

ON THE ZETA FUNCTIONS OF THE VARIETIES $X(w)$ OF THE SPLIT CLASSICAL GROUPS AND THE UNITARY GROUPS

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0. Introduction

Let G be one of the split classical groups SO_{2n}^+ , SO_{2n+1} , Sp_{2n} or a unitary group defined over the finite field F_q of q elements. Let F be the Frobenius mapping, G^F the subgroup of F -stable elements, W the Weyl group of G and let δ be the smallest positive integer such that F^δ acts trivially on W . For $w \in W$, Deligne-Lusztig [3] has defined the F^δ -stable variety $X(w)$ for any connected reductive group. If w is a Coxeter element of W , the zeta function of $X(w)$ was obtained by Lusztig [9] as a by-product when he determined the Green polynomial associated with w . In this paper we shall determine the zeta function of $X(w)$ for any $w \in W$.

To state our result more explicitly, let B be a fixed F -stable Borel subgroup of G , $\mathfrak{A}^K(W)$ the Hecke algebra of the representation of G^{F^m} induced from the trivial representation of B^{F^m} and let $\{a_w^K; w \in W\}$ be the natural basis of $\mathfrak{A}^K(W)$. When δ divides m the number of F^m -stable points of $X(w)$ is expressed in terms of the dimensions of the unipotent representations of G^F and the trace of a_w^K on each irreducible representation of $\mathfrak{A}^K(W)$.

The crucial point of our arguments depends on the lifting theory due to Shintani-Kawanaka ([15], [7], [8]) and a result of Lusztig ([12], Corollary 3.9), which says that for any unipotent representation ρ of G^F , the eigenvalues of F^δ on the ρ -isotypic component of $H_c^i(X(w))$ are independent of i and w up to a multiple factor of the form $q^{i\delta}$, $i \in \mathbf{Z}$.

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1. General results

1.1. First we summarize the known results (Shintani [14], Kawanaka [7], [8]) to apply for our use.

Let m be a positive integer (maybe 1), $k = F_q$, $K = F_{q^m}$, G a connected algebraic

group defined over k , F the Frobenius over k , $\sigma = F|_{G^{F^m}}$ and A the cyclic group (of order m) generated by σ . Let $x_1, x_2 \in G^{F^m}$. $x_1\sigma$ and $x_2\sigma$ are conjugate in $G^{F^m}A$ (semi-direct) if and only if there exists $h \in G^{F^m}$ such that $x_1 = h^{-1}x_2^\sigma h$. If this is the case, we say x_1 and x_2 are σ -conjugate and we write $x_1 \sim_\sigma x_2$. If $m=1$, we simply write $x_1 \sim x_2$ instead of $x_1 \sim_\sigma x_2$. The following lemma is proved in [7].

Lemma 1.1.1. *For $x \in G^{F^m}$, take $a \in G$ such that $x = a^{-1}Fa$. Let $y = {}^F a a^{-1}$. Then $y \in G^F$, and the conjugacy class of y in G^F is uniquely determined by the σ -conjugacy class of x in G^{F^m} . And the mapping $x \mapsto y$ defines a bijection: $G^{F^m}/\sim_\sigma \rightarrow G^F/\sim$.*

DEFINITION 1.1.2. We denote the bijection $G^{F^m}/\sim_\sigma \rightarrow G^F/\sim$ in the above lemma by $n_{K/k}$. (Notice $n_{K/k}$ is defined even if $m=1$.) Define $\mathfrak{N}_{K/k} = n_{k/k}^{-1} n_{K/k}$. This also is a bijection from G^{F^m}/\sim_σ onto G^F/\sim .

REMARK 1.1.3. The reader should refer Kawanaka [8] for the relation between the norm mapping in [loc. cit.] and our norm mapping $\mathfrak{N}_{K/k}$.

The following lemma features some property of the mapping $\mathfrak{N}_{K/k}$, which is not used in this paper. The proof is omitted.

Lemma 1.1.4. *Let G be a connected reductive group and $Z(G)$ the center of G . Let $s \in Z(G)^F$ and $u \in G^F$. Let r be the order of s . Assume $m \equiv 1 \pmod r$. Then $\mathfrak{N}_{K/k}^{-1}(su) = s \mathfrak{N}_{K/k}^{-1}(u)$.*

For $\chi_K \in \widehat{G^{F^m}}^\sigma$ (=the set of σ -invariant irreducible characters of $\widehat{G^{F^m}}$), there exists $\tilde{\chi}_K \in \widehat{G^{F^m}}A$ such that $\tilde{\chi}_K|_{G^{F^m}} = \chi_K$. Let $\chi_k \in \widehat{G^F}$.

DEFINITION 1.1.5. Let $m > 1$. We say χ_K is the lifting of χ_k in $\widehat{G^{F^m}}$ if there exists a constant c such that $\tilde{\chi}_K(y\sigma) = c\chi_k(\mathfrak{N}_{K/k}y)$ for any $y \in G^{F^m}$. (The lifting of χ_k is uniquely determined by χ_k if it exists. See [7].)

Theorem 1.1.6 ([7], [8], [15]).

Let $m > 1$. Assume one of the following.

- (1) $G = GL_n$.
- (2) $G = U_n$, $(m, p) = 1$.
- (3) $G = SO_{2n+1}$, Sp_{2n} or SO_{2n}^\pm , $(m, 2p) = 1$.

Then any $\chi_k \in \widehat{G^F}$ has the lifting $\chi_K \in \widehat{G^{F^m}}$. And the mapping $\chi_k \mapsto \chi_K$ defines a bijection between $\widehat{G^F}$ and $\widehat{G^{F^m}}^\sigma$.

REMARK 1.1.7. The theorem is proved by Shintani [15] in case (1), by Kawanaka [7] in case (2) and by Kawanaka [8] in case (3).

The following lemmas can be extracted from [7].

Lemma 1.1.8. *Let f_1 and f_2 be class functions on G^{F^m} . Define class functions g_1 and g_2 on G^F by: $g_i(\mathfrak{N}_{K/k}y) = f_i(y\sigma)$ for any $y \in G^{F^m}$. Then*

$$|G^{F^m}|^{-1} \sum_{y \in G^{F^m}} f_1(y\sigma) \overline{f_2(y\sigma)} = |G^F|^{-1} \sum_{x \in G^F} g_1(x) \overline{g_2(x)}$$

Lemma 1.1.9. *Let H be an F -stable closed subgroup. Let f and g be class functions on H^{F^m} and H^F respectively. If $g(\mathfrak{N}_{K/k}y) = f(y\sigma)$ for any $y \in H^{F^m}$, then $(\text{Ind}_{H^F}^{G^F} g)(\mathfrak{N}_{K/k}y) = (\text{Ind}_{H^{F^m}A}^{G^{F^m}} f)(y\sigma)$ for any $y \in G^{F^m}$.*

1.2. Henceforth G is a connected reductive group defined over $k = \mathbf{F}_q$, B is an F -stable Borel subgroup, U is the unipotent radical of B , T is an F -stable maximal torus of B and $W = N_G(T)/T$.

Let $w \in W^{F^m}$ and \dot{w} its representative in $N_G(T)^{F^m}$.

Let $X(w)$, S_w , $T(w)^F$ and $R_{T_w}^1$ be as in [3]. They are as follows.

$$S_w = \{g \in G; g^{-1F}g \in \dot{w}U\}, \quad T(w)^F = \{t \in T; \dot{w}^F t \dot{w}^{-1} = t\},$$

$X(w) = S_w/T(w)^F U \cap \dot{w}U\dot{w}^{-1}$ and $R_{T_w}^1$ is the virtual character of G^F such that $\text{Tr}(x, R_{T_w}^1) = \text{Tr}(x^{*-1}, \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i H_c^i(X(w)))$.

Then we have

Lemma 1.2.1 (cf. Remark 1.4.2). *Let $x \in G^F$. Take $a \in G$ such that $x = {}^F a^{-1}a$. Let $y = a^F a^{-1} \in G^F$ (cf. Lemma 1.1.1). Then*

$$\text{Tr}((x^{-1}F^m)^*, \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i H_c^i(X(w))) = (|T^{F^m}|q^{md})^{-1} \#\{h \in G^{F^m}; h^{-1}y^\sigma h \in \dot{w}B\},$$

where $d = \dim U \cap \dot{w}U\dot{w}^{-1}$.

1.3. Let $Z^K = \text{Ind}_{B^{F^m}}^{G^{F^m}} 1 (= \text{the representation of } G^{F^m} \text{ induced from the trivial representation of } B^{F^m})$. Then $Z^K = \sum_{g \in G^{F^m}/B^{F^m}} \overline{\mathbf{Q}}_i g v$ as vector spaces with B^{F^m} acting trivially on $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}_i v$. As is known, $\text{End}_{G^{F^m}} Z^K = \sum_{w \in W^{F^m}} \overline{\mathbf{Q}}_i a_w^K$, where a_w^K is defined by: $a_w^K v = \sum_{u \in U_w^{-1}{}^{F^m}} u \dot{w}^{-1} v$ with $U_w^- = U \cap \dot{w}U^{-1}\dot{w}^{-1}$ (U^- is the maximal unipotent subgroup opposite to U). Define the linear mapping I_σ on Z^K by:

$$I_\sigma: \sum_{g \in G^{F^m}/B^{F^m}} c_g g v \mapsto \sum_{g \in B^{F^m}/B^{F^m}} c_g^\sigma g v \quad (c_g \in \overline{\mathbf{Q}}_i). \quad \text{Then for any } g \in G^{F^m} \text{ and } z \in Z,$$

$$I_\sigma(gz) = {}^\sigma g I_\sigma z.$$

Then we have

Lemma 1.3.1 (cf. Remark 1.4.2). *For $g \in G^{F^m}$ and $w \in W^{F^m}$, $\text{Tr}(y a_w^K I_\sigma, Z^K) = (q^{md} |T^{F^m}|)^{-1} \#\{g \in G^{F^m}; g^{-1}y^\sigma g \in \dot{w}B\}$, where $d = \dim U \cap \dot{w}U\dot{w}^{-1}$.*

1.4. For any $x \in G^F$, write $x = {}^F a^{-1}a$ with $a \in G$ and let $y = a^F a^{-1} \in G^{F^m}$. By Lemma 1.2.1 and 1.3.1, $\text{Tr}((x^{-1}F^m)^*, \sum_i (-1)^i H_c^i(X(w))) = \text{Tr}(y a_w^K I_\sigma, Z^K)$.

Since $\text{Tr}(ya_w^K I_\sigma, Z^K)$ does not depend on the σ -conjugacy class of y , we have

Theorem 1.4.1. *For any $y \in G^{F^m}$, $\text{Tr}((n_{K/k}(y)^{-1}F^m)^*, \sum_i (-1)^i H_c^i(X(w)))$
 $= \text{Tr}(ya_w^K I_\sigma, Z^K)$.*

REMARK 1.4.2. (i) The above formula (and also Lemma 1.2.1, 1.3.1) were first appeared in [2]. This was informed to the author by Kawanaka.

(ii) It should be noted here that there are similar formulae to that of the theorem. If F^m acts canonically on R_T^q or $R_{L \subset P}(\pi)$, the analogy of the theorem is also true as is easily checked.

1.5. Let δ be the smallest integer ≥ 1 such that F^δ acts trivially on W . Let $\rho \in \mathcal{E}(G^F, \{1\})$ (=the set of all (equivalence classes of) unipotent representations of G^F). By Lusztig [12], Coro. 3.9, if $\rho \in H_c^i(X(w))_\mu$ (=the generalized μ -eigenspace of $F^{\delta*}$ on $H_c^i(X(w))$), then μ is uniquely determined (up to an integral power of q^δ) by ρ (not depending on i or w).

DEFINITION 1.5.1. For $\rho \in \mathcal{E}(G^F, \{1\})$, let μ be as above. Define λ_ρ to be the constant such that $\lambda_\rho = \mu q^{\delta r}$ for some $r \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $1 \leq |\lambda_\rho| < q^\delta$.

For $\rho \in \mathcal{E}(G^F, \{1\})$, let $H_c^i(X(w))_\rho$ be the largest subspace of $H_c^i(X(w))$ on which G^F acts by a multiple of ρ . Then

Lemma 1.5.2. *For any $\rho \in \mathcal{E}(G^F, \{1\})$ and $w \in W$, there exists $f_{\rho,w}(X) \in \mathbf{Z}[X, X^{-1}]$ such that if δ divides m ,
 $\text{Tr}((x^{-1}F^m)^*, \sum_i (-1)^i H_c^i(X(w))_\rho) = f_{\rho,w}(q^m) \lambda_\rho^{m/\delta} \rho(x)$ for any $x \in G^F$ and $f_{\rho,w}(1) = \langle \rho, R_{T_w}^1 \rangle$.*

2. Split case

2.1. In introducing the notation we only assume that G splits over K . Let $\mathfrak{A}^K(W) = \text{End}_{G^{F^m}} Z^K$ and S the set of simple reflections of W (corresponding to B). Let $\mathfrak{A}(W)$ be the generic algebra of $\mathfrak{A}^K(W)$ over the extension field of $\mathbf{Q}(X)$ (X : indeterminate) and $\{a_w; w \in W\}$ be its basis. ($\mathfrak{A}^K(W)$ is obtained from $\mathfrak{A}(W)$ by the specialization $X \mapsto q^m$ or more precisely by the homomorphism from the integral closure of $\mathbf{Q}[X]$ to \mathbf{Q} which maps X to q^m .) Let \hat{W} be the set of equivalence classes of the irreducible representation of W . For any $\chi \in \hat{W}$, let $\nu_\chi, \nu_\chi^K, \rho_\chi^K$ be the corresponding irreducible representation (or its character) of $\mathfrak{A}(W), \mathfrak{A}^K(W), G^{F^m}$ respectively. Then Z^K can be written in the form: $Z^K = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \hat{W}} \nu_\chi^K \otimes \rho_\chi^K$. For an F -stable subset $J \subseteq S$, let W_J be the subgroup of W generated by J, P_J the corresponding standard parabolic subgroup of G, L_J its standard Levi subgroup and $Z_J^K = \text{Ind}_{B^{F^m}}^{P_J^{F^m}} 1 (= \text{Ind}_{(B \cap L_J)^{F^m}}^{L_J^{F^m}} 1$ as $L_J^{F^m}$ -modules). Z_J^K is cano-

nally regarded as a subspace of Z^K and $\text{End}_{P_J^{F^m}} Z_J^K = \sum_{w \in \hat{W}_J} \bar{Q}_l a_w |_{Z_J^K}$. The following are also defined: $\mathfrak{A}^K(W_J)$, $\mathfrak{A}(W_J)$, $\{\nu_x, \nu_x^K, \rho_x^K; \chi \in \hat{W}_J\}$. Since W_J is a parabolic subgroup of W , $\mathfrak{A}(W_J)$ (resp. $\mathfrak{A}^K(W_J)$) is regarded as a subalgebra of $\mathfrak{A}(W)$ (resp. $\mathfrak{A}^K(W)$). For any $\chi' \in \hat{W}_J$ and $\chi \in \hat{W}$, define the non-negative integer $n_{x, \chi'}$ by: $\text{Ind}_{W_J}^W \chi' = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} n_{x, \chi'} \chi$. For $\chi' \in \hat{W}_J$, let $Z_{x'}^K$ (resp. $Z_{x'}^K$) be the largest subspace of Z^K (resp. Z_J^K) on which $\mathfrak{A}^K(W_J)$ acts by a multiple of $\nu_{x'}^K$. For $\chi \in \hat{W}$, Z_x^K is defined similarly. The following are checked easily: for $\chi' \in \hat{W}_J$, $\text{Ind}_{P_J^{F^m}}^{G^{F^m}} Z_{x'}^K = Z_{x'}^K$, $Z_{J, x'}^K = \nu_{x'} \otimes \rho_{x'}^K$, $Z_{x'}^K = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} n_{x, x'} \nu_x^K \otimes \rho_x^K$, and for $\chi' \in \hat{W}_J$ and $\chi \in \hat{W}$, $Z_x^K \cap Z_{x'}^K = n_{x, x'} \nu_x^K \otimes \rho_x^K$.

2.2. Henceforth in this section we assume G to be split over k . Then the mapping I_σ commutes with any $a_w^K (w \in W)$, thus with $\mathfrak{A}^K(W)$. Therefore each ρ_x^K is regarded as an irreducible G^{F^m} A -modules which is denoted by $\bar{\rho}_x^K$. By Theorem 1.4.1, we have

Lemma 2.2.1. *For any $y \in G^{F^m}$,*

$$\text{Tr}((n_{K/k}(y)^{-1} F^m)^*, \sum_i (-1)^i H_c^i(X(w))) = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \bar{\rho}_x^K(y\sigma).$$

Let $J \subset S$ be F -stable. $\bar{\rho}_{x'}^k (\chi' \in \hat{W}_J)$ are similarly defined as $\bar{\rho}_x^K (\chi \in \hat{W})$. Now, for any $z \in Z_J^K$ and $g \in G^{F^m}$, $I_\sigma(gz) = {}^\sigma g I_\sigma(z)$. Thus for $\chi' \in \hat{W}_J$, $\text{Ind}_{P_J^{F^m} A}^{G^{F^m} A} Z_{x'}^K = Z_{x'}^K$ as G^{F^m} A -modules. Hence

Lemma 2.2.2. *Assume $\text{Ind}_{W_J}^W \chi' = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} n_{x, x'} \chi$ ($\chi' \in \hat{W}_J$, $n_{x, x'} \geq 0$). Then*

$$\text{Ind}_{P_J^{F^m}}^{G^{F^m}} \rho_{x'}^K = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} n_{x, x'} \rho_x^K \text{ and } \text{Ind}_{P_J^{F^m} A}^{G^{F^m} A} \bar{\rho}_{x'}^K = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} n_{x, x'} \bar{\rho}_x^K.$$

Lemma 2.2.3. *Assume the Dynkin graph of G does not have irreducible components of type E_7 or E_8 . Assume that for any $J \leq S$ and $\chi' \in \hat{W}_J$, there exists the lifting of $\rho_{x'}^k$ in $\widehat{L}_J^{F^m}$. Then for any $\chi \in \hat{W}$ and $y \in G^{F^m}$, $\rho_x^k(\mathfrak{R}_{K/k}(y)) = \bar{\rho}_x^K(y\sigma)$.*

Proof. By Lemma 1.1.9, $(\text{Ind}_{B^F}^{G^F} 1) (\mathfrak{R}_{K/k} y) = (\text{Ind}_{B^{F^m} A}^{G^{F^m} A} 1) (y\sigma)$ for any $y \in G^{F^m}$. Thus

$$(a) \quad \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \dim \chi_{\rho_x^k}(\mathfrak{R}_{K/k} y) = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \dim \chi_{\bar{\rho}_x^K}(y\sigma) \text{ for any } y \in G^{F^m}.$$

The existence of the lifting of each ρ_x^k shows for each $\chi \in \hat{W}$ there exists $\chi' \in \hat{W}$ such that $\rho_x^k(\mathfrak{R}_{K/k} y) = c \bar{\rho}_{x'}^K(y\sigma)$ for any $y \in G^{F^m}$ and $c = 1$. (This is checked by taking the inner product with the relation (a). See Lemma 1.1.8.) If $\chi = 1$, the statement of the lemma is obvious. If $\chi = St_w$ (=the sign character of W), it is also obvious. This proves the case when the semisimple rank of G is 1. Assume the semisimple rank of $G \geq 2$ and the statement holds for any L_J with $J \subsetneq S$.

Let $J \subseteq S$. Then for any $\mathcal{X}' \in \hat{W}_J$ and $y \in G^{F^m}$, $\rho_{\mathcal{X}'}^k(\mathfrak{N}_{K/k}y) = \tilde{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}'}^K(y\sigma)$. Write $\text{Ind}_{\hat{W}_J}^W \mathcal{X}' = \sum_{\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}} n_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}'} \mathcal{X}$. Then by Lemma 2.2.2, $\sum_{\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}} n_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}'} \tilde{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}}^K(\mathfrak{N}_{K/k}y) = \sum_{\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}} n_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}'} \tilde{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}}^K(y\sigma)$ for any $y \in G^{F^m}$. Thus the lemma is an easy consequence of the following well known result (cf. Benson-Curtis [1]):

Let (W, S) be the Weyl group which does not have the irreducible factors of type G_2, E_7 or E_8 and assume $\text{rank}(W, S) \geq 2$. For $\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2 \in \hat{W}$, if $\mathcal{X}_1|_{W_J} = \mathcal{X}_2|_{W_J}$ for any $J \subseteq S$, then $\mathcal{X}_1 = \mathcal{X}_2$.

By Lemma 2.2.1 and 2.2.3 we have

Lemma 2.2.4. *Assume the assumption of Lemma 2.2.3. Then*

$$\text{Tr}((x^{-1}F^m)^*, \sum_i (-1)^i H_i(X(w))) = \sum_{\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}} v_{\mathcal{X}}^K(a_w^K) \rho_{\mathcal{X}}^k(n_{K/k}^{-1}x) \text{ for any } x \in G^F.$$

2.3. If $G = GL_n$, we can easily check the following theorem, which is proved in [2] and also by Lusztig independently.

Theorem 2.3.1. *Assume $G = GL_n$. Then*

- (i) $\rho_{\mathcal{X}}^k(n_{K/k}y) = \tilde{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}}^K(y\sigma)$ for any $\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}$ and $y \in G^{F^m}$,
- (ii) $f_{\rho_{\mathcal{X}}, w}(X) = v_{\mathcal{X}}(a_w)$ for any $\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}$ and $w \in W$,
- (iii) $|X_w^{F^m}| = \sum_{\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}} v_{\mathcal{X}}^K(a_w^K) \dim \rho_{\mathcal{X}}^k$.

2.4. In 2.4 we assume $G = Sp_{2n}, SO_{2n+1}$ or SO_{2n}^+ .

Lemma 2.4.1. *If $(m, 2p) = 1$, then*

- (i) $\sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho}^m \rho = \sum_{\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}} v_{\mathcal{X}}^K(a_w^K) \rho_{\mathcal{X}}^k \cdot n_{K/k}^{-1}$,
- (ii) $\sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho}^m \dim \rho = \sum_{\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}} v_{\mathcal{X}}^K(a_w^K) \dim \rho_{\mathcal{X}}^k$,

where ρ ranges over $\mathcal{E}(G^F, \{1\})$.

Proof. By Lemma 1.5.2 and 2.2.1, $\sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho}^m \rho(n_{K/k}y) = \sum_{\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}} v_{\mathcal{X}}^K(a_w^K) \tilde{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}}^K(y\sigma)$ for any $y \in G^{F^m}$. By Theorem 1.1.6 and Lemma 2.2.3, $\tilde{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}}^K(y\sigma) = \rho_{\mathcal{X}}^k(\mathfrak{N}_{K/k}y) = \rho_{\mathcal{X}}^k(n_{K/k}^{-1}n_{K/k}y)$ for any $y \in G^{F^m}$. Thus we have (i). Since $n_{K/k}(\{1\}) = \{1\}$, we have (ii).

To proceed further we need some lemmas. The following one is obvious.

Lemma 2.4.2. *Let $c_1, \dots, c_r, x_1, \dots, x_r \in \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_i^{\times}$. Assume $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq r} c_i x_i^t = 0$ for $t = 1, \dots, r$. Then there exist $1 \leq i \neq j \leq r$ such that $x_i = x_j$.*

Lemma 2.4.3. *Let $f(X), g(X) \neq 0 \in \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_i[X]$, t a positive integer (maybe 1) and $\lambda \in \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_i^{\times}$. Assume $f(q^m)\lambda^m = g(q^m)$ for any positive integer m such that $(m, t) = 1$. Then $\lambda = \zeta q^{\alpha}$ with ζ a t -th root of unity and α an integer.*

Proof. Write $f(X) = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq r} a_i X^i$, $g(X) = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq s} b_i X^i$ ($a_i, b_i \in \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l$). By the assumption, $f(q^{mt+1})\lambda^{mt+1} = g(q^{mt+1})$ for any $m \in \mathbf{N}$. Thus $\sum_{0 \leq i \leq r} a_i q^i \lambda(q^{ti} \lambda^t)^m = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq s} b_i q^i (q^{ti})^m$ for any $m \in \mathbf{N}$. If $i \neq j$, $q^{ti} \neq q^{tj}$ and $q^{ti} \lambda^t \neq q^{tj} \lambda^t$. Thus, by Lemma 2.4.2, $q^{ti} \lambda^t = q^{tj}$ for some $0 \leq i \leq r, 0 \leq j \leq s$. Therefore $\lambda = \zeta q^\alpha$ with ζ a t -th root of unity and α a positive integer.

The following proposition is known when q is larger than the Coxeter number of G (cf. Lusztig [12], p. 25, (d)).

Proposition 2.4.4. For any $\rho \in \mathcal{E}(G^F, \{1\})$, $\lambda_\rho = 1$ or -1 .

Proof. If ρ is not cuspidal, the computation of λ_ρ is reduced to the groups of smaller ranks. Thus it remains to check for the cuspidal $\rho_0 \in \mathcal{E}(G^F, \{1\})$. Take $w \in W$ such that $\langle \rho_0, R_{T,w}^1 \rangle \neq 0$. Then $f_{\rho_0, w}(X) \neq 0$ (cf. 1.5). If $(m, 2p) = 1$, $\sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho}^m \dim \rho = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \dim \rho_x^K$ by Lemma 2.4.1, (ii). We may assume if $\rho \neq \rho_0$, $\lambda_\rho = 1$ or -1 . Thus, for any positive integer m such that $(m, 2p) = 1$, we have $f_{\rho_0, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho_0}^m \dim \rho_0 + \sum_{\rho \neq \rho_0} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho} \dim \rho = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \dim \rho_x^K$. Applying Lemma 2.4.3 we have $\lambda_{\rho_0}^{2p} = 1$ (since $0 \leq |\lambda_{\rho_0}| < q$). Thus it suffices to prove $\lambda_{\rho_0} \in \mathbf{Q}$. But for any positive integer m , $f_{\rho_0, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho_0}^m \dim \rho_0 + \sum_{\rho \neq \rho_0} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho} \dim \rho = \text{Tr}(F^{m*}, \sum_{\Gamma} (-1)^i H_c^i(X(w))) = |X(w)^{F^m}|$. Thus $f_{\rho_0, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho_0}^m \in \mathbf{Q}$ for any positive integer m . Since $f_{\rho_0, w}(X) \neq 0$, there exists an integer m_0 such that if $m \geq m_0$, $f_{\rho_0, w}(q^m) \neq 0$. Thus if $m \geq m_0$, $\lambda_{\rho_0}^m \in \mathbf{Q}$. Therefore $\lambda_{\rho_0} = (\lambda_{\rho_0})^{m_0+1} \lambda_{\rho_0}^{-m_0} \in \mathbf{Q}$.

Lemma 2.4.5. $\sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(X) \lambda_{\rho} \rho = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x(a_w) \rho_x^k \cdot n_{k/k}^{-1}$ as $\mathbf{Q}[X]$ -linear combinations of class functions of G^F .

Proof. Fix $y \in G^F$. By Lemma 2.4.1 and Proposition 2.4.4, if $(m, 2p) = 1$, then $\sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho} \rho(y) = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \rho_x^k(n_{k/k}^{-1} y)$. Since there exist infinitely many positive integers m such that $(m, 2p) = 1$, $\sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(X) \lambda_{\rho} \rho(y) = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x(a_w) \rho_x^k(n_{k/k}^{-1} y)$ as polynomials in X (with $y \in G^F$ being fixed). This proves the lemma.

For $\chi \in \hat{W}$, let $R_{\chi} = |W|^{-1} \sum_{w \in W} \chi(w) R_{T,w}^1$. Then

Lemma 2.4.6. $\rho_x^k \cdot n_{k/k}^{-1} = \sum_{\rho} \langle R_{\chi}, \rho \rangle \lambda_{\rho} \rho$.

Proof. By the specialization $X \mapsto 1$, the relation in Lemma 2.4.5 is specialized to: $\sum_{\rho} \langle R_{T,w}^1, \rho \rangle \lambda_{\rho} \rho = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \chi(w) \rho_x^k \cdot n_{k/k}^{-1}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho_x^k \cdot n_{k/k}^{-1} (= |W|^{-1} \sum_{w \in W} \chi(w) \sum_{x_1 \in \hat{W}} \chi_1(w) \rho_{x_1}^k \cdot n_{k/k}^{-1}) \\ &= |W|^{-1} \sum_{w \in W} \chi(w) \sum_{\rho} \langle R_{T,w}^1, \rho \rangle \lambda_{\rho} \rho = \sum_{\rho} \langle R_{\chi}, \rho \rangle \lambda_{\rho} \rho. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.4.7. (i) For any $w \in W$ and $\rho \in \mathcal{E}(G^F, \{1\})$, $f_{\rho, w}(X) = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x(a_w) \langle R_x, \rho \rangle$.

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(X) \rho = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x(a_w) R_x.$$

Proof. (i) $\lambda_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(X) = \langle \sum_{\rho_1} f_{\rho_1, w}(X) \lambda_{\rho_1} \rho_1, \rho \rangle = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x(a_w) \langle \rho_x^k \cdot n_{k/k}^{-1}, \rho \rangle$ (by Lemma 2.4.5) $= \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x(a_w) \langle R_x, \rho \rangle \lambda_{\rho}$ (by Lemma 2.4.6). This proves (i). (ii) is an easy consequence of (i).

Theorem 2.4.8. Let $w \in W$.

$$(i) \quad \text{If } m \text{ is odd, } |X(w)^{F^m}| = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \dim \rho_x^k.$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{If } m \text{ is even, } |X(w)^{F^m}| = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \dim R_x.$$

Proof. $|X(w)^{F^m}| = \sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho}^m \dim \rho$. Assume m is odd. Then $|X(w)^{F^m}| = \sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho} \dim \rho$ (since $\lambda_{\rho} = 1$ or -1) $= \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \rho_x^k(n_{k/k}^{-1} \{1\})$ (by Lemma 2.4.5) $= \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \dim \rho_x^k$. Assume m is even. Then $|X(w)^{F^m}| = \sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \dim \rho = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \dim R_x$ (by Lemma 2.4.7, (ii)).

The following lemma is well known (cf. [4]).

Lemma 2.4.9. Let \mathfrak{A} be a semisimple and symmetric algebra over the algebraic closed field of characteristic 0. Let $\{e_1, \dots, e_r\}$ be a basis of \mathfrak{A} and $\{e_1^*, \dots, e_r^*\}$ be its dual basis. Let χ_1, χ_2 be the irreducible characters of \mathfrak{A} . Then $\sum_i \chi_1(e_i) \chi_2(e_i^*) = 0$ if and only if $\chi_1 \neq \chi_2$.

Theorem 2.4.10. (i) If m is odd, $\tilde{\rho}_x^K(y\sigma) = \rho_x^k(\mathfrak{A}_{K/k} y)$ for any $x \in \hat{W}$ and $y \in G^{F^m}$.

(ii) If m is even, $\tilde{\rho}_x^K(y\sigma) = R_x(n_{K/k} y)$ for any $x \in \hat{W}$ and $y \in G^{F^m}$.

Proof. For any $y \in G^{F^m}$ and $w \in W$, $\sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \tilde{\rho}_x^K(y\sigma) = \text{Tr}(((n_{K/k} y)^{-1} F^m)^*)$, $\sum_i (-1)^i H_c^i(X(w))$ (by Lemma 2.2.1) $= \sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho}^m \rho(n_{K/k} y)$. Assume m is odd. Then $\sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \tilde{\rho}_x^K(y\sigma) = \sum_{\rho} f_{\rho, w}(q^m) \lambda_{\rho} \rho(n_{k/k} \mathfrak{A}_{K/k} y) = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \rho_x^k(\mathfrak{A}_{K/k} y)$ (by Lemma 2.4.5). Thus $\sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \tilde{\rho}_x^K(y\sigma) = \sum_{x \in \hat{W}} \nu_x^K(a_w^K) \rho_x^k(\mathfrak{A}_{K/k} y)$. Hence we have (i) by the orthogonality relations in Lemma 2.4.9. (ii) is proved similarly.

REMARK 2.4.11. If $\text{char } \mathbf{F}_q \neq 2$, then $R_x = R_x \cdot n_{k/k}^{-1}$ by the following lemma. Therefore “ $n_{k/k}$ ”, in (ii) of Theorem 2.4.10 can be replaced by “ $\mathfrak{A}_{K/k}$ ”, if $\text{char } \mathbf{F}_q \neq 2$. This seems to be true even if $\text{char } \mathbf{F}_q = 2$.

Lemma 2.4.12. *Let G be a connected reductive group over F_q . (We do not assume the assumption imposed on G in 2.4.) Let $x \in G^F$ and $x = su$ be the Jordan decomposition (s : a semisimple element, u : a unipotent element). Assume u is contained in the identity component of the centralizer of u in $Z_G(s)^0$. (Notice $u \in Z_G(s)^0$ by [16], Corollary 4.4.) Then for any F -stable maximal torus T of G and linear character θ of T^F , $R_T^\theta(n_{k/k}(x)) = R_T^\theta(x)$.*

Proof. Let $H = Z_G(s)^0$. Let T' be an F -stable maximal torus of H . Take $a \in T'$ such that $s = a^{-1F}a$. Take $b \in Z_H(u)^0$ such that $u = b^{-1F}b$. Then $x = su = sb^{-1F}b = b^{-1s^F}b = b^{-1}a^{-1F}a^Fb = (ab)^{-1F}(ab)$. Thus $n_{k/k}(x) = {}^F(ab)(ab)^{-1} = {}^F a^F b b^{-1} a^{-1} {}^F a b u b^{-1} a^{-1} = {}^F a u a^{-1}$ (b commutes with u) $= {}^F a a^{-1} a u a^{-1} = s a u a^{-1}$. Therefore $n_{k/k}(x) = s a u a^{-1}$. Since s commutes with $u a u^{-1}$ and $u a u^{-1}$ is a unipotent element, $n_{k/k}(x) = s(a u a^{-1})$ is the Jordan decomposition of $n_{k/k}(x)$. Let $\{g_1, \dots, g_r\}$ be the representatives of $H^F \setminus \{g \in G^F; g^{-1}sg \in T\}$. Then by [2], Theorem 4.2, we have $R_T^\theta(x) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq r} Q_{g_i T g_i^{-1}, H}(u) \theta(g_i^{-1} s g_i)$. Similarly, $R_T^\theta(n_{k/k}(x)) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq r} Q_{g_i T g_i^{-1}, H}(a u a^{-1}) \theta(g_i^{-1} s g_i)$. Let H_{ad} be the adjoint group of H and $\pi: H \rightarrow H_{ad}$ be the canonical mapping. Since $a^{-1F}a = s \in Z(H)$, $\pi(a) \in H_{ad}^F$. Thus $\pi(u)$ and $\pi(a u a^{-1})$ are conjugate in H_{ad}^F . Therefore $Q_{g_i T g_i^{-1}, H}(u) = Q_{\pi(g_i T g_i^{-1}), H_{ad}}(\pi(u)) = Q_{g_i T g_i^{-1}, H}(a u a^{-1})$. Hence $R_T^\theta(x) = R_T^\theta(n_{k/k}(x))$.

2.5. In 2.5, we wish to describe some conjectural statements flourishing from Lemma 2.4.6, if we assume Conjecture 4.3 of Lusztig [12]. To do this we need to recall some results of [11], [12]. For $\Lambda \in \Phi_n$ (resp. Φ_n^+), let ρ_Λ be the corresponding unipotent representations of Sp_{2n}^F or SO_{2n+1}^F (resp. $SO_{2n}^{+,F}$). For $\mathcal{X} \in \hat{W}_n$ (resp. \hat{W}_n), let Λ be the corresponding symbol class in Φ_n (resp. Φ_n^+) and we put $R_\Lambda = R_{\mathcal{X}}$. For $\Lambda \in \Phi_n$ (resp. Φ_n^+), write $\Lambda = (X \cup (Y - I), X \cup I)$, where X, Y are finite subsets of $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, $X \cap Y = \emptyset$, I is a subset of Y such that $2|I| + 1 \equiv |Y| \pmod{4}$ (resp. $2|I| \equiv |Y| \pmod{4}$). Now, fix X and Y . We put $|Y| = 2s$ or $2s + 1$, and assume $s > 0$ if $|Y| = 2s$. Let $Y = \{\lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 \dots\}$, $Y^0 = \{\lambda_0, \lambda_2, \lambda_4, \dots\}$ and $Y^1 = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_3, \lambda_5, \dots\}$. Let \mathcal{O} be the set of all subsets of Y and $\mathcal{O}_s = \{I \in \mathcal{O}: |I| \equiv s \pmod{2}\}$. Then \mathcal{O} is regarded as a vector space over \mathbf{F}_2 by the addition: $I, J \in \mathcal{O} \mapsto I \dot{+} J = I \cup J - I \cap J$ and \mathcal{O}_0 is regarded as a subspace. By the bijection $\mathcal{O}_s \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_0$ ($I \mapsto I \dot{+} Y^1$), we can regard \mathcal{O}_s as a vector space over \mathbf{F}_2 . Define $Q: \mathcal{O}_s \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ ($I \mapsto (-1)^{|I \cap X^0| + |I \cap Y^1| + |I \cup J|}$). If we identify \mathbf{F}_2 canonically with $\{\pm 1\}$, the mapping Q is regarded as a quadratic form on \mathcal{O}_s whose associated bilinear form B is: $I, J \in \mathcal{O}_s \mapsto B(I, J) = (-1)^{|I \cap X^0| + |I \cap Y^1| + |I \cup J|}$. Thus the Fourier transform of Lusztig [11], [12] takes the form:

$$\hat{\rho}_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)} = 2^{-s} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{O}_s} B(I, J) \rho_{(X \cup I', X \cup J)} \quad \text{for } I \in \mathcal{O}_s.$$

DEFINITION 2.5.1. (i) For a class function f on G^F , let $f^\Delta = f \cdot n_{k/k}$. $\Delta^2 = 1$ and $\dim f^\Delta = \dim f$. (Notice that for any connected algebraic group G over \mathbf{F}_q ,

if $x' \in Z_G(x)^0$, then $n_{k/\mathbb{k}}(\{x\}) = \{x\}$.)

(ii) Let $\mathfrak{R}_{X,Y} = \sum_{J \in \mathcal{P}_s} \tilde{Q}_I \rho_{(X \cup J', X \cup J)}$. Define the linear automorphisms $\tilde{\Delta}$ of $\mathfrak{R}_{X,Y}$ by the condition $\beta_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)}^{\tilde{\Delta}} = Q(I) \beta_{(X \cap I', X \cup I)}$ for $I \in \mathcal{P}_s$. Since $\dim \beta_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)} = 0$ if $|I| \neq s$, we have $\dim f^{\tilde{\Delta}} = \dim f$ for any $f \in \mathfrak{R}_{X,Y}$.

It can easily be checked the following

Lemma 2.5.2. *For any $J \in \mathcal{P}_s$,*

$$Q(I) \rho_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)}^{\tilde{\Delta}} = 2^{-s} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{P}_s} B(I, J) Q(J) \rho_{(X \cup J', X \cup J)}.$$

Theorem 2.5.3. *Assume Conjecture 4.3 in [12] is true. Then for $I \in \mathcal{P}_s$,*
 $\lambda_{\rho_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)}} = Q(I) (= (-1)^{(|I|-s)/2}).$

Proof. By the induction of the semisimple rank of G , it is needed to check only for the cuspidal $\rho_{(X \cup I'_0, X \cup I_0)}$ (I_0 or $I'_0 = Y$). Thus we may assume the statement is true if $I \neq I_0, I'_0$. Since we have assumed Conjecture 4.3 in [12], $R_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)} = \beta_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)}$ if $|I| = s$. Thus by Lemma 2.4.6, $R_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)} = 2^{-r} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{P}_s} B(I, J) Q(J) \rho_{(X \cup J', X \cup J)}$. But $\dim R_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)}^\Delta = \dim R_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)} = \dim R_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)}^{\tilde{\Delta}}$. Thus $2^{-s} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{P}_s} B(I, J) Q(J) \dim \rho_{(X \cup J', X \cup J)} = 2^{-s} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{P}_s} B(I, J) \lambda_{\rho_{(X \cup J', X \cup J)}}$ by Lemma 2.5.2. This relation shows our statement.

REMARK 2.5.4. (i) The statement of Theorem 2.5.3 is a counterpart of the statements for some families of the unipotent representations of the exceptional groups given in Lusztig [12], p. 45 and [13], p. 335.

(ii) Assume $\text{char } \mathbf{F}_q \neq 2$. Lemma 2.4.12 and the proof of Theorem 2.5.3 show that Δ and $\tilde{\Delta}$ coincide on the subspace \mathfrak{S} of $\mathfrak{R}_{X,Y}$ which is spanned by $\{\rho_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)}, \rho_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)}^\Delta; I \in \mathcal{P}_s, |I| = s\}$ and $\{R_{(X \cup I', X \cup I)}; I \in \mathcal{P}_s, |I| = s\}$ under the assumption of Theorem 2.5.3. If $|Y| = 1, 3$ or 4 , $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{R}_{X,Y}$. If $|Y| = 5$ or 6 , $\dim \mathfrak{S} = \dim \mathfrak{R}_{X,Y} - 1$. We may ask if the following is true (cf. Remark 2.4.11).

CONJECTURE 2.5.5. $\tilde{\Delta} = \Delta$.

3. Unitary case

The method which we applied in the case of split classical groups is also effective for the unitary groups. Let G be the unitary group U_n over \mathbf{F}_q and we assume m is an even integer. The Weyl group W is canonically identified with the symmetric group S_n and we assume the generic algebra $\mathfrak{A}(W)$ (cf. 2.1) is over the extension field of $\mathfrak{A}(X)$ which contains $X^{1/2}$ ($X^{1/2}$ being fixed). Let $\mathcal{P}(n)$ be the set of all partitions of n . For $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(n)$, let χ_α (resp. $\nu_{x,\alpha}$) be the corresponding irreducible representation (or its character) of W (resp. $\mathfrak{A}(W)$). The following lemma is easily checked by the induction on n .

Lemma 3.1. *Let w_0 be the longest element of W and $\alpha=(\alpha_1 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_s > 0) \in \mathcal{P}(n)$. Define $C_\alpha = \binom{n}{2} + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq s \\ 1 \leq j < \alpha_i}} (j-i)$. Then $a_{w_0}^2$ acts as a scalar X^{C_α} on the representation ν_{α}^k of $\mathfrak{A}(W)$.*

Let the notation be as in 2.1. We write ρ_α^K instead of ρ_{α, w_0}^K for $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(n)$ to simplify the notation. Since $a_{w_0}^K I_\sigma$ commutes with $\mathfrak{A}^K(W)$, each irreducible component ρ_α^K of Z^K is regarded as a G^{F^m} A -module ρ_α^K by the mapping $\sigma \mapsto (q^m)^{-C_\alpha/m} a_{w_0}^K I_\rho$.

For $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(n)$, let $\rho_\alpha^k = |W|^{-1} \sum_{w \in W} \chi_\alpha(w w_0) R_{T_w}^1$. If we put $\eta_\alpha =$ the signature of $\dim \rho_\alpha^k$, then by [14], $\eta_\alpha \rho_\alpha^k$ is the irreducible representation of G^F and all the unipotent representations of G^F are of this form. For the simplification of the notation we let $f_{\alpha, w}(X) = \eta_\alpha f_{\eta_\alpha \rho_\alpha^k, w}(X)$ ($\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(n)$, $w \in W$), $\lambda_\alpha = \lambda_{\eta_\alpha \rho_\alpha^k}$. Then

Theorem 3.2. *Assume $\text{char } F_q \neq 2$. Let $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(n)$ and $w \in W$. Then*

- (i) $\rho_\alpha^k(n_{K/k} y) = (-1)^{m C_\alpha/2} \tilde{\rho}_\alpha^K(y \sigma)$ for any even integer m and $y \in G^{F^m}$,
- (ii) $f_{\alpha, w}(q^m) \lambda_\alpha^{m/2} = \nu_{\lambda_\alpha}^K(a_w^K a_{w_0}^K) (-q)$ for any even integer m ,
- (iii) $|X(w)^{F^m}| = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(n)} \nu_{\lambda_\alpha}^K(a_w^K a_{w_0}^K) (-q)^{-m C_\alpha/2} \dim \rho_\alpha^k$ for any even integer m .

Our proof is based on Kawanaka [7] as is stated in the introduction. In this respect, (i) of the theorem for cuspidal or subcuspidal ρ_α^k 's is essential. The detailed arguments, which is slightly tedious, are omitted.

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