

# I-3 THE HECKE ALGEBRA

Motivation:  $G$  reductive gp with  $F: G \rightarrow G$  Frobenius

$B \subseteq G$   $F$ -stable Borel subgroup

Understand the induced representation  $\text{Ind}_{B^F}^{G^F} 1_{B^F} = \mathbb{C}G^F/B^F$

## 1) Bruhat cells and Bruhat decomposition

We start with  $G = \text{SL}_2 \supseteq B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & * \\ & \lambda^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right\} \supseteq T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & \\ & \lambda^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

The map  $G \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  induces an iso  $G/B \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^1$   
 $g \mapsto g(\mathbb{C}e_1)$   $\begin{pmatrix} a & * \\ b & * \end{pmatrix} \mapsto [a:b]$

$$\rightsquigarrow G^F/B^F \simeq (G/B)^F \simeq \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

The decomposition  $\mathbb{P}^1 = \{[1:0]\} \sqcup \{[\alpha:1] \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{A}_1\}$   
induces

$$G/B = B/B \sqcup \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & * \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} B \right\}$$

but  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cdot & 1 \\ -1 & \cdot \end{pmatrix}}_s = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha & \cdot \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & * \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} s B$

$$\Rightarrow G = B \sqcup B s B$$

In addition  $B s B s B \supseteq \begin{cases} B \\ s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \cdot & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdot \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \cdot & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$

therefore  $BsBsB = B \cup BsB (= G)$

For the general case, take  $T \subseteq B$   $T$  max torus of  $G$   
 $B$  Borel subgroup of  $G$

$\leadsto W = N_G(T)/T$ ,  $S \subseteq W$  simple reflections

Thm: (i)  $G = \bigsqcup_{w \in W} BwB \leftarrow$  Bruhat cell

(ii)  $BwB/B \simeq \mathbb{A}^{\ell(w)}$   $\leftarrow$  Schubert cell

(iii)  $\forall s \in S, w \in W \quad BwBsB = \begin{cases} BwsB & \text{if } \ell(ws) = \ell(w) + 1 \\ BwB \cup BwsB & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

If in addition  $T \subseteq B$  are  $F$ -stable then  $G^F = \bigsqcup_{w \in W^F} B^F w B^F$

Rmk: let  $U = R_u(B)$  so that  $B = T \times U$

and  $w_0 = \text{elt of maximal length in } W$

then the map  $U \cap {}^{w_0}U \times B \longrightarrow Bw_0B$

$(u, b) \longmapsto uw_0B$

is an isomorphism (and we recover (ii) since  $U \cap {}^{w_0}U \simeq \mathbb{A}^{\ell(w)}$ )

Ex:  $G = GL_n$ ,  $U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  ${}^{w_0}U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ * & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

and with  $w = (1, 2, \dots, n)$   $U n^{w_0} U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & \dots & * \\ & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \\ (0) & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cong A_{n-1}$

## 2) Order of $G^F$

We assume for simplicity that  $F$  acts trivially on  $W$   
 $\leadsto$  we say that  $(G, F)$  is **split**

$$\Rightarrow \forall w \in W, \#(BwB/B)^F = q^{\ell(w)}$$

We deduce a formula for the order of  $G^F$

$$|G^F| = |B^F| \cdot \#G^F/B^F = |B^F| \left( \sum_{w \in W} q^{\ell(w)} \right)$$

Since  $B = T \times U$ ,  $|B^F| = |T^F| |U^F| = |T^F| q^{\ell(w_0)}$   
 (note that  $\ell(w_0) = \#$  reflections in  $W$ )

In addition, if  $G$  is semisimple  $|T^F| = (q-1)^{\text{rk } T}$

Thm: Assume  $(G, F)$  is split and semisimple

Let  $(d_1, \dots, d_r)$  be the **degrees** of  $W$

Then

$$|G^F| = q^{\ell(w_0)} \prod_{i=1}^r (q^{d_i} - 1)$$

Ex: •  $G = \text{SL}_n$   $(d_1, \dots, d_r) = (2, 3, \dots, n)$   $l(w_0) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow |\text{SL}_n(q)| = q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \prod_{i=2}^n (q^i - 1)$$

•  $G = \text{Sp}_4$   $(d_1, d_2) = (2, 4)$   $l(w_0) = 4$

$$\Rightarrow |\text{Sp}_4(q)| = q^4 (q^4 - 1)(q^2 - 1) \quad (= |\text{SO}_5(q)|)$$

### 3) The induced representation

We give now the structure of  $\text{End}_{G^F}(\mathbb{C}G^F/B^F)$

\* For representation lovers

let  $e = \frac{1}{|B^F|} \sum_{b \in B^F} b$  be the projection onto the invariant part under the action of  $B^F$   
 $e^2 = e$  and  $eb = be = e$  for all  $b \in B^F$

Then (i)  $\mathbb{C}G^F/B^F \simeq \mathbb{C}G^F e$

(ii)  $\text{End}_{G^F}(\mathbb{C}G^F) \simeq e \mathbb{C}G^F e$

(iii)  $\{ \underbrace{e w e}_{q^{-l(w)} h_w} \}_{w \in W^F}$  basis of  $\text{End}_{G^F}(\mathbb{C}G^F)$

\* For function lovers

Let  $X$  be any finite set with an action of  $G^F$

Then the map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C}[X \times X] &\longrightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}[X]) \\ f &\longmapsto \left( x \mapsto \sum_{y \in X} f(x, y) y \right) \end{aligned}$$

induces an isomorphism of algebras

$$\mathbb{C}[X \times X]^{G^F} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{End}_{G^F}(\mathbb{C}[X])$$

where  $\bullet$   $G^F$  acts diagonally on  $X \times X$

$\bullet$  The product in  $\mathbb{C}[X \times X]$  is the convolution:

$$(f * f')(x, z) = \sum_{y \in X} f(x, y) f'(y, z)$$

with unit the characteristic function of the diagonal  $\Delta X$

Characteristic functions of  $G^F$ -orbits on  $X \times X$   
give a basis of  $\text{End}_{G^F}(\mathbb{C}[X])$

Consequence:  $h_w := \text{char. function of } G^F \cdot (B^F, wB^F)$   
for  $X = G^F/B^F$  yield a basis

Prop: Assume  $F$  acts trivially on  $W$ .

Then the basis  $\{h_w\}$  satisfies

$$h_w h_{w'} = h_{ww'} \text{ if } l(ww') = l(w) + l(w')$$

$$h_s^2 = (q-1)h_s + qh_1, \text{ for } s \in S$$

This is a Hecke algebra with parameter  $q$  and group  $W$

We denote it by  $\mathcal{H}_q(W)$