Title: Harish-Chandra bimodules in complex rank

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Abstract: Deligne tensor categories are defined as an interpolation of the categories of representations of groups GL_n , O_n , Sp_{2n} or S_n to the complex values of the parameter n. One can extend many classical representation-theoretic notions and constructions to this context. These complex rank analogs of classical objects provide insights into their stable behavior patterns as n goes to infinity.

I will talk about some of my results on Harish-Chandra bimodules in Deligne categories. It is known that in the classical case simple Harish-Chandra bimodules admit a classification in terms of W-orbits of certain pairs of weights. However, the notion of weight is not well-defined in the setting of Deligne categories. I will explain how in complex rank the above-mentioned classification translates to a condition on the corresponding (left and right) central characters.

Another interesting phenomenon arising in complex rank is that there are two ways to define Harish-Chandra bimodules. That is, one can either require that the center acts locally finitely on a bimodule M or that M has a finite K-type. The two conditions are known to be equivalent for a semi-simple Lie algebra in the classical setting, however, in Deligne categories that is no longer the case. I will talk about a way to construct examples of Harish-Chandra bimodules of finite K-type using the ultraproduct realization of Deligne categories.

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Structure of the talk

References

I will cover results from two of my preprints arXiv:2002.01555 and arXiv:2107.03173 .

I. Deligne categories

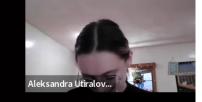
- Definition and properties.
- Ultraproduct construction.

II. Harish-Chandra bimodules

- Classical case.
- Central characters of Harish-Chandra bimodules in Deligne categories.
- Harish-Chandra bimodules of finite K-type.

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Deligne categories

Intuitive definition

The categories $\operatorname{Rep}(GL_t)$ are interpolations of the categories of representations of groups GL_n to complex values of n.

Definition

 $\operatorname{Rep}(GL_t)$ is the Karoubi envelope of the symmetric rigid monoidal category generated by a single object V of dimension t, such that $\operatorname{End}(V^{\otimes k}) \simeq \mathbb{C}[S_k]$ and $\operatorname{Hom}(V^{\otimes k}, V^{\otimes l}) = 0$ unless k = l.

- Karoubi envelope → Formally adjoin images of all idempotents and finite direct sums.
- V has dim $t \rightsquigarrow ev \circ \tau \circ coev : \mathbb{1} \to V \otimes V^* \to V^* \otimes V \to \mathbb{1}$ is the multiplication by t.
- Every indecomposable object is a direct summand in $[r, s] := V^{\otimes r} \otimes (V^*)^{\otimes s}$.

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Deligne categories

Remark

I will limit myself to considering only the type A case, that is the categories $\operatorname{Rep}(GL_t)$.

All the definitions and results can be also generalized for $\text{Rep}(O_t)$ and $\text{Rep}(Sp_{2t})$ (was done jointly with Serina Hu).

- Hom([r, s], [r', s']) = Hom($V^{\otimes r+s'}, V^{\otimes r'+s}$) = 0 unless r+s'=r'+s.
- End([r,s]) $\simeq B_{r,s}(t)$ walled Brauer algebra .

There is an injective map $i : \mathbb{C}[S_r \times S_s] \to B_{r,s}(t)$ (because $\mathbb{C}[S_k] \simeq \operatorname{End}(V^{\otimes k}) \simeq \operatorname{End}((V^*)^{\otimes k})$).

It has a splitting $\pi : B_{r,s}(t) \to \mathbb{C}[S_r \times S_s].$

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Indecomposable objects

We need to classify primitive idempotents in $B_{r,s}(t)$.

Theorem (Comes, Wilson)

For a partition $\nu \vdash k$ let z_{ν} denote the corresponding primitive idempotent in $\mathbb{C}[S_k]$.

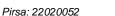
For any bipartition (λ, μ) with $\lambda \vdash r, \mu \vdash s$ there exists a unique primitive idempotent $e_{\lambda,\mu} \in B_{r,s}(t)$ such that $\pi(e_{\lambda,\mu}) = z_{\lambda} \otimes z_{\mu}$. And this gives the full classification of primitive idempotents in $B_{r,s}(t)$.

Corollary

Indecomposable objects in $\operatorname{Rep}(GL_t)$ are labeled by bipartitions $(\lambda, \mu) \mapsto V_{\lambda,\mu}$. If $\lambda \vdash r, \mu \vdash s$, then $V_{\lambda,\mu}$ is a direct summand of [r, s].

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Properties of Deligne categories

• The universal property. Let \mathcal{D} be a symmetric tensor category. Then

 ${F: \operatorname{Rep}(GL_t) \to \mathcal{D}} \leftrightarrow {X \in \mathcal{D} \text{ of dimension } t}$

via $F \mapsto F(V) = X$.

• Corollary. If $t = n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ we have a symmetric tensor functor $F : \operatorname{Rep}(GL_t) \to \operatorname{Rep} GL(n, \mathbb{C})$, s.t. $F(V) = V^{(n)}$ (the tautological *n*-dimensional representation). Suppose $\operatorname{len}(\lambda) = l$, $\operatorname{len}(\mu) = m$ and $n \ge l + m$. Define

$$[\lambda,\mu]_n \coloneqq (\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_l,0,\ldots,0,-\mu_m,\ldots,-\mu_1) \in \Lambda^+(\mathfrak{gl}_n).$$

Then for $t = n \ge l + m$ we have $F(V_{\lambda,\mu}) = V_{[\lambda,\mu]_n}^{(n)}$ (and if t = n < l + m then $F(V_{\lambda,\mu}) = 0$).

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Definition

An ultrafilter \mathcal{F} on $S \neq \emptyset$ is a set of subsets of S, satisfying the following properties:

- For any $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ we have $U_1 \cap U_2 \in \mathcal{F}$,
- For any $U \subset S$ exactly one of U, S U is in \mathcal{F} ,
- If $U_1 \subset U_2$ and $U_1 \in \mathcal{F}$ then $U_2 \in \mathcal{F}$.

Remark. Ultrafilters are the same as \mathbb{F}_2 -valued characters of the ring of \mathbb{F}_2 -valued functions on S.

Example

Fix some $s \in S$. A **principal** ultrafilter \mathcal{F}_s consists of all subsets of S containing s.

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Let us fix a non-principal ultrafilter \mathcal{F} on \mathbb{N} .

Definition

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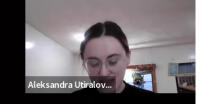
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Łoś's theorem, roughly

Any first order language statement that is true for almost all X_n is also true for $\prod_{\mathcal{F}} X_n$.

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Example

If all X_n are groups/algebras/fields then so is $\prod_{\mathcal{F}} X_n$. If X_n are vector spaces over \mathbb{F}_n then $\prod_{\mathcal{F}} X_n$ is a vector space over $\prod_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbb{F}_n$.

Non-example

If V_n are finite-dimensional vector spaces then $\prod_{\mathcal{F}} V_n$ is not necessarily finite-dimensional. However, if the dimensions of V_n are universally bounded, it will be.

Example

Take $\mathbb{F}_n = \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$. Then $\prod_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbb{F}_n$ is an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero and cardinality continuum. Therefore, by Steinitz's theorem it is (non-canonically) isomorphic to \mathbb{C} .

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Lie algebra \mathfrak{gl}_t

We can define the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{gl}_t = V \otimes V^* = \prod_{\mathcal{F}} \mathfrak{gl}_n$ in $\operatorname{Rep}(GL_t)$. There is a **natural** action of \mathfrak{gl}_t on every object of $\operatorname{Ind} \operatorname{Rep}(GL_t)$.

We can define $U = U(\mathfrak{gl}_t)$ as the quotient of the tensor algebra $T(\mathfrak{gl}_t)$ by the standard commutator relations. It has a PBW filtration $F^k U$ coming from the filtration of $T(\mathfrak{gl}_t)$. We have $F^k U = \prod_{\mathcal{F}} F^k U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$.

Moreover, if \mathcal{Z} is the center of U (i.e. $\mathcal{Z} = \text{Hom}(\mathbb{1}, U)$), we have $F^k \mathcal{Z} = \prod_{\mathcal{F}} F^k \mathcal{Z}(U(\mathfrak{gl}_n))$. Therefore, $\mathcal{Z} = \mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2, z_3, \ldots]$ with deg $z_k = k$.

Let me specify a particular choice of generators in \mathcal{Z} . We take $z_i = \prod_{\mathcal{F}} z_i^{(n)}$, where $z_i^{(n)}$ acts on M_{χ} via $\sum_{l=1}^n \chi_l^i$.

Given a central character $\theta : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{C}$, define the **exponential** generating function: $\theta(u) = 1 + \sum_{i \ge 1} \frac{1}{i!} \theta(z_i) u^i$.

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U-bimodules

Let \mathcal{C} be either $\operatorname{Rep}(GL_t)$ or $\operatorname{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}} G$ for some reductive group G.

Let $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{C}$ be the corresponding Lie algebra object. It acts **naturally** on all objects of Ind \mathcal{C} .

Remark

We can define this for any symmetric tensor category \mathcal{C} . \triangleright

Notations

Let \mathfrak{g}^{op} be the opposite Lie algebra. Let $U^2 \coloneqq U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes U(\mathfrak{g}^{op})$, $\mathcal{Z}^2 = \mathcal{Z} \otimes \mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{Z}(U^2)$. Let $\mathfrak{k} \simeq \mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^{op}$ be the (anti)diagonal subalgebra. Then we can consider any U^2 -module $Y \in \operatorname{Ind} \mathcal{C}$ as a U-bimodule and $Y|_{\mathfrak{k}} = Y^{\operatorname{ad}}$.

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$\ensuremath{\mathfrak{k}}\xspace$ -algebraic bimodules

Definition

We say that a *U*-bimodule Y in Ind C is **\mathfrak{k}-algebraic** if the action of \mathfrak{k} on Y coincides with the **natural** action.

Lemma

 $\{\mathfrak{k}\text{-algebraic bimodules}\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{left } U\text{-modules in } \mathrm{Ind}\,\mathcal{C}\}.$

Definition

U-bimodule $Y \in \text{Ind } \mathcal{C}$ is called **finitely-generated** if it is a quotient of $U \otimes X \otimes U$ for some $X \in \mathcal{C}$. We say Y is generated by X.

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Example

For any $X \in \mathcal{C}$ let $\Phi_X = X \otimes U$. Then $\Phi_X^{\mathrm{ad}} = X \otimes U^{\mathrm{ad}} = X \otimes S(\mathfrak{g})$, so Φ_X is \mathfrak{k} -algebraic. And it is finitely generated as it is a quotient of $U \otimes X \otimes U$.

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Harish-Chandra bimodules

Question

Now, how do we define a Harish-Chandra bimodule in C?

There are two natural ways to do this. Let $Y \in \text{Ind } \mathcal{C}$ be a finitely generated \mathfrak{k} -algebraic bimodule.

- We can ask that $[Y^{\mathrm{ad}} : X] < \infty$ for any $X \in \mathcal{C}$, or
- 2 We can ask that \mathbb{Z}^2 acts finitely on Y (that is $\operatorname{Ann}_{\mathbb{Z}^2}(Y)$ is an ideal of finite codimension).

Lemma

Condition 1 implies condition 2.

Proof.

 \mathcal{Z}^2 acts on $[Y:X] := \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{Ind} \mathcal{C}}(X, Y^{\operatorname{ad}})$. Since it is finite dimensional, $\dim(\mathcal{Z}^2/\operatorname{Ann}_{\mathcal{Z}^2}[Y:X]) < \infty$. Now, if X generates $Y, \operatorname{Ann}_{\mathcal{Z}^2}(Y) = \operatorname{Ann}_{\mathcal{Z}^2}[Y:X]$.

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Difference between classical and complex rank cases

Corollary of Kostant's theorem

If $C = \operatorname{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}} G$ then condition **2** implies condition **1**.

Definition

We say that Y is a **Harish-Chandra bimodule** if it satisfies condition 2. Denote by \mathcal{HC} the corresponding category.

Definition

If Y satisfies condition $\mathbf{1}$, we say that it is a Harish-Chandra bimodule of finite K-type.

Example

Let $\theta : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{C}$ be some central character of $U(\mathfrak{gl}_t)$ and let $U_{\theta} \coloneqq U/\operatorname{Ker}(\theta)U$. Then $U_{\theta} \in \mathcal{HC}$, but is not of finite K-type.

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Central characters

Because of condition 2, we have a block decomposition for \mathcal{HC} :

$$\mathcal{HC} = \bigoplus \widetilde{\mathcal{HC}}(\theta_1, \theta_2),$$

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where $\widetilde{\mathcal{HC}}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ is the subcategory on which $\mathcal{Z}^2 = \mathcal{Z} \otimes \mathcal{Z}$ acts with generalized central character $\theta_1 \otimes \theta_2$.

Question

For which pairs (θ_1, θ_2) is the category $\widetilde{\mathcal{HC}}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ non-zero?

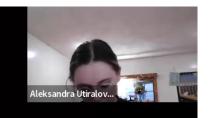
Remark

Let $\mathcal{HC}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ be the subcategory on which \mathbb{Z}^2 acts via $\theta_1 \otimes \theta_2$. It is enough to answer the questions for these categories.

Lemma

Any object Y in $\mathcal{HC}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ is a quotient of $\Phi_X(\theta_2) = X \otimes U_{\theta_2}$.

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Classification of central characters. Classical case

The answer in the classical case

Let $\mathcal{C} = \operatorname{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}} G$. Then $\mathcal{HC}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ is nonzero if and only if there exist Verma modules M_{χ_1}, M_{χ_2} , such that \mathcal{Z} acts via θ_i on M_{χ_i} and $\chi_1 - \chi_2 \in \Lambda(G)$.

Idea of proof

Any module is a quotient of $\Phi_X(\theta_2)$. If \mathcal{Z} acts via θ_2 on M_{χ} then

$$\Phi_X(\theta_2) = X \otimes U_{\theta_2} \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(M_{\chi}, X \otimes M_{\chi}),$$

and $X \otimes M_{\chi}$ has filtration by $M_{\chi+\lambda}$, where $\lambda \in \Lambda(G)$ are weights of X.

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Classification of central characters. Complex rank

Let $\mathcal{C} = \operatorname{Rep}(GL_t)$.

Main Theorem

The category $\mathcal{HC}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ is non-zero if and only if

$$\theta_1(u) - \theta_2(u) = \sum_{i=1}^r (e^{(b_i+1)u} - e^{b_i u}) - \sum_{j=1}^s (e^{(c_j+1)u} - e^{c_j u})$$

for some $r, s \ge 0$ and $b_i, c_j \in \mathbb{C}$.

Remark. For O_t and Sp_{2t} we have that $\mathcal{HC}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ is non-zero if and only if for some $r \geq 0$ and $b_i \in \mathbb{C}$:

$$\theta_1(u) - \theta_2(u) = \sum_{i=1}^r \left(\cosh((b_i + 1)u) - \cosh(b_i u) \right)$$

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Idea of proof



- Any bimodule $Y \in \mathcal{HC}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ is a quotient of $\Phi_X(\theta_2) = X \otimes U_{\theta_2}$. And any X is a quotient of [r, s].
- **2** We want to understand for which θ_1 the quotient

$$\Phi_X(\theta_1,\theta_2) = (X \otimes U_{\theta_2})_{\theta_1} \coloneqq X \otimes U_{\theta_2}/(z-\theta_1(z))(X \otimes U_{\theta_2})$$

is non-zero (enough to take X = [r, s]).

3 Do this by induction on r + s in the classical setting. Then take the ultraproduct.

Notation. Let $\eta : \mathfrak{h}^* \to \{\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{gl}_n) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}\}$ be the map that sends a weight to the corresponding central character.

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Idea of proof

Example

Let us do the case when [r, s] = [1, 0].

In the classical setting we have $\Phi_{V^{(n)}}(\theta_2) = V^{(n)} \otimes U_{\theta_2} \subset \operatorname{Hom}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(M_{\chi}, V^{(n)} \otimes M_{\chi}), \text{ where } \eta(\chi) = \theta_2.$ Thus, θ_1 for which $\Phi_{V^{(n)}}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ is non-zero are $\eta(\chi + e_i)$ (where $e_1 \ldots e_n$ are weights of $V^{(n)}$).

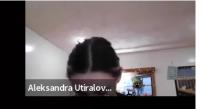
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Ultraproduct phenomenon

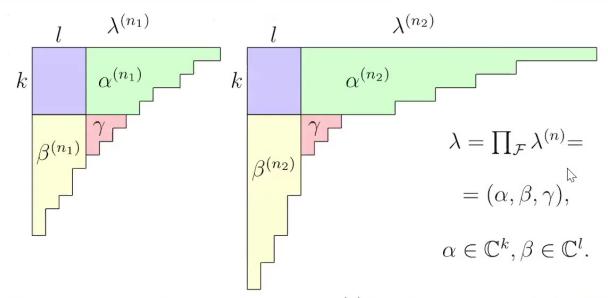
It turns out that we can get any value of $b \in \mathbb{C}!$

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Appendix



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Roughly, we define the sequence $\lambda^{(n)}$ in the way that $k, l, \gamma(\lambda)$ are constant (or equivalently, universally bounded) and $\alpha^{(n)}(\lambda)$ and $\beta^{(n)}(\lambda)$ are unbounded parts.

And $\mu^{(n)}$ has the same k, l, some $\gamma(\mu)$ and $\alpha^{(n)}(\mu) - \alpha^{(n)}(\lambda)$ is a constant element in \mathbb{Z}^k for almost all n. Similarly for β .

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