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## Algebraic representations and constructible sheaves\*

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**Abstract.** I survey what is known about simple modules for reductive algebraic groups. The emphasis is on characteristic p > 0 and Lusztig's character formula. I explain ideas connecting representations and constructible sheaves (Finkelberg–Mirković conjecture) in the spirit of the Kazhdan–Lusztig conjecture. I also discuss a conjecture with S. Riche (a theorem for  $GL_n$ ) which should eventually make computations more feasible.

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