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## CHARACTERS AND INNER FORMS OF A QUASI-SPLIT GROUP OVER $\mathbb{R}$

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### 1. Introduction

The principle of functoriality in the  $L$ -group suggests the existence of character identities among certain groups which share common Cartan subgroups. Concrete examples of such identities are to be found in [3], [11], and [12]. Here we consider the simplest case for real (reductive, linear, algebraic) groups, that of two groups with same  $L$ -group (associate group in [17]) or, equivalently, two groups which are inner forms of the same quasi-split group. Further, we restrict our attention to the characters of tempered (irreducible, admissible) representations. A precise statement of our result appears at the end of Section 3 and again in Theorem 6.3.

We use the following approach. Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be inner forms of the same quasi-split group (cf. Section 2). We may as well assume that  $G'$  itself is quasi-split. Then a result in [18] establishes a correspondence between the regular points in  $G$  and those in  $G'$ . We study this correspondence in Section 2. Next we recall some properties of the set  $\Phi(G)$  of parameters for the  $L$ -equivalence classes of irreducible, admissible representations of  $G$  (cf. [18]) and attach to each tempered  $\varphi$  in  $\Phi(G)$  a tempered distribution  $\chi_\varphi$ . This distribution, which is just a sum of discrete series or unitary principal series characters, can be regarded as a function on the regular elements of  $G$ . Since  $\Phi(G)$  is embedded in  $\Phi(G')$  we may formulate some character identities between  $G$  and  $G'$ . Our proof begins in Section 4. We introduce certain averaged (“stable”) orbital integrals. Their characterization (Theorem 4.7), which is a consequence of theorems of Harish-Chandra, enables us to transfer

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stable orbital integrals from  $G$  to  $G'$ . We therefore obtain a correspondence between Schwartz functions on  $G$  and Schwartz functions on  $G'$ . In the remaining sections we define the notion of a stable tempered distribution and see that there is a map from the space of stable tempered distributions on  $G'$  to that for  $G$ , dual to the correspondence of Schwartz functions. If  $\varphi'$  is a tempered parameter for  $G'$  then  $\chi_{\varphi'}$  is stable (Lemma 5.2). By investigating the image of  $\chi_{\varphi'}$  under our map we obtain the proposed character identities. Again the results follow from theorems of Harish-Chandra.

In [23] we obtained Theorem 6.3 without recourse to orbital integrals. However [20] suggests that our character identities be exhibited as “dual” to a transfer of orbital integrals; this necessitates the present approach. We will also have other uses for our characterization of stable orbital integrals. Note that if  $G$  is  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  or a group with just one conjugacy class of Cartan subgroups then the notion of “stable” can be omitted in Theorem 4.7. Thus for such groups we have a characterization of the orbital integrals (with respect to regular semisimple elements) of Schwartz functions.

## 2. Inner forms and Cartan subgroups

We recall some standard facts. Suppose that  $G$  is a connected reductive linear algebraic group defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $G = G(\mathbb{R})$  is a reductive Lie group satisfying the conditions of [6]. A Cartan subgroup  $T$  of  $G$ , in the sense of Lie groups, is the group of  $\mathbb{R}$ -rational points on some maximal torus  $T$  in  $G$ , defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . By a root of  $T$  (or  $T$ ) we mean a root for the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{t}$  of  $T$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ , the Lie algebra of  $G$ ; we follow the usual definitions of real, imaginary (compact or noncompact) and complex roots (cf. [26]). An isomorphism  $\psi: G \rightarrow G'$  of reductive groups for which  $\psi: T \rightarrow \psi(T)$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  maps real (respectively, imaginary, complex) roots of  $T$  to real (respectively, imaginary, complex) roots of  $\psi(T)$ . We denote by  $\Omega(G, T)$  the Weyl group for  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{t})$ ; we say that  $w \in G$  realizes  $\omega \in \Omega(G, T)$  if  $\text{Ad } w/\mathfrak{t}$  coincides with  $\omega$  and denote by  $\Omega(G, T)$  the set of those elements of  $\Omega(G, T)$  which can be realized in  $G$ .

A parabolic subgroup  $P$  of  $G$  is the group of  $\mathbb{R}$ -rational points on a parabolic subgroup  $P$  of  $G$  defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ ; a Levi decomposition  $P = MN$  for  $P$  with  $M$  defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ ; yields a Levi decomposition  $P = MN$  for  $P$ . We call  $G$  quasi-split if  $G$  is quasi-split over  $\mathbb{R}$ , that is, if  $G$  contains a Borel subgroup defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ ; this is equivalent to

requiring that the Levi components of a minimal parabolic subgroup of  $G$  be abelian (and hence Cartan subgroups). Suppose that  $G'$  is quasi-split over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $G$  is an inner form of  $G'$  (or,  $G$  an inner form of  $G'$ ) if there exists an isomorphism  $\psi: G \rightarrow G'$  for which  $\bar{\psi}\psi^{-1}$  is inner (the bar denotes the action of complex conjugation). If  $G''$  is also quasi-split over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\eta: G \rightarrow G''$  is such that  $\bar{\eta}\eta^{-1}$  is inner then  $\eta = \theta\psi\iota$  where  $\iota$  is inner and  $\theta$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Every group  $G$  (connected, reductive and defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ ) is an inner form of some quasi-split group (cf. [21]).

We will assume, from now on, that  $G'$  is quasi-split and  $G$  an inner form of  $G'$ . We fix an isomorphism  $\psi: G \rightarrow G'$  for which  $\bar{\psi}\psi^{-1}$  is inner.

A lemma in [18] shows that we may use  $\psi$  to embed each Cartan subgroup of  $G$  in  $G'$ . More precisely, the lemma asserts that if  $T$  is a maximal torus in  $G$  defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  then there exists  $x \in G'$  (depending on  $T$ ) such that the restriction of  $\text{ad } x \circ \psi$  to  $T$ , which we denote by  $\psi_x$ , is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ ;  $\psi_x(T)$  is a Cartan subgroup of  $G'$ . We now study these embeddings  $\psi_x$ .

Let  $t(G)$  be the set of ( $G$ -)conjugacy classes of Cartan subgroups of  $G$ ; we denote by  $\langle T \rangle$  the class of the Cartan subgroup  $T$ . We will see that  $T \rightarrow \psi_x(T)$  induces an embedding  $\psi': t(G) \rightarrow t(G')$ , independent of the choices for  $x$ . To further describe  $\psi'$ , we recall a natural partial ordering on  $t(G)$ : if  $S(T)$  denotes the maximal  $\mathbb{R}$ -split torus in a maximal torus  $T$  then  $\langle T_1 \rangle \leq \langle T_2 \rangle$  if and only if  $S(T_1) \subseteq S(T_2)$  for some  $T_1 \in \langle T_1 \rangle$ ,  $T_2 \in \langle T_2 \rangle$ . Clearly  $\psi'$  is order-preserving; we will show that  $\psi'$  maps  $t(G)$  to an ‘‘initial segment’’ of  $t(G')$  (cf. Lemma 2.8).

We begin with a definition from [19]: if  $T$  is a Cartan subgroup of  $G$  then

$$\mathcal{A}(T) = \{g \in G; \text{ad } g/T \text{ is defined over } \mathbb{R}\}.$$

This is easily seen to be the same as  $\{g \in G; gTg^{-1} \subset G\}$ . As above,  $S(T)$  will denote the maximal  $\mathbb{R}$ -split torus in  $T$ .

**THEOREM 2.1:** *Let  $M$  be the centralizer in  $G$  of  $S(T)$ . Then*

$$\mathcal{A}(T) = G \cdot \text{Norm}(M, T)$$

where  $\text{Norm}(M, T)$  denotes the normalizer of  $T$  in  $M$ .

**PROOF:** Suppose that  $x \in \mathcal{A}(T)$ . Then  $\bar{x}t\bar{x}^{-1} = txt^{-1}$ ,  $t \in T$  (bar denoting complex conjugation). Therefore  $x^{-1}\bar{x}$  centralizes  $T$  and so

belongs to  $T$ . Let  $P$  be a parabolic subgroup of  $G$ , defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  and containing  $S(T)$  as a maximal  $\mathbb{R}$ -split torus in its radical (cf. [2]). Then  $\overline{xPx^{-1}} = x(x^{-1}\bar{x}P\bar{x}^{-1}x)x^{-1} = xPx^{-1}$  since  $T$  is contained in  $P$ , and so  $xPx^{-1}$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . From [2] it follows that  $P$  and  $xPx^{-1}$  are conjugate under  $G$ . Let  $y \in Gx$  be such that  $y$  normalizes  $P$ . Then  $y \in P$ . But  $M$  is a Levi subgroup of  $P$  defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\overline{yMy^{-1}} = yMy^{-1}$  since  $T \subseteq M$ . Therefore  $yMy^{-1}$  is conjugate to  $M$  under the group  $N$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ -rational points on the unipotent radical of  $P$  (cf. [2]). We may then choose  $z \in Ny \subseteq Gx \cap P$  such that  $z$  normalizes  $M$ ;  $z$  must lie in  $M$  and  $\text{ad } z/T$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . In particular,  $zTz^{-1}$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $M_1$  be the derived group of  $M$  and  $Z$  be the connected component of the identity in the center of  $M$ . Then  $M = ZM_1$ ;  $T = Z(T \cap M_1)$  and  $zTz^{-1} = Zz(T \cap M_1)z^{-1}$ ;  $T \cap M_1$  and  $z(T \cap M_1)z^{-1}$  are maximal tori in  $M_1$ , anisotropic over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $T$  and  $zTz^{-1}$  are conjugate under  $M_1$  and so  $z \in M_1 \text{Norm}(M, T)$ . We conclude then that  $\mathcal{A}(T) \subseteq G \text{Norm}(M, T)$ .

Let  $T_1 = T \cap M_1$ . Then to complete the proof it is sufficient to show that if  $x \in \text{Norm}(M_1, T_1)$  then the restriction of  $\text{ad } x$  to  $T_1$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . This is a consequence of the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 2.2:** *Suppose that  $T$  is a torus defined and anisotropic over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then every (rational) automorphism of  $T$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

**PROOF:** Suppose that  $\varphi$  is a rational automorphism of  $T$ . There is a unique automorphism  $\varphi^\vee$  of the group  $L$  of rational characters on  $T$  which satisfies  $\langle \varphi^\vee \lambda, t \rangle = \langle \lambda, \varphi^{-1}t \rangle$ ,  $\lambda \in L$ ,  $t \in T$ . On the other hand,  $\bar{\lambda} = -\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in L$ . This implies that  $\overline{\varphi^\vee} = \varphi^\vee$  and so  $\bar{\varphi} = \varphi$ , as desired.

**COROLLARY 2.3:** *If  $g \in \mathcal{A}(T)$  then  $gTg^{-1}$  is  $G$ -conjugate to  $T$ .*

**COROLLARY 2.4:** *If  $T$  contains a maximal  $\mathbb{R}$ -split torus in  $G$  then the action of an element in  $\mathcal{A}(T)$  on  $T$  can be realized in  $G$ .*

As in [19] we set  $\mathcal{D}(T) = G \backslash \mathcal{A}(T) / T$ .

**COROLLARY 2.5:**  $\mathcal{D}(T) = \text{Norm}(M, T) \backslash \text{Norm}(M, T) / T$ .

In particular,  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  is finite since  $\text{Norm}(M, T) / T$  is isomorphic to the Weyl group of  $(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{t})$ .

Returning to the map  $\psi_x: T \hookrightarrow G'$ , let  $T' = \psi_x(T)$ . Note that if  $y \in G'$  then  $\psi_y/T$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $yx^{-1} \in \mathcal{A}(T')$ . Corollary 2.3, applied twice, then shows that  $\psi^t: \langle T \rangle \rightarrow \langle T \rangle$  is a well-defined embed-

ding of  $t(G)$  into  $t(G')$ , independent of the choices for  $x$ . Note that if we replace  $\psi$  by  $\eta: G \rightarrow G''$  then writing  $\eta = \theta\psi$  as before, we obtain  $\eta' = \theta'\psi'$ ; the possibilities for  $\theta'$  are easily classified.

To describe the order properties of  $\psi'$  we will characterize the ordering on  $t(G)$  as in [10]. First, and partly for later use, we recall the definition of compact and noncompact roots. Let  $\alpha$  be an imaginary root for  $T$  (that is, a root in  $M$ ) and  $H_\alpha$  be the coroot attached to  $\alpha$ . If  $X_\alpha$  is a root vector for  $\alpha$  we fix a root vector  $X_{-\alpha}$  for  $-\alpha$  by requiring that  $\langle X_\alpha, X_{-\alpha} \rangle = 2/\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle$  where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the Killing form. Then  $[X_\alpha, X_{-\alpha}] = H_\alpha$  and  $\mathbb{C}X_\alpha + \mathbb{C}X_{-\alpha} + \mathbb{C}H_\alpha$  is a simple complex Lie algebra invariant under complex conjugation; in fact,  $\bar{H}_\alpha = -H_\alpha$  and  $\bar{X}_\alpha = cX_{-\alpha}$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ . Either there is an  $X_\alpha$  for which  $\bar{X}_\alpha = -X_{-\alpha}$  or there is one for which  $\bar{X}_\alpha = X_{-\alpha}$ . In the former case,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow H_\alpha, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow X_\alpha, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow X_{-\alpha}$$

lifts to a homomorphism  $SU(2) \rightarrow G$  defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha$  is compact. In the latter

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow H_\alpha, \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ 1 & i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow X_\alpha, \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} i & 1 \\ 1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow X_{-\alpha}$$

lifts to a homomorphism  $SL_2 \rightarrow G$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha$  is noncompact.

We will find it convenient to generalize the usual notion of Cayley transform. Suppose that  $T$  is a Cartan subgroup of  $G$  and  $\alpha$  a noncompact imaginary root of  $T$ . Then we call  $s \in G$  a Cayley transform with respect to  $\alpha$  if  $\bar{s}^{-1}s$  realizes the Weyl reflection with respect to  $\alpha$ . The proof of the following proposition is immediate.

**PROPOSITION 2.7:** (1)  $T_s = sTs^{-1}$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  and the root  $s\alpha$  is real; (2) the restriction of  $\text{ad } s$  to  $\mathfrak{S}(T)$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ ; (3) if  $s'$  is also a Cayley transform with respect to  $\alpha$  then  $s's \in \mathcal{A}(T_s)$ .

If  $s$  is the image of

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ -i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

under a homomorphism  $SL_2 \rightarrow G$  of the type described above, then we will call  $s$  a standard Cayley transform. From this example, Proposition 2.7, and Corollary 2.3 we conclude that for any  $s$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}(T)$  is  $G$ -conjugate to

a subtorus of  $S(T_s)$  of codimension 1. A straightforward argument then shows that  $\langle T \rangle \leq \langle U \rangle$  if and only if there is a sequence  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  of Cayley transforms such that  $U = (\dots ((T_{s_1})_{s_2} \dots)_{s_n})$ .

**LEMMA 2.8:** (1) if  $\langle T \rangle \leq \langle U \rangle$  then  $\psi'(\langle T \rangle) \leq \psi'(\langle U \rangle)$ ; (2) if  $\langle U' \rangle$  is in the image of  $\psi'$  and  $\langle T' \rangle \leq \langle U' \rangle$  then  $\langle T' \rangle$  is in the image of  $\psi'$ ; (3) the image under  $\psi'$  of the class of fundamental Cartan subgroups in  $G$  is the class of fundamental Cartan subgroups in  $G'$ .

**PROOF:** The assertion of the first part is immediate. For the second part it is sufficient to show that if  $T'$  is a Cartan subgroup of  $G'$  and  $s'$  a Cayley transform with respect to some noncompact root  $\alpha'$  of  $T'$ , then  $\langle T' \rangle$  belongs to the image of  $\psi'$  if  $\langle T'_s \rangle$  does. Suppose then that there exists  $x \in G$  and  $T^*$  such that  $\psi_x: T^* \rightarrow T'_s$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\beta = \psi_x^{-1}(s'\alpha')$ . Then  $\beta$  is a real root of  $T^*$ . There is a Cartan subgroup  $T$  of  $G$ , a noncompact root  $\alpha$  of  $T$  and a Cayley transform  $s$  with respect to  $\alpha$  such that  $s: T \rightarrow T^*$  and  $s\alpha = \beta$  (cf. [25]). A calculation shows that  $(\text{ad } s')^{-1} \circ \psi_x \circ \text{ad } s: T \rightarrow T'$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . This proves the second part.

The final assertion follows immediately from the fact that a Cartan subgroup is fundamental if and only if it has no real roots [26].

**COROLLARY 2.9:**  $G$  contains a compact Cartan subgroup if and only if  $G'$  contains a compact Cartan subgroup.

Finally, it will be convenient to describe the embeddings  $\psi_x$  in the following way. Let  $G_{\text{reg}}$  be the set of regular elements in  $G$ ; we denote by  $T_\gamma$  the Cartan subgroup containing an element  $\gamma$  in  $G_{\text{reg}}$ . We will say that  $\gamma' \in G'$  originates from  $\gamma$  in  $G_{\text{reg}}$  if there exists  $x \in G'$  such that  $\psi_x(\gamma) = \gamma'$  and  $\psi_x: T_\gamma \rightarrow T_{\gamma'}$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\gamma'$  also originates from any element  $\gamma^w = w\gamma w^{-1}$ ,  $w \in \mathcal{A}(T_\gamma)$ ; these are the only elements in  $G$  from which  $\gamma'$  originates. Similarly, if  $\gamma'$  originates from  $\gamma$  then so also does  $(\gamma')^{w'}$  for any  $w' \in \mathcal{A}(T_{\gamma'})$ , but these are the only such elements.

### 3. Characters

The purpose of this section is to recall some formulations and results from [18], and to define some characters. Let  $\Pi(G)$  be the set of infinitesimal equivalence classes of irreducible admissible representations of  $G$ . According to [18] there is a space  $\Phi(G)$  which partitions  $\Pi(G)$  into finite subsets  $\Pi_\varphi$ ,  $\varphi \in \Phi(G)$ . Either all the classes

in  $\Pi_\varphi$  are tempered or none is [18, page 40]; if the former then we call  $\varphi$  tempered. The map  $\psi: G \rightarrow G'$  induces an embedding  $\Phi(G) \hookrightarrow \Phi(G')$  which we denote by  $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi'$ ;  $\varphi'$  is tempered if and only if  $\varphi$  is tempered.

We assume from now on that  $\varphi$  is tempered. To describe the classes in a typical  $\Pi_\varphi$  (“an  $L$ -equivalence class”) we recall the following from [18]. To  $\varphi$  we may attach a parabolic subgroup  $P_0$ , a Levi component  $M_0$  of  $P_0$  and a Cartan subgroup  $T_0$  fundamental in  $M_0$ . If  $P_0 = G$  is the only possibility we call  $\varphi$  discrete; then  $\Pi_\varphi$  consists of the (classes of) square-integrable representations attached to an orbit, say  $X(\varphi)$ , of characters on  $T_0$  under  $\Omega(G_0, T_0)$  (we recall this assignment below). In general,  $\varphi$  determines a discrete parameter  $\varphi_0$  for  $M_0$ . Set  $\pi_\varphi^\circ = \sigma_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \sigma_n$ , where  $\{\sigma_i\}$  is a set of representatives for the classes in  $\Pi_{\varphi_0}$ . Then  $\Pi_\varphi$  consists of the classes of the irreducible constituents of  $\pi_\varphi = \text{Ind}(\pi_\varphi^\circ \otimes 1_{N_0}; P_0, G_0)$ ,  $N_0$  denoting the unipotent radical of  $P_0$ .

To describe representatives for  $\Pi_\varphi$  we may assume that  $\psi/T_0$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ , without changing the map  $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi'$ . Then  $P'_0 = \psi(P_0)$ ,  $M'_0 = \psi(M_0)$  and  $T'_0 = \psi(T_0)$  are defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Moreover,  $\psi: M_0 \rightarrow M'_0$  is such that  $\bar{\psi}\psi^{-1}$  is inner, and  $M'_0$  is quasi-split. We may thus take  $P'_0$ ,  $M'_0$  and  $T'_0$  for the groups attached to  $\varphi'$  (cf. [18]). If  $\varphi$  is discrete then  $\varphi'$  is also discrete and  $\Pi_{\varphi'}$  is the set of classes attached to the orbit  $\Lambda'_\varphi = \{\Lambda \circ \psi^{-1}: \Lambda \in X(\varphi)\}$ . In general, we may take  $(\varphi_0)'$ , the image of  $\varphi_0$  under the map  $\Phi(M_0) \rightarrow \Phi(M'_0)$  induced by  $\psi/M_0$ , for  $(\varphi_0)'$ , the parameter for  $M'_0$  induced by  $\varphi'$ ; again, this follows immediately from the construction in [18].

We recall parameters for  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  above; we write  $P, M$ , and  $T$  in place of  $P_0, M_0$ , and  $T_0$ . Let  $M^\dagger$  be the connected component of the identity in the derived group of  $M$ . If  $Z_M$  is the center of  $M$  then  $Z_M M^\dagger$  has finite index in  $M$  and  $T = Z_M T^\dagger$ , where  $T^\dagger = T \cap M^\dagger$ . Fix  $\Lambda \in X(\varphi_0)$  and let  $\lambda$  be the differential of the restriction of  $\Lambda$  to  $T^\dagger$ . Choose an ordering on the roots of  $(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{t})$  with respect to which  $\lambda$  is dominant;  $\iota$  will denote one half the sum of the positive roots with respect to this ordering. Let  $\pi(\lambda, \iota)$  be a square-integrable irreducible admissible representation of  $M^\dagger$  attached to the regular functional  $\lambda + \iota$  in the manner of [5] and define

$$\pi(\Lambda, \iota) = \text{Ind}(\pi(\lambda, \iota) \otimes \Lambda/Z_M, Z_M M^\dagger, M).$$

Then  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  may be chosen as

$$\{\pi(\omega\Lambda, \omega\iota); \omega \in \Omega(M, T) \setminus \Omega(M, T)\}.$$

A convenient way of identifying the tempered  $L$ -equivalence classes is as follows. If  $T$  is a Cartan subgroup of  $G$  and  $\Lambda$  a character on  $T$  set

$$\langle \Lambda \rangle = \{ \Lambda \circ \text{ad } g^{-1}; g \in \mathcal{A}(T) \}.$$

Then there is a one-to-one correspondence between tempered parameters  $\varphi$  and such orbits  $\langle \Lambda \rangle$ . To recover  $\Pi_\varphi$  from  $\langle \Lambda \rangle$  we fix  $\Lambda_0 \in \langle \Lambda \rangle$ ; if  $\Lambda_0$  is defined on  $T_0$  let  $M_0$  be the centralizer in  $G$  of the maximal  $\mathbb{R}$ -split torus in  $T_0$  and  $P_0 = M_0 N_0$  a parabolic subgroup containing  $M_0$  as Levi component. We then proceed as before, defining  $\pi_\varphi^\circ = \bigoplus_\omega \pi(\omega \Lambda_0, \omega \iota)$  and  $\pi_\varphi = \text{Ind}(\pi_\varphi^\circ \otimes 1_{N_0})$ . The map  $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi'$  on parameters induces the following map of orbits. If  $\Lambda$  is defined on  $T$  pick  $x \in G'$  such that  $\psi_x: T \rightarrow G'$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\langle \Lambda \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Lambda' \rangle$  where  $\Lambda' = \Lambda \circ \psi_x^{-1}$ .

Next, we attach a character  $\chi_\varphi$  to the collection  $\Pi_\varphi$ . For the purposes of this paper it is appropriate to define  $\chi_\varphi$  as the character of  $\pi_\varphi$  (cf. the proofs of Lemma 5.2 and Theorem 6.3);  $\chi_\varphi$  is thus a tempered invariant eigendistribution. Before proceeding we observe that  $\chi_\varphi$  has an intrinsic definition. Indeed, each  $\varphi \in \Pi_\varphi$  has a well-defined character which we denote by  $\chi(\pi)$  and:

LEMMA 3.1:

$$\chi_\varphi = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi_\varphi} \chi(\pi).$$

PROOF: The lemma asserts that each  $\pi$  in  $\Pi_\varphi$  occurs in  $\pi_\varphi$  with multiplicity one. But  $\pi_\varphi = \bigoplus_i \text{Ind}(\sigma_i \otimes 1_N)$ , the  $\text{Ind}(\sigma_i \otimes 1_N)$  being unitary principal series representations. According to the theorem of [13] the irreducible constituents of  $\text{Ind}(\sigma_i \otimes 1_N)$  occur with multiplicity one (in the theorem quoted,  $G$  is a connected, semisimple matrix group; the statement remains valid under our assumptions (cf. [24]). By [18, page 65] two representations  $\text{Ind}(\sigma_i \otimes 1_N)$  and  $\text{Ind}(\sigma_j \otimes 1_N)$  are either infinitesimally equivalent or disjoint; they are equivalent exactly when there is  $g \in G$  normalizing  $M$  so that  $\sigma_i/M$  is equivalent to  $\sigma_j \circ \text{ad } g/M$ . Hence we have only to show the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.2: *If  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma'$  are  $L$ -equivalent square-integrable irreducible admissible representations of  $M$  then  $\text{Ind}(\sigma \otimes 1_N)$  is infinitesimally equivalent to  $\text{Ind}(\sigma' \otimes 1_N)$  if and only if  $\sigma$  is infinitesimally equivalent to  $\sigma'$ .*

This result is a special case of a theorem announced in [14] (cf. [15]), at

least when  $G$  is semisimple and simply-connected. We give a simple independent proof for our case and arbitrary  $G$ .

PROOF: Assume that  $\text{Ind}(\sigma \otimes 1_N)$  and  $\text{Ind}(\sigma' \otimes 1_N)$  are infinitesimally equivalent. Choose  $g \in G$  normalizing  $M$  and such that  $\sigma \circ \text{ad } g$  is infinitesimally equivalent to  $\sigma'$ . We may assume that  $g$  normalizes  $T$ . We may take  $\sigma = \pi(\Lambda, \iota)$  and  $\sigma' = \pi(\omega\Lambda, \omega\iota)$ , for some  $\omega \in \Omega(M, T)$ . But then  $\sigma \circ \text{ad } g$  is (infinitesimally equivalent to)  $\pi(g\Lambda, g\iota)$ . Hence there is  $\omega_0 \in \Omega(M, T)$  such that  $g\Lambda = \omega_0\omega\Lambda$  and  $g\iota = \omega_0\omega\iota$ . This implies that

$$(1) \quad g(\lambda + \iota) = \omega_0\omega(\lambda + \iota)$$

where, as before,  $\lambda$  is the differential of  $\Lambda/T^\dagger$ . Suppose that  $\omega, \omega_0$  are represented by  $w \in M$  and  $w_0 \in M$ , respectively. If we show now that (1) implies that the action of  $g^{-1}w_0w$  on  $T$  can be realized in  $G$  then it will follow that  $\omega \in \Omega(M, T)$ , which is sufficient to prove the lemma.

Define  $H_0 \in \mathfrak{t}^\dagger$ , the Lie algebra of  $T^\dagger$ , by  $(\lambda + \iota)(H_0) = i\langle H, H_0 \rangle$ ,  $H \in \mathfrak{t}^\dagger$ . Then, by (1),  $g^{-1}w_0w$  fixes  $H_0$ ; also  $H_0$  is regular with respect to  $\Omega(M, T)$ . Let  $T_0$  be the smallest algebraic subgroup of  $G$  whose Lie algebra contains  $H_0$ . Then  $T_0$  is a torus in  $T$ , defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ ; clearly  $g^{-1}w_0w$  centralizes  $T_0$ . Let  $C$  denote the centralizer of  $T_0$  in  $G$ ;  $C$  is connected, reductive, defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  and of same rank as  $G$ . Note that  $g^{-1}w_0w \in \mathcal{A}(T) \cap C$ . Hence, by Corollary 2.4, it is enough to show that  $S(T)$ , the maximal  $\mathbb{R}$ -split torus in  $T$ , is a maximal  $\mathbb{R}$ -split torus in  $C$ .

Suppose then that  $S'$  is a maximal  $\mathbb{R}$ -split torus in  $C$  containing  $S = S(T)$ . Extend  $S'$  to a maximal torus  $T'$  in  $C$  defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since  $H_0$  is regular with respect to  $\Omega(M, T)$  we have  $T = (\text{Cent}(M, \exp H_0))^0 \supset \text{Cent}(M, T_0) \supset T$ ,  $\text{Cent}(-, -)$  denoting “the centralizer in  $-$  of  $-$ ”, so that  $T = \text{Cent}(M, T_0)$ . But  $T' \supset T_0$  so  $\text{Cent}(M, T') \subset \text{Cent}(M, T_0) = T$ . On the other hand,  $S' \supset S$  so that  $S' \subset \text{Cent}(G, S) = M$  and thus  $S' \subset \text{Cent}(M, T') \subset T$ . Hence  $S' = S$  and the lemma is proved.

Now identify  $\chi_\varphi$  and  $\chi_{\varphi'}$  as functions on  $G_{\text{reg}}$  and  $G'_{\text{reg}}$ , respectively (cf. [6]). Then our aim is to prove the following character identity:

$$\chi_{\varphi'}(\gamma') = (-1)^{a_{G'} - a_G} \chi_\varphi(\gamma).$$

Here  $\gamma' \in G'_{\text{reg}}$  originates from  $\gamma \in G_{\text{reg}}$  and  $2q_G$  is the dimension of the symmetric space attached to the simply-connected covering of the

derived group of  $G$ . Note that  $q_{G'} - q_G$  is an integer (cf. [26, volume 2, page 225]).

#### 4. Stable orbital integrals

Let  $\gamma$  be a regular element in  $G$  and  $T_\gamma$  be the Cartan subgroup containing  $\gamma$ . If  $dg$  and  $d_\gamma t$  are given Haar measures on  $G$  and  $T_\gamma$  respectively we denote by  $d_\gamma \bar{g}$  the corresponding quotient measure on  $G/T_\gamma$ . For any Schwartz function  $f$  on  $G$  the orbital integral

$$\Phi_f(\gamma, d_\gamma t, dg) = \int_{G/T_\gamma} f(g\gamma g^{-1}) d_\gamma \bar{g}$$

is absolutely convergent [6]. We will assume that if  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma'$  lie in the same Cartan subgroup then  $d_\gamma t = d_{\gamma'} t$  and write instead  $dt$ .

We now write  $T$  for  $T_\gamma$ . An element  $w$  of  $\mathcal{A}(T)$  defines a Haar measure  $(dt)^w$  on  $T^w$ . It is easily seen that  $\Phi_f(\gamma^w, (dt)^w, dg)$  depends only on the class of  $w$  in  $\mathcal{D}(T) = G \backslash \mathcal{A}(T) / T$  (cf. Section 2). Therefore

$$\Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg) = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{D}(T)} \Phi_f(\gamma^\omega, (dt)^\omega, dg).$$

Clearly,

$$\Phi_f^1(\gamma^\omega, (dt)^\omega, dg) = \Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg)$$

for each  $\omega \in \mathcal{A}(T)$ .

Recall that  $G$  is an inner form of the quasi-split group  $G'$ ; we continue with the same fixed isomorphism  $\psi: G \rightarrow G'$ . Our aim is to show that  $\psi$  transports stable orbital integrals on  $G$  to stable orbital integrals on  $G'$ . To make this precise we must normalize Haar measures. The measures  $dg'$  on  $G'$  and  $dt'$  on a Cartan subgroup  $T'$  of  $G'$  will be arbitrary. Suppose that  $dg'$  is defined by the differential form  $\omega'$  on  $G'$ . The map  $\psi$  induces a map from forms on  $G'$  to forms on  $G$ ; the image  $\omega$  of  $\omega'$  is a left-invariant form of highest degree, and invariant under complex conjugation (cf. [12, page 476]). We take  $dg$  to be the Haar measure on  $G$  defined by  $\omega$ . Now if  $T$  is a Cartan subgroup of  $G$  choose  $x \in G$  such that  $\psi_x: T \rightarrow T'$  is defined over  $\mathbf{R}$  (cf. Section 2). Then the pair  $dt', \psi_x$  defines a measure  $dt$  on  $T$ , independently of the choice of  $x$  and consistently with the choice of  $dg$ .

Recalling the observations of Section 2, we see that our definition of  $\Phi_f^1$  ensures that the map

$$\gamma' \rightarrow \begin{cases} \Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg) & \text{if } \gamma' \text{ originates from } \gamma \text{ in } G \\ 0 & \text{if } \gamma' \text{ does not originate in } G \end{cases}$$

on  $G'_{\text{reg}}$  is well-defined. The transfer of stable orbital integrals from  $G$  to  $G'$  is then accomplished by the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.1:** *Let  $f$  be a Schwartz function on  $G$ . Then there is a Schwartz function  $f'$  on  $G'$  such that, for  $\gamma' \in G'_{\text{reg}}$ ,*

$$\Phi_{f'}^1(\gamma', dt', dg') = \begin{cases} (-1)^{a_G - a_{G'}} \Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg) & \text{if } \gamma' \text{ originates from } \gamma \text{ in } G \\ 0 & \text{if } \gamma' \text{ does not originate in } G. \end{cases}$$

The constant  $(-1)^{a_G - a_{G'}}$  is inserted to obtain the identity of Corollary 6.7.

In order to prove the theorem we will describe necessary and sufficient conditions for a family of functions to be a family of stable orbital integrals. Suppose then that for each Cartan subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  we are given a function  $\gamma \rightarrow \Phi^T(\gamma, dt, dg)$  defined on  $T_{\text{reg}} = T \cap G_{\text{reg}}$  and depending on the choice of Haar measures  $dt$  and  $dg$ . We first establish some properties for the case

$$\Phi^T(\gamma, dt, dg) = \Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg)$$

with  $f$  some fixed Schwartz function on  $G$ . It is immediate that

$$\Phi_f^1(\gamma, \alpha dt, \beta dg) = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg)$$

for  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and, as we have already remarked, that

$$\Phi_f^1(\gamma^\omega, (dt)^\omega, dg) = \Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg)$$

for  $\omega \in \mathcal{A}(T)$ . We come then to the smoothness and growth properties of these functions. Fix  $T$ ,  $dt$  and  $dg$ . If  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}^*$  is zero on  $\{H \in \mathfrak{t} : \exp H = 1\}$  we denote by  $\xi_\lambda$  the corresponding quasi-character on  $T$ . Fix a system  $I^+$  of positive roots for  $T$  in  $\mathbf{M}$  ( $\mathbf{M}$  as in Section 2) – that

is, a system of positive imaginary roots for  $T$ . Set

$$R_T(\gamma) = |\det(\text{Ad } \gamma - 1)_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{m}}|^{1/2} \prod_{\alpha \in I^+} (1 - \xi_\alpha(\gamma^{-1}))$$

for  $\gamma \in T$ , and

$$\Psi_f^T(\gamma) = R_T(\gamma) \Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg)$$

for  $\gamma \in T_{\text{reg}}$ . For each element  $\omega$  of  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  choose a representative in  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{M}, T)$  (cf. Theorem 2.1). Also, set  $\iota = (\sum_{\alpha \in I^+} \alpha)/2$ . Then, in the notation of [6],

$$(1) \quad \Psi_f^T(\gamma) = c \sum_{\omega} \det \omega \xi_{\iota - \omega^{-1}\iota}(\gamma) {}'F_f(\gamma^\omega)$$

where  $c$  is some constant depending only on the choice of measures. From [6] it follows that  $\Psi_f^T$  extends to a Schwartz function (in the sense of [6]) on the dense open subset

$$T_{\text{reg}}^I = \{\gamma \in T : \xi_\alpha(\gamma) \neq 1, \alpha \in I^+\}$$

of  $T$ . In particular, if  $D \in \mathcal{T}$ , the algebra of invariant differential operators on  $T$ , then  $D\Psi_f^T$  is bounded on  $T_{\text{reg}}^I$ . The behavior of  $D\Psi_f^T$  across the boundary of  $T_{\text{reg}}^I$  may then be described following Harish-Chandra's method for  $'F_f$ .

Thus we will assume that  $\gamma_0$  is a semiregular element in  $T - T_{\text{reg}}^I$ . Then there are exactly two imaginary roots  $\beta$ , say  $\pm\alpha$ , for which  $\xi_\beta(\gamma_0) = 1$ . Let  $H_\alpha$  be the coroot attached to  $\alpha$  and set  $\gamma_\nu = \gamma_0 \exp \nu H_\alpha$ ,  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\gamma_\nu \in T$  and  $\lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu)$  and  $\lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu)$  are well-defined; if for each choice of  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $D$  these limits are equal then  $\Psi_f^T$  extends to a Schwartz function on  $T$ . In general, consider their difference. For each  $\omega \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  we choose a representative in  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{M}, T)$ . Then  $\gamma_0^\omega$  is semiregular,  $\pm\omega\alpha$  being the only roots trivial on  $\gamma_0^\omega$ . According to [6], if  $\omega\alpha$  is compact (cf. Section 2) then

$$\lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D {}'F_f(\gamma_\nu^\omega) = \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D {}'F_f(\gamma_\nu^\omega)$$

for all  $D \in \mathcal{T}$ . Recalling our formula (1) for  $\Psi_f^T$  in terms of  $'F_f$  we

set

$$\Psi_f^\omega(\gamma) = R_T(\gamma)\Phi_f(\gamma^\omega) = c \det \omega \xi_{t-\omega^{-1}(\gamma)} F_f(\gamma^\omega).$$

Then

$$(2) \quad \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} D\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu) = \sum_{\omega} \left( \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D\Psi_f^\omega(\gamma_\nu) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} D\Psi_f^\omega(\gamma_\nu) \right)$$

the summation being over those elements  $\omega$  of  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  for which  $\omega\alpha$  is noncompact. In particular,

$$\lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu) = \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} D\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu)$$

if each  $\omega\alpha$  is compact. Since

$$\Psi_f^T(\gamma^\omega) = (\det \omega) \xi_{t-\omega^{-1}(\gamma)} \Psi_f^T(\gamma)$$

it will be sufficient to consider just the case where  $\alpha$  is noncompact, to complete our study.

**LEMMA 4.2:** *Suppose that  $\alpha$  is noncompact. Then if  $\omega\alpha$  is also noncompact,  $\omega \in \Omega(M, T)$ , there exists  $\omega_0 \in \Omega(M, T)$  such that  $\omega\alpha = \pm \omega_0\alpha$ .*

**PROOF:** Let  $G_{\gamma_0}$  be the connected component of the identity in the centralizer of  $\gamma_0$  in  $G$  and  $G_{\gamma_0}^1$  be the derived group of  $G_{\gamma_0}$  ( $\gamma_0$  is any semiregular element in  $T$  on which  $\xi_\alpha$  is trivial. If  $\omega$  is realized by  $w \in M$  then we claim that  $\text{ad } w: G_{\gamma_0} \rightarrow G_{\gamma_0^\omega}$  is defined over  $\mathbf{R}$ . Indeed, since  $G_{\gamma_0} = TG_{\gamma_0}^1$  it is enough to verify that  $\text{ad } w: G_{\gamma_0}^1 \rightarrow G_{\gamma_0^\omega}^1$  is defined over  $\mathbf{R}$ . If we use the notation of Section 2 then the Lie algebra of  $G_{\gamma_0}^1$  is generated by  $X_\alpha, X_{-\alpha}$  and  $H_\alpha$ ; we require that  $\bar{X}_\alpha = X_{-\alpha}$ . Setting  $X_{\omega\alpha} = \text{Ad } w(X_\alpha)$ , we obtain  $X_{-\omega\alpha} = \text{Ad } w(X_{-\alpha})$  and that  $\bar{X}_{\omega\alpha} = X_{-\omega\alpha}$ . Since  $\text{Ad } w(H_\alpha) = H_{\omega\alpha}$  it is now immediate that  $\text{Ad } w$  commutes with complex conjugation on the Lie algebras. This proves our claim.

There is a maximal torus  $U$  in  $G_{\gamma_0}$  defined over  $\mathbf{R}$  and such that  $U \cap G_{\gamma_0}^1$  is  $\mathbf{R}$ -split. Let  $V = U^w$ ;  $\text{ad } w: U \rightarrow V$  is defined over  $\mathbf{R}$ . Since  $U$  and  $V$  are maximal in  $M$  there exists  $w_1 \in M$  such that  $U^{w_1} = V$

and  $w_1^{-1}w$  centralizes the maximal  $\mathbb{R}$ -split torus in  $U$  (Theorem 2.1). If  $\beta$  is a root for  $U$  in  $G_{\gamma_0}$  then  $\text{ad } w_1(\beta) = \text{ad } w(\beta)$  is a root for  $V$  in both  $G_{\gamma_0^1}$  and  $G_{\gamma_0^*}$ . Choose root vectors  $X_\beta, X_{-\beta}$  and coroot  $H_\beta$  as usual. Then

$$\text{Ad } w_1(\mathbb{C}X_\beta + \mathbb{C}X_{-\beta} + \mathbb{C}H_\beta) = \text{Ad } w(\mathbb{C}X_\beta + \mathbb{C}X_{-\beta} + \mathbb{C}H_\beta)$$

so that  $w_1^{-1}w$  normalizes  $G_{\gamma_0}^1$ . We may replace  $w_1$  by  $w_0 \in M$  such that  $w_0^{-1}w_1 \in G_{\gamma_0}^1$  and  $w_0^{-1}w$  normalizes  $T \cap G_{\gamma_0}^1$  as well as  $G_{\gamma_0}^1$ . Then  $\text{ad}(w_0^{-1}w)\alpha = \pm\alpha$ , which proves the lemma.

To proceed with our discussion of the jumps of  $D\Psi_f^T$ , we assume  $\alpha$  noncompact. According to the lemma, if  $\omega\alpha$  is also noncompact we may replace  $\omega$  in the summation (2) by an element  $\delta$  of  $\text{Norm}(M, T)$  such that  $\delta\alpha = \pm\alpha$ . If the Weyl reflection  $\omega_\alpha$  is realized by  $w_\alpha$  in  $G$  then replacing  $\delta$  by  $w_\alpha\delta$  does not change the class in  $\mathcal{D}(T)$ ; hence we may assume that  $\delta\alpha = \alpha$ . If  $w_\alpha$  cannot be chosen in  $G$  then the class of  $w_\alpha\delta$  is distinct from that of  $\delta$  in  $\mathcal{D}(T)$ . However, we will observe that the terms in (2) corresponding to these two classes coincide for an appropriate choice of  $D$ .

It is convenient at this point to indicate the final ‘‘jump’’ formula. We will observe the following conventions. Firstly, the system  $I^+$  of positive imaginary roots for  $T$  must be adapted to  $\alpha$ ; that is,  $I^+$  contains all imaginary roots  $\beta$  for which  $\langle \beta, \alpha \rangle > 0$ ; as before,  $\iota = (\sum_{\beta \in I^+} \beta)/2$ . Let  $s$  be a Cayley transform with respect to  $\alpha$  (in the sense of Section 2). Recall that  $s$  embeds  $S(T)$  in  $S(T_s)$  (Proposition 2.7). Hence  $M_s$ , the centralizer of  $S(T_s)$ , is contained in  $(M)^s$ . Then  $s$  induces a bijection between the set of imaginary roots  $\beta$  for  $T_s$  and the set of imaginary roots for  $T$  perpendicular to  $\alpha$ . Define

$$I_s^+ = (\beta: s^{-1}\beta \in I^+) \quad \text{and} \quad \iota_s = \left( \sum_{\beta \in I_s^+} \beta \right) / 2.$$

To fix a Haar measure on  $T_s$ , suppose that the measure  $dt$  on  $T$  is defined by the differential form  $\omega_0 \wedge \omega_1$  on  $\mathfrak{t}$ , where  $\omega_0, \omega_1$  are left-invariant forms on  $CH_\alpha, (CH_\alpha)^\perp$  respectively, of highest degree and commuting with complex conjugation. Then  $s$  transports  $i\omega_0 \wedge \omega_1$  to a form on  $\mathfrak{t}_s$ , which we may use to define a Haar measure  $(dt)^s$  on  $T_s$ . Finally, if  $D \in \mathcal{T}$  then  $D^s$  will denote the image of  $D$  under the isomorphism  $\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_s$  induced by  $s$ . Also, we will replace  $D$  by  $\hat{D}$ , the image of  $D$  under the automorphism of  $\mathcal{T}$  induced by  $H \rightarrow H + \iota(H)I$ ,  $H \in \mathfrak{t}$ ; if  $D' \in \mathcal{T}_s$  then  $\hat{D}'$  will be the image of  $D'$  under the automorphism of  $\mathcal{T}_s$  induced by  $H' \rightarrow H' + \iota_s(H')I$ ,  $H' \in \mathfrak{t}_s$ .

LEMMA 4.3:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) \\ = 2i\widehat{D}^s\Psi_f^{T_s}(\gamma_0^s, (dt)^s, dg). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF: Note that the right-hand side is well-defined (since  $\gamma_0^s \in (T_s)_{\text{reg}}^1$ ) and independent of the choice of Cayley transform  $s$ . Hence we will assume that  $s$  is standard; that is, that  $s$  is the image of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ -i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  under some fixed homomorphism of  $\text{SL}_2$  into  $G$ , as defined in Section 2. The image of  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$  under such a homomorphism is  $G_{\gamma_0}^+$ , the (Euclidean) connected component of the identity in  $G_{\gamma_0}^1$ ; the image of the standard compact Cartan subgroup is  $B^+ = T \cap G_{\gamma_0}^+$  and the image of the standard split Cartan subgroup is  $A^+ = T_s \cap G_{\gamma_0}^+$ . Also  $T = ZB^+$  and  $ZA^+$  has finite index in  $T_s$ ,  $Z$  denoting the center of  $G_{\gamma_0}$ . We will need the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 4.4: (1) *If  $\omega_\alpha$  can be realized in  $G$  then*

$$[G_{\gamma_0} : ZG_{\gamma_0}^+] = [T_s : ZA^+] = 2;$$

(2) *If  $\omega_\alpha$  cannot be realized in  $G$  then*

$$G_{\gamma_0} = ZG_{\gamma_0}^+ \quad \text{and} \quad T_s = ZA^+.$$

PROOF: Let  $g \in G_{\gamma_0}$ . Then there exists  $g_0 \in G_{\gamma_0}^+$  such that  $g_0g$  normalizes  $B^+$ . Then also  $g_0g$  normalizes  $G_{\gamma_0}^1$  and  $T \cap G_{\gamma_0}^1$ . Hence  $g_0g\alpha = \pm\alpha$ . If  $w_\alpha \in G_{\gamma_0}$  represents  $\omega_\alpha$  then it follows that either  $w_\alpha g_0g$  or  $g_0g$  lies in  $T$ . If  $w_\alpha$  cannot be chosen in  $G$  then  $g_0g \in T \subset ZG_{\gamma_0}^+$  so that (2) follows. If  $w_\alpha$  can be chosen in  $G$ , and hence in  $G_{\gamma_0}$ , then  $[G_{\gamma_0} : ZG_{\gamma_0}^+] = 2$  since, clearly,  $w_\alpha \notin ZG_{\gamma_0}^+$ . Again, suppose  $g \in G_{\gamma_0}$ . Then there exists  $g_1 \in G_{\gamma_0}^+$  such that  $g_1g$  normalizes  $A^+$ . Arguing as before, and observing that  $\omega_{s\alpha}$  can be realized in  $G_{\gamma_0}^+$  we obtain  $g \in G_{\gamma_0}^+ T_s$ . This implies  $[T_s : ZA^+] = 2$ , which completes the proof.

Now fix  $\delta \in \text{Norm}(\mathbf{M}, T)$  such that  $\delta\alpha = \alpha$ . Then  $G_{\gamma_0^\delta} = G_{\gamma_0}$  and ad  $\delta/G_{\gamma_0}$  is defined over  $\mathbf{R}$ . Hence  $\delta$  normalizes both  $G_{\gamma_0}^+$  and  $Z$ ; in particular,  $\gamma_0^\delta \in Z$ , the center of  $G_{\gamma_0}$ . We will need the following (immediate) observation:  $s\delta s^{-1}\delta^{-1} \in G_{\gamma_0}$  and  $s\delta s^{-1}\delta^{-1}: T_s^\delta \rightarrow T_s$  is defined over  $\mathbf{R}$ , for this implies that  $s\delta s^{-1} = g_0\delta t$ ,  $g_0 \in G_{\gamma_0}$ ,  $t \in T_s$ .

The next proposition can be deduced from [6]. However it is easy

to write down a similar direct proof; we include the argument for the sake of completeness.

PROPOSITION 4.5:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^\delta(\gamma_\nu : dt : dg) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^\delta(\gamma_\nu : dt : dg) \\ = \text{id}(\alpha) \widehat{D}^s \Psi_f^{s\delta s^{-1}}(\gamma_0 : (dt)^s : dg) \end{aligned}$$

where  $d(\alpha) = 2$  if  $\omega_\alpha$  can be realized in  $G$  and  $d(\alpha) = 1$  otherwise.

PROOF: Because of the continuity of the map  $f \rightarrow \Psi_f^T$  between the Schwartz spaces of  $G$  and  $T_{\text{reg}}^I$  (cf. [6]) it is enough to verify the lemma in the case that  $f$  has compact support.

Pick a neighborhood  $\mathcal{O}$  of the origin in  $\mathfrak{t}$  as in [26, volume 2, page 228]. Let  $N = \exp \mathcal{O}$ ;  $\gamma \in \gamma_0 N$  is regular in  $G$  if  $\gamma_0^{-1} \gamma$  is regular in  $G_{\gamma_0}$ . On fixing  $H_0 \in \mathfrak{t}$  such that  $\gamma_0 = \exp H_0$ , the functions  $\xi_\alpha, \xi_{\beta/2}$ , etc., are well-defined on  $\gamma_0 N$ . Then

$$\hat{D}\Psi_f^\delta = \xi_{-,t} D(F_1 F_2)$$

on  $\gamma_0 N_{\text{reg}}$ , where

$$F_1(\gamma) = |\det(\text{Ad } \gamma - 1)_{\mathfrak{a}/\mathfrak{m}}|^{1/2} \prod_{\substack{\beta \in I^+ \\ \beta \neq \alpha}} (\xi_{\beta/2}(\gamma) - \xi_{\beta/2}(\gamma^{-1}))$$

and

$$F_2(\gamma) = (\xi_{\alpha/2}(\gamma) - \xi_{\alpha/2}(\gamma^{-1})) \int_{G/T} f(g\gamma^\delta g^{-1}) d\bar{g}$$

for  $\gamma \in \gamma_0 N_{\text{reg}}$ . Similarly, define

$$G_1(\gamma) = |\det(\text{Ad } \gamma - 1)_{\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{m}_s}|^{1/2} \prod_{\beta \in I_s^+} (\xi_{\beta/2}(\gamma) - \xi_{\beta/2}(\gamma^{-1}))$$

and

$$G_2(\gamma) = |\xi_{s\alpha/2}(\gamma) - \xi_{s\alpha/2}(\gamma^{-1})| \int_{G/T_s} f(g\gamma^{s\delta s^{-1}} g^{-1}) d\bar{g}$$

for regular  $\gamma$  in a suitable neighborhood of  $\gamma_0$  in  $T_s$ .

A simple inductive argument shows that there are operators  $C_r, D_r \in \mathcal{T}$  such that

$$D(fg) = \sum_{r=1}^n C_r f D_r g \quad f, g \in C^\infty(T_{\text{reg}})$$

and

$$D^s(f'g') = \sum_{r=1}^n C_r^s f' D_r^s g' \quad f', g' \in C^\infty((T_s)_{\text{reg}}).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^\delta(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^\delta(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) \\ &= \xi_{-i}(\gamma_0) \sum_r C_r F_1(\gamma_0) \left( \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D_r F_2(\gamma_\nu) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} D_r F_2(\gamma_\nu) \right) \end{aligned}$$

since  $F_1$  is  $C^\infty$  around  $\gamma_0$ . On the other hand

$$D^s \Psi_f^{s\delta s^{-1}}(\gamma_0, (dt)^s, dg) = \xi_{-i_s}(\gamma_0) \sum_r C_r^s G_1(\gamma_0) D_r^s G_2(\gamma_0).$$

Hence, to prove the proposition, we have only to check that

$$(A) \quad \xi_{-i_s}(\gamma_0) C_r^s(G_1)(\gamma_0) = \xi_{\alpha/2-i}(\gamma_0) C_r F_1(\gamma_0).$$

$$(B) \quad \text{id}(\alpha) D_r^s G_2(\gamma_0) = \xi_{-\alpha/2}(\gamma_0) \left( \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D_r F_2(\gamma_\nu) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} D_r F_2(\gamma_\nu) \right).$$

For (A), note that if  $\beta$  is a root in  $I^+$  distinct from  $\alpha$  and not perpendicular to  $\alpha$  then so also is  $\beta' = -\omega_\alpha(\beta)$ ;  $\beta' \neq \beta$  and  $s\beta, s\beta'$  are complex conjugate roots in  $T_s$  (recall that  $I^+$  is adapted to  $\alpha$ ). A straightforward calculation then yields the desired formula.

For (B), suppose that the support of  $f$  lies in the compact set  $C$ . Choose a compact set  $\bar{C}$  in  $G/G_{\gamma_0}$  so that  $g\gamma^\delta g^{-1} \in C$  ( $\gamma \in \gamma_0 N, g \in G$ ) implies that  $gG_{\gamma_0} \in \bar{C}$ . Fix  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(G)$  so that

$$\int_{G_{\gamma_0}} \psi(gh) dh = 1 \quad \text{if } gG_{\gamma_0} \in \bar{C}$$

and define

$$v_f^\delta(h) = \int_G \psi(g) f(g(\gamma_0 h)^\delta g^{-1}) dg,$$

for  $h \in G_{\gamma_0}$ . If the Haar measure  $dh$  on  $G_{\gamma_0}$  is chosen suitably, then  $v_f^\delta \in C_c^\infty(G_{\gamma_0})$  and

$$\int_{G/T} f(g\gamma^\delta g^{-1})d\bar{g} = \int_{G_{\gamma_0}/T} v_f^\delta(h\gamma_0^{-1}\gamma h^{-1})d\bar{h}$$

for  $\gamma \in \gamma_0 N_{\text{reg}}$ . Similarly,

$$\int_{G/T_s} f(g\gamma^{s\delta s^{-1}}g^{-1})d\bar{g} = \int_{G/T_s^\delta} f(g\gamma^\delta g^{-1})d\bar{g} = \int_{G_{\gamma_0}/T_s} v_f^\delta(h\gamma_0^{-1}\gamma h^{-1})d\bar{h}$$

for regular  $\gamma$  near  $\gamma_0$  in  $T_s$ .

For  $x \in G_{\gamma_0}$  define  $v_f^{\delta,x}(h) = v_f^\delta(xhx^{-1})$ ,  $h \in G_{\gamma_0}$ . Let  $x$  range over a set of representatives for  $G_{\gamma_0}/ZG_{\gamma_0}^+$ . Then

$$\xi_{-\alpha/2}(\gamma_0)F_2(\gamma) = (\xi_{\alpha/2}(b) - \xi_{\alpha/2}(b^{-1})) \sum_x \int_{G_{\gamma_0}^+/B^+} v_f^{\delta,x}(zhbh^{-1})d\bar{h}$$

where  $\gamma_0^{-1}\gamma = zb$ ,  $z \in Z$ ,  $b \in B^+$ . Concerning the normalization of measures, we fix a Haar measure on the standard compact Cartan subgroup of  $SL_2(\mathbf{R})$ ; we transport measures via the homomorphism  $SL_2 \rightarrow G$ , and given measures on a group and subgroup we use the quotient measure on the quotient; conversely we use product measures on products. This, together with our previous choices, fixes the measure on each of the groups we will consider. Now write  $D_r = D_r^{(1)} \cdot D_r^{(2)}$  where  $D_r^{(1)}$ ,  $D_r^{(2)}$  are invariant differential operators on  $B^+$ ,  $Z$  respectively. Then

$$\xi_{-\alpha/2}(\gamma_0)D_r F_2(\gamma) = (D_r^{(1)}F_2^z)(b)$$

where

$$F_2^z(b) = (\xi_{\alpha/2}(b) - \xi_{\alpha/2}(b^{-1})) \sum_x \int_{G_{\gamma_0}^+/B^+} (D_r^{(2)}v_f^{\delta,x})(zhbh^{-1})d\bar{h}.$$

Since  $G_{\gamma_0}^+ = SL_2(\mathbf{R})$  (or  $SL_2(\mathbf{R})/\pm I$ ) we have only to recall the calculations for that group to obtain

$$\xi_{-\alpha/2}(\gamma_0) \left( \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D_r F_2(\gamma_\nu) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} D_r F_2(\gamma_\nu) \right) = i((D_r^{(1)})^s G_2^z)(1)$$

where

$$G_2^z(a) = |\xi_{s\alpha/2}(a) - \xi_{s\alpha/2}(a^{-1})| \sum_x \int_{G_{\gamma_0}^+/A^+} D_r^{(2)}v_f^{\delta,x}(zhah^{-1})d\bar{h}$$

for  $a \in A^+$ . Since  $(D_r^{(1)}D_r^{(2)})^s = (D_r^{(1)})^s D_r^{(2)}$  we obtain

$$i((D_r^{(1)})^s G_2^z)(1) = i(D_r^s(G_2^z)(\gamma_0))$$

where

$$G'_2(\gamma) = |\xi_{s\beta/2}(\gamma) - \xi_{s\alpha/2}(\gamma^{-1})| \sum_x \int_{G_{\gamma_0}^+/A^+} v_f^{\delta, x}(h\gamma_0^{-1}\gamma h^{-1}) d\bar{h}$$

for regular  $\gamma$  near  $\gamma_0$  in  $T_s$ . But

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_x \int_{G_{\gamma_0}^+/A^+} v_f^{\delta, x}(h\gamma_0^{-1}\gamma h^{-1}) d\bar{h} &= d(\alpha) \int_{G_{\gamma_0}/T_s} v_f^{\delta}(h\gamma_0^{-1}\gamma h^{-1}) d\bar{h} \\ &= d(\alpha) \int_{G/T_s} f(g\gamma^{s\delta s^{-1}}g^{-1}) d\bar{g} \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$G'_2(\gamma) = d(\alpha)G_2(\gamma).$$

Hence (B) is verified and the proof of Proposition 4.5 is complete.

For the proof of Lemma 4.3 we need one more proposition. Consider set of all classes in  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  which contain a representative  $\delta$  in  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{M}, T)$  for which  $\delta\alpha = \pm\alpha$ . There is a well-defined action of the group  $\langle 1, \omega_\alpha \rangle$  on this set, given by  $G\delta T \rightarrow G\omega_\alpha\delta T$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha(T)$  be the set of orbits. If  $\omega_\alpha$  is realized in  $G$  then each orbit has just one element and if  $\omega_\alpha$  is not realized in  $G$  each orbit has two elements. Since  $s$  embeds  $S(T)$  in  $S(T_s)$  it follows that  $\omega \rightarrow s^{-1}\omega s$  maps  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{M}_s, T_s)$  to  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{M}, T)$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.6:** *The map  $\omega \rightarrow s^{-1}\omega s$  induces a bijection  $\mathcal{D}(T_s) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\alpha(T)$ .*

**PROOF:** Suppose that  $g \in \text{Norm}(\mathbf{M}_s, T_s)$ . Then  $\text{ad}(s^{-1}g^{-1}s)$  fixes  $\alpha$  and hence maps  $G_{\gamma_0}$  to  $G_{\gamma_0}$ . This implies that  $\text{ad}(s^{-1}g^{-1}s)(\gamma_0)$  lies in  $Z(G_{\gamma_0})$  and hence  $gs^{-1}g^{-1}s \in G_{\gamma_0}$ . There is  $h \in G_{\gamma_0}$  such that  $hgs^{-1}g^{-1}s$  normalizes  $T$ . Hence either  $hgs^{-1}g^{-1}s$  or  $hgs^{-1}g^{-1}s\omega_\alpha$  lies in  $T$ ; that is, either  $\text{ad}(s^{-1}gs)/T = \text{ad}(hg)/T$  or  $\text{ad}(\omega_\alpha s^{-1}gs)/T = \text{ad}(hg)/T$ . This implies that the map which sends the class of  $\omega$  in  $\mathcal{D}(T_s)$  to the orbit of  $s^{-1}\omega s$  is well-defined. Clearly the map is surjective. To complete the proof it is enough to show that if  $g \in \text{Norm}(\mathbf{M}, T)$  and  $g\alpha = \pm\alpha$  then the action of  $sgs^{-1}$  on  $T_s$  can be realized in  $G$ . This follows easily from an argument similar to that given above.

Combining Lemma 4.2 and Propositions 4.5 and 4.6, we may now complete the proof of Lemma 4.3. If  $\omega_\alpha$  is realized in  $G$  then the

result is immediate:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) \\ &= \sum_{\delta} \left( \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^{\delta}(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^{\delta}(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  ranges over a complete set of representatives, each fixing  $\alpha$ , for the classes in  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  containing an element fixing  $\alpha$ ,

$$= 2i \sum \widehat{D}^s \Psi_f^{s\delta s^{-1}}(\gamma_0, (dt)^s, dg) = 2i \widehat{D}^s \Psi_f^T(\gamma_0, (dt)^s, dg).$$

Suppose then that  $\omega_\alpha$  cannot be realized in  $G$ . Suppose that  $D^{\omega_\alpha} = -D$ . Then since

$$\Phi_f^1(\gamma^{\omega_\alpha}, dt, dg) = \Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg)$$

it follows that both sides of the equation in the statement of Lemma 4.3 are zero. Hence we may assume that  $D^{\omega_\alpha} = D$ . But then a computation shows that

$$\lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^{\omega_\alpha}(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) = -\lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^{\delta}(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg),$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) \\ &= 2 \sum_{\delta} \left( \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^{\delta}(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi_f^{\delta}(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) \right). \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof is immediate.

We have now shown the necessity of (I) to (IIIb) in the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.7:** *Suppose that for each Haar measure  $dg$  on  $G$ , Cartan subgroup  $T$  and Haar measure  $dt$  on  $T$  we are given a function  $\gamma \rightarrow \Phi^T(\gamma, dt, dg)$  on  $T_{\text{reg}}$ . Then there is a Schwartz function  $f$  on  $G$  such that*

$$\Phi^T(\gamma, dt, dg) = \Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg)$$

for all  $T$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $dt$  and  $dg$  if and only if:

$$(I) \quad \Phi^T(\gamma, \alpha dt, \beta dg) = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \Phi^T(\gamma, dt, dg)$$

for  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ,

$$(II) \quad \Phi^T(\gamma, dt, dg) = \Phi^{T^\omega}(\gamma^\omega, (dt)^\omega, dg)$$

for  $\omega \in \mathcal{A}(T)$ ,

(III) if  $\Psi^T(\gamma, dt, dg) = R_T(\gamma)\Phi^T(\gamma, dt, dg)$  then  $\Psi^T$  extends to a Schwartz function on  $T_{\text{reg}}^I$  and

(a) if  $\gamma_0 \in T - T_{\text{reg}}^I$  is semiregular and  $\xi_\alpha(\gamma_0) = 1$  where  $\omega\alpha$  is compact for each  $\omega \in \Omega(M, T)$  then

$$\lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} D\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) = \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} D\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg)$$

for each  $D \in \mathcal{I}$ ,

(b) if  $\gamma_0 \in T - T_{\text{reg}}^I$  is semiregular and  $\xi_\alpha(\gamma_0) = 1$  where  $\alpha$  is noncompact then

$$\lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) = 2i\hat{D}^s\Psi^{T_s}(\gamma_0^s, (dt)^s, dg)$$

for each  $D \in \mathcal{I}$ .

Recall that

$$R_T(\gamma) = |\det(\text{Ad } \gamma - 1)_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{m}}|^{1/2} \prod_{\alpha \in I^+} (1 - \xi_\alpha(\gamma^{-1})).$$

In (III) and (IIIa) the choice of  $I^+$  is arbitrary; in (IIIb) the chosen  $I^+$  must be adapted to  $\alpha$ . The conventions for  $\hat{D}$ ,  $\hat{D}^s$ ,  $(dt)^s$  and  $R_T$  are as before.

Suppose that  $\{\Phi^T(\cdot, dt, dg)\}$  satisfies (I)–(III); (III) implies that the terms in (IIIa) and (IIIb) are well-defined. Moreover, for any imaginary root  $\alpha$ , if

$$(*) \quad \lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} D\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) = \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} D\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) \quad D \in \mathcal{I}$$

for all semiregular  $\gamma_0$  such that  $\xi_\alpha(\gamma_0) = 1$  then  $\Psi^T$  extends to a  $C^\infty$  function around each such  $\gamma_0$  (irrespective of the choice for  $I^+$ ); if (\*) remains true as  $\alpha$  ranges over all imaginary roots then each  $\Psi^T$  extends to a  $C^\infty$ , and hence a Schwartz function on  $T$  (cf. [26]). Also, from (II) we

have

$$(\hat{D}\Psi^T)(\gamma) = (\det \omega) \widehat{D}^\omega \Psi^T(\gamma^\omega) \quad \gamma \in T_{\text{reg}}$$

for  $\omega \in \Omega(\mathbf{M}, T)$ , the imaginary Weyl group for  $T$ . This enables us to compute

$$\lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) - \lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg)$$

in the case  $\gamma_0$  is semiregular and  $\xi_\alpha(\gamma_0) = 1$  with  $\alpha$  compact but some  $\omega\alpha$  noncompact. It follows then that  $\Psi^T$ , satisfying (I)–(IIIa), will be a Schwartz function on  $T$  if the right-hand side in (IIIb) is zero for all  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma_0$  as in (IIIb). Finally, note that if  $D$  is skew with respect to the Weyl reflection for  $\alpha$  then (II) implies that (IIIa) is true for  $\hat{D}$  and that both sides of (IIIb) are zero; if  $D$  is fixed by the Weyl reflection for  $\alpha$  then

$$\lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) = -\lim_{\nu \uparrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg)$$

so that (IIIa) becomes

$$\lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) = 0$$

and (IIIb) becomes

$$\lim_{\nu \downarrow 0} \hat{D}\Psi^T(\gamma_\nu, dt, dg) = i\widehat{D}^\delta \Psi^{T_\delta}(\gamma_0^\delta, (dt)^\delta, dg).$$

Now if  $\{\Phi^T(\cdot, dt, dg)\}$  is any family of functions on the various  $T_{\text{reg}}$  define  $\tau_\Phi$  to be the least of the integers  $\tau$  for which  $\Phi^T(\cdot, dt, dg) \equiv 0$  if  $\dim \mathbf{S}(T) > \tau$ . Then, arguing by induction on  $\tau_\Phi$  we see that to prove Theorem 4.7 it is sufficient to show the following lemma.

**LEMMA 4.8:** *Fix a Cartan subgroup  $T_0$  and suppose that for each  $T$  conjugate to  $T_0$  and for each Haar measure  $dt$  on  $T$  and  $dg$  on  $G$  we are given a function  $\Phi^T(\cdot, dt, dg)$  on  $T_{\text{reg}}$  satisfying (I), (II) and*

(III')  $\Psi^T(\cdot, dt, dg)$  extends to a Schwartz function on  $T$ . Then there exists a Schwartz function  $f$  on  $G$  such that

(a)  $\Phi^T(\gamma, dt, dg) = \Phi_f^1(\gamma, dt, dg)$ ,  $\gamma \in T_{\text{reg}}$ , for all such  $T$ ,  $dt$  and  $dg$ , and

(b)  $\Phi_f^1(\cdot, dt', dg) \equiv 0$  unless  $\langle T' \rangle \leq \langle T \rangle$  for any  $dt'$  on  $T'$  and  $dg$ .

PROOF: Suppose that  $\{\Phi^T(\cdot, dt, dg)\}$  satisfies (I), (II) and (III'). We have only to find  $f$  satisfying (a) and (b) for one choice of  $T, I^+, dt$  and  $dg$ . Hence we will assume that  $T, dt$  and  $dg$  satisfy the conditions in [6]; implicit is a certain choice of maximal compact subgroup  $K$  of  $G$ . The choice of  $I^+$  is arbitrary. Also we define the split component  $A$  of  $M$  and the reductive subgroup  ${}^\circ M$  as in [6, sections 2 and 3];  $M = {}^\circ MA$ ,  ${}^\circ M \cap A = \langle 1 \rangle$  and  $T = {}^\circ TA$ , where  ${}^\circ T = {}^\circ M \cap T$  is a compact Cartan subgroup of  ${}^\circ M$ . Thus, if  $\mathfrak{X}$  denotes the group of characters on  ${}^\circ T$  and  $\mathfrak{a}^*$  the (real) dual of  $\log A$  then the Fourier transform  $\Psi^\vee$  of  $\Psi = \Psi^T(\cdot, dt, dg)$  is a Schwartz function on  $\mathfrak{X} \times \mathfrak{a}^*$ . More precisely, we need the following: for each  $\Lambda \in \mathfrak{X}$  the function  $\nu \rightarrow \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathfrak{a}^*)$ , the space of Schwartz functions on  $\mathfrak{a}^*$ , and if  $N$  is a continuous seminorm on  $\mathcal{C}(\mathfrak{a}^*)$  then the numbers  $N_\Lambda = N(\nu \rightarrow \Psi(\Lambda, \nu))$  satisfy

$$(1) \quad \sum_{\Lambda} N_{\Lambda} \mathfrak{p}(|\Lambda|) < \infty$$

for each polynomial  $\mathfrak{p}$ . ( $|\Lambda|$ ) denotes the length of  $\log \Lambda$  which is defined relative to some fixed positive-definite bilinear form on  ${}^\circ \mathfrak{m}$  derived from the Killing form on the derived subalgebra  $\mathfrak{m}^{\dagger}$ ). We may choose the Haar measure on  $\mathcal{A}^*$  so that

$$(2) \quad \Psi(ta) = \sum_{\Lambda \in \mathfrak{X}} \left( \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu) e^{i\nu \log a} d\nu \right) \Lambda(t)$$

for  $t \in {}^\circ T, a \in A$ .

Let  $\omega \in \Omega(M, T)$ . Then by (II) we have that

$$\Psi(at^{\omega^{-1}}) = (\det \omega) \xi_{t^{-\omega t}}(t) \Psi(at) \quad t \in {}^\circ T, a \in A$$

which implies that

$$(3) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu) e^{i\nu \log a} d\nu = (\det \omega) \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\omega \Lambda \xi_{\omega t^{-1}}, \nu) e^{i\nu \log a} d\nu$$

Fix  $\Lambda \in \mathfrak{X}$  and consider

$$\sum_{\omega \in \Omega(M, T)} \left( \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\omega \Lambda \xi_{\omega t^{-1}}, \nu) e^{i\nu \log a} d\nu \right) \omega \Lambda \xi_{\omega t^{-1}}.$$

According to (3) we can write this as

$$(4) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu) e^{i\nu \log a} d\nu \sum_{\omega \in \Omega(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{T})} (\det \omega) \omega \Lambda \xi_{\omega \iota^{-1}}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda) = \{\omega \Lambda \xi_{\omega \iota^{-1}}; \omega \in \Omega(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{T})\}$  and  $\bar{C}$  be the closure of the chamber in  $({}^\circ\mathfrak{f})^*$  dominant with respect to  $I^+$ . Clearly (4) vanishes unless  $\iota + \log \Lambda$  is regular with respect to  $\Omega(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{T})$  or, equivalently, unless  $\bar{C} \cap \log(\mathcal{O}(\Lambda))$  is nonempty. Hence (2) may be rewritten as

$$\Psi = \sum_{\log \Lambda \in \bar{C}} \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu) x(\Lambda, \nu) d\nu$$

where

$$x(\Lambda, \nu)(at) = e^{i\nu \log a} \sum_{\omega \in \Omega(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{T})} (\det \omega) \omega \Lambda(t) \xi_{\omega \iota^{-1}}(t).$$

Let  $\mathfrak{B} = M \backslash \text{Norm}(G, M)$ ;  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a finite group and for each element we may pick a representative  $s$  normalizing  $T, {}^\circ T$  and  $A$ . Then

$$\Psi((at)^{s^{-1}}) = (\det s) \xi_{\iota^{-1}s}(t) \Psi(at);$$

here  $\det s$  is the signature of  $s$  with respect to  $I^+$  (cf. [6]). Fix  $\Lambda$  such that  $\log \Lambda \in \bar{C}$  and consider

$$(5) \quad \sum_s \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(s\Lambda \xi_{s\iota^{-1}}, \nu) e^{i\nu \log a} s\Lambda(t) \xi_{s\iota^{-1}}(t) d\nu$$

This may be written as

$$\int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu) \sum_s e^{is\nu \log a} (\det s) s\Lambda(t) \xi_{s\iota^{-1}}(t) d\nu$$

For each  $s$ ,  $\log(\mathcal{O}(s\Lambda \xi_{s\iota^{-1}}))$  meets  $\bar{C}$  and, conversely, each nonempty  $\mathcal{O}(\_)$  can be written as  $\mathcal{O}(s\Lambda \xi_{s\iota^{-1}})$  for some choice of  $\Lambda$  with  $\log \Lambda \in \bar{C}$ . Hence if we sum (5) over each  $\mathcal{O}(s\Lambda \xi_{s\iota^{-1}})$ ,  $s \in \mathfrak{B}$ , and then over

$\Lambda$  with  $\log \Lambda \in \bar{C}$  then we obtain  $|\mathfrak{B}|\Psi$ . We conclude then that

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= \frac{1}{|\mathfrak{B}|} \sum_{\log \Lambda \in \bar{C}} \sum_{s \in \mathfrak{B}} \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu)(\det s)x(s\Lambda + s\iota - \iota, s\nu) d\nu \\ &= \sum_{\log \Lambda \in \bar{C}} \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu)y(\Lambda, \nu) d\nu \end{aligned}$$

where

$$y(\Lambda, \nu) = \frac{1}{|\mathfrak{B}|} \sum_{s \in \mathfrak{B}} (\det s)x(s\Lambda + s\iota - \iota, s\nu).$$

Note that, up to a constant,  $R_T^{-1}y(\Lambda, \nu)$  coincides with the restriction to  $T$  of our character  $\chi_\varphi$ ,  $\varphi$  denoting the parameter attached to the  $\mathcal{A}(T)$ -orbit of  $\Lambda e^{i\nu}$  – the (well-known) computation for  $\chi_\varphi$  is given in [23].

Let  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  denote the space of Schwartz functions on  $G$ . If  $X, Y$  are in the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $m > 0$  set

$$\nu_{(X,Y,m)}(f) = \sup_{g \in G} \frac{(1 + \sigma(g))^m (XfY)(g)}{\Xi(g)} \quad f \in \mathcal{C}(G)$$

( $\sigma, \Xi$  are defined as usual (cf. [6]).

**PROPOSITION 4.9:** *Fix  $X, Y, m$ . Then there is a polynomial  $\wp$ , a continuous seminorm  $N$  on  $\mathcal{C}(\mathfrak{a}^*)$  and for each  $\Lambda$  with  $\log \Lambda \in C$  a function  $f(\Lambda) \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  such that*

- (1)  $\Psi_{f(\Lambda)}^T(\ , dt, dg) = \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu)y(\Lambda, \nu) d\nu;$
- (2)  $\Phi_{f(\Lambda)}^1(\ , dt', dg) \equiv 0$  for any  $T'$  with  $\langle T' \rangle \not\cong \langle T \rangle;$  and
- (3)  $\nu_{(X,Y,m)}(f(\Lambda)) \leq N_\Lambda \wp(|\Lambda|).$

Lemma 4.8 follows from Proposition 4.9, for, assuming Proposition 4.9, we may define

$$f = \sum_{\log \Lambda \in \bar{C}} f(\Lambda).$$

From (1) it follows that  $\nu_{(X,Y,m)}(f) < \infty$  for all  $(X, Y, m)$  so that

$f \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ . Moreover, on any Cartan subgroup  $T'$

$$\Phi_f^1(\ , dt', dg) = \sum_{\log \Lambda \in \bar{C}} \Phi_{f(\Lambda)}^1(\ , dt', dg)$$

because of the continuity of the map  $f \rightarrow R_{T'} \Phi_f^1$  of  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  into  $\mathcal{C}(T'_{\text{reg}})$  (cf. [6]). Hence  $f$  fulfills the requirements of Lemma 4.8. It remains then to prove Proposition 4.9.

Let  $\pi$  be the restriction to  ${}^\circ M$  of the square-integrable representation of  $M$  attached to  $\Lambda e^{iv}$  ( $\pi$  depends only on  $\Lambda$ ).

**PROPOSITION 4.10:** *There is a polynomial  $\wp$  with the following property: for each  $\Lambda$  there exists an irreducible unitary representation  $\sigma(\Lambda)$  of  $K$  contained in  $\text{Ind}(\pi \mid K \cap M, K \cap M, K)$  and such that  $\|\sigma(\Lambda)\| \leq \wp(|\Lambda|)$ .*

Here  $\|\ \ \|$  denotes the length of the highest weight. The proposition is immediate consequence of [24, Lemma 4.4]. A proof using [22] (or [9]) and an elementary argument can also be given.

Let  $\mathfrak{S}_\Lambda$  be the  $\sigma(\Lambda)$ -isotypic subspace of  $\text{Ind}(\pi \mid K \cap M, K \cap M, K)$  and  $p$  be the projection of  $\mathfrak{S}_\Lambda$  onto some irreducible summand; attach to  $p$  the function  $\psi_p$  of [8, section 7]. Let  $(\tau, V)$  be that subrepresentation of the natural double representation of  $K$  on  $C^\infty(K \times K)$  determined by  $\sigma(\Lambda)$ , as in [8, section 7]. Recall that  $\psi_p$  is a  $V$ -valued function on  ${}^\circ M$ , spherical with respect to  $\tau \mid K \cap M$ . We consider now the wave-packet

$$F_\Lambda = \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu) \mu(\Lambda, \nu) E(P, \psi_p, \nu, -) d\nu;$$

here  $P$  is some parabolic subgroup with Levi component  $M$ ,  $E(P, \psi_p, \nu, -)$  is the Eisenstein integral for  $\psi_p$  relative to  $P$  and  $\mu(\Lambda, \nu)$  is as in [8]. According to [8, section 26]  $F_\Lambda \in \mathcal{C}(G, V)$  and

$$\Phi_{F_\Lambda}^1 = \left( \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \Psi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu) y(\Lambda, \nu) d\nu \right) v_0$$

where  $v_0 = (c/d_\pi) \int_K k \psi_p(1) k^{-1} dk$ ,  $c$  being a constant and  $d_\pi$  the formal degree of  $\pi$ . We now choose  $\ell \in V^*$  such that  $\ell(v_0) = 1$  and set  $f(\Lambda) = \ell(F_\Lambda)$ . Because  $\mathfrak{S}_\Lambda \neq (0)$  we have  $\int k \psi_p(1) k^{-1} dk \neq 0$  (cf. [8, section 24]), so that  $f(\Lambda)$  is well-defined. It is clear that  $f(\Lambda)$  satisfies (1); also (2) follows from [7, section 13], (cf. [8, section 24]). For (3) we have, by [1], that

$$\nu_{(x, \gamma, m)}(f(\Lambda)) \leq N_A p_1(|\Lambda|) \|\psi_p\|_2 \|\ell\|$$

where  $N$  is some continuous seminorm on  $\mathcal{C}(\mathfrak{a}^*)$ , with  $N_A$  defined as before,  $p_1$  is a polynomial,  $\|\psi_p\|_2 = (\int_M \|\psi_p\|^2)^{1/2}$  and  $\|\ell\|$  is the usual norm of  $\ell \in V^*$ . But  $\|\psi_p\|_2^2$  equals  $(\deg \sigma(\Lambda))/d_\pi - [8, \text{section } 9]$ , which is dominated by a polynomial in  $|\Lambda|$  (cf. [8, section 23]). Hence if  $\dim V > 1$  we have only to choose  $\ell$  such that  $\|\ell\| \leq 1$  to obtain (3). If  $\dim V = 1$  then  $\|\ell\| = \|v_0\|^{-1} = d_\pi/c$ ; since  $\sqrt{d_\pi}$  is dominated by a polynomial in  $|\Lambda|$ , Proposition 4.9 is proved.

Our proof of Theorem 4.7 is now complete. We turn then to the proof of Theorem 4.1. We have to show that the assignment

$$\gamma' \rightarrow \begin{cases} (-1)^{q_G - q_{G'}} \Phi_1^1(\gamma, dt, dg) & \text{if } \gamma' \text{ originates from } \gamma \text{ in } G_{\text{reg}} \\ 0 & \text{if } \gamma' \text{ does not originate in } G \end{cases}$$

satisfies the conditions of Theorem 4.7. Only (IIIa) and (IIIb) are not immediate.

Fix a Cartan subgroup  $T'$  of  $G'$  and an imaginary root  $\alpha'$  of  $T'$ . Suppose first that  $\alpha'$  is noncompact. Fix a Cayley transform  $s'$  with respect to  $\alpha'$ . If  $T'$  does not originate in  $G$  then neither does  $T'_s$  (cf. Section 2) and so we are done. If  $T'$  does originate in  $G$  then there are two cases. First, suppose that  $T'_s$  also originates in  $G$ . Assume that  $\psi_x: T \rightarrow T'$  and  $\psi_y: T^* \rightarrow T'_s$  are defined over  $\mathbf{R}$ . Then  $\psi_y^{-1} \circ \text{ad } s' \circ \psi_x: T \rightarrow T^*$  can be realized by an element  $s$  of  $G$  and moreover  $\bar{s}^{-1}s$  realizes the Weyl reflection with respect to  $\psi_x^{-1}(\alpha')$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.11:** *Suppose that  $\alpha$  is an imaginary root of  $T$  in  $G$  and that there exists  $s \in G$  such that  $\bar{s}^{-1}s$  realizes  $\omega_\alpha$ . Then there exists  $\omega \in \Omega(\mathbf{M}, T)$  such that  $\omega\alpha$  is noncompact.*

Recall that  $\mathbf{M}$  is the centralizer in  $G$  of the  $\mathbf{R}$ -split part of  $T$ .

**PROOF:** Clearly  $T^s$  is defined over  $\mathbf{R}$  and the root  $s\alpha$  of  $T^s$  is real. Hence, by a standard construction (cf. [25]), we can find  $u, T'$  such that  $\text{ad } u: T' \rightarrow T^s$ ,  $\beta = u^{-1}s\alpha$  is noncompact and  $\bar{u}^{-1}u$  realizes  $\omega_\beta$ . But then  $u^{-1}s: T \rightarrow T'$  is defined over  $\mathbf{R}$  since, on  $T$ ,  $\overline{u^{-1}s} = \omega_\beta u^{-1}s\omega_\alpha = u^{-1}s$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2.2, there exists  $g \in G$  mapping  $T'$  to  $T$  and  $\omega \in \Omega(\mathbf{M}, T)$  such that  $gu^{-1}s\alpha = \omega\alpha$ . Since  $gu^{-1}s\alpha$  is noncompact the proposition is proved.

Returning to our proof of Theorem 4.1, we may then replace  $\psi_x$  by

$\psi_x$ , where now  $\psi_x^{-1}(\alpha') = \alpha$  is noncompact. The element  $s$ , defined with  $\psi_x$  in place of  $\psi_x$ , is thus a Cayley transform. It is straightforward to check now that the property (IIIb) for stable orbital integrals on  $G$  implies that (IIIb) is satisfied in the present case.

Next, if  $T'$  but not  $T'_s$  originates in  $G$  then for any  $\psi_x: T \rightarrow T'$  defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  we must have that  $\alpha = \psi_x^{-1}(\alpha')$  is compact, together with all  $\omega\alpha$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega(\mathcal{M}, T)$ ; for, otherwise we would obtain a contradiction. In this case (IIIb) follows from (IIIa) for stable orbital integrals on  $G$ .

The remaining case, that each  $\omega\alpha'$  is compact, is, in fact, vacuous because  $G'$  is quasi-split. Nevertheless, without assuming this, we can verify (IIIa) using (IIIa) for stable orbital integrals and the proposition just proved.

This completes the proof of Theorem 4.1.

## 5. Stable tempered distributions

We need a few remarks about those distributions which are expressed as sums of stable orbital integrals. More precisely, let  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  be the space of Schwartz functions on  $G$ . Then we regard the space of tempered distributions on  $G$  as the dual of  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ , equipped with the topology of simple (pointwise) convergence. We call a tempered distribution *stable* if it lies in the closed linear subspace generated by the distributions  $f \rightarrow \Phi_j^1(\gamma)$ ,  $\gamma \in G_{\text{reg}}$  (cf. [20]). A stable tempered distribution is invariant.

Suppose that  $\Theta$  is an invariant tempered distribution which is finite under the action of  $\mathfrak{Z}$ , the center of the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{G}$ . Let  $F_\Theta$  denote the analytic function on  $G_{\text{reg}}$  which represents  $\Theta$  (cf. [6]). Then:

LEMMA 5.1:  $\Theta$  is stable if and only if

$$F_\Theta(\gamma) = F_\Theta(\gamma^\omega) \quad \gamma \in G_{\text{reg}}, \omega \in \mathcal{A}(T_\gamma)$$

PROOF: Suppose that  $F_\Theta$  satisfies this condition. Then an application of the Weyl Integration Formula implies that

$$\Theta(f) = \sum_{(T)} C_T \int_T |D(\gamma)| F_\Theta(\gamma) \Phi_j^1(\gamma) d\gamma$$

for each  $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ , where  $C_T$  depends only on  $T$ . But  $F_\Theta$  satisfies an

inequality

$$|F_\theta(x)| \leq C|D(x)|^{-1/2}(1 + \sigma(x))^r \quad x \in G_{\text{reg}}$$

for some ( $C > 0$ ,  $r \geq 0$ ) ([6]). This ensures that the integrals on the right converge absolutely for  $f \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  from which it follows that  $\theta$  is stable.

For the converse, fix  $\gamma_0 \in G_{\text{reg}}$  and write  $T$  for the Cartan subgroup containing  $\gamma_0$ . Choose an open neighborhood  $N$  of  $\gamma_0$  in  $T \cap G_{\text{reg}}$  sufficiently small that  $N \cap N^\omega = \emptyset$  for  $\omega \in \mathcal{A}(T)/T$ . Then the map  $N^\omega \times G/T^\omega \rightarrow (N^\omega)^G$  given by  $(t, \bar{g}) \rightarrow t^g$  is a diffeomorphism. If  $f \in C_c^\infty(N^G)$  we define  $f^{(\omega)} \in C_c^\infty((N^\omega)^G)$  by  $f^{(\omega)}(gtg^{-1}) = f(g\omega^{-1}t\omega g^{-1})$ . A computation shows that

$$\Phi_{f^{(\omega)}}^1(\gamma) = \Phi_f^1(\gamma) \quad \gamma \in G_{\text{reg}}.$$

Hence  $\theta(f^{(\omega)}) = \theta(f)$  from which it follows that  $F_\theta(\gamma_0) = F_\theta(\gamma_0^\omega)$ , as desired.

In section 3 we attached to each tempered parameter  $\varphi$  a tempered invariant eigendistribution  $\chi_\varphi$ .

LEMMA 5.2:  $\chi_\varphi$  is stable.

PROOF: Suppose firstly that  $\varphi$  is discrete. Let  $G^\sim$  be the simply connected covering group of the derived group of  $G$  and  $p: G^\sim \rightarrow G$  be the natural projection. Since the image of  $G^\sim$  under  $p$  is  $G^\dagger$ , the connected component of the identity in the derived group of  $G$ , we see from the construction outlined in Section 2 that  $\varphi$  determines (in fact, is built up from) a parameter  $\varphi^\sim$  for  $G^\sim$ . For each Cartan subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  set  $T^\sim = p^{-1}(T)$ . If  $x \in \mathcal{A}(T)$  then  $p^{-1}(x) \subseteq \mathcal{A}(T^\sim)$ ; this implies that  $\text{ad } x$  maps  $T \cap G^\dagger$  into  $G^\dagger$ . A simple argument with characters now shows that we need only verify that  $\chi_{\varphi^\sim}$  is stable. But, in the notation of [4], this is the assertion that the distribution  $\theta_\lambda^*$ ,  $\lambda$  a regular character on a compact Cartan subgroup of  $G^\sim$ , is invariant under the imaginary Weyl group of each Cartan subgroup  $T^\sim$ ; this was proved in [4] (cf. also [25]).

Now if  $\varphi$  is any tempered parameter, attach to  $\varphi$  a Cartan subgroup  $T_0$  and a parabolic subgroup  $P_0 = M_0 N_0$  such that  $\chi_\varphi = \chi(\text{Ind}(\pi_\varphi \otimes 1_{N_0}, P_0, G))$  (cf. Section 2). Note that  $\chi(\pi_\varphi) = \chi_{\varphi_0}$ ,  $\varphi_0$  being the discrete parameter for  $M_0$  described in Section 2. We will use  $\chi_\varphi$  to denote also the function on  $G_{\text{reg}}$  representing  $\chi_\varphi$ . If  $T$  is a Cartan subgroup of  $G$  not  $G$ -conjugate to a Cartan subgroup con-

tained in  $M_0$  then  $\chi_\varphi$  vanishes on  $T$ . Hence we may assume that  $T \subseteq M_0$ . According to the formula for principal series characters, e.g. [23], we may write

$$\chi_\varphi(\gamma) = \sum_{s \in \mathfrak{B}} \zeta(\gamma^s) \chi_{\varphi_0}(\gamma^s) \quad \gamma \in T \cap G_{\text{reg}},$$

where  $\mathfrak{B} = M_0 \setminus \{x \in G : xTx^{-1} \subseteq M_0\}$  and

$$\zeta(\gamma) = |\det(\text{Ad } \gamma - 1)_{\mathfrak{a}/\mathfrak{m}_0}| \quad \gamma \in M_0.$$

Suppose that  $\omega \in \mathcal{A}(T)$ ; we may as well assume that  $\omega$  normalizes  $T$  and centralizes its  $\mathbb{R}$ -split part. Then  $\omega \in M_0$  and, for each  $s \in \{x \in G : xTx^{-1} \subseteq M_0\}$ ,  $s\omega s^{-1}$  belongs to  $M_0 \cap \mathcal{A}(T^s)$  and normalizes  $T^s$ . Since  $\varphi_0$  is discrete we may apply the result of the last paragraph; this together with the invariance of  $\zeta$  under  $M_0$  implies that  $\chi_\varphi(\gamma^\omega) = \chi_\varphi(\gamma)$ ,  $\gamma \in T_{\text{reg}}$ . Hence the lemma is proved.

Our method of characterizing stable orbital integrals in Section 4 leads easily to the following lemma.

**LEMMA 5.3:** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ . Then all stable orbital integrals for  $f$  vanish if and only if all  $\chi_\varphi(f)$  vanish,  $\varphi$  a tempered parameter.*

**PROOF:** Suppose that all stable orbital integrals for  $f$  vanish. Then applying the Weyl Integration Formula as in the proof of Lemma 5.1 we obtain  $\chi_\varphi(f) = 0$ , for all tempered  $\varphi$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\chi_\varphi(f) = 0$  for each  $\varphi$ . Fix a Cartan subgroup  $T$  and suppose that  $\Phi_j^1 \equiv 0$  on each Cartan subgroup  $T'$  strictly greater than  $T$  in the ordering of Section 2. We shall prove that this implies that  $\Phi_j^1 \equiv 0$  on  $T$ . An inductive argument then completes the proof of the lemma.

We use the notation of Section 4. In place of  $\Psi^T$  consider

$$\Xi(\gamma) = \prod_{\alpha \in I^+} \xi_\alpha(\gamma) \Psi^T(\gamma) \quad \gamma \in T_{\text{reg}}.$$

Because of our assumption,  $\Xi$  extends to a Schwartz function on  $T$ . Moreover, computing the Fourier transform of  $\Xi$  we obtain immediately that  $\Xi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu) = 0$  unless  $\log \mathcal{O}(\bar{\Lambda})$  meets  $\bar{C}$ . If  $\log \mathcal{O}(\bar{\Lambda})$  does meet  $\bar{C}$  then

$$\Xi^\vee(\Lambda, \nu) = c\chi_\varphi(f)$$

where  $c$  is a constant and  $\varphi$  is the parameter attached to the

$\mathcal{A}(T)$ -orbit of  $\Lambda_0 e^{-i\nu}$ ,  $\Lambda_0$  being that character for which  $\log \Lambda_0 \in \bar{C} \cap \log \mathcal{O}(\bar{\Lambda})$ . Hence  $\Xi \equiv 0$  and so  $\Phi_f^1$  vanishes on  $T$ , as desired.

## 6. Correspondences

Recall that  $G$  is an inner form of the quasi-split group  $G'$  and  $\psi: G \rightarrow G'$ , fixed for once and for all, is an isomorphism for which  $\bar{\psi}\psi^{-1}$  is inner. Theorem 4.1 assigns to each  $f \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  a function  $f' \in \mathcal{C}(G')$ . Although  $f'$  is not uniquely determined, there is a well-defined map, dual to the correspondence  $(f, f')$  defined on stable tempered distributions:

**PROPOSITION 6.1:** *If  $\Theta'$  is a stable tempered distribution on  $G'$  then  $\Theta: f \rightarrow \Theta'(f')$  defines a stable tempered distribution on  $G$ .*

**PROOF:** Note that  $\Theta$  is well-defined. A version of the Banach–Steinhaus theorem [16] implies that  $\Theta$  is continuous. Clearly then  $\Theta$  is a stable tempered distribution on  $G$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{Z}$  denote the center of the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{G}$ ; similarly, attach  $\mathfrak{Z}'$  to  $\mathfrak{G}'$ . The twist  $\psi$  induces isomorphism  $z \rightarrow z'$  between  $\mathfrak{Z}$  and  $\mathfrak{Z}'$  and, in duality, an isomorphism  $\lambda' \rightarrow \lambda$  between characters on  $\mathfrak{Z}'$  and characters on  $\mathfrak{Z}$ . Recall also the correspondence  $(\gamma, \gamma')$  between  $G_{\text{reg}}$  and  $G'_{\text{reg}}$ .

**LEMMA 6.2:** *If  $\Theta'$  is an eigendistribution with infinitesimal character  $\lambda'$  then  $\Theta$  is an eigendistribution with infinitesimal character  $\lambda$ . Moreover,*

$$F_{\Theta}(\gamma) = F_{\Theta'}(\gamma') \quad \gamma \in G_{\text{reg}}.$$

**PROOF:** For the first statement, it is enough to show that, for each  $z \in \mathfrak{Z}$ ,  $z\Theta$  is the image of  $z'\Theta'$  under our map; to show this, it is enough to show that we may take  $z'f'$  for  $(zf)'$ , since the isomorphism  $z \rightarrow z'$  preserves the adjoint operation.

We use the notation of Section 4. Let  $T$  be a Cartan subgroup of  $G$ . Then

$$\Psi_{z'}^T(\gamma) = \widehat{\Gamma(z)} \Psi_f^T(\gamma) \quad \gamma \in T_{\text{reg}},$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the Harish-Chandra isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{Z}$  with the algebra of  $\Omega(G, T)$ -invariants in  $\mathcal{T}$ ; indeed, this follows easily from the cor-

responding formula for  $'F_f$  [6]. Suppose that  $\psi_x: T \rightarrow T'$  is defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then the Harish-Chandra isomorphism for  $\mathfrak{Z}'$ ,  $\Gamma'$ , is given by  $z' \rightarrow (\Gamma(z))'$  and we have

$$\widehat{\Gamma(z)} \Psi_f^T(\gamma) = \widehat{\Gamma'(z')} \Psi_{f'}^{T'}(\gamma')$$

where  $\gamma' = \psi_x(\gamma)$  and on  $T'$  we have used the ordering of the imaginary roots induced by  $\psi$  from that used on  $T$ . Hence we may take  $z'f'$  for  $(zf)'$ , as desired.

For the second statement, we observe that

$$[\Omega(G, T)][\mathcal{D}(T)] = [\Omega(G', T')][\mathcal{D}(T')].$$

For

$$[\Omega(G, T)][\mathcal{D}(T)] = [\mathcal{D}_0(T)]$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_0(T) = \{g \in G: gTg^{-1} = T\}/T$ , and the isomorphism  $\psi_x$  induces a bijection between  $\mathcal{D}_0(T)$  and  $\mathcal{D}_0(T')$ . To complete the proof of the lemma we need just apply the Weyl Integration Formula to  $\Theta(f) = \int_G f(g)F_\Theta(g)dg$ , using the observation. We omit the details.

Finally, we may verify the character identities. As usual,  $\chi_\varphi$  will also denote the function on  $G_{\text{reg}}$  which represents  $\chi_\varphi$ . Recall that  $2q_G$  is the dimension of the symmetric space attached to  $G^\sim$ .

**THEOREM 6.3:** *If  $\varphi$  is a tempered parameter and  $\gamma' \in G'_{\text{reg}}$  originates from  $\gamma \in G_{\text{reg}}$  then*

$$\chi_\varphi(\gamma') = (-1)^{q_{G'} - q_G} \chi_\varphi(\gamma).$$

**PROOF:** According to Lemma 6.2 we have only to show that  $\chi_\varphi$  is the image of  $(-1)^{q_{G'} - q_G} \chi_{\varphi'}$  under our map on stable tempered distributions.

Suppose that  $\varphi$  is discrete and that  $G$  is semisimple and simply-connected. Then we have, by Lemma 6.2, that the image of  $(-1)^{q_{G'} - q_G} \chi_{\varphi'}$  is a stable tempered eigendistribution on  $G$  given by the function  $\gamma \rightarrow (-1)^{q_{G'} - q_G} \chi_{\varphi'}(\gamma')$ . A calculation shows that this function coincides with  $\chi_\varphi$  on any compact Cartan subgroup of  $G$ . Hence the assertion of the theorem is an immediate consequence of the characterization of the distributions " $\Theta_\lambda^*$ " ([4], cf. also [25]).

Next we drop the condition on  $G$ , but retain the assumption on  $\varphi$ . If  $p$  is the natural projection of  $G^\sim$  (the simply-connected covering

group of the derived group of  $G$ ) onto the derived group of  $G$  and  $p'$  the corresponding map for  $(G')^\sim$  then there is a unique isomorphism  $\psi^\sim: G^\sim \rightarrow (G')^\sim$  satisfying  $p'\psi^\sim = \psi p$ ;  $\bar{\psi}^\sim(\psi^\sim)^{-1}$  is inner. The result for  $G^\sim$  and a simple character computation then imply the character identity in the present case.

Finally, if  $\varphi$  is any tempered parameter, and  $G$  arbitrary, attach  $T_0$ ,  $M_0$  and  $P_0$  to  $\varphi$  in the usual way. As remarked earlier, we may assume that the restriction of  $\psi$  to  $T_0$  is defined over  $\mathbf{R}$ . Then  $T'_0 = \psi(T_0)$ ,  $M'_0 = \psi(M_0)$  and  $P'_0 = \psi(P_0)$  are attached to  $\varphi'$ . Moreover, we can take for  $(\varphi')_0$  the image  $\varphi'_0$  of  $\varphi_0$  under the map induced by  $\psi$  on parameters for  $M_0$ . Fix a Cartan subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  and an element  $x$  of  $G'$  such that  $\psi_x: T \rightarrow T'$  is defined over  $\mathbf{R}$ . Recall that if  $T$  is not  $G$ -conjugate to a Cartan subgroup of  $M_0$  then  $\chi_\varphi$  vanishes on  $T$ . In this case  $T'$  is not  $G'$ -conjugate to any Cartan subgroup of  $M'_0$ , so that  $\chi'_{\varphi}$  vanishes on  $T'$ . Suppose that  $T \subseteq M_0$ . Then

$$\chi_\varphi(\gamma) = \sum_{s \in \mathfrak{B}} \zeta(\gamma^s) \chi_{\varphi_0}(\gamma^s) \quad \gamma \in T \cap G_{\text{reg}}$$

in the notation of Section 5. We may as well assume that  $x \in M'_0$  so that  $T' \subseteq M'_0$ . Then

$$\chi_{\varphi'}(\gamma') = \sum_{s' \in \mathfrak{B}'} \zeta'(\gamma'^{s'}) \chi_{\varphi'_0}(\gamma'^{s'})$$

where  $\zeta'$  and  $\mathfrak{B}'$  are defined relative to  $G'$  and  $M'_0$ . The theorem is now an easy consequence of applying the first part of our proof to the pair  $\chi_{\varphi_0}, \chi_{\varphi'_0}$  and using the following three observations.

**PROPOSITION 6.4:** *There is bijection between  $\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}'$  with the following property: if  $s$  represents a class in  $\mathfrak{B}$  then there exists  $s'$  representing the image of this class in  $\mathfrak{B}'$  and such that*

$$(\gamma^s)' = (\gamma')^{s'} \quad \text{for all } \gamma \in T.$$

**PROOF:** By this equation we mean precisely: if  $s \in \{x \in G: xTx^{-1} \subseteq M_0\}$  then there exists  $s' \in \{x \in G': xT'x^{-1} \subseteq M'_0\}$  and  $x_0 \in M'_0$  with  $\psi_{x_0}: T^s \rightarrow (T^s)' = \psi_{x_0}(T^s)$  defined over  $\mathbf{R}$  and such that  $\psi_{x_0}(\gamma^s) = (\psi_x(\gamma))^{s'}$ .

Fix  $s \in \{x \in G: xTx^{-1} \subseteq M_0\}$  and write  $\psi_x \circ \text{ad } s^{-1}$  as  $\psi_z, z \in G'$ . Then  $\psi_z$  maps  $T^s$  to  $T'$  and since  $T^s \subset M_0 \subset P_0$  the images of  $P_0$  and  $M_0$  under  $\psi_z$  are defined over  $\mathbf{R}$ . Hence there exists  $t' \in G'$  such that  $\psi_z(P_0) = \psi_{t'}(P_0)$  and  $\psi_z(M_0) = \psi_{t'}(M_0)$  [2]. Set  $x_0 = (t')^{-1}z$  and  $s' = (t')^{-1}$ . Then it follows

easily that  $s', x_0$  have the desired properties. That the correspondence  $s \rightarrow s'$  induces a bijection  $\mathfrak{B} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}'$  is also straightforward.

PROPOSITION 6.5:  $\zeta(\gamma^s) = \zeta'(\gamma'^s)$ .

PROOF: This follows immediately from our definitions.

PROPOSITION 6.6:  $q_{M_0} - q_G = q_{M'_0} - q_{G'}$ .

PROOF: We may assume that  $G$  and  $G'$  are semisimple. Let  $M_0^1$  denote the derived group of  $M_0$  and choose a maximal compact subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $K \cap M_0^1$  is maximal compact in  $M_0^1$  (cf. [6]). By definition,  $2q_G = \dim(G/K)$ . But  $G = KM_0N_0$  so that

$$2q_G = \dim N_0 + \dim M_0 - \dim(K \cap M_0).$$

On the other hand,

$$2q_{M_0} = \dim M_0^1 - \dim(K \cap M_0^1).$$

But  $\dim M_0 = \dim Z(M_0) + \dim M_0^1$  and

$$\dim Z(M_0) - \dim(K \cap M_0) + \dim(K \cap M_0^1) = \dim(S(T_0))$$

where, as usual,  $S(T_0)$  denotes the maximal  $\mathbf{R}$ -split torus in  $T_0$ . Hence  $q_G - q_{M_0} = (\dim_{\mathbf{C}} N_0 + \dim_{\mathbf{C}} S(T_0))/2$ . Since  $\psi$  maps  $N_0$  to  $N'_0$  and  $S(T_0)$  to  $S(T'_0)$  the proposition is proved.

In proving Theorem 6.3 we have obtained the following result.

COROLLARY 6.7: *The map  $\chi_{\phi'} \rightarrow \chi_{\phi}$  is dual to the correspondence  $(f, f')$  between  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(G')$ ; that is,*

$$\chi_{\phi}(f) = \chi_{\phi'}(f').$$

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