

# Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomials for disconnected groups

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# Making repn theory algebraic

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$G$  conn reductive alg gp def over  $\mathbb{R}$

Natural problem: Describe irr repns  $(\pi, \mathcal{H}_\pi)$  of  $G(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Function-analytic:**  $\mathcal{H}_\pi$  is Hilbert space.

To do algebra: fix  $K(\mathbb{R}) \subset G(\mathbb{R})$  max compact.

**Analytic** reps of  $K(\mathbb{R}) =$  **algebraic** reps of  $K$  (Weyl's unitarian trick)

$\mathcal{H}_\pi^K = K(\mathbb{R})$ -finite vecs in  $\mathcal{H}_\pi$  HC module of  $\pi$

Harish-Chandra:  $\mathcal{H}_\pi^K$  is  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -module (alg rep of  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$  with compatible alg rep of  $K$ ).

HC: **analytic**  $G(\mathbb{R})$  reps = **algebraic**  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -mods.

$\Pi(G(\mathbb{R})) = \Pi(\mathfrak{g}, K) =$  equiv classes of irr mods.

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# From $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -mods to constructible sheaves

$X = \text{flag var of } G, \quad d = \dim X = \#(\text{pos roots})$   
 $= \text{variety of Borel subalgebras of } \mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$

$X$  is “universal boundary” for  $G$ -homog spaces.

First made precise by Helgason conj  
(Kashiwara-Kowata-Minemura-Okamoto-Oshima-Tanaka).

Beilinson-Bernstein loc thm: **any rep (more or less) appears in secs of (more or less) eqvt line bundle on  $X$ .**

Which bundle  $\leftrightarrow$  **infl char** = action of cent of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ .

**Example:**  $F$  fin diml irr rep of  $G \rightsquigarrow$  line bdle  $\mathcal{L}_F \rightarrow X$ ; fiber at  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{h} + \mathfrak{n}$  is **lowest wt space**

$$\mathcal{L}_{F, \mathfrak{b}} = F/\mathfrak{n}F = H_0(\mathfrak{n}, F); \quad F = \text{alg secs of } \mathcal{L}_F$$

$V$  fin length  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -mod  $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{H}_F(V) \in K$ -eqvt derived category of constructible sheaves on  $X$ .

Cohom  $\mathcal{H}_F^i(V)$  is  $K$ -eqvt constr sheaf on  $X$ ; fiber is

$$\mathcal{H}_F^i(V)_{\mathfrak{b}} = \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(F/\mathfrak{n}F, H_{i+d}(\mathfrak{n}, V)).$$

# Irreducible modules and perverse sheaves

Given irr fin-diml rep  $F$  of  $G$ , have a functor  $\mathcal{H}_F$  from finite length  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -mods to  $K$ -eqvt derived category of constr sheaves on flag var  $X$ .

1970s: for  $V$  irr,  $\mathcal{H}_F(V) \neq 0$  if (Harish-Chandra, Langlands, Schmid) and only if (Casselman-Osborne)  $V$  has same infl char as  $F$ .

**Theorem** (Beilinson-Bernstein, Kashiwara/Mebkhout, . . .)

Map  $V \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_F(V)$  is **bijection** from irr  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -mods, infl char of  $F$  to irr  $K$ -eqvt perverse sheaves on  $X$ .

irr  $K$ -eqvt perverse sheaves on  $X$

$\leftrightarrow$  pairs  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{S})$  ( $K$ -orbit on  $X$ , irr eqvt local system)

$\leftrightarrow \left\{ (B, \sigma) \mid B \subset G \text{ Borel}, \sigma \in (B \cap K)/(B \cap K)_0^\wedge \right\} / K$

$\leftrightarrow \left\{ (H, \Delta^+, \sigma) \mid H \theta\text{-stable CSG}, \sigma \in (H \cap K)/(H \cap K)_0^\wedge \right\} / K$

$\leftrightarrow \left\{ (H(\mathbb{R}), \Delta^+, \sigma) \mid H(\mathbb{R}) \text{ real CSG}, \sigma \in H(\mathbb{R})/H(\mathbb{R})_0^\wedge \right\} / G(\mathbb{R})$ .

# What KL polys tell you

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_F(G(\mathbb{R})) &= \text{params for irr reps, infl char of } F \\ &= \{(H(\mathbb{R}), \Delta^+, \sigma)\} / G(\mathbb{R}).\end{aligned}$$

$x \in \Pi_F(G(\mathbb{R})) \rightsquigarrow I(x)$  standard rep (like Verma module),  $J(x)$  irr quotient.

Recall  $d = \dim X$ ; put  $d_x = \dim(K\text{-orbit for } x)$ .

$\mathcal{H}_F(I(x)) = \text{loc sys } \mathcal{S}(x)[d_x]$  on one  $K$ -orbit

$\mathcal{H}_F(J(x)) = \text{perverse extension } \mathbb{P}(x)$

Coeff of  $t^i$  in KL poly  $P_{y,x}$  is

mult of loc sys  $\mathcal{S}(y)$  in cohom  $\mathbb{P}^{-d_x+2i}(x)$ .

= mult of  $\sigma_y$  in  $\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}_y}(F/\mathfrak{n}_y F, H_{(d-d_x)+2i}(\mathfrak{n}_y, J(x)))$ .

$$J(x) = \sum_{y \leq x} P_{y,x}(1) (-1)^{d_y - d_x} I(y).$$

# The Hecke algebra

Interested in category  $\mathcal{M}(X, K)$  of  $K$ -eqvt perverse sheaves on  $X$ .

Analogue over finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ : vector space

$$M(X, K)_q = \{K(\mathbb{F}_q)\text{-invt functions on } X(\mathbb{F}_q)\}.$$

This vec space is **module** for **Hecke algebra at  $q$**

$$\mathcal{H}_q = \{G(\mathbb{F}_q)\text{-invt functions on } X(\mathbb{F}_q)\}.$$

$\mathcal{M}(X, K)$  ind of field; irrs are **ratl** /  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

**Frobenius  $F$**  is alg aut of  $G, K, X \dots$  Fixed pts =  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -ratl points.

**Alt sum of traces of  $F$  on fibers of cohomology sheaves at rational points** maps (ratl) objects of  $\mathcal{M}(X, K)$  to  $M(X, K)_q$ .

Lusztig: relate  $\mathcal{H}_q$  action to geometry of perverse sheaves  $\rightsquigarrow$  **compute  $P_{y,x}$** .

# Disconnected groups

Want to consider  $G' \supset G$ ,  $G'/G$  **finite**.

Rep theory for finite groups **harder** than for Lie groups, because Lie algebra linearizes problems.

So “arbitrary” disconnected reductive  $G' \supset G$  too hard.

Easy/useful special case:  $G'/G$  **finite cyclic**.

Action of  $G'$  on  $G \rightsquigarrow$  candidates corr to

$$1 \rightarrow \text{Int}(G) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G) \rightarrow \text{Out}(G) \rightarrow 1$$

Fix  $G \supset B_p \supset H_p \rightsquigarrow \Pi_p$  simple roots, root datum

$$(X^*(H_p), \Pi_p, X_*(H_p), \Pi_p^\vee).$$

**Pinning  $p$**  is  $B_p \supset H_p$  plus choice of maps

$$\phi_p(\alpha): SL(2) \rightarrow G, \quad \alpha \in \Pi_p.$$

Now automorphism group sequence **split** by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Aut}_p(G) &=_{\text{def}} \text{auts permuting } \{\phi_p\} \\ &\simeq \text{root datum automorphisms} \simeq \text{Out}(G). \end{aligned}$$

# Pinned disconnected groups

Cplx conn reductive  $G$ , pinning  $p$ , Cartan inv  $\theta$  preserves  $H_p \subset B_p$  (**fundamental**), almost permutes  $\{\phi_p\}$ .

Fix **order two** root datum aut  $\delta \rightsquigarrow \delta_p \in \text{Aut}_p(G_0)$ .

Order two not critical, but easier and covers current applications.

$G^\Delta =_{\text{def}} G \rtimes \{1, \delta_p\}$  our model disconn reductive group.

$\delta_p \theta = \theta \delta_p$ , so  $\delta_p$  normalizes  $K$ ;  $K^\Delta =_{\text{def}} K \rtimes \{1, \delta_p\}$ .

Ex:  $\delta$  induced by  $\theta$ , so  $\theta = \text{Ad}(t)\delta_p$  ( $t \in H_p \cap K$ ).

Ex:  $G = SO(2n, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $H_p = SO(2, \mathbb{C})^n$ ,

$$\theta = \text{Ad}(\text{diag}(1, \dots, 1, -1, \dots, -1, 1, -1))$$

$(2p + 1$  1s,  $2q + 1$  -1s); means

$G(\mathbb{R}) \simeq SO(2p + 1, 2q + 1)$ . Have

$$\delta_p = \text{Ad}(\text{diag}(1, \dots, 1, -1));$$

so  $G^\Delta \simeq O(2n, \mathbb{C})$ .

# Reps of pinned disconnected groups

$$G^\Delta =_{\text{def}} G \rtimes \{1, \delta_p\}, \quad K^\Delta =_{\text{def}} K \rtimes \{1, \delta_p\}.$$

$V$  any  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -module  $\rightsquigarrow V^{\delta_p}$  same vector space; actions of  $\mathfrak{g}, K$  twisted by  $\delta_p$ . Gives action of  $\Delta$  on  $\Pi(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ .

**First way** to make irr  $(\mathfrak{g}, K^\Delta)$ -module: start with  $V \not\cong V^{\delta_p}$  irr,  $V^\Delta = V \oplus V^{\delta_p}$ . Gives **bijection**

$V^\Delta \in \Pi(\mathfrak{g}, K^\Delta)$  reducible on  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$

$\leftrightarrow$  two-elt orbits  $\{V, V^{\delta_p}\}$  of  $\Delta$  on  $\Pi(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ .

**Second way** to make irr  $(\mathfrak{g}, K^\Delta)$ -module: start with  $V \simeq V^{\delta_p}$  irr; choose intertwining op

$$D_p: V \rightarrow V^{\delta_p}, \quad D_p^2 = \text{Id}$$

(two choices diff by sgn). Extend  $V$  to  $V^\Delta$ , making  $\delta_p$  act by  $D_p$ . Gives **2-to-1 map**

elts  $V^\Delta$  of  $\Pi(\mathfrak{g}, K^\Delta)$  irr on  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$

$\leftrightarrow$  fixed pts  $V$  of  $\Delta$  on  $\Pi(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ .

# Application of disconnected groups

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$\delta$  root datum aut induced by Cartan inv  $\theta$ .

$\delta$  is trivial iff  $\text{rk } G = \text{rk } K$ .

## Theorem (consequence of Knapp-Zuckerman)

*$V$  irr  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -mod of real infl char. Then  $V$  admits invt Hermitian form iff  $V \simeq V^\delta$ .*

## Corollary (Adams-van Leeuwen-Trapa-V-Yee)

*Every irr  $(\mathfrak{g}, K^\Delta)$ -mod  $V^\Delta$  of real infl char admits preferred invt Hermitian form.*

Case  $V^\Delta = V \oplus V^{\delta\rho}$ : form “hyperbolic,”  $V$  isotropic.

Case  $V^\Delta \rightsquigarrow V$  irr:  $V$  admits invt Herm form. Two exts  $V^\Delta$  to  $(\mathfrak{g}, K^\Delta)$ -mod  $\longleftrightarrow$  two invt forms on  $V$ .

Relate invt forms on irrs to invt forms on std modules  
 $\longleftrightarrow$  compute char formulas for  $(\mathfrak{g}, K^\Delta)$ -mods.

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# Classifying irr mods for pinned disconn gps

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$F$  fin-diml irr of  $G$ , lowest weight  $\lambda_p \in X^*(H_p)$ .

Twist  $F^{\delta_p} =$  irr of lowest weight  $\delta\lambda_p$ ; isom to  $F$  iff  $\lambda_p$  is fixed by root datum aut  $\delta$ .

Case  $F \not\cong F^{\delta_p}$ : no irr of infl char  $F$  has invt Herm form; irr  $(\mathfrak{g}, K^\Delta)$ -mods all induced from irr  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -mods.

Case  $F \cong F^{\delta_p}$ : fix canonical extension  $F^\Delta$  of  $F$  to  $G^\Delta$  rep,  $\delta_p$  acts triv on  $B_p$ -lowest wt space.

Get  $G^\Delta$ -eqvt alg line bdl  $\mathcal{L}_{F^\Delta}$  on  $X$ .

Localization + Riemann-Hilbert gives functor  $\mathcal{H}_{F^\Delta}$  from fin length  $(\mathfrak{g}, K^\Delta)$ -mod to  $K^\Delta$ -eqvt derived category of constr sheaves on  $X$ .

**Theorem** (Beilinson-Bernstein, Kashiwara/Mebkhout, . . . )  
Map  $V^\Delta \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{F^\Delta}(V^\Delta)$  is **bijection** from irr  $(\mathfrak{g}, K^\Delta)$ -mods, infl char of  $F^\Delta$  to irr  $K^\Delta$ -eqvt perverse sheaves on  $X$ .

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# $K^\Delta$ -eqvt irr perverse sheaves

$B \subset G$  Borel  $\rightsquigarrow B^\Delta = N_{G^\Delta}(B)$ .

$K^\Delta$  preserves  $K \cdot \mathfrak{b} \Leftrightarrow B \cap K$  index two in  $B^\Delta \cap K^\Delta$

$\Leftrightarrow B^\Delta \setminus B$  meets  $K^\Delta \setminus K$  in elt  $d$

$K$ -eqvt loc sys  $\mathcal{S}_\sigma$  extends to  $K^\Delta$ -eqvt

$\Leftrightarrow$  automorphism  $d$  fixes char  $\sigma$  of  $(B \cap K)/(B \cap K)_0$ .

**First way** to make irr  $K^\Delta$ -eqvt perverse sheaf: start with  $\mathbb{P} \not\simeq \mathbb{P}^{\delta_\rho}$  irr,  $\mathbb{P}^\Delta = \mathbb{P} \oplus \mathbb{P}^{\delta_\rho}$ .

**Built from local systems on orbits** via classical KL polys.

**Second way** to make irr  $K^\Delta$ -eqvt perverse sheaf: start with  $\mathbb{P} \simeq \mathbb{P}^{\delta_\rho}$  irr; choose isom

$$D_\rho: \mathbb{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{\delta_\rho}, \quad D_\rho^2 = \text{Id}$$

(two choices diff by sgn). Make  $\delta_\rho$  act by  $D_\rho$ ;  $\mathbb{P}$   $K^\Delta$ -eqvt.

**“First way” local systems in  $\mathbb{P}$**   $\iff$  classical KL polys.

**New KL polys  $P_{y,x}^\delta$** :  $x, y$   $K^\Delta$ -eqvt loc systems irr for  $K$ .

Coeff of  $t^i$  in  $P_{y,x}^\delta$  is

$\text{mult}[\text{local sys } \mathcal{S}(y)] - \text{mult}[\text{local sys } \mathcal{S}(-y)]$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{-d_x+2i}(x)$ .

# The twisted Hecke algebra

$\mathcal{M}(X, K^\Delta) = K^\Delta$ -eqvt perverse sheaves on  $X$ .

Over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ : use Frobenius map  $F$  **twisted by**  $\delta_\rho$  to get  
**quasisplit form**  $G(\mathbb{F}_q) \supset K(\mathbb{F}_q)$

Easy  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -analogue of perverse sheaves is

$$M(X, K^\Delta)_q = \{K(\mathbb{F}_q)\text{-invt functions on } X(\mathbb{F}_q)\}.$$

This vec space is **module** for Lusztig's **quasisplit Hecke algebra at  $q$**

$$\mathcal{H}_q^\delta = \{G(\mathbb{F}_q)\text{-invt functions on } X(\mathbb{F}_q)\}.$$

Basis indexed by  $W^\delta =$  fixed subgrp of root datum aut on  $W$ ;  
gens indexed by  $\Pi_\rho/\Delta$ , aut orbits of simple roots.

Relations involve dimensions of “restricted root” subgps:  
(very particular) unequal parameter Hecke algebra.

**Alt sum of traces of  $F$  on fibers of cohom sheaves at ratl pts**  
maps (ratl) objects of  $\mathcal{M}(X, K)$  to  $M(X, K)_q$ .

Lusztig: relate  $\mathcal{H}_q^\delta$  action to geom  $\rightsquigarrow$  **compute**  $P_{y,x}^\delta$ .