# ON ARTHUR'S $\Phi$-FUNCTION 

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#### Abstract

Write $\Theta^{E}$ for the stable character associated to an irreducible finite-dimensional representation $E$ of a connected real reductive group $G$. Let $M$ be the centralizer of a maximal torus $T$, and denote by $\Phi_{M}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)$ Arthur's extension of $\left|D_{M}^{G}(\gamma)\right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \Theta^{E}(\gamma)$ to $T(\mathbb{R})$. In this paper we give a simple explicit expression for $\Phi_{M}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)$, when $\gamma$ is elliptic in $G$.


## 1. Introduction

Let $G$ be a connected reductive group over $\mathbb{R}$, and $T$ a maximal torus in $G$. Assume that $G$ has a discrete series of representations. Let $A$ be the split part of $T$, and $M$ the centralizer of $A$ in $G$. It is a Levi subgroup of $G$ containing $T$. Let $E$ be an irreducible finite-dimensional representation of $G(\mathbb{C})$, and consider the packet $\Pi_{E}$ of discrete series representations $\pi$ of $G(\mathbb{R})$ which have the same infinitesimal and central characters as $E$. Write $\Theta_{\pi}$ for the character of $\pi$, and put

$$
\Theta^{E}=(-1)^{q(G)} \sum_{\pi \in \Pi_{E}} \Theta_{\pi}
$$

Here $q(G)$ is half the dimension of the symmetric space associated with $G$. Note that $\Theta^{E}(\gamma)$ will not extend to all elements $\gamma \in T(\mathbb{R})$, in particular to $\gamma=1$. Define the number $D_{M}^{G}(\gamma)$ by

$$
D_{M}^{G}(\gamma)=\operatorname{det}(1-\operatorname{Ad}(\gamma) ; \operatorname{Lie}(G) / \operatorname{Lie}(M)) .
$$

Then a result of Arthur and Shelstad [1] states that the function

$$
\gamma \mapsto\left|D_{M}^{G}(\gamma)\right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \Theta^{E}(\gamma)
$$

defined on the set of regular elements $T_{\text {reg }}(\mathbb{R})$ extends continuously to $T(\mathbb{R})$. We denote this extension by $\Phi_{M}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)$. These quantities give the contribution from the real place to the $L^{2}$-Lefschetz numbers of Hecke operators in [1] and [2]. An expression for $\Phi_{M}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)$ as essentially a sum over elements in the Weyl group $W$ of $T$ in $G$ appears in the proof of Lemma 4.1 in [2]. Although this expression suffices

[^0]to prove the lemma, it can be considerably refined when $\gamma$ is in the maximal elliptic subtorus $T_{e}(\mathbb{R})$ of $T(\mathbb{R})$.

The following theorem is proved in section 4.
Theorem 1. If $\gamma \in T_{e}(\mathbb{R})$, then

$$
\Phi_{M}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)=(-1)^{q(L)} \cdot\left|W_{L}\right| \cdot \sum_{\omega \in W^{L M}} \varepsilon(\omega) \cdot \operatorname{tr}\left(\gamma ; V_{\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}}^{M}\right) .
$$

Here we write $L$ for the centralizer of $T_{c}$ in $G$, where $T_{c}$ is the maximal compact subtorus of $T$. Also write $W_{L}$ and $W_{M}$ for the Weyl groups of $T$ in $L$ and $M$. The latter are subgroups of $W$ which commute and have trivial intersection. Here $W^{L M}$ is a certain set of representatives for the cosets $\left(W_{L} \times W_{M}\right) \backslash W$. It is defined explicitly in section 5 . We write $\varepsilon$ for the sign character of $W$. Finally by $V_{\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}}^{M}$ we denote the irreducible finite-dimensional representation of $M$, with highest weight $\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}$, where $\lambda_{B}$ is the $B$-dominant highest weight of $E$.

In particular, we obtain the extremely simple expression,

$$
\Phi_{A}\left(1, \Theta^{E}\right)=(-1)^{q(G)} \cdot|W|,
$$

in the case of a split torus $T=A$.
We now describe the organization of this paper.
In section 2, we spell out the relationship between the root systems of $G, L$, and $M$. There are two distinct systems of chambers in $X_{*}(A) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$ obtained from these root systems which are important to understand.

In section 3, we take the aforementioned lemma a step further to express $\Phi_{M}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)$ explicitly as a linear combination of characters. (Actually we do the computation for any stable virtual character $\Theta$, as it is no more difficult.) The sum over $W$ simplifies to a sum over Kostant representatives $W^{M}$.

In section 4 , in which we deal specifically with $\Phi_{M}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)$, we distill out the action of $W_{L}$. A sum over $W^{L M}$ remains. At a key step we use a result of section 5 , the computation of an alternating sum of stable discrete series constants.

In section 5, we prove the result mentioned above, in the context of abstract root systems. It is independent from the rest of the paper.

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## 2. L-Chambers and $\mathcal{P}$-Chambers

Let $G$ be a connected reductive group over $\mathbb{R}$, and $T$ a maximal torus of $G$. Assume that $G$ has a discrete series, or equivalently, that $G$ has an elliptic maximal torus.

Write $T_{c}$, respectively $A$, for the maximal compact, resp. split, subtori of $T$ with centralizers $L$, resp. $M$, in $G$. Write $R$ for the root system of $T$ in $G$, and $R_{L}$, resp. $R_{M}$, for the set of roots of $T$ in $L$, resp. $M$. Then $R_{L}$ is the subset of $R$ consisting of real roots, and $R_{M}$ is the subset of imaginary roots. Write $W_{L}$ and $W_{M}$ for the respective Weyl groups. They are commuting subgroups of $W$ with trivial intersection. Note that $W_{L}$ fixes each root in $R_{M}$.
$A$ is contained as a split maximal torus in $L_{\text {der }}$, the derived group of $L$, and we may identify $R_{L}$ with the set of roots of $A$ in $L_{\text {der }}$.

Write $\mathfrak{a}_{M}$ for $X_{*}(A) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$. For any $\alpha \in R \backslash R_{M}$ the root hyperplane $H_{\alpha}$ of $X^{*}(T)_{\mathbb{R}}:=X_{*}(T) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$ gives a hyperplane in $\mathfrak{a}_{M}$. Let us consider two kinds of chambers in $\mathfrak{a}_{M}$ obtained from these. Define $\mathcal{P}$-chambers to be those obtained by deleting from $\mathfrak{a}_{M}$ all the hyperplanes $H_{\alpha}$, with $\alpha \in R \backslash R_{M}$. Define $L$-chambers to be those obtained by deleting all the $H_{\alpha}$ with $\alpha \in R_{L}$. The latter are the Weyl chambers for $A$ in $L_{\text {der }}$; therefore $W_{L}$ acts simply transitively on them.

Observe that $R_{L} \subset\left(R \backslash R_{M}\right)$. Any additional hyperplanes coming from roots in $R \backslash\left(R_{L} \cup R_{M}\right)$ divide the $L$-chambers into $\mathcal{P}$-chambers. Thus every $\mathcal{P}$-chamber is contained in a unique $L$-chamber.

Write $\mathcal{P}(M)$ for the set of parabolic subgroups of $G$ admitting $M$ as a Levi component. There is a one-to-one correspondence between $\mathcal{P}(M)$ and the set of $\mathcal{P}$-chambers in $\mathfrak{a}_{M}$, obtained as follows: for $P=$ $M N \in \mathcal{P}(M)$, the corresponding $\mathcal{P}$-chamber is

$$
\mathfrak{a}_{P}^{+}=\left\{x \in \mathfrak{a}_{M}:\langle\alpha, x\rangle>0, \text { for all } \alpha \in R_{N}\right\},
$$

where $R_{N}$ denotes the set of roots of $T$ in $\operatorname{Lie}(N)$.

Recall that the set of $L$-chambers is in bijection with the set of Borel subgroups of $L$ containing $T$, or equivalently the set of positive root systems $R_{L}^{+}$in the root system $R_{L}$.

Now let $C_{P}$ be a $\mathcal{P}$-chamber, and let $P=M N$ be the corresponding element of $\mathcal{P}(M)$. It is easy to see that $R_{N} \cap R_{L}$ is a positive system in $R_{L}$, and this corresponds to an $L$-chamber $C_{L}$. Thus we have defined a map $C_{P} \mapsto C_{L}$ from the set of $\mathcal{P}$-chambers to the set of $L$-chambers. It is the obvious one which associates to $C_{P}$ the unique $L$-chamber containing $C_{P}$.

## 3. A Linear Combination of Characters

A stable virtual character is a finite $\mathbb{Z}$-linear combination $\Theta$ of characters $\Theta_{\pi}$ so that

$$
\Theta(\gamma)=\Theta\left(\gamma^{\prime}\right)
$$

whenever $\gamma$ and $\gamma^{\prime}$ are regular, stably conjugate elements of $G(\mathbb{R})$.
In Lemma 4.1 of [2], it is proved that for a stable virtual character $\Theta$ on $G(\mathbb{R})$, the function

$$
\gamma \mapsto\left|D_{M}^{G}(\gamma)\right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \Theta(\gamma)
$$

on $T_{\text {reg }}(\mathbb{R})$ extends continuously to $T(\mathbb{R})$. A key ingredient of the proof is the fact that the expression at the bottom of page 497 is a linear combination of irreducible finite-dimensional representations of $M$. In this section we will compute explicitly the coefficients and the representations involved, in the case where the element $a$ appearing in the proof is equal to 1 .

We translate the set-up of the proof in [2] as follows. We take $\Gamma$ to be the identity component of $T(\mathbb{R})$. The root system $R_{\Gamma}$ is then simply $R_{L}$. Fix a positive root system $R_{L}^{+}$in $R_{L}$, and let $C$ be the corresponding $L$-chamber in $\mathfrak{a}_{M}$. We then choose a parabolic subgroup $P=M N$ so that $R_{L} \cap R_{N} \subseteq R_{L}^{+}$. Note that $R_{L} \cap R_{N}$ is also a system of positive roots, so this condition is equivalent to having $R_{L} \cap R_{N}=R_{L}^{+}$. Thus we simply require that the $\mathcal{P}$-chamber corresponding to $P$ be contained in $C$.

Although at the end of our computations we will allow $\gamma$ to be nonregular, we choose now $\gamma$ to be a regular element of $\Gamma=T_{c}(\mathbb{R}) \cdot \exp (\bar{C})$.

The expression is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{B} m(B) \frac{\Delta_{P}(\gamma) \cdot \lambda_{B}(\gamma)}{\Delta_{B}(\gamma)} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The sum ranges over Borels containing $T$, which correspond to elements of $W$.

Here $\lambda_{B}$ is the $B$-dominant highest weight of $E$,

$$
\Delta_{B}=\prod_{\alpha>0}\left(1-\alpha^{-1}\right), \text { and } \Delta_{P}=\prod_{\alpha \in R_{N}}\left(1-\alpha^{-1}\right) .
$$

Fix now a Borel $B$ of $G$ with $T \subseteq B \subseteq P$, for the rest of this paper.
Recall the set of Kostant representatives $W^{M}$ for the Weyl group $W_{M}$ of $M$, relative to B . It is the set $\left\{w \in W \mid w^{-1} R_{M}^{+} \subset R^{+}\right\}$.

If $w \in W$, write $w * B$ for $w B w^{-1}$.
We will use the observation that for $\omega \in W^{M},(\omega * B)_{M}=B_{M}$. Indeed, if $\alpha \in R^{+} \cap R_{M}$, then $\omega^{-1} \alpha \in R^{+}$, which implies that $\alpha \in$ $\omega R^{+} \cap R_{M}$.

Our sum (1) breaks up as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{\omega \in W^{M}} m(\omega * B) \cdot \Delta_{P}(\gamma) \cdot \sum_{w_{M} \in W_{M}} \frac{w_{M}\left(\omega \lambda_{B}\right)(\gamma)}{\Delta_{w_{M} \omega * B}(\gamma)} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

We would prefer the denominator inside the sum to be $\Delta_{w_{M} * B_{M}}(\gamma)$. (Recall that $B_{M}=B \cap M$.) Note that $\Delta_{P} \cdot \Delta_{B_{M}}=\Delta_{B}$, since $R^{+}$is the disjoint union of $R_{M}^{+}$and $R_{N}$.

So we consider the quantity

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\Delta_{P} \cdot \Delta_{w_{M} * B_{M}}}{\Delta_{w_{M} \omega * B}}=\frac{\Delta_{B} \cdot \Delta_{w_{M} * B_{M}}}{\Delta_{B_{M}} \cdot \Delta_{w_{M} \omega * B}} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Observe that if $\mathcal{B}$ is a Borel, $\Delta_{\mathcal{B}}=\delta_{\mathcal{B}} \cdot \rho_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}$, where $\delta_{\mathcal{B}}=\prod_{\alpha>0}\left(\alpha^{\frac{1}{2}}-\alpha^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$ and $\rho_{\mathcal{B}}$ is the usual half sum of positive roots. Since $\delta_{w * \mathcal{B}}=\varepsilon(w) \delta_{\mathcal{B}}$, we compute that

$$
\frac{\Delta_{w * \mathcal{B}}}{\Delta_{\mathcal{B}}}=\varepsilon(w) \cdot\left(\rho_{\mathcal{B}}-w \rho_{\mathcal{B}}\right) .
$$

Thus (3) becomes

$$
\varepsilon(\omega)\left(w_{M}\left(\omega \rho_{B}-\rho_{B_{M}}\right)-\rho_{B}+\rho_{B_{M}}\right)
$$

Next observe that for $w_{M} \in W_{M}$,

$$
w_{M}\left(\rho_{B}-\rho_{B_{M}}\right)=\rho_{B}-\rho_{B_{M}} .
$$

Indeed, the roots of $R^{+}$not in $R_{M}^{+}$are in $R_{N}$, and are thus normalized by $W_{M}$. So the above expression simplifies to

$$
\varepsilon(\omega) \cdot w_{M}\left(\omega \rho_{B}-\rho_{B}\right) .
$$

We can therefore rewrite (2) as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{\omega \in W^{M}} m(\omega * B) \cdot \varepsilon(\omega) \cdot \sum_{w_{M} \in W_{M}} \frac{w_{M}\left(\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}\right)(\gamma)}{\Delta_{w_{M} * B_{M}}(\gamma)} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $\omega$ is a Kostant representative, the weight $\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}$ is positive for $B_{M}$, and we may use the Weyl character formula to rewrite this as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{\omega \in W^{M}} m(\omega * B) \cdot \varepsilon(\omega) \cdot \operatorname{tr}\left(\gamma ; V_{\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}}^{M}\right) . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here $V_{\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}}^{M}$ denotes the irreducible finite-dimensional representation of $M$ with highest weight $\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}$.

## 4. A Formula for $\Phi_{M}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)$

To identify (5) with $\Phi_{M}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)$, we replace $m(\omega * B)$ with $n(\gamma, \omega * B)$ as on page 500 of [2], and multiply it by the factor $\delta_{P}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\gamma)$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{P}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\gamma) \cdot \sum_{\omega \in W^{M}} n(\gamma, \omega * B) \cdot \varepsilon(\omega) \cdot \operatorname{tr}\left(\gamma ; V_{\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}}^{M}\right) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here $\delta_{P}$ is the modulus character of $P$. (We are still only considering regular $\gamma$.)

Write $A_{G}$ for the split component of the center of $G$. Let $\lambda_{0} \in$ $X^{*}\left(A_{G}\right)$ denote the character by which $A_{G}$ acts on $E$. It extends to $X^{*}(T)_{\mathbb{R}}$ in the usual way, and is $W$-invariant.

Let $T_{e}$ denote the subtorus of $T$ generated by $T_{c}$ and $A_{G}$. It is the maximal subtorus of $T$ which is elliptic in $G$.

Write $p_{M}$ for the projection from $X^{*}(T)_{\mathbb{R}}$ to $X^{*}(A)_{\mathbb{R}}$, and note that it is $W_{L}$-invariant. The group $W_{L}$ fixes each root of $M$, thus it acts on $W^{M}$. For every orbit of this action, there is a unique member $\omega$ so that $p_{M}\left(\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}-\lambda_{0}\right)\right)$ is dominant with respect to $C$. We denote
the set of these elements by $W^{L M}$, one element for each orbit of $W_{L}$ on $W_{M}$.

If $\lambda \in X^{*}(T)$ and $w_{L} \in W_{L}$, then plainly $w_{L} \lambda-\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_{M}^{*}$. Write ( $\chi_{w_{L}, \omega, B}, \mathbb{C}_{w_{L}, \omega, B}$ ) for the one-dimensional representation of $M$, acting through $A$, with weight $w_{L} \omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)$. Note that $T_{c}$ and $A_{G}$ act trivially on $\mathbb{C}_{w_{L}, \omega, B}$, thus so does $T_{e}$.

Thus we have

$$
V_{w_{L} \omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}}^{M} \cong V_{\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}}^{M} \otimes \mathbb{C}_{w_{L}, \omega, B}
$$

Our formula (6) is now (replacing $\omega \in W^{M}$ with $w_{L} \omega$, where $\omega$ is now in $\left.W^{L M}\right)$ :
$\delta_{P}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\gamma) \cdot \sum_{\omega \in W^{L M}} \varepsilon(\omega) \cdot \operatorname{tr}\left(\gamma ; V_{\omega\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}}^{M}\right) \cdot \sum_{w_{L} \in W_{L}} \varepsilon\left(w_{L}\right) \cdot \chi_{w_{L}, \omega, B}(\gamma) \cdot n\left(\gamma, w_{L} \omega * B\right)$,
Of course we now wish to simplify the inner sum. Recall from page 500 of [2] that

$$
n\left(\gamma, w_{L} \omega * B\right)=\bar{c}\left(x, p_{M}\left(w_{L} \omega \lambda_{B}+w_{L} \omega \rho_{B}-\lambda_{0}\right)\right),
$$

where $x$ is in the interior of $C$. Here $\bar{c}(x, \lambda)$ is the integer-valued "stable discrete series constant" on

$$
\left(X_{*}\left(A / A_{G}\right)_{\mathbb{R}}\right)_{\mathrm{reg}} \times\left(X^{*}\left(A / A_{G}\right)_{\mathbb{R}}\right)_{\mathrm{reg}}
$$

as defined, for instance, on page 493 of [2]. Recall that $\lambda_{0} \in X^{*}(T)_{\mathbb{R}}$ is obtained from the character $\lambda_{0} \in X^{*}\left(A_{G}\right)$ by which $A_{G}$ acts on $E$, and is thus $W$-invariant.

As $p_{M}$ commutes with $w_{L}$, the inner sum of (7) is now

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{w_{L} \in W_{L}} \varepsilon\left(w_{L}\right) \cdot \bar{c}\left(x, w_{L} \Lambda\right) \cdot \chi_{w_{L}, \omega, B}(\gamma) \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\Lambda=p_{M}\left(\omega \lambda_{B}+\omega \rho_{B}-\lambda_{0}\right)$.
We would like to consider the limit of (8) as $x$ approaches 0 . Recall we can write $\gamma=\gamma_{c} \cdot \exp (x)$, with $\gamma_{c} \in T_{c}(\mathbb{R})$ and $x$ in $\bar{C}$. Also recall that $\gamma$ is still regular (not for long!). Consider the above formula with $\gamma_{c}$ fixed and $x$ going to 0 along regular elements of $\bar{C}$. Fix some element $x_{0}$ in the interior of $C$. The value

$$
\bar{c}\left(x, w_{L} \Lambda\right)=\bar{c}\left(x_{0}, w_{L} \Lambda\right)
$$

is unchanged, but $\chi_{w_{L}, \omega, B}(\gamma)$ approaches $\chi_{w_{L}, \omega, B}\left(\gamma_{c}\right)=1$.
Thus (8) converges to

$$
\sum_{w_{L} \in W_{L}} \varepsilon\left(w_{L}\right) \cdot \bar{c}\left(x_{0}, w_{L} \Lambda\right)
$$

for some $x_{0} \in C$.
But this is simply $(-1)^{q(L)}\left|W_{L}\right|$, by Proposition 1(ii) in Section 5 below. Here we use that $\omega \in W^{L M}$. Note that -1 is in the Weyl group of the root system by the argument on page 499 of [2].

It is easy to modify this argument to get the same limit as $x$ approaches an element of $X_{*}\left(A_{G}\right)_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Finally note that $\delta_{P}$ is a positive character and therefore trivial on the compact group $T_{c}(\mathbb{R})$. It is thus trivial on $T_{e}(\mathbb{R})$.

Now consider irregular $\gamma$. We take the limit in (7) and obtain our theorem:

Theorem 1. If $\gamma \in T_{e}(\mathbb{R})$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Phi_{M}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)=(-1)^{q(L)} \cdot\left|W_{L}\right| \cdot \sum_{w \in W^{L M}} \varepsilon(w) \cdot \operatorname{tr}\left(\gamma ; V_{w\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}\right)-\rho_{B}}^{M}\right) \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

For the reader's convenience, we review the definition of $W^{L M}$.
The definition depends on the choice of a parabolic $P=M N$ and a Borel subgroup $B$ with $T \subseteq B \subseteq P$. The choice of $B$ gives a set of positive roots $R^{+}$for $R$ and a set of positive roots $R_{M}^{+}$for $R_{M}$. It also gives $B$-dominant elements $\lambda_{B}$ and $\rho_{B}$ of $X^{*}(T)_{\mathbb{R}}$. The choice of $P$ determines an $L$-chamber $C$ as in Section 2. Recall the character $\lambda_{0}$ determined by $A_{G}$ on $E$ and the projection $p_{M}$ from $X^{*}(T)_{\mathbb{R}}$ to $X^{*}(A)_{\mathbb{R}}$. Then
$W^{L M}=\left\{w \in W \mid w^{-1} R_{M}^{+} \subseteq R^{+}\right.$and $p_{M}\left(w\left(\lambda_{B}+\rho_{B}-\lambda_{0}\right)\right)$ is dominant w.r.t. $\left.C\right\}$.
We now evaluate (9) for $\Phi_{M}$ on the extreme cases for $T$. If $T=A$ is split, then $M=A, L=G, W^{L M}$ is trivial, but so is $T_{c}$. We conclude that for $z \in A_{G}(\mathbb{R})$,

$$
\Phi_{A}\left(z, \Theta^{E}\right)=(-1)^{q(G)} \cdot|W| \cdot \lambda_{0}(z) .
$$

If $T$ is elliptic, then $M=G, L=T, W^{L M}$ is again trivial, and so for $\gamma \in T$,

$$
\Phi_{G}\left(\gamma, \Theta^{E}\right)=\operatorname{tr}(\gamma ; E)
$$

Note that this agrees with the results of Theorems 5.1 and 5.2 of [2], since

$$
\operatorname{tr}\left(\gamma^{-1} ; E^{*}\right)=\operatorname{tr}(\gamma ; E)
$$

## 5. The Sum of the Stable Discrete Series Constants

Let $\left(X, X^{*}, R, \check{R}\right)$ be a root system. Write $W$ for the Weyl group of the root system, and $\varepsilon$ for its sign character. Assume that $R$ generates the real vector space $X$ and that $-1 \in W$. Write $q(R)$ for $\left(\left|R^{+}\right|+\right.$ $\operatorname{dim}(X)) / 2$, as in [2]. Let $x_{0}$ be a regular element of $X$, and $\lambda$ a regular element of $X^{*}$. Write $C_{0}$ for the chamber of $X$ containing $x_{0}$, and $C_{0}^{\vee}$ for its dual chamber in $X^{*}$. Recall the stable discrete series constants $\bar{c}_{R}\left(x_{0}, \lambda\right)$ from section 3 of [2].

Proposition 1. We have the following formulas for sums of discrete series constants:
(i) For all such $\lambda, \sum_{w \in W} \bar{c}_{R}\left(w x_{0}, \lambda\right)=|W|$.
(ii) For $\lambda=\lambda_{0} \in C_{0}^{\vee}$, we have $\sum_{w \in W} \varepsilon(w) \cdot \bar{c}_{R}\left(w x_{0}, \lambda_{0}\right)=(-1)^{q(R)}|W|$. The same formulas hold if we sum over the $W$-orbit of $\lambda$ rather than that of $x_{0}$.

We make a few comments before beginning the proof. The proof begins by using the "inductive" property (4) of the discrete series constants from page 493 of [2], to change the sum over chambers into a sum over certain facets of $X$. In fact we consider those facets which separate the chambers of $X$, i.e., those which span the root hyperplanes $Y$ of $X$.

In the course of the proof, we (mis)use the term "facet" only in reference to these particular facets, of codimension 1 . So a facet in this sense will be the common face of two adjacent chambers.

The hyperplanes $Y$ have their own chambers, and we examine the relationship between the facets and these smaller chambers. Not every facet is equal to such a chamber, as in the case of $B_{3}$ when $Y$ is the root hyperplane of a long root. The facets in $Y$ give a $B_{2}$ system, but the chambers of $R_{Y}$ give an $A_{1} \times A_{1}$ system.

Finally induction on the rank of the root system gives the calculation.
Proof. The second formula follows from the first by applying Theorem $3.2(2)$ on page 494 of [2].

We induce on $r=\operatorname{dim} X$. The proposition is clear when $r=0$.

We associate these discrete series constants with the various chambers and facets of $X$, and introduce some appropriate notation.

Write $c(\mathcal{C})$ for $\bar{c}_{R}(x, \lambda)$, when $x$ is in the interior of a chamber $\mathcal{C}$.
Suppose $F$ is a facet in $X, y$ is in the interior of $F$, and $\bar{F}:=$ $\operatorname{span}(F)=Y$. Then write $c(F)=\bar{c}_{R_{Y}}\left(y, \lambda_{Y}\right)$, notation as on page 493 of [2].

Thus if $F$ is the common face of distinct chambers $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{C}^{\prime}$, then

$$
2 c(F)=c(\mathcal{C})+c\left(\mathcal{C}^{\prime}\right)
$$

Each chamber has $r$ faces, and it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
r \cdot \sum_{\mathcal{C}} c(\mathcal{C})=2 \sum_{F} c(F) \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where we are summing over all chambers and then all facets.
We show the right hand side of (10) is equal to $r \cdot|W|$ to prove the proposition.

Now every facet is on some root hyperplane $X_{\alpha}=X_{-\alpha}$, so we have

$$
2 \sum_{F} c(F)=\sum_{\alpha \in R} \sum_{F=X_{\alpha}} c(F)
$$

We now work with the inner sum. There is a root system on $X_{\alpha}$ whose set of coroots is $\check{R} \cap X_{\alpha}$, which defines chambers $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha}$ in $X_{\alpha}$ and constants $c_{\alpha}\left(\mathcal{C}_{\alpha}\right)$. Write $W_{\alpha}$ for the Weyl group of $X_{\alpha}$. We have

$$
\sum_{\bar{F}=X_{\alpha}} c(F)=\sum_{\mathcal{C}_{\alpha}} \sum_{F \subset \mathcal{C}_{\alpha}} c_{\alpha}\left(\mathcal{C}_{\alpha}\right)=\sum_{\mathcal{C}_{\alpha}} \sum_{W_{\alpha} \backslash\left\{F \subset X_{\alpha}\right\}} c_{\alpha}\left(\mathcal{C}_{\alpha}\right)=\sum_{W_{\alpha} \backslash\left\{F \subset X_{\alpha}\right\}} \sum_{\mathcal{C}_{\alpha}} c_{\alpha}\left(\mathcal{C}_{\alpha}\right) .
$$

For the first equality, note that every facet $F$ with $\bar{F}=X_{\alpha}$ is contained in a some chamber $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha}$.

The second equality follows because $W_{\alpha}$ acts transitively on the chambers $C_{\alpha}$.

Write $n(\alpha)$ for the order of $W_{\alpha} \backslash\left\{F \subset X_{\alpha}\right\}$. It is equal to the number of facets in a given chamber $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha}$. Then by induction the above is merely

$$
n(\alpha) \cdot\left|W_{\alpha}\right|
$$

which is exactly the number of facets in $X_{\alpha}$. It follows that (10) is simply equal to twice the total number of facets in $X$.

Since $W$ has $r$ orbits on the set of facets in $X$, and the stabilizer in $W$ of any facet has order 2 , we conclude that the total number of facets is half of $r \cdot|W|$, as desired.

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