

# Reducing the minimal representation modulo $\ell$ ; an exercise

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**Abstract.** Let  $G$  be a simply connected Chevalley group over a  $p$ -adic field, with the residue field of order  $q$ , corresponding to an irreducible simply laced root system. We show that the minimal representation  $V$  of  $G$  can be defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We show that the reduction of  $V$  modulo  $\ell \neq p$  is minimal (in appropriate sense) and is irreducible for  $\ell$  outside an explicit, finite set determined by  $q$ .

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