

Spherical varieties, L -functions, and crystal bases

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Outline

1 What is a spherical variety?

2 Function-theoretic results

3 Geometry $(k = \mathbb{C})$

- $F = \mathbb{F}_q((t))$, $O = \mathbb{F}_q[[t]]$
- $k = \overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$
- G connected (split) reductive group $/\mathbb{F}_q$

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Examples:

- Toric varieties $G = T$
- Symmetric spaces $K \backslash G$
 - Group $X = G' \circlearrowleft G' \times G' = G$

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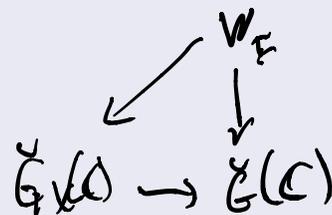
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To find new interesting examples, need to consider singular $X \neq H \backslash G$.

Theorem (Luna, Richardson)

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Equivalent to:

(Base change to k)

- X has open B -orbit $X^\circ \cong B$

$$\alpha_\nu \in X^\circ(\overline{\mathbb{F}_q})$$

- $X^\circ P_\alpha / \mathcal{R}(P_\alpha) \cong \mathbb{G}_m \backslash \mathrm{PGL}_2$ for every simple α , $P_\alpha \supset B$

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Related:

- spherical functions (unramified Hecke eigenfunction) on $X(F)$
- unramified Plancherel measure on $X(F)$

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$$x \in \check{T}(\mathbb{C}) \mapsto \frac{L(x, V_X^+, \frac{1}{2})}{L(x, \check{\mathfrak{n}}, 1)}, \text{ this is "half" of } \frac{L(x, V_X, \frac{1}{2})}{L(x, \check{\mathfrak{g}}/\check{\mathfrak{k}}, 1)} \leftarrow$$

normalization

Warning: V_X^+ never \check{G} -rep
e.g. bleche $V_X = T^*$ std,

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- If V_X is minuscule, then $V_X = V_X'$.

Proposition

If $X = H \backslash G$ with H reductive, then V_X is minuscule.

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no perverse sheaves

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