

2. Sketch of Borel's theorem ^{*}

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(2) Sketch of proof of Theorem 2 (following Soulé)
(§II.B.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{F/\mathbb{Q}} \text{SL}_N(F) &=: G \rightsquigarrow G(\mathbb{Z}) = \text{SL}_N(\mathcal{O}_F) =: \Gamma \\ & \quad G(\mathbb{Q}) = \text{SL}_N(F) \\ (\mathbb{Q}\text{-alg. group}) \quad & \quad G(\mathbb{R}) = \prod_{\sigma \in \text{Hom}(F, \mathbb{R})} \text{SL}_N(\mathbb{R}) \times \prod_{\sigma \in \frac{\text{Hom}(F, \mathbb{C})}{2}} \text{SL}_N(\mathbb{C}) \end{aligned}$$

Prop. 1 (Borel): $\int G$ \mathbb{Q} -alg. group s.t. $G(\mathbb{R})$ connected
 $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$ arithmetic

$$\Rightarrow H_{\text{cont}}^q(G) \cong H^q(\Gamma, \mathbb{R}) \text{ for } q \ll \text{rk}_{\mathbb{Q}} G.$$

Sketch: Put $X = G/\mathbb{R}$, $X(\Gamma) = \Gamma \backslash X$. Assume Γ torsion-free, so that

Γ \curvearrowright X freely. X contractible \Rightarrow

$$H^q(\Gamma, \mathbb{R}) = H^q(X(\Gamma), \mathbb{R}) = H^q(\Omega^*(X(\Gamma))) = H^q((\Omega^*(X))^{\Gamma}).$$

What is H_{cont}^q ? Cohomology of complex

$$\dots \rightarrow C_{\text{cont}}^p(G)^G \xrightarrow{d} C_{\text{cont}}^{p+1}(G)^G \rightarrow \dots$$

\uparrow continuous \mathbb{R} -valued fns. on G^{p+1} , $d\phi(g_0, \dots, g_{p+1}) = \sum_{i=0}^{p+1} (-1)^i \phi(g_0, \dots, \hat{g}_i, \dots, g_{p+1})$
 $=: \text{Cont}(G^{p+1}, \mathbb{R})$

X contractible $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \Omega^*(X) \xrightarrow{\text{exact}} \dots$ horizontal differential in $E_0^{p,q} = \text{Cont}(G^{p+1}, \Omega^q(X))^G$ is exact off $E_0^{0,q}$, so can replace double complex by $\Omega^q(X)^G = \ker(d) \subset E_0^{0,q}$

$$\Rightarrow H_{\text{cont}}^q(G) \cong H^q(\Omega^*(X))^G.$$

Moreover, b/c Cartan involution acts by (-1) on the cotangent space (X is a symmetric space) compatibly w/ differential, it acts by $(-1)^q$ on forms Ω^q forcing

$$d: \Omega^q(X)^G \rightarrow \Omega^{q+1}(X)^G \text{ to be } 0.$$

^{*} This section is so far very rough

So we must show $\Omega^q(X)^G \cong H^q(\Omega^*(X)^G) \rightarrow H^q(\Omega^*(X)^\Gamma)$ is \cong .

$$\left(H_{\text{cont}}^q(G) \right) \quad \left(H^q(\Gamma, \mathbb{R}) \right)$$

Idea: do Hodge theory on $X(\Gamma)$. Fix h smooth G -inv. metric on TX , define volume form μ , $*$ operator, $\Delta = dd^* + d^*d$. (Clearly $\Omega^*(X)^G \subset \ker \Delta$.)

One defines $\Omega^q(X)_{\text{log}}^\Gamma$, shows $\cong \Omega^q(X)_{L^2}^\Gamma$ [$\|w\|_{L^2}^2 := \int_{X(\Gamma)} h(w, w) \mu < \infty$],

and that every L^2 cohom. class has a harmonic L^2 representative
 [+ harmonic L^2 exact $\Rightarrow 0$]

$\Rightarrow H^q(\Omega^*(X)^\Gamma) = H^q(\Omega^*(X)_{\text{log}}^\Gamma) \cong \ker \Delta \cap \Omega^q(X)_{L^2}^\Gamma \cong \Omega^q(X)^G$

\uparrow
if q small

□

Now write $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie } G(\mathbb{R}) = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$ (Cartan decomp.)
 \downarrow "unitary trick"

$\mathfrak{g}_u := \mathfrak{k} \oplus i\mathfrak{p} = \text{Lie } (G_u(\mathbb{R}))$, $G_u(\mathbb{R})$ compact.

We have $\Omega^q(X)^G \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(\Lambda^q(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{k}), \mathbb{R}) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(\Lambda^q(\mathfrak{g}_u/\mathfrak{k}), \mathbb{R}) \cong \Omega^q(X_u)^{G_u}$
 where $X_u := G_u(\mathbb{R})/K$ (compact).

The g^* maps on $H_{\text{cont}}^q(G)$ are constant. Since G_u compact, we may average in cohomology class $\Omega^*(G_u(\mathbb{R})/K) \xrightarrow{\cong} \Omega^*(G_u(\mathbb{R})/K)^{G_u}$. So clearly we get

(*) $H_{\text{cont}}^q(G) = H^q(\Omega^*(X)^G) = H^q(\Omega^*(G_u(\mathbb{R})/K)^{G_u}) = H^q(\Omega^*(G_u(\mathbb{R})/K)) = H^q(X_u, \mathbb{R})$.

Prop. 2 (Borel): $H_{\text{cont}}^*(SL_N(\mathbb{R})) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*(SU(N)/S(U(N)), \mathbb{R}) \cong \Lambda^*(e_5, e_9, e_{13}, \dots, e_{4\lfloor \frac{N-1}{2} \rfloor + 1})$
 (exterior algebra)

$H_{\text{cont}}^*(SL_N(\mathbb{C})) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*(SU(N) \times SU(N)/SU(N), \mathbb{R}) \cong \Lambda^*(e_3, e_5, e_7, \dots, e_{2N-1})$

where $e_i, \varepsilon_i \in H^q(-; \mathbb{Z})$.

So

$K_m(\mathcal{O}_F) \otimes \mathbb{R} \cong PH_m(\underbrace{SL(\mathcal{O}_F)}_\Gamma, \mathbb{R}) \cong \{I(H^m(\Gamma, \mathbb{R}))\}^v \xrightarrow{\text{Prop. 1}} \{I(H_{\text{cont}}^m(G(\mathbb{R})))\}^v \xrightarrow{\text{Prop. 2}} \cong$

$$\begin{aligned} \cong & \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left((\Lambda^k e_i's)^{\otimes r_1} \otimes (\Lambda^k e_j's)^{\otimes r_2} \right) \right\}^{\vee} = \left\{ \mathbb{R} \langle e_m, \dots, e_m; e_m, \dots, e_m \rangle \right\}^{\vee} \\ & \text{Proj. 2} \quad \text{subcomponents} \quad \text{deg. } m \\ & = \mathbb{R}^2 \langle \underbrace{e_m, \dots, e_m}_{r_1}; \underbrace{e_m, \dots, e_m}_{r_2} \rangle \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^{d_n}, & m = 2n+1 \\ 0, & m \text{ even} \end{cases} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Sketch of proof of Theorem 3 (following Bloch)
(3 II.8.1)

Let's start with a computation: how many pts. on SL_n over a finite field \mathbb{F}_q , $q = p^{\text{power}}$?

SL_2 : $\begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$ $q^2 - 1$ poss. for 1st vector \rightsquigarrow orbit $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\rightsquigarrow q(q^2 - 1)$ anything

SL_3 : $\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$ $q^3 - 1$ \rightsquigarrow $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & \circlearrowleft & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow q^2$ $\rightsquigarrow q^2(q^3 - 1) \cdot q(q^2 - 1)$
 $SL_2: q(q^2 - 1)$

pattern (for SL_n): $\prod_{j=2}^n q^{j-1} (q^j - 1) = \prod_{j=2}^n (1 - q^{-j}) \prod_{j=2}^n q^{j-1} q^j = q^{n^2 - 1} \prod_{j=2}^n (1 - q^{-j})$

Now there is something called p-adic integration:

$V = \text{smooth dim. } n / \# \text{ fld. } F \rightsquigarrow V_{\mathcal{O}_F}$ "integral model" $\xrightarrow{\text{localize}}$ $V(\mathcal{O}_p)$ "p-adic top. space"

$\omega = \text{nonvanishing } n\text{-form on } V/F \rightsquigarrow \text{measure } \omega_p \text{ on } V(\mathcal{O}_p)$

$V(\mathcal{O}_p) = \frac{1}{V(\mathbb{F}_q)} \underbrace{(p) \times \dots \times (p)}_{n \text{ times}} \Big|_{\mathcal{O}_p/p\mathcal{O}_p}, \quad \int_{\mathcal{O}_p} dx = 1$
 $\int_{(p)} dx = q^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow \int_{V(\mathcal{O}_p)} \omega_p = q^{-n} |V(\mathbb{F}_q)| \Rightarrow \int_{V(\mathbb{A}_{F,f})} \omega_f = \prod_p \int_{V(\mathcal{O}_p)} \omega_p$

$\Rightarrow \int_{SL_n(\mathbb{A}_{F,f})} \omega_f = \prod_p \frac{q^{-(n^2-1)}}{q^{n^2-1}} \prod_{j=2}^n (1 - q^{-j}) = \prod_p \prod_{j=2}^n (1 - q^{-j}) = \prod_{j=2}^n S_F(j)^{-1}$

- Next recall from above $\begin{cases} X = G(\mathbb{R})/K & \text{contractible} \\ X_u = G_u(\mathbb{R})/K & \text{compact} \end{cases}$

$$H_{\text{cont}}^p(G(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{R}), H_{\text{top}}^q(G(\mathbb{R})/K, \mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow \underline{H^{p+q}(\mathfrak{a}_\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R}) = H^{p+q}(\Omega^*(X) \otimes G(\mathbb{R}))}$$

Put $G_N := \text{Res}_{F/\mathbb{Q}} SL_{N,F}$. Then

$$I^{2n+1}(H_{\text{cont}}^*(G_N(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{R})) = I^{2n+1}(\underbrace{H_{\text{top}}^*(X_{N,u}, \mathbb{R})}_{(\Lambda^*(\mathfrak{e}_i))^{\otimes r_1} \otimes (\Lambda^*(\mathfrak{e}_j))^{\otimes r_2}}) = \mathbb{R}^{\Lambda_n}$$

Set $Y_N(\Gamma) = \Gamma \backslash G_N(\mathbb{R})$, $X_N(\Gamma) = Y_N(\Gamma)/K_N$, where $\Gamma = SL_N(\mathcal{O}_F)$ etc.

$$\bar{\mu} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} H_{\text{top}}^*(K_N, \mathbb{C}) \otimes H^*(X_{N,u}, \mathbb{C}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_{\text{top}}^*(G_{N,u}(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{C}) \\ \cong \uparrow \alpha^* & & \cong \uparrow \alpha^* \\ H_{\text{top}}^*(K_N, \mathbb{C}) \otimes H^*(\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{g}_N}, K_N; \mathbb{C}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H^*(\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{g}_N}, \mathbb{C}) \\ \cong \downarrow \beta^* & & \cong \downarrow \beta^* \\ H_{\text{top}}^*(K_N, \mathbb{C}) \otimes H^*(X_N(\Gamma), \mathbb{C}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H^*(Y_N(\Gamma), \mathbb{C}) \end{array} \right) \mu$$

View $\bar{\mu}$ as map from $H^*(X_{N,u}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H^*(\Gamma, \mathbb{C})$.

- Now $\underbrace{P^{2n+1}}_{I^{2n+1}}(G_{N,u}(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{Q}) \subset H_{\text{top}}^{2n+1}(G_{N,u}(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{Q})$
has dim $d (= r_1 + 2r_2)$.

Write $L_n(\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{g}_N}, \mathbb{Q}) = \Lambda^{d(=\text{top})} P^{2n+1}(\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{g}_N}, \mathbb{Q})$
 $L_n(G_{N,u}, \mathbb{Q}) = \Lambda^d P^{2n+1}(G_{N,u}(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{Q})$
 $L_n(Y_N(\Gamma), \mathbb{Q}) = \Lambda^d I^{2n+1}(Y_N(\Gamma), \mathbb{Q})$

Claim 1: $\alpha^* L_n(\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{g}_N}, \mathbb{Q}) = (\pi i)^{(n+1)d} \sqrt{|D_F|}^{-(2n+1)} L_n(G_{N,u}, \mathbb{Q})$

Claim 2: $\beta^* L_n(\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{g}_N}, \mathbb{Q}) = i^{r_2} S_F^{(n+1)} L_n(Y_N(\Gamma), \mathbb{Q})$.

Claims 1 & 2 $\Rightarrow \mu L_n(G_{N,u}(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{Q}) = \pi^{-(n+1)d} i^{(n+1)d+r_2} \sqrt{|D|} S_F^{(n+1)} L_n(Y_N(\Gamma), \mathbb{Q})$

- $L_n(\Gamma, \mathbb{Q}) := \Lambda^{d_n} I^{2n+1}(\Gamma, \mathbb{Q})$, $L_n(X_{N,u}, \mathbb{Q}) := \Lambda^{d_n} I^{2n+1}(X_{N,u}, \mathbb{Q})$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\mu} L_n(X_{N,u}, \mathbb{Q}) = (\pi i)^{-(n+1)d} \sqrt{|D|} i^{r_2} S_F^{(n+1)} L_n(\Gamma, \mathbb{Q})$

Write $K_{2n+1}(\mathcal{O}_F) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\cong} PH_{2n+1}(\Gamma, \mathbb{Q}) = I^{2n+1}(\Gamma, \mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\bar{\mu}^\vee} I^{2n+1}(X_{N,u}, \mathbb{R})^\vee$, then

take Λ^{d_n} of pair w/ a generator of $L_n(X_{N,u}, \mathbb{Q})$; equivalently, pair $\bar{\mu}$ of the latter with Λ^{d_n} of first. Theorem 3 now follows from (*).

• We will only say something about Claim 2. Suppose $\beta^* L_j(\mathfrak{y}_N, \mathbb{Q}) = s_j L_j(Y_N(r), \mathbb{Q})$ for some $s_j \in \mathbb{Q}$, $1 \leq j \leq n$. We have generators $R_{F/\mathbb{Q}} \omega_{2s+1}$ for $L_s(\mathfrak{y}_N, \mathbb{Q})$. Define $\eta_j = \prod_{s=1}^j R_{F/\mathbb{Q}} \omega_{2s+1}$. Then we get $\beta^*(\eta_j) \in s_1 \dots s_j H^{d(j^2+2j)}(Y_N(r), \mathbb{Q})$. If we can exhibit compact subvarieties $Z_j \subset Y_N(r)$ with $\dim d(j^2+2j)$ s.t. $0 \neq \int_{Z_j} \beta^* \eta_j \in i^{\#} \prod_{s=1}^j S_F(s+1) \cdot \mathbb{Q}$, $1 \leq j \leq n$, then we get (up to factors of i) $s_j \in S_F(j+1) \cdot \mathbb{Q}$ as desired. We now construct the Z_j .

• Let $D :=$ division algebra of $\dim. (j+1)^2 / F$, trivial at archimedean places $H' \subset D^*$ sys. of cts. of reduced norm 1 : this is an alg. gp. / F . $H := R_{F/\mathbb{Q}} H'$

$H'(A_F) / H'(F)$ is compact ; let $U \subset H'(A_{F,f})$ be compact open strong approx. $\Rightarrow H'(A_F) = H'(k \otimes \mathbb{R}) \cdot U \cdot H'(F)$

Set $T = (H'(k \otimes \mathbb{R}) \cdot U) \cap H'(F)$; then

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 U & \rightarrow & H'(A_F) / H'(F) = H(A_{\mathbb{Q}}) / H(\mathbb{Q}) \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 & & H'(k \otimes \mathbb{R}) / T = H(\mathbb{R}) / T \quad \text{is a fibration w/ compact fibres.}
 \end{array}$$

(**)

• Embed $H' \hookrightarrow SL_N, F$, hence $H \hookrightarrow G_N$.
 (by regular rep. of $H' \subset D \cong F^{(j+1)^2}$)

Total subvariety $Z_j = H(\mathbb{R}) / (H(\mathbb{R}) \cap \Gamma)$ ($\dim = d(j+1)^2 - d = d(j^2+2j)$)
 of $G_N(\mathbb{R}) / \Gamma$

Now $\beta^*(\eta_j)|_{Z_j}$ is a form of max. degree (Buel proves $\neq 0$), so we can integrate.

In fact, we can replace it by any invariant volume form defined / \mathbb{Q} :

e.g. $\omega = \sqrt{|D|}^{-d(j^2+2j)/2} \wedge \underbrace{\sigma(\omega)}_{\in C_{\text{on } H'}} \quad (\text{on } H)$

In the fibration (**), let $\omega_U, \omega_{H(\mathbb{R})/T}$ denote the measures on $U, H(\mathbb{R})/T$ induced by ω . We have

$$\mathbb{Q} \ni \int_{H(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})/H(\mathbb{Q})} \omega = \int_U \omega_f \cdot \int_{H(\mathbb{R})/\mathbb{T}} \omega_{\infty}$$

general result
on Tamagawa #'s of
quotient of D^*/\mathbb{F}^*

The first factor is (up to \mathbb{Q}) $\int_{H'(A_{F,f})} \omega_f \in \left(\prod_{k=2}^{j+1} S_F(k) \right)^{-1} \cdot \mathbb{Q}$
 \uparrow
 H^1 as F -form
of SL_{j+1}

$$\Rightarrow \int_{H(\mathbb{R})/\mathbb{T}} \omega_{\infty} \in \left(\prod_{k=2}^{j+1} S_F(k) \right) \cdot \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \beta^{\times} \eta_j \in (i^{\#}) \prod_{s=1}^j S_F(s+1) \cdot \mathbb{Q}$$

