$p$-ADIC HEIGHT PAIRINGS AND INTEGRAL POINTS ON HYPERELLIPTIC CURVES

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Abstract. We give a formula for the component at $p$ of the $p$-adic height pairing of a divisor of degree 0 on a hyperelliptic curve. We use this to give a Chabauty-like method for finding $p$-adic approximations to $p$-integral points on such curves when the Mordell-Weil rank of the Jacobian equals the genus. In this case we get an explicit bound for the number of such $p$-integral points, and we are able to use the method in explicit computation. An important aspect of the method is that it only requires a basis of the Mordell-Weil group tensored with $\mathbb{Q}$.

1. Introduction

Chabauty’s method [Cha41], later made effective by Coleman [Col85a], is a fantastic tool for bounding the number of rational points of a curve $X$ over a number field $F$ and for finding $p$-adic approximations to these points, when the genus $g$ is larger than the Mordell-Weil rank of the Jacobian $J$ of $X$ over $F$. This method has been put to effective use in many instances over the last thirty years; for examples illustrating this technique, see [MP10] or [Fly97]. Chabauty wrote down $p$-adic functions that vanish on the set of $F$-rational points $X(F)$ and Coleman identified these functions as $p$-adic Coleman integrals of holomorphic forms [Col85b].

The fascinating recent work of Kim [Kim05, Kim09, Kim10b, CK10, BDCKW12] on a non-abelian Chabauty method gives hope that the restriction on the rank of $J$ may be removed by using more general iterated Coleman integrals. When Kim’s method applies and a Coleman function vanishing on $X(F)$ is found, it can sometimes be computed explicitly by recent progress on the computation of such functions [BBK10, Bal12, BB12].

In a recent example for Kim’s method [Kim10a], as corrected in [BKK11], an explicit Coleman function was given in the case of an elliptic curve $E/\mathbb{Q}$ with Mordell-Weil rank 1 over $\mathbb{Q}$ (satisfying some auxiliary conditions) and shown to vanish on all integral points. This function was furthermore explicitly computed in [BKK11] and numerically exhibited to vanish on integral points.

In [BB13], the first two named authors gave an entirely new proof of Kim’s result, removing, on the way, some of the auxiliary assumptions by showing that the function identified by Kim was essentially the component at $p$ of the $p$-adic height and relying on the quadraticity of this height as a function on $J$ and on the description of the other components as intersection multiplicities.
The goal of the present work is to extend the methods of [BB13] to hyperelliptic curves. Suppose that \( X \) is a hyperelliptic curve over \( \mathbb{Q} \) given by the affine equation
\[
y^2 = f(x),
\]
with \( f \) a polynomial of degree \( 2g + 1 \) over \( \mathbb{Z} \) which does not reduce to a square modulo any prime number. Let \( p \) be a prime, let \( X_p = X \times \mathbb{Q}_p \), and let \( J \) be the Jacobian of \( X \). We can prove

**Theorem 1.1.** If the Mordell-Weil rank of \( J \) over \( \mathbb{Q} \) is exactly \( g \), then there exists a Coleman function \( \rho \) on \( X_p \) and a finite set of values \( T \) such that \( \rho(U(\mathbb{Z}[1/p])) \subset T \), where \( U(\mathbb{Z}[1/p]) \) is the set of \( p \)-integral solutions to (1.1). If \( X \) has good reduction at \( p \), then \( T \) is effectively computable and \( \rho \) is effectively computable from a basis for \( J(\mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \).

A more precise version of this result will be given in Theorem 3.1 in Section 3. We use this to give an effective bound on the number of integral points in Theorem 6.4.

We expect that the result above will lead to a practical method for recovering all integral points on hyperelliptic curves satisfying the assumptions of the theorem (see Remark 3.7). In Example 7.2, we show how carry this out in practice and find all integral points with \( x \)-coordinate having absolute value less than a prescribed bound.

A different algorithm for the computation of integral points on hyperelliptic curves is given in [BMS+08]. Their algorithm combines linear forms in logarithms with a modified version of the Mordell-Weil sieve and does not assume that the rank of \( J(\mathbb{Q}) \) is equal to the genus. However, in contrast to our method, it does require generators of the free part of \( J(\mathbb{Q}) \) which limits its applicability, since currently there is no practical algorithm for the saturation of a finite index subgroup of \( J(\mathbb{Q}) \) unless \( g = 2 \) [Sto02]; the case \( g = 3 \) is currently being worked out [Sto13]. For a recent approach to this problem using arithmetic intersection theory, see [Hol12].

Our proof relies on the description of the \( p \)-adic height pairing given by Coleman and Gross [CG89], the quadraticity of the pairing, and \( p \)-adic Arakelov theory [Bes05]. For any \( X \) and \( F \), the height pairing
\[
h : J(F) \times J(F) \to \mathbb{Q}_p,
\]
depending on some auxiliary data, is defined initially for divisors \( D_1 \) and \( D_2 \) of degree zero with disjoint support as a sum of local height pairings
\[
h(D_1, D_2) = \sum_v h_v(D_1, D_2)
\]
over the finite places \( v \) of \( F \). As in [BB13], a key point is to remove the disjoint support restriction by extending the local height pairings relative to a choice of tangent vectors, as suggested in the classical case in [Gro86]. For our hyperelliptic curve, we make a certain consistent choice of such tangent vectors. The resulting local height pairing gives rise to a function \( \tau(x) = h_p(x - \infty, x - \infty) \) which is computed explicitly as a Coleman integral in Theorem 2.1 and is the main summand for the function \( \rho \) in Theorem 1.1. The finite set of values \( T \) results from the sum of the height pairings \( h_q \) for \( q \neq p \) and is discussed in detail in Proposition 3.3.

Let us explain the reason for the restriction that \( X \) is assumed to have good reduction at \( p \). As our work ultimately relies on \( p \)-adic Arakelov theory [Bes05], which has been developed using Vologodsky’s integration theory [Vol03], it is insensitive to the type of reduction at \( p \). However, Vologodsky’s integration has been, so far,
difficult to compute, and the computation of Coleman integrals has been, thus far, done in the good reduction case. The situation will likely change with [BZ13], which will reduce Vologodsky integration on semi-stable curves to Coleman integration.

We briefly discuss possible applications (see also Remark 3.8). The function $\rho$ is given, on the residue disk of $p$-adic points reducing to a given point, by a convergent power series. It is therefore possible, in reasonable time, to compute all solutions of $\rho(x) \in \mathcal{T}$ to high $p$-adic precision. We hope that this technique can be combined with upper bounds on the size of the integral points on $X$ [BMS+08] to provide an effective algorithm for determining all integral points on hyperelliptic curves satisfying the assumptions of the theorem.

It is furthermore easy, given some initial coefficients in the power series expansions making up $\rho$, to deduce a bound on the total number of possible solutions to $\rho(x) \in \mathcal{T}$, hence on the number of $p$-integral solutions to (1.1). A fairly crude version of this is given in Theorem 6.4. The bound depends on some computations, including those of Coleman integrals, on the curve. One might hope for a bound which, like [Col85a, (ii) on p. 765], will depend only on some simple numerical data of the curve, such as genus and types of bad reduction, but this is unfortunately not obvious at this point in time.

We conclude by giving a number of numerical examples to illustrate our techniques.

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2. The local height pairing as a Coleman function

In this section we let $p$ be a prime number and consider a smooth and proper curve $C$ (we will later assume $C$ is hyperelliptic) defined over the algebraic closure $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ of the field of $p$-adic numbers. We fix a point $x_0$ on $C$ and a tangent vector $t_0$ to $C$ at $x_0$. We further fix a decomposition

$$H^1_{\text{dR}}(C) = W \oplus \Omega^1(C)$$

such that $W$ is isotropic with respect to the cup product and a branch of the $p$-adic logarithm which we denote by $\log$. Given this data, the function $h_{\mathcal{T}}$ on the tangent bundle $\mathcal{T}$ to $C$ outside of the point $x_0$ was defined in [BB13]. If $G$ is the Green function associated to the data above, as defined in [Bes05], then $h_{\mathcal{T}}$ is defined as

$$h_{\mathcal{T}}(x, t) = G_x(x, t) - 2G_{x_0}(x) + G_{x_0}(x_0, t_0),$$

where $G_y(x)$ is by definition $G(y, x)$ and the notation $G_x(x, t)$ stands for the constant term of $G_x$ at $x$ with respect to a local parameter $z$ normalized with respect to $t$ in the sense that $\partial_t(z) = 1$. This function is related to the local height pairing as follows: If all data are defined over a finite extension $K$ of $\mathbb{Q}_p$, then the value $h_{\mathcal{T}}(x, t)$ lies in $K$ and the local height, evaluated on the divisor $(x) - (x_0)$ with
choices of tangent vectors $t$ and $t_0$, is exactly the trace from $K$ to $\mathbb{Q}_p$ of $h_{\tau}(x, t)$, where the trace map is part of the data used to define the height pairing.

Suppose now that $C$ is a hyperelliptic curve defined by the equation $y^2 = f(x)$ with $f$ a polynomial of degree $2g + 1$. We have a basis $\{\omega_i\}_{i=0}^{2g-1}$ of the de Rham cohomology $H^1_{dR}(C/\mathbb{Q}_p)$ given by the forms of the second kind $\omega_i = x^i dx / 2y$. The form $\omega_i$ has order $2g - 2 - 2i$ at $\infty$, and it has no pole away from $\infty$. In particular, the forms $\omega_i$ for $i \leq g - 1$ are holomorphic. We let $\omega_i = \omega_{2g-1-i}$ for $0 \leq i \leq g - 1$, so that $\omega_i$ has a pole of order $2(g - i)$ at $\infty$. As in the introduction, we fix $\omega = \omega_0$. This form vanishes to order $2g - 2$ at infinity and has no other zeros or poles. It determines, by duality, a section $z = t$ at infinity and we fix the dual of its value there. We pick a parameter $z = -y/(x^{g+1}f_{2g+1})$ at infinity, where $f_{2g+1}$ is the leading coefficient of $f$.

Let $f^{\text{rev}}(x)$ denote the polynomial $x^{2g+2}f(1/x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$. Using [BB12, (10)] as well as the description at infinity of the $\omega_i$ following (11) there, and noting that the parameter $t$ there is $-z f_{2g+1}$, we find a local equation at $\infty$:

$$ z^2 f_{2g+1} = f_{2g+1}^{-1} s f^{\text{rev}}(s) = s + O(s^2) . $$

Differentiating, we find that

$$ -\frac{ds}{2t} = \frac{ds}{2f_{2g+1}z} = (1 + O(z))dz $$

and

$$ \omega_i = -s^{g-1-i} \frac{ds}{2t} = (f_{2g+1}z^2)^{g-1-i}(1 + O(z))dz . $$

In particular, $\omega_{g-1} = (1 + O(z))dz$, and one easily finds that $z$ is normalized with respect to $t_0$. Let us also record then the local expansion

$$ x = s^{-1} = f_{2g+1}^{-1} z^{-2}(1 + \cdots) . $$

As the $\omega_i$ only have poles at $\infty$, the formula for the cup product in terms of integrals and residues gives

$$ [\omega_j^\prime] \cup [\omega_i] = \text{Res}_{\infty} \left( \omega_i \int \omega_j^\prime \right) . $$

Clearly, when $g - 1 \geq j > i$ the form $\omega_i \int \omega_j^\prime$ is holomorphic at $\infty$, while

$$ \omega_i \int \omega_i^\prime = f_{2g+1}^{g-1-i} z^{2(g-1-i)}(1 + O(z)) - \frac{f_{2g+1}^{i-g}}{2(i-g) + 1} z^{2(i-g)+1}(1 + O(z))dz $$

$$ = \frac{dz}{z f_{2g+1}(2(i-g) + 1)} (1 + O(z)) . $$

We find

$$ [\omega_j^\prime] \cup [\omega_i] = \frac{1}{f_{2g+1}(2i + 1 - 2g)} , \ [\omega_j^\prime] \cup [\omega_i] = 0 \text{ if } g - 1 \geq j > i . $$

Let $\{\hat{\omega}_i\}_{i=0}^{g-1}$ be the basis for $W$ which is dual to the basis $\{\omega_i\}_{i=0}^{g-1}$ for the holomorphic forms via the cup product. From (2.3) it follows that (2.4)

$$ \omega_i = f_{2g+1}(2i + 1 - 2g) \omega_i^\prime + \text{combination of } \omega_j^\prime \text{ for } j > i + \text{ a holomorphic form.} $$

Recall [BdJ12, Definition 7.7] that the constant term of a Coleman integral with respect to a parameter $z$ at a point is the coefficient of 1 in its expansion which
includes both powers of $z$ and non-negative powers of $\log(z)$. We are going to normalize our integrals in such a way that the constant term with respect to the parameter $z$ at $\infty$ is 0. We will write $\int_{t_0}^x$ (recall that $z$ is normalized with respect to $t_0$) for this type of integral, which is the case when all integrands have logarithmic singularities at $\infty$ [BF06, Proposition 2.11] (with worse singularities, integration from a tangential basepoint makes no sense).

**Theorem 2.1.** Let $\tau$ be the pullback of $h_T$ under $t$. Then we have

$$\tau(x) = -2 \int_{t_0}^x \left( \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} \omega_i \int_{t_0}^y \tilde{\omega}_i \right) - (g-1) \log(f_{2g+1}) .$$

**Proof.** According to [Bes05, Proposition 2.7], we have that $\tau$, being the pullback of a log function by a section, is a Coleman function on the complement $U$ of infinity in $C$ and if $\bar{\partial}$ denotes the $p$-adic del bar operator, then $\bar{\partial}d\tau$ is the pullback of the curvature of the restriction of $h_T$ to $U$ under $t(x)$. But the curvature on $h_T$ is $-2 \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} \omega_i \otimes \omega_i$ by [BB13, Proposition 3.10], and we obtain

$$d\tau = \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} \omega_i \int \tilde{\omega}_i + \theta$$

where $\theta$ is a holomorphic form on $U$ and the integrals are indefinite. There is the indeterminacy of the constant of integration and of the form $\theta$. Note that the constant of integration for the $\tilde{\omega}_i$ simply adds to $\theta$ holomorphic forms on $C$. Thus we have

$$\tau(x) + 2 \int_{t_0}^x \left( \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} \omega_i \int_{t_0}^y \tilde{\omega}_i \right) = \int \theta'$$

where $\theta'$ is holomorphic on $U$. We would like to show that the right hand side vanishes.

First we argue that the form $\theta'$ extends to a holomorphic form on $C$. To see this we observe that it follows from (2.4) that $\omega_i(\int \tilde{\omega}_i)$ has a simple pole at infinity and no other pole. On the other hand, since $\omega_0$ has no poles or zeros outside infinity, $t(x)$ as a section of $T$ also has no such zeros and poles outside infinity. It follows that the form $d\tau$ also has a simple pole at infinity and no other pole. Indeed, by [Bes05, Definition 4.1] and the ensuing remarks, if $s$ is a non-vanishing section of $T$, then locally for the analytic topology, $\tau$ looks like $\log_T(s) + d\log(t/s)$ with $\log_T(s)$ analytic. Thus, $\theta'$ has a simple pole at infinity, but since it is meromorphic, the residue theorem implies that it is in fact holomorphic on $C$ (one can directly compute the residue at infinity and easily discover that it is 0).

Next we claim that $\theta = 0$. This is because both $\tau$ and the integral on the right hand side of the theorem are symmetric with respect to the hyperelliptic involution $w$. For $\tau$ this follows from functoriality of the height pairing similar to the way it is proved in [BB13]. For the integral, we first note that all forms considered are anti-symmetric with respect to $w$. Then the integral of a $\tilde{\omega}_i$ is anti-symmetric up to a constant, and this is 0 because the constant term with respect to a parameter which is itself anti-symmetric is 0. Thus, all terms $\omega_i \int_{t_0}^y \tilde{\omega}_i$ are symmetric, and their integral is so as well. Consequently, $\theta$ is a holomorphic symmetric form on $C$, hence 0.

It follows that the equality in the statement of the theorem holds up to a constant. It suffices to show that the constant term of $\tau$ at infinity is $-(g-1) \log(f_{2g+1})$. 

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With \(\tau\) replaced by the pullback of \(h_\tau\) under the dual of \(\omega_{g-1}\), the constant term is 0 by [BB13, Proposition 3.10], since \(\omega_{g-1}\) is dual to the non-vanishing \(t_0\) at infinity. However, this pullback differs from \(\tau\) by \(\log(x^{g-1}) = (g - 1)\log(x)\). Using (2.2) we find
\[
\log(x) = -2\log(z) - \log(f_{2g+1}) + \text{a power series vanishing at 0.}
\]
The constant term of \(x\) with respect to \(z\) is therefore \(-\log(f_{2g+1})\) and that of \(\tau\) is \(-(g - 1)\log(f_{2g+1})\).

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3. Application to \(p\)-integral points

The results of the previous section may be used, in a similar way to the results in [BB13], to obtain a \(p\)-adic characterization of \(p\)-integral points on hyperelliptic curves, a kind of “quadratic Chabauty.” Let \(f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]\) be a separable polynomial of degree \(2g + 1 \geq 3\) such that \(f\) does not reduce to a square modulo \(q\) for any prime number \(q\).

Let \(U = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[x,y]/(y^2 - f(x)))\), so that \(U(\mathbb{Z}[1/p])\) is exactly the set of \(p\)-integral solutions to \(y^2 = f(x)\). Let \(X\) be the normalization of the closure of the generic fiber of \(U\), and let \(J\) be its Jacobian.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let \(f_i\), for \(i = 0,\ldots,g - 1\), be defined by the formula
\[
f_i(z) = \int_{\infty}^{z} \omega_i,
\]
and let \(g_{ij} = g_{ji} = f_i \cdot f_j\) for \(i \leq j\). Suppose that the Mordell-Weil rank of \(J\) is exactly \(g\). Then either there exists a linear combination of the \(f_i\) that vanishes on \(U(\mathbb{Z}[1/p])\) (in other words, Chabauty’s method works, at least for the \(p\)-integral points), or there exist constants \(\alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{Q}_p\) such that the function
\[
\rho(z) = \tau(z) - \sum_{i \leq j} \alpha_{ij} g_{ij}(z)
\]
satisfies the following:

1. There is an effectively computable constant \(s \in \mathbb{Q}_p\) such that we have \(\rho(x) = s\) for every \(x \in U(\mathbb{Z}[1/p])\) which does not intersect any of the singular points in any of the bad fibers of \(U\). If \(f\) is monic, then we have \(s = 0\).

2. There exists an effectively computable finite set of values \(T\) containing \(\rho(U(\mathbb{Z}[1/p]))\).

**Proof.** We recall that the height pairing depends on the choice of a \(\mathbb{Q}_p\)-valued idele class character \(\ell = \oplus \ell_q\), a sum over all finite primes \(q\). Fixing a choice for the \(p\)-adic logarithm, which we simply denote by \(\log\), we can choose \(\ell\) in such a way that \(\ell_p = \log\). In this case, the trace map mentioned in the introduction is simply the identity and the local height pairing \(h_p\) is simply the pairing mentioned there, so that \(h_p((x) - (\infty), (x) - (\infty))\), normalized as before, is simply \(\tau(x)\).

If Chabauty’s method does not work, the \(f_i\), extended linearly, induce linearly independent \(\mathbb{Q}_p\)-valued functionals on the \(g\)-dimensional vector space \(J(\mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}\). It follows that the \(g_{ij}\) are a basis for the space of \(\mathbb{Q}_p\)-valued quadratic forms on \(J(\mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}\). The height pairing \(h\), being another \(\mathbb{Q}_p\)-valued quadratic form on \(V\), is thus a linear combination of the above basis, \(h = \sum \alpha_{ij} g_{ij}\). If \(x \in X(\mathbb{Q})\), then, applying the last formula to the divisor \((x) - (\infty)\), Theorem 2.1 implies that
\[
\rho(x) = -\sum_{q \neq p} h_q((x) - (\infty), (x) - (\infty)).
\]
Note that the local heights $h_q$ are computed using the localization of the same global tangent vectors as before. According to Proposition 3.3 below, for each prime number $q \neq p$ there is an effectively computable $p$-adic number $s_q$ such that when $x$ is a $p$-integral point and either the reduction at $q$ is good, or, more generally, the reduction is bad but $x$ does not reduce to a singular point modulo $q$, we have

$$h_q((x) - (\infty), (x) - (\infty)) = s_q.$$ 

See (5.1) for an explicit expression for $s_q$. If $q$ does not divide the leading coefficient $f_{2g+1}$ of $f$ then $s_q = 0$ by Proposition 3.3.

In general, Proposition 3.3 implies that there is a proper regular model $X' \times_q$ such that if $x$ is $p$-integral, then $h_q((x) - (\infty), (x) - (\infty))$ depends solely (and explicitly, see Section 5) on the component of the special fiber $X_q$ that the section in $X'(\mathbb{Z}_q)$ corresponding to $x$ intersects. Thus, for any $p$-integral point $x$, the right hand side of (3.2) can only take a finite number of explicitly computable values, completing the proof.

Remark 3.2. From the proof it is clear that the size of the set $T$ is bounded by $1 + \prod_q (m_q - 1)$, where $m_q$ is the number of multiplicity one components of the special fiber $X_q$ of the proper regular model $X$ of $X$ constructed below, as these are the only components through which the section corresponding to $x$ can pass.

We construct a normal model $X'$ of $X \times \mathbb{Q}_q$ over Spec$(\mathbb{Z}_q)$ as follows: If $F(X, Z)$ is the degree $2g + 2$-homogenization of $f$, then the equation

$$Y^2 = F(X, Z)$$

gives a smooth plane projective model of $C$ in projective space $\mathbb{P}^2_{\mathbb{Q}_q}(1, g+1, 1)$ over $\mathbb{Q}_q$ with respective weights $1$, $g + 1$ and $1$ assigned to the variables $X$, $Y$, $Z$. Let $X'$ be the scheme defined by the same equation in $\mathbb{P}^2_{\mathbb{Z}_q}(1, g+1, 1)$. We call $X'$ the Zariski closure of $X \times \mathbb{Q}_q$ over Spec$(\mathbb{Z}_q)$.

By [Liu02, Corollary 8.3.51], there exists a proper regular model $X' \times \mathbb{Q}_q$ over $\mathbb{Z}_q$, together with a proper birational morphism $\phi : X \to X'$ that is an isomorphism outside the singular locus of $X'$. Such a model is called a desingularization in the strong sense of $X'$. If $y$ is a $\mathbb{Q}_q$-rational point on $X$, then, by abuse of notation, we also denote the corresponding section $y \in X'(\mathbb{Z}_q)$. Our assumptions on $f$ guarantee that there is a unique component $\Gamma_0$ of the special fiber of $X'$ that dominates the special fiber of $X$, since $X'$ is normal with an irreducible and reduced special fiber. Then any $y \in X(\mathbb{Q}_q)$ whose reduction modulo $q$ is nonsingular has the property that the section $y$ intersects $\Gamma_0$.

Proposition 3.3. Let $X'$ be as above and let $x$ be a $p$-integral point. The value of $h_q((x) - (\infty), (x) - (\infty))$ depends only on the component $\Gamma_x$ of the fiber of $X'$ above $q$ that $x$ passes through and is effectively computable from $\Gamma_x$. Moreover, this value is $0$ if $\Gamma_x = \Gamma_0$ and $q$ does not divide $f_{2g+1}$.

Proof. Let us first recall how $h_q((x) - (\infty), (x) - (\infty))$ is computed [Gro86, Section 5]. Let $(\ )$ denote the rational-valued intersection multiplicity on $X$. According to [Lan88, Theorem III.3.6], there is a vertical $\mathbb{Q}$-divisor $\Phi((x) - (\infty))$ on $X$ with rational coefficients such that $D_x = x - \infty + \Phi((x) - (\infty))$ satisfies $(D_x, \Gamma) = 0$ for all vertical divisors $\Gamma \in \operatorname{Div}(X')$. The local height pairing $h_q((x) - (\infty), (x) - (\infty))$ is then given by

$$h_q((x) - (\infty), (x) - (\infty)) = -(D_x \cdot D_x) \log q.$$ 

(3.3)
Up to addition of a rational multiple of the entire special fiber $X_q$, which is irrelevant for intersections with vertical divisors, $\Phi((x) - (\infty))$ only depends on which components the sections $x$ and $\infty$ pass through; see also Section 5. Note that the intersection $(D_x \cdot D_x)$ is equal to

$$(x - \infty)^2 + \Phi((x) - (\infty))^2.$$ 

One computes the first intersection using the following rule for self-intersection of horizontal components: Let $x \in X'\mathbb{Z}_q$, and let $t$ be the chosen tangent vector at $x$. Then:

- If $t$ is a generator to the tangent bundle at $x$, then $(x \cdot x) = 0$.
- More generally, if $at$ is a generator, with $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}_q$, then $(x \cdot x) = -v_q(\alpha)$,

where $v_q$ is the $q$-adic valuation (see 3 of Definition 2.3 in [BB13]). We note that the $p$-integrality of $x$ implies that $(x \cdot \infty) = 0$.

In our case the tangent vector at $x$ is determined as the dual to the value of the differential form $\omega$ at that point. Lemma 3.4 (ii) below implies that the intersection multiplicity $(x \cdot x)$ depends only on $\Gamma_x$. This proves the first statement of the proposition.

Now suppose that $x$ intersects $\Gamma_0$, then $(x \cdot x) = 0$ follows from Lemma 3.4 (iii). If we assume, in addition, that $q$ does not divide $f_{2g+1}$, then $\infty$ reduces to a nonsingular point and hence the corresponding section intersects $\Gamma_0$. Since $x$ and $\infty$ pass through the same component, it is clear that we can take $\Phi((x) - (\infty)) = 0$. Finally, Lemma 3.4 (iv) implies that $(\infty \cdot \infty) = 0$. □

Lemma 3.4. Let $X$ and $\omega$ be as above and write the divisor $\text{div}(\omega) \in \text{Div}(X)$ as $\text{div}(\omega) = H + V$, where $H$ is horizontal and $V$ is vertical. Let $x \in X(\mathbb{Q}_q)$.

(i) We have $H = (2g - 2) \cdot \infty$.

(ii) For the intersection multiplicity, as normalized by our chosen tangent vectors, we have $(x \cdot x) = -(x \cdot \text{div}(\omega))$. In particular, $(x \cdot x) = -(x \cdot V)$ if $x \in U(\mathbb{Z}_q)$.

(iii) The component $\Gamma_0$ is not contained in $V$.

(iv) We have $(\infty \cdot \infty) = -(\infty \cdot W)$, where $W$ is the vertical part of $\text{div}(\omega_{q-1})$ and the self-intersection is taken with respect to $t_0$. If $q$ does not divide $f_{2g+1}$, then this is equal to 0.

Proof. The proof of (i) is obvious. We now turn to the proof of (ii). Using cotangent vectors, the formula for the self-intersection $(x \cdot x)$ is as follows: if $\omega(x)$ is a generator for the cotangent bundle at $x$, with $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}_q$, then $(x \cdot x) = v_q(\alpha)$. But this is exactly $-(x \cdot \text{div}(\omega))$. Indeed, for any line bundle $L$ on $X$ and any meromorphic section $s$ of $L$ that has no zeros or poles at $x$ on the generic fiber, the pullback $x^* L$ is a free $\mathbb{Z}_q$-module of rank 1 and $s(x)$ is a non-zero element of $x^* L \otimes \mathbb{Q}_q$. When $s(x) \in x^* L$ and $\alpha \cdot s(x)$ is a generator for $x^* L$ we have

$$v_q(\alpha) = -\log_q \#(x^* L / s(x) \mathbb{Z}_q)$$

and the right hand side is well-known to be equal to $-(\text{div}(s) \cdot x)$. The behavior of intersection with a principal divisor implies that this continues to hold without the assumption $s(x) \in x^* L$.

When $x \in U(\mathbb{Z}[1/p])$ we know that $(x \cdot \infty) = 0$, so using (i) we get $(x \cdot x) = -(x \cdot V)$.

For (iii), note that on the integral affine subscheme $U \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ of $X'$, both the relative cotangent bundle and the relative dualizing sheaf over $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q)$ are generated by
Remark 3.6. The computation of the function $\omega$ requires the following ingredients:

- Coleman integration, including iterated Coleman integrals [Bal12], for the computation of $\tau$;
- computation of $p$-adic height pairings [BB12, BMS12];
- a basis for the Mordell-Weil group of $J$ tensored with $\mathbb{Q}$. Typically one computes this by searching for points of small height in $J(\mathbb{Q})$ (or differences of rational points on $X$) until we have found $g$ independent points. Note that we first need to verify that the rank of $J(\mathbb{Q})$ is indeed $g$, for instance using 2-descent on $J$, cf. [Sto01].

Clearly, computing the height pairings between all pairs of elements of the above basis, together with the computation of the integrals of the $\omega_i$ on elements of this basis, suffice for the determination of the constants $\alpha_{ij}$. Integrals of holomorphic forms give the $f_i$’s, hence the $g_{ij}$’s, and iterated Coleman integrals give $\tau$. Note that one can get bounds on the number of integral points without computing iterated integrals, see Remark 6.5.

Remark 3.7. Here we describe how to use these ideas to give an algorithm to find integral points on a genus $g$ hyperelliptic curve $X$ with Mordell-Weil rank $g$:

1. Let $D_1, \ldots, D_g \in \text{Div}^0(X)$ be representatives of the elements of a basis for the Mordell-Weil group of the Jacobian tensored with $\mathbb{Q}$. We compute the global $p$-adic height pairings $h(D_1, D_1), h(D_1, D_2), \ldots, h(D_g, D_g)$ and the $g(g+1) \times g(g+1)$ matrix of the Coleman integrals $\int_{D_i} \omega_k \int_{D_j} \omega_l$ for $1 \leq i \leq j \leq g$ and $0 \leq k \leq l \leq g - 1$. Solving a linear system (see Example 7.2) gives the vector of $\alpha_{ij}$ values in (3.1).

2. Compute the finite set $T$ of possible values that $\rho$ can take on $p$-integral points.

3. Compute the value of $\tau(P)$ for some point $P$ on the curve. Use (4.1) and the power series expansions of the double and single Coleman integrals to give a power series describing $\tau(t)$ in each residue disk.

4. The integral points are solutions to $\tau(t) - \sum \alpha_{ij} f_i(t) f_j(t) = b$ across the various residue disks, where $b$ runs through the elements of $T$.

5. Use bounds on the size of integral points to determine precision and provably terminate the algorithm.

$\omega|_{U \times \mathbb{Z}_q}$, see [Liu02, §6.4]. Hence $t$ generates the tangent bundle on $U$. But since $X'$ and $X$ are isomorphic outside the singular locus of $X'$ by assumption, (ii) implies

$$0 = (x \cdot x) = -(V \cdot x)$$

for any $\mathbb{Q}_q$-rational point $x$ such that $x$ does not reduce to $\infty$ or a singular point modulo $q$. So $\text{div}(\omega)$ cannot contain $\Gamma_0$, since all such points reduce to $\Gamma_0$.

The proof of the first part of (iv) is analogous to the proof of (ii). If $q$ does not divide $f_{2g+1}$, then $\infty$ is nonsingular modulo $q$. The form $\omega_{g-1}$ is just $-du/2v$ on the affine patch of $X$ given by $v^2 = f^{rev}(u)$, where $u = 1/x$ and $v = y/x^{g+1}$. So (iv) follows in a manner similar to (iii) because $du/2v$ generates $\Omega^1_{\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q[u,v])}/\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q)$.

Remark 3.5. If $g = 1$ and the given equation of $C$ is a minimal Weierstrass equation, then we can take $X$ to be the minimal regular model of $C$. In this case it is easy to show that $\text{div}(\omega) = 0$. 
We show how to carry out Steps (1)–(4) in practice in Section 7.

**Remark 3.8.** It would be interesting to try to use height pairings to find integral points for number fields other than $\mathbb{Q}$. The problem is that in this case the $p$-adic manifold obtained by tensoring with $\mathbb{Q}_p$ has dimension $> 1$ while the height pairing still provides only one equation. A possible solution is to use more than one idele class character. Let us describe one simple situation where this can be made to work.

Suppose $L$ is an imaginary quadratic extension with class number 1 where the prime $p$ remains inert. Since the group of units is torsion, one can lift any $\ell_p : L_p^\times \to \mathbb{Q}_p$ to an idele class character: A uniformizer at the (principal) prime ideal $(\alpha)$ will be sent to $-\ell_p(\alpha)$. Composing the $p$-adic log with a basis of the $\mathbb{Q}_p$-linear functionals $L_p \to \mathbb{Q}_p$, we get two different $\ell_p$, hence two idele class characters, from which we get two $p$-adic equations, and we may expect these to carve out a finite number of solutions in integral $L_p$-points.

### 4. Computation of $\tau$

To obtain numerical examples, we need to compute the function $\rho$ from (3.1). This function involves height function computations for the determination of the constants $\alpha_{ij}$ appearing there, for which we have the algorithm of [BB12, BMS12], and the computation of Coleman integrals of holomorphic forms, which can be performed using the algorithms of [BBK10].

The remaining component is the computation of the function $\tau$, which is an iterated Coleman integral [Bal12]. In this section, we discuss how to leverage information about local $p$-adic height pairings to compute iterated integrals from tangential points as an alternative to direct computation of these integrals.

First, when $\tau$ is to be evaluated at a Weierstrass point, we extend the result of [BB13, Proposition 6.1] to hyperelliptic curves:

**Lemma 4.1.** Let $P = (A, 0)$ be a Weierstrass point. Then we have

$$\tau(P) = \frac{1}{2}(\log(f'(A)) + \log(f_{2g+1})).$$

**Proof.** By the properties of the local height pairing, the value of $\tau$ at $P$ is $1/2$ of the normalized value of $x - A$ on the divisor $(P) - (\infty)$. As shown in [BB13, Proposition 6.1], the normalized value at $P$ is $\log(f'(A))$, while by (4.3) the normalized value at $\infty$ is $f_{2g+1}^{-1}$. \qed

In general, one way to avoid directly computing iterated integrals from tangential points is to compute the iterated integral with one specific endpoint\(^1\) $P$ (chosen in a certain favorable way) in some indirect way. The integral for a general point can then be computed from this (see (4.1) below). For example, in the case of elliptic curves, in [BKK11] the point $P$ was taken to be a global two-torsion point or a tangential point at infinity, while in [BB13] a (non-global) 2 or 3-torsion point was used.

In the hyperelliptic curve case, we can also integrate from finite Weierstrass points, but this requires working over totally ramified extensions of $\mathbb{Q}_p$, which is, in practice, quite slow. As an alternative approach, we describe a technique for

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\(^1\)In this section we will be using the coordinate functions extensively. We therefore denote, unlike in previous sections, points on the curve by $P$, $Q$, etc.
computing $\tau(P)$ for a general point $P$ that does not use the description of $\tau$ in terms of iterated integrals in Theorem 2.1 but instead works directly with the description of $\tau$ as a local height pairing. Given $\tau(P)$, the value of $\tau$ at any other point $P'$ may be computed using the following formula.

\begin{equation}
\tau(P') = -(g - 1) \log(f_{2g+1}) - 2 \int_{t_0}^{P'} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} \omega_i \bar{\omega}_i \right)
\end{equation}

\begin{align*}
&= -(g - 1) \log(f_{2g+1}) - 2 \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} \left( \int_{t_0}^{P'} \omega_i \bar{\omega}_i + \int_{P}^{P'} \omega_i \bar{\omega}_i + \int_{P}^{P'} \omega_i \int_{t_0}^{P'} \bar{\omega}_i \right) \\
&= \tau(P) - 2 \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} \left( \int_{P}^{P'} \omega_i \bar{\omega}_i + \int_{P}^{P'} \omega_i \int_{t_0}^{P'} \bar{\omega}_i \right)
\end{align*}

where we are using a decomposition of iterated integrals which may be found, for example, in [BKK11, p. 288].

We note that for applications, the description of $\tau$ in terms of local power series expansions is vital. Thus, while we are able to compute $\tau(P')$ for any given $P'$, we will be using (4.1) after computing $\tau(P)$ for one, or possibly a finite number, of values of $P$, as this last formula does in fact give such a power series expansion.

The strategy for computing $\tau(P)$ for a particular point $P$ in a residue disk is to interpret it as a normalized local height and to directly compute this using an extension of the techniques of [BB12].

To this end, it is first of all somewhat helpful to use cotangent vectors rather than tangent vectors for the normalization. Let $\omega$ denote a choice, for each point on the curve $C$, of a cotangent vector at that point. This could obviously come from a differential form but could also be just an arbitrary assignment. We can write $h_{\text{loc}}(D_1, D_2)_{\omega}$ for the local height pairing of $D_1$ and $D_2$, computed with respect to the tangent vectors dual to the cotangent vectors specified in $\omega$. This notation has the advantage that if $f$ is an isomorphism of curves, one has, by an easy argument

\[ h_{\text{loc}}(f^* D_1, f^* D_2)_{f^* \omega} = h_{\text{loc}}(D_1, D_2)_{\omega} \]

where $f^* \omega$ means the pointwise pullback of the cotangent vectors with respect to the differential of $f$ at a point (this coincides with the usual pullback for holomorphic forms). Another important observation is that

\[ h_{\text{loc}}(D_1, D_2)_{-\omega} = h_{\text{loc}}(D_1, D_2)_{\omega}, \]

because of the property [BB13, Definition 2.3] of the local height pairing. For the hyperelliptic case, the assignment $\omega$ corresponds to one form away from infinity, and to the value of another form there, but both are anti-symmetric with respect to the hyperelliptic involution $w$, so with that choice of $\omega$ we have

\[ h_{\text{loc}}(w^* D_1, w^* D_2)_{\omega} = h_{\text{loc}}(D_1, D_2)_{\omega}. \]

Thus, with this choice of tangent vectors, the splitting into symmetric and anti-symmetric components of [BB12] extends without any difficulty. In particular, we can use formula (19) there. Using the shorthand $h_{\text{loc}}(D)_{\omega}$ for $h_{\text{loc}}(D, D)_{\omega}$, and taking $D = (P) - (\infty)$, we have
\[ \tau(P) = h_{\text{loc}}((P) - (\infty))_\omega \]
\[ = \frac{1}{4} h_{\text{loc}}((P) - (\infty) + w((P) - (\infty)))_\omega + \frac{1}{4} h_{\text{loc}}((P) - (\infty) - w((P) - (\infty)))_\omega \]
\[ = \frac{1}{4} h_{\text{loc}}((P) + (w(P)) - 2(\infty))_\omega + \frac{1}{4} h_{\text{loc}}(P - (w(P)))_\omega . \]

Suppose now that \( P = (a, b) \) is a point with non-Weierstrass reduction. We compute \( h_{\text{loc}}((P) + (w(P)) - 2(\infty))_\omega \). Since \((P) + (w(P)) - 2(\infty)\) is the divisor of the function \( x - a \), this local term is log on the normalized value of \( x - a \) on \((P) + (w(P)) - 2(\infty)\). To compute this, we note that a normalized parameter with respect to \( \omega \) at \( P \) is
\[ z = \frac{x - a}{2b}, \]
and so the normalized value \((x - a)[P]\) is just \(2b\). Similarly, the normalized value at \( w(P) \) is \(-2b\). On the other hand, using the normalized parameter \(-y/(f_{2g+1}x^{g+1})\) with respect to \( t_0 \) at infinity, the normalized value of \( x - a \) at infinity is
\[ \lim_{x \to \infty} (x - a) \frac{y^2}{f_{2g+1}^2x^{2g+2}} = \lim_{x \to \infty} (x - a) \frac{f(x)}{f_{2g+1}^2x^{2g+2}} = f_{2g+1}^{-1} \]
recalling that \( f \) has leading coefficient \( f_{2g+1} \). Collecting all the data and using \([\text{BB13}, \text{Definition 2.3}]\) we find
\[ h_{\text{loc}}((P) + (w(P)) - 2(\infty))_\omega = \log(-4b^2 f_{2g+1}^2) = \log(4b^2) + 2 \log(f_{2g+1}) . \]

Next we compute the anti-symmetric part, \( h_{\text{loc}}((P) - (w(P)))_\omega \). By \([\text{BB13}, \text{Proposition 3.4}]\), the local height pairing for two divisors (which are not necessarily disjoint) is given by
\[ h_{\text{loc}}(D_1, D_2)_\omega = G_{D_1}[D_2] \]
where, by \([\text{Bes05}, \text{Theorem 7.3}]\), if the degree of \( D_1 \) is 0, the Green function \( G_{D_1} \) coincides with with the Coleman integral \( \int \omega_{D_1} \). Here \( \omega_{D_1} \) is, as in \([\text{BB12}]\), a certain form of the third kind whose residue divisor is \( D_1 \), and the value of this integral on \( D_2 \) is normalized by taking constant terms with respect to local parameters which are normalized with respect to the chosen cotangent vectors.

In our case we have \( D_1 = D_2 = D = (P) - (\infty) \). As in \([\text{BB12}, \text{Algorithm 5.8}]\) we can decompose \( \omega_P \) as \( \nu - \eta \), where \( \nu \) is an arbitrary form of the third kind with residue divisor \( D \) while \( \eta \) is holomorphic and is computed from \( \nu \) and from the decomposition (2.1) as in \([\text{BB12}, \text{Subsection 5.6}]\). We consequently have
\[ h_{\text{loc}}(P - (w(P)))_\omega = \int_{w(P)}^P \nu - \int_{w(P)}^P \eta . \]

The integral of \( \eta \) can be computed using the techniques in \([\text{BBK10}]\). The integral \( \int_{w(P)}^P \nu \) has to be normalized since \( \nu \) has poles at the endpoints \( P \) and \( w(P) \). To properly account for this normalization, we use an auxiliary point \( Q \) in the same residue disk as \( P \).

More concretely, by \([\text{BB12}, \text{Proposition 5.13}]\) we may take \( \nu = \frac{bdx}{g(x-a)} \), which is anti-symmetric. Using this and breaking the path of integration into several pieces,
we obtain

\[
\begin{align*}
\int_{w(P)}^P \nu & = \int_{w(P)}^Q \nu + \int_{w(Q)}^P \nu = \int_{w(Q)}^P \nu + \int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu, \\
& = \int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu + \int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu + \int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu \\
& = -2 \int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu + \int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu.
\end{align*}
\]

The first integral is a tiny integral, but again, since it has a pole at \(P\), this has to be normalized with respect to the chosen cotangent vector, which we do below. The second integral was considered in [BB12, Algorithm 4.8]; here we make a small modification, also discussed below, to handle a subsequent part of the computation (that of a tiny integral with a pole within the disk of integration).

4.1. Computing \(\int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu\). Let \(z\) be a parameter at \(P\), e.g., (4.2), which is normalized with respect to \(\omega\). Writing \(\nu\) in terms of \(z\) we get

\[
\nu = (z^{-1} + a_0 + a_1 z + \cdots) \, dz,
\]

since \(\nu\) has a simple pole with residue 1 at \(P\). The normalized integral \(\int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu\) is the normalized integral of \(\nu\) evaluated at \(Q\). The normalization means that the constant term with respect to \(z\) of the integral is 0, i.e., that it is of the form \(\log(z) + a_0 z + a_1 z^2/2 + \cdots\). If we use the parameter \(t = (x - a) = 2b z\) instead we can rewrite this as \(\log(t) - \log(2b) + \text{some power series in } t\), where this power series is nothing but the term-by-term integral of \(\nu - t^{-1} dt\). Thus, in terms of the parameter \(t\), the formula for the integral is

\[
\int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu = \log(t(Q)) - \log(2b) + \int_{0}^{t(Q)} (\nu - t^{-1} dt).
\]

4.2. Computing \(\int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu\). By [BB12, (14)], we know

\[
(4.4) \quad \int_{w(Q)}^Q \nu = \frac{1}{1 - p} \left( \Psi(\alpha) \cup \Psi(\beta) + \sum_{A \in S} \text{Res}_A (\alpha \int_{\beta} - 2 \int_{w(Q)}^{\phi(Q)} \nu) \right),
\]

where \(\alpha = \phi^* \nu - p \nu\) (a form constructed via a \(p\)-power lift of Frobenius \(\phi\), \(S\) is the set of closed points, \(\beta\) has residue divisor \(Q - w(Q)\), and \(\Psi\) is a logarithm map.

Each of the quantities in (4.4) can be computed using the techniques in [BB12], except for \(\text{Res}_{A \in S} (\alpha \int_{\beta})\), since \(\beta\) has poles in certain residue disks which, by construction, are disks which contain points in \(S\) – i.e., disks where the integration will take place. Here we give an elementary lemma which allows us to extend the techniques of [BB12] to handle this case.

**Lemma 4.2.** Suppose \(\beta\) has residue divisor \(Q - wQ\), where \(Q\) is assumed to be non-Weierstrass. The integral of \(\beta\) computed between points \(P, P'\) distinct from \(Q\) but contained in the residue disk of \(Q\), written as

\[
\int_{P}^{P'} \beta = \int_{P}^{P'} \frac{f(x(Q)) - f(x)}{y(x - x(Q))(y(Q) + y)} dx + \log \left( \frac{x(P') - x(Q)}{x(P) - x(Q)} \right)
\]

converges.
Proof. Since $P, P'$ are in the same residue disk, we compute a locally analytic parametrization $(x(t), y(t))$ from $P$ to $P'$ and use this to rewrite:

$$
\int_{P}^{P'} \beta = \int_{P}^{P'} \frac{y(Q)dx}{y(x-x(Q))} = \int_{P}^{P'} \left( \frac{y(Q)dx}{x-x(Q)} \right) \left( \frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{y(Q)} \right) + \int_{P}^{P'} \frac{dx}{x-x(Q)}
$$

$$
= \int_{0}^{1} f(x(Q)) - f(x(t)) \left( \frac{f(x(Q)) - f(x(t))}{x(t) - x(Q)} \right) dt + \int_{P}^{P'} \frac{dx}{x-x(Q)} + \log \left( \frac{x(P') - x(Q)}{x(P) - x(Q)} \right).
$$

It remains to check the convergence of the integrand. Since $Q$ is non-Weierstrass, both $y(t)$ and $y(Q) + y(t)$ are units in $\mathbb{Z}_p[[t]]$.

The claim is then that $v_p \left( \frac{f(x(Q)) - f(x(t))}{x(t) - x(Q)} \right) \geq 0$. Indeed, since $x(Q) - x(t)$ divides $f(x(Q)) - f(x(t))$, we see that $v_p \left( \frac{f(x(Q)) - f(x(t))}{x(t) - x(Q)} \right)$ is simply the $p$-adic valuation of the linear coefficient of $f(x)$, which is assumed to be integral.

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5. Computing all possible values of $\rho$ on $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[1/p])$

Let $q$ be a prime and let $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}'$ denote a desingularization in the strong sense of the Zariski closure $\mathcal{X}'$ of $C := X \times \mathbb{Q}_q$ over $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q)$.

For $D \in \text{Div}(C)$ we also write, by abuse of notation, $D$ for the Zariski closure (with multiplicities) of $D$ in $\text{Div}(\mathcal{X})$. If $D \in \text{Div}^0(C)$, then there exists a vertical $\mathbb{Q}$-divisor $\Phi_q(D) \in \text{Div}(\mathcal{X}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ such that $D + \Phi_q(D)$ has trivial intersection multiplicities with all vertical divisors on $\mathcal{X}$, see [Lan88, Theorem III.3.6]. Since $\Phi_q(D)$ is vertical itself, we have

$$(\Phi_q(D) \cdot D) = -\Phi_q(D)^2 \geq 0.\tag{5.1}$$

From now on, we will assume that $\mathcal{X}$ is a desingularization in the strong sense of the Zariski closure $\mathcal{X}'$ of $X \times \mathbb{Q}_q$ over $\mathbb{Z}_q$. It follows from the proof of Theorem 3.1, from (3.3) and from Lemma 3.4 that a point $x \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[1/p])$ satisfies

$$\rho(x) = -\sum_{q \neq p} (\Phi_q((x) - (\infty))^2 + (x \cdot V_q) + (\infty \cdot W_q)) \log q,\tag{5.2}$$

where $V_q$ is the vertical part of $\text{div}(\omega)$ and $W_q$ is the vertical part of $\text{div}(\omega_{q-1})$ over $q$. Note that only bad primes can contribute toward the sum on the right hand side. By Lemma 3.4, the $p$-adic constant $s_q$ from the proof of Theorem 3.1 is therefore equal to

$$s_q = (\Phi_q((x) - (\infty))^2 + (\infty \cdot W_q)) \log(q). \tag{5.3}\text{.}$$

5.1. Computing local contributions. In this subsection we discuss how the quantity

$$\Phi_q((x) - (\infty))^2 + (x \cdot V_q) + (\infty \cdot W_q) \tag{5.4}\text{.}$$

can be computed for a given prime $q$ and $x \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_q)$. Let $M_q = (m_{ij})_{i,j}$ denote the intersection matrix of the special fiber $\mathcal{X}_q = \sum a_i \Gamma_i$. Its entries are given by $m_{ij} = (a_i \Gamma_i \cdot a_j \Gamma_j)$. For simplicity, we drop the subscript $q$ in the following, as we will work over a fixed prime $q$. 

The matrix \( M \) has rank \( n - 1 \), where \( n \) is the number of irreducible components of \( X_q \), and its kernel is spanned by the vector \((1, \ldots, 1)^T\), see [Lan88, § III.3]. Let \( M^+ \) denote the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse of \( M \) and let \( u(x) \) denote the column vector whose \( i \)th entry is \((x - \infty \cdot a_i \Gamma_i)\). Then we have

\begin{equation}
\Phi((x) - (\infty))^2 = u(x)^T M^+ u(x). \tag{5.3}
\end{equation}

We sketch a different method to compute \( \Phi((x) - (\infty))^2 \). By [CR93] one can associate a metrized graph (the reduction graph) \( G \) to the special fiber \( X_q \) such that if \( X_q \) is semistable, then we can take \( G \) to be the dual graph of \( X_q \), suitably metrized.

Let \( \Gamma_x \) and \( \Gamma_{\infty} \) denote the component of \( X_q \) that \( x \) and \( \infty \) reduce to, respectively. Then we have

\begin{equation}
\Phi((x) - (\infty))^2 = -r(\Gamma_x, \Gamma_{\infty}),
\end{equation}

where \( r(\Gamma_x, \Gamma_{\infty}) \) is the resistance between the nodes \( \Gamma_x \) and \( \Gamma_{\infty} \) if we consider the graph \( G \) as a resistive electric circuit such that the resistance of each edge is equal to its length. Using work from [BGX03], there is a purely graph-theoretic formula for the resistance when all edges have length 1, which is the case for semistable \( X_q \).

Now we discuss the computation of \((x . V)\). Recall that \( \text{div}(\omega) = H + V \), where \( H = (2g - 2) \cdot \infty \in \text{Div}(\mathcal{X}) \) is horizontal and \( V \) is vertical. We call a \( \mathbb{Q} \)-divisor \( \mathcal{K} \) on \( \mathcal{X} \) a canonical \( \mathbb{Q} \)-divisor on \( \mathcal{X} \) if \( \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{K}) \cong \omega_{\mathcal{X}/\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q)} \), where \( \omega_{\mathcal{X}/\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q)} \) is the relative dualizing sheaf of \( \mathcal{X} \) over \( \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q) \).

Since \( \text{div}(\omega)|_{\mathcal{X}} = (2g - 2) \cdot (\infty) \) is a canonical divisor on \( \mathcal{X} \), it follows from [CK09, Proposition 2.5] that we can extend \( H \) to a canonical \( \mathbb{Q} \)-divisor \( \mathcal{K} = H + V' \) on \( \mathcal{X} \) if \( V' \) is a vertical \( \mathbb{Q} \)-divisor such that \( \mathcal{K} \) satisfies the adjunction formula

\begin{equation}
(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma) = -\Gamma^2 + 2p_a(\Gamma) - 2 \tag{5.4}
\end{equation}

for all components \( \Gamma \) of the special fiber of \( \mathcal{X} \), where \( p_a \) denotes the arithmetic genus. Such an extension always exists (see [KM12, §2] for a more general statement), but it is not unique, because the validity of (5.4) is unchanged if we add a multiple of the entire special fiber \( X_q \) to \( V' \). Under the additional condition that \( V' \) does not contain the component \( \Gamma_0 \), the \( \mathbb{Q} \)-divisor \( V' \) is uniquely determined. Recall that \( \Gamma_0 \) is the unique component of the special fiber of \( \mathcal{X} \) which dominates the special fiber of \( \mathcal{X}' \).

It is not true in general that \( \text{div}(\omega) \) is a canonical divisor on \( \mathcal{X} \), since \( \omega_{\mathcal{X}/\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q)} \) may differ from the relative cotangent bundle \( \Omega^1_{\mathcal{X}/\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q)} \). But restricting to the smooth locus \( X^{sm} \), we have

\[ \omega_{\mathcal{X}/\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q)}|_{X^{sm}} \cong \Omega^1_{\mathcal{X}/\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q)}|_{X^{sm}} \]

by [Liu02, Corollary 6.4.13]. Hence \( V - V' \) is supported in the vertical divisors of multiplicity at least 2, which immediately implies

\[ (x . V) = (x . V') \]

Therefore it suffices to compute \( V' \). The adjunction formula (5.4) and the constraint \( \Gamma_0 \notin \text{supp}(V') \) reduce the computation of \( V' \) to a system of linear equations which has a unique solution by the above discussion.

The computation of \((x . \text{div}(w_{g-1}))\) is analogous: We find a vertical \( \mathbb{Q} \)-divisor \( W' \) such that adding \( W' \) to the horizontal part of \( \text{div}(w_{g-1}) \) gives a canonical \( \mathbb{Q} \)-divisor which does not contain \( \Gamma_0 \) in its support. Then we know that

\[ (x . \text{div}(w_{g-1})) = (x . W) = (x . W') \]
5.2. Local contributions for $\rho$ in genus 2. Keeping the notation of the previous subsection, we now assume, in addition, that $q$ does not divide $f_{2g+1}$. In this situation one can compute all possible values of

$$\Phi((x - (\infty))^2 + (x \cdot V)$$

if the genus of $X$ is 2 and $X_q$ has semistable reduction purely from the reduction type.

The possible special fibers of minimal regular models of curves of genus 2 have been classified by Namikawa-Ueno [NU73]. In particular, it is known that if $X$ is semistable, then the reduction types of $X$ are either $[I_{n_1 - n_2 - m}]$ or $[I_{n_1 - n_2 - n_3}]$, where $m, n_1, n_2, n_3 \geq 0$ are integers.

In Table 1 we list the stable model corresponding to each reduction type and the relation to the discriminant $\Delta$ of a minimal Weierstrass model of $X$. Because

| reduction type | stable reduction                         | $\nu_q(\Delta)$ |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| $[I_{0 - 0 - 0}]$ | smooth curve of genus 2                | 0               |
| $[I_{n_1 - 0 - 0}]$ | genus 1 curve with a unique node       | $n_1$           |
| $[I_{n_1 - n_2 - 0}]$ | genus 0 curve with exactly 2 nodes     | $n_1 + n_2$     |
| $[I_{n_1 - n_2 - n_3}]$ | union of 2 genus 0 curves, intersecting in 3 points | $n_1 + n_2 + n_3$ |
| $[I_0 - I_0 - m]$ | union of two smooth genus 1 curves, intersecting in 1 point | $12m$           |
| $[I_n - I_0 - m]$ | union of a smooth genus 1 curve and a genus 0 curve with a unique node, intersecting in 1 point | $12m + n_1$     |
| $[I_{n_1} - I_{n_2} - m]$ | union of 2 genus 0 curves with a unique node, intersecting in 1 point | $12m + n_1 + n_2$ |

Table 1. Semistable reduction types in genus 2

of our assumptions on $f$, the reduction type $[I_{n_1 - n_2 - n_3}]$ cannot occur, since the reduction of $f$ modulo $q$ would have to be a square.

We now list all possible values $\Phi((x - (\infty))^2$, where $x \in X(\mathbb{Q}_q)$. We also list all possible values $(x \cdot V)$ and the possible sums $\Phi((x - (\infty))^2 + (x \cdot V)$. In the present case of semistable reduction, we have $V = V'$ in the notation of the previous subsection.

First we consider reduction type $[I_{n_1 - n_2 - 0}]$, where $n_1, n_2 \geq 0$. It is easy to see that we have $V = V' = 0$. The set of all possible values for $\Phi((x - (\infty))^2$ is

$$\left\{-\frac{i(n_1 - i)}{n_1}, -\frac{j(n_2 - j)}{n_2} \right\}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq \lfloor n_1/2 \rfloor, \ 0 \leq j \leq \lfloor n_2/2 \rfloor,$$

see [MS13, §6]. The possible values for reduction type $[I_{n_1} - I_{n_2} - m]$, where $n_1, n_2, m \geq 0$, depend on where $\infty$ intersects the special fiber. This information can be obtained easily from the equation of $X$.

If $\infty$ intersects a component corresponding to $I_{n_1}$, then it is easy to see that $(x \cdot V) \in \{0, -1, \ldots, -m\}$. Moreover, we have

$$(5.5) \quad \Phi((x - (\infty))^2 \in \left\{-i \cdot \frac{(n_1 - j)}{n_1}, -m - \frac{k \cdot (n_2 - k)}{n_2} \right\},$$
and
\[ (5.6) \quad \Phi((x) - (\infty))^2 + (x \cdot V) \in \left\{ -2i, \frac{-j \cdot (n_1 - j)}{n_1}, -2m - \frac{k \cdot (n_2 - k)}{n_2} \right\}, \]

where \( i \in \{0, \ldots, m\}, j \in \{0, \ldots, \lfloor n_1/2 \rfloor\} \) and \( k \in \{0, \ldots, \lfloor n_2/2 \rfloor\} \). If \( \infty \) intersects a component corresponding to \( I_{n_2} \), then we get all possible values upon swapping both \( n_1 \) and \( n_2 \) and \( j \) and \( k \) in (5.5) and (5.6).

**Remark 5.1.** If we have two singular points in the reduction of \( X \) modulo \( q \) which are conjugate over \( \mathbb{F}_{q^2} \), then we know that \( x \) and \( \infty \) intersect \( \Gamma_0 \) and hence \( \Phi((x) - (\infty))^2 + (x \cdot V) = 0 \).

**Remark 5.2.** Note that the denominators are contained in \( \{1, n_1, n_1n_2\} \).

**Remark 5.3.** If \( q \) divides \( f_2g+1 \), then both \( V \) and \( \Phi((x) - (\infty))^2 \) depend on where \( \infty \) intersects the special fiber; moreover, \( W \) depends on the horizontal part of \( \text{div}(\omega_{g-1}) \). Hence none of the summands in (5.2) can be read off purely from the reduction type and the component that \( x \) intersects. Nevertheless, for a given curve \( X \) the computation of all possible values of \( \rho \) on \( p \)-integral points is not more difficult using the techniques presented in Subsection 5.1.

6. **Bounds on the number of \( p \)-integral points**

In this section we sketch how one may use the techniques of this paper to obtain a bound on the number of \( p \)-integral points on a hyperelliptic curve. We hope that these techniques will eventually lead to an effective bound that will only depend on the genus and the bad reduction types.

The following is a trivial extension of Lemma 2 in [Col85a].

**Lemma 6.1.** Let \( f(t) = \sum a_n t^n \) be a power series with coefficients in \( \mathbb{C}_p \). Let \( \beta \) be the function whose graph is the bottom of the Newton polygon for \( f \), and let \( k \geq 0 \) be an integer. Then, for any \( s > 0 \) we have
\[
\#\{z \in \mathbb{C}_p, v(z) \geq s, f(z) = 0\} \leq \max\{n \geq k, v(a_k) - s(n - k) \geq \beta(n)\},
\]

where \( v \) is the \( p \)-adic valuation normalized so that \( v(p) = 1 \).

**Proof.** Suppose that there are \( m \) zeros of \( f \) with valuation \( \geq s \). Since \( \beta(k) \leq v(a_k) \) it suffices to show that \( \beta(m) \geq \beta(k) - s(m - k) \). But this is clear, as by assumption, by the properties of the Newton polygon, the slopes of \( \beta \) up to the point where \( x = m \) are at most \(-s\). \( \square \)

Obviously, in the above lemma, any lower bound for \( \beta \) may be used instead of \( \beta \) to obtain an upper bound on the number of zeros. To use this in our setting, we need the following obvious lemma.

**Lemma 6.2.** Suppose, under the assumptions of the above lemma, that \( f \) is an \( r \)-fold iterated integral of forms \( \omega_1, \ldots, \omega_r \) which have integral coefficients, and that furthermore the constants of integration at each integration are integral as well. Then we have the lower bound \( \beta(k) \geq -r \log_p(k) \).

In [Col85a], Coleman uses the following corollary to get an upper bound on the number of rational points.
Corollary 6.3. Suppose under the assumptions of Lemma 6.1 that $f'$ has integral coefficients and that its reduction has order $k$. Then,

\[ \# \{ z \in \mathbb{C}_p, v(z) \geq s, f(z) = 0 \} \leq \max \{ n \geq k, s(n - k) \leq \lfloor \log_p(n) \rfloor \} . \]

Coleman then uses a bound on the sum of all possible $k$’s in the above corollary, over all power series occurring as local power series expansions of a Coleman integral, to obtain a global bound on the number of rational points, when Chabauty’s method applies, which depends only on the genus and the number of points in the reduction of the curve.

As an application of our techniques, we give a fairly easily computed bound on the number of integral points. The reader will recognize that one may improve the bound and remove restrictions at the cost of making the bound depend on more complicated data.

Specializing Lemmas 6.1 and 6.2 to the case $r = 2$, $k = s = 1$, we get that for power series satisfying the conditions of Lemma 6.2, the number of $p\mathbb{Z}_p$ roots is bounded from above by

\[ (6.1) \ U(v(a_1)), \text{ with } U(m) = \max \{ n \geq 1, m - (n - 1) \geq -2 \log_p(n) \} . \]

We note, for ease of application that

1. if $m + 3 < p$, then $U(m) = m + 2$.
2. if $m + 5 < p^2$, then $U(m) = m + 4$.

Theorem 6.4. Suppose, under the assumptions of Theorem 3.1, that the polynomial $f$ has no roots modulo $p$. Let $\alpha_{ij}$ be the constants appearing in the theorem and let $U$ be the function from (6.1).

Let $P_m$ be $\mathbb{Z}_p$-points of $X$ lifting all $\mathbb{Z}/p$ points of the special fiber save $\infty$, and for each $m$, let $t_m$ be a local parameter at $P_m$, whose reduction modulo $p$ is also a parameter. Define constants $\beta_{im}, \gamma_{im}, \bar{\gamma}_{im}$ by

\[ \beta_{im} = \frac{\omega_i}{d_m}(P_m) \]

and

\[ \gamma_{im} = \int_{t_0}^{P_m} \omega_i, \bar{\gamma}_{im} = \int_{t_0}^{P_m} \bar{\omega}_i . \]

Let $L = \max \{ 0, -v(\alpha_{ij}), 0 \leq i, j \leq g - 1 \}$ and let

\[ \delta_m = 2 \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} \beta_{im} \bar{\gamma}_{im} + \sum_{i \leq j} \alpha_{ij}(\beta_{im} \gamma_{jm} + \beta_{jm} \gamma_{im}) . \]

Then, the number of integral solutions to $y^2 = f(x)$ is bounded from above by

\[ (1 + \prod_q (m_q - 1)) \sum_m U(v_p(\delta_m) + L) \]

where, as in Remark 3.2, $m_q$ denotes the number of multiplicity 1 components at the fiber above $q$.

Proof. Note that the combined assumption that we are looking at integral, rather than $p$-integral points, and that $f$ has no roots modulo $p$, means that we only need to consider non-Weierstrass residue disks. Multiplying by $p^L$ clears denominators from the $\alpha_{ij}$ and it is therefore evident that the expansion of $p^L \rho$ around $P_m$ satisfies the condition of Lemma 6.2, except possibly that the constant coefficient
of the power series is not integral. The first coefficient is exactly \( p^L \delta_m \). Thus, to conclude the proof by Theorem 3.1, Lemma 6.1, Lemma 6.2, and Remark 3.2, it suffices to note that having a non-integral value for the constant coefficient of the power series flattens the Newton polygon and so improves the bound on the number of solutions. \( \square \)

**Remark 6.5.** To use the theorem above to compute a bound on the number of integral points, one needs the following:

- Computation of (non-iterated) Coleman integrals. These are required for the computation of \( \gamma_{ij} \), \( \tilde\gamma_{ij} \), and \( \alpha_{ij} \).
- A basis of \( J(\mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \).
- Computation of \( p \)-adic height pairings [BB12, BMS12].

In particular, explicit iterated Coleman integrals are not required. One may use them, however, or the techniques of Section 4, to get the values of \( \tau \) at the points \( P_m \), and these may be used to give a more precise bound, typically with more work.

At the moment, we are unfortunately unable to produce a Coleman-Chabauty-like bound, because we are unable to control a quantity like the sum of all \( k \)'s in Coleman’s case for iterated Coleman integrals. We plan to return to this question in future work.

**Remark 6.6.** We may observe that we can treat primes in the denominators of our points, at the cost of extending the set \( T \), as long as we have a bound on the denominator.

7. **Examples**

Here we give some examples illustrating the techniques described in this paper.

7.1. **Genus 1.** Let \( X : y^2 = x^3 - 3024x + 70416 \), which has minimal model with Cremona label “57a1”. We have that \( X(\mathbb{Q}) \) has Mordell-Weil rank 1, with \( P = (60, -324) \) a generator of the free part of the Mordell-Weil group. We take as our working prime \( p = 7 \). Since the given equation of \( X \) is not a minimal Weierstrass equation, Remark 3.5 does not apply. The only primes \( q \) where the Zariski closure of \( X \) over \( \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}_q) \) is not already regular are \( q = 2, 3 \). Using Magma [BCP97], we compute a desingularization \( \mathcal{X} \) of the Zariski closure of \( X \) in the strong sense. The special fibers are of the form

\[
\mathcal{X}_2 = \Gamma_{2,0} + \Gamma_{2,1} + 2\Gamma_{2,2}
\]

and

\[
\mathcal{X}_3 = \Gamma_{3,0} + \Gamma_{3,1} + \Gamma_{3,2} + 2\Gamma_{3,3},
\]

where all components \( \Gamma_{q,i} \) have genus 0 and \( \Gamma_{q,0} \) is the component which \( \infty \) intersects. The intersection matrices are given by:

\[
M_2 = \begin{pmatrix}
-2 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & -2 & 1 \\
1 & 1 & -1
\end{pmatrix}, \\
M_3 = \begin{pmatrix}
-2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & -4 & 2 & 1 \\
0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 0 & -1
\end{pmatrix}.
\]

Writing \( \text{div}(\omega) = V_2 + V_3 \), we have

\[
V_2 = -\Gamma_{2,1} + a_{2,2}\Gamma_{2,2} \quad \text{and} \quad V_3 = -\Gamma_{3,1} - \Gamma_{3,2} + a_{3,3}\Gamma_{3,3},
\]

computed using the method alluded to in Section 5.
Here $a_{2,2}$ and $a_{3,3}$ are irrelevant, since no $\mathbb{Z}_q$-section can intersect a component of multiplicity at least 2.

7.1.1. Computing local and global $p$-adic heights of a Mordell-Weil generator. Using Sage [S+13], we compute the local height above 7 using Coleman integration and cotangent vectors:

$$h_7(P - wP, P - wP) = 4 \cdot 7 + 4 \cdot 7^2 + 7^3 + 6 \cdot 7^5 + 6 \cdot 7^6 + O(7^7),$$

and we can compute the contributions away from $p = 7$ using (7.1) and (5.3) to deduce the global 7-adic height:

$$h(P - wP, P - wP) = h_7(P - wP, P - wP) - 2 \log_7(2) - 2 \log_7(3)$$

$$= 6 \cdot 7 + 4 \cdot 7^2 + 4 \cdot 7^3 + 6 \cdot 7^6 + O(7^7),$$

which one can check agrees with Harvey’s implementation [Har08] of Mazur-Stein-Tate’s algorithm [MST06] for $h(2P)$.

This gives

$$\tau(P) = \frac{1}{4} \log_7(4y(P)^2) + \frac{1}{4} h(P - wP, P - wP)$$

$$= 4 \cdot 7^2 + 4 \cdot 7^3 + 5 \cdot 7^4 + 3 \cdot 7^5 + 6 \cdot 7^6 + O(7^7).$$

Since $\tau(P)$ is the local component of the 7-adic height above 7 (that is, by definition, we have $\tau(P) = h_7(P - \infty, P - \infty)$), we can put this together with the contributions away from $p = 7$ to compute the global 7-adic height:

$$h(P - \infty) = h(P - \infty, P - \infty) = \tau(P) - 2 \log_7(2) - \frac{5}{2} \log_7(3)$$

$$= 5 \cdot 7 + 6 \cdot 7^2 + 2 \cdot 7^3 + 5 \cdot 7^4 + 2 \cdot 7^5 + O(7^7).$$

7.1.2. Computing $\alpha_{00}$. We have

$$\alpha_{00} = \frac{h(P - \infty)}{\left(\int_{\infty}^{P} \omega_0\right)^2}.$$ 

This gives

$$\rho(P) = \tau(P) - \alpha_{00} \left(\int_{\infty}^{P} \omega_0\right)^2$$

$$= 2 \cdot 7 + 4 \cdot 7^2 + 7^3 + 7^5 + 6 \cdot 7^6 + O(7^7).$$

7.1.3. $\rho(z)$ values. By (3.2), we can combine (5.3) and (7.1) to compute the set $T$ of all possible values of $\rho(z)$ for 7-integral points $z$ on $X$. It turns out that we have

$$T = \{i \cdot \log_7(2) + j \cdot \log_7(3) : i = 0, 2, j = 0, 2, 5/2\}.$$

We compute the values of

$$\rho(z) = \tau(z) - \alpha_{00} \left(\int_{\infty}^{z} \omega_0\right)^2$$

for the sixteen integral points:

$$(-48, \pm324), (-12, \pm324), (24, \pm108), (33, \pm81),$$

$$(40, \pm116), (60, \pm324), (132, \pm1404), (384, \pm7452),$$

and find that they all lie in the set $T$, as summarized below.
Remark 7.1. Note that this is recovering the result in [BDCKW12, p. 23] describing the set $X(Z_p)$ of weakly global points of level 2 for a semistable rank 1 elliptic curve, up to normalization. Our $\rho(z)$ values, calculated on a minimal model, are twice the corresponding values of $\|w\|$. The reason is that our normalization of the $p$-adic height corresponds to the normalization in [Har08], which is $2p$ times the normalization in [MST06]. One the other hand, the normalization used in [BDCKW12] is $p$ times the normalization in [MST06]. One can also check directly that our formulas for the local contributions are twice the formulas for the local contributions in [BDCKW12].

7.2. Genus 2. Let $X : y^2 = f(x)$, where $f(x) = x^3(x-1)^2 + 1$. Using a 2-descent as implemented in Magma, one checks that the Jacobian $J$ of $X$ has Mordell-Weil rank 2 over $\mathbb{Q}$. We are grateful to Michael Stoll for checking that $X$ has only the six obvious integral points $(2, \pm 3)$, $(1, \pm 1)$, $(0, \pm 1)$, using the methods of [BMS+08].

Let $P = (2, -3), Q = (1, -1), R = (0, 1) \in J(\mathbb{Q})$. Then $[(P) - (\infty)]$ and $[(Q) - (R)]$ are generators of the free part of the Mordell-Weil group. We take as our working prime $p = 11$.

The only prime $q$ where the Zariski closure of $X$ over Spec($\mathbb{Z}_q$) is not already regular is $q = 2$. Using Magma, we find that there is a desingularization of the Zariski closure of $X$ in the strong sense such that $\mathcal{X}_2 = \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2 + \Gamma_3$, where all components $\Gamma_i$ have genus 0. Since the intersection matrix is

$$M = \begin{pmatrix}
-4 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\
2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & 1 & -2
\end{pmatrix},$$

this implies that div($\omega$) = $2\infty$ has no vertical component. Note that $\Gamma_0$ and $\Gamma_1$ have an intersection point of multiplicity 2 and $\Gamma_0, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3$ intersect in one point, so $\mathcal{X}$ is not semistable.

7.2.1. Heights of Mordell-Weil generators. Let $D_1 = (P) - (\infty)$ and $D_2 = (Q) - (R)$. Using Sage, we compute the local 11-adic height above 11 as

$$h_{11}(D_1, D_1) = \frac{1}{4} \log_{11}(4y(P)^2) + \frac{1}{4} h_{11}((P) - (wP), (P) - (wP))$$

$$= 10 \cdot 11 + 2 \cdot 11^2 + 9 \cdot 11^3 + 9 \cdot 11^4 + 8 \cdot 11^5 + O(11^7).$$
Away from $p = 11$, $h(D_1, D_1)$ only has a contribution at 2 (computed using (5.3)), and we have

$$h(D_1, D_1) = -\frac{2}{3} \log_{11}(2) + h_{11}(D_1, D_1)$$

$$= 7 \cdot 11 + 11^2 + 8 \cdot 11^3 + 8 \cdot 11^4 + 7 \cdot 11^5 + 2 \cdot 11^6 + O(11^7).$$

Using $2P - (S) - (wS) \sim 2P - 2(\infty)$, where $S = (-2/9, -723/9^3)$, we compute

$$h_{11}(D_1, D_2) = \frac{1}{2} (h_{11}((P) - (S), (Q) - (R)) - h_{11}((P) - (wS), (wQ) - (wR)))$$

$$= 4 \cdot 11 + 4 \cdot 11^2 + 8 \cdot 11^3 + 4 \cdot 11^4 + 9 \cdot 11^5 + O(11^7)$$

and

$$h(D_1, D_2) = \frac{1}{2} (h((P) - (S), (Q) - (R)) - h((P) - (wS), (wQ) - (wR)))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( h_{11}((P) - (S), (Q) - (R)) - \left( -\frac{1}{3} \log_{11}(2) + h_{11}((P) - (wS), (wQ) - (wR)) \right) \right)$$

$$= 3 \cdot 11 + 10 \cdot 11^2 + 9 \cdot 11^3 + 6 \cdot 11^4 + 4 \cdot 11^5 + 4 \cdot 11^6 + O(11^7).$$

Finally, we have

$$h_{11}(D_2, D_2) = h_{11}((Q) - (R), (wR) - (wQ))$$

$$= 3 \cdot 11 + 4 \cdot 11^2 + 4 \cdot 11^3 + 11^4 + 11^5 + 3 \cdot 11^6 + O(11^7)$$

and

$$h(D_2, D_2) = \frac{5}{6} \log_{11}(2) + h_{11}(D_2, D_2)$$

$$= 8 \cdot 11 + 2 \cdot 11^4 + 6 \cdot 11^5 + 6 \cdot 11^6 + O(11^7).$$

Note that for $h(D_1, D_2)$ and $h(D_2, D_2)$ our chosen representatives are disjoint, so we can use the techniques of [BB12, BMS12].

7.2.2. The coefficients $\alpha_{ij}$. We compute the coefficients $\alpha_{ij}$ using the matrix of the various products of Coleman integrals evaluated at $D_1, D_2$ (as in [BBK10]) and the global 11-adic heights computed above:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{00} \\ \alpha_{01} \\ \alpha_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \int_{D_1} \omega_0 \int_{D_1} \omega_0 & \int_{D_2} \omega_0 \int_{D_1} \omega_1 & \int_{D_1} \omega_1 \int_{D_1} \omega_1 \\ \int_{D_1} \omega_0 \int_{D_2} \omega_0 & \int_{D_1} \omega_0 \int_{D_2} \omega_1 & \int_{D_1} \omega_1 \int_{D_2} \omega_1 \\ \int_{D_2} \omega_0 \int_{D_2} \omega_0 & \int_{D_2} \omega_0 \int_{D_2} \omega_1 & \int_{D_2} \omega_1 \int_{D_2} \omega_1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} h(D_1, D_1) \\ h(D_1, D_2) \\ h(D_2, D_2) \end{pmatrix}.$$  

This gives

$$\alpha_{00} = 8 \cdot 11^{-1} + 8 + 5 \cdot 11 + 3 \cdot 11^2 + 2 \cdot 11^3 + 9 \cdot 11^4 + 10 \cdot 11^5 + 6 \cdot 11^6 + 9 \cdot 11^7 + O(11^9),$$

$$\alpha_{01} = 6 \cdot 11^{-1} + 6 + 10 \cdot 11 + 3 \cdot 11^2 + 2 \cdot 11^3 + 3 \cdot 11^4 + 3 \cdot 11^5 + 9 \cdot 11^6 + 2 \cdot 11^7 + 11^8 + O(11^9),$$

$$\alpha_{11} = 8 \cdot 11^{-1} + 8 + 3 \cdot 11 + 10 \cdot 11^2 + 4 \cdot 11^3 + 8 \cdot 11^4 + 10 \cdot 11^5 + 3 \cdot 11^6 + 7 \cdot 11^7 + 9 \cdot 11^8 + O(11^9).$$

7.2.3. Values of $\rho$ on 11-integral points. Since $\text{div}(\omega)$ is horizontal and the polynomial $f$ is monic, we only need (5.3) to compute the set

$$T = \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{2} \log_{11}(2), \frac{2}{3} \log_{11}(2) \right\}$$

of all possible values of $\rho$ on 11-integral points.
7.2.4. **Constructing the dual basis.** Now we describe how to construct power series whose zeros contain the set of integral points of \( X \). For this, we will need to use the expression for \( \tau \) given in Theorem 2.1. (Note that thus far, we have only used the expression for \( \tau \) as a local height, which does not give a power series expansion.)

First, we must compute the dual basis for \( \{ \omega_0, \omega_1 \} \) in \( W \). To make the calculations compatible with previous height computations [BB12], we take \( W \) to be the unit root subspace.

Recall that a basis for \( W \) is given by \( \{(\phi^*)^n \omega_2, (\phi^*)^n \omega_3 \} \), where \( \phi \) is a lift of \( p \)-power Frobenius and \( n \) is the working precision. Thus we let \( \tilde{\omega}_j \), for \( j = 2, 3 \), be the projection of \( \omega_j \) on the unit root subspace along the space of holomorphic forms. We clearly have \([\tilde{\omega}_j] \cup [\omega_i] = [\omega_i] \cup [\tilde{\omega}_j] \) for \( i \leq 1 < j \).

Here is the cup product matrix for \( X \):

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\
0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\
\frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0
\end{pmatrix},
\]

where the \( ij \)th entry is giving the value of \([\omega_i] \cup [\omega_j]\). The inverse of the bottom left corner (which gives the above cup product values \([\tilde{\omega}_j] \cup [\omega_i]\)) is

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
4 & -3 \\
-1 & 0
\end{pmatrix},
\]

and this immediately gives

\[
\tilde{\omega}_0 = 4\tilde{\omega}_2 - 3\tilde{\omega}_3 \\
\tilde{\omega}_1 = -\tilde{\omega}_2
\]

(note that this is consistent with (2.4)).

We now need to compute the projection of \( \omega_2, \omega_3 \) with respect to the basis \( \{\omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2, \tilde{\omega}_3\} \).

We do this by inverting the matrix with first two columns from the identity matrix and last two columns from the Frobenius matrix raised to the working precision. Calling the resulting upper-right submatrix

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
a & b \\
c & d
\end{pmatrix},
\]

we find

\[
a = 3 + 10 \cdot 11 + 10 \cdot 11^2 + 11^4 + 11^5 + 5 \cdot 11^6 + 11^7 + 3 \cdot 11^8 + 4 \cdot 11^9 + 5 \cdot 11^{10} + O(11^{11})
b = 6 + 8 \cdot 11 + 4 \cdot 11^2 + 11^3 + 7 \cdot 11^4 + 9 \cdot 11^5 + 2 \cdot 11^6 + 6 \cdot 11^7 + 2 \cdot 11^8 + 5 \cdot 11^9 + 6 \cdot 11^{10} + O(11^{11})
c = 4 + 3 \cdot 11 + 6 \cdot 11^2 + 6 \cdot 11^3 + 9 \cdot 11^4 + 10 \cdot 11^5 + 4 \cdot 11^6 + 5 \cdot 11^7 + 2 \cdot 11^8 + 2 \cdot 11^9 + O(11^{11})
d = 6 + 11^2 + 9 \cdot 11^3 + 5 \cdot 11^4 + 7 \cdot 11^5 + 4 \cdot 11^6 + 8 \cdot 11^7 + 2 \cdot 11^8 + O(11^{11})
\]

so that we have

\[
\tilde{\omega}_2 = \omega_2 - a\omega_0 - b\omega_1 \\
\tilde{\omega}_3 = \omega_3 - b\omega_0 - d\omega_1
\]

which gives

\[
\tilde{\omega}_0 = (-4a + 3b)\omega_0 + (-4c + 3d)\omega_1 + 4\omega_2 - 3\omega_3 \\
\tilde{\omega}_1 = a\omega_0 + c\omega_1 - \omega_2.
\]
One can check that this gives \( \overline{[\omega_i]} \cup [\omega_j] = \delta_{ij} \).

Now we use the dual basis to construct power series within each of the following \( \mathbb{F}_{11} \)-residue disks:
\[
\{ (0, \pm 1), (1, \pm 1), (2, \pm 3), (8, \pm 3), (4, \pm 4), (6, 0) \}.
\]

For example, starting with the residue disk of \( (0, 1) \), we first lift \( (0, 1) \) to the point \( P = (0, 1) \). We compute \( \tau(P) \) using its interpretation as the \( p \)-component of the global\( p \)-adic height pairing of \( P - \infty \):
\[
\tau(P) = 3 \cdot 11 - 2 \cdot 11^2 + 11^3 + 4 \cdot 11^4 + 2 \cdot 11^5 + 9 \cdot 11^6 + 8 \cdot 11^7 + 6 \cdot 11^8 + 9 \cdot 11^9 + 7 \cdot 11^{10} + O(11^{11}).
\]

Using this, we write down a power series expansion for \( \rho \) in the disk of \( (0, 1) \):
\[
\rho(z) = \tau(P) - 2 \sum_{i=0}^{1} \left( \int_{P}^{z} \omega_i \omega_i + \int_{P}^{z} \omega_i \right) - \sum_{0 \leq i < j} \alpha_{ij} \int_{P}^{z} \omega_i \omega_j.
\]

Setting this equal to each of the values in the set \( T = \{ 0, \frac{1}{2} \log_{11}(2), \frac{3}{4} \log_{11}(2) \} \), we find that the points \( z \) in the residue disk \( (0, 1) \) with \( x \)-coordinates \( \{O(11^{11}), 4 \cdot 11 + 7 \cdot 11^2 + 9 \cdot 11^3 + 7 \cdot 11^4 + 9 \cdot 11^6 + 8 \cdot 11^7 + 11^{11} + 4 \cdot 11^9 + 10 \cdot 11^{10} + O(11^{11}) \} \)
are the only \( \mathbb{Z}_{11} \)-points \( z \) which achieve \( \rho(z) \) values in the set \( T \).

This computation recovers the integral point \( (0, 1) \) and tells us that no other integral points in the disk exist with \( x \)-coordinate less than \( 11^{11} \). Here we summarize the computation in the other residue disks:

| disk          | \( x(z) \)                                                                 | \( \rho(z) \)         |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| \( (0, \pm 1) \) | \( 4 \cdot 11 + 7 \cdot 11^2 + 9 \cdot 11^3 + 7 \cdot 11^4 + 9 \cdot 11^6 + O(11^7) \) | \( \frac{1}{2} \log_{11}(2) \) |
| \( (1, \pm 1) \) | \( 1 + 3 \cdot 11 + 3 \cdot 11^2 + 4 \cdot 11^3 + 9 \cdot 11^4 + 3 \cdot 11^5 + 10 \cdot 11^6 + O(11^7) \) | \( \frac{1}{4} \log_{11}(2) \) |
| \( (2, \pm 3) \) | \( 2 + 7 \cdot 11 + 2 \cdot 11^2 + 7 \cdot 11^3 + 10 \cdot 11^6 + O(11^7) \) | \( \frac{1}{2} \log_{11}(2) \) |
| \( (8, \pm 3) \) | \( 8 + 4 \cdot 11 + 3 \cdot 11^2 + 7 \cdot 11^3 + 2 \cdot 11^4 + 3 \cdot 11^5 + 10 \cdot 11^6 + O(11^7) \) | \( \frac{1}{4} \log_{11}(2) \) |
| \( (4, \pm 4) \) | \( 4 + 3 \cdot 11^2 + 7 \cdot 11^3 + 11^4 + 8 \cdot 11^5 + 8 \cdot 11^6 + O(11^7) \) | \( \frac{1}{2} \log_{11}(2) \) |
| \( (6, 0) \) | \( 6 + 9 \cdot 11 + 6 \cdot 11^2 + 7 \cdot 11^3 + 2 \cdot 11^4 + 9 \cdot 11^5 + O(11^7) \) | \( \frac{1}{4} \log_{11}(2) \) |

In particular, here are the recovered integral points and their corresponding \( \rho \)
values:

| \( z \) | \( \rho(z) \) |
|--------|-------------|
| \( (2, \pm 3) \) | \( \frac{1}{2} \log_{11}(2) \) |
| \( (1, \pm 1) \) | \( \frac{1}{4} \log_{11}(2) \) |
| \( (0, \pm 1) \) | \( \frac{3}{4} \log_{11}(2) \) |
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