

# SUPERCUSPIDAL REPRESENTATIONS OF $SL_2$ OVER $p$ -ADIC FIELD

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## 1. NOTATION AND BACKGROUND

**1.1. Notations.** Let  $F$  be a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  ( $p \neq 2$ ). Denote the residual field of  $F$  by  $k$ , a finite field of order  $q$ . Let the ring of integers of  $F$  be  $\mathcal{O}_F$  and its maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ .  $\{\mathfrak{p}^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  form a neighbourhood basis of  $F$  at 0, and under this topology  $F$  is locally compact and totally disconnected. Let  $\varpi$  be the uniformizer, and normalize the nontrivial discrete valuation  $\omega$  on  $F$  so that  $\omega(\varpi) = 1$ .  $F^\times / (F^\times)^2$  can be represented by  $\{1, \varpi, \epsilon, \epsilon\varpi\}$  where  $\epsilon$  is a fixed nonsquare in  $\mathcal{O}_F^\times$  (chosen to be  $-1$  if  $-1 \notin (F^\times)^2$ ).

Set

$$\mathfrak{u}_n = 1 + \mathfrak{p}^n$$

to be the neighbourhood basis at 1.

**Remark.** This is not the usual filtration subgroup used for  $\mathcal{O}_F^\times$ . It's only a neighbourhood basis.

We fix an additive quasi-character  $\Psi$  of  $F$  which is trivial on  $\mathfrak{p}$  but nontrivial on  $\mathcal{O}_F$ .

For algebraic groups over  $F$ , we use the following notations:

objects	notations
algebraic groups	$\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{T}$
groups of $F$ -points	$G, S, T$
Lie algebras	$\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{t}$

Moreover, by embedding  $\mathbb{G}$  in  $GL_n$ , for any linear algebraic group  $\mathbb{G}$  over  $F$ , its group of  $F$ -points  $\mathbb{G}(F)$  inherits a topology from  $F$  that makes  $\mathbb{G}(F)$  totally disconnected and locally closed.

**1.2. Affine apartments, buildings and filtration subgroups.** Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a semisimple split group defined over  $F$ , and  $\mathbb{S}$  a maximal torus of  $\mathbb{G}$  split over  $F$ . Let  $X_*(\mathbb{S})_F$  (resp.  $X^*(\mathbb{S})_F$ ) be the group of  $F$ -rational cocharacters (resp. characters) of  $\mathbb{S}$ . By tensoring  $\omega : F^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  with  $X_*(\mathbb{S})$ , we get  $\omega : \mathbb{S}(F) \rightarrow X_*(\mathbb{S})_F$ , called the *valuation homomorphism* of  $\mathbb{S}(F)$ .

1.2.1. *Apartments.* Let  $\Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  be the root system associated to  $(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S})$  defined over  $F$ . For each  $\alpha \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ , the associated root group  $\mathbb{U}_\alpha$  is  $F$ -isomorphic to the additive group  $\mathbb{G}_a$ .

**Definition.** A *Chevalley system* is a system of  $F$ -isomorphism  $u_\alpha : \mathbb{G}_a \cong \mathbb{U}_\alpha$  satisfying the commutation relations of Chevalley.

**Definition.** A *valuation* of root datum is a collection  $\varphi = (\varphi_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)}$  where  $\varphi_\alpha : \mathbb{U}_\alpha(F) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  such that

- (V0) For each  $\alpha \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ ,  $\varphi_\alpha(\mathbb{U}_\alpha(F))$  consists of at least 3 elements.
- (V1) For each  $\alpha \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  and  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$U_{\alpha, \varphi, r} := \varphi_\alpha^{-1}([r, \infty))$$

is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{U}_\alpha(F)$ .

- (V2) For every  $n \in N_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})(F)$  that realizes the reflection along  $\alpha \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ , the function

$$u \mapsto \varphi_\alpha(u) - \varphi_{-\alpha}(n \cdot u \cdot n^{-1})$$

is constant  $\mathbb{U}_\alpha(F^*)$  on  $\mathbb{U}_\alpha(F)^* = \mathbb{U}_\alpha(F) \setminus \{1\}$ .

- (V3) For non-proportional roots  $\alpha, \beta \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  and  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$ , the commutator  $[\mathbb{U}_{\alpha, \varphi, r}, \mathbb{U}_{\beta, \varphi, s}]$  is contained in the group generated by  $\mathbb{U}_{a\alpha + b\beta, ar + bs}$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  such that  $a\alpha + b\beta \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ .
- (V4) If  $\alpha, 2\alpha \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ , then  $\varphi = 2 \cdot \varphi|_{\mathbb{U}_{2\alpha}(F)}$ .
- (V5) For  $\alpha \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  and  $u \in \mathbb{U}_\alpha(F)^*$ ,  $\varphi_\alpha(u) = -\varphi_{-\alpha}(u') = -\varphi_{-\alpha}(u'')$  for the Tits element  $u', u''$  of  $u$ .

In addition, the following axiom holds, we say that  $\varphi$  is *compatible* with  $\omega$ :

- (V6) For all  $z \in Z_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})(F)$ ,

$$\varphi_\alpha(z \cdot u \cdot z^{-1}) = \varphi_\alpha(u) + \alpha(\omega_{Z_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})}(z))$$

where  $\omega_{Z_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})} : Z_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})(F) \rightarrow X_*(\mathbb{S})_F$  is the valuation homomorphism.

Define an action of  $V(\mathbb{S})_F = X_*(\mathbb{S})_F \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$  on the set of valuations of root data: given  $\varphi = (\varphi_\alpha)$ ,  $v \in V(\mathbb{S})_F$ , define  $\varphi + v$  by

$$(\varphi + v)_\alpha(u) = \varphi_\alpha(u) + \langle a, v \rangle.$$

**Definition.** Two valuations  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are *equipollent* if  $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 + V(\mathbb{S})_F$ .

Define an action of  $N_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})(F)$  on the set of valuations of the root datum: given  $n \in N_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})(F)$ ,  $\varphi = (\varphi_\alpha)$  valuation

$$(n \cdot \varphi)_\alpha(u) = \varphi_{n^{-1}\alpha}(n^{-1} \cdot u \cdot n), \quad u \in \mathbb{U}_\alpha(F).$$

From a Chevalley system  $\{u_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)}$ , we obtained a valuation of the root datum:

$$\varphi_a = \omega \circ u_a^{-1}.$$

**Definition.** The valuations obtained from a Chevalley system is called a *Chevalley valuation*.

**Proposition 1.1.** *All Chevalley valuations are equipollent and compatible with  $\omega$ .*

**Definition.** The *apartment*  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  is the equipollent class of all Chevalley valuations of  $\Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ . It is an affine space under  $V(\mathbb{S})_F = X_*(\mathbb{S})_F \otimes \mathbb{R}$ .

We see that  $N_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})(F)$  acts on  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  by affine transformations, and  $s \in \mathbb{S}(F)$  acts by  $-\omega(s) = -(\alpha \mapsto \omega(\alpha(s))) \in V(\mathbb{S})_F$ .

1.2.2. *Filtration subgroups.* Let  $\tilde{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}$ . We can endow  $\tilde{\mathbb{R}}$  with an order by setting

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &> r, & \forall r \in \mathbb{R}; \\ r_+ &> r, & \forall r \in \mathbb{R}; \\ r_+ &< s, & \forall r < s. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $(\varphi, *) \in A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F) \times \tilde{\mathbb{R}}_{\geq 0}$ , we can define the *Moy-Prasad filtration subgroup*  $\mathbb{G}(F)_{\varphi, *} = \langle U_{\alpha, \varphi, *}, \mathbb{S}(F)_* \rangle_{\alpha \in \Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)}$  where

$$\begin{aligned} U_{\alpha, \varphi, r_+} &= \bigcup_{s > r} U_{\alpha, \varphi, s} \\ \mathbb{S}(F)_r &= \{s \in \mathbb{S}(F) \mid \omega(\chi(s) - 1) \geq r, \forall \chi \in X^*(\mathbb{S})_F\} \\ \mathbb{S}(F)_{r_+} &= \bigcup_{s > r} \mathbb{S}(F)_s. \end{aligned}$$

This form a decreasing filtration of  $\mathbb{G}(F)$ . These filtration behave well under conjugation in the sense that

$$\mathbb{G}(F)_{nx, r} = \mathbb{G}(F)_{x, r}^n, \quad n \in N_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})(F).$$

Similarly, For each  $(\varphi, *) \in A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F) \times \tilde{\mathbb{R}}$ , we can define the  $\mathcal{O}_F$ -submodule  $\mathfrak{g}(F)_{\varphi, *} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}(F)$ .

1.2.3. *Buildings.*

**Definition.** The *building*  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F)$  of  $\mathbb{G}$  over  $F$  can be constructed by "gluing together"  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  for various maximal  $F$ -split tori  $\mathbb{S}$  of  $\mathbb{G}$ :

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F) = \mathbb{G}(F) \times A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F) / \sim$$

where  $(g, x) \sim (h, y)$  if and only if there exists  $n \in N_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})(F)$  such that  $n \cdot x = y$  and  $g^{-1}hn \in \mathbb{G}(F)_{x, 0}$ . We write  $[g, x]$  for the equivalence class of  $(g, x)$  in the building.

**Proposition 1.2.**  $\mathbb{G}(F)$  acts on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F)$  on the first factor.

(1) For any  $g \in \mathbb{G}(F)$ ,  $[g, A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)] \cong A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ . These sets are called the *apartments* of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ . There is a  $G$ -equivariant bijection

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{apartments in } \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)\} &\cong \{\text{maximal split tori}\} \\ [g, A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)] &\mapsto \mathbb{S}^g \end{aligned}$$

(2) By identifying  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  with  $[e, A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)]$ , the stabilizer of  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  in  $\mathbb{G}(F)$  is  $N_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{S})(F)$ . The stabilizer of  $x \in A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  in  $\mathbb{G}(F)$  is  $\mathbb{G}(F)_{x, 0}$ .

**Remark.** We can define the Moy-Prasad filtration for all  $y \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  by writing  $y = gx$  for  $g \in \mathbb{G}(F)$ ,  $x \in A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  and

$$\mathbb{G}(F)_{gx, r} = \mathbb{G}(F)_{x, r}^g.$$

In particular it follows from Proposition 1.2(2) that for all  $y \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ , the stabilizer of  $y$  in  $\mathbb{G}(F)$  is  $\mathbb{G}(F)_{y, 0}$ .

For any Galois extension  $F'/F$ , we can view  $\mathbb{G}$  semisimple split group define over  $F'$ , and similarly define  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F') := G(F') \times A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F') / \sim$ . The Galois group  $\text{Gal}(F'/F)$  acts naturally on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F')$  (on the first factor). Buildings behave functorially with respect to Galois extensions.

**Proposition 1.3.** *There is a unique system of injections*

$$\iota_{F_2 F_1} : \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F_1) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F_2) \quad (F_1 \subseteq F_2 \text{ are Galois extensions of } F)$$

with the following properties:

- (1) the image of  $\iota_{F_2 F_1}$  is fixed by  $\text{Gal}(K_2/K_1)$ ;
- (2) the restriction of  $\iota_{F_2 F_1}$  to any apartment is an affine mapping into an apartment of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F_2)$ ;

- (3)  $\iota_{F_2F_1}$  is  $\mathbb{G}(F_1)$ -equivariant;  
 (4) if  $F_1 \subseteq F_2 \subseteq F_3$ , then  $\iota_{F_3F_1} = \iota_{F_3F_2} \circ \iota_{F_2F_1}$ .

Moreover, if  $F'/F$  is unramified (or even tamely unramified),  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F)$  is the fixed point set of  $\mathrm{Gal}(F'/F)$  in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F')$ , and for any maximal  $F'$ -split  $\mathbb{T}$ ,  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{T}, F') \cap \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F)$  can be identified with  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{T}, F) \cong X_*(\mathbb{T})_F \otimes \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition.** The *depth* of an irreducible representation  $(\pi, V)$  of  $G$  is the least  $r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that there exists  $x \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F)$  for which  $V$  contains nonzero vectors invariant under  $G_{x, r+}$ .

1.2.4. *Filtration subgroups in  $\mathrm{SL}_2$ .* Now let  $\mathbb{G} = \mathrm{SL}_2$ ,  $\mathbb{B}$  the standard Borel subgroup of upper triangular matrices,  $\mathbb{S}$  the standard maximal split torus of diagonal matrices. Let  $G, B, S$  be the group of  $F$ -points of  $\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{B}$  and  $\mathbb{S}$ .

We have  $\Phi(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F) = \{\pm\alpha\}$  with the two root subgroups

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{U}_\alpha &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbb{U}_{-\alpha} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ * & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

So  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  is an affine space under  $X_*(\mathbb{S})_F \otimes \mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}$ . By identifying 0 in  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  and choosing coordinates so that  $\alpha^\vee = 2$ , we have  $G_{0,0} = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathcal{O}_F)$ . This is a maximal compact subgroup of  $G$  which we denote by  $K$ . On the other hand,

$$G_{1,0} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O}_F & \mathfrak{p}^{-1} \\ \mathfrak{p} & \mathcal{O}_F \end{pmatrix} = K^\eta$$

where  $\eta \in \mathrm{GL}_2(F)$  is given by

$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & \varpi \end{pmatrix}.$$

Up to conjugacy,  $K$  and  $K^\eta$  are the only two maximal compact subgroups of  $G$ .

More generally, we can describe the Moy-Prasad filtration subgroups  $G_{x,r}$  of  $G$ . It suffices to describe  $G_{y,r}$  for  $y \in A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ . For  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , set

$$[r] = \begin{cases} \min\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \geq r\} & \text{if } r \in \mathbb{R} \\ \min\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n > r\} & \text{if } r \in \mathbb{R}_+. \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_{\alpha, y, r} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathfrak{p}^{\lceil r-y \rceil} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ U_{-\alpha, y, r} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \mathfrak{p}^{\lceil r+y \rceil} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ S_r &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{u}^{\lceil r \rceil} & \\ & \mathfrak{u}^{\lceil r \rceil} \end{pmatrix} \\ G_{y, r} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{u}^{\lceil r \rceil} & \mathfrak{p}^{\lceil r-y \rceil} \\ \mathfrak{p}^{\lceil r+y \rceil} & \mathfrak{u}^{\lceil r \rceil} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

### 1.3. Anisotropic tori.

**Definition.** A torus  $\mathbb{T}$  is *anisotropic* over  $F$  if  $X_*(\mathbb{T})_F = \{1\}$ .

Now let  $\mathbb{G} = \mathrm{SL}_2$ , all non-split tori are anisotropic and split over a quadratic extension  $F'$  of  $F$ . A torus is called *unramified* if  $F'/F$  is unramified, and *ramified* otherwise.

Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be an anisotropic torus of  $\mathbb{G}$ . Since  $p \neq 2$ , the splitting field  $F'$  is always tamely unramified. Therefore by Proposition 1.3, we can view  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F)$  as the set of  $\mathrm{Gal}(F'/F)$ -fixed

points of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, F')$ , and  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{T}, F) = A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{T}, F) \cap \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  consists of a single point, denoted by  $\{y\}$ . We can determine  $y$  in the following way.

Write  $y = [g, x]$  for the point in the building corresponding to the equivalence class of  $(g, x)$ . Since  $\mathbb{T}$  is  $F'$ -split, we can write  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{S}^g$ , and therefore  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{T}, F) = g \cdot A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  for some  $g \in \mathbb{G}(F')$ . (here we identify  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$  with  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F')$ , since  $\mathbb{S}$  is  $F$ -split). Since  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(F'/F)$  acts on  $[g, x]$  by  $\sigma \cdot [g, x] = [\sigma(g), x]$ , so  $[g, x]$  is Galois fixed if and only if  $\sigma(g)g^{-1} \in \mathbb{G}(F')_x$ . In this way we determine both  $g$  and  $x$ , hence  $y = [g, x]$ .

The following table shows the representatives of conjugacy classes of anisotropic tori in  $\mathbb{G}$ .

$\mathbb{T}$	splitting field $F'$	$A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{T}, F) = \{y\}$	ramification
$\mathbb{T}_{1,\epsilon}$	$F(\sqrt{\epsilon})$	$y = 0$	unramified
$\mathbb{T}_{\varpi^{-1}, \epsilon\varpi} = \mathbb{T}_{1,\epsilon}'$	$F(\sqrt{\epsilon})$	$y = 1$	unramified
$\mathbb{T}_{1,\varpi}$	$F(\sqrt{\varpi})$	$y = \frac{1}{2}$	ramified
$\mathbb{T}_{\epsilon, \epsilon^{-1}\varpi}$	$F(\sqrt{\varpi})$	$y = \frac{1}{2}$	ramified
$\mathbb{T}_{1,\epsilon\varpi}$	$F(\sqrt{\epsilon\varpi})$	$y = \frac{1}{2}$	ramified
$\mathbb{T}_{\epsilon, \varpi}$	$F(\sqrt{\epsilon\varpi})$	$y = \frac{1}{2}$	ramified

Here  $\mathbb{T}_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2}$  is the torus consists of elements of the form

$$t(a, b) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b\gamma_1 \\ b\gamma_2 & a \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2.$$

When  $-1 \notin (F^\times)^2$ , then  $\mathbb{T}_{1,\varpi} \cong \mathbb{T}_{\epsilon, \epsilon^{-1}\varpi}$  and  $\mathbb{T}_{1,\epsilon\varpi} \cong \mathbb{T}_{\epsilon\varpi}$ . Otherwise, there are no conjugacy among them. For  $\mathbb{T}_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2}$  in the above table, the element

$$(1.1) \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\gamma_1\gamma_2^{-1}} \\ \sqrt{\gamma_1^{-1}\gamma_2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

satisfies  $\mathbb{T}_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2} = \mathbb{S}^g$ . So we can use  $g^{-1}\sigma(g) \in \mathbb{G}(F')_{x,0}$  to determine the second coordinate of  $y = [g, x]$ . Moreover, it turns out that both  $g^{-1}$  and  $\sigma(g)$  lie in  $\mathbb{G}(F')_{x,0}$ , so  $[g, x] = g \cdot [1, x] = [1, x] \in A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ .

**Example 1.1.** Let's take a look at  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{T}_{1,\varpi}$ , and try to compute  $A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{T}, F) = \{y\} = \{[g, x]\}$ . We can take

$$\begin{aligned} g &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2}\varpi^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \varpi^{\frac{1}{2}} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ g^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2}\varpi^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ -\varpi^{\frac{1}{2}} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma(g) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2}\varpi^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ -\varpi^{\frac{1}{2}} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma(g)g^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \varpi^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ -\varpi^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{G}(F')_{x,0}. \end{aligned}$$

So we see that  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ . Moreover,  $g$  also lies in  $\mathbb{G}(F')_{\frac{1}{2},0}$ . So  $y = [g, \frac{1}{2}] = \frac{1}{2}$ .

The filtration on  $\mathbb{S}(F')$  induces one on  $\mathbb{T}(F')$  by conjugation, and so on  $T = \mathbb{T}(F)$  as the fixed points under Galois group. Since  $g \in \mathbb{G}(F')_{y,0}$ , and  $T \subseteq G_{y,0}$ ,  $T_r = T \cap G_{y,r}$ . In particular,  $T_0 = T$  and for each  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$T_r = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b\gamma_1 \\ b\gamma_2 & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathfrak{u}_{[r]}, b\gamma_1 \in \mathfrak{p}^{\lceil r-y \rceil} \right\}.$$

In the case  $T = T_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2}$ ,  $\mathfrak{t} = \text{Lie}(T)$  is the one-dimensional subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  spanned by

$$X_T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $r \in \tilde{\mathbb{R}}$ , the corresponding filtration submodule of  $\mathfrak{t}$  is

$$\mathfrak{t}_r = \{aX_T \mid a \in F, a\gamma_1 \in \mathfrak{p}^{\lceil r-y \rceil}\}.$$

**Definition.** For  $r \geq 0$ , elements  $X = aX_T \in \mathfrak{t}_{-r}$  satisfying  $\omega(a\gamma_1) = -r - y$  are called  $G$ -generic of depth  $r$ .

Let  $r > 0$ , then there is a natural group isomorphism  $e_r : \mathfrak{t}_r/\mathfrak{t}_{r+} \rightarrow T_r/T_{r+}$  called the *Moy-Prasad isomorphism*. If  $\phi$  is a character of  $T$  of depth  $r$ , we say that  $\phi$  is  $G$ -generic if there exists a  $G$ -generic element  $\Gamma \in \mathfrak{t}_{-r}$  of depth  $r$  such that

$$\phi(e_r(X)) = \Psi(\text{Tr}(\Gamma X)).$$

In our case, all positive-depth characters of  $T$  are  $G$ -generic.

#### 1.4. Representation theory preliminaries.

1.4.1. *Supercuspidal representations.* Now let  $\mathbb{G} = SL_2$ ,  $\mathbb{U} = \mathbb{U}_\alpha$ .

**Definition.** A representation  $(\pi, V)$  of  $G$  is *smooth* if  $\text{Stab}_G(v)$  is open for all  $v \in V$ .

**Definition.** A smooth representation  $(\pi, V)$  of  $G$  is *supercuspidal* if the *Jacquet module*  $V_U = V/V(U) = 0$ , where

$$V(U) = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{\pi(u)v - v \mid u \in U, v \in V\}.$$

**Remark.** This is the greatest quotient of  $V$  on which  $U$  acts trivially. By Frobenius reciprocity,  $(\pi, V)$  is supercuspidal iff it's NOT isomorphic to any quotient of a parabolic induced representation.

1.4.2. *Compact induction.*

**Definition.** Given a closed subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ , and a smooth representation  $(\pi, V)$  of  $H$ , the *compactly induced representation*  $\text{c-Ind}_H^G \pi$  is given by the right action by  $G$  on the space of functions

$$\{f : G \rightarrow V \mid \forall h \in H, g \in G, f(hg) = \pi(h)f(g), f \text{ is smooth and compactly supported mod } H\}.$$

**Theorem 1.1** (Mautner). *If  $H$  is open and compact mod the center  $Z$  of  $G$ , and if  $\text{c-Ind}_H^G \pi$  is irreducible, then it is supercuspidal.*

1.4.3. *Heisenberg groups and Weil representations.* Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional symplectic vector space over  $k$ . The *Heisenberg group*  $H(V) = V \oplus k$  (as set) has center  $(0, k) \cong k$ . For each character  $\psi : k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , there is a unique irreducible representation (called the *Heisenberg representation*)  $w_\psi$  of  $H(V)$  with central character  $\psi$ . It follows that  $w_\psi$  extends to a representation  $w_\psi$  of  $\text{Sp}(V) \ltimes H(V)$  (called the *Weil representation*).

## 2. SUPERCUSPIDAL REPRESENTATIONS OF $SL_2(F)$

In this section we present the classification of supercuspidal representations of  $SL_2(F)$  following the work of J.K. Yu [Yu01]. Yu introduced the notion of a *generic tamely ramified cuspidal  $G$ -datum*. For  $G = SL_2(F)$ , these data fall into two kinds. The first consists data of so-called degree 0, and give rise to depth-zero supercuspidal representations. The second consists data of so-called degree 1, and give rise to positive-depth supercuspidal representations. In either case, these supercuspidal representations are constructed by compact induction.

**2.1. Depth-zero supercuspidal representations.** Let  $\sigma$  be a *cuspidal representation\** of  $\mathbb{G}(k) = SL_2(k)$  and pull it back along the mod  $\mathfrak{p}$  map  $\mathbb{G}(\mathcal{O}_F) \rightarrow \mathbb{G}(k)$  to obtain a representation (also denoted  $\sigma$ ) of  $K = SL_2(\mathcal{O}_F)$ . Let  $\sigma^\eta$  be the corresponding representation of  $K^\eta$ . It is known that the compactly induced representations

$$\text{c-Ind}_K^G(\sigma) \text{ and } \text{c-Ind}_{K^\eta}^G(\sigma^\eta)$$

are irreducible, hence supercuspidal.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Up to equivalence, any depth-zero supercuspidal representation of  $G$  rises as  $\text{c-Ind}_{G_{y,0}}^G \sigma$  for a unique pair  $(\sigma, G_{y,0})$  of cuspidal representation  $\sigma$  of  $SL_2(k)$  and maximal compact subgroup  $G_{y,0}$  with  $y \in \{0, 1\} \subseteq A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{S}, F)$ .*

**2.2. Positive-depth supercuspidal representations.** To construct positive depth supercuspidal representations, we need cuspidal  $G$ -datum of degree 1, which is a quadruple  $(\mathbb{T}, y, r, \phi)$  where

- $\mathbb{T}$  is an anisotropic torus.
- $y \in A(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{T}, F)$  as described in the table.
- $r = 2s$  is a positive real number, subject to
  - $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $\mathbb{T}$  is unramified
  - $r \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}$ , if  $\mathbb{T}$  is ramified
- $\phi$  is a  $G$ -generic character of  $\mathbb{T}$  of depth  $r$ .

The idea of the construction of a supercuspidal representation of depth  $r$  from such a quadruple  $(\mathbb{T}, y, r, \phi)$  is to extend  $\phi$  to a depth  $r$  representation  $\rho$  of  $TG_{y,s}$ , whose compact induction to  $G$  is irreducible (hence supercuspidal). Here is the detail.

Denote by  $e$  the Moy-Prasad isomorphisms

$$\mathfrak{t}_{s_+}/\mathfrak{t}_{r_+} \cong T_{s_+}/T_{r_+} \text{ and } \mathfrak{g}_{y,s_+}/\mathfrak{g}_{y,r_+} \cong G_{y,s_+}/G_{y,r_+}.$$

Since  $\phi$  has depth  $r$ , its restriction to  $T_{s_+}$  factors through  $T_{s_+}/T_{r_+}$ . Pulling back along  $e$ , we obtain a quasi-character of  $\mathfrak{t}_{s_+}/\mathfrak{t}_{r_+}$ . We know that such a quasi-character arises as  $X \mapsto \Psi(\text{Tr}(\Gamma X))$  for some  $\Gamma \in \mathfrak{t}_{-r}$ . Therefore we conclude that

$$\phi(t) = \Psi(\text{Tr}(\Gamma e^{-1}(t))), \quad t \in T_{s_+}.$$

Using this formula, we can also define a character  $\Psi_\Gamma$  of  $G_{y,s_+}$  via

$$\Psi_\Gamma(g) = \Psi(\text{Tr}(\Gamma e^{-1}(g))), \quad g \in G_{y,s_+}.$$

In particular,  $\phi$  and  $\Psi_\Gamma$  agree on  $T \cap G_{y,s_+} \supset T_{s_+}$ , together they give a unique well defined character  $\hat{\phi}$  of  $TG_{y,s_+}$  by

$$\hat{\phi}(tg) = \phi(t)\Psi_\Gamma(g), \quad t \in T, g \in G_{y,s_+}.$$

In case  $G_{y,s_+} = G_{y,s}$ , we can take  $\rho = \hat{\phi}$ . This occurs when

- $\mathbb{T}$  is ramified, and
- $\mathbb{T}$  is unramified with  $r$  odd

since in these cases  $s$  is a fraction for which  $[s] = [s_+]$  and  $[s \pm y] = [(s_+) \pm y]$ .

Otherwise, i.e., when  $\mathbb{T}$  is unramified and  $r$  is even, Yu defines the subgroups

$$J^1 = T_r G_{y,s}$$

$$J_+^1 = T_r G_{y,s_+}.$$

In particular one sees that  $TJ^1 = TG_{y,s}$ , so we just need to define a representation  $\rho$  for  $TJ^1$ . The quotient  $J^1/J_+^1$  has a symplectic structure (coming from  $\phi$  and  $\Psi_\Gamma$ ). Some quotient  $J^1/N$  of  $J^1$  is isomorphic to  $H(J^1/J_+^1)$ . Therefore  $J_1/N \cong H(J^1/J_+^1)/(J^1/J_+^1) \cong k$ . Moreover, the

\*Andy talked about how to construct these representations via Deligne-Lusztig induction

character  $\Psi_\Gamma : G_{y,s+} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  induces a character  $J_1/N \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  (which is again denoted by  $\Psi_\Gamma$ ). So by Stone-von Neumann theorem one can obtain the Weil representation of  $\mathrm{Sp}(J^1/J_+^1) \times J/N$  with central character  $\Psi_\Gamma$ . The group  $T$  acts on  $J^1/J_+^1$  by conjugation, and this action is symplectic. Therefore we have a homomorphism  $T \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(J^1/J_+^1)$ . Pull the Weil representation back along  $T \times J^1 \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(J^1/J_+^1) \times J^1/N$ , we obtain a representation  $\tilde{\phi}$  of  $T \times J^1$ . Then

- (1)  $\mathrm{Res}_{1 \times J_+^1} \tilde{\phi}$  is  $\Psi_\Gamma$ -isotypic (by definition of the Weil representation).
- (2)  $\mathrm{Res}_{T_{0,+} \times 1} \tilde{\phi}$  is 1-isotypic (the action is given by conjugation, so just need to check  $[T_{0,+}, J^1] \subseteq J_+^1$ ).

Now we define  $\rho$  by  $\rho(tj) = \phi(t)\tilde{\phi}(t,j)$  for  $(t,j) \in T \times J^1$ . To check that this is well defined, let  $tj = 1$ , then  $t,j = t^{-1} \in T \cap J^1 \supseteq T_r$ . So

$$\rho(tj) = \phi(t) \cdot \underbrace{\tilde{\phi}(t,1)}_{=1} \cdot \underbrace{\tilde{\phi}(1,t^{-1})}_{=\Psi_\Gamma(t^{-1})=\phi(t^{-1})} = 1.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\rho = \rho(\mathbb{T}, y, r, \phi)$  be as above. The compactly induction representation*

$$\mathrm{c}\text{-Ind}_{TG_{y,s}}^G \rho$$

*is a supercuspidal representation of  $G$  of depth  $r$ , and all positive-depth supercuspidal representations of  $G$  arise in this way. Moreover, two such representations are equivalent if and only if the pairs  $(\mathbb{T}, \phi)$  occurring in the data are  $G$ -conjugate.*

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