

On splitting of the normalizer of a maximal torus in groups of Lie type.

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The problem of splitting of the normalizer of a maximal torus was stated by J. Tits in 1966. Let \overline{G} be a simple connected linear algebraic group over the algebraic closure $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ of a finite field of positive characteristic p . Let σ be a Steinberg endomorphism and \overline{T} a maximal σ -invariant torus of \overline{G} . It's well known that all maximal tori are conjugated in \overline{G} and the quotient group $N_{\overline{G}}(\overline{T})/\overline{T}$ is isomorphic to the Weyl group W of \overline{G} . The following natural problem arises: to describe the groups \overline{G} in which $N_{\overline{G}}(\overline{T})$ splits over \overline{T} . A similar question can be stated for finite groups of Lie type. In this talk we will discuss the solutions of these problems.