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## Lecture $p$ -adic Representation Theory

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**Aufgabe. 5.2**(Iwahori decomposition and Haar measure, [BH, Exercise 7.6] )

1. Let  $C$  be the set  $\bar{N}TN$ . Show that  $C$  is open and dense in  $G$  and that  $\bar{N} \times T \times N \rightarrow C, (\bar{n}, t, n) \mapsto \bar{n}tn$ , is a homeomorphism.
2. Let  $dg$  be a Haar measure on  $G$ . Show that there are Haar measures  $dn, d\bar{n}$  and  $dt$  on  $N, \bar{N}$  and  $T$ , respectively, such that for all  $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$

$$\int_G f dg = \int_{\bar{N}} \int_T \int_N \delta_B^{-1}(t) f(\bar{n}tn) dndtd\bar{n}. \quad (1)$$

Note that we take as a definition of the modular character of  $B$ :  $\delta_B(b) = (b^{-1}Jb : J)$  for any compact open subgroup  $J$  of  $N$  and any  $b \in B$ . In particular this gives  $\int_B f(bb')db = \delta_B(b')^{-1} \int_B f(b)db$ . This is the way Bushnell and Henniart choose the modular character.

**Solution:**

1. At first we obtain that  $C$  is open, because  $C = G \setminus wB$  where  $w$  is the anti-diagonal matrix with entries 1 in the anti-diagonal. For the homeomorphism property it is enough to show that all products  $\bar{N}_i T_i t N_i$  are open in  $G$  for every  $t \in T$ . Here  $N_i$  is the intersection of  $N$  with  $K_i := 1 + M_2(\mathfrak{p}_F)$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , similar for  $T_i$  and  $\bar{N}_i$ . In fact the set  $\bar{N}_i T_i t N_i$  is a union of sets of the form  $\bar{n}_j (K_i \cap t K_i t^{-1}) n_j t$  and thus it is open in  $\bar{N}TN$ . For the density: It is enough to show that  $w$  is in the closure of  $C$ . But this is the case, because

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \pi_F^{-i} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \pi_F^i & 1 \\ 0 & -\pi_F^{-i} + \pi_F^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi_F^i & 1 \\ 1 & \pi_F^i \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. We write  $\mu$  for the Haar measure  $dg$  on  $G$ . Recall that  $\mu$  is a non-trivial  $G$ -left invariant Radon measure on  $G$ . Let  $\tilde{\mu}$  be the Radon measure on  $G \setminus C$  which is the push forward of the product of measure  $d\bar{n} \times \delta_B^{-1}(t)dt \times dn$ , where  $d\bar{n}, dt, dn$  are chosen Haar measures. Then by Fubini (Note that the measures are locally finite, so we can apply Fubini) we have

$$\int_{G \setminus C} f d\tilde{\mu} = \int_{\bar{N}} \int_T \int_N \delta_B^{-1}(t) f(\bar{n}tn) dndtd\bar{n}.$$

for every  $\tilde{\mu}$ -integrable function of  $G \setminus C$ . We have to show:

- (a) We can choose  $d\bar{n}, dt, dn$  such that  $\mu$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$  agree on the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $G \setminus C$ .
- (b)  $\mu(B) = 0, B = TN$ .

At first we choose  $d\bar{n}, dt, dn$  such that  $\bar{N}_1, T_1, N_1$  have measure 1. And we can assume without loss of generality that  $K_1$  has measure 1. The measures  $\mu$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$  are Radon measures and  $G \setminus C$  has a countable base. So the measures are outer regular (see Elstrodt, Maß- und Intergrationstheorie, Chapter 14, Satz 1.9 and Definition 1.7) and it is enough to show that the measures agree in enough open (compact open) sets. Both measures agree on  $K_1$  and by the bijection

$$K_1/K_i \rightarrow \bar{N}_1/\bar{N}_i \times T/T_i \times N_1/N_i$$

which maps  $\bar{n}tnK_i$  to  $(\bar{n}\bar{N}_i, tT_i, nN_i)$  (Here you need the normality of  $K_i$  in  $K_1$  and the Iwahori decomposition.) we obtain that both measures also agree on  $K_i$  for all positive integers  $i$ . Take  $t \in T$ . Then  $K_i$  is a disjoint union of sets of the form  $\bar{n}(K_i \cap tK_it^{-1})n$ . Further  $\mu$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$  are  $\bar{N}$ -left and  $N$ -right invariant ( $G$  is unimodular.). So  $\mu$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$  agree on  $K_i \cap tK_it^{-1}$ . Suppose we have shown that  $\tilde{\mu}$  is  $T$ -right invariant, then for  $\bar{n}, t, n$  and  $i$  we have

$$\tilde{\mu}(\bar{n}\bar{N}_iT_itN_in) = \tilde{\mu}(\bar{N}_iT_itN_it^{-1}).$$

which is the disjoint union of sets of the form  $\bar{n}_j(K_i \cap tK_it^{-1})n_j$ , and we know already that both measures agree on the latter. So they agree on  $\bar{n}\bar{N}_iT_itN_in$  and a combinatoric argument shows that both measures agree on a collection of open sets which have the property that every open subset of  $G \setminus C$  is an increasing countable union of a family of them. So the measures agree on the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $G \setminus C$  by outer regularity. The  $T$ -right invariance of  $\tilde{\mu}$  is obtained, by Fubini, noting that  $\delta_B, \delta_B(x) := (x^{-1}N_1x : N_1), x \in B$ , is the modular character of any left Haar measure of  $B$ . (Note  $dt dn$  defines a non-trivial  $B$ -left-invariant Radon measure on  $B$ , i.e. a left Haar measure, and thus  $dt dn \delta_B^{-1}$  is a right Haar measure on  $B$ .)

Now we only need to show that  $B$  and therefore  $wB$  is a zero set:

$$\mu(B) = \int_{\{1_{\bar{N}}\}} \int_T \int_N \delta_B(t)^{-1} dn dt d\bar{n} = 0$$

because  $\{1_{\bar{N}}\}$  is a zero set of  $\bar{N}$ .

**Aufgabe. 6.2**(Mackey's irreducibility criteria) Let  $G$  be a second countable locally profinite group and  $H$  be an open subgroup of  $G$ , such that for all  $g \in G$  the space  $(H \cap gHg^{-1}) \setminus H$  is finite. (For example the condition on  $H$  is satisfied if  $H$  is open contains the center  $Z$  of  $G$  and is compact mod  $Z$ .)

Then the following assertions are equivalent for a smooth irreducible representation  $(\sigma, W)$  of  $H$ .

1.  $\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma$  is irreducible.
2. The intertwining of  $\sigma$  in  $G$  is equal to  $H$ .
3.  $\text{End}_G(\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma) \cong \mathbb{C}$ .

**Solution:**

- 1.  $\Rightarrow$  3.: If  $\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma$  is irreducible then  $\text{End}_G(\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma) \cong \mathbb{C}$  by Schur.
- 3.  $\Leftrightarrow$  2.: We use the following Mackey-decomposition (Proposition 48):

$$\text{Res}_H^G(\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma) \cong \bigoplus_{H \setminus G/H} \text{c-Ind}_{H \cap {}^g H}^H \text{Res}_{H \cap {}^g H}^{{}^g H} {}^g \sigma,$$

and the second Frobenius reciprocity, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{End}_G(\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma) &\cong \text{Hom}_H(\sigma, \text{Res}_H^G \text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_H(\sigma, \bigoplus_{H \setminus G/H} \text{c-Ind}_{H \cap {}^g H}^H \text{Res}_{H \cap {}^g H}^{{}^g H} {}^g \sigma) \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{H \setminus G/H} \text{Hom}_H(\sigma, \text{c-Ind}_{H \cap {}^g H}^H \text{Res}_{H \cap {}^g H}^{{}^g H} {}^g \sigma), \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{H \setminus G/H} \text{Hom}_H(\sigma, \text{Ind}_{H \cap {}^g H}^H \text{Res}_{H \cap {}^g H}^{{}^g H} {}^g \sigma), \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{H \setminus G/H} \text{Hom}_{H \cap {}^g H}(\text{Res}_{H \cap {}^g H}^H \sigma, \text{Res}_{H \cap {}^g H}^{{}^g H} {}^g \sigma), \end{aligned}$$

where the 3rd isomorphism exists, since  $\sigma$  is of finite type, because it is irreducible, and the replacement from compact induction to induction in the 4th line was possible, since  $(H \cap {}^g H) \setminus H$  is finite. Thus  $\text{End}_G(\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma) \cong \mathbb{C}$  if and only if there is only one non-zero summand on the right side. The summand for the double coset  $H$  is one dimensional by Schur's Lemma, and the summand for the double coset  $HgH$  is non-zero if and only if  $g$  intertwines  $\sigma$ .

- 3.  $\Rightarrow$  1.: Suppose that  $\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma$  is not irreducible, say  $\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma$  has a proper subrepresentation  $\tau$ . Let  $f_0$  be a non-zero element of  $\tau$ . The  $H$ -representation  $\delta := \mathcal{H}(H)f_0$  is the subrepresentation of  $\text{Res}_H^G \tau$  generated by  $f_0$ . The finiteness condition implies that there are finitely many right cosets of  $H$ , say  $Hg_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , such that every element of  $\delta$  has support in  $\bigcup_i Hg_i$ . ( $H \setminus HgH$  is finite because  $(H \cap g^{-1}Hg) \setminus H$  is finite.) We can suppose without generality that  $H$  is in the support of  $f_0$ , otherwise replace  $f_0$  by a  $G$ -conjugate of  $f_0$ .

Claim: The action of  $H$  on  $\delta$  is semisimple. By Lemma 1 below it is enough to show that  $\text{Res}_{H'}^H \delta$  is semisimple for  $H' := \bigcap_i g_i^{-1}Hg_i$ , because the index of  $H'$  in  $H$  is finite. Consider  $g = g_i$  for some  $i$ , and let  $\text{Ind}_{Hg} \sigma$  be the set of elements of  $\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma$  with support in  $Hg$ . We consider  $\text{Ind}_{Hg} \sigma$  as a subrepresentation of  $\text{Res}_{H'}^G \text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma$ . The  $H'$ -representation  $\text{Ind}_{Hg} \sigma$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Res}_{H'}^{g^{-1}Hg}(\sigma^g)$  by the map which sends  $f$  to  $f(g)$ . The representation  $\sigma^g$  is irreducible and thus semisimple. Thus  $\text{Res}_{H'}^{g^{-1}Hg} \sigma^g$  is semisimple by Lemma 1 and thus  $\text{Ind}_{Hg} \sigma$  is semisimple.

We let  $g$  vary and we see that  $\text{Res}_{H'}^H \delta$  is semisimple as a subrepresentation of  $\bigoplus_i \text{Ind}_{Hg_i} \sigma$ . Thus by Lemma 1 the representation  $\delta$  is semisimple.

Claim:  $\sigma$  is a subrepresentation of  $\delta$ . This follows easily because the image of the  $H$ -morphism

$$f \in \delta \mapsto f(1)$$

is non-zero, because  $H$  is a subset of the support of  $f_0$ . Thus this morphism is surjective by the irreducibility of  $\sigma$ , and the semisimplicity of  $\delta$  ensures that this morphism has a right-inverse.

Now we can conclude the contradiction, because by the last claim and the second Frobenius reciprocity it follows that there is a non-zero morphism of  $G$ -representations from  $\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma$  to  $\tau$ , which contradicts  $\text{End}(\text{c-Ind}_H^G \sigma) = \mathbb{C}$ .

**Lemma 1** (Lemma 2.7, GL(2), Bushnell Henniart). Let  $G$  be a locally profinite group,  $H$  be an open subgroup of finite index in  $G$  and  $\sigma$  be a smooth representation of  $G$ . Then  $\sigma$  is semisimple if and only if  $\text{Res}_H^G \sigma$  is semisimple.

This Lemma is a nice exercise.

**Aufgabe. 6.4** Find the cuspidal support of the Steinberg representation of  $\text{GL}_2(F)$ , i.e. of the infinite dimensional irreducible quotient of  $\text{Ind}_B^{\text{GL}_2(F)} \mathbf{1}$ , where  $B$  is the standard (upper) Borel subgroup.

**Solution:** The representation  $\pi := \text{Res}_B^G \text{Ind}_B^G \mathbf{1}$  has the quotient  $\delta_B^{-1}$ , via  $f \mapsto \int_N f(un)dn$ . Thus we have a non-zero morphism  $F$  from  $\pi$  to  $\text{Ind}_B^G \delta_B^{-1}$ . The representation  $\pi$  has no 1-dimensional quotient by Theorem 64. Thus the Steinberg representation is isomorphic to a subrepresentation of  $\text{Ind}_B^G \delta_B^{-1}$  and therefore the cuspidal support of  $\text{St}_G$  is the  $G$ -conjugacy class of  $\text{Res}_T^B \delta_B^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , because we have to consider normalized parabolic induction to detect the cuspidal support.