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Talk Title: On the Action of Galois Automorphisms on Characters and Navarro's  
Sylow 2-Normalizer Conjectures

Date: 01 / Feb / 18 Time: 03 : 30 am / (pm) (circle one)

List 6-12 key words for the talk: representation theory, groups, Navarro Conjecture,  
McKay Conjecture, group actions, Sylow, blocks, normalizers, reduction theorems

Please summarize the lecture in 5 or fewer sentences. We consider two conjectures: a  
necessary and sufficient condition for a finite group  $G$  to have a (1, Navarro)  
self-normalizing Sylow 2-subgroup, which is given in terms of the behavior of the  
ordinary irreducible characters of  $G$  under a specific Galois automorphism, and  
(2, Navarro-Tiep-Vallejo) Sylow 2-normalizers contain a single irreducible 2-Brauer  
character. A large part of the proofs is to understand the action of this Galois  
automorphism on characters of groups of Lie type.

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On the action of Galois automorphisms on characters and Navarro’s Sylow 2-normalizer conjectures

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## 1 Preliminaries

$G$  finite groups,  $\ell \mid |G|$  prime,  $P \in \text{Syl}_\ell(G)$ ,  $\text{Irr}_\ell(G) = \{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G) \mid \ell \nmid \chi(1)\}$ ,  $\chi^\times(g) = \chi(g)^\sigma$  for  $\sigma \in \mathcal{G} = \text{Gal}\left(\mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{S}_{|G|})/\mathbb{Q}\right)$

**Navarro’s Galois-McKay Conjecture, ’04.** *For certain  $\sigma \in \mathcal{G}$ ,*

$$|\text{Irr}_\ell(G)^\sigma| = |\text{Irr}_\ell(N_G(P))^\sigma|$$

where  $(G)^\sigma$  denotes the fixed points under  $\sigma$ .

Note that the case  $\sigma = 1$  is the usual McKay conjecture.

## 2 The Main Theorems (weak forms)

Fix  $\ell = 2$ .

**SN2S Theorem.**  $P = N_G(P)$  if and only if  $\chi^{\sigma_0} = \chi, \forall \chi \in \text{Irr}_{2'}(G)$  where

$$\begin{array}{l} \sigma : \mathcal{S}_2 \mapsto \mathcal{S}_2 \\ \mathcal{S}_{2'} \mapsto \mathcal{S}_{2'} \end{array} \in \mathcal{G}$$

Proven by SF (’16), SF-Taylor (’18), SF (’18)

**Blockwise SN2S.**  $N_G(P) = P \times V$  if and only if  $\chi^{\sigma_0} = \chi, \forall \chi \in \text{Irr}_{2'}(B_0)$ , where we called  $B_0$  the principal block.

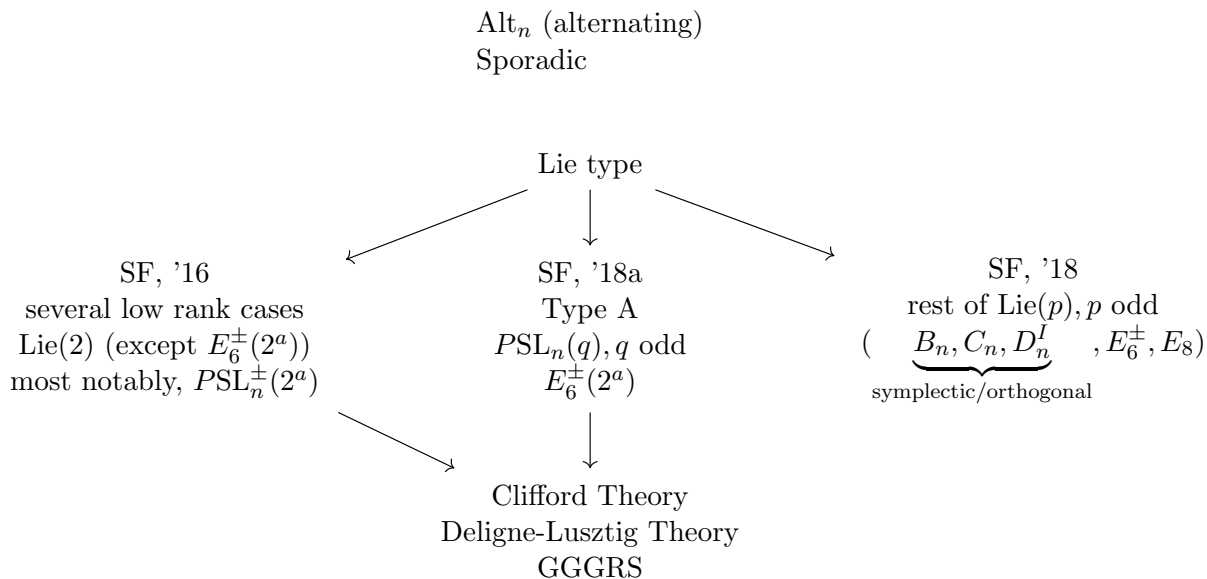
Conjectured in Carolina Vallejo’s talk by Navarro-Tiep-Vallejo. Further handled by NV (’17) and SF-Taylor (’18, hopefully).

Reduction (done by SF, ’16, announced in ’14): Every nonabelian simple group satisfies SN2S (“inductive conditions”), so SN2S conjecture holds  $\forall G$ . The inductive conditions also keep track of  $\text{Aut}(G)_2 \curvearrowright \text{Irr}(G)$  (where  $\text{Aut}(G)_2$  is a subgroup of automorphism group that is a 2-group).

**NV, ’17.** *Reduced “blockwise SN2S” and blockwise implies original SN2S.*

### 3 SN2S-Goodness for simple groups

We have our groups



REMARK: SF-Taylor, '18b, gives us that all this work provides blockwise conditions.

### 4 Working with groups of Lie type

$q = p^a$ ,  $G = \mathbb{G}^F$  fixed points of  $\mathbb{G}$  (connected reductive algebraic group over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ ) under Frobenius morphism  $F$ .

**Example.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 GL_n(q) &= GL_n(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q)^F \\
 SL_n(q) &= SL_n(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q)^F \\
 SU(q) &= SL_n(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q)^{F'}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &: (a.j) \mapsto (a.j^q) \\
 F' &: (a.j) \mapsto (a.j^q)^{-T}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Local side** When does  $G \rtimes Q$  have self-normal Sylows? ( $Q \cong \text{Aut}(G)$  2-group)

**Global side** Somehow understand  $\mathcal{G} \curvearrowright \text{Irr}(G)$ ???

**Malle-Späth, '16.** If  $G$  is not type A, then  $\chi \in \text{Irr}_2(G)$  lies in “nice” Harish-Chandra series (denoted H-C).

STRATEGY (SF, '18): Analyze the action of  $\mathcal{G} \curvearrowright$  H-C.

**H-C Induction:** Take

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 G = \mathbb{G}^F & G = \mathrm{GL}_n(q) \\
 P = U \rtimes L & P = \text{upper-triangular} \\
 L \text{ Levi} & \\
 \lambda \in \mathrm{Irr}(L) \text{ "cuspidal"} & L = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \\
 R_L^G = \mathrm{Ind}_P^G(\mathrm{Inf}_L^P(\lambda)) & 
 \end{array}$$

Note: every  $\chi \in \mathrm{Irr}(G)$  is a constant of some  $R_L^G(\lambda)$ .  $\mathrm{Irr}(G|R_L^G(\lambda))$  is called the “ $(L\lambda)$  H-C series”.

**Howlett-Lehrer Theory:**

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathrm{Irr}(G|R_L^G(\lambda)) & \longleftrightarrow & \mathrm{Irr}(\mathrm{End}_G(R_L^G(\lambda))) & \longleftrightarrow & \mathrm{Irr}(W(\lambda)) \\
 R_L^G(\lambda)_\eta = \chi & \longleftrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_G(R_L^G(\lambda), \chi) & \longrightarrow & \eta \\
 \\ 
 \mathrm{Irr}(G|R_L^G(\lambda^\sigma)) & \longleftrightarrow & \mathrm{Irr}(\mathrm{End}_G(R_L^G(\lambda^\sigma))) & \longleftrightarrow & \mathrm{Irr}(W(\lambda^\sigma))
 \end{array}$$

where  $\sigma \in \mathcal{G}$ . We want there to be some kind of projection to make the diagram commute. Here's what we get instead.

**Theorem (SF, '18).**

$$(R_L^G(\lambda)_\eta) = R_L^G(\lambda^\sigma)_{\eta'} \text{ where } \eta' = \nu_\sigma \delta_\sigma \eta(\sigma)$$

$$\text{where } \begin{cases} \nu_\sigma \\ \delta_\sigma \\ \eta(\sigma) \end{cases} \text{ a 2-linear character} \quad \text{depends on } \begin{cases} \sqrt{q}^\sigma \\ \text{choice of extension of } L \text{ to } N(G)_\lambda \\ \text{values of End characters} \end{cases}$$