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INTRODUCTION.

Let G be a real semi-simple Lie group, connected, with finite center and K a maximal compact subgroup of G . In this paper, we study multipliers of the Hecke algebra $\mathcal{D}(G)_{(K)}$ of smooth, compactly supported functions on G , which are left and right K -finite. By a multiplier we mean a linear endomorphism commuting with the left and right actions of the algebra. Essentially we construct a subalgebra of the algebra of multipliers of $\mathcal{D}(G)_{(K)}$ (th. 3). This result has been originally proved by Arthur (cf. [1], th. III, 4.2), but his proof rests on a Paley-Wiener theorem for real semi-simple Lie groups, whose proof is very hard (cf. [1], th. III.4.1). Our construction of multipliers for $\mathcal{D}(G)_{(K)}$ is simple and elementary. Let us explain it in more details.

Let \mathfrak{g} be the Lie algebra of G , $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$ a Cartan decomposition of \mathfrak{g} with Cartan involution θ , $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$ the complexified Lie algebra of \mathfrak{g} . We set $\mathfrak{u} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus i\mathfrak{p}$, $\mathfrak{q} = i\mathfrak{u}$. Then $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{u} \oplus \mathfrak{q}$ is a Cartan decomposition of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$ (viewed as a real Lie algebra).

Let \mathfrak{h}_{\emptyset} be the Lie algebra of a maximally split θ -stable Cartan subgroup of G . Then $\mathfrak{h}_{\emptyset} = \mathfrak{t}_{\emptyset} \oplus \mathfrak{a}_{\emptyset}$, where $\mathfrak{t}_{\emptyset} = \mathfrak{h}_{\emptyset} \cap \mathfrak{k}$, $\mathfrak{a}_{\emptyset} = \mathfrak{h}_{\emptyset} \cap \mathfrak{p}$. Moreover $\mathfrak{a} = i\mathfrak{t}_{\emptyset} \oplus \mathfrak{a}_{\emptyset}$ is a Cartan subspace of \mathfrak{q} , and $(\mathfrak{h}_{\emptyset})_{\mathbb{C}}$ is a Cartan subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$. We denote by $W_{\mathbb{C}}$ the Weyl group of the pair $(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}, (\mathfrak{h}_{\emptyset})_{\mathbb{C}})$ which acts on \mathfrak{a} .

Now we denote by $G_{\mathfrak{C}}$ the connected, simply connected Lie group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{C}}$, by U the analytic subgroup of $G_{\mathfrak{C}}$ with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{C}}$.

Let $\mathcal{E}(G_{\mathfrak{C}}/U)$ (resp. $\mathcal{E}'(U \setminus G_{\mathfrak{C}}/U)$) be the space of smooth functions on $G_{\mathfrak{C}}/U$ (resp. the space of compactly supported distributions on G , biinvariant under U).

From the spherical Paley-Wiener (cf. [4]), for each τ in $\mathcal{E}'(\underline{a})^{W_{\mathfrak{C}}}$ (compactly supported, $W_{\mathfrak{C}}$ -invariant distributions on \underline{a}) there exists a unique $\tilde{\tau}$ in $\mathcal{E}'(U \setminus G_{\mathfrak{C}}/U)$ whose spherical Fourier transform is equal to the usual Fourier transform of τ , $\hat{\tau}$. The right convolution by $\tilde{\tau}$ determines a continuous endomorphism T_{τ} of $\mathcal{E}(G_{\mathfrak{C}}/U)$ which commutes with the left translations by elements of $G_{\mathfrak{C}}$. We show in theorem 1 that every such map is a right convolution by an element of $\mathcal{E}'(U \setminus G_{\mathfrak{C}}/U)$ i.e. is one of the T_{τ} . Now, from the Flensted-Jensen's correspondence between certain functions on dual symmetric spaces (cf. [2]), there is an injection η of $\mathcal{D}(G)_{(K)}$ in $\mathcal{E}(G_{\mathfrak{C}}/U)$, with nice properties. It is easy to show that each T_{τ} leaves stable the image of η , hence $T_{\tau}^{\eta} = \eta^{-1} \circ T_{\tau} \circ \eta$ is a well defined endomorphism of $\mathcal{D}(G)_{(K)}$. From the properties of η , it is easy to see that T_{τ}^{η} commutes with the left and right actions of the envelopping algebra $U(\mathfrak{g})$ of \mathfrak{g} .

We show in theorem 2 that it is enough to ensure that T_{τ}^{η} is a multiplier for $\mathcal{D}(G)_{(K)}$. Finally, we have defined a map $(\tau \rightarrow T_{\tau}^{\eta})$ from $\mathcal{E}'(\underline{a})^{W_{\mathfrak{C}}}$ into the algebra of multipliers of the Hecke algebra $\mathcal{D}(G)_{(K)}$.

Now we identify $Z(\mathfrak{g})$, the center of $U(\mathfrak{g})$, with $S(\underline{a})^{W_{\mathfrak{C}}}$. Then we show in theorem 3 that, for any element ϕ of $\mathcal{D}(G)_{(K)}$ and any principal series representation (π, H_{π}) of G with infinitesimal character χ_{ν} ($\nu \in \underline{a}_{\mathfrak{C}}^*$), $\pi(T_{\tau}^{\eta} \phi) = \hat{\tau}(\nu)\pi(\phi)$.

This achieves the comparison with the multipliers constructed by Arthur in [1], th. III.4.2.

In paragraph 1, we introduce the general conventions.

In paragraph 2, we introduce the Flensten-Jensens correspondance and establish some of its properties needed in the sequel.

In paragraph 3, we study the $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ -endomorphisms of $\mathcal{E}(G_{\mathbb{C}}/U)$ (th. 1).

In paragraph 4, we construct certain multipliers of the Hecke algebra $\mathcal{D}(G)_{(K)}$ and establish some of their properties.

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