Local heights computations for quadratic Chabauty



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Local heights computations: why?

- * Set-up: Let *C* be a nice curve of genus $g \ge 2$. Then $\#C(\mathbb{Q}) < \infty$.
- * **Goal:** To describe explicitly $C(\mathbb{Q})$.
- *p*-adic method that has been successfully used to compute $C(\mathbb{Q})$ in many new cases.

where $h_{Z,\ell} : C(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}) \to \mathbb{Q}_p$.

* One challenge: Computing local heights.

* Method: quadratic Chabauty (explicitly presented by Balakrishnan & Dogra, '18'21). This is a

* Key input: Let *p* be a prime and $Z \subset C \times C$ be a trace 0 correspondence. There is an associated *p*-adic (Coleman Gross) height function $h_Z : C(\mathbb{Q}) \to \mathbb{Q}_p$ which can be decomposed as

 $h_Z(Q) = \sum_{\ell} h_{Z,\ell}(Q),$



Local heights computations on hyperelliptic curves: how?

$$y^2 = x^6 + 2x^4 + 6x^3 + 5x^2 -$$



Cluster picture

Berkovich space decomposition

$$h_{Z,3}(x,y) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{4}\log^p(3) & \text{if } x \equiv -\frac{1}{4}\log^p(3) & \text{if } x \equiv -\frac{1}{4}\log^p(3) & \text{if } x \equiv -\frac{1}{4}\log^p(3) & \text{otherw} \end{cases}$$



 $-1 \mod 3$,

 $+1 \mod 3$,

vise.



