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# Transfer Principle for the Fundamental Lemma

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Geometric expansion: R(f) is an integral operator, and

$$\operatorname{Tr} R(f) = \int_{G(\mathbf{Q}) \setminus G(\mathbb{A})} \sum_{\gamma \in G(\mathbf{Q})} f(x^{-1} \gamma x) dx$$
$$= \sum_{\{\gamma\}} \operatorname{vol}(G(\mathbf{Q})_{\gamma} \setminus G(\mathbb{A})_{\gamma}) \int_{G(\mathbb{A})_{\gamma} \setminus G(\mathbb{A})} f(x^{-1} \gamma x) dx$$

where the sum is over conjugacy classes in  $G(\mathbf{Q})$ , and a subscript  $\gamma$  indicates the centralizer of  $\gamma$  in that group.

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Comparison gives

$$\sum_{\pi} m(\pi) \operatorname{Tr} \pi(f) = \sum_{\{\gamma\}} \operatorname{vol}(G(\mathbf{Q})_{\gamma} \backslash G(\mathbb{A})_{\gamma}) \mathcal{O}(G, \gamma, f)$$

where  $\mathcal{O}(G, \gamma, f)$  is the orbit integral

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#### Theorem-like object

- There is a natural finite abelian group structure on  $H^1(F, G_{\gamma})$ .
- A character κ determines a reductive group H, and there is a map ν from semisimple stable conjugacy classes of H to semisimple stable conjugacy classes of G.
- Given  $f_G \in C_c^{\infty}(G(\mathbf{Q}_p))$ , there exists  $f_H \in C_c^{\infty}(H(\mathbf{Q}_p))$  such that for all regular semisimple  $\gamma \in H(\mathbf{Q}_p)$ ,

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We will now state in more explicit terms a Lie algebra variant of this statement.

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Consequences

- Hales: We get fundamental lemma for  $F = \mathbf{Q}_p$  for all p.
- Waldspurger: The group version also holds.

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We need to extend this to account for integration.

#### Wishful Thinking

Let K be a Henselian local field. Suppose  $f : K^n \to \mathbf{Q}$  is a "first-order definable" function, then  $\int_{K^n} f(\underline{x}) d\underline{x}$  only depends on the residue field of K, provided it has a sufficiently large characteristics.



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- Define formal volume/integration over cells valued in some formal ring with a symbol L to stand for *p*.

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A model of this is a triple of set (K, k, Z) with interpretations for above symbols.

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This combined with the previous slide gives a transfer principle for theorems involving integrals in this framework.

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- Field extensions of a fixed degree *n* are represented by a minimal polynomial and an *n*-tuple of numbers.
- There is a uniform way of describing unramified extensions and the Frobenius action.
- Groups are Zariski closed subsets of matrix groups, classified by root data plus Frobenius action.
- Same for Lie algebras
- Endoscopic data are expressed in terms of root data.
- Semisimplicity corresponds to diagonalizability over a bounded field extension.
- The map ν is algebraic if we represent stable conjugacy classes by their characteristic polynomials (and generalizations).



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Key point: motivic integration specializes to the Serre canonical measure, which must be the G-invariant measure up to a factor which can be computed.

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i.e. for each pair of non-negative integers a, b, a formula  $D_{a,b}(t,t')$  stating that

• t is a cocyle in  $Z^1(G, T)$ , t' is a cocyle in  $Z^1(G, X^*(T))$ .

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Choose an explicit cocycle  $\alpha$  representing  $\frac{a}{b} \in H^2(F_r/F, \mathbb{Z})$ . Given  $c \in H^2(E/F, E^{\times})$ ,  $inv(c) = \frac{a}{b}$  is equivalent to

$$(\exists c', b_1, b_2)(\inf(c') = cb_1 \wedge \operatorname{val}(c') = \alpha b_2)$$

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