

# Spherical functions on the space of $p$ -adic quaternion hermitian matrices \*

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## §0 Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a reductive linear algebraic group defined over  $k$ , and  $\mathbb{X}$  be an affine algebraic variety defined over  $k$  which is  $\mathbb{G}$ -homogeneous, where and henceforth  $k$  stands for a non-archimedean local field of characteristic 0. The Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$  of  $G$  with respect to  $K$  acts by convolution product on the space of  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(K \backslash X)$  of  $K$ -invariant  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued functions on  $X$ , where  $K$  is a maximal compact open subgroup of  $G = \mathbb{G}(k)$  and  $X = \mathbb{X}(k)$ . A nonzero function in  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(K \backslash X)$  is called a *spherical function on  $X$*  if it is a common  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -eigen function.

Spherical functions on the spaces of sesquilinear forms are particularly interesting, since they have a close relation to classical number theory, e.g., local densities of representations of corresponding forms. For the case of alternating forms and unramified hermitian forms, the main terms of the explicit formulas are related to Hall-Littlewood polynomials of type  $A_n$ , which are well studied. Hence it is possible to extract local densities of forms. For the case of unitary hermitian forms, the main terms of the explicit formulas are related to Hall-Littlewood polynomials of type  $C_n$ .

In the present paper, we consider the space  $X$  of quaternion hermitian forms on a  $p$ -adic field  $k$  of odd residual characteristic, define typical spherical functions and describe the relation to the local densities of forms in §1 and §2. Then we study the functional equations and location of possible poles and zeros of the spherical functions in §3, and give explicit formulas by a general method introduced in [H4] in §4. In this case we obtain a different kind of symmetric polynomials as the main terms of the spherical functions. In §5, we put some remarks and recall previous results on sesquilinear forms.

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### §1 The space $X$ and spherical functions on it

Let  $k$  be a  $p$ -adic field of odd residual characteristic, and denote by  $\mathfrak{o}$  the ring of integers,  $\pi$  a fixed prime element, and  $q$  the cardinality of  $\mathfrak{o}/(\pi)$ . Let  $D$  be a division quaternion algebra over  $k$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  be the maximal order in  $D$ . Then there is an unramified quadratic extension  $k'$  of  $k$  in  $D$ , for which  $k' = k(\epsilon)$ ,  $\epsilon^2 \in \mathfrak{o}^\times$  and we may take the prime element  $\Pi$  of  $D$  such that  $\Pi^2 = \pi$ ,  $\Pi\epsilon = -\epsilon\Pi$  and the set  $\{1, \epsilon, \Pi, \Pi\epsilon\}$  forms a standard basis of  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{o}$ . Then the standard involution  $*$  on  $D$  is defined by

$$\alpha = a + b\epsilon + c\Pi + d\Pi\epsilon \mapsto \alpha^* = a - b\epsilon - c\Pi - d\Pi\epsilon, \quad (a, b, c, d \in k), \tag{1.1}$$

and where  $\alpha\alpha^* \in k$ .

There is a  $k$ -algebra inclusion  $\varphi : D \rightarrow M_2(k')$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(1, \Pi) &= (1, \Pi)\varphi(\alpha), \varphi(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} a + b\epsilon & (c - d\epsilon)\pi \\ c + d\epsilon & a - b\epsilon \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(k'), \\ \det(\varphi(\alpha)) &= \alpha\alpha^* = N_{\text{rd}}(\alpha) \in k, \\ \text{trace}(\varphi(\alpha)) &= \alpha + \alpha^* = T_{\text{rd}}(\alpha) \in k, \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

where  $\alpha$  is written as in (1.1),  $N_{\text{rd}}$  is the reduced norm, and  $T_{\text{rd}}$  is the reduced trace. Based on  $\varphi$ , we have a  $k$ -algebra inclusion  $\varphi_n : M_n(D) \rightarrow M_{2n}(k')$  and the reduced norm and trace of an element of  $A \in M_n(D)$  are give by

$$N_{\text{rd}}(A) = \det(\varphi_n(A)), \quad T_{\text{rd}}(A) = \text{trace}(\varphi_n(A)) \in k. \tag{1.3}$$

In particular, we see

$$N_{\text{rd}}(a) = \det(a)^2, \quad T_{\text{rd}}(a) = 2\text{trace}(a), \quad \text{for } a \in M_n(k). \tag{1.4}$$

Since  $N_{\text{rd}}$  and  $T_{\text{rd}}$  do not depend on the choice of splitting fields, we will use also another  $k$ -algebra inclusion  $\varphi'_n : M_n(D) \rightarrow M_{2n}(k(\Pi))$  based on

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(1, \epsilon) &= (1, \epsilon)\varphi'(\alpha), \quad \varphi'(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} a + c\Pi & (b + d\Pi)\epsilon^2 \\ b - d\Pi & a - c\Pi \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(k(\Pi)), \\ N_{\text{rd}}(A) &= \det(\varphi'_n(A)), \quad T_{\text{rd}}(A) = \text{trace}(\varphi'_n(A)) \in k. \end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

We extend the involution  $*$  on  $A = (a_{ij}) \in M_{mn}(D)$  by  $A^* = (a_{ji}^*) \in M_{nm}(D)$ . We define the space  $X_n$  of quaternion hermitian forms and the action of  $G_n = GL_n(D)$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} X_n &= \{x \in G_n \mid x^* = x\}, \\ g \cdot x &= gxg^* = x[g^*], \quad \text{for } (g, x) \in G_n \times X_n. \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

Denote by  $K_n$  the maximal order in  $G_n$ , i.e.,  $K_n = G_n(\mathcal{O})$ . Then, it is known ([Jac]) the set  $K_n \backslash X_n$  of  $K_n$ -orbits in  $X_n$  is bijectively correspond to

$$\Lambda_n = \left\{ \alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_n, \\ \text{if } \alpha_i \text{ is odd, then } \#\{j \mid \alpha_j = \alpha_i\} \text{ is even} \end{array} \right\}. \tag{1.7}$$

In fact, we associate each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_n$  with the matrix  $\pi^\alpha \in X_n$  as follows. Writing

$$\alpha = (\underbrace{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_1}_{\ell_1}, \dots, \underbrace{\alpha_r, \dots, \alpha_r}_{\ell_r}), \quad \ell_i > 0, \quad \sum_i \ell_i = n, \quad (1.8)$$

we set

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^\alpha &= \langle \pi^{\alpha_1} \rangle \perp \dots \perp \langle \pi^{\alpha_r} \rangle, \quad \langle \pi^{\alpha_i} \rangle \in X_{\ell_i}, \\ \langle \pi^{\alpha_i} \rangle &= \begin{cases} \text{Diag}(\pi^e, \dots, \pi^e) & \text{if } \alpha_i = 2e, \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^e \Pi \\ -\pi^e \Pi & 0 \end{pmatrix} \perp \dots \perp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi^e \Pi \\ -\pi^e \Pi & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } \alpha_i = 2e + 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

For  $g \in G_n$ , we denote by  $g^{(i)}$  the upper left  $i \times i$ -block of  $g$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . For  $x \in X_n$ ,  $x^{(i)} = x^{(i)*}$  and  $x^{(i)} \in X_i$  if  $N_{\text{rd}}(x^{(i)}) \neq 0$ . Because of the  $K_n$ -orbit decomposition of  $X_n$ , we see

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\text{rd}}(\pi^\alpha) &= \pi^{|\alpha|}, \quad (|\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \in 2\mathbb{Z}), \\ N_{\text{rd}}(x) &\in k^2, \quad (x \in X_n). \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

We set  $B_n$  the Borel subgroup of  $G_n$  consisting of lower triangular matrices. Since  $(p \cdot x)^{(i)} = p^{(i)} \cdot x^{(i)}$ , we see for  $(p, x) \in B_n \times X_n$  and  $i$

$$N_{\text{rd}}((p \cdot x)^{(i)}) = \psi_i(p)^2 N_{\text{rd}}(x^{(i)}), \quad \psi_i(p) = N_{\text{rd}}(p^{(i)}). \quad (1.11)$$

For  $x \in X_n$  and each  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , set

$$d_i(x) \in k, \quad \text{by } d_i(x)^2 = N_{\text{rd}}(x^{(i)}), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \quad (1.12)$$

then each  $d_i(x)$  is a  $B_n$ -relative invariant associated with  $k$ -rational character  $\psi_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We define spherical function  $\omega(x; s)$ , for  $x \in X_n$  and  $s \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , set

$$\omega(x; s) = \int_{K_n} |\mathbf{d}(k \cdot x)|^s dk, \quad |\mathbf{d}(y)|^s = \begin{cases} \prod_{i=1}^n |d_i(y)|^{s_i} & \text{if } y \in X_n^{op} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (1.13)$$

where  $dk$  is the normalized Haar measure on  $K_n$ ,  $||$  is the absolute value on  $k$ , and

$$X_n^{op} = \{x \in X_n \mid d_i(x) \neq 0, 1 \leq i \leq n\}. \quad (1.14)$$

The integral in (1.13) is absolutely convergent if  $\text{Re}(s_i) \geq 0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , and continued to a rational function of  $q^{s_1}, \dots, q^{s_n}$ . It is easy to see that  $\omega(x; s)$  is  $K_n$ -invariant and becomes a common eigenfunction with respect to the Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ , in fact

$$\begin{aligned} (f * \omega(\ ; s))(x) &= \int_{G_n} f(g) \omega(g^{-1} \cdot x; s) dg \\ &= \lambda_s(f) \omega(x; s), \quad (f \in \mathcal{H}(G, K)). \end{aligned} \quad (1.15)$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_s &: \mathcal{H}(G, K) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}(q^{s_1}, \dots, q^{s_n}), \\ f &\longmapsto \int_{B_n} f(p) \prod_{i=1}^n |\psi_i(p)|^{-s_i} \delta(p) dp, \end{aligned} \tag{1.16}$$

where  $dp$  is the left invariant measure on  $B_n$  with modulus character  $\delta$ . The Weyl group  $S_n$  of  $G_n$  acts on  $\{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  through its action on the rational characters  $\{|\psi_i|^{s_i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . It is convenient to introduce a new variable  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  related to  $s \in \mathbb{C}^n$  by

$$s_i = -z_i + z_{i+1} - 2 \quad (1 \leq i \leq n - 1), \quad s_n = -z_n + n - 1, \tag{1.17}$$

and denote  $\omega(x; s) = \omega(x; z)$  and  $\lambda_s = \lambda_z$ . Then  $S_n$  acts on  $\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$  by permutation, and the  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra map  $\lambda_z$  is the Satake isomorphism

$$\lambda_z : \mathcal{H}(G, K) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^{S_n}. \tag{1.18}$$

## §2 Local densities and spherical functions

We state the induction theorem (Theorem 2.1) of spherical functions, with which we may regard spherical functions as generating functions of local densities of representations. We start with the definition of local densities. For  $A \in X_m$  and  $B \in X_n$  with  $m \geq n$ , we define

$$\mu(B, A) = \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_\ell(B, A)}{q^{\ell n(4m-2n+1)+n(n-1)}}, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\mu^{pr}(B, A) = \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_\ell^{pr}(B, A)}{q^{\ell n(4m-2n+1)+n(n-1)}}, \tag{2.2}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} N_\ell(B, A) &= \# \{ u \in M_{mn}(\mathcal{O}/\mathcal{P}^{2\ell}) \mid A[u] - B \in H_n(\mathcal{P}, \ell) \}, \\ N_\ell^{pr}(B, A) &= \# \{ u \in M_{mn}^{pr}(\mathcal{O}/\mathcal{P}^{2\ell}) \mid A[u] - B \in H_n(\mathcal{P}, \ell) \}, \\ H_n(\mathcal{P}, \ell) &= \{ A = (a_{ij}) \in M_n(\mathcal{O}) \mid A = A^*, a_{ii} \in \mathfrak{p}^\ell, a_{ij} \in \mathcal{P}^{2\ell-1}, (\forall i, j) \}, \\ M_{mn}^{pr}(\mathcal{O}/\mathcal{P}^{2\ell}) &= GL_m(\mathcal{O}/\mathcal{P}^{2\ell}) \begin{pmatrix} 1_n \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{P} = \Pi \mathcal{O}, \mathfrak{p} = \pi \mathfrak{o}. \end{aligned}$$

Set  $\Lambda_n^+ = \{ \alpha \in \Lambda_n \mid \alpha_n \geq 0 \}$ . Then

$$X_n(\mathcal{O}) (= X_n \cap M_n(\mathcal{O})) = \cup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_n^+} K_n \cdot \pi^\alpha.$$

For  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x \in X_n$  and  $y \in X_m$  with  $m \geq n$ , we see

$$\mu^{(pr)}(\pi^r x, \pi^r y) = q^{rn(2n-1)} \mu^{(pr)}(x, y), \tag{2.3}$$

$$\omega(\pi^r x; s) = q^{-\sum_{i=1}^n i s_i} \omega(x; s) = q^{r(z_1 + \dots + z_n)} \omega(x; s), \tag{2.4}$$

where  $\mu^{(pr)}(\cdot, \cdot)$  means that the identity holds both local density  $\mu(\cdot, \cdot)$  and primitive local density  $\mu^{pr}(\cdot, \cdot)$ .

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $m > n$ . Then, for any  $\xi \in X_m^+$ , one has*

$$\begin{aligned} & \omega(\pi^\xi; s_1, \dots, s_n, 0, \dots, 0) \\ &= \frac{w_n(q^{-2})w_{m-n}(q^{-2})}{w_m(q^{-2})} \times \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda_n^+} \frac{\mu^{pr}(\pi^\alpha, \pi^\xi)}{\mu(\pi^\alpha, \pi^\alpha)} \cdot \omega(\pi^\alpha; s_1, \dots, s_n) \\ &= \frac{w_n(q^{-2})w_{m-n}(q^{-2})}{w_m(q^{-2})} \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - q^{-(s_i + \dots + s_n + 2m - 2i + 2)}) \times \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda_n^+} \frac{\mu(\pi^\alpha, \pi^\xi)}{\mu(\pi^\alpha, \pi^\alpha)} \cdot \omega(\pi^\alpha; s_1, \dots, s_n), \end{aligned}$$

where  $w_m(t) = \prod_{i=1}^m (1 - t^i)$ .

The above theorem can be proved in a similar way to the case for alternating, hermitian or symmetric forms (cf. [HS1], [H1]). For the present case the result is proved in the master thesis of Y. Ohtaka ([Oh]) in a slightly different definition, and he used it to obtain the explicit formula of spherical functions of size 2.

In general, it is not easy to obtain the value of (primitive) local density in a good form. The following formula by using character sum is useful for the calculation. For  $B = (b_{ij}), C = (c_{ij}) \in X_n$ , set

$$\langle B, C \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ii}c_{ii} + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \text{Trd}(b_{ij}c_{ij}) \in k. \tag{2.5}$$

**Proposition 2.2** *Let  $\ell \geq 1$  and take a character  $\chi = \chi_\ell$  of  $\mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{p}^\ell$  such that  $\chi$  is nontrivial on  $\mathfrak{p}^{\ell-1}/\mathfrak{p}^\ell$ . For  $A \in X_m^+$  and  $B \in X_n^+$  with  $m \geq n$ , one has*

$$N_\ell^{(pr)}(B, A) = q^{-\ell n(2n-1)} \sum_{\substack{Y \in M_n(\mathcal{O}/\mathcal{P}^{2\ell}) \\ Y = Y^*}} \sum_{X \in M_{m-n}^{(pr)}(\mathcal{O}/\mathcal{P}^{2\ell})} \chi(\langle A[X] - B, Y \rangle). \tag{2.6}$$

It is not so difficult to obtain the density of itself  $\mu(\pi^\alpha, \pi^\alpha) = \mu^{pr}(\pi^\alpha, \pi^\alpha)$ , and we have the following result.

**Proposition 2.3** *Assume  $\alpha \in \Lambda_n$  is given as in (1.8). Then one has*

$$\mu(\pi^\alpha, \pi^\alpha) = q^{2n(\alpha) + \frac{1}{2}|\alpha| + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i:2|\alpha_i} \ell_i} \prod_{i=1}^r \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} w_{\ell_i}(-q^{-1}) & \text{if } 2 \mid \alpha_i \\ w_{\frac{\ell_i}{2}}(q^{-4}) & \text{if } 2 \nmid \alpha_i \end{array} \right\}, \tag{2.7}$$

where

$$w_\ell(t) = \prod_{i=1}^\ell (1 - t^i). \tag{2.8}$$

We define an integral transform  $F_0$  on the Schwartz space

$$\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X) = \{ \varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \text{left } K\text{-invariant, compactly supported} \},$$

by using spherical function  $\omega(x; z)$  as the kernel function. We will modify  $F_0$  into  $F$  in §3.

**Proposition 2.4** *For each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X)$ , set*

$$\begin{aligned} F_0 : \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}(q^{s_1}, \dots, q^{s_n}), \\ \varphi &\longmapsto \int_X \varphi(x) \omega(x; s) dx, \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

where  $dx$  is a  $G$ -invariant measure on  $X$ . Then the spherical Fourier transform  $F_0$  is injective and compatible with the action of  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ :

$$F_0(f * \varphi) = \lambda_z(f) F_0(\varphi), \quad f \in \mathcal{H}(G, K), \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X),$$

where  $\lambda_z$  is defined in (1.18).

The injectivity of  $F_0$  is proved by using the lemma below and induction on the size  $n$ . The similar lemma for symmetric forms and hermitian forms was used in [H1] to prove the injectivity, and the original lemma for symmetric forms had proved by Kitaoka ([Ki]). We define an order  $\geq$  in  $\Lambda_n$  by

$$\gamma \geq \alpha \iff \gamma = \alpha \text{ or } \gamma_{n-i} = \alpha_{n-i}, 1 \leq i < r, \text{ and } \gamma_{n-r} > \alpha_{n-r} \text{ for some } r \geq 0.$$

**Lemma 2.5** *Let  $n$  be an integer with  $n \geq 2$ . For any  $\alpha \in \Lambda_n^+$ , there exists  $\beta \in \Lambda_{n-1}^+$  which satisfies the following properties.*

- (1)  $\mu^{pr}(\pi^\beta, \pi^\alpha) \neq 0$ .
- (2) If  $\gamma \in \Lambda_n^+$  satisfies

$$(i) |\gamma| = |\alpha|, \quad (ii) \gamma \geq \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad (iii) \mu^{pr}(\pi^\beta, \pi^\gamma) \neq 0,$$

then  $\gamma = \alpha$ .

### §3 Functional equations of spherical functions

First we note the result for size 2, which can be obtained by Theorem 2.1.

**Proposition 3.1** For any  $\alpha \in \Lambda_2$ , one has

$$\omega(\pi^\alpha; z) = \begin{cases} \frac{q^{\langle \lambda, z_0 \rangle}}{1 + q^{-2}} \cdot \frac{1}{q^{z_2} - q^{z_1+1}} \sum_{\sigma \in S_2} \sigma \left( q^{\langle \lambda, z \rangle} \frac{(q^{z_1} - q^{z_2-2})(q^{z_1} - q^{z_2+1})}{q^{z_1} - q^{z_2}} \right) & \text{if } \alpha = 2\lambda, \\ q(1 - q^{-1}) \frac{q^{e(z_1+z_2)}}{q^{z_2} - q^{z_1+1}} & \text{if } \alpha = (2e - 1, 2e - 1), \end{cases}$$

where  $z_0 = (1, -1) \leftrightarrow s = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\langle \lambda, z \rangle = \lambda_1 z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2$  and  $S_2$  acts on  $\{z_1, z_2\}$  by permutation. Especially, for any  $x \in X_2$ , one has

$$(q^{z_2} - q^{z_1+1}) \cdot \omega(x; z) \in \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, q^{\pm z_2}]^{S_2}. \tag{3.1}$$

We use the similar method for the study the functional equations and holomorphy for general  $n$  to the case of unramified hermitian forms. We introduce, for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X)$

$$\Phi(s, \varphi) = \int_X |\mathbf{d}(x)|^s \varphi(x) dx, \quad |\mathbf{d}(x)|^s = \begin{cases} \prod_{i=1}^n |d_i(x)|^{s_i} & \text{if } x \in X^{op} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \tag{3.2}$$

where  $dx$  is a  $G$ -invariant measure on  $X$ . The integral is absolutely convergent if  $\text{Re}(s_i) \geq 0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , and continued to a rational function of  $q^{s_1}, \dots, q^{s_n}$ . Keeping the relation (1.17) between  $s$  and  $z$ , we denote  $\Phi(z, \varphi)$ .

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $n \geq 2$  and take  $\alpha$  with  $1 \leq \alpha \leq n-1$ . Then for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X)$ , one has

$$\Phi(z, \varphi) = \int_{X^{op}} \prod_{i \neq \alpha, \alpha+1} |d_i(x)|^{s_i} \cdot \prod_{j=\alpha \pm 1} |d_j(x)|^{\frac{s_\alpha}{2} + s_j} \cdot \varphi(x) \cdot \omega^{(2)}(\tilde{x}; s_\alpha, -\frac{s_\alpha}{2}) dx, \tag{3.3}$$

where  $\tilde{x}$  to be the lower right  $(2 \times 2)$ -block of  $(x^{(\alpha+1)})^{-1}$  and  $\omega^{(2)}(y; s)$  indicates the spherical function of size of 2.

**Proposition 3.3** The function

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (q^{z_j} - q^{z_i+1}) \times \Phi(z, \varphi)$$

is holomorphic in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $S_n$ -invariant, hence it is an element of

$$\mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^{S_n}.$$

When we take the characteristic function of  $K \cdot x$  for  $x \in X_n$  as  $\varphi$ , we have

**Theorem 3.4**  $G_n(z) \cdot \omega(x; z)$  is holomorphic for  $s \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $S_n$ -invariant, where

$$G_n(z) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (q^{z_j} - q^{z_i+1}).$$

*Epecially one has*

$$G_n(z) \cdot \omega(x; z) \in \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^{S_n}.$$

By Theorem 3.4, we modify the spherical Fourier transform  $F_0$  in (2.9) as follows.

**Corollary 3.5** Define the normalized spherical Fourier transform by

$$\begin{aligned} F : \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^{S_n} (= \mathcal{R}, \text{ say}) \\ \varphi &\longmapsto \widehat{\varphi}(z) = \int_X \varphi(x) \cdot \omega(x; z) G_n(z) dx. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Then  $F$  is an injective  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -module map, hence one has the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{H}(G, K) \times \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X) & \xrightarrow{*} & \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X) & & \\ \lambda_z \downarrow \wr & & F \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & F \downarrow \\ \mathcal{R} & \times & \mathcal{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{R}, \end{array} \tag{3.5}$$

where the upper  $*$  is the action of  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$  on  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X)$ , the lower arrow is the multiplication in  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\lambda_z$  is the Satake isomorphism defined in (1.18).

### §4 Explicit formula for $\omega(x; z)$

As for the explicit formula of  $\omega(x; z)$ , it suffices to determine at a representative for every  $K$ -orbit in  $X$ , hence at  $\pi^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \Lambda_n$  (cf. (1.9)). Since we have obtained the functional equation of  $\omega(x; z)$  in a good shape, we may apply the general expression formula given in [H4] of spherical function on homogeneous spaces. We note here that  $X_n$  is a single  $B_n$ -orbit.

**Proposition 4.1** For general  $x \in X$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , one has

$$\omega(x; z) = \frac{1}{Q_n \cdot G_n(z)} \times \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \sigma(\gamma_n(z) G_n(z) \delta(x; z)). \tag{4.1}$$

Here  $G_n(z)$  is given in Theorem 3.4,

$$Q_n = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - q^{-2i})}{(1 - q^{-2})^n},$$

$$\gamma_n(z) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{1 - q^{z_i - z_j - 2}}{1 - q^{z_i - z_j}} = \prod_{i < j} \frac{q^{z_j} - q^{z_i - 2}}{q^{z_j} - q^{z_i}},$$

$$\delta(x; z) = \delta(x; s) = \int_U |\mathbf{d}(\nu \cdot x)|^s d\nu = \int_{U_1} |\mathbf{d}(\nu \cdot x)|^s d\nu,$$

where  $U$  is the Iwahori subgroup of  $K_n$  associated with the Borel groups  $B_n$ .

We note here that  $Q_n = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} [U\sigma U : U]^{-1}$  and  $\gamma_n(z)$  are determined by the group  $G_n = GL_n(D)$ , hence the problem is reduced to the calculation of  $\delta(x; z)$ . For each  $\alpha = (\alpha_i) \in \Lambda_n$ , we set

$$\lambda_\alpha = (\lambda_i) \in \Lambda_n \text{ by } \lambda_i = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha_i}{2} & \text{if } 2 \mid \alpha_i \\ \frac{\alpha_i + 1}{2} & \text{if } 2 \nmid \alpha_i \end{cases} \tag{4.2}$$

If  $\alpha$  has an odd entry, odd entries appear in pairs. We assume they are

$$\alpha_{\ell_1}, \alpha_{\ell_1+1}, \dots, \alpha_{\ell_k}, \alpha_{\ell_k+1}, \quad \ell_1 < \ell_2 < \dots < \ell_k, \tag{4.3}$$

and set

$$I_{\text{odd}}(\alpha) = \{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k\}, \quad c_{\text{odd}}(\alpha) = (1 - q^{-1})^k \cdot q^{\sum_{\ell \in I_{\text{odd}}(\alpha)} (n - 2\ell + 1)}. \tag{4.4}$$

If  $\alpha$  has no odd entry we say  $\alpha$  is *even*, and set  $I_{\text{odd}}(\alpha) = \emptyset$  and  $c_{\text{odd}}(\alpha) = 1$  for convenience. Only if  $\alpha$  is even,  $\pi^\alpha$  is diagonal and  $\lambda_\alpha = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ .

We introduce some more notation. Take  $j = j_n$  to be an element in  $K$  whose anti-diagonal entries are 1 and the others are 0, consider  $j \cdot \pi^\alpha \in K \cdot \pi^\alpha \subset X$ , and set  $jz = (z_n, \dots, z_1)$ . We write

$$z_0 = (-n + 1, -n + 3, \dots, n - 1) \in \mathbb{C}^n \tag{4.5}$$

the corresponding value in  $z$ -variable to  $s = \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , set  $\langle \lambda, z \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i$ .

**Lemma 4.2** *For any  $\alpha \in \Lambda_n$ , one has*

$$\delta(j \cdot \pi^\alpha; z) = \frac{c_{\text{odd}}(\alpha) \cdot q^{\langle \lambda_\alpha, z_0 \rangle + \langle \lambda_\alpha, jz \rangle}}{\prod_{\ell \in I_{\text{odd}}(\alpha)} (q^{z_n - \ell + 1} - q^{z_n - \ell + 1})}. \tag{4.6}$$

The calculation of the above lemma for odd  $\alpha$  is rather troublesome. By proposition 4.1 and Lemma 4.2, we obtain the following explicit formulas of spherical functions.

**Theorem 4.3** For any  $\alpha \in \Lambda_n$ , one has

$$\omega(\pi^\alpha; z) = \frac{c_{\text{odd}}(\alpha) \cdot q^{\langle \lambda_\alpha, z_0 \rangle}}{Q_n \cdot G_n(z)} \times \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \sigma \left( \frac{q^{\langle \lambda_\alpha, z \rangle}}{\prod_{\ell \in I_{\text{odd}}(\alpha)} (q^{z_\ell} - q^{z_{\ell+1}+1})} \prod_{i < j} \frac{(q^{z_i} - q^{z_j+1})(q^{z_i} - q^{z_j-2})}{q^{z_i} - q^{z_j}} \right). \tag{4.7}$$

### §5 Remarks

- We take the main term of spherical function for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_n$ , and set

$$\Psi_\alpha(z) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \sigma \left( \frac{q^{\langle \lambda_\alpha, z \rangle}}{\prod_{\ell \in I_{\text{odd}}(\alpha)} (q^{z_\ell} - q^{z_{\ell+1}+1})} \prod_{i < j} \frac{(q^{z_i} - q^{z_j+1})(q^{z_i} - q^{z_j-2})}{q^{z_i} - q^{z_j}} \right). \tag{5.1}$$

Then we see  $\Psi_\alpha(z)$  is holomorphic for  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and linearly independent with respect to  $\alpha \in \Lambda_n$  (cf. Theorem 3.4, Corollary 3.5).

- In general, the image  $\text{Im}(F)$  of the spherical Fourier transform  $F$  defined in (3.4) is an ideal in

$$\mathcal{R}_n = \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^{S_n} \tag{5.2}$$

generated by  $\{\Psi_\alpha(z) \mid \alpha \in \Lambda_n\}$  (cf. the commutative diagram (3.5)). For size 2,  $F$  is surjective, since  $\Psi_{(-1,-1)}(z)$  is constant, and we see  $F$  gives an  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -module isomorphism between  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X)$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \mathbb{C}[q^{z_1} + q^{z_2}, q^{\pm(z_1+z_2)}]$ , and we may construct the Plancherel formula.

In the following, we note some known cases of sesquilinear forms.

- **(The case of alternating forms, cf. [HS1]):** Set  $X_n = \{x \in GL_{2n}(k) \mid {}^t x = -x\}$ ,  $G = GL_{2n}(k)$  and  $K = GL_{2n}(\mathcal{O}_k)$ . ( $k$  admits even characteristic.) Then  $K \backslash X_n$  is parametrized by the set

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_n = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid \lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n\} \ (\supset \Lambda_n), \tag{5.3}$$

and we have known the explicit formula of spherical functions  $\omega(x; z)$  on  $X_n$ , the main term of  $\omega(\pi^\lambda; z)$ , where  $\pi^\lambda \in X_n$  is associated with  $\lambda \in \tilde{\Lambda}_n$ , is given as

$$\Psi_\lambda^{(A)}(z) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \sigma \left( q^{\langle \lambda, z \rangle} \prod_{i < j} \frac{q^{z_i} - q^{z_j-2}}{q^{z_i} - q^{z_j}} \right). \tag{5.4}$$

Then  $\Psi_\lambda^{(A)}(z)$  are (constant multiple of specialized) Hall-Littlewood polynomial of type  $A_n$ , and it becomes a constant when  $\lambda = \mathbf{0}$ . Then the normalized spherical Fourier transform  $F$  is isomorphic onto  $\mathcal{R}_n$ , and we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{H}(G, K) & \times & \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X) & \xrightarrow{*} & \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X) \\
 \downarrow \lambda_z & & F \downarrow \wr & \circlearrowleft & F \downarrow \wr \\
 \mathcal{R}_n & \times & \mathcal{R}_n & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{R}_n,
 \end{array} \tag{5.5}$$

where the adjusted Satake transform  $\lambda_z$  is surjective and decomposed as  $\mathcal{H}(G, K) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{R}_{2n} \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}_n$ . It is known  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X) = \mathcal{H}(G, K) * \phi_0$  with the characteristic function  $\phi_0$  of  $K \cdot \pi^0$ ,  $\pi^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \perp \cdots \perp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in X_n$ , and the Plancherel formula for  $F$  is known.

- **(The case of unramified hermitian forms**, cf. [H1]): Taking an unramified quadratic extension  $k'/k$ , set  $X_n = \{x \in GL_n(k') \mid x^* = x\}$ , where  $*$  means the conjugate transpose,  $G = GL_n(k')$  and  $K = GL_n(\mathcal{O}_{k'})$ . ( $k$  admits even characteristic.) Then  $K \backslash X_n$  is parametrized by the same  $\tilde{\Lambda}_n$  as in (5.3), and we have known the explicit formula of spherical functions  $\omega(x; z)$  on  $X_n$ , the main term of  $\omega(\pi^\lambda; z)$ , where  $\pi^\lambda \in X_n$  is associated with  $\lambda \in \tilde{\Lambda}_n$ , is given as

$$\Psi_\lambda^{(H)}(z) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \sigma \left( q^{\langle \lambda, z \rangle} \prod_{i < j} \frac{q^{z_i} + q^{z_j - 1}}{q^{z_i} - q^{z_j}} \right). \tag{5.6}$$

Then  $\Psi_\lambda^{(H)}(z)$  are (constant multiple of specialized) Hall-Littlewood polynomials of type  $A_n$ , where the specialization is different from the case of alternating forms, and it becomes a constant when  $\lambda = \mathbf{0}$ . Then the normalized spherical Fourier transform  $F$  is isomorphic onto  $\mathcal{R}_n$ , and we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{H}(G, K) & \times & \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X) & \xrightarrow{*} & \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X) \\
 \lambda_z \downarrow \wr & & F \downarrow \wr & \circlearrowleft & F \downarrow \wr \\
 \mathcal{R}_{0,n} & \times & \mathcal{R}_n & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{R}_n,
 \end{array} \tag{5.7}$$

where  $\mathcal{R}_{0,n} = \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm 2z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm 2z_n}]^{S_n}$ , and  $\lambda_z$  is the (adjusted) Satake isomorphism. Hence one sees  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X)$  is a free  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -module of rank  $2^n$ , and the Plancherel formula for  $F$  is known.

- **(Relations with local densities**, cf. [H2], [H3], [HS1], [HS2]): There are many works for Hall-Littlewood polynomials of type  $A_n$  (original Hall-Littlewood polynomials), and their relations are well known. Hence one may extract local densities from induction theorem of type Theorem 2.1. In the present case, we don't know well about  $\Psi_\alpha(z)$  and general local densities.
- **(The case of unitary hermitian forms**, cf. [HK1], [HK2], [H5]) Taking an unramified quadratic extension  $k'/k$ , set  $G = U(j_m) = \{g \in GL_m(k') \mid g^* j_m g = j_m\}$

and  $K = G(\mathcal{O}_{k'})$ , where  $*$  means the conjugate transpose and  $j_m \in GL_m(k)$  is the matrix whose anti-diagonal entries are 1 and the others are 0. Set  $X_m = \{x \in G \mid x^* = x\}$ ,  $n = \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor$ , and  $e = v_\pi(2)$  with an prime element  $\pi$  in  $k$ . We assume  $v_\pi(2) \leq 1$  if  $m$  is odd and  $m \geq 5$ . Then  $K \backslash X_m$  is parametrized by the set  $\tilde{\Lambda}_n^+ = \left\{ \lambda \in \tilde{\Lambda}_n \mid \lambda_n \geq -e \right\}$ , and we have known the explicit formula  $\omega(x; z)$  on  $X_n$ , the main term of  $\omega(\pi^\lambda; z)$ , where  $\pi^\lambda \in X_n$  is associated with  $\lambda \in \tilde{\Lambda}_n^+$ , is given as

$$\Psi_\lambda^{(U)}(z) = \sum_{\sigma \in W} \sigma(q^{\langle \lambda + e, z \rangle} c(z; \{t\})), \quad c(z; \{t\}) = \prod_{\alpha \in \Sigma^+} \frac{1 - t_\alpha q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle}}{1 - q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle}}. \tag{5.8}$$

Here  $W \cong S_n \times (\pm 1)^n$  is the Weyl group of  $G$  with respect to the Borel subgroup consisting of all the upper triangular matrices,  $\Sigma^+$  is the set of positive roots, where the root system of  $G$  is of type  $C_n$  (resp.  $BC_n$ ) when  $m = 2n$  (resp.  $m = 2n + 1$ ), and  $t_\alpha \in \{\pm q^{-1}, q^{-2}\}$  is explicitly given depending on the length of  $\alpha$  and the parity of  $m$ . We see  $\Psi_\alpha^{(U)}$  are (constant multiple of specialized) Hall-Littlewood polynomial of type  $C_n$ , where the specialization is depend on the parity of  $m$ . By the normalized spherical Fourier transform we have the same shape of commutative diagram with (5.7), with

$$\mathcal{R}_n = \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^W, \quad \mathcal{R}_{0,n} = \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm 2z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm 2z_n}]^W. \tag{5.9}$$

Hence one sees  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X)$  is a free  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -module of rank  $2^n$ , and the Plancherel formula for  $F$  is known.

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