

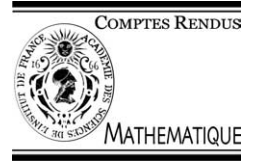


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Explicit Plancherel formula for the p -adic group $GL(n)$

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Abstract

We provide an explicit Plancherel formula for the p -adic group $GL(n)$. We determine explicitly the Bernstein decomposition of Plancherel measure, including all numerical constants. We also prove a transfer-of-measure formula for $GL(n)$. **To cite this article:** *A.-M. Aubert, R. Plymen, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 338 (2004).*

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Résumé

Formule de Plancherel explicite pour le groupe p -adique $GL(n)$. Nous obtenons une formule de Plancherel explicite pour le groupe p -adique $GL(n)$. Nous déterminons explicitement la décomposition de Bernstein de la mesure de Plancherel, y compris les diverses constantes numériques. Nous prouvons aussi une formule de transfert pour $GL(n)$. **Pour citer cet article:** *A.-M. Aubert, R. Plymen, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 338 (2004).*

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Soit F un corps local non archimédien de corps résiduel de cardinal q et soit ϖ une uniformisante de F . Soit $G = GL(n)$ et soient m un entier divisant n et σ une représentation irréductible supercuspidale unitaire de $GL(m)$. Nous désignons par r l'ordre du groupe cyclique formé par les caractères non ramifiés η de $GL(m)$ tels que $\sigma \otimes \eta \simeq \sigma$ et par $f(\sigma^\vee \times \sigma)$ le conducteur de paires de $\sigma^\vee \times \sigma$ dans la terminologie de [3]. Soit M le sous-groupe de Levi standard de G , isomorphe à $GL(l_1 m) \times \cdots \times GL(l_k m)$, où (l_1, \dots, l_k) est une partition donnée de $e = n/m$. Pour $i = 1, \dots, k$, soit $g_i = (l_i - 1)/2$ et notons $\pi_i = \text{St}(\sigma, l_i)$ l'unique quotient irréductible de la représentation induite de G définie par le segment de Zelevinsky $\{ |^{-g_i} \sigma, \dots, |^{g_i} \sigma \}$ (voir [13] ou [7]). La représentation π_i est une représentation de la série discrète de $GL(l_i m)$, [13, 9.3]. Nous notons χ_i un caractère non ramifié de F^\times , et nous posons $\zeta_i = \chi_i(\varpi)$, $z_i = \zeta_i^r$.

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Nous notons $\Omega(G)$ la variété de Bernstein : un point de $\Omega(G)$ est une classe de conjugaison sous G d'un couple (M', σ') , où M' est un sous-groupe de Levi de G et σ' une représentation irréductible supercuspidale de M' . Soit Ω une composante de $\Omega(G)$. Nous notons $\text{Irr}^t(G)_\Omega$ le sous-ensemble du dual tempéré $\text{Irr}^t(G)$ de G formé des représentations tempérées dont le caractère infinitésimal appartient à Ω . La décomposition de Bernstein (voir [2]) induit la partition suivante de $\text{Irr}^t(G)$:

$$\text{Irr}^t(G) = \bigsqcup \text{Irr}^t(G)_\Omega,$$

et cette dernière définit une décomposition $\nu = \bigsqcup \nu_\Omega$ de la mesure de Plancherel, où

$$d\nu(\omega) = c(G|M)^{-2} \cdot \gamma(G|M)^{-1} \cdot \mu_{G|M}(\omega) \cdot d(\omega) \cdot d\omega = \gamma(G|M) \cdot j(\omega)^{-1} \cdot d(\omega) \cdot d\omega,$$

$d(\omega)$ étant le degré formel de ω et $j(\omega)$ défini par [12, IV.3].

Nous calculons explicitement la fonction $\mu_{G|M}$ de Harish-Chandra, pour le groupe G , à l'aide de la formule de Langlands–Shahidi [11] et de la formule du produit de Harish-Chandra [12, V.2.1].

Théorème 0.1. *Supposons que la classe de conjugaison de $(\text{GL}(m)^e, \sigma^{\otimes e})$ définisse un point de la composante de Bernstein Ω . On a alors, pour $\omega = \chi_1 \pi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \chi_k \pi_k$:*

$$d\nu_\Omega(\omega) = \gamma(G|M) \cdot q^{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} l_i l_j f(\sigma^\vee \times \sigma)} \cdot \prod \left| \frac{1 - z_j z_i^{-1} q^{gr}}{1 - z_j z_i^{-1} q^{-(g+1)r}} \right|^2 \cdot d(\omega) \cdot d\omega,$$

où le produit est pris sur tous les i, j, g qui vérifient les inégalités suivantes : $1 \leq i < j \leq k, |g_i - g_j| \leq g \leq g_i + g_j$.

Nous passons ensuite au cas d'une composante de Bernstein $\Omega \subset \Omega(\text{GL}(n))$ arbitraire. D'après Zelevinsky, tout couple (M, π) , formé d'un sous-groupe de Levi M de G et d'une représentation π de la série discrète de M , se décompose de manière unique en $(M, \pi) = (M_1 \times \dots \times M_t, \pi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \pi_t)$, où, d'une part, les éléments du support cuspidal de π_i sont équivalents, au sens où ils se déduisent l'un de l'autre par torsion non ramifiée, d'autre part, pour $i \neq j$, aucun élément du support cuspidal de π_i n'est équivalent à un élément du support cuspidal de π_j . Nous notons $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \dots \times \Omega_t$ la factorisation correspondante de Ω . La mesure de Plancherel respecte (à multiplication par une constante près) cette factorisation :

$$\nu_\Omega = \text{const.} \cdot \nu_{\Omega_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \nu_{\Omega_t}.$$

Les mesures de Plancherel $\nu_{\Omega_1}, \dots, \nu_{\Omega_t}$ sont données par le Théorème 0.1.

1. Introduction

We shall follow very closely the notation and terminology in Waldspurger [12]. Let F be a nonarchimedean local field with ring of integers \mathfrak{o}_F and residue field of order q . Let $G = \text{GL}(n) = \text{GL}(n, F)$ and let $\mathcal{K} = \text{GL}(n, \mathfrak{o}_F)$. Let H be a closed subgroup of G . We use the *standard* normalization of Haar measures, following [12, I.1, p. 240]. Then Haar measure μ_H on H is chosen so that $\mu_H(H \cap \mathcal{K}) = 1$. If $Z = A_G$ is the centre of G then we have $\mu_Z(Z \cap \mathcal{K}) = 1$. If $H = G$ then Haar measure $\mu = \mu_G$ is normalized so that the volume of \mathcal{K} is 1.

Denote by Θ the set of pairs $(\mathcal{O}, P = MU)$ where P is a semi-standard parabolic subgroup of G and $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{E}_2(M)$ is an orbit under the action of $\text{Im } X(M)$. (Here $\mathcal{E}_2(M)$ is the set of equivalence classes of the discrete series of the Levi subgroup M , and $\text{Im } X(M)$ is the group of the unitary unramified characters of G .)

Two elements $(\mathcal{O}, P = MU)$ and $(\mathcal{O}', P' = M'U')$ are *associated* if there exists $s \in W^G$ such that $s \cdot M = M', s\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}'$. We fix a set Θ/assoc of representatives in Θ for the classes of association. For $(\mathcal{O}, P = MU) \in \Theta$, we set $W(G|M) = \{s \in W^G : s \cdot M = M\} / W^M$, and

$$\text{Stab}(\mathcal{O}, M) = \{s \in W(G|M) : s\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}\}.$$

Let $\mathcal{C}(G)$ denote the Harish-Chandra Schwartz space of G and let $I_P^G \omega$ denote the normalized induced representation from ω . Let $f \in \mathcal{C}(G)$, $\omega \in \mathcal{E}_2(M)$. We will write

$$\pi = I_P^G \omega, \quad \pi(f) = \int f(g)\pi(g) dg, \quad \theta_\omega^G(f) = \text{trace } \pi(f).$$

Theorem 1.1 (The Plancherel Formula [12, VIII.1.1]). *For each $f \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ and each $g \in G$ we have*

$$f(g) = \sum c(G|M)^{-2} \cdot \gamma(G|M)^{-1} \cdot |\text{Stab}(\mathcal{O}, M)|^{-1} \cdot \int_{\mathcal{O}} \mu_{G|M}(\omega) d(\omega) \theta_\omega^G(\lambda(g) f^\vee) d\omega,$$

where the sum is over all the pairs $(\mathcal{O}, P = MU) \in \Theta/\text{assoc}$.

The map

$$(\mathcal{O}, P = MU) \rightarrow \text{Irr}^t(G), \quad \omega \mapsto I_P^G \omega$$

determines a *bijection*

$$\bigsqcup (\mathcal{O}, P = MU) / \text{Stab}(\mathcal{O}, M) \rightarrow \text{Irr}^t(G).$$

The tempered dual $\text{Irr}^t(G)$ acquires, by transport of structure, the structure of *disjoint union of countably many compact orbifolds*.

According to [12, V.2.1], the function $\mu_{G|M}$ is a rational function on \mathcal{O} . We have $\mu_{G|M}(\omega) \geq 0$ and $\mu_{G|M}(s\omega) = \mu_{G|M}(\omega)$ for each $s \in W^G$, $\omega \in \mathcal{O}$. This invariance property implies that $\mu_{G|M}$ *descends* to a function on the orbifold $\mathcal{O}/\text{Stab}(\mathcal{O}, M)$. We can view $\mu_{G|M}$ either as an *invariant* function on the orbit \mathcal{O} or as a function on the orbifold $\mathcal{O}/\text{Stab}(\mathcal{O}, M)$.

The normalized Haar measure $d\omega$ on the compact torus \mathcal{O} descends to the *canonical measure* on the orbifold $\mathcal{O}/\text{Stab}(\mathcal{O}, M)$. With respect to this canonical measure, the Plancherel *density* is given by

$$c(G|M)^{-2} \cdot \gamma(G|M)^{-1} \cdot \mu_{G|M}(\omega) \cdot d(\omega) = \gamma(G|M) \cdot j(\omega)^{-1} \cdot d(\omega), \tag{1}$$

where $d(\omega)$ is the formal degree of ω and $j(\omega)$ is defined as in [12, IV.3]. It is precisely this expression which we will compute explicitly.

The Bernstein variety $\Omega(G)$ is defined as follows: a point in $\Omega(G)$ is the G -conjugacy class of a pair (M', σ') formed by a Levi subgroup M' of G and an irreducible supercuspidal representation σ' of M' . Let $\text{Irr}^t(G)_\Omega$ denote the set of those tempered representations whose infinitesimal characters belong to Ω . We have, as in [9], the following partition of $\text{Irr}^t(G)$:

$$\text{Irr}^t(G) = \bigsqcup \text{Irr}^t(G)_\Omega.$$

Theorem 1.2 (The Bernstein Decomposition [9]). *The Plancherel measure ν admits a canonical Bernstein decomposition*

$$\nu = \bigsqcup \nu_\Omega,$$

where Ω is a component in the Bernstein variety $\Omega(G)$. The domain of each ν_Ω is a finite union of orbifolds of the form $\mathcal{O}/\text{Stab}(\mathcal{O}, M)$.

2. Calculation of the Harish-Chandra μ -function

Let m be an integer dividing n . We set $e = n/m$ and take for M the Levi subgroup $GL(l_1 m) \times \dots \times GL(l_k m)$, where (l_1, \dots, l_k) is a partition of e . Let σ be an irreducible unitary supercuspidal representation of $GL(m)$. Let $f(\sigma^\vee \times \sigma)$ denote the conductor for the pair $\sigma^\vee \times \sigma$ in the sense of [3].

Definition 2.1. The *torsion number* r of the representation σ is the order of the cyclic group of all those unramified characters η for which $\sigma \otimes \eta \cong \sigma$.

Let $St(\sigma, e)$ denote the unique irreducible quotient of the induced representation defined by the Zelevinsky segment $\{|\det|^{-g}\sigma, \dots, |\det|^g\sigma\}$, where $g = (e - 1)/2$.

Theorem 2.2. Let $\pi = St(\sigma, e)$. Then

$$\frac{d(\pi)}{d(\sigma)^e} = \frac{m^{e-1}}{r^{e-1}e} \cdot q^{(e^2-e)(f(\sigma^\vee \times \sigma)+r-2m^2)/2} \cdot \frac{(q^r - 1)^e}{q^{er} - 1} \cdot \frac{|GL(em, q)|}{|GL(m, q)|^e}.$$

For $i = 1, \dots, k$, let $\pi_i = St(\sigma, l_i)$. Then π_i is in the discrete series of $GL(l_i m)$. Let χ_i be an unramified character of F^\times . We will write $\zeta_i = \chi_i(\varpi)$, $z_i = \zeta_i^r$. Let \mathbb{T}^k denote the standard compact torus of dimension k , and let $P_{S_m}(X)$ denote the Poincaré polynomial of the Coxeter group S_m , so that

$$P_{S_m}(q^{-1}) = \frac{|GL(m, q)|}{q^{m^2-m}(q-1)^m}.$$

Using the Harish-Chandra product formula (see [12, V.2.1]) and the Langlands–Shahidi formula in [11] (see also [10]), we prove the following result, in which the calculation of $\mu_{G|M}$ extends a classical result of Macdonald [8].

Theorem 2.3. Let $\omega = \chi_1\pi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \chi_k\pi_k$ so that ω is in the discrete series of M . As a function on the compact torus \mathbb{T}^k with coordinates (z_1, \dots, z_k) the Plancherel density is given by the formula (1), with

$$c(G|M) = \frac{\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} P_{S_{n_i+n_j}}(q^{-1})}{P_{S_n}(q^{-1}) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^k (P_{S_{n_i}}(q^{-1}))^{k-2}}, \quad \gamma(G|M) = \frac{P_{S_n}(q^{-1})}{P_{S_{n_1}}(q^{-1}) \times \dots \times P_{S_{n_k}}(q^{-1})},$$

$$j(\omega)^{-1} = c(G|M)^{-2} \cdot \gamma(G|M)^{-2} \cdot \mu_{G|M}(\omega) = q^{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} l_i l_j f(\sigma^\vee \times \sigma)} \cdot \prod \left| \frac{1 - z_j z_i^{-1} q^{gr}}{1 - z_j z_i^{-1} q^{-(g+1)r}} \right|^2,$$

where the product is taken over those i, j, g for which the following inequalities hold: $1 \leq i < j \leq k$, $|g_i - g_j| \leq g \leq g_i + g_j$, and $d(\omega) = d(\pi_1) \dots d(\pi_k)$, where the $d(\pi_i)$ are given by Theorem 2.2.

3. The Bernstein decomposition of Plancherel measure

We now pass to the general case of a component $\Omega \subset \Omega(GL(n))$. We can think of a component Ω in the Bernstein variety $\Omega(GL(n))$ as a vector $(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_t)$ of irreducible supercuspidal representations of smaller general linear groups $GL(m_1), \dots, GL(m_t)$: the entries of this vector are determined up to tensoring with unramified quasicharacters and permutation. If the vector is $(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_t, \dots, \sigma_t)$ with σ_j repeated e_j times, $1 \leq j \leq t$, and $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_t$ pairwise distinct (after unramified twist) then we will make the following definition.

Definition 3.1. The natural numbers e_1, \dots, e_t are the *exponents* of Ω .

Each representation σ_i of $\mathrm{GL}(m_i)$ has a torsion number r_i .

We may choose each representation σ_i of $\mathrm{GL}(m_i)$ to be unitary: in which case σ_i has a formal degree $d_i = d(\sigma_i)$.

We will denote by $f_{ij} = f(\sigma_i^\vee \times \sigma_j)$ the conductor of the pair $\sigma_i^\vee \times \sigma_j$.

In this way, the Bernstein component $\Omega \subset \Omega(\mathrm{GL}(n))$ yields up the following *fundamental invariants*:

- the cardinality q of the residue field of F ,
- the sizes m_1, m_2, \dots, m_t of the small general linear groups,
- the exponents e_1, e_2, \dots, e_t ,
- the torsion numbers r_1, r_2, \dots, r_t ,
- the formal degrees d_1, d_2, \dots, d_t ,
- the conductors for pairs $f_{11}, f_{12}, \dots, f_{tt}$.

Our Plancherel formulas are built from precisely these numerical invariants.

Consider, once again, the component $\Omega \subset \Omega(\mathrm{GL}(n))$ with exponents e_1, \dots, e_t . It determines t components $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_t$ with separate exponents e_1, \dots, e_t . The component $\Omega_j \subset \Omega(\mathrm{GL}(m_j e_j))$ contains the conjugacy class of the cuspidal pair $(\mathrm{GL}(m_j)^{e_j}, \sigma_j^{\otimes e_j})$. With Ω_j so defined, we will write

$$\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \dots \times \Omega_t.$$

Each component Ω_j admits a single exponent, and so places us in the context of Theorem 2.3.

Theorem 3.2. *If $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \dots \times \Omega_t$ then we have*

$$v_\Omega = \text{const.} \cdot v_{\Omega_1} \cdots v_{\Omega_t}$$

where $v_{\Omega_1}, \dots, v_{\Omega_t}$ are given by Theorem 2.3.

4. Transfer-of-measure formula

We recall the situation at the beginning of Section 2. We have an integer m dividing n , $e = n/m$, σ is an irreducible unitary supercuspidal representation of $\mathrm{GL}(m)$ with torsion number r , and K is a local field such that the cardinality of its residue field is $q_K = q^r$.

Let $G = \mathrm{GL}(n, F)$, $G_0 = \mathrm{GL}(e, K)$. Let $M \simeq \mathrm{GL}(l_1 m) \times \dots \times \mathrm{GL}(l_k m)$, $M_0 \simeq \mathrm{GL}(l_1) \times \dots \times \mathrm{GL}(l_k)$, where (l_1, \dots, l_k) is a partition of e . Let $\Omega \subset \Omega(G)$ be defined as follows: Ω is the Bernstein component in $\Omega(G)$ which contains the conjugacy class of the cuspidal pair $(\mathrm{GL}(m)^e, \sigma^{\otimes e})$. Then Ω has the single exponent e .

Let $\Omega_0 \subset \Omega(G_0)$ be defined as follows: Ω_0 is the Bernstein component in $\Omega(G_0)$ which contains the conjugacy class of the cuspidal pair $(T, 1)$, where T is the diagonal subgroup of G_0 . The component Ω_0 parametrizes those irreducible smooth representations of $\mathrm{GL}(e, K)$ which admit nonzero Iwahori fixed vectors. Then Ω_0 has the single exponent e , and we have $\mathrm{Irr}^t \mathrm{GL}(n, F)_\Omega \cong \mathrm{Irr}^t \mathrm{GL}(e, K)_{\Omega_0}$, see [9].

The theory of types of [5] produces a canonical extension K of F such that r is equal to the residue index of K with respect to F . Indeed, let (J, λ) be a maximal simple type in $\mathrm{GL}(m)$ contained in σ , and let \mathfrak{A} and $E = F[\beta]$ respectively denote the corresponding hereditary order in $A = M(m, F)$ and the corresponding field extension of F (see [5, (5.5.10(iii))]). We have $r = m/e(E|F)$, where $e(E|F)$ denotes the ramification index of E with respect to F . Let B denote the centraliser of E in A . We set $\mathfrak{B} := \mathfrak{A} \cap B$. Then \mathfrak{B} is a maximal hereditary order in B , and let K be an unramified extension of E which normalises it and is maximal with respect to that property, as in [5, (5.5.14)]. Then r is equal to the residue index of K with respect to F . Thus q^r is equal to the order q_K of the residue field of K . Also the number q^r is the one which occurs for the Hecke algebra $\mathcal{H}(\mathrm{GL}(m), \lambda)$ associated to (J, λ) in [5, (5.6.6)].

Let ν (resp. ν_0) denote Plancherel measure on the tempered dual of G (resp. G_0). Let ν_Ω , ν_{Ω_0} denote the corresponding Bernstein components. The support of ν_Ω (resp. ν_{Ω_0}) is a compact Hausdorff space. This compact space is an *extended quotient*, see [9].

A transfer-measure-formula appears in [4]. Their proof uses the techniques of Hecke algebras. Our method is different. We use our explicit Plancherel formulas, and also an extension of some of the results in [3].

Let (J^G, λ^G) denote a simple type attached to the Bernstein component Ω , see [5,6]. Let I denote an Iwahori subgroup of G_0 .

Theorem 4.1. *The support of ν_Ω is homeomorphic to the support of ν_{Ω_0} and we have*

$$\frac{\mu_G(J^G)}{\dim \lambda^G} \cdot d\nu_\Omega(\omega) = \mu_{G_0}(I) \cdot \frac{r^k}{m^k} \cdot d\nu_{\Omega_0}(\omega_0),$$

where $\omega = \chi_1 \pi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \chi_k \pi_k$ and ω_0 denotes the corresponding representation of M_0 .

Detailed proofs of the results announced in this Note may be found in [1].

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