

# Short Notes

We will look at representations of  $GL_2(F)$  eventually  
↳ 1<sup>st</sup> talk about Hecke Algebras and  $GL_2(K)$

⇒ if  $|G| < \infty$ , a rep of  $G \iff$  module over group algebra  $\mathbb{C}[G]$

↳ this extends to smooth reps of locally profinite groups if we replace  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  by  $\mathcal{H}(G)$ , the Hecke alg.

note  $\hat{=}$  assume  $G$  is unimodular here  
Recall this means  $\int_G f(x) dx = \int_G f(x^{-1}) dx$

x Haar measure  $\mu$  on  $G$ . For  $f_1, f_2 \in C_c^\infty(G)$  def:

$$f_1 * f_2(g) = \int_G f_1(x) f_2(x^{-1}g) d\mu(x) \quad (\text{convolution})$$

$$\text{with } f_1 * (f_2 * f_3)(g) = (f_1 * f_2) * f_3(g) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(associative)} \\ \text{(proof: direct)} \end{array}$$

Then  $\mathcal{H}(G) = (C_c^\infty(G), *)$  is an associative  $\mathbb{C}$ -alg.  
(in general with no unit, commutative if  $G$  is)

remark  $\hat{=}$  the algebra structure depends on the choice of Haar measure, however  $\exists c > 0$  st.  $c\mu = \nu$   
and then  $f \mapsto c^{-1}f$  is an alg. iso  $\mathcal{H}_\mu(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\nu(G)$

Remark: if  $G$  is discrete  $\mathcal{H}(G) \cong \mathbb{C}[G]$

$\mathcal{H}(G)$  has a unit iff this is the case

lots of idempotent elements. let  $K$  be a compact open subgroup.

$$e_K(x) := \begin{cases} \mu(K)^{-1} & \text{if } x \in K \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin K \end{cases}$$

- $\mathfrak{p}$  : (1)  $e_K * e_K = e_K$   
 (2)  $e_K * f = f \iff f(Kg) = f(g) \forall K \in K, g \in G, f \in H(G)$   
 (3) the space  $e_K * H(G) * e_K$  is a sub-alg. of  $H(G)$  with unit element  $e_K$   
 (proof: direct)

Note:  $H(G, K) := e_K * H(G) * e_K$  is  $f \in H(G)$  satisfying  $f(k_1 g k_2) = f(g) \forall k_1, k_2 \in K, g \in G$

1° left  $H(G)$ -mod  $\bar{\omega}$  action  $(f, m) \mapsto "f * m"$

$M$  is smooth if  $H(G) * M = M$

$H(G) = \bigcup_K H(G, K) \Rightarrow M$  is smooth iff

$$\forall m \in M \exists K \text{ st } e_K * m = m$$

Category:  $H(G)$ -Mod

$(\pi, V)$  smooth rep of  $G$ . For  $f \in H(G), v \in V$ :

$$\text{Set } \pi(f)v := \int_G f(g) \pi(g)v \, d\mu(g)$$

$$\text{integrand} \in C_c^\infty(G; V) = \left\{ f: G \rightarrow V \begin{array}{l} \text{loc const.} \\ \text{compactly supp} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\cong C_c^\infty(G) \otimes V$$

$$\text{integral} \in V$$

it, choose  $K$  that fixes  $v$  and  $f$  (under right translation)

$$\text{then int} = \pi(f)v = \mu(K) \sum_{g \in G/K} f(g) \pi(g)v$$

$$\therefore \pi(e_K)v = v, v \in V^K \leftarrow \text{space of } \pi(K)\text{-fixed vectors in } V$$



op let  $(\pi, V)$  be a smooth rep of  $G$ .

The operation  $(f, v) \mapsto \pi(f)v$  gives  $V$  the structure of a ~~smooth~~  $H(G)$  ~~module~~ module. If  $(\pi', V')$  is another smooth rep and  $\phi: V \rightarrow V'$  is a  $G$ -homom, then  $\phi$  is also an  $H(G)$ -homom.

$$\phi \circ \pi(f) = \pi'(f) \circ \phi$$

Alternatively let  $M$  be a smooth  $H(G)$ -module and denote the action by  $H(G)$  on  $M$  by  $f * m$  as before.

op:  $\exists!$   $G$ -homomorphism  $\pi: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}_c(M)$  st  $(\pi, M)$  is a smooth rep of  $G$  and

$\pi(f)m = f * m$ . Moreover, if  $M'$  is another smooth module w/  $(\pi', M')$  then any  $H(G)$ -homom.  $M \rightarrow M'$  is a  $G$ -homom  $\pi \rightarrow \pi'$ .

3) Look at  $H(G, K)$  with unit element  $e_K$

lemma:  $(\pi, V)$  smooth rep of  $G$ . The operator  $\pi(e_K)$  is the  $K$ -projection  $V \rightarrow V^K$  with kernel  $V(K)$ . The space  $V^K$  is an  $H(G, K)$  module on which  $e_K$  acts as the identity.

Recall that  $V = \bigcup_K V^K$  where  $V^K$  is the space of  $\pi(K)$ -fixed vectors.

Recall that  $V(K) = \bigoplus_{\substack{f \in \hat{K} \\ f \neq 1}} V^f$  where  $\hat{K}$  denotes the equivalence classes of irreducible smooth representations of  $K$ .

Then, if  $f \in \hat{K}$ , def  $V^f$  to be the sum of all irreducible  $K$ -subspaces of  $V$  of class  $f$ .

\* In particular,  $V = V^K \oplus V(K)$  and  $V(K)$  is the unique  $K$ -complement of  $V^K$  in  $V$ .

The  $H(G, K)$ -module  $V^K$  has info about the rep  $(\pi, V)$ :

Prop: (1) let  $(\pi, V)$  be irr. smooth.  $V^K = 0$  or a simple  $H(G, K)$ -module.

(2) the process  $(\pi, V) \mapsto V^K$  induces a bijection between:

(a) equivalence classes of irreducible smooth reps of  $G$  st.  $V^K \neq 0$

(b) isomorphism classes of simple  $H(G, K)$ -modules.

Cor:  $(\pi, V)$  smooth,  $V \neq 0$ .  $(\pi, V)$  irreducible iff  
 $\forall K, V^K = 0$  or  $H(G, K)$ -simple

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$\Sigma$  if  $G$  is finite, Key:  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  is semisimple

$\Leftrightarrow$  Jacobson radical of  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  trivial

$\Leftrightarrow$  if  $x \in \mathbb{C}[G], x \neq 0 \exists$  simple  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -module  $M$  st  $xM \neq 0$

hypothesis:  $\neq K, G/K$  is countable

$\Rightarrow$  if  $(\pi, V)$  is irr.  $\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{C}} V$  is countable

separation property: let  $f \in H(G), f \neq 0 \exists$  irr. smooth  $(\pi, V)$   
st  $\pi(f) \neq 0$

For proof, use lemma

# Infinite Fields and $GL_2(K)$

First facts about  $GL_2(F)$  for  $F$  arbitrary field:

algebraic subgroups:  $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  Borel subgroup

$N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  unipotent radical of  $B$

$$B = T \ltimes N$$

$T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  split maximal torus

$F^\times \cong Z = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  centre of  $G$

Now  $G = B \cup B \omega B$  where  $\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
(Bruhat Decomposition)  $\omega \in \{1, \omega\}$  is a set of representatives for the cosets of  $B \backslash G / B$

( $B = NT = TN$  and  $\omega \in N_G(T)$  i.e.  $T\omega = \omega T$ )

$B \omega B = N \omega B = B \omega N$  & the map  $(b, n) \mapsto b \omega n$  is bijective

conjugacy classes

let  $\text{ch}_g(t) := \det(tI - g)$  the characteristic poly of  $g$ .

$\text{ch}_g(t)$  is a monic quadratic polynomial w/ coeff in  $F$   
and  $\text{ch}_g(0) = \det g \neq 0$

let  $g \in G = GL_2(F)$  and  $f(t) = \text{ch}_g(t)$

(1) suppose  $f(t)$  is irreducible over  $F$ . The subalg  $F[g]$  of  $A = M_2(F)$  is a field & the  $G$ -centralizer of  $g$  is  $F[g]^\times$ .  
If  $f(t) = t^2 + at + b$ , then  $g$  is  $G$ -conjugate to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -b \\ 1 & -a \end{pmatrix}$$

~~Note~~  $h \in G$  is  $G$ -conjugate to  $g$  iff  $\text{ch}_h(t) = f(t)$



2) if  $f(t)$  has distinct roots  $a, b \in F^*$   
Then  $g$  is conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$

3)  $f(t)$  has repeated root  $a \in F^*$   
 $g$  conj to exactly one of:  
 $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$

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low Let  $K$  be the field with  $q$  elements,  
classify the irreducible reps of  $GL_2(K)$

$$|G| = (q^2 - 1)(q^2 - q)$$

Lemma:  $G$  has exactly  $q^2 - 1$  conjugacy classes  
 $\circ \circ q^2 - 1$  irreducible reps (up to iso)

$$\cong N \cong (K, +) \text{ via } x \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

fix nontrivial character  $\psi$  of  $K$

the function  $a\psi: x \mapsto \psi(ax), x \in K$

ranges over the characters of  $K$  as  $a$  ranges over  $K$

By the action of  $T$  (or  $B$ ) on  $N$ , the characters of  $N$  fall into 2 conjugacy classes: - trivial character  
- all non-trivial ones

3) Let  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  be characters of  $K^\times$

Form the character  $\chi = \chi_1 \otimes \chi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \chi_1(a) \chi_2(b)$  of  $T$

View this as a character of  $B$  trivial on  $N$  via  $B \rightarrow B/N \cong T$

Form induces representations  $\text{Ind}_B^G \chi$  of  $G$  and consider the irreducible components.

Lemma: Let  $\pi$  be an irreducible rep. of  $G$ . TFAE:

(1)  $\pi$  is equivalent to a  $G$ -subspace of  $\text{Ind}_B^G \chi$  for some character  $\chi$  of  $T$

(2)  $\pi$  contains the trivial character of  $N$

Use  $\chi^w = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \chi_2(a) \chi_1(b)$

pf: Let  $\chi, \xi$  be characters of  $T$ , viewed as characters of  $B$  which are trivial on  $N$ .

(1) the space  $\text{Hom}_G(\text{Ind}_B^G(\chi), \text{Ind}_B^G(\xi))$  is trivial unless  $\chi = \xi$  or  $\chi = \xi^w$

(2) the spaces  $\text{Hom}_G(\text{Ind}_B^G(\chi), \text{Ind}_B^G(\xi))$ ,  $\text{Hom}_G(\text{Ind}_B^G(\chi), \text{Ind}_B^G(\xi^w))$

have the same dimension. This dim is 2 if  $\chi = \chi^w$  and otherwise is 1.

or: let  $\chi$  be a character of  $T$ , viewed as a character of  $B$  that is trivial on  $N$ .

(1)  $\text{Ind}_B^G \chi$  is irreducible iff  $\chi \neq \chi^w$

(2) if  $\chi = \chi^w$ , the rep  $\text{Ind}_B^G \chi$  has length 2 with distinct composition factors.

↳ these are called the principal series

or: up to isomorphism there are  $\frac{1}{2}(q^2 + q) - 1$  of these

an irreducible rep of  $G$  not containing the trivial character of  $N$  is called cuspidal.

$\hookrightarrow$  ~~the~~ Any two non-trivial characters of  $N$  are  $B$ -conjugate, so such a rep  $\theta$  contains all non-trivial characters of  $N$ .

Let  $l/K$  be a quadratic field extension.

The non-trivial  $K$ -automorphism of  $l$  is  $x \mapsto x^q$ .

A character  $\theta$  of  $l^\times$  is regular if  $\theta^q \neq \theta$ .

Choosing a  $K$ -basis of  $l$  identifies it with  $K \oplus K$  and  $G = GL_2(K) \cong \text{Aut}_K(l)$ . The action of  $l^\times$  on  $l$  embeds  $l^\times$  in  $G$ , with conjugacy class of Type (1).

$\subset$   
 $\subset$   $E := l^\times$  subgroup of  $G$ .

Note: if  $g \in G$  with  $\chi_g(\theta)$  irreducible, it is conjugate to an element of  $E$ .

Let  $\theta$  be a regular character of  $E$ ,  $\psi$  a non-trivial character of  $N$ . Define a character  $\theta_\psi$  of  $\mathbb{Z}N$ :

$$\theta_\psi = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} u \mapsto \theta(a) \psi(u) \text{ for } a \in K^\times, u \in N$$

Thm: (1) the virtual representation

$$\Pi_\theta = \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}N}^G \theta_\psi - \text{Ind}_E^G \theta$$

is an irreducible cuspidal rep of  $G$  of dim  $q-1$ .

)  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  regular characters of  $E$ ;  $\Pi_{\theta_1} \cong \Pi_{\theta_2}$  iff  $\theta_1 = \theta_2$  or  $\theta_2 = \theta_1^q$ .

) Every irreducible cuspidal rep of  $G$  is of the form  $\Pi_\theta$ .