# Independence of $\ell$ for Frobenius conjugacy classes attached to abelian varieties

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**Example**: *A* an elliptic curve.

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has coefficients in  $\mathbb Z$  and is independent of  $\ell.$ 

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(iii) Obstruction in case p = 2 is related to construction of integral models for Shimura varieties.

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