Abstract: We will discuss several aspects of the following question, which is anabelian in nature: to what extent does the representation theory of the Hecke algebra for a linear algebraic group $G$ over a field $K$ determine $K$?

First, let $K$ and $L$ be number fields and let $G$ be a linear algebraic group over $\mathbb{Q}$. Suppose that there is a topological group isomorphism of points on $G$ over the adèles of $K$ and $L$, respectively. We establish conditions on the group $G$, related to the structure of its Borel groups, under which $K$ and $L$ have isomorphic adèle rings. We will discuss the concepts of local isomorphism and arithmetic equivalence of two number fields, to interpret how this result “determines” $K$ and $L$.

As a corollary, we show that when $K$ and $L$ are Galois over $\mathbb{Q}$, an isomorphism of Hecke algebras for $GL(n)$, which is an isometry in the $L^1$-norm, implies that $K$ and $L$ are isomorphic as fields. This can be viewed as an analogue in the theory of automorphic representations of the theorem of Neukirch that the absolute Galois group of a number field determines the field if it is Galois over $\mathbb{Q}$.

Secondly, let $K$ and $L$ be non-archimedean local fields of characteristic zero. Analogous results to the number fields case still hold. However, we show that the Hecke algebra for $GL(2)$ for any local field is Morita equivalent to the same complex algebra, determined by the Bernstein decomposition.

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