

ON THE GEOMETRIC LANGLANDS CONJECTURE

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Let X be a (smooth, projective) curve and G be a reductive group over a finite field \mathbb{F}_q .

The field K_X of rational functions on X is what number theorists call a global field and we can do the theory of automorphic functions over it. Namely, we consider the quotient $G(K_X)\backslash G(\mathbb{A})$ (here \mathbb{A} is the ring of adèles corresponding to K_X) and study the space of functions on it, as a representation of the adèle group $G(\mathbb{A})$.

It was essentially an observation of A.Weil that the quotient $G(K_X)\backslash G(\mathbb{A})$ is closely related to the set of isomorphism classes of principal G -bundles on our curve X . However, G -bundles on X possess a richer structure: one can view the above set as a set of \mathbb{F}_q -points of an algebraic variety (or, rather, a *stack*), denoted Bun_G . Moreover, instead of studying the vector space of functions on the “discrete” set of points of Bun_G , we will consider the *category* of ℓ -adic sheaves on it.

Basically, what people call the geometric Langlands program is an attempt to understand a spectral decomposition of the above category under the action of the so-called *Hecke functors* (the latter will be defined in the talk).

The answer predicted by the Geometric Langlands Conjecture links this spectral decomposition to the moduli stack of local systems on X with respect to the *Langlands dual* group \check{G} .

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