

## A remark on Schubert cells and the duality of orbits on flag manifolds

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**Abstract.** It is known that the closure of an arbitrary  $K_{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbit on a flag manifold is expressed as a product of a closed  $K_{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbit and a Schubert cell ([M2], [Sp]). We already applied this fact to the duality of orbits on flag manifolds ([GM]). We refine here this result and give its new applications to the study of domains arising from the duality.

### 1. Duality of orbits on flag manifolds.

Let  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  be a connected complex semisimple Lie group and  $G_{\mathbb{R}}$  a connected real form of  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Let  $K_{\mathbb{C}}$  be the complexification in  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  of a maximal compact subgroup  $K$  of  $G_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Let  $X = G_{\mathbb{C}}/P$  be a flag manifold of  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  where  $P$  is an arbitrary parabolic subgroup of  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Then there exists a natural one-to-one correspondence between the set of  $K_{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbits  $S$  and the set of  $G_{\mathbb{R}}$ -orbits  $S'$  on  $X$  given by the condition:

$$S \leftrightarrow S' \iff S \cap S' \text{ is non-empty and compact} \quad (\text{A})$$

([M3]). In the following, we will identify orbits  $S$  with  $K_{\mathbb{C}}\text{-}P$  double cosets and  $S'$  with  $G_{\mathbb{R}}\text{-}P$  cosets.

We defined in [GM] a subset  $C(S)$  of  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  by

$$C(S) = \{x \in G_{\mathbb{C}} \mid xS \cap S' \text{ is non-empty and compact in } X = G_{\mathbb{C}}/P\}$$

where  $S'$  is the  $G_{\mathbb{R}}$ -orbit on  $X$  given by (A).

If  $S$  is closed, then  $S'$  is open ([M1]) and so the condition

$$xS \cap S' \text{ is non-empty and compact in } G_{\mathbb{C}}/P$$

implies

$$xS \subset S'.$$

Hence the set  $C(S)_0$  is the cycle domain (cycle space) for  $S'$  ([WW]) where  $C(S)_0$  denotes the connected component of  $C(S)$  containing the identity.

On the other hand, let  $S_{\text{op}}$  denote the unique open  $K_{\mathbb{C}}\text{-}B$  double coset in  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  where  $B$  is a Borel subgroup of  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  contained in  $P$ . (We will keep this notation for the whole note.) Then  $S'_{\text{op}}$  is the unique closed  $G_{\mathbb{R}}\text{-}B$  double coset in  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  and the condition

$$xS_{\text{op}} \cap S'_{\text{op}} \text{ is non-empty and compact in } G_{\mathbb{C}}/B$$

implies

$$xS_{\text{op}} \supset S'_{\text{op}}.$$

Let  $\{S_j \mid j \in J\}$  be the set of  $K_{\mathbf{C}}\text{-}B$  double cosets in  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$  of codimension one and  $T_j = S_j^{\text{cl}}$  denote the closure of  $S_j$ . The sets  $T_j$  will play an important role in our constructions.

The complement of  $S_{\text{op}}$  in  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$  is written as

$$\bigcup_{j \in J} T_j$$

(by Theorem 2 in Section 2). So the set  $C(S_{\text{op}})$  is the complement of the infinite family of complex hypersurfaces

$$gT_j^{-1} \quad (j \in J, g \in S'_{\text{op}})$$

and hence the connected component  $C(S_{\text{op}})_0$  is Stein.

This domain is sometimes called the ‘‘Iwasawa domain’’ since it is a maximal domain where all Iwasawa decompositions can be holomorphically extended from  $G_{\mathbf{R}}$ .

In [GM], we defined

$$C = \bigcap C(S)$$

where we take the intersection for all  $K_{\mathbf{C}}$ -orbits  $S$  on  $X$  on all flag manifolds  $X = G_{\mathbf{C}}/P$  of  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$  and conjectured

$$C = \widetilde{D}_0 Z$$

(Conjecture 1.3) where  $D_0 = \widetilde{D}_0/K_{\mathbf{C}}$  is the domain introduced by [AG] (which is sometimes denoted as  $\Omega_{AG}$ ) and  $Z$  is the center of  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$ . For connected components, it means

$$C_0 = \widetilde{D}_0. \tag{B}$$

This conjecture (B) was solved recently as follows. It is proved in Proposition 8.3 of [GM] that

$$C_0 = C(S_{\text{op}})_0.$$

In other words,  $C(S)_0$  is minimal when  $S = S_{\text{op}}$ . We believe that it is one of central facts of this theory since it gives a very strong estimate of all  $C(S)$  through  $C(S_{\text{op}})$  only. So (B) is equivalent to the equality

$$C(S_{\text{op}})_0 = \widetilde{D}_0 \tag{C}$$

which was recently established by many people’s contributions as follows.

The domain  $C(S_{\text{op}})_0$  was considered in [BGW] for  $SU(p, q)$  (under the name ‘‘polar set’’) and for general cases in [G]. In [G] was conjectured (C) as well as the coincidence of  $\widetilde{D}_0$  with the universal domain of all analytic extensions from the Riemann symmetric spaces.

In 1999, J. Faraut and T. Kobayashi constructed some Hermitian symmetric domains  $\Xi_0$  containing  $G_{\mathbf{R}}/K$  in the classical case and gave a proof for  $\Xi_0 \subset C(S_{\text{op}})_0$  in an unpublished note. Using this inclusive relation, they also showed that all the joint eigenfunctions on  $G_{\mathbf{R}}/K$  with

respect to  $G_{\mathbf{R}}$ -invariant differential operators on  $G_{\mathbf{R}}/K$  can be holomorphically extended to the domains  $\widetilde{\Xi}_0$ . It is known that  $\widetilde{\Xi}_0$  are subdomains of  $\widetilde{D}_0$  and that they coincide in some cases including Hermitian cases (c.f. [BHH], [KS2]).

Later, Krötz and Stanton proved the inclusion

$$\widetilde{D}_0 \subset C(\mathcal{S}_{\text{op}})_0 \tag{D}$$

for all classical cases in [KS1] and also applied it to holomorphic extension of solutions of invariant differential operators. Independently, [GM] proved the equality (C) for all classical cases and exceptional Hermitian cases. Huckleberry gave a general proof of the inclusion (D) in [H] using the strictly plurisubharmonicity of a function  $\rho$  which is proved in [BHH]. Recently, the second author gave a general proof of (D) without complex analysis ([M4]).

On the other hand, Barchini proved the opposite inclusion  $C(\mathcal{S}_{\text{op}})_0 \subset \widetilde{D}_0$  by a general argument in [B].

REMARK 1. In [FH], the authors deduce the equality  $C_0 = \widetilde{D}_0$  from their result about  $C(S)$  for closed  $S$  and Proposition 8.1 in [GM]. As we showed above, this equality is already the consequence of Proposition 8.3 in [GM] and the equality (C). So it does not need the results in [FH].

## 2. Schubert cells in the category of $K_{\mathbf{C}}\text{-}B$ double cosets.

The principal idea of our considerations in [GM] was that  $C(S)_0$  will be essentially independent of neither  $S$  nor the flag manifold  $X = G_{\mathbf{C}}/P$ . To justify it, we need to build bridges between  $C(S)$  for different  $S$  and for it we need to see connections between different  $K_{\mathbf{C}}$ -orbits. It turns out that Schubert cells are very efficient tool for such considerations as in Section 2 and Section 8 in [GM]. They give a possibility to obtain an important information about general  $C(S)$  from a consideration of simplest  $S$ . Here we refine connections between  $K_{\mathbf{C}}$ -orbits and Schubert cells and give more examples of applications.

For a simple root  $\alpha$  in the root system with respect to the order defined by  $B$ , we can define a parabolic subgroup

$$P_{\alpha} = B \cup Bw_{\alpha}B$$

of  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$  such that  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} P_{\alpha} = \dim_{\mathbf{C}} B + 1$ .

LEMMA 1. *Let  $S_1$  be a  $K_{\mathbf{C}}\text{-}B$  double coset. Then we have:*

- (i) *If  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} S_1 P_{\alpha} = \dim_{\mathbf{C}} S_1$ , then  $S_1^{\text{cl}} P_{\alpha} = S_1^{\text{cl}}$ .*
- (ii) *If  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} S_1 P_{\alpha} = \dim_{\mathbf{C}} S_1 + 1$ , then there exists a  $K_{\mathbf{C}}\text{-}B$  double coset  $S_2$  such that  $S_1^{\text{cl}} P_{\alpha} = S_2^{\text{cl}}$ .*

PROOF. Though this lemma follows easily from [M2] Lemma 3, we will give a proof for the sake of completeness. Write  $S_1 = K_{\mathbf{C}}gB$ . Then we have a natural bijection

$$(g^{-1}K_{\mathbf{C}}g \cap P_{\alpha}) \backslash P_{\alpha} / B \cong K_{\mathbf{C}} \backslash K_{\mathbf{C}}gP_{\alpha} / B = K_{\mathbf{C}} \backslash S_1 P_{\alpha} / B$$

by the map  $x \mapsto gx$ .

- (i) If  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} S_1 P_{\alpha} = \dim_{\mathbf{C}} S_1$ , then  $(g^{-1}K_{\mathbf{C}}g \cap P_{\alpha})B/B$  is Zariski open in  $P_{\alpha}/B = P^1(\mathbf{C})$  and hence it is dense. So we have

$$S_1^{\text{cl}} = (K_{\mathbf{C}}gB)^{\text{cl}} \supset S_1P_{\alpha} \supset S_1$$

and therefore  $S_1^{\text{cl}} = S_1^{\text{cl}}P_{\alpha}$ .

(ii) Suppose  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}}S_1P_{\alpha} = \dim_{\mathbf{C}}S_1 + 1$ . Then there exists a  $p \in P_{\alpha}$  such that  $(g^{-1}K_{\mathbf{C}}g \cap P_{\alpha})pB/B$  is Zariski open in  $P_{\alpha}/B = P^1(\mathbf{C})$  since the number of  $K_{\mathbf{C}}-B$  double cosets in  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$  is finite. If we write  $S_2 = K_{\mathbf{C}}gpB$ , then we have

$$(S_2)^{\text{cl}} \supset S_1P_{\alpha} \supset S_2$$

and therefore  $S_2^{\text{cl}} = S_1^{\text{cl}}P_{\alpha}$ . □

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $S_1$  be a  $K_{\mathbf{C}}-B$  double coset in  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$  and  $w$  an element of the Weyl group  $W$ . Then we have:*

(i)  $S_1^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} = S_2^{\text{cl}}$  for some  $K_{\mathbf{C}}-B$  double coset  $S_2$ .

(ii) (minimal expression) *There exists a  $w' \in W$  such that  $w' \leq w$  (Bruhat order),  $\ell(w') = \dim_{\mathbf{C}}S_2 - \dim_{\mathbf{C}}S_1$  and that*

$$S_1^{\text{cl}}(Bw'B)^{\text{cl}} = S_2^{\text{cl}}.$$

Here  $\ell(w') = \dim_{\mathbf{C}}Bw'B - \dim_{\mathbf{C}}B$  is the length of  $w'$ .

**PROOF.** (i) This follows from Lemma 1 because every Schubert cell  $(BwB)^{\text{cl}}$  is written as

$$(BwB)^{\text{cl}} = P_{\alpha_1} \cdots P_{\alpha_{\ell}}$$

where  $w = w_{\alpha_1} \cdots w_{\alpha_{\ell}}$  is a minimal expression of  $w \in W$ .

(ii) By Lemma 1, we can choose a subsequence  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_q$  ( $q = \dim_{\mathbf{C}}S_2 - \dim_{\mathbf{C}}S_1$ ) of  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{\ell}$  such that

$$\dim_{\mathbf{C}}S_1^{\text{cl}}P_{\beta_1} \cdots P_{\beta_k} = \dim_{\mathbf{C}}S_1^{\text{cl}}P_{\beta_1} \cdots P_{\beta_{k-1}} + 1$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, q$  and that

$$S_2^{\text{cl}} = S_1^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} = S_1^{\text{cl}}P_{\alpha_1} \cdots P_{\alpha_{\ell}} = S_1^{\text{cl}}P_{\beta_1} \cdots P_{\beta_q} = S_1^{\text{cl}}(Bw'B)^{\text{cl}}$$

with  $w' = w_{\beta_1} \cdots w_{\beta_q}$ . □

**REMARK 2.**  $S_1^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} = S_2^{\text{cl}}$  implies  $S_1^{\text{cl}} \subset S_2^{\text{cl}}$ . But  $S_1^{\text{cl}} \subset S_2^{\text{cl}}$  does not always imply  $S_1^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} = S_2^{\text{cl}}$  for some  $w$  (c.f. [M2]).

**DEFINITION 1.** For every  $K_{\mathbf{C}}-B$  double coset  $S$ , we can define, by Theorem 1, a subset  $J(S)$  of  $J$  by

$$J(S) = \{j \in J \mid S^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} = T_j \text{ for some } w \in W\}.$$

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $S$  be a non-open  $K_{\mathbf{C}}-B$  double coset. Then there exists a simple root  $\alpha$  such that*

$$\dim_{\mathbf{C}}SP_{\alpha} = \dim_{\mathbf{C}}S + 1.$$

**PROOF.** Write  $G_{\mathbf{C}} = (Bw_0B)^{\text{cl}} = P_{\alpha_1} \cdots P_{\alpha_m}$  with the longest element  $w_0$  in  $W$ . If

$$\dim_{\mathcal{C}} SP_{\alpha} = \dim_{\mathcal{C}} S$$

for all simple roots  $\alpha$ , then we have, by Lemma 1,

$$G_{\mathcal{C}} = S^{\text{cl}} G_{\mathcal{C}} = S^{\text{cl}} P_{\alpha_1} \cdots P_{\alpha_m} = S^{\text{cl}},$$

a contradiction. □

**THEOREM 2.** *If  $\ell(w) < \text{codim}_{\mathcal{C}} S$ , then*

$$S^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} \subset T_j$$

for some  $j \in J(S)$ .

**PROOF.** Since  $\text{codim}_{\mathcal{C}} S^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} = d > 0$ , we can choose simple roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{d-1}$  such that

$$\text{codim}_{\mathcal{C}} S^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} P_{\alpha_1} \cdots P_{\alpha_{d-1}} = 1$$

by Lemma 2. Since  $(BwB)^{\text{cl}} P_{\alpha_1} \cdots P_{\alpha_{d-1}} = (Bw'B)^{\text{cl}}$  for some  $w' \in W$ , we have

$$S^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} \subset S^{\text{cl}}(Bw'B)^{\text{cl}} = T_j$$

for some  $j \in J(S)$ . □

### 3. Applications.

**DEFINITION 2.** For every subset  $J'$  in  $J$ , we define a domain  $\Omega(J')$  in  $G_{\mathcal{C}}$  by

$$\Omega(J') = \{x \in G_{\mathcal{C}} \mid xT_j \cap S'_{\text{op}} = \emptyset \text{ for all } j \in J'\}_0.$$

We can prove the following corollary:

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $S$  be a closed  $K_{\mathcal{C}}$ - $P$  double coset in  $G_{\mathcal{C}}$ . Write  $S = S_1^{\text{cl}}$  with the dense  $K_{\mathcal{C}}$ - $B$  double coset  $S_1$  in  $S$ . Then we have*

$$C(S)_0 = \Omega(J(S_1)).$$

**REMARK 3.** (i) We can see  $C(S_{\text{op}})_0 = \Omega(J)$ . By the same argument as for  $C(S_{\text{op}})_0$  in Section 1, we can prove  $\Omega(J')$  is Stein for every subset  $J'$  in  $J$ . So the Steinness of  $C(S)_0$  ([W]) becomes a corollary of this equivalence  $C(S)_0 = \Omega(J(S_1))$  (c.f. [HW]).

(ii) It is clear that  $\Omega(J') \supset \Omega(J)$  for every subset  $J'$  in  $J$ . So we have

$$C(S)_0 \supset C(S_{\text{op}})_0.$$

But this inclusion was already proved in Proposition 8.3 in [GM]. This is natural because the way of proof of the corollary below is essentially the same as that of Proposition 8.3 in [GM]. So the above corollary may be considered as its refinement.

**PROOF OF COROLLARY.** Let  $x$  be an element on the boundary of  $C(S)_0$ . Then

$$xS \cap S'_2 P \neq \emptyset$$

for some  $G_{\mathbf{R}}-P$  double coset  $S'_2 P$  in the boundary of  $S'$ . Here we take  $S_2$  as the dense  $K_{\mathbf{C}}-B$  double coset contained in  $S_2 P$ . Since  $S$  is right  $P$ -invariant, we have

$$xS \cap S'_2 \neq \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad \dim_{\mathbf{C}} S_2 > \dim_{\mathbf{C}} S.$$

Applying Theorem 1 (ii) to the pair  $(S_2^{\text{cl}}, G_{\mathbf{C}})$ , we can take a  $w \in W$  such that  $\ell(w) = \text{codim}_{\mathbf{C}} S_2$  and that

$$S_2^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} = G_{\mathbf{C}}.$$

So we have  $S_2(BwB)^{\text{cl}} \supset S_{\text{op}}$  and hence

$$S'_2 \subset S'_{\text{op}}(Bw^{-1}B)^{\text{cl}}.$$

Since  $xS \cap S'_2 \neq \emptyset$ , we have

$$xS \cap S'_{\text{op}}(Bw^{-1}B)^{\text{cl}} \neq \emptyset.$$

Hence

$$xS(BwB)^{\text{cl}} \cap S'_{\text{op}} \neq \emptyset$$

which implies  $xT_j \cap S'_{\text{op}} \neq \emptyset$  for some  $j \in J(S_1)$  by Theorem 2. Thus  $x \notin \Omega(J(S_1))$ .

Conversely, suppose

$$xT_j \cap S'_{\text{op}} \neq \emptyset$$

for some  $T_j = S(BwB)^{\text{cl}} = S_1^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}}$ . Note that  $j \in J(S_1)$  by Definition 1 and that we may assume  $\ell(w) = \text{codim}_{\mathbf{C}} S - 1 = \text{codim}_{\mathbf{C}} S_1 - 1$  by Theorem 1 (ii). Then we have

$$xS \cap S'_{\text{op}}(Bw^{-1}B)^{\text{cl}} \neq \emptyset$$

and hence

$$xS \cap S'_3 \neq \emptyset$$

for some  $K_{\mathbf{C}}-B$  double coset  $S_3$  such that  $S'_3 \subset S'_{\text{op}}(Bw^{-1}B)^{\text{cl}}$ . Hence  $S_3(BwB)^{\text{cl}} \supset S_{\text{op}}$  and therefore  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} S_3 \geq \dim_{\mathbf{C}} G_{\mathbf{C}} - \ell(w) > \dim_{\mathbf{C}} S$ . So we have

$$S'_3 \cap S' = \emptyset$$

because  $S'$  is the union of  $G_{\mathbf{R}}-B$  double cosets  $S'_4$  satisfying  $S_4 \subset S$ . Hence we have

$$xS \not\subset S'$$

and therefore

$$x \notin C(S).$$

□

REMARK 4. (i) The condition  $\ell(w) = \text{codim}_{\mathbf{C}} S - 1$  does “not always” imply

$$\text{codim}_{\mathbf{C}} S^{\text{cl}}(BwB)^{\text{cl}} = 1.$$

Counter examples exist already for  $G_{\mathbf{R}} = SU(2, 1)$ .

(ii) The construction of the domain  $\Omega(J(S_1))$  is essentially equivalent to the construction of “Schubert domain” in [HW]. We can see that the proof of our corollary using the results in Section 2 is extremely simple. Let us explain the connection between these two constructions introducing notations in [HW].

Take a Borel subgroup  $B_0$  of  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$  so that  $G_{\mathbf{R}}B_0$  is closed in  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$ . A Borel subgroup  $B$  of  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$  is called an “Iwasawa Borel subgroup” if

$$B = g_0 B_0 g_0^{-1} \quad \text{for some } g_0 \in G_{\mathbf{R}}.$$

Let  $Z = G_{\mathbf{C}}/Q$  be a flag manifold. Then we can take  $Q$  so that  $Q \supset B_0$ . Every Schubert cell  $Y$  in  $Z$  for  $B$  is written as

$$Y = (B g_0 w Q)^{\text{cl}} = (g_0 B_0 w Q)^{\text{cl}}$$

with some  $w \in W$ . Let  $S$  be a closed  $K_{\mathbf{C}}\text{-}Q$  double coset. (They use the symbol  $C_0$  for  $S$ .) The “incidence variety”  $H_Y$  is written as

$$H_Y = \{g \mid gS \cap Y \neq \emptyset\} = YS^{-1} = (g_0 B_0 w Q)^{\text{cl}} S^{-1} = (S(Qw^{-1}B_0)^{\text{cl}} g_0^{-1})^{-1}.$$

If  $\text{codim} H_Y = 1$ , then

$$H_Y^{-1} = S(Qw^{-1}B_0)^{\text{cl}} g_0^{-1} = T_j g_0^{-1}$$

for some  $j \in J' = J(S_1)$  (where  $S_1$  is the dense  $K_{\mathbf{C}}\text{-}B_0$  double coset in  $S$ ) and  $g_0 \in G_{\mathbf{R}}$  by our notation.

They defined

$$\mathscr{Y}(S') = \{Y = (g_0 B_0 w Q)^{\text{cl}} \mid \text{codim} H_Y = 1\}.$$

(They use the symbol  $D$  for  $S'$ . Note that the condition  $Y \subset Z \setminus S'$  follows from  $\text{codim} H_Y = 1$  because

$$\begin{aligned} Y \cap S' = \emptyset &\iff S'Y^{-1} = S'(Qw^{-1}B_0)^{\text{cl}} g_0^{-1} \not\supset e \\ &\iff S'(Qw^{-1}B_0)^{\text{cl}} \not\supset g_0 \\ &\iff S'(Qw^{-1}B_0)^{\text{cl}} \cap G_{\mathbf{R}}B_0 = \emptyset \\ &\iff S(Qw^{-1}B_0)^{\text{cl}} \cap K_{\mathbf{C}}B_0 = \emptyset \\ &\iff \text{codim} S(Qw^{-1}B_0)^{\text{cl}} \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

The Schubert domain is defined as

$$\Omega_S(S') = \left\{ G_C \setminus \left( \bigcup_{Y \in \mathcal{P}(S')} H_Y \right) \right\}_0.$$

This definition is equivalent to our definition of  $\Omega(J')$  because

$$\begin{aligned} g \notin \bigcup_{Y \in \mathcal{P}(S')} H_Y &\iff g^{-1} \notin T_j g_0^{-1} \text{ for all } j \in J' \text{ and } g_0 \in G_R \\ &\iff g^{-1} G_R B_0 \cap T_j = \emptyset \text{ for all } j \in J' \\ &\iff G_R B_0 \cap g T_j = \emptyset \text{ for all } j \in J'. \end{aligned}$$

REMARK 5. The problem of the description of the domain of cycles  $C(S)_0$  for groups  $G_R$  of Hermitian type is simpler than the general case. Firstly, in this case,  $D_0 = \widetilde{D}_0/K_C$  has a very simple description:  $D_0 \cong G_R/K \times \overline{G_R/K}$  (Proposition 2.2 in [GM]). As usual, the equality  $C(S)_0 = \widetilde{D}_0$  for  $S (\leftrightarrow S')$  of nonholomorphic type is reduced to two inclusions. The proof of  $C(S)_0 \subset \widetilde{D}_0$  in [WZ1] had a mistake which was corrected in [WZ2]. The opposite inclusion was checked in [WZ1] for classical Hermitian groups. In Proposition 2.4 of [GM], we gave a very simple proof of this inclusion for arbitrary groups of Hermitian type which is free of case-by-case considerations: the use of Schubert cells makes this fact almost trivial. The note [WZ2] also contains this fact with a proof referred to [HW] but without an appropriate reference on the preceding proof in [GM]. Moreover it asserts a misleading statement that the paper [GM] does not contain a direct proof.

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