

# Infinite-dimensional $p$ -adic groups, semigroups of double cosets, and inner functions on Bruhat–Tits buildings

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We construct  $p$ -adic analogs of operator colligations and their characteristic functions. Consider a  $p$ -adic group  $\mathbf{G} = \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ , its subgroup  $L = \mathrm{O}(k\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ , and the subgroup  $\mathbf{K} = \mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  embedded to  $L$  diagonally. We show that double cosets  $\Gamma = \mathbf{K} \backslash \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}$  admit a structure of a semigroup,  $\Gamma$  acts naturally in  $\mathbf{K}$ -fixed vectors of any unitary representations of  $\mathbf{G}$ . For each double coset we assign a ‘characteristic function’, which sends a certain Bruhat–Tits building to another building (buildings are finite-dimensional); image of the distinguished boundary is contained in the distinguished boundary. The latter building admits a structure of (Nazarov) semigroup, the product in  $\Gamma$  corresponds to a point-wise product of characteristic functions.

## 1 Degeneration of Iwahori–Hecke type algebras in the infinite dimensional limit

**1.1. Hypergroups of double cosets.** Consider a group  $G$  and its compact subgroup  $K$ . Consider double cosets  $K \backslash G/K$ , i.e., the quotient of  $G$  with respect to the equivalence relation

$$g \sim k_1 g k_2, \quad \text{where } k_1, k_2 \in K.$$

Each double coset  $\mathfrak{g} = KgK$  is equipped with a unique probability measure  $\mu_{\mathfrak{g}}$ , which is invariant with respect to left and right translations by elements of  $K$ . Convolution of measures  $\mu_{\mathfrak{g}}, \mu_{\mathfrak{h}}$  can be represented in the form

$$\mu_{\mathfrak{g}} * \mu_{\mathfrak{h}} = \int_{K \backslash G/K} \mu_{\mathfrak{r}}(\mathfrak{r}) d\sigma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}}(\mathfrak{r}),$$

where  $\sigma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}}$  is a positive probability measure on  $K \backslash G/K$ . Thus we get a map

$$(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}) \mapsto \sigma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}}$$

from  $K \backslash G/K \times K \backslash G/K$  to the space of measures on  $K \backslash G/K$ . Such algebraic structures are called *hypergroups*<sup>2</sup>. Also the map  $g \mapsto g^{-1}$  induces an involution  $\mu \mapsto \mu^*$  on the hypergroup,

$$(\mu_{\mathfrak{g}} * \mu_{\mathfrak{h}})^* = \mu_{\mathfrak{h}}^* * \mu_{\mathfrak{g}}^*.$$

REMARK. We reformulate this in two forms.

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<sup>2</sup>See, e.g., [1].

a) Denote by  $\mathcal{M}(K \backslash G/K)$  the set of all (sign-indefinite) compactly supported measures on  $G$ , which are invariant with respect to left and right translations by elements of  $K$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}(K \backslash G/K)$  is an algebra with respect to the convolution.

b) Let  $G$  be a locally compact group with two-side invariant Haar measure  $dg$ . Consider the set  $C(K \backslash G/K)$  of compactly supported left-right  $K$ -invariant continuous functions on  $G$ . Then  $C(K \backslash G/K)$  is an algebra with respect to the convolution. Sometimes it is called (*generalized*) *Iwahori–Hecke algebra*.  $\square$

Let  $\rho$  be a unitary representation of  $G$  in a Hilbert space  $H$ . Denote by  $H^K$  the space of  $K$ -fixed vectors, by  $P^K$  the projection operator to  $H^K$ . Let  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Define the operator  $H^K \rightarrow H^K$  given by

$$\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g}) := P^K \rho(g) \Big|_{H^K}. \quad (1.1)$$

It is easy to see that  $\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g})$  depends on the double coset and not on a representative  $g$ . The operators  $\bar{\rho}(g)$  also can be expressed as

$$\bar{\rho}(g) = \int_{K \times K} \rho(k_1 g k_1) dk_1 dk_2 \Big|_{H^K} = \int_K \rho(kg) dk \Big|_{H^K}.$$

Also, we have a representation of the hypergroup in  $H^K$  in the following sense:

$$\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g} * \mathfrak{h}) = \int \bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{t}) d\sigma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}}(\mathfrak{t}).$$

Several special cases of this construction are widely used in representation theory, in particular for the following pairs  $G \supset K$ :

- $G$  is a real semisimple Lie group and  $K$  is the maximal compact subgroup; or  $G$  is a compact Lie group and  $K$  is a symmetric subgroup, [2], [3];
- $G$  is a finite Chevalley group,  $K$  is a Borel subgroup, [4];
- $G$  is a  $p$ -adic semisimple group and  $K$  is the Iwahori subgroup, [5].

Even for  $(G, K) = (\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}), \mathrm{SO}(2))$  the explicit expression for  $\sigma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}}$  is non-trivial, see [6].

For smaller subgroups  $K \subset G$  in semisimple groups, the hypergroups  $K \backslash G/K$  became too complicated objects. For a noncompact subgroup  $K$  there is no *finite*  $K \times K$ -invariant measure on  $K \backslash G/K$ . On the other hand, a convolution of infinite measures is not defined (except few exotic cases).

In 1970s R.S.Ismagilov and G.I.Olshanski observed that the situation can drastically change for infinite-dimensional groups. Now we discuss a real archetype of our  $p$ -adic construction.

**1.2. Colligations.** Denote by  $U(\infty)$  the group of all *finitary*<sup>3</sup> infinite unitary matrices  $g$ . Denote by  $O(\infty) \subset U(\infty)$  the group of real orthogonal

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<sup>3</sup>An infinite matrix  $g$  is finitary, if  $g - 1$  has only finite number of nonzero matrix elements

matrices. We also use notation  $U(n + \infty)$  for the group of block finitary unitary matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  of size  $(n + \infty) \times (n + \infty)$ . Consider double cosets

$$K \backslash G/K = O(\infty) \backslash U(n + \infty)/O(\infty),$$

i.e., matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in U(n + \infty)$  determined up to the equivalence

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & u \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & v \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } u, v \in O(\infty).$$

We call such equivalence classes by *colligations*<sup>4</sup>.

There is no Haar measure on  $K$ , therefore there are no natural measures on double cosets  $KgK$ , therefore we can not repeat the construction of a hypergroup  $K \backslash G/K$ .

However, there is a natural multiplication

$$K \backslash G/K \times K \backslash G/K \rightarrow K \backslash G/K$$

given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ c & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 & q \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ r & 0 & t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ap & b & cq \\ cp & d & cq \\ r & 0 & cq \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.2)$$

The matrix in the right-hand side has size  $(n + \infty + \infty)$ , we regard it as a matrix of size

$$(n + (\infty + \infty)) \times (n + (\infty + \infty)) = (n + \infty) \times (n + \infty).$$

**Proposition 1.1** *The  $\circ$ -multiplication is a well-defined associative operation on  $K \backslash G/K$ .*

We also define an involution  $\mathfrak{g} \mapsto \mathfrak{g}^*$  on  $K \backslash G/K$  induced by the map  $g \mapsto g^*$  (taking of adjoint operator). It is easy to verify the identity

$$(\mathfrak{g} \circ \mathfrak{h})^* = \mathfrak{h}^* \circ \mathfrak{g}^*.$$

Consider a unitary representation of  $G = U(n + \infty)$  in a Hilbert space  $H$ . As above consider the space  $H^K$  of  $K$ -fixed vectors in  $H$  and operators (1.1). The following *multiplicativity theorem* holds:

**Theorem 1.2** (see [7], [8], Section IX.4) *For any  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h} \in K \backslash G/K$ ,*

$$\overline{\rho}(\mathfrak{g})\overline{\rho}(\mathfrak{h}) = \overline{\rho}(\mathfrak{g} \circ \mathfrak{h}).$$

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<sup>4</sup>This is a term from operator theory, a colligation (node) is the conjugacy class (1.10)

Also, for any  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,

$$\overline{\rho}(\mathfrak{g}^*) = \overline{\rho}(\mathfrak{g})^*$$

These phenomena (semigroup structure on  $K \backslash G / K$  and the multiplicativity) have no finite-dimensional analogs. However, for infinite-dimensional groups they are usual, see a discussion in Subsection 1.8.

**1.3. Characteristic functions.** We wish to describe the  $\circ$ -multiplication on more usual language. For a matrix  $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  we write the following equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_+ \\ \lambda y \\ q_- \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} & \\ & \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_+ \\ x \\ p_- \\ \lambda x \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x, y \in \ell_2$ ,  $p_{\pm}, q_{\pm} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

Eliminate variables  $x, y$  from this system of equations, this is possible if

$$\det(\lambda^2 \overline{d} - d)$$

is not identical zero. We get a dependence

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_+ \\ q_- \end{pmatrix} = \chi_g(\lambda) \begin{pmatrix} p_+ \\ p_- \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\lambda \mapsto \chi_g(\lambda)$  is a matrix-valued rational function on  $\mathbb{C}$ . It is called a *characteristic function*.

A characteristic function  $\chi_g(\lambda)$  depends only on a double coset  $\mathfrak{g}$  containing  $g$  and not on  $g$  itself.

**Theorem 1.3** *If  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  and  $\chi_{\mathfrak{h}}(\lambda)$  are well-defined, then*

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g} \circ \mathfrak{h}}(\lambda) = \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda) \chi_{\mathfrak{h}}(\lambda). \quad (1.4)$$

Also,

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g}^*}(\lambda) = \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda^{-1})^{-1}.$$

**1.4. Reformulation. The language of Grassmannians.** Fix  $\lambda$ . Consider the set  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  of all  $(q_+, q_-; p_+, p_-) \in \mathbb{C}^{2n} \oplus \mathbb{C}^{2n}$  such that there are  $x, y$  satisfying (1.3). Evidently,  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  is a linear subspace. Notice, that at a non-singular point of the function  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$ , the subspace  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  is the graph of the operator  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda) : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ .

Next, we extend the function  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  to the Riemann sphere  $\overline{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C} \cup \infty$  in the following way. We write the equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_+ \\ y \\ q_- \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} & \\ & \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_+ \\ 0 \\ p_- \\ x \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.5)$$

and consider the set  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\infty)$  of all  $(q_+, q_-; p_+, p_-) \in \mathbb{C}^{2n} \oplus \mathbb{C}^{2n}$  such that the equation (1.5) has a solution.

**Theorem 1.4** a)  $\dim \mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda) = 2n$  for all  $\lambda \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$ .

b) For any  $\mathfrak{g}$  the map  $\lambda \mapsto \mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  is holomorphic on  $\overline{\mathbb{C}}$ .

Emphasize that the characteristic function  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  is well-defined for all double cosets  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Next, we explain how to interpret formula (1.4) on the language of Grassmannian.

Let  $V, W$  be linear spaces. We say that a *linear relation*  $L : V \rightrightarrows W$  is a subspace  $L \subset V \oplus W$ .

EXAMPLE. Let  $A : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear operator. Then its graph  $\text{graph}(A) \subset V \oplus W$  is a linear relation. The set of all linear subspaces in  $V \oplus W$  consists of  $\dim V + \dim W$  components. Graphs of operators constitute an open dense subspace in one of components.  $\square$

Consider two linear relations  $L : V \rightrightarrows W, M : W \rightrightarrows Y$ . Define their *product*  $LM : V \rightrightarrows Y$  as the set of  $(r, p) \in V \oplus Y$  such that there exists  $q \in W$  such that  $(r, q) \in L, (q, p) \in M$ .

Also, for a linear relation  $L : V \rightrightarrows W$  we define the *kernel*  $\ker L \subset V$  and the *indefiniteness*  $\text{indef } L \subset W$ ,

$$\ker L := L \cap (V \oplus 0), \quad \text{indef } L := L \cap (0 \oplus W).$$

**Theorem 1.5** For any  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}$  and each  $\lambda \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$ ,

$$\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g} \circ \mathfrak{h}}(\lambda) = \mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda) \mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\lambda).$$

**1.5. Conditions for characteristic functions.** We equip the space  $\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^n$  with a standard skew-symmetric bilinear form determined by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . We regard vectors  $(p_+, p_-)$  and  $(q_+, q_-)$  as elements of  $\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^n$ . Denote by  $\text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})$  the group of operators preserving this form.

Equip the space  $(\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^n) \oplus (\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^n)$  by the difference of skew-symmetric forms, i.e. by the form with matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We regard vectors  $(p_+, p_-, q_+, q_-)$  as elements of this space.

**Proposition 1.6** (see [8], IX.4)

a) Outside poles, values of  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  are contained in the complex symplectic group  $\text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})$ .

b) The characteristic function  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  takes values in the Lagrangian Grassmannian<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>5</sup>Recall that a subspace  $L$  in a  $2m$ -dimensional linear space equipped with a nondegenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form is Lagrangian if the form vanishes on  $L$  and  $\dim L = m$ , see, e.g., [9], Section 3.1.

Second, consider the Hermitian form  $M$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^n$  determined by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Denote by  $U(n, n)$  the group of matrices preserving  $M$ .

We say that a linear operator  $A$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^n$  is an  $M$ -contraction (see, e.g., [9], Section 2.7), if for all vectors  $v$  we have

$$M(Av, Av) \leq M(v, v).$$

We say that  $A$  is an  $M$ -dilatation if  $M(Av, Av) \geq M(v, v)$ .

Also, equip the space  $(\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^n) \oplus (\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^n)$  with the difference of Hermitian forms, i.e. with a form  $\widetilde{M}$  given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Proposition 1.7** (see [8], Section IX.4) *Let  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  be well-defined. Then:*

- a) *If  $|\lambda| = 1$ , then  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda) \in U(n, n)$ .*
- b) *If  $|\lambda| < 1$ , then  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  is an  $M$ -contraction.*
- c) *If  $|\lambda| > 1$ , then  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  is an  $M$ -dilatation.*

**Proposition 1.8** (see [8], Section IX.4)

- a) *If  $|\lambda| = 1$ , then the subspace  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  is  $\widetilde{M}$ -isotropic.*
- b) *If  $|\lambda| < 1$ , then the form  $\widetilde{M}$  is positive semi-definite on the subspace  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$ .*
- c) *If  $|\lambda| > 1$ , then the form  $\widetilde{M}$  is negative semi-definite on the subspace  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$ .*
- d) *If  $|\lambda| < 1$ , then the form  $M$  is strictly positive definite on<sup>6</sup>  $\ker \mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$ . Also  $M$  is negative definite on  $\text{indef } \mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$ .*

Characteristic functions also satisfy to the following condition of symmetry at 0

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(-\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}. \quad (1.6)$$

On the language of Grassmannians this means

$$(p_+, p_-, q_+, q_-) \in \mathcal{X}(\lambda) \Leftrightarrow (p_+, -p_-, q_+, -q_-) \in \mathcal{X}(\lambda). \quad (1.7)$$

**Theorem 1.9** *Any holomorphic map  $\mathcal{X}$  from  $\overline{\mathbb{C}}$  to the Lagrangian Grassmannian satisfying the conditions of Proposition 1.8 and condition (1.7) is a characteristic function of a double coset  $\mathfrak{g}$ .*

<sup>6</sup>This condition contains additional information only at points  $\lambda$ , where  $\mathcal{X}(\lambda)$  is not a graph of an operator. By statement b)  $M$  is positive semi-definite on the kernel.

**1.6. Central extension.** A characteristic function is not sufficient for a reconstruction of a double coset, in fact matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ c & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \}n \\ \} \infty \\ \} \infty \end{matrix}$$

with fixed  $a, b, c, d$  and arbitrary  $e$  have the same characteristic function. Let us introduce an additional invariant. We write the equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \lambda y \\ 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} & \\ & \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x \\ 0 \\ \lambda x \end{pmatrix},$$

as an equation for  $x, y$ . Denote by  $n_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  the dimension of the space of solutions of this equation. Then

- $n_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda) = 0$  for all but a finite number of values of  $\lambda$ ;
- $n_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda) = 0$  if  $|\lambda| \neq 1$ ;
- $n_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda) = n_{\mathfrak{g}}(-\lambda)$ ;
- $n_{\mathfrak{g}}(\pm 1) = \infty$ .

Thus we get a finite set with multiplicities (we call it *divisor*).

**Theorem 1.10** <sup>7</sup> *A double coset is uniquely determined by its characteristic function  $\mathcal{X}$  and the divisor  $n$ .*

**Theorem 1.11** [8], IX.4.5)

$$n_{\mathfrak{g} \circ \mathfrak{h}}(\lambda) = n_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda) + n_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{h}; \lambda) + \dim(\text{indef } \mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\lambda) \cap \ker \mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)).$$

Double cosets corresponding matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \}n \\ \} \infty \\ \} \infty \end{matrix}$$

is the center of the semigroup  $K \setminus G/K$ . The quotient of  $K \setminus G/K$  with respect to the center is isomorphic to the semigroup of rational matrix-values functions described above.

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<sup>7</sup>This and previous statements are given in [8], IX.4.8 without formal proof. In fact, a proof is contained in the same book, Addendum E. Precisely, in Subsection E.4 it is shown how to reduce our statements to the standard theorem (see [10]) 'pure unitary operator node is determined by its characteristic function'. In fact, we only need this theorem for finitary matrices and rational characteristic functions.

**1.7. Degeneration of hypergroups of double cosets.** Let  $N > k$ . Embed  $U(n+k)$  to  $U(n+k+N)$  by

$$\iota_N : \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} A & B & 0 \\ C & D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Embed  $U(k+N)$  to  $U(n+k+N)$  by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Fix matrices  $g = \begin{pmatrix} q & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $h = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & t \end{pmatrix} \in U(n+k)$ . Then for  $N > k$  a matrix  $\iota_N(g) \circ \iota_N(h)$  is well-defined as an element of  $U(k+N) \backslash U(n+k+N)/U(k+N)$ .

We equip the group  $U(n+k+N)$  with the metric induced by the operator norm in Euclidean  $\mathbb{C}^{n+k+N}$ .

**Proposition 1.12** *Fix  $g, h \in U(n+k)$  as above. Consider the corresponding double cosets*

$$\mathfrak{g}_N, \mathfrak{h}_N \in U(k+N) \backslash U(n+k+N)/U(k+N)$$

and the measure

$$\varkappa_N = \mu_{\mathfrak{g}_N} * \mu_{\mathfrak{h}_N}$$

Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$  there exists  $N$  such that the measure  $\varkappa_N$  of  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\iota_N(g) \circ \iota_N(h)$  is  $> 1 - \delta$ .

See [7], [11], [12].

**1.8. Semigroups of double cosets.** The first example of multiplication of double cosets was discovered by Ismagilov [13], he considered the group  $G = \mathrm{SL}(2, k)$  over a non-Archimedean normed non locally compact field  $k$ . The subgroup  $K$  is the group  $\mathrm{SL}(2, o)$  over integer elements of  $k$ . The double cosets are parametrized by non-negative integers  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ , and the operation  $\circ$  is the usual addition. The multiplicativity theorem allows to classify spherical functions (see also [14]). Olshanski [15] showed that this semigroup is a limit of hypergroups  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}_p) \backslash \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Q}_p)/\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

Next, consider a series of Riemannian symmetric spaces  $G(n)/K(n)$  (an example is  $U(n)/O(n)$ ). Olshanski [7], [11] showed that the same phenomena hold for any pair  $G(k+\infty) \supset K(\infty)$ . Also he described such semigroups for infinite symmetric groups. As far as we know description of such objects, they became a tool of the representation theory. On the other hand, it seems that such structure are interesting by themselves.

In [8], Section 8.5, the author observed that multiplications on  $K \backslash G/K$  are quite usual for infinite-dimensional groups (see also [16], [17]). In fact this happened more-or-less always if  $K$  is one of the following groups:



- 1)  $K$  is a complete infinite unitary group, orthogonal group, or symplectic (quaternionic unitary) group (or a product of several copies of such groups);
- 2)  $K$  is the infinite symmetric group  $S(\infty)$ ;
- 3)  $K$  is the group of automorphisms of a measure space;

These groups are infinite-dimensional imitation of compact groups (but they are neither compact, nor locally compact) apparently some other examples also exist (for instance, below we discuss  $K = O(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ).

For precise general theorems, see [16], [17]. To explore them we need explicit descriptions of  $K \setminus G/K$ , such descriptions recently were obtained in [18], [20], [16], [17].

**1.9. Inner functions.** Recall a definition of inner functions.

- 1) A holomorphic function  $f(z)$  in a unit disk  $|z| < 1$  is called *inner*, if  $|f(z)| < 1$  for  $|z| < 1$  and

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} |f(re^{i\theta})| = 1 \quad \text{a.s. } \theta \in [0, 2\pi], \quad (1.8)$$

where  $z = re^{i\theta}$  and  $r, \theta$  are real<sup>8</sup>. On this topic, see, e.g., [21]. It can be shown that limit (1.8) can be replaced a.s. by the *nontangential limit*

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}, \left| \arg \frac{e^{i\theta} - z}{e^{i\theta}} \right| \leq \pi/2 - \varepsilon} f(z), \quad (1.9)$$

where  $\varepsilon > 0$  is fixed (in fact we consider a limit over the angle whose vertex is  $e^{i\theta}$ , the bisector is  $te^{i\theta}$ , and the value of the angle is  $\pi - 2\varepsilon$ ).

- 2) A homomorphic matrix-valued (operator-valued) function  $f(z)$  in the unit disk is called *inner* if  $\|f(z)\| \leq 1$  for  $|z| < 1$  and boundary values of  $f$  on the circle are unitary (see Livshits [22], Potapov [23]). Consider an operator  $d$  closed to unitary (one of possible variants  $\text{rk}(dd^* - 1) = \text{rk}(d^*d - 1) < \infty$ ) with  $\|d\| = 1$ . We are interested its properties up to conjugations  $d \mapsto udu^{-1}$ , where  $u$  is unitary. Build a larger *unitary* matrix  $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  including  $d$  as a block. We consider  $g$  up to the equivalence

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & u \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & u^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } u \in U(\infty). \quad (1.10)$$

Assign to  $g$  the expression (*characteristic function*) by

$$\chi(\lambda) = a + \lambda b(1 - \lambda d)^{-1}c.$$

Such functions (under some conditions on  $d$ ) are inner functions  $\theta(z)$  in the unit disk. Invariant subspaces of  $d$  are in one-to-one correspondence with divisors of  $\theta$  in the class of inner functions. The product of inner functions corresponds to the product of conjugacy classes (1.10) by formula (1.2).

<sup>8</sup>We can not write a limit as  $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta}$ , an inner function can be discontinuous at all points of the circle.

3) More generally, consider a pseudo-Euclidean space. We say that a meromorphic matrix-valued function  $f$  in the disk is *inner* if it is indefinite contractive in the disk and pseudo-unitary on the unit circle. Such functions arise in the same context but the condition  $\|d\| \leq 1$  is omitted.

The characteristic function of double cosets defined above are inner in this sense.

4) Denote by  $B_n$  the set of all  $n \times n$  complex symmetric matrix with norm  $< 1$ ;  $B_n$  also is an Hermitian symmetric space

$$B_n = \mathrm{U}(n, n)/\mathrm{U}(n) \times \mathrm{U}(n),$$

its distinguished boundary (Shilov boundary) consist of unitary matrices.

In [20], [16] there were considered various semigroups of double cosets on infinite-dimensional classical groups. For instance, consider group  $G = \mathrm{U}(\alpha + k\infty)$  consisting of block unitary matrices of size  $\alpha + \infty + \dots + \infty$ . Consider its subgroup  $L = \mathrm{U}(\infty)$  embedded to  $G$  in the block diagonal way. Consider the subgroup  $K = \mathrm{O}(\infty) \subset L$  embedded to  $\mathrm{U}(\infty)$  in the natural way. Then  $K \backslash G/K$  is a semigroup. Characteristic functions [20] are inner functions in  $B_k \times B_k$  taking values at the space of  $2\alpha \times 2\alpha$ -matrices. This means that values of a function are  $M$ -contractions inside  $B_k \times B_k$  and are pseudounitary on the Shilov boundary  $\mathrm{U}(n) \times \mathrm{U}(n)$ . The product of double cosets corresponds to the product of characteristic functions.

It is possible to vary the definition and to regard a characteristic function as a map  $B_k \times B_k \rightarrow B_{2\alpha}$ .

**1.10. Infinite-dimensional  $p$ -adic groups.** Representation theory of infinite-dimensional classical groups (see, e.g., [24], [25], [7], [8], [26], [27], [16]) and infinite symmetric groups (see, e.g., [28], [29], [18]) exists and is well-developed. There were several recent works concerning infinite-dimensional classical groups over finite fields (see [30], [31], [32]).

Few is known about infinite-dimensional  $p$ -adic groups. There are the following works:

1) Work of Nazarov [33], [34] on the Weil representation of an infinite-dimensional group  $\mathrm{Sp}(2\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Existence of such representation is more-or-less evident. However, the Weil representation of  $\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathrm{Sp}(2\infty, \mathbb{R})$  admits a continuation to a certain complex domain  $\Gamma$  (if  $n < \infty$ , then  $\Gamma$  is a semigroup parametrized by complex symmetric  $2n \times 2n$  matrices with norm  $< 1$ , see, e.g., [8], Section 4.2, [9], Section 5.1). Nazarov constructed an analog of  $\Gamma$  for  $p$ -adic case, see below Section 3 (for more details, see [9], Sections 10.7, 11.2)

2) A construction of Hua measures on  $p$ -adic Grassmannians and on the inverse limit of  $p$ -adic Grassmannians in [35]. This is an analog of inverse limits of compact symmetric spaces (see [36]) and of symmetric groups (see [29]). Recall that in latter two cases there exists a substantial harmonic analysis on such inverse limits, see [27], [29].

3) The group of diffeomorphisms of  $p$ -adic projective line is an object similar to the group of diffeomorphisms of the circle (many constructions of representations of the latter group survive in  $p$ -adic case, [37]).

**1.11. A  $p$ -adic example.** Here we briefly discuss a  $p$ -adic object, which is related to the topic of this paper but more simple. Let  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  be a  $p$ -adic field,  $\mathbb{Z}_p \subset \mathbb{Q}_p$  be the ring of  $p$ -adic integers. Denote by  $\mathrm{GL}(\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  the group of finitary invertible matrices over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Consider conjugacy classes of  $\mathrm{GL}(\alpha + \infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  with respect to the subgroup  $\mathrm{GL}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & u \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & u^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } u \in \mathrm{GL}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p). \quad (1.11)$$

Such conjugacy classes admit a natural  $\circ$ -multiplication by formula (1.2), this multiplication is a well-defined associative operation on the space of conjugacy classes. We wish to construct an analog of characteristic functions.

First, choose a sufficiently large  $m$  such that a matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is actually contained in  $\mathrm{GL}(\alpha + m, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Consider a lattice<sup>9</sup>  $R \subset \mathbb{Q}_p^2$ . For this lattice we consider the lattice

$$R \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p^m \subset \mathbb{Q}_p^2 \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p^m \simeq \mathbb{Q}_p^m \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p^m.$$

We write an equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} v \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ x \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.12)$$

Next, consider the set  $\chi(R)$  of all pairs  $(v, u) \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha$  for which there exists  $y \oplus x \in R \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  such that the equality (1.12) is satisfied. Then  $\chi(R)$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -submodule in  $\mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha$ , which can be regarded as a relation  $\mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha \rightrightarrows \mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha$ . The  $\circ$ -product corresponds to point-wise product of functions  $\chi(R)$  with values in relations.

We also point out that these functions are compatible with the structure of Bruhat–Tits buildings and are inner in a reasonable sense. Both phenomena are discussed below for more sophisticated objects.

**1.12. Purpose of the paper.** We wish to describe multiplication of double cosets on  $p$ -adic groups and to obtain analogs of characteristic functions. For a double coset we assign a simplicial map from a Bruhat–Tits building  $\Omega$  to a Bruhat–Tits building  $\Xi$  such that the image of the distinguished boundary is contained in the distinguished boundary. We also have a structure of a semi-group on the set of vertices of the building  $\Xi$  (the Nazarov semigroup) and the product of double cosets corresponds to pointwise product of functions  $\Omega \rightarrow \Xi$ .

Our construction is not a final solution of the problem<sup>10</sup>

**1.13. A non-properly understood link.** In fact our main construction below is organized as an extension of rational maps of  $p$ -adic Grassmannians to simplicial maps of Bruhat–Tits buildings. Also, our construction admits an

<sup>9</sup>see a definition in Subsection 3.1

<sup>10</sup>First, we do not introduce an analog of the ‘divisor’. Secondly, [19] suggests that complete data separating double cosets must contain a sequence of characteristic functions determined on the increasing sequence of buildings. A construction of complete data in a real case in [19] is based on classical invariant theory, which does not valid over the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

automatic pass to algebraic extensions. Constructions of such type are investigated in theory of Berkovich analytic spaces, see, e.g., [39], [40]. However their extensions are rigid, and our extensions depend on additional data<sup>11</sup>. So I can not understand relations of our constructions and Berkovich theory.

**1.14. Notation.** Let

- $A^t$  be the transposed matrix;
- $1_\alpha, 1_V$  be the unit matrix of order  $\alpha$ , the unit operator in a space  $V$ ;
- $\mathbb{Q}_p$  be the  $p$ -adic field;
- $\mathbb{Z}_p$  be the ring of  $p$ -adic integers;
- $\mathbb{Q}_p^\times, \mathbb{C}^\times$  be multiplicative groups of  $\mathbb{Q}_p, \mathbb{C}$ .

We denote the standard character  $\mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  by  $\exp\{2\pi ia\}$ . For  $a = \sum_{j \geq -N} a_j p^j$ , where  $a_j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$ , we set

$$\exp\{2\pi ia\} = \exp\left\{2\pi i \sum_{j \geq -N} a_j p^j\right\} := \exp\left\{2\pi i \sum_{j: -1 \geq j \geq -N} a_j p^j\right\}$$

Below we define:

- the groups  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,  $\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,  $\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ,  $\mathrm{O}(n, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ,  $\mathrm{GL}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ,  $\mathrm{Sp}(2\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ , etc., Subsection 2.1;
- $V_\pm$ , formula (2.1);
- groups  $\mathbf{G} = \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,  $\mathbf{K} = \mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ , Subsection 2.2;
- $\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{h}$ , the product of double cosets, Subsection 2.2;
- $\mathfrak{g}^*$ , the involution on double cosets, Subsection 2.5;
- $R_\downarrow, R^\uparrow, ,$  Subsection 3.1;
- $R_j \nearrow R$ , rigid convergence, 3.4;
- $\mathrm{LMod}(V)$ ,  $\mathrm{LLat}(V)$ ,  $\mathrm{LGr}(V)$ , spaces of Lagrangian submodules, Subsection 3.5;
- $\Delta(V)$ ,  $\mathrm{Bd}(V)$ , buildings, Subsections 3.6, 3.8;
- $P : V \rightrightarrows W$ ,  $\ker P$ ,  $\mathrm{indef} P$ ,  $\mathrm{dom} P$ ,  $\mathrm{im} P$ ,  $P^\square$ , Subsection 3.9;
- $\mathrm{Naz}$ ,  $\overline{\mathrm{Naz}}$ ,  $\mathbf{Naz}$ , the Nazarov category, Subsections 3.12; 3.14;
- $\mathrm{We}$ , the Weil representation, Subsection 3.16;
- $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)$ , a characteristic function, Subsection 4.1.

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<sup>11</sup>Below rational maps of Grassmannians originate from double cosets

$$\mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p) \backslash \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p) / \mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$$

(see Proposition 4.11) maps of Bruhat–Tits buildings from double cosets

$$\mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p) \backslash \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p) / \mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

Therefore we get many maps of Bruhat–Tits buildings with the same restriction to a distinguished boundary, i.e., to the Grassmannian.

## 2 Multiplication of double cosets

**2.1. Groups.** By  $V = \mathbb{Q}_p^n$  we denote linear spaces over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Denote by  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{Q}_p) = \mathrm{GL}(V)$  the group of invertible linear operators in  $\mathbb{Q}_p^n$ ; by  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  the group of all matrices  $g$  with integer elements, such that  $g^{-1}$  have integer elements.

Consider a space  $V = \mathbb{Q}_p^{2n}$  equipped with a non-degenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form  $B_V$ , say  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . The symplectic group  $\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  is the group of matrices preserving this form,  $\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  is the group of symplectic matrices with integer elements. We also denote

$$V_+ := \mathbb{Q}_p^n \oplus 0, \quad V_- = 0 \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p^n. \quad (2.1)$$

Also, consider a space  $\mathbb{Q}_p^n$  equipped with the standard symmetric bilinear form  $(v, w) = \sum v_j w_j$ . We denote by  $\mathrm{O}(n, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  the group of all matrices preserving this form<sup>12</sup>.

By  $\mathrm{GL}(\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  we denote the group of all infinite invertible matrices over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  such that  $g - 1$  has only finite number of non-zero elements. We call such matrices *finitary*. We define  $\mathrm{GL}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ,  $\mathrm{Sp}(2\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,  $\mathrm{Sp}(2\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ,  $\mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  in the same way.

**2.2. Multiplication of double cosets.** Let

$$\mathbf{G} := \mathrm{GL}(\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p) := \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$$

be the group of finitary block  $(\alpha + \infty + \dots + \infty) \times (\alpha + \infty + \dots + \infty)$ - matrices (there are  $k$  copies of  $\infty$ ). By  $\mathbf{K}$  we denote the group

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$$

embedded to  $\mathbf{G}$  by the rule

$$\mathcal{J} : u \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1_\alpha & 0 & \dots & o \\ 0 & u & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & u \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $1_\alpha$  denotes the unit matrix of order  $\alpha$ .

REMARK. Certainly,  $\mathbf{G} := \mathrm{GL}(\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ . But the notation of the type  $\mathbf{G} := \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  allows us to indicate certain subgroups in  $\mathbf{G}$ .  $\square$

We wish to define a structure of a semigroup on double cosets  $\mathbf{K} \backslash \mathbf{G} / \mathbf{K}$ .

Set

$$\Theta_N := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_N & 0 \\ 1_N & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1_\infty \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{K}. \quad (2.3)$$

<sup>12</sup>There are several non-equivalent non-degenerate quadratic forms and several different orthogonal groups over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , however we consider only this group.

Let  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h} \in \mathbf{K} \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}$ . Choose their representatives  $g, h \in \mathbf{G}$ . Consider the sequence

$$f_N := g\mathfrak{I}(\Theta_N)h$$

and double coset  $\mathfrak{f}_N$  containing  $f_N$ .

**Theorem 2.1** a) *The sequence  $\mathfrak{f}_N$  of double cosets is eventually constant.*

b) *The limit  $\mathfrak{f} := \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathfrak{f}_N$  does not depend on a choice of representatives  $g, h$ .*

c) *The product  $\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{h}$  in  $\mathbf{K} \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}$  obtained in this way is associative.*

These statements are simple, see proofs of parallel real statements in [16]. Also, it is easy to write an explicit formula for the product. For definiteness, set  $k = 2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & b_2 \\ c_1 & d_{11} & d_{12} \\ c_2 & d_{21} & d_{22} \end{pmatrix} \star \begin{pmatrix} a' & b'_1 & b'_2 \\ c'_1 & d'_{11} & d'_{12} \\ c'_2 & d'_{21} & d'_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \\ & = \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & 0 & b_2 & 0 \\ c_1 & d_{11} & 0 & d_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ c_2 & d_{21} & 0 & d_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1_\alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1_\infty & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1_\infty & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1_\infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1_\infty & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a' & b'_1 & 0 & b'_2 & 0 \\ c'_1 & d'_{11} & 0 & d'_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ c'_2 & d'_{21} & 0 & d'_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Since a result is double coset, we can write the final matrix in different forms, say

$$\mathfrak{f} = \left( \begin{array}{c|ccc} aa' & b_1 & ab'_1 & b_1 & ab'_1 \\ - & - & - & - & - \\ c_1 a' & d_{11} & c_1 b'_1 & d_{12} & c_1 b'_2 \\ c'_1 & 0 & d'_{11} & 0 & d'_{12} \\ \hline c_2 a' & d_{21} & c_2 b'_1 & d_{22} & c_2 b'_2 \\ c'_2 & 0 & d'_{21} & 0 & d'_{22} \end{array} \right) \quad (2.4)$$

or

$$\mathfrak{f} = \left( \begin{array}{c|cc} aa' & ab'_1 & b_1 & ab'_2 & b_2 \\ - & - & - & - & - \\ c_1 a' & c_1 b'_1 & d_{11} & c_1 b'_2 & d_{12} \\ c'_1 & d'_{11} & 0 & d'_{12} & 0 \\ \hline c_2 a' & c_2 b'_1 & d_{21} & c_2 b'_2 & d_{22} \\ c'_2 & d'_{21} & 0 & d'_{22} & 0 \end{array} \right).$$

**2.3. Multiplicativity theorem.** Let  $\rho$  be a unitary representation of  $\mathbf{G}$ , denote by  $H^{\mathbf{K}}$  the subspace of all  $\mathbf{K}$ -fixed vectors. Denote by  $P^{\mathbf{K}}$  the operator of orthogonal projection to  $H^{\mathbf{K}}$ . For  $g \in \mathbf{G}$  consider the operator  $\bar{\rho}(g) : H^{\mathbf{K}} \rightarrow H^{\mathbf{K}}$  given by

$$\bar{\rho}(g) := P^{\mathbf{K}}\rho(g)|_{H^{\mathbf{K}}}.$$

Obviously,  $\bar{\rho}(g)$  is a function on double cosets  $\mathbf{K} \backslash \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}$ , therefore we can write  $\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g})$ .

**Theorem 2.2** *For any unitary representation  $\rho$ , for all  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h} \in \mathbf{K} \backslash \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}$  the following equality (the “multiplicativity theorem”) holds,*

$$\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g})\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{h}) = \bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{h}).$$

We give a proof in Section 6.

REMARK. Apparently the analog of Proposition 1.12 for  $p$ -adic case does not hold.  $\square$

#### 2.4. Sphericity.

**Proposition 2.3** *Let  $\alpha = 0$ . Then the pair  $(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{K})$  is spherical, i.e., for any irreducible unitary representation of  $\mathbf{G}$  the dimension of the space of  $\mathbf{K}$ -fixed vectors is  $\leq 1$ .*

We omit a proof, it is the same as for infinite-dimensional real classical groups, see [16].

**2.5. Involution.** The map  $g \mapsto g^{-1}$  induces an involution  $\mathfrak{g} \mapsto \mathfrak{g}^*$  on  $\mathbf{K} \backslash \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}$ . Evidently,

$$(\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{h})^* = \mathfrak{h}^* \star \mathfrak{g}^*.$$

Also, for any unitary representation  $\rho$  of  $\mathbf{G}$  we have

$$\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g}^*) = \bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g})^*.$$

**2.6. Purpose of the work.** Our aim is to describe this multiplication in more usual terms. More precisely, we wish to get  $p$ -adic analogs of multivariate characteristic functions constructed in [16], [20].

**2.7. Structure of the paper.** Section 3 contains preliminaries (lattices, Bruhat–Tits buildings, relations, the Weil representation of the Nazarov category). A main construction (characteristic functions of double cosets and their properties) is contained in Section 4. Proofs are given in Section 5.

In Section 6 we prove the multiplicativity theorem. Section 7 contains some constructions of representations. Theorem 7.5 shows a link between the characteristic function and operators  $\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g})$ .

## 3 Preliminaries. Submodules, relations, Bruhat–Tits buildings, Nazarov category, and Weil representation

### A. Submodules and convergence

**3.1. Modules.** Below the term *submodule* means an  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -submodule in a linear space  $V = \mathbb{Q}_p^k$ . For each submodule  $R \subset \mathbb{Q}_p^k$  there is a (non-canonical) basis  $e_i \in \mathbb{Q}_p^k$  such that

$$R = \mathbb{Q}_p e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p e_j \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p e_{j+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p e_l. \quad (3.1)$$

If  $j = k$  then  $R$  is a linear subspace. If  $j = 0, l = k$ , then we get a *lattice*. A formal definition is: a *lattice*  $R$  is a compact  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -submodule such that  $\mathbb{Q}_p R = \mathbb{Q}_p^k$ . For details, see, e.g., [41].

Denote by  $\text{Mod}(V)$  the set of all submodules in  $V$ , by  $\text{Lat}(V)$  the space of all lattices. It is easy to see that

$$\text{Lat}(V) \simeq \text{GL}(V, \mathbb{Q}_p) / \text{GL}(V, \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

For any submodule  $R$  denote by  $R_\downarrow$  the maximal linear subspace in  $R$ . By  $R^\uparrow$  we denote the minimal linear subspace containing  $R$ ,

$$R_\downarrow \subset R \subset R^\uparrow$$

The image of  $R$  in the quotient space  $R^\uparrow / R_\downarrow$  is a lattice.

Conversely, let  $L \subset M$  be a pair of subspaces,  $\pi : L \rightarrow L/M$  be the projection. Let  $P \subset M/L$  be a lattice. Then  $\pi^{-1}P$  is a submodule in  $\mathbb{Q}_p^k$  and all submodules have such form.

**3.2. Duality.** For a  $p$ -adic linear space  $V$  we denote by  $V'$  the space of linear functionals on  $V$ . For a submodule  $L \subset V$  define the dual module  $L^\diamond \subset V'$  as the set of all linear functionals  $\ell \in V'$  such that

$$\ell(v) \in \mathbb{Z}_p \quad \text{for all } v \in L$$

Notice that  $L^{\diamond\diamond} = L$ .

If  $L$  is a lattice, then  $L^\diamond$  is a lattice.

**3.3. The Hausdorff convergence on  $\text{Mod}(V)$ .** Let  $V = \mathbb{Q}_p^n$ . We define a norm on  $V$  as

$$\|x\| = \max_j |x_j|.$$

Denote by  $B(p^l)$  the ball with center at 0 of radius  $p^l$ .

Let  $K$  be a metric space,  $A, B$  be closed subsets. Define the *Hausdorff deviation*  $\eta_B(A)$  as the supremum of distance between  $a$  ranging in  $A$  and  $B$  (a number  $\eta_B(A)$  is a nonnegative real or  $\infty$ ). The *Hausdorff*  $\infty^{13}$  on the space of closed subset is defined by

$$h(A, B) = \max(\eta_A(B), \eta_B(A)).$$

Its restriction to the space of compact subsets is a metric. If  $K$  is compact then the space of its closed subsets is compact.

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<sup>13</sup>We allow distance =  $+\infty$



Now we introduce the topology on  $\text{Mod}(V)$ . We say that  $R_j$  converges to  $R$  if for each  $l$  we have a convergence  $B(p^l) \cap R_j \rightarrow B(p^l) \cap R$  in the sense of Hausdorff metric. Notice that this convergence is metrized, a (non-canonical) metric is given by

$$d(L, M) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (2p)^{-j} h(L \cap B(p^j), M \cap B(p^j)).$$

**Lemma 3.1** a) *The space  $\text{Mod}(V)$  is compact with respect to the Hausdorff topology.*

b) *The space  $\text{Lat}(V)$  is a discrete dense subset in  $\text{Mod}(V)$ .*

Let us prove a). Choose a convergent subsequence from arbitrary sequence of submodules  $L_j$ . First, we choose a subsequence  $L_{j_k}$  such that  $L_{j_k} \cap B(p^0)$  converges. From the latter sequence we choose a subsequence such that intersections with  $B(p^1)$  converges. Etc.

**3.4. Analog of the radial limit.** We need an analog of the radial limit (1.8). Say that a sequence  $R_j$  of submodules *rigidly converges* to a submodule  $R$  (notation  $R_j \nearrow R$ ) if

(A) for any compact subset  $S \subset R$  we have  $S \subset R_j$  starting some place.

(B) for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , for sufficiently large  $j$  the set  $R_j$  is contained in the  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood of  $R$ .

EXAMPLE. Let  $V = \mathbb{Q}_p^2$ . Let  $R_j = p^{-k}\mathbb{Z}_p e_1 \oplus p^k\mathbb{Z}_p e_2$ . Then  $R_j$  rigidly converges to a line  $\mathbb{Q}_p e_1$ . Now let

$$S_j = \mathbb{Z}_p(p^{-k}e_1 + e_2) \oplus p^k\mathbb{Z}_p e_2.$$

Then  $S_j$  converges to the line  $\mathbb{Q}_p e_1$  in Hausdorff sense but not rigidly.  $\square$

Evidently, we can reformulate the condition (A) as

$$\eta_R(R_j) \rightarrow 0.$$

**Lemma 3.2** *The condition (B) is equivalent to*

$$\eta_{R^\diamond}(R_j^\diamond) \rightarrow 0.$$

PROOF. Let us equip  $V'$  by the dual norm. Let  $S, S_j \in V'$  and  $\eta_S(S_j) \rightarrow 0$ . For small  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have

$$S_j \subset S + B(\varepsilon). \quad (3.2)$$

Passing to the duals, we get

$$S_j^\diamond \supset S^\diamond \cap B(\varepsilon^{-1}). \quad (3.3)$$

But  $S^\diamond \cap B(\varepsilon^{-1})$  is an exhausting sequence of compact subsets in  $S^\diamond$ . Also, (3.3) implies (3.2).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3** *If  $R_j \nearrow R$ , then  $(R_j)_\downarrow \subset R_\downarrow$  and  $(R_j)^\uparrow \supset R^\uparrow$  starting some  $j$ .*

PROOF. The first claim. For sufficiently large  $k$  we have  $R \subset R_\downarrow + B(p^k)$ , also  $B(p^k) + B(\varepsilon) = B(p^k)$  for  $\varepsilon \leq p^k$ . Therefore for a large  $j$  we have

$$R_\downarrow + B(p^k) \supset R_j \supset (R_j)_\downarrow$$

But a subspace, which is contained in a tube neighborhood of a subspace  $R_\downarrow$ , is contained in  $R_\downarrow$ .

The second claim. We consider a compact subset  $K \subset R$  generating  $R^\uparrow$  as a  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -subspace. Then  $(R_j)^\uparrow$  contains  $K$  for sufficiently large  $j$  and therefore  $(R_j)^\uparrow \supset R^\uparrow$ .  $\square$

In particular, a  $\nearrow$ -convergent sequence of linear subspaces is eventually constant.

**Lemma 3.4** a) *Let  $L \subset V$  be a linear subspace. If  $R_j \nearrow R$ , then  $(L \cap R_j) \nearrow (L \cap R)$ .*

b) *Let  $M \subset V$  be a linear subspace, denote by  $\pi$  the natural map  $V \rightarrow V/M$ . If  $R_j \nearrow R$  then  $\pi(R_j) \nearrow \pi(R)$ .*

PROOF. a) Only condition **(B)** requires a proof, i.e., for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N$  such that for  $j \geq N$

$$R_j \cap L \subset (R \cap L) + B(\varepsilon).$$

It is easy to shown that there is a basis  $e_m$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_p^n$  such that  $R$  has canonical form (3.1) and  $L$  is a linear span of several basis elements. Then for sufficiently big  $N$  we have

$$(R + p^N \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p e_j) \cap L \subset (R \cap L) + p^N \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p e_j.$$

Passing from the basis  $e_m$  to the standard basis in  $\mathbb{Q}_p^n$  we get

$$(R + B(\delta)) \cap L \subset (R \cap L) + B(C\delta),$$

where  $C = C(R, L)$  is a constant. Now we take  $\delta = \varepsilon/C$  and choose number  $k$ , starting which  $R_j \subset R + B(\delta)$ .

b) follows from a) by the duality.  $\square$

REMARK.  $\nearrow$ -convergence is not metrizable.  $\boxtimes$

## B. Bruhat–Tits buildings

**3.5. Self-dual modules.** For details, see [9], Sections 10.6–10.7. Consider a  $p$ -adic linear space  $V \simeq \mathbb{Q}_p^{2n}$  equipped with a nondegenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form  $B_V(\cdot, \cdot)$  (as above). We say that a subspace  $L$  is *isotropic* if  $B_V(v, w) = 0$  for all  $v, w \in L$ . By  $\text{LGr}(V)$  we denote the set of all maximal isotropic (*Lagrangian*) subspaces in  $V$  (their dimensions =  $n$ ).

By  $L^\perp$  we denote the ortho-dual of a subspace  $L$ , i.e set of all vectors  $w$  such that  $B_V(v, w) = 0$  for all  $v \in L$ .

If  $P$  is a submodule, denote by  $P^\perp$  the *dual submodule*, i.e., the set of vectors  $w$  such that  $B(v, w) \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  for all  $v \in P$ . If  $P$  is a subspace, then  $P^\perp = P^\perp$ .

We say that a submodule  $R \subset V$  is *isotropic* if  $B_V(v, w) \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  for all  $v, w \in R$ .

EXAMPLE. If  $R$  is a linear subspace, then  $R$  is isotropic in the usual sense. On the other hand, the lattice  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{2n}$  is isotropic (and self-dual, see below).  $\square$

We say that a submodule  $R$  is *self-dual* if it is a maximal isotropic submodule in  $V$ . Equivalently,  $P^\perp = P$ . Denote by  $\text{LMod}(V)$  the set of all self-dual submodules in  $V$ , by  $\text{LLat}(V)$  the set of all self-dual lattices. It is easy to show that  $\text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  acts on  $\text{LLat}(V)$  transitively and

$$\text{LLat}(V) = \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q}_p) / \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

**Lemma 3.5** a) *For any self-dual submodule  $R$  the subspace  $R_\downarrow$  is isotropic, and  $R^\uparrow$  is the ortho-dual of  $R_\downarrow$ .*

b) *Let  $L$  ranges in the set of isotropic subspaces. Denote by  $\pi : L^\perp \rightarrow L^\perp / L$  the natural projection map. Any self-dual submodule  $R$  has the form  $\pi^{-1}S$ , where  $S$  is a self-dual lattice in  $L^\perp / L$ .*

c) *The unique  $\text{Sp}(V)$ -invariant of a self-dual module  $R$  is  $\dim R_\downarrow$ .*

These statement is obvious.

Sometimes it is convenient to reformulate a definition of an isotropic module. Define a bicharacter  $\beta$  on  $V \times V$  by

$$\beta(x, y) = \exp\{2\pi i B(x, y)\}. \quad (3.4)$$

We say that a module  $P$  is *isotropic* if  $\beta(x, y) = 1$  on  $P \times P$ .

**3.6. Almost self-dual modules.** Let  $V$  and  $B$  be same as above. A submodule  $L$  in  $V$  is *almost self-dual* if it contains a self-dual module  $M$  and  $B(v, w) \in p^{-1}\mathbb{Z}_p$  for all  $v, w \in L$  (see, e.g., [8], Section 10.6). Notice that  $L/M \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^k$  with  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

**Lemma 3.6** a) *Any almost self-dual module can be reduced by a symplectic transformation to the form*

$$\begin{aligned} & (p^{-1}\mathbb{Z}_p e_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p e_{n+1}) \oplus \cdots \oplus (p^{-1}\mathbb{Z}_p e_k \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p e_{n+k}) \oplus \\ & \oplus (\mathbb{Z}_p e_{k+1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p e_{n+k+1}) \oplus \cdots \oplus (\mathbb{Z}_p e_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p e_{n+m}) \oplus \\ & \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p e_{m+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p e_n. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

b) *The only  $\text{Sp}(V)$ -invariants of an almost self-adjoint module  $R$  are  $\dim R_\downarrow$  and the number  $k$  (rank of an Abelian group  $R/S$ , where  $S$  is a self-dual submodule in  $R$ ). For almost self-dual lattices the only  $\text{Sp}(V)$ -invariant is the volume of  $R$ , it is equal  $p^{-k}$ .*

**3.7. Graph  $\Delta(V)$ .** Consider a  $p$ -adic linear space  $V$  equipped with a nondegenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form  $B$  as above. We draw an oriented graph  $\Delta(V)$ . Vertices are almost self-dual modules in  $V$ . If  $R \supset R'$ , then we draw an arrow from  $R$  to  $R'$ .

If  $R, R'$  are connected by an arrow, then  $R_\downarrow = (R')_\downarrow$  and  $R^\uparrow = (R')^\uparrow$ .

Any pair of lattices can be connected by a (non-oriented) way. Denote the subgraph whose vertices are all lattices by  $\Delta_0(V)$ .

More generally, fix an isotropic subspace  $L$  and consider the subgraph  $\Delta_L(V)$  whose vertices are almost self-dual modules  $R$  such that  $R_\downarrow = L, R^\uparrow = L^\perp$ . We get a connected subgraph, moreover

$$\Delta_L(V) \simeq \Delta_0(L^\perp/L).$$

By definition,

$$\Delta(V) = \bigsqcup_{L \text{ is isotropic subspace}} \Delta_L(V).$$

If  $L \subset M$ , then  $\Delta_M$  is contained in the closure of  $\Delta_L$  in the sense of  $\nearrow$ -convergence.

**3.8. Bruhat–Tits buildings,** for details, see [42], [8]. Now we consider all  $k$ -plets of vertices of  $\Delta(V)$  that are pairwise connected by edges. For any such  $k$ -plet we draw a  $(k-1)$ -simplex with given vertices and edges. Faces of a simplex correspond to subsets of the  $k$ -plet. Thus we get a simplicial complex, denote it by  $\text{Bd}(V)$ .

Consider the subgraph  $\Delta_0$ . It can be shown that  $k \leq n+1$  and each simplex is contained in an  $n$ -dimensional simplex. In this way we get a structure of an  $n$ -dimensional simplicial complex, it is called a *Bruhat–Tits building*. We denote it by  $\text{Bd}_0(V)$ .

For a subgraph  $\Delta_L$  we get a simplicial complex  $\text{Bd}_L(V)$  isomorphic to  $\text{Bd}(L^\perp/L)$ .

Below we use term '*distinguished boundary of a building*' for the Lagrangian Grassmannian, this is an counterpart of Shilov boundary.

### C. Relations and Nazarov category

**3.9. Relations.** Let  $V, W$  be linear spaces. We say that a *relation*  $P : V \rightrightarrows W$  is a submodule in  $V \oplus W$ .

EXAMPLE. Let  $A : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear operator. Then its graph is a relation.  $\boxtimes$

Let  $P : V \rightrightarrows W, Q : W \rightrightarrows Y$  be relations. We define their product  $S = QP : V \rightrightarrows Y$  as the set of all  $v \oplus y \in V \oplus Y$  for which there exists  $w \in W$  such that  $v \oplus w \in P, w \oplus y \in Q$ .

For a relation  $P : V \rightrightarrows W$  we define its *kernel*  $\ker P \subset V$  as

$$\ker P = P \cap (V \oplus 0),$$

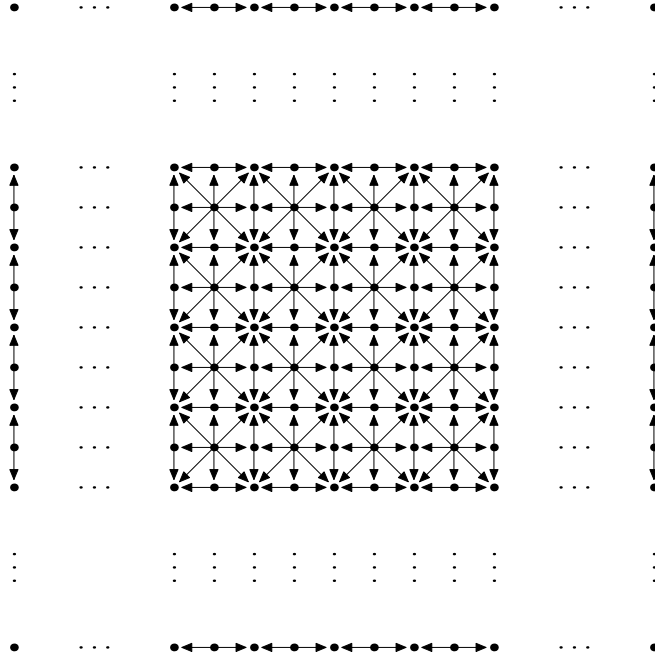


Figure 1: A reference to Subsections 3.4, 3.6. A subcomplex ('apartment') of the building  $\text{Bd}(\mathbb{Q}_p^4)$  corresponding to lattices of the form  $R_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus R_4$ , where  $R_j$  is a submodule in the line  $\mathbb{Q}_p e_j$ .

1) Vertices of the central piece of the subcomplex are almost self-dual lattices of the form  $L = p^{k_1} \mathbb{Z}_p e_1 \oplus p^{k_2} \mathbb{Z}_p e_2 \oplus p^{l_1} \mathbb{Z}_p e_3 \oplus p^{l_2} \mathbb{Z}_p e_4$ . They are almost self-dual iff  $k_1 + l_1, k_2 + l_2$  are 0 or  $-1$ .

2) Four boundary pieces. Each piece corresponds to almost self-dual submodules containing a line  $\mathbb{Q}_p e_j$ , where  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . For instance, for  $j = 1$  such submodules have a form  $M = \mathbb{Q}_p e_1 \oplus p^{m_2} \mathbb{Z}_p e_2 \oplus p^{l_2} \mathbb{Z}_p e_4$ , where  $m_2 + l_2 = 0, 1$ . A sequence of lattices  $\nearrow$ -converges to  $M$  only if  $k_1 \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $k_2 = m_2$  starting some place.

3) Four extreme points correspond to Lagrangian planes spanned by pairs of vectors  $(e_1, e_2), (e_1, e_4), (e_2, e_3), (e_3, e_4)$ . A sequence of lattices  $\nearrow$ -converges to  $\mathbb{Q}_p e_1 \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p e_4$  iff  $k_1 \rightarrow +\infty, k_2 \rightarrow -\infty$ .

the *indefiniteness*  $\text{indef } P \subset W$ ,

$$\text{indef } P = P \cap (0 \oplus W),$$

the *domain of definiteness*

$$\text{dom } P = \text{projection of } P \text{ to } V,$$

and the *image*

$$\text{im } P = \text{projection of } P \text{ to } W.$$

We define the *pseudo-inverse* relation  $P^\square : W \rightrightarrows V$  being the same submodule in  $W \oplus V \simeq V \oplus W$ . Evidently,

$$(PQ)^\square = Q^\square P^\square.$$

**3.10. The definition of product. A reformulation.** We keep the same notation. Consider the space  $\mathcal{Z} := V \oplus W \oplus W \oplus Y$  and following submodules of  $\mathcal{Z}$ :

- the subspace  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of vectors  $v \oplus w \oplus w \oplus y$ ;
- the subspace  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of vectors  $0 \oplus w \oplus w \oplus 0$ ;
- the submodule  $P \oplus Q \subset (V \oplus W) \oplus (W \oplus Y)$ .

Then we do the following operations:

- take the intersection  $R = \mathcal{H} \cap (P \oplus Q)$ ;
- take the map  $\theta : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}/\mathcal{A} \simeq V \oplus Y$ .

Then  $QP = \theta(R)$ .

**3.11. Action on  $\text{Mod}(V)$ .** Let  $P : V \rightrightarrows W$  be a relation,  $T$  be a submodule in  $V$ . We define the submodule  $PT \subset W$  as the set of  $w \in W$  such that there is  $v \in T$  satisfying  $v \oplus w \in P$ .

REMARK. We can consider a submodule  $T \subset V$  as a relation  $0 \rightrightarrows V$ . Therefore we can regard  $PT : 0 \rightrightarrows W$  as the product of relations  $T : 0 \rightrightarrows V$  and  $Q : V \rightrightarrows W$ .  $\square$

**3.12. The Nazarov category.** For a pair  $V, W$  of symplectic linear spaces we define a skew-symmetric bilinear form  $B^\ominus$  on  $V \oplus W$  by

$$B^\ominus(v \oplus w, v' \oplus w') = B_V(v, v') - B_W(w, w').$$

Denote by

- $\overline{\text{Naz}}(V, W)$  the set of all self-dual submodules of  $V \oplus W$ ;
- $\text{Naz}(V, W)$  the set of  $P \in \overline{\text{Naz}}(V, W)$  such that  $\ker P$  and  $\text{indef } P$  are compact.

**Theorem 3.7** *Let  $P \in \overline{\text{Naz}}(V, W)$ , let  $T$  be a self-dual submodule in  $V$ . Then the submodule  $PT \subset W$  is self-dual.*

In [9], Theorem 10.7.2, the same statement is established under slightly stronger condition  $P \in \text{Naz}(V, W)$ . In fact, a proof remains valid for  $P \in \overline{\text{Naz}}(V, W)$ .

**Theorem 3.8** a) *If  $P \in \text{Naz}(V, W)$ ,  $Q \in \text{Naz}(W, Y)$ , then  $QP \in \text{Naz}(V, Y)$ .*  
 b) *If  $P \in \overline{\text{Naz}}(V, W)$ ,  $Q \in \overline{\text{Naz}}(W, Y)$ , then  $QP \in \overline{\text{Naz}}(V, Y)$ .*  
 c) *If  $P \in \text{Naz}(V, W)$ ,  $Q \in \text{Naz}(W, Y)$  are lattices, then  $QP$  is a lattice.*

The statement a) was proved in Nazarov [33] (see also [9], Section 10.7), c) is obvious. The statement b) is a corollary of Theorem 3.7, see [9], Subsection 10.7.4.

Thus we get two similar categories<sup>14</sup>,  $\text{Naz}$  and  $\overline{\text{Naz}}$ . *The group of automorphisms of an object  $V$  is the symplectic group  $\text{Sp}(V, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  (for both categories), an operator  $V \rightarrow V$  is symplectic iff its graph is isotropic with respect to the form  $B^\ominus$ .*

For  $P \in \overline{\text{Naz}}(V, W)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\ker P)^\perp &= \text{dom } P, & (\text{indef } P)^\perp &= \text{im } P \\ ((\ker P)_\downarrow)^\perp &= (\text{dom } P)^\uparrow, & ((\text{indef } P)_\downarrow)^\perp &= (\text{im } P)^\uparrow, \end{aligned}$$

### 3.13. Action of the Nazarov category on buildings.

**Proposition 3.9** a) *Let  $P \in \text{Naz}(V, W)$ , let  $T$  be an almost-self-dual lattice. Then  $PT \subset W$  is an almost self-dual lattice.*  
 b) *Let  $P \in \overline{\text{Naz}}(V, W)$ , let  $T$  be an almost-self-dual submodule. Then  $PT \subset W$  is an almost self-dual submodule.*

The statement a) is [9], Proposition 10.7.5, a proof remains to be valid for the statement b) also.

Now, let  $\Xi, \Sigma$  be simplicial complexes, let  $\text{Vert}(\Xi), \text{Vert}(\Sigma)$  be their sets of vertices. We say, that a map<sup>15</sup>  $\text{Vert}(\Xi) \rightarrow \text{Vert}(\Sigma)$  is *simplicial*, if for any simplex  $\Delta \subset \Xi$  images of its vertices are contained in one simplex of  $\Sigma$ . Notice, that we can extend a simplicial map to a map of complexes  $\Xi \rightarrow \Sigma$  assuming that a map is affine on each face.

The following statement is a corollary of Proposition 3.9.

**Theorem 3.10** a) *A morphism  $P \in \text{Naz}(V, W)$  induces simplicial map*

$$\text{Bd}(V) \rightarrow \text{Bd}(W)$$

*sending*

$$\text{Bd}_0(V) \rightarrow \text{Bd}_0(W).$$

<sup>14</sup>The Nazarov category is an analog of Krein–Shmulian type categories, see [8], [9]

<sup>15</sup>generally, non-injective.

b) A morphism  $P \in \overline{\mathbf{Naz}}(V, W)$  induces a simplicial map  $\mathrm{Bd}(V) \rightarrow \mathrm{Bd}(V)$ , sending  $\mathrm{Bd}(V)$  to

$$\mathrm{Bd}(V) \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{\substack{M \text{ is isotropic subspace in } W \\ M \supset \mathrm{indef}(P)_\downarrow}} \mathrm{Bd}[M^\perp/M]. \quad (3.6)$$

REMARK. The map  $T \rightarrow PT$  is contractive in an essentially stronger sense, see [43].  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11** *Let  $P \in \overline{\mathbf{Naz}}(V, W)$ . The induced map  $\mathrm{Bd}(V) \rightarrow \mathrm{Bd}(W)$  is  $\nearrow$ -continuous, i.e., for a convergent sequence  $T_j \nearrow T$  of almost self-dual modules, we have  $PT_j \nearrow PT$ .*

PROOF. We evaluate  $PT_j$  according procedure described in Subsection 3.10. By Lemma 3.4, both steps of the evaluation are continuous.  $\square$

#### D. Weil representation

The Weil representation is used below only in Section 7.

**3.14. Extended Nazarov category.** Now we add to the Nazarov category an infinite-dimensional object  $V_{2\infty}$ . This is the space of vectors

$$(x_1^+, x_2^+, \dots, x_1^-, x_2^-, \dots), \quad \text{where } x_j^\pm \in \mathbb{Q}_p \text{ and } x_j^\pm \in \mathbb{Z}_p \text{ for almost all } j.$$

Notice that  $V_{2\infty}$  is not a  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -linear space but is a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module.

We introduce a bicharacter  $\beta(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $V_{2\infty} \oplus V_{2\infty}$  by

$$\beta(x, y) = \exp \left[ 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (x_j^+ y_j^- - x_j^- y_j^+) \right] := \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \exp \{ 2\pi i (x_j^+ y_j^- - x_j^- y_j^+) \}.$$

Notice that almost all factors of the product equal to 1. The sum in square brackets defining a symplectic form is not well defined, more precisely it is well defined modulo  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Objects of the *extended Nazarov category*  $\mathbf{Naz}$  are

- finite-dimensional spaces  $V$  equipped with skew-symmetric non-degenerate bilinear forms  $B_V$  and with the corresponding bicharacters  $\beta_V$ , see (3.4);
- the space  $V_{2\infty}$ .

Let  $V, W$  be two objects. We equip their direct sum with a bicharacter

$$\beta_{V \oplus W}(v \oplus w, v' \oplus w') = \frac{\beta_V(v, v')}{\beta_W(w, w')}.$$

A *morphism of the category*  $\mathbf{Naz}$  is a self-dual submodule  $P \subset V \oplus W$  such that  $\ker P$  and  $\mathrm{indef} P$  are compact.



- Group  $\mathbf{Sp}(2\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  of automorphisms of  $V_{2\infty}$  consists of  $2\infty \times 2\infty$  matrices  $r = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  such that
- all but a finite number of matrix elements are integer;
  - matrix elements  $a_{ij}, b_{ij}, c_{ij}, d_{ij}$  tend to 0 as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  for fixed  $j$ ; also they tend to 0 as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  for fixed  $i$ ;
  - matrices  $r$  are symplectic in the usual sense,

$$r^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = r \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} r^t.$$

**3.15. Heisenberg groups.** For the sake of simplicity, set  $p > 2$ . Denote by  $\mathbb{T}_p \subset \mathbb{C}^\times$  the group of complex roots of unity of degrees  $p, p^2, p^3, \dots$ . Let  $V$  be an object of the extended Nazarov category. We define the Heisenberg group  $\text{Heis}(V)$  as a central extension of the Abelian group  $V$  by  $\mathbb{T}_p$  in the following way. As a set,  $\text{Heis}(V) \simeq V \times \mathbb{T}_p$ . The multiplication is given by

$$(v, \lambda) \cdot (w, \mu) = (v + w, \lambda\mu \cdot \beta_V(v, w)).$$

Decompose  $V = V_+ \oplus V_-$  as in (2.1). For a finite dimensional  $V$  we define a unitary representation  $\Psi$  of  $\text{Heis}(V)$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$  by the formula

$$\Psi(v^+ \oplus v^-, \lambda) f(x) = \lambda f(x + v^+) \exp\left\{2\pi i \left( \sum v_j^+ x_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum v_j^+ v_j^- \right)\right\}. \quad (3.7)$$

Next, consider the space  $\mathcal{E}_\infty$  consisting of sequences  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots)$  such that  $|z_j| \leq 1$  for all but a finite number of  $j$ . This space is an Abelian locally compact group, it admits a Haar measure. On the open subgroup  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\infty \subset \mathcal{E}_\infty$ , the Haar measure is a product of probability Haar measures on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . The whole space  $\mathcal{E}_\infty$  is a countable disjoint union of sets  $u + \mathbb{Z}_p^\infty$ .

We define the representation of the group  $\text{Heis}(V_{2\infty})$  in  $L^2(\mathcal{E}_\infty)$  by the same formula (3.7).

**3.16. The Weil representation of the Nazarov category. Formal definition.** See [33], [34], for finite-dimensional case, see [9], Chapter 11.

**Theorem 3.12** *For a  $2n$ -dimensional object of the category  $\mathbf{Naz}$  we assign the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}(V) := L^2(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ . For the object  $V_{2\infty}$ , we assign the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}(V_{2\infty}) := L^2(\mathcal{E}_\infty)$ .*

a) *Let  $V, W$  be objects of  $\mathbf{Naz}$ . Let  $P : V \rightrightarrows W$  be a morphism of category  $\mathbf{Naz}$ . Then there is a unique up to a scalar factor bounded operator*

$$\text{We}(P) : \mathcal{H}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(W)$$

*such that*

$$\Psi(w, 1)\text{We}(P) = \text{We}(P)\Psi(v, 1) \quad \text{for all } v \oplus w \in P.$$

b) Let  $V, W, Y$  be objects of  $\mathbf{Naz}$ . Let  $P : V \rightrightarrows W, Q : W \rightrightarrows Y$  be morphisms of  $\mathbf{Naz}$ . Then

$$\text{We}(Q)\text{We}(P) = s \cdot \text{We}(QP),$$

where  $s = s(P, Q) \in \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a nonzero scalar. In other words, we get a projective representation of the category  $\mathbf{Naz}$ . Also,

$$\text{We}(P^\square) = t \cdot \text{We}(P)^*, \quad t \in \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

For symplectic groups  $\text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q}_p) = \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q}_p^{2n})$  the representation  $\text{We}(g)$  coincides with the Weil representation.

### 3.17. Explicit formulas for operators for some morphisms.

1) Let  $V = W$  and  $P$  be a graph of a symplectic operator. There are simple formulas for some special symplectic matrices:

$$\text{We} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A^{t-1} \end{pmatrix} f(z) = |\det A|^{1/2} f(zA); \quad (3.8)$$

$$\text{We} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & B \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} f(z) = \exp\{\pi izBz^t\};$$

$$\text{We} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(x) \exp\{2\pi izx^t\} dx.$$

Any element of  $\text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  can be represented as a product of matrices of such forms, this allows to write an explicit formula for  $\text{We}(g)$  for any element  $g \in \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

Denote by  $I(x)$  the function on  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  defined by

$$I(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| \leq 1; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Next, we need some special non-invertible morphisms.

2) Let  $V = \mathbb{Q}_p^{2n}, W = V \oplus Y$ , where  $Y = \mathbb{Q}_p^{2n}$  or  $V_{2\infty}$ . Denote by  $Y(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  the lattice  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{2n}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{2\infty}$  respectively. Denote by

$$\lambda_W^V : V \rightrightarrows W$$

the direct sum of the graph  $\text{graph}(1_V)$  of the unit operator  $1_V : V \rightarrow V$  and the lattice  $Y(\mathbb{Z}_p) \subset Y$ . Then

$$\text{We}(\lambda_W^V) f(v_1, \dots, v_n, y_1, y_2, \dots) = f(v_1, \dots, v_n) I(y_1) I(y_2) \dots$$

3) Preserving the previous notation denote by

$$\theta_W^V : W \rightrightarrows W$$

the direct sum

$$\text{graph}(1_V) \oplus (Y(\mathbb{Z}_p) \oplus Y(\mathbb{Z}_p)) \subset (V \oplus V) \oplus (Y \oplus Y).$$

Then

$$\theta_W^V = \lambda_W^V (\lambda_W^V)^*, \quad (\theta_W^V)^2 = \theta_W^V, \quad (\lambda_W^V)^* \lambda_W^V = 1_V. \quad (3.9)$$

The operator  $\text{We}(\theta_W^V)$  is the orthogonal projection to the space of functions of the form

$$f(v_1, \dots, v_n) I(y_1) I(y_2) \dots$$

**3.18. General case.** Any morphism of the category **Naz** can be represented as a product of morphisms of the types described above. Moreover, for finite dimensional  $V, W$ , any  $P : V \rightrightarrows W$  can be represented as

$$P = (\lambda_Z^W)^* \cdot g \cdot \lambda_Z^V, \quad g \in \text{Sp}(Z),$$

where  $Z$  is sufficiently large ( $\dim Z \geq 2 \max(\dim V, \dim W)$ ). In fact, the same decomposition holds for morphisms  $Q : V_{2\infty} \rightarrow V_{2\infty}$ , any  $Q$  can be represented as

$$Q = \theta_{V_{2\infty} \oplus V_{2\infty}}^{V_{2\infty}} \cdot g \cdot \theta_{V_{2\infty} \oplus V_{2\infty}}^{V_{2\infty}}, \quad g \in \text{Sp}(V_{2\infty} \oplus V_{2\infty}).$$

## 4 Characteristic function

Here we define characteristic functions of double cosets  $\mathbf{K} \backslash \mathbf{G} / \mathbf{K}$  and formulate several theorems. Proofs are in the next section.

**4.1. Construction.** Consider the group

$$\text{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p) := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \text{GL}(\alpha + kj, \mathbb{Q}_p).$$

Let  $g \in \text{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  actually be contained in  $\text{GL}(\alpha + km, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & \dots & b_k \\ c_1 & d_{11} & \dots & d_{1k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_k & d_{k1} & \dots & d_{kk} \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GL}(\alpha + km, \mathbb{Q}_p). \quad (4.1)$$

We write the following equation (this is an analog of (1.5), the analogy is important)

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ y_1^+ \\ \vdots \\ y_k^+ \\ v^- \\ y_1^- \\ \vdots \\ y_k^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & \dots & b_k & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ c_1 & d_{11} & \dots & d_{1k} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_k & d_{k1} & \dots & d_{kk} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & a & b_1 & \dots & b_k \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & c_1 & d_{11} & \dots & d_{1k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & c_k & d_{k1} & \dots & d_{kk} \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \begin{pmatrix} u^+ \\ x_1^+ \\ \vdots \\ x_k^+ \\ u^- \\ x_1^- \\ \vdots \\ x_k^- \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.2)$$

Here  $u^\pm, v^\pm \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha$  and  $x_j^\pm, y_j^\pm \in \mathbb{Q}_p^m$ .

Before the exploring of this identity as (1.5), we need some preparations.

Define 3 spaces,  $\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H}, \ell_m$ :

1) Denote  $\mathcal{V} := \mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha$ . We regard  $u = u^+ \oplus u^-, v = v^+ \oplus v^-$  as elements of  $\mathcal{V}$ . Equip  $\mathcal{V}$  with the standard skew-symmetric bilinear form  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

2) Denote

$$\mathcal{H} := \mathcal{H}^+ \oplus \mathcal{H}^- = \mathbb{Q}_p^k \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p^k \quad (4.3)$$

and equip this space with the standard skew-symmetric bilinear form.

3) Denote by  $\ell_m$  the space  $\mathbb{Q}_p^m$  equipped with the standard symmetric bilinear form

$$(z, w) = \sum z_j w_j.$$

We regard  $x_j^\pm, y_j^\pm$  as elements of this space.

Consider the tensor product  $\mathcal{H} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \ell_m$ , vectors

$$(x_1^+ \ \dots \ x_k^+ \ x_1^- \ \dots \ x_k^-), \quad (y_1^+ \ \dots \ y_k^+ \ y_1^- \ \dots \ y_k^-)$$

are regarded as elements of  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m$ . We equip  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m$  with the tensor product of bilinear forms, this form is a skew-symmetric with matrix<sup>16</sup>

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & 1_m & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1_m \\ -1_m & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & -1_m & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus the operator in (4.2) is an operator

$$\mathcal{V} \oplus (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m) \rightarrow \mathcal{V} \oplus (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m)$$

We equip the spaces  $\mathcal{V} \oplus (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m)$  with a skew-symmetric bilinear form that is a direct sum of forms in  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m$ . The matrix of this form is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ -1_\alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1_{km} \\ 0 & 0 & -1_{km} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Evidently, operators (4.2) preserve this form, i.e., they are contained in  $\text{Sp}(2(\alpha + km), \mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

Now we start a description of characteristic functions.

<sup>16</sup>A tensor product of a symmetric and a skew-symmetric bilinear forms is a skew-symmetric bilinear form.

For any self-dual module  $Q \subset \mathcal{H}$  we consider the self-dual module

$$Q \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^m \subset \mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m.$$

Notice, that  $Q \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  is a direct sum of  $m$  copies of  $Q$ .

**Definition 4.1** Fix  $g$ . Fix self-dual submodules  $Q, T \subset \mathcal{H}$ . We define a relation

$$\chi_g(Q, T) : \mathcal{V} \rightrightarrows \mathcal{V}$$

as the set of all  $u \oplus v \in \mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V}$  for which there exist  $x \in Q \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p^m, y \in T \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  such that (4.2) holds.

#### 4.2. An auxiliary definition.

**Definition 4.2** We say that some property of a double coset holds in a general position if for any sufficiently large  $m$  the set of points  $g \in \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + km, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ , where the property does not hold, is a proper algebraic subvariety in  $\mathrm{GL}(\alpha + km, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

#### 4.3. Basic properties of characteristic functions.

**Lemma 4.3**  $\chi_g(Q, T)$  does not depend on a choice of  $m$ .

**Theorem 4.4** If  $g_1, g_2$  are contained in the same double coset  $\mathbf{K} \backslash \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}$ , then  $\chi_{g_1}(Q, T) = \chi_{g_2}(Q, T)$ .

Thus, for any double coset  $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathbf{K} \backslash \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}$  we get a well-defined map

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g}} : \mathrm{LMod}(\mathcal{H}) \times \mathrm{LMod}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \left\{ \text{space of relations } \mathcal{V} \rightrightarrows \mathcal{V} \right\}.$$

Therefore, we can write

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T), \quad \text{where } \mathfrak{g} \in \mathbf{K} \backslash \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}.$$

We say that  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the *characteristic function* of the double coset  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Theorem 4.5**  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T) \in \overline{\mathrm{Naz}}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{V})$ .

**Theorem 4.6** The following identity holds

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{h}}(Q, T) = \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T) \chi_{\mathfrak{h}}(Q, T),$$

in the right-hand side we have a product of relations

**4.4. Refinement of Theorem 4.5.** Fix a double coset  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Substituting  $x^\pm = 0, y^\pm = 0$  to the equation (4.2), we get an equation for  $u \oplus v \in \mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V}$ . The explicit form (see equation (5.3)) is

$$\begin{cases} v^+ = au^+ \\ 0 = c_j u^+, & \text{for all } j \\ u^- = a^t v^- \\ 0 = b_j^t v^-, & \text{for all } j \end{cases} \quad (4.4)$$

Denote by  $\Lambda(\mathfrak{g}) \subset \mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V}$  the linear subspace of solutions of this system. Notice that

$$\ker \Lambda(\mathfrak{g}) = 0, \quad \text{indef } \Lambda(\mathfrak{g}) = 0$$

(since  $g$  is an invertible matrix).

For  $\mathfrak{g}$  being in a general position  $\Lambda(\mathfrak{g}) = 0$ .

**Proposition 4.7** a) For any self-dual  $Q, T \in \text{LMod}(\mathcal{H})$ ,

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)_{\downarrow} \supset \Lambda(\mathfrak{g}), \quad \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)_{\uparrow} \subset \Lambda(\mathfrak{g})^{\perp}.$$

b) If  $Q, T$  are self-dual lattices, then

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)_{\downarrow} = \Lambda(\mathfrak{g}), \quad \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)_{\uparrow} = \Lambda(\mathfrak{g})^{\perp}.$$

**Corollary 4.8** For  $\mathfrak{g}$  being in a general position, we get a map

$$\text{LLat}(\mathcal{H}) \times \text{LLat}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \text{LLat}(\mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V}).$$

**4.5. Values of characteristic functions on the distinguished boundary.**

**Theorem 4.9** Let  $Q, T$  range in the Lagrangian Grassmannian  $\text{LGr}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then

a)  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)$  is a Lagrangian subspace in  $\mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V}$ .

b) The map

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g}} : \text{LGr}(\mathcal{H}) \times \text{LGr}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \text{LGr}(\mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V})$$

is rational.

c) For  $\mathfrak{g}$  being in a general position,  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T) \in \text{Sp}(\mathcal{V}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  a.s. on  $\text{LGr}(\mathcal{H}) \times \text{LGr}(\mathcal{H})$ .

A precise description of the subset of  $\mathbf{K} \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}$ , where the last property holds, is given below in Subsection 5.9.

There is a more exotic statement in the same spirit.

**Proposition 4.10** For all  $\mathfrak{g}$  for almost all  $(Q, T) \in \text{LGr}(\mathcal{H}) \times \text{LGr}(\mathcal{H})$ , the condition  $(u^+ \oplus u^-) \oplus (v^+ \oplus v^-) \in \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)$  can be written as an equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ u^- \end{pmatrix} = Z(Q, T) \begin{pmatrix} v^- \\ u^+ \end{pmatrix}$$

there  $Z(Q, T)$  is a symmetric matrix.

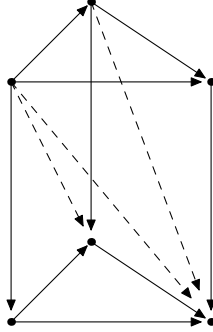


Figure 2: A reference to Subsection 4.6. A product of two simplices and additional arrows.

Point out that this can be done for all  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Proposition 4.11** *Let*

$$\mathfrak{g}_1, \mathfrak{g}_2 \in \mathbf{K} \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p) \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$$

*be contained in the same double coset*

$$\mathbf{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p) \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p),$$

*then the restrictions of  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}_1}$  and  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}_2}$  to  $\mathrm{LGr}(\mathcal{H}) \times \mathrm{LGr}(\mathcal{H})$  coincide.*

**4.6. Extension of characteristic function to buildings.** Next, consider two almost self-dual submodules  $Q, T$  and apply to them the definition of characteristic function  $\chi_Q, \chi_T$ .

**Proposition 4.12** *If  $Q, T$  are almost self-dual modules, then  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)$  is almost self-dual.*

Now we construct an oriented graph  $\Delta(\mathcal{H} \rtimes \mathcal{H})$ . Vertices are ordered pairs  $(Q, T)$  of almost self-dual submodules in  $\mathcal{H}$ . We draw an arrow from  $(Q, T)$  to  $(Q', T')$  if  $Q \supset Q', T \supset T'$ .

Consider the product of simplicial complexes  $\mathrm{Bd}(\mathcal{H}) \times \mathrm{Bd}(\mathcal{H})$ . It is polyhedral complex, whose cells are products of simplices. Two vertices (of this complex)  $(Q, T)$  and  $(Q', T')$  are connected by an arrow if  $Q \supset Q'$  and  $T = T'$  or  $Q = Q'$  and  $T \supset T'$ . However, our rule from the previous paragraph produces more arrows, this provides a simplicial partition of each product of simplices (see, e.g., [44], Section 3.B). Finally, we get a  $2k$ -dimensional simplicial complex  $\mathrm{Bd}(\mathcal{H} \rtimes \mathcal{H})$  (it also is a subcomplex of the complex  $\mathrm{Bd}(\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H})$ ).

Let  $\Phi, \Psi$  be two oriented graphs, assume that number of edges connecting any pair of vertices is  $\leq 1$ . We say that a map  $\sigma : \mathrm{Vert}(\Phi) \rightarrow \mathrm{Vert}(\Psi)$  is a *morphism of graphs* if for any arrow  $a \rightarrow b$  in  $\Phi$  we have  $\sigma(a) = \sigma(b)$  or there is an arrow  $\sigma(a) \rightarrow \sigma(b)$ .

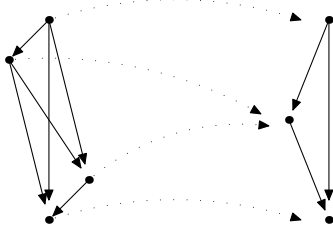


Figure 3: A reference to Subsection 4.6. A morphism of oriented graphs

**Theorem 4.13** *A characteristic function  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is a morphism of oriented graphs*

$$\Delta(\mathcal{H} \rtimes \mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \Delta(\mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V}). \quad (4.5)$$

#### 4.7. Continuity.

**Theorem 4.14** *Let  $Q_j, Q, T_j, T$  be almost self-dual modules. If  $Q_j \nearrow Q, T_j \nearrow T$ , then*

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q_j, T_j) \nearrow \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T).$$

Notice that characteristic function can be discontinuous with respect to the Hausdorff convergence. Moreover, the restriction of  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}$  to  $\text{LGr}(\mathcal{H}) \times \text{LGr}(\mathcal{H})$  can be discontinuous in the topology of Grassmannian.

#### 4.8. Involution.

**Proposition 4.15** *If  $u \oplus v \in \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)$ , then  $v \oplus u \in \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(T, Q)$ .*

**4.9. Additional symmetry.** For a nonzero  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times = \mathbb{Q}_p$ , we define an operator  $M(\lambda)$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  given by  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ , by the same symbol we denote the operator  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$  in the space  $\mathcal{V}$ .

**Theorem 4.16**

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(M(\lambda)Q, M(\lambda)T) = M(\lambda^{-1})\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)M(\lambda).$$

**4.10. Remark. Another semigroup of double cosets.** Consider the group  $\tilde{\mathbf{G}} = \text{Sp}(2\alpha + 2k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  of symplectic matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  of size  $(\alpha + k\infty) + (\alpha + k\infty)$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{G}} \supset \mathbf{G}$ . Consider its subgroup  $\mathbf{G} = \text{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  consisting of matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & g^{t-1} \end{pmatrix}$ , consider the same  $\mathbf{K} = \text{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p) \subset \text{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Consider the semigroup of double cosets  $\mathbf{K} \backslash \tilde{\mathbf{G}} / \mathbf{K}$ , the multiplication is determined as in Theorem 2.1.



We define characteristic function  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)$  in the same way, in formula (4.2) instead the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & g^{t-1} \end{pmatrix}$  we write a symplectic matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{Sp}(2\alpha + 2k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

**Theorem 4.17** *All the statements of this section hold for  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)$  except Theorem 4.16 and Proposition 4.10<sup>17</sup>.*

## 5 Proofs

**5.1. Independence of representatives.** To shorten expressions, set  $k = 2$ . Let  $h \in \mathrm{O}(m, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ , let  $\mathfrak{I}(h)$  be given by (2.2). Then characteristic function of  $g\mathfrak{I}(h)$  is determined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ y_1^+ \\ y_2^+ \\ v^- \\ y_1^- \\ y_2^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1h & b_2h & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_1 & d_{11}h & d_{12}h & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_2 & d_{21}h & d_{22}h & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a & b_1h & b_2h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_1 & d_{11}h & d_{12}h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_2 & d_{21}h & d_{22}h \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \begin{pmatrix} u^+ \\ x_1^+ \\ x_2^+ \\ u^- \\ x_1^- \\ x_2^- \end{pmatrix}.$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ y_1^+ \\ y_2^+ \\ v^- \\ y_1^- \\ y_2^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_1 & d_{11} & d_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_2 & d_{21} & d_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a & b_1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_1 & d_{11} & d_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_2 & d_{21} & d_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \begin{pmatrix} u^+ \\ hx_1^+ \\ hx_2^+ \\ u^- \\ hx_1^- \\ hx_2^- \end{pmatrix}.$$

We introduce new variables  $\tilde{x}_1^\pm = hx_1^\pm$ ,  $\tilde{x}_2^\pm = hx_2^\pm$  and come to the equation for  $\chi_g$ . Notice that modules  $Q \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  are invariant with respect to  $\mathrm{O}(m, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ .

**5.2. Proof of Proposition 4.11.** Proof is the same, we only take  $h \in \mathrm{O}(m, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ . If  $Q \subset \mathcal{H}$  is a subspace, then  $Q \otimes \ell_m = Q \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p^m$  is a subspace, it is  $\mathrm{O}(m, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ -invariant.

**5.3. Reformulation of definition.** The equation (4.2) determines a linear subspace in

$$\left( \mathcal{V} \oplus (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m) \right) \oplus \left( \mathcal{V} \oplus (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m) \right).$$

We regard it as a linear relation

$$\xi : \left( (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m) \oplus (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m) \right) \rightleftharpoons (\mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V}).$$

Then  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is the image of the submodule

$$\eta_{Q, T} = (Q \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^m) \oplus (T \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^m)$$

<sup>17</sup>the system (4.4) also must be modified.

under  $\xi$ .

**5.4. Immediate corollaries.** The relation  $\xi$  is a morphism of the category  $\overline{\text{Naz}}$ . A module  $\eta_{Q,T}$  is self-dual. By Theorem 3.7 the module  $\xi \eta_{Q,T}$  is self-dual. Theorem 4.5 is proved.

The same argument implies Theorem 4.9.a and Proposition 4.12.

Also Lemma 4.3 became obvious.

**5.5. Continuity (Theorem 4.14).** We refer to Theorem 3.11.

**5.6. Products. Proof of Theorem 4.6.** To shorten notation, set  $k = 2$ . Let

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & b_2 \\ c_1 & d_{11} & d_{12} \\ c_2 & d_{21} & d_{22} \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GL}(\alpha + 2l, \mathbb{Q}_p), \quad h = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b'_1 & b'_2 \\ c'_1 & d'_{11} & d'_{12} \\ c'_2 & d'_{21} & d'_{22} \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GL}(\alpha + 2m, \mathbb{Q}_p).$$

Let  $v \oplus w \in \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T)$ ,  $u \oplus v \in \chi_{\mathfrak{h}}(Q, T)$ . Then there are  $x \in Q \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^m$ ,  $y \in T \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^m$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ y_1^+ \\ y_2^+ \\ v^- \\ y_1^- \\ y_2^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b'_1 & b'_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c'_1 & d'_{11} & d'_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c'_2 & d'_{21} & d'_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a' & b'_1 & b'_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c'_1 & d'_{11} & d'_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c'_2 & d'_{21} & d'_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \begin{pmatrix} u^+ \\ x_1^+ \\ x_2^+ \\ u^- \\ x_1^- \\ x_2^- \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5.1)$$

Also there are  $X \in Q \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^l$ ,  $Y \in T \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^l$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} w^+ \\ Y_1^+ \\ Y_2^+ \\ w^- \\ Y_1^- \\ Y_2^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_1 & d_{11} & d_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_2 & d_{21} & d_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a & b_1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_1 & d_{11} & d_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_2 & d_{21} & d_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ X_1^+ \\ X_2^+ \\ v^- \\ X_1^- \\ X_2^- \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5.2)$$

We write (5.2) as

$$\begin{pmatrix} w^+ \\ Y_1^+ \\ y_1^+ \\ Y_2^+ \\ y_2^+ \\ w^- \\ Y_1^- \\ y_1^- \\ Y_2^- \\ y_2^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & 0 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_1 & d_{11} & 0 & d_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_2 & d_{21} & 0 & d_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a & b_1 & 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_1 & d_{11} & 0 & d_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_2 & d_{21} & 0 & d_{22} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ X_1^+ \\ y_1^+ \\ X_2^+ \\ y_2^+ \\ v^- \\ X_1^- \\ y_1^- \\ X_2^- \\ y_2^- \end{pmatrix}.$$

Applying (5.1) we come to

$$\begin{pmatrix} w^+ \\ Y_1^+ \\ y_1^+ \\ Y_2^+ \\ y_2^+ \\ w^- \\ Y_1^- \\ y_1^- \\ Y_2^- \\ y_2^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & 0 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_1 & d_{11} & 0 & d_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_2 & d_{21} & 0 & d_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a & b_1 & 0 & b_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_1 & d_{11} & 0 & d_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_2 & d_{21} & 0 & d_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \times \begin{pmatrix} a' & 0 & b'_1 & 0 & b'_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c'_1 & 0 & d'_{11} & 0 & d'_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c'_2 & 0 & d'_{21} & 0 & d'_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a' & 0 & b'_1 & 0 & b'_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c'_1 & 0 & d'_{11} & 0 & d'_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c'_2 & 0 & d'_{21} & 0 & d'_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \begin{pmatrix} u^+ \\ X_1^+ \\ x_1^+ \\ X_2^+ \\ x_2^+ \\ u^- \\ X_1^- \\ x_1^- \\ X_2^- \\ x_2^- \end{pmatrix}$$

Now

$$X \oplus x \in Q \otimes (\mathbb{Z}_p^l \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p^m), \quad Y \oplus y \in T \otimes (\mathbb{Z}_p^l \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p^m),$$

and we get  $u \oplus w \in \chi_{\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{h}}(Q, T)$ . Thus,

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{h}}(Q, T) \supset \chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T) \chi_{\mathfrak{h}}(Q, T).$$

But both sides are self-dual, therefore they coincide.

**5.7. Morphisms of graphs (Theorem 4.13).** Consider the map

$$\text{LMod}(\mathcal{H}) \times \text{LMod}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \text{LMod}(\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m) \times \text{LMod}(\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m)$$

given by  $(Q, T) \mapsto (Q \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^m, T \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^m)$ .

**Lemma 5.1** *This map is a morphism of graphs*

$$\Delta(\mathcal{H} \rtimes \mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \Delta((\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m) \rtimes (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m)).$$

This statement is obvious.

Next, we have an embedding of complexes

$$\text{Bd}((\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m) \rtimes (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m)) \rightarrow \text{Bd}((\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m) \oplus (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m)).$$

On the other hand, the linear relation  $\xi$  is a morphism of the category Naz. Therefore it induces a morphism of graphs  $\Delta((\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m) \oplus (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m)) \rightarrow \Delta(\mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V})$ , see [9], Proposition 10.7.6.

**5.8. Proof of Proposition 4.7.** We have

$$\text{indef } \xi = \Lambda(\mathfrak{g}).$$

Therefore  $\Lambda(\mathfrak{g}) \subset \xi \eta_{Q,T} \subset \Lambda(\mathfrak{g})^\perp$ . This is the statement a) of Proposition 4.7.

Also, if  $R$  is a relation  $\mathcal{V} \rightrightarrows W$ ,  $Y \subset \mathcal{V}$  is a lattice, then  $(RY)_\downarrow = (\text{indef } R)_\downarrow$ . This implies b).

**5.9. Values on the distinguished boundary.** Now let  $Q, T$  be Lagrangian subspaces in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 4.10. Decompose  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_+ \oplus \mathcal{H}_- = \mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha \oplus \mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha$ . A Lagrangian subspace  $Q \subset \mathcal{H}$  of general position is a graph of an operator  $\mathcal{H}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^-$ , and matrix of this operator is symmetric (see, e.g., [9], Theorem 3.1.4). To shorten notation, set  $k = 2$ . The equation (4.2) can be written in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ y_1^+ \\ y_2^+ \\ u^- \\ t_{11}x_1^+ + t_{12}x_2^+ \\ t_{12}x_1^+ + t_{22}x_2^+ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_1 & d_{11} & d_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_2 & d_{21} & d_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a^t & c_1^t & c_2^t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_1^t & d_{11}^t & d_{21}^t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_2^t & d_{12}^t & d_{22}^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^+ \\ x_1^+ \\ x_2^+ \\ v^- \\ q_{11}y_1^+ + q_{12}y_2^+ \\ q_{12}y_1^+ + q_{22}y_2^+ \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5.3)$$

We denote

$$\varkappa := \begin{pmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{12} & q_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau := \begin{pmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} \\ t_{12} & t_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

and write (5.3) as

$$v^+ = au^+ + bx^+ \quad (5.4)$$

$$y^+ = cu^+ + dx^+ \quad (5.5)$$

$$u^- = a^t v^- + c^t \varkappa y^+ \quad (5.6)$$

$$\tau x^+ = b^t v^- + d^t \varkappa y^+. \quad (5.7)$$

We regard lines (5.5),(5.7) as a system of equations for  $x^+, y^+$ . The matrix of the system is

$$\Omega(\varkappa, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} -d & 1 \\ \tau & -d^t \varkappa \end{pmatrix}.$$

Evidently, the polynomial  $\det \Omega(\varkappa, \tau)$  is not zero. Indeed, fix  $\varkappa$  and take  $\tau = p^{-N} \cdot 1$ . If  $N$  is sufficiently large, then the determinant is  $\neq 0$ . Thus, outside the hypersurface

$$\det \Omega(\varkappa, \tau) = 0$$

we can express  $x^+$  and  $y^+$  as functions of  $u^+, v^-$ . After substitution of  $x^+, y^+$  to (5.4),(5.6), we get a dependence of  $u^-, v^+$  in  $u^+, v^-$ .  $\square$

This also proves Theorem 4.9.b (rationality of characteristic function).

PROOF THEOREM 4.9.C. Denote

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$$

and write the equation (4.2) in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ y_1^+ \\ y_2^+ \\ v^- \\ q_{11}y_1^+ + q_{12}y_2^+ \\ q_{12}y_1^+ + q_{22}y_2^+ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_1 & d_{11} & d_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_2 & d_{21} & d_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A^t & C_1^t & C_2^t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B_1^t & D_{11}^t & D_{21}^t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B_2^t & D_{12}^t & D_{22}^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^+ \\ x_1^+ \\ x_2^+ \\ u^- \\ t_{11}x_1^+ + t_{12}x_2^+ \\ t_{12}x_1^+ + t_{22}x_2^+ \end{pmatrix},$$

or

$$v^+ = au^+ + bx^+ \quad (5.8)$$

$$y^+ = cu^+ + dx^+ \quad (5.9)$$

$$v^- = A^t u^- + C^t \tau x^+ \quad (5.10)$$

$$y_+ = B^t u^- + D^t \tau x^+. \quad (5.11)$$

We consider lines (5.9), (5.11) as equations for  $y^+$ ,  $x^+$ . The matrix of the system is

$$\Xi(\varkappa, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -d \\ \varkappa & -D^t \tau \end{pmatrix}.$$

Its determinant equals

$$\det \Xi(\varkappa, \tau) = \det(-D^t \tau + \varkappa d).$$

If it is nonzero, we get a linear operator  $u \mapsto v$ . We come to the following statement:

**Proposition 5.2** *If there exists a pair of symmetric matrices  $\varkappa, \tau$  such that  $\det(-D^t \tau + \varkappa d) \neq 0$ , then  $\chi_g(Q, T) \in \text{Sp}(\mathcal{V}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  a.s. on  $\text{LGr}(\mathcal{H}) \times \text{LGr}(\mathcal{H})$ .*

**5.10. Involution. Proof of Proposition 4.15.** We write the defining relation for  $\chi_{g^{-1}}$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ y^+ \\ v^- \\ y^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^+ \\ x^+ \\ u^- \\ x^- \end{pmatrix},$$

represent this in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} u^+ \\ x^+ \\ u^- \\ x^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 \\ c & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{t-1} \\ 0 & 0 & \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ y^+ \\ v^- \\ y^- \end{pmatrix}$$

and come to desired statement.

**5.11. Proof of Theorem 4.16.** We write (4.2) as

$$\begin{pmatrix} u^+ \\ x^+ \\ u^- \\ x^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{-1} & & & \\ & \lambda^{-1} & & \\ & & \lambda & \\ & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 \\ c & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (a & b)^{t-1} \\ 0 & 0 & (c & d) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & & \\ & \lambda & & \\ & & \lambda^{-1} & \\ & & & \lambda^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v^+ \\ y^+ \\ v^- \\ y^- \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda u^+ \\ \lambda x^+ \\ \lambda^{-1} u^- \\ \lambda^{-1} x^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 \\ c & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (a & b)^{t-1} \\ 0 & 0 & (c & d) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda v^+ \\ \lambda y^+ \\ \lambda^{-1} v^- \\ \lambda^{-1} y^- \end{pmatrix}$$

**5.12. Another reformulation of the definition of characteristic functions.** Consider the space  $W = \mathcal{V} \oplus (\mathcal{H} \otimes \ell_m)$ . For any self-dual submodule  $Q \subset \mathcal{H}$ , consider the linear relation  $\Lambda : \mathcal{V} \rightrightarrows W$  defined by

$$\Lambda_Q = 1_{\mathcal{V}} \oplus (Q \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p^m) \subset (\mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V}) \oplus (Q \otimes \ell_m).$$

Then  $\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is a product of linear relations

$$\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(Q, T) = (\Lambda_T)^{\square} \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & g^{t-1} \end{pmatrix} \Lambda_Q.$$

## 6 Multiplicativity theorem

Theorem 2.2 (multiplicativity theorem) formulated above is a representative of wide class of theorems, their proofs are standard, below we refer to proofs [8], Chapter VIII.

### 6.1. Corners of orthogonal matrices.

**Lemma 6.1** *Let  $A$  be a  $m \times m$  matrix with elements  $\in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Then there exists  $N$  and a matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in O(m + N, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ .*

PROOF. Denote by  $\mathbf{B}_m$  the set of all possible  $m \times m$  left upper corners of matrices  $g \in O(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ .

1) The set  $\mathbf{B}_m$  is closed with respect to matrix products. Indeed, let

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in O(m + N, \mathbb{Z}_p), \quad \begin{pmatrix} A' & B' \\ C' & D' \end{pmatrix} \in O(m + N', \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B & 0 \\ C & D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A' & 0 & B' \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ C' & 0 & D' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} AA' & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \in O(m + N + N', \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

2) If  $A \in \mathbf{B}_m$ ,  $A' \in \mathbf{B}_n$ , then  $\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A' \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{B}_{m+n}$ .

3) It is more-or-less clear that for any  $z \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  we have

$$(z) \in \mathbf{B}_1, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & z \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ z & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{B}_2.$$

4)  $\mathbf{B}_m$  contains matrices of permutations.

Now we can produce any matrix with integer elements.  $\square$

**6.2. Admissible representations.** Denote by  $\mathbf{K}_m$  the subgroup in  $\mathbf{K}$  consisting of matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 1_m & 0 \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$ .

Let  $\tau$  be a unitary representation of  $\mathbf{K}$  in a Hilbert space  $H$ . Denote by  $H(m)$  the subspace of  $\mathbf{K}_m$ -fixed vectors. Denote by  $P(m)$  the operator of orthogonal projection to  $H(m)$ . We say, that  $\tau$  is *admissible* if  $\cup_m H(m)$  is dense in  $H$ .

We say, that a representation of  $\mathbf{G}$  is  *$\mathbf{K}$ -admissible* if its restriction to  $\mathbf{K}$  is admissible.

**6.3. Continuation of representations.** Denote by  $\mathbf{B}_\infty$  the semigroup of all infinite matrices  $A$  such that:

- a)  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ ;
- b) for each  $i$  the sequence  $a_{ij}$  tends to 0 as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ ; for each  $j$  the sequence  $a_{ij}$  tends to 0 as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ .

We say that a sequence of matrices  $A^{(j)} \in \mathbf{B}_\infty$  weakly converges to  $A$  if we have convergence of each matrix element,  $a_{kl}^{(j)} \rightarrow a_{kl}$ .

Denote by  $\mathbf{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  the group of all orthogonal matrices  $\in \mathbf{B}_\infty$ .

**Lemma 6.2** *The group  $\mathbf{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  is dense in  $\mathbf{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  and in  $\mathbf{B}_\infty$ .*

PROOF. Let  $S \in \mathbf{B}_\infty$ . Consider its left upper corner of size  $m \times m$ . Consider  $g_m \in \mathbf{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  having the same left upper corner. Then  $g_m$  weakly converges to  $S$ ,  $\square$

**Theorem 6.3** a) *Let  $\tau$  be a unitary representation of  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- $\tau$  is admissible;
- $\tau$  admits a weakly continuous extension to the group  $\mathbf{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ;
- $\tau$  admits a weakly continuous extension to a representation  $\tilde{\tau}$  of the semigroup  $\mathbf{B}_\infty$  such that  $\tilde{\tau}(A^t) = \tilde{\tau}(A)^*$ ,  $\|\tilde{\tau}(A)\| \leq 1$  for all  $A$ .

b) *For an admissible representation  $\tau$ ,*

$$P(m) = \tilde{\tau} \begin{pmatrix} 1_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This is a statement in the spirit of [24]. We omit a proof, since it is a one-to-one repetition of proof of [8], Theorem VIII.1.4 about symmetric groups (admissibility implies semigroup continuation), the only new detail is Lemma 6.1). Admissibility follows from continuity by [8], Proposition VIII.1.3.

**Corollary 6.4** *Denote*

$$\Theta_N^{(m)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1_m & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1_N & 0 \\ 0 & 1_N & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1_\infty \end{pmatrix}.$$

The projector  $P(m)$  is a weak limit of the sequence

$$P(m) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \tau(\Theta_N^{(m)}). \quad (6.1)$$

PROOF. The sequence  $\Theta_N^{(m)} \in O(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  weakly converges to the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{B}_\infty$ . We refer to the statement b) of the theorem.  $\square$

**6.4. Proof of Theorem 2.2.** We keep the notation of Subsection 2.3. Let  $v \in H^{\mathbf{K}}$ ,  $g \in G_j = \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + km, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ , let  $q \in \mathbf{K}_j$ . Then

$$\rho(q)\rho(g)v = \rho(g)\rho(q)h = \rho(g)h,$$

i.e.,  $v \in H(j)$ . Thus the subspace  $\cup_j H(j)$  is  $\mathbf{G}$ -invariant. Its closure is an admissible representation of  $\mathbf{G}$ . In  $(\cup_j H(j))^\perp$  Theorem 2.2 holds by a trivial reason (the space of fixed vectors  $\mathbf{K}$  is zero).

Thus, without loss of generality we can assume that  $\rho$  is admissible.

Now let  $g, h \in \mathbf{G}$ , let  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h} \in \mathbf{K} \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}$  be the corresponding double cosets. Let  $P = P(0)$  be the projector to  $\mathbf{K}$ -fixed vectors. Applying Corollary 6.4, we obtain

$$\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g})\bar{\rho}(h) = P\rho(g)P\rho(h) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P\rho(g)\rho(\mathfrak{J}(\Theta_N^{(0)}))\rho(h) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P\rho(g\mathfrak{J}(\Theta_N)h),$$

here  $\mathfrak{J} : \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$  is the embedding (2.2). By the definition  $(\Theta_N^{(0)})$  is  $\Theta_N$  from Subsection 2.3), we get  $\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{h})$ .

**6.5. Variation of construction. Train.** We can define multiplication of double cosets

$$\mathbf{K}_p \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}_q \times \mathbf{K}_q \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}_r \rightarrow \mathbf{K}_p \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}_r.$$

In the definition of product of double cosets (Subsection 2.2), we simply change  $\Theta_N$  by  $\Theta_N^{(q)}$ . An explicit formula of the product is the same (2.4). Thus we get a category (*train*  $\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{K})$  of the pair  $(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{K})$ ).

Next, for any unitary representation  $\rho$  of the group  $\mathbf{G}$ , a double coset  $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathbf{K}_p \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}_q$  determines an operator  $\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g}) : H(q) \rightarrow H(p)$  by the formula

$$\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g}) := P(q)\rho(g), \quad g \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

For any

$$\mathfrak{g} \in \mathbf{K}_p \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}_q \quad \mathfrak{h} \in \mathbf{K}_q \setminus \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}_r,$$



the following identity holds

$$\rho(\mathfrak{g})\rho(\mathfrak{h}) = \rho(\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{h}),$$

i.e., we get a representation of the category  $\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{K})$ . Also,

$$\rho(\mathfrak{g}^*) = \rho(\mathfrak{g})^*, \quad \|\rho(\mathfrak{g})\| \leq 1. \quad (6.2)$$

Also it can be shown that

**Theorem 6.5** *This construction is a bijection between the set of  $\mathbf{K}$ -admissible unitary representations of  $\mathbf{G}$  and the set of representations of the category  $\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{K})$  satisfying (6.2).*

We omit a proof, since it is the same as in [16].  $\square$

Also the construction of characteristic functions and their properties survive for double cosets  $\mathbf{K}_p \backslash \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{K}_q$ .

## 7 Representations of the group $\mathbf{G}$

**7.1. Existence of representations.** Let

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b_1 & \dots & b_k \\ c_1 & d_{11} & \dots & d_{1k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_k & d_{k1} & \dots & d_{kk} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p).$$

Consider embedding  $\mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(2(\alpha + k\infty), \mathbb{Q}_p)$  given by

$$\iota : g \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & g^{t-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

For any

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & \dots & r_{12n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{2n\ 1} & \dots & r_{2n\ 2n} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{Sp}(2k, \mathbb{Q}_p)$$

consider the matrix  $\sigma(r) = 1_{2\alpha} \oplus (r \otimes 1_\infty)$ ,

$$\sigma(r) := \begin{pmatrix} 1_\alpha & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_{11} \cdot 1_\infty & \dots & 0 & r_{1k} \cdot 1_\infty \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & r_{11} \cdot 1_\infty & \dots & 0 & r_{1k} \cdot 1_\infty \end{pmatrix}$$

This matrix is not contained in  $\mathrm{Sp}(2(\alpha + k\infty), \mathbb{Q}_p)$ , because it is not finitary. However, the map

$$q \mapsto \sigma(r^{-1})q\sigma(r) \quad (7.1)$$

is an outer automorphism of  $\mathrm{Sp}(2(\alpha + k\infty), \mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Emphasize that this automorphism fixes the subgroup  $\mathbf{K} = \mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ .

We consider the representation  $\rho_r$  of  $\mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  given by the formula

$$\rho_r(g) = \mathrm{We}(\sigma(r^{-1})\iota(g)\sigma(r)),$$

where  $\mathrm{We}(\cdot)$  is the Weil representation, see Subsection 3.16.

Recall that the Weil representation is projective.

**Lemma 7.1** *The representation  $\rho_r$  is equivalent to a linear representation, i.e., there is a function (a trivalizer)  $\gamma : \mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  such that  $\gamma(g)\rho_r(g)$  is a linear representation.*

PROOF. First, the restriction of the Weil representation of  $\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  to  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  is linear, see (3.8). Therefore, restricting the Weil representation to each finite-dimensional group  $G_j = \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + kj, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  we get a representation equivalent to a linear representation (for finite-dimensional groups the automorphism (7.1) is inner). Denote by  $\gamma_j(g)$  the trivalizer for  $G_j$ . Ratio  $\gamma(g)_j/\gamma(g)_{j+1}$  of two trivalizers is a character  $G_j \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ . All characters of  $G_j \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  has the form  $\varphi(\det h)$ , where  $\varphi$  is a character  $\mathbb{Q}^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ . Correcting  $\gamma_{j+1}(g) \mapsto \gamma_{j+1}(g)\psi(\det g)$ , we can assume that  $\gamma_{j+1}(g) = \gamma_j(g)$  on  $G_j$ .

In this way we choose a trivalizer  $\gamma$  on the whole group  $\mathbf{G}$ . Restriction of  $\gamma$  to  $\mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  must be a character on  $\mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ . The only non-trivial character is  $\det(u) = \pm 1$ . We change the trivalizer  $\gamma(g)$  to  $\det(g)\gamma(g)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 7.2** *In the model of Subsection 3.16, the subspace  $L^2(\mathcal{E}_{\alpha+k\infty})^{\mathbf{K}}$  of  $\mathbf{K}$ -fixed vectors of  $\rho_r$  coincides with the space of functions of the form*

$$f(z_1, \dots, z_\alpha)I(z_{\alpha+1})I(z_{\alpha+2})\dots$$

PROOF. Without loss of generality, we can set  $\alpha = 0$ . We regard  $\mathcal{E}_{k\infty}$  as the space of  $\infty \times k$  matrices  $Z = \{z_{ij}\}$  with elements in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  (all but a finite number of matrix elements are in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ). The group  $\mathbf{K} = \mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  acts by left multiplications

$$\mathrm{We}(u)f(Z) = f(Zu).$$

We must show that  $\prod_{ij} I(z_{ij})$  is a unique  $\mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ -invariant function in  $L^2(\mathcal{E}_{k\infty})$ . Equivalently,  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{k\infty}$  is a unique invariant subset of finite positive measure.

The group  $\mathrm{O}(\infty, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  contains the group  $S(\infty)$  of finitely supported permutations of the set  $\mathbb{N}$ . According zero-one law (see, e.g., [45], §4.1), the action of  $S(\infty)$  on the set  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{k\infty} \subset \mathcal{E}_{k\infty}$  is ergodic. Let  $\Omega \subset \mathcal{E}_{k\infty}$  be an invariant set. Let  $\xi \in \mathcal{E}_{k\infty} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_p^{k\infty}$ . Assume that the measure of the set  $\Omega \cap (\xi + \mathbb{Z}_p^{k\infty})$  is non-zero, say  $\nu_0$ . Since  $\Omega$  is  $S(\infty)$ -invariant, for any  $\mathfrak{s} \in S(\infty)$ , the set  $\Omega \cap (\xi\mathfrak{s} + \mathbb{Z}_p^{k\infty})$  has the same measure  $\nu_0$ . However there is a countable number of disjoint sets of the form  $\xi\mathfrak{s} + \mathbb{Z}_p^{k\infty}$ , therefore the measure of  $\Omega$  is infinite.  $\square$

**Corollary 7.3** *Let  $\alpha = 0$ . Then the representation  $\rho_r$  contains a unique irreducible  $\mathbf{K}$ -spherical representation of  $\mathbf{G}$ .*

PROOF. We take the  $\mathbf{G}$ -cyclic span of the unique  $\mathbf{K}$ -fixed vector.  $\square$

Next, consider the subgroup  $\mathrm{GL}(1, \mathbb{Q}_p) \subset \mathrm{Sp}(2k, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  consisting of matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda \cdot 1_k & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^{-1} \cdot 1_k \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$ .

**Lemma 7.4** *If  $r, r' \in \mathrm{Sp}(2k, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  are contained in the same double coset*

$$\mathrm{GL}(1, \mathbb{Q}_p) \backslash \mathrm{Sp}(2k, \mathbb{Q}_p) / \mathrm{Sp}(2k, \mathbb{Z}_p),$$

*then  $\rho_r \simeq \rho_{r'}$ .*

PROOF. First, if  $q \in \mathrm{GL}(1, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ , then the automorphism (7.1) fixes the subgroup  $\mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

Second, if  $t \in \mathrm{Sp}(2k, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ , then  $\sigma(t)$  is contained in the group  $\mathbf{Sp}$  of automorphisms of the infinite object of the Nazarov category. Therefore the operator  $\mathrm{We}(\sigma(t))$  is well-defined, it intertwines  $\rho_r$  and  $\rho_{rt}$ .  $\square$

**7.2. Relation of characteristic functions and representations.** By Lemma 7.2, we can identify the space of  $\mathbf{K}$ -fixed vectors of  $\rho_r$  and the space of the Weil representation of  $\mathrm{Sp}(2\alpha, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

**Theorem 7.5** *The representation of the semigroup  $\mathbf{K} \backslash \mathbf{G} / \mathbf{K}$  in the space of  $\mathbf{K}$ -fixed vectors of  $\rho_r$  is given by the formula*

$$\bar{\rho}_r(\mathfrak{g}) = s \cdot \mathrm{We}(\chi_{\mathfrak{g}}(r\mathbb{Z}_p^{2k}, r\mathbb{Z}_p^{2k})), \quad s \in \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

PROOF. We use the notation and statements of Subsection 3.16. Let  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  be the same as in Section 4. Let  $Y = \mathcal{V}_{2k\infty}$ ,  $W = \mathcal{V} \oplus Y$ . The operator of projection  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V} \oplus Y)$  to  $\mathcal{H}(V \oplus Y)^{\mathbf{K}} \simeq \mathcal{H}(V)$  is  $\mathrm{We}(\theta_W^V)$ . Therefore

$$\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g}) = s' \cdot \mathrm{We}(\theta_W^V) \mathrm{We}(\sigma(r^{-1})\iota(g)\sigma(r)) \mathrm{We}(\theta_W^V)$$

as an operator  $L^2(\mathcal{E}_{\alpha+k\infty})^{\mathbf{K}} \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{E}_{\alpha+k\infty})^{\mathbf{K}}$ . The operator

$$\mathrm{We}(\lambda_W^V) : L^2(\mathbb{Q}_p^\alpha) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{E}_{\alpha+k\infty})$$

is an operator of isometric embedding, the image is  $\mathcal{H}(V \oplus V_{2k\infty})^{\mathbf{K}}$ . Therefore we can write  $\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g})$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{g}) &= s'' \cdot \mathrm{We}(\lambda_W^V)^* \mathrm{We}(\theta_W^V) \mathrm{We}(\sigma(r^{-1})\iota(g)\sigma(r)) \mathrm{We}(\theta_W^V) \mathrm{We}(\lambda_W^V) = \\ &= s''' \cdot \mathrm{We}(\lambda_W^V)^* \mathrm{We}(\sigma(r^{-1})\iota(g)\sigma(r)) \mathrm{We}(\lambda_W^V) = \\ &= s'''' \cdot \mathrm{We} \left[ (\lambda_W^V)^* \sigma(r^{-1})\iota(g)\sigma(r) \lambda_W^V \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (7.2)$$

Next,  $\sigma(r)\lambda_W^V : V \rightrightarrows V \oplus Y$  is a direct sum of  $1_V \subset V \oplus V$  and the lattice in  $Y$  given by

$$\sigma(r)Y(\mathbb{O}) = \sigma(r)(H(\mathbb{O}) \otimes \mathbb{O}^\infty) = (rH(\mathbb{O})) \otimes \mathbb{O}^\infty.$$

We apply Subsection 5.12 for the expression in square brackets in (7.2).

**7.3. A more general construction.** Consider the embedding

$$\iota : \mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(2l\alpha + 2lk\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$$

given by

$$g \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} g & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & g & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & g^{t-1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & g^{t-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

This is a  $2l \times 2l$  block matrix, each block of this matrix has size  $(\alpha + k\infty) \times (\alpha + k\infty)$ .

Next, for a matrix  $r \in \mathrm{Sp}(2kl, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  we take

$$\sigma(r) := 1_{2\alpha l} \oplus (r \otimes 1_\infty)$$

and consider the representation of  $\mathrm{GL}(\alpha + k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  given by

$$\rho_r(g) = \mathrm{We}(\sigma(r)^{-1} \iota(g) \sigma(r)).$$

Set  $\alpha = 0$ . As above, each representation  $\rho_r$  of  $\mathbf{G} = \mathrm{GL}(k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  contains a unique  $\mathbf{K}$ -spherical subrepresentation.

**Conjecture 7.6** *Any  $\mathbf{K}$ -spherical representation of  $\mathrm{GL}(k\infty, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  is a subrepresentation in  $\varphi(\det(g)) \rho_r(g)$ , where  $\varphi = \varphi_r : \mathbb{Q}_p^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a character. Representations  $\rho_r$  are parametrized by the set*

$$\bigcup_l \mathrm{GL}(l, \mathbb{Q}_p) \backslash \mathrm{Sp}(2kl, \mathbb{Q}_p) / \mathrm{Sp}(2kl, \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

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