

# Applications of Hecke Algebra in the Representation Theory of Reductive Groups

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## Two questions

- Counting special unipotent representations of real reductive groups.
- Determining the theta correspondence over finite fields.
- Why discuss them in a single talk?

# Barbasch-Vogan's definition of special unipotent representation

$G$ : a real reductive group  $\rightsquigarrow$  Langlands dual  $\mathbf{G}^\vee$ .

Nilpotent orbit  $\check{\mathcal{O}}$  of  $\mathbf{G}^\vee$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$  an infinitesimal character  $\lambda_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}$

$\rightsquigarrow$  the maximal primitive ideal  $\mathcal{I}_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}$  with inf. char.  $\lambda_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}$

■ *Definition* (Barbasch-Vogan):

An irreducible  $G$ -repn. is called *special unipotent* if

$$\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})}(\pi) = \mathcal{I}_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}.$$

■  $\text{Unip}_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}(G) := \{ \text{special unipotent repn. attached to } \check{\mathcal{O}} \}.$

■  $\#\text{Unip}_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}(G) = ??$

# Examples

$$G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

- $\check{\mathcal{O}} =$  principal orbit:

$$\mathrm{Unip}_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}(G) = \{ \text{trivial repn.} \}$$

- $\check{\mathcal{O}} =$  zero orbit:

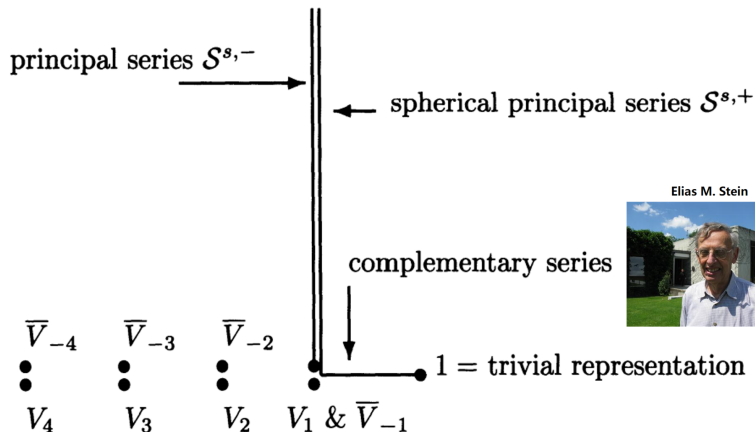
$$\mathrm{Unip}_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}(G) =$$

{ 2 limit of discrete series, a spherical principle series }

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In [17]: ▶ print(f"#Unip_(3)(SL_2(R) = {countC((3,)})")
          print(f"#Unip_(1,1,1)(SL_2(R) = {countC((1,1,1))}")
          #Unip_(3)(SL_2(R) = 1
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- <https://www.kaggle.com/hoxidema/counting-special-unipotent-repn>

# Unitary dual



Elias M. Stein



# Complex associated variety

- $\pi \in \text{Unip}_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}(G)$   
 $\iff \pi$  has inf. char.  $\lambda_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}$  and  $\text{AV}_{\mathbb{C}}(\pi) = \overline{\mathcal{O}}$
- $\text{Nil}(G_{\mathbb{C}}) \ni \mathcal{O}$   
:= the Lusztig-Spaltenstein-Barbasch-Vogan dual of  $\check{\mathcal{O}}$ .
- $\mathcal{O}$  is a *special nilpotent orbit*.
- **Question:** For  $\mathcal{O} \in \text{Nil}(G_{\mathbb{C}})$ , inf. char.  $\lambda$ ,  
 $\#\{\pi \in \text{Irr}(G) : \text{inf. char. } \pi = \lambda \text{ and } \text{AV}_{\mathbb{C}}(G) = \overline{\mathcal{O}}\} = ??$ .
- This is question also relevant if one consider non-special unipotent representations (defined by Losev, Mason-Brown, and Matvieievskiy).

# Counting irr. repr. with a fixed asso. variety (integral case)

- **Assume:** inf. char.  $\lambda$  is integral.

**Fact (Joseph):**

$\text{AV}(\text{prim. ideal w. inf. char. } \lambda) = \overline{\text{a special nilpotent orbit}}$   
Double cell  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $\text{Irr}(W) \longleftrightarrow$  the special nilpotent orbit  $\mathcal{O}$ .

- $\text{Coh}_{[\lambda]}(G)$ : the coherent continuation repr. based on  $\lambda + X^*$ .
- $W_\lambda := \{w \in W \mid w\lambda = \lambda\}$

## Theorem

If  $E_8$  is not a simple factor of  $G$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \# \{ \pi \in \text{Irr}(G) \mid \text{inf. char.} = \lambda, \text{AV}_{\mathbb{C}}(\pi) = \overline{\mathcal{O}} \} \\ &= \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{D}} \dim \tau^{W_\lambda} \cdot [\tau : \text{Coh}_{[\lambda]}(G)] \end{aligned}$$

# Counting unipotent representations

- Complex reductive groups,  $\check{\mathcal{O}}$  integral, (Barbasch-Vogan)  
 $\#\text{Unip}_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}(G) = \#$  Lusztig's canonical quotient of  $\check{\mathcal{O}}$ .  
*Assume:*  $\check{\mathcal{O}}$  has good parity
- $U(p, q)$ , (Barbasch-Vogan)  
 $\#\text{Unip}_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}(G) = \#$  real forms of its BV-dual  $\mathcal{O}$ .
- $SU(p, q)$ , restriction from that of  $U(p, q)$  or a double cover of  $U(p, q)$
- Real classical groups  
 $\#\text{Unip}_{\check{\mathcal{O}}}(G) = \#$  painted bi-partitions (BMSZ).  
**Construction:** theta correspondence
- Spin group  
very few genuine special unipotent representations.
- Exceptional group  
Atlas of Lie group



# Dual pairs over finite fields

- $F := \mathbb{F}_q$  a finite field, s.t.  $|F| = q$ .
- $(V, V')$ : a dual pair of Hermitian spaces

	$G = \mathrm{U}(V)$	$G' = \mathrm{U}(V')$	
(A)	unitary gp.	unitary gp.	
(B)	odd orthogonal gp.	“metaplectic” gp.	$p \neq 2^r$
(D)	even orthogonal gp.	symplectic gp.	
(C)	symplectic gp.	even orthogonal gp.	
( $\tilde{C}$ )	“metaplectic” gp.	odd orthogonal gp.	

- We focus on case (C) today.

# Theta lifting/Howe correspondence

- $V$  symplectic space,  $V'$  quadratic space.
- (modified) Weil representation

$$\omega_{V,V'} := \left( \mathbf{1} \boxtimes (\xi \circ \det_{V'})^{\frac{1}{2} \dim_F V} \right) \otimes \omega_{\psi, V \otimes_F V'}$$

( $\omega_{\psi, V \otimes_F V'}$ : Weil representation of  $U(V \otimes_F V')$  a la Gérardin,  
 $\xi$  the quadratic character of  $F^\times$ )

- Orthogonal gp. acts *geometrically* on the Schrödinger model.
- Compatible with the *conservation relation*.

# Theta lift functor

## Theta lift functor

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta_{V,V'} : \text{Rep}(G) &\longrightarrow \text{Rep}(G') \\ \sigma &\mapsto (\omega_{V,V'} \otimes \sigma^\vee)_G\end{aligned}$$

Srinivasan



Howe



Adams



Moy



Aubert Michel Rouquier



Pan



Liu



Wang



Gurevich



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Srinivasan, Weil representations of finite classical groups (1979)

Case (i),  $m \leq n$ .

$$(4.3) \quad \omega_{\text{unif}} = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \sum_{\substack{(T) \subset Sp_{2k} \\ T \subset SO_{2k}^{\epsilon}}} \frac{1}{|W(T)|} \sum_{\theta \in T} \epsilon \epsilon' R_T^{Sp_{2n}}(\theta \times 1) \times R_T^{SO_{2m}^{\epsilon'}}(\theta \times 1) \\ + \sum_{\substack{(T) \subset Sp_{2m} \\ T \subset SO_{2m}^{\epsilon}}} \epsilon (-1)^{n+m} \cdot \frac{2}{|W(T)|} \sum_{\theta \in T} R_T^{Sp_{2n}}(\theta) \times R_T^{SO_{2m}^{\epsilon}}(\theta).$$

# Conservation relation

- $\mathcal{V}', \tilde{\mathcal{V}}'$ : Witt towers of even dim. quadratic spaces  
 $\text{disc}(\mathcal{V}') \neq \text{disc}(\tilde{\mathcal{V}}')$

- *First occurrence index*

$$n_{V, \mathcal{V}'}(\sigma) := \min \{ \dim V' \mid \Theta_{V, V'}(\sigma) \neq 0, V' \in \mathcal{V}' \}$$

## Theorem (Conservation relation I)

If trivial repn. of  $\text{GL}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is not in the cuspidal support of  $\sigma$ , then

$$n_{V, \mathcal{V}'}(\sigma) + n_{V, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}'}(\sigma) = 2 \dim V + \delta, \quad \text{with } \delta = 2$$

- Sun-Zhu (2014):  
 $\delta = \max \{ \dim. \text{ of an anisotropic quadratic space } \}$
- Pan (2002): reduction to  $p$ -adic unip. repn. (cuspidal)
- Pan (2022): reduction to the unipotent case. (general)

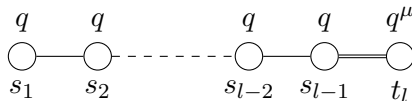


# Hekce algebra $\mathcal{H}_{l,\sigma} := \text{End}_{G_l}(\text{Ind}_{P_l}^{G_l} \sigma_l^\vee)$

- Howlett-Lehrer + Lusztig:

$\mathcal{H}_{l,\sigma} \cong$  the Hecke algebra of  $W_l$  with *unequal* parameters

- $\text{Norm}_{\text{U}(V_l)}(L_l)/L_l \cong W_l := S_l \times \{\pm 1\}^l$ .



- $\mathcal{H}_{l,\sigma} = \langle T_s \mid s = s_1, \dots, s_{l-1}, t_l \rangle$  with *Quadratic Relations*

$$(T_{s_i} + 1)(T_{s_i} - q) = 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq l-1$$

$$(T_{t_l} - C_1)(T_{t_l} - C_2) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad q^\mu = -\frac{C_1}{C_2}$$

## The operator $T_{t_l}$

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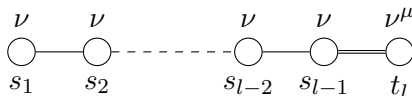
- Let  $V'$  and  $\tilde{V}'$  be the first occurrence spaces in  $\mathcal{V}'$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}'$ .
- Compute the  $T_{t_l}$ -action on  $\text{Hom}_{G_l}(\text{Ind}_{P_l}^{G_l} \sigma_l, \omega_{V_l, V'})$   
$$C_1 = \gamma_{V'} q^{\dim V + \frac{1}{2}\delta - \frac{1}{2} \dim V'}$$
$$C_2 = \gamma_{\tilde{V}'} q^{\dim V + \frac{1}{2}\delta - \frac{1}{2} \dim \tilde{V}'}$$
$$C_1 C_2 = -T_{t_l}^2(1) = -q^{\dim V + \frac{1}{2}\delta}$$
- Compare the *powers*  $\Rightarrow$  Conservation relation.

# generic Hecke algebra

- $H_{l,\mu} = \langle T_s | s = s_1, \dots, s_{l-1}, t_l \rangle$  free over  $\mathbb{Z}[\nu^{\frac{1}{2}}, \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}]$ . with *Quadratic Relations*

$$(T_{s_i} + 1)(T_{s_i} - \nu) = 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq l-1$$

$$(T_{t_l} + 1)(T_{t_l} - \nu^\mu) = 0$$





# Hecke bimodule and its deformation

*Assume:* theta-cuspidal  $\sigma \xleftrightarrow{\Theta} \text{theta-cuspidal } \sigma'$ ,

- Consider the  $\mathcal{H}_{l,\sigma} \times \mathcal{H}_{l',\sigma'}$ -module:

$$\mathcal{M} := \text{Hom}_{G_l \times G_{l'}}(\text{Ind}_{P_l}^{G_l} \sigma_l \otimes \text{Ind}_{P_{l'}}^{G_{l'}} \sigma_{l'}, \omega_{V_l, V_{l'}})$$

Tits deformation



$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{H}_{l,\sigma} \times \mathcal{H}_{l',\sigma'} & \xleftarrow{\nu=q} & \mathbf{H}_{l,\mu} \times \mathbf{H}_{l',\mu'} & \xrightarrow{\nu=1} & \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{W}_l \times \mathbf{W}_{l'}] \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{H}_{l,\sigma} \times \mathcal{H}_{l',\sigma'}) & \longleftarrow & \text{Rep}_R(\mathbf{H}_{l,\mu} \times \mathbf{H}_{l',\mu'}) & \longrightarrow & \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbf{W}_l \times \mathbf{W}_{l'}) \end{array}$$

# Main Theorem (assume $\sigma \xleftrightarrow{\Theta} \sigma'$ and theta-cuspidal)

## Theorem (M.-Qiu-Zou)

There is an  $H_{l,\mu} \times H_{l',\mu'}$ -module  $M$  (constructed explicitly) such that

- $M \otimes_R \mathbb{C}_q \cong \mathcal{M} := \text{Hom}_{G_l \times G_{l'}}(\text{Ind}_{P_l}^{G_l} \sigma_l \otimes \text{Ind}_{P_{l'}}^{G_{l'}} \sigma'_{l'}, \omega_{V_l, V_{l'}})$
- $M \otimes_R \mathbb{C}_1 \cong \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{l, l'\}} \text{Ind}_{W_{l-k} \times \Delta W_k \times W_{l'-k}}^{W_l \times W_{l'}} \mathbf{1}_{l-k} \boxtimes \varepsilon_k \boxtimes \mathbf{1}_{l'-k}.$
- Theorem + Adams-Moy  $\Rightarrow$  Aubert-Michel-Rouquier + Pan
- Theorem  $\Rightarrow$  General form of the conservation relation.
- When  $\mu = 1$ ,  $M$  has a geometric realization.

# Determine the correspondence between cuspidal reps.

- Lusztig's map  $\mathcal{E}(G, s) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(G_s^*, 1)$ .
- Unipotent cuspidal reps are rare.  
*Assume:*  $\mathcal{E}(G, s) \ni \sigma \leftrightarrow \sigma' \in \mathcal{E}(G, s')$  are cuspidal.
- $\tau_t$  is cuspidal  $\mathrm{GL}_k$  repn ( $k \neq 1$  or  $t \neq 1$ ).
- Consider  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau, \sigma} := \mathrm{End}(\mathrm{Ind}_{(\mathrm{GL}_k \times G)U}^{G_k} \tau \otimes \sigma)$ .

## Lemma

$$\mathcal{H}_{\tau, \sigma} \cong \mathcal{H}_{\tau, \sigma'}.$$

- The lemma+conservation relation  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  description of theta corr. between cuspidal reps  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  complete description of theta over finite field.
- Similar lemma holds in  $p$ -adic case.

Thank you for listening!