

# LECTURE NOTE ON LOCAL LANGLANDS CONJECTURE

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1. LOCAL LANGLANDS CORRESPONDENCE FOR  $GL_n(F)$ 

The references for this section are [Tat79], [How77], [Moy86] and [Zel80].

**1.1. Notation.** Let  $F$  be a nonarchimedean local field of characteristic zero,  $\mathfrak{o}_F$  ring of integers,  $\mathfrak{p}_F := \varpi_F \mathfrak{o}_F$  the maximal ideal,  $\mathfrak{f}_F$  be the residue field of  $F$ , which is a finite field of  $q$  elements. Let  $p$  denote the characteristic of  $\mathfrak{f}_F$ . For simplicity, we shall assume that  $p$  is odd.

The chain of  $\mathfrak{o}_F$ -modules

$$\cdots \subset \mathfrak{p}_F^2 \subset \mathfrak{p}_F^1 \subset \mathfrak{o}_F \subset \mathfrak{p}_F^{-1} \subset \mathfrak{p}_F^{-2} \subset \cdots$$

forms a filtration of  $F$ . If  $x$  is a nonzero element of  $F$ , then there exists a unique  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x \in \mathfrak{p}_F^k \setminus \mathfrak{p}_F^{k+1}$  and we define a map

$$\text{ord}_F: F^\times \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

by  $\text{ord}_F(x) := k$ . Define the *norm map*

$$|\cdot|_F: F^\times \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times \quad \text{by } |x|_F := q^{-\text{ord}_F(x)}.$$

We have a filtration of subgroups of  $F^\times$ :

$$\cdots \subset U_F^3 \subset U_F^2 \subset U_F^1 \subset U_F^0 \subset F^\times$$

where

$$U_F^i := \begin{cases} \{x \in F^\times \mid \text{ord}_F(x) = 0\} & \text{if } i = 0; \\ 1 + \mathfrak{p}_F^i := \{1 + x \mid x \in \mathfrak{p}_F^i\} & \text{if } i \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

**1.2. Weil Group and Weil-Deligne Group.** Let  $\bar{F}$  be an algebraic closure of  $F$ . The *Weil group*  $W_F$  of  $F$  is the subgroup of Galois group  $\Gamma := \text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$  defined by the commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & I_F & \longrightarrow & W_F & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & I_F & \longrightarrow & \Gamma & \longrightarrow & \text{Gal}(F^{\text{ur}}/F) & \longrightarrow & 1 \end{array}$$

where  $I_F := \text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F^{\text{ur}})$  is the *inertia group* of  $F$  and  $F^{\text{ur}}$  is the maximal unramified extension of  $F$  in  $\bar{F}$ . Hence we have an isomorphism  $\text{Gal}(F^{\text{ur}}/F) \simeq \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathfrak{f}}_F/\mathfrak{f}_F)$  where  $\bar{\mathfrak{f}}_F$  is an algebraic closure of  $\mathfrak{f}_F$ . Fix an element  $\zeta_F$  in  $W_F$  which maps to  $\text{Fr}$  of  $\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathfrak{f}}_F/\mathfrak{f}_F)$  where  $\text{Fr}$  is the Frobenius automorphism of  $\bar{\mathfrak{f}}_F$ . Such an element  $\zeta_F$  is called a *geometric Frobenius element*. We have the disjoint union decomposition

$$W_F = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \zeta_F^k I_F.$$

**Theorem 1.1** (Local Class Field Theory). *Let  $W_F^{\text{ab}}$  denote the abelianization of  $W_F$ , i.e.,  $W_F$  modulo the closure of its commutator subgroup. Then*

$$W_F^{\text{ab}} \simeq F^\times.$$

Let  $\Pi(\mathrm{GL}_1(F))$  denote the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible admissible representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_1(F) \simeq F^\times$ . Let  $\Phi(\mathrm{GL}_1(F))$  denote the set of isomorphism classes of homomorphisms from  $W_F$  to  $\mathrm{GL}_1(\mathbb{C}) \simeq \mathbb{C}^\times$  (the “dual group” of  $\mathrm{GL}_1(F)$ ). Theorem 1.1 indicates a natural bijection between  $\Pi(\mathrm{GL}_1(F))$  and  $\Phi(\mathrm{GL}_1(F))$ . This is the Local Langlands Correspondence for  $\mathrm{GL}_1(F)$ .

Let

$$W'_F := W_F \times \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$$

be the *Weil-Deligne group* of  $F$ . The product topology makes  $W'_F$  a locally compact group, and the inclusion  $W_F \hookrightarrow \Gamma$  induces a natural homomorphism

$$W'_F \longrightarrow W_F \longrightarrow \Gamma$$

with dense image.

Let  $\rho': W'_F \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$  be an  $n$ -dimensional representation of  $W'_F$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(w) &:= \rho' \left( w, \begin{bmatrix} |w|_F^{-1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & |w|_F^{1/2} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ \exp(N) &:= \rho' \left( 1, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\rho: W_F \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is a representation of the Weil group  $W_F$ ,  $N$  is a nilpotent endomorphism of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and

$$\rho(w)N\rho(w)^{-1} = |w|_F N$$

for all  $w \in W_F$ . Hence a representation of  $W'_F$  can be presented by a pair  $(\rho, N)$  satisfying above conditions. The representation  $\rho'$  of  $W'_F$  is irreducible if and only if the representation  $\rho$  of  $W_F$  is irreducible and  $N = 0$ .

Let  $\Pi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$  denote the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible admissible representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ . Let  $\Phi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$  denote the set of isomorphism classes continuous homomorphism  $W'_F \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$  (the “dual group” of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ ).

**Theorem 1.2** (Local Langlands Correspondence for  $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ ). *There exists a natural bijection*

$$\Pi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F)) \leftrightarrow \Phi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$$

such that  $\pi \in \Pi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$  is supercuspidal if and only if the corresponding  $\rho' \in \Phi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$  is irreducible.

The homomorphism  $\rho'$  is called the *Langlands parameter* of the representation  $\pi$ .

**1.3. Tame Local Langlands Correspondence of Supercuspidal Representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ .** Let  $\Pi^0(\mathrm{GL}_n(F)) \subset \Pi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$  denote the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible supercuspidal representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ . Let  $\Phi^0(\mathrm{GL}_n(F)) \subset \Phi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$  denote the set of isomorphism classes irreducible  $n$ -dimensional representations of  $W'_F$ . Note that the set  $\Phi^0(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$  is equal to the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible  $n$ -dimensional representations of  $W_F$ .

**Definition 1.3** (Howe). A pair  $(E, \psi)$  is called an *admissible pair of  $F$  of degree  $n$*  if  $E$  is an extension field of  $F$  of degree  $n$  and  $\psi: E^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a character of  $E^\times$  such that

- if there is extension field  $E'$  and a character  $\psi'$  of  $E'^\times$  such that  $F \leq E' \leq E$  and  $\psi = \psi' \circ \text{Nr}_{E/E'}$ , then  $E' = E$ ;
- if  $\psi|_{U_E^1} = \psi' \circ \text{Nr}_{E/E'}|_{U_E^1}$  where  $F \leq E' \leq E$  and  $\psi'$  is a character of  $U_{E'}^1$ , then  $E/E'$  is unramified.

Two admissible pairs  $(E_1, \psi_1)$  and  $(E_2, \psi_2)$  are said to be *equivalent* if there is a field isomorphism  $h: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  over  $F$  such that  $\psi_1 = \psi_2 \circ h|_{E_1^\times}$ .

By Theorem 1.1, we have  $W_E^{\text{ab}} \simeq E^\times$ , thus  $\psi$  is regarded as a character of  $W_E$ .

**Proposition 1.4.** *Assume that  $\gcd(n, p) = 1$ . Let  $(E, \psi)$  be an admissible pair of  $F$  of degree  $n$ .*

- The induced representation  $\text{Ind}_{W_E}^{W_F} \psi$  is an irreducible representation of  $W_F$  of degree  $n$ .*
- The map  $\rho': (E, \psi) \mapsto \text{Ind}_{W_E}^{W_F} \psi$  induces a bijection between the set of equivalence classes of admissible pairs of  $F$  of degree  $n$  and the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible representations of  $W_F$  of degree  $n$ .*

Now we want to construct an irreducible supercuspidal representation  $\pi(E, \psi)$  of  $\text{GL}_n(F)$  from an admissible pair  $(E, \psi)$  of  $F$  of degree  $n$

**Proposition 1.5** (Howe). *Let  $(E, \psi)$  be an admissible pair,  $E_0 := E$ , and, for  $i \geq 1$ , let  $E_i/F$  be the minimal subextension of  $E/F$  such that  $\psi|_{U_{E_i}^1}$  factor through the norm  $\text{Nr}_{E/E_i}$ . Then, for each  $i \geq 0$ , there exists a character  $\psi_i$  of  $E_i^\times$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- for almost all  $i$ ,  $\psi_i = 1$ ;*
- $\psi = \prod_{i \geq 0} \psi_i \circ \text{Nr}_{E/E_i}$ .*

The Howe factorization associates to an admissible pair  $(E, \psi)$  a chain of field extension

$$F < E_{i_r} < E_{i_{r-1}} < \cdots < E_{i_1} < E$$

where  $i_j$  are those  $i$  not in (1) of Proposition 1.5.

Regard  $E$  as an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over  $F$ . Then  $\mathfrak{p}_E^k$  is a lattice in  $E$  for any  $k$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} A &:= \text{End}_F(E) = M_n(F), \\ \mathfrak{o}_A &:= \{ x \in A \mid x(\mathfrak{p}_E^k) \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_E^k \text{ for each integer } k \}, \\ \mathfrak{p}_A &:= \{ x \in A \mid x(\mathfrak{p}_E^k) \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_E^{k+1} \text{ for each integer } k \}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $A^\times = \text{GL}_n(F)$ . Multiplying by an element of  $E$  is clearly a vector space endomorphism of  $E$  over  $F$ . Hence,  $E$  is regarded as an  $F$ -subalgebra of  $A$ . It is clear to see that  $\mathfrak{o}_A \cap E = \mathfrak{o}_E$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_A \cap E = \mathfrak{p}_E$ .

Define

$$A_i := \text{End}_{E_i}(E) \subset A,$$

$$S := E^\times (\mathfrak{o}_A \cap A_1)^\times (1 + \sum_{i \geq 1} \mathfrak{p}_A^i \cap A_{2i+1}).$$

Note that  $S$  is a compact modulo center open subgroup of  $\text{GL}_n(F)$ .

**Proposition 1.6** (Howe). *To an admissible pair  $(E, \psi)$ , we can associate a representation  $\zeta$  of  $S$  such that the induced representation*

$$\pi = \pi(E, \psi) := c \cdot \text{Ind}_S^{\text{GL}_n(F)} \zeta.$$

*is an irreducible supercuspidal representation of  $\text{GL}_n(F)$ .*

**Proposition 1.7** (Moy). *Assume that  $\gcd(n, p) = 1$ . Every irreducible supercuspidal representation of  $\text{GL}_n(F)$  is of the form  $\pi(E, \psi)$  for some admissible pair  $(E, \psi)$  of degree  $n$ .*

So now we have a bijection (under the assumption  $\gcd(n, p) = 1$ ) between  $\Pi^0(\text{GL}_n(F))$  and  $\Phi^0(\text{GL}_n(F))$  given by

$$\pi(E, \psi) \leftrightarrow \rho'(E, \psi)$$

where  $(E, \psi)$  is an admissible pair of  $F$  of degree  $n$ .

**1.4. Local Langlands Correspondence for  $\text{GL}_n(F)$ .** Let  $G := \text{GL}_n(F)$ . Suppose  $n = mr$  tentatively. For the partition  $n = m + m + \cdots + m$  ( $r$  times) and for an irreducible supercuspidal representation  $\eta$  of  $\text{GL}_m(F)$ , we call a representation of  $\text{GL}_m(F) \times \cdots \times \text{GL}_m(F)$  of the form

$$\Delta := \{\eta, \eta| \cdot |_F, \dots, \eta| \cdot |_F^{r-1}\}$$

$$= \eta \otimes \eta| \cdot |_F \otimes \eta| \cdot |_F^2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \eta| \cdot |_F^{r-1}$$

a *segment* of length  $r$ . Let  $P$  be a parabolic subgroup of  $\text{GL}_n(F)$  with Levi factor

$$\text{GL}_m(F) \times \cdots \times \text{GL}_m(F).$$

The induced representation  $\text{Ind}_P^{\text{GL}_n(F)}(\Delta)$  is reducible.

**Proposition 1.8.** *Let  $\Delta$  be a segment for  $\text{GL}_n(F)$ . The induced representation  $\text{Ind}_P^G(\Delta)$  has a unique irreducible quotient  $Q(\Delta)$*

The unique irreducible quotient  $Q(\Delta)$  is called the *Langlands quotient* of the induced representation  $\text{Ind}_P^G(\Delta)$ .

**Example 1.9.** If  $n = 1 + 1 + \cdots + 1$  is a partition of  $n$  and  $\eta = | \cdot |_F^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$ , then  $P = B$ , the Borel subgroup, and

$$\Delta = | \cdot |_F^{\frac{1-n}{2}} \otimes | \cdot |_F^{\frac{3-n}{2}} \otimes \cdots \otimes | \cdot |_F^{\frac{n-1}{2}}.$$

Then  $Q(\Delta)$  is the *Steinberg representation* or the *special representation*. Here we have one segment of length  $n$ .

Two segments

$$\Delta_1 := \{\eta_1, \eta_1 | \cdot |_F, \dots, \eta_1 | \cdot |_F^{r_1-1}\}$$

$$\Delta_2 := \{\eta_2, \eta_2 | \cdot |_F, \dots, \eta_2 | \cdot |_F^{r_2-1}\}$$

are said to be *linked* if  $\Delta_1 \not\subset \Delta_2$ ,  $\Delta_2 \not\subset \Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2$  is a segment. We say that  $\Delta_1$  *precedes*  $\Delta_2$  if  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  are linked and if  $\eta_2 = \eta_1 | \cdot |_F^k$  for some positive integer  $k$ .

**Example 1.10.**  $\{\eta, \eta | \cdot |_F, \eta | \cdot |_F^2\}$  and  $\{\eta | \cdot |_F, \eta | \cdot |_F^2, \eta | \cdot |_F^3\}$  are linked and the first precedes the second.

**Proposition 1.11** (Bernstein-Zelevinski). *Given segments  $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r$  assume that for  $i < j$ ,  $\Delta_i$  does not precede  $\Delta_j$ .*

- (i) *The induced representation  $\text{Ind}_P^G(Q(\Delta_1) \otimes \dots \otimes Q(\Delta_r))$  admits a unique irreducible quotient  $Q(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r)$ .*
- (ii) *If  $\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_s$  is another collection of segments satisfying the “does not precede” condition, then  $Q(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r) \simeq Q(\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_s)$  if and only if  $r = s$  and  $\Delta'_i = \Delta_{\tau(i)}$  for some permutation  $\tau$ .*
- (iii) *Every irreducible admissible representation  $\pi$  of  $\text{GL}_n(F)$  is isomorphic to some  $Q(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r)$ .*
- (iv) *The induced representation  $\text{Ind}_P^G(Q(\Delta_1) \otimes \dots \otimes Q(\Delta_r))$  is irreducible if and only if no two of the segments  $\Delta_i$  and  $\Delta_j$  are linked.*

**Example 1.12.** The trivial representation is isomorphic to

$$Q(| \cdot |_F^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, | \cdot |_F^{\frac{n-3}{2}}, \dots, | \cdot |_F^{\frac{1-n}{2}}).$$

Here we have  $n$  segments each of which has length 1.

Denote by  $\Phi^0$  the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible finite-dimensional representations of  $W_F$ . Call a *segment* in  $\Phi^0$  any subset  $\Delta'$  of the form

$$\Delta' = \{\sigma, \sigma | \cdot |_F, \dots, \sigma | \cdot |_F^{k-1}\}$$

for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

To each segment  $\Delta'$ , define

$$\sigma(\Delta') = \sigma \oplus \sigma | \cdot |_F \oplus \dots \oplus \sigma | \cdot |_F^{k-1}.$$

Let  $V_i$  be the space of the representation  $\sigma | \cdot |_F^i$ . Define  $N(\Delta') \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} V_i)$  via  $N(\Delta')|_{V_0} = 0$  and  $N(\Delta') : V_i \rightarrow V_{i-1}$  be the identity isomorphism for  $i = 1, \dots, k-1$ , i.e.,  $N$  is of the block form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ I & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally define  $\tau(\Delta') := (\sigma(\Delta'), N(\Delta'))$  be an object in  $\Phi$ , i.e., a finite-dimensional representation of  $W'_F$ . We may denote  $\tau(\Delta')$  by  $\sigma \otimes \text{sp}(k)$

- Proposition 1.13.** (a) *The representations  $\tau(\Delta')$  of  $W'_F$  are indecomposable and mutually non-isomorphic, and each indecomposable representation of  $W'_F$  is of this form.*  
(b) *Each representation of  $W'_F$  decomposes into the direct sum  $\tau(\Delta'_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus \tau(\Delta'_r)$ . This decomposition is unique up to permutation.*

Suppose now a bijection between  $\Pi^0(\mathrm{GL}_m(F))$  and  $\Phi^0(\mathrm{GL}_m(F))$  is given for any  $m$ . Then we can obtain a bijection between  $\Pi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$  and  $\Phi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$  as follows. Let  $\pi$  be an irreducible admissible representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ . By Proposition 1.11,  $\pi \simeq Q(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r)$  for some segments  $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r$ . Suppose

$$\Delta = \{\eta, \eta| \cdot|_F, \dots, \eta| \cdot|_F^{k-1}\}$$

is a segment for some irreducible supercuspidal representation  $\eta$  of  $\mathrm{GL}_m(F)$  for some  $m$ . Then there is an irreducible  $m$ -dimensional representation  $\sigma$  of the Weil group  $W_F$  corresponding to  $\eta$ . Then we have a segment  $\Delta' = \{\sigma, \sigma| \cdot|_F, \dots, \sigma| \cdot|_F^{k-1}\}$  and an object  $\tau(\Delta') = (\sigma(\Delta'), N(\Delta'))$ . Then the direct sum

$$\tau(\Delta'_1) \oplus \tau(\Delta'_2) \oplus \cdots \oplus \tau(\Delta'_r)$$

is an  $n$ -dimensional representation of  $W'_F$ . The correspondence

$$Q(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r) \leftrightarrow \tau(\Delta_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus \tau(\Delta_r)$$

is the desired bijection between  $\Pi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$  and  $\Phi(\mathrm{GL}_n(F))$ .

**Example 1.14.** Let  $\chi$  be a character of  $F^\times$ . We also regard  $\chi$  as a one-dimensional representation of  $W_F$ . The the induced representation

$$\mathrm{Ind}_B^G(\chi| \cdot|_F^3 \otimes \chi| \cdot|_F^2 \otimes \chi| \cdot|_F \otimes \chi)$$

of  $\mathrm{GL}_4(F)$  has 8 irreducible constituents. The Langlands parameters and their corresponding representations are

$\Phi(\mathrm{GL}_4(F))$	$\Pi(\mathrm{GL}_4(F))$
$\chi  \cdot _F^3 \oplus \chi  \cdot _F^2 \oplus \chi  \cdot _F \oplus \chi$	$Q([\chi  \cdot _F^3], [\chi  \cdot _F^2], [\chi  \cdot _F], [\chi])$
$(\chi  \cdot _F^2 \otimes \mathrm{sp}(2)) \oplus \chi  \cdot _F \oplus \chi$	$Q([\chi  \cdot _F^2, \chi  \cdot _F^3], [\chi  \cdot _F], [\chi])$
$\chi  \cdot _F^3 \oplus (\chi  \cdot _F \otimes \mathrm{sp}(2)) \oplus \chi$	$Q([\chi  \cdot _F^3], [\chi  \cdot _F, \chi  \cdot _F^2], [\chi])$
$\chi  \cdot _F^3 \oplus \chi  \cdot _F^2 \oplus (\chi \otimes \mathrm{sp}(2))$	$Q([\chi  \cdot _F^3], [\chi  \cdot _F^2], [\chi, \chi  \cdot _F])$
$(\chi  \cdot _F^2 \otimes \mathrm{sp}(2)) \oplus (\chi \otimes \mathrm{sp}(2))$	$Q([\chi  \cdot _F^2, \chi  \cdot _F^3], [\chi, \chi  \cdot _F])$
$(\chi  \cdot _F \otimes \mathrm{sp}(3)) \oplus \chi$	$Q([\chi  \cdot _F, \chi  \cdot _F, \chi  \cdot _F^3], [\chi])$
$\chi  \cdot _F^3 \oplus (\chi \otimes \mathrm{sp}(3))$	$Q([\chi  \cdot _F^3], [\chi, \chi  \cdot _F, \chi  \cdot _F^2])$
$\chi \otimes \mathrm{sp}(4)$	$Q([\chi  \cdot _F, \chi  \cdot _F^2, \chi  \cdot _F^3, \chi  \cdot _F^4])$

## 2. LOCAL LANGLANDS CONJECTURE IN GENERAL

The references for this section are [Bor79], [Vog93], and [GR06].

**2.1. Representations of rational forms.** Suppose  $F$  is a nonarchimedean local field of characteristic zero,  $\bar{F}$  is an algebraic closure of  $F$ , and

$$\Gamma := \text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$$

is the Galois groups. Let  $G$  be a connected reductive algebraic group defined over  $\bar{F}$ . For simplicity we assume that  $G$  has trivial center. An  $F$ -rational structure or a rational form of  $G$  is a homomorphism

$$\sigma: \Gamma \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(G(\bar{F}))$$

compatible with the action of  $\Gamma$  on  $\bar{F}$ . In this case the group of  $F$ -rational points is the common fixed points of all the automorphisms

$$G^\sigma := G(\bar{F})^{\sigma(\Gamma)}.$$

Notice that  $G(\bar{F})$  acts by conjugation on the set of all  $F$ -rational forms of  $G$ ; the orbits, of which there are finitely many, are called *equivalence classes of rational forms*. We have

$$G^{g \cdot \sigma} = g G^\sigma g^{-1}.$$

for  $g \in G(\bar{F})$ .

We say that  $\sigma$  is *inner to*  $\sigma'$  if for each  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  the automorphism  $\sigma(\gamma)\sigma'(\gamma^{-1})$  is inner, i.e., it is given by conjugation by an element  $g_\gamma$  of  $G(\bar{F})$ . Equivalent rational forms are necessarily inner to each other. The relation of being inner therefore partitions the equivalence classes of rational forms into a finite number of pieces; each piece is called an *inner class* of rational forms. We assume that  $G$  is endowed with an inner class  $\mathcal{C}$  of rational forms.

**Example 2.1.** The odd special orthogonal group  $\text{SO}_{2n+1}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) has two rational forms, which form an inner class:

$\text{SO}(V)$	dimension of $V$	Witt index of $V$	quasi-split
$\text{SO}_{2n+1}$	$2n+1$	$n$	Yes
$\text{SO}_{2n+1}^-$	$2n+1$	$n-1$	

**Example 2.2.** The even special orthogonal group  $\text{SO}_{2n}$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) has the following rational forms and inner classes:

$\text{SO}(V)$	dimension of $V$	Witt index of $V$	quasi-split
$\text{SO}_{2n}$	$2n$	$n$	Yes
$\text{SO}_{2n}^-$	$2n$	$n-2$	
$\text{SO}'_{2n}$	$2n$	$n-1$	Yes
$\text{SO}'_{2n}$	$2n$	$n-1$	Yes

Note that in the second class, two groups are  $F$ -isomorphic even if their  $F$ -rational forms are not equivalent.

A *representation of a rational form* of  $G$  is a pair  $(\pi, \sigma)$ , with  $\sigma$  a rational form of  $G$  and  $\pi$  is an admissible representation of  $G^\sigma$ . The group  $G(\overline{F})$  acts on representations of rational forms by

$$g.(\pi, \sigma) = (\pi \circ \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}, g.\sigma).$$

We write  $\Pi(G/F)$  for the set of equivalence classes of irreducible representations of rational forms in the class  $\mathcal{C}$ . Choose a representative  $\sigma_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, r$ ) for each rational form in the inner class  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $\Pi(G/F)$  may be identified with the disjoint union of the sets of irreducible admissible representations of each of the rational forms  $G^{\sigma_i}$ :

$$\Pi(G/F) \simeq \bigsqcup_{i=1}^r \Pi(G^{\sigma_i}).$$

**2.2.  $L$ -groups.** Let  $G$  be a reductive group defined over  $F$  and let  $T$  be a maximal split torus in  $G$ . Define

$$X = X(T) := \text{Hom}(T, \text{GL}_1),$$

$$Y = Y(T) := \text{Hom}(\text{GL}_1, T).$$

Both  $X$  and  $Y$  are free abelian group of the same finite rank and there is nondegenerate pairing

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : X \times Y \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}.$$

Let  $\Delta \subset X$  be the set of roots and  $\Delta^\vee \subset Y$  be the set of coroots. The quadruple

$$\Psi := (X, \Delta, Y, \Delta^\vee)$$

is called the *root datum* associated to the group  $G$ . Let  ${}^\vee G$  be the complex points of the algebraic group whose root datum is

$$\Psi^\vee := (Y, \Delta^\vee, X, \Delta).$$

${}^\vee G$  is called the *dual group* of  $G$ .

**Example 2.3.** We have

$G$	${}^\vee G$
$\text{GL}_n$	$\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$
$\text{SL}_n$	$\text{PGL}_n(\mathbb{C})$
$\text{SO}_{2n+1}$	$\text{Sp}_{2n}(\mathbb{C})$
$\text{Sp}_{2n}$	$\text{SO}_{2n+1}(\mathbb{C})$
$\text{SO}_{2n}$	$\text{SO}_{2n}(\mathbb{C})$

The inner class  $\mathcal{C}$  of rational forms of  $G$  determines an  $L$ -group for  $G$ . This is a pro-algebraic group  ${}^L G$  endowed with a short exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow {}^\vee G \longrightarrow {}^L G \longrightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow 1$$

and a  ${}^\vee G$ -conjugacy class  $\mathcal{D}$  of *splittings*

$${}^\vee \delta: \Gamma \longrightarrow {}^\vee G$$

where  ${}^\vee \delta \in \mathcal{D}$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  includes the split form of  $G$ , then  ${}^L G$  is just the direct product  ${}^\vee G \times \Gamma$ .

Write  $W := W(\Delta, \Delta^\vee)$  for the group of automorphism of  $X^*$  generated by the various reflection  $s_\alpha$ , and  $W^\vee := W(\Delta^\vee, \Delta)$  for the group of automorphism of  $X_*$  generated by the  $s_{\alpha^\vee}$ . Then

$$W \simeq W^\vee \quad w \mapsto (w^{-1})^t.$$

This isomorphism carries  $s_\alpha$  to  $s_{\alpha^\vee}$ .

**2.3. Langlands Parameters.** Recall that the Weil-Deligne group  $W'_F := W_F \times \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ . A continuous homomorphism

$$\varphi: W_F \times \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow {}^L G$$

is called *admissible* if the following conditions are satisfied:

- $\varphi$  is a homomorphism over  $W_F$ , i.e., the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W_F \times \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & {}^L G \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ W_F & \longrightarrow & \Gamma \end{array}$$

- $\varphi(W_F)$  consists of semisimple elements of  ${}^L G$
- $\varphi|_{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})}$  is an algebraic representation.

Two admissible homomorphisms  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi'$  are *equivalent* if there is a element  $g \in {}^\vee G$  such that

$$\varphi'(t) = g\varphi(t)g^{-1}$$

for all  $t \in W_F \times \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ .

Let  $\Phi(G/F)$  denote the set of equivalence classes of admissible homomorphisms

$$\varphi: W_F \times \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow {}^L G.$$

**Conjecture 2.4** (Langlands). *Suppose  $G$  is a connected reductive algebraic group over  $\overline{F}$  endow with an inner class of  $F$ -rational forms. Then to each equivalence class  $\varphi \in \Phi(G/F)$  of Langlands parameters is associated a set of representations  $\Pi_\varphi \in \Pi(G/F)$ , called the  $L$ -packet of  $\varphi$ . This correspondence should have the following properties.*

- (1) *The sets  $\Pi_\varphi$  partition  $\Pi(G/F)$ .*

(2) If  $\sigma$  is a rational form of  $G$ , then the set

$$\Pi_\varphi(\sigma) := \{ \pi \in \Pi(G^\sigma) \mid (\pi, \sigma) \in \Pi_\varphi \}$$

is finite. If  $\sigma$  is quasi-split, it is nonempty.

(3) The following three conditions on  $\phi$  are equivalent:

- (a) some representation in  $\Pi_\varphi$  is square-integrable modulo center;
- (b) all representations in  $\Pi_\varphi$  is square-integrable modulo center;
- (c) the image of  $\varphi$  is not contained in any proper Levi subgroup of  ${}^L G$ .

**Example 2.5** (Unramified Representations). Suppose for simplicity that our fixed inner class of  $F$ -rational forms of  $G$  includes the split form. A Langlands parameter  $\varphi$  may therefore be identified with a continuous homomorphism

$$\varphi_0: W'_F \longrightarrow {}^\vee G$$

carrying  $W'_F$  to semisimple elements and  $\begin{bmatrix} \circ & * \\ \circ & \circ \end{bmatrix} \simeq \mathbb{C}$  algebraically to unipotent elements. The parameter is called *unramified* if  $\phi_0$  is trivial on  $I_F$ . An unramified Langlands parameter may be identified with a pair  $(\gamma, N)$  such that

- $\gamma := \phi_0(\text{Fr})$  is a semisimple element of  ${}^\vee G$ ;
- $N$  is a nilpotent element of  ${}^\vee \mathfrak{g} := \text{Lie}({}^\vee G)$ ; and
- $\text{Ad}_\gamma(N) = q_F N$ .

Fix  $B \supset T$  a Borel subgroup and a maximal torus defined over  $F$ . Principal series representations correspond to continuous complex characters of the group  $T^\sigma$ . The characters of  $T^\sigma$  may be identified as

$$\widehat{T}^\sigma \simeq X^*(T) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}(F^\times, \mathbb{C}^\times).$$

Here the last Hom is the group of continuous complex characters of the locally compact group  $F^\times$ . A character of  $F^\times$  is called *unramified* if it is trivial on the group  $U_F = U_F^0$ . These characters may be identified as

$$\widehat{T}_{\text{unram}}^\sigma \simeq X^*(T) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}(F^\times / U_F, \mathbb{C}^\times).$$

Because  $F^\times / U_F$  is naturally isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ , this last Hom may be identified with  $\mathbb{C}^\times$ :

$$\widehat{T}_{\text{unram}}^\sigma \simeq X^*(T) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

On the other hand, fix  ${}^\vee B \supset {}^\vee T$  a Borel subgroup and a maximal torus in  ${}^\vee G$ . Once these choices are made, the definition of the dual group provides a natural identification

$$X_*({}^\vee T) \simeq X^*(T).$$

We find that

$$\widehat{T}_{\text{unram}}^\sigma \simeq X_*({}^\vee T) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}^\times \simeq {}^\vee T.$$

That is, given our fixed choices of Borel subgroups and maximal tori, there is a natural bijection:

$$\{\text{unramified principal series representations of } G^\sigma\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{elements of } {}^\vee T\}$$

**Definition 2.6.** Suppose  $\varphi$  is a Langlands parameter. Define the *centralizer*  $Z_{\vee G}(\varphi)$  in  $\vee G$  of  $\varphi$  to be the subgroup of  $\vee G$  consisting of elements which commutes with the image of  $\varphi$ . Let  $A_\varphi$  denote the finite group  $Z_{\vee G}(\varphi)/Z_{\vee G}^0(\varphi)$  of connected components of  $Z_{\vee G}(\varphi)$ . A *complete Langlands parameter* is a pair  $(\phi, \tau)$ , with  $\phi$  a Langlands parameter and  $\tau$  an irreducible representation of  $A_\varphi$ .

**Conjecture 2.7.** *There is a natural bijection*

$$\Pi_\varphi \leftrightarrow \text{Irr}A_\varphi.$$

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