

# Satake, Weyl character formula, MacDonal summary: Part 1.

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$F$  is a  $p$ -adic field.

$G$  is a split connected reductive group over  $F$ .  $G = G(F)$

“Spherical part of the spectrum of  $G(F)$ ”.

**Analogy.** Fourier transform on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

From  $f$ , a function on  $\mathbb{R}$  (Schwarz, ...) we get  $\hat{f}$  on  $\hat{\mathbb{R}} \cong \mathbb{R}$  (the isomorphism isn't canonical), where  $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$  is  $\{\psi_x : \psi_x(y) = e^{2\pi ixy} | x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$$\text{(Fourier inversion)} \quad f(x) = (\text{constant}) \int_{\hat{\mathbb{R}}} \hat{f}(\Psi) \overline{\Psi(x)} \, d\psi.$$

Important:  $d\psi$  is a measure on  $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ , what allows us to compute it is that  $dx = d\psi$ .

$\hat{f}(\psi_x) =$  "Fourier coefficient of  $f$  at  $x$ "

Our group is  $G(F)$ , the analogy gives all (unitary?) reps of  $G(F)$ , too complicated. If we look at the smaller subset of spherical representations, i.e.  $\pi$  having a  $K$ -fixed vector ( $K = G(\mathcal{O}_F)$ ). This smaller subset has a 1-1 correspondence with bi- $K$ -invariant functions, which we expect to be "orthogonal" to the part of the spectrum without fixed vectors. (Not quite true, but true replacing  $K$  by  $I$ )

What is true : We can recover such a function  $f$  from its "Fourier coefficients" at spherical representations (= Satake transform of  $f$ ).

$$f \in \mathcal{H}(G//K) \rightarrow S(f)(\pi) = \int_G f(g) (\text{matrix coeff of } \pi) dg = \hat{f}(\pi).$$

Know : Spherical representations :  $\pi = \text{ind}_B^G(| \cdot |_F^{s_1} \times \cdots \times | \cdot |_F^{s_n})$ ,  $s_i \in \mathbb{C}$ . Here  $\text{ind} = \text{Ind}() \otimes \delta_B^{-1/2}$ . When this is reducible, has a unique spherical subquotient (by rearranging  $\{s_i\}$ , can force it to be a quotient).

Let  $(z_i = |\varpi|^{s_i}) \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n/W$ , identify  $\pi$  as  $\pi_{(z_1, \dots, z_n)}$ .

For Fourier transform of bi- $K$ -invariant function can be found just with the spherical part of representations via Satake transform, because it's an isomorphism, don't need the rest of reps !

So  $S(f)$  is a function on  $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^n/W \leftrightarrow W$ -invariant functions on  $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$ , it is actually regular ! (i.e.  $W$ -invariant polynomial in  $z_i^{\pm 1}$ ).

We got our formula  $S(f)(\pi_z) = \int_G f(g)E_z(g) g$

$z \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n/W$ ,  $E_z(g)$  is a bi- $K$ -invariant matrix coefficient such that  $E_z(1) = 1$ , it is a spherical function.

If we believe that  $S(f)$  is a polynomial in  $z_i^{\pm 1}$ , get  $S(f) \in \mathbb{C}[\hat{T}/W]$ ,  $\hat{T} =$  Langlands dual torus of  $T \subset G$  i.e.  $\mathbf{X}^*(\hat{T}) = \mathbf{X}_*(T)$ .

$T(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbf{X}_*(\hat{T}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C} = \mathbf{X}^*(T) \otimes \mathbb{C}$ .

## Relation to Langlands

(packets of) representations of  $G(F)$  have a correspondence with Langlands parameters  $\sigma : \text{Weyl-Deligne group of } F \rightarrow {}^L G$ . For spherical : "Deligne" is not relevant. Weil group of  $F$ .

$$1 \rightarrow I_F \rightarrow \text{Gal}(\overline{F}/F) \rightarrow \langle \text{Frob} \rangle \rightarrow 1.$$

$W_{F \subset \mathbb{C}}$

The term on the right is the Galois group of a maximal unramified extension. "Unramified" here can be seen as  $\sigma|_{I_F} = 1$ .

$T \subset G \leftrightarrow (\mathbf{X}^*(T), \phi, \mathbf{X}_*(T), \phi^\vee)$ . The group  ${}^L G(\mathbb{C})$  is a complex Lie group with max torus  $\hat{T}$ , root system  $\phi^\vee$ .  $\sigma(\text{Frob}) \in \hat{T}(\mathbb{C})/W$ .

**Theorem.** Satake transform is an isomorphism  $\mathcal{H}(G//K) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[\hat{T}/W]$ .

Thomas proved surjectivity.

Injectivity : closely related to "Plancherel formula".(

On  $G : (f_1, f_2) = \int_G f_1(g)\overline{f_2(g)}dg = \int_{R(G)} \hat{f}_1 \overbrace{\hat{f}_2^\vee}^{=f_2(\tilde{\pi})} d\pi$  ( $\tilde{\pi}$  is the contragredient rep). Plancherel measure on  $\mathbf{R}(G) =$  space of unitary reps of  $G$ .

The Plancherel measure on  $\hat{T}(\mathbb{C})/W$  would give  $f_{1,2} \in \mathcal{H}(G//K)$ ,  $(f_1, f_2) = \int_{\hat{T}/W} S(f_1)\overline{S(f_2)} d\mu^{\text{Pl}}(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ .

**Question.** Plancherel measure on  $\hat{T}(\mathbb{C})/W$ ?

The algebra  $\mathbb{C}[\hat{T}/W] \cong \mathbb{C}[\underbrace{\mathbf{X}^*(\hat{T})}_{\text{lattice}}]$  :

- Natural generators (as an algebra):

$\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n$  = “elementary symmetric polynomials” (they can be seen as the characters of irreducible representations corresponding to the fundamental weights).

- Bases as  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space (=  $W$ -invariant polynomial functions on  $\hat{T}(\mathbb{C}) = (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$ ).

One natural basis :  $\mu \in \mathbf{X}^*(\hat{T}) \rightarrow e^\mu$ , a formal symbol. Elements of  $\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}^*(\hat{T})]$  (convolution ring, with this notation it is product of polynomials) are of the form  $\sum_\mu c_\mu e^\mu : t \mapsto \sum c_\mu \mu(t)$  (finitely many nonzero terms).

- The first natural basis for  $\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{X}^*(T)]^W$  is  $\sum_{\mu \in W(\lambda)} e^\mu$ , where  $W(\lambda)$  is the orbit of  $\lambda$  under  $W$ .
- The second basis :  $\tau_\lambda$  = character of an irreducible representation of  ${}^L G$  of highest weight.

- $S(f_\mu)$ ,  $f_\mu$  character function of  $K \begin{pmatrix} \varpi^{\mu_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \varpi^{\mu_n} \end{pmatrix} K$  (double coset corresponding to  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) \in \mathbf{X}_*(T) = \mathbf{X}^*(\hat{T})$ ).

Macdonald’s formula gives a way to give a change of basis from  $\{S(f_\mu)\}$  to  $\{\tau_\mu\}$ .