

# Algebraic groups and all in characteristic p.

## o) Reminder

$\mathbb{F}$  char p field,  $G$  alg. group/ $\mathbb{F}$

$\sim \mathfrak{o}_G = \text{Lie}(G)$ ,  $\mathcal{U} := \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{o}_G)$

Last time, we introduced the  $p$  (th power) map

$X \mapsto X^{[p]}$ :  $\mathfrak{o}_G \rightarrow \mathfrak{o}_G$  w. following properties:

i) - defining property: under identification  $\mathfrak{o}_G \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Vect}(G)^G$  ( $\text{Vect}(G)$

=  $\mathcal{D}_G$  in Jay's notation),  $X^{[p]} := X^p$  as map  $\mathbb{F}[G] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}[G]$ .

ii) - functoriality: if  $\varPhi: G \rightarrow H$  is alg. group homomorphism

&  $\varphi := d\varPhi: \mathfrak{o}_G \rightarrow \mathfrak{o}_H$ , then  $\varphi(x)^{[p]} = \varphi(x^{[p]})$

Exercise: for  $G = GL_n$ , have  $X^{[p]} = X^p$  as a matrix.

iii)  $\Leftarrow$  ii) & Exercise: for  $G = GL_n$ ,  $X^{[p]} = X^p$  as a matrix.

iv)  $\dots$   $\dots$   $\dots$   $\dots$ :  $\text{ad}(X^{[p]}) = \text{ad}(X)^p$

v) easy:  $(ax)^{[p]} = a^p x^{[p]} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{F}$

Fact: in the free algebra  $\mathbb{F}\langle x, y \rangle$ , the element  $(x+y)^p - x^p - y^p$  is a Lie polynomial in  $x, y$ . Denote it by  $L(x, y)$ .

vi)  $\Leftarrow$  Fact:  $(x+y)^{[p]} = x^{[p]} + y^{[p]} + L(x, y)$

Definition : A p-Lie algebra over  $\mathbb{F}$  is a Lie algebra

together w. a p-map  $\cdot^{[p]}$  satisfying properties (iv)-(vi)

Example: An associative algebra  $A$  together w. a  $a^{[p]} := a^p$  is a p-Lie algebra.

## 1) Center & central reductions of $\mathcal{U}(g)$ .

Consider  $c: g \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ ,  $c(x) = x^p - x^{[p]}$   
 filtration deg  $p$       deg 1

Exercise: Use (iv) & (vi) to show that:

$c(x)$  is central

$$c(x+y) = c(x) + c(y).$$

+  $c$  is semilinear:  $c(ax) = a^p c(x)$ . Assume from now on:

$\mathbb{F}$  is perfect. Can twist  $\mathbb{F}$ -mult'n on  $g$  by autom  $a \mapsto a^{1/p}$  of  $\mathbb{F}$ , so  $c$  becomes  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear. Resulting space is denoted by  $g^{(1)}$  (Frobenius twist).

So have  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear  $c: g^{(1)} \rightarrow \text{center of } \mathcal{U}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{center of } \mathcal{U} \\ & \searrow c & \uparrow \\ S(g^{(1)}) & & \end{array}$$

Exercise (on PBW):  $c$  is injective & makes  $\mathcal{U}$  into free  $S(g^{(1)})$ -module w. basis  $x_1^{d_1} \dots x_n^{d_n}$  w.  $d_i \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$  (here  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is a basis in  $g$ ).

Def'n:  $c(S(g^{(1)}))$  is called the  $p$ -center.

Restricted universal enveloping:

$$\mathcal{U}^0(g) = \mathcal{U}(g) \otimes_{S(g^{(1)})} \mathbb{F} = \mathcal{U}(g)/(x^p - x^{[p]}/x \in g).$$

basis:  $x_1^{d_1} \dots x_n^{d_n}, d_i \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ .  $S(g^{(1)})$ -module on  $\mathbb{F}$  w.  $g^{(1)*} \curvearrowright$  by  $a$ .

Universal property: If  $A$  is assoc. algebra (hence  $p$ -Lie algebra), then any  $p$ -Lie algebra homom.  $g \rightarrow A$  uniquely factors

through assoc. alg. homom'm  $\mathcal{U}^0(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow A$ .

Remark\*: Full center:  $G \cap U \cong$  subalgebra  $U^G \subset U^{\mathfrak{g}}$ , which is the center.  $U^G$  is called Harish-Chandra center.  $U^G \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}[V^*]^{(W, \cdot)}$ . Under modest restrictions on  $p$  & on  $G$  have Veldkamp's thm:

$$\text{center of } U \leftarrow \xrightarrow{\sim} U^G \otimes_{S(\mathfrak{g}^{(1)})^G} S(\mathfrak{g}^{(1)})$$

## 2) Distribution algebra.

Motivation for why we care: care about rat'l rep's of  $G$ . Have forgetful functor  $\text{Rat}_{\text{fd}}(G) \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})\text{-mod}_{\text{fd}}$

fin. dim rational reps

But over  $\mathbb{F}$  (alg. closed char  $p$  field) this functor is far from equivalence. It's neither essentially surjective (one can show we land in  $\mathcal{U}^0(\mathfrak{g})\text{-mod}_{\text{fd}}$ ) nor full:

e.g.:  $G = \mathbb{G}_m$ , rep'n  $V \cong \mathbb{F}$ ,  $t \cdot v = t^p v$ , the corresp'g  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module is trivial.

Goal: replace  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  w. a diff't algebra,  $\text{Dist}(G)$ , w. "forgetful" functor  $\text{Rat}_{\text{fd}}(G) \rightarrow \text{Dist}(G)\text{-mod}_{\text{fd}}$  which is "closer" to being an equivalence. In fact,  $\mathcal{U}^0(\mathfrak{g}) \hookrightarrow \text{Dist}(G)$  & the functor  $\text{Rat}_{\text{fd}}(G) \rightarrow \text{Dist}(G)\text{-mod}_{\text{fd}}$  lifts  $\text{Rat}_{\text{fd}}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}^0(\mathfrak{g})\text{-mod}_{\text{fd}}$ .

## 2.1) Definition of $\text{Dist}(G)$ .

Setting:  $R$  commutative Noetherian ring,  $G$  affine group scheme over  $R$  (i.e.  $R[G]$  is fin. gen'd commutative Hopf algebra)

$$m = \ker E_G = \{f \in R[G] \mid f(1) = 0\}$$

$$V \in R\text{-Mod} \rightsquigarrow V^* = \text{Hom}_R(V, R)$$

(care about  $R = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}$ ).

Assume  $R[G]$  is free over  $R$ .

$R[G]^*$  is assoc. algebra w.r.t.  $\Delta^*$ , where  $\Delta: R[G] \rightarrow R[G] \otimes R[G]$ .

Definition: 1) For  $n \geq 0$ , define  $\text{Dist}_{\leq n}(G)$  as  $(R[G]/m^n)^*$   
 $\subset R[G]^*$ , the modules of distributions of order  $\leq n$ .

Note  $\text{Dist}_{\leq n}(G) \subset \text{Dist}_{\leq n+1}(G)$

2)  $\text{Dist}(G) := \bigcup_n \text{Dist}_{\leq n}(G)$ .

Claim:  $\text{Dist}(G)$  is a Hopf algebra.

Exercise:  $\text{Dist}(G) \subset R[G]^*$  is a subalgebra.

Coproduct on  $\text{Dist}(G)$ : mult'n  $\mu: R[G] \otimes R[G] \rightarrow R[G] \rightsquigarrow$   
 $\mu: R[G]/m^n \otimes R[G]/m^n \rightarrow R[G]/m^n \rightsquigarrow$   
 $\mu^*: \text{Dist}_{\leq n}(G) \longrightarrow \text{Dist}_{\leq n}(G) \otimes \text{Dist}_{\leq n}(G)$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  coproduct  $\text{Dist}(G) \rightarrow \text{Dist}(G) \otimes \text{Dist}(G)$

Exercise: Define antipode on  $\text{Dist}(G)$  and show it's a  
Hopf algebra

Exercise: (functoriality)  $\varPhi: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  alg. grp homom'

$\rightsquigarrow \varPhi^*: R[\mathcal{H}] \rightarrow R[\mathcal{C}] \rightsquigarrow \varPhi_*: \text{Dist}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Dist}(\mathcal{H})$  is a Hopf algebra homom'.

Exercise: (base change) if  $R'$  is  $R$ -algebra, then

$$\text{Dist}(G_{R'}) = R' \otimes_R \text{Dist}(G_R)$$

Connection between  $\mathcal{U}(g)$  &  $\text{Dist}(G)$

$\mathcal{U}(g) = \text{left invariant differential operators on } G$   
 $\hookrightarrow \text{End}_R(R[G])$

Define a map  $\mathcal{U}(g) \xrightarrow{\gamma} R[G]^*$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{U}(g) \rightsquigarrow$   
 $[\gamma(a)](f) = (a.f)(1)$ , im  $\gamma \subset \text{Dist}(G)$  &  $\gamma: \mathcal{U}(g) \rightarrow \text{Dist}(G)$  respects filtrations. Moreover,  $\gamma$  is alg. homom'.

Facts:

- if  $R$  is char 0 field, then  $\gamma: \mathcal{U}(g) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Dist}(G)$ .
- if  $R$  is char  $p$  field, then  $\gamma$  factors through  
 $\mathcal{U}^\circ(g) \hookrightarrow \text{Dist}(G)$

## 2.2) 1-dimensional examples.

- $G = \mathbb{G}_a$ ,  $R[G] = R[t]$ ,  $\Delta(t) = t \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t$ ,  $m = (t)$

For  $r \geq 0 \rightsquigarrow \gamma_r \in R[G]^*$ :  $\gamma_r(t^n) = \delta_{r,n}$  so  $\gamma_r \in \text{Dist}_{\leq r}(G)$

So  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r, \dots$  form a basis in  $\text{Dist}(G)$

$$\gamma_r * \gamma_s (t^n) = \gamma_r \otimes \gamma_s (\Delta(t^n)) = \gamma_r \otimes \gamma_s \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} t^i \otimes t^{n-i} \right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \binom{n}{r}, & \text{if } n=r+s \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So } \gamma_r * \gamma_s = \binom{r+s}{s} \gamma_{r+s} \Rightarrow \gamma^n = n! \gamma_n$$

$$\text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{Z}}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}} \left( \frac{\gamma_i^i}{i!} \mid i \geq 0 \right) \subset \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Q}} (\gamma^i) = \text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{Q}}).$$

infinitely generated.

- $G = G_m$ ,  $\mathbb{R}[G] = \mathbb{R}[t^{\pm 1}]$ ,  $m = (t-1)$ ,  $\Delta(t) = t \otimes t$

Define  $\beta_r \in \mathbb{R}[G]^*$  by  $\beta_r((t-1)^n) = S_{n,r}$

$\beta_i, i \geq 0$ , form ( $\mathbb{R}$ -basis) in  $\text{Dist}(G)$

$$\beta_r(t^n) = \binom{n}{r}$$

Exercise:  $\forall n \Rightarrow n! \beta_n = \beta_1(\beta_{1-1}) \dots (\beta_1 - (n-1))$  so  $\beta_n = \binom{\beta_1}{n}$

$$\text{So } \text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{Z}}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}} \left( \binom{\beta_1}{i} \mid i \geq 0 \right) \subset \mathbb{Q}[\beta_1] = \text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{Q}}).$$

### 2.3) $\text{Dist}(G)$ for s/simple $G$ .

Assume also  $G$  is simply connected, want  $\text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{Z}}) \subset \text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{Q}}) = \mathcal{U}(g_{\mathbb{Q}})$ .

Notation:  $\Pi \subset \Phi_+$  simple & positive roots

$N, T, N \subset G$ , max. unipotents & max. torus

$$\alpha \in \Phi_+ \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{G}_a^{\pm \alpha} \hookrightarrow N^\pm, \beta \in \Pi \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{G}_m^\beta \hookrightarrow T$$

$T = \prod_{\beta \in \Pi} \mathbb{G}_m^\beta$  as an alg. group,  $N^\pm = \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi_+} \mathbb{G}_a^{\pm \alpha}$  as a scheme.

Open Bruhat cell

$$\prod_{\alpha \in \Phi_+} \mathbb{G}_a^{-\alpha} \times \prod_{\beta \in \Pi} \mathbb{G}_m^\beta \times \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi_+} \mathbb{G}_a^\alpha \xleftarrow{\sim} N^- \times T \times N \subset G \quad (*)$$

contains 1.

$$G_a^{\alpha} \hookrightarrow G \hookrightarrow \text{Dist}(G_{a, \mathbb{Z}}) \hookrightarrow \text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{Z}})$$

$\downarrow$

$$\gamma_1 \longmapsto e_{\pm\alpha}$$

$$G_m^{\beta} \hookrightarrow G \hookrightarrow \text{Dist}(G_{m, \mathbb{Z}}) \hookrightarrow \text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{Z}})$$

$\downarrow$

$$\beta_1 \longmapsto \beta^v$$

(\*)  $\rightsquigarrow$  tensor product (over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ) decomp'n of  $\text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{Z}}) \rightsquigarrow$

Theorem:  $\text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{Z}}) \subset U(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  has following additive basis:

some order

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \frac{e_{-\alpha}^{R_{\alpha}}}{R_{\alpha}!} \bigcap_{\beta \in \Pi} \left( \begin{matrix} \beta \\ m_{\beta} \end{matrix} \right) \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \frac{e_{\alpha}^{n_{\alpha}}}{n_{\alpha}!}$$

where  $R_{\alpha}, n_{\alpha}, m_{\beta} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

Notation:  $e_{\alpha}^{(n)} = \frac{e_{\alpha}^n}{n!}$  (divided power)

### 3) Frobenius.

3.1) Frobenius homomorphism:  $\mathbb{F}$  perfect char p field,

$A$  fin. gen'd comm'v  $\mathbb{F}$ -algebra  $\rightsquigarrow X = \text{Spec}(A)$

Basic observation:  $f \mapsto f^p: A \rightarrow A$ , ring endomorphism. Can make it  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear if we twist  $\mathbb{F}$ -mult'n on source by  $\alpha \mapsto \alpha^{np}$  ( $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ ). Denote resulting algebra by  $A^{(1)}$ . So

$f \mapsto f^p: A^{(1)} \rightarrow A$  is an  $\mathbb{F}$ -algebra homomorphism.

$\Longleftrightarrow \text{Fr}: X \rightarrow X^{(1)}$  ( $\text{Fr}^*(f) = f^p$ )

Exercise: if  $A$  is defined over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , then  $A^{(p)} \xrightarrow{\sim} A$  isom'c as  $\mathbb{F}$ -algebras.

Suppose  $A$  is Hopf algebra. Then  $f \mapsto f^P$  is Hopf algebra homom'm. Let  $G = \text{Spec}(A)$  -alg'c group. Then

$\text{Fr}: G \rightarrow G^{(p)}$  is an alg. group homom'm.

Example:  $G = GL_n \Rightarrow G^{(p)} = GL_n$ ;  $\text{Fr}: GL_n \rightarrow GL_n$

$$\text{Fr}((a_{ij})) = (a_{ij}^P).$$

3.2) Fr vs distribution algebra.

$$\text{Fr}: G \rightarrow G^{(p)} \rightsquigarrow \text{Fr}_*: \text{Dist}(G) \rightarrow \text{Dist}(G^{(p)})$$

Example 1:  $G = \mathbb{G}_a (= G^{(p)})$ ,  $\text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{F}}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{F}}(\gamma_i)$ ,

$$\text{w. } \gamma_i(t^n) = \delta_{i,n}.$$

$$[\text{Fr}_*(\gamma_i)](t^n) = \gamma_i(\text{Fr}^*(t^n)) = \gamma_i(t^{np}) \text{ so}$$

$$\text{Fr}_*(\gamma_i) = \begin{cases} \gamma_{i/p}, & \text{if } i \text{ divisible by } p \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Example 2:  $G = \mathbb{G}_m (= G^{(p)})$   $\text{Dist}(G_{\mathbb{F}}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{F}}(\beta_i)$  w

$$\beta_i((t^{-1})^n) = \delta_{in}$$

Then

$$\text{Fr}_*(\beta_i) = \begin{cases} \beta_{i/p} & \text{if } i \text{ is divisible by } p \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Example 3:  $G$  is semi simple & simply connected

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 G_a^\alpha & \hookrightarrow & G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Dist}(G_a^\alpha) \longrightarrow \text{Dist}(G) \\
 \downarrow \text{Fr} & & \downarrow \text{Fr} & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \text{Fr}_* \qquad \downarrow \text{Fr}_* \\
 G_a^{\alpha(1)} & \hookrightarrow & G^{(1)} & & \text{Dist}(G_a^{\alpha(1)}) \longrightarrow \text{Dist}(G^{(1)}) \\
 \downarrow \text{SI} & & \downarrow \text{SI} & & \\
 G_a^\alpha & & G & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{So } \text{Fr}_* \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi_+} e_{-\alpha}^{(k_\alpha)} \prod_{\beta \in \Pi} \left( \frac{\beta^\vee}{m_\beta} \right) \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi_+} e_\alpha^{(n_\alpha)} \right) \\
 & = \begin{cases} \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi_+} e_{-\alpha}^{(k_\alpha/p)} \prod_{\beta \in \Pi} \left( \frac{\beta^\vee}{m_\beta/p} \right) \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi_+} e_\alpha^{(n_\alpha/p)} & \text{if } p \text{ divides all } k_\alpha, m_\beta, n_\alpha \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$