

# On the behavior of pro-isomorphic zeta functions under base extension

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In this talk we concentrate on pro-isomorphic zeta functions. Note that the condition  $M \simeq L$  does not correspond to closure under the action of some subalgebra of  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L)$ , so pro-isomorphic zeta functions do not in general fit into Roßmann's framework of subalgebra zeta functions.

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Five proofs of this in Lubotzky-Segal, e.g. count Smith normal forms.

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Such  $p$ -adic integrals are of independent interest and have been studied for decades (Satake, Tamagawa, Macdonald, etc.)

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Suppose that  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $Z$ -good for a central  $Z$ . Then for all number fields  $K$  there is a fine Euler decomposition

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**Lemma (du Sautoy and Lubotzky, 1996)**

For all  $m \geq 1$  we have  $\mathfrak{Aut} H_m \simeq \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & * \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} : A\Omega A^T = \lambda\Omega \right\}$ , where

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Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is nilpotent and  $C_{\mathcal{L}/[Z, \mathcal{L}]}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq [\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}]$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is generated as an algebra by  $\mathcal{Y}(Z, Z)$  and also by a finite set  $\mathcal{S}$  of elements with centralizer of codimension 1, such that the non-commutation graph of  $\mathcal{S}$  is connected (in particular,  $\mathcal{L}$  is indecomposable). Suppose a technical condition, that  $E$ -linear automorphisms of  $\mathcal{L} \otimes K$  are not hopelessly far from being  $E \otimes K$ -linear. Then  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $Z$ -good.

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