

Families of Galois representations and families of automorphic forms - an introduction

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Categori :  $\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{Q}$  Galois ext'n.  $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{Q})$ .

$$G_{\mathbb{K}} = \text{ring of integers of } \mathbb{K}$$

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$$\mathbb{K}_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathbb{Q}_{\mathfrak{p}} \text{ a Galois ext'n.} \quad \text{Gal}(\mathbb{K}_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathbb{Q}_{\mathfrak{p}}) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(G_{\mathbb{K}}/\mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{p}})$$

$p$  unramified  $\Leftrightarrow$  this is an isomorphism

In this case, we get an distinguished element in  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{Q})$ , the Frobenius at  $p$ , denoted  $\sigma_p \in \text{Gal}(\mathbb{K}_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathbb{Q}_{\mathfrak{p}}) \subseteq \text{Gal}(\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{Q})$ .

If  $\tau: \mathbb{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_p$ , then  $\sigma_{\mathbb{P}p} = \tau \sigma_p \tau^{-1}$ .

So given  $p \in \mathbb{D}$ , we get a conjugacy class  $\mathcal{C}_p = \langle \sigma_p \rangle$ .

By Chebotarev Density Theorem, every element in  $G$  is a Frobenius for  $\gg$  many conjugacy classes.

Furthermore, the collection  $\mathcal{C}_p$  together with  $G$  determine  $\mathbb{K}$ .

the same analysis applies to any Galois extension  $\mathbb{K}/F$  ( $F$  a field), now the Frobenius conjugacy classes are indexed by primes in  $F$ .

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Fix a set of primes  $S$  of  $F$ , set ( $S \supseteq \infty$ )

$$G_{F,S} = \varprojlim_{\substack{\mathbb{K} \text{ unramified} \\ \text{outside } S}} \text{Gal}(\mathbb{K}/F).$$

$G_{F,S}$  is a topological group with neighborhood basis around the identity given by the kernels of maps

$$G_{F,S} \rightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathbb{K}/F)$$

topologically generated by Frobenius classes over primes outside  $S$ .

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$$( \dots \cap \mathbb{P}_n \cap \dots \cap \mathbb{P}_m \cap \mathbb{P}_n \cap \dots ) \subseteq$$

$G_{F,S}$  has a Frob. class  $\langle \sigma_p \rangle$  for  $p \in O_F$ ,  $p \notin S$ .

Assumption:  $|S| < \infty$  ( $\Rightarrow \sigma_p$  topologically generate  $G_{F,S}$ )

Example:  $S = \{\infty\}$ ,  $F = \emptyset$ ,  $G_{F,S} = \{1\}$  (Minkowski)

A natural way to study a topological gp is to study its representations.

$$\begin{array}{c} S = \{ p, \infty \} \\ G_{\emptyset, S} \cong G(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p) / \emptyset) \\ \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^\times. \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^k}) / \emptyset) \\ \downarrow \\ (\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z})^\times \end{array}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $a$   
 $\hookrightarrow (\mu_p)^\times$

If  $l \neq p$ , then what is the image of  $\sigma_l$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z})^\times$ ? Answer: 1.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{\emptyset, S} & \cong & \mathbb{Z}_p^\times \\ \langle \sigma_l \rangle & \mapsto & l \end{array} \quad \text{(for } l \neq p\text{)}.$$

Kronecker-Weber:

$$G_{\mathbb{Q}, \{p, \infty\}}^{\text{ab}} \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^\times. \quad (\text{Dirichlet's theorem on } a, p, \Rightarrow \text{l's generate } \mathbb{Z}_p^\times.)$$

(Chebotarev's theorem can be viewed as a generalization of Dirichlet's theorem to the non-abelian case.)

We want to study  $G_{F,S}$  by considering its continuous representations.

$$\rho: G_{F,S} \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(E)$$

together with  $\langle \rho(\sigma) \rangle$

$$(i) E = \mathbb{C}$$

$$(ii) E = \mathbb{F}_q \cong \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$$

$$(iii) E = \text{finite extension of } \mathbb{Q}_p$$

In (i), (ii),  $\text{Im } \rho$  is finite.

In (iii)  $\text{Im } \rho$  may be infinite. Ex:  $E = \mathbb{Q}_p$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \chi: G_{\mathbb{Q}, \{p, \infty\}} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_p^\times \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{GL}_1(\mathbb{Q}_p) & \cong & \mathbb{Q}_p^\times \end{array} \quad \text{x the (p-adic) cyclotomic character.}$$

Lemma: Let  $[E : \mathbb{Q}_p] < \infty$ . Let  $\rho: G_{F,S} \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(E)$  be continuous, then after conjugation, the image lands in  $\text{GL}_n(\mathcal{O}_E)$ .

Sketch: Think of  $\rho(g)$ , for  $g \in G_{F,S}$ , as an endomorphism on a vector space  $V$  of dim  $n$  over  $E$ . Choose an  $\mathcal{O}_E$ -lattice inside  $V$ , say  $L$ .

Consider the  $\mathcal{O}_E[G_{F,S}]$ -module generated by  $L$ , call it  $L'$ . By continuity,  $L'$  is compact  $\Rightarrow L' \subseteq \frac{1}{r} L$  for some  $r$ .

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so  $L'$  is a lattice.  $\square$ .

The upshot of this is that we can consider the reduction

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \rho: G_{F,S} & \longrightarrow & GL_n(\mathcal{O}_E) \\ & \searrow \bar{\rho} & \downarrow \\ & & GL_n(\mathcal{O}_E/m_E) \\ & & \cong \\ & & GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q) \end{array}$$

In summary, we can break down our problem of studying  $\rho$  into:

- (1) Understand all maps  $\bar{\rho}: G_{F,S} \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$  (Hard)
- (2) Given  $\bar{\rho}$ , understand all "lifts"  $\bar{\rho} \rightsquigarrow \rho: G_{F,S} \rightarrow GL_n(\mathcal{O}_E) \xrightarrow{\sim} GL_n(E)$  (Easier)

(why:  $\ker(GL_n(\mathcal{O}_E) \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q))$  is solvable, since it's p-modular.)

One therefore can utilize induction and CFT.)

Problem 2:

$$\bar{\rho}: G_{F,S} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(k) \quad k = \mathbb{F}_{q^2}.$$

As a special case, consider lifting the Galois action on the reduction of a zero dimension variety over  $\mathbb{G}_m$ . The answer is provided by Hensel's lemma.]

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We will only consider the case that  $\bar{\rho}$  is absolutely irreducible.

$$(\bar{\rho}: G_{F,S} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(k) \text{ is irreducible.})$$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Try to lift to } \mathrm{GL}_n(k[[t]]/\langle t^2 \rangle)$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  = the category of complete local noetherian rings  $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  with  $A/\mathfrak{m} = k$ .  
(with a morphism  $A \rightarrow k$ )

The maps between objects are given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & A' \\ \downarrow & \cong & \downarrow \\ A/\mathfrak{m} \cong k & \xrightarrow{id} & A'/\mathfrak{m}' \cong k \end{array}$$

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A representation  $\rho: G_{F,S} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(A)$  is the same as an  
a free, rank  $n$  module  $V_A$  with a continuous action by  $G_{F,S}$ .  
(through  $\rho$ )

$$\frac{1}{k} \bar{\rho} \hookrightarrow V_k \text{ over } k.$$

Def.  $V_A$  is a deformation of  $V_k$  if  $V_A \otimes_A A/\mathfrak{m} \simeq V_k$ .

Def.  $V_A$  and  $V'_A$  are strictly equivalent if  $\exists$  a commutative  
diagram  $V_A \xrightarrow{\sim} V'_A$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_A & \xrightarrow{\sim} & V_{A'} \\ \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \\ V_k & \xrightarrow[\text{id}]{} & V_k \end{array}$$

We have a functor  $D: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$

$$A \mapsto D(A) = \left\{ \text{the strict equivalence class of deformations, } [V_A] \right\}$$

The concrete problem is: (taking  $A = k[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2$ )

What is  $D(k[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2)$  ?

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Study  $A = k[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2$ :

$$0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow A \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a s.e.s. of } k\text{-modules}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$0 \rightarrow V_k \rightarrow V_A \rightarrow V_k \rightarrow 0$$

It follows that given  $[\epsilon] \in D(k[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2)$ ,  $[\epsilon]$  can be viewed as an element

$$\text{in } \text{Ext}_{k[G_{F,S}]}^1(V_k, V_k).$$

Given  $[\epsilon]$ , choose a basis for  $V_k$ .  $\sigma \in G_{F,S}$  then acts as

$$\begin{pmatrix} X(\sigma) & Y(\sigma) \\ & X(\sigma) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{a map from } V_k \rightarrow V_k$$

Fix a (vector space) splitting  $\psi^*: V_k \rightarrow V_A$ , then

$$\sigma \in G_{F,S} \iff \text{Hom}(V_k, V_k)$$

$$(\sigma, \psi^*(p)) \mapsto \psi^*(\sigma p)$$

$$\text{more explicitly } (Y(\sigma)p, X(\sigma)p) \mapsto (0, X(\sigma)p)$$

$\uparrow$  form a subspace  $\leq V_k$ .

Suppose  $V_A \cong V_k \oplus V_k$  w.r.t.  
the splitting given by  $\psi$ , then  
 $(p \mapsto (0, p)) \xrightarrow{\sigma} (Y(\sigma)p, X(\sigma)p)$

$\downarrow$

$$p \mapsto \sigma \cdot p = X(\sigma)p \mapsto (0, X(\sigma)p)$$

$\therefore [\epsilon]$  gives a class (or a co-cycle)  $G_{F,S} \rightarrow \text{Hom}_k(V_k, V_k)$

$$\text{in } H^1(G_{F,S}, \text{Hom}_k(V_k, V_k))$$

$\overbrace{\text{Ad } V_k}$

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$$D(k[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2) = \text{Ext}_{k[G_{F,S}]}^1(V_k, V_k) = H^1(G_{F,S}, \text{Ad}(V_k))$$

• gives  $k$ -vector space structure to  $D(k[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2)$

• we see that  $H^1(G_{F,S}, \text{Ad}(V_k))$  is finite!

Let  $G_{F,S}$  act on  $\text{Ad } V_k$  via  $\text{Gal}(k/F)$ , then

$$(\text{inf-res}) \quad 0 \rightarrow H^1(\text{Gal}(k/F), \text{Ad } V_k) \rightarrow H^1(G_{F,S}, \text{Ad } V_k) \rightarrow H^1(G_{K,S}, \text{Ad } V_k)$$

$\underbrace{\text{finite}}$

$\underbrace{\text{Hm}_k(G_{K,S}, \text{Ad } V_k)}$

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Then (Mazur): The functor  $D$  is representable.  
i.e.,  $\exists R$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  s.t.  $D(A) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(R, A)$ .

↑ Interpretation:  $\exists p_{\text{univ}}: G_{F,S} \rightarrow GL(V_R)$  lifting  $\bar{\rho}$

s.t. given any  $p_A: G_{F,S} \rightarrow GL(V_A)$  lifting  $\bar{\rho}$ ,

(only finite many paths  
of a fixed degree  
that are unramified  
and a finite set of  
primes.)

$\bar{\rho} \searrow \downarrow$   
 $GL(V_k)$

$\exists! R \xrightarrow{\varphi} A$  s.t.

$$G_{F,S} \xrightarrow{p_{\text{univ}}} GL_n(R) \xrightarrow{\varphi} GL_n(A)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow & \\ & (GL_n(k)) & \end{array}$$

$$\varphi \circ p_{\text{univ}} = p_A. \quad (\text{up to equivalence})$$

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$E_k$ :

$$(=\{p_{\infty}\}) \quad F = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{p^m}/\mathbb{F}_p) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^\times & \\
 G_{\mathbb{F}_p, S} \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{A}^\times & \\
 \downarrow & \swarrow & \\
 \mathbb{Z}_p^\times & & 
 \end{array}$$

$\bar{\rho}$ : powers of  $\times$

Fix  $\bar{\rho}: G_{\mathbb{F}_p, S} \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_p^\times = \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$

then  $\rho: G_{\mathbb{F}_p, S} \longrightarrow \mathbb{A}^\times$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathbb{A}^\times & \\
 \downarrow & \nearrow & \\
 \mathbb{Z}_p^\times & \xrightarrow{\bar{\rho}} & \mathbb{A}^\times \\
 \downarrow & \nearrow & \\
 (\mathbb{Z}_p^\times)^* \oplus (\mathbb{Z}_p^\times) & \xrightarrow{\rho} & 1 + p\mathbb{A}^\times
 \end{array}$$

$D(A) = 1 + m_A$ . (different choices of uniformizer do not give equivalent representations.)  
 $R = \mathbb{Z}[[T]]$   
 $\mathrm{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}[[T]], A) = m_A$   
 $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{F}_p$

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Given  $R$ , what is  $D(\mathbb{k}[e]/e^2)$ ?

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathrm{Hom}(CR, \mathbb{k}[e]/e^2) & & R \longrightarrow \mathbb{k}[e]/e^2 \\
 m_R \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[e]/e^2 & & \downarrow \\
 & & k = k
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \mathrm{Hom}(m_R, k) = \mathrm{Hom}\left(\frac{m_R}{(m_R^2, p)}, k\right) = D\left(\frac{\mathbb{k}[e]}{e^2}\right)$$

$$\text{If } R = \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]], \quad \frac{m}{(m^2, p)} \cong \mathbb{F}_p \cdot T \Rightarrow D\left(\frac{\mathbb{F}_p[[T]]}{e^2}\right) = \mathbb{F}_p.$$

also can be realized as:

- $(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(\mathbb{F}_p[[T]], \mathbb{F}_p)) \cong \mathbb{F}_p$ .
- $\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_p[G_{\mathbb{F}_p, S^1}]}^1(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$
- $H^1(G_{\mathbb{F}_p, S^{1,2}}, \mathbb{F}_p)$

$$\text{Let } d_1 = \dim H^1(G_{F,S}, \text{Ad } V_k) = \dim \underset{k\text{-mod}}{\text{Hom}}(\mathbb{R}, \frac{k[\epsilon]}{\epsilon^2})$$

$$\Rightarrow R = N(k)[T_1, T_2, \dots, T_d]/I. \quad (\text{Because } \underset{k\text{-mod}}{\text{Hom}}(\mathbb{R}, \frac{k[\epsilon]}{\epsilon^2}) \text{ is the tangent space of } \mathbb{R} \text{ at the closed pt})$$

What is the obstruction to lifting?

$$\rho: G_{F,S} \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{A}/I)$$

consider a set-theoretic lift  $\gamma: \mathbb{A}/I \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{A}/I^2)$

$$c(\sigma_i) := \gamma(\sigma_i) \gamma(\sigma_i)^{-1} \gamma(\sigma_i^{-1})$$

$$\epsilon \in I_d + \underbrace{M_n(I)}_{I \otimes \text{Ad}(V_{F,S})} \text{ mod } I^2$$

$I \otimes \text{Ad}(V_{F,S})$   $n \times n$  matrix with entries in  $I$

$$\in H^2(G_{F,S}, \text{Ad}(V_{F,S}) \otimes I)$$

If  $H^2(G_{F,S}, \text{Ad } V_k) = 0$ , then  $R$  is smooth  $\Rightarrow I = 0$ .

Let  $d_2 = \dim H^2(G_{F,S}, \text{Ad } V_k)$

$I \otimes \mathbb{R}/m$  has dimension  $= d_2$ .

\* of generators of  $I = d_2$ .

We can't say much about  $d_1, d_2$ .

But we can say something about  $d_1 - d_2$ . (using Euler characteristic)

Assume  $S \geq$  primes dividing  $p$ . Then  $d_1 - d_2 = 1 + n^2[F:\mathbb{Q}] - \sum_{v|p} \dim H^0(G_v, \text{Ad } V_k)$   
 $n^2$  if  $G_v = \{1\}$

If  $n=2$ , then  $d_1 - d_2 = 1+r_1+2r_2 - r_1 - r_2$

$\dim (\oplus V_k)^{\{E\}}$  ( $v \in E$ )  
 (depends on the sign  
 of the rep  $\alpha$ )  
 $n^2$  if even  
 $n$  if odd (?)

Cnf:  $d_1 - d_2 = \text{Knull dim of } R/\mathbb{Q}$   
 ( $\leq$  we know)

(Hard: even for  $n=2$ , correct Knull dim (i.e. equality above)  $\Leftrightarrow$  Leopoldt's conj.)

$$n=2, \quad \bar{P}(c) = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{\text{even}} \quad \bar{P}(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix}_{\text{odd}}$$

$$d_1 - d_2 = 1+4-4=1$$

$$d_1 - d_2 = 1+4-2=3$$

Roughly how to prove  $R=T$ ?

- dim of the tangent space :  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}} \text{Hom}_{R\text{-mod}}(R, \mathbb{K}[x]/x^2)$
- replace  $R$  by something closer to the smooth one ...