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A characterization of the relation between two ℓ -modular correspondences

Une caractérisation de la relation entre deux correspondances ℓ -modulaires

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Abstract. Let F be a non archimedean local field of residual characteristic p and ℓ a prime number different from p . Let V denote Vignéras' ℓ -modular local Langlands correspondence [7], between irreducible ℓ -modular representations of $GL_n(F)$ and n -dimensional ℓ -modular Deligne representations of the Weil group W_F . In [4], enlarging the space of Galois parameters to Deligne representations with non necessarily nilpotent operators allowed us to propose a modification of the correspondence of Vignéras into a correspondence C , compatible with the formation of local constants in the generic case. In this note, following a remark of Alberto Mínguez, we characterize the modification $C \circ V^{-1}$ by a short list of natural properties.

Résumé. Soit F un corps local non archimédien de caractéristique résiduelle p et ℓ un nombre premier différent de p . Soit V la correspondance de Langlands ℓ -modulaire définie par Vignéras en [7], entre représentations irréductibles ℓ -modulaires de $GL_n(F)$ et représentations de Deligne ℓ -modulaires de dimension n du groupe de Weil W_F . Dans [4], l'élargissement de l'espace des paramètres galoisiens aux représentations de Deligne à opérateur non nécessairement nilpotent, nous a permis de proposer une modification de la correspondance de Vignéras en une correspondance notée C , compatible aux constantes locales des représentations génériques et de leur paramètre. Dans cette note rédigée à la suite d'une remarque d'Alberto Mínguez, nous caractérisons la modification $C \circ V^{-1}$ par une courte liste de propriétés naturelles.

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1. Introduction

Let F be a non-archimedean local field with finite residue field of cardinality q , a power of a prime p , and W_F the Weil group of F . Let ℓ be a prime number different from p . The ℓ -modular local Langlands correspondence established by Vignéras in [7] is a bijection from isomorphism classes of smooth irreducible representations of $GL_n(F)$ and n -dimensional Deligne representations (Section 2.1) of the Weil group W_F with nilpotent monodromy operator. It is uniquely characterized by a non-naive compatibility with the ℓ -adic local Langlands correspondence ([1, 2, 5, 6]) under reduction modulo ℓ , involving twists by Zelevinsky involutions. In [4], at the cost of having a less direct compatibility with reduction modulo ℓ , we proposed a modification of the correspondence V of Vignéras, by in particular enlarging its target to the space of Deligne representations with non necessarily nilpotent monodromy operator (it is a particularity of the ℓ -modular setting that such operators can live outside the nilpotent world). The modified correspondence C is built to be compatible with local constants on both sides of the correspondence ([3, 4]) and we proved that it is indeed the case for generic representations in [4]. Here, we show in Section 3 that if we expect a correspondence to have such a property, and some other natural properties, then it will be uniquely determined by V . Namely we characterize the map $C \circ V^{-1}$ by a list of five properties in Theorem 8. The map $C \circ V^{-1}$ endows the image of C with a semiring structure because the image of V is naturally equipped with semiring laws. We end this note by studying this structure from a different point of view in Section 4.

2. Preliminaries

Let $\nu : W_F \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{F}}_\ell^\times$ be the unique character trivial on the inertia subgroup of W_F and sending a geometric Frobenius element to q^{-1} , it corresponds to the normalized absolute value $\nu : F^\times \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{F}}_\ell^\times$ via local class field theory.

We consider only smooth representations of locally compact groups, which unless otherwise stated will be considered on $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_\ell$ -vector spaces. For \mathcal{G} a locally compact topological group, we let $\text{Irr}(\mathcal{G})$ denote the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible representations of \mathcal{G} .

2.1. Deligne representations

We follow [4, Section 4], but slightly simplify some notation. A *Deligne-representation* of W_F is a pair (Φ, U) where Φ is a finite dimensional semisimple representation of W_F , and $U \in \text{Hom}_{W_F}(\nu\Phi, \Phi)$; we call (Φ, U) *nilpotent* if U is a nilpotent endomorphism over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_\ell$.

The set of morphisms between Deligne representations $(\Phi, U), (\Phi', U')$ (of W_F) is given by $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(\Phi, \Phi') = \{f \in \text{Hom}_{W_F}(\Phi, \Phi') : f \circ U = U' \circ f\}$. This leads to notions of irreducible and indecomposable Deligne representations. We refer to [4, Section 4], for the (standard) definitions of dual and direct sums of Deligne representations.

We let $\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$ denote the set of isomorphism classes of Deligne-representations; and $\text{Indec}_{\mathcal{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$ (resp. $\text{Irr}_{\mathcal{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$, $\text{Nilp}_{\mathcal{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$) denote the set of isomorphism classes of indecomposable (resp. irreducible, nilpotent) Deligne representations. Thus

$$\text{Irr}_{\mathcal{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F) \subset \text{Indec}_{\mathcal{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F) \subset \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F), \quad \text{Nilp}_{\mathcal{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F) \subset \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F).$$

Let $\text{Rep}_{\text{ss}}(W_F)$ denote the set of isomorphism classes of semisimple representations of W_F , we have a canonical map $\text{Supp}_{W_F} : \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F) \rightarrow \text{Rep}_{\text{ss}}(W_F)$, $(\Phi, U) \mapsto \Phi$; we call Φ the W_F -support of (Φ, U) .

For $\Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$ we denote by $o(\Psi)$ the cardinality of the *irreducible line* $\mathbb{Z}_\Psi = \{\nu^k \Psi, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$; it divides the order of q in \mathbb{F}_ℓ^\times hence is prime to ℓ . We let $l(W_F) = \{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi : \Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)\}$.

The fundamental examples of non-nilpotent Deligne representation are the *cycle representations*: let I be an isomorphism from $v^{o(\Psi)}\Psi$ to Ψ and define $\mathcal{C}(\Psi, I) = (\Phi(\Psi), C_I) \in \text{Rep}_{\text{ss}}(\mathbb{D}, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_\ell)$ by

$$\Phi(\Psi) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{o(\Psi)-1} v^k \Psi, \quad C_I(x_0, \dots, x_{o(\Psi)-1}) = (I(x_{o(\Psi)-1}), x_0, \dots, x_{o(\Psi)-2}), \quad x_k \in v^k \Psi.$$

Then $\mathcal{C}(\Psi, I) \in \text{Irr}_{\text{ss}}(\mathbb{D}, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_\ell)$ and its isomorphism class only depends on (\mathbb{Z}_Ψ, I) , by [4, Proposition 4.18].

To remove dependence on I , in [4, Definition 4.6 and Remark 4.9] we define an equivalence relation \sim on $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$. We say that

$$(\Phi_1, U_1) \sim (\Phi_2, U_2)$$

for $(\Phi_i, U_i) \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$ if they both admit a decomposition (it is unique up to re-ordering)

$$(\Phi_i, U_i) = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{r_i} (\Phi_{i,k}, U_{i,k})$$

as a direct sum of elements in $\text{Indec}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$, such that $r_1 = r_2 =: r$ and for $k = 1, \dots, r$ there exists $\lambda_k \in \overline{\mathbb{F}}_\ell^\times$ such that

$$(\Phi_{2,k}, U_{2,k}) \simeq (\Phi_{1,k}, \lambda_k U_{1,k}).$$

The equivalence class of $\mathcal{C}(\Psi, I)$ is independent of I , and we set

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) := [\mathcal{C}(\Psi, I)] \in [\text{Irr}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)].$$

The sets $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$, $\text{Irr}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$, $\text{Indec}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$, and $\text{Nilp}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$ are unions of \sim -classes, and if X denotes any of them we set $[X] := X / \sim$. Similarly, for $(\Phi, U) \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$ we write $[\Phi, U]$ for its equivalence class in $[\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)]$. On $\text{Nilp}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$ the equivalence relation \sim coincides with equality.

The operations \oplus and $(\Phi, U) \mapsto (\Phi, U)^\vee$ on $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$ descend to $[\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)]$. Tensor products are more subtle; for example, tensor products of semisimple representations of W_F are not necessarily semisimple. We define a semisimple tensor product operation \otimes_{ss} on $[\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)]$ in [4, Section 4.4], turning $([\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)], \oplus, \otimes_{\text{ss}})$ into an abelian semiring.

The basic non-irreducible examples of elements of $\text{Nilp}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$ are called *segments*: For $r \geq 1$, set $[0, r - 1] := (\Phi(r), N(r))$, where

$$\Phi(r) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{r-1} v^k, \quad N(r)(x_0, \dots, x_{r-1}) = (0, x_0, \dots, x_{r-2}), \quad x_k \in v^k.$$

We now recall the classification of equivalence classes of Deligne representations of W_F of [4].

Theorem 1 ([4, Section 4]).

- (1) Let $\Phi \in \text{Irr}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)$, then there is either a unique $\Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$ such that $\Phi = \Psi$, or a unique irreducible line \mathbb{Z}_Ψ such that $[\Phi] = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$.
- (2) Let $[\Phi, U] \in [\text{Indec}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)]$, then there exist a unique $r \geq 1$ and a unique $\Theta \in [\text{Irr}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)]$ such that $[\Phi, U] = [0, r - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Theta$.
- (3) Let $[\Phi, U] \in [\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)]$, there exist $[\Phi_i, U_i] \in [\text{Indec}_{\mathbb{D}, \text{ss}}(W_F)]$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$ such that $[\Phi, U] = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r [\Phi_i, U_i]$.

We recall the following classical result about tensor products of segments.

Lemma 2. For $n \geq m \geq 1$, one has

$$[0, n - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} [0, m - 1] = [0, n + m - 2] \oplus [1, n + m - 3] \oplus \dots \oplus [m - 1, n - 1].$$

Proof. Denote by $v_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}}$ the normalized absolute value of W_F with values in $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}^\times$, and by $[0, i - 1]_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}}$ the ℓ -adic Deligne representation with W_F -support $\oplus_{k=0}^{i-1} v_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}}^k$ and nilpotent operator $N(i)_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}}$ sending (x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}) to $(0, x_0, \dots, x_{i-2})$. The relation

$$[0, n - 1]_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}} \otimes [0, m - 1]_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}} = [0, n + m - 2]_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}} \oplus [1, n + m - 3]_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}} \oplus \dots \oplus [m - 1, n - 1]_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}} \tag{1}$$

can be translated into a statement on tensor product of irreducible representations of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$, which is well-known and easily checked by the highest weight theory. Because all powers of $v_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}}$ take values in $\overline{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}^\times$, the canonical $\overline{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}$ -lattice in $\oplus_{k=0}^{i-1} v_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}}^k$ is stable under both the actions of W_F and $N(i)_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}}$, and this defines a $\overline{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}$ -Deligne representation $[0, i - 1]_{\overline{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}}$. Taking the canonical lattices on both sides of Equation (1) we get

$$[0, n - 1]_{\overline{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}} \otimes [0, m - 1]_{\overline{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}} = [0, n + m - 2]_{\overline{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}} \oplus [1, n + m - 3]_{\overline{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}} \oplus \dots \oplus [m - 1, n - 1]_{\overline{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}}. \tag{2}$$

Now tensoring Equation (2) by $\overline{\mathbb{F}_\ell}$ we obtain the relation

$$[0, n - 1] \otimes [0, m - 1] = [0, n + m - 2] \oplus [1, n + m - 3] \oplus \dots \oplus [m - 1, n - 1].$$

Finally by definition (see [4, Defintion 4.37]) one has $[0, n - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} [0, m - 1] = [0, n - 1] \otimes [0, m - 1]$, hence the sought equality. \square

2.2. L-factors

We set $\text{Irr}_{\text{cusp}}(\text{GL}(F)) := \coprod_{n \geq 0} \text{Irr}_{\text{cusp}}(\text{GL}_n(F))$ where $\text{Irr}_{\text{cusp}}(\text{GL}_n(F))$ is the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible cuspidal representations of $\text{GL}_n(F)$.

Let π and π' be a pair of cuspidal representations of $\text{GL}_n(F)$ and $\text{GL}_m(F)$ respectively. We denote by $L(X, \pi, \pi')$ the Euler factor attached to this pair in [3] via the Rankin–Selberg method, it is a rational function of the form $\frac{1}{Q(X)}$ where $Q \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_\ell}[X]$ satisfies $Q(0) = 1$. We recall that a cuspidal representation of $\text{GL}_n(F)$ is called *banal* if $v \otimes \pi \neq \pi$. The following is a part of [3, Theorem 4.9].

Proposition 3. *Let $\pi, \pi' \in \text{Irr}_{\text{cusp}}(\text{GL}(F))$. If π or π' is non-banal, then $L(X, \pi, \pi') = 1$.*

Let $[\Phi, U] \in [\text{Rep}_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)]$, for brevity from now on we often denote such a class just by Φ , we denote by $L(X, \Phi)$ the L-factor attached to it in [4, Section 5], their most basic property is that

$$L(X, \Phi \oplus \Phi') = L(X, \Phi)L(X, \Phi')$$

for Φ and Φ' in $[\text{Rep}_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)]$. We need the following property of such factors.

Lemma 4. *Let $\Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$ and $a \leq b$ be integers, put $\Phi = [a, b] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi$ and $\Phi' = [-b, -a] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi^\vee$, then $L(X, \Phi \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Phi')$ has a pole at $X = 0$.*

Proof. According to [4, Lemma 5.7], it is sufficient to prove that $L(X, \Psi \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi^\vee)$ has a pole at $X = 0$ for $\Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$, but this property follows from the definition of the L-factor in question, and the fact that $\Psi \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi^\vee$ contains a nonzero vector fixed by W_F . \square

2.3. The map CV

For $\Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$ we set $\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{o(\Psi)-1} v^k \Psi$. By Theorem 1, an element $\Phi \in \text{Nilp}_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)$ has a unique decomposition

$$\Phi = \Phi_{\text{acyc}} \oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 1, \mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in I(W_F)} [0, k - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} n_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi),$$

where for all $k \geq 1$ and $\mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in I(W_F)$, Φ_{acyc} has no summand isomorphic to $[0, k - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$; i.e. we have separated Φ into an acyclic and a cyclic part. Then following [4, Section 6.3], we set:

$$\text{CV}(\Phi) = \Phi_{\text{acyc}} \oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 1, \mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in I(W_F)} [0, k - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} n_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi).$$

We denote by $C_{D,ss}(W_F)$ the image of $CV : \text{Nilp}_{D,ss}(W_F) \rightarrow [\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)]$, and call $C_{D,ss}(W_F)$ the set of C -parameters.

2.4. ℓ -modular local Langlands

We let $\text{Irr}(\text{GL}(F)) = \coprod_{n \geq 0} \text{Irr}(\text{GL}_n(F))$ where $\text{Irr}(\text{GL}_n(F))$ denotes the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible representations of $\text{GL}_n(F)$.

In [7], Vignéras introduces the ℓ -modular local Langlands correspondence: a bijection

$$V : \text{Irr}(\text{GL}(F)) \rightarrow \text{Nilp}_{D,ss},$$

characterized in a non-naive way by reduction modulo ℓ . For this note, we recall $\text{Supp}_{W_F} \circ V$, the *semisimple ℓ -modular local Langlands correspondence* of Vignéras, induces a bijection between supercuspidal supports elements of $\text{Irr}(\text{GL}_n(F))$ and $\text{Rep}_{ss}(W_F)$ compatible with reduction modulo ℓ .

In [4], we introduced the bijection

$$C = CV \circ V : \text{Irr}(\text{GL}(F)) \rightarrow C_{D,ss}(W_F);$$

which satisfies $\text{Supp}_{W_F} \circ V = \text{Supp}_{W_F} \circ C$. Moreover, the correspondence C is compatible with the formation of L-factors for generic representations, a property V does not share; in the cuspidal case:

Proposition 5 ([4, Proposition 6.13]). *For π and π' in $\text{Irr}_{\text{cuspidal}}(\text{GL}(F))$ one has $L(X, \pi, \pi') = L(X, C(\pi), C(\pi'))$.*

We note another characterization of non-banal cuspidal representations:

Proposition 6 ([4, Sections 3.2 and 6.2]). *A representation $\pi \in \text{Irr}_{\text{cuspidal}}(\text{GL}(F))$ is non-banal if and only if $V(\pi) = \ell^k \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$, or equivalently $C(\pi) = \ell^k \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$, for some $k \geq 0$ and $\Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$.*

Amongst non-banal cuspidal representations, those for which $k = 0$ in the above statement, shall play a special role in our characterization. We denote by $\text{Irr}_{\text{cuspidal}}^*(\text{GL}(F))$ the subset of $\text{Irr}_{\text{cuspidal}}(\text{GL}(F))$ consisting of those $\pi \in \text{Irr}_{\text{cuspidal}}(\text{GL}(F))$ such that $C(\pi) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$, for some $\Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$

3. The characterization

In this section, we provide a list of natural properties which characterize $CV : \text{Nilp}_{D,ss}(W_F) \rightarrow [\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)]$.

Proposition 7. *Let $CV' : \text{Nilp}_{D,ss}(W_F) \rightarrow [\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)]$ be any map, and $C' := CV' \circ V$. Suppose*

- (i) *$\text{Supp}_{W_F} \circ C'$ is the semisimple ℓ -modular local Langlands correspondence of Vignéras; in other words, CV' preserves the W_F -support;*
- (ii) *C' (or equivalently CV') commutes with taking duals;*
- (iii) *$L(X, \pi, \pi^\vee) = L(X, C'(\pi), C'(\pi)^\vee)$ for all non-banal representations $\pi \in \text{Irr}_{\text{cuspidal}}^*(\text{GL}(F))$.*

Then for all $\Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$, one has $CV'(\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$.

Proof. Thanks to (i), $CV'(\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi))$ has W_F -support $\bigoplus_{k=0}^{o(\Psi)-1} \nu^k \Psi$. Hence, by Theorem 1, its image under CV' is either $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$ or a sum of Deligne representations of the form $[a, b] \otimes_{ss} \Psi$ for $0 \leq a \leq b \leq o(\Psi) - 1$. If we are in the second situation, writing $CV'(\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)) = ([a, b] \otimes_{ss} \Psi) \oplus W$, we have $CV'(\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi))^\vee = ([-b, -a] \otimes_{ss} \Psi^\vee) \oplus W^\vee$, thanks to (ii). However, writing τ for the non-banal cuspidal representation $V^{-1}(\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi))$, we have $L(X, \tau, \tau^\vee) = 1$ according to Theorem 3 and Proposition 6, whereas

$$\begin{aligned} L(X, C(\tau), C(\tau^\vee)) &= L(X, (([a, b] \otimes_{ss} \Psi) \oplus W) \otimes_{ss} ([-b, -a] \otimes_{ss} \Psi^\vee) \oplus W^\vee) \\ &= L(X, ([a, b] \otimes_{ss} \Psi) \otimes_{ss} ([-b, -a] \otimes_{ss} \Psi^\vee)) L'(X) \end{aligned}$$

for $L'(X)$ an Euler factor. Now, observe that $L(X, ([a, b] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi) \otimes_{\text{ss}} ([-b, -a] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi^\vee))$ has a pole at $X = 0$ according to Lemma 4, hence cannot be equal to 1. The conclusion of this discussion, according to (iii) is $CV'(\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$. \square

It follows that (i)–(iii) characterize $\text{Cl}_{\text{Irr}_{\text{cusp}}^*(\text{GL}(F))}$ without reference to Vignéras’ correspondence V .

On the other hand any map CV' satisfying (i)–(iii) must send each $v^k\Psi$ to itself if $o(\Psi) > 1$ by (i). So there is no chance that CV' will preserve direct sums because $\bigoplus_{k=0}^{o(\Psi)-1} CV'(v^k\Psi) \neq \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$. In particular any compatibility property of CV' with direct sums will have to be non-naive. Here is our characterization of the map CV :

Theorem 8. *Suppose $CV' : \text{Nilp}_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F) \rightarrow [\text{Rep}_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)]$ satisfies (i)–(iii) of Proposition 7, and suppose moreover*

- (a) *If $\Phi' \in \text{Im}(CV')$ and $\Phi' = \Phi'_1 \oplus \Phi'_2$ in $[\text{Rep}_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)]$ then $\Phi'_1, \Phi'_2 \in \text{Im}(CV')$. Moreover, if $\Phi' = CV'(\Phi)$, $\Phi'_i = CV'(\Phi_i)$ for $\Phi, \Phi_i \in \text{Nilp}_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)$, and $\Phi' = \Phi'_1 \oplus \Phi'_2$, then $\Phi = \Phi_1 \oplus \Phi_2$.*
- (b) *$CV'([0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Phi) = [0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} CV'(\Phi)$ for $j \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$ and $\Phi \in \text{Nilp}_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)$.*

Then $CV' = CV$.

Proof. For $\Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$, it follows at once from Proposition 7 and (b) that

$$CV'([0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi) = [0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi, \quad \text{if } o(\Psi) > 1 \text{ and}$$

$$CV'([0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)) = [0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi).$$

Next we prove that $\text{Im}(CV') \subset C_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)$. By (a), an element of $\text{Im}(CV')$ can be decomposed as a direct sum of elements in $\text{Im}(CV') \cap [\text{Indec}_{\text{D,ss}}]$, and (a) reduces the proof of the inclusion $\text{Im}(CV') \subset C_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)$ to showing that $[0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \text{St}_0(\Psi) \notin \text{Im}(CV')$ for $\Psi \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$, $j \geq 1$.

We first assume that $o(\Psi) = 1$, so $\text{St}_0(\Psi) = \Psi$. The only possible pre-image of Ψ by CV' is Ψ by (i), however $CV'(\Psi) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$ by Proposition 7 so $\text{St}_0(\Psi) \notin \text{Im}(CV')$. Now suppose $[0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi \in \text{Im}(CV')$ for $j \geq 2$, then by (b) this would imply that $[0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} [0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi \in \text{Im}(CV')$, hence that

$$[0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} [0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi = [0, 2j - 2] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi \oplus \cdots \oplus [j - 1, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi$$

also belongs to $\text{Im}(CV')$ thanks to Lemma 2. However as $o(\Psi) = 1$, the Deligne representation $[j - 1, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \Psi$ is nothing else than Ψ , which does not belong to $\text{Im}(CV')$, contradicting (a).

If $o(\Psi) > 1$, then $CV'(v^k\Psi) = v^k\Psi$. If $\text{St}_0(\Psi)$ belonged to $\text{Im}(CV')$ then (a) would imply that $\text{St}_0(\Psi) = CV'(\bigoplus_{k=0}^{o(\Psi)-1} v^k\Psi)$, which is not the case thanks to Proposition 7. To see that $[0, j - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} \text{St}_0(\Psi) \notin \text{Im}(CV')$ for all $j \geq 2$ we use the same trick as in the $o(\Psi) = 1$ case.

Now take $\Phi \in \text{Nilp}_{\text{D,ss}}$, as we just noticed $CV'(\Phi)$ is a C-parameter and we write it

$$CV'(\Phi) = CV'(\Phi)_{\text{acyc}} \oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 1, \mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in \text{I}(W_F)} [0, k - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} n_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$$

as in Section 2.3, where for each irreducible line \mathbb{Z}_Ψ we have fixed an irreducible $\Psi \in \mathbb{Z}_\Psi$. Then (a) and the beginning of the proof imply that

$$\Phi = CV'(\Phi)_{\text{acyc}} \oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 1, \mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in \text{I}(W_F)} [0, k - 1] \otimes_{\text{ss}} n_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi),$$

hence that $CV'(\Phi) = CV(\Phi)$. \square

4. The semiring structure on the space of C-parameters

As $(\text{Nilp}_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F), \oplus, \otimes_{\text{ss}})$ is a semiring, the map CV endows $C_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)$ with a semiring structure by transport of structure. We show that this semiring structure on $C_{\text{D,ss}}(W_F)$ can be obtained without referring to CV directly, thus shedding a slightly different light on the map CV .

We denote by $\mathcal{G}(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$ the Grothendieck group of the monoid $([\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)], \oplus)$. We set

$$\mathcal{G}_0(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)) = \langle [0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) - [0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in I(W_F), k \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}},$$

the additive subgroup of $\mathcal{G}(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$ generated by the differences $[0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) - [0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)$ for $\mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in I(W_F)$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$.

Proposition 9. *The canonical map $h_C : C_{D,ss}(W_F) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)) / \mathcal{G}_0(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$, obtained by composing the canonical projection $h : \mathcal{G}(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)) / \mathcal{G}_0(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$ with the natural injection of $C_{D,ss}(W_F) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G}(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$, is injective. Moreover, its image is stable under the operation \oplus . In particular, this endows the set $C_{D,ss}(W_F)$ with a natural monoid structure.*

Proof. Note that h_C is the restriction of the canonical surjection h to $C_{D,ss}(W_F)$. Let Φ, Φ' be C -parameters, as in Section 2.3 and the last proof, we write

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \bigoplus_{k \geq 1, \mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in I(W_F)} [0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \left(\left(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{o(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)-1} m_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k, i} v^i \Psi \right) \oplus n_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) \right) \\ \Phi' &= \bigoplus_{k \geq 1, \mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in I(W_F)} [0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \left(\left(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{o(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)-1} m'_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k, i} v^i \Psi \right) \oplus n'_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) \right) \end{aligned}$$

where for each (\mathbb{Z}_Ψ, k) , there are i, i' such that $m_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k, i} = 0$ and $m'_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k, i'} = 0$. Suppose that both Φ and Φ' have same the image under h_C , then $\Phi' - \Phi \in \text{Ker}(h) = \mathcal{G}_0(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$. We thus get an equality of the form

$$\Phi - \Phi' = \bigoplus_{k \geq 1, \mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in I(W_F)} a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} ([0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) - [0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)),$$

where all sums are finite. Set J^+ to be the set of pairs (\mathbb{Z}_Ψ, k) such that $a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} \geq 0$ and J^- to be the set of pairs (\mathbb{Z}_Ψ, k) such that $b_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} := -a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} > 0$. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi \oplus \bigoplus_{(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k) \in J^-} b_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} [0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) &\oplus \bigoplus_{(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k) \in J^+} a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} [0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) \\ &= \Phi' \oplus \bigoplus_{(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k) \in J^-} b_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} [0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) \oplus \bigoplus_{(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k) \in J^+} a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} [0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi) \end{aligned}$$

in $[\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)]$. Now take $(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k) \in J^+$, there is i such that $m_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k, i} = 0$. Comparing the occurrence of $[0, k - 1] \otimes_{ss} v^i \Psi$ on the left and right hand sides of the equality we obtain

$$0 = m'_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k, i} + a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} \Rightarrow a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} = 0.$$

Hence we just proved that $a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} = 0$ for all $(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k) \in J^+$. The symmetric argument shows that for $(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k) \in J^-$, there is i' such that

$$m_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k, i'} + b_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} = 0 \Rightarrow b_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} = 0,$$

which is impossible by assumption. Hence $J = J^+$ and $a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi, k} = 0$ for all $\mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in J$, which implies $\Phi = \Phi'$, so h_C is indeed injective.

For the next assertion, suppose that $h_C(\oplus_{\Phi \in [\text{Indec}_{D,ss}(W_F)]} n_\Phi \Phi) \in \text{Im}(h_C)$. Take $\Phi_0 \in [\text{Indec}_{D,ss}(W_F)]$ and consider $h_C(\oplus_{\Phi \in [\text{Indec}_{D,ss}(W_F)]} n_\Phi \Phi) \oplus h_C(\Phi_0)$. If Φ_0 ‘‘completes a cycle’’ of $\oplus_{\Phi \in \text{Indec}_{D,ss}(W_F)} n_\Phi \Phi$, i.e. if $\Phi_0 = [0, k] \otimes_{ss} \Psi$ with Ψ an irreducible representation Ψ of W_F , and if all other elements of $[0, k] \otimes_{ss} \mathbb{Z}_\Psi$ appear in $\oplus_{\Phi \in \text{Indec}_{D,ss}(W_F)} n_\Phi \Phi$ as representations $[0, k] \otimes_{ss} v^j \Psi$ with corresponding multiplicities $n_{[0, k] \otimes_{ss} v^j \Psi} \geq 1$, then setting $I = \{[0, k] \otimes_{ss} v^j \Psi, j = 1, \dots, o(\Psi) - 1\}$, one gets

$$h_C(\oplus_{\Phi \in [\text{Indec}_{D,ss}(W_F)]} n_\Phi \Phi) \oplus h_C(\Phi_0) = h_C(\oplus_{\Phi \notin I} n_\Phi \Phi \oplus \oplus_{\Phi \in I} (n_\Phi - 1)\Phi \oplus \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi)).$$

If Φ_0 does not complete a cycle, one has

$$h_C(\oplus_{\Phi \in [\text{Indec}_{D,ss}(W_F)]} n_\Phi \Phi) \oplus h_C(\Phi_0) = h_C(\oplus_{\Phi \in \text{Indec}_{D,ss}(W_F)} n_\Phi \Phi \oplus \Phi_0).$$

The assertion follows by induction. □

In fact the tensor product operation descends on $\text{Im}(h_C)$.

Proposition 10. *The additive subgroup $\mathcal{G}_0(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$ of the ring $\mathcal{G}(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$ is in fact an ideal. Moreover $\text{Im}(h_C)$ is stable under \otimes_{ss} . In particular this endows $C_{D,ss}(W_F)$ with a natural semiring structure, and h_C becomes a semiring isomorphism from $C_{D,ss}(W_F)$ to $\text{Im}(h_C)$.*

Proof. For the first part, taking $\Psi_0 \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$, it is enough to prove that for any $\Phi_1 \in \text{Irr}_{D,ss}(W_F)$ and $k, l \geq 0$, the tensor product $[0, k] \otimes_{ss} (\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) - \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0})) \otimes_{ss} [0, l] \otimes_{ss} \Phi_1$ belongs to $\mathcal{G}_0(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$. By associativity and commutativity of tensor product, and because $[0, i] \otimes_{ss} [0, j]$ is always a sum of segments by Lemma 2, it is enough to check that $(\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) - \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0})) \otimes_{ss} \Phi_1$ belongs to $\mathcal{G}_0(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$. Suppose first that Φ_1 is nilpotent, i.e. $\Phi_1 = \Psi_1 \in \text{Irr}(W_F)$. Because $\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) \otimes_{ss} \Psi_1$ is fixed by ν under twisting and because its Deligne operator is zero, we get that

$$\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) \otimes_{ss} \Psi_1 = \bigoplus_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in \mathbb{I}(W_F)} a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi} \text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi).$$

On the other hand because $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) \otimes_{ss} \Psi_1$ is fixed by ν and because its Deligne operator is bijective we obtain

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) \otimes_{ss} \Psi_1 = \bigoplus_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi \in \mathbb{I}(W_F)} b_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_\Psi).$$

Now observing that both $\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) \otimes_{ss} \Psi_1$ and $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) \otimes_{ss} \Psi_1$ have the same W_F -support, it implies that $a_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi} = b_{\mathbb{Z}_\Psi}$ for all lines \mathbb{Z}_Ψ , from which we deduce that $(\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) - \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0})) \otimes_{ss} \Phi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_0(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$. With the same arguments we obtain that $(\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) - \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0})) \otimes_{ss} \Phi_1 = 0 \in \mathcal{G}_0(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$ when Φ_1 is of the form $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_1})$ (because in this case both $\text{St}_0(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) \otimes_{ss} \Phi_1$ and $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{Z}_{\Psi_0}) \otimes_{ss} \Phi_1$ have bijective Deligne operators). □

The following proposition is proved in a similar, but simpler manner than the propositions above.

Proposition 11. *Let h_{Nilp} be the restriction of*

$$h : \mathcal{G}(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F)) / \mathcal{G}_0(\text{Rep}_{D,ss}(W_F))$$

to $\text{Nilp}_{D,ss}(W_F)$, then h_{Nilp} is a semiring isomorphism and $\text{Im}(h_{\text{Nilp}}) = \text{Im}(h_C)$.

The above propositions have the following immediate corollary.

Corollary 12. *One has $CV = h_C^{-1} \circ h_{\text{Nilp}}$, in particular it is a semiring isomorphism from $\text{Nilp}_{D,ss}(W_F)$ to $C_{D,ss}(W_F)$.*

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