

Level Stripping for Hecke 2 Siegel Modular Forms:

§1 Galois Representations (intro)

Notation: Fix $l > 3$ a prime. Let $G_{\mathbb{Q}} = \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$

Properties of $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$:

- 1) $G_{\mathbb{Q}} = \varprojlim_{\substack{K/\mathbb{Q} \text{ fin.} \\ \text{Galois ext.}}} \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$
- 2) Equipping $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ with the discrete topology, we have that $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ has the profinite topology.
- 3) For every prime p , we have an "element" $\text{Frob}_p \in G_{\mathbb{Q}}$

Thm (Chebotarev Density): Let $N \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $\{\text{Frob}_p; p \nmid N\}$ is dense in $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$.

Def: A d -dimensional Galois representation is a continuous homomorphism

$$\rho: G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_d(\mathbb{R})$$

where \mathbb{R} is some topological ring.

Examples: 1) Let $\chi: (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{hom}} \text{GL}_1(\mathbb{C})$ (Dirichlet char mod N)

Let

$$\rho_{\chi}: G_{\mathbb{Q}} \xrightarrow{\text{res}} \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_N)/\mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^{\times} \xrightarrow{\chi} \text{GL}_1(\mathbb{C})$$

This is an example of an Artin representation.

$$\rho_{\chi}(\text{Frob}_p) = \chi(p) \quad \text{for } p \nmid N.$$

$$2) \text{ As } \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{l^n})/\mathbb{Q}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/l^n\mathbb{Z})^\times,$$

we get

$$\rho_l : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \xrightarrow{\text{res}} \varprojlim_n \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{l^n})/\mathbb{Q}) \cong GL_1(\mathbb{Z}_l).$$

This is an l -adic representation.

$$\rho_l(\text{Frob}_p) = p \quad p \neq l.$$

3) Reducing ρ_l mod l we have

$$\bar{\rho}_l : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_1(\mathbb{Z}_l/l\mathbb{Z}_l) \cong GL_1(\mathbb{F}_l).$$

$$\bar{\rho}_l(\text{Frob}_p) = p \pmod{l}, \quad p \neq l.$$

This is a mod l representation.

§2 2-dim Galois reps:

Let $f \in S_k(N, \chi)$ $k = \text{weight}$, level N , character χ .

$f: \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ (holo, transforms nicely, vanishes at cusps)

Assume f is an eigenvector of the Hecke operators. (commuting linear operators).

We have a Galois rep. (Deligne, Shimura)

$$\rho_{f, \chi} : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_2(\mathcal{O}_K)$$

$\mathcal{O}_K = \text{r.o.i. of } K \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{Q}_l}$

$\chi \pmod{l}$.

The characteristic polynomial of $P_{f,\lambda}$ (Frob p) can be written in terms of the Hecke eigenvalues, $p \nmid Nl$.

Reducing $P_{f,\lambda}$ modulo λ we have

$$\bar{P}_{f,\lambda} : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_2(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_{\lambda}).$$

We call this type of representation "modular".

Serre's (refined) conjecture (Khare-Wintenberger 2007): If

$\bar{\rho} : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_2(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_{\lambda})$ is irreducible, odd, then

$\bar{\rho}$ is modular. (of char. $\lambda(\bar{\rho})$, level $N(\bar{\rho})$, wt $k(\bar{\rho})$)

Note: $l \nmid N(\bar{\rho})$.

Thm (Ribet '97): If $\bar{\rho}$ is modular of level Nl^r ($l \nmid N$, $r > 0$), then $\bar{\rho}$ is modular of level N .

Pf: (idea): $\bar{\rho} = \bar{P}_{f,\lambda}$, f level Nl^r . Find a level N eigenform g s.t. $f \equiv g \pmod{\lambda}$.

$$\Rightarrow \bar{P}_{f,\lambda} \cong \bar{P}_{g,\lambda}$$

§3 4-dimensional Hecke representations:

Let $F \in S_{(k_1, k_2)}^2(N, \chi)$ ($(k_1, k_2) = \text{wt}$, level = N , $\chi = \text{char}$.

$2 = \text{genus}$.

$$F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow V \quad \mathbb{R}^2 = \{ Z = X + iY \in M_2(\mathbb{C}), \text{tr} Z = 0, Y > 0 \}$$

$V = f.d. \mathbb{C}$ -v.s.

Transform nicely, "vanish at cusps"

Assume F is an eigenvector of the Hecke ops.

We have a 4-d Galois rep.

$$\text{(Wassenaar et al)} \quad \rho_{F, \lambda}: G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_4(\mathcal{O}_{\lambda})$$

Char poly $P_{F, \lambda}(Frob_p)$ can be written in terms of the Hecke eigenvalues.

Once again reduce modulo λ to obtain

$$\bar{\rho}_{F, \lambda}: G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_4(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_{\lambda}).$$

We call these representations coming from such a construction modular.

Conjecture! (Herrig-Tilouine, 2013): If $\bar{\rho}: G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_4(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_l)$ is irreducible, odd, ordinary at l , of modular weight. Then $\bar{\rho}$ is modular of level coprime to l .

Thm (K.): Suppose $\bar{\rho}$ is modular of level Nl^r , $l \nmid N$, $r > 0$ and of char defined modulo Nl . Then $\bar{\rho}$ is

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modules of level N .

Pf idea: Same idea as Ribet.

$$\bar{P} = \bar{P}_{F, \lambda}.$$

Find G s.t. $F \equiv G \pmod{\lambda}$.

Then characters are equal. We then apply

Brauer-Nesbitt then gives $\bar{P}_{F, \lambda} \cong \bar{P}_{G, \lambda}$