_p] \rightarrow R_\pi$ . Also recall our fixed elliptic curve  $A$  with modular parameterization (3.2) and the modular form  $f$  in (3.1). We continue to consider  $X \subset X_1(N)_{R_p}$  an affine open set disjoint from  $(ss)$ . We shall freely use the notation in our section on bad reduction. By the Néron property [20], p. 319, we get a morphism  $\Phi : X_! \rightarrow A_{R_\pi}$  over  $R_\pi$ . We get an induced morphism from  $\mathcal{X}_!$  into the connected component  $(A_{R_\pi}^0)^\wedge \simeq (\mathbb{G}_m)^\wedge$ . This morphism  $\Phi^0 : \mathcal{X}_! \rightarrow (\mathbb{G}_m)^\wedge$  induces a morphism  $\Phi^1 : J_\pi^1(\mathcal{X}_!) \rightarrow J_\pi^1(\mathbb{G}_m)$ . Now take the standard  $\delta_\pi$ -character  $\psi_\pi \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^1(\mathbb{G}_m))$ , cf. (2.11), identified with a morphism  $\psi_\pi : J_\pi^1(\mathbb{G}_m) \rightarrow (\mathbb{A}_{R_\pi}^1)^\wedge$ . By composition we get an induced morphism  $f^\sharp := \psi_\pi \circ \Phi^1 : J_\pi^1(\mathcal{X}_!) \rightarrow (\mathbb{A}_{R_\pi}^1)^\wedge$ . This morphism can be identified with an element

$$(4.8) \quad f^\sharp \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^1(\mathcal{X}_!)).$$

(Here  $f$  in  $f^\sharp$  refers to the newform  $f = \sum a_n q^n$  (3.1).) Now, since  $f$  is a form on  $\Gamma_0(Np)$  it follows that  $\Phi : X_! \rightarrow A_{R_\pi}$  is invariant under the diamond operators  $\langle d \rangle_p$ ,  $d \in G$ . This implies that  $f^\sharp$  is  $G$ -invariant. By Proposition 4.3 it follows that

$$(4.9) \quad f^\sharp \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^1(X_{R_\pi})) = M_\pi^1(0) = S_\pi^1$$

i.e.  $f_\pi^\sharp$  is a  $\delta_\pi$ -modular form of weight 0. Consequently its image via the corresponding map (4.4) defines a  $\delta_p$ -modular form of weight 0,

$$(4.10) \quad \tau_\pi f_\pi^\sharp \in M_p^1(0) = S_p^1.$$

**4.4.  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansions and  $\delta_\pi$ -Fourier expansions.** The  $R_p$ -point  $\infty$  on  $X_1(N)_{R_p}$  induces  $\delta_\pi$ -Fourier expansion maps

$$E : \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(\mathcal{X}_1)) \rightarrow R_\pi((q))[\delta_\pi q, \dots, \delta_\pi^r q]^\wedge.$$

Indeed to construct such a map we may assume  $X$  contains  $\infty$ ; but in this case the map arises because  $X_{!!} \rightarrow X_{R_\pi}$  is étale so the inverse image of  $\infty$  by this map is a disjoint union of  $R_\pi$ -points.

On the other hand there are  $\delta_\pi$ -Fourier expansion maps

$$(4.11) \quad E : M_\pi^r \rightarrow R_\pi((q))[\delta_\pi q, \dots, \delta_\pi^r q]^\wedge.$$

compatible, in the obvious sense, with the previous ones and with the  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansion maps in [6, 10]

$$(4.12) \quad E : M_p^r \rightarrow R_p((q))[\delta_p q, \dots, \delta_p^r q]^\wedge.$$

We recall [6] the  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansion principle according to which for any  $w$  the map

$$E : M_p^r(w) \rightarrow R_p((q))[\delta_p q, \dots, \delta_p^r q]^\wedge$$

is injective and has a torsion free cokernel.

*Remark 4.4.* The maps (4.11) and (4.12) commute with the trace maps  $\tau_\pi : M_\pi^r \rightarrow M_p^r$  and  $\tau_\pi : R_\pi((q))[\delta_\pi q, \dots, \delta_\pi^r q]^\wedge \rightarrow R_p((q))[\delta_p q, \dots, \delta_p^r q]^\wedge$ , in the sense that  $E \circ \tau_\pi = \tau_\pi \circ E$ .

*Remark 4.5.* Clearly if  $f \in M_p^r$  of  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent then its  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansion  $E(f)$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent. Later we will prove the  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence of a number of remarkable  $\delta_p$ -modular functions. By the present remark we will also get that their  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansions are  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent. However the  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence of these expansions can also be proved directly.

The next Proposition establishes a link between the  $\delta_\pi$ -Fourier expansions of  $\delta_\pi$ -functions on  $\mathcal{X}_1$  and  $\delta_\pi$ -Fourier expansions of their geometric traces. Recall the series  $E_{p-1}(q) := E(E_{p-1}) \in R_p[[q]]$  and the fact that  $E_{p-1}(q) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  in  $R_p[[q]]$  [16]. So the series  $E_{p-1}(q)$  has a unique  $(p-1)$ -root  $\epsilon(q) \in R_p[[q]]$  such that  $\epsilon(q) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  in  $R_p[[q]]$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** *If  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^1(\mathcal{X}_1))$  then its  $\delta_\pi$ -Fourier expansion is given by*

$$E(\alpha) = \sum_{\kappa=0}^{p-2} E(\tau_\kappa \alpha) \epsilon(q)^\kappa.$$

*Proof.* Shrinking  $X$  we may assume  $X = X_i$  for some  $i$ . From  $E_{p-1} = \varphi_i x_i^{p-1}$  we get

$$E_{p-1}(q) = E(\varphi_i) E(x_i)^{p-1} = E(t_i)^{p-1} E(x_i)^{p-1}.$$

So  $E(t_i x_i) = c \cdot \epsilon(q)$ ,  $c \in R_p^\times$ ,  $c^{p-1} = 1$ . Now the birational isomorphism between the Igusa curve  $I$  and  $\overline{X}_{!!}$  sends  $t_i x_i$  into the form  $a$  in [15], p. 460-461, and the

Fourier expansion in  $k[[q]]$  of the form  $a$  at  $\infty$  is 1. It follows that  $c = 1$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned} E(\alpha) &= \sum_{\kappa=0}^{p-2} E(\alpha_{\kappa,i})E(t_i)^\kappa \\ &= \sum_{\kappa=0}^{p-2} E(\alpha_{\kappa,i})E(x_i)^{-\kappa}E(x_i)^\kappa E(t_i)^\kappa \\ &= \sum_{\kappa=0}^{p-2} E(\tau_\kappa \alpha)\epsilon(q)^\kappa. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 4.7.** *If  $f_\pi^\sharp \in \mathcal{O}(J_\pi^1(\mathcal{X}_i))$  is attached to  $f = \sum a_n q^n$  as in (4.9) then its  $\delta_\pi$ -Fourier expansion  $E(f_\pi^\sharp) \in R_\pi[[q]][\delta_\pi q]^\wedge$  has the form:*

$$\begin{aligned} (4.13) \quad E(f_\pi^\sharp) &= \frac{1}{\pi}(\phi - p) \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n} (q^p + \pi \delta_\pi q)^n \right) - p \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n} (q^p + p \delta_p q)^n \right) - p \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Entirely similar to the proof of Theorem 6.3 in [7] □

*Remark 4.8.* The series in the right hand side of Equation 4.13 are a priori elements of

$$K_\pi[[q, \delta_\pi q]] = K_\pi[[q, \delta_p q]].$$

The Lemma says in particular that these series are actually in  $R_\pi[[q]][\delta_\pi q]^\wedge$ . One can also check the latter directly.

**Proposition 4.9.** *The form  $\tau_\pi f_\pi^\sharp$  in (4.10) satisfies the following identity in the ring  $R_p[[q]][\delta_p q]^\wedge$ :*

$$E(\tau_\pi f_\pi^\sharp) = \frac{p-1}{2} \left[ \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n} (q^p + p \delta_p q)^n \right) - p \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n \right) \right].$$

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 4.7 by using  $Tr(\frac{1}{\pi}) = \frac{p-1}{2}$ . □

One can get a more explicit picture mod  $\pi$  (respectively mod  $p$ ) as follows.

**Proposition 4.10.** *The form  $f_\pi^\sharp$  in (4.9) satisfies the following congruence mod  $\pi$  in the ring  $R_\pi[[q]][\delta_\pi q]^\wedge$ :*

$$E(f_\pi^\sharp) \equiv \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^{np} \right) \cdot \frac{\delta_\pi q}{q^p} - \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^{np^2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\delta_\pi q}{q^p} \right)^p.$$

*Proof.* Using Proposition 4.7 and the fact that  $a_{mn} = a_m a_n$  for  $(m, n) = 1$  and  $a_{p^i} = 1$  for all  $i$  [17], p.282, one gets immediately that

$$E(f_\pi^\sharp)|_{\delta_\pi q=0} = -\frac{p}{\pi} \sum_{(m,p)=1} \frac{a_m}{m} q^m \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}.$$

Also the coefficient of the monomial  $q^{p(n-1)} \delta_\pi q$  in  $E(f_\pi^\sharp)$  equals  $a_n$ . Finally fix  $i \geq 2$ ; the coefficient of the monomial  $q^{p(n-i)} (\delta_\pi q)^i$  in  $E(f_\pi^\sharp)$  equals

$$c_{i,n} := \frac{\pi^{i-1}}{i!} (n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-i+1)a_n \in K_\pi.$$

If  $i < p$  clearly  $v_p(c_{i,n}) > 0$ . If  $i > p$  or if  $i = p$  and  $(n, p) = 1$  then

$$v_p((n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-i+1)) \geq 1$$

and since

$$v_p\left(\frac{\pi^{i-1}}{i!}\right) \geq \frac{i-1}{p-1} - \frac{i}{p-1} = -\frac{1}{p-1}.$$

we get  $v_p(c_{i,n}) > 0$ . Finally, assume  $i = p$  and  $p|n$ . Then

$$c_{i,n} \equiv \frac{\pi^{p-1}}{p} a_n \equiv -a_n \pmod{\pi}$$

because

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \pi^{p-1}(1 + \zeta_p)(1 + \zeta_p + \zeta_p^2)\dots(1 + \zeta_p + \dots + \zeta_p^{p-2}) \\ &\equiv \pi^{p-1}(p-1)! \pmod{\pi} \\ &\equiv -\pi^{p-1} \pmod{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

which easily concludes the proof because  $a_{np} = a_n$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.11.** *The form  $\tau_\pi f_\pi^\# \in S_p^1$  in (4.10) belongs to  $pS_p^1$ . Moreover the form*

$$f_p^\# := \frac{2}{p} \tau_\pi f_\pi^\# \in S_p^1$$

is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent and satisfies the following congruence mod  $p$

$$E(f_p^\#) \equiv \left( \sum_{(n,p)=1} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n \right) - \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^{np} \right) \frac{\delta_p q}{q^p}$$

in the ring  $R_p[[q]][\delta_p q]^\wedge$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 4.9, one gets

$$E(\tau_\pi f_\pi^\#)|_{\delta_p q=0} = -\frac{p(p-1)}{2} \sum_{(n,p)=1} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n.$$

The coefficient of  $q^{p(n-1)} \delta_p q$  in  $E(\tau_\pi f_\pi^\#)$  equals  $pa_n$ . Also, for  $i \geq 2$ , the coefficient of  $q^{p(n-i)} (\delta_p q)^i$  in  $E(\tau_\pi f_\pi^\#)$  equals

$$\frac{p-1}{2} \frac{p^i}{i!} a_n (n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-i+1).$$

In particular  $E(\tau_\pi f_\pi^\#)$  is divisible by  $p$  in the ring  $R[[q]][\delta_p q]^\wedge$ . By the  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansion principle it follows that  $\tau_\pi f_\pi^\#$  is divisible by  $p$  in  $S_p^1$  which proves the first assertion of the Proposition.  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence follows from Proposition 2.3. The rest of the Proposition then follows from the above coefficient computations.  $\square$

*Remark 4.12.* Let  $\bar{f} = \sum a_m q^m \in k[[q]]$ ,  $\overline{f^{(-1)}} := \sum_{(n,p)=1} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n \in k[[q]]$  and let  $V$  be  $k$ -algebra endomorphism of  $k[[q]]$  that sends  $q$  into  $q^p$ . Then the series in  $k[[q]]$  obtained from the right hand side of the formula in Proposition 4.11 by reducing mod  $p$  equals

$$\bar{g} := \overline{f^{(-1)}} - V(\bar{f}) \frac{\delta_p q}{q^p} \in k[[q]][\delta_p q].$$

This series  $\bar{g}$  is *Taylor  $\delta_p$ - $p$ -symmetric* in the sense of [9]. Also, recalling from [9] the operators denoted by “ $pU$ ” and “ $pT_0(p)$ ” acting on Taylor  $\delta_p$ - $p$ -symmetric series

and using the fact that  $T_{2,N}(p)\bar{f} = \bar{f}$  it is a trivial exercise (using the formulae in [9]) to check that “ $pU$ ” $\bar{g} = \bar{g}$  and hence

$$\text{“}pT_0(p)\text{”}\bar{g} = \bar{g} + V(\overline{f^{(-1)}}).$$

In particular note that  $\bar{g}$  is *not* an eigenvector of “ $pT_0(p)$ ”. On the other hand an action of the operators  $T_0(n)$  (for level  $N$ ) on  $k[[q]][\delta_p q]$  was introduced in [9]; using the fact that  $T_{2,N}(n)\bar{f} = a_n\bar{f}$  for  $(n,p) = 1$  it follows (using the formulae in [9]) that  $nT_0(n)\bar{g} = a_n\bar{g}$  for  $(n,p) = 1$ . So  $\bar{g}$  is an eigenvector of all operators  $nT_0(n)$  with eigenvalues  $a_n$ .

### 5. $\delta_\pi$ -OVERCONVERGENCE OF SOME BASIC $\delta_p$ -MODULAR FORMS

In this section we prove the  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence of some of the basic  $\delta_p$ -functions of the theory in [3, 5, 1, 6, 7, 11].

**5.1. Review of the  $\delta_p$ -modular forms  $f_p^r$  [6].** We start by reviewing the construction of some basic  $\delta_p$ -modular forms  $f_p^r = f_{p,jet}^r \in M_p^1(-1 - \phi^r)$ ,  $r \geq 1$ . These were introduced in [5, 6]. (There is a “crystalline definition” of these forms introduced in [5] for  $r = 1$  and [1] for  $r \geq 1$  in the case of level 1, and in [6] for arbitrary level; the equivalence of these definitions follows from [6], Proposition 8.86.) Below we follow [6], p. 263. The construction is as follows. We let  $X \subset X_1(N)_{R_p}$  be an affine open set disjoint from (*cusps*). Assume first that  $L$  is trivial on  $X$  and let  $x$  be a basis of  $L$ . Consider the universal elliptic curve  $E \rightarrow X$  over  $R_p$  and view  $x$  as a relative 1-form on  $E/X$ . Cover  $E$  by affine open sets  $U_i$ . Then the natural projections  $J_p^r(U_i) \rightarrow \hat{U}_i \hat{\otimes}_{S_p^0} S_p^r$  possess sections

$$s_{i,p} : \hat{U}_i \hat{\otimes}_{S_p^0} S_p^r \rightarrow J_p^r(U_i).$$

Let  $N_p^r := \text{Ker}(J_p^r(E) \rightarrow \hat{E} \otimes_{S_p^0} S_p^r)$ ; it is a group object in the category of  $p$ -adic formal schemes over  $S_p^r$ . Then the differences  $s_{i,p} - s_{j,p}$  define morphisms

$$s_{i,p} - s_{j,p} : \hat{U}_{ij} \hat{\otimes}_{S_p^0} S_p^r \rightarrow N_p^r$$

where the difference is taken in the group law of  $J_p^r(E)/S_p^r$ . On the other hand  $N_p^r$  identifies with the group  $(\hat{\mathbb{A}}_{S_p^r}^r, [+])$  in (2.15) with coordinates given by the  $\delta_p T, \dots, \delta_p^r T$ , where  $T$  is a parameter at the origin of  $E$  chosen such that  $x \equiv dT \pmod{T}$ . Let  $L_p^r$  be the series in (2.16) attached to the formal group of  $E$  with respect to the same parameter  $T$ , viewed as a homomorphism  $L_p^r : N_p^r = (\hat{\mathbb{A}}_{S_p^r}^r, [+]) \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{G}}_{a,S_p^r}$ . The compositions

$$L_p^r \circ (s_{i,p} - s_{j,p}) : \hat{U}_{ij} \hat{\otimes}_{S_p^0} S_p^r \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{G}}_{a,S_p^r}$$

define a Čech cocycle of elements

$$(5.1) \quad \varphi_{ij}^r \in \mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{ij} \hat{\otimes}_{S_p^0} S_p^r)$$

and hence a cohomology class  $\varphi^r$  in  $H^1(E \hat{\otimes}_{S_p^0} S_p^r, \mathcal{O}) = H^1(E \otimes_{S_p^0} S_p^r, \mathcal{O})$ . The expression

$$(5.2) \quad \langle \varphi^r, x \rangle x^{-1-\phi^r},$$

where the brackets mean Serre duality, is a well defined element of  $S_p^r \cdot x^{-1-\phi^r}$ .

If  $L$  is not necessarily free on  $X$  we can make the above construction locally and the various expressions (5.2) glue together to give an element

$$(5.3) \quad f_p^r = f_{p,jet}^r \in M_p^r(-1 - \phi^r).$$

### 5.2. $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence of $f_p^r$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *Assume  $v_p(\pi) \geq \frac{1}{p-1}$ . Then the forms*

$$\frac{p}{\pi} f_p^r \in M_p^r(-1 - \phi^r) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$$

belong to the image of the homomorphism

$$M_\pi^r(-1 - \phi^r) \rightarrow M_p^r(-1 - \phi^r) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi.$$

In particular  $f_p^r$  are  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent.

*Proof.* The question is clearly local on  $X$  in the Zariski topology so we may assume that  $L$  is free on  $X$  with basis  $x$  and  $X$  has an étale coordinate  $t : X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$ . We may also assume that each  $U_i \rightarrow X$  factors through an étale map  $t_i : U_i \rightarrow X \times \mathbb{A}^1$ . Next we note that

$$(5.4) \quad \hat{U}_i \hat{\otimes}_{S_p^0} S_p^r \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi \simeq (\hat{U}_i \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi) \otimes_{S_\pi^0} (S_p^r \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi).$$

(This follows from the general fact that if  $S$  is a ring,  $S', C$  are  $S$ -algebras,  $A, B$  are  $C$ -algebras, and  $A' = A \otimes_S S', B' = B \otimes_S S', C' = C \otimes_S S'$ , then  $A \otimes_C B \otimes_S S' \simeq A \otimes_C B' \simeq A \otimes_C C' \otimes_{C'} B' \simeq A' \otimes_{C'} B'$ .) Consequently there is a canonical homomorphism from (5.4) to  $\hat{U}_{i,R_\pi} \hat{\otimes}_{S_\pi^0} S_\pi^r$ , where, as usual,  $\hat{U}_{i,R_\pi} = \hat{U}_i \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ . We claim that one can find sections  $s_{i,p}$  and  $s_{i,\pi}$  of the canonical projections making the following diagram commute:

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \hat{U}_i \hat{\otimes}_{S_p^0} S_p^r \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi & \xrightarrow{s_{i,p}} & J_p^r(U_i) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \hat{U}_{i,R_\pi} \hat{\otimes}_{S_\pi^0} S_\pi^r & \xrightarrow{s_{i,\pi}} & J_\pi^r(U_{i,R_\pi}) \end{array}$$

where the vertical morphisms are the canonical ones. Indeed consider the ring  $B = \mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{i,R_\pi})$  and the commutative diagram

$$(5.6) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} B[\delta_p t, \dots, \delta_p^r t]^\wedge & \leftarrow & B[\delta_p t, \dots, \delta_p^r t, \delta_p t_i, \dots, \delta_p^r t_i]^\wedge \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ B[\delta_\pi t, \dots, \delta_\pi^r t]^\wedge & \leftarrow & B[\delta_\pi t, \dots, \delta_\pi^r t, \delta_\pi t_i, \dots, \delta_\pi^r t_i]^\wedge \end{array}$$

with horizontal arrows sending  $\delta_p t_i, \dots, \delta_p^r t_i$  and  $\delta_\pi t_i, \dots, \delta_\pi^r t_i$  into 0. Then the spaces in the diagram (5.5) are the formal spectra of the rings in the diagram (5.6) and we can take the horizontal arrows in the diagram (5.5) to be induced by the horizontal arrows in the diagram (5.6). The diagram (5.5) plus Proposition 2.16 then induces

a commutative diagram

$$(5.7) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} \hat{U}_{ij} \hat{\otimes}_{S_p^0} S_p^r \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi & \xrightarrow{s_{i,p} - s_{j,p}} & N_p^r \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi & \xrightarrow{\frac{p}{\pi} L_p^r} & \hat{G}_{a, S_p^r \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \hat{U}_{ij, R_\pi} \hat{\otimes}_{S_\pi^0} S_\pi^r & \xrightarrow{s_{i,\pi} - s_{j,\pi}} & N_\pi^r & \xrightarrow{L_\pi^r} & \hat{G}_{a, S_\pi^r} \end{array}$$

where  $N_\pi^r$  is the kernel of the canonical projection  $J_\pi^r(E_{R_\pi}) \rightarrow \hat{E}_{R_\pi} \hat{\otimes}_{S_\pi^0} S_\pi^r$  and the vertical morphisms are the canonical ones. The diagram (5.7) shows that the cocycle  $\frac{p}{\pi} \varphi_{ij}^r$  in (5.1) comes from a cocycle of elements in  $\mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{ij, R_\pi} \hat{\otimes}_{S_\pi^0} S_\pi^r)$ . This immediately implies that the element  $\frac{p}{\pi} \langle \varphi^r, x \rangle \in S_p^r \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  comes from an element in  $S_\pi^r$  and we are done.  $\square$

*Remark 5.2.* Since  $f_p^1 \in M_p^1$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent it follows that its  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansion  $E(f_p^1) \in R_p((q))[\delta_p q]^\wedge$  is also  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent. But, as shown in [5],  $E(f_p^1)$  equals the series  $\Psi_p$  in (2.14) and note that we knew already (cf. the remarks surrounding Equation 2.14) that  $\Psi_p$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent. A similar remark holds for  $f_p^r$ ,  $r \geq 2$ .

**5.3.  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence of  $f_p^\partial$ .** In this subsection we assume that  $X \subset X_1(N)_{R_p}$  is an affine open set disjoint from  $(cusps)$  and  $(ss)$ . There is a remarkable form  $f_p^\partial \in M_p^1(\phi - 1)$  playing a key role in the theory. This was introduced in [1] in the level 1 case; cf. [6], p. 269, for the arbitrary level case. The definition of  $f_p^\partial$  in [6], loc.cit. is crystalline but an alternative description of this form (up to a multiplicative factor in  $R^\times$ ) can be given via [6], Proposition 8.64; here we shall follow this latter approach. Indeed one has a canonical  $R$ -derivation  $\partial : \mathcal{O}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(V)$  defined by Katz [16] via the Gauss-Manin connection, generalizing the ‘‘Serre operator’’; cf. [6], pp.254-255, for a review of this. (Here  $V$  is as in (4.1).) One can consider then the conjugate operator  $\partial_1 : M_p^1 \rightarrow M_p^1 = \mathcal{O}(J_p^1(V))$ ; cf. (2.17). One can also consider the *Ramanujan form*  $P \in M_p^0(2)$ ; cf. [6], p. 255, for a review of this. Then one can define  $f_p^\partial \in M_p^1$  by the formula

$$(5.8) \quad f_p^\partial := \partial_1 f_p^1 - p\phi(P)f_p^1 \in M_p^1.$$

It turns out that actually  $f_p^\partial$  has weight  $\phi - 1$ , i.e.  $f_p^\partial \in M_p^1(\phi - 1)$ . (By the way, as shown in [1],  $f_p^\partial$  has  $\delta_p$ -Fourier expansion  $E(f_p^\partial) = 1$ .)

Theorem 5.1 plus Proposition 2.17 imply the following:

**Theorem 5.3.** *Assume  $v_p(\pi) \geq \frac{1}{p-1}$ . Then the element  $\frac{p}{\pi} f_p^\partial \in M_p^1 \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$  belongs to the image of the map  $M_\pi^1 \rightarrow M_p^1 \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi$ . In particular  $f_p^\partial$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent.*

**5.4. Review of the  $\delta_p$ -characters  $\psi_p$  of elliptic curves [6].** We follow [6], pp. 194-197. Let  $A/R_p$  be an elliptic curve and fix a level  $\Gamma_1(N)$  structure on  $A$ . (The construction below does not depend on this level structure.) If  $Y_1(N)_{R_p} := X_1(N)_{R_p} \setminus (cusps)$  we get an induced point  $P_A : Spec R_p \rightarrow Y_1(N)_{R_p}$ . Let  $X \subset Y_1(N)_{R_p}$  be an affine open set ‘‘containing’’ the above point and such that the line bundle  $L$  on  $X$  is trivial with basis  $x$ . Let  $\omega$  be the invertible 1-form on  $A$  defined by  $x$ . By the universality property of the  $p$ -jet spaces we get canonical morphisms  $P_A^r : \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X)) \rightarrow R$  compatible with  $\delta_p$  in the obvious sense. Then any  $\delta_p$ -modular form  $f \in M_p^r$  on  $X$  defines an element  $f(A, \omega) \in R_p$  as follows:

we write  $f = \tilde{f} \cdot x^w$  with  $\tilde{f} \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X))$  and one takes  $f(A, \omega) \in R_p$  to be the image of  $\tilde{f}$  in  $R_p$  via the above morphism  $P_A^r$ . In particular one can consider the  $\delta_p$ -modular forms  $f_p^1 \in M_p^1(-1-\phi)$  and  $f_p^2 \in M_p^2(-1-\phi^2)$  in (5.3); we get elements  $f_p^1(A, \omega), f_p^2(A, \omega) \in R_p$ . We recall that  $f_p^1(A, \omega) = 0$  if and only if  $A$  has a lift of Frobenius i.e. the  $p$ -power Frobenius of  $A \otimes_{R_p} k$  lifts to a morphism of schemes  $A \rightarrow A$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Assume in what follows that  $A$  does not have lift of Frobenius. Then the quotient  $\frac{f_p^2(A, \omega)}{f_p^1(A, \omega)}$ , which is a priori an element of  $K_p$ , lies actually in  $R_p$ . On the other hand we may consider the cocycles (5.1). The images of these cocycles via the homomorphism  $S_p^r = \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X)) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X')) \xrightarrow{P_A^r} R_p$  yield cocycles

$$\varphi_{ij}^r(A) \in \mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{ij,A})$$

where  $U_{ij,A} = U_{ij} \cap A$ . (Here we view  $A$  embedded into the universal elliptic curve  $E$  via the isomorphism  $A \simeq E \times_{X, P_A} R_p$ .) The cocycle

$$\varphi_{ij}^2(A) - \frac{f_p^2(A, \omega)}{f_p^1(A, \omega)} \varphi_{ij}^1(A) \in \mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{ij,A})$$

turns out, by construction, to be a coboundary

$$\Gamma_i - \Gamma_j$$

with  $\Gamma_i \in \mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{i,A})$ ,  $U_{i,A} = U_i \cap A$ . Recall the series  $L_p^r \in S_p^r[\delta_p T, \dots, \delta_p^r T]^\wedge$ ; cf. (2.16). (Here  $T$  is an étale coordinate at the origin of  $E$  such that  $x \equiv dT \pmod{T}$ .) The images of  $L_p^r$  via  $S_p^r \rightarrow R_p$  yield series  $L_p^r(A) \in R_p[\delta_p T, \dots, \delta_p^r T]^\wedge$ . Take sections  $s_{i,p} : \hat{U}_{i,A} \rightarrow J_p^2(U_{i,A})$  of the natural projections and let  $N_{p,A}^2$  be the kernel of the projection  $J_p^2(A) \rightarrow \hat{A}$ . The maps

$$(5.9) \quad \tau_{i,p} : \hat{U}_{i,A} \hat{\times} N_{p,A}^2 \rightarrow J_p^2(U_{i,A}),$$

given at the level of points by  $(a, b) \mapsto s_{i,p}(a) + b$ , are isomorphisms. Consider the functions

$$(5.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi_{i,p} &:= L_p^2(A) - \frac{f_p^2(A, \omega)}{f_p^1(A, \omega)} L_p^1(A) + \Gamma_i \\ &\in \mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{i,A})[\delta_p T, \delta_p^2 T]^\wedge \\ &= \mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{i,A} \hat{\times} N_{p,A}^2). \end{aligned}$$

Then it turns out that the functions

$$\psi_{i,p} \circ \tau_{i,p}^{-1} \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^2(U_{i,A}))$$

glue together to give a function

$$(5.11) \quad \psi_p \in \mathcal{O}(J^2(A)).$$

This map turns out to be an homomorphism  $J_p^2(A) \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{G}}_a$  and was referred to in [6], Definition 7.24, as the *canonical*  $\delta_p$ -character (of order 2) of  $A$ . (In loc. cit.  $\psi_p$  was denoted by  $\psi_{can}$ .)

In case  $A$  has a lift of Frobenius a different (but similar, and in fact easier) construction leads to what in cf. [6], Definition 7.24 was referred to as the *canonical*  $\delta_p$ -character (of order 1) of  $A$ . We will denote it again by

$$(5.12) \quad \psi_p \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^1(A)).$$

In [6], loc.cit. this  $\delta_p$ -character was again denoted by  $\psi_{can}$ .

5.5.  **$\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence of  $\psi_p$ .** Let  $A/R_p$  be an elliptic curve and let  $r$  be 1 or 2 according as  $A$  has a lift of Frobenius or not.

**Theorem 5.4.** *Assume  $v_p(\pi) \geq \frac{1}{p-1}$ . Then the function  $\frac{p}{\pi}\psi_p$  belongs to the image of the map*

$$\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(A_{R_\pi})) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(A)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi.$$

In particular  $\psi_p$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent.

*Proof.* We give the proof in case  $r = 2$ . The proof in case  $r = 1$  is similar. It is enough to show that one can choose the data in our construction such that:

- 1) The functions  $\frac{p}{\pi}\psi_{i,p}$  (where  $\psi_{i,p}$  is as in (5.10)) belong to the image of

$$\mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{i,A} \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi)[\delta_\pi T, \delta_\pi^2 T]^\wedge \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{i,A} \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi)[\delta_p T, \delta_p^2 T]^\wedge;$$

- 2) There are commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\hat{U}_{i,A} \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi) \hat{\times} (N_{p,A}^2 \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi) & \xrightarrow{\tau_{i,p}} & J_p^2(U_{i,A}) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ (\hat{U}_{i,A} \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi) \hat{\times} N_{\pi,A}^2 & \xrightarrow{\tau_{i,\pi}} & J_\pi^2(U_{i,A} \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi) \end{array}$$

for isomorphisms  $\tau_{i,\pi}$ .

Now 1) follows from the fact that  $\frac{p}{\pi}L_p^r(A) \in R_\pi[\delta_\pi T, \delta_\pi^2 T]^\wedge$  (cf. Theorem 2.16), and  $\Gamma_i \in \mathcal{O}(\hat{U}_{i,A})$ . On the other hand 2) follows from the fact that one can choose the sections  $s_{i,p}$  together with sections  $s_{i,\pi}$  as in (5.5); then one can define the isomorphisms  $\tau_{i,\pi}$  using  $s_{i,\pi}$  in the obvious way. This ends the proof.  $\square$

5.6.  **$\delta_\pi$ -overconvergence of  $f_p^\sharp$  for  $f$  on  $\Gamma_0(N)$ .** We first recall the construction of the  $\delta_p$ -modular forms  $f_p^\sharp$  attached to newforms on  $\Gamma_0(N)$  given in [7, 11]. As usual we let  $N > 4$ ,  $(N, p) = 1$ . Fix, in what follows, a normalized newform  $f = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^n$  of weight 2 on  $\Gamma_0(N)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and an elliptic curve  $A$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of conductor  $N$  such that  $f$  and  $A$  correspond to each other in the sense of Theorem 3.1; recall that this means that there exists a morphism

$$(5.13) \quad \Phi : X_0(N) \rightarrow A$$

over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that the pull back to  $X_0(N)$  of some 1-form on  $A$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  corresponds to  $f$  and  $L(A, s) = \sum a_n n^{-s}$ . Fix an embedding  $\mathbb{Z}[1/N, \zeta_N] \subset R_p$ . Let  $A_{R_p}$  be the Néron model of  $A \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} K_p$  over  $R_p$  (which is an elliptic curve) and let  $X_1(N)_{R_p}$  be the (smooth) ‘‘canonical’’ model of  $X_1(N)$  over  $R_p$  which has been considered before. By the Néron model property there is an induced morphism  $\Phi_p : X_1(N)_{R_p} \rightarrow A_{R_p}$ . Let  $X \subset X_1(N)_{R_p}$  be any affine open set. Let  $r$  be 1 or 2 according as  $A_{R_p}$  has or has not a lift of Frobenius. (Note that we always have  $r = 2$  if  $A$  has no complex multiplication.) The image of the canonical  $\delta_p$ -character  $\psi_p \in \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(A_{R_p}))$  in (5.11) (respectively (5.12)) via the map

$$\mathcal{O}(J_p^r(A_{R_p})) \xrightarrow{\Phi_p^*} \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X)) = S_p^r = M_p^r(0) \subset M_p^r$$

is denoted by  $f^\sharp = f_p^\sharp$  and is a  $\delta_p$ -modular form of weight 0; this form was introduced in [7] and played a key role in [11].

Putting together Theorem 5.4 and Remark 2.7 we get:

**Theorem 5.5.** *Assume  $v_p(\pi) \geq \frac{1}{p-1}$ . Then the function  $\frac{p}{\pi} f_p^\sharp$  belongs to the image of the map*

$$\mathcal{O}(J_\pi^r(X_{R_\pi})) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(J_p^r(X)) \otimes_{R_p} R_\pi.$$

*In particular  $f_p^\sharp$  is  $\delta_\pi$ -overconvergent.*

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