

Langlands parameters and finite-dimensional representations

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What Langlands can do for you

Representations of compact Lie groups

Representations of finite Chevalley groups

Representations of p -adic maximal compacts

Old reasons for listening to Langlands

GL_n everybody's favorite reductive group/local F .

Want to understand $\widehat{GL}_n(F)$ = set of irr reps (**hard**).

Classical approach (Harish-Chandra *et alia* 1950s):

1. find big **compact subgp** $K \subset GL_n(F)$;
2. understand \widehat{K} (supposed to be **easy?**)
3. understand reps of $GL_n(F)$ in terms of restriction to K .

Langlands (1960s) studies $\widehat{GL}_n(F)$ (global reasons).

Global suggests: $\widehat{GL}_n(F) \overset{\sim}{\leftrightarrow} n$ -diml reps of $\text{Gal}(\overline{F}/F)$.

Better: $\widehat{GL}_n(F) \overset{\sim}{\leftrightarrow} n$ -diml reps of Weil group of F .

Harris/Taylor: $\widehat{GL}_n(F) \overset{\text{bij}}{\leftrightarrow} n$ -diml of Weil-Deligne(F).

Meanwhile (Howe *et alia* 1970s...) continue $GL_n(F)|_K$.

One difficulty (of many): \widehat{K} **not so easy after all**.

First question: what's Langlands tell us about \widehat{K} ?

Representations of compact Lie groups

This is [introduction number two](#).

Suppose K is a compact Lie group.

Famous false fact: [we understand \$\widehat{K}\$](#) .

Proof we don't: $O(n)$ = maximal compact in $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$.

Fix irreducible $\tau \in \widehat{O(n)}$.

How do you [write down](#) τ ? (“Highest weight??”)

How do you [calculate](#) mult of τ in principal series?

Second question is [branching](#) $O(n)|_{O(1)^n}$.

Today: $\widehat{O(n)} \leftrightarrow$ temp irr of $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ /unram twist

\leftrightarrow certain Langlands parameters. . .

Second question: what's Langlands tell us about \widehat{K} ?

Representations of finite Chevalley groups

This is [introduction number three](#).

Suppose G is a reductive group defined over \mathbb{F}_q .

[Deligne-Lusztig](#) and [Lusztig](#) described irr reps of $G(\mathbb{F}_q)$.

Can their results be formulated in spirit of Langlands?

[Deligne-Lusztig](#) start with ratl max torus $T \subset G$, char

$$\theta: T(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

[Lusztig](#): $(T, \theta) \rightsquigarrow$ semisimple conj class $x \in {}^\vee G(\mathbb{F}_q)$.

This is a step in the right direction, but not quite a Langlands classification.

Third question: what's Langlands tell us about $\widehat{G(\mathbb{F}_q)}$?

Structure of compact conn Lie grps

K compact connected Lie $\supset T$ maximal torus.

$$X^*(T) =_{\text{def}} \text{lattice of chars } \lambda: T \rightarrow S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}^\times$$

$$X_*(T) =_{\text{def}} \text{lattice of cochars } \xi: S^1 \rightarrow T.$$

Adjoint rep of T on cplx Lie algebra decomposes

$$\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{C}} \oplus \sum_{\alpha \in X^*(T) \setminus \{0\}} \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}, \alpha};$$

defines finite set $R = R(K, T)$ of **roots of T in K** .

Each root α gives rise to **root TDS**

$$\phi_\alpha: SU(2) \rightarrow K, \quad \text{im } d\phi_\alpha \subset \mathfrak{t} + \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}, \alpha} + \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}, -\alpha}$$

defined up to conjugation by T .

$\phi_\alpha|_{\text{diagonal}} \rightsquigarrow \alpha^\vee: S^1 \rightarrow K$ **coroot for α** . Get

$$R^\vee = R^\vee(K, T) \subset X_*(T),$$

(finite set in bijection with R) **coroots of T in K** .

We do understand compact **conn** Lie grps

Saw: cpt conn Lie $K \supset T$ max torus $\rightsquigarrow (X^*, R, X_*, R^\vee)$:
dual lattices (X^*, X_*) , finite subsets (R, R^\vee) in bijection.

Pair $(\alpha, \alpha^\vee) \rightsquigarrow$

$$s_\alpha: X^* \rightarrow X^*, \quad s_\alpha(\lambda) = \lambda - \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \alpha, \quad s_{\alpha^\vee} = {}^t s_\alpha: X_* \rightarrow X_*.$$

PROPERTIES: for all $\alpha \in R$

1. **RD1**: $\langle \alpha, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 2$ (so $s_\alpha^2 = \text{Id}$)
2. **RD2**: $s_\alpha R = R$, $s_\alpha^\vee R^\vee = R^\vee$, $(s_\alpha \beta)^\vee = s_{\alpha^\vee}(\beta^\vee)$
3. **RDreduced**: $2\alpha \notin R$, $2\alpha^\vee \notin R^\vee$.

Axioms \Leftrightarrow root datum; $W = \langle s_\alpha \mid \alpha \in R \rangle =$ Weyl group.

Root datum is **based** if we fix $(R^+, R^{\vee,+})$ (pos roots).

Axioms **symm** in X^* , X_* : $(X_*, R^\vee, X^*, R) =$ dual root datum.

Theorem (Grothendieck)

1. Each root datum \Leftrightarrow unique cpt conn Lie grp.
2. $k = \bar{k}$: root datum \Leftrightarrow unique conn reductive alg grp / k .
3. $k \neq \bar{k}$: red alg grp / $k \rightsquigarrow \text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k) \curvearrowright$ based root datum.

Representations of compact **conn** Lie grps

Recall cpt conn Lie $K \supset T$ max torus $\rightsquigarrow (X^*, R, X_*, R^\vee)$.

$$(X^*, R, X_*, R^\vee) \rightsquigarrow K_{\mathbb{C}} \quad \text{complex conn reductive alg} \\ = \text{Spec}(K\text{-finite functions on } K)$$

K = max compact subgp of $K_{\mathbb{C}}$.

irr reps of K = irr alg reps of $K_{\mathbb{C}} = X^*/W$.

${}^\vee K =_{\text{def}}$ cplx alg group $\leftrightarrow (X_*, R^\vee, X^*, R)$ **cplx dual gp**.

Theorem (Cartan-Weyl)

1. $\widehat{K} \leftrightarrow (\text{homs } \phi_c: S^1 \rightarrow {}^\vee K) / ({}^\vee K\text{-conj}), \quad E(\phi_c) \leftrightarrow \phi_c.$
2. Each side is X^*/W .

Theorem (Zhelobenko) Write $\widehat{K}_{\mathbb{C}} =$ **cont** irr reps of $K_{\mathbb{C}}$

1. $\widehat{K}_{\mathbb{C}} \leftrightarrow (\text{homs } \phi: \mathbb{C}^\times \rightarrow {}^\vee K) / ({}^\vee K\text{-conj}), \quad X(\phi) \leftrightarrow \phi.$
2. $X(\phi)|_K \approx \text{Ind}_T^K(\mathbb{C}_{\phi|_{S^1}}).$
3. $E(\phi|_{S^1}) =$ lowest K -type of $X(\phi)$.

Langlands classification for real groups

G complex reductive alg group, $\Gamma = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$. Fix inner class of real forms $\sigma = \text{action } \Gamma \curvearrowright$ (based root datum).

Definition Cartan involution for σ is inv alg aut θ of G such that $\sigma\theta = \theta\sigma$ is compact real form of G .

inner class of real forms $\sigma =$ inner class of alg invs θ .

Definition L-group for $(G, \{\sigma\})$ is ${}^L G =_{\text{def}} {}^\vee G \rtimes \Gamma$.

Definition Weil grp $W_{\mathbb{R}} = \langle \mathbb{C}^\times, j \rangle$, $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times \rightarrow W_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow 1$.

Definition Langlands param $= \underbrace{(\phi: W_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow {}^L G)}_{\text{ss image, respect } \Gamma} / \text{conj by } {}^\vee G$.

Theorem (Langlands, Knapp-Zuckerman)

1. Param $\phi \rightsquigarrow$ L-packet $\Pi(\phi)$ of reps $\pi_j \in \widehat{G(\mathbb{R}, \sigma_j)}$.
2. L-packets disjoint; cover all reps of all real forms.
3. $\Pi(\phi)$ indexed by $({}^\vee G^\phi / {}^\vee G_0^\phi)^\wedge$.
4. (3) is (correctably) false. See Adams-Barbasch-Vogan.

Langlands classification for real max cpts

G cplx reductive endowed with **inner class** of real forms $\sigma \leftrightarrow$
inner class of alg invs θ ; ${}^L G = L$ -group.

$K = G^\theta =$ cplxified max cpt of $G(\mathbb{R}, \sigma)$.

Defn Compact Weil grp $W_{\mathbb{R},c} = \langle S^1, j \rangle, 1 \rightarrow S^1 \rightarrow W_{\mathbb{R},c} \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow 1$.

Defn Compact param = $\underbrace{(\phi_c : W_{\mathbb{R},c} \rightarrow {}^L G)}_{\text{respect } \Gamma} / \text{conj by } {}^\vee G$.

Theorem.

1. Param $\phi_c \rightsquigarrow L_c$ -pkt $\Pi_c(\phi_c)$ of irr reps μ_j of $K_j = G_j^\theta$.
2. L_c -packets **disjoint**; cover **all** reps of **all** $K = G^\theta$.
3. $\Pi_c(\phi_c)$ **indexed** by $\widehat{({}^\vee G^{\phi_c} / {}^\vee G_0^{\phi_c})}$.
4. **{lowest K -types of all $\pi \in \Pi(\phi)$ } = $\Pi_c(\phi|_{W_{\mathbb{R},c}})$.**
5. (3) is (correctably) false...

Example of O_{2n}

$$G = GL_{2n}(\mathbb{R}), \quad {}^L G = GL_{2n}(\mathbb{C}) \times \Gamma.$$

Cartan involution is $\theta g = {}^t g^{-1}$, $K = O_{2n}(\mathbb{C})$.

Recall $W_{\mathbb{R},c} = \langle S^1, j \rangle$, $je^{i\theta}j^{-1} = e^{-i\theta}$, $j^2 = -1 \in S^1$.

Theorem says $\widehat{O_{2n}} \leftrightarrow 2n\text{-diml reps of } W_{\mathbb{R},c}$.

Irr reps of $W_{\mathbb{R},c}$ are

- 1-diml trivial rep $\delta_+(e^{i\theta}) = 1$, $\delta_+(j) = 1$.
- 1-diml sign rep $\delta_-(e^{i\theta}) = 1$, $\delta_-(j) = -1$.
- For $m > 0$ integer, 2-dimensional representation

$$\tau_m(e^{i\theta}) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{im\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-im\theta} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau_m(j) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ (-1)^m & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

n -dimensional rep \leftrightarrow pos ints $m_1 > \dots > m_r > 0$, non-neg ints (a_1, \dots, a_r, p, q) so $2n = 2a_1 + \dots + 2a_r + p + q$.

Rep is $a_1\tau_{m_1} + \dots + a_r\tau_{m_r} + p\delta_+q\delta_-$.

Highest weight for O_{2n} rep is

$$\underbrace{(m_1 + 1, \dots, m_1 + 1, \dots, m_r + 1, \dots, m_r + 1, 1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)}_{a_1 \text{ times} \quad a_r \text{ times} \quad \min(p,q) \quad |q-p|/2}$$

Finite Chevalley groups

$k = \mathbb{F}_q$ finite field; $\Gamma = \text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k) = \varprojlim_m \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$.

Generator is **arithmetic Frobenius** $F^* = q$ th power map.

k -ratl form of conn reductive alg $G =$ action of Γ on based root datum = **fin order aut.**

Definition L -group for G/k is ${}^L G =_{\text{def}} {}^\vee G \rtimes \Gamma$.

Here ${}^\vee G$ taken over \mathbb{C} , or $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$, or...: field for reps.

Definition Weil grp $W_k = \varprojlim_m \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^\times$; $W_k \rightarrow \Gamma$ **trivial**.

Definition Langlands param = $(\underbrace{\rho: W_k \rightarrow {}^\vee G}_{\text{respect } \Gamma}) / \text{conj by } {}^\vee G$.

$\rho(W_k) \subset {}^\vee G$ (not ${}^L G$) since $W_k \rightarrow 1 \in \Gamma$.

Respect Γ = exists $f \in {}^L G$ mapping to F^* , $\text{Ad}(f)\phi(\gamma) = \rho(F^*\gamma)$.

keep coset $f^\vee G_0^{\rho_c}$ as part of ρ_c .

Deligne-Langlands param $\phi = ((\rho_\phi, N_\phi) \quad (N \in {}^\vee \mathfrak{g}^{\rho_\phi}, \text{Ad}(f)N = qN))$.

Langlands parameters for \mathbb{F}_q

$G \supset B \supset T$ conn red alg / \mathbb{F}_q , $F: G \rightarrow G$ Frobenius.

Get Γ action on W permuting gens $\rightsquigarrow {}^\Gamma W = W \rtimes \Gamma$

$\tilde{w} = wF$ (another) Frobenius morphism $T \rightarrow T$.

Deligne-Lusztig built chars of $G(\mathbb{F}_q)$ from virt chars $R_{\theta'}^{T'}$:
 T' ratl maxl torus, θ' char of $T'(\mathbb{F}_q)$.

Proposition. For any rational = F -stable max torus
 $T' \subset G$, $\exists!$ W -conj class of \tilde{w} so $(T', F) \simeq (T, \tilde{w})$.

Prop (Macdonald) $\widehat{T}^{\tilde{w}} \simeq \{\rho: W_k \rightarrow {}^\vee T \mid wF^* \phi(\gamma) = \phi(F^* \gamma)\}$.

Conclusion: L-params ρ' for $G = \text{DL-pairs } (T', \theta')$.

$R_{\theta'}^{T'}$ and $R_{\theta''}^{T''}$ overlap $\iff \rho', \rho'' \in {}^\vee G$ -conjugate.

$\widehat{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ partitioned by Langlands parameters.

So far this is Deligne-Lusztig 1976: (relatively) easy.

Using Deligne-Langlands params to shrink L -pkts harder...

$G \supset B \supset T$ conn red alg / \mathbb{F}_q , ${}^L G$ L -group.

Def $\phi = (\rho, N)$ **special** if $N \in {}^\vee \mathfrak{g}^\rho$ is special nilp.

Recall that ϕ remembers coset $f^\vee G_0^{\rho, N}$.

Theorem (Lusztig). Irreducible reps of $G(\mathbb{F}_q)$ are partitioned into packets $\Pi(\phi)$ by **special** DL parameters ϕ . The packet $\Pi(\phi)$ is indexed by irr chars of **Lusztig quotient** of ${}^\vee G^\phi / {}^\vee G_0^\phi$.

Missing params (non-special N , comp rep not factoring)
 \rightsquigarrow reps of **smaller** reductive groups.

Lifting finite to p -adic

$G \supset B \supset T$ conn red alg / $k = \mathbb{F}_q$.

Fix p -adic $F \supset \mathcal{O} \supset \mathcal{P}$, $\mathcal{O}/\mathcal{P} \simeq k$.

$\Gamma_F = \text{Gal } \overline{F}/F$; $1 \rightarrow I_F \rightarrow \Gamma_F \rightarrow \Gamma_k \rightarrow 1$.

Weil group of F is preimage of $\mathbb{Z} = \langle F^* \rangle$, so

$$1 \rightarrow I_F \rightarrow W_F \rightarrow \langle F^* \rangle \rightarrow 1.$$

Set $P_F =$ wild ramif grp $\subset I_F$; then $I_F/P_F \simeq W_k$.

Fix p -adic $\mathbb{G} \leftrightarrow$ based root datum of G/k , Γ_F acts via Γ_k .

G/k and \mathbb{G}/F have **same** L-group ${}^L G$.

Prop L-params for $G/k = (\text{tamely ramif params for } \mathbb{G}/F)|_{I_F}$.

Def cpt Weil grp $W_{F,c} =$ inertia subgroup I_F .

Def cpt param is $\rho_c: I_F \rightarrow {}^L G$ s.t. \exists extn to L-param.

Extension to cpt **Deligne**-Langlands params $\phi_c = (\rho_c, N)$ easy.

Wild conjectures

G/\bar{F} conn reduc alg, **inner class** of F -forms σ .

$\{K_j(\sigma)\}$ **maxl cpt subgps** of $G(F, \sigma)$.

${}^L G = {}^\vee G \rtimes \Gamma_F$ **L -group** for $(G, \{\sigma\})$.

Conjecture

1. Cpt DL param $\phi_c \rightsquigarrow L_c$ -pkt of irr reps $\mu_j(\sigma)$ of $K_j(\sigma)$.
2. L_c packets are **disjoint**.
3. ϕ any ext of $\phi_c \rightsquigarrow \Pi_c(\phi_c) = \{\text{LKTs of all } \pi \in \Pi(\phi)\}$.
4. $\Pi_c(\phi_c)$ **indexed** by $({}^\vee G^{\phi_c} / {}^\vee G_0^{\phi_c})^\wedge$.
5. $\bigcup \Pi_c(\phi_c) =$ all irrs \supset **Bushnell-Kutzko type**.

NOTE: some $K_j \rightarrow G_j(\mathbb{F}_q)$, G_j smaller than G .

Corr reps should correspond to non-special N , etc.

Chance that this is formulated properly is near zero.

I know this because I'm teaching Bayesian inference this semester.

Hope that it's wrong in interesting ways.