

# Representations of affine Kac-Moody groups over local and global fields: a survey of some recent results

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# The dream

As was mentioned above, our dream would be to develop an analog of the above representation theories and the Langlands correspondence for the group  $G_{\text{aff}}$  or  $\widehat{G}_{\text{aff}}$  (or, more generally, for any symmetrizable Kac-Moody group). This is a fascinating task by itself but we also believe that a fully developed theory of automorphic forms for  $\widehat{G}_{\text{aff}}$  will have powerful applications to automorphic forms on  $G$  (for example using the theory of Eisenstein series).

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Typical infinite product appearing in the Theorem is of the form

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} L(ns),$$

where  $L(s)$  is some usual automorphic  $L$ -function. It should be meromorphic for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$  but should NOT have a continuation to any larger domain.

What kind of  $L$ ? Assume that  $G$  is simply laced. Then the  $L$ 's for which the above infinite product will appear will be either abelian or  $L(f, \rho, s)$  where  $\rho$  is the adjoint representation. It is not known that such  $L(f, \rho, s)$  is meromorphic for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$ !

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