

**TWINING CHARACTER FORMULA  
 FOR DEMAZURE MODULES**

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0. INTRODUCTION.

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a finite-dimensional complex semi-simple Lie algebra with Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  and Borel subalgebra  $\mathfrak{b} \supset \mathfrak{h}$ . Let  $\Delta \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$  be the set of roots of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{h}$ . We choose the set of positive roots  $\Delta_+$  such that the roots of  $\mathfrak{b}$  are  $-\Delta_+$ . Let  $\{\alpha_i \mid i \in I\}$  be the set of simple roots in  $\Delta_+$ ,  $\{h_i \mid i \in I\}$  the set of simple coroots in  $\mathfrak{h}$ ,  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$  the Cartan matrix with  $a_{ij} = \alpha_j(h_i)$ , and  $W = \langle r_i \mid i \in I \rangle \subset GL(\mathfrak{h}^*)$  the Weyl group. We take and fix a Chevalley basis  $\{e_\alpha, f_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta_+\} \cup \{h_i \mid i \in I\}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and let  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}} = \sum_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}h_i$ .

A bijection  $\omega$  (of order  $N$ ) of the index set  $I$  such that  $a_{\omega(i), \omega(j)} = a_{ij}$  for all  $i, j \in I$  induces a unique automorphism  $\omega$ , called a (Dynkin) diagram automorphism, of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\omega(e_{\alpha_i}) = e_{\alpha_{\omega(i)}}$ ,  $\omega(f_{\alpha_i}) = f_{\alpha_{\omega(i)}}$ , and  $\omega(h_i) = h_{\omega(i)}$  for  $i \in I$ . We denote by  $\langle \omega \rangle$  the cyclic subgroup (of order  $N$ ) of  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$  generated by the diagram automorphism  $\omega$ . The restriction of  $\omega$  to  $\mathfrak{h}$  induces a transposed map  $\omega^* : \mathfrak{h}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ , which stabilizes the integral weight lattice  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \mid \lambda(h_i) \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } i \in I\} \simeq \text{Hom}(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}, \mathbb{Z})$ . We set  $\mathfrak{g}^0 = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \omega(x) = x\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{h}^0 = \{h \in \mathfrak{h} \mid \omega(h) = h\}$ ,  $W^\omega = \{w \in W \mid \omega^*w = w\omega^*\}$ ,  $(\mathfrak{h}^*)^0 = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \mid \omega^*(\lambda) = \lambda\} \simeq (\mathfrak{h}^0)^*$ , and  $(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0 = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* \mid \omega^*(\lambda) = \lambda\}$ .

Let  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  be the orbit Lie algebra, which is the dual complex semi-simple Lie algebra of the fixed point (semi-simple) subalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}^0$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , i.e., a complex semi-simple Lie algebra with the opposite Dynkin diagram to that of  $\mathfrak{g}^0$ . Let  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$  be the Cartan subalgebra of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathfrak{b}} \supset \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$  the Borel subalgebra, and  $\widehat{\Delta}_+ \subset \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*$  the set of positive roots chosen so that the roots of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{b}}$  are  $-\widehat{\Delta}_+$ . Let  $\{\widehat{\alpha}_i \mid i \in \widehat{I}\}$  be the set of simple roots in  $\widehat{\Delta}_+$  and  $\widehat{W} = \langle \widehat{r}_i \mid i \in \widehat{I} \rangle \subset GL(\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*)$  the Weyl group, where the index set  $\widehat{I}$  is a set of representatives of the  $\omega$ -orbits in  $I$ . It is known that there exist an isomorphism of groups  $\Theta : \widehat{W} \rightarrow W^\omega$  and a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear isomorphism  $P_\omega : \mathfrak{h}^0 \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$  such that if  $P_\omega^* : \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^* \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathfrak{h}^0)^* \simeq (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$  is the transposed map of  $P_\omega$ , then  $\Theta(\widehat{w})|_{(\mathfrak{h}^*)^0} = P_\omega^* \circ \widehat{w} \circ (P_\omega^*)^{-1}$  for all  $\widehat{w} \in \widehat{W}$ . We set  $w_i = \Theta(\widehat{r}_i) \in W^\omega$  for  $i \in \widehat{I}$ . In particular,  $(W^\omega, \{w_i \mid i \in \widehat{I}\})$  forms a Coxeter system.

For dominant  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0$ , let  $L(\lambda)$  be the simple  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module of highest weight  $\lambda$ . It admits a unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear  $\langle \omega \rangle$ -action such that  $\omega \cdot (xv) = \omega(x)(\omega \cdot v)$  for each  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $v \in L(\lambda)$  and such that  $\omega \cdot v_\lambda = v_\lambda$ , where  $v_\lambda$  is a (nonzero) highest weight vector of  $L(\lambda)$ . So therefore does its dual module  $L(\lambda)^* \simeq L(-w_0(\lambda))$  with  $w_0$  the longest element in  $W$ . Let  $\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{b})$  be the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{b}$ , and for each  $w \in W^\omega$ , let  $J_w(\lambda) = \mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{b})v_{w(\lambda)}^* \subset L(\lambda)^*$  be Joseph's module of highest weight  $-w(\lambda)$  in  $L(\lambda)^*$ , with  $v_{w(\lambda)}^*$  a (nonzero) weight vector in  $L(\lambda)^*$  of weight  $-w(\lambda)$ . Since  $w \in W^\omega$ , the weight vector  $v_{w(\lambda)}^* \in L(\lambda)^*$  turns out to be fixed by the action of  $\langle \omega \rangle$ , and hence Joseph's module  $J_w(\lambda) \subset L(\lambda)^*$  is  $\langle \omega \rangle$ -invariant. In the talk we will prove a formula of Demazure type for the twining character  $\text{ch}^\omega(J_w(\lambda))$  of  $J_w(\lambda)$  defined by

$$\text{ch}^\omega(J_w(\lambda)) = \sum_{\mu \in (\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0} \text{Tr}(\omega|_{J_w(\lambda)_\mu}) e(\mu)$$

in the group algebra  $\mathbb{C}[(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0]$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  of  $(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0$  with basis  $e(\mu)$ ,  $\mu \in (\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0$ . As a corollary, we will find a striking relation:

$$\text{ch}^\omega(J_w(\lambda)) = P_w^* \left( \text{ch } \widehat{J}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda}) \right),$$

where  $\widehat{w} = \Theta^{-1}(w) \in \widehat{W}$ ,  $\widehat{\lambda} = (P_w^*)^{-1}(\lambda) \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*$ , and  $\text{ch } \widehat{J}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda}) \in \mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*]$  is the ordinary character of Joseph's module  $\widehat{J}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda})$  of highest weight  $-\widehat{w}(\widehat{\lambda})$  over the orbit Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

Although our problem can be stated purely algebraically as above, it seems very difficult (at least for me) to solve it only by algebraic methods. Hence we resort to (algebra-) geometric methods. For that purpose, we introduce more notation. Let  $G$  be a connected, simply connected semi-simple linear algebraic group over  $\mathbb{C}$  with maximal torus  $T$  and Borel subgroup  $B \supset T$  such that  $\text{Lie}(G) = \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\text{Lie}(T) = \mathfrak{h}$ , and  $\text{Lie}(B) = \mathfrak{b}$ . Then the character group  $\Lambda = \text{Hom}(T, GL_1)$  of  $T$  may be identified with  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$  by taking the differential at the identity element, i.e., by the map  $\lambda \mapsto d\lambda$ . For each  $i \in I$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , we will write  $\langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle = (d\lambda)(h_i)$ , where  $\alpha_i^\vee \in \text{Hom}(GL_1, T)$  is the coroot of  $\alpha_i \in \Lambda$ . There exists an automorphism of  $G$  whose differential at the identity element coincides with the diagram automorphism  $\omega$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  above. By abuse of notation, we will denote by  $\omega$  this automorphism of  $G$  and by  $\langle \omega \rangle$  the cyclic subgroup (of order  $N$ ) of  $\text{Aut}(G)$  generated by  $\omega$ . We will also denote the induced action of  $\omega \in \langle \omega \rangle$  on  $\Lambda$  by the same letter  $\omega$ , and set  $\Lambda^\omega = \{\lambda \in \Lambda \mid \omega \cdot \lambda = \lambda\}$ ,  $\Lambda_+^\omega = \{\lambda \in \Lambda^\omega \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } i \in I\}$ .

By a  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module  $M$ , we will mean a finite-dimensional rational  $G$ -module that admits a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear  $\langle \omega \rangle$ -action such that  $\omega \cdot (gm) = \omega(g)(\omega \cdot m)$  for each  $g \in G$  and  $m \in M$ . Regarding the semi-direct product  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$  of  $G$  and  $\langle \omega \rangle$  as a linear algebraic group, this is the same as a rational  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module. Likewise for  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ - and  $T \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules. Let  $\mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega]$  be the group algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  of  $\Lambda^\omega$  with basis  $e(\mu)$ ,  $\mu \in \Lambda^\omega$ . For a  $T \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module

$V$ , we define the twining character  $\text{ch}^\omega(V) \in \mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega]$  of  $V$  to be

$$\text{ch}^\omega(V) = \sum_{\mu \in \Lambda^\omega} \text{Tr}(\omega|_{V_\mu}) e(\mu),$$

where  $V_\mu = \{v \in V \mid tv = \mu(t)v \text{ for all } t \in T\}$  is the  $\mu$ -weight space of  $V$ .

Recall that  $W \simeq N_G(T)/T$ , where  $N_G(T)$  is the normalizer of  $T$  in  $G$ . Fix  $w \in W^\omega$ , and let  $X(w)$  be the associated Schubert variety over  $\mathbb{C}$ , which is the Zariski closure in the flag variety  $G/B$  of the Bruhat cell  $B\dot{w}B/B$ , where  $\dot{w}$  denotes a right coset representative of  $w$  in  $N_G(T)$  fixed by  $\omega \in \text{Aut}(G)$ . If  $M$  is a  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module, then the  $B$ -equivariant  $\mathcal{O}_{X(w)}$ -module  $\mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(M)$  associated to  $M$  carries a structure of “ $(B, \langle \omega \rangle)$ -equivariant” ( $\doteq B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -equivariant) sheaf, so that its cohomology groups  $H^\bullet(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(M))$  are  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules. (For the precise definition of a  $(B, \langle \omega \rangle)$ -equivariant sheaf, see our preprint [KN].)

For each  $\lambda \in \Lambda^\omega$ , we let  $\mathbb{C}_\lambda$  denote the one-dimensional  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module on which  $B$  acts via  $\lambda$  through the quotient  $B \rightarrow T$  and  $\langle \omega \rangle$  trivially. We call  $H^0(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda))$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda^\omega_+$  a Demazure module. Joseph’s module  $J_w(\lambda)$  admits a structure of  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module, and we have an isomorphism of  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules

$$J_w(\lambda)^* \simeq H^0(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda)),$$

where  $J_w(\lambda)^*$  is the dual  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module of  $J_w(\lambda)$ .

For  $i \in \hat{I}$ , we define the  $\omega$ -Demazure operator  $\hat{D}_i$  to be a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear endomorphism of  $\mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega]$  such that

$$\hat{D}_i(e(\mu)) = \frac{e(\mu) - e(-s_i\beta_i)e(w_i(\mu))}{1 - e(-s_i\beta_i)} \quad \text{for } \mu \in \Lambda^\omega,$$

where  $\beta_i = \sum_{k=0}^{N_i-1} \alpha_{\omega^k(i)}$  and  $s_i = 2 / \sum_{k=0}^{N_i-1} a_{i, \omega^k(i)}$  with  $N_i$  the number of elements of the  $\omega$ -orbit of  $i \in I$ .

The following is our main result.

**THEOREM 0.1.** *Let  $M$  be a finite-dimensional rational  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module,  $w \in W^\omega$ , and let  $w = w_{i_1} w_{i_2} \cdots w_{i_n}$  be a reduced expression in the Coxeter system  $(W^\omega, \{w_i \mid i \in \hat{I}\})$ . Then we have in  $\mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega]$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_w^\omega(M) &= \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \text{ch}^\omega(H^j(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(M))) \\ &= \hat{D}_{i_1} \hat{D}_{i_2} \cdots \hat{D}_{i_n} (\text{ch}^\omega(M)). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for  $\lambda \in \Lambda_+^\omega$ , we have

$$\text{ch}^\omega(H^0(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda))) = \widehat{D}_{i_1} \widehat{D}_{i_2} \cdots \widehat{D}_{i_n}(e(\lambda)).$$

There is thus revealed a striking relation between twining characters for  $\mathfrak{g}$  and ordinary characters for the orbit Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ . Let  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}} = \sum_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z} \widehat{h}_i$  and  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* = \text{Hom}(\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}, \mathbb{Z}) \subset \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*$ . For dominant  $\widehat{\lambda} \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$ , let  $\widehat{L}(\widehat{\lambda})$  be the simple  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -module of highest weight  $\widehat{\lambda}$ , and for each  $\widehat{w} \in \widehat{W}$ , let  $\widehat{J}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda}) = \mathfrak{U}(\widehat{\mathfrak{b}}) \widehat{v}_{\widehat{w}(\widehat{\lambda})}^* \subset \widehat{L}(\widehat{\lambda})^*$  be Joseph's module of highest weight  $-\widehat{w}(\widehat{\lambda})$ , with  $\widehat{v}_{\widehat{w}(\widehat{\lambda})}^* \in \widehat{L}(\widehat{\lambda})^*$  a (nonzero) weight vector of weight  $-\widehat{w}(\widehat{\lambda})$ .

**COROLLARY 0.2.** *Let  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0$  be dominant and  $w \in W^\omega$ . We set  $\widehat{w} = \Theta^{-1}(w) \in \widehat{W}$  and  $\widehat{\lambda} = (P_\omega^*)^{-1}(\lambda) \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$ . Then we have in  $\mathbb{C}[(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0]$ ,*

$$\text{ch}^\omega(J_w(\lambda)) = P_\omega^* \left( \text{ch } \widehat{J}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda}) \right),$$

where  $P_\omega^*$  on the right-hand side is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra isomorphism  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*] \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}[(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0]$  defined by  $P_\omega^*(e(\widehat{\mu})) = e(P_\omega^*(\widehat{\mu}))$  for each basis element  $e(\widehat{\mu})$ ,  $\widehat{\mu} \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$ , of the group algebra  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*]$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$ .

### 1. PRELIMINARIES.

**1.1. Diagram automorphisms.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a finite-dimensional complex semi-simple Lie algebra with Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  and Borel subalgebra  $\mathfrak{b} \supset \mathfrak{h}$ . Let  $\Delta \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$  be the set of roots of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{h}$ . We choose the set of positive roots  $\Delta_+$  such that the roots of  $\mathfrak{b}$  are  $-\Delta_+$ . Let  $\{\alpha_i \mid i \in I\}$  be the set of simple roots in  $\Delta_+$ ,  $\{h_i \mid i \in I\}$  the set of simple coroots in  $\mathfrak{h}$ ,  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$  the Cartan matrix with  $a_{ij} = \alpha_j(h_i)$ , and  $W = \langle r_i \mid i \in I \rangle \subset GL(\mathfrak{h}^*)$  the Weyl group. We take and fix a Chevalley basis  $\{e_\alpha, f_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta_+\} \cup \{h_i \mid i \in I\}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and let  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}} = \sum_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z} h_i$ .

We fix a bijection  $\omega: I \rightarrow I$  of the index set  $I$  such that

$$a_{\omega(i), \omega(j)} = a_{ij} \quad \text{for all } i, j \in I.$$

Let  $N$  be the order of  $\omega$ , and  $N_i$  the number of elements of the  $\omega$ -orbit of  $i \in I$ . This  $\omega$  can be extended in a unique way to an automorphism (also denoted by  $\omega$ ) of order  $N$  of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  in such a way that

$$\begin{cases} \omega(e_{\alpha_i}) = e_{\alpha_{\omega(i)}}, & i \in I, \\ \omega(f_{\alpha_i}) = f_{\alpha_{\omega(i)}}, & i \in I, \\ \omega(h_i) = h_{\omega(i)}, & i \in I. \end{cases}$$

Note that the restriction of  $\omega$  to the Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  induces a transposed map  $\omega^*: \mathfrak{h}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$  such that  $\omega^*(\lambda)(h) = \lambda(\omega(h))$  for  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ ,  $h \in \mathfrak{h}$ . We set

$$(\mathfrak{h}^*)^0 = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \mid \omega^*(\lambda) = \lambda\} \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0 = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* \mid \omega^*(\lambda) = \lambda\},$$

where  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \mid \lambda(h_i) \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } i \in I\} \simeq \text{Hom}(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}, \mathbb{Z})$ . Note that the Weyl vector  $\rho = (1/2) \cdot \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \alpha$  is in  $(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0$ .

**1.2. Orbit Lie algebras.** We choose and fix a set  $\widehat{I}$  of representatives of the  $\omega$ -orbits in  $I$ , and set  $\widehat{A} = (\widehat{a}_{ij})_{i,j \in \widehat{I}}$ , where  $\widehat{a}_{ij}$  is given by

$$\widehat{a}_{ij} = s_j \times \sum_{k=0}^{N_j-1} a_{i, \omega^k(j)} \quad \text{for } i, j \in \widehat{I} \quad \text{with} \quad s_j = \frac{2}{\sum_{k=0}^{N_j-1} a_{j, \omega^k(j)}} \quad \text{for } j \in \widehat{I}.$$

Set for each  $i \in \widehat{I}$ ,  $I_i = \{\omega^k(i) \mid 0 \leq k \leq N_i - 1\} \subset I$ . We know that for each  $i \in \widehat{I}$ ,

$$\sum_{k \in I_i} a_{ik} = 1 \text{ or } 2.$$

Moreover, there are only two possibilities:

- (a) if  $\sum_{k \in I_i} a_{ik} = 1$ , then  $N_i$  is even and the subgraph of the Dynkin diagram corresponding to the subset  $I_i \subset I$  is of type  $A_2 \times \cdots \times A_2$  (where  $A_2$  appears  $N_i/2$  times);
- (b) if  $\sum_{k \in I_i} a_{ik} = 2$ , then the subgraph of the Dynkin diagram corresponding to the subset  $I_i \subset I$  is totally disconnected and of type  $A_1 \times \cdots \times A_1$  (where  $A_1$  appears  $N_i$  times).

The orbit Lie algebra associated to the diagram automorphism  $\omega \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$  is defined to be the complex semi-simple Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  associated to the Cartan matrix  $\widehat{A} = (\widehat{a}_{ij})_{i,j \in \widehat{I}}$  with the Cartan subalgebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ , the Borel subalgebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{b}} \supset \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ , the set of positive roots  $\widehat{\Delta}_+ \subset \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*$  chosen so that the roots of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{b}}$  are  $-\widehat{\Delta}_+$ , the set of simple roots  $\{\widehat{\alpha}_i \mid i \in \widehat{I}\} \subset \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*$ , the set of simple coroots  $\{\widehat{h}_i \mid i \in \widehat{I}\} \subset \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ , and the Weyl group  $\widehat{W} = \langle \widehat{r}_i \mid i \in \widehat{I} \rangle \subset GL(\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*)$ .

*Remark 1.2.1.* We can easily deduce that the orbit Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  is the dual complex semi-simple Lie algebra of the fixed point (semi-simple) subalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}^0 = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \omega(x) = x\}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , i.e., a complex semi-simple Lie algebra which has the opposite Dynkin diagram to that of  $\mathfrak{g}^0$ .

We set  $\mathfrak{h}^0 = \{h \in \mathfrak{h} \mid \omega(h) = h\}$ . Then there exists a linear isomorphism  $P_\omega: \mathfrak{h}^0 \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$  given by

$$P_\omega \left( \sum_{k \in I_i} h_k \right) = N_i \widehat{h}_i \quad \text{for each } i \in \widehat{I}.$$

This map  $P_\omega: \mathfrak{h}^0 \xrightarrow{\sim} \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$  induces a transposed map  $P_\omega^*: \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^* \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathfrak{h}^0)^* \simeq (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$  such that

$$P_\omega^*(\widehat{\lambda})(h) = \widehat{\lambda}(P_\omega(h)) \quad \text{for } \widehat{\lambda} \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*, h \in \mathfrak{h}^0.$$

Note that, if  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}} = \sum_{i \in \widehat{I}} \mathbb{Z} \widehat{h}_i$  and  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* = \text{Hom}(\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}, \mathbb{Z}) \subset \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*$ , then  $P_\omega^*(\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*) = (\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0$ .

We now define the subgroup  $W^\omega$  of  $W$  by

$$W^\omega = \{w \in W \mid \omega^* w = w \omega^*\}.$$

It is known that there exists an isomorphism of groups  $\Theta: \widehat{W} \rightarrow W^\omega$  from the Weyl group  $\widehat{W}$  of the orbit Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  onto the group  $W^\omega$  such that the following diagram commutes for each  $\widehat{w} \in \widehat{W}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^* & \xrightarrow{P_\omega^*} & (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0 \\ \widehat{w} \downarrow & & \downarrow \Theta(\widehat{w})|_{(\mathfrak{h}^*)^0} \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^* & \xrightarrow{P_\omega^*} & (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0. \end{array}$$

For each  $i \in \widehat{I}$ , set  $w_i = \Theta(\widehat{r}_i) \in W^\omega$ . Explicitly,

$$w_i = \begin{cases} \prod_{k=0}^{N_i/2-1} (r_{\omega^k(i)} r_{\omega^{k+N_i/2}(i)} r_{\omega^k(i)}) & \text{if } \sum_{k=0}^{N_i-1} a_{i, \omega^k(i)} = 1, \\ \prod_{k=0}^{N_i-1} r_{\omega^k(i)} & \text{if } \sum_{k=0}^{N_i-1} a_{i, \omega^k(i)} = 2. \end{cases}$$

Hence each  $w_i$  is the longest element of the subgroup  $W_{I_i}$  of the Weyl group  $W$  generated by the  $r_k$ 's for  $k \in I_i$ . Furthermore,  $(W^\omega, \{w_i \mid i \in \widehat{I}\})$  forms a Coxeter system as  $(\widehat{W}, \{\widehat{r}_i \mid i \in \widehat{I}\})$  is. We will denote the length function of the Coxeter system  $(W, \{r_i \mid i \in I\})$  (resp.  $(W^\omega, \{w_i \mid i \in \widehat{I}\})$ ) by  $\ell: W \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  (resp.  $\widehat{\ell}: W^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ).

*Remark 1.2.2.* Note that the longest element  $w_0 \in W$  belongs to  $W^\omega$ . In fact, we can easily show that the isomorphism  $\Theta: \widehat{W} \xrightarrow{\sim} W^\omega$  maps the longest element  $\widehat{w}_0 \in \widehat{W}$  to the longest element  $w_0 \in W$ .

**1.3. The  $\omega$ -Demazure operators.** Recall the ordinary Demazure operator  $D_i$  for  $i \in I$  on the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*] = \prod_{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*} \mathbb{Z} e(\lambda)$ :

$$D_i: e(\lambda) \mapsto \frac{e(\lambda) - e(-\alpha_i)e(r_i(\lambda))}{1 - e(-\alpha_i)}.$$

Let  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*]$  be the group algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$  with basis  $e(\widehat{\lambda})$ ,  $\widehat{\lambda} \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$ . Define likewise the Demazure operator  $D_{\widehat{r}_i}$ ,  $i \in \widehat{I}$ , on  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*]$  to be the  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear endomorphism of  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*]$  given by

$$D_{\widehat{r}_i}(e(\widehat{\lambda})) = \frac{e(\widehat{\lambda}) - e(-\widehat{\alpha}_i)e(\widehat{r}_i(\widehat{\lambda}))}{1 - e(-\widehat{\alpha}_i)}.$$

Then transfer  $D_{\widehat{r}_i}$  via  $P_{\omega}^*$  onto the group algebra  $\mathbb{C}[(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0]$  to define the  $\omega$ -Demazure operator

$$(1.3.1) \quad \widehat{D}_i = P_{\omega}^* \circ D_{\widehat{r}_i} \circ (P_{\omega}^*)^{-1} \quad \text{for } i \in \widehat{I}.$$

Thus we can easily check the following.

LEMMA 1.3.1. *Let  $i \in \widehat{I}$ . For each  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0$ , we have*

$$\widehat{D}_i(e(\lambda)) = \frac{e(\lambda) - e(-s_i\beta_i)e(w_i(\lambda))}{1 - e(-s_i\beta_i)},$$

and moreover

$$\widehat{D}_i(e(\lambda)) = \begin{cases} e(\lambda) + e(\lambda - s_i\beta_i) + \cdots + e(w_i(\lambda)) & \text{if } \lambda(h_i) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \\ 0 & \text{if } \lambda(h_i) = -1, \\ -\left(e(\lambda + s_i\beta_i) + e(\lambda + 2s_i\beta_i) + \cdots + e(w_i(\lambda + s_i\beta_i))\right) & \text{if } \lambda(h_i) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\leq -2}. \end{cases}$$

Remark 1.3.2. Let  $w = w_{i_1}w_{i_2} \cdots w_{i_n}$  be a reduced expression of  $w \in W^{\omega}$  in the Coxeter system  $(W^{\omega}, \{w_i \mid i \in \widehat{I}\})$ , i.e.,  $\widehat{\ell}(w) = n$ . We set  $\widehat{D}_w = \widehat{D}_{i_1}\widehat{D}_{i_2} \cdots \widehat{D}_{i_n} \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}[(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)^0])$ , which does not depend on the choice of the reduced expression of  $w \in W^{\omega}$ .

**1.4. Twining characters.** Let  $G$  be a connected, simply connected semi-simple linear algebraic group over  $\mathbb{C}$  with maximal torus  $T$  and Borel subgroup  $B \supset T$  such that  $\text{Lie}(G) = \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\text{Lie}(T) = \mathfrak{h}$ , and  $\text{Lie}(B) = \mathfrak{b}$ . Then the character group  $\Lambda = \text{Hom}(T, GL_1)$  of  $T$  may be identified with  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$  by taking the differential at the identity element, i.e., by the map  $\lambda \mapsto d\lambda$ . For each  $i \in I$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , we will write  $\langle \lambda, \alpha_i^{\vee} \rangle = (d\lambda)(h_i)$ , where  $\alpha_i^{\vee} \in \text{Hom}(GL_1, T)$  is the coroot of  $\alpha_i \in \Lambda$ . Let  $\Lambda_+ = \{\lambda \in \Lambda \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^{\vee} \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } i \in I\}$  be the set of dominant weights of  $\Lambda$ .

There exists an automorphism of  $G$  whose differential at the identity element coincides with the diagram automorphism  $\omega$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . By abuse of notation, we will denote still by  $\omega$  this automorphism of  $G$  and by  $\langle \omega \rangle$  the cyclic subgroup (of order  $N$ ) of  $\text{Aut}(G)$  generated by the  $\omega$ . Whenever there can be ambiguity, we will write  $d\omega$  for the automorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Recall also that the Weyl group  $W \subset GL(\mathfrak{h}^*)$  may be identified with  $N_G(T)/T$ ,  $N_G(T)$  the normalizer of  $T$  in  $G$ . Each  $w \in W^{\omega}$  lifts to an element of  $N_G(T)$  fixed by

$\omega \in \text{Aut}(G)$ , which will be denoted by  $\dot{\omega}$ . We will also denote the induced action of  $\omega$  on  $\Lambda$  by the same letter  $\omega$ , and set  $\Lambda^\omega = \{\lambda \in \Lambda \mid \omega \cdot \lambda = \lambda\}$ ,  $\Lambda_+^\omega = \Lambda^\omega \cap \Lambda_+$ . Note that, under the identification  $\Lambda \simeq \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$ , this action of  $\omega$  on  $\Lambda$  coincides with the restriction of  $((d\omega)^{-1})^* = ((d\omega)^*)^{-1}$  to  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$ .

By a  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module  $M$ , we will always mean a finite-dimensional rational  $G$ -module that admits a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear  $\langle \omega \rangle$ -action such that

$$\omega \cdot (gm) = \omega(g)(\omega \cdot m) \quad \text{for all } g \in G, m \in M.$$

Regarding the semi-direct product  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$  of  $G$  and  $\langle \omega \rangle$  as a linear algebraic group, this is the same as a finite-dimensional rational  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module. Likewise for  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ - and  $T \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules. Let  $\mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega]$  be the group algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  of  $\Lambda^\omega$  with basis  $e(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda^\omega$ . Let  $M$  be a  $T \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module, and let

$$M = \coprod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_\lambda \quad \text{with} \quad M_\lambda = \{m \in M \mid tm = \lambda(t)m \text{ for all } t \in T\}$$

be the weight space decomposition with respect to  $T$ . Now we define the twining character  $\text{ch}^\omega(M)$  of  $M$  to be

$$\text{ch}^\omega(M) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda^\omega} \text{Tr}(\omega|_{M_\lambda}) e(\lambda) \in \mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega].$$

*Remark 1.4.1.* It easily follows that for each  $t \in T$ ,

$$\text{Tr}((t, \omega); M) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda^\omega} \text{Tr}(\omega|_{M_\lambda}) \lambda(t) \in \mathbb{C}$$

since  $\omega \cdot M_\lambda = M_{\omega(\lambda)}$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

**1.5. An important example.** Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda_+^\omega$  and  $L(\lambda)$  the simple rational  $G$ -module of highest weight  $\lambda$ . We can make  $L(\lambda)$  into a  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module as follows. Let  $v_\lambda$  be a (nonzero) highest weight vector of  $L(\lambda)$ . If  $\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  is the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , there is an isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules

$$\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{g})/\mathfrak{J}(\lambda) \simeq L(\lambda) \quad \text{via } x \mapsto xv_\lambda,$$

where  $\mathfrak{J}(\lambda)$  is the left ideal of  $\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  given by

$$\mathfrak{J}(\lambda) = \sum_{i \in I} \left( \mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{g})e_i + \mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{g})(h_i - \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle) + \mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{g})f_i^{\langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle + 1} \right).$$

Since  $\lambda \in \Lambda^\omega$ , the left ideal  $\mathfrak{J}(\lambda)$  of  $\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  is  $\omega$ -invariant, i.e.,  $d\omega$ -invariant, and hence  $L(\lambda)$  admits a structure of  $\langle \omega \rangle$ -module such that

$$\omega \cdot (xv_\lambda) = \left( (d\omega)(x) \right) v_\lambda \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{g}).$$



Therefore, the  $L(\lambda)$  admits a structure of  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module such that  $\omega \cdot v_\lambda = v_\lambda$ . Note that a  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module structure on  $L(\lambda)$  such that  $\omega \cdot v_\lambda = v_\lambda$  is unique since  $L(\lambda)$  is a cyclic  $G$ -module generated by  $v_\lambda$ .

On the other hand, for each  $i \in \widehat{I}$ , we have  $(P_\omega^*)^{-1}(\lambda)(\widehat{h}_i) = \lambda(h_i)$ . Hence  $\widehat{\lambda} = (P_\omega^*)^{-1}(\lambda) \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*$  is dominant integral. If  $\widehat{L}(\widehat{\lambda})$  is the simple  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -module of highest weight  $\widehat{\lambda}$ , we know that

$$(1.5.1) \quad \text{ch}^\omega(L(\lambda)) = P_\omega^* \left( \text{ch} \widehat{L}(\widehat{\lambda}) \right),$$

where  $P_\omega^*$  on the right-hand side is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra isomorphism  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_\mathbb{Z}^*] \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}[(\mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{Z}^*)^0]$  defined by

$$P_\omega^*(e(\widehat{\mu})) = e(P_\omega^*(\widehat{\mu})) \quad \text{for } \widehat{\mu} \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_\mathbb{Z}^*.$$

Assume now that  $J = I_i = \{\omega^k(i) \mid 0 \leq k \leq N_i - 1\} \subset I$ ,  $i \in \widehat{I}$ , and let  $P_J$  be the standard parabolic subgroup of  $G$  associated to  $J$ . Let  $\nu \in \Lambda^\omega$  with  $\langle \nu, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \geq 0$  (hence  $\langle \nu, \alpha_j^\vee \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $j \in J$ ). If  $L_J(\nu)$  is the simple rational  $P_J$ -module of highest weight  $\nu$ , then it remains simple as a rational module over the Levi factor  $L_J$  of  $P_J$  with the unipotent radical  $U_J$  of  $P_J$  acting trivially. We can make  $L_J(\nu)$  into a  $P_J \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module in the same way as  $L(\lambda)$  above.

The following lemma is a first (but important) step towards our main result (Theorem 0.1).

LEMMA 1.5.1. *With the notation and assumption as above, we have in  $\mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega]$ ,*

$$\text{ch}^\omega(L_J(\nu)) = \widehat{D}_i(e(\nu)).$$

## 2. PROOF OF THE MAIN RESULT.

Since the proof of our main result is so simple and clear modulo some algebro-geometric arguments, we give a “detailed outline” of it in this section. Fix  $w \in W^\omega$  and let  $X(w)$  be the associated Schubert variety over  $\mathbb{C}$ , i.e., the Zariski closure of the Bruhat cell  $B\dot{w}B/B$  in the flag variety  $G/B$ . For a  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module  $M$ , the  $\omega$ -Euler characteristic  $\chi_w^\omega(M)$  is defined to be

$$\chi_w^\omega(M) = \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \text{ch}^\omega(H^j(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(M))) \in \mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega].$$

Here recall that, since  $M$  is a  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module, the  $\mathcal{O}_{X(w)}$ -module  $\mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(M)$  associated to  $M$  is a  $(B, \langle \omega \rangle)$ -equivariant ( $\doteq B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -equivariant) sheaf, and hence the cohomology groups  $H^j(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(M))$ ,  $j \geq 0$ , are  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules.

Let  $w = w_{i_1} \cdots w_{i_n}$  be a reduced expression of  $w \in W^\omega$  in the Coxeter system  $(W^\omega, \{w_i \mid i \in \widehat{I}\})$ , i.e.,  $\widehat{\ell}(w) = n$ . Note that we have  $\ell(w) = \ell(w_{i_1}) + \cdots + \ell(w_{i_n})$ . We want to show that

$$\chi_w^\omega(M) = \widehat{D}_{i_1} \cdots \widehat{D}_{i_n}(\text{ch}^\omega(M)),$$

where  $\widehat{D}_j$  for  $j = i_1, \dots, i_n$  is the  $\omega$ -Demazure operator defined in §1.3. In particular, we will obtain a twining character formula of the Demazure module  $H^0(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda))$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda_+^\omega$ , where  $\mathbb{C}_\lambda$  is the one-dimensional  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module on which  $B$  acts by the weight  $\lambda$  through the quotient  $B \rightarrow T$  and  $\langle \omega \rangle$  trivially.

**2.1. Formula for the  $\omega$ -Euler characteristics.** Set  $\widehat{D}_w = \widehat{D}_{i_1} \cdots \widehat{D}_{i_n}$ . Then we are to show

$$(2.1.1) \quad \chi_w^\omega(M) = \widehat{D}_w(\text{ch}^\omega(M)).$$

Let us first make some reductions. Since both sides of (2.1.1) are additive in  $M$ , we may assume that  $M$  is one-dimensional of weight  $\mu \in \Lambda^\omega$  on which  $\omega$  is acting by a scalar  $\zeta^k$  for a primitive  $N$ -th root of unity  $\zeta$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We will denote such  $M$  by  $\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}$ . Thus we are reduced to showing that

$$\chi_w^\omega(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}) = \widehat{D}_w(\text{ch}^\omega(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k})),$$

where  $\text{ch}^\omega(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}) = \zeta^k e(\mu)$ .

Put for simplicity  $z_j = w_{i_j}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . We have an isomorphism of  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules

$$(2.1.2) \quad H^\bullet(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k})) \simeq H^\bullet(X(z_1, \dots, z_n), \mathcal{L}_{X(z_1, \dots, z_n)}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k})),$$

and for each  $s$  with  $1 \leq s \leq n-1$ , a  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -equivariant spectral sequence

$$(2.1.3) \quad H^i(X(z_s), \mathcal{L}(H^j(X(z_{s+1}, \dots, z_n), \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k})))) \Rightarrow H^{i+j}(X(z_s, \dots, z_n), \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k})).$$

Here  $X(z_s, \dots, z_t)$  for  $1 \leq s \leq t \leq n$  is the so-called Bott-Samelson variety, and  $\mathcal{L}_{X(z_s, \dots, z_t)}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k})$  is the sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_{X(z_s, \dots, z_t)}$ -modules associated to the  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module  $\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}$ . Note that, since  $z_s, \dots, z_t \in W^\omega$  and their right coset representatives  $\dot{z}_s, \dots, \dot{z}_t \in N_G(T)$  are fixed by  $\omega \in \text{Aut}(G)$ , the Bott-Samelson variety  $X(z_s, \dots, z_t)$  is an  $\langle \omega \rangle$ -invariant subvariety of  $(G/B)^{t-s+1}$ . (The proofs of (2.1.2) and (2.1.3) are not so difficult, but rather long. For details, see our preprint [KN].)

*Remark 2.1.1.* There are several equivalent (or inequivalent) definitions of a Bott-Samelson variety, but in the talk, we stick to that of [Ja]:

$$X(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \{(g_1 B, \dots, g_n B) \in (G/B)^n \mid g_{i-1}^{-1} g_i \in \overline{B y_i B} \text{ for all } i\}$$

for  $y_1, \dots, y_n \in W$ . If  $J_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  is a subset of  $I$  and  $z_{J_i}$  is the longest element of the subgroup  $W_{J_i} = \langle r_k \mid k \in J_i \rangle$  of the Weyl group  $W$ , then the Bott-Samelson variety

$X(z_{J_1}, \dots, z_{J_n})$  is smooth. Moreover, if we assume that  $\ell(z_{J_1} \cdots z_{J_n}) = \ell(z_{J_1}) + \cdots + \ell(z_{J_n})$ , then the restriction  $\phi$  of the  $n$ -th projection  $\pi_n: (G/B)^n \rightarrow G/B$  to the Bott-Samelson variety  $X(z_{J_1}, \dots, z_{J_n}) \subset (G/B)^n$  gives a Demazure-Hansen desingularization

$$\phi: X(z_{J_1}, \dots, z_{J_n}) \rightarrow X(z_{J_1} \cdots z_{J_n})$$

of the Schubert variety  $X(z_{J_1} \cdots z_{J_n})$ . Note that the  $\phi$  induces an isomorphism of suitable open and dense subvarieties.

Now it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_w^\omega(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}) &= \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \text{ch}^\omega(H^j(X(z_1, \dots, z_n), \mathcal{L}_{X(z_1, \dots, z_n)}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}))) \quad \text{by (2.1.2)} \\ &= \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \left( \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i \text{ch}^\omega(H^i(X(z_1), \mathcal{L}(H^j(X(z_2, \dots, z_n), \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k})))))) \right) \quad \text{by (2.1.3)} \\ &= \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \chi_{z_1}^\omega(H^j(X(z_2, \dots, z_n), \mathcal{L}_{X(z_2, \dots, z_n)}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}))). \end{aligned}$$

By induction on  $n$ , we may assume that  $w = w_i$  for some  $i \in \widehat{I}$  in proving (2.1.1). So put  $J = I_i$  and let  $P = P_J$  be the standard parabolic subgroup of  $G$  associated to  $J$ . We are to show

$$(2.1.4) \quad \chi_{w_i}^\omega(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}) = \widehat{D}_i(\zeta^k e(\mu)).$$

Assume first that  $\langle \mu, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \geq 0$  (and hence that  $\langle \mu, \alpha_k^\vee \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $k \in J$ ). Let  $L_J(\mu)$  be the simple rational  $P_J$ -module of highest weight  $\mu$  admitting an  $\langle \omega \rangle$ -action as in §1.5, and let  $\zeta^k$  be the one-dimensional trivial  $P_J$ -module with  $\omega$  acting by the scalar  $\zeta^k$ .

LEMMA 2.1.2. *Let the notation and assumption be as above. Then we have the following isomorphism of  $P_J \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules.*

$$H^0(P_J/B, \mathcal{L}_{P_J/B}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k})) \simeq L_J(\mu) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \zeta^k.$$

(This lemma is, in a sense, crucial to the proof of our main result. Although no one doubts the truth of this lemma, its complete proof would be rather long.)

Now we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_{w_i}^\omega(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}) &= \text{ch}^\omega(H^0(P/B, \mathcal{L}_{P/B}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}))) \quad \text{by Kempf's vanishing theorem} \\
&= \text{ch}^\omega(L_J(\mu) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \zeta^k) \quad \text{by Lemma 2.1.2} \\
&= \zeta^k \text{ch}^\omega(L_J(\mu)) \\
&= \zeta^k \widehat{D}_i(e(\mu)) \quad \text{by Lemma 1.5.1} \\
&= \widehat{D}_i(\zeta^k e(\mu)).
\end{aligned}$$

If  $\langle \mu, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle = -1$  (and hence  $\langle \mu, \alpha_k^\vee \rangle = -1$  for all  $k \in J$ ), then both sides of (2.1.4) vanish.

Assume finally that  $\langle \mu, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \leq -2$  (and hence that  $\langle \mu, \alpha_k^\vee \rangle \leq -2$  for all  $k \in J$ ). Set  $\rho_J = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_J^+} \alpha$  with  $\Delta_J^+ = \Delta_+ \cap \sum_{k \in J} \mathbb{Z} \alpha_k$  the positive root system of  $P_J$ . By direct checking, using the  $T \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module isomorphism  $(\text{Lie}(P)/\text{Lie}(B))^* \simeq \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Delta_J^+} \mathbb{C} f_\alpha$ , we see that as  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules,

$$\bigwedge_{\mathbb{C}}^{\ell(w_i)} (\text{Lie}(P)/\text{Lie}(B))^* \simeq \mathbb{C}_{-2\rho_J, 0} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} (-1)^{\ell(w_i)-1},$$

where  $\ell(w_i) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(P/B)$  and  $(-1)^{\ell(w_i)-1}$  is the one-dimensional  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module with  $B$  acting trivially and  $\omega$  by the scalar  $(-1)^{\ell(w_i)-1}$ . Then the  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -equivariant Serre duality reads

(2.1.5)

$$\begin{aligned}
H^j(P/B, \mathcal{L}_{P/B}(\mathbb{C}_{\mu,k}))^* &\simeq H^{\ell(w_i)-j}(P/B, \mathcal{L}_{P/B}(\mathbb{C}_{-\mu-2\rho_J, -k} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} (-1)^{\ell(w_i)-1})) \\
&\simeq \begin{cases} H^0(P/B, \mathcal{L}_{P/B}(\mathbb{C}_{-\mu-2\rho_J, -k})) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} (-1)^{\ell(w_i)-1} & \text{if } j = \ell(w_i), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise (by Kempf).} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

(The use above of the  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -equivariant Serre duality is the most essential part of the proof of our main result.)

*Remark 2.1.3.* Put  $X = P/B$  and  $m = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a  $(B, \langle \omega \rangle)$ -equivariant  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module that is locally free of finite rank over  $\mathcal{O}_X$ . The  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -equivariant Serre duality (see our preprint on Naito's home page) asserts that, as  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules,

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{M}^\vee \otimes_X \Omega_X^m) \simeq H^{m-i}(X, \mathcal{M})^* \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq i \leq m,$$

where  $\mathcal{M}^\vee = \text{Hom}_X(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is the dual sheaf of  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\Omega_X^m = \bigwedge_X^m \Omega_X^1$  is the canonical sheaf on  $X$ , and  $H^{m-i}(X, \mathcal{M})^*$  is the dual  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module of  $H^{m-i}(X, \mathcal{M})$ . This Serre duality will be a consequence of the triviality of the  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -action on the one-dimensional vector space  $H^m(X, \Omega_X^m)$ . Since the triviality of the  $B$ -action on it is known, it remains to show the triviality of the  $\langle \omega \rangle$ -action. There are many ways to show it, but the way

we take here is (I think) purely algebro-geometric and elementary: first take a  $P \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -equivariant closed immersion  $\iota: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}(L(\lambda))$  for sufficiently dominant  $\lambda \in \Lambda_+^\omega$ ; then use the fact that the full automorphism group  $PGL(L(\lambda))$  of  $\mathbb{P}(L(\lambda))$  acts trivially on the one-dimensional vector space  $H^l(\mathbb{P}, \Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^l)$  with  $l = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{P}$ , where (though not so trivial)

$$H^l(\mathbb{P}, \Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^l) \simeq H^m(\mathbb{P}, \iota_* \Omega_X^m) \simeq H^m(X, \Omega_X^m)$$

as  $P \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules.

The proof of the following lemma is easy.

LEMMA 2.1.4. *Let  $J$  be an  $\omega$ -invariant subset of  $I$ ,  $w_J$  the longest element of the Weyl group  $W_J$  of  $P_J$ , and let  $\nu \in \Lambda^\omega$  be such that  $\langle \nu, \alpha_k^\vee \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $k \in J$ . Then we have the following isomorphism of  $P_J \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules.*

$$L_J(\nu)^* \simeq L_J(-w_J(\nu)).$$

The isomorphism (2.1.5) together with Lemmas 2.1.2 and 2.1.4 implies that, as  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules,

$$(2.1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} H^{\ell(w_i)}(P/B, \mathcal{L}_{P/B}(\mathbf{C}_{\mu, k})) &\simeq \left( L_J(-\mu - 2\rho_J)^* \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \zeta^k \right) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} (-1)^{\ell(w_i)-1} \\ &\simeq L_J(w_i(\mu + 2\rho_J)) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \zeta^k \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} (-1)^{\ell(w_i)-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, setting  $\hat{\mu} = (P_\omega^*)^{-1}(\mu)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{w_i}^\omega(\mathbf{C}_{\mu, k}) &= (-1)^{\ell(w_i)} \text{ch}^\omega(L_J(w_i(\mu + 2\rho_J)) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \zeta^k \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} (-1)^{\ell(w_i)-1}) \quad \text{by (2.1.6)} \\ &= -\zeta^k \text{ch}^\omega(L_J(w_i(\mu + 2\rho_J))) \\ &= -\zeta^k \widehat{D}_i(e(w_i(\mu + 2\rho_J))) \quad \text{by Lemma 1.5.1} \\ &= -\zeta^k \left( P_\omega^* \circ D_{\widehat{r}_i} \circ (P_\omega^*)^{-1} \right)(e(w_i(\mu + 2\rho_J))) \\ &= -\zeta^k \left( P_\omega^* \circ D_{\widehat{r}_i} \right)(e(\widehat{r}_i(\hat{\mu} + \hat{\alpha}_i))) \quad \text{since } (P_\omega^*)^{-1}(2\rho_J) = \hat{\alpha}_i \\ &= -\zeta^k P_\omega^*(-D_{\widehat{r}_i}(e(\hat{\mu}))) \\ &= \zeta^k \left( \widehat{D}_i \circ P_\omega^* \right)(e(\hat{\mu})) \\ &= \zeta^k \widehat{D}_i(e(\mu)) \\ &= \widehat{D}_i(\zeta^k e(\mu)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus in all cases (2.1.4) holds, and we are done.

If  $\lambda \in \Lambda_+^\omega$ , then for any Schubert variety  $X(w)$ ,

$$H^j(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\lambda)) = 0 \quad \text{for all } j \geq 1$$

by the Demazure vanishing theorem of Andersen et al. Hence we have proved

**THEOREM 2.1.5.** *Let  $M$  be a finite-dimensional rational  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module and  $w \in W^\omega$ . Then we have in  $\mathbb{C}[\Lambda_\omega]$ ,*

$$\chi_w^\omega(M) = \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \text{ch}^\omega(H^j(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(M))) = \widehat{D}_w(\text{ch}^\omega(M)),$$

where  $\widehat{D}_w = \widehat{D}_{i_1} \widehat{D}_{i_2} \cdots \widehat{D}_{i_n}$  for any reduced expression  $w = w_{i_1} w_{i_2} \cdots w_{i_n}$  of  $w \in W^\omega$  in the Coxeter system  $(W^\omega, \{w_i \mid i \in \widehat{I}\})$ . In particular, for  $\lambda \in \Lambda_+^\omega$ , we have

$$\text{ch}^\omega(H^0(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda))) = \widehat{D}_w(e(\lambda)),$$

where  $\mathbb{C}_\lambda$  is the one-dimensional  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module on which  $B$  acts by the weight  $\lambda$  through the quotient  $B \rightarrow T$  and  $\omega$  trivially.

Theorem 2.1.5 above reveals that there exists a striking relation between the  $\omega$ -Euler characteristic  $\chi_w^\omega(\mathbb{C}_\lambda) \in \mathbb{C}[(\mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{Z}^*)^0]$  for  $\mathfrak{g}$  and the ordinary Euler characteristic for the orbit Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ . To state the relation, we need some notation. Recall that the orbit Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  is the dual complex semi-simple Lie algebra of the fixed point subalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}^0 = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \omega(x) = x\}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\widehat{G}$  be a connected, simply connected semi-simple linear algebraic group over  $\mathbb{C}$  with maximal torus  $\widehat{T}$  and Borel subgroup  $\widehat{B} \supset \widehat{T}$  such that  $\text{Lie}(\widehat{G}) = \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ ,  $\text{Lie}(\widehat{T}) = \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ , and  $\text{Lie}(\widehat{B}) = \widehat{\mathfrak{b}}$ . For  $\widehat{w} \in \widehat{W} \simeq N_{\widehat{G}}(\widehat{T})/\widehat{T}$ , we take a right coset representative  $\widehat{w} \in N_{\widehat{G}}(\widehat{T})$  of  $\widehat{w}$ , and define the Schubert variety  $\widehat{X}(\widehat{w})$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  by

$$\widehat{X}(\widehat{w}) = \overline{\widehat{B}\widehat{w}\widehat{B}/\widehat{B}} = \overline{\widehat{B}\widehat{w}\widehat{B}}/\widehat{B} \subset \widehat{G}/\widehat{B}.$$

For each  $\widehat{\lambda} \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_\mathbb{Z}^*$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{L}_{\widehat{X}(\widehat{w})}(\mathbb{C}_{\widehat{\lambda}})$  the (locally free)  $\widehat{B}$ -equivariant sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_{\widehat{X}(\widehat{w})}$ -modules associated to the one-dimensional  $\widehat{B}$ -module  $\mathbb{C}_{\widehat{\lambda}}$  on which  $\widehat{B}$  acts by the weight  $\widehat{\lambda}$  through the quotient  $\widehat{B} \rightarrow \widehat{T}$ .

Now we are ready to state the following

**COROLLARY 2.1.6.** *Let  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{Z}^*)^0$  and  $w \in W^\omega$ . We set  $\widehat{w} = \Theta^{-1}(w) \in \widehat{W}$  and  $\widehat{\lambda} = (P_\omega^*)^{-1}(\lambda) \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_\mathbb{Z}^*$ . Then we have in the algebra  $\mathbb{C}[(\mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{Z}^*)^0]$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_w^\omega(\mathbb{C}_\lambda) &= \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \text{ch}^\omega(H^j(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda))) \\ &= P_\omega^* \left( \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \text{ch } H^j(\widehat{X}(\widehat{w}), \mathcal{L}_{\widehat{X}(\widehat{w})}(\mathbb{C}_{\widehat{\lambda}})) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{ch } H^j(\widehat{X}(\widehat{w}), \mathcal{L}_{\widehat{X}(\widehat{w})}(\mathbb{C}_{\widehat{\lambda}})) \in \mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_\mathbb{Z}^*]$  for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  is the ordinary character of the  $j$ -th cohomology group  $H^j(\widehat{X}(\widehat{w}), \mathcal{L}_{\widehat{X}(\widehat{w})}(\mathbb{C}_{\widehat{\lambda}}))$  of  $\widehat{X}(\widehat{w})$ .

(This immediately follows from Theorem 2.1.5 and the ordinary Demazure character formula for the orbit Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ .)

**2.2. Joseph's modules.** Let us finally return to Joseph's module  $J_w(\lambda)$ , with  $w \in W^\omega$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda_+^\omega$ . Thus let  $v_\lambda^*$  be a (nonzero) lowest weight vector of the dual module  $L(\lambda)^*$  (which is the dual element of a (nonzero) highest weight vector  $v_\lambda$  of  $L(\lambda)$ ), and let  $\dot{w} \in N_G(T)^\omega$  representing  $w \in W^\omega$ . Since  $v_\lambda^*$  is fixed by  $\omega$ , so is  $\dot{w} v_\lambda^*$ . Joseph's module  $J_w(\lambda)$  of highest weight  $-w(\lambda)$  in  $L(\lambda)^*$  is defined to be

$$J_w(\lambda) = \mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{b})(\dot{w} v_\lambda^*) \subset L(\lambda)^*,$$

where  $\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{b})$  is the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{b} = \text{Lie}(B)$ . Note that, since  $\omega \cdot (\dot{w} v_\lambda^*) = \dot{w} v_\lambda^*$ , Joseph's module  $J_w(\lambda)$  is a  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -submodule of  $L(\lambda)^*$ . Moreover, since  $\dot{w}_0 v_\lambda^*$  is a (nonzero) highest weight vector of  $L(\lambda)^*$  fixed by  $\omega$ , there is an isomorphism of  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules

$$(2.2.1) \quad L(\lambda)^* \simeq L(-w_0(\lambda)),$$

which enables us to regard  $J_w(\lambda)$  as a  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -submodule of  $L(-w_0(\lambda))$ . Then we obtain a short exact sequence of  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules

$$0 \leftarrow J_w(\lambda)^* \leftarrow L(-w_0(\lambda))^* \leftarrow J_w(\lambda)^\perp \leftarrow 0,$$

with  $J_w(\lambda)^\perp = \{\phi \in L(-w_0(\lambda))^* \mid \phi(J_w(\lambda)) = 0\}$ . On the other hand, Lemma 2.1.2 for the case  $J = I$  combined with (2.2.1) yields an isomorphism of  $G \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules

$$H^0(G/B, \mathcal{L}_{G/B}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda)) \simeq L(-w_0(\lambda))^*.$$

Since the restriction map

$$H^0(G/B, \mathcal{L}_{G/B}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda)) \rightarrow H^0(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda))$$

is known to be a ( $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -equivariant) surjection, we obtain an isomorphism of  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -modules

$$J_w(\lambda)^* \simeq H^0(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda)),$$

or equivalently

$$(2.2.2) \quad J_w(\lambda) \simeq H^0(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda))^*.$$

We now define a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear conjugation  $\bar{\cdot} : \mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega]$  by

$$\overline{\sum_{\mu \in \Lambda^\omega} a_\mu e(\mu)} = \sum_{\mu \in \Lambda^\omega} a_\mu e(-\mu) \quad \text{with } a_\mu \in \mathbb{C} \text{ for } \mu \in \Lambda^\omega.$$

Then we obtain the following theorem from the  $B \rtimes \langle \omega \rangle$ -module isomorphism (2.2.2).

THEOREM 2.2.1. *Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda_+^\omega$  and  $w \in W^\omega$ . Then we have in  $\mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega]$ ,*

$$\mathrm{ch}^\omega(J_w(\lambda)) = \overline{\mathrm{ch}^\omega(H^0(X(w), \mathcal{L}_{X(w)}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda)))}.$$

By combining Theorems 2.1.5 and 2.2.1, we obtain the following

COROLLARY 2.2.2. *Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda_+^\omega$  and  $w \in W^\omega$ . Then we have in  $\mathbb{C}[\Lambda^\omega]$ ,*

$$\mathrm{ch}^\omega(J_w(\lambda)) = \widehat{D}_w(e(\lambda)).$$

Finally, by combining Corollary 2.1.6 and Theorem 2.2.1, we obtain a remarkable relation between the twining character  $\mathrm{ch}^\omega(J_w(\lambda))$  of Joseph's module  $J_w(\lambda)$  for  $\mathfrak{g}$  and the ordinary character of Joseph's module for the orbit Lie algebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ , which is the dual complex semi-simple Lie algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}^0$ . For each  $\widehat{w} \in \widehat{W}$ , let

$$\widehat{J}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda}) = \mathfrak{U}(\widehat{\mathfrak{b}})(\widehat{w} \widehat{v}_\lambda^*) \subset \widehat{L}(\widehat{\lambda})^*$$

be Joseph's module of highest weight  $-\widehat{w}(\widehat{\lambda})$ , with  $\widehat{v}_\lambda^* \in \widehat{L}(\widehat{\lambda})^*$  a lowest weight vector of  $\widehat{L}(\widehat{\lambda})^*$ .

COROLLARY 2.2.3. *Let  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{Z}^*)^0$  be dominant and  $w \in W^\omega$ . We set  $\widehat{w} = \Theta^{-1}(w) \in \widehat{W}$  and  $\widehat{\lambda} = (P_\omega^*)^{-1}(\lambda) \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_\mathbb{Z}^*$ . Then we have in  $\mathbb{C}[(\mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{Z}^*)^0]$ ,*

$$\mathrm{ch}^\omega(J_w(\lambda)) = P_\omega^* \left( \mathrm{ch} \widehat{J}_{\widehat{w}(\widehat{\lambda})}(\widehat{\lambda}) \right).$$

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