Mod $\ell$ cohomology of some Deligne–Lusztig varieties for $\text{GL}_n(q)$

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Abstract

In this article, we study the mod $\ell$ cohomology of some Deligne–Lusztig varieties for $\text{GL}_n(q)$. We prove that the cohomology groups of these varieties are torsion-free under some conditions on the characteristic. Under the torsion-free assumption we can compute the cohomology groups explicitly and we prove that the cohomology complex satisfies partial-tilting condition, which is one of the necessary conditions in the geometric version of Broué’s abelian defect group conjecture.

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1 Introduction

Deligne–Lusztig varieties were originally introduced (in [9]) by Deligne and Lusztig to understand the ordinary representation theory (that is, over fields of characteristic zero) of finite reductive groups. In the ordinary setting, Lusztig (in [21]) gave a complete classification of the irreducible characters of finite reductive groups using cohomology groups of Deligne–Lusztig varieties. In the modular setting (that is, over fields positive characteristic), much less is known for the representations of $G$, even though Deligne–Lusztig’s construction can be adapted to the modular setting (see for example the work of Broué [4] and Bonnafé–Rouquier [3]). One can replace the cohomology groups of a Deligne–Lusztig variety with the cohomology complex, which encodes more information than the individual cohomology groups in the modular setting. This point of view was first suggested by Broué as a strategy towards his abelian defect group conjecture, stated in 1988.

**Conjecture** (Abelian defect group conjecture, [5]). Let $G$ be a finite group. Let $B$ be a block of $\mathbb{Z}_\ell G$ of defect $D$ and let $b$ be its correspondent of $\mathbb{Z}_\ell N_G(D)$. If $D$ is abelian, then $D^b(b\text{-mod}) \cong D^b(B\text{-mod})$.

Broué predicted that the cohomology complex $R\Gamma_\ell(X, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$ of a suitably chosen Deligne–Lusztig variety $X$ should induce the derived equivalence. He stated a version of his conjecture for finite reductive groups and unipotent blocks, known as the “geometric version” of the conjecture. The varieties involved in the geometric version are a parabolic version of the classical Deligne–Lusztig varieties.

In order to induce a derived equivalence, the cohomology complex $D$ of the parabolic Deligne–Lusztig variety has to be partial-tilting, that is, to be a perfect complex such that all maps from $D$ to the shifted complex $D[n]$ are null-homotopic for any $n \neq 0$. Verifying this condition is one of the main difficulties in proving this conjecture.

In this paper, we focus on the finite reductive group $\text{GL}_n(q)$. We study the cohomology groups and cohomology complex of specific Deligne–Lusztig varieties, which are those varieties involved in the geometric version of Broué’s conjecture for unipotent $\Phi_d$-blocks of $\text{GL}_n(q)$. These varieties, which are denoted by $X_{n,d}$ were explicitly defined in [11] and [16]. In the ordinary setting, the cohomology groups of these varieties have been explicitly described by Lusztig for $d = n$ in [20], by Digne–Michel–Rouquier for the case $d = n - 1$ in [12] and in [16] by Dudas for general $d$. In this case, the unipotent representations of $\text{GL}_n(q)$ are labeled by the irreducible representations of its Weyl group $S_n$ which are in turn labeled by the partitions of $n$. In [16] explicit formulas are given for $H^\bullet_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ in terms of this parametrization.

Our first aim is the generalization of that description in the modular setting. The first step towards this direction, and one of our main results, is the following theorem (see 3.13):

**Theorem.** If $\ell \mid \Phi_m(q)$, where $m > d$ and $m > n - d + 1$, then $H^\bullet_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$ is torsion-free over $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$. 

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The assumption on \( m \) ensures that the principal \( \ell \)-block is a block with cyclic defect group; it also guarantees that the cohomology complex of \( X_{n,d} \) is a perfect complex. The torsion-free result allows us to explicitly calculate each cohomology group \( H^i_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \), along with the action of the Frobenius map. Given a partition \( \lambda \) of \( n \), define a \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q) \)-lattice \( \nabla Z_\ell(\lambda) \) whose character is the unipotent character corresponding to \( \lambda \) with the notation in 3.2. We show that:

**Theorem.** Assume \( \ell \mid \Phi_m(q) \) with \( m > d \) and \( m > n - d + 1 \). If \( H^\bullet_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \) is torsion-free over \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell \) then the cohomology of \( X_{n,d} \) over \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell \) given by the following formulas:

\[
H^x_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) = \begin{cases} 
\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu * x)(q^x), & 0 \leq x < n - d \text{ and } x \leq d - 1, \\
\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu * (x + 1))(q^{x+1}), & n - d \leq x < d - 1, \\
\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(n)(q^n), & x = 2n - d - 1, \\
0 & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]

Under the same assumptions on \( \ell \), we can find a representative of the cohomology complex of \( X_{n,d} \) as a bounded complex of finitely generated projective modules. The explicit description of this complex allows us to show that \( R \Gamma_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{F}_\ell) \) is a partial-tilting complex, hence satisfies the self-orthogonality condition (see 4.2):

**Theorem.** If \( \ell \mid \Phi_m(q) \), where \( m > d \) and \( m > n - d + 1 \), for all non-zero integers \( a \),

\[
\text{Hom}_{D^b(\mathbb{F}_\ell \text{-GL}_n(q)\text{-mod})}(R \Gamma_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{F}_\ell), R \Gamma_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{F}_\ell)[a]) = 0.
\]

### 2 Preliminaries

#### 2.1 Some homological algebra

Given \( A \) a ring with unit, we denote by \( A\text{-mod} \) the category of finitely generated left \( A \)-modules and by \( A\text{-Mod} \) the category of left \( A \)-modules. If \( A = A\text{-Mod} \) or \( A\text{-mod} \), we denote by \( K(A) \) the corresponding homotopy category and by \( D(A) \) the corresponding derived category. We write \( K^b(A) \) and \( D^b(A) \) respectively for the full subcategories of \( K(A) \) and \( D(A) \) whose objects are bounded. We can define the usual derived bifunctors \( R \text{Hom}_A(-,-) \) and \( - \otimes_A - \) since \( A\text{-mod} \) and \( A\text{-Mod} \) have enough projective objects.

Recall that the stable category of finitely generated \( A \)-modules which is denoted by \( A\text{-stab} \) is defined as the category such that:

- The objects are finitely generated \( A \)-modules.
- For arbitrary objects \( X \) and \( Y \)

\[
\text{Hom}_{A\text{-stab}}(X,Y) = \text{Hom}_{A\text{-mod}}(X,Y)/ \approx
\]

where \( f \approx g \) if and only if the morphism \( f - g \) factors through a projective module.
Let $M$ be a finitely generated $A$-module. The Heller operator which is denoted by $\Omega$ is defined by

$$\Omega M := \ker(P_M \to M)$$

where $P_M$ is a projective cover of $M$. Then, one can define inductively $\Omega^nM := \Omega(\Omega^{n-1}M)$ for any $n > 1$. By convention $\Omega^0M$ is defined as the minimal submodule of $M$ such that $M/\Omega^0M$ is a projective module.

Using [25], the functor $A\text{-mod} \to D^b(A\text{-mod})$ induces an equivalence of triangulated categories

$$A\text{-stab} \sim D^b(A\text{-mod})/A\text{-perf}. \quad (2)$$

where $A\text{-perf}$ is the category of perfect complexes of $A$-modules.

2.1 Lemma. Let $C$ be a perfect complex such that $H^i(C) = 0$ for $i \neq s, t$ where $s > t$. Then $H^t(C) \simeq \Omega^{s-t+1}H^s(C)$ in $A\text{-stab}$.

Proof. We have a distinguished triangle in $D^b(A\text{-mod})$

$$H^t(C)[-t] \to C \to H^s(C)[-s] \to \cdots.$$

We can shift it to obtain the following triangle

$$C[s] \to H^s(C)[0] \to H^t(C)[s-t+1] \to \cdots.$$

We conclude using the image of this triangle in $D^b(A\text{-mod})/A\text{-perf}$. ■

The following theorem, stated by Rickard, gives conditions for a complex to induce a derived equivalence.

2.2 Theorem (Rickard, [19, Chapter 1]). Let $K$ be a field. Let $A$ and $B$ be finite dimensional $K$-algebras. The following conditions are equivalent:

(i). $D^b(A\text{-mod}) \simeq D^b(B\text{-mod})$.

(ii). There exists a complex $T$ of $B$-modules such that the following conditions hold

- $T$ is perfect,
- $T$ generates $D^b(B\text{-mod})$ as a triangulated category with infinite direct sums,
- $\text{Hom}_{D^b(B\text{-mod})}(T, T[n]) = 0$ for every non-zero integer $n$,
- $\text{End}_{D^b(B\text{-mod})}(T) \simeq A$ as $K$-algebra.

In the case where $B$ is a unipotent block of a finite reductive group, Broue conjectured that $T$ can be chosen to be the cohomology complex of a suitably chosen Deligne–Lusztig variety.


2.2 Finite reductive groups and Deligne–Lusztig varieties

Let $G$ be a finite group and $\ell$ be a prime number. Throughout this paper, we will work with an $\ell$-modular system $(K, \mathcal{O}, k)$ such that $K$ is a finite extension of the field of $\ell$-adic numbers $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$, the integral closure $\mathcal{O}$ of the ring of $\ell$-adic integers in $K$ and the residue field $k$ of the local ring $\mathcal{O}$. We also assume that $K$ is large enough, that is, it contains all primitive $|G|$-th roots of unity.

Let $G$ be a connected algebraic group over $\mathbb{F}_p$, and $F : G \to G$ be a Frobenius endomorphism. Then $G := G^F$ (the set of fixed points of $G$) is called a finite reductive group or a finite group of Lie type.

Let $T \in B$ be a maximal torus of $G$ contained in a Borel subgroup, $W := N_G(T)/T$ and $S$ be a set of simple reflections associated to $B$. Let $I$ be a subset of simple reflections $S$ and $P_I$ be a standard parabolic subgroup of $G$ containing $U$, and $U_I$ be its unipotent radical. Let $L_I$ be the standard Levi subgroup of $G$ generated by $I$ which is the Weyl group of $L_I$. Assume that $w$ is $I$-reduced and that $^wI = I$ and $\tilde{w}$ is the representative of $w \in W$ in $N_G(T)$. Then the parabolic Deligne–Lusztig varieties associated with the pair $(I, w)$ are defined by

$$\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F) := \{ gU_I \in G/U_I \mid g^{-1}F(g) \in U_I \tilde{w}F U_I \},$$

and

$$X(I, wF) := \{ gP_I \in G/P_I \mid g^{-1}F(g) \in P_I wF P_I \}.$$  

The finite group $G = G^F$ acts on $X(I, wF)$ and $\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F)$ by left multiplication and $L_I^{\tilde{w}F}$ acts on $\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F)$ by right multiplication. The varieties $X(I, wF)$ and $\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F)$ are quasi-projective varieties of dimension $l(w)$ (see [11, page 22]) and the map $G/U_I \to G/P_I$ induces a $G$-equivariant isomorphism:

$$\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F)/L_I^{\tilde{w}F} \simeq X(I, wF).$$ (3)

2.3 Cohomology of Deligne–Lusztig varieties

Let $R$ be any ring among the modular system $(K, \mathcal{O}, k)$. The cohomology complexes of Deligne–Lusztig varieties $X(I, wF)$ and $\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F)$ with coefficient $R$ are denoted by $R\Gamma_c(X(I, wF), R)$ and $R\Gamma_c(\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F), R)$ respectively. Recall from [8] that $R\Gamma_c(X(I, wF), R)$ (resp. $R\Gamma_c(\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F), R)$) is a bounded complex of finitely generated $RG$-modules (resp. $(RG, R\mathbb{L}_I^{\tilde{w}F})$-bimodules). Since $\mathbb{L}_I^{\tilde{w}F}$ acts freely on $\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F)$ (similar to [1, Proposition 12.1.10]), by [9, Proposition 6.4] and (3) we have an isomorphism

$$R\Gamma_c(X(I, wF), R) \simeq R\Gamma_c(\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F), R) \otimes_{R\mathbb{L}_I^{\tilde{w}F}}^L R.$$ (4)

in $D^b(L\mathbb{L}_I^{\tilde{w}F}\text{-mod})$. We define the triangulated functors between $D^b(R\mathbb{L}_I^{\tilde{w}F}\text{-mod})$ and $D^b(RG\text{-mod})$:

$$\mathcal{A}^{G, w}_{\mathcal{L}_I}(-) := R\Gamma_c(\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F), R) \otimes_{R\mathbb{L}_I^{\tilde{w}F}}^L -,$$

and

$$\star\mathcal{A}^{G, w}_{\mathcal{L}_I}(-) := R\text{Hom}_{RG}(R\Gamma_c(\tilde{X}(I, \tilde{w}F), R), -).$$
These functors are called Deligne–Lusztig induction and restriction functors respectively. In the case $w = \hat{w} = 1$, we have Harish-Chandra induction and restriction respectively.

According to [23, Proposition 3.4.19], these functors induce morphisms between the corresponding Grothendieck groups

$$R^G_{\ell I}(-): K_0(RL_I^{\hat{w}F}) \longrightarrow K_0(RG),$$

$$R^G_{\ell I}(-): K_0(RG) \longrightarrow K_0(RL_I^{\hat{w}F}).$$

For simplicity of our notation, we remove $w$ form the notations of the above functors and maps.

**2.3 Proposition.** Assume that $\ell \nmid |L_I^{\hat{w}F}|$. Then

(i) The bounded complex $R \Gamma_c(X(I, wF), R)$ is a perfect complex of $RG$-modules.

(ii) For all $i < \ell(w)$, $H^i_c(X(I, wF), R) = 0$.

(iii) $L^{\ell(w)}_c(X(I, wF), Z_q)$ is torsion-free.

**PROOF.** Let $xU_I$ be an element of $\tilde{X}(I, \hat{w}F)$ then

$$\text{Stab}_G(xU_I) = \{g \in G \mid gxU_I = xU_I\} \subset (xU_I)^{\hat{w}F}.$$ 

Since $U_I$ is a unipotent group then $(xU_I)^{\hat{w}F}$ is $p$-group (see [22, Section 2.1]). With the assumption $\ell \neq p$, the order of $\text{Stab}_G(x)$ is invertible in $R$. Consequently it follows from [18, Corollary 2.3] that $R \Gamma_c(X(I, \hat{w}F), R)$ is a perfect complex of $RG$-modules.

By 4, if $\ell \nmid |L_I^{\hat{w}F}|$ then $R \Gamma_c(X(I, wF), R)$ is a direct summand of the complex $R \Gamma_c(X(I, wF), R)$ and therefore $R \Gamma_c(X(I, wF), R)$ is also a perfect complex in that case which proves (i).

For (ii), we relate the parabolic Deligne–Lusztig varieties to the non-parabolic case. Let $I \subseteq J$ be two subsets of simple reflections. By [11, Proposition 8.22], for the elements $w \in W$ and $v \in W_I$, we have an isomorphism of $G^F$-varieties $L_I^{\hat{w}vF}$

$$\tilde{X}_G(I, wF) \times_{L_I^{\hat{w}F}} \tilde{X}_L(J, v(wF)) \simeq \tilde{X}_G(J, v(wF)).$$

We note that for the variety $\tilde{X}_G(I, wF)$, we have considered the action of Frobenius map $F$ and for $\tilde{X}_L(J, vF)$ and we have considered the action of $wF$. Moding out by the finite group $L_I^{\hat{w}vF}$ we obtain

$$\tilde{X}_G(I, wF) \times_{L_I^{\hat{w}F}} X_L(J, v(wF)) \simeq \tilde{X}_G(J, v(wF)).$$

Let us assume $J = \emptyset$ and $v = 1$. Then we have

$$\tilde{X}_G(I, wF) \times_{L_I^{\hat{w}F}} X_L(I, wF) \simeq \tilde{X}_G(I, wF) \times_{L_I^{\hat{w}F}} L_I^{\hat{w}F}/(B \cap L_I)^{wF} \simeq \tilde{X}_G(wF).$$

Now, if we look at the cohomology of these varieties with the assumptions $\ell \nmid |L_I^{\hat{w}F}|$ then

$$R \Gamma_c(\tilde{X}_G(I, wF), R) \otimes_{RL_I^{\hat{w}F}} R[L_I^{\hat{w}F}/(B \cap L_I)^{wF}] \simeq R \Gamma_c(\tilde{X}_G(wF), R).$$

On the other side,
Thus, $R \Gamma_c(\mathcal{X}(I, wF), R) \simeq R \Gamma_c(\tilde{\mathcal{X}}(I, wF), R)$ is a direct summand of $R \Gamma_c(\mathcal{X}_G(wF), R)$.

Therefore $H^i(\mathcal{X}(I, wF), R)$ is a direct summand of $H^i(\mathcal{X}(wF))$ and if $i < \ell(w)$ then $H^i(\mathcal{X}(I, wF), R) = 0$ (see [3, Section 8]).

By the universal coefficient theorem and 2.3, if $w$ is $I$-reduced and $\ell \mid |L^w_F|$ then $\mathcal{H}^\ell(w)(\mathcal{X}(I, wF), \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$ is torsion-free over $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$. ■

2.4 Modular representation theory of $\text{GL}_n(q)$

2.4.1 Partitions and $\beta$-sets

A partition of $n$ is a non-increasing sequence of non-negative integers $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_r)$ such that $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_r$ and $\sum_i \lambda_i = n$. A $\beta$-set of $\lambda$ is a finite set of decreasing numbers of the form $\{\lambda_1 + r - 1, \lambda_2 + r - 2, \ldots, \lambda_r\}$.

Note that adding a zero in the partition $\lambda$ has the effect of changing the $\beta$-set to $\{\lambda_1 + r, \lambda_2 + r - 1, \cdots, \lambda_r + 1, 0\}$. In the sequel we will often add sufficiently many zeros to get large enough $\beta$-sets, see 2.4.2.

2.4.2 $\Phi_d$-blocks of $\text{GL}_n(q)$

The unipotent characters of $\text{GL}_n(q)$ are labeled by partitions of $n$. Given a partition $\lambda$ of $n$ we will denote by $\nabla(\lambda)$ the unipotent character of $\text{GL}_n(q)$ corresponding to $\lambda$ with the convention that $\nabla(1, 1, \ldots, 1) = St_G$ is the Steinberg character of $\text{GL}_n(q)$. By abuse of notation it will also denote a chosen $\mathbb{Q}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-module with character $\nabla(\lambda)$.

Let $d \in \{0, 1, \ldots, n\}$ and $\mu$ be a partition of $n - d$. Let $X = \{x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_s\}$ be a $\beta$-set of $\mu$ which is large enough such that it contains $\{0, 1, \ldots, d - 1\}$. An addable $d$-hook is a pair $(x, x + d)$ where $x \in X$ and $x + d \notin X$. Adding a $d$-hook to $\mu$ corresponds to moving a bead one position left to an empty position on $d$-abacus (recall that the $r$-runner abacus is an abacus with $r$ horizontal runners, numbered by $0, \ldots, r - 1$ from top to bottom. For each $j$, the runner $j$ has marked positions labeled by the non-negative integers congruent to $j$ modulo $r$ increasing down the runner). Removing a $d$-hook from the partition $\mu$ corresponds to moving a bead one position right to an empty position on $d$-abacus. We say that $\mu$ is a $d$-core if it has no $d$-hook.

Let $X'$ be the subset of $X$ defined by $X' = \{x \mid x + d \notin X\}$. We denote by $\mu \ast x$ the partition which has the $\beta$-set $(X \setminus \{x\}) \cup \{x + d\}$.

Set $\mathbb{L}_I = (\text{GL}_d(\mathbb{F}_p))^d \times \text{GL}_{n-d}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ and $\mathbb{L}^{wF}_I = \text{GL}_d(q^d) \times \text{GL}_{n-d}(q)$. If $\mu$ is any partition of $n - d$ then it is shown in [6] that $R^G_{\mathbb{L}_I}(\nabla(\mu)) = \sum_x \epsilon_x \nabla(\mu \ast x)$

where $x$ is running over the addable $d$-hooks of $\mu$ and $\epsilon_x = \pm 1$. Consequently, if $\mu$ is a $d$-core then the characters in the $\Phi_d$-block $B(\mathbb{L}_I, \nabla(\mu))$ are labeled by the partitions which are obtained by adding one $d$-hook to $\mu$. 7
2.4.3 Modular unipotent representations of $\text{GL}_n(q)$

By [14], the simple $\mathbb{F}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-modules which lie in a unipotent block are also labeled by partitions of $n$. More precisely, given $\lambda$ a partition of $n$ there exists a simple $\mathbb{F}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-module $S_{\bar{\lambda}}$ such that for every partition $\mu$ of $n$, the decomposition map $\text{dec}$ of $\nabla(\mu)$ lies in the Grothendieck group of $\mathbb{F}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-mod denoted by $K_0(\mathbb{F}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-mod) and it is given by

$$\text{dec}(\nabla(\mu)) = [S_{\bar{\lambda}}(\mu)] + \sum_{\mu \prec \lambda} d_{\mu,\lambda}[S_{\bar{\lambda}}(\lambda)]. \quad (5)$$

If $\nabla(\lambda)$ is in a block which has trivial defect (hence is unique in its block) then there is a unique lattice (i.e. a $\mathbb{Z}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-module which is free as $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$-module) with character $\nabla(\lambda)$ and the $\ell$-reduction of this lattice is the simple module $S_{\bar{\lambda}}(\lambda)$. It is no longer true if $\nabla(\lambda)$ lies in a block with non-trivial defect. However we can guarantee the uniqueness by imposing some conditions on the lattice, as shown in the following proposition.

**2.4 Proposition.** Let $G = \text{GL}_n(q)$ and $\lambda$ be a partition of $n$. There exists a unique (up to isomorphism) $\mathbb{Z}_\ell G$-lattice $\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda)$ such that

(i). $\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda)$ has character $\nabla(\lambda)$.

(ii). The socle of $\mathbb{F}_\ell \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda)$ is the simple module $S_{\bar{\lambda}}(\lambda)$.

**Proof.** Let $P_{\bar{\lambda}}(\lambda)$ be a projective cover of $S_{\bar{\lambda}}(\lambda)$ and $P_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda)$ be its unique lift as projective $\mathbb{Z}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-module. The character of the module $P_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda)$ is its image in the Grothendieck group lies in $K_0(\mathbb{Q}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-mod). By Brauer reciprocity (see for example [18, Proposition 4.1]) we have

$$c([P_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda)]) = [\mathbb{Q}_\ell \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} P_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda)] = \nabla(\lambda) + \sum_{\mu \prec \lambda} d_{\mu,\lambda}\nabla(\mu).$$

By (5), $\nabla(\lambda)$ occurs with multiplicity one in the character of $P$. Now, let $a_\lambda$ be the central idempotent of $\mathbb{Q}_\ell G$ associated with the irreducible character $\nabla(\lambda)$ (recall $a_\lambda = \frac{\dim(\nabla(\lambda))}{|G_{\ell}(q)|}\sum_{g \in G} \rho_\lambda(g)g^{-1}$). We define a $\mathbb{Z}_\ell G$-lattice as a submodule of $P$ by:

$$\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda) := a_\lambda P \cap P.$$

This $\mathbb{Z}_\ell G$-lattice has irreducible character $\Delta(\lambda)$ over $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$

$$\mathbb{Q}_\ell \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} (a_\lambda P \cap P) \simeq \nabla(\lambda)$$

which proves (i). For proving (ii) we consider the short exact sequence as follows

$$0 \longrightarrow \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda) \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow P/\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda) \longrightarrow 0.$$ 

Tensoring by $\mathbb{F}_\ell$ yields the following exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}^1(P/\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda), \mathbb{F}_\ell) \longrightarrow \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{F}_\ell \longrightarrow P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{F}_\ell \longrightarrow P/\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{F}_\ell \longrightarrow 0.$$ 

If $\text{Tor}_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}^1(P/\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda), \mathbb{F}_\ell) = 0$ then we have
\[
\nF \rightarrow P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} F_\ell \simeq P_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}.
\]

We shall prove that \( P/\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda) \) is a torsion-free module over \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell \). For simplicity, let us set \( e := a_\lambda \). Let us consider \( x \in P \) such that \( rx \in P \cap eP \) for some \( r \in \mathbb{Z}_\ell \). We have \( rx = ey \) for some \( y \in P \). Then
\[
erx = e \cdot ey = e^2y = ey = rx.
\]

Hence \( r(ex) = rx \). Since \( P \) is a torsion-free module, we deduce that \( r(x - ex) = 0 \) and that \( x = ex \). So \( x \) should be in \( P \cap eP \). This shows that \( \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} F_\ell \) embeds in \( P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} F_\ell \simeq P_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\lambda) \). Since the socle of \( P_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\lambda) \) is \( S_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\lambda) \), then so is the socle of \( \nabla_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\lambda) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} F_\ell \) which proves (ii).

It is left to prove the uniqueness. For simplicity of the notation we use the notation \( \nabla \) instead of \( \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda) \). Let us consider a \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell \)-lattice \( \nabla' \) satisfying the conditions (i) and (ii). We shall prove that \( \nabla \cong \nabla' \). We claim that the map \( \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell\text{-mod}}(\nabla', P) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} F_\ell \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_\ell\text{-mod}}(F_{\ell\nabla'}, F_{\ell\ell}) \) is an isomorphism of \( \mathbb{F}_\ell \)-vector spaces. By naturality, we only need to show it when \( P = \mathbb{Z}_\ell \). Since \( \mathbb{F}_\ell \) and \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell \) are symmetric algebras then we have the following diagram
\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell\text{-mod}}(\nabla', \mathbb{Z}_\ell \mathbb{G}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} F_\ell & \xrightarrow{h} & \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_\ell\text{-mod}}(F_{\ell\nabla'}, F_{\ell\ell}) \\
\xrightarrow{\cong} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \\
\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell\text{-mod}}(\nabla', \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} F_\ell & \xrightarrow{h} & \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_\ell\text{-mod}}(F_{\ell\nabla'}, F_{\ell\ell})
\end{array}
\]

Since \( \nabla' \) is \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell \)-free module of finite rank then \( h \) is an isomorphism. Therefore \( h' \) is an isomorphism as claimed.

We deduce that there exists a map \( f : \nabla' \rightarrow P \) such that \( \tilde{f} = f \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} F_\ell \) is non-zero. We note that \( F_{\ell\nabla'} \) and \( P_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\lambda) \) have the same socle therefore \( \tilde{f} \) is injective. Now we prove that \( f \) is also injective. We have \( \text{Ker}(f) \subseteq \nabla' \). Since \( Q_{\ell\nabla} \) is simple, \( \text{Ker}(f) = 0 \) and hence \( f \) is injective. Now we can write the short exact sequence
\[
0 \rightarrow \nabla' \xrightarrow{f} P \rightarrow P/f(\nabla') \rightarrow 0.
\]

This yields the exact sequence
\[
0 \rightarrow \text{Tor}_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}^1(P/f(\nabla'), F_\ell) \rightarrow F_{\ell\nabla'} \xrightarrow{f} F_{\ell} P \rightarrow F_{\ell} P/F_{\ell} f(\nabla') \rightarrow 0.
\]

Since \( \tilde{f} \) is injective, \( P/f(\nabla') \) is a torsion-free module. Now, we will prove that \( \nabla \cong \nabla' \). We proved that both \( P/\nabla \) and \( P/f(\nabla') \) are torsion-free modules. The modules \( Q_{\ell} f(\nabla') \) and \( Q_{\ell} \nabla \) are two pure submodules of \( Q_{\ell} P \) and the character \( \nabla(\lambda) \) only occurs with multiplicity one, therefore \( Q_{\ell} f(\nabla') = Q_{\ell} \nabla \). We also have \( \nabla \subseteq f(\nabla') \).

If \( f(\nabla') \oplus A = P \) and \( \nabla \oplus B = P \) and \( x \in \nabla \) then we can write \( x = a_1 + a_2 \) with \( a_1 \in f(\nabla') \) and \( a_2 \in A \). There exists \( \theta \in Q_{\ell} \) such that \( \theta x \in \nabla \), but \( \theta x = \theta a_1 + \theta a_2 \) forces \( a_2 = 0 \). Hence \( x = a_1 \in f(\nabla') \), this shows that \( \nabla \subseteq f(\nabla') \). With the same argument, we can show that \( f(\nabla') \subseteq \nabla \) and therefore \( f(\nabla') = \nabla \). We deduce that \( f \) induces an isomorphism \( \nabla' \xrightarrow{\cong} \nabla \). 

\[\blacksquare\]
2.5 Notation. If $R$ is any ring between $\ell$-modular system $(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, \mathbb{Z}_\ell, \mathbb{F}_\ell)$ we define

$$\nabla_R(\lambda) := \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\lambda) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} R.$$ 

With this notation we have $\nabla_{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}(\lambda) \simeq \nabla(\lambda)$.

3 Cohomology of the Deligne–Lusztig variety $\mathcal{X}_{n,d}$

3.1 Preliminaries

We start to state some general properties of the cohomology of parabolic Deligne–Lusztig varieties in the case of $\text{GL}_n(q)$.

3.1 Theorem. Let $G = \text{GL}_n(q)$. Let $(I, wF)$ be such that $w \in S_n$ is $I$-reduced and $wI = I$.

(i). The trivial representation $\nabla(n)$ only occurs in $H^i_c(\mathcal{X}(I, wF), \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ for $i = 2\ell(w)$ and it occurs with multiplicity one.

(ii). The Steinberg representation $\nabla(1^n)$ can only occur in $H^i_c(\mathcal{X}(I, wF), \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ if $I = \emptyset$ and $i = \ell(w)$. In that case it occurs with multiplicity one.

(iii). Assume $\ell \nmid |L^wF|$. The simple module $S_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(1^n)$ can only be a composition factor of $H^i_c(\mathcal{X}(I, wF), \mathbb{F}_\ell)$ where $i = \ell(w)$.

Proof. The properties (i) and (ii) are proved in [11, Corollary 8.38]. Property (iii) is proved in [15] in the case where $I = \emptyset$. Using a same argument as in the proof of 2.3, we can generalize it to any $I$. [qed]

By [13], a unipotent simple $\mathbb{F}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-module $S_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\lambda)$ is cuspidal if and only if $\lambda = (1^n)$ and $n = m$ where $m$ is the order of $q$ in $\mathbb{F}_\ell^\times$.

3.2 Corollary. Assume $\ell \nmid |L^wF|$. Cuspidal $\mathbb{F}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-modules can only occur as a composition factor in the middle degree of the cohomology of $\mathcal{X}(I, wF)$.

3.2 The Deligne–Lusztig variety $\mathcal{X}_{n,d}$

Recall from [10, Theorem 1.2] that $(W, S)$ is a Coxeter system. Let $S$ be a set in bijection with $S$ then we can define the Artin-Tits braid monoid by the following presentation

$$B^+_W = \langle s \in S \mid \underbrace{sts \cdots}_{m_{s,t} \text{ terms}} = \underbrace{tst \cdots}_{m_{s,t} \text{ terms}} \rangle_{\text{mon.}}.$$ (6)

Following [11], we can extend the definition of parabolic Deligne–Lusztig varieties to the elements of braid monoid. Let $I \subset S$ and $b \in B^+_W$ such that

- $b$ has no prefix in $B^+_{W_I}$ (analog of being $I$-reduced) and
- for all $s \in I$, $bF(s)b^{-1} \in I$.
Then there is a corresponding parabolic Deligne–Lusztig varieties $\mathcal{X}(I, bF)$ such that $\mathcal{X}(I, bF) \simeq \mathcal{X}(I, wF)$ whenever $b$ is the lift to $B_W^+$ of an element $w \in W$. We already defined the parabolic Deligne–Lusztig varieties $\mathcal{X}(I, wF)$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}(I, wF)$ associated to a pair $(I, wF)$, where $w \in W$ is $I$-reduced and $wF I = I$. Here, we define the variety $\mathcal{X}_{n,d}$, the variety that we aim to study its cohomology, using a specific pair $(I, w)$. We mentioned that the pair $(I, w)$ can be extend to general case $(I, b)$. In [16], for a special pair $(I, b)$, the corresponding Deligne–Lusztig varieties are defined for $\text{GL}_n(q)$ for studying $\Phi_{d}$-blocks of $\text{GL}_n(q)$. This definition is due to [16] and [11].

3.3 Definition. Let $1 \leq d \leq n$. Consider the following pairs

$$v_d = s_1s_2 \ldots s_{n-1-[d/2]}s_{n-1}s_{n-2} \ldots s_{[d+1/2]} \in B^+$$

and

$$J_d = \{ s_i \mid [d + 1/2] + 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 - [d/2] \} \subset S.$$ 

Then

$$\mathcal{X}_{n,d} := \mathcal{X}(J_d, v_dF).$$

The Galois covering $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}_{n,d}$ will be denoted by $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}_{n,d}$.

Note when $d > 1$, the element $v_d$ is reduced. Therefore, it is the lift of an element $v_d \in W$ and therefore we can work with the variety $\mathcal{X}(J_d, v_dF)$ instead. By [11, Lemma 11.7, 11.8], the pair $(J_d, v_d)$ is a good element so that it makes sense to study the cohomology of $\mathcal{X}_{n,d}$.

The group $\text{GL}_n(q)$ acts on the Deligne–Lusztig variety $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}_{n,d}$ by left multiplication and the Levi subgroup $L_{d}^{\text{LF}} \simeq \text{GL}_1(q^d) \times \text{GL}_{n-d}(q)$ acts by right multiplication. Also $\text{GL}_n(q)$ acts on $\mathcal{X}_{n,d}$ by left multiplication.

3.3 Cohomology of $\mathcal{X}_{n,d}$ over $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$

Let $\mu$ be a partition of $n - d$ with the corresponding unipotent character $\nabla(\mu)$ of $\text{GL}_{n-d}(q)$. It defines a local system on the variety $\mathcal{X}_{n,d}$ such that $H^\bullet_c(\mathcal{X}_{n,d}, \nabla(\mu)) \simeq H^\bullet_c(\tilde{\mathcal{X}}_{n,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)\nabla(\mu)$.

3.4 Theorem ([16, Theorem 2.1]). Let $\mu$ be a partition of $n - d$. Write

$$^*R_{\text{GL}_{n-d-1}}^\text{GL}_n(\nabla(\mu)) = \bigoplus_i \nabla(\mu^{(i)})$$

where the $\mu^{(i)}$’s are partitions of $n - d - 1$. Then there exists a distinguished triangle in $D^b(\mathbb{Q}_\ell \text{GL}_{n-1}(q) \times \langle F \rangle \text{-mod})$

$$R\Gamma_c(G_m \times \mathcal{X}_{n-1,d-1}, \nabla(\mu)) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\text{GL}_n}^\text{GL}_{n-1}(R\Gamma_c(\mathcal{X}_{n,d}, \nabla(\mu))) \rightarrow \bigoplus_i R\Gamma_c(\mathcal{X}_{n-1,d}, \nabla(\mu^{(i)}))[-2][1] \rightarrow$$

where $(1)$ is the Tate twist.

In [16], a formula is given for computing the cohomology groups of $\mathcal{X}_{n,d}$ with coefficients in $\nabla(\mu)$. The $\nabla(\lambda)$’s occurring in $H^\bullet_c(\mathcal{X}_{n,d}, \nabla(\mu))$ are associated to the partitions obtained from $\mu$ by adding a $d$-hook.
3.5 Theorem ([16]). Let $\mu$ be a partition of $n - d$ and $X$ be a $\beta$-set of $\mu$ and let $X' = \{x \in X \mid x + d \notin X\}$. Given $x \in X'$, define

$$\pi_d(X, x) = 2(n - 1 + x - \#\{y \in X \mid y < x\}) - \#\{y \in X \mid x < y < x + d\}$$

and

$$\gamma_d(X, x) = n + x - \#X.$$ 

Then $\nabla(\mu \ast x)$ occurs in $\mathcal{H}_c^i(\mathcal{X}_{n,d}, \nabla(\mu))$ for $i = \pi_d(X, x)$ only. Furthermore, it occurs with multiplicity one and with eigenvalue of $F$ equal to $q^{\gamma_d(X,x)}$. In other words,

$$R \Gamma_c(\mathcal{X}_{n,d}, \Delta(\mu)) \simeq \bigoplus_{x \in X'} \nabla(\mu \ast x)[-\pi_d(X, x)][q^{\gamma_d(X,x)}]$$

in $D^b(\mathbb{Q}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q) \times \langle F \rangle)$-modules.

Let $\mu$ be the trivial partition $(n - d)$ and $\nabla(\mu)$ be the trivial representation. Then $\nabla(\mu)$ corresponds to the trivial local system $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ on the variety $\mathcal{X}_{n,d}$ and its restriction $R^\text{GL}_{n,d} \nabla(\mu)$ corresponds to the trivial local system on $\mathcal{X}_{n-1,d}$. Consequently 3.4 can be written as follows in that specific case.

3.6 Corollary. There is a distinguished triangle in $D^b(\mathbb{Q}_\ell \text{GL}_{n-1}(q) \times \langle F \rangle)$-mod

$$R \Gamma_c(\mathcal{X}_{n-1,d-1} \times G_m, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) \rightarrow R \Gamma_c(\mathcal{X}_{n,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) \rightarrow R \Gamma_c(\mathcal{X}_{n-1,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)[-2](1) \rightarrow.$$ 

We are now going to describe explicitly the various invariants introduced before in the case where $\mu$ is the trivial partition $(n - d)$. We take $X = \{n, d - 1, \ldots, 1, 0\}$ to be a $\beta$-set for $\mu$ by adding $d$ zeros to the partition $(n - d)$. It is large enough for adding and removing $d$-hooks. Depending on $n$ and $d$, there are two possibilities for the set $X'$ of addable $d$-hooks

$$X' = \begin{cases} X & \text{if } n - d \geq d, \\ X \setminus \{n - d\} & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

(7)

Let $x \in X'$. We have

$$\#\{y \in X \mid y < x\} = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } x = n, \\ x & \text{if } x < d, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\#\{y \in X \mid x < y < x + d\} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = n, \\ d - x - 1 & \text{if } x \leq n - d, \\ d - x & \text{if } n - d < x < n. \end{cases}$$

We deduce that

$$\pi_d(X, x) = \begin{cases} 2(2n - d - 1) & \text{if } x = n, \\ 2n - 1 - d + x & \text{if } x \leq n - d, \\ 2n - 2 - d + x & \text{if } n - d < x < n. \end{cases}$$

(8)

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Also $\gamma_d(X,x) = n + x - d - 1$.

For $x \in X'$, recall that $\mu \ast x$ is the partition of $n$ obtained from $\mu$ by adding the $d$-hook $(x, x + d)$. Depending on $x$ it is given by

$$
\mu \ast x = \begin{cases} 
(n) & \text{if } x = n, \\
(n - d, x + 1, 1^{d-x-1}) & \text{if } x < n - d \text{ and } x \leq d - 1, \\
(x, n - d + 1, 1^{d-x-1}) & \text{if } n - d < x \leq d - 1, \\
0 & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}
$$

This can be seen using the 1-abacus of $\mu$. For example let us consider the case where $x < n - d$ and $x \leq d - 1$. The 1-abacus corresponding to $x$ for the trivial partition $(n - d) | n - d$ is

$$
\cdots \circ n \circ n-1 \circ n-2 \cdots \circ \circ \cdots \circ d-1 \circ \cdots \circ \cdots \circ x+1 \circ x \circ 2 \circ 1 \circ 0
$$

The black bead $x$ is located between 0 and $d - 1$. Adding the $d$-hook corresponding to $x$ amounts to move it $d$ steps to the left. It will be between $d - 1$ and $n$. In that case the number of white beads between $n$ and $x + d$ is $n - (x + d)$. The number of white beads between $x + d$ and $d - 1$ is $(x + d) - (d - 1) - 1 = x$. Finally, there is one white bead at $x$. Recall that the number of white beads to the right side of each black bead gives us the partition $\lambda$. The number of white beads in the right side of the bead $n - 1$ is $(n - (x + d) - 1) + x + 1 = n - d$; the number of white beads to the right of $x + d$ is $x + 1$. Finally, there is only at most one white bead to the right of the remaining black beads. This gives

$$
\lambda = (n - d, x + 1, 1^{d-x-1}).
$$

We can now spell out 3.5 for the trivial partition $\mu = (n - d)$ using the previous computations. This makes the cohomology groups of the Deligne–Lusztig variety $X_{n,d}$ over $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ explicit.

**3.7 Theorem.** Let $1 \leq d \leq n$. Then the cohomology of $X_{n,d}$ over $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ is explicitly given by

| $i$     | $2n - 1 - d$ | $2n - d$ | $2n - d + 1$ | $\cdots$ | $3n - 2d - 2$ |
|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|---------|
| $H^i_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ | $\nabla(n - d, 1^d)$ | $\nabla(n - d, 2^1d^{d-2})$ | $\nabla(n - d, 3^1d^{d-3})$ | $\cdots$ | $\nabla((n - d)^2, 1^{2d-n})$ |
| $F$     | $q^{n-d-1}$ | $q^n-d$ | $q^{n-d+1}$ | $\cdots$ | $q^{2n-2d-2}$ |

| $i$     | $3n - 2d - 1$ | $3n - 2d$ |
|---------|-------------|----------|
| $H^i_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ | $\nabla((n - d + 1)^2, 1^{2d-n-2})$ | $\nabla(n - d + 2, n - d + 1, 1^{2d-n-3})$ |
| $F$     | $q^{2n-2d}$ | $q^{2n-2d+1}$ |
One can actually group the three cases together as follows:

|   | \(3n - 2d + 1\) | \(\cdots\) | \(2n - 4\) |
|---|---|---|---|
| \(H^i_c(\mathbb{X}_{n,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)\) | \(\nabla(n - d + 3, n - d + 1, 1^{2d-n-1})\) | \(\cdots\) | \(\nabla(d - 2, n - d + 1, 1)\) |
| \(F\) | \(q^{2n-2d+2}\) | \(\cdots\) | \(q^{n-3}\) |

We note that the first zero term occurs in degree \(2n - 2\) and the last zero term occurs in degree \(4n - 2d - 3\). The number of zero terms in the table is \(2n - 2d\). In particular, when \(n = d\) only (the Coxeter case) all the cohomology groups between middle and top degrees are non-zero.

For the sake of the reader, we also give the cohomology groups of the Deligne–Lusztig variety \(\mathbb{X}_{n,d}\) in terms of \(\mu \ast x\). We distinguish the cases depending on what \(X'\) is:

- **Assume** that \(n + 1 < 2d\). Then for \(x \in \{d - 2, \ldots, 2, 1, 0\} \cup \{2n - d - 1\}\):

\[
H^2_{c,d-1+x}(\mathbb{X}_{n,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) = \begin{cases} 
\nabla(\mu \ast x)\langle q^{n-d-1+x} \rangle & x < n - d, \\
\nabla(\mu \ast (x + 1))\langle q^{n-d+x} \rangle & n - d \leq x < d - 1, \\
\nabla(n)\langle q^x \rangle & x = 2n - d - 1, \\
0 & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]  

- **Assume** that \(n + 1 > 2d\). Then \(x \in \{d - 1, \ldots, 2, 1, 0\} \cup \{2n - d - 1\}\):

\[
H^2_{c,d-1+x}(\mathbb{X}_{n,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) = \begin{cases} 
\nabla(\mu \ast x)\langle q^{n-d-1+x} \rangle & x \leq d - 1, \\
\nabla(n)\langle q^x \rangle & x = 2n - d - 1, \\
0 & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]  

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\[
H^2_{c,d-1+x}(\mathbb{X}_{n,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) = \begin{cases} 
\nabla(\mu \ast x)\langle q^{n-d-1+x} \rangle & x \leq d - 2, \\
\nabla(n)\langle q^x \rangle & x = 2n - d - 1, \\
0 & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]

One can actually group the three cases together as follows: For \(x \in \{d - 1, \ldots, 2, 1, 0\} \cup \{2n - d - 1\}\),

\[
H^2_{c,d-1+x}(\mathbb{X}_{n,d}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) = \begin{cases} 
\nabla(\mu \ast x)\langle q^{n-d-1+x} \rangle & x < n - d, \text{ and } x \leq d - 1, \\
\nabla(\mu \ast (x + 1))\langle q^{n-d+x} \rangle & n - d \leq x < d - 1, \\
\nabla(n)\langle q^x \rangle & x = 2n - d - 1, \\
0 & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]
3.4 Cohomology of $X_{n,d}$ over $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$

We will determine explicitly the cohomology groups of the Deligne–Lusztig varieties $X_{n,d}$ over $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$. We will work under the assumption that $\ell \mid \Phi_m(q)$ where $m > n - d + 1$ and $m > d$. In that situation the cohomology complex is perfect and we will show that its cohomology is torsion-free.

3.4.1 Statement of the main results

We start by extending 3.4 to any ring $R$ among the modular system $(\mathbb{Q}_\ell, \mathbb{Z}_\ell, \mathbb{F}_\ell)$:

3.8 Theorem. There is a distinguished triangle in $D^b(\mathbb{R}GL_{n-1}(q) \times \langle F \rangle \text{-mod})$

$$R\Gamma_c(X_{n-1,d-1} \times G_m, R) \longrightarrow Z^cGL_{n-1} \longrightarrow R\Gamma_c(X_{n,d}, R) \longrightarrow R\Gamma_c(X_{n-1,d}, R)[-2](1)$$

Proof. Let $U$ be the unipotent radical of an $F$-stable parabolic subgroup of $G$ with Levi complement $GL_{n-d}(\mathbb{F}_p) \times GL_1(\mathbb{F}_p)$. We also set $L = GL_{n-1}(q) \times GL_1(q^d)$. We follow the proof of [16, Theorem 2.1]. We can decompose the variety $\tilde{X}_{n,d}$ as $\tilde{X}_{n,d} = \tilde{X}_{z_0} \sqcup \tilde{X}_{z_1}$ where $\tilde{X}_{z_0}$ is an open subvariety of $\tilde{X}_{n,d}$ stable by the action of $U$ on the left and $L$ on the right. By [17, Proposition 3.2] we have

$$R\Gamma_c(U \setminus \tilde{X}_{z_1}, R) \simeq R\Gamma_c(\tilde{X}_{n-1,d}/U', R)[-2](1)$$

where $U'$ is some unipotent subgroup of $L$. Since $L$ is an $\ell'$-group we deduce that

$$R\Gamma_c(U \setminus \tilde{X}_{z_1}/L, R) \simeq R\Gamma_c(\tilde{X}_{n-1,d}, R)[-2](1).$$

For the second piece we use [17, Proposition 3.2]. There exists $N \subset L$ and $N' \subset L' := GL_{n-d}(q) \times GL_1(q^{d-1})$ such that $L/N \simeq L'/N'$ and

$$R\Gamma_c(U \setminus \tilde{X}_{z_0}, R) \simeq R\Gamma_c(G_m \times \tilde{X}_{n-1,d-1}/N', R).$$

Moding out by $L$ we obtain

$$R\Gamma_c(U \setminus \tilde{X}_{z_0}, R) \simeq R\Gamma_c(G_m \times \tilde{X}_{n-1,d-1}, R).$$

We conclude using open-closed theorem for the decomposition $U \setminus X_{n,d} = U \setminus \tilde{X}_{z_0}/L \sqcup U \setminus \tilde{X}_{z_1}/L$ and the fact that $Z^cGL_{n-1}$ is given by taking the fixed points under $U$. ■

Since distinguished triangles induce long exact sequences by open-closed theorem we obtain the following corollary which we are going to use to compute inductively the cohomology.

3.9 Corollary. There is a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \longrightarrow H^i_c(X_{n-1,d-1}, R) \oplus H^i_c(X_{n-1,d-1}, R)(1) \longrightarrow Z^cGL_{n-1}(H^i_c(X_{n,d}, R)) \longrightarrow H^{i+2}_c(X_{n-1,d}, R)(1) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

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For simplicity, we will work with a shifted complex instead of the cohomology complex of $X_{n,d}$. We define

$$C^R_{n,d} := R \Gamma_c(X_{n,d}, R)[-2n + d + 1](-n + d + 1).$$

Then 3.8 translates into the following distinguished triangle in $D^b(R GL_{n-1}(q) \times \langle F \rangle \text{-mod})$

$$\xymatrix{ \mathcal{Z}_{GL_{n-1}} C^R_{n,d} \ar[r] & C^R_{n-1,d-1} \ar[r] & C_{n-1,d-1}[1] \oplus C^R_{n-1,d-1}(1) \ar[l]}.$$

In addition, we can rewrite theorem 3.7 for $C^Q_{n,d}$. Namely if $\mu = (n - d)$ is the trivial partition of $n - d$ and $x \in \{d - 1, \ldots, 2, 1, 0\} \cup \{2n - d - 1\}$, we have

$$H^x(C^Q_{n,d}) = \begin{cases} \nabla(\mu \ast x)(q^x), & x < n - d \text{ and } x \leq d - 1, \\ \nabla(\mu \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+1}), & n - d \leq x < d - 1, \\ \nabla(n)(q^n), & x = 2n - d - 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

The strategy for computing the cohomology of $C^R_{n,d}$ is to break it into the various generalized eigenspaces of $F$ and to study each summand separately. In the case where $\ell \mid \Phi_m(q)$ with $m > d$ and $m > n - d + 1$ then we will see that each summand corresponds to different block. The most complicated summand is the one corresponding to the principal block which under our assumption on $\ell$ is the only unipotent block with non-trivial cyclic defect group. For this one we shall use the explicit knowledge of the tree.

**3.10 Theorem.** Let $R$ be any ring between $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ and $\mathbb{F}_\ell$. Assume $\ell \mid \Phi_m(q)$ with $m > d$ and $m > n - d + 1$. If $H^\ast(C^Q_{n,d})$ is torsion-free over $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ then the cohomology of $C^R_{n,d}$ is given by the following formulas:

$$H^x(C^R_{n,d}) = \begin{cases} \nabla_R(\mu \ast x)(q^x), & 0 \leq x < n - d \text{ and } x \leq d - 1, \\ \nabla_R(\mu \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+1}), & n - d \leq x < d - 1, \\ \nabla_R(n)(q^n), & x = 2n - d - 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

We start with the following lemma:

**3.11 Lemma.** Let $m$ be such that $m > d$.

(i). If $x < n - d$ and $x \leq d - 1$ then the partition $(n - d, x + 1, 1^{d-x-1})$ is an $m$-core unless $x = n - m$.

(ii). If $n - d \leq x < d - 1$ then the partition $(x, n - d + 1, 1^{d-x-1})$ is an $m$-core.

**Proof.** In case (ii) the largest hook has length $x + 1 + (d - x - 1) = d$. In case (i), the two largest hooks have length equal to $(n - d) + 1 + (d - x - 1) = n - x$ and $x + 1 + d - x - 1 = d$ respectively. Note that $n - x = m$ can occur only if $m > n - d$. 

\[ \]
PROOF OF THE THEOREM. If $m > n$ then $\ell \nmid |\mathrm{GL}_n(q)|$, therefore the theorem follows easily from 3.7. Therefore we shall now assume that $m \leq n$.

Let $\mu = (n-d)$ to be the trivial partition of $n-d$. We cut the complex $C_{n,d}$ at different eigenvalues of $F$. Let $0 \leq x \leq n$. Assume $q^x \neq q^n (\bmod \ell)$. By assumption on $m$ we have $2m = m + m > d + (n-d+1) > n$. Therefore, the condition on $x$ is equivalent to $x \neq n$ and $x \neq n - m$. In that case the cohomology of $C_{n,d}$ cut by the eigenvalue $q^x$ can be non-zero in $5$ at most one degree and the corresponding representation has character $\rho_{\mu x}$. By 3.11, $\mu * x$ is an $m$-core therefore $\nabla_R(\mu * x)$ is the unique $R\mathrm{GL}_n(q)$-module which lifts to a $\mathbb{Q}_\ell \mathrm{GL}_n(q)$-module with character $\rho_{\mu x}$. Cutting the complex $C_{n,d}$ at the eigenvalue $q^n$ gives us two non-zero cohomology groups, one corresponding to the trivial representation with eigenvalue $q^n$ and another one corresponding to the eigenvalue $q^{n-m}$ since $m \leq n$. Since $n-m < n-d$ this last cohomology group occurs in degree $n - m$ and it has character $\rho_{\mu*(n-m)}$. Let $M := H^{n-m}(C_{n,d}^{\mathbb{Q}_\ell})$. We note that the module $M \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_\ell} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ is indecomposable and by assumption $M$ is torsion-free module over $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$, therefore $M$ is also indecomposable. Thus, it is indecomposable module with character $\rho_{\mu*(n-m)}$. Since the cohomology of $C_{n,d}^{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$ is torsion-free then $M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{F}_\ell \simeq H(C_{n,d}^{\mathbb{F}_\ell})$. Let $D$ be the generalized $q^n$-eigenspace of $F$ on $C_{n,d}^{\mathbb{F}_\ell}$. Then we have a distinguished triangle in $D^b(\mathbb{F}_\ell \mathrm{GL}_n(q)-\text{mod})$ given by

$$
M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{F}_\ell [m-n] \overset{D}{\longrightarrow} S_{\mu*(n-m)}(n)[d-2n+1] \overset{\sim}{\longrightarrow}
$$

in the stable category of $\mathbb{F}_\ell \mathrm{GL}_n(q)$. Since $M$ is indecomposable, we actually have $M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{F}_\ell \simeq \Omega^{n-d+m} S_{\mu*(n-m)}(n)$ as $\mathbb{F}_\ell \mathrm{GL}_n(q)$-module. To conclude we only need to show that the socle of $M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{F}_\ell$ is isomorphic to $S_{\mu*(n-m)}$. For that purpose we use the Brauer tree (look at [18, Section 5] for understanding how we can use the Brauer tree) of the $\Phi_m$-block, given by

$$
\bullet - S_m - \cdots - S(\mu*(n-m)) - \cdots - T - \cdots - S_1 - \cdots
$$

We label the vertices by $\chi_i$ for $i = 1, \ldots, m$ and edges by $S_i$. We can compute $\Omega^k\mathbb{F}_\ell$ using the Brauer tree and then we have $\Omega^{n-d+m}\mathbb{F}_\ell = \Omega^{n-d+m} S_1$. We first note that for $0 \leq i < m$, $\Omega^i\mathbb{F}_\ell$ is isomorphic to

$$
\Omega^i\mathbb{F}_\ell \simeq \begin{pmatrix} S_i \\ S_{i+1} \end{pmatrix}
$$

which lifts to a $\mathbb{Z}_\ell G$-lattice with character $\chi_{i+1}$. Therefore

$$
(\Omega^i\mathbb{F}_\ell)^* \simeq \Omega^{-i}\mathbb{F}_\ell \simeq \Omega^{2m-i}\mathbb{F}_\ell \simeq \begin{pmatrix} S_{i+1} \\ S_i \end{pmatrix}
$$

which lifts to a $\mathbb{Z}_\ell G$-lattice with character $\chi_{i+1}$. Now, let $j \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$ be such that $\chi_j = \rho_{\mu*(n-m)}$, in which case $S_j \simeq S(\mu*(n-m))$ and $S_{j-1} = T$. We have

$$
\Omega^{2m-j+1}\mathbb{F}_\ell \simeq \begin{pmatrix} T \\ S(\mu*(n-m)) \end{pmatrix}
$$

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Here the condition on $j$ becomes $m < 2m - j + 1 \leq 2m$. On the other hand, by assumption on $m$ we have $m < n - d + m < 2m$ (recall that $d < m \leq n$) and $\Omega^{n-d+m}F_{\ell}$ lifts to a $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}G$-lattice of character $\rho_{\mu*(n-m)}$. Therefore we must have

$$\Omega^{n-d+m}F_{\ell} \simeq \Omega^{2m-j+1}F_{\ell} \simeq T(\mu*(n-m))$$

which proves that $S(\mu*(n-m))$ is the socle of $M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}} F_{\ell}$ and shows that $M \simeq \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}}(\mu*(n-m))$.

Therefore this gives us the cohomology groups at each degree as follows

$$H^x(C_{R,n,d}) = \begin{cases} \nabla_{R}(\mu * x)(q^x) & x < n - d \text{ and } x \leq d - 1, \\ \nabla_{R}(\mu * (x+1))(q^{x+1}) & n - d \leq x < d - 1, \\ \nabla_{R}(n)(q^n) & x = 2n - d - 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(15)

3.12 Example. Let us consider the variety $X_{4,3}$. When $\ell \mid \Phi_4(q)$ the cohomology groups of this variety cut by the eigenvalue 1 has two non-zero terms in degree 4 and 8 respectively. We have the following distinguished triangle in $D^b(F_{\ell}GL_4(q)-\text{mod})$

$$H^0(C_{4,3})[0] \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow S_{\mathbb{F}_{\ell}}(4)[-4] \longrightarrow .$$

We have $H^0(C_{4,3}) = \Omega S_{\mathbb{F}_{\ell}}(4)$. By walking around the Brauer tree of the principal $\ell$-block of $GL_4(q)$, we have have

$$\nabla_{\mathbb{F}_{\ell}}(1^4) = \Omega S_{\mathbb{F}_{\ell}}(4) = \begin{pmatrix} S_{\mathbb{F}_{\ell}}(2^1) \\ S_{\mathbb{F}_{\ell}}(1^4) \end{pmatrix} \hookrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} S_{\mathbb{F}_{\ell}}(1^4) & S_{\mathbb{F}_{\ell}}(2^2) \\ S_{\mathbb{F}_{\ell}}(1^4) \\ S_{\mathbb{F}_{\ell}}(1^4) \end{pmatrix}.$$  

In addition, the $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}G$-lattice $\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}}(1^4) \simeq H^4(C_{4,3})$ has character $\rho_{1^4}$.

3.13 Theorem. Assume that $\ell \mid \Phi_m(q)$ with $m > d$ and $m > n - d + 1$. Then $H^i_c(X_{n,d},\mathbb{Z}_{\ell})$ is torsion-free.

The following sections are devoted to proving the theorem by induction on $n$. More precisely, we want to show that the theorem holds for $X_{n,d}$ whenever it holds for $X_{n-1,d}$ and $X_{n-1,d-1}$. Note that the pair $(d,n-d)$ can only decrease therefore the assumption on $m$ carries over the induction.
3.4.2 Base of induction

Since \( d \geq 1 \) then for the base of induction, we should prove that the theorem holds for \( X_{1,1} \) and \( X_{n,1} \).

The variety \( X_{1,1} \) is a point therefore the theorem holds trivially. For the second limit case we show the following proposition.

3.14 Proposition. Assume that \( \ell \nmid |GL_n(q)| \). Then the cohomology of \( X_{n,1} \) over \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell \) is torsion-free.

**Proof.** Under the assumption on \( \ell \) the category \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell G\text{-mod} \) is semisimple. The simple unipotent representations are exactly the representations \( \nabla_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(\lambda) \) where \( \lambda \) runs over the partition of \( n \). We use the notation of [2]. Let \( \mathcal{B} \) be the flag variety of \( G \). There is a functor \( \text{Ind}_{\mathcal{F}} \) from the bounded \( G \)-equivariant derived category \( \mathcal{D} \) of constructible \( \mathbb{F}_\ell \)-sheaves on \( \mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B} \) to \( D^b(\mathbb{F}_\ell G\text{-mod}) \). Under the assumption on \( \ell \) it follows from [26, Remark 3.9] that \( \text{Ind}_{\mathcal{F}} \) and its right adjoint preserve the filtration by families. Therefore one can argue as in the proof of [2, Theorem 4.2] to show that given a partition \( \lambda \) of \( n \),

\[
\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}_\ell G\text{-mod}}(H^i_c(X(\mathbb{w}_0^2), \mathcal{F}_\ell), \nabla_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(\lambda)) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}_\ell G\text{-mod}}(H^i_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(-n\lambda)(X(1), \mathcal{F}_\ell) \otimes \nabla_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(\lambda))
\]

where \( n_1 = n(n-1) + 2 \sum_i \binom{\lambda_i}{2} \). Consequently the cohomology of \( X(\mathbb{w}_0^2) \) over \( \mathbb{F}_\ell \) vanishes in odd degrees. Therefore by the universal coefficient theorem \( H^*_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(X(\mathbb{w}_0^2), \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \) is torsion-free. We conclude by remarking that under our assumption on \( \ell \) we have that \( H^*_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(X_{n,1}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \) is a direct summand of \( H^*_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(X(\mathbb{w}_0^2), \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \) (see the proof of [16, Corollary 3.2]).

3.4.3 Inductive step

Again we will work under assumption that \( \ell \nmid \Phi_m(q) \) with \( m > d \) and \( m > n - d + 1 \). We will write \( C_{n,d} \) instead of \( C_{n,d}^{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \). By induction, we assume that \( H^*_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(C_{n-1,d}) \) and \( H^*_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(C_{n-1,d-1}) \) are torsion-free. Then we will prove that \( H^*_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(C_{n,d}) \) is torsion-free as well. To that purpose we will state several lemmas and theorems.

3.15 Lemma. If \( ^{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}\text{GL}_{n-1}(H^*(C_{n,d})) \) is torsion-free over \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell \) so is \( H^*(C_{n,d}) \).

**Proof.** For convenience we work here with the cohomology of \( X_{n,d} \). Let \( i \geq 0 \) and \( T \) be the torsion part of \( H^i_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \). Since \( ^{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}\text{GL}_{n-1}(H^i_c(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)) \) is torsion-free then \( T \) is killed under Harish-Chandra restriction and therefore it is a cuspidal module (we note that by [7] we have \( ^{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}\text{GL}_{n-1}(M) \neq 0 \) for any non-cuspidal unipotent \( \mathbb{Z}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q) \)-module). By 3.1, this forces \( i = \dim(X_{n,d}) \) to be the middle degree. However by explanation after 2.3 \( H^i_{\mathcal{F}_\ell}(X_{n,d}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \) is torsion-free.

Given \( x \geq 0 \), by 3.9 we have some exact sequences

\[
^{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}\text{GL}_{n-1} H^f(C_{n,d}^R) \longrightarrow H^f(C_{n-1,d}^R) \xrightarrow{h} H^{x+1}(C_{n-1,d-1}^R) \oplus H^f(C_{n-1,d-1}^R)(1)
\]
for any ring among $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$, $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ or $\mathbb{F}_\ell$. By assumption, $H^\bullet(C_{n-1,d-1})$ and $H^\bullet(C_{n-1,d})$ are torsion-free and using 3.10, they are given by

$$H^\xi(C_{n-1,d-1}) = \begin{cases} \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_1 \ast x)(q^\xi) & x < n - d - 1 \text{ and } x \leq d - 2, \\ \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_1 \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+1}) & n - d \leq x < d - 2, \\ \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(n - 1)(q^{n-1}) & x = 2n - d - 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}$$

and

$$H^\xi(C_{n-1,d}) = \begin{cases} \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_2 \ast x)(q^\xi) & x < n - d - 1 \text{ and } x \leq d - 1, \\ \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_2 \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+1}) & n - d - 1 \leq x < d - 1, \\ \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(n - 1)(q^{n-1}) & x = 2n - d - 3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

where $\mu_1 = (n - d)$ and $\mu_2 = (n - d - 1)$. We separate the problem in three cases with respect to the behavior of the boundary map $h$. In fact, we will see that the boundary map $h$,

$$H^\xi(C_{n-1,d-1}) \xrightarrow{h} H^\xi(C_{n-1,d-1}) \oplus H^\xi(C_{n-1,d-1})(1)$$

is zero in all degrees except in degrees $x = n - d - 1$ (which occurs only if $n + 1 < 2d$) and $x = 2n - d - 3$. For this we shall use the eigenvalues of $F$, which are preserved by $h$. In the case where $h$ is non-zero we will obtain exact sequences of length 4.

**Step I**

- For $0 \leq x < n - d - 1$ and $x \leq d - 2$, the boundary map $h$ is given by

$$\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_2 \ast x)(q^\xi) \xrightarrow{h} \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_1 \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+1}) \oplus \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_1 \ast x)(q^{x+1})$$

is a zero map since $q \neq 1$ in $\mathbb{F}_\ell$ (since $m > d \geq 1$). This yields short exact sequences of the form:

$$0 \longrightarrow H^\xi(C_{n-1,d-1}) \oplus \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_1 \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+1}) \oplus H^\xi(C_{n-1,d}) \xrightarrow{h} 0$$

Since the left and right terms of the short exact sequences are torsion-free by assumption, the middle terms will be also torsion-free over $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$. By 3.15, $H^\xi(C_{n,d})$ is also torsion-free in these cases.

- For $n - d \leq x < d - 2$, the boundary map $h$ is given by

$$\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_2 \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+1}) \longrightarrow \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_1 \ast (x + 2))(q^{x+2}) \oplus \nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_1 \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+2})$$

Hence, we can conclude as before.

- For $x = d - 2$ and $x \geq n - d - 1$, since the right side of the map is zero then the boundary map $h$ is given by

$$\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(\mu_2 \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+1}) \longrightarrow 0$$
• Step II
For \( x = n - d - 1 \) and \( x \leq d - 2 \), the boundary map \( h \) can be non-zero. We will start by considering the version of this map over \( \mathbb{F}_\ell \). It is given by

\[
\nabla_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\mu_2 \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+1}) \xrightarrow{\check{h}} \nabla_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\mu_1 \ast (x + 2))(q^{x+2}) \oplus \nabla_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\mu_1 \ast (x))(q^{x+1}).
\]

If we cut the sequence by the eigenvalue \( q^{x+1} = q^{n-d} \), the map \( h \) is given by:

\[
\nabla_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\mu_2 \ast (x + 1))(q^{x+1}) \xrightarrow{\check{h}} \nabla_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\mu_1 \ast (x))(q^{x+1})
\]

The partition \( \mu_2 \ast (n - d) = (n - d - 1) \ast (n - d) \) has

\[
\{ n - 1, d - 1, \ldots, 2, 1, 0 \} \setminus \{ n - d \} \cup \{ n \} = \{ n, n - 1, d - 1, \ldots, 2, 1, 0 \} \setminus \{ n - d \}
\]
as a \( \beta \)-set. It corresponds to the partition \( (n - d, n - d, 1^{2d-n-1}) \) of \( n - 1 \). We can also see that the partition \( (n - d) \ast (n - d - 1) \) is \( (n - d, n - d, 1^{2d-n-1}) \). Consequently, we obtain an exact sequence of the form

\[
0 \to \mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_{n-1}}(H^{n-d-1}(C_{n,d}^{\ell}), q^{n-d}) \to \nabla_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(n - d, n - d, 1^{2d-n-1})(q^{n-d}) \]

\[
\xrightarrow{\check{h}} \nabla_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(n - d, n - d, 1^{2d-n-1})(q^{n-d}) \to \mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_{n-1}}(H^{n-d}(C_{n,d}^{\ell}), q^{n-d}) \to 0
\]

We will prove that \( \check{h} \) is an isomorphism which will show that \( H^{n-d-1}(C_{n,d}^{\ell}) \) and \( H^{n-d}(C_{n,d}^{\ell}) \) are zero. For that purpose we use the following lemma.

**3.16 Lemma.** Assume \( 2d \geq n + 1 \) and let \( \gamma = (n - d, n - d, 1^{2d-n-1}) \). Assume furthermore that \( \ell \mid \Phi_m(q) \) with \( m > d \) and \( m > n - d + 1 \). There is no complex of \( D \) of \( \mathbb{F}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q) \)-modules such that

- \( D \) is a perfect complex.
- For all \( i \neq 0, 1 \) we have \( H^i(D) = 0 \).
- \( \mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_{n-1}} H^0(D) = \mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_{n-1}} H^1(D) = S_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\gamma) \).
- \( H^1(D) \) has no cuspidal composition factor.

**Proof.** We first note that the largest hook of \( \gamma \) has length \( d \) therefore \( S_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\gamma) \) is simple and projective. We then observe that if the Harish-Chandra restriction of \( H^1(D) \) is a simple module then \( S := H^1(D) \) is a simple module. Indeed, if we can write \( S \) as

\[
0 \to S_1 \to S \to S_2 \to 0
\]

then we have

\[
0 \to \mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_{n-1}}(S_1) \to \mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_{n-1}}(S) \to \mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_{n-1}}(S_2) \to 0.
\]

Since \( \mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_{n-1}}(S) \) is a simple module then \( \mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_{n-1}}(S_1) = 0 \) or \( \mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_{n-1}}(S_2) = 0 \). We deduce that \( S_1 \) or \( S_2 \) is cuspidal module. By assumption, one of the two must be zero, therefore \( S \) is simple.
Since $D$ is perfect complex then by 2.1, we have
\[
\Omega^2 H^1(D) \simeq \Omega^2 S \simeq H^0(D)
\] (18)
in the stable category of $\mathbb{F}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$. Let $\lambda$ be a unique partition of $n$ such that $S = S_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\lambda)$. We deduce that
\[
\Omega^2 S_{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\lambda) \simeq L
\] (19)
where $L$ is simple modulo cuspidal composition factors. For the simplicity we now remove the subscript $\mathbb{F}_\ell$ from the modules.

- If $S(\lambda)$ is a projective module then
  \[
  S(\lambda) \simeq \nabla(\lambda).
  \]
We can look at the image of the Harish-Chandra restriction of $\nabla(\lambda)$ in the Grothendieck group:
\[
[\mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_n}^{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\nabla(\lambda))] = \sum_{\lambda \mu = \square} [\nabla(\mu)] = [\nabla(\gamma)].
\]
Consequently, $\gamma$ is the unique partition of $n$ which is obtained from $\lambda$ by removing a box from the Young diagram. The only possibilities for $\lambda$ are the partitions $(n - d + 1, n - d, 1^{2d-n-1})$, $(n - d, n - d - 2, 1^{2d-n-2})$ and $(n - d, n - d, 1^{2d-n})$.
But, none of them is acceptable since we can remove several boxes from these partitions unless $m = 1$. But $m > d \geq 1$.

- If $S = S(\lambda)$ is non-projective. Then it lies in a block with non-trivial cyclic defect group. We will prove that $\Omega^2 S(\lambda)$ is never a simple module. Assume first that $S(\lambda)$ is a leaf in the Brauer tree of the block of the following form

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array} \cdots \begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array} T \begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array} S \begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array}
\]
Then $S = \nabla(\lambda)$. By the same argument as above there is no $\lambda$ such that $\mathcal{A}_{\text{GL}_n}^{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(\nabla(\lambda)) = \nabla(n - d, n - d, 1^{2d-n-1})$. Therefore $S$ can not be a leaf and the Brauer tree is of the following shape.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array} \cdots \begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array} U_1 \begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array} U \begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array} S \begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array} T \begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array} T_1 \begin{array}{c}
\circ
\end{array}
\]
By walking around the Brauer tree, we have
\[
\begin{pmatrix}
U_1 & U \\
U & S
\end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix}
S & T \\
T & T_1
\end{pmatrix} = P_U \bigoplus P_T \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix}
U & S \\
S & T
\end{pmatrix} \rightarrow S
\]
and therefore
\[
\Omega^2 S \simeq \begin{pmatrix}
U_1 & U \\
U & S \\
S & T \\
T & T_1
\end{pmatrix}
\]
with $U$ and $T$ being non-zero. Thus in these cases $\Omega^2 S$ can not be a simple module modulo cuspidal composition factors.

By the previous lemma applied to the complex $D := (C^\ell_{n,d})_{q^n-d}[x]$, we see that the map $\bar{h}$

$$\nabla \xi_{\ell}(n-d, n-d, 1^{2d-n-1})^{(q^{x+1})} \xrightarrow{\bar{h}} \nabla \xi_{\ell}(n-d, n-d, 1^{2d-n-1})^{(q^{x+1})}$$

can not be zero. Therefore it is an isomorphism since we saw that $\nabla \xi_{\ell}(n-d, n-d, 1^{2d-n-1})$ is simple and projective. Consequently $H^{n-d-1}(C^\ell_{n,d})_{q^n-d}$ and $H^{n-d}(C^\ell_{n,d})_{q^n-d}$ are zero. By the universal coefficient theorem $H^{n-d-1}(C_{n,d})_{q^n-d}$ and $H^{n-d}(C_{n,d})_{q^n-d}$ are also zero hence torsion-free. Note that the case $n+1 = 2d$ does not occur in this step.

**Step III**

Let $x = 2n - d - 3$. As in **Step II** we work over $\mathbb{F}_\ell$ and we consider the boundary map $\bar{g}$, cut by the eigenvalue $q^{x+1}$ which is given by

$$0 \xrightarrow{*s_{GL_n}^{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(H^{2n-d-2}(C_{n,d}))} \nabla \xi_{\ell}(n-1)^{(q^{n-1})} \xrightarrow{\bar{g}} \nabla \xi_{\ell}(n-1)^{(q^{n-1})} \xrightarrow{*s_{GL_n}^{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(H^{2n-d-2}(C_{n,d})_{q^n-d})} 0.$$  

We shall prove that $\bar{g}$ is an isomorphism. It will follow from universal coefficient theorem that $H^{2n-d-2}(C_{n,d})_{q^n-d}$ are zero hence torsion-free.

Let us assume by contradiction that $\bar{g}$ is not an isomorphism. Then it must be zero. Consequently

$$*s_{GL_n}^{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(H^{2n-d-3}(C_{n,d})_{q^n-1}) \simeq *s_{GL_n}^{\mathbb{F}_\ell}(H^{2n-d-2}(C_{n,d})_{q^n-1}) \simeq \nabla \xi_{\ell}(n-1) \simeq \mathbb{F}_\ell.$$

**3.17 Lemma.** Assume that $\ell \mid \Phi_m(q)$ with $m > d$ and $m > n - d + 1$. Let $a > 0$ and $D$ be a complex of $\mathbb{F}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-modules such that

- $D$ is a perfect complex.
- For all $i \neq 0, a, a+1$ we have $H^i(D) = 0$.
- $H^a(D) = H^{a+1}(D) = \mathbb{F}_\ell$.

Then

$$H^0(D)[0] \simeq \mathbb{F}_\ell[-a-1] \oplus \mathbb{F}_\ell[-a-2]$$

in $\mathbb{F}_\ell \text{GL}_n(q)$-stab.

**Proof.** We consider the distinguished triangle

$$\tau_{<0} D \longrightarrow D \longrightarrow \tau_{>0} D \longrightarrow$$


in $D^b(FℓG$-$mod)$. The complex $τ ≤ 0 D$ is concentrated in one degree and this term is isomorphic to $H^0(D)$. Since $τ > 0 D$, has two non-zero cohomology degrees, hence we have a distinguished triangle

\[ H^a(D)[-a] \to τ > 0 D \to H^{a+1}(D)[-a - 1] \to \]

which can be written as

\[ Fℓ[-a] \to τ > 0 D \to Fℓ[-a - 1] \to \]

By shifting this distinguished triangle we obtain

\[ Fℓ[-a - 2] \to Fℓ[-a] \to τ > 0 D \to \]

in $D^b(FℓG$-$mod)$. Since $ℓ | Φ_m(q)$ and using [24] we can deduce that

\[ \text{Hom}_{D^b(FℓG$-$mod)}(Fℓ[-a - 2], Fℓ[-a]) = \text{Ext}^2_{FℓG}(Fℓ, Fℓ) = H^2(GL_n(q)) = 0. \]

Thus $f$ is a zero map in $D^b(FℓG$-$mod)$. It gives us

\[ Fℓ[-a - 2 + 1] ⊕ Fℓ[-a] \simeq τ > 0 D. \]

Ultimately, we obtain the distinguished triangle in $D^b(FℓG$-$mod)$

\[ H^0(D)[0] \to D \to Fℓ[-a - 1] \oplus Fℓ[-a] \to \]

Now, we consider the image of the above distinguished triangle in the stable category of $FℓG$. By 2 we deduce

\[ H^0(D)[0] \simeq Fℓ[-a - 1] \oplus Fℓ[-a - 2] \quad (20) \]

in $FℓG$-$stab$.

Let us consider the generalized $q^{n-1}$-eigenspace of $F$ on $C^{ε}_{n,d}$. It has two consecutive cohomology groups isomorphic to $Fℓ$. Furthermore, it follows from Step I that it has an additional non-zero cohomology group in a smaller degree, which corresponds to the $ℓ$-reduction of the eigenvalue $q^{n-1-m}$. This cohomology group is isomorphic to $∇_{Fℓ}(n - d, n - m, 1^{m+d-n})$ which is simple and projective with the assumption on $m$ (see 3.11). Therefore we can apply (20) to get

\[ ∇_{Fℓ}(n - d, n - m, 1^{m+d-n})[0] \simeq Fℓ[-a - 1] \oplus Fℓ[-a - 2] \]

in $FℓG$-$stab$ for some $a > 0$. This contradicts the fact that $∇_{Fℓ}(n - d, n - m, 1^{m+d-n})$ is projective hence zero in stable category. This concludes the proof of the theorem 3.13.
4 Cohomology complex of $\mathbb{X}_{n,d}$

4.1 Partial-tilting complex

Throughout this section, we assume $k = \mathbb{F}_\ell$ and $K = \mathbb{Q}_\ell$.

4.1 Definition. Let $R$ be a field and $A$ be an $R$-algebra. A complex $C \in D^b(A\text{-mod})$ is called a partial-tilting complex if

- $C$ is a perfect complex,
- $\text{Hom}_{D^b(A\text{-mod})}(C, C[a]) = 0$ for all $a \neq 0$ (self-orthogonality condition).

4.2 Self-orthogonality condition for cohomology complex of $\mathbb{X}_{n,d}$

Our aim of this section is proving the following theorem:

4.2 Theorem. Assume $\ell | \Phi_m(q)$ with $m > n - d + 1$ and $m > d$ then $\Gamma(c, \mathbb{X}_{n,d}, k)$ is a partial-tilting complex.

First note that the theorem holds trivially if $m > n$, in which case $k \text{GL}_n(q)$ is semisimple. Therefore from now on we shall always assume $m \leq n$. Since $m > d$ this will imply $d < n$, therefore we will not consider the case of the Coxeter variety.

Recall from 3.7 that the eigenvalues of $F$ on $H^*(\mathbb{X}_{n,d}, k)$ are of the form $q^{n-d-1}, q^{n-d}, \ldots, q^{n-2}$ and $q^{2n-d-1}$ (note that the eigenvalue $q^{2n-2d-1}$ does not occur). Given $i \in \{0, \ldots, m-1\}$ we denote by $C_i := \Gamma(c, \mathbb{X}_{n,d}, k)_i$ the generalized $q^i$-eigenspace of $F$ on the cohomology complex of $\mathbb{X}_{n,d}$. Then we have

$$\Gamma(c, \mathbb{X}_{n,d}, k) \simeq \bigoplus_{i=0}^{m-1} C_i.$$

Note that each $C_i$ is a perfect complex.

By 3.13, if $i \not\equiv 2n-d-1 (\text{mod } m)$, then the cohomology of $C_i$ is concentrated in one degree and it isomorphic to $\nabla_k(\lambda_i)$ for some partition $\lambda_i$ of $n$. It follows from 3.11 that $\nabla_k(\lambda_i)$ is simple and projective. Therefore $C_i \simeq \nabla_k(\lambda_i)[d_i]$ in $K^b(kG\text{-proj})$. We deduce that for all such $i \neq j$ and all integer $a$ we have

$$\text{Hom}_{D^b(kG\text{-mod})}(C_i, C_j[a]) = \text{Ext}^{n+d_j-d_i}_{kG}(\nabla_k(\lambda_i), \nabla_k(\lambda_j)) = 0$$

since $\nabla_k(\lambda_i)$ and $\nabla_k(\lambda_j)$ are non-isomorphic projective simple modules.

The direct summand corresponding to $q^{2n-d-1}$ is more complicated. We denote it by $D := \Gamma(c, \mathbb{X}_{n,d}, k)_{q^{2n-d-1}}$. It has two non-zero cohomology groups, one in top degree with the trivial representation $\nabla_k(n)$ and another which corresponds to the eigenvalue $q^{2n-d-1-m}$ of $F$ on $H^*(\mathbb{X}_{n,d}, K)$. It is the direct summand of $R \Gamma(c, \mathbb{X}_{n,d}, k)$ corresponding to the principal block. Therefore for all $a$ and all $i \not\equiv 2n-d-1 (\text{mod } m)$ we have

$$\text{Hom}_{D^b(A\text{-mod})}(C_i, D[a]) = \text{Hom}_{D^b(A\text{-mod})}(D, C_i[a]) = 0.$$

Consequently theorem 4.2 holds if and only if $D$ is a partial-tilting complex. We are now to study this complex in details.
4.3 Proposition. Assume $\ell \mid \Phi_m(q)$ where $n \geq m$, $m > n - d + 1$ and $m > d$. Write the Brauer tree of the principal block of $k \operatorname{GL}_n(q)$ as follows

\[
\bullet \quad m \quad \longrightarrow \quad m - 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \cdots \quad \longrightarrow \quad j \quad \longrightarrow \quad \cdots \quad \longrightarrow \quad 2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \bullet
\]

where the trivial representation $\nabla_K(n)$ is the rightmost vertex in the tree. Then $D := \operatorname{R} \Gamma_c(X_{n,d}, k)_{q^{2n-d-1}}$ is isomorphic to a complex of the form

\[
0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_j \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_{j+1} \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_{j+2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \cdots \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_m \quad \longrightarrow \quad \cdots \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 0
\]

for some $2 \leq j \leq m$.

PROOF. Since the Brauer tree of the block of $\operatorname{GL}_n(q)$ is a straight line then there is a unique path from the vertex $\nabla_K(n)$ to any other vertices. By walking around the Brauer tree from that vertex, one can construct a minimal projective resolution of the trivial module $k = \nabla_K(n)$, and truncate it to obtain the following complex

\[
E := 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_j \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_{j+1} \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_{j+2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \cdots \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_m \quad \longrightarrow \quad \cdots \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 0
\]

for any $1 \leq j \leq m$. The cohomology of this complex equals $k$ in the top degree and $\Omega^{-j}k$ in the bottom degree, therefore we have a distinguished triangle

\[
E \longrightarrow k[0] \longrightarrow \Omega^{-j}k[2m-j] \longrightarrow .
\] (21)

in $D^b(kG\text{-mod})$.

We have already seen that $D$ is a perfect complex. By the explanation before 4.3 the cohomology of $D$ vanishes outside two degrees. One is the top degree, equal to $\alpha := 4n - 2d - 2$, where the trivial representation occurs. The other one is the degree in which the eigenvalue $q^{2n-d-1-m}$ occurs. Writing $2n - d - 1 - m$ as $(n-d-1) + (n-m)$ we see that this degree equals to $\beta := 2n - d - 1 + m - n = 3n - d - 1 - m$ and that the corresponding cohomology group is

\[
H^\beta(D) \simeq \nabla_k(\mu*(n-m)) = \nabla_k(n-d,n-m+1,d-n+m-1).
\]

We have a distinguished triangle

\[
D \longrightarrow k[-\alpha] \quad \xrightarrow{f} \quad H^\beta(D)[-\beta + 1] \quad \longrightarrow .
\]

Then $f \in \operatorname{Hom}_{D^b(kG\text{-mod})}(k[-\alpha], H^\beta(D)[-\beta + 1])$. By the explanation in the proof of 3.10, we must have $H^\beta(D) \cong \Omega^{n-\beta+1}k$ since $D$ is a perfect complex. We have

\[
\operatorname{Hom}_{D^b(kG\text{-mod})}(k[-\alpha], H^\beta(D)[-\beta + 1]) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{D^b(kG\text{-mod})}(k[-\alpha], \Omega^{n-\beta+1}k[-\beta + 1]) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{kG}^{n-\beta+1}(k, \Omega^{n-\beta+1}k) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{kG}^0(k, k).
\]

Since $\operatorname{Ext}_{kG}^0(k, k) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{kG\text{-mod}}(k, k) \cong k$, we deduce that $f$ is unique up to a scalar. Now $\alpha - \beta + 1 = n - d + m$. If we set $j := m - n + d$ then $\alpha - \beta + 1 = 2m - j$ and it follows from (21) and the previous discussion that $D$ is isomorphic to $E[-\alpha]$. Note that $j > 1$ since $m > n - d + 1$. \hfill \blacksquare
4.4 Example. Assume $\ell \mid \Phi_5(q)$. For the variety $X_{5,4}$. From 3.10 we can obtain the following table

| $i$ | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| $H^i_c(X_{5,4}, k)$ | $\left( S_k(21^3) \atop S_k(1^5) \right)$ | (1) | $S_k(2^21)(q^2)$ | $S_k(32)(q^3)$ | 0 | 0 | $S_k(5)(q^5)$ |

For simplicity, we remove the subscript $k$ from the modules. The Brauer tree of the principal block of $GL_5(q)$ is a straight line and the cohomology complex, cut by the eigenvalue $1 \equiv q^5$, is given by

$$D \simeq 0 \rightarrow P(1^5) \rightarrow P(1^5) \rightarrow P(21^3) \rightarrow P(31^2) \rightarrow P(41) \rightarrow P(5) \rightarrow 0$$

with

$$P(1^5) := \begin{pmatrix} S(1^5) \\ S(1^5) \\ \vdots \\ S(1^5) \end{pmatrix}, \quad P(21^3) := \begin{pmatrix} S(21^3) \\ S(1^5) \end{pmatrix}, \quad P(31^2) := \begin{pmatrix} S(31^2) \\ S(21^3) \end{pmatrix}, \quad P(41) := \begin{pmatrix} S(41) \\ S(1^5) \end{pmatrix}, \quad P(5) := \begin{pmatrix} S(5) \\ S(41) \end{pmatrix}.$$ 

For the eigenvalues $q^2$ and $q^3$ the cohomology complexes are concentrated in one degree. Those degrees are simple and projective modules of the form

$$C_2 : 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow S(2^21) \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0,$$

and

$$C_3 : 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow S(32) \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore the cohomology complex of $X_{5,4}$ is

$$R \Gamma_c(X_{n,d}, k) \simeq D \oplus C_2 \oplus C_3$$

which is given by

$$0 \rightarrow P(1^5) \rightarrow P(1^5) \oplus P(2^21) \rightarrow P(21^3) \oplus P(32) \rightarrow P(31^2) \rightarrow P(41) \rightarrow P(5) \rightarrow 0.$$

In the next lemma, we will show that for different integers $a$, we have three classes of diagrams when we compute $\text{Hom}_{C^n(kG\text{-mod})}(E, E[a])$ where

$$E := 0 \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_3 \rightarrow P_4 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow 0$$

is the complex obtained by a truncated minimal projective resolution of $k$ as in the proof of 4.3.

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4.5 Lemma. Let $a$ be an integer. Assume that $|a| > 1$. Then the non-zero maps between $E$ and $E[a]$ in $C^0(kG \text{-mod})$ are given by one of the following diagrams:

(i).

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
\cdots & \rightarrow & P_{i-\epsilon} & \rightarrow & P_i & \rightarrow & P_{i+\epsilon} & \rightarrow & \cdots \\
& & & \downarrow & \neq 0 & \downarrow & & \\
\cdots & \rightarrow & P_{i+\epsilon} & \rightarrow & P_i & \rightarrow & P_{i-\epsilon} & \rightarrow & \cdots
\end{array}
\]

for some $i \neq m$ and $\epsilon = \pm 1$, and

(ii).

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
\cdots & \rightarrow & P_{i-\epsilon} & \rightarrow & P_i & \rightarrow & \cdots \\
& & & \downarrow f_1 & \downarrow f_2 & \downarrow & & \\
\cdots & \rightarrow & P_i & \rightarrow & P_{i-\epsilon} & \rightarrow & \cdots
\end{array}
\]

for some $i$ and $\epsilon = \pm 1$.

PROOF. Assume that $\ell \mid \Phi_m(q)$. Then the Brauer tree of the principal $\ell$-block $\text{GL}_n(q)$ is of the form

\[
\bullet \rightarrow m \rightarrow m - 1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow j \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \bullet
\]

Recall that $\text{Hom}_{kG \text{-mod}}(P_i, P_s) = 0$ whenever $|s - t| > 1$. The complex $E$ is given by

\[
E = 0 \rightarrow P_j \rightarrow P_{j+1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_{m-1} \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow P_{m-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow 0.
\]

As we mentioned before the index $j$ depends on the characteristic $\ell$.

Case I: We first look at the left-hand side of $(P_m \rightarrow P_m)$ in the complex $E$. We can write it as follows where $i, i + 1 < m$

\[
\cdots \rightarrow P_{i-1} \rightarrow P_i \rightarrow P_{i+1} \rightarrow P_{i+2} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow \cdots.
\]

Let $f$ be a morphism between $E$ and $E[a]$ which we draw in the following diagram

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
E : \cdots & \rightarrow & P_{i-1} & \rightarrow & P_i & \rightarrow & P_{i+1} & \rightarrow & P_{i+2} & \rightarrow & \cdots \\
& & \downarrow f_{i-1} & \downarrow f_i & \downarrow f_{i+1} & \downarrow f_{i+2} & & \\
E[a] : \cdots & \rightarrow & P_\alpha & \rightarrow & P_\beta & \rightarrow & P_\gamma & \rightarrow & P_\delta & \rightarrow & \cdots
\end{array}
\]

Assume that $f_i \neq 0$ and that $f_{i'} = 0$ for all $i' < i$. We have $\text{Hom}_{kG \text{-mod}}(P_i, P_\beta) \neq 0$ if and only if $\beta = i, i + 1, i - 1$ and it gives us $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ as one of the following form

\[
\{(i + 1, i, i - 1), (i - 1, i, i + 1), (i, i + 1, i + 2), (i + 2, i + 1, i), (i, i - 1, i - 2), (i - 2, i - 1, i)\}.
\]

Since $|a| > 1$ then only the following cases can actually occur

\[
\{(i + 1, i, i - 1), (i + 2, i + 1, i), (i, i - 1, i - 2)\}.
\]
Let \((\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (i + 1, i, i - 1)\) then, we obtain the following diagram and only one non-zero map:

\[ \cdots \longrightarrow P_{i-1} \longrightarrow P_i \longrightarrow P_{i+1} \longrightarrow P_{i+2} \longrightarrow \cdots \]

\[ \cdots \longrightarrow P_{i+1} \longrightarrow P_i \longrightarrow P_{i-1} \longrightarrow P_{i-2} \longrightarrow \cdots \]

It corresponds to the map (i) with \(\epsilon = 1\).

- If \((\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (i + 2, i + 1, i)\) then we have two non-zero maps.

\[ \cdots \longrightarrow P_{i-1} \longrightarrow P_i \longrightarrow P_{i+1} \longrightarrow P_{i+2} \longrightarrow \cdots \]

\[ \cdots \longrightarrow P_{i+2} \longrightarrow P_{i+1} \longrightarrow P_i \longrightarrow P_{i-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \]

It corresponds to the maps (ii) with \(\epsilon = 1\).

- If \((\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (i, i - 1, i - 2)\) then similarly we obtain one non-zero map between the complexes.

\[ \cdots \longrightarrow P_{i-1} \longrightarrow P_i \longrightarrow P_{i+1} \longrightarrow P_{i+2} \longrightarrow \cdots \]

\[ \cdots \longrightarrow P_i \longrightarrow P_{i-1} \longrightarrow P_{i-2} \longrightarrow P_{i-3} \longrightarrow \cdots \]

It corresponds to the maps (ii) with \(\epsilon = 1\) with \(f_1\) being zero.

Case II: We consider the right hand side of \((P_m \longrightarrow P_m)\) in the complex \(E\). We present this complex as follows such that \(i, i + 1 < m\)

\[ \cdots \longrightarrow P_m \longrightarrow P_m \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow P_{i+2} \longrightarrow P_{i+1} \longrightarrow P_i \longrightarrow P_{i-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \]

Let \(g\) be a morphism between \(E\) and \(E[a]\) which we draw in the following diagram

\[ E : \cdots \longrightarrow P_{i+2} \longrightarrow P_{i+1} \longrightarrow P_i \longrightarrow P_{i-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \]

\[ E[a] : \cdots \longrightarrow P_a \longrightarrow P_{\beta} \longrightarrow P_{\gamma} \longrightarrow P_{\delta} \longrightarrow \cdots \]

Assume that \(g_i \neq 0\) and that \(g_i = 0\) for all \(i' < i\). Similar to the case I, \(\text{Hom}_{(\mathbb{k}G\text{-mod})}(P_i, P_\gamma) \neq 0\) if and only if \(\beta = i, i + 1, i - 1\). Hence, we can obtain \((\beta, \gamma, \delta)\) as follows

\[ \{(i - 1, i, i + 1), (i, i + 1, i + 2), (i - 2, i - 1, i)\} \]

The argument in this case is entirely similar to the previous case and we obtain the diagrams with one or two non-zero maps between two complexes. The only difference is that \(\epsilon = -1\).

Case III: We are left with maps of the form

\[ \cdots \longrightarrow P_{m-1} \longrightarrow P_m \longrightarrow P_m \longrightarrow \cdots \]

\[ \cdots \longrightarrow P_{m-1} \longrightarrow P_m \longrightarrow P_m \longrightarrow \cdots \]

\[ \cdots \longrightarrow P_{\alpha} \longrightarrow P_{\beta} \longrightarrow P_{\gamma} \longrightarrow P_{\delta} \longrightarrow \cdots \]
Since $|a| > 1$ then both $\beta$ and $\gamma$ are different from $m$. In this case, we have the following possibilities for $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$.

\( \{(m, m - 1, m - 2, m - 3), (m - 1, m - 2, m - 3, m - 4), (m - 2, m - 3, m - 4, m - 5), \\
(m - 3, m - 2, m - 1, m), (m - 4, m - 3, m - 2, m - 1), (m - 5, m - 4, m - 3, m - 2)\} \)

By symmetry we only look at the first three.
- If $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) = (m, m - 1, m - 2, m - 3)$ then we obtain at most two non-zero maps

\[
\cdots \rightarrow P_{m-1} \overset{\neq 0}{\rightarrow} P_m \overset{\neq 0}{\rightarrow} P_{m+1} \cdots \\
\downarrow 0 \downarrow 0 \downarrow 0 \downarrow 0 \\
\cdots \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow P_{m-1} \rightarrow P_{m-2} \rightarrow P_{m-3} \cdots 
\]

which correspond to (ii).
- Let $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) = (m - 1, m - 2, m - 3, m - 4)$. There is at most one non-zero map

\[
\cdots \rightarrow P_{m-1} \overset{\neq 0}{\rightarrow} P_m \rightarrow P_{m+1} \rightarrow P_{m+2} \cdots \\
\downarrow 0 \downarrow 0 \downarrow 0 \downarrow 0 \\
\cdots \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow P_{m-1} \rightarrow P_{m-2} \rightarrow P_{m-3} \rightarrow P_{m-4} \cdots 
\]

which corresponds to (i).
- If $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) = (m - 2, m - 3, m - 4, m - 5)$ there is at most one non-zero map

\[
\cdots \rightarrow P_{m-1} \overset{\neq 0}{\rightarrow} P_m \rightarrow P_{m+1} \rightarrow P_{m+2} \cdots \\
\downarrow 0 \downarrow 0 \downarrow 0 \downarrow 0 \\
\cdots \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow P_{m-1} \rightarrow P_{m-2} \rightarrow P_{m-3} \rightarrow P_{m-4} \rightarrow P_{m-5} \cdots 
\]

which corresponds to (ii).

4.6 Theorem. Assume $l \mid \Phi_m(q)$ where $n \geq m > n/2$. Write the Brauer tree of the principal $\ell$-block of $GL_m(q)$ as follows

\[
\bullet m \rightarrow \bullet m - 1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bullet j \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bullet 2 \rightarrow \bullet 1 \rightarrow \bullet 0 
\]

Then for all $2 \leq j \leq n$ the complex

\[
E = 0 \rightarrow P_j \rightarrow P_{j+1} \rightarrow P_{j+2} \cdots \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow P_{m-1} \cdots \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow 0 
\]

is a partial-tilting complex.

Proof. We shall first show that the maps given in 4.5 are null-homotopic. We start with the second class (ii) in 4.5. Without loss of generality we will assume that $\epsilon = 1$ so we consider the following diagram

\[
\cdots \rightarrow P_{i-1} \overset{d}{\rightarrow} P_i \rightarrow \cdots \\
\downarrow 0 \downarrow f_1 \downarrow f_2 \downarrow 0 \\
\cdots \rightarrow P_i \overset{\delta}{\rightarrow} P_{i-1} \rightarrow \cdots 
\]
We are going to show that \( f_1 \) and \( f_2 \) are null-homotopic by constructing a single morphism \( s : P_i \to P_1 \) such that \( f_1 = s \circ d \) and \( f_2 = \delta \circ s \). In other words, all the other \( s_i \)’s will be assumed to be zero.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\cdots \to P_{i-1} \xrightarrow{d} P_i \xrightarrow{s} P_{i+1} \xrightarrow{\delta} P_{i-1} \xrightarrow{d} \cdots \\
\cdots \to P_i \xrightarrow{f} P_{i+1} \xrightarrow{\delta} P_{i-1} \xrightarrow{f} \cdots \\
\end{array}
\]

Since \( \text{Hom}_{kG-mod}(P_{i-1}, P_1) \) is one-dimensional, it is generated by the map \( d \) therefore, \( f_1 = \lambda d \) for some scalar \( \lambda \in k \). Similarly, since \( \text{Hom}_{kG-mod}(P_1, P_{i-1}) \) is generated by \( \delta \) then \( f_2 = \mu \delta \) for some scalar \( \mu \). We note that \( f_1 \) and \( f_2 \) are parts of a morphism of complexes so \( \delta \circ f_1 = f_2 \circ d \) and it gives us \( (\mu \delta) \circ d = (\mu \delta) \circ d \). Since \( \delta \circ d \) is non-zero endomorphism of \( P_{i-1} \) (sending the top to the socle) it follows that \( \lambda = \mu \). Therefore \( s = \lambda d \) gives us the expected homotopy.

For the class (i), we assume again without loss of generality that \( \epsilon = 1 \). We shall construct the homotopy using a morphism \( s : P_{i+1} \to P_i \)

\[
\begin{array}{c}
P_{i-1} \xrightarrow{d} P_i \xrightarrow{d} P_{i+1} \\
P_{i+1} \xrightarrow{s} P_i \xrightarrow{\delta} P_{i-1} \\
\end{array}
\]

satisfying \( f = s \circ d \). To construct \( s \) let us first note \( f \in \text{End}_{kG-mod}(P_i) \) can not be an isomorphism. Since \( i \geq j > 1 \) then \( \delta \neq 0 \). On the other hand we have \( \delta \circ f = 0 \). Therefore \( f \) lies in the radical of the algebra \( \text{End}_{kG-mod}(P_i) \). Since it is a two dimensional algebra, this radical has dimension one. On the other hand, any non-zero map \( s : P_{i+1} \to P_i \) satisfies \( s \circ d \neq 0 \) and is not an isomorphism. More precisely the composition \( s \circ d \) will send the top of the module \( P_i \) to its socle, as we can see in the following diagram

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
S_{i+1} & S_i \\
S_i & S_{i-1}
\end{pmatrix}
\xrightarrow{d}
\begin{pmatrix}
S_{i+2} & S_{i+1} \\
S_{i+1} & S_i
\end{pmatrix}
\xrightarrow{s}
\begin{pmatrix}
S_{i+1} & S_i \\
S_i & S_{i-1}
\end{pmatrix}
\]

Consequently for any non-zero map \( s : P_{i+1} \to P_i \) the maps \( s \circ d \) and \( f \) differ by a scalar. Hence there exists \( s \) such that \( s \circ d = f \).

Now we will assume that \( a = 1 \). Let \( f : E \to E[1] \) be a morphism of complexes which we will write as

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
0 & \to & P_j & \xrightarrow{d_j} & \cdots & \to & P_{m-2} & \xrightarrow{d_{m-2}} & P_{m-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{m-1}} & P_m & \xrightarrow{d_m} & P_{m-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{m-1}} & \cdots & \to & P_1 & \to & 0 \\
0 & \to & P_j & \xrightarrow{f_j} & \cdots & \to & P_{m-2} & \xrightarrow{f_{m-2}} & P_{m-1} & \xrightarrow{f_{m-1}} & P_m & \xrightarrow{f_m} & P_{m-1} & \xrightarrow{f_{m-1}} & \cdots & \to & P_1 & \to & 0 \\
0 & \to & P_j & \xrightarrow{d_j} & \cdots & \to & P_{m-2} & \xrightarrow{d_{m-2}} & P_{m-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{m-1}} & P_m & \xrightarrow{d_m} & P_{m-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{m-1}} & \cdots & \to & P_1 & \to & 0 \\
0 & \to & P_j & \xrightarrow{d_j} & \cdots & \to & P_{m-2} & \xrightarrow{d_{m-2}} & P_{m-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{m-1}} & P_m & \xrightarrow{d_m} & P_{m-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{m-1}} & \cdots & \to & P_1 & \to & 0
\end{array}
\]

Since \( \text{Hom}_{kG-mod}(P_i, P_{i+1}) \) is one-dimensional then for all \( i < m \) there exists \( \lambda_i \in k \) such that \( f_i = \lambda_i d_i \). Similarly, for all \( i \leq m \) there exists \( \lambda_i \in k \) such that \( f_i = \lambda_i d_i \). One can also relate \( f_m \) to \( d_m \) as follows; \( d_m \) generates the Jacobson radical of
\begin{align*}
\text{End}_{kG\text{-mod}}(P_m). \text{ Let } r + 1 &= \dim \text{End}_{kG\text{-mod}}(P_m). \text{ Since } d_m \text{ is nilpotent of order } r + 1,
\text{ then we claim that } A := \{d_m, d_m^2, \ldots, d_m^r\} \text{ is a basis for the algebra } \mathcal{C}(\text{End}_{kG\text{-mod}}(P_m)).
\text{ Indeed, since the radical has dimension } r, \text{ it is enough to prove that } A \text{ is a linearly independent set. If }
0 = a_1 d_m + a_2 d_m^2 + \cdots + a_r d_m^r,
\text{ we can multiply the two sides of the equality by } d_m^{r-1}. \text{ It gives us }
0 = a_1 d_m^r + a_2 d_m^{r+1} + \cdots + a_r d_m^{2r-1} = a_1 d_m^r.
\text{ It follows that } a_1 = 0. \text{ By successively multiplying by } d_m^{r-2}, d_m^{r-3}, \ldots \text{ we obtain } a_2 = 0, a_3 = 0, \ldots. \text{ We deduce that } A \text{ is a linearly independent set. Therefore, one can write } f_m = \sum_{i \geq 0} \alpha_i d_m^i. \text{ Let us set } t := \min\{i \mid \alpha_i \neq 0\}. \text{ Since } f_m \text{ is not an isomorphism then } t \geq 1. \text{ Then we can rewrite } f_m \text{ as: }
f_m = d_m^t \left( \sum_{i \geq t} \alpha_i d_m^{i-t} \right).
\end{align*}

We set } \gamma := \sum_{i \geq t} \alpha_i d_m^{i-t} \in \alpha_1 \text{Id} + kA. \text{ Since } \alpha_t \neq 0 \text{ then } \gamma \text{ is an isomorphism of } P_m. \text{ Note that } d_m \text{ and } \gamma \text{ commute.}

\text{ Now we construct the homotopy. Let us consider the following diagram }

\begin{align*}
0 \longrightarrow P_j \xrightarrow{d_j} \cdots \xrightarrow{d_{m-2}} P_{m-1} \xrightarrow{d_{m-1}} P_m \xrightarrow{d_m} P_m \xrightarrow{d_m} P_m \xrightarrow{d_m} P_m \xrightarrow{d_m} \cdots \xrightarrow{d_{m-2}} P_{m-1} \xrightarrow{d_{m-1}} P_m \xrightarrow{d_m} 0
\end{align*}

\text{ We already have } f_m = d_m^t \circ \gamma = (d_m^{t-1} \circ \gamma) \circ d_m \text{ since } t \geq 1. \text{ Now if we set }
s_m := d_m^{t-1} \circ \gamma \quad \text{ and } \quad s_m' := 0
\text{ then } f_m = d_m \circ s_m + s_m' \circ d_m. \text{ Since } \text{Hom}_{kG\text{-mod}}(P_{m-1}, P_m) \text{ is one-dimensional, there exists a scalar } \lambda_m \text{ such that } s_m \circ d_{m-1} = \lambda_m d_{m-1}. \text{ Note that } \lambda_m = 0 \text{ whenever } t > 1.

\text{ Now we can define the maps } s_i \text{ and } s_i' \text{ for all } i < m \text{ by }

\begin{align*}
s_i := \left( \sum_{a=i}^m (-1)^{a+i} \lambda_a \right) \text{Id}_{P_i} \quad \text{ and } \quad s_i' := \left( \sum_{a=i+1}^m (-1)^{a+i-1} \lambda_a \right) \text{Id}_{P_i}.
\end{align*}

\text{ Then for all } i < m - 1 \text{ we have }

\begin{align*}
d_i \circ s_i + s_{i+1} \circ d_i &= \left( \sum_{a=i}^m (-1)^{a+i} \lambda_a \right) d_i + \left( \sum_{a=i+1}^m (-1)^{a+i+1} \lambda_a \right) d_i = \lambda_i d_i = f_i
\end{align*}

\text{ and similarly } d_i' \circ s_i' + s_{i+1}' \circ d_i' = \lambda_i' d_i' = f_i' \text{ for all } i \leq m. \text{ Finally, by definition of } \lambda_m \text{ we have }

\begin{align*}
s_m \circ d_{m-1} + d_{m-1} \circ s_{m-1} &= \lambda_m d_{m-1} + d_{m-1} \circ s_{m-1} \\
&= \lambda_m d_{m-1} + (\lambda_{m-1} - \lambda_m) d_{m-1} \\
&= \lambda_{m-1} d_{m-1} \\
&= f_m.
\end{align*}
Therefore $f$ is null-homotopic. A similar argument applies for morphisms $E \to E[−1]$. ■

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