

# The Dictionary of Representations \*

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## 1 Parametrizing characters

### 1.1 Parametrizing characters of real tori

Let  $T$  be a torus over  $\mathbb{C}$ , with Cartan involution  $\theta$ , and  $T(\mathbb{R})$  the corresponding real torus, i. e., the fixed points of the Galois action obtained by composing  $\theta$  with inversion and complex conjugation. We parametrize continuous characters  $\pi$  of  $T(\mathbb{R})$  by pairs  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ , where  $\lambda = d\pi \in \mathfrak{t}^*$ , and  $\kappa \in X^*(T)$ , and satisfying

$$\lambda - {}^\vee\theta(\lambda) = \kappa - {}^\vee\theta(\kappa). \quad (1)$$

Two pairs  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  and  $(\lambda', \kappa')$  parametrize the same character if and only if

$$\lambda = \lambda' \text{ and } \kappa = \kappa' + (\eta + {}^\vee\theta(\eta)) \text{ for some } \eta \in X^*(T). \quad (2)$$

The parameter  $\kappa$  may be obtained from  $\pi$  by extending the restriction  $\pi|_{T(\mathbb{R})_c}$  of  $\pi$  to the compact part of the torus to an algebraic character of the complex torus  $T$ . This extension is in general not unique. (This ambiguity is reflected in condition (2).)

**Example 1** Let  $T = \mathbb{C}^\times \times \mathbb{C}^\times$ . Then  $\mathfrak{t}^* \simeq \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}$ , and  $X^*(T) \simeq \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ . Consider  $\theta$  given by  $\theta(t_1, t_2) = (t_1, t_2^{-1})$ , so that  $T(\mathbb{R}) = S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^\times$ . If  $\lambda = (z_1, z_2)$  and  $\kappa = (k_1, k_2)$ , then condition (1) says that  $(2z_1, 0) = (2k_1, 0)$ , or  $z_1 = k_1$ . If  $\eta = (n_1, n_2) \in X^*(T)$ , then  $\eta + {}^\vee\theta(\eta) = (0, 2n_2)$ , so condition (2) says that only the parity of  $k_2$  matters for  $\pi$ . Given  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  as specified, the character  $\pi$  is then given by

$$\pi(e^{i\varphi}, r) = e^{ik_1\varphi} |r|^{z_2} \operatorname{sgn}(r)^{k_2} \text{ for } \varphi \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } r \in \mathbb{R}^\times. \quad (3)$$

**Example 2** Again let  $T = \mathbb{C}^\times \times \mathbb{C}^\times$ , but this time let  $\theta$  be given by  $\theta(t_1, t_2) = (t_2, t_1)$ , so that  $T(\mathbb{R}) = \{(t, \bar{t}^{-1}) : t \in \mathbb{C}^\times\} \simeq \mathbb{C}^\times$ . Now  ${}^\vee\theta(\lambda) = (-z_2, -z_1)$ , so condition (1) says  $z_1 + z_2 = k_1 + k_2$ , and (2) implies that the character depends on the sum  $k_1 + k_2$ , rather than the individual values  $k_1, k_2$ . The character  $\pi$  is now given by

$$\pi(re^{i\varphi}, r^{-1}e^{i\varphi}) = r^{z_1 - z_2} e^{i(k_1 + k_2)\varphi} = r^{z_1 - z_2} e^{i(z_1 + z_2)\varphi}. \quad (4)$$

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**Example 3** We still let  $T = \mathbb{C}^\times \times \mathbb{C}^\times$ , and change the Cartan involution once again, to  $\theta(t_1, t_2) = (t_2^{-1}, t_1^{-1})$ . Now  $T(\mathbb{R}) = \{(t, \bar{t}) : t \in \mathbb{C}^\times\} \simeq \mathbb{C}^\times$ , and  ${}^\vee\theta(\lambda) = (z_2, z_1)$ . This time, condition (1) says  $z_1 - z_2 = k_1 - k_2$ , and the character will depend on the difference  $k_1 - k_2$ , rather than the individual values. The character  $\pi$  is given by

$$\pi(re^{i\varphi}, re^{-i\varphi}) = r^{z_1+z_2} e^{i(k_1-k_2)\varphi} = r^{z_1+z_2} e^{i(z_1-z_2)\varphi}. \quad (5)$$

## 1.2 Covers of real tori

We are also going to need to specify characters of covers of our real torus, in particular the  $\rho$  double cover. These covers are obtained as quotients of a canonical covering  $\tilde{T}(\mathbb{R})$  (see §5 of [3] for details). By definition,

$$\tilde{T}(\mathbb{R}) = \{X \in \mathfrak{t} : \exp(X) \in T(\mathbb{R})\} / (1 + \theta)\pi_1(T). \quad (6)$$

Here  $\pi_1(T)$  is the fundamental group of  $T$ ,  $\pi_1(T) = 2\pi i X_*(T)$ . The kernel of the covering map  $\tilde{T}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow T(\mathbb{R})$  is  $\pi_1(T)(\mathbb{R}) = \pi_1(T)/(1 + \theta)\pi_1(T)$ . The group of characters of the abelian group  $\pi_1(T)$  is naturally isomorphic with  ${}^\vee T$ , and the group of characters of  $\pi_1(T)(\mathbb{R})$  corresponds under this isomorphism to the  ${}^\vee\theta$ -fixed elements of  ${}^\vee T$ .

**Example 4** If  $T = \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a one-dimensional torus, then  $\pi_1(T) = 2\pi i\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , with character group  $\mathbb{C}^\times = {}^\vee T$ . Here  $z \in {}^\vee T$  corresponds to the character  $\chi_z$  given by  $\chi_z(k) = z^k$ .

If  $\theta = 1$  so that  $T(\mathbb{R}) = S^1$ , then  $\tilde{T}(\mathbb{R}) = i\mathbb{R}/4\pi i\mathbb{Z}$  (a two-fold cover), and  $\pi_1(T)(\mathbb{R}) = 2\pi i\mathbb{Z}/4\pi i\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . In this case,  $({}^\vee T)^{\vee\theta} = \{\pm 1\}$ , and the correspondence is easy:  $\chi_{-1}$  is the sign character, and  $\chi_1$  the trivial one.

Now let  $\theta$  be inversion, and  $T(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}^\times$ . Then  $\tilde{T}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R} + \pi i\mathbb{Z}$ , a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -fold cover, and  $\pi_1(T)(\mathbb{R}) = 2\pi i\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . The dual of this group is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^\times$  which coincides with  $({}^\vee T)^{\vee\theta}$  since  ${}^\vee\theta$  is trivial.

We partition the characters of  $\tilde{T}(\mathbb{R})$  according to their restriction to  $\pi_1(T)(\mathbb{R})$ ; for  $z \in ({}^\vee T)^{\vee\theta}$ , we denote by  $\Pi^z(T(\mathbb{R}))$  the set of characters of the canonical covering (or projective characters of our real torus) whose restriction to  $\pi_1(T)(\mathbb{R})$  is  $\chi_z$ . We call the quotient of  $\tilde{T}(\mathbb{R})$  by the kernel of  $\chi_z$  the cover of  $T(\mathbb{R})$  determined by  $z$ . If  $z$  has order 2 then this cover is a two-fold cover.

The set  $\Pi^z(T(\mathbb{R}))$  may be parametrized in a fashion that is quite analogous to the parametrization of the characters of the real torus in Section 1.1: let  $\xi \in \mathfrak{t}^*$  be such that  $z = \exp(2\pi i\xi)$ . Then an element  $\pi \in \Pi^z(T(\mathbb{R}))$  may be specified by a pair  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  with  $\lambda = d\pi \in \mathfrak{t}^*$  and  $\kappa \in \xi + X^*(T)$ , and satisfying the same compatibility condition (1) as for characters of  $T(\mathbb{R})$ . Similarly, condition (2) is necessary and sufficient for two such pairs to determine the same character.

**Example 5** To continue our example of one-dimensional tori, let  $T(\mathbb{R}) = S^1$ . The cover determined by  $z = 1$  is the trivial (one-fold) cover, and we get the true characters of the torus. The cover determined by  $z = -1$  is the canonical covering. We can choose  $\xi = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then characters (i. e., genuine characters of the double cover) are given by pairs  $(k, k)$  with  $k \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ . The corresponding character  $\pi$  is of course then defined by  $\pi(ix + 4\pi i\mathbb{Z}) = e^{ikx}$ .

To get a double cover of  $\mathbb{R}^\times$ , we'll pick  $z = -1$  again. Since  $\chi_{-1}(2\pi ik) = (-1)^k$ , the kernel of  $\chi_{-1}$  is  $4\pi i\mathbb{Z} \subset 2\pi i\mathbb{Z} = \pi_1(T)(\mathbb{R})$ , so the cover determined by  $-1$  is  $\mathbb{R} + \pi i\mathbb{Z}/4\pi i\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{R}_+^\times \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ . Elements of  $\Pi^{-1}(T(\mathbb{R}))$  are given by pairs  $(\lambda, k)$  with  $\lambda$  a complex number and  $k \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ . The corresponding character  $\pi$  is then given by  $\pi(r, x) = r^\lambda e^{\pi i x k}$  for  $r \in \mathbb{R}_+^\times$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

### 1.3 Parametrizing admissible homomorphisms of the Weil Group

Let  $T$  be a complex torus and  $\theta$  a Cartan involution specifying a real torus  $T(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  ${}^\vee T^\Gamma$  be the  $L$ -group of  $T(\mathbb{R})$ ; i. e.,  ${}^\vee T^\Gamma$  is the group generated by  ${}^\vee T$  and an element  ${}^\vee \delta \in {}^\vee T^\Gamma - {}^\vee T$  such that

$$({}^\vee \delta)^2 = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad {}^\vee \delta t {}^\vee \delta^{-1} = {}^\vee \theta(t) \quad \text{for } t \in {}^\vee T. \quad (7)$$

Recall that the Weil group  $W_{\mathbb{R}}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is the group generated by  $\mathbb{C}^\times$  and an element  $j$  satisfying  $j^2 = -1$  and  $jzj^{-1} = \bar{z}$  for  $z \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ . We want to parametrize admissible homomorphisms from the Weil group into  ${}^\vee T^\Gamma$ , up to conjugacy by  ${}^\vee T$  (on the image). These are continuous homomorphisms  $\phi$  such that  $\phi(\mathbb{C}^\times) \subset {}^\vee T$  and  $\phi(j) \in {}^\vee T^\Gamma - {}^\vee T$ . Such a map  $\phi$  may be specified by giving a homomorphism

$$\phi_0 : \mathbb{C}^\times \longrightarrow {}^\vee T \quad (8)$$

and an element

$$\phi(j) = t_\phi {}^\vee \delta \quad \text{with } t_\phi \in {}^\vee T. \quad (9)$$

Homomorphisms as in (8) are in one-one correspondence with pairs  $(\lambda, \mu)$  of elements of  $\mathfrak{t}^*$  such that  $\lambda - \mu \in X^*(T)$ . The homomorphism corresponding to such a pair is then defined by

$$\phi_0(\exp(z)) = \exp(z\lambda + \bar{z}\mu). \quad (10)$$

To specify  $\phi(j)$  we choose  $\tau \in \mathfrak{t}^*$  such that  $\exp(2\pi i\tau) = t_\phi$ . For these data to define a homomorphism we need to have  $\phi(j)\phi_0(z)\phi(j)^{-1} = \phi_0(\bar{z})$  and  $\phi(j)^2 = \phi_0(-1)$ . The first condition easily translates into

$$\mu = {}^\vee \theta(\lambda), \quad (11)$$

the second gives the condition

$$(\tau + {}^\vee \theta(\tau)) - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda - {}^\vee \theta(\lambda)) \in X^*(T). \quad (12)$$

Consequently,  $\phi$  is given by a pair  $(\lambda, \tau)$  of elements of  $\mathfrak{t}^*$  satisfying (12). Clearly,  $\tau$  is determined only up to an element of the character lattice  $X^*(T)$ .

The notion of an  $E$ -group is a generalization of that of the  $L$ -group. An  $E$ -group of a torus  $T$  as above is a group, also denoted by  ${}^\vee T^\Gamma$ , generated by  ${}^\vee T$  and an element  ${}^\vee \delta$  as above, but with  $({}^\vee \delta)^2 = z \in {}^\vee T$  not required to be the identity. It is not hard to modify the above parametrization to the more general case of an  $E$ -group determined by  $z \in {}^\vee T$ : let  $\xi \in \mathfrak{t}^*$  be such that  $\exp(2\pi i\xi) = z$ . Then an admissible homomorphism may be given by a pair  $(\lambda, \tau)$  of elements of  $\mathfrak{t}^*$  satisfying

$$(\tau + {}^\vee \theta(\tau)) - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda - {}^\vee \theta(\lambda)) \in \xi + X^*(T). \quad (13)$$

If  $z \in ({}^\vee T)^\vee{}^\theta$ , then there is a canonical one-one correspondence between the set  $\Pi^z(T(\mathbb{R}))$  of projective characters of the real torus associated to  $z$  as in Section 1.2 and the set of  ${}^\vee T$ -conjugacy classes of admissible homomorphisms  $\phi$  from the Weil group  $W_{\mathbb{R}}$  into the  $E$ -group of  $T(\mathbb{R})$  determined by  $z$ : if  $\pi \in \Pi^z(T(\mathbb{R}))$  is given by the pair  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  then the corresponding homomorphism  $\phi$  is given by  $(\lambda, -\frac{1}{2}\kappa)$  (this constitutes a correction of formula (4.8) of [3]). It is easy to check that the compatibility condition (13) is then satisfied, and that the inverse mapping is given by  $(\lambda, \tau) \mapsto (\lambda, \kappa)$  with

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda - {}^\vee \theta(\lambda)) - (\tau + {}^\vee \theta(\tau)). \quad (14)$$

## 2 Parametrizing Representations

### 2.1 Inducing Data

To specify a representation  $\pi$  using (real parabolic) inducing data, we write down a standard module which has our representation as an irreducible quotient, subrepresentation, or other kind of distinguished “Langlands” subquotient. Starting with a  $\theta$ -stable real torus  $T(\mathbb{R}) = T(\mathbb{R})_c A$  (with  $A = T(\mathbb{R})_s$  the split part of the real torus), we get a Levi subgroup  $MA$  of  $G$  with  $M = \text{Cent}_G(A)$ . The data then consist of a discrete series or limit of discrete series representation  $\delta$  of  $M$ , and a character  $\exp(\nu)$  of  $A$  with  $\nu \in \mathfrak{a}^*$  (usually just written  $\nu$ ). The unipotent radical  $N$  of our parabolic subgroup  $P = MAN$  can then be chosen so that the induced representation

$$X(\delta, \nu) = \text{Ind}_P^G(\delta \otimes \nu \otimes 1) \quad (15)$$

has our representation  $\pi$  as an irreducible quotient or subrepresentation; by choosing our Cartan as compact as possible, we can arrange for our standard module to have a *unique* irreducible quotient or subrepresentation  $\overline{X}(\delta, \nu) \simeq \pi$ . This is the idea of the *final* (as opposed to *regular*) limit characters,  $L$ -data, etc. We’ll mostly use only the final version, illustrating the difference with regular characters only in a few of the examples. We specify a limit of discrete series representation  $\delta$  of  $M$  by a triple  $(\lambda_0, \Psi, \tau_0)$ , where  $\lambda_0$  is the Harish-Chandra parameter of  $\delta$ ,  $\Psi$  system of positive roots making  $\lambda_0$  dominant, and  $\tau_0$  a character of the center of  $M$ .

In our examples, we follow Fokko’s lead and fix a complex torus  $T$  (whenever possible it will be the diagonal one) in  $G(\mathbb{C})$ , varying the Cartan involution  $\theta$  to pick out the different  $T(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Example 6**  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ . *The representations of  $SL(2, R)$  consist of discrete series, limits of discrete series, and principal series representations. For the limits of discrete series,  $T(\mathbb{R})$  is compact ( $\theta$  in this case is conjugation by the element  $\text{diag}(i, -i)$ ), so  $M = G$ , and we only specify  $\delta = \delta(\lambda_0, \Psi)$  ( $\tau$  is determined by the other data). We write  $\lambda_0 = (k)$  for an integer  $k$ , and  $\Psi = \{2e\}$  if  $k \geq 0$  and the l.o.d.s. is holomorphic, and  $\Psi = \{-2e\}$  if  $k \leq 0$  and the l.o.d.s. is antiholomorphic. For future reference (so that we can illustrate the different parametrizations in some specific cases), we fix a few specific representations:*

- We let  $\pi_1$  be the (holomorphic) discrete series with  $\lambda_0 = (3)$ ; and
- $\pi_2$  the antiholomorphic limit of discrete series given by  $\lambda_0 = (0)$  and  $\Psi = \{-2e\}$ .

*For the principal series representations,  $T(\mathbb{R}) = MA$ , so  $M \cong \{\pm 1\}$  and  $A \cong \mathbb{R}_+^*$ . We have  $\delta = 1$  or *sign*, and  $\nu$  is given by a complex number. We choose*

- $\pi_3$  to be the trivial representation  $\pi_3 = \overline{X}(1 \otimes 1)$ .

*Note that if we choose  $\delta = \text{sign}$  and  $\nu = 0$  we violate the “final” condition; the resulting standard representation will have both limits of discrete series as direct summands.*

**Example 7**  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{Sp}(4, \mathbb{R})$ . *We denote our four (conjugacy classes of) real tori by*

$T_k \cong (S^1)^2$  (“compact”,  $\theta$  is conjugation by  $\text{diag}(i, i, -i, -i)$ );

$T_s \cong (\mathbb{R}^\times)^2$  : “split”,  $\theta$  is conjugation by  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ;

$T_c \cong \mathbb{C}^\times$  : “complex”,  $\theta$  is conjugation by  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ; and

$T_m \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^\times$  : “mixed”,  $\theta$  is conjugation by  $\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

We write elements  $\text{diag}(z, w, z^{-1}, w^{-1})$  of  $T$  as  $(z, w)$ , and similarly for elements of  $\mathfrak{t}$  or its dual, and the roots of  $G$  with respect to  $T$  are  $\{\pm 2e_1, \pm 2e_2, \pm e_1 \pm e_2\}$ .

**Limit of discrete series.** If  $T(\mathbb{R}) = T_k$ , then  $M = G$ , and we get discrete series or limit of discrete series representations of  $G$ . The Harish-Chandra parameter will be of the form  $\lambda_0 = (k, l) \in \mathfrak{t}^*$  with  $k$  and  $l$  integers.

- For the first representation  $\pi_1$ , we choose  $\lambda_0 = (2, 1)$  and  $\Psi = \{2e_1, 2e_2, e_1 - e_2, e_1 + e_2\}$ ;
- $\pi_2$  is the discrete series representation with  $\lambda_0 = (1, -2)$  and  $\Psi = \{2e_1, -2e_2, e_1 - e_2, -e_1 - e_2\}$ ;
- for  $\pi_3$  we choose the limit of discrete series representation with  $\lambda_0 = (1, 0)$  and  $\Psi = \{2e_1, 2e_2, e_1 - e_2, e_1 + e_2\}$ ;
- $\pi_4$  is the l.o.d.s. with  $\lambda_0 = (1, 0)$  and  $\Psi = \{2e_1, -2e_2, e_1 - e_2, e_1 + e_2\}$ ;
- $\pi_5$  has  $\lambda_0 = (1, -1)$  and  $\Psi = \{2e_1, -2e_2, e_1 - e_2, e_1 + e_2\}$ ;
- and  $\pi_6$  has  $\lambda_0 = (1, -1)$  and  $\Psi = \{2e_1, -2e_2, e_1 - e_2, -e_1 - e_2\}$ .

**Principal series.** If  $T(\mathbb{R}) = T_s$ , then  $MA = T_s \simeq (\mathbb{R}^\times)^2$ , with  $M = \{\pm 1\} \times \{\pm 1\}$  and  $A = \mathbb{R}^2$ . So a limit of discrete series consists of a character  $\delta$  of  $\{\pm 1\} \times \{\pm 1\}$ , i. e.  $1 \otimes 1, 1 \otimes \text{sign}$ , etc. A character of  $A$  is given by a pair  $\nu = (\nu_1, \nu_2)$  of complex numbers. Then if  $a = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\nu(a) = e^{\nu_1 x + \nu_2 y}$ . For our “final” condition we require that if  $\nu_i = 0$  then  $\delta$  is trivial on the corresponding  $\{\pm 1\}$  factor, and if  $\nu_1 = \pm \nu_2$  then  $\delta$  is either trivial or  $\text{sign} \otimes \text{sign}$ .

- We get the trivial representation  $\pi_7 = \text{triv}$  by taking  $\delta = \text{triv}$  and  $\nu = (1, 2)$ .

**Induced from complex Cartan.** If  $T(\mathbb{R})$  is the complex Cartan subgroup  $T_c$ , then  $MA \simeq GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ , with  $M = SL^\pm(2, \mathbb{R})$  and  $A = \mathbb{R}_+^\times$ . Limits of discrete series of  $M$  are given by pairs  $\lambda_0 = (k)$  and integer and  $\Psi = \{2e\}$  if  $k \geq 0$ , or  $\Psi = \{-2e\}$  if  $k \leq 0$ . (This is a root system in  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .) The parameter  $\nu$  is specified by a complex number. Our data will be final provided that if  $\nu = 0$  then  $k$  is odd. (Otherwise we get a sum of limit of discrete series representations; for example,  $\pi_5 \oplus \pi_6$  may be obtained by choosing  $k = 2$  and  $\nu = 0$ .)

- We let  $\pi_8$  be given by a positive integer  $k$  and a generic  $\nu$ .

**Mixed induced series.** If  $T(\mathbb{R}) = T_m$  then  $MA \simeq SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R}^\times$ , so  $\delta$  is of the form  $\zeta \otimes \chi$  for some limit of discrete series  $\zeta$  and a character  $\chi$  of  $\{\pm 1\}$ . The character  $\nu$  is given by a complex number. For our data to be final we require that if  $\nu = 0$  then  $\chi = \text{sgn}$ . (Otherwise our standard module will be a sum of limits of discrete series of  $G$ ; for instance, if  $\zeta$  is the holomorphic discrete series with parameter (1),  $\chi = \text{triv}$ , and  $\nu = 0$ , then  $X(\delta, \nu) \simeq \pi_3 \oplus \pi_4$ .)

- Let  $\pi_9$  be given by  $\zeta$  the holomorphic discrete series with parameter (2),  $\chi = \text{triv}$ , and  $\nu = 1$ .
- For  $\pi_{10}$ , take  $\zeta$  to be the limit of discrete series with  $k = 0$ ,  $\Psi = \{-2e\}$  (with lowest  $K$ -type  $-1$ ),  $\chi = \text{sign}$ , and  $\nu = 0$  (this representation has infinitesimal character 0).

## 2.2 Final Limit Characters

These are the parameters  $\gamma = (\Psi, \Gamma, \bar{\gamma})$  described in Definition 2.4 of [6]. We will use the notation  $(\Psi_I, \Gamma, \lambda)$  instead. In terms of the inducing data of section 2.1,  $\Psi_I$  is the positive system  $\Psi$ , regarded as a system of imaginary roots of  $G$  (rather than  $M$ ). The parameter  $\Gamma$  is a character of  $T(\mathbb{R})$ , namely a character such that  $\delta$  has a lowest  $(M \cap K)$ -type with highest weight  $\Gamma|_{T(\mathbb{R})}$ , and  $\Gamma|_A = \exp(\nu)$ . We specify  $\Gamma$  by a pair  $(\gamma, \eta)$  as in section 1.1, i. e., with  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{t}^*$ ,  $\eta \in X^*(T)$ , and satisfying the compatibility condition (1). Let  $\mathfrak{t}_c$  and  $\mathfrak{t}_s$  be the  $+1$  and  $-1$  eigenspaces of  $\theta$  in  $\mathfrak{t}$ , i. e., the complexified Lie algebras of  $T(\mathbb{R})_c$  and  $A$ , respectively. Choose  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}^*$  such that  $\lambda|_{\mathfrak{t}_c} = \lambda_0$ , and  $\lambda|_{\mathfrak{t}_s} = \nu$ . (This is the infinitesimal character of the representation.) Let  $\rho_n$  and  $\rho_c$  be one half the sums of the non-compact and compact roots in  $\Psi_I$ , respectively. Then  $\gamma = \lambda + \rho_n - \rho_c$ . The parameter  $\eta$  must be chosen accordingly. We work out the examples given in section 2.1.

**Example 8**  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

- For  $\pi_1$ ,  $\lambda = (3)$ ,  $\rho_n = (1)$ , and  $\rho_c = 0$ , so  $\gamma = (4) = \eta$ .
- For  $\pi_2$ ,  $\lambda = (0)$ ,  $\rho_n = (-1)$ , so  $\gamma = (-1) = \eta$ .
- For the trivial representation  $\pi_3$ ,  $\lambda = (1) = \gamma$ , and  $\eta = (0)$ .

**Example 9**  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{Sp}(4, \mathbb{R})$ . For limits of discrete series, we have  $\Psi_I = \Psi$ ,  $\lambda = \lambda_0$ , and  $\gamma = \eta$ , so we only need to specify  $\gamma$ .

- For  $\pi_1$ ,  $\lambda = \lambda_0 = (2, 1)$ ,  $\rho_n = (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ ,  $\rho_c = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2})$ , so  $\gamma = (3, 3)$ .
- For  $\pi_2$ ,  $\lambda = (1, -2)$ ,  $\rho_n = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-3}{2})$ ,  $\rho_c = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2})$ , so  $\gamma = (1, -3)$ .
- For  $\pi_3$ ,  $\lambda = (1, 0)$ ,  $\rho_n = (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ ,  $\rho_c = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2})$ , so  $\gamma = (2, 2)$ .
- For  $\pi_4$ ,  $\lambda = (1, 0)$ ,  $\rho_n = (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{-1}{2})$ ,  $\rho_c = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2})$ , so  $\gamma = (2, 0)$ .
- For  $\pi_5$ ,  $\lambda = (1, -1)$ ,  $\rho_n = (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{-1}{2})$ ,  $\rho_c = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2})$ , so  $\gamma = (2, -1)$ .
- For  $\pi_6$ ,  $\lambda = (1, -1)$ ,  $\rho_n = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-3}{2})$ ,  $\rho_c = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2})$ , so  $\gamma = (1, -2)$ .

For principal series representations, we have  $\Psi_I = \emptyset$ ,  $\lambda = \gamma = \nu$ , and  $\eta$  is only determined up to the parity of the integers.

- The trivial representation  $\pi_7$  is given by  $\lambda = (1, 2) = \gamma$ , and  $\eta = (0, 0)$ .

For representations induced from the complex Cartan, we must write the parameters and roots according to the imbedding of the torus of  $M$  in our torus  $T$ . Notice that the Cartan involution of  $T$  is that of Example 3, so that  $T(\mathbb{R}) = \{(t, \bar{t}) : t \in \mathbb{C}^\times\}$ . If  $\Psi = \{2e\}$  then  $\Psi_I = \{e_1 - e_2\}$  (now a noncompact root), and analogously for the other choice of positive roots. The Harish-Chandra parameter  $\lambda_0 = (k)$  becomes  $(\frac{k}{2}, -\frac{k}{2}) \in \mathfrak{t}^*$ , and  $\nu$  becomes  $(\frac{\nu}{2}, \frac{\nu}{2})$ . So we get  $\gamma = (\frac{\nu+k+\text{sgn}(k)}{2}, \frac{\nu-k-\text{sgn}(k)}{2})$  (in the case  $k = 0$ , the sign has to match the choice of positive root). If we want to ensure integer entries, we can write  $\eta = (k + \text{sgn}(k), 0)$  (recall from Example 3 that only the difference of the entries is important here), if not then  $\eta = (\frac{k+\text{sgn}(k)}{2}, \frac{-k-\text{sgn}(k)}{2})$  is a more symmetric choice. Finally,  $\lambda = (\frac{\nu+k}{2}, \frac{\nu-k}{2})$ . So we have

- for  $\pi_8$ ,  $\Psi_I = \{e_1 - e_2\}$ ,  $\lambda = (\frac{\nu+k}{2}, \frac{\nu-k}{2})$ ,  $\gamma = (\frac{\nu+k+1}{2}, \frac{\nu-k-1}{2})$ , and  $\eta = (\frac{k+1}{2}, \frac{-k-1}{2})$ .

Finally, we look at representations attached to the mixed Cartan  $T_m$ . The torus of the  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  factor of  $M$  coincides with the first factor of our torus  $T$ , so  $\Psi_I = \{2e_1\}$  if  $\Psi = \{2e\}$ . Similarly, the Harish-Chandra parameter of  $\zeta$  provides the first coordinate of  $\lambda$ , and  $\nu$  the second. The first coordinate of  $\eta$  is determined by  $\lambda_0$ , the parity of the second by  $\chi$ . So we have:

- for  $\pi_9$ ,  $\Psi_I = \{2e_1\}$ ,  $\lambda = (2, 1)$ ,  $\gamma = (3, 1)$ , and  $\eta = (3, 0)$ ;
- for  $\pi_{10}$ ,  $\Psi_I = \{-2e_1\}$ ,  $\lambda = (0, 0)$ ,  $\gamma = (-1, 0)$ , and  $\eta = (-1, 1)$ .

### 2.3 The parameters $(\Psi, P, \Lambda)$ of [3].

In these parameters,  $\Lambda$  is a character of (the  $\rho$ -double cover of) our real torus  $T(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $P$  a system of positive imaginary roots, and  $\Psi$  a system of positive real roots. In order to make our notation more consistent, we write  $\Psi_I$  for  $P$  and  $\Psi_R$  for  $\Psi$ . As the notation suggests,  $\Psi_I$  is the same system of roots as in the limit character parametrization. If a representation is given by final limit character  $(\Psi_I, \Gamma, \lambda)$ , choose a system  $\Psi$  of positive roots containing  $\Psi_I$  and such that the following conditions are satisfied: If  $\alpha \in \Psi$  is a real or complex root then

$$-\theta\alpha \in \Psi, \text{ and} \tag{16}$$

$$\text{if } \langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda \rangle \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ then } \text{Re}(\langle \alpha^\vee, \theta\lambda - \lambda \rangle) \geq 0. \tag{17}$$

For example, if  $\lambda$  is integral and regular, then  $\Psi$  must be such that  $\lambda$  is antidominant with respect to all real roots. Let  $\rho_R = \rho(\Psi_R)$  and  $\rho_{cx}$  be the corresponding half sums of the real and complex roots, respectively. Because of condition (16),  $2\rho_{cx}$ , like  $2\rho_R$ , is real valued. Then our representation may be given by  $(\Psi_R, \Psi_I, \Lambda)$  with  $\Lambda$  the character defined by the pair  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ , where

$$\kappa = \eta - \rho_R - \rho_{cx} - \rho_n + \rho_c = \eta - \rho(\Psi) + 2\rho_c. \tag{18}$$

This character is clearly independent of the choice of complex roots, subject to (16), since whenever  $\rho'_{cx}$  corresponds to a second choice,  $2\rho_{cx} - 2\rho'_{cx}$  is a sum of expressions of the form  $2\alpha - 2\theta\alpha$  for some complex root  $\alpha$ . Since  $-\theta\alpha = \vee\theta\alpha$ ,  $\rho_{cx} - \rho'_{cx} = \xi + \vee\xi$  for some  $\xi \in X^*(T)$ . (See condition (2)).

**Example 10**  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ . For limits of discrete series, we have  $\Psi_R = \emptyset$ , and  $\kappa = \lambda$ . More interesting are the principal series:

- For the trivial representation  $\pi_3$ ,  $\Psi_I = \emptyset$ ,  $\Psi = \Psi_R = \{-2e\}$ , so  $\rho(\Psi) = \rho_R = (-1)$ ,  $\lambda = (1)$ , and  $\kappa = (1)$ .

**Example 11**  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{Sp}(4, \mathbb{R})$ . As in the last example, the parameters for limits of discrete series are very easy to determine; we have  $\Psi_R = \emptyset$ ,  $\Psi_I$  and  $\lambda$  as for final limit parameters, and  $\kappa = \lambda$ . So we start by looking at the principal series example. Of course,  $\Psi_I = \emptyset$  and  $\Psi = \Psi_R$  in this case.

- For the trivial representation  $\pi_7$  we must choose  $\Psi_R = \{-2e_1, -2e_2, -(e_1 \pm e_2)\}$ , so  $\rho(\Psi) = \rho_R = (-2, -1)$ ,  $\lambda = (1, 2)$ , and  $\kappa = (2, 1)$ .

With respect to the complex Cartan, the real roots are  $\pm(e_1 + e_2)$ , the complex roots  $\pm 2e_i$ , and  $-\theta(2e_1) = 2e_2$ .

- Since  $\nu$  is assumed to be generic for  $\pi_8$ , condition (17) does not apply here, and we can choose any positive system containing  $\Psi_I = \{e_1 - e_2\}$  and satisfying (16), i.e.,  $2e_1 \in \Psi \iff 2e_2 \in \Psi$ . We choose  $\Psi = \{e_1 - e_2, -e_1 - e_2, -2e_1, -2e_2\}$ , which is the system we would need to choose for the case that  $\nu$  is a positive integer. Then  $\Psi_R = \{-e_1 - e_2\}$ , so  $\rho_R = (-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$ ,  $\rho_{cx} = (-1, -1)$ ,  $\rho(\Psi) = (-1, -2)$ , and  $\rho_c = 0$ , so that  $\kappa = (\frac{k+3}{2}, -\frac{k+3}{2}) \sim (k, 0)$ . Notice that because of (16),  $\rho_R + \rho_{cx}$  is of the form  $(a, a)$  for some half integer  $a$  and hence  $\kappa$  is independent of the choice of roots.

For the mixed Cartan, the real roots are  $\pm 2e_2$ , the complex roots  $\pm(e_1 \pm e_2)$ , and  $-\theta(\pm e_1 \pm e_2) = \mp e_1 \pm e_2$ .

- For  $\pi_9$ ,  $\theta\lambda - \lambda = (0, -2)$ , so we must take  $\Psi = \{2e_1, -2e_2, e_1 - e_2, -e_1 - e_2\}$ , so  $\rho(\Psi) = (1, -2)$ ,  $\Psi_R = \{-2e_2\}$  and  $\kappa = (2, 2)$ .
- For  $\pi_{10}$ , since  $\lambda = 0$  we may choose for  $\Psi$  any root system containing  $\Psi_I = \{-2e_1\}$  and satisfying (16) (there are four of them); for example, we can choose  $\Psi = \{-2e_1, -2e_2, e_1 - e_2, -e_1 - e_2\}$ ; then  $\Psi_R = \{-2e_2\}$  and  $\kappa = (0, 3)$ .

## 2.4 Theta stable data $(\mathfrak{q}, H, \delta, \nu)$

## 2.5 L-Parameters

The  $L$ -parameter associated to a representation is a conjugacy class by the dual group of homomorphisms from the Weil group  $W_{\mathbb{R}}$  into a Cartan subgroup  ${}^d T^{\Gamma}$  of the  $L$ -group  ${}^{\vee} G^{\Gamma}$  of  $G$ . This Cartan subgroup is isomorphic either to the  $L$ -group or an  $E$ -group  ${}^{\vee} T^{\Gamma}$  of our real torus  $T(\mathbb{R})$ , depending on whether  $\Lambda$  is a character or projective character of  $T(\mathbb{R})$ .

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