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# Graded-simple algebras and modules via the loop construction

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# Definition of group grading

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  and let G be a (semi)group.

#### Definition

A *G*-grading on  $\mathcal{A}$  is a vector space decomposition  $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathcal{A}_g$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_g \cdot \mathcal{A}_h \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in G$ . The *support* of the *G*-grading is the set  $\{g \in G \mid \mathcal{A}_g \neq 0\}$ .

#### Definition

Two *G*-gradings on  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathcal{A}_g$  and  $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathcal{A}'_g$ , are *isomorphic* if there exists an algebra automorphism  $\psi : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\psi(\mathcal{A}_g) = \mathcal{A}'_g$  for all  $g \in G$ .

Problem: given an algebra A and an abelian group *G*, classify the *G*-gradings on A up to isomorphism.

Solved over an a.c. field of char 0 for simple f.-d. associative and Jordan algebras, also for Lie except  $E_6$ ,  $E_7$ ,  $E_8$ .

Main results

# Cartan grading of a semisimple Lie algebra

Historically the first grading to be studied (and still the most important):

#### Example (Cartan grading)

Let  $\mathfrak g$  be a f.-d. semisimple Lie algebra over an a.c. field of char 0, and let  $\mathfrak h$  be a Cartan subalgebra. Then the root space decomposition

$$\mathfrak{g}=\mathfrak{h}\oplus (igoplus_{lpha\in igoplus}\mathfrak{g}_{lpha})$$

can be viewed as a grading by the root lattice  $\langle \Phi \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}^r$ ,  $r = \dim \mathfrak{h}$ . The support is  $\{0\} \cup \Phi$ .

Cartan grading also exists for simple Lie algebras of types A-G in characteristic p > 0.

The loop construction

# Pauli matrices

#### Example (Pauli grading)

There is a grading on  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$  by the group a  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  associated to the *Pauli matrices* 

$$\sigma_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \, \sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \, \sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Namely, we set

$$\begin{split} \mathfrak{g}_{(0,0)} &= 0, \qquad \mathfrak{g}_{(1,0)} = \text{Span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \\ \mathfrak{g}_{(0,1)} &= \text{Span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad \mathfrak{g}_{(1,1)} = \text{Span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}. \end{split}$$

The Pauli grading can be defined for  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{F})$ , char  $\mathbb{F} \neq 2$ . Any *G*-grading on  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{F})$  is induced by the Pauli or Cartan grading via a group homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}_2^2 \to G$ , resp.  $\mathbb{Z} \to G$ . Given  $\Gamma : \mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathcal{A}_g$ , a homomorphism  $\alpha : G \to H$  induces  ${}^{\alpha}\Gamma : \mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{h \in H} \mathcal{A}_h$  where  $\mathcal{A}_h = \bigoplus_{g \in \alpha^{-1}(h)} \mathcal{A}_g$ .

# Definition of graded module

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathcal{A}_g$  be a grading on an associative (or Lie) algebra.

#### Definition

An  $\mathcal{A}$ -module V is said to be *graded* if it is equipped with a vector space decomposition  $V = \bigoplus_{g \in G} V_g$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_g \cdot V_h \subseteq V_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in G$ . A homomorphism of graded modules  $\varphi \colon V \to W$  is a homomorphism of modules such that  $\varphi(V_g) \subseteq W_g$  for all  $g \in G$ .

#### Lemma

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathcal{A}_g$  be a G-graded associative algebra where G is any group. Let  $N \subset M$  be graded  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules. If N admits a complement in M as an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module then it admits a complement as a graded  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.

# Example: $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{F})$ with Pauli grading

In the above lemma, take  $\mathcal{A} = U(\mathfrak{g})$  where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a semisimple f.d. Lie algebra over a field of char 0, graded by an abelian group  $\Rightarrow$  the category of graded f.d.  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules is semisimple.

#### Example (simple vs. graded-simple)

Consider  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{F})$  with the Pauli grading  $\Rightarrow$  the natural module  $V = \operatorname{Span} \{v_1, v_2\}$  does not admit a grading that would make it a graded  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. But  $W = V^2$  admits a grading making it a graded-simple  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module (isomorphic to  $M_2(\mathbb{F})$ , with the Pauli grading, under left multiplication):  $W = \operatorname{Span} \{v_i^j \mid i, j = 1, 2\}$  where  $W_{(0,0)} = \operatorname{Span} \{v_1^1 + v_2^2\}, \quad W_{(1,0)} = \operatorname{Span} \{v_1^1 - v_2^2\}, M_{(0,1)} = \operatorname{Span} \{v_2^1 + v_1^2\}, \quad W_{(1,1)} = \operatorname{Span} \{v_2^1 - v_1^2\}.$ 

The natural sl<sub>2</sub>-module has graded Schur index 2 with respect to the Pauli grading.

## Gradings on semisimple algebras

Recall: for an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , the *multiplication algebra*  $M(\mathcal{A})$  is the subalgebra of End ( $\mathcal{A}$ ) generated by the operators of left and right multiplication by elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

 $\mathcal{A}$  is simple  $\Leftrightarrow M(\mathcal{A}) \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a simple  $M(\mathcal{A})$ -module.

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is graded by a group G then so is  $M(\mathcal{A})$ , and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a graded  $M(\mathcal{A})$ -module.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra such that  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_1 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathcal{A}_k$  where each  $\mathcal{A}_i$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  and a simple algebra. In other words,  $\mathcal{A}$  is a semisimple  $M(\mathcal{A})$ -module.

By lemma, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is *G*-graded then  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}_1 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathcal{B}_s$  where each  $\mathcal{B}_i$  is a graded ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  and a graded-simple algebra.

Problem: assuming we know simple algebras of a certain class, obtain all graded-simple algebras of this class.

## Loop construction for algebras

Let *G* be an abelian group (written multiplicatively),  $H \leq G$  and  $\overline{G} = G/H$ . Denote  $\pi : G \to \overline{G}$  the natural homomorphism.

#### Definition (Generalized loop algebras)

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\overline{G}$ -graded algebra. Then  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathbb{F}G$  is an algebra with multiplication  $(a \otimes g)(a' \otimes g') = aa' \otimes gg'$ . The subalgebra  $L_{\pi}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Span} \{a \otimes g \mid a \in \mathcal{A}_{\overline{g}}, g \in G\}$  can be given a *G*-grading, namely,  $\bigoplus_{g \in G} (\mathcal{A}_{\overline{g}} \otimes g)$ .

#### Example (Classical loop algebras)

 $G = \mathbb{Z}, H = m\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{F}G \cong \mathbb{F}[t, t^{-1}]$  (Laurent polynomials),  $\mathcal{A} = \mathfrak{g}$ semisimple Lie algebra with a  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ -grading:  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{\bar{k} \in \mathbb{Z}_m} \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{k}}$ . Then  $L_{\pi}(\mathfrak{g}) = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{k}} t^k \subset \mathfrak{g}[t, t^{-1}]$ .

V. Kac: if  $\mathcal{L}$  is an affine Kac–Moody Lie algebra then  $[\mathcal{L},\mathcal{L}]/Z(\mathcal{L}) \cong L_{\pi}(\mathfrak{g})$  as in the above example.

## Graded-central-simple algebras with split centroid

Recall: the *centroid* of an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $C(\mathcal{A}) = \operatorname{End}_{M(\mathcal{A})}(\mathcal{A})$ . In other words,  $C(\mathcal{A})$  is the centralizer of the multiplication algebra in End ( $\mathcal{A}$ ). If  $\mathcal{A}$  is simple then  $C(\mathcal{A})$  is a field extension of  $\mathbb{F}$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be *central* if  $C(\mathcal{A}) = \mathbb{F}$ .

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is *G*-graded then homogeneous operators on  $\mathcal{A}$  span a subalgebra of End ( $\mathcal{A}$ ) denoted by End <sup>gr</sup>( $\mathcal{A}$ ). Unlike End ( $\mathcal{A}$ ) in general, this subalgebra is *G*-graded. Define the *graded centroid*  $C^{\text{gr}}(\mathcal{A})$  as the centralizer of  $M(\mathcal{A})$  in End <sup>gr</sup>( $\mathcal{A}$ ).

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is graded-simple then  $C^{\text{gr}}(\mathcal{A}) = C(\mathcal{A})$  is a graded-field.  $\mathcal{A}$  is graded-central if the identity component of  $C^{\text{gr}}(\mathcal{A})$  is  $\mathbb{F}$ .

#### Theorem (Allison–Berman–Faulkner–Pianzola, 2008)

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a graded-simple algebra such that  $C(\mathcal{A}) \cong \mathbb{F}H$  as a graded algebra. Then  $\mathcal{A} \cong L_{\pi}(\mathcal{B})$  for some central simple algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  with a  $\overline{G}$ -grading.

## Twisting by characters

If  $\mathbb{F}$  is a.c. and  $\mathcal{A}$  is graded-central-simple then  $C(\mathcal{A}) \cong \mathbb{F}H$  for some  $H \leq G$  (the support of the centroid), so  $\mathcal{A} \cong L_{\pi}(\mathcal{B})$  where  $\pi$  is associated to this H.

If  $\mathbb{F}$  is a.c. then  $\mathcal{B}$  is unique up to isomorphism of *G*-graded algebras.

In general,  $\mathcal{B}$  is unique up to  $\overline{G}$ -graded isomorphism and the following procedure. Fix a (set) section  $\xi : \overline{G} \to G$ .

For a character  $\chi: H \to \mathbb{F}^{\times}$ , define  $\mathcal{B}^{\chi} = \mathcal{B}$  as a  $\overline{G}$ -graded vector space, but with modified multiplication:  $b \star b' = \chi(\xi(\overline{g})\xi(\overline{g}')\xi(\overline{g}\overline{g}')^{-1})bb'$ , for all  $b \in \mathbb{B}_{\overline{g}}$  and  $b' \in \mathbb{B}_{\overline{g}'}$ .

The graded isomorphism class of  $\mathcal{B}^{\chi}$  does not depend on the choice of  $\xi$  (equivalently, a transversal for H in G).

If  $\chi$  extends to a character of G (always the case if  $\mathbb{F}$  is a.c.) then  $\mathcal{B}^{\chi} \cong \mathcal{B}$ . ◆□▶ ◆□▶ ▲□▶ ▲□▶ □ のQ@

## Loop construction for modules (Mazorchuk–Zhao)

Problem: for a given *G*-grading on an associative algebra  $\mathcal{R}$  and assuming that we know simple  $\mathcal{R}$ -modules, obtain all graded-simple  $\mathcal{R}$ -modules.

For example,  $\Re = U(\mathfrak{g})$  where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a semisimple f.d. Lie algebra over an a.c. field of char 0, consider f.d. modules.

Given  $\pi: G \to \overline{G} = G/H$ , any *G*-graded vector space (algebra, module) can be regarded as  $\overline{G}$ -graded, with the grading induced by  $\pi$  ('coarsening'). Thus, we have a 'forgetful functor'  $F_{\pi}$  from *G*-graded v.s. to  $\overline{G}$ -graded v.s.

The loop functor is the right adjoint of  $F_{\pi}$ : given a  $\overline{G}$ -graded v.s. V, define  $L_{\pi}(V)$  to be the subspace  $\bigoplus_{g \in G} V_{\overline{g}} \otimes g$  of  $V \otimes \mathbb{F}G$ .

If *V* is a  $\overline{G}$ -graded  $\Re$ -module (where  $\Re$  is considered  $\overline{G}$ -graded) then  $L_{\pi}(V)$  is a *G*-graded  $\Re$ -module:  $r(v \otimes g') = rv \otimes gg'$ , for all  $r \in \Re_g$  and  $v \in V_{\overline{g}'}$ .

## Graded-central-simple modules

Recall: the *centralizer* of an  $\Re$ -module W is  $C(W) = \operatorname{End}_{\Re}(W)$ . In other words, C(W) is the centralizer of (the image of)  $\Re$  in End (W). If W is simple then C(W) is a division algebra. W is said to be *central* (or *Schurian*) if  $C(W) = \mathbb{F}$ .

If *W* is a *G*-graded  $\mathcal{R}$ -module then the *graded centralizer*  $C^{\mathrm{gr}}(W)$  is the centralizer of  $\mathcal{R}$  in End  $^{\mathrm{gr}}(W)$ .

If *W* is graded-simple then  $C^{\text{gr}}(W) = C(W)$  is a graded-division-algebra. *W* is *graded-central* if the identity component of  $C^{\text{gr}}(W)$  is  $\mathbb{F}$ . If  $\mathbb{F}$  is a.c. and *W* is graded-simple with dim  $W < |\mathbb{F}|$  then *W* is graded-central (Mazorchuk–Zhao).

#### Proposition

A G-graded  $\Re$ -module W is isomorphic to  $L_{\pi}(V)$  for a  $\overline{G}$ -graded  $\Re$ -module V if and only if  $C^{gr}(W)$  contains a graded-subfield isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}H$ .

# Thin pregradings

Let G be an abelian group,  ${\mathcal R}$  an associative G-graded algebra, and  ${\mathcal V}$  an  ${\mathcal R}\text{-module}.$ 

#### Definition (Billig–Lau)

- A family of subspaces  $\Sigma = \{ \mathcal{V}_g : g \in G \}$  is called a *G-pregrading* if  $\mathcal{V} = \sum_{g \in G} \mathcal{V}_g$  and  $\mathcal{R}_g \mathcal{V}_h \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{gh} \ \forall g, h \in G$ .
- Given two pregradings  $\Sigma^i = \{\mathcal{V}_g^i : g \in G\}, i = 1, 2, \Sigma^1$  is a *refinement* of  $\Sigma^2$  (or  $\Sigma^2$  a *coarsening* of  $\Sigma^1$ ) if  $\mathcal{V}_g^1 \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g^2$  for all  $g \in G$ . If at least one of these containments is strict, the refinement is said to be *proper*.
- $\Sigma$  is *thin* if it admits no proper refinement.

Let  $H \leq G$  and  $\overline{G} = G/H$ . If  $\mathcal{V} = \bigoplus_{\overline{g} \in \overline{G}} \mathcal{V}_{\overline{g}}$  is a  $\overline{G}$ -grading on  $\mathcal{V}$ making it a  $\overline{G}$ -graded  $\mathcal{R}$ -module (where  $\mathcal{R}$  is considered  $\overline{G}$ -graded) then the family  $\Sigma := \{\mathcal{V}'_g : g \in G\}$ , where  $\mathcal{V}'_g = \mathcal{V}_{\overline{g}}$ for all  $g \in G$ , is a *G*-pregrading of  $\mathcal{V}$ .

# The groupoids $\mathfrak{M}(\pi)$ and $\mathfrak{N}(\pi)$

Fix  $H \leq G$  and let  $\pi : G \rightarrow \overline{G} = G/H$  be the natural homomorphism.

#### Definition

- 𝔐(π) is the groupoid whose objects are the simple, central, and Ḡ-graded 𝔅-modules V = ⊕<sub>g∈Ḡ</sub> V<sub>ḡ</sub> such that the G-pregrading associated to the Ḡ-grading is thin, and whose morphisms are the Ḡ-graded isomorphisms.
- ℜ(π) is the groupoid whose objects are the pairs (W, 𝔅), where W is a G-graded-simple 𝔅-module and 𝔅 is a maximal graded-subfield of C(W) isomorphic to 𝔅H, and the morphisms (W,𝔅) → (W',𝔅') are the pairs (φ, ψ), where φ : W → W' is an isomorphism of G-graded modules, ψ : 𝔅 → 𝔅' is an isomorphism of G-graded algebras, and φ(wc) = φ(w)ψ(c) for all w ∈ W and c ∈ 𝔅.

# The loop functor

If *V* is a  $\overline{G}$ -graded  $\Re$ -module then  $C^{gr}(V)$  is a  $\overline{G}$ -graded algebra, so its loop algebra  $L_{\pi}(C^{gr}(V))$  is a *G*-graded algebra, which acts naturally on  $L_{\pi}(V)$ :  $(v \otimes g)(d \otimes g') = vd \otimes gg' \quad \forall g, g' \in G, v \in V_{\overline{g}}, d \in C(V)_{\overline{g}'}$ . This action centralizes the action of  $\Re$ , so we can identify  $L_{\pi}(C^{gr}(V))$  with a *G*-graded subalgebra of  $C^{gr}(L_{\pi}(V))$ .

Also,  $L_{\pi}(\mathbb{F}1)$  is a *G*-graded subalgebra of  $L_{\pi}(C^{gr}(V))$ .

#### Theorem

If V is an object in  $\mathfrak{M}(\pi)$  then  $(L_{\pi}(V), L_{\pi}(\mathbb{F}1))$  is an object in  $\mathfrak{N}(\pi)$ . Every object in  $\mathfrak{N}(\pi)$  is isomorphic  $(L_{\pi}(V), L_{\pi}(\mathbb{F}1))$  for some V in  $\mathfrak{M}(\pi)$ .

If  $\mathbb{F}$  is a.c. then for any graded-central-simple  $\mathcal{R}$ -module W,  $C^{\mathrm{gr}}(W) = C(W)$  contains a maximal graded-subfield  $\mathcal{F}$ isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}H$  for some  $H \leq G$ .

# Twisting by characters

Let *V* be a  $\overline{G}$ -graded  $\Re$ -module. Fix a (set) section  $\xi : \overline{G} \to G$ .

For a character  $\chi : H \to \mathbb{F}^{\times}$ , define  $V^{\chi} = V$  as a  $\overline{G}$ -graded vector space, but with modified action:  $r = \chi = \chi (\overline{\alpha}^{\zeta} (\overline{\alpha}')^{\zeta} (\overline{\alpha} \overline{\alpha}')^{-1}) r \chi$  for all  $\alpha = \alpha' \in G$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $\chi \in V$ .

 $r \cdot v = \chi(g\xi(\overline{g}')\xi(\overline{gg}')^{-1})rv$ , for all  $g, g' \in G$ ,  $r \in \Re_g$ ,  $v \in V_{\overline{g}'}$ .

The graded isomorphism class of  $V^{\chi}$  does not depend on the choice of  $\xi$  (equivalently, the transversal  $\Theta = \xi(\overline{G})$  for H in G).

If  $\chi$  extends to a character of *G* (always the case if  $\mathbb{F}$  is a.c.) then  $V^{\chi} \cong V^{\alpha_{\chi}}$ , where  $\alpha_{\chi}$  is the automorphism of  $\mathcal{R}$  induced by the extended character  $\chi : G \to \mathbb{F}^{\times}$ :  $\alpha_{\chi}(r) = \chi(g)r$ , for all  $g \in G$  and  $r \in \mathcal{R}_{g}$ .

Here  $V^{\alpha}$  denotes the twist of *V* by an automorphism  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{R}$ :  $r \cdot v = \alpha(r)v$ , for all  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $v \in V$ .

## The extended loop functor

Define a groupoid  $\mathfrak{M}(\pi)$  by extending  $\mathfrak{M}(\pi)$ : keep the same objects, but for the morphisms  $V \to V'$  take all pairs  $(\varphi, \chi)$  where  $\chi \in \widehat{H}$  and  $\varphi : V^{\chi} \to V'$  is a morphism in  $\mathfrak{M}(\pi)$ .

Fix a transversal  $\Theta$  for *H* in *G* and extend the loop functor to  $\widetilde{L}_{\pi}: \widetilde{\mathfrak{M}}(\pi) \to \mathfrak{N}(\pi)$  as follows:

- define μ<sub>π</sub>(V) = (L<sub>π</sub>(V), L<sub>π</sub>(F1)) for objects (the same as before);
- send a morphism  $(\varphi, \chi)$  as above to the pair  $(\phi, \psi)$  where  $\phi(\mathbf{v} \otimes g\mathbf{h}) = \chi(\mathbf{h})\varphi(\mathbf{v}) \otimes g\mathbf{h}$ , for all  $\mathbf{v} \in V_{\overline{g}}, g \in \Theta, h \in H$ , and  $\psi(1 \otimes h) = \chi(h)1 \otimes h$ .

#### Theorem

 $\widetilde{L}_{\pi}: \widetilde{\mathfrak{M}}(\pi) 
ightarrow \mathfrak{N}(\pi)$  is an equivalence of categories.

# Semisimple case

From now on, assume  $\mathbb{F}$  is a.c. For every graded-central-simple W, there exists  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $(W, \mathcal{F}) \in \mathfrak{N}(\pi)$  for some  $H \leq G$ .

#### Proposition

Let W be a G-graded-simple  $\Re$ -module. TFAE:

- C(W) contains a maximal graded-subfield 𝔅 ≅ 𝔅H for some H ≤ G where |H| is finite and not divisible by char 𝔅;
- dim C(W) is finite and not divisible by char  $\mathbb{F}$ .

Under these conditions, *W* is semisimple as an ungraded module, and  $\mathcal{D} := C(W)$  is isomorphic to the twisted group algebra  $\mathbb{F}^{\sigma}T$  where  $T \leq G$  is the support of  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\sigma : T \times T \to \mathbb{F}^{\times}$  is a 2-cocycle. The graded isom. class of  $\mathcal{D}$  is determined by *T* and the alternating bicharacter  $\beta : T \times T \to \mathbb{F}^{\times}$  defined by  $\beta(s, t) = \sigma(s, t)/\sigma(t, s), \quad \forall s, t \in T.$  $\mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow$  a maximal (totally) isotropic subgroup in  $(T, \beta)$ .

# Definition of inertia group and graded Brauer invariant

Let *W* be a *G*-graded-simple  $\mathcal{R}$ -module such that dim C(W) is finite and not divisible by char  $\mathbb{F}$ . Denote  $\mathcal{D} = C(W)$  and let  $\mathcal{Z}$  be the center of  $\mathcal{D}$  and *Z* the support of  $\mathcal{Z}$  (the radical of  $\beta$ ).

#### Definition

• The *inertia group* of W is

 $K_W := \{\chi \in \widehat{G} : \chi(z) = 1 \ \forall z \in Z\}$  (that is,  $K_W = Z^{\perp}$ ).

- The graded Brauer invariant of W is the isomorphism class of the G/Z-graded division algebra Dε, where ε is any primitive idempotent of 2.
- The graded Schur index ℓ of W is the degree of the matrix algebra Dε.

Let *V* be a simple (ungraded) submodule of *W*. Then the simple components of *W* are precisely the twists  $V^{\alpha_{\chi}}$ ,  $\chi \in \widehat{G}$ , and each occurs with multiplicity  $\ell$ .  $K_W = \{\chi \in \widehat{G} : V^{\alpha_{\chi}} \cong V\}$ .

# Graded Brauer invariants of f.d. modules

#### Theorem

Let W be a f.d. G-graded-simple  $\Re$ -module such that char  $\mathbb{F}$  does not divide dim C(W). Let V be a simple (ungraded) submodule of W and let  $Z = K_W^{\perp}$ .

- There is a unique G/Z-grading on End (V) that makes  $\rho_V : \mathcal{R} \to \text{End}(V)$  a G/Z-graded homomorphism.
- The graded Brauer invariant of W is precisely [End (V)].
- For any maximal isotropic subgroup H of the support of C(W), V is endowed with a structure of G/H-graded *R*-module such that W ≅ L<sub>π</sub>(V).

#### Theorem

Assume char  $\mathbb{F} = 0$ . A f.d. simple  $\Re$ -module V is isomorphic to a simple submodule of a f.d. G-graded-simple  $\Re$ -module if and only if the subgroup  $K_V := \{\chi \in \widehat{G} : V^{\alpha_{\chi}} \cong V\}$  has finite index.