

§ 3.1. Galois representation

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1. Galois rep

Setting G : arbitrary topo gp e.g. G any Galois gp
 If G profinite \Rightarrow open subgps are finite index subgps.
 Δ : top field e.g. $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}, \mathbb{C}$, don't want to mention $\overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ now.

Def (cont Galois rep) $(\rho, V) \in \text{rep}_{\Delta, \text{cont}}(G)$
 $V \in \text{vect}_{\Delta} + \rho: G \longrightarrow GL(V)$ cont

∇ $\rho(G)$ can be infinite! for Gal gp
 E.g. When $\text{char } F \neq l$, we have l -adic cyclotomic character
 $\epsilon_l: \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}/\mathbb{F}_p) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_l^\times \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_l^\times \quad \sigma \mapsto \epsilon_l(\sigma)$ satisfying

$$\sigma(\zeta) = \zeta^{\epsilon_l(\sigma)} \quad \forall \zeta \in \mu_{l^\infty}$$

This is cont by def. (Take usual topo.)

Ex: Compute ϵ_l for $F = \mathbb{F}_p$.

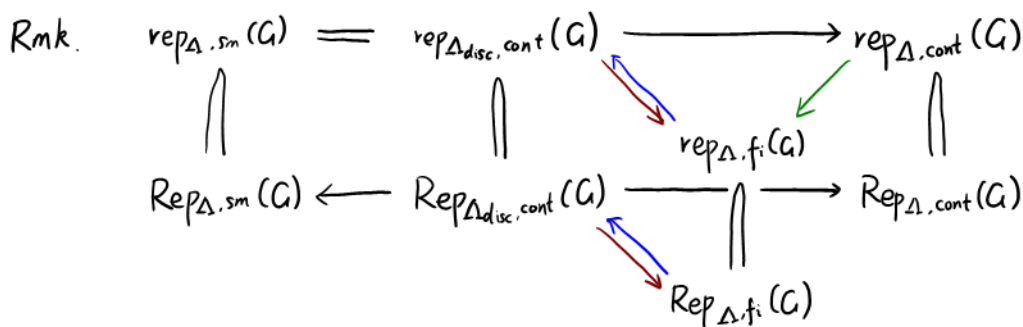
$$\text{A: } \epsilon_l: \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \cong \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}/\mathbb{F}_p) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_l^\times \quad 1 \mapsto p$$

\uparrow lift from $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_l^\times$

Notice the following two definitions don't depend on the topo of Δ .

Def (sm Galois rep) $(\rho, V) \in \text{rep}_{\Delta, \text{sm}}(G)$
 $V \in \text{vect}_{\Delta} + \rho: G \longrightarrow GL(V)$ with open stabilizer.

Def (fin image Galois rep) $(\rho, V) \in \text{rep}_{\Delta, \text{fi}}(G)$ fi: finite image / finite index
 $V \in \text{vect}_{\Delta} + \rho: G \longrightarrow GL(V)$ with finite image



- : if fin index subgps are open
- : if G : profinite gp (Only need: open \Rightarrow fin index)
- : Artin rep (of profinite gp)

Artin rep: $\Delta = (\mathbb{C}, \text{euclidean topo})$ G profinite

Lemma 1 (No small gp argument)

$\exists U \subset GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ open nbhd of 1 s.t.
 $\forall H \leq GL_n(\mathbb{C}), H \subseteq U \Rightarrow H = \{\text{Id}\}.$

Proof. Take $U = \{A \in GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid \|A - \text{Id}\| < \frac{1}{3n}\}$ $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_{\max}, \|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_{\max}$

Only need to show, $\forall A \in GL_n(\mathbb{C}), A \neq \text{Id}, \exists m \in \mathbb{N}$, s.t. $A^m \notin U$.

Consider the Jordan form of A .

Case 1. A unipotent.

Case 2. A not unipotent.

$\exists \lambda \neq 1, v \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\}$ s.t. $Av = \lambda v$. Take $m \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $|\lambda^m - 1| > \frac{1}{3}$.

$\frac{1}{3} \|v\| < |\lambda^m - 1| \|v\| = \|(A^m - \text{Id})v\| \leq n \|A^m - \text{Id}\| \|v\| \Rightarrow \|A^m - \text{Id}\| \geq \frac{1}{3n}.$

Prop. For $(\rho, V) \in \text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}, \text{cont}}(G)$, $\rho(G)$ is finite. G profinite

Proof. Take U in Lemma 1, then

$\rho^{-1}(U)$ is open $\Rightarrow \exists I \leq G_F$ finite index, $\rho(I) \subseteq U$
 $\xRightarrow{\text{Lemma 1}} \rho(I) = \{\text{Id}\}$
 $\Rightarrow \rho(G_F)$ is finite

Rmk. For Artin rep we can speak more:

1. ρ is conj to a rep valued in $GL_n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$

ρ can be viewed as cplx rep of fin gp, so ρ is semisimple.
 Since classifications of irr reps for \mathbb{C} & $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ are the same,
 every irr rep is conj to a rep valued in $GL_n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}).$

2. $\#\{\text{fin subgps in } GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \text{ of "exponent } m"\}$ is bounded, see:
<https://mathoverflow.net/questions/24764/finite-subgroups-of-gl-n-c>

2. Weil-Deligne rep

Now we work over "the skeleton of the Galois gp" in general.

Setting: Δ : NA local field with char $k_\Delta = l$

Q: What would happen if Δ is only a NA local field?

Finite field

Task: For Δ : NA local field with char $k_\Delta = l$, understand $\text{rep}_{\Delta, \text{cont}}(\hat{\mathbb{Z}})$.

Def/Prop. Let $A \in \text{GL}_n(\Delta)$, TFAE:

- ① $\hat{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(\Delta)$ is a well-defined cont gp homo
 $1 \mapsto A$
 - ② $\exists g \in \text{GL}_n(\Delta)$, $gAg^{-1} \in \text{GL}_n(\mathcal{O}_\Delta)$
 - ③ $\det(\lambda I - A) \in \mathcal{O}_\Delta[\lambda]$, with $\det A \in \mathcal{O}_\Delta^\times$
- A is called bounded in these cases.

Proof

$$\textcircled{1} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{local}]{\text{local}} \textcircled{2} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{local}]{\text{local}} \textcircled{3}$$

$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$: $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}$ is cpt, so image lies in a max cpt subgp of $\text{GL}_n(\Delta)$, which conjugates to $\text{GL}_n(\mathcal{O}_\Delta)$

https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/4461815/maximal-compact-subgroups-of-mathrmgl_2-mathbb-q-p

Another method:

Lemma 1: ρ, μ : two ways of expressions of gp action

$\rho: \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ is cont $\Rightarrow \mu: \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \times \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^n$ is cont

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow: \mu: \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \times \Delta^n \xrightarrow{\rho \times \text{Id}_{\Delta^n}} \text{GL}_n(\Delta) \times \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^n \text{ is cont.} \\ \Leftarrow? \text{ Is that true?} \end{array} \right]$$

Lemma 2: $\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2$ lattice in $\Delta^n \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_2$ lattice in Δ^n

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{L}_1 \supseteq (\mathfrak{p}^{k_1})^{\oplus n} \\ \mathcal{L}_2 \supseteq (\mathfrak{p}^{k_2})^{\oplus n} \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \# \mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_2 / \mathcal{L}_1 < +\infty \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_2 \text{ is a lattice}$$

Take $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{O}_\Delta^n \subseteq \Delta^n$, then the stabilizer

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stab}(\mathcal{L}_1) &= \{g \in \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \mid g \cdot \mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}_1\} \\ &= \{g \in \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \mid g \cdot e_i \in \mathcal{L}_1 \forall i\} \\ &= \bigcap_i \mu_{e_i}^{-1}(\mathcal{L}_1) \end{aligned}$$

is open, where

$$\mu_{e_i}: \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \Delta^n \quad g \mapsto g \cdot e_i \quad (\text{cont by Lemma 1})$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ has finite orbit
 $\xRightarrow{\text{Lemma 2}} \sum_{\mathcal{L}_i \in \mathbb{Z} \cdot \mathcal{L}} \mathcal{L}_i$ is a lattice stabilized by \mathbb{Z} .

After conjugation, $A, A^{-1} \in M^{n \times n}(\mathcal{O}_\Delta) \Rightarrow A \in GL_n(\mathcal{O}_\Delta)$

② \Rightarrow ①: w.l.o.g. $A \in GL_n(\mathcal{O}_\Delta)$. Then we get a lift

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} & \xrightarrow{\exists! \text{ cont}} & \widehat{GL_n(\mathcal{O}_\Delta)} \cong GL_n(\mathcal{O}_\Delta) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & GL_n(\mathcal{O}_\Delta) \end{array}$$

② \Rightarrow ③: Obvious

③ \Rightarrow ②:

$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} A^i \mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} A^i \mathcal{L}$ is a lattice fixed by A, A^{-1} (Lemma 2)

After conjugation, $A, A^{-1} \in M^{n \times n}(\mathcal{O}_\Delta) \Rightarrow A \in GL_n(\mathcal{O}_\Delta)$

Q: $A, B \in GL_n(\Delta)$ bounded $\Rightarrow AB$ bounded?