

Second cohomology for finite groups of Lie type

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Ground rules:

- k - algebraically closed field of characteristic $p > 0$
- G - simple, simply-connected algebraic group scheme over k
- T - maximal torus of G
- B - Borel subgroup of G containing T
- U - unipotent radical of B
- $F : G \rightarrow G$ - standard Frobenius morphism on G
- $G(\mathbb{F}_q) = G^{F^r}$ - finite subgroup of \mathbb{F}_q -rational points in G , $q = p^r$
- $G_r = \ker(F^r)$ - scheme-theoretic r -th Frobenius kernel of G

Example: The Special Linear Group

- $G = SL_n(k)$
- T - diagonal matrices in G
- B - lower triangular matrices in G
- U - lower triangular unipotent matrices in G
- $F : (a_{ij}) \mapsto (a_{ij}^p)$
- $G(\mathbb{F}_q) = SL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$
- For each commutative k -algebra A ,

$$(SL_n)_r(A) = \left\{ (a_{ij}) \in SL_n(A) : (a_{ij}^{p^r}) = \text{the identity matrix} \right\}.$$

$(SL_n)_r(A)$ is a nontrivial group if and only if A contains nilpotents.

The Goal

Find $H^1(G(\mathbb{F}_q), V)$ and $H^2(G(\mathbb{F}_q), V)$ for V an irreducible $G(\mathbb{F}_q)$ -module.

Subgoals (i.e., what people have actually managed to do):

- Compute for V in various classes of irreducible $G(\mathbb{F}_q)$ -modules
- Determine sufficient conditions for the cohomology groups to vanish
- Compute under restrictions on p and q (specific small values, or $\gg 0$)

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Why this is reasonable and desirable:

- The irreducible $kG(\mathbb{F}_q)$ -modules all lift to rational G -modules.
- More machinery available for dealing with rational G -cohomology.
- Rational G -modules carry more information: Every rational G -module decomposes into simultaneous eigenspaces (weight spaces) for T .

Example: Adjoint representation of $SL_3(\mathbb{F}_4)$ on \mathfrak{sl}_3

Adjoint representation \mathfrak{sl}_3 - traceless 3×3 matrices with coefficients in k .

Basis of eigenvectors for the conjugation action of T :

$$\{E_{ij}, E_{ii} - E_{i+1,i+1} : 1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j\}$$

If $n = 3$, then $T(\mathbb{F}_4)$ can't distinguish the eigenvalues of E_{12} and E_{23} . In fact, all root spaces look the same to $T(\mathbb{F}_4)$ up to twisting by $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_4)$.

Important and popular facts:

$$\begin{aligned} H^i(G(\mathbb{F}_q), V) &\hookrightarrow H^i(B(\mathbb{F}_q), V) = H^i(U(\mathbb{F}_q), V)^{T(\mathbb{F}_q)} \\ H^i(G, V) &\cong H^i(B, V) = H^i(U, V)^T \\ &H^i(B_r, V) = H^i(U_r, V)^{T_r} \end{aligned}$$

Cline, Parshall, Scott (1975, 1977), Jones (1975)

Computed, for all p and q , the dimension of $H^1(G(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda))$ for λ a nonzero minimal dominant weight, i.e., a minuscule weight or a maximal short root.

- $L(\lambda)$ is the head of the Weyl module $V(\lambda)$.
- Lower bound: $\dim \operatorname{rad}_G V(\lambda) \leq \dim H^1(G(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda))$
- Upper bound in terms of spaces of cocycles for root subgroups:

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} \dim Z^1(U_\alpha(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda))^{T(\mathbb{F}_q)} - (\dim L(\lambda)^{T(\mathbb{F}_q)} - \dim L(\lambda)^{B(\mathbb{F}_q)})$$

For λ a nonzero minimal dominant weight, $\dim H^1(G(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda)) \leq 1$, except for type D_{2n} with $p = 2$, where the dimension is sometimes 2.

Avrunin (1978)

Suppose for all weights μ of $T(\mathbb{F}_q)$ in V and for all $\alpha, \beta \in \Phi$ that $\alpha \neq \mu$ and $(\alpha, \beta) \neq \mu \pmod{\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_q)}$. Then $H^2(G(\mathbb{F}_q), V) = 0$.

Proof

Look at a central series for $U(\mathbb{F}_q)$ where the factors are products of root subgroups to analyze the weights of $T(\mathbb{F}_q)$ in $H^2(U(\mathbb{F}_q), V)$. Use this to deduce that $H^2(U(\mathbb{F}_q), V)^{T(\mathbb{F}_q)} = 0$, and hence $H^2(G(\mathbb{F}_q), V) = 0$. \square

Corollary (Avrunin)

Suppose $q > 4$. Let $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ be a nonzero minimal dominant weight. Then $H^2(G(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda)) = 0$, except maybe type A_2 , $q = 5$, $\lambda \in \{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$.

Cline, Parshall, Scott, van der Kallen (1977)

Let V be a finite-dimensional rational G -module, and let $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Then for all sufficiently large e and q , the restriction map is an isomorphism

$$H^i(G, V^{(e)}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i(G(\mathbb{F}_q), V^{(e)}).$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^i(G, V) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & H^i(B, V) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ H^i(G(\mathbb{F}_q), V) & \hookrightarrow & H^i(B(\mathbb{F}_q), V). \end{array}$$

So for H^1 and H^2 , we can get answers for $G(\mathbb{F}_q)$ in terms of G -cohomology if we take q large, and if we sometimes also replace V by $V^{(1)}$ or $V^{(2)}$.

Consider $\text{ind}_G^G(\mathbb{F}_q)(-)$. There exists a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow \text{ind}_G^G(\mathbb{F}_q)(k) \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0.$$

Let M be a rational G -module. Obtain the new short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow \text{ind}_G^G(\mathbb{F}_q)(M) \rightarrow M \otimes N \rightarrow 0.$$

Now using $\text{Ext}_G^n(k, \text{ind}_G^G(\mathbb{F}_q)(M)) \cong \text{Ext}_G^n(k, M)$, we get:

Long exact sequence for restriction

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}_G(k, M) & \xrightarrow{\text{res}} & \text{Hom}_{G(\mathbb{F}_q)}(k, M) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}_G(k, M \otimes N) \\
 & & \rightarrow & & \text{Ext}_{G(\mathbb{F}_q)}^1(k, M) & \rightarrow & \text{Ext}_G^1(k, M \otimes N) \\
 & & \rightarrow & & \text{Ext}_{G(\mathbb{F}_q)}^2(k, M) & \rightarrow & \text{Ext}_G^2(k, M \otimes N) \\
 & & \rightarrow & & \dots & &
 \end{array}$$

Bendel, Nakano, Pillen (2010)

$\text{ind}_{G(\mathbb{F}_q)}^G(k)$ admits a filtration by G -submodules with sections of the form

$$H^0(\mu) \otimes H^0(\mu^*)^{(r)} \quad \mu \in X(T)_+.$$

Corollary: $N = \text{coker}(k \rightarrow \text{ind}_{G(\mathbb{F}_q)}^G(k))$ admits such a filtration with $\mu \neq 0$.

Then $\text{Ext}_G^i(k, L(\lambda) \otimes N) = 0$ if it is zero for each section, i.e., if for $\mu \neq 0$,

$$\text{Ext}_G^i(V(\mu)^{(r)}, L(\lambda) \otimes H^0(\mu)) = 0.$$

30,000 ft (9,144 m) view of our strategy

$$\begin{array}{c}
 H^i(G(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda)) \\
 \Downarrow \text{Induction} \\
 H^i(G, \text{ind}_{G(\mathbb{F}_q)}^G L(\lambda)) \\
 \Uparrow \text{Filtrations} \\
 \text{Ext}_{G_r}^i(V(\mu)^{(r)}, L(\lambda) \otimes H^0(\mu)) \\
 \Uparrow \text{Spectral Sequences} \\
 \text{Ext}_{G/G_r}^i(V(\mu)^{(r)}, \text{Ext}_{G_r}^j(k, L(\lambda) \otimes H^0(\mu))) \\
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 R^i \text{ind}_{B/B_r}^{G/G_r} \text{Ext}_{B_r}^j(k, L(\lambda) \otimes \mu) \\
 \Uparrow \text{Weight combinatorics} \\
 \text{Ext}_{U_r}^j(k, L(\lambda))
 \end{array}$$

Isomorphism theorem for first cohomology

Let $\lambda \in X_r(T)$. Suppose $\text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(k, L(\lambda))$ is semisimple as a B/U_r -module, and that $\text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(k, L(\lambda))^{T(\mathbb{F}_q)} = \text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(k, L(\lambda))^T$. Then

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Isomorphism theorem for second cohomology

Let $\lambda \in X_r(T)$. Suppose $\text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(k, L(\lambda))$ is semisimple as a B/U_r -module, that $\text{Ext}_{U_r}^i(k, L(\lambda))^{T(\mathbb{F}_q)} = \text{Ext}_{U_r}^i(k, L(\lambda))^T$ for $i \in \{1, 2\}$, and that

$$p^r > \max \{ -(\nu, \gamma^\vee) : \gamma \in \Delta, \text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(k, L(\lambda))_\nu \neq 0 \}.$$

Then $H^2(G, L(\lambda)) \cong H^2(G(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda))$.

Theorem 3.2.4. *Suppose $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ is a dominant root or is less than or equal to a fundamental weight. Assume that $p > 5$ if Φ is of type E_8 or G_2 , and $p > 3$ otherwise. Then as a B/U_r -module, $\text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(L(\lambda), k) = \text{soc}_{B/U_r} \text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(L(\lambda), k)$, that is,*

$$\text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(L(\lambda), k) \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Delta} -s_\alpha \cdot \lambda \oplus \bigoplus_{\substack{\alpha \in \Delta \\ 0 < n < r}} -(\lambda - p^n \alpha) \oplus \bigoplus_{\substack{\sigma \in X(T)_+ \\ \sigma < \lambda}} (-\sigma)^{\oplus m_\sigma}$$

where $m_\sigma = \dim \text{Ext}_G^1(L(\lambda), H^0(\sigma))$.

- Determine the socle using Andersen's results on $\text{Ext}_B^1(L(\lambda), \mu)$.
- Get an injection $\text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(L(\lambda), k) \hookrightarrow Q$ into the injective hull of the socle. Then show that $\text{soc}_{B/U_r} \text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(L(\lambda), k) = \text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(L(\lambda), k)$ by showing that no weight from the second socle layer of Q can be a weight of $\text{Ext}_{U_r}^1(L(\lambda), k)$.

First Cohomology Main Theorem

Let $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ be a fundamental dominant weight. Assume $q > 3$ and

$p > 2$ if Φ has type A_n, D_n ;

$p > 3$ if Φ has type $B_n, C_n, E_6, E_7, F_4, G_2$;

$p > 5$ if Φ has type E_8 .

Then $\dim H^1(G(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda)) = \dim H^1(G, L(\lambda)) \leq 1$.

The spaces are nonzero (and one-dimensional) in the following cases:

- Φ has type E_7 , $p = 7$, and $\lambda = \omega_6$; and
- Φ has type C_n , $n \geq 3$, and $\lambda = \omega_j$ with $\frac{j}{2}$ a nonzero term in the p -adic expansion of $n + 1$, but not the last term in the expansion.

Second Cohomology Main Theorem A

Suppose $p > 3$ and $q > 5$. Let $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ be less than or equal to a fundamental dominant weight. Assume also that λ is not a dominant root. Then $H^2(G, L(\lambda)) \cong H^2(G(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda))$.

Corollary

Suppose p, q, λ are as above. Then $H^2(G(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda)) = 0$ except possibly in a small number of explicit cases in exceptional types, and except possibly in type C_n when $\lambda = \omega_j$ with j even and $p \leq n$.

Second Cohomology Main Theorem B

Let $p > 3$ and $q > 5$. Let $\lambda = \tilde{\alpha}$ be the highest root. Assume $p \nmid n + 1$ in type A_n , and $p \nmid n - 1$ in type B_n . Then $L(\lambda) = H^0(\lambda) = \mathfrak{g}$, and

$$H^2(G(\mathbb{F}_q), \mathfrak{g}) = k.$$

Also have $H^2(SL_3(\mathbb{F}_5), L(\omega_1)) = H^2(SL_3(\mathbb{F}_5), L(\omega_2)) = k$.

Different strategy in these cases for analyzing the long exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_G^1(k, L(\lambda)) &\xrightarrow{\operatorname{res}} \operatorname{Ext}_{G(\mathbb{F}_q)}^1(k, L(\lambda)) \rightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_G^1(k, L(\lambda) \otimes N) \\ \rightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_G^2(k, L(\lambda)) &\xrightarrow{\operatorname{res}} \operatorname{Ext}_{G(\mathbb{F}_q)}^2(k, L(\lambda)) \rightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_G^2(k, L(\lambda) \otimes N) \\ \rightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_G^3(k, L(\lambda)) &\rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

Our original commutative diagram:

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New diagram:

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 \end{array}$$

Lemma

Suppose $p > 2$ and $\lambda \in X_1(T)$. Then $H^1(B, L(\lambda)) \hookrightarrow H^1(U_1, L(\lambda))^{T(\mathbb{F}_q)}$.

Proof

LHS spectral sequence for B/B_1 combined with $\text{Ext}_B^1(k, L(\lambda))$. □

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Recall:

- $U(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is filtered by its lower central series.
- $kU(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is filtered by the powers of its augmentation ideal.

Theorem (Lazard)

$\text{gr } U(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is naturally a p -restricted Lie algebra over \mathbb{F}_p .

Theorem (Quillen)

There exists a natural isomorphism $\text{gr } kU(\mathbb{F}_q) \cong u(\text{gr } U(\mathbb{F}_q) \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_p} k)$.

Lin, Nakano (1999), Friedlander (2010)

There exists a natural isomorphism $\text{gr } kU(\mathbb{F}_q) \cong u(u^{\oplus r})$.

If M is a rational B -module, then there exists a (weight) filtration on M such that $\text{gr } M$ is naturally a $u(u^{\oplus r})$ -module. The restriction of $\text{gr } M$ to the first (or any) factor $u \subset u^{\oplus r}$ identifies with $M|_u$ (equivalently, with $M|_{U_1}$).

Consequence: There exists a May spectral sequence

$$E_1^{i,j} = H^{i+j}(u(u^{\oplus r}), \text{gr } M)_{(i)} \Rightarrow H^{i+j}(U(\mathbb{F}_q), M).$$

Upshot: There exist vector space maps

$$H^1(U(\mathbb{F}_q), M) \longrightarrow H^1(u(u^{\oplus r}), \text{gr } M)^{T(\mathbb{F}_q)} \xrightarrow{\text{res}} H^1(U_1, M)^{T(\mathbb{F}_q)}.$$

Apply results of Parshall and Scott on filtered algebras, and spectral sequence and weight arguments, to conclude that the new diagram commutes and that the bottom row consists of injections:

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 \end{array}$$

Theorem

Suppose $p > 2$, $q > 3$, and $\lambda \in X_1(T)$. Then

$$\dim H^1(U_1, L(\lambda))^{T(\mathbb{F}_q)} = \dim H^1(U_1, L(\lambda))^T = \dim H^1(G, L(\lambda)).$$

Hence, $H^1(G, L(\lambda)) \cong H^1(G(\mathbb{F}_q), L(\lambda))$.

Open Question about cohomology for Sp_{2n}

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Values of n and j for which $H^2(Sp_{2n}, L(\omega_j))$ is 1-dimensional, $p = 3$.

n	j	n	j	n	j	n	j
6	6	15	6, 8	24	6, 8, 18	33	6, 8, 18
7	6	16	6, 10	25	6, 10, 18	34	6, 10, 18
8		17		26		35	
9	6	18	6, 14	27	6, 14	36	6, 14
10	6	19	6, 16	28	6, 16	37	6, 16
11		20	18	29	18	38	18
12	6	21	6, 18	30	6, 18	39	6, 18, 20
13	6	22	6, 18	31	6, 18	40	6, 18, 22
14		23	18	32	18		

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10	10	20	10	30	10	40	10, 22	50	10, 42
11	10	21	10	31	10	41	10, 24	51	10, 44
12	10	22	10	32	10	42	10, 26	52	10, 46
13	10	23	10	33	10	43	10, 28	53	10, 48
14		24		34		44		54	50
15	10	25	10	35	10, 12	45	10, 32		
16	10	26	10	36	10, 14	46	10, 34		
17	10	27	10	37	10, 16	47	10, 36		
18	10	28	10	38	10, 18	48	10, 38		
19		29		39		49			

- Are these cohomology groups always at most one-dimensional?
- Can the non-vanishing be described p -adically in terms of n and j ?