

# Casselman-Shalika Formula for $GL_2$ :

## Outline

1. Whittaker models/functionals
2. Spherical representations
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4. Significance

0. Automorphic representations decompose

$$\pi \cong \otimes \pi_v \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{local reps such} \\ \text{as } GL_2(\mathbb{Q}_p) \end{array}$$

↑  
automorphic rep

\* Our formula lives here in the local theory

## Notation

- $F$  non-Archimedean local field
- $\mathcal{O}$  ring of integers
- $\mathfrak{p}$  maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$
- $q = |\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}|$
- $\varpi$  uniformizer

• Fix  $G = GL_2(F)$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $N = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $T = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$   
 Fix  $\psi$ ,  $\psi$  <sup>nontrivial</sup> additive character  $\psi: F \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ .

## 1. Whittaker models/functionals

def: Let  $(\pi, v)$  be any irrep of  $G$ . A Whittaker functional is a linear functional  $L: v \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

$$L(\pi \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} v) = \psi(x) L(v)$$

## Frobenius reciprocity

Whittaker functionals  $\longleftrightarrow$   $G$ -mod homs  
 $v \longleftrightarrow$  Space of  $\text{Ind}_N^G \psi$  = functions  $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  s.t.  $f(ny) = \psi(n)f(y)$   $n \in N$

A Whittaker model is the image of such a hom

existence? All smooth  $\infty$ -dim'l reps have a Whittaker model.

□ not true for  $GL_n$  in general

uniqueness? The space of Whittaker models is at most 1-dim'l

↳ has nice consequences — will play a role in proof of the C-S formula

## 2. Spherical Representations:

Iwasawa decomposition:  $G$  has a maximal compact subgroup  $K := GL_n(\mathcal{O})$  and  $G = B \cdot K$ .

def: An irreducible admissible rep is spherical if it contains a  $K$ -fixed vector.

[In  $\pi \cong \otimes \pi_v$ , almost all are spherical]

existence? Any  $\infty$ -dim'l spherical irreducible admissible rep is a nonramified principal series rep

↳  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  nonramified quasicharacters of  $F$

1. Inflate:  $\chi(y_1, y_2) := \chi_1(y_1) \chi_2(y_2)$

2. Induce:  $\pi(\chi_1, \chi_2) := \text{Ind}_B^G \chi$

The reps irreducible after this are nonramified principal series.

Here,

$\psi_K(bK) := \delta^{1/2} \chi(b)$  ↙ modular quasichar

is the normalized spherical vector in  $\pi(\chi_1, \chi_2)$ .

Uniqueness? The space of  $K$ -fixed vectors is 1-dim'l for the nonramified principal series is  $\infty$ -dim'l

### 3. C-S formula:

def: Let  $(\pi(x_1, x_2), \nu)$  be an unramified Principal series rep w/  $\alpha_i = x_i(\omega)$ . The spherical Whittaker function is the spherical vector in the Whittaker model:

$$W_0(g) := \int_G (\pi(g)\psi_K) \uparrow \int_F f\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) \nu(x) dx$$

□ not really a defn

makes  $W_0(1) = 1 - q^{-\alpha_1 - \alpha_2}$  -  
comes from Fourier expansion of Eisenstein series

Note: If we fix  $g$ ,  $W_0(g)$  is a holomorphic function of  $\alpha$ , and ok.

Goal: compute this.

B/c of transforming properties of the components of  $W_0(g)$ , we only need to compute on cosets

$$\mathbb{N}\mathbb{Z} \backslash G/K$$

this + Iwasawa decomp  $\Rightarrow$  only need to find  $W_0\left(\begin{pmatrix} \omega^m & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$  for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

### The Casselman-Shalika formula:

$$(1 - q^{-\alpha_1 - \alpha_2})^{-1} W_0\left(\begin{pmatrix} \omega^m & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{cases} q^{-m/2} \frac{\alpha_1^{m+1} - \alpha_2^{m+1}}{\alpha_1 - \alpha_2}, & m \geq 0 \\ 0, & m < 0 \end{cases}$$

Schur poly,  $S(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)_m$

Appears (in more generality) in papers of C-S in 1980, not first proven by them, but by Kato and Shimura in different settings

### Sketch of Casselman's method:

- i. Can "easily" get  $W_0\left(\begin{pmatrix} \omega^m & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = 0, m < 0$ .
  - ii. Uniqueness of Whittaker functionals helps  $\Rightarrow$   $(1 - q^{-\alpha_1 - \alpha_2})^{-1} W_0(g)$  is inv under  $\alpha_1 \leftrightarrow \alpha_2$
  - iii. Out of  $\psi_K$ , make  $e$
- $$F_m^{(g)} = \int_G \psi_K\left(g \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega^m & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) dx$$

is fixed by the Iwahori subgroup  $K_0(\mathfrak{p}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in K \mid c \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}} \right\}$ .  
 Express  $F_m$  in the Casselman basis  $\{\psi_0, \psi_2\}$  of  $V^{K_0(\mathfrak{p})}$ .

iv. Turns out

$$W_d \begin{pmatrix} \varpi^m & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \int_{\mathbb{F}^\times} \underbrace{F_m \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]}_{\substack{\text{Sub in } F_m \text{ in terms} \\ \text{of Casselman basis}}} \psi(-x) dx$$

get  $W_0 \begin{pmatrix} \varpi^m & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = C_1 q^{-m/2} \alpha_1^m + C_0 q^{-m/2} \alpha_2^m$

↙ ↘  
integrals involving  $\psi_0, \psi_1$

v. Compute  $C_0$  & apply FE from ii

4. Significance & History:

Lie  $\mathfrak{g}$

•  $S(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  is the value of a character of an irrep of  $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$  on the conjugacy class of  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \\ 0 & \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}$

↳  $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$  is the "L-grp" or Langlands dual group of  $GL_2$ ...

another example:  ~~$SL_2$~~   ~~$SO_2$~~   ~~$SO_3$~~   $Sp_4 \vee = SO_5$

• More generally, values of spherical Whittaker functions of an irrep are given by a character of the "L-group" applied to the conjugacy class parameterizing it

History: The L-group was introduced by Langlands in 1967. He conjectured about the role of these L-groups in the subsequent years — including this formula.

↳ Corresponding formula for  $GL_n$  proven by Shimura in 1976  
 More general reductive gps Kato in 1978.

• Not only significant for this connection — but also aids in calculations involving L-functions, Rankin-Selberg method, Langlands-Shahidi method.

Sources:

- Automorphic Forms and Representations" Bump
- "The L-group" Casselman
- Katy's notes for nice background on rep theory of  $GL_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ .