

# A Torsor of Lifts of The Frobenius

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# POINT OF THIS TALK

Theorem (Dupuy 2012). For curves over (+technical hypoth) the sheaf of formal lifts of the Frobenius are a torsor under a line bundle.

(Amounts to proving that the first  $p$ -jet space of a curve is an affine bundle with an “affine linear structure.”)

(Statement really says that local lifts of the Frobenius are parametrized by something linear)

# The Result

**Theorem.** Let  $X$  over  $W_{p^\infty}(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$  be a smooth projective curve of genus  $g \geq 1$ . If  $p > 6g - 5$  then  $J_p^1(X)$  is a torsor under a line bundle.

# Remarks on the Proof

- Prove reduction of the structure group of the first  $p$ -jet spaces to the affine linear group.
- Uses are “pairing” between group cohomology and cech cohomology together with vanishing theorems to successively reduce the structure group.

# Remarks on p-jets

- Introduced by Buium to study Lang conjecture in the Arithmetic setting --- using intersections in p-jets
- The  $n$ th p-jet space of a scheme is a scheme (or p-formal scheme) whose Zariski closed subsets correspond to Kolchin closed sets of the original scheme.
- Kolchin closed are just sets cut-out by “Arithmetic Differential Equations”.

# What is a p-derivation?

## Fermat's Little Theorem

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall p$  prime

$$n \equiv n^p \pmod{p}$$

$$n - n^p = p \cdot \text{CRAP}$$

This is a p-derivation

$$\text{CRAP} = \frac{n - n^p}{p}$$

$$\delta_p(n) = \frac{n - n^p}{p}$$

The Frobenius

$$F : A/p \mapsto A/p$$
$$a \mapsto a^p$$

# Properties of p-derivations

Zero mod p

$$\delta_p(n) = \frac{n - n^p}{p}$$

Zero mod p

Product Rule

Proposition

$$\delta_p(ab) = \delta_p(a)b^p + a^p\delta_p(b) + p\delta_p(a)\delta_p(b)$$

Sum Rule

$$\delta_p(a + b) = \delta_p(a) + \delta_p(b) - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{p} \binom{p}{j} a^{p-j} b^j$$

*non-linear*

(Buium, Joyal ~1994)

**Abstract Definition:**  $\delta_p : A \rightarrow B$  is a **p-derivation**  
provided that

Always an  $A$  algebra

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**Proposition:** For  $\delta_p : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$   
defined by  $\delta_p(n) = \frac{n - n^p}{p}$

show  $\delta_p(p^m) = p^{m-1} \cdot (\text{unit mod } p)$

**Example:**

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_p(p) &= \frac{p - p^p}{p} \\ &= 1 - p^{p-1}\end{aligned}$$

Idea: order of vanishing is  
“bumped down”

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_t &= \frac{d}{dt} \\ \delta_t(t^n) &= n \cdot t^{n-1}\end{aligned}$$

derivations

$$\delta : A \rightarrow A$$

ring homomorphisms

$$f : A \rightarrow A[\varepsilon]/\langle \varepsilon^2 \rangle$$



“dual numbers”

“infinitesimals”



p-derivations

$$\delta_p : A \rightarrow A$$

ring homomorphisms

$$f : A \rightarrow W_1(A)$$

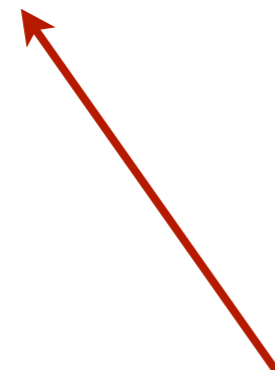


“Witt vectors”

“wittfinitesimals”



“Wittferentiation”



# Analogies

Dual Numbers

$$D_1(A) = A[t]/\langle t^2 \rangle$$

Truncated Witt Vectors

$$W_1(A)$$

Power Series

$$D(A) = A[[t]]$$

Witt Vectors

$$W(A)$$

(p-typical, not like in Jim's Talk)

# Lifts of the Frobenius

Definition: A **lift of the Frobenius** is a ring homomorphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\phi(a) \equiv a^p \pmod{p}$$

Proposition: If  $\delta_p : A \rightarrow B$  is a  $p$ -derivation then

$$\phi(a) := a^p + p\delta_p(a)$$

is a lift of the Frobenius.

Conversely, if  $B$  is  $p$ -torsion free ring with a lift of the Frobenius  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  then

$$\delta_p(a) := \frac{\phi(a) - a^p}{p}$$

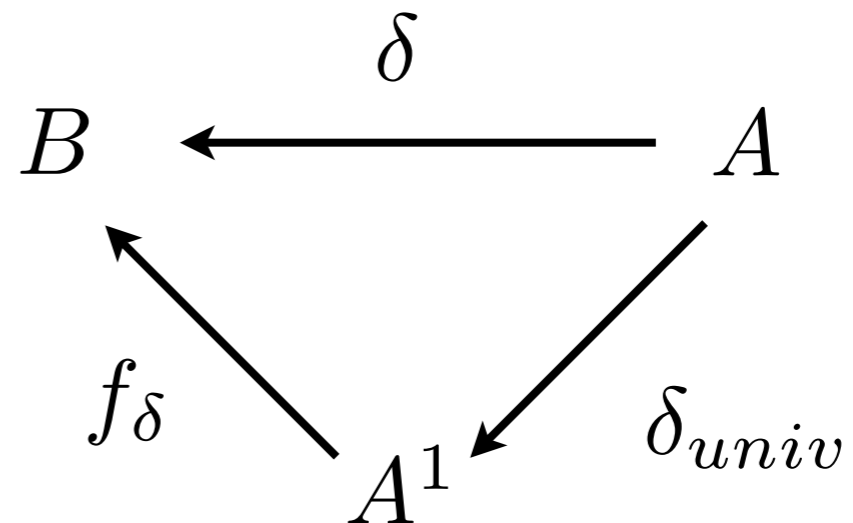
defines a  $p$ -derivation.

# $p$ -Jets I

$$\begin{aligned} A^1 &= \Lambda_{p,1} \odot A = \mathcal{O}(J_p^1(\text{Spec}(A))) \\ &= \frac{A[\dot{a}:a \in A]}{\text{(relations for } p\text{-derivations)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_{univ} : A \rightarrow A^1$$

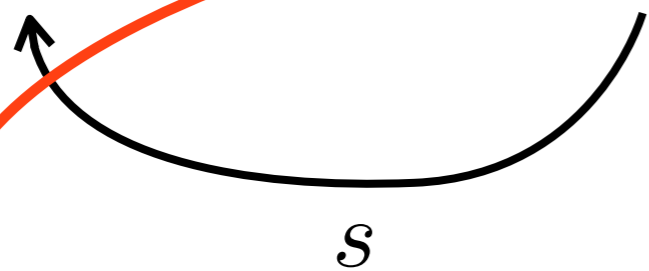
**Universal Property:**



# p-Jets 2

Setup:  $W = W(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}_p^{\text{ur}}$  first p-jet space  
 $X/W$  smooth

$$\exists J_p^1(X) \xrightarrow{\pi} X \supset U$$



local sections

local lifts of the  
Frobenius

$$\phi : U \rightarrow U$$

$$\{ \text{lifts of Frobenius on } U \} = \Gamma(U, J_p^1(X))$$

# How do we get a Torsor structure?

Philosophy:  $p$ -jets know all about lifts of the Frobenius.

$$\{ \text{lifts of Frobenius on } U \} = \Gamma(U, J_p^1(X))$$

Recipe for torsor structure:

**Step 1:** Show that the first  $p$ -jet space of a smooth variety is an affine bundle which admits an additional structure.

**Step 2:** Reduce the structure group to the “affine linear group” (which is equivalent to being a torsor under a line bundle)

Defn. An **affine bundle** is a fiber bundle with fibers  $\mathbb{A}^n$

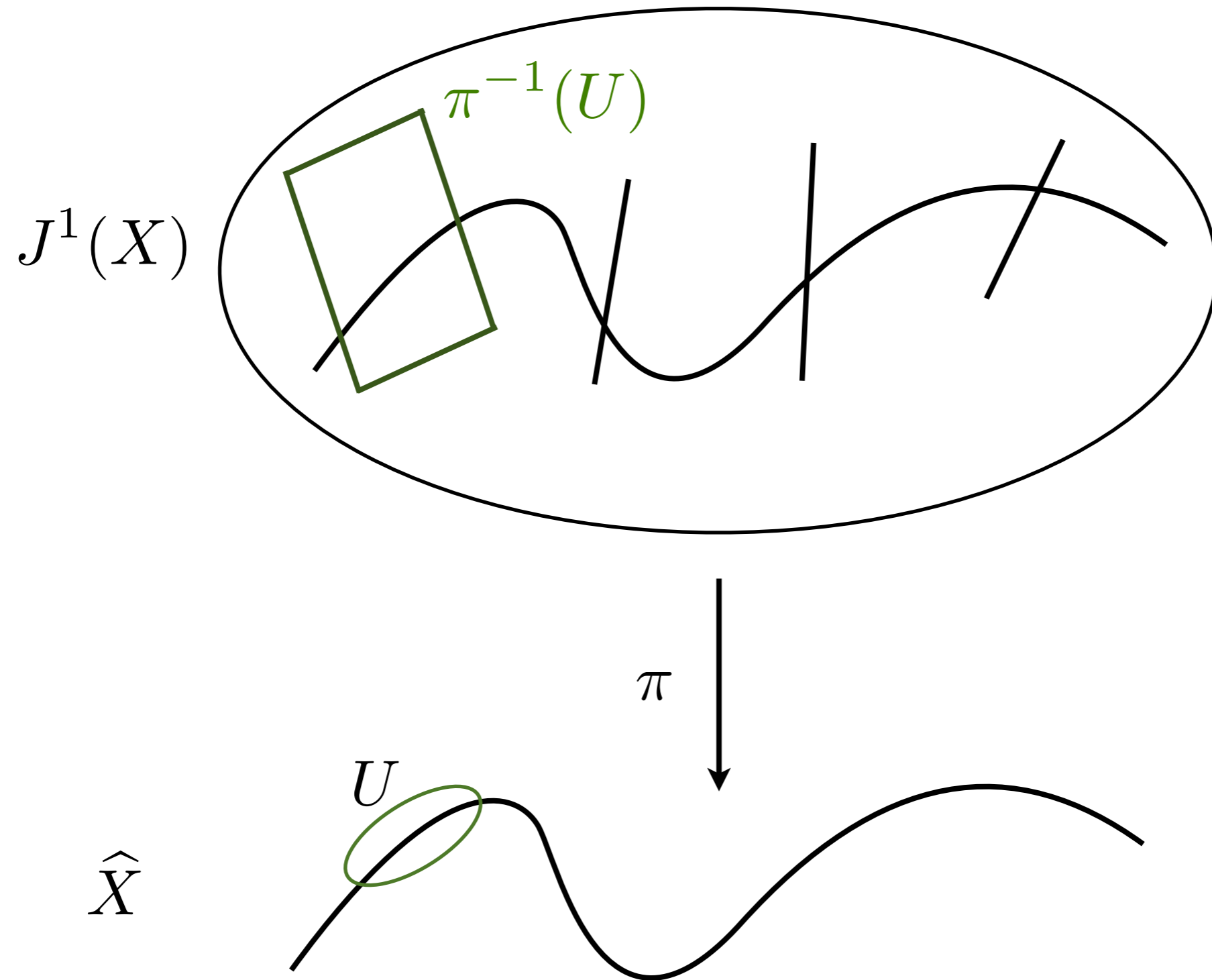
Lemma. For  $X/W(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$  smooth the ***p*-adic completion** of the first p-jet space  $\widehat{J_p^1(X)}$  is an affine bundle.

obligatory bundle diagram

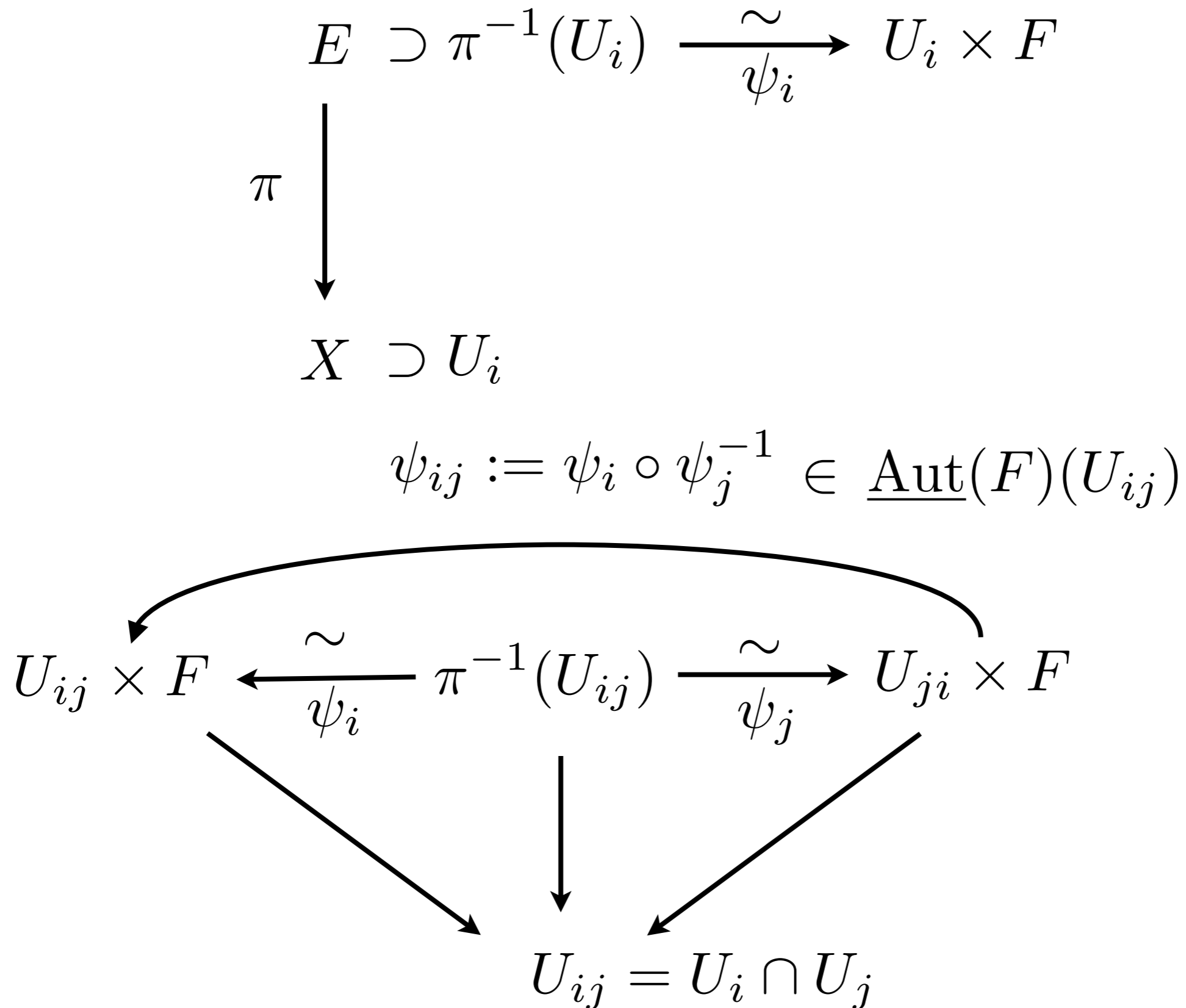
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \widehat{J_p^1(X)} \supset \pi^{-1}(\widehat{U}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \widehat{U} \hat{\times} \widehat{\mathbb{A}}^n \\
 \pi \downarrow & & \\
 \widehat{X} \supset \widehat{U} & & 
 \end{array}$$



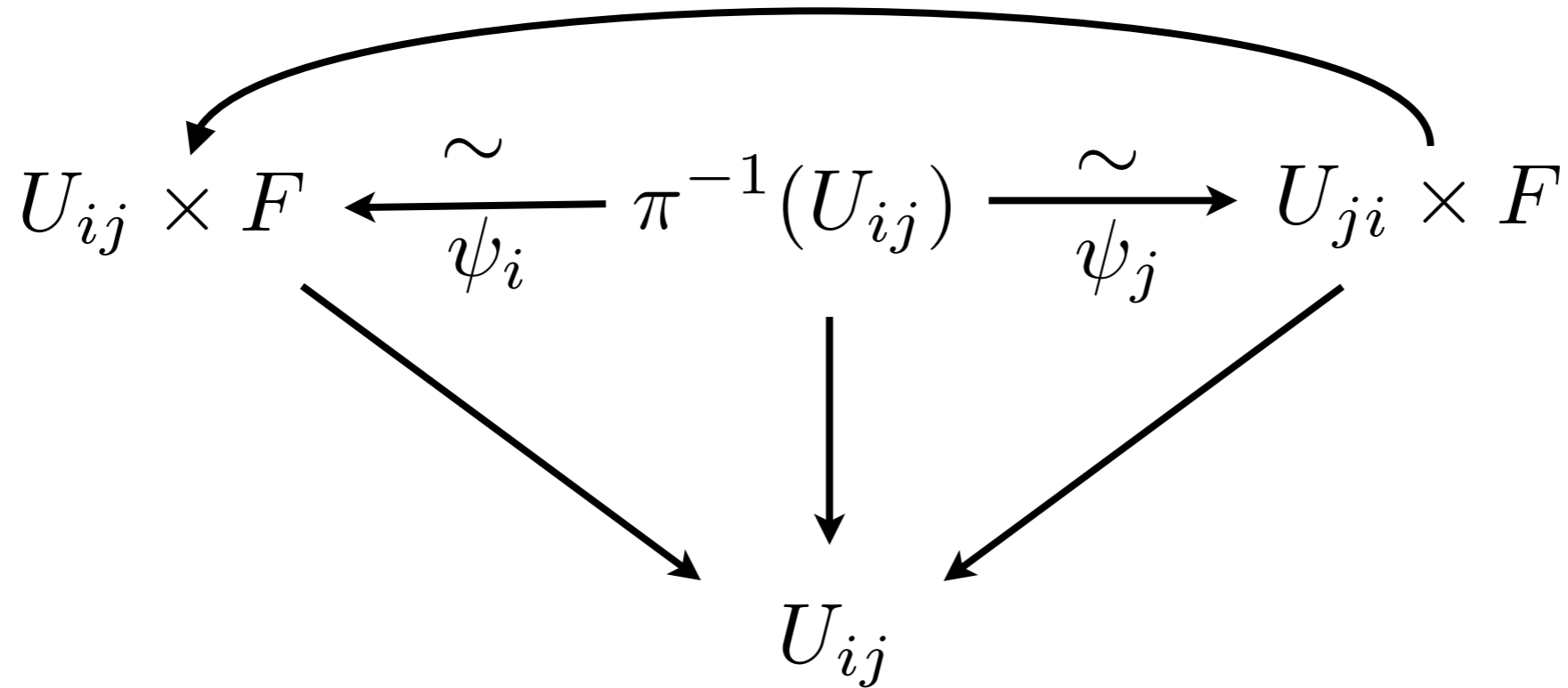
# obligatory bundle picture



Fix an  $F$ -bundle  $E$  and a trivializing cover



$$\psi_{ij} := \psi_i \circ \psi_j^{-1} \in \underline{\text{Aut}}(F)(U_{ij})$$



cohomology class

$$\rightsquigarrow [\psi_{ij}] \in \check{H}^1(X, \underline{\text{Aut}}(F))$$

# Our Particular Application

$$J^1(X) \supset \pi^{-1}(\hat{U}_i) \xrightarrow[\psi_i]{\sim} \hat{U}_i \hat{\times} \hat{A}^m$$

$$\pi \downarrow$$

$$\hat{X} \supset \hat{U}_i$$

$$m = \dim(X)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \beta := [\psi_{ij}] \in H^1(\hat{X}, \underline{\text{Aut}}(\hat{A}^m))$$

Controls “Deligne-Illusie class”

# Information Modulo $p$ :

## Theorem

$$\beta_0 = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}T] \in H^1(X_0, \text{AL}_1)$$

$\nearrow$  **B**
 $\nwarrow$  **A**

$\text{DI}_0(\delta)$ 
 $[F^*T_{X_0}]$

### idea used in A

$$\text{AL}_1 = \underline{\text{Aut}}(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{F}_p}^1) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_{X_0} \rtimes \mathcal{O}_{X_0}^\times$$

$$a + bT \circ c + dT = a + bc + bdT \quad (a, b) \cdot (c, d) = (a + bc, bd)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{X_0} \rtimes \mathcal{O}_{X_0}^\times \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{O}_{X_0}^\times$$

$$H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X \rtimes \mathcal{O}_X^\times) \xrightarrow{\pi} H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X^\times)$$

$$\pi(\beta_0) = [b_{ij}] = [F^*T_{X_0}]$$



### Conventions

$$\varphi_i : \mathcal{O}(U_i) \rightarrow L(U_i)$$

$$\varphi_i(1) = v_i$$

$$b_{ij}v_i = v_j$$

$$[L] = [b_{ij}]$$

# Remarks

- The fibers for the bundle structure on the first  $p$ -jet spaces are affine spaces
- The transition maps are univariate polynomial automorphisms
- The structure of these groups is extremely rich ( $p$ -formally or mod  $p^n$ )
- Similar “Arithmetic Kodaira-Spencer” classes originally introduced by Buium for Abelian Varieties

# Ideas for Mod $p^n$

- Twisted (semi-direct product) Cech-cocycles give cocycles in line bundles.
- Group cocycles applied to Cech cocycles produce twisted cocycles
- Vanishing theorems for line bundles give information about our twisted cocycles.
- “Triviality” of twisted cocycles allows us to reduce our structure group

# Twisted Cocycles

Working out what a Čech cocycle in  $\mathcal{O} \rtimes \mathcal{O}^\times$  looks like gives

$$(a_{ij}, b_{ij})(a_{jk}, b_{jk})(a_{ki}, b_{ki}) = 1$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} b_{ij}b_{jk}b_{ki} &= 1 \\ a_{ij} + b_{ij}a_{jk} + b_{ij}b_{jk}a_{ki} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, one can get such pairs from a Čech cocycle for the line bundle  $[b_{ij}] \in \text{Pic}(Y) = H^1(Y, \mathcal{O}^\times)$

Strategy: Produce twisted cocycles from cocycles with values in more complicated groups to study them.



# Structures!

Back to the abstract setting with an arbitrary fiber bundle

- Fix an  $F$ -bundle and subgroup  $H \leq \underline{\text{Aut}}(F)$

- An  $H$ -atlas is a trivializing cover whose transition maps lie in the subgroup

$$\{(U_i, \psi_i)\} = H\text{-atlas}$$

$$\psi_{ij} \in H(U_{ij})$$

- A  $H$ -structure is a maximal  $H$ -atlas.

# Degree Structures

## Naturally Occuring Structure Group

$$\{a_0 + a_1T + pa_2T^2 + \cdots + p^{n-1}a_nT^n \pmod{p^n}\} \leq \underline{\text{Aut}}(\mathbb{A}_{W/p^n}^1) \\ = A_n$$

## Affine Linear Group

$$\{a + bT \pmod{p^n}\} \leq \underline{\text{Aut}}(\mathbb{A}_{W/p^n}^1)$$

# Group cocycles that are involved

example: cocycle we use to get twisted cocycle from an  $A_d$  structure.

$$\psi(T) \mapsto \psi''(T)/\psi'(T) \pmod{p}$$

**NEW multivariate version!**

$$C[f] = ((df^{-1})^j_l (d^2 f)^l_{jk})$$

example: in dimension 2

$$C_1[\psi] = \frac{f_{xx}g_y - f_{xy}g_x - g_{xx}f_y + g_{xy}f_x}{f_x g_y - g_x f_y}$$

$$C_2[\psi] = \frac{f_{xy}g_y - f_{yy}g_x - g_{xy}g_y + g_{yy}f_x}{f_x g_y - g_x f_y}$$

**THE END**