

Lecture 15.

Reminder = Let  $G$  be a reductive group scheme



It admits a maximal torus  $T$  étale locally (see lecture 14 / Conrad ordinary 3.2.7)

Actually, using SGA 3, XIV, 3.20 or Conrad exercise 7.3.4 (i), one can even make  $T$  Zariski locally.

Assume that  $T$  is split

locally, so finite free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathfrak{H}$  s.t.

$$T \simeq D_S(\mathfrak{H}) := \text{Hom}_S(\mathfrak{H}_S, G_{\text{m}})$$

Remember that any torus becomes split étale-locally (see Conrad, Proposition 8.3.4)

Splitness def a map of groups  $\mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \text{Hom}(T, G_{\text{m}})$   
 $\xrightarrow{S\text{-gp}} \text{Hom}(T, G_{\text{m}})$   
 $=: X(T)$

$T$  acts on  $\mathfrak{g} := \text{Lie}(G)$  providing an  $G_S$ -module

$$\mathfrak{H}\text{-grading } \mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{\mu \in \mathfrak{H}} \mathfrak{g}_\mu$$

where  $k \in T$  acts on  $\mathfrak{g}_\mu$  via multiplication by  $\mu(k)$  (to get convinced work with the corresponding  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  algebras. See Conrad-Gabber.

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Propad A 8.8 for a complete proof

Under our assumpt: ( $G$  smooth) one has

$$\text{Lie}(G) = \mathcal{W}_g \text{ and } \text{Lie}(G_R) = \text{Lie}(G)_R$$

$$\text{Lie}(G_R)(R) \stackrel{\cong}{=} \text{Lie}(G)(G_S) \otimes_{G_S} R$$

$\forall G_S$ -alg  $R$  and

the fibres of the weight spaces commutes with base change on  $S$ .

This is because the  $\mathfrak{g}_\mu$ 's are direct vector bundles surrounds of  $\mathfrak{g}$  (hence locally free fibres flat)

• Serre's lemma = If  $\mathcal{N}$  is a  $\mathbb{F}_q$  module over a local ring  $R$  with max ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ , any basis of the  $R/\mathfrak{m}$ -vector space  $\mathcal{N}/\mathfrak{m}\mathcal{N}$  lifts to a minimal set of generators of  $\mathcal{N}$ .  
 Conversely every minimal set of generators of  $\mathcal{N}$  is obtained in this way.

Geometrically, this means here that the weight space decomposition on the fibre encodes the weight space dec. on the nearby fibres.

By shrinking around  $s$  we can arrange that all weight spaces have constant ranks. In part the only

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characters  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  for which the weight space  $\mathfrak{g}_m$  is not zero are  $m=0$  and elements of  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}(G, T)$  for the connected reductive group fibres  $G_s^0 \neq 1$ .

Remark: More precisely:

- ①  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = \text{Lie}(T)$  as  $\text{Lie}(T) =: \mathfrak{L} \subset \mathfrak{g}_0$  as subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with equality on group fibres over  $S$ ,
- ② when  $\mathfrak{g}_m \neq 0$  and  $m \neq 0$ , it is of rank 1

Today: develop a general theory of root spaces and root groups

From now on: let  $S$  be a non-empty scheme.

Assume that  $G$  admits a split maximal torus  $T$  over  $S$  and fix an isomorphism  $T \cong D_S(\mathbb{A}^1)$  where  $\mathbb{A}^1$  is a finite free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

def:  $\lambda$  root for  $(G, T)$  is a non zero element  $\alpha \in \mathcal{M}$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha$  is a line bundle. We call such a  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha$  a root space for  $(G, T, \mathcal{M})$

Keep in mind that  $T$  is assumed to be split!

Remarks: Roots can be seen as characters via  $\mathbb{Q}$ -roots can be seen as characters via  $\mathbb{Q}$ -characters  $\tau \rightarrow G_m$  corresponding to constant sections of the étale sheaf  $\text{Hom}_{S\text{-gp}}(T, G_m)$  that are characters  $\neq 0$  and induce the roots in the classical sense on the group fibres.

② Write the root spaces  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha$  are line bundles they need not be trivial as such = for convenience assume that  $S = \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{R}}$  for a field  $\mathbb{R}$ , let  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{A}^1)$  over  $\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $G = GL(\mathcal{L})$  where  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{L}$

This is a Zariski-locally trivial form of  $GL(\mathcal{L})$ , the torus being given by the fibre bundle  $\mathcal{L}^*$   $P = \text{Stable}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(\mathcal{O}_S^{\oplus 2}, \mathcal{L})$  (check it!)

$T = G_m^2 = \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Z}^2) \subset G$  is split, maximal and acts as scaling on both  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$ .

here  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{End}(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}^* = \mathcal{O}^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{L}^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{L}^{\oplus 2}$

where  $\alpha: T \rightarrow G_m$   
 $(\mathcal{L}_\alpha, \mathcal{L}_\alpha) \mapsto \mathcal{L} / \mathcal{L}_\alpha$

the root we keep using additive notations for characters of  $T$ .  
 non-trivial line bundles as  $\mathcal{L}$  is non-trivial.

Now that we have built root spaces  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha$  the next step is to build root groups. (3)

Remember the classical case: over an alg closed field  $k$ , if  $\alpha \in \bar{\Phi}(G, T)$  and  $T_\alpha = (\ker \alpha)^\circ_{\text{red}}$  is the unique codim 1 torus in  $T$  killed by  $\alpha$  then  $Z_G(T_\alpha)$  is a connected reductive subgroup of  $G$  with Lie alg  $\mathfrak{g}^{T_\alpha}$  containing  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ . Thus the codim 1 torus  $T_\alpha$  in  $T$  is the max central torus in  $Z_G(T_\alpha) \Rightarrow \text{Lie}(Z_G(T_\alpha)) = \mathfrak{g}^{T_\alpha}$  has, as  $T$ -roots,  $\mathbb{Q}$ -multiples of  $\alpha$  in  $\bar{\Phi}(G, T) \subset X(T)_\mathbb{Q}$  since  $\alpha$  is a non trivial character of  $T/T_\alpha \cong \mathbb{G}_m$ . In particular  $\mathcal{D}(Z_G(T_\alpha))$  is a semi-simple gp having as max torus  $T' = (T \cap \mathcal{D}(Z_G(T_\alpha)))^\circ_{\text{red}}$ . By the semi-simple rank 1 characterization  $\mathcal{D}(Z_G(T_\alpha))$  is isomorphic to either  $\text{SO}_2$  or  $\text{PGl}_2$  and the isomorphism can be chosen to carry  $T'$  over the diag torus. In part: the roots for  $(G, T)$  that are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -multiples of  $\alpha$  are precisely  $\pm \alpha$  and there is a (unique up to conj) central isogeny  $\rho_\alpha: \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(Z_G(T_\alpha))$  carrying  $\mathbb{D}$  onto  $T'$  and  $\mathfrak{u}^+$  onto the root gp  $\mathfrak{u}_\alpha \subset \mathcal{D}(Z_G(T_\alpha))$  that is  $\mathbb{R}$ -iso to  $\mathbb{G}_a$ , normalized by  $T$  with  $\text{Lie}(\mathfrak{u}_\alpha) = \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ . upper triangular matrices

Back, to give general case: Let a  $T \rightarrow$  Give  $\mathfrak{h}$  a root. Since  $\mathbb{C}$

is fibrewise you know it's kernel for  $\alpha$  is  $S$ -flat by the formal fibres criterion and is therefore an  $S$ -gp of mult. type.

Corrad 3.3.3

Let  $S$  be a scheme and  $H^1$  an  $S$ -gp of mult. type. Any top. closed subgroup  $H \subset H^1$  is of mult. type

Given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$

If  $g$  is flat,  $f$  is finite type and the restriction  $f_0: X_0 \rightarrow Y_0$  is flat  $\forall s \in S$  then  $f$  is flat

and

Lemma: A fibrewise non trivial  $\alpha: T \rightarrow$  Given is a root of  $(G, T)$  iff so is  $-\alpha$ , in which case the common kernel  $\ker(\alpha) = \ker(-\alpha)$  contains a unique subtorus  $T_\alpha = T_{-\alpha}$  of rd. codim 1 in  $T$

The reductive centralizer of the latter  $Z_G(T_\alpha)$  has gen. fibres with semi-simple rank 1

and  $q_{T_\alpha} = \mathbb{Z} \oplus q_\alpha \oplus q_{-\alpha}$

To def a root gp we need to find a

way to "attach" to a subgroup of (Rosenlicht)  $\mathcal{D}(Z_G(T_\alpha))$  but at the moment  $T$  hasn't introduced derived gps in such generalities)  $Z_G(T_\alpha)$ , which is iso to  $G_\alpha$ , normalized by  $T$  and whose we alg is  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ .

Remember that: If  $S = \text{Spec}(R)$  &  $\mathcal{H}$  is a proj

$\mathbb{P}^1$   $R$ -module  $\mathcal{H}_S$  is represented by  $\text{Sym}(\mathcal{H}^n)$  we  $\mathcal{H}_S \cong \mathcal{H}$  with trivial the bracket.

Now if we can induce a  $S$ -gp from  $\mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{g}_\alpha) \rightarrow G$  we have a good candidate!

Thm: (Corrad 4.1.4).

Remember  $G \supset T \cong \mathcal{D}_S(\mathfrak{g})$ , a  $\mathbb{G}_m$  a root  $S$

Let  $T$  act on  $\mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{g}_\alpha)$  via  $t \cdot s = \alpha(t) \cdot s$  using the  $\mathfrak{h}$  structure on  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ .

There is a unique  $S$ -gp isomorphism

exp:  $\mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{g}_\alpha) \rightarrow G$

inducing the canonical inclusion  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  on the alg & intertwining the  $T$ -action  $G$  via conjugation and

The  $T$ -action on  $\mathbb{W}(g_\alpha)$  via scaling -

The map  $\exp_\alpha$  is also a closed immersion  
 defining through  $Z_G(T_\alpha)$ , it's projection coincides  
 with base change on  $S$  and the multiplicative map

$$\mathbb{W}(g_{-\alpha}) \times T \times \mathbb{W}(g_\alpha) \longrightarrow Z_G(T_\alpha)$$

$$(X', t, X) \longmapsto \exp(X') t \exp_\alpha(X)$$

is an isomorphism onto an open subscheme  
 $S_\alpha \subset Z_G(T_\alpha)$ .

Moreover the semi direct product  $T \times \mathbb{W}(g_{\pm\alpha})$  is a  
 a closed  $S$ -subalg of  $G$ .

Def: The closed subgroup  $\exp_\alpha(\mathbb{W}(g_\alpha)) \subset G$  is  
 called the  $\alpha$ -root group for  $(G, T, \mathcal{H})$ .

Example:  $G = \text{SL}_2$  over a base scheme  $\text{Spec}(R)$

Remember that a 1-parameter subalg of  $G$  is an

$R$ -hom  $\lambda: G_m \rightarrow G$ . Let

$\lambda(t) = \text{diag}(t, 1/t)$  be the standard 1-parameter

subgroup. Remember that  $f, R' \in R$ -alg,  $\lambda$  def

a unipotent gp  $U_G(\lambda)$ ,

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$U_G(\lambda)(R') = \{g \in G(R') \mid \text{lim}_{t \rightarrow 0} \lambda(t)g \text{ exists} \}$   
 & equals 1

the orbit map  $G_m \rightarrow G$

def if  $R' \in R$ -Alg &  $g \in G(R')$  by

$$G_m(R') \longrightarrow G(R')$$

$$t \longmapsto t \cdot g$$

extends to  $A_S^1 \xrightarrow{\text{Spec}(R)}$

here  $U_{\text{SL}_2}(\lambda) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  &  $U_{\text{SL}_2}(-\lambda) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ * & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

corresponding to  $\pm\alpha: T \rightarrow G_m$  s.t

$$\pm\alpha(\mathcal{N}(t)) = t^{\pm 2\alpha}$$

The proof of the lemma shows that

$$\exp_\alpha(\mathbb{W}(g_\alpha)) = U_{\text{SL}_2}(\lambda) \text{ and } \exp_{-\alpha}(\mathbb{W}(g_{-\alpha})) = U_{\text{SL}_2}(-\lambda)$$

Under the identification  $\mathbb{W}(g_{\pm\alpha}) \cong G_\alpha$

$$\exp_\alpha(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \exp_{-\alpha}(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

which "miraculously" the exp adts -

$$u_+(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ \& } u_-(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

are s.t  $u_+(2)^2 = 0$  &  $\exp_{\pm\alpha}(2) = 1 + u_{\pm}(2)$


(the standard  
 unipotent-are  
 given by  
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ )

Idea of proof:

①  $T$ -equiv +  $T_a \curvearrowright W(g_a)$  trivially

$\Rightarrow$  if  $\exp_a$  is to exist it must factor through  $Z_G(T_a)$   $\rightsquigarrow$  Reduce to  $G$  with geom fibres of semi-simple rank 1 with  $T_a$  central in  $G$  and  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_a \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-a}$

② Uniqueness (once showed)  $\rightarrow$  compatibility with base change = allow to work étale locally  
Choose  $\lambda: G_m \rightarrow T$  corresponding to an element in  $\mathfrak{H}^1$  s.t.  $\langle a, \lambda \rangle \in Z_{>0}$  (or equiv s.t.  $a \circ \lambda \in \text{End}(G_m)_{S\text{-gp}}$  is a constant sec<sup>-1</sup>)

 It may be impossible to arrange that this pairing is 1.

③ Show that  $T = Z_G(\lambda)$  by showing equality on the geom fibres

④ Using the aforementioned ac<sup>-1</sup>  $T \curvearrowright W(g_a)$  & composing with  $\lambda$  get a  $G_m$ -ac<sup>-1</sup> on  $W(g_a)$   
a pt  $c$  of  $G_m$  acts on  $W(g_a)$  via  $a(\lambda(c)) = c^{\langle a, \lambda \rangle}$   
but  $\langle a, \lambda \rangle > 0$  so for  $H = W(g_a)$ ,

$$D_H(\lambda)(R') = \{ a \in H(R') \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{\langle a, \lambda \rangle} = 1 \} = H(R') \quad \forall R' \in R\text{-Alg}$$

⑤  $\exp_a$  (if it exists) is  $T$ -equiv  $\Rightarrow$  it must be  $G_{\text{in}}$ -equiv  $\Rightarrow \exp_a$  must carry  $H$  into  $U_G(\lambda)$

But  $\ker(U_G(\lambda)) = \text{positive weight space for } G_{\text{in}} \quad Q \cdot y = \lambda \oplus y_a \oplus y_{-a} \Rightarrow \ker(U_G(\lambda)) = y_a$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $\exp_a$  is to exist it must factor through an  $S$ -equiv  $W(y_a) \rightarrow U_G(\lambda)$  that induces an iso on the alg.

+  $S$ -equiv with connected fibres

$\Rightarrow \exp_a$  is an étale local auto  $U_G(\lambda)$

⑥ Check that if  $\exp_a$  is to exist it is actually an iso (check this on the gear fibres)

Summary: If  $\exp_a$  is to exist it must be a  $G_{\text{in}}$ -equiv iso  $W(y_a) \simeq U_G(\lambda)$

⑦ Conversely any such  $G_{\text{in}}$ -equiv iso is  $T$ -equiv as a map to  $G$  as  $T_a$  acts trivially on both  $W(y_a)$  &  $U_G(\lambda)$

and  $G_{\text{in}} \times T_a \rightarrow T$  is an isogeny of  $(e, t) \mapsto \lambda(e)t$

⑧  $\Rightarrow$  To prove existence & uniqueness of  $\exp_a$

it is necessary & sufficient to prove existence & uniqueness of a  $G_{\text{in}}$ -equiv iso of  $S$ -gps  $W(y_a) \simeq U_G(\lambda)$  that induces the identity map on the alg.

Given we have  $\exp_{\pm a}$  the remaining part of the  $T$  is immediate

as  $T = Z_G(\lambda) \times \exp_{\pm a}$  carries  $W(y_{\pm a})$  over  $U_G(\pm \lambda)$ . Moreover this identifies  $T \times W(y_{\pm a})$  with  $Z_G(\pm \lambda) \times U_G(\pm \lambda) = \underbrace{Z_G(\pm \lambda)}_{= Z_G(\pm \lambda)}$

showing that  $T \times W(y_{\pm a})$  is indeed a closed  $S$ -subgp of  $G$ .

⑧ Uniqueness of  $\exp_a$ ?

comes from the fact that  $W(y_a)$  has no non-trivial  $G_{\text{in}}$ -equiv iso that induces the identity on the alg (use Zariski locally and have a look at the aut. of  $G_a$ )

Indeed an ideal of  $R_a$  over a ring  $R$  is  $\textcircled{13}$   
an additive polynomial but  $\text{dim} = \text{equiv}$   $\text{frees}$   
uniquely that the polynomial is  $x \mapsto cx$ ,  $c \in R$   
so the resulting operat<sup>n</sup> on  $\text{Lie}$  is scaling by  
 $c$ .