

MOTIVIC GALOIS GROUPS

What are they good for?
 How are they constructed?
 How can one compute them?

Very roughly: generalization of Galois theory to systems of polynomial equations in several variables ...
 Introduced by Grothendieck.

k : base field, \bar{k} : separable closure

$\{ \text{finite Gal}(\bar{k}/k)\text{-sets} \} \simeq \{ \text{0-dim}^{\text{ét}} \text{ étale varieties} \}$

$\downarrow \omega$ $Z(\bar{k}) \leftarrow Z$

$\{ \text{finite sets} \}$

$\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k) = \text{Aut } \omega$.

Linearization.

F : field of char. 0 (field of coefficients)

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{ f.d. (cont.) $\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ -rep's / F } \cong \mathbb{F} -motives attached to
 n -dim. étale k -varieties
 (= Artin motives)



$\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k) = \text{Aut}^{\otimes} \omega$

"Higher dimensional" generalization ?

{ f.d. rep's / F of some "motivic Galois group" } \cong { motives (in some appropriate sense) }

→ Questions : How to recognize when a given \otimes -category \mathcal{T} is equivalent to the category $\text{Rep}_F G$ of f.d. rep's / F of some affine F -group-scheme G , and how to recover G from \mathcal{T} ?

(Questions handled by the Tannakian theory initiated by Grothendieck for the purpose of motivic Galois theory).

Main purpose : to translate some problems about algebraic cycles, notably existence problems, into the framework of classical representation theory.

① Elements of tannakian theory.

\mathcal{T} : F -linear rigid symmetric \otimes -category

$\otimes : \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$

assoc. constraint $\phi_{LMN} : L \otimes (M \otimes N) \xrightarrow{\sim} (L \otimes M) \otimes N$

comm. " $\psi_{LM} : L \otimes M \xrightarrow{\sim} M \otimes L$ $\psi_{LM}^{-1} = \psi_{ML}$

unit 1 $\nu_L : L \otimes 1 \xrightarrow{\sim} L$

invd. self-duality $\vee : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^{\text{op}}$

$? \otimes M^{\vee}$ left adjoint of $? \otimes M$

$M^{\vee} \otimes ?$ right adjoint of $M \otimes ?$

f $\text{tr } f \in \text{End } 1$, $\text{rk } M = \text{tr } \text{id}_M$.
(comm. F -alg.)

\otimes -functor

$\omega : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}'$

$\nu_{MN} : \omega(M \otimes N) \xrightarrow{\sim} \omega(M) \otimes \omega(N)$

$\nu_1 : \omega(1) \xrightarrow{\sim} 1$

compatible with ϕ, ψ, ν (autom. comp. with \vee).

Assume $\text{End } 1 = F$.

Assume \mathcal{T} abelian.

Def: \bullet a fibre functor on \mathcal{T} is an exact faithful

\otimes -functor $\omega : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \text{Vec}_K$ for some K/F .

\bullet If such a fibre functor exists, \mathcal{T} is said to be tannakian over F .

Thm (Deligne) \mathcal{T} : abelian F -linear rigid symm. \otimes -category, with $\text{End } 1 = F$. Then

\mathcal{T} tannakian \iff the dimension of any object is a natural integer
 \iff for any object M , $\exists n$ s.t. $\tilde{\wedge}^n M = 0$.

$\omega : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \text{Vec}_K$ fibre functor

$\rightsquigarrow G \subseteq \underline{\text{Aut}}^\otimes \omega$ affine K -gp scheme

(contravariant for exact $\mathcal{T}' \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$)

$\underline{\text{Aut}}^\otimes \omega$ f.d. $\iff \mathcal{T}$ has a \otimes -generator

$\underline{\text{Aut}}^\otimes \omega$ (pro)reductive $\iff \mathcal{T}$ semi-simple.

"Neutral case": $F = K$



$\mathbb{P} = \text{Gr}_F$
or SVec_F

ψ defined via Koszul's sign rule

not tannakian

even objects:

$\exists n$ s.t. $\tilde{\wedge}^n M = 0$

odd objects:

" $\tilde{S}^n M = 0$

and in general: M killed by a Schur functor.

Thm (Deligne) τ : abelian F -linear rigid symm. \otimes -category, with $\text{End } 1 = F$. Then

τ "supertannakian" \iff any object is killed by some Schur functor.

($\omega: \tau \rightarrow \text{Vect}_K$ super fiber functor
 $\sim \text{Aut}^{\otimes} \omega$ super affine K -gp scheme)

More generally, τ : abelian F -linear rigid symm. \otimes -category, with $\text{End } 1 = F$, and such that all objects and all spaces of morphisms are of finite length. Deligne attaches to τ an avatar of tannakian \mathcal{G} , the fundamental group $\pi(\tau)$ of τ (independent of any ω).

Actually, he defines $\mathcal{O}(\pi(\tau))$ as a commutative Hopf algebra in $\text{Ind } \tau$.

An exact \otimes -functor

$\phi: \tau' \rightarrow \tau$ gives rise to

$\pi(\tau) \rightarrow \phi \pi(\tau')$.

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② Review of the standard conjectures.

X proj. sm / k , $\dim X = d$

H : "classical" cohomology

$\eta \in H^2(X)(1)$ class of an ample line bundle

? $\eta^{d-i} : H^i(X) \cong H^{2d-i}(X)(d-i)$

"strong Lefschetz"

no Lefschetz dec. $\sum_j x_{i-2j} \eta^j = \sum_j x_{i-2j} \eta^j$ ($0 \leq i-2j \leq d$)
 $H^{i-2j}(X)(-j)$ primitive: $x_{i-2j} \eta^j \in H^{2d-i}(X)(d-i)$

"Hodge operator"

$* = *_{X, \eta}$

$*x = \sum_j (-1)^{\frac{(i-2j)(i-2j+1)}{2}} \frac{j!}{(d+j-i)!} x_{i-2j} \eta^{d+j-i} \in H^{2d-i}(X)(d-i)$

$*^2 = id$

if $k = \mathbb{C}$, $*$ is the usual Hodge operator in cplx geometry on the $(0,0)$ -part of $H^p(X, \mathbb{R})(p)$. One has $\langle \alpha, *\alpha \rangle > 0$ for any $\alpha \neq 0$ in this $(0,0)$ -part.

Grothendieck's std. conj.

I. the Künneth projectors $\pi_X^i : H(X) \rightarrow H^i(X) \subset H(X)$ are algebraic (ie induced by alg. corr.)

II. $*_{X, \eta}$ is algebraic

III. For any alg. class $\alpha \neq 0$ on any power of X , $\langle \alpha, *\alpha \rangle \in \mathbb{Q} > 0$

IV. $\sim_{hom} = \sim_{num}$ for alg. classes on powers of X .

Prop (Grothendieck) II \Rightarrow I, I + III \Rightarrow IV \Rightarrow II.

by Hodge theory, if $\text{char } k = 0$, g III is a thm.

Thus the std. g amount to II alone,

I holds for finite k (Katz-Messing)

and II \Leftrightarrow IV.

3) Construction of Pure motivic Galois groups.

One would like to apply tannakian theory to some category $M_{\sim}(k)_F$ of pure motives.

The natural choice of \sim is \sim_{num} , due to

Thm (Jannsen) $M_{\text{num}}(k)_F$ is abelian semi-simple.

a) Construction under st. g. IV :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_{\text{hom}}(k)_F & \xrightarrow{H} & \begin{cases} \text{Gr}_K \\ \text{Vec}_K \end{cases} \\ \text{hyp.} \rightarrow \text{"} & & \text{faithful, exact} \\ M_{\text{num}}(k)_F & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{IV} \Rightarrow \text{I} \Rightarrow \forall x, \pi_x^+ = \sum \pi_x^{z_i} \text{ algebraic}$$

$$\Downarrow \quad \Downarrow \\ M_{\text{hom}} \text{ is } \mathbb{Z}\text{-graded} \Rightarrow M_{\text{hom}} \text{ is } \mathbb{Z}/2\text{-graded}$$

and H is compatible with grading.

Trick: change comm. constr. φ in $M_{\text{hom}}(k)_F$ according to sign rule $\rightsquigarrow M_{\text{hom}}(k) \xrightarrow{H} \text{Vec}_K$ fiber functor

$$G_{\text{mot}} = \text{Aut}^{\otimes H} \text{ affine gp-scheme}/k :$$

"pure absolute motivic Galois gp" attached to H .

M_{num} semi-simple $\Rightarrow G_{\text{mot}}$ (pro)-reductive.

Actually, $g \in I \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\text{hom}}(k) \xrightarrow{H} \text{Rep}_K \mathbb{G}_m$
 $\mapsto \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow G_{\text{mot}}$ "weight cocharacter" (central).

• For any $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{hom}}(k) = \mathcal{M}_{\text{num}}(k)$, one can consider the sub-tannakian cat. $\langle M \rangle_{\otimes}$ gen. by M , and form $G_{\text{mot}}(M) = \underline{\text{Aut}}^{\otimes} H / \langle M \rangle_{\otimes}$ (linear alg. gp)

and $G_{\text{mot}} = \varprojlim G_{\text{mot}}(M)$.

Ex. $X \in \mathcal{P}(k)$ $\dim X = 0 \rightarrow G_{\text{mot}}(M) = q^+$ of $\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$
 $M = h(X)$ which acts effectively on $H(X)$.

$d = \dim X \geq 0 \Rightarrow 1(1) \in \langle M \rangle_{\otimes}$ and $\tilde{M} = M(d)$.

$G_{\text{mot}}(h(X)) \cong$ largest closed alg. subgroup of $GL(H(X)) \times \mathbb{G}_m$ which fixes alg. classes in twisted coh. spaces $\underline{H(X)^{\otimes n}} (=), n \in \mathbb{Z} \cong H(X^n)$

Principle: a few alg. classes of low degree on small powers of X suffice to determine $G_{\text{mot}}(h(X))$, which determines in turn — with help of classical invariant theory — all algebraic classes on all powers of X .

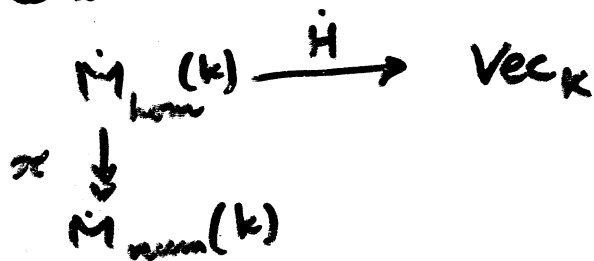
• St. g II (a thm. in char. 0) implies strong restrictions on $G_{\text{mot}}(M)$. Assume for simplicity $k \subseteq \mathbb{C}$, $\text{char } k \neq 2$
 - Any rep. of $G_{\text{mot}}(M)$ is self-dual up to a twist
 - the reductive gp $G_{\text{mot}}(M)$ "splits" over \mathbb{Q}^{cm}
 - there is an involution in $G_{\text{mot}}(M)_{\mathbb{R}}$ whose centralizer is a maxi. cprot. subgroup ...

1) Construction under algebraicity of the even K\"{u}nneth proj π^+ only

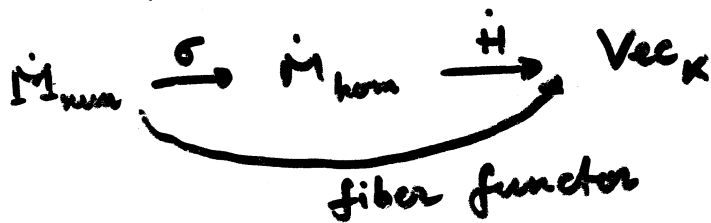
One can still do the trick of changing the comm. constraint φ , so that the rank of any motive $\in \mathcal{M}$. By Jannsen + Deligne's theorems,

$\mathcal{M}_{\text{num}}(k)$ is tannakian (i.e. \exists abstract fiber functor).

Relation to cohomology?



Thm (A., Kahn) π admits a \otimes -section σ , unique up to isomorphism.



$$G_{\text{mot}} = \underline{\text{Aut}}^{\otimes} (H \circ \sigma)$$

c) Construction without "trick" ?

Changing the comm. constr. φ is a rather artificial trick: it would not apply to other \otimes cat. of motives $\mathcal{M}_{\sim}(k)$, although one expect the π_X^+ (and in fact the π_X^i) to lift to idempotent — but not central — correspondences modulo any \sim (Mumf.).

$M_{\text{num}}(k)_F \xrightarrow{\text{faith.}} \text{sVec}_K \Rightarrow$ any object of M_{hom} , hence of M_{num} , is killed by some Schur functor

Jannsen + Deligne

$\Rightarrow M_{\text{num}}(k)_F$ is super-tannakian.

Up to extending F , one may assume it is \simeq a category of rep's of a super affine gp scheme / F (a usual affine gp scheme \Leftrightarrow the π^+ are alg.)

Remark: $M_{\text{num}}(k)_F$ is semi-simple (Jannsen). But Cat. of rep's of non-split super algebraic gps are rarely semi-simple !

In fact, in the setting of super Lie algebras:

Thm (Djokovich, Hochschild) the only simple non-split super-Lie algebras are the "symplectic ones". such that Rep. cat. is semi-simple

(Constructed as follows: $V, \langle \rangle$ symplectic space, $L = \underset{\text{sp}(V)}{\overset{+}{S^2} V} \oplus \bar{V}$ with "obvious" superbracket)

In many cases of concrete motives M , one can rule out the appearance of such an L by simple representation-theoretic arguments \rightsquigarrow repr.-theoretic proof of alg. of π^+_X in case X

2) How to bypass the standard conjectures.

Without any η , one defines $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k \subset \mathbb{C}, \\ F = \mathbb{Q} \end{array} \right. H = H_B$

$G_{alg}(X) =$ largest closed alg. subgroup of $GL(H(X)) \times G_m$ which fixes alg. classes in twisted coh. spaces $H(X)^{\otimes n}(m), n, m.$

Under std. η IV:

~~invariants~~ - invariants of $G_{alg}(X)$ in $H(X)^{\otimes n}(m)$ are precisely the alg. classes.

- $G_{alg}(X \cup Y) \rightarrow G_{alg}(X)$ surjective.

Without η , one is led to fix a subcat. $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{P}(k)$, stable under \times, \cup , and to consider all

invariants under $\text{Im}(G_{alg}(X \cup Y) \rightarrow G_{alg}(X))$

in $H(X)^{\otimes n}(m)$ for various n, m , and $Y \in \mathcal{V}$.

How to describe these classes?

(see $n=1$) : they are exactly the classes of the form (motivated classes)

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} X \times Y \\ \text{pr} \\ X \end{array} \right)_* \left(\alpha \cup *_{X \times Y, \eta} (\beta) \right)$$

$Y \in \mathcal{V}, \alpha, \beta$ algebraic } classes on $X \times Y$

Hodge η on $X \times Y$
w.r.t a product polarization η .

Remarks: • motivated = algebraic \Leftrightarrow std. η II holds.

Using motivated classes (modelled on \mathcal{V}), one can construct a \otimes -category of motives $M_{\mathcal{V}}$

For $\mathcal{V} = P(k)$, $M_{\text{hom}}(k) \subseteq M_{P(k)}$ full?

Thm. $M_{\mathcal{V}}$ is a (neutral) tannakian semi-simple category.

char = 0

$$M_{\mathcal{V}} \xrightarrow{\#} \text{Gr}_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

or

$$\tilde{M}_{\mathcal{V}} \longrightarrow \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}} G_m$$

\rightsquigarrow Motivic Galois gp with weight cocharacter G_m

$$G_m \nearrow G_{\text{mot}, \mathcal{V}}$$

$$\tilde{M}_{\mathcal{V}} \cong \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}} G_{\text{mot}, \mathcal{V}}$$

What if char $k = p$?

Can still define $M_{\mathcal{V}}$.

$$\tilde{M}_{\mathcal{V}} \xrightarrow{H} \text{Vec}_k \quad (\text{e.g. etale cohomology})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{M}_{\mathcal{V}} & \xrightarrow{H} & \text{Vec}_k \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \sigma & \\ \bar{M}_{\mathcal{V}} & & \end{array}$$

$$\bar{M}_{\mathcal{V}} = \tilde{M}_{\mathcal{V}} / \text{maxi } \otimes\text{-ideal}$$

abs. semi simple

$H \circ \sigma$: fibre functor \rightsquigarrow motivic Galois gp.

$\bar{M}_{\mathcal{V}}$ tannakian over $F = \mathbb{Q}(\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle)$
all alg. cycles α on all $\gamma \in \mathcal{V}$

(st. of II $\Rightarrow F = \mathbb{Q}$).