

Dimension in the Langlands programme

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1. The Langlands programme

Let F, k be fields.

Conjecture: There is a natural bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} n\text{-dimensional} \\ \text{representations of} \\ \text{Gal}(\overline{F}/F) \text{ over } k \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{admissible} \\ \text{representations} \\ \text{of } \text{SL}_n(F) \\ \text{over } k \end{array} \right\}$$

+ conjectures!

Examples

- $F = \mathbb{Q}$, $n = 2$: Fermat's Last Theorem.
- $n = 1$, $\text{char } k = 0$: class field theory

Cdim
canonical
dimension

$$\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

From now on, let $\text{char } k = p$, F a finite extension of the p -adic numbers $\mathbb{Q}_p$.

Fact: Every (admissible) finite-dimensional rep of $\text{SL}_n(F)$ (over k) is trivial.

Theorem (T.): Every admissible rep V of $\text{SL}_n(F)$ ($\neq \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$) has $\text{Cdim}(V) \neq 1$.

2. Canonical dimension

Proposition: Let $G (= \mathrm{SL}_n(F))$ be a p -adic Lie group. Then

- G has a compact open subgroup H , ($= \mathrm{SL}_n(\mathcal{O}_F)$) such that
- $H \supseteq H^p \supseteq H^{p^2} \supseteq \dots$ is an open neighborhood basis of the identity.

$$G = (\mathbb{Q}_p, +), \quad H = (\mathbb{Z}_p, +) \quad H^{p^n} = p^n \mathbb{Z}_p$$

Def: V is admissible if $V = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} V^{H^{p^n}}$, where each $V^U = \{v \in V \mid x \cdot v = v \ \forall x \in U\}$ is finite-dimensional over k .

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Prop/Def: As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\dim_k(V^{H^{p^n}}) \sim p^n \subset \dim(V^*)$

In fact, $\mathrm{cdim}: R\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

for Auslander-Gorenstein rings R .

Lemma: The Krull dimension

$$K(R) \leq |\{ \mathrm{cdim}(M) \mid M \in R\text{-mod} \}| - 1$$

Lemma: A rep V of G is admissible $\Leftrightarrow V^*$ is a finitely-generated module over the Iwasawa algebra

$$kH = \varprojlim_{n \geq 0} k[H/H^{p^n}]$$

Def: $\text{cdim}(M) = \dim H - \min \{j \mid \text{Ext}_{kH}^j(M, kH) \neq 0\}$

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Prop: kH has a filtration s.t. $\text{gr } kH \cong k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$,
 $(d = \dim H)$, and

$$\text{cdim}(M) = \dim V(A_M(\text{gr } M)) \subseteq A^d.$$