

On a comparison of
algebraic/geometric constructions of
supercuspidal representations
超尖点表現の代数的・幾何的構成の比較について

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Today's theme

- Let F be a p -adic field.
- Let G be a connected reductive group over F .

Problem

Want to compare two representations of $G(F)$;

- “algebraic” representation $\pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}}$ constructed by Kaletha–Yu and
- “geometric” representation $\pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$ constructed by Chan–Ivanov.

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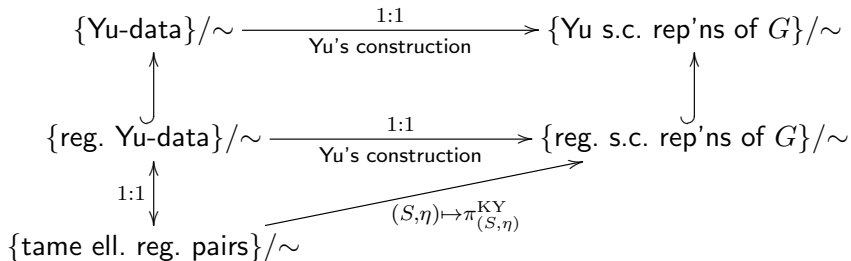
Yu supercuspidal representations

- (Assume: G is tamely ramified.)
- supercuspidal representations = “building blocks” in representation theory of p -adic reductive groups.
- In 2001, Yu gave an explicit construction of a certain wide class of supercuspidal representations.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \{\text{irred. smooth rep'ns of } G\}/\sim \\ & & \uparrow \\ & & \{\text{irred. s.c. rep'ns of } G\}/\sim \\ & & \uparrow = \text{if } p \gg 0 \\ \{\text{Yu-data}\}/\sim & \xrightarrow[\text{Yu's construction}]{1:1} & \{\text{Yu s.c. rep'ns of } G\}/\sim \end{array}$$

Kaletha–Yu representation $\pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}}$

- In 2019, Kaletha introduced the notion of “regularity” of Yu-data and proved that regular Yu-data are parametrized by much simpler data.
- much simpler data = “tame elliptic regular pairs” (S, η) , where
 - a tamely ramified elliptic maximal torus S of G defined over F , and
 - a “regular” character $\eta: S(F) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$.



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- In 2019, Chan and Ivanov (arXiv:1903.06153) constructed a representation of $G(F)$ by considering a “ p -adic version” of **Deligne–Lusztig theory**.
- Deligne–Lusztig theory: constructs representations of finite reductive groups via geometry.
 - Let \mathbb{G} be a connected reductive group over \mathbb{F}_q .
 - Take a maximal torus \mathbb{T} of \mathbb{G} defined over \mathbb{F}_q .

Example. When $\mathbb{G} = \mathrm{GL}_n$, there are two typical maximal tori:

split: $(\mathbb{F}_q^\times)^n \subset \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$

elliptic: $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}^\times \subset \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$

- Take a Borel subgroup $\mathbb{B} = \mathbb{T}\mathbb{U}$ of \mathbb{G} containing \mathbb{T} (not necessarily defined over \mathbb{F}_q).

- Put

$$X := \{g \in \mathbb{G}(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q) \mid g^{-1} \text{Frob}(g) \in \mathbb{U}\}.$$

- Then the groups $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ act on this variety via left and right multiplication, respectively.
- Thus the alternating sum of the ℓ -adic cohomology

$$H_c^*(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) := \sum_i (-1)^i H_c^i(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$$

gives a virtual representation of $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q) \times \mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)$. ($\ell \neq p$, fix $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell \cong \mathbb{C}$)

- Finally, by taking a character θ of $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)$, we get a representation of $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)$:

$$R_{\mathbb{T}}^\theta := H_c^*(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)[\theta].$$

- Summary: each (\mathbb{T}, θ) produces a virtual representation $R_{\mathbb{T}}^\theta$ of $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)$.

- Chan–Ivanov considered this story in the p -adic setting.
- Let G be a connected reductive group over a p -adic field F .
- For each pair (S, η) of
 - an unramified maximal torus S of G defined over F , and
 - a character $\eta: S(F) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$,they defined a variety “ X ” and get a virtual representation

$$\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}} := H_c^*(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)[\eta]$$

of a certain open compact (mod center) subgroup G_x .

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Our comparison problem: Kaletha–Yu vs. Chan–Ivanov

- In fact, $\pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}}$ is obtained by the compact induction from G_x :

$$\pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}} := \text{c-Ind}_{G_x}^{G(F)} \rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}}.$$

Q. For an unramified elliptic regular pair (S, η) , compare $\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}}$ with $\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$.

Main result (joint work with Charlotte Chan)

Let q be the order of the residue field of F . Assume that

- $q \gg 0$ (an explicit condition depending on G and S), and
- $\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$ is irreducible (up to sign ε).

Then we have $\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}} \cong \varepsilon \cdot \rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$.

\rightsquigarrow In particular, we get $\pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}} \cong \pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$ by putting

$$\pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}} := \text{c-Ind}_{G_x}^{G(F)} (\varepsilon \cdot \rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}).$$

Characters tell all

- For a finite-dimensional representation (π, V) of G_x , we can define its “character” by taking its trace:

$$\Theta_\pi : G_x \rightarrow \mathbb{C}; \quad g \mapsto \mathrm{tr}(\pi(g)).$$

- Two finite-dimensional representations π_1 and π_2 are isomorphic if and only if $\Theta_{\pi_1} \equiv \Theta_{\pi_2}$ as a function on G_x .
 \rightsquigarrow We try to compare the characters $\Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\mathrm{KY}}}$ and $\Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\mathrm{CI}}}$.
- **Adler–DeBacker–Spice character formula** describes $\Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\mathrm{KY}}}$ explicitly.
(algebraic; based on their precise structure theory of p -adic reductive groups)
- **Chan–Ivanov character formula** describes $\Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\mathrm{CI}}}$ explicitly.
(geometric; based on the argument of Deligne–Lusztig via geometric tools such as the Lefschetz trace formula)

Character comparison on unramified very regular elements

Point: If $g \in G_x$ is “unramified very regular”, these formulas are drastically simplified and comparable.
(Roughly, “unramified very regular” = has a regular semisimple reduction)

Proposition (special case of ADS/CI character formulas)

Let $g \in G_x$ be an unramified very regular element.

- When g is not G_x -conjugate to an element of $S(F)$, we have

$$\Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}}}(g) = \Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}}(g) = 0.$$

- When g is G_x -conjugate to an element of $S(F)$, we may assume that g itself belongs to $S(F)$ by taking conjugation. Then there exists $\varepsilon \in \{\pm 1\}$ (independent of g) such that we have

$$\varepsilon \cdot \Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}}}(g) = \Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}}(g) = \sum_{w \in W_{G_x}(S)} \eta^w(g)$$

Recover a representation from its character

- Put $G_{x,\text{reg}}$ to be the set of unramified very regular elements of G_x .

Corollary

There exists a sign $\varepsilon \in \{\pm 1\}$ such that

$$\varepsilon \cdot \Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}}}(g) = \Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}}(g) \quad \text{for any } g \in G_{x,\text{reg}}.$$

↪ Can we recover a representation from its characters only on $G_{x,\text{reg}}$?

Q. Suppose that ρ is an irreducible representation of G_x satisfying

$$\varepsilon \cdot \Theta_{\rho}(g) = \Theta_{\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}}(g) \quad \text{for any } g \in G_{x,\text{reg}}.$$

Then can we deduce $\varepsilon \cdot \rho \cong \rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$?

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Flavor of the proof

Let me explain our proof via a toy model (DL representations).

- Let \mathbb{G} be a connected reductive group over \mathbb{F}_q .
- Take (fix) a pair (\mathbb{T}, θ) of
 - a maximal torus $\mathbb{T} \subset \mathbb{G}$ defined over \mathbb{F}_q , and
 - a character $\theta: \mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$.

\rightsquigarrow get a Deligne–Lusztig virtual representation $R_{\mathbb{T}}^\theta$ of $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)$

- NOTE: if θ is regular, then $R_{\mathbb{T}}^\theta = \pm(\text{irr. rep'n})$

Q. Suppose that ρ is an irreducible representation of $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ satisfying

$$\varepsilon \cdot \Theta_\rho(g) = \Theta_{R_{\mathbb{T}}^\theta}(g) \quad \text{for any } g \in \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)_{\text{reg}}$$

Then do we have $\varepsilon \cdot \rho \cong R_{\mathbb{T}}^\theta$?

Flavor of the proof

- $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)_{\text{reg}} := \{g \in \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q) \mid g \text{ is regular semisimple}\}$
 - semisimple = diagonalizable
 - regular semisimple = having distinct “eigenvalues” (root values)
- $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)_{\text{nreg}} := \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q) \setminus \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)_{\text{reg}}$
- For any two irreducible representations ρ_1 and ρ_2 of $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)$, we put

$$\langle \rho_1, \rho_2 \rangle_{\bullet} := \frac{1}{|\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} \sum_{g \in \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{F}_q)_{\bullet}} \Theta_{\rho_1}(g) \overline{\Theta_{\rho_2}(g)} \quad (\bullet \in \{\emptyset, \text{reg}, \text{nreg}\}).$$

↪ Note that we have

$$\langle \rho_1, \rho_2 \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \rho_1 \cong \rho_2, \\ 0 & \text{if } \rho_1 \not\cong \rho_2. \end{cases}$$

Task: to show $\langle \rho, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle \neq 0$. (Then we get $\varepsilon \cdot \rho \cong R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}$.)

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \rho, \rho \rangle &= \langle \rho, \rho \rangle_{\text{reg}} + \langle \rho, \rho \rangle_{\text{nreg}} \\ \langle R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle &= \langle R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{reg}} + \langle R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{nreg}}\end{aligned}$$

- We have $\langle \rho, \rho \rangle = 1 = \langle R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle$ by the irreducibility of ρ and $\varepsilon R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}$.
- We have $\langle \rho, \rho \rangle_{\text{reg}} = \langle R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{reg}}$ by the assumption on the characters.
- Consequently, we get $\langle \rho, \rho \rangle_{\text{nreg}} = \langle R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{nreg}}$.
- We put

$$X_{\text{reg}} := \langle \rho, \rho \rangle_{\text{reg}} = \langle R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{reg}} > 0,$$

$$X_{\text{nreg}} := \langle \rho, \rho \rangle_{\text{nreg}} = \langle R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{nreg}} > 0.$$

\rightsquigarrow Note that $X_{\text{reg}} + X_{\text{nreg}} = 1$.

$$\langle \rho, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle = \langle \rho, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{reg}} + \langle \rho, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{nreg}}$$

- We have $\langle \rho, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{reg}} = \varepsilon X_{\text{reg}}$ by the assumption on the characters.
- We use the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality to evaluate $\langle \rho, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{nreg}}$:

$$|\langle \rho, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{nreg}}| \leq \langle \rho, \rho \rangle_{\text{nreg}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \langle R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{nreg}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = X_{\text{nreg}}.$$

- Therefore, if we have $X_{\text{nreg}} < X_{\text{reg}}$, then the \triangle -inequality gives:

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle \rho, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle| &\geq |\langle \rho, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{reg}}| - |\langle \rho, R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta} \rangle_{\text{nreg}}| \\ &\geq X_{\text{reg}} - X_{\text{nreg}} \\ &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

Q. When do we have $X_{\text{nreg}} < X_{\text{reg}}$?

■ Recall: $X_{\text{reg}} + X_{\text{nreg}} = 1$.

$\rightsquigarrow X_{\text{nreg}} < X_{\text{reg}}$ if and only if $X_{\text{nreg}} < \frac{1}{2}$

■ A simple application of the Deligne–Lusztig character formula gives:

$$X_{\text{nreg}} = \frac{1}{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} \sum_{w \in W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q)} \sum_{t \in \mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)} \theta(t) \cdot \overline{\theta(t^w)}.$$

($\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}} := \mathbb{T} \cap \mathbb{G}_{\text{nreg}}$ and $W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}$ is the Weyl group of \mathbb{T} in \mathbb{G})

$$\rightsquigarrow X_{\text{nreg}} \leq \frac{|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} \cdot |W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|.$$

Conclusion. If $\frac{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} > 2|W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|$, then we get $\varepsilon \cdot \rho \cong R_{\mathbb{T}}^{\theta}$.

- We carry out the same argument in the p -adic setting by using the character formula of Chan–Ivanov and Chan instead of DL.
- Then we finally arrive at the **same** inequality:
 - The reductions of $S \subset G_x$ gives $\mathbb{T} \subset \mathbb{G}$ over \mathbb{F}_q .
 - Then the required assumption is given by

$$\frac{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} > 2|W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|. \quad (\star)$$

- $|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|$ and $|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|$ are polynomials in q .
- $\deg(|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|) > \deg(|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|)$
- $2|W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|$: independent of q .

\rightsquigarrow (\star) is satisfied whenever q is large enough

How large q must be? –the case of GL_n

We need

$$\frac{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} > 2|W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|. \quad (\star)$$

Let $\mathbb{G} := GL_n$ (assume: n is a prime for simplicity).

- When \mathbb{T} is **elliptic**: $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q) = \mathbb{F}_{q^n}^{\times}$,
 - $\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q) = \mathbb{F}_q^{\times}$;
 - $W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q) \cong \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}/\mathbb{F}_q)$.

\rightsquigarrow (\star) is

$$\frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1} > 2n$$

- This fails only for $(q, n) = (2, 2), (3, 2)$.

How large q must be? –the case of GL_n

We need

$$\frac{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} > 2|W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|. \quad (\star)$$

Let $\mathbb{G} := GL_n$ (assume: n is a prime for simplicity).

- When \mathbb{T} is **split**: $\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q) = (\mathbb{F}_q^{\times})^n$,
 - $\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q) =$ some two entries are the same;
 - $W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q) \cong \mathfrak{S}_n$.

\rightsquigarrow (\star) is

$$\frac{(q-1)^n}{(\text{polynomial in } q \text{ of degree } n-1)} > 2n!$$

- This fails for many (q, n) !

How large q must be? –the case of exceptional group E_6

We need

$$\frac{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} > 2|W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|. \quad (\star)$$

Let $\mathbb{G} := E_6$.

■ When \mathbb{T} is “Coxeter”;

- $|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)| = (q^4 - q^2 + 1)(q^2 + q + 1)$;
- $|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)| = (q^2 + q + 1)$;
- $|W_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbb{F}_q)| = 12$.

\rightsquigarrow (\star) is

$$q^4 - q^2 + 1 > 24$$

■ This fails only for $q = 2$.

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Better estimate in the toral case

- When η is a particularly special regular character (called “toral”), we can get a better result by another proof (due to Charlotte).
- The necessary assumption is:

$$\frac{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} > 2.$$

- In the toral case, we also know the irreducibility of $\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$ (up to sign) by Chan–Ivanov.
- Thus our result in this special case is as follows:

Main result (the toral case)

Assume that η is toral and

- q is sufficiently large so that $\frac{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} > 2$.

Then we have $\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}} \cong \varepsilon \cdot \rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$. Hence, in particular, $\pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}} \cong \pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$.

On the irreducibility of $\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$

Main result (joint work with Charlotte Chan)

Assume that

- $q \gg 0$ (an explicit condition depending on G and S), and
- $\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$ is irreducible (up to sign ε).

Then we have $\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}} \cong \varepsilon \cdot \rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$. Hence, in particular, $\pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{KY}} \cong \pi_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$.

- It should be reasonable to expect that $\rho_{(S,\eta)}^{\text{CI}}$ is always irreducible (as long as $\eta: S(F) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ is regular).
 - OK if η is depth zero (follows from Deligne–Lusztig theory).
 - OK if η is toral (follows from Chan–Ivanov).
 - Recently Dudas and Ivanov announced a result for some specific S called “Coxeter type” (Dudas–Ivanov; arXiv:2010.15489).

- In fact, the toy version of our result is not new for large q .
- Recently Lusztig posted a short article on arXiv (2011.01824):
 - “I have proved Proposition 4 in 1977 (it was part of a talk I gave at the LMS Symposium on Representations of Lie groups, Oxford, June-July 1977). Recently C. Chan and M. Oi [Ch] proved that when q is large, an irreducible cuspidal representation of G^F of the form $\pm R_T^\theta$ can be recovered from the knowledge of its character at regular semisimple elements. This can be deduced from proposition 4.”
- Lusztig's assumption: $\frac{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} > 2^{2|W_{\mathbb{T}}^G(\mathbb{F}_q)|-1}$.
 - Roughly, show that the contribution of $\mathbb{T}_{\text{reg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is big enough. (“linear independence of characters”)
 - So it works even if we do not know the character values on $\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)$.
- Our assumption: $\frac{|\mathbb{T}(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{|\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)|} > 2|W_{\mathbb{T}}^G(\mathbb{F}_q)|$.
 - Roughly, show that the contribution of $\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is small enough.
 - So we also need to know the character values on $\mathbb{T}_{\text{nreg}}(\mathbb{F}_q)$.