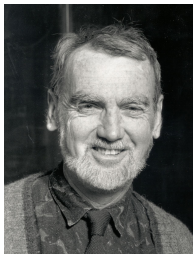


From quadratic reciprocity to the Langlands program

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In honor of the 2018 Abel prize winner Robert Langlands

What is the Langlands program?

The Langlands program consists of a web of conjectures, partially relying on conjectural objects, that connect L -functions for Galois representations and automorphic representations.

A simple, but yet unproven and tantalizing instance is the following.

Conjecture (Langlands 1970)

For every positive integer n , there is a bijection

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such that $L(\rho, s) = L(\pi, s)$ if $\pi = \Phi(\rho)$ where $L_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is the (conjectural) Langlands group of \mathbb{Q} , which is an extension of absolute Galois group $\mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ of \mathbb{Q} .

Part 1: Reciprocity laws and class field theory

Quadratic reciprocity

Let p be an odd prime number and a an integer that is not divisible by p . The **Legendre symbol of a mod p** is

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \text{ is a square modulo } p, \\ -1 & \text{if not.} \end{cases}$$

Conjecture (Euler 1783, Legendre 1785)

Let p and q be distinct odd primes. Then

$$\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2} \frac{q-1}{2}}.$$

- ▶ First complete proof by Gauß in 1796.
- ▶ Up to today, there are more than 240 different proofs.



Adrien-Marie Legendre



Carl Friedrich Gauß

The p -adic numbers

Let p be a prime number. The **p -adic absolute value** $|\cdot|_p : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is defined as $|p^i \frac{a}{b}|_p = p^{-i}$ whenever ab is not divisible by p .

The **p -adic numbers** are the completion \mathbb{Q}_p of \mathbb{Q} with respect to the norm $|\cdot|_p$.

The **p -adic integers** are $\mathbb{Z}_p = \{a \in \mathbb{Q}_p \mid |a|_p \leq 1\}$.

Since \mathbb{R} is the completion of \mathbb{Q} at the **archimedean absolute value** $|a|_\infty = \text{sign}(a) \cdot a$, we often write $\mathbb{Q}_\infty = \mathbb{R}$ and $p \leq \infty$ to express that p is a prime number or the symbol ∞ .

Hilbert reciprocity

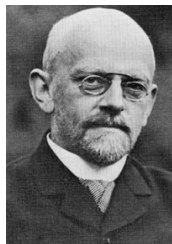
Let a and b be rational numbers and $p \leq \infty$. The **Hilbert symbol** is

$$(a, b)_p = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } ax^2 + by^2 = z^2 \text{ has a solution } (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Q}_p^3, \\ -1 & \text{if not.} \end{cases}$$

Theorem (Hilbert 1897)

For all $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, we have $(a, b)_p = 1$ for almost all p and

$$\prod_{p \leq \infty} (a, b)_p = 1.$$



David Hilbert

Remark: Note that this implies quadratic reciprocity since for distinct odd prime numbers p and q , we have

$$\prod_{\ell \leq \infty} (p, q)_\ell = (p, q)_2 (p, q)_p (p, q)_q = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2} \frac{q-1}{2}} \left(\frac{q}{p}\right) \left(\frac{p}{q}\right).$$

Class field theory and Artin reciprocity

Theorem (Takagi 1920, Artin 1927)

Let L/\mathbb{Q}_p be a finite Galois extension with abelian Galois group $G = \text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}_p)$ and norm $N : L \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p$, defined by $N(a) = \prod_{\sigma \in G} \sigma(a)$. Then there is a group isomorphism

$$(-, L/\mathbb{Q}_p) : \mathbb{Q}_p^\times / N(L^\times) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}_p),$$

which is called the *local Artin symbol*.

Theorem (Artin 1927)

Let L/\mathbb{Q} be a Galois extension with abelian Galois group $G = \text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$. Then $\prod_{p \leq \infty} (a, L\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Q}_p) = 1$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Q}^\times$.

Remark: This generalizes Hilbert's reciprocity law since

$$(a, b)_p = \frac{(a, L\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Q}_p)(\sqrt{b})}{\sqrt{b}} \text{ where } L = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{b}].$$



Teiji Takagi



Emil Artin

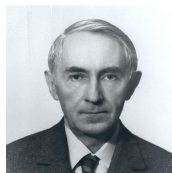
Chevalley's idelic formulation

The **idele group** of \mathbb{Q} is the group

$$\mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{Q}} = \left\{ (a_p) \in \prod_{p \leq \infty} \mathbb{Q}_p^{\times} \mid a_p \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times} \text{ for almost all } p < \infty \right\}.$$

Note that \mathbb{Q}^{\times} embeds diagonally into $\mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{Q}}$.

The **idele class group** of \mathbb{Q} is $C_{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}^{\times}$.



Claude Chevalley

Theorem (Chevalley 1936)

Let \mathbb{Q}^{ab} be the maximal abelian extension of \mathbb{Q} . The product over all local Artin symbols defines a surjective group homomorphism

$$r : C_{\mathbb{Q}} \longrightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}^{\text{ab}}/\mathbb{Q})$$

whose kernel is the connected component $C_{\mathbb{Q}}^0$ of the identity component of $C_{\mathbb{Q}}$ (w.r.t. the "idelic topology" on $C_{\mathbb{Q}}$).

Part 2: L -series

The Euler product

In 1740, Euler describes explicit formulas for

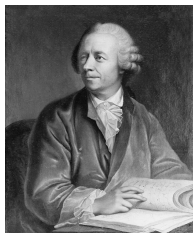
$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^s}$$

where s is an even positive integer. The case $s = 2$ solved the long standing [Basel problem](#).

Moreover, Euler showed that

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_{p < \infty} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}$$

for real numbers $s > 1$, which is known as the *Euler product* nowadays.



Leonard Euler

Dirichlet series

Let $\chi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ be a group homomorphism of finite order, i.e. $\chi(n) = 1$ for some $n \geq 1$. The **Dirichlet series of χ** is

$$L(\chi, s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s} = \prod_{p < \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \chi(p)p^{-s}}.$$



Peter Gustav Lejeune
Dirichlet

Application to primes in arithmetic progression:

Theorem (Dirichlet 1840)

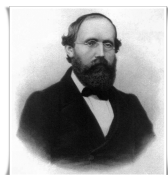
Let a and n be positive integers. Then there are infinitely many prime numbers p congruent to a modulo n .

Riemann's analysis of $\zeta(s)$

Theorem (Riemann 1856)

As a complex function, $\zeta(s)$ converges absolutely in the halfplane $\{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1\}$, has a meromorphic continuation to \mathbb{C} with a simple pole at 1, and it satisfies a functional equation of the form

$$\zeta(1-s) = (\text{well-behaved factor}) \cdot \zeta(s).$$



Bernard Riemann

In the following, we shall refer to such properties as *arithmetic*.

In honor of Riemann's 1856 paper, $\zeta(s)$ is called the *Riemann zeta function* nowadays. Not to forget the *Riemann hypothesis*:

Conjecture (Riemann 1856)

If $\zeta(s) = 0$, then s is an even negative integer or $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 1/2$.

Hecke L -functions

Generalization of Dirichlet series (here only for \mathbb{Q}):

A **Hecke character** is a continuous group homomorphism $\chi : \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\times}$. It is **unramified at p** if the composition $\mathbb{Z}_p^{\times} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\times}$ is trivial. The **Hecke L -function of χ** is

$$L(\chi, s) = \prod_{\chi \text{ unramified at } p} \frac{1}{1 - \chi(p)p^{-s}}.$$



Erich Hecke

Theorem (Hecke 1916)

$L(\chi, s)$ is arithmetic. If χ is nontrivial, then $L(\chi, s)$ is entire, i.e. without pole at 1.

Problem: How to factorize “large” L -functions into “smaller” L -functions?

Artin L -functions

Let K/\mathbb{Q} be a Galois extension with Galois group $G = \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$. An **n -dimensional Galois representation of G** is a continuous group homomorphism

$$\rho : G \longrightarrow \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C}).$$

If $n = 1$, then ρ is called a **character**.

The **Artin L -function of ρ** is defined as the product

$$L(\rho, s) = \prod_{p < \infty} L_p(\rho, s)$$

of local factors $L_p(\rho, s)$, which are, roughly speaking, the reciprocals of the characteristic polynomials of $\rho(\text{Frob}_p)$ where Frob_p is a lift of the Frobenius automorphism of the residue field.

Artin reciprocity, part 2

As a consequence of Artin's and Chevalley's theorems, the reciprocity map $r : C_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}^{\text{ab}}/\mathbb{Q})$ induces an isomorphism

$$r^* : \text{Hom}(\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}^{\text{ab}}/\mathbb{Q}), \mathbb{C}^{\times}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}(C_{\mathbb{Q}}/C_{\mathbb{Q}}^0, \mathbb{C}^{\times})$$

between the respective character groups via $r^*(\rho) = \rho \circ r$.

Theorem (Artin 1927)

If $\chi = \rho \circ r$, then $L(\chi, s) = L(\rho, s)$.

Applications: (1) Artin L -functions are arithmetic.

(2) Factorization of large L -functions into smaller L -functions.

The abelian Langlands correspondence

Let $G_{\mathbb{Q}} = \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}, \mathbb{Q})$ be the absolute Galois group of \mathbb{Q} .
Since $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}^{\text{ab}}/\mathbb{Q}) = G_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{ab}}$ and since every group homomorphism $G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\times}$ factors through $G_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{ab}}$, we gain an isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}(G_{\mathbb{Q}}, \mathbb{C}^{\times}) = \text{Hom}(\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}^{\text{ab}}/\mathbb{Q}), \mathbb{C}^{\times}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}(C_{\mathbb{Q}}/C_{\mathbb{Q}}^0, \mathbb{C}^{\times}).$$

To extend this to an isomorphism with the whole character group of $C_{\mathbb{Q}}$, we have to exchange $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ by the *Weil group* $W_{\mathbb{Q}}$ of \mathbb{Q} .

Theorem (Langlands correspondence for GL_1)

Artin reciprocity induces an isomorphism

$$\Phi : \text{Hom}(W_{\mathbb{Q}}, \mathbb{C}^{\times}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}(C_{\mathbb{Q}}, \mathbb{C}^{\times})$$

such that $L(\rho, s) = L(\chi, s)$ if $\chi = \Phi(\rho)$.



André Weil

Part 3: Going nonabelian—the Taniyama-Shimura-Weil conjecture

Dirichlet series of a modular form

The **Poincaré upper half plane** is

$$\mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im}(z) > 0\}.$$

A **modular cusp form (of weight k and level N)** is an holomorphic function $f : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi inz/N} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad f\left(\frac{az+b}{cz+d}\right) = (cz+d)^k f(z)$$

for all $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ congruent to $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ modulo N .

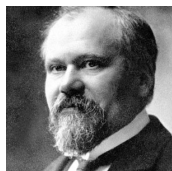
It is a **(Hecke) eigenform** if $a_{pq} = a_p a_q$ for all primes $p \neq q$.

The **Dirichlet series of f** is

$$L(f, s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n^s} = \prod_{p < \infty} \frac{1}{1 - a_p p^{-s}}.$$

Theorem (Hecke 1936)

$L(f, s)$ is arithmetic.



Henri Poincaré

Elliptic curves

An **elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q}** is a Lie group $E \simeq \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ (i.e. a complex torus) that is defined by equations over \mathbb{Q} . In particular, it contains a subgroup $E(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}) \subset E$ on which $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ acts.

For a prime ℓ and $n \geq 1$, let $E(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})[\ell^n]$ be the subgroup of ℓ^n -torsion points of $E(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$. The **Tate module** of E is

$$T_{\ell}(E) = \varprojlim_n E(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})[\ell^n],$$

which is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_{ℓ}^2 and has an action of $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$.

For every “good prime” ℓ and embedding $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, we get a Galois representation

$$\rho : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}(T_{\ell}(E) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}} \mathbb{C}) \simeq \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{C}).$$

The **L -function of E** is the Artin L -function $L(E, s) = L(\rho, s)$.



John Tate

The Taniyama-Shimura-Weil conjecture

Conjecture (Taniyama 1955, Shimura 1957, Weil 1967)

For every elliptic curve E over \mathbb{Q} , there is a modular cusp eigenform f of weight 2 such that $L(E, s) = L(f, s)$.

The conjecture was proven, step-by-step, by

- ▶ Weil (1967),
- ▶ Wiles (1995), with some help of Taylor,
- ▶ Diamond (1996),
- ▶ Conrad, Diamond, Taylor (1999),
- ▶ Brevil, Conrad, Diamond, Taylor (2001).

Nowadays it is called the **modularity theorem**.

Remark: Wiles contribution gained popularity since it implied “Fermat’s last theorem”. Wiles received the Abel prize in 2016.



Yukata Taniyama



Goro Shimura

The modularity theorem as a Langlands correspondence

Since every modular cusp eigenform f (of some level N) is an element of an irreducible automorphic cuspidal representation π and $L(\pi, s) = L(f, s)$, the modularity theorem can be rephrased as follows.

There exists a bijection

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such that $L(\rho, s) = L(\pi, s)$ if $\pi = \Phi(\rho)$.

Part 4: The Langlands program

Adele groups

The **adele ring** of \mathbb{Q} is

$$\mathbb{A} = \left\{ (a_p) \in \prod_{p \leq \infty} \mathbb{Q}_p \mid a_p \in \mathbb{Z}_p \text{ for almost all } p < \infty \right\}.$$

Note that $\mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{A}^{\times} = \text{GL}_1(\mathbb{A})$. In general,

$$\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{A}) = \left\{ (g_p) \in \prod_{p \leq \infty} \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p) \mid g_p \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z}_p) \text{ for a.a. } p < \infty \right\}$$

is equipped with a topology, for which

$$K = \text{O}_n \times \prod_{p < \infty} \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

is a maximal compact subgroup. In particular, $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{A})$ is a locally compact group and carries a Haar measure, which allows us to form integrals over subgroups.

Automorphic cusp forms

An **(automorphic) cusp form** for GL_n over \mathbb{Q} is a “smooth” function

$$f : GL_n(\mathbb{A}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

such that

- ▶ there is a finite index subgroup K' of K such that $f(\gamma g k) = f(g)$ for all $\gamma \in GL_n(\mathbb{Q})$ and all $k \in K'$;
- ▶ the *constant Fourier coefficient*

$$c_0(f)(g) = \int_{U(\mathbb{A})} f(ug) du$$

vanishes for every $g \in GL_n(\mathbb{A})$ and every unipotent subgroup U of GL_n .



Joseph Fourier

Analogy: A modular form $f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi inz/N}$ is a cusp form if and only if $a_0 = 0$.

Automorphic cuspidal representation

The space \mathcal{A}_0 of all cusp forms for GL_n over \mathbb{Q} is “almost” a representation of $GL_n(\mathbb{A})$ with respect to the action $g.f(h) = f(hg)$ where $g, h \in GL_n(\mathbb{A})$ and $f \in \mathcal{A}_0$.

An **automorphic cuspidal representation** of GL_n over \mathbb{Q} is a subrepresentation π of \mathcal{A}_0 .

Note that \mathcal{A}_0 decomposes into a direct sum of irreducible subrepresentations π .

Example: Every modular cusp eigenform generates an irreducible automorphic cuspidal representation π for GL_2 over \mathbb{Q} .

L-functions

Langlands defines an L -function $L(\pi, s)$ for every irreducible automorphic cuspidal representation π in terms of the *Satake parameters* of π .

Conjecture (Langlands 1970)

$L(\pi, s)$ is arithmetic.

Example: If

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi inz/N}$$

is a modular cusp eigenform, then its Satake parameters are the coefficients a_p for p prime. If π is the corresponding automorphic representation, then

$$L(\pi, s) = L(f, s) = \prod_{p < \infty} \frac{1}{1 - a_p p^{-s}}.$$



Ichirō Satake

A first Langlands conjecture

Conjecture (Langlands 1970)

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such that $L(\rho, s) = L(\pi, s)$ if $\pi = \Phi(\rho)$ where $G_{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ is the absolute Galois group of \mathbb{Q} .

In order to recover the “missing” Galois representation, Langlands suggests the existence of a certain extension $L_{\mathbb{Q}}$ of $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$, coined as the *Langlands group* nowadays.

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such that $L(\rho, s) = L(\pi, s)$ if $\pi = \Phi(\rho)$ where $L_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is the (conjectural) Langlands group of \mathbb{Q} .

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Automorphic L -functions

In fact, Langlands proposes a common generalization of Artin L -functions and L -functions of automorphic representations for any reductive group G over any local or global field.

To give an idea: the Satake parameters of an automorphic representation π of $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{A})$ are the entries of certain diagonal matrices $A_{\pi,p}$ in $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$ (one for each $p < \infty$).

The **Langlands dual** ${}^L G$ of $G = \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{A})$ is an extension of $\mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ by $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$:

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow {}^L G \longrightarrow \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \longrightarrow 1.$$

The **automorphic L -function** $L(\pi, \rho, s)$ is defined for every irreducible automorphic cuspidal representation π of G and every representation $\rho : {}^L G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_N(\mathbb{C})$.

Conjecture (Langlands 1970)

$L(\pi, \rho, s)$ is arithmetic.

Langlands functoriality

Let k be a local or global field (e.g. a p -adic field or a number field) and G and G' reductive groups over k (e.g. GL_n , SO_n or Sp_{2n}) with respective Langlands duals ${}^L G$ and ${}^L G'$.

An **L -morphism** is a continuous group homomorphism $\varphi : {}^L G \rightarrow {}^L G'$ that commutes with the respective projections to G_k .

Conjecture (Langlands 1970)

Let $\varphi : {}^L G \rightarrow {}^L G'$ be an L -morphism and π an irreducible automorphic cuspidal representation of G . Then

1. there is an irreducible automorphic cuspidal representation π' of G' whose Satake parameters are the images of the Satake parameters of π , and
2. for every representation $\rho' : {}^L G' \rightarrow GL_N(\mathbb{C})$ and $\rho = \rho' \circ \varphi$, we have $L(\pi', \rho', s) = L(\pi, \rho, s)$.

Part 5: What has been done?

- 1970 Jaquet, Langlands: correspondence for GL_2 over p -adic fields ($p \neq 2$)
- 1973 Langlands: correspondence for GL_2 over \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C}
- 1977 Drinfeld: global correspondence for GL_2 over global function fields (awarded with a Fields medal)
- 1980 Kutzko: correspondence for GL_2 over all local fields
- 1993 Laumon, Rapoport, Stuhler: correspondence for GL_n over local fields of positive characteristic
- 1995 Wiles: modularity theorem (awarded with the Abel prize)
- 2000 L. Lafforgue: global correspondence for GL_n over global function fields (awarded with a Fields medal)
- 2001 Harris, Taylor: correspondence for GL_n over local fields of characteristic 0
- 2000 Henniart: alternative proof for GL_n over local fields of characteristic 0
- 2008 Ngô: fundamental lemma (awarded with a Fields medal)
- 2013 Scholze: alternative proof for GL_n over local fields of characteristic 0