Introduction to Sato-Tate distributions

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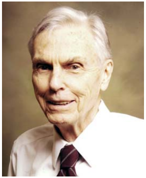

John Tate

Sato-Tate in dimension 1

Let $E/\mathbb{Q}$ be an elliptic curve:

$$y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B.$$

Let p be a prime of good reduction for E.
The number of $\mathbb{F}_p$-points on the reduction $\overline{E}$ of E modulo p is

$$\#\overline{E}(\mathbb{F}_p) = p + 1 - t_p.$$

The trace of Frobenius t_p is an integer in the interval $[-2\sqrt{p}, 2\sqrt{p}]$.

We are interested in the limiting distribution of the *normalized* value

$$x_p = \frac{-t_p}{\sqrt{p}} \in [-2, 2],$$

as p varies over primes of good reduction.

Example: $y^2 = x^3 + x + 1$

p	t_p	x_p	p	t_p	x_p	p	t_p	x_p
3	0	**0.000000**	71	13	**−1.542816**	157	−13	**1.037513**
5	−3	**1.341641**	73	2	**−0.234082**	163	−25	**1.958151**
7	3	**−1.133893**	79	−6	**0.675053**	167	24	**−1.857176**
11	−2	**0.603023**	83	−6	**0.658586**	173	2	**−0.152057**
13	−4	**1.109400**	89	−10	**1.059998**	179	0	**0.000000**
17	0	**0.000000**	97	1	**−0.101535**	181	−8	**0.594635**
19	−1	**0.229416**	101	−3	**0.298511**	191	−25	**1.808937**
23	−4	**0.834058**	103	17	**−1.675060**	193	−7	**0.503871**
29	−6	**1.114172**	107	3	**−0.290021**	197	−24	**1.709929**
37	−10	**1.643990**	109	−13	**1.245174**	199	−18	**1.275986**
41	7	**−1.093216**	113	−11	**1.034793**	211	−11	**0.757271**
43	10	**−1.524986**	127	2	**−0.177471**	223	−20	**1.339299**
47	−12	**1.750380**	131	4	**−0.349482**	227	0	**0.000000**
53	−4	**0.549442**	137	12	**−1.025229**	229	−2	**0.132164**
59	−3	**0.390567**	139	14	**−1.187465**	233	−3	**0.196537**
61	12	**−1.536443**	149	14	**−1.146925**	239	−22	**1.423062**
67	12	**−1.466033**	151	−2	**0.162758**	241	22	**−1.417145**

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Sato-Tate distributions in dimension 1

1. Typical case (no CM)

Elliptic curves $E/\mathbb{Q}$ w/o CM have the semi-circular trace distribution. (This is also known for E/k, where k is a totally real number field).

[Taylor et al.]

2. Exceptional cases (CM)

Elliptic curves E/k with CM have one of two distinct trace distributions, depending on whether k contains the CM field or not.

[classical]

Sato-Tate groups in dimension 1

The *Sato-Tate group* of E is a closed subgroup G of $\mathrm{SU}(2) = \mathrm{USp}(2)$ derived from the ℓ-adic Galois representation attached to E.

The refined Sato-Tate conjecture implies that the normalized trace distribution of E converges to the trace distribution of G under the Haar measure (the unique translation-invariant measure).

G	G/G^0	Example curve	k	$\mathrm{E}[a_1^0], \mathrm{E}[a_1^2], \mathrm{E}[a_1^4] \ldots$
$\mathrm{U}(1)$	C_1	$y^2 = x^3 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	$1, 2, 6, 20, 70, 252, \ldots$
$N(\mathrm{U}(1))$	C_2	$y^2 = x^3 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$1, 1, 3, 10, 35, 126, \ldots$
$\mathrm{SU}(2)$	C_1	$y^2 = x^3 + x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$1, 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, \ldots$

In dimension 1 there are three possible Sato-Tate groups, two of which arise for elliptic curves defined over $\mathbb{Q}$.

Zeta functions and L-polynomials

For a smooth projective curve $C/\mathbb{Q}$ of genus g and a prime p define

$$Z(\overline{C}/\mathbb{F}_p;T) := \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} N_k T^k/k\right),$$

where $N_k = \#\overline{C}(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})$. This is a rational function of the form

$$Z(\overline{C}/\mathbb{F}_p;T) = \frac{L_p(T)}{(1-T)(1-pT)},$$

where $L_p(T)$ is an integer polynomial of degree $2g$.

For $g = 1$ we have $L_p(t) = pT^2 + c_1T + 1$, and for $g = 2$,

$$L_p(T) = p^2T^4 + c_1pT^3 + c_2T^2 + c_1T + 1.$$

L-polynomials of Abelian varieties

Let A be an abelian variety of dimension $g \geq 1$ over a number field k.

Let $\rho_\ell\colon G_k \to \mathrm{Aut}_{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}(V_\ell(A)) \simeq \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ be the Galois representation arising from the action of $G_k = \mathrm{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ on the ℓ-adic Tate module

$$V_\ell(A) := \varprojlim A[\ell^n].$$

For each prime $\mathfrak{p}$ of good reduction for A, let $q = \|\mathfrak{p}\|$ and define

$$L_\mathfrak{p}(T) := \det(1 - \rho_\ell(\mathrm{Frob}_\mathfrak{p})T),$$
$$\bar{L}_\mathfrak{p}(T) := L_\mathfrak{p}(T/\sqrt{q}) = \sum a_i T^i.$$

In the case that A is the Jacobian of a genus g curve C, this agrees with our earlier definition in terms of the zeta function of C.

Normalized L-polynomials

The normalized polynomial

$$\bar{L}_p(T) := L_p(T/\sqrt{p}) = \sum_{i=0}^{2g} a_i T^i \in \mathbb{R}[T]$$

is monic, symmetric ($a_i = a_{2g-i}$), and unitary (roots on the unit circle). The coefficients a_i necessarily satisfy $|a_i| \le \binom{2g}{i}$.

We now consider the limiting distribution of $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_g$ over all primes $p \le N$ of good reduction, as $N \to \infty$.

In this talk we will focus primarily on genus $g = 2$.

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The Sato-Tate problem for an abelian variety

For each prime $\mathfrak{p}$ of k where A has good reduction, the polynomial $\bar{L}_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \mathbb{R}[T]$ is monic, symmetric, unitary, and of degree $2g$.

Every such polynomial arises as the characteristic polynomial of a conjugacy class in the unitary symplectic group $\mathrm{USp}(2g)$.

Each probability measure on $\mathrm{USp}(2g)$ determines a distribution of conjugacy classes (hence a distribution of characteristic polynomials).

The *Sato-Tate problem*, in its simplest form, is to find a measure for which these classes are equidistributed. Conjecturally, such a measure arises as the Haar measure of a compact subgroup of $\mathrm{USp}(2g)$.

The Sato-Tate group ST_A

One can associate to each abelian variety A/k a particular compact subgroup of $\mathrm{USp}(2g)$, the *Sato-Tate* group of A, denoted ST_A.

The Sato-Tate group ST_A comes equipped with a mapping s that assigns to each prime $\mathfrak{p}$ of good reduction for A a conjugacy class $s(\mathfrak{p})$ in ST_A corresponding to the Frobenius element $\mathrm{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

A formal definition of the Sato-Tate group will be given in Lecture 2, and some of its properties will be explored in Lecture 3.

The key point is this: ST_A is a well-defined subgroup of $\mathrm{USp}(2g)$ whose definition *does not depend any equidistribution statements*.

It always exists, whether the Sato-Tate conjecture for A is true or not.

The refined Sato-Tate conjecture

Conjecture

The conjugacy classes $s(\mathfrak{p})$ are equidistributed with respect to the distribution on $\mathrm{conj}(\mathrm{ST}_a)$ given by the Haar measure μ_{ST_A}.

In particular, the distribution of $\bar{L}_{\mathfrak{p}}(T)$ matches the distribution of characteristic polynomials of random matrices in ST_A.

We can test this numerically by comparing statistics of the coefficients $a_1, \ldots, a_g$ of $\bar{L}_{\mathfrak{p}}(T)$ over $\|\mathfrak{p}\| \le N$ to the predictions given by μ_{ST_A}.

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Sato-Tate groups in dimension 2

Theorem 1 [FKRS 2012]

Up to conjugacy, there are exactly 52 subgroups of $\mathrm{USp}(4)$ that can and do arise as ST_A for some abelian surface A/k.

$$\begin{array}{rl}
\mathrm{U}(1): & C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_6, D_2, D_3, D_4, D_6, T, O, \\
 & J(C_1), J(C_2), J(C_3), J(C_4), J(C_6), \\
 & J(D_2), J(D_3), J(D_4), J(D_6), J(T), J(O), \\
 & C_{2,1}, C_{4,1}, C_{6,1}, D_{2,1}, D_{3,2}, D_{4,1}, D_{4,2}, D_{6,1}, D_{6,2}, O_1 \\
\mathrm{SU}(2): & E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4, E_6, J(E_1), J(E_2), J(E_3), J(E_4), J(E_6) \\
\mathrm{U}(1)\times\mathrm{U}(1): & F, F_a, F_{a,b}, F_{ab}, F_{ac} \\
\mathrm{U}(1)\times\mathrm{SU}(2): & \mathrm{U}(1)\times\mathrm{SU}(2),\ N(\mathrm{U}(1)\times\mathrm{SU}(2)) \\
\mathrm{SU}(2)\times\mathrm{SU}(2): & \mathrm{SU}(2)\times\mathrm{SU}(2),\ N(\mathrm{SU}(2)\times\mathrm{SU}(2)) \\
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& C_{2,1}, C_{4,1}, C_{6,1}, D_{2,1}, D_{3,2}, D_{4,1}, D_{4,2}, D_{6,1}, D_{6,2}, O_1 \\
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Note that this theorem says *nothing* about equidistribution, which is currently known only in special cases [FS 2012, Johansson 2013].

Sato-Tate groups in dimension 2 with $G^0 = \mathrm{U}(1)$.

d	c	G	G/G^0	z_1	z_2	$M[a_1^2]$	$M[a_2]$
1	1	C_1	C_1	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	8, 96, 1280, 17920	4, 18, 88, 454
1	2	C_2	C_2	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 48, 640, 8960	2, 10, 44, 230
1	3	C_3	C_3	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 36, 440, 6020	2, 8, 34, 164
1	4	C_4	C_4	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 36, 400, 5040	2, 8, 32, 150
1	6	C_6	C_6	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 36, 400, 4900	2, 8, 32, 148
1	4	D_2	D_2	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 24, 320, 4480	1, 6, 22, 118
1	6	D_3	D_3	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 18, 220, 3010	1, 5, 17, 85
1	8	D_4	D_4	5	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 18, 200, 2520	1, 5, 16, 78
1	12	D_6	D_6	7	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 18, 200, 2450	1, 5, 16, 77
1	2	$J(C_1)$	C_2	1	1, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 48, 640, 8960	1, 11, 40, 235
1	4	$J(C_2)$	D_2	3	1, 0, 0, 0, 1	2, 24, 320, 4480	1, 7, 22, 123
1	6	$J(C_3)$	C_6	3	1, 0, 0, 2, 0	2, 18, 220, 3010	1, 5, 16, 85
1	8	$J(C_4)$	$\mathrm{C}_4 \times \mathrm{C}_2$	5	1, 0, 2, 0, 1	2, 18, 200, 2520	1, 5, 16, 79
1	12	$J(C_6)$	$\mathrm{C}_6 \times \mathrm{C}_2$	7	1, 2, 0, 2, 1	2, 18, 200, 2450	1, 5, 16, 77
1	8	$J(D_2)$	$\mathrm{D}_2 \times \mathrm{C}_2$	7	1, 0, 0, 0, 3	1, 12, 160, 2240	1, 5, 13, 67
1	12	$J(D_3)$	D_6	9	1, 0, 0, 2, 3	1, 9, 110, 1505	1, 4, 10, 48
1	16	$J(D_4)$	$\mathrm{D}_4 \times \mathrm{C}_2$	13	1, 0, 2, 0, 5	1, 9, 100, 1260	1, 4, 10, 45
1	24	$J(D_6)$	$\mathrm{D}_6 \times \mathrm{C}_2$	19	1, 2, 0, 2, 7	1, 9, 100, 1225	1, 4, 10, 44
1	2	$C_{2,1}$	C_2	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 1	4, 48, 640, 8960	3, 11, 48, 235
1	4	$C_{4,1}$	C_4	3	0, 0, 2, 0, 0	2, 24, 320, 4480	1, 5, 22, 115
1	6	$C_{6,1}$	C_6	3	0, 2, 0, 0, 1	2, 18, 220, 3010	1, 5, 18, 85
1	4	$D_{2,1}$	D_2	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 2	2, 24, 320, 4480	2, 7, 26, 123
1	8	$D_{4,1}$	D_4	7	0, 0, 2, 0, 2	1, 12, 160, 2240	1, 4, 13, 63
1	12	$D_{6,1}$	D_6	9	0, 2, 0, 0, 4	1, 9, 110, 1505	1, 4, 11, 48
1	6	$D_{3,2}$	D_3	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 3	2, 18, 220, 3010	2, 6, 21, 90
1	8	$D_{4,2}$	D_4	5	0, 0, 0, 0, 4	2, 18, 200, 2520	2, 6, 20, 83
1	12	$D_{6,2}$	D_6	7	0, 0, 0, 0, 6	2, 18, 200, 2450	2, 6, 20, 82
1	12	T	A_4	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 12, 120, 1540	1, 4, 12, 52
1	24	O	S_4	9	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 12, 100, 1050	1, 4, 11, 45
1	24	O_1	S_4	15	0, 0, 6, 0, 6	1, 6, 60, 770	1, 3, 8, 30
1	24	$J(T)$	$\mathrm{A}_4 \times \mathrm{C}_2$	15	1, 0, 0, 8, 3	1, 6, 60, 770	1, 3, 7, 29
1	48	$J(O)$	$\mathrm{S}_4 \times \mathrm{C}_2$	33	1, 0, 6, 8, 9	1, 6, 50, 525	1, 3, 7, 26

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d	c	G	G/G^0	z_1	z_2	$M[a_1^2]$	$M[a_2]$
3	1	E_1	C_1	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 32, 320, 3584	3, 10, 37, 150
3	2	E_2	C_2	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 16, 160, 1792	1, 6, 17, 78
3	3	E_3	C_3	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 12, 110, 1204	1, 4, 13, 52
3	4	E_4	C_4	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 12, 100, 1008	1, 4, 11, 46
3	6	E_6	C_6	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 12, 100, 980	1, 4, 11, 44
3	2	$J(E_1)$	C_2	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 16, 160, 1792	2, 6, 20, 78
3	4	$J(E_2)$	D_2	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 8, 80, 896	1, 4, 10, 42
3	6	$J(E_3)$	D_3	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 6, 55, 602	1, 3, 8, 29
3	8	$J(E_4)$	D_4	5	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 6, 50, 504	1, 3, 7, 26
3	12	$J(E_6)$	D_6	7	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 6, 50, 490	1, 3, 7, 25
2	1	F	C_1	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 36, 400, 4900	2, 8, 32, 148
2	2	F_a	C_2	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 1	3, 21, 210, 2485	2, 6, 20, 82
2	2	F_c	C_2	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 18, 200, 2450	1, 5, 16, 77
2	2	F_{ab}	C_2	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 1	2, 18, 200, 2450	2, 6, 20, 82
2	4	F_{ac}	C_4	3	0, 0, 2, 0, 1	1, 9, 100, 1225	1, 3, 10, 41
2	4	$F_{a,b}$	D_2	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 3	2, 12, 110, 1260	2, 5, 14, 49
2	4	$F_{ab,c}$	D_2	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 1	1, 9, 100, 1225	1, 4, 10, 44
2	8	$F_{a,b,c}$	D_4	5	0, 0, 2, 0, 3	1, 6, 55, 630	1, 3, 7, 26
4	1	G_4	C_1	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	3, 20, 175, 1764	2, 6, 20, 76
4	2	$N(G_4)$	C_2	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 1	2, 11, 90, 889	2, 5, 14, 46
6	1	G_6	C_1	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 10, 70, 588	2, 5, 14, 44
6	2	$N(G_6)$	C_2	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 5, 35, 294	1, 3, 7, 23
10	1	$\mathrm{USp}(4)$	C_1	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 3, 14, 84	1, 2, 4, 10

Exhibiting Sato-Tate groups of abelian surfaces

Remarkably, the 34 Sato-Tate groups that can arise for an abelian surface defined over $\mathbb{Q}$ can all be realized as the Sato-Tate group of the Jacobian of a hyperelliptic curve.

The remaining 18 groups all arise as subgroups of these 34.

These subgroups can be obtained by extending the field of definition appropriately (in fact, one can realize all 52 groups using just 9 curves).

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Genus 2 curves realizing Sato-Tate groups with $G^0 = \mathrm{U}(1)$

Group	Curve $y^2 = f(x)$	k	K
C_1	$x^6 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$
C_2	$x^5 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
C_3	$x^6 + 4$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[3]{2})$
C_4	$x^6 + x^5 - 5x^4 - 5x^2 - x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, a); a^4 + 17a^2 + 68 = 0$
C_6	$x^6 + 2$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[6]{2})$
D_2	$x^5 + 9x$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$
D_3	$x^6 + 10x^3 - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[6]{-2})$
D_4	$x^5 + 3x$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt[4]{3})$
D_6	$x^6 + 3x^5 + 10x^3 - 15x^2 + 15x - 6$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, a); a^3 + 3a - 2 = 0$
T	$x^6 + 6x^5 - 20x^4 + 20x^3 - 20x^2 - 8x + 8$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, a, b);$ $a^3 - 7a + 7 = b^4 + 4b^2 + 8b + 8 = 0$
O	$x^6 - 5x^4 + 10x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, \sqrt{-11}, a, b);$ $a^3 - 4a + 4 = b^4 + 22b + 22 = 0$
$J(C_1)$	$x^5 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
$J(C_2)$	$x^5 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
$J(C_3)$	$x^6 + 10x^3 - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[6]{-2})$
$J(C_4)$	$x^6 + x^5 - 5x^4 - 5x^2 - x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	see entry for C_4
$J(C_6)$	$x^6 - 15x^4 - 20x^3 + 6x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{3}, a); a^3 + 3a^2 - 1 = 0$
$J(D_2)$	$x^5 + 9x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$
$J(D_3)$	$x^6 + 10x^3 - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[6]{-2})$
$J(D_4)$	$x^5 + 3x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt[4]{3})$
$J(D_6)$	$x^6 + 3x^5 + 10x^3 - 15x^2 + 15x - 6$	$\mathbb{Q}$	see entry for D_6
$J(T)$	$x^6 + 6x^5 - 20x^4 + 20x^3 - 20x^2 - 8x + 8$	$\mathbb{Q}$	see entry for T
$J(O)$	$x^6 - 5x^4 + 10x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	see entry for O
$C_{2,1}$	$x^6 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$
$C_{4.1}$	$x^5 + 2x$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt[4]{2})$
$C_{6,1}$	$x^6 + 6x^5 - 30x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 - 12x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, a); a^3 - 3a + 1 = 0$
$D_{2,1}$	$x^5 + x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
$D_{4,1}$	$x^5 + 2x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt[4]{2})$
$D_{6,1}$	$x^6 + 6x^5 - 30x^4 - 40x^3 + 60x^2 + 24x - 8$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, \sqrt{-3}, a); a^3 - 9a + 6 = 0$
$D_{3,2}$	$x^6 + 4$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[3]{2})$
$D_{4,2}$	$x^6 + x^5 + 10x^3 + 5x^2 + x - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, a); a^4 - 14a^2 + 28a - 14 = 0$
$D_{6,2}$	$x^6 + 2$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[6]{2})$
O_1	$x^6 + 7x^5 + 10x^4 + 10x^3 + 15x^2 + 17x + 4$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, a, b);$ $a^3 + 5a + 10 = b^4 + 4b^2 + 8b + 2 = 0$

Genus 2 curves realizing Sato-Tate groups with $G^0 \neq \mathrm{U}(1)$

Group	Curve $y^2 = f(x)$	k	K
F	$x^6 + 3x^4 + x^2 - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
F_a	$x^6 + 3x^4 + x^2 - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
F_{ab}	$x^6 + 3x^4 + x^2 - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
F_{ac}	$x^5 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(a); a^4 + 5a^2 + 5 = 0$
$F_{a,b}$	$x^6 + 3x^4 + x^2 - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
E_1	$x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}$
E_2	$x^6 + x^5 + 3x^4 + 3x^2 - x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$
E_3	$x^5 + x^4 - 3x^3 - 4x^2 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(a); a^3 - 3a + 1 = 0$
E_4	$x^5 + x^4 + x^2 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(a); a^4 - 5a^2 + 5 = 0$
E_6	$x^5 + 2x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{7}, a); a^3 - 7a - 7 = 0$
$J(E_1)$	$x^5 + x^3 + x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$
$J(E_2)$	$x^5 + x^3 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
$J(E_3)$	$x^6 + x^3 + 4$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[3]{2})$
$J(E_4)$	$x^5 + x^3 + 2x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt[4]{2})$
$J(E_6)$	$x^6 + x^3 - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[6]{-2})$
$G_{1,3}$	$x^6 + 3x^4 - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$
$N(G_{1,3})$	$x^6 + 3x^4 - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$
$G_{3,3}$	$x^6 + x^2 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}$
$N(G_{3,3})$	$x^6 + x^5 + x - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$
$\mathrm{USp}(4)$	$x^5 - x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}$

Galois types

Let A be an abelian surface defined over a number field k.
Let K be the minimal extension of k for which $\mathrm{End}(A_K) = \mathrm{End}(A_{\bar{\mathbb{Q}}})$.
The group $\mathrm{Gal}(K/k)$ acts on the $\mathbb{R}$-algebra $\mathrm{End}(A_K)_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathrm{End}(A_K) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$.

The *Galois type* of A is the isomorphism class of $[\mathrm{Gal}(K/k), \mathrm{End}(A_K)_{\mathbb{R}}]$.

An isomorphism $[G, E] \simeq [G', E']$ is an isomorphism $G \simeq G'$ of groups and an equivariant isomorphism $E \simeq E'$ of $\mathbb{R}$-algebras.

One may have $G \simeq G'$ and $E \simeq E'$ but $[G, E] \not\simeq [G', E']$.

Galois types and Sato-Tate groups in dimension 2

Theorem 2 [FKRS 2012]

Up to conjugacy, the Sato-Tate group G of an abelian surface A is uniquely determined by its Galois type, and vice versa.

We also have $G/G^0 \simeq \mathrm{Gal}(K/k)$, and G^0 is uniquely determined by the isomorphism class of $\mathrm{End}(A_K)_{\mathbb{R}}$, and vice versa:

$\mathrm{U}(1)$	$\mathrm{M}_2(\mathbb{C})$	$\mathrm{U}(1) \times \mathrm{SU}(2)$	$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}$
$\mathrm{SU}(2)$	$\mathrm{M}_2(\mathbb{R})$	$\mathrm{SU}(2) \times \mathrm{SU}(2)$	$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$
$\mathrm{U}(1) \times \mathrm{U}(1)$	$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$	$\mathrm{USp}(4)$	$\mathbb{R}$

There are 52 distinct Galois types of abelian surfaces.

The proof uses the *algebraic Sato-Tate group* of Banaszak and Kedlaya, which, for $g \leq 3$, uniquely determines ST_A.