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ABSTRACT

Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve and p a prime of supersingular reduction for E . Denote by K_∞ the anticyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of an imaginary quadratic field K which satisfies the Heegner hypothesis. Assuming that p splits in K/\mathbb{Q} , we prove that $\text{III}(K_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}$ has trivial Λ -corank and, in the process, also show that $H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})$ and $E(K_\infty) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p$ both have Λ -corank two.

Introduction

Let E be an elliptic curve of conductor N defined over \mathbb{Q} , and let p be a rational prime such that E has supersingular reduction at p . We denote by E_p the p -torsion of E and assume throughout the paper that $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ is not solvable. Let K/\mathbb{Q} be any imaginary quadratic extension such that the primes dividing pN split. Denote by K_∞ the anticyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of K which is the unique Galois extension of K such that $\text{Gal}(K_\infty/K) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p$ and $\text{Gal}(K_\infty/\mathbb{Q})$ is a pro-dihedral group. We now consider the Tate–Shafarevich group of E/K_∞ , namely the group of genus-one curves defined over K_∞ with E as their Jacobian possessing a point over every completion of K_∞ ; this is a torsion group. The p -primary part of the Tate–Shafarevich group of E/K_∞ , denoted by $\text{III}(K_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}$, can be viewed as a module over $\Lambda := \mathbb{Z}_p[[\text{Gal}(K_\infty/K)]]$, and its Pontryagin dual

$$\widehat{\text{III}(K_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}} := \text{Hom}(\text{III}(K_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

is finitely generated over Λ . The Λ -corank of $\text{III}(K_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}$ is defined to be the rank of its Pontryagin dual. We will prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 0.1. *The Λ -module $\text{III}(K_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}$ has trivial corank.*

This result is a manifestation of the break in the behavior of the Tate–Shafarevich group at supersingular primes in comparison to ordinary primes. When p is a prime of ordinary reduction, Rubin [Rub88] (in the CM case) and Kato [Kat04] (in the non-CM case) have analyzed the behavior of the Tate–Shafarevich group over the cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension $\mathbb{Q}_\infty/\mathbb{Q}$, showing that $\text{III}(\mathbb{Q}_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}$ has trivial corank. In this same case, assuming that the primes dividing N split in K/\mathbb{Q} , Bertolini [Ber95] has shown that $\text{III}(K_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}$ has trivial Λ -corank also.

When p is a prime of supersingular reduction, by using the work of Schneider [Sch85], Rohrlich [Roh84] and Kato [Kat04] one can see that the Λ -corank of $\text{III}(\mathbb{Q}_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}$ is greater than or equal to one. Furthermore, under certain conditions which, in particular, imply that E/\mathbb{Q} has trivial analytic rank, Kurihara [Kur02] has proven that $\text{III}(\mathbb{Q}_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}$ has Λ -corank one.

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An algebraic proof of this result has been given by Pollack [Pol05]. In this paper, we shall see that the Λ -corank of $\text{III}(\mathbb{K}_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}$ is trivial, and in the process we will analyze the Λ -corank of the Selmer group $H_{\text{Sel}}^1(\mathbb{K}_\infty, E_{p^\infty})$ (defined in §1) and of $E(\mathbb{K}_\infty) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p$.

1. Structure results

For every number field F and $m \in \mathbb{N}$, we can define the p^m -torsion of the Selmer group of E/F to be

$$H_{\text{Sel}}^1(F, E_{p^m}) := \ker \left[H^1(F, E_{p^m}) \rightarrow \prod_{\lambda \subseteq F} H^1(F_\lambda, E) \right],$$

where λ denotes primes in F and F_λ is the completion of F at λ . Then, the p^m -torsion of the Tate–Shafarevich group of E/F fits in the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E(F)/p^m E(F) \rightarrow H_{\text{Sel}}^1(F, E_{p^m}) \rightarrow \text{III}(F, E)_{p^m} \rightarrow 0. \tag{1}$$

Let $K_n \subseteq K_\infty$ be the unique extension of K such that $\text{Gal}(K_n/K) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$. One can consider

$$H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K_n, E_{p^\infty}) := \varinjlim_m H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K_n, E_{p^m}),$$

where the transition maps are induced by the inclusions $E_{p^m} \hookrightarrow E_{p^{m+1}}$. We now define

$$H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty}) := \varinjlim_n H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K_n, E_{p^\infty}),$$

where the transition maps are simply restrictions. Observe that since we are assuming $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ is not solvable, the transition maps in both of the above direct limits are injective. Since

$$\text{III}(K_n, E)_{p^\infty} = \varinjlim_m \text{III}(K_n, E)_{p^m} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{III}(K_\infty, E)_{p^\infty} = \varinjlim_n \text{III}(K_n, E)_{p^\infty},$$

the exactness of the sequence (1) implies that the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E(\mathbb{K}_\infty) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow H_{\text{Sel}}^1(\mathbb{K}_\infty, E_{p^\infty}) \rightarrow \text{III}(\mathbb{K}_\infty, E)_{p^\infty} \rightarrow 0$$

is also exact.

Let us now choose a strictly increasing sequence of natural numbers $\{m_n\}$ such that $m_n \geq n$ and $E(\mathbb{K}_{\lambda_n})_{p^\infty} \subseteq E_{p^{m_n}}$ for all primes $\lambda_n \subset K_n$ which divide N , where \mathbb{K}_{λ_n} denotes the completion of K_n at λ_n . One can verify that

$$H_{\text{Sel}}^1(\mathbb{K}_\infty, E_{p^\infty}) = \varinjlim_n H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}).$$

For any finite set of rational primes Q , we can consider the group

$$H_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q}}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) := \ker \left[H^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \rightarrow \prod_{\lambda_n \nmid \ell \in p \cup Q} H^1(K_{\lambda_n}, E) \right],$$

where λ_n denotes primes of K_n and K_{λ_n} is the completion of K_n at λ_n . Notice that $H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \subseteq H_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q}}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$. Set

$$R_n := \mathbb{Z}/p^{m_n}\mathbb{Z}[\text{Gal}(K_n/K)]$$

and observe that $H_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q}}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$ can be viewed as an R_n -module.

Let $n' \geq n$. The assumption that $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ is not solvable implies that the restriction map

$$H^1(K_n, E_{p^{mn}}) \rightarrow H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{mn}}),$$

as well as the map

$$H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{mn}}) \rightarrow H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})$$

induced by the inclusion $E_{p^{mn}} \hookrightarrow E_{p^{m_{n'}}}$, are both injective. By composing the above maps, we obtain the injection

$$H^1(K_n, E_{p^{mn}}) \hookrightarrow H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}}). \tag{2}$$

LEMMA 1.1. *The map (2) induces an isomorphism between the following R_n -modules:*

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup \mathbb{Q}}}(K_n, E_{p^{mn}}) \simeq H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup \mathbb{Q}}}(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{mn}],$$

where $\text{Gal}(K_\infty/K_n) = \langle g^{p^n} \rangle$ and $n' \geq n$.

Proof. The restriction map induces the isomorphism

$$H^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_{n'}}}) \simeq H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})^{\text{Gal}(K_\infty/K_n)} = H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1].$$

Since $H^1(K_n, E_{p^{mn}}) \simeq H^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[p^{mn}]$, it follows that

$$H^1(K_n, E_{p^{mn}}) \simeq H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{mn}]$$

under the map (2). It is clear that

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup \mathbb{Q}}}(K_n, E_{p^{mn}}) \hookrightarrow H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup \mathbb{Q}}}(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{mn}].$$

We will now show that the above map is surjective. Let λ_n be a prime of K_n and $\lambda_{n'}$ a prime of $K_{n'}$ that divides λ_n . We will assume that λ_n does not divide any of the primes in $\{p\} \cup \mathbb{Q}_{k_{n'}}$.

If $\lambda_{n'}$ is a prime of good reduction, then the image of

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup \mathbb{Q}}}(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{mn}] \rightarrow H^1(K_{\lambda_{n'}}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})$$

lies in $H^1(K_{\lambda_{n'}}^{\text{unr}}/K_{\lambda_{n'}}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{mn}]$; here $K_{\lambda_{n'}}$ denotes the completion of $K_{n'}$ at $\lambda_{n'}$, $K_{\lambda_{n'}}^{\text{unr}}$ denotes its maximal unramified extension, and g^{p^n} generates $\text{Gal}(K_{\lambda_{n'}}/K_{\lambda_n})$. Since $K_{\lambda_{n'}}/K_{\lambda_n}$ is unramified, the preimage of $H^1(K_{\lambda_{n'}}^{\text{unr}}/K_{\lambda_{n'}}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1]$ under the restriction map

$$H^1(K_{\lambda_n}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}}) \rightarrow H^1(K_{\lambda_{n'}}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})$$

lies in $H^1(K_{\lambda_n}^{\text{unr}}/K_{\lambda_n}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})$. Finally, since

$$H^1(K_{\lambda_n}^{\text{unr}}/K_{\lambda_n}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[p^{mn}] = H^1(K_{\lambda_n}^{\text{unr}}/K_{\lambda_n}, E_{p^{mn}}),$$

we see that the image of

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup \mathbb{Q}_{k_{n'}}}}(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{mn}] \rightarrow H^1(K_{\lambda_n}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})$$

lies in $H^1(K_{\lambda_n}^{\text{unr}}/K_{\lambda_n}, E_{p^{mn}})$.

If $\lambda_{n'}$ is a prime of bad reduction, then the image of

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup \mathbb{Q}}}(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{mn}] \rightarrow H^1(K_{\lambda_{n'}}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})$$

lies in the image of

$$(E(K_{\lambda_{n'}})/p^{m_{n'}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{mn}] \rightarrow H^1(K_{\lambda_{n'}}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}}).$$

By our choice of the sequence m_n and [ÇW08, Lemma 2.1.3], we know that

$$E(K_{\lambda_{n'}})/p^{m_{n'}} \simeq E(K_{\lambda_{n'}})_{p^{m_{n'}}} \quad \text{and} \quad E(K_{\lambda_n})/p^{m_n} \simeq E(K_{\lambda_n})_{p^{m_n}}.$$

It then follows that

$$(E(K_{\lambda_{n'}})/p^{m_{n'}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}] \simeq E(K_{\lambda_{n'}})_{p^{m_{n'}}}[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}] = E(K_{\lambda_n})_{p^{m_n}} \simeq E(K_{\lambda_n})/p^{m_n}.$$

This concludes the proof that the preimage of $H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q}}(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_n}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}]$ under the map (2) is $H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$. □

Let $\{Q_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a sequence of sets of rational primes such that:

- (i) $q \in Q_n$ is inert in K/\mathbb{Q} ;
- (ii) $q \in Q_n$ is prime to $p\mathbb{N}$;
- (iii) $E(K_q)_{p^\infty} = E(\overline{K}_q)_{p^{m_n}}$, where K_q denotes the completion of K at the prime of K above q ;
- (iv) $H^1_{\text{Sel}}(K, E_{p^{m_n}}) \hookrightarrow \prod_{q \in Q_n} H^1(K_q, E_{p^{m_n}})$;
- (v) the set Q_n is finite and its size does not depend on n .

By [ÇW08, Proposition 2.6.3], all the R_n -modules in the set

$$\{H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_k}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \mid k \geq n\}$$

have the same size. This implies that we can find a strictly increasing sequence $\{k_n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ such that

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_n}}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \simeq H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n'}}}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$$

as R_n -modules for all $n' \geq n$. Moreover, from Lemma 1.1 we know that

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n'}}}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \simeq H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n'}}}}(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}].$$

Consequently, even if the R_n -modules $H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_n}}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$ are not naturally related as n grows, we have that

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_n}}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \simeq H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n+1}}}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \simeq H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n+1}}}}(K_{n+1}, E_{p^{m_{n+1}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}],$$

where the first isomorphism is formal while the second is induced by the map (2). It follows that we can now fix maps

$$i_n : H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_n}}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \rightarrow H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n+1}}}}(K_{n+1}, E_{p^{m_{n+1}}})$$

for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and we observe that all these maps are injective. Using i_n as transition maps, we construct the direct limit

$$\mathcal{M}_s := \varinjlim_n H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_n}}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}).$$

The following theorem describes the structure of \mathcal{M}_s as a Λ -module.

THEOREM 1.2 (Theorem 2.6.4 in [ÇW08]). *The Λ -module $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}_s$ is isomorphic to Λ^{2t+2} , where $t = \#Q_{k_n}$.*

Observe that for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and any $n' \geq n$ there is a noncanonical isomorphism

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n'}}}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \simeq H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_n}}}(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$$

and that the map

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_n}}}(\mathbb{K}_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_s$$

is injective with image contained in $\mathcal{M}_s[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}]$. The composition therefore determines an injection

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n'}}}}(\mathbb{K}_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_s[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}].$$

In addition, by [CW08, Proposition 2.6.3], we know that

$$\#H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n'}}}}(\mathbb{K}_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) = \#(\mathbb{R}_n^{2t+2}) \quad \text{for all } n' \geq n.$$

This implies that

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n'}}}}(\mathbb{K}_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \simeq \mathcal{M}_s[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}]$$

and, consequently, that

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n'}}}}(\mathbb{K}_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \simeq \mathbb{R}_n^{2t+2} \quad \text{for every } n' \geq n.$$

Let us now consider the maps

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n'}}}}(\mathbb{K}_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \rightarrow \prod_{q \in Q_{k_{n'}}} H^1(\mathbb{K}_n(q), E)_{p^{m_n}}, \tag{3}$$

where $n' \geq n$ and $H^1(\mathbb{K}_n(q), E)_{p^{m_n}} := \prod_{q_n | q} H^1(\mathbb{K}_{q_n}, E)_{p^{m_n}}$, with q_n denoting primes of \mathbb{K}_n above q and \mathbb{K}_{q_n} denoting the completion of \mathbb{K}_n at q_n . Notice that the kernel of the map (3) is $H^1_{\text{Sel}_p}(\mathbb{K}_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$ and, as in Lemma 1.1, one can see that

$$H^1_{\text{Sel}_p}(\mathbb{K}_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}] \simeq H^1_{\text{Sel}_p}(\mathbb{K}_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \quad \text{for all } n' \geq n.$$

The first three properties of primes $q \in Q_n$ imply that (see [Ber95, Corollary 6])

$$H^1(\mathbb{K}_n(q), E)_{p^{m_n}} \simeq \mathbb{R}_n^2.$$

Thus, the maps (3) can be viewed as maps between formal \mathbb{R}_n -modules

$$\theta_{n,n'} : \mathbb{R}_n^{2t+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_n^{2t}.$$

Since for every n we have infinitely many maps $\mathbb{R}_n^{2t+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_n^{2t}$, it follows that infinitely many of them are identical. This allows us to assume (by switching to a subsequence of the sequence k_n if necessary) that

$$\theta_{n,n'} = \theta_{n,n} \quad \text{for all } n' \geq n.$$

We now view \mathbb{R}_n as the Λ -module $\hat{\Lambda}[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}]$. It is then easy to see that $\mathbb{R}_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{n+1}$. By using Lemma 1.1, the fact that

$$H^1(\mathbb{K}_{n+1}(q), E)_{p^{m_{n+1}}}[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}] = H^1(\mathbb{K}_n(q), E)_{p^{m_n}}$$

and the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n+1}}}(\mathbb{K}_{n+1}, E_{p^{m_{n+1}}})} & \longrightarrow & \prod_{q \in Q_{k_{n+1}}} H^1(\mathbb{K}_{n+1}(q), E)_{p^{m_{n+1}}} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ H^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{n+1}}}(\mathbb{K}_n, E_{p^{m_n}})} & \longrightarrow & \prod_{q \in Q_{k_{n+1}}} H^1(\mathbb{K}_n(q), E)_{p^{m_n}} \end{array}$$

we see that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R_{n+1}^{2t+2} & \xrightarrow{\theta_{n+1,n+1}} & R_{n+1}^{2t} \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 R_n^{2t+2} & \xrightarrow{\theta_{n,n+1}} & R_n^{2t}
 \end{array}$$

commutes. Since $\theta_{n,n+1} = \theta_{n,n}$, we can now consider the Λ -module map

$$\theta : \hat{\Lambda}^{2t+2} \rightarrow \hat{\Lambda}^{2t}, \tag{4}$$

where the restriction of θ to R_n^{2t+2} equals $\theta_{n,n}$.

Notice that the kernel of the map (3) is $H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$, which is equivalent to saying that

$$\ker \theta_{n,n} \simeq H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}).$$

Consequently, the kernel of the map θ is a direct limit of $H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$, where the transition maps are injective but not necessarily the natural ones.

PROPOSITION 1.3. *The Λ -corank of $H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})$ is equal to the Λ -corank of the kernel of θ .*

Proof. As in Lemma 1.1, we can show that

$$H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}] \simeq H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \quad \text{for all } n' \geq n. \tag{5}$$

On the one hand, since $H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty}) = \varinjlim_{n'} H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})$, we have

$$H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}] \simeq H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}).$$

On the other hand, (5) and the fact that the transition maps used in viewing $\ker \theta$ as a direct limit of $H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$ are injective together imply that

$$\ker \theta [g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}] \simeq H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}).$$

So we have that

$$\ker \theta [g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}] \simeq H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})[g^{p^n} - 1, p^{m_n}],$$

which implies that the Λ -corank of $H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})$ equals that of the kernel of θ . □

2. Heegner points and Kolyvagin classes

2.1 We fix a parametrization $\pi : X_0(N) \rightarrow E$ which maps the cusp at ∞ to the origin of E (see [BCDT01] and [Wil95]). Let \mathcal{O}_K be the ring of integers of K . Since we have assumed that the primes dividing N (the conductor of E) split in K/\mathbb{Q} , we can choose an ideal \mathcal{N} such that $\mathcal{O}_K/\mathcal{N} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$. For any positive integer f prime to N , we can consider $x_f = (\mathbb{C}/\mathcal{O}_f, \mathbb{C}/\mathcal{N}_f) \in X_0(N)$, where \mathcal{O}_f denotes the order of K of conductor f and $\mathcal{N}_f = \mathcal{N} \cap \mathcal{O}_f$. We define the Heegner point by $y_f = \pi(x_f)$. The Heegner point y_f is defined over $K[f]$, the ring class field of K of conductor f .

Let $\tilde{K}_\infty = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} K[p^n]$. Then $\text{Gal}(\tilde{K}_\infty/K)$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \Delta$, where Δ is a finite abelian group. The unique \mathbb{Z}_p -extension contained in \tilde{K}_∞ is the anticyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension K_∞ . Denote by $K[p^{k(n)}]$ the minimal ring class field of p -power conductor that contains K_n , the subextension

of K_∞ of degree p^n over K . We then define $\alpha_n \in E(K_n)$ to be the trace of $y_{p^{k(n)}}$ from $K[p^{k(n)}]$ to K_n . Perrin-Riou [Per87, § 3.3, Lemma 2] has shown that

$$a_p y_{p^{n+1}} = y_{p^n} + \text{tr}_{K[p^{n+2}]/K[p^{n+1}]} y_{p^{n+2}} \quad \text{for } n \geq 0.$$

Since we are assuming that $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ is not solvable, it follows that $p \geq 5$; in conjunction with the fact that E has supersingular reduction at p , this implies that $a_p = 0$. We can therefore deduce that

$$\text{tr}_{K_{n+2}/K_n} \alpha_{n+2} = -\alpha_n \tag{6}$$

for all $n \geq k_0 := \max\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid K_n \subseteq K[1]\}$.

For any $n' \geq n$, let $R_{n'}\alpha_n$ denote the $R_{n'}$ -submodule of $H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}})$ generated by the image of α_n under the map

$$E(K_{n'}) \rightarrow H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}}).$$

Since the group $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ is not solvable, the map

$$H^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \rightarrow H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}}) \tag{7}$$

is injective and induces the isomorphism

$$R_n \alpha_n \simeq R_{n'}(p^{m_{n'} - m_n} \alpha_n).$$

By using

$$R_{n'}(p^{m_{n'} - m_n} \alpha_n) \subseteq R_{n'} \alpha_n \subseteq H^1(K_{n'}, E_{p^{m_{n'}}}),$$

we see that the map (7) induces the injective homomorphism

$$R_n \alpha_n \hookrightarrow R_{n'} \alpha_n.$$

Moreover, the relations (6) imply that

$$R_{n+2k} \alpha_n \subseteq R_{n+2k} \alpha_{n+2k} \subseteq H^1_{\text{Sel}}(K_{n+2k}, E_{p^{m_{n+2k}}}) \subseteq H^1_{\text{Sel}}(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty}),$$

where k is any positive integer. Hence, we have the following maps:

$$R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n} \hookrightarrow R_{2n'+1} \alpha_{2n'} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n+1} \hookrightarrow R_{2n'+1} \alpha_{2n'+1},$$

which can be used as transition maps in defining the direct limits

$$\varinjlim_n R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n} \quad \text{and} \quad \varinjlim_n R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n+1}.$$

Since the transition maps of the above direct limits are simply restrictions of the maps (7), these direct limits are submodules of $H^1_{\text{Sel}}(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})$.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *The Λ -modules $\varinjlim_n R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n}$ and $\varinjlim_n R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n+1}$ have nontrivial coranks, and together they give rise to a submodule of $H^1_{\text{Sel}_p}(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})$ of corank greater than or equal to two.*

Remark 2.2. Observe that, while the statement of this proposition is the same as that of [CW08, Lemma 2.6.5], in this case we do not assume that K_∞/K is totally ramified at the primes above p .

Proof. Cornut [Cor02] and Vatsal [Vat03] have shown that all but finitely many of the Heegner points are nontorsion. Using this result, one can show (see [CW08, Proposition 2.5.1]) that the Λ -modules $\varinjlim_n R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n}$ and $\varinjlim_n R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n+1}$ have nontrivial coranks. It then follows that we can restrict our attention to the case where each of these submodules of $H^1_{\text{Sel}_p}(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})$ has

Λ -corank one. In this case, we will consider the restrictions of the submodules at primes above p and analyze their image in the local cohomology group.

Let \wp be a prime of K above p , \wp_n a prime of K_n dividing \wp , K_\wp the completion of K at \wp , and K_{\wp_n} the completion of K_n at \wp_n . Following Kobayashi [Kob03], we define the following subgroups of $E(K_{\wp_n})$:

$$E^+(K_{\wp_n}) := \{x \in E(K_{\wp_n}) \mid \text{tr}_{K_{\wp_n}/K_{\wp_{m+1}}}(x) \in E(K_{\wp_m}) \text{ for all } k_0 \leq m < n, m \text{ even}\},$$

$$E^-(K_{\wp_n}) := \{x \in E(K_{\wp_n}) \mid \text{tr}_{K_{\wp_n}/K_{\wp_{m+1}}}(x) \in E(K_{\wp_m}) \text{ for all } k_0 \leq m < n, m \text{ odd}\}.$$

Observe that $\text{res}_{\wp_{2n}} \alpha_{2n} \in E^+(K_{\wp_{2n}})$ and $\text{res}_{\wp_{2n+1}} \alpha_{2n+1} \in E^-(K_{\wp_{2n+1}})$, where

$$\text{res}_{\wp_n} : E(K_n) \rightarrow E(K_{\wp_n}).$$

Since the subgroups $E^\pm(K_{\wp_n})$ are closed under the action of $\text{Gal}(K_{\wp_n}/K_\wp)$, they can be viewed as $\mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\wp_n}/K_\wp)]$ -modules. Our aim now is to show that $\varinjlim_n E^\pm(K_{\wp_n}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p$, viewed as modules over $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\wp_\infty}/K_\wp)]$, have corank one.

We know that the \mathbb{Z}_p -rank of $E(K_{\wp_n})$ equals that of \mathcal{O}_{\wp_n} , the ring of integers of K_{\wp_n} . Since $E(K_{\wp_n})/(E^+(K_{\wp_n}) + E^-(K_{\wp_n}))$ is annihilated simultaneously by

$$\prod_{k_0 < 2m \leq n} \text{tr}_{K_{\wp_{2m}}/K_{\wp_{2m-1}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{k_0 < 2m+1 \leq n} \text{tr}_{K_{\wp_{2m+1}}/K_{\wp_{2m}}},$$

it follows that

$$p^n E(K_{\wp_n}) \subseteq E^-(K_{\wp_n}) + E^+(K_{\wp_n}).$$

Moreover, $E^+(K_{\wp_{2m+1}}) \subseteq E(K_{\wp_{2m}})$ and $E^-(K_{\wp_{2m}}) \subseteq E(K_{\wp_{2m-1}})$ for all $m \geq k_0$. Consequently, we can deduce the following facts about the \mathbb{Z}_p -ranks of $E^\pm(K_{\wp_n})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} E^+(K_{\wp_n}) &= \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathcal{O}_{\wp_{k_0}} + \sum_{k_0 < 2m \leq n} (\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathcal{O}_{\wp_{2m}} - \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathcal{O}_{\wp_{2m-1}}), \\ \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} E^-(K_{\wp_n}) &= \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathcal{O}_{\wp_{k_0}} + \sum_{k_0 < 2m+1 \leq n} (\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathcal{O}_{\wp_{2m+1}} - \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathcal{O}_{\wp_{2m}}). \end{aligned}$$

Let $r_0 = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \alpha_{2n} \notin E(K_{\wp_{2n}})_{\text{tors}}, 2n \geq k_0\}$. Then, for some $f_0(g)$ dividing $g^{k_0} - 1$, we have that

$$f_0(g) \prod_{r_0 < r \leq m} \text{tr}_{K_{\wp_{2r}}/K_{\wp_{2r-1}}}$$

is a minimal annihilator $\mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\wp_{2m}}/K_\wp)] \text{res}_{\wp_{2m}} \alpha_{2m} \subseteq E^+(K_{\wp_{2m}})$ and r_0 is by definition independent of m . This implies that the difference between the \mathbb{Z}_p -rank of $E^+(K_{\wp_{2m}})$ and the \mathbb{Z}_p -rank of its submodule $\mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\wp_{2m}}/K_\wp)] \text{res}_{\wp_{2m}} \alpha_{2m}$ is bounded independently of m . One can draw the same conclusion about the difference between the \mathbb{Z}_p -ranks of $E^-(K_{\wp_{2m+1}})$ and $\mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\wp_{2m+1}}/K_\wp)] \text{res}_{\wp_{2m+1}} \alpha_{2m+1}$. It then follows that

$$\text{corank}_\Lambda \varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\wp_{2n}}/K_\wp)] \text{res}_{\wp_{2n}} \alpha_{2n} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p = \text{corank}_\Lambda \varinjlim_n E^+(K_{\wp_n}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p, \quad (8)$$

$$\text{corank}_\Lambda \varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\wp_{2n+1}}/K_\wp)] \text{res}_{\wp_{2n+1}} \alpha_{2n+1} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p = \text{corank}_\Lambda \varinjlim_n E^-(K_{\wp_n}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p. \quad (9)$$

Since α_n is nontorsion for almost all n , the same holds for $\text{res}_{\varphi_n} \alpha_n$. Consequently, as in [CW08, Proposition 2.5.1], one can show that the modules $\varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\varphi_{2n}}/K_\varphi)]\text{res}_{\varphi_{2n}} \alpha_{2n} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p$ and $\varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\varphi_{2n+1}}/K_\varphi)]\text{res}_{\varphi_{2n+1}} \alpha_{2n+1} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p$ have nontrivial Λ -coranks.

Moreover, using the fact that the maps

$$\varinjlim_n R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n} \rightarrow \varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\varphi_{2n}}/K_\varphi)]\text{res}_{\varphi_{2n}} \alpha_{2n} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p$$

and

$$\varinjlim_n R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n+1} \rightarrow \varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\varphi_{2n+1}}/K_\varphi)]\text{res}_{\varphi_{2n+1}} \alpha_{2n+1} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p$$

are surjective, together with our assumption that $\varinjlim_n R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n}$ and $\varinjlim_n R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n+1}$ have Λ -corank one, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{corank}_\Lambda \varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\varphi_{2n}}/K_\varphi)]\text{res}_{\varphi_{2n}} \alpha_{2n} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p &= 1, \\ \text{corank}_\Lambda \varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\varphi_{2n+1}}/K_\varphi)]\text{res}_{\varphi_{2n+1}} \alpha_{2n+1} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, in view of (8) and (9), we have that

$$\text{corank}_\Lambda \varinjlim_n E^+(K_{\varphi_n}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p = \text{corank}_\Lambda \varinjlim_n E^-(K_{\varphi_n}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p = 1.$$

Consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E^+(K_{\varphi_n}) + E^-(K_{\varphi_n}) \rightarrow E(K_{\varphi_n}) \rightarrow E(K_{\varphi_n})/(E^+(K_{\varphi_n}) + E^-(K_{\varphi_n})) \rightarrow 0.$$

The last term is annihilated by p^n . Moreover, since p is a prime of supersingular reduction and $K_{\varphi_n}/\mathbb{Q}_p$ is a cyclic Galois extension, we know that $E(K_{\varphi_n})_p = 0$. Hence, by applying the snake lemma, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\rightarrow E(K_{\varphi_n})/(E^+(K_{\varphi_n}) + E^-(K_{\varphi_n})) \\ &\rightarrow (E^+(K_{\varphi_n}) + E^-(K_{\varphi_n})) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow E(K_{\varphi_n}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

The fact that p is a supersingular prime also implies that

$$\varinjlim_n E(K_{\varphi_n}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \simeq \varinjlim_n H^1(K_{\varphi_n}, E_{p^\infty})$$

under the natural inclusion maps. In addition, we know that (see [Gre01, ch. 2])

$$\text{corank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} H^1(K_{\varphi_n}, E_{p^\infty}) = 2[K_{\varphi_n} : K_\varphi],$$

which implies that $\varinjlim_n H^1(K_{\varphi_n}, E_{p^\infty})$ has Λ -corank two. By the above we have that

$$\varinjlim_n E^+(K_{\varphi_n}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p + \varinjlim_n E^-(K_{\varphi_n}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \varinjlim_n H^1(K_{\varphi_n}, E_{p^\infty});$$

therefore the cokernel of

$$\begin{aligned} &\varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\varphi_{2n}}/K_\varphi)]\text{res}_{\varphi_{2n}} \alpha_{2n} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \\ &+ \varinjlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(K_{\varphi_{2n+1}}/K_\varphi)]\text{res}_{\varphi_{2n+1}} \alpha_{2n+1} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \varinjlim_n H^1(K_{\varphi_n}, E_{p^\infty}) \end{aligned}$$

is torsion over Λ and, consequently, the image of

$$\varinjlim_n R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n} + \varinjlim_n R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1} \quad \text{in} \quad \varinjlim_n H^1(K_{\wp_n}, E_{p^\infty})$$

has Λ -corank two. Thus we can now conclude that the Heegner points give rise to a submodule of $H^1_{\text{Sel}_p}(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})$ of Λ -corank greater than or equal to two. \square

2.2 Kolyvagin used Heegner points to construct cohomology classes whose ramification can be controlled. We will now describe a natural generalization of Kolyvagin’s cohomology classes to ring class fields (following [BD90]). Let r be a squarefree product of primes $\ell|r$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) ℓ is relatively prime to $p\text{ND}_K$;
- (ii) $\tau \in \text{Frob}_\ell(K(E_{p^{m_{n'}}})/\mathbb{Q})$, where τ denotes complex conjugation.

Let $k_0 \leq n \leq n'$, and denote by $K_n[r]$ the maximal subextension of $K_n K[r]$ which is a p -primary extension of K_n . We now define $\alpha_n(r)$ to be the trace of $y_{r,p^{k(n)}}$ over $K[rp^{k(n)}]/K_n[r]$.

Let $\mathcal{G}_{n,r} = \text{Gal}(K_n[r]/K_n[r] \cap K_n K[1])$ and $\mathcal{G}_{n,\ell} = \text{Gal}(K_n[\ell]/K_n[\ell] \cap K_n K[1])$. By class field theory, $\mathcal{G}_{n,r} = \prod_{\ell|r} \mathcal{G}_{n,\ell}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{n,\ell} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p^{n_\ell}\mathbb{Z}$ for $n_\ell = p^{\text{ord}_p(\ell+1)}$. Consider $D_\ell := \sum_{i=1}^{n_\ell} i\sigma_\ell^i \in \mathbb{Z}/p^{m_n}\mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{G}_{n,\ell}]$ and $D_r := \prod_{\ell|r} D_\ell \in \mathbb{Z}/p^{m_n}\mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{G}_{n,r}]$ (with $D_1 := 1$). One can then show that $D_r \alpha_n(r)$ belongs to $(E(K_n[r])/p^{m_n})^{\mathcal{G}_{n,r}}$ (see [BD90, Lemma 3.3]). It follows that

$$\text{tr}_{(K_n[r] \cap K_n K[1])/K_n} D_r \alpha_n(r) \in (E(K_n[r])/p^{m_n})^{\mathcal{G}_{n,r}},$$

where $\mathcal{G}_{n,r} = \text{Gal}(K_n[r]/K_n)$. We now consider the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & 0 & & \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & & & H^1(K_n[r]/K_n, E)_{p^{m_n}} & & \\
 & & & & \text{Inf} \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & E(K_n)/p^{m_n}E(K_n) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & H^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) & \longrightarrow & H^1(K_n, E)_{p^{m_n}} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \text{res} \downarrow \wr & & \text{res} \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & (E(K_n[r])/p^{m_n})^{\mathcal{G}_{n,r}} & \xrightarrow{\phi_r} & H^1(K_n[r], E_{p^{m_n}})^{\mathcal{G}_{n,r}} & \longrightarrow & H^1(K_n[r], E)_{p^{m_n}}^{\mathcal{G}_{n,r}}
 \end{array} \tag{10}$$

Let $c_n(r) \in H^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$ be such that

$$\phi_r(\text{tr}_{(K_n[r] \cap K_n K[1])/K_n} D_r \alpha_n(r)) = \text{res}(c_n(r)),$$

and let $d_n(r)$ be the image of $c_n(r)$ in $H^1(K_n, E)_{p^{m_n}}$. In particular, $\text{res}(c_n(1)) = \phi_1(\alpha_n)$. These generalized Kolyvagin cohomology classes have the following properties.

- (1) Let $-\epsilon$ denote the sign of the functional equation of the L-function of E/\mathbb{Q} , and let f_r be the number of prime divisors of r . After extending τ to a complex conjugation in $\text{Gal}(K_\infty/\mathbb{Q})$, we see that τ acts on α_n with $\tau\alpha_n = \epsilon g^{i_{n,1}}\alpha_n + \beta_n$, where $\beta_n \in E(K_n)_{\text{tors}}$, g is a generator of $\text{Gal}(K_\infty/K)$ and $i_{n,1} \in \{0, \dots, p^n - 1\}$. Moreover, the complex conjugation τ acts on $H^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$, and we can deduce that $\tau c_n(r) = \epsilon_r g^{i_{n,r}} c_n(r)$ where $\epsilon_r = (-1)^{f_r} \epsilon$ and $i_{n,r} \in \{0, \dots, p^n - 1\}$.

- (2) If v is a rational prime which does not divide r , then $d_n(r)_{v_n} = 0$ in $H^1(K_{v_n}, E)_{p^{m_n}}$ for all primes v_n of K_n such that $v_n|v$.
- (3) Let $H^1(K_n(\ell), E_{p^{m_n}}) := \prod_{\lambda_n|\ell} H^1(K_{\lambda_n}, E_{p^{m_n}})$ and $H^1(K_n(\ell), E)_{p^{m_n}} := \prod_{\lambda_n|\ell} H^1(K_{\lambda_n}, E)_{p^{m_n}}$. Define res_ℓ and res_ℓ to be the following localization maps:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{res}_\ell &: H^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \rightarrow H^1(K_n(\ell), E_{p^{m_n}}), \\ \text{res}_\ell &: H^1(K_n, E)_{p^{m_n}} \rightarrow H^1(K_n(\ell), E)_{p^{m_n}}. \end{aligned}$$

We set $E(K_n(\ell))/p^{m_n} := \prod_{\lambda_n|\ell} E(K_{\lambda_n})/p^{m_n}$. Then if $\ell|r$, there exists a G_n -equivariant and τ -antiequivariant isomorphism

$$\psi_\ell : H^1(K_n(\ell), E)_{p^{m_n}} \rightarrow E(K_n(\ell))/p^{m_n}$$

such that $\psi_\ell(\text{res}_\ell(d_n(r))) = \text{res}_\ell(c_n(r/\ell))$.

- (4) As in the case where $r = 1$ (see § 2.1), Perrin-Riou [Per87, § 3.3, Lemma 2]) has shown that

$$a_p y_{rp^{n+1}} = y_{rp^n} + \text{tr}_{K[rp^{n+2}]/K[rp^{n+1}]} y_{rp^{n+2}}$$

for any $n \geq 0$ and any $r \in \mathbb{N}$ prime to p . Since $a_p = 0$, it follows that

$$y_{rp^n} = -\text{tr}_{K[rp^{n+2}]/K[rp^{n+1}]} y_{rp^{n+2}}. \tag{11}$$

Let $R_n c_n(r)$ be the R_n -submodule of $H^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$ generated by $c_n(r)$. Under the injective map

$$H^1(K_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \rightarrow H^1(K_{n+2}, E_{p^{m_{n+2}}}),$$

$R_n c_n(r)$ can be viewed as a submodule of $H^1(K_{n+2}, E_{p^{m_{n+2}}})$. Moreover, by (11) we can then see that $R_n c_n(r) \subseteq R_{n+2} c_{n+2}(r)$ and, consequently, that $R_n d_n(r) \subseteq R_{n+2} d_{n+2}(r)$.

By identifying $R_{2n} \alpha_{2n}$ with its image under the injective map

$$H^1(K_{2n}, E_{p^{m_{2n}}}) \rightarrow H^1(K_{2n+1}, E_{p^{m_{2n+1}}}),$$

we now view $R_{2n} \alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n+1}$ as an R_{2n+1} -submodule of $H^1(K_{2n+1}, E_{p^{m_{2n+1}}})$.

PROPOSITION 2.3. For almost all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists a set of rational primes

$$Q_n = \{\ell_n(1), \dots, \ell_n(t)\}$$

satisfying the following properties:

- (i) $\ell_n(i)$ is inert in K/\mathbb{Q} ;
- (ii) $\ell_n(i)$ is prime to $p\mathbb{N}$;
- (iii) $E(K_\lambda)_{p^\infty} = E(\overline{K_\lambda})_{p^{m_n}}$ for all $\lambda | \ell_n(i)$, where K_λ denotes the completion of K at λ ;
- (iv) $H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K, E_{p^{m_n}}) \hookrightarrow \prod_{i=1}^t H^1(K_{\lambda_n(i)}, E_{p^{m_n}})$;
- (v) the images of $R_{2n} \alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n+1}$ under

$$\text{res}_{\ell_m(i)} : H^1(K_{2n+1}, E_{p^{m_{2n+1}}}) \rightarrow H^1(K_{2n+1}(\ell_m(i)), E_{p^{m_{2n+1}}})$$

are isomorphic as R_{2n+1} -modules for all $m \geq 2n + 1$;

- (vi) the direct limits

$$\varinjlim_n \text{res}_{\ell_{2n+1}(i)}(R_{2n} \alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n+1}),$$

which will be defined using injective transition maps, have Λ -corank two for each $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$.

Proof. Let $L_n = K(E_{p^{m_n}})$ and $\mathcal{G}_n = \text{Gal}(L_n/K)$. Consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{G}_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) \rightarrow H^1(K, E_{p^{m_n}}) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} H^1(L_n, E_{p^{m_n}})^{\mathcal{G}_n}. \tag{12}$$

Since $H^1(\mathcal{G}_n, E_{p^{m_n}}) = 0$ for all n [ÇW08, Proposition 1.3.1], the above diagram implies that

$$H^1(K, E_{p^{m_n}}) \hookrightarrow H^1(L_n, E_{p^{m_n}})^{\mathcal{G}_n} = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}_n}(\text{Gal}(\overline{L}_n/L_n), E_{p^{m_n}}).$$

Let M_n be the splitting field over L_n of the finite subgroup $H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K, E_{p^{m_n}})$ of $H^1(L_n, E_{p^{m_n}})^{\mathcal{G}_n}$. The complex conjugation τ acts on $\text{Gal}(M_n/L_n)$ and the +1 eigenspace

$$\text{Gal}(M_n/L_n)^+ = \{(\tau h)^2 \mid h \in \text{Gal}(M_n/L_n)\}.$$

Fix $\{h_n(1), \dots, h_n(t)\}$ to be a minimal set of generators of $\text{Gal}(M_n/L_n)^+$. One can easily see that t does not depend on n . We then choose primes $\ell_n(i) \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\tau h'_n(i) \in \text{Frob}_{\ell_n}(M_n/\mathbb{Q})$, where $h_n(i) = (\tau h'_n(i))^2$. This choice ensures that the prime $\ell_n(i)$ satisfies the first two required properties.

In [ÇW08, § 1.3.2] we showed that M_n and L_{n+1} are disjoint over L_n . We also know that the index of $\text{Gal}(L_n/K)$ in $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/p^{m_n}\mathbb{Z})$ is finite and depends only on E and K (see [Ser72]). This implies that, for almost all n , we can extend each $\tau h'_n(i)$ to an element of $\text{Gal}(M_n K(E_{p^{m_{n+1}}})/\mathbb{Q})$ in such a way that the restriction of $(\tau h'_n(i))^2$ to $\text{Gal}(K(E_{p^{m_{n+1}}})/L_n)$ has no fixed points in $E_{p^{m_{n+1}}}/E_{p^{m_n}}$. Hence we have

$$E(K_\lambda)_{p^\infty} = E(\overline{K_\lambda})_{p^{m_n}} \quad \text{where } \lambda \mid \ell_n(i) \text{ and } i \in \{1, \dots, t\}.$$

Observe that if $s \in H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K, E_{p^{m_n}})$ is an eigenvector of the complex conjugation τ and if, viewed as an element of $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}_n}(\text{Gal}(\overline{L}_n/L_n), E_{p^{m_n}})$, it is trivial on $\text{Gal}(M_n/L_n)^+$, then $s(\text{Gal}(M_n/L_n))$ is a \mathcal{G}_n -invariant submodule of one of the eigenspaces of $E_{p^{m_n}}$. Since we have assumed that $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ is not solvable, it follows that $s(\text{Gal}(M_n/L_n)) = 0$. Hence, by the choice of $\{h_n(1), \dots, h_n(t)\}$, we know that if $s \in H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K, E_{p^{m_n}})^\pm$ and $s(h_n(i)) = 0$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$, then $s = 0$. By [Gro91, Proposition 9.6] and [ÇW08, Proposition 2.4.2], we have that for any $s \in H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K, E_{p^{m_n}})$,

$$\text{res}_{\lambda_n(i)} s = 0 \quad \text{if and only if } s(h_n(i)) = 0.$$

Since $H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K, E_{p^{m_n}})$ is the direct sum of its eigenspaces under the action of τ , we can conclude that the map

$$H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K, E_{p^{m_n}}) \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^t H^1(K_{\lambda_n(i)}, E_{p^{m_n}})$$

is injective. We have now shown that the set $Q_n = \{\ell_n(1), \dots, \ell_n(t)\}$ satisfies the first four properties.

We shall now refine the choice of primes in Q_n to ensure that the last two properties are satisfied. Let $h_n \in \text{Gal}(\overline{L}_n/K_n L_n)$. In [ÇW08, § 2.5.2] we defined the R_n -module $[R_n \alpha_n](h_n)$ as follows:

$$[R_n \alpha_n](h_n) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{p^{2n}} [(g^{-i}c)(h_n)] \cdot g^i \text{ such that } c \in R_n \alpha_n \right\} \subseteq \text{Hom}_{\text{sets}}(G_n, E_{p^{m_n}}),$$

where $G_n = \langle g \rangle$ and $[(g^{-i}c)(h_n)] \in E_{p^{m_n}}$ is simply the evaluation of the class $g^{-i}c$ at $h_n \in \text{Gal}(\overline{K}_n(E_{p^{m_n}})/K_n(E_{p^{m_n}}))$. The action of G_n on this module is the one induced by the standard action on $\text{Hom}_{\text{sets}}(G_n, E_{p^{m_n}})$, namely by multiplication on G_n , $(gf)(g_1) = f(gg_1)$. The map

$R_n\alpha_n \rightarrow [R_n\alpha_n](h_n)$ is seen to be an R_n -module homomorphism. By picking a basis for $E_{p^{mn}}$, we view the right-hand side as R_n^2 and hence view $[R_n\alpha_n](h_n)$ as a submodule of R_n^2 .

By [CW08, Lemma 2.5.3], we know that K_∞ and L_n are disjoint over K . Since we are assuming that $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ is not solvable, it follows that M_n and K_n are disjoint over K . Hence we can assume that $h_n(i) \in \text{Gal}(\overline{L_n}/K_nL_n)$. Then, by [CW08, Proposition 2.5.7], we know that

$$\text{res}_{\ell_n(i)}(R_n\alpha_n) \simeq [R_n\alpha_n](h_n(i)) \text{ as } R_n\text{-modules.}$$

Let $(h_n(i))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \text{Gal}(\overline{L_\infty}/L_\infty)$, where $h_n(i) \in \text{Gal}(\overline{L_n}/K_nL_n)$ and $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$. As above, we have that

$$\text{res}_{\ell_m(i)}(R_n\alpha_n) \simeq [R_n\alpha_n](h_m(i)) \text{ for all } m \geq n$$

and, moreover, the compatibility of $h_n(i) \in \text{Gal}(\overline{L_n}/K_nL_n)$ implies that

$$[R_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}](h_{2n+1}(i)) = [R_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}](h_m(i)) \text{ for all } m \geq 2n + 1.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{res}_{\ell_{2n+1}(i)}(R_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}) &\simeq [R_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}](h_{2n+1}(i)) \\ &= [R_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}](h_m(i)) \\ &\simeq \text{res}_{\ell_m(i)}(R_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $m \geq 2n + 1$. This concludes the proof of part (v) of this proposition.

By the compatibility of $h_n(i) \in \text{Gal}(\overline{L_n}/K_nL_n)$ and the fact that $R_n\alpha_n \hookrightarrow R_{n+2}\alpha_{n+2}$ under the map

$$H^1(K_n, E_{p^{mn}}) \rightarrow H^1(K_{n+2}, E_{p^{m(n+2)}}),$$

we have that

$$[R_n\alpha_n](h_n(i)) = [R_n\alpha_n](h_{n+2}(i)) \hookrightarrow [R_{n+2}\alpha_{n+2}](h_{n+2}(i)) \text{ for every } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By choosing the basis of $E_{p^{mn}}$ compatibly as n grows, we can consider the direct limit $\varinjlim_n [R_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}](h_{2n+1}(i))$ and view it as a Λ -submodule of $\hat{\Lambda}^2$.

By observing that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R_n\alpha_n & \longrightarrow & [R_n\alpha_n](h_n(i)) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ R_{n+2}\alpha_{n+2} & \longrightarrow & [R_{n+2}\alpha_{n+2}](h_{n+2}(i)) \end{array}$$

is commutative, we deduce that there is the following surjective map of Λ -modules:

$$\psi : \varinjlim_n (R_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}) \rightarrow \varinjlim_n [R_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}](h_{2n+1}(i)).$$

In [CW08, § 2.6.4], we used the first property of Kolyvagin’s classes and the fact that the module $\varinjlim_n (R_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + R_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1})$ has Λ -corank at least two (Proposition 2.1) to show that we can choose $(h_n(i))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \text{Gal}(\overline{L_\infty}/L_\infty)$ such that:

- (i) $h_n(i) \in \text{Gal}(\overline{L_n}/K_nL_n)$ and the restriction of $h_n(i)$ to M_n lies in $\text{Gal}(M_n/L_n)^+$;
- (ii) $\langle h_n(1), \dots, h_n(t) \rangle = \text{Gal}(M_n/L_n)^+$;

(iii) the invariants of $f \varinjlim_n [\mathbb{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}](h_{2n+1}(i))$ contain a subgroup isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)^2$ for all $f \in \Lambda$, which implies that $\varinjlim_n [\mathbb{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}](h_{2n+1}(i))$ has Λ -corank two.

By part (v), we have the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{res}_{\ell_{2n+1}(i)}(\mathbb{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & [\mathbb{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}](h_{2n+1}(i)) \\ & & \downarrow \\ \text{res}_{\ell_{2n+3}(i)}(\mathbb{R}_{2n+2}\alpha_{2n+2} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+3}\alpha_{2n+3}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & [\mathbb{R}_{2n+2}\alpha_{2n+2} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+3}\alpha_{2n+3}](h_{2n+3}(i)) \end{array} \tag{13}$$

This allows us to see that we can define injective maps

$$\text{res}_{\ell_{2n+1}(i)}(\mathbb{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}) \hookrightarrow \text{res}_{\ell_{2n+3}(i)}(\mathbb{R}_{2n+2}\alpha_{2n+2} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+3}\alpha_{2n+3}) \tag{14}$$

which transform (13) into a commutative diagram. We use the above maps to construct the direct limit $\varinjlim_n \text{res}_{\ell_{2n+1}(i)}(\mathbb{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1})$, and then we have that

$$\varinjlim_n \text{res}_{\ell_{2n+1}(i)}(\mathbb{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}) \simeq \varinjlim_n [\mathbb{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}](h_{2n+1}(i)).$$

It follows that the formal direct limit $\varinjlim_n \text{res}_{\ell_{2n+1}(i)}(\mathbb{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1})$ has Λ -corank two for each $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$. Hence the set Q_n satisfies all the required properties. \square

3. The Λ -corank of the Tate–Shafarevich group

We will now use Kolyvagin’s classes to analyze the image of the map

$$\mathbb{H}^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{2n+1}}}(\mathbb{K}_{2n+1}, \mathbb{E}_p^{m_{2n+1}})} \rightarrow \prod_{q \in Q_{k_{2n+1}}} \mathbb{H}^1(\mathbb{K}_{2n+1}(q), \mathbb{E})_p^{m_{2n+1}}, \tag{15}$$

where Q_n is the set of primes chosen in Proposition 2.3. Using properties (2) and (3) of Kolyvagin’s classes, we can see that the image of

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{R}_{2n}c_{2n}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(1)) + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}c_{2n+1}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(1)) + \dots + \mathbb{R}_{2n}c_{2n}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(t)) \\ & + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}c_{2n+1}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(t)) \subseteq \mathbb{H}^1_{\text{Sel}_{p \cup Q_{k_{2n+1}}}(\mathbb{K}_{2n+1}, \mathbb{E}_p^{m_{2n+1}})} \end{aligned}$$

under the map (15) is

$$\prod_{i=1}^t \text{res}_{\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)}[\mathbb{R}_{2n}d_{2n}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)) + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}d_{2n+1}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i))].$$

We know that the maps $\psi_{\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)}$, from property (3) of Kolyvagin’s classes, induce the isomorphisms

$$\text{res}_{\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)}[\mathbb{R}_{2n}d_{2n}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)) + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}d_{2n+1}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i))] \simeq \text{res}_{\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)}[\mathbb{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbb{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}]$$

for each $i = 1, \dots, t$. We now use the maps (14) to define the injective maps

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{res}_{\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)}[\mathbf{R}_{2n}d_{2n}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)) + \mathbf{R}_{2n+1}d_{2n+1}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i))] \\ & \hookrightarrow \text{res}_{\ell_{k_{2n+3}}(i)}[\mathbf{R}_{2n+2}d_{2n+2}(\ell_{k_{2n+3}}(i)) + \mathbf{R}_{2n+3}d_{2n+3}(\ell_{k_{2n+3}}(i))], \end{aligned}$$

which can be used as transition maps in defining the direct limit

$$\varinjlim_n \text{res}_{\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)}[\mathbf{R}_{2n}d_{2n}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)) + \mathbf{R}_{2n+1}d_{2n+1}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i))].$$

We can immediately see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \varinjlim_n \text{res}_{\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)}[\mathbf{R}_{2n}d_{2n}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)) + \mathbf{R}_{2n+1}d_{2n+1}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i))] \\ & \simeq \varinjlim_n \text{res}_{\ell_{2n+1}(i)}(\mathbf{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbf{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Since, by Proposition 2.3(v), the Λ -modules $\varinjlim_n \text{res}_{\ell_{2n+1}(i)}(\mathbf{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbf{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1})$ have corank two, it follows that the formal direct limit

$$\varinjlim_n \text{res}_{\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)}[\mathbf{R}_{2n}d_{2n}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)) + \mathbf{R}_{2n+1}d_{2n+1}(\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i))]$$

has Λ -corank two for each $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$. The fact that all the transition maps that we are using are injective implies that the image of the formal map θ (see §1) has corank $2t$, even if the modules $\varinjlim_n \text{res}_{\ell_{k_{2n+1}}(i)}(\mathbf{R}_{2n}\alpha_{2n} + \mathbf{R}_{2n+1}\alpha_{2n+1})$ cannot be viewed as submodules of the image of θ . It then follows that the kernel of θ has Λ -corank two. Proposition 1.3 implies that we have now proven the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.1. *The Λ -module $H_{\text{Sel}_p}^1(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})$ has corank two.*

By Proposition 2.1, we know that the image of $E(K_\infty)$ in $H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty})$ has Λ -corank at least two. Hence Theorem 3.1 implies this corollary.

COROLLARY 3.2. *The Λ -module $E(K_\infty) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p$ has corank two.*

Then, the exactness of the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E(K_\infty) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow H_{\text{Sel}}^1(K_\infty, E_{p^\infty}) \rightarrow \text{III}(K_\infty, E)_{p^\infty} \rightarrow 0$$

implies that the Λ -corank of $\text{III}(K_\infty, E)_{p^\infty}$ is trivial. This concludes the proof of Theorem 0.1.

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