



## Harmonic Analysis

# Geometric structure in the representation theory of $p$ -adic groups

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### Abstract

We conjecture the existence of a simple geometric structure underlying questions of reducibility of parabolically induced representations of reductive  $p$ -adic groups. *To cite this article: A.-M. Aubert et al., C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 345 (2007).*

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### Résumé

**Structure géométrique en théorie des représentations des groupes  $p$ -adiques.** Nous conjecturons l'existence d'une structure géométrique simple sous-jacente aux questions de réductibilité des représentations induites paraboliques des groupes réductifs  $p$ -adiques. *Pour citer cet article : A.-M. Aubert et al., C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 345 (2007).*

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### Version française abrégée

Dans cette Note nous conjecturons l'existence d'une structure géométrique simple sous-jacente aux questions de réductibilité des représentations induites paraboliques des groupes réductifs  $p$ -adiques.

Considérons un couple  $(X, \Gamma)$ , où  $X$  est une variété algébrique affine complexe et  $\Gamma$  un groupe fini qui agit sur  $X$  comme les automorphismes de la variété algébrique affine  $X$ . Nous posons

$$\tilde{X} := \{(\gamma, x) \in \Gamma \times X : \gamma x = x\}.$$

Le groupe  $\Gamma$  agit sur  $\tilde{X}$  par :  $\alpha(\gamma, x) = (\alpha\gamma\alpha^{-1}, \alpha x)$ , pour  $(\gamma, x) \in \tilde{X}$ ,  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Rappelons la notion de *quotient étendu* (voir [4]) : le quotient étendu de  $X$  par  $\Gamma$ , noté  $X//\Gamma$ , est défini par  $X//\Gamma := \tilde{X}/\Gamma$ , i.e.,  $X//\Gamma$  est le quotient ordinaire pour l'action de  $\Gamma$  sur  $\tilde{X}$ . La projection  $\Gamma \times X \rightarrow X$ ,  $(\gamma, x) \mapsto x$  définit une application  $\pi : X//\Gamma \rightarrow X/\Gamma$  surjective à fibres finies qui est un morphisme fini de variétés algébriques.

Soient maintenant  $F$  un corps local non archimédien,  $q$  le cardinal de son corps résiduel,  $G$  le groupe des  $F$ -points d'un  $F$ -groupe algébrique réductif connexe et  $\text{Irr}(G)$  l'ensemble des classes d'équivalence des représentations lisses irréductibles de  $G$ . Pour  $M$  sous-groupe de Levi de  $G$ , nous notons  $\text{Cusp}(M)$  l'ensemble des classes d'équivalence des

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représentations irréductibles supercuspidales de  $M$  et  $W(M)$  le groupe  $N_G(M)/M$ . Nous appelons *triplet cuspidal* un triplet de la forme  $(M, \sigma, w)$ , où  $M$  est un sous-groupe de Levi de  $G$ ,  $\sigma \in \text{Cusp}(M)$ ,  $w \in W(M)$ , et  $w\sigma = \sigma$ . Le groupe  $G$  agit sur l'ensemble des triplets cuspidaux de la manière suivante :  $g \cdot M = gMg^{-1}$ ,  $g \cdot \sigma = {}^g\sigma$ ,  $g \cdot w = {}^g w$ . Soit  $\mathfrak{A}(G)$  le quotient par  $G$  de l'ensemble des triplets cuspidaux :  $\mathfrak{A}(G) := \{(M, \sigma, w) : w\sigma = \sigma\}/G$ . Soit  $\Psi(M)$  le groupe des quasicaractères non ramifiés de  $M$  et  $D := \Psi(M) \otimes \sigma$ .

Pour  $w \in W(M)$ , nous notons  $[\Psi(M)/\mathcal{G}]^w$  l'ensemble des  $\psi \in \Psi(M)/\mathcal{G}$  qui sont invariants par  $w$ . Cet ensemble a une structure de variété algébrique affine complexe. Puisque  $w \cdot (\psi \otimes \sigma) = w \cdot \psi \otimes w\sigma = \psi \otimes w\sigma = \psi \otimes \sigma$ , si  $(M, \sigma, w)$  est un triplet cuspidal, il en est de même de  $(M, \psi \otimes \sigma, w)$ . L'application  $[\Psi(M)/\mathcal{G}]^w \rightarrow \{(M, \psi \otimes \sigma, w) : \psi \in [\Psi(M)/\mathcal{G}]^w\}$  est une bijection. Ceci définit sur  $\mathfrak{A}(G)$  la structure d'une union disjointe d'une famille dénombrable de variétés algébriques affines complexes. Lorsque  $G = \text{GL}(n)$ , chacune des ces variétés est lisse, de dimension  $d$  avec  $1 \leq d \leq n$ . En général, il peut y avoir des variétés singulières.

L'application  $(M, \sigma, w) \mapsto (M, \sigma)$  induit une application  $\pi : \mathfrak{A}(G) \rightarrow \Omega(G)$ , de  $\mathfrak{A}(G)$  sur la variété de Bernstein  $\Omega(G)$  de  $G$  formée des classes de  $G$ -conjugaison de couples  $(M, \sigma)$ , avec  $M$  sous-groupe de Levi de  $G$  et  $\sigma \in \text{Cusp}(M)$ .

On a la décomposition de Bernstein  $\mathfrak{A}(G) = \bigsqcup \mathfrak{A}(G)^\mathfrak{s}$ , l'union disjointe étant prise sur les composantes  $\mathfrak{s}$  de  $\Omega(G)$ . La restriction à  $\mathfrak{A}(G)^\mathfrak{s}$  de l'application  $\mathfrak{A}(G) \rightarrow \Omega(G)$  est donnée par la projection standard  $\mathfrak{A}(G)^\mathfrak{s} = D^\mathfrak{s} // W^\mathfrak{s} \rightarrow D^\mathfrak{s} / W^\mathfrak{s}$ .

Pour  $\mathfrak{s}$  une composante fixée de  $\Omega(G)$ , nous posons  $D = D^\mathfrak{s}$  et  $W = W^\mathfrak{s}$ . Nous munissons la variété quotient  $D/W$  de la topologie de Zariski et  $\text{Irr}(G)^\mathfrak{s}$  (la  $\mathfrak{s}$ -composante de  $\text{Irr}(G)$  dans sa décomposition de Bernstein) de celle de Jacobson. Remarquons que le fait d'être irréductible étant une condition ouverte l'ensemble  $\mathfrak{R}$  des  $(M, \psi \otimes \sigma)$  tels que l'induite parabolique de  $\psi \otimes \sigma$  est réductible est une sous-variété de  $D/W$ . Notons  $E$  le sous-groupe compact maximal de  $D$ , inf.ch. le caractère infinitésimal [5]. Notons  $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{red}}$  le schéma réduit associé à  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Dans le contexte présent, nous appellerons *co-caractère* un homomorphisme de groupes algébriques  $\mathbb{C}^\times \rightarrow \Psi(M)$ .

### Conjecture 0.1.

- (1) Il existe une famille plate  $\mathfrak{X}_t$  de sous-schémas de  $D/W$ , avec  $t \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ , telle que  $\mathfrak{X}_1 = \pi(D//W - D/W)$  et  $\mathfrak{X}_{\sqrt{q}} = \mathfrak{R}$ .
- (2) Pour toute composante irréductible  $\mathfrak{c}$  de  $D//W$ , il existe un co-caractère  $h_{\mathfrak{c}} : \mathbb{C}^\times \rightarrow \Psi(M)$  tel que, si nous posons  $\pi_t(x) = \pi(h_{\mathfrak{c}}(t) \otimes x)$  pour  $x \in \mathfrak{c}$ , alors, pour tout  $t \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ ,  $\pi_t : D//W \rightarrow D/W$  est un morphisme fini satisfaisant  $(\mathfrak{X}_t)_{\text{red}} = \pi_t(D//W - D/W)$ . Si  $\mathfrak{c} = D/W$  alors  $h_{\mathfrak{c}} = 1$ . Les schémas  $\mathfrak{X}_1, \mathfrak{X}_{\sqrt{q}}$  sont réduits.
- (3) Il existe une bijection continue  $\mu : D//W \rightarrow \text{Irr}(G)^\mathfrak{s}$  telle que (inf.ch.)  $\mu \circ \pi_{\sqrt{q}} = \pi(E//W) = \text{Irr}^{\text{temp}}(G)^\mathfrak{s}$ .

**Théorème 0.1.** La conjecture est vraie pour  $G = \text{SL}(2)$  et pour  $G = \text{GL}(n)$ .

Nous avons d'autre part choisi d'illustrer notre conjecture par le cas des représentations du groupe exceptionnel de type  $G_2$  qui possèdent des vecteurs non nuls invariants par un sous-groupe d'Iwahori :

**Théorème 0.2.** La conjecture est vraie pour le point  $\mathfrak{s} = [T, 1]_{G_2}$ .

## 1. Introduction

In the representation theory of reductive  $p$ -adic groups, the issue of reducibility of induced representations is an issue of great intricacy: see, for example, the classic article by Bernstein and Zelevinsky [6] on  $\text{GL}(n)$  and the more recent article by Muić [10] on  $G_2$ . It is our contention, expressed as a conjecture, that there exists a simple geometric structure underlying this intricate theory.

For the moment, our conjecture is *local*, in that it applies only to finite places. To explain our conjecture, we need to refine the usual concept of quotient space.

## 2. The extended quotient

We will recall the concept of *extended quotient* [4]. Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite group and let  $X$  be a complex affine algebraic variety. Assume that  $\Gamma$  is acting on  $X$  as automorphisms of the affine algebraic variety  $X$ . Let

$$\tilde{X} := \{(\gamma, x) \in \Gamma \times X : \gamma x = x\}.$$

The group  $\Gamma$  acts on  $\tilde{X}$  by:

$$\alpha(\gamma, x) = (\alpha\gamma\alpha^{-1}, \alpha x) \quad \text{with } (\gamma, x) \in \tilde{X}, \alpha \in \Gamma.$$

**Definition 2.1.** The extended quotient, denoted  $X//\Gamma$ , is defined as

$$X//\Gamma := \tilde{X}/\Gamma,$$

i.e.  $X//\Gamma$  is the ordinary quotient for the action of  $\Gamma$  on  $\tilde{X}$ .

The projection  $\Gamma \times X \rightarrow X, (\gamma, x) \mapsto x$  gives a map  $\pi : X//\Gamma \rightarrow X/\Gamma$  called *the projection of the extended quotient on the ordinary quotient*. This is a finite morphism of algebraic varieties.

Let  $e \in \Gamma$  be the neutral element. The map  $x \mapsto (x, e)$  induces injective morphisms  $X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  and  $X/\Gamma \rightarrow X//\Gamma$ . We shall view  $X/\Gamma$  as a sub-variety of  $X//\Gamma$ . The complement of  $X/\Gamma$  in  $X//\Gamma$  will be denoted  $X//\Gamma - X/\Gamma$ .

## 3. The extended variety $\mathfrak{A}(G)$

Let  $F$  be a local nonarchimedean field, let  $G$  be the group of  $F$ -rational points in a connected reductive algebraic group defined over  $F$ , and let  $\text{Irr}(G)$  be the set of equivalence classes of irreducible smooth representations of  $G$ . For  $M$  a Levi subgroup of  $G$ , we denote by  $\text{Cusp}(M)$  the set of equivalence classes of irreducible supercuspidal representations of  $M$  and by  $W(M)$  the group  $N_G(M)/M$ . By a *cuspidal triple* we shall mean a triple of the form  $(M, \sigma, w)$ , where  $M$  is a Levi subgroup of  $G$ ,  $\sigma \in \text{Cusp}(M)$ ,  $w \in W(M)$ , and  $w\sigma = \sigma$ . The group  $G$  acts on the set of all cuspidal triples:

$$g \cdot M = gMg^{-1}, \quad g \cdot \sigma = {}^g\sigma, \quad g \cdot w = {}^g w.$$

Denote by  $\mathfrak{A}(G)$  the quotient by  $G$  of the set of all cuspidal triples:

$$\mathfrak{A}(G) := \{(M, \sigma, w) : w\sigma = \sigma\} / G.$$

We recall standard notation of Bernstein [5]:  $\Psi(M)$  is the group of unramified quasicharacters of  $M$ ,

$$D := \Psi(M) \otimes \sigma \subset \text{Irr}(M).$$

We recall that  $\Psi(M)$  has the structure of complex torus. There is a short exact sequence (depending on the base point  $\sigma$ )  $1 \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \Psi(M) \rightarrow D \rightarrow 1$  where  $\mathcal{G}$  is a finite subgroup of  $\Psi(M)$ .

Denote by  $[\Psi(M)/\mathcal{G}]^w$  the  $w$ -fixed set,  $w \in W(M)$ . This has the structure of complex affine algebraic variety. Now hold  $M$  and  $w$  fixed, and consider  $\{(M, \psi \otimes \sigma, w) : \psi \in [\Psi(M)/\mathcal{G}]^w\}$ . Note that

$$w \cdot (\psi \otimes \sigma) = w \cdot \psi \otimes w\sigma = \psi \otimes w\sigma = \psi \otimes \sigma$$

so that the new triples are cuspidal triples. The map  $[\Psi(M)/\mathcal{G}]^w \rightarrow \{(M, \psi \otimes \sigma, w) : \psi \in [\Psi(M)/\mathcal{G}]^w\}$  is a bijection. This defines on  $\mathfrak{A}(G)$  the structure of a disjoint union of countably many complex affine algebraic varieties. When  $G = \text{GL}(n)$ , each of these varieties is *smooth*, of dimension  $d$  with  $1 \leq d \leq n$ . In general, the varieties may be singular.

We have a map from  $\mathfrak{A}(G)$  to the Bernstein variety  $\Omega(G)$ , induced by the map  $(M, \sigma, w) \mapsto (M, \sigma)$  which sends a cuspidal triple to the corresponding cuspidal pair. We denote this by

$$\pi : \mathfrak{A}(G) \rightarrow \Omega(G).$$

This determines the Bernstein decomposition of  $\mathfrak{A}(G)$ :

$$\mathfrak{A}(G) = \bigsqcup \mathfrak{A}(G)^s$$

the disjoint union taken over all the components  $\mathfrak{s}$  of  $\Omega(G)$ . The map  $\mathfrak{A}(G) \rightarrow \Omega(G)$ , restricted to  $\mathfrak{A}(G)^\mathfrak{s}$  is given by the standard projection

$$\mathfrak{A}(G)^\mathfrak{s} = D^\mathfrak{s} // W^\mathfrak{s} \rightarrow D^\mathfrak{s} / W^\mathfrak{s}.$$

We will fix a component  $\mathfrak{s}$  of  $\Omega(G)$  and write  $D = D^\mathfrak{s}$ ,  $W = W^\mathfrak{s}$ . Let  $\text{Irr}(G)^\mathfrak{s}$  denote the  $\mathfrak{s}$ -component of  $\text{Irr}(G)$  in the Bernstein decomposition of  $\text{Irr}(G)$ . We will give the quotient variety  $D/W$  the Zariski topology, and  $\text{Irr}(G)^\mathfrak{s}$  the Jacobson topology. We note that irreducibility is an *open* condition, and so the set  $\mathfrak{R}$  of reducible points in  $D/W$ , i.e. those  $(M, \psi \otimes \sigma)$  such that when parabolically induced to  $G$ ,  $\psi \otimes \sigma$  becomes reducible, is a sub-variety of  $D/W$ . Let  $q$  denote the cardinality of the residue field of  $F$ . Let  $E$  be the maximal compact subgroup of  $D$ , let *inf.ch.* be the infinitesimal character of Bernstein [5]. The reduced scheme associated to a scheme  $\mathfrak{X}$  will be denoted  $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{red}}$  as in [8, p. 25]. In the present context, a *cocharacter* will mean a homomorphism of algebraic groups  $\mathbb{C}^\times \rightarrow \Psi(M)$ .

**Conjecture 3.1.**

(1) *There is a flat family  $\mathfrak{X}_t$  of subschemes of  $D/W$ , with  $t \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ , such that*

$$\mathfrak{X}_1 = \pi(D // W - D/W), \quad \mathfrak{X}_{\sqrt{q}} = \mathfrak{R}.$$

(2) *For each irreducible component  $\mathfrak{c} \subset D // W$  there is a cocharacter  $h_\mathfrak{c}: \mathbb{C}^\times \rightarrow \Psi(M)$  such that, if we set  $\pi_t(x) = \pi(h_\mathfrak{c}(t) \otimes x)$  for all  $x \in \mathfrak{c}$ , then, for each  $t \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ ,  $\pi_t: D // W \rightarrow D/W$  is a finite morphism with  $(\mathfrak{X}_t)_{\text{red}} = \pi_t(D // W - D/W)$ . If  $\mathfrak{c} = D/W$  then  $h_\mathfrak{c} = 1$ . The schemes  $\mathfrak{X}_1, \mathfrak{X}_{\sqrt{q}}$  are reduced.*

(3) *There exists a continuous bijection  $\mu: D // W \rightarrow \text{Irr}(G)^\mathfrak{s}$  with  $(\text{inf.ch.}) \circ \mu = \pi_{\sqrt{q}}$  and with  $\mu(E // W) = \text{Irr}^{\text{temp}}(G)^\mathfrak{s}$ .*

**Theorem 3.1.** *The conjecture is true for  $G = \text{SL}(2)$ . If  $\mathfrak{s} = [T, 1]_G$  then  $\mathfrak{X}_t$  is the 0-dimensional variety given by the Laurent polynomial  $(x + 1)(x^{-1} + 1)(x - t^2)(x^{-1} - t^2) = 0$ . When  $t$  is the fourth root of unity  $i$  or  $-i$ , this scheme is the double point given by  $(x + 1)^2(x^{-1} + 1)^2 = 0$ .*

**4. The general linear group**

**Theorem 4.1.** *The conjecture is true for  $G = \text{GL}(n)$ .*

**Proof.** The proof uses Langlands parameters, together with some careful combinatorics. In effect, the  $L$ -parameters encode the extended quotient for  $\text{GL}(n)$ . The details of the proof appear in [2] and [7].

Let  $G = \text{GL}(n) = \text{GL}(n, F)$ ,  $n = mr$ ,  $\tau \in \text{Cusp}(\text{GL}(m, F))$ ,  $\mathfrak{s} = [M, \sigma]_G = [\text{GL}(m)^r, \tau^{\otimes r}]_G$ . We have  $D = D^\mathfrak{s} = (\mathbb{C}^\times)^r$ ,  $W = W^\mathfrak{s} = S_r$ . Let  $W_F$  be the Weil group of  $F$ , and let  $\mathcal{L}_F = W_F \times \text{SU}(2)$ . Let  $\Phi(G)$  denote the set of equivalence classes of Frobenius-semisimple smooth homomorphisms from  $\mathcal{L}_F$  to  $\text{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})$ . For each  $n \geq 1$  we have the local Langlands correspondence [9]

$$\text{rec}_F: \text{Irr}(\text{GL}(n, F)) \rightarrow \Phi(G).$$

Now let  $\text{rec}_F(\tau) = \eta \in \text{Irr}_m(W_F)$ . Denote by  $R(j)$  the  $j$ -dimensional irreducible complex representation of  $\text{SU}(2)$ . Let  $w \in S_r$  be a product of cycles of different lengths  $a_1, \dots, a_l$ , with  $a_j$  repeated  $r_j$  times. Corresponding to  $w$  we have the  $L$ -parameter

$$\phi := \eta \otimes R(a_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \eta \otimes R(a_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \eta \otimes R(a_l) \oplus \dots \oplus \eta \otimes R(a_l) \tag{1}$$

where  $\eta \otimes R(a_j)$  is repeated  $r_j$  times. We will now give each direct summand in the above expression an unramified twist, by *unramified quasicharacters*  $\psi$  of  $W_F$ . We will map the resulting  $L$ -parameters as follows:

$$\psi_1 \otimes \eta \otimes R(a_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \psi_{r_1+\dots+r_l} \otimes \eta \otimes R(a_l) \mapsto (\psi_1(\varpi_F), \dots, \psi_{r_1+\dots+r_l}(\varpi_F)) \in D^\vee$$

where  $\varpi_F$  is a uniformizer in  $F$ . Let  $\Phi(G)^\mathfrak{s}$  denote the  $\mathfrak{s}$ -component of  $\Phi(G)$  in the Bernstein decomposition of  $\Phi(G)$ , so that  $\Phi(G)^\mathfrak{s} = \text{rec}_F(\text{Irr}(G)^\mathfrak{s})$ .

We now take the disjoint union of the permutations  $w$ , one chosen in each  $W$ -conjugacy class. This creates a canonical bijection

$$\alpha : \Phi(G)^{\mathfrak{s}} \cong D // W.$$

Our map  $\mu$  is then defined as follows:

$$\mu = \text{rec}_F^{-1} \circ \alpha^{-1} : D // W \rightarrow \text{Irr}(G)^{\mathfrak{s}}.$$

The sub-variety  $\pi(D // W - D / W)$  is the hypersurface  $\mathfrak{X}_1$  given by the single equation  $\prod_{i \neq j} (z_i - z_j) = 0$ . The variety  $\mathfrak{R}$  is the variety  $\mathfrak{X}_{\sqrt{q}}$  given by the single equation  $\prod_{i \neq j} (z_i - qz_j) = 0$ , according to a classical theorem [6, Theorem 4.2], [13]. The polynomial equation  $\prod_{i \neq j} (z_i - t^2 z_j) = 0$  determines a flat family  $\mathfrak{X}_t$  of hypersurfaces. The hypersurface  $\mathfrak{X}_1$  is the flat limit of the family  $\mathfrak{X}_t$  as  $t \rightarrow 1$ , as in [8, p. 77]. Let  $\mathfrak{c}$  be the  $G$ -orbit of the cuspidal triple  $(\text{GL}(m)^r, \tau^{\otimes r}, w)$ , so that  $\mathfrak{c}$  is an irreducible component in  $\mathfrak{A}(\text{GL}(n))$ . Note that the  $L$ -parameter  $\phi$  in Eq. (1) can be written  $\phi = \eta \otimes g$  with  $g$  an  $r$ -dimensional representation of  $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ . The cocharacter  $h_{\mathfrak{c}}$  is given by restriction of  $g$  to the diagonal subgroup:

$$t \mapsto g(\text{diag}(t, t^{-1})) \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^r$$

and we infer that  $(\text{inf.ch.}) \circ \mu = \pi_{\sqrt{q}}$ .  $\square$

Let  $\mu^G(\omega)d\omega$  denote Plancherel measure, with the canonical measure  $d\omega$  normalized as in [12]. According to the explicit Plancherel formula in [1], itself based on formulas of Harish-Chandra and Langlands–Shahidi, the Plancherel density  $\mu^{\text{GL}(n)}$  extends uniquely to a rational function on the extended variety  $\mathfrak{A}(\text{GL}(n))$ . In this sense, the extended variety  $\mathfrak{A}(\text{GL}(n))$  is a natural domain of  $\mu^{\text{GL}(n)}$ .

### 5. The Iwahori spherical representations of $G_2$

We have chosen the exceptional group  $G_2$  as an example, requiring many delicate calculations, see [3]. We will need a detailed analysis of the Iwahori spherical representations [10,11]. Let  $\mathfrak{s} = [T, 1]_G$  where  $T \simeq F^\times \times F^\times$  is a maximal  $F$ -split torus of  $G = G_2$ . We note that  $\Psi(T) \cong T^\vee$  with  $T^\vee$  a maximal torus in the Langlands dual group  $G^\vee = G_2(\mathbb{C})$ . The Weyl group  $W$  of  $G_2$  is the dihedral group of order 12. The extended quotient is

$$T^\vee // W = T^\vee / W \sqcup \mathfrak{C}_1 \sqcup \mathfrak{C}_2 \sqcup \text{pt}_1 \sqcup \text{pt}_2 \sqcup \text{pt}_3 \sqcup \text{pt}_4 \sqcup \text{pt}_5.$$

The flat family is  $\mathfrak{X}_t := (1 - t^2y)(x - t^2y) = 0$ . Note that  $\mathfrak{X}_{\sqrt{q}} = \mathfrak{R}$  the curve of reducibility points in the quotient variety  $T^\vee / W$ . The restriction of  $\pi_t$  to  $T^\vee // W - T^\vee / W$  determines a finite morphism

$$\mathfrak{C}_1 \sqcup \mathfrak{C}_2 \sqcup \text{pt}_1 \sqcup \text{pt}_2 \sqcup \text{pt}_3 \sqcup \text{pt}_4 \sqcup \text{pt}_5 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{X}_t.$$

**Example.** The fibre of the point  $(q^{-1}, 1) \in \mathfrak{R}$  via the map  $\pi_{\sqrt{q}}$  is a set with 5 points, corresponding to the fact that there are 5 smooth irreducible representations of  $G_2$  with infinitesimal character  $(q^{-1}, 1)$ .

The map  $\pi_t$  restricted to the one affine line  $\mathfrak{C}_1$  is induced by the map  $(z, 1) \mapsto (tz, t^{-2})$ , and restricted to the other affine line  $\mathfrak{C}_2$  is induced by the map  $(z, z) \mapsto (tz, t^{-1}z)$ . With regard to the second map: the two points  $(\omega/\sqrt{q}, \omega/\sqrt{q}), (\omega^2/\sqrt{q}, \omega^2/\sqrt{q})$  are distinct points in  $\mathfrak{C}_2$  but become identified via  $\pi_{\sqrt{q}}$  in the quotient variety  $T^\vee / W$ . This implies that the image  $\pi_{\sqrt{q}}(\mathfrak{C}_2)$  of one affine line has a self-intersection point in the quotient variety  $T^\vee / W$ . Also, the curves  $\pi_{\sqrt{q}}(\mathfrak{C}_1), \pi_{\sqrt{q}}(\mathfrak{C}_2)$  intersect in 3 points. These intersection points account for the number of distinct constituents in the corresponding induced representations.

**Theorem 5.1.** *The conjecture is true for the point  $\mathfrak{s} = [T, 1]_{G_2}$ .*

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