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Multi-fusion categories of Harish-Chandra bimodules

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Plan of the talk

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Harish-Chandra modules

$G_{\mathbb{R}}$ – real semi-simple Lie group, e.g. $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$

Harish-Chandra (1953): many questions about continuous complex representations of $G_{\mathbb{R}}$ can be reduced to pure algebra.

$\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G_{\mathbb{R}}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$, $U(\mathfrak{g})$ – universal enveloping algebra

$K \subset G_{\mathbb{R}}$ – maximal compact subgroup, e.g. $SO(n, \mathbb{R}) \subset SL(n, \mathbb{R})$

Definition

A (\mathfrak{g}, K) -module (or **Harish-Chandra module**) is a space V with actions of \mathfrak{g} and K such that

1. V is **algebraic** K -module, i.e. V is a union of finite dimensional K -modules.
2. The actions are **compatible**: \mathfrak{g} -action is K -equivariant and the differential of K -action agrees with $\text{Lie}(K) \subset \mathfrak{g}$ -action.
3. V is finitely generated $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -module.

Complex groups and bimodules

$G_{\mathbb{C}}$ – complex simply connected semi-simple Lie group, e.g. $SL(n, \mathbb{C})$

Let us consider $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ as a real Lie group

$\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G_{\mathbb{C}})$; $\text{Lie}(G_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} = \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}$

representation of $\text{Lie}(G_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \Leftrightarrow$ module over $U(\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}) = U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{g})$

$x \mapsto -x$ induces $U(\mathfrak{g}) \simeq U(\mathfrak{g})^{op}$, so $U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{g}) \simeq U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{g})^{op}$

Thus $\text{Lie}(G_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ -representation is the same as $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -bimodule

We can choose $K \subset G_{\mathbb{C}}$ such that $\text{Lie}(K) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \subset \text{Lie}(G_{\mathbb{C}}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ is the diagonal $\Delta\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}$, e.g. $K = SU(n) \subset SL(n, \mathbb{C})$

M – $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -bimodule; adjoint action: $ad(x)m := xm - mx$

$U(\mathfrak{g})$ -bimodule is algebraic if it is a union of finite dimensional \mathfrak{g} -modules with respect to the adjoint action.

Example

$U(\mathfrak{g})$ is algebraic (use PBW filtration) and $U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{g})$ is not.

Harish-Chandra bimodules

Definition

A **Harish-Chandra bimodule** over \mathfrak{g} is a finitely generated $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -bimodule which is algebraic.

Lemma

If M and N are Harish-Chandra bimodules then so is $M \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})} N$.

- The tensor product $\otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})}$ is associative
- $U(\mathfrak{g})$ is the unit for this tensor product

Thus the category \mathcal{H} of Harish-Chandra bimodules is a **tensor category**.

Remark. If M is a Harish-Chandra bimodule over \mathfrak{g} and N is (\mathfrak{g}, K) -module then $M \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})} N$ is also (\mathfrak{g}, K) -module. Thus the category \mathcal{H} **acts** on the category of (\mathfrak{g}, K) -modules.

Central characters and simple Harish-Chandra bimodules

$Z(\mathfrak{g}) \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$ center of the universal enveloping algebra

$Z(\mathfrak{g})$ acts on an irreducible \mathfrak{g} -module via central character $\chi : Z(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

${}_{\chi_1}\mathcal{H}_{\chi_2} \subset \mathcal{H}$ – full subcategory where the left $Z(\mathfrak{g})$ -action factors through χ_1 and the right $Z(\mathfrak{g})$ -action factors through χ_2

Any irreducible Harish-Chandra bimodule is contained in a unique

${}_{\chi_1}\mathcal{H}_{\chi_2} \subset \mathcal{H}$

${}_{\chi_1}\mathcal{H}_{\chi_2} \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})} {}_{\chi_3}\mathcal{H}_{\chi_4} \subset {}_{\chi_1}\mathcal{H}_{\chi_4}$ and ${}_{\chi_1}\mathcal{H}_{\chi_2} \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})} {}_{\chi_3}\mathcal{H}_{\chi_4} = 0$ unless $\chi_2 = \chi_3$

$\mathcal{H}(\chi) := {}_{\chi}\mathcal{H}_{\chi}$ is tensor subcategory of \mathcal{H}

unit object: $U(\mathfrak{g})_{\chi} := U(\mathfrak{g})/\text{Ker}(\chi)U(\mathfrak{g})$

Convention: χ is **integral regular**, e.g. $\chi = \chi_0$ trivial central character

Theorem (Bernstein-S. Gelfand, Enright, Joseph)

Irreducible bimodules in $\mathcal{H}(\chi) \leftrightarrow$ elements of the Weyl group W .

Proof uses Bernstein-Gelfand-Gelfand category \mathcal{O} .

Associated varieties

$M \in \mathcal{H}$, $M_0 \subset M$ finite dimensional subspace which generates M and which is invariant under the adjoint action

$U(\mathfrak{g})_0 \subset U(\mathfrak{g})_1 \subset \cdots \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$ PBW filtration

$M_n = U(\mathfrak{g})_n M_0 \Rightarrow$ filtration $M_0 \subset M_1 \subset \cdots \subset M$

Associated graded

$\text{gr}M$ is a finitely generated module over $\text{gr}U(\mathfrak{g}) = S^\bullet(\mathfrak{g})$

Moreover, this module is equivariant with respect to $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ -action

Let us identify $\mathfrak{g}^* = \text{Spec}(S^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}))$ with \mathfrak{g} via the Killing form

Definition

The **associated variety** $V(M)$ is the support of $\text{gr}M$ in \mathfrak{g} .

- $V(M) = V(L) \cup V(K)$ for a s.e.s. $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$
- $V(M \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})} N) \subset V(M) \cap V(N)$

Filtration by nilpotent orbits

Nilpotent orbits

$x \in \mathfrak{g}$ is **nilpotent** if $ad(x) : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ is nilpotent

Example. $x \in sl(n, \mathbb{C})$ is nilpotent $\Leftrightarrow x^n = 0$

$\mathcal{N} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ is the nilpotent cone, i.e. the set of all nilpotent elements

Dynkin+Kostant: \mathcal{N} consists of finitely many $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbits

Example. nilpotent orbits in $sl(n, \mathbb{C}) \leftrightarrow$ partitions of n

For $\mathbb{O} \subset \mathcal{N}$, $\bar{\mathbb{O}}$ is its closure; partial order: $\mathbb{O}' \leq \mathbb{O} \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O}' \subset \bar{\mathbb{O}}$

- for $M \in {}_{\chi_1} \mathcal{H}_{\chi_2}$ we have $V(M) \subset \mathcal{N}$. Moreover,

Theorem (Borho-Brylinsky, Joseph)

For irreducible $M \in \mathcal{H}$, $V(M)$ is irreducible, i.e. $V(M) = \bar{\mathbb{O}}$.

$\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\leq \mathbb{O}}$ – full subcategory of $\mathcal{H}(\chi)$ consisting of M with $V(M) \subset \bar{\mathbb{O}}$

$\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{< \mathbb{O}}$ – full subcategory of $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\leq \mathbb{O}}$ consisting of M with $V(M) \neq \bar{\mathbb{O}}$

Both $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\leq \mathbb{O}}$ and $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{< \mathbb{O}}$ are Serre subcategories

$\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\leq \mathbb{O}}$ is closed under $\otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})}$; $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{< \mathbb{O}}$ is “ideal” with respect to $\otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})}$

Cell categories

Serre quotients

We can form $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}} = \mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\leq \mathbb{O}} / \mathcal{H}(\chi)_{< \mathbb{O}}$

Tensor products $\otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})}$ descends to $\otimes : \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}} \times \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$

- it is not clear whether $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$ has a unit object
- $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$ – full subcategory of $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$ consisting of semisimple objects

Theorem (Joseph, Bezrukavnikov-Finkelberg-O, Losev)

$\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$ is closed under \otimes .

$\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$ has a unit object: let $Pr(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$ be the (finite) set of primitive ideals in $U(\mathfrak{g})_{\chi}$ with $V(U(\mathfrak{g})/I) = \bar{\mathbb{O}}$; then $\mathbf{1} = \bigoplus_{I \in Pr(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}} U(\mathfrak{g})/I$

Theorem (Bezrukavnikov-Finkelberg-O, Losev-O)

$\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$ is a multi-fusion category.

We will call $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$ cell category associated with \mathbb{O}

Tensor (=monoidal) categories

Definition (MacLane)

Tensor category: quadruple $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, a, \mathbf{1})$ where \mathcal{C} is a category, $\otimes : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is a bifunctor, $a_{X,Y,Z} : (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \simeq X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)$ is an associativity constraint, $\mathbf{1}$ is the unit object.

1. Pentagon axiom: the following diagram commutes for all $W, X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & ((W \otimes X) \otimes Y) \otimes Z & \\ & \swarrow a_{W,X,Y} \otimes \text{id}_Z & \searrow a_{W \otimes X, Y, Z} \\ (W \otimes (X \otimes Y)) \otimes Z & & (W \otimes X) \otimes (Y \otimes Z) \\ \downarrow a_{W, X \otimes Y, Z} & & \downarrow a_{W, X, Y \otimes Z} \\ W \otimes ((X \otimes Y) \otimes Z) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_W \otimes a_{X, Y, Z}} & W \otimes (X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)) \end{array}$$

2. Unit axiom: both functors $\mathbf{1} \otimes ?$ and $? \otimes \mathbf{1}$ are isomorphic to the identity functor.

Rigidity

For $X \in \mathcal{C}$ its **right dual** is $X^* \in \mathcal{C}$ together with $\text{ev}_X : X^* \otimes X \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$ and $\text{coev}_X : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow X \otimes X^*$ such that the compositions equal the identities:

$$X \xrightarrow{\text{coev}_X \otimes \text{id}_X} (X \otimes X^*) \otimes X \xrightarrow{a_{X, X^*, X}} X \otimes (X^* \otimes X) \xrightarrow{\text{id}_X \otimes \text{ev}_X} X$$

$$X^* \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{X^*} \otimes \text{coev}_X} X^* \otimes (X \otimes X^*) \xrightarrow{a_{X^*, X, X}^{-1}} (X^* \otimes X) \otimes X^* \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_X \otimes \text{id}_{X^*}} X^*$$

Definition

\mathcal{C} is **rigid** if any $X \in \mathcal{C}$ has right and left duals.

Example (s)

- $\mathcal{C} = \text{Bimod}(R)$ bimodules over a ring R : tensor product is \otimes_R , $\mathbf{1} = R$.
 $M \in \mathcal{C}$ has right dual $\Leftrightarrow M$ is f.g. projective as left R -module.
- $\mathcal{C} = \text{End}(\mathcal{A})$ functors from a category \mathcal{A} to itself; tensor product is composition, $\mathbf{1} = \text{Id}$.
 $F \in \mathcal{C}$ has a dual \Leftrightarrow adjoint of F exists.
- $\mathcal{C} = \text{Mod}(R)$ modules over a commutative ring R ; e.g. vector spaces over a field.
 $M \in \mathcal{C}$ has right dual $\Leftrightarrow M$ is f.g. projective $\Leftrightarrow M$ has left dual.

Example (continued)

4. (H. Sinh) Objects: elements of a group A ; $\text{Hom}(g, h) = \emptyset$ if $g \neq h$, $\text{Hom}(g, g) = S$ where S is an abelian group. $g \otimes h = gh$, $\alpha \otimes \beta = \alpha\beta$ for $g, h \in A$, $\alpha, \beta \in S$. Associativity constraint: $\omega_{g,h,k} \in S$ for any $g, h, k \in A$. Pentagon axiom $\Leftrightarrow \partial\omega = 1$, i.e. ω is a 3-cocycle on A with values in S . Tensor structures are parameterized by $H^3(A, S)$.

5. R – algebra over k with trivial center. Consider the category of invertible bimodules over R (morphisms are *isomorphisms* of bimodules). This category is tensor equivalent to category from (4). $A = \text{Pic}(R)$ group of isomorphism classes of invertible bimodules (= non-commutative Picard group of R); $S = k^\times$. Associator $\omega \in H^3(\text{Pic}(R), k^\times)$.

5a. $\text{Pic}(R) \supset \text{Out}(R)$: $M_\phi = R$, $(a, b) \cdot c = ac\phi(b)$.

Let $1 \neq \phi \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \subset \text{Out}(R)$, so $\phi^2 = \text{Ad}(g)$.

Exercise. (i) $\phi(g) = \pm g$; (ii) $\omega|_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \phi(g) = -g$; (iii) Let $\phi(g) = -g$. Then $M^\phi \not\cong M$ for any $M \in \text{Irr}(R)$.

$R = \mathbb{C}\langle g, x, y \rangle / (xy - yx - 1, g^2 - 1, gx + xg, gy + yg)$,

$\phi(g) = -g, \phi(x) = -y, \phi(y) = x$.

Multi-fusion categories

Definition (Etingof, Nikshych, O)

Tensor category \mathcal{C} over k is **multi-fusion** if it is rigid and semi-simple with finitely many simple objects. \mathcal{C} is **fusion** if in addition $\mathbf{1}$ is simple.

Example ($\text{char}(k)=0$)

0. Vec – finite dimensional vector spaces.
1. $\text{Rep}(A)$ – f.d. representations of finite group A .
2. Vec_A – f.d. A -graded vector spaces. Thus simple objects are $k_a, a \in A$ and $k_a \otimes k_b = k_{ab}$. Generalization: Vec_A^ω – same as Vec_A but $\omega \in H^3(A, k^\times)$ is used as the associator.
3. $\text{Bimod}(R)$ where R is semisimple, e.g. $R = k \oplus k$. $\mathbf{1} = R$ is not simple.
4. Y is a finite set with A -action. $\text{Coh}_A(Y \times Y)$ – A -equivariant vector bundles (or coherent sheaves) on $Y \times Y$. **Convolution product:**
 $F_1 * F_2 = p_{13*}(p_{12}^*(F_1) \otimes p_{23}^*(F_2))$ where $p_{ij} : Y \times Y \times Y \rightarrow Y \times Y$.

Exercise. What is the number of simple summands in $\mathbf{1} \in \text{Coh}_A(Y \times Y)$?

Module categories

The categories $\text{Coh}_A(Y \times Y)$ are not closed under the operation of taking full tensor subcategory. For example Vec_B^ω with $\omega \neq 0$ is usually not of the form $\text{Coh}_A(Y \times Y)$ but it can be found as a subcategory in a suitable $\text{Coh}_A(Y \times Y)$.

Definition

Let \mathcal{C} be a tensor category and \mathcal{M} be a category. We say that \mathcal{M} is a **module category** over \mathcal{C} (or that \mathcal{C} acts on \mathcal{M}) if we have a tensor functor $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathcal{M})$. Equivalently, we have a bifunctor $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ with associativity constraint satisfying suitable axioms.

Example

Consider $\mathcal{C} = \text{Vec}_A^\omega$. Let $B \subset A$ and $\psi \in Z^2(B, k^\times)$ be such that $\partial\psi = \omega|_B$. Then $R_B = \bigoplus_{b \in B} k_b$ acquires a structure of associative algebra in \mathcal{C} . Then $\mathcal{M}(B, \psi) = \{ \text{right } R_B\text{-modules in } \mathcal{C} \}$ is naturally a module category over \mathcal{C} . Simple objects of $\mathcal{M}(B, \psi) \leftrightarrow A/B$.

Dual categories

Convention: If \mathcal{C} is a multi-fusion category then any module category is assumed to be semisimple with finitely many simple objects.

Definition

Let \mathcal{M} be a module category over \mathcal{C} . Then $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^* := \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M})$ is called **dual category** of \mathcal{C} with respect to \mathcal{M} .

Properties (Müger+Etingof, Nikshych, O)

- $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^*$ is multi-fusion category
- $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^*$ is fusion $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is **indecomposable** module category over \mathcal{C}
- $(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^*)_{\mathcal{M}}^* \simeq \mathcal{C}$
- $\mathcal{C} \sim \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^*$ is an equivalence relation (2-Morita equivalence)
- $\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{D}$ tensor functor and \mathcal{M} is module category over \mathcal{D} . Then we have $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}^* \xrightarrow{F^*} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^*$
- let us say that F is **injective** if it is fully faithful and **surjective** if any object of \mathcal{D} is a subquotient of $F(X)$. F injective $\Leftrightarrow F^*$ surjective

Convolution with twists

Example

$\mathcal{C} = \text{Vec}_A$ and $\mathcal{M} = \bigoplus_i \mathcal{M}(B_i, 1)$.

Then $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^* = \text{Coh}_A(Y \times Y)$ where $Y = \sqcup_i A/B_i$ (so $\mathcal{M} = \text{Coh}(Y)$).

Generalization

Let $\mathcal{C} = \text{Vec}_A^\omega$ and $\mathcal{M} = \bigoplus_i \mathcal{M}(B_i, \psi_i)$. We consider $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^*$ as cohomologically twisted version of $\text{Coh}_A(Y \times Y)$.

Notation: $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^* = \text{Coh}_{A,\omega}(Y \times Y)$. Note that the information about ψ_i 's is implicitly contained in Y ; Y is **cohomologically twisted** A -set.

Lemma

Let $\mathcal{C} \subset \text{Coh}_A(Y \times Y)$ be a full multi-fusion subcategory such that $\mathcal{M} = \text{Coh}(Y)$ is indecomposable over \mathcal{C} . Then there exists a surjective functor $F : \text{Vec}_A \rightarrow \text{Vec}_A^\omega$ such that the action of Vec_A on \mathcal{M} factors through F and such that $\mathcal{C} = \text{Coh}_{A,\omega}^-(Y \times Y) = (\text{Vec}_A^\omega)_{\mathcal{M}}^ \subset (\text{Vec}_A)_{\mathcal{M}}^*$.*

Whittaker modules

Let $e \in \mathfrak{g}$ be a nilpotent element.

Jacobson-Morozov: $\exists h, f \in \mathfrak{g}$ s.t. $[h, e] = 2e$, $[h, f] = -2f$, $[e, f] = h$.

$\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}(n)$, $\mathfrak{g}(n) = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid [h, x] = nx\}$.

E.g. $e \in \mathfrak{g}(2)$ and $f \in \mathfrak{g}(-2)$.

$x, y \mapsto (e, [x, y])$ non-degenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form on $\mathfrak{g}(-1)$.

Pick a lagrangian subspace $\ell \subset \mathfrak{g}(-1)$ and set $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}_\ell = \ell \oplus \bigoplus_{i \leq -2} \mathfrak{g}(i)$.

Then $\xi(x) = (x, e)$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism $\mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

$\mathfrak{m}_\xi :=$ Lie subalgebra of $U(\mathfrak{g})$ spanned by $x - \xi(x)$, $x \in \mathfrak{m}$.

Definition (Moeglin)

We say that \mathfrak{g} -module is **Whittaker** if the action of \mathfrak{m}_ξ on it is locally nilpotent. Wh – full subcategory of Whittaker \mathfrak{g} -modules.

$\widetilde{\text{Skr}} : \text{Wh} \rightarrow \text{Vect}$, $M \mapsto \{v \in M \mid \mathfrak{m}_\xi v = 0\}$.

$U(\mathfrak{g}, e) = \text{End}(\widetilde{\text{Skr}})$ – Premet's finite W -algebra.

Skryabin (also Gan, Ginzburg and Losev): $\text{Skr} : \text{Wh} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Mod}(U(\mathfrak{g}, e))$

Remark: $U(\mathfrak{g}, e)$ does not depend on choice of $\ell \subset \mathfrak{g}(-1)$.

Action of the cell categories on Whittaker modules

Lemma

For $M \in \mathcal{H}$ and $N \in Wh$, $M \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})} N \in Wh$. Thus \mathcal{H} acts on Wh .

- Let xWh be the full subcategory of $M \in Wh$ such that $Z(\mathfrak{g})$ -action factors through a central character χ . Then $\mathcal{H}(\chi)$ acts on xWh .
- ${}^xWh^f$ – full subcategory of xWh consisting of semisimple M such that $\text{Skr}(M)$ is finite dimensional (\simeq semisimple f.d. $U(\mathfrak{g}, e)$ -modules).

Theorem (Losev)

Let $\mathbb{O} = G_{\mathbb{C}e}$. For $M \in \mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\leq \mathbb{O}}$ and $N \in {}^xWh^f$, $M \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})} N \in {}^xWh^f$.
For $M \in \mathcal{H}(\chi)_{< \mathbb{O}}$ and $N \in {}^xWh^f$, $M \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})} N = 0$. Thus the cell category $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$ acts on ${}^xWh^f$.

Let $Q = Z_{G_{\mathbb{C}}}(e, f, h)$. Then Q acts on $U(\mathfrak{g}, e)$ and on ${}^xWh^f$.

Q -action on ${}^xWh^f$ **commutes** with $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}$ -action.

$Q^0 \subset Q$ the unit component. The action of Q^0 on ${}^xWh^f$ is trivial.

Warning: this does not imply that $C(e) := Q/Q^0$ acts on ${}^xWh^f$.

Irreducible finite dimensional $U(\mathfrak{g}, e)$ -modules

Let us choose a finite subgroup $A \subset Q$ which surjects to Q/Q^0 .
Then ${}^X\text{Wh}^f$ is a module category over Vec_A .

Theorem (Losev, O)

The functor $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_\mathbb{O} \rightarrow (\text{Vec}_A)_{{}^X\text{Wh}^f}^ = \text{End}_{\text{Vec}_A}({}^X\text{Wh}^f)$ is fully faithful.*

${}^X\text{Wh}^f$ as module category over Vec_A

Y – set of isomorphism classes of irreducible f.d. $U(\mathfrak{g}, e)$ -modules.
 A acts on Y ; moreover we have data of cohomologically twisted A -set.
Thus $(\text{Vec}_A)_{{}^X\text{Wh}^f}^* = \text{Coh}_A(Y \times Y)$ and $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_\mathbb{O} \subset \text{Coh}_A(Y \times Y)$

Corollary

There is a quotient \bar{A} of A and $\omega \in H^3(\bar{A}, \mathbb{C}^\times)$ such that the action of Vec_A on ${}^X\text{Wh}^f$ factors through tensor functor $\text{Vec}_A \rightarrow \text{Vec}_{\bar{A}}^\omega$ and the action on ${}^X\text{Wh}^f$ induces tensor equivalence $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_\mathbb{O} \simeq \text{Coh}_{\bar{A}, \omega}(Y \times Y)$.

Complements

- $\mathcal{H}(\chi)_\mathbb{O} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$ the nilpotent orbit \mathbb{O} is **special** in the sense of Lusztig.
- The quotient map $A \rightarrow \bar{A}$ factorizes through $A \subset Q \rightarrow Q/Q^0 = C(e)$. \bar{A} is **Lusztig's quotient** of $C(e)$ (defined for any special nilpotent orbit).
- Irr. summands of $\mathbf{1} \in \mathcal{H}(\chi)_\mathbb{O} \leftrightarrow$ primitive ideals I with $V(U(\mathfrak{g})/I) = \bar{\mathbb{O}}$.
- Irr. summands of $\mathbf{1} \in \text{Coh}_{\bar{A}, \omega}(Y \times Y) \leftrightarrow \bar{A}$ -orbits (= Q -orbits) in Y . Hence irreducible f.d. $U(\mathfrak{g}, e)_\chi$ -modules which give rise to the same primitive ideal are Q -conjugated (Losev).
- Recall that irreducible objects of $\mathcal{H}(\chi) \leftrightarrow W$. It follows from Joseph's irreducibility theorem that $\text{Irr}(\mathcal{H}(\chi)) = \sqcup_{\mathbb{O}} \text{Irr}(\mathcal{H}(\chi)_\mathbb{O})$. Hence we have a partition of W indexed by special nilpotent orbits. This is known to coincide with partition into **Kazhdan-Lusztig two sided cells**. Each two sided cell is in turn partitioned into left cells and into right cells. This corresponds to partitions $\text{Irr}(\mathcal{C}) = \sqcup_i \mathbf{1}_i \otimes \text{Irr}(\mathcal{C}) = \sqcup_i \text{Irr}(\mathcal{C}) \otimes \mathbf{1}_i$ where $\mathbf{1} = \oplus_i \mathbf{1}_i$ which holds for any multi-fusion category \mathcal{C} .
- $Y = \sqcup_i \bar{A}/B_i$ where $B_i \subset \bar{A}$ is well-defined up to conjugacy. These are **Lusztig's subgroups** attached to any left cell.

• $\bigoplus_{\mathbb{O}} K(\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}}) =: J$ is known to be **asymptotic Hecke algebra** (Lusztig).
Lusztig's isomorphism: $J \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \simeq \mathbb{Q}[W]$. Thus any \mathbb{Q} -module over $K(\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}})$ gives rise to a W -module. For example $K(\mathcal{H}(\chi)_{\mathbb{O}} \otimes \mathbf{1}_i) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ is **constructible representation** attached to a left cell.

Also $K(\text{Coh}(Y))$ is a module over $K(\text{Coh}_{\bar{A}, \omega}(Y \times Y))$

Dodd: there is $W \times C(e)$ -equivariant embedding of $K(\text{Coh}(Y)) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ into **Springer representation** $H^{\text{top}}(\mathcal{B}_e)$.

- The 3-cocycle $\omega \in H^3(\bar{A}, \mathbb{C}^{\times})$ is almost always zero. $\omega \neq 0$ iff the corresponding two sided cell is **exceptional**. This happens only in types E_7 and E_8 ; in this case $\bar{A} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Proof requires theory of **character sheaves**.
- Assume that $\omega = 0$. Then ${}^x\text{Wh}^f = \bigoplus_i \mathcal{M}(B_i, \psi_i)$. It can be shown that the cocycles ψ_i are all trivial.
- There is a conjectural description (Losev, O) of what happens in the case of χ which is no longer integral. The calculations suggest that in this case nontrivial 2-cocycles show up often.
- Further results: Losev gave formulas for dimensions of irreducible modules in ${}^x\text{Wh}^f$ and proved that they coincide with **Goldie ranks** of quotients by primitive ideas.

Derived convolution

F – algebraically closed field (possibly of positive characteristic)

X – algebraic variety over F

Sheaves on X form a category over field k :

(a) D -modules: $\text{char}(F)=0$, $k = F$

(b) perverse constructible sheaves in classical topology: $F = \mathbb{C}$, any k

(c) perverse constructible ℓ -adic sheaves: $\ell \neq 0$ in F , $k = \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$

G – semisimple group over F of the same Dynkin type as \mathfrak{g}

\mathcal{B} – **flag variety** of G ($\mathcal{B} = G/B$ where B is a Borel subgroup)

Simple G -equivariant sheaves on $\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B} \leftrightarrow G$ -orbits on $\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B} \xleftrightarrow{\text{Bruhat}} W$;
 $w \leftrightarrow I_w$

Convolution $*$: $F_1 * F_2 = p_{13*}(p_{12}^*(F_1) \otimes p_{23}^*(F_2))$ (use derived categories!)

Decomposition Theorem (Beilinson, Bernstein, Deligne and Gabber) \Rightarrow

$$I_u * I_v \simeq \bigoplus_{w,i} I_w[i] n_{u,v}^w(i)$$

$C_u C_v = \sum_{w,i} n_{u,v}^w(i) t^i C_w$ – Hecke algebra (over $\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}]$) with

Kazhdan-Lusztig basis

Asymptotic Hecke algebra and truncated convolution

$a(w) = \max\{i \mid n_{u,v}^w(i) \neq 0 \text{ for some } u, v\}$ – Lusztig's a -function
 $t_u t_v = \sum_w n_{u,v}^w(a(w)) t_w$ – Lusztig's asymptotic Hecke algebra J (over \mathbb{Z})
Lusztig: J is associative with unit; $J \otimes \mathbb{Q} \simeq \mathbb{Q}[W]$
 $J = \bigoplus_C J_C$ – sum over two sided cells in W ; $a|_C = \text{const} =: a(C)$

Multi-fusion category \mathcal{J}_C : simple objects $I_w, w \in C$
truncated convolution: $I_u \bullet I_v := \bigoplus_{w \in C} I_w^{n_{u,v}^w(a(C))}$

Beilinson-Bernstein: D -modules on $\mathcal{B} \simeq \mathfrak{g}$ -modules with central character χ_0 .

Corollary: G -equivariant D -modules on $\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B} \simeq \mathcal{H}(\chi_0)$.

Beilinson-Ginzburg: we can change equivalence above and make it tensor

Corollary (Bezrukavnikov, Finkelberg, O): D -module version of $\mathcal{J}_C \simeq \mathcal{H}_0$.

Theorem (Bezrukavnikov, Finkelberg, O): $\mathcal{J}_C \simeq \text{Coh}_{\bar{A}, \omega}(Y \times Y)$ for any F .

Character sheaves and Drinfeld center

G -equivariant sheaves on $\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B} = B \times B$ -equivariant sheaves on G
Such sheaves are $\Delta(B)$ -equivariant = $Ad(B)$ -equivariant
 $\Gamma_B^G : Ad(B)$ -equivariant sheaves $\rightarrow Ad(G)$ -equivariant sheaves
Simple constituents of $\Gamma_B^G(I_w) =:$ (unipotent) **character sheaves** (Lusztig)

\mathcal{C} – tensor category \Rightarrow **Drinfeld center** $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$:

Objects of $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) =$ pairs (X, ϕ) where $\phi : X \otimes ? \simeq ? \otimes X$

Müger, O: $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^*) \simeq \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ for a multi-fusion category \mathcal{C}

Example: $\mathcal{Z}(\text{Coh}_{\bar{A}, \omega}(Y \times Y)) \simeq \mathcal{Z}(\text{Vec}_{\bar{A}}^{\omega})$ – (twisted) Drinfeld double

Observation: the functor Γ_B^G is formally similar to functor $I : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$

Bezrukavnikov, Finkelberg, O: using D -modules (so $\text{char}(F) = 0$)

Ben-Zvi, Nadler: in the setting of infinity categories

Lusztig: using mixed sheaves (for any F)

Corollary: unipotent character sheaves $\leftrightarrow \sqcup_{\mathbb{O}} \text{Irr}(\mathcal{Z}(\text{Vec}_{\bar{A}}))$.

Coxeter groups

W – finite crystallographic Coxeter group
What about more general Coxeter groups?

W – affine Weyl group

Lusztig: two sided cells in $W \leftrightarrow$ nilpotent orbit in \mathfrak{g}

Bezrukavnikov, O: $\mathcal{J}_C \simeq \text{Coh}_Q(Y \times Y)$ (recall $Q = Z_{G_C}(e, f, h)$)

Bezrukavnikov, Mirković: interpretation of the set Y in terms of **unrestricted** representations of \mathfrak{g} in positive characteristic

W – infinite crystallographic group

Lusztig: category \mathcal{J}_C makes sense; however

- infinite number of simple objects
- **1** might be “infinite direct sum”

Soergel+Elias, Williamson+Lusztig: \mathcal{J}_C makes sense for any W !

- rigidity is not known; usually \mathcal{J}_C is **not** a convolution category

Thanks for listening!