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- X smooth, projective curve over a field k .
- Let E be a vector bundle of rank n on X and $p \in X$ a closed point.
- A *Hecke modification of E at p* (of weight r), denoted $\alpha : E' \xrightarrow[r]{p} E$ is a vector bundle E' of rank n such that E and E' fit in the following short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E' \rightarrow E \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_p^{\oplus r} \rightarrow 0$$

where \mathcal{O}_p is the structure sheaf of the point p .

- We say E is *Hecke modified to E'* at the point p .

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- For the Hecke modification

$$0 \rightarrow E' \rightarrow E \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_p^{\oplus r} \rightarrow 0$$

we have:

- E is of rank n , then E' is of rank n .
- E is of degree d , then E' is of degree $d - r$.
- The weight r is at most n , i.e. $r \leq n$.

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- Two Hecke modifications $\alpha' : E' \xrightarrow[r]{p} E$ and $\alpha'' : E'' \xrightarrow[r]{p} E$ at a point p are *equivalent* if there exists an isomorphism $\phi : E' \rightarrow E''$ such that $\alpha' = \alpha'' \circ \phi$ i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & E' & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & E & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O}_p^{\oplus r} \longrightarrow 0 \\
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commutes.

- Denote by $\mathcal{H}_r(X, E, p)$ the set of equivalence classes of Hecke modifications of E of weight r at the point p .

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- We can consider more general short exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow E \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0$$

where G, E, F are simply coherent sheaves.

- Given a triple (G, E, F) of coherent sheaves on X , define *Hall number*

$$h_{F,G}^E := \frac{\#\{0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow E \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0\}}{\#\mathrm{Aut}(F)\#\mathrm{Aut}(G)}$$

- **Proposition** (R. Alvarenga): Let X be defined over a finite field. For a fixed $E \in \mathrm{Bun}_n X$, the Hecke modifications $[E' \rightarrow E]$ are completely determined (upto equivalence) by the hall number $h_{O_P^{\oplus r}, E'}^E$, where E' runs through all $\mathrm{Bun}_n X$.

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- One of the motivations to study Hecke modifications comes from Langlands program where one studies the action of 'Hecke operators' on 'unramified automorphic forms'.
- Let $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}_q$ be the finite field with q elements, where q is a prime power.
- X geometrically irreducible smooth projective curve defined over \mathbb{F} and denote by $\text{Bun}_n X$ the set of isomorphism classes of rank n vector bundles over X .
- **Theorem (A. Weil):** The classical (unramified) automorphic forms can be seen as complex valued functions (denoted AF_n) on $\text{Bun}_n X$.

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- Let $F := \mathbb{F}_q(X)$ be the function field of X , \mathbb{A} its adelic ring, $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}} \subset \mathbb{A}$ the ring of adelic integers.
- Weil's theorem can be stated more precisely as follows

$$\mathrm{Bun}_n X \xleftarrow{1:1} \mathrm{GL}_n F \backslash \mathrm{GL}_n \mathbb{A} / \mathrm{GL}_n \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}}.$$

- For K a coherent sheaf on X (e.g. $K = \mathcal{O}_p^{\oplus r}$) we define the *Hecke operator*

$$T_K : \mathrm{AF}_n \rightarrow \mathrm{AF}_n$$

given by

$$(T_K f)(E) := \sum_{\substack{E' \subseteq E \\ E/E' \cong K}} f(E')$$

where $f \in \mathrm{AF}_n$ is a complex valued function (automorphic form) on $\mathrm{Bun}_n X$ and E' runs over the coherent subsheaves of E in $\mathrm{Bun}_n X$.

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- **Question:** Given a vector bundle E on X , can we explicitly say what are all the Hecke modifications of E ?
- Obviously question makes sense only when we know what any vector bundle on the curve looks like!
- Recall, when $X = \mathbb{P}^1$, by Birkhoff-Grothendieck we know a vector bundle $E = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_i)$ for a unique collection of $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- For the case of X an elliptic curve, there is a classification of vector bundles on X by Atiyah.
- D. Boozer (2020) used this to describe all possible Hecke modifications of all possible rank 2 bundles over \mathbb{P}^1 and an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{C} .

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- Let $X = \mathbb{P}^1$ defined over \mathbb{C} . David Boozer showed:
 - For $m \geq 1$, the possible Hecke modifications of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(m) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ are $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(m) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)$ and $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(m-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$.
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- Let $X = \mathbb{P}^1$ defined over \mathbb{C} . David Boozer showed:
- For $m \geq 1$, the possible Hecke modifications of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(m) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ are $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(m) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)$ and $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(m-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$.
- The only possible Hecke modification for $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ is $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)$.
- Roberto Alvarenga described the possible Hecke modifications for any rank n bundle on an elliptic curve defined over a finite field.
- The case of Hecke modifications for any rank n bundle on \mathbb{P}^1 over a finite field was worked on by my Phd student Leonardo Moco for his thesis.

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Proposition: X a smooth curve, p a point in X . Given $E \in \text{Bun}_n(X)$. T.f.a.e:

- There is a flag of vector spaces of the fibre E_p

$$\{0\} = V_1 \subset V_2 \subset \cdots \subset V_\ell = E_p.$$

- There is a set of Hecke modifications of E at p with different decreasing weights

$$\{[E_i \xrightarrow[p]{r_i} E]; i = 1, \dots, \ell, E_1 = E, E_\ell = E(-p)\}$$

and morphisms of coherent sheaves $\varphi_i : E_i \rightarrow E_{i-1}$ for all $i = 1, \dots, \ell$, such that the Hecke modification $[E_i \xrightarrow[p]{r_i} E]$ factors through φ_i .

- There is a sequence of Hecke modifications of E at p

$$[E(-p) = E_\ell \xrightarrow[p]{r_{\ell-1}} E_{\ell-1} \xrightarrow[p]{r_{\ell-2}} \cdots \rightarrow E_1 \xrightarrow[p]{r_1} E].$$

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- Let $[\varphi_1 : E_1 \xrightarrow[r_1]{p_1} E]$ and $[\varphi_2 : E_2 \xrightarrow[r_2]{p_2} E]$ be Hecke modifications of E at points p_1 and p_2 respectively. The fibre product $E_1 \times_E E_2$ is a vector bundle with projection maps $[\text{pr}_1 : E_1 \times_E E_2 \rightarrow E_1]$, $[\text{pr}_2 : E_1 \times_E E_2 \rightarrow E_2]$ and $\psi := \varphi_1 \circ \text{pr}_1 = \varphi_2 \circ \text{pr}_2$ realizes Hecke modifications $[E_1 \times_E E_2 \xrightarrow[r_2]{p_2} E_1]$, $[E_1 \times_E E_2 \xrightarrow[r_1]{p_1} E_2]$ and $[E_1 \times_E E_2 \xrightarrow[(p_1, p_2)]{(r_1, r_2)} E]$ respectively.
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- We follow Gaitsgory in defining the Hecke stack:

Definition: Let $\ell, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $p \in X$ be a point and k a field. The *Hecke stack* $\mathcal{H}_n^{(p, \ell)}$ is the sheaf of groupoids which assigns to a k -scheme T , the groupoid $\mathcal{H}_n^{(p, \ell)}(T)$ classifying the following data:

- a sequence $(\mathcal{E}_0, \dots, \mathcal{E}_\ell) \in \text{Bun}_n(X \times T)$; and
- embeddings $\mathcal{E}_i \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}_{i+1}$ of coherent sheaves such that $\mathcal{E}_{i+1}/\mathcal{E}_i \in \text{Bun}_n(\{p\} \times T)$.

We can generalize this by varying p through the points of X . Consider $p : T \rightarrow X$ to be a morphism of schemes and require $\mathcal{E}_{i+1}/\mathcal{E}_i \in \text{Bun}_n(\Gamma_p)$, where Γ_p is the graph of p . More generally, we consider a sequence (p_1, \dots, p_ℓ) of morphism $p_i : T \rightarrow X$ such that $\mathcal{E}_{i+1}/\mathcal{E}_i \in \text{Bun}_n(\Gamma_{p_{i+1}})$, where $\Gamma_{p_{i+1}}$ is the graph of p_{i+1} .

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- We can now state our correspondence for stacks.

Theorem (Alvarenga, Kaur, Moco): Let $p \in X$ be a point, $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\vec{n} = (n_0, \dots, n_\ell) \in \mathbb{N}^\ell$ such that $n_0 \geq n_1 \geq \dots \geq n_\ell$. There exists a natural transformation

$$\eta : \mathcal{P}_{\vec{n}}^{(p, \ell)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_n^{(p, \ell)}$$

where $n = n_0$, given as follows: for each k -scheme T ,

$$\eta(T) : \mathcal{P}_{\vec{n}}^{(p, \ell)}(T) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_n^{(p, \ell)}(T)$$

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