

# Integration on $p$ -adic groups and Crystal bases

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## 1 Introduction

Kashiwara defined the notion of a *crystal*, and gave examples of crystal structures associated with bases of representations of quantum groups. We recommend the expository article Kashiwara [7], written a few years after the original papers, and the book of Hong and Kang [5].

One particular crystal defined by Kashiwara is denoted  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ . It is a basis of the quantized universal enveloping algebra  $U_q(\mathfrak{n}_-)$  where  $\mathfrak{n}_-$  is the Lie algebra of the maximal unipotent subgroup  $N_-$  of a reductive algebraic group  $G$  or more generally its  $n$ -fold metaplectic cover. Our basic philosophy is that *an integral over  $N_-(F)$  where  $F$  is a nonarchimedean local field can sometimes be replaced by a sum over  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ .*

We will demonstrate this for  $G = \mathrm{GL}_{r+1}$ , and later for the  $n$ -fold metaplectic cover. In this introduction we will consider the “nonmetaplectic case” where  $n = 1$ . Let  ${}^L G = \mathrm{GL}_{r+1}(\mathbb{C})$  be the (connected) Langlands dual group. Then the diagonal group  $T(\mathbb{C})$  in  ${}^L G$  has character group  $\Lambda = X^*(T) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{r+1}$ , and we may identify this with the full weight lattice.

If  $\mathbf{z} = \mathrm{diag}(z_1, \dots, z_{r+1}) \in T(\mathbb{C})$  where  $z_i \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ , then in this identification  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^{r+1}$  is the character  $\mathbf{z} \mapsto \mathbf{z}^\mu = \prod z_i^{\mu_i}$ . The simple positive roots are  $\alpha_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$  where the 1 is in the  $i$ -th place. The dominant weights are  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{r+1})$  such that  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{r+1}$ . If all  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  then we call a weight  $\lambda$  *effective*. Thus an effective dominant weight is a partition. We will denote by  $\rho = (r, r-1, \dots, 2, 1, 0)$ . It differs from half the positive roots by a vector orthogonal to the roots, so it may substitute for  $\frac{1}{2} \sum \alpha$  in many formulas such as the Weyl character formula.

The conjugacy class in  ${}^L G$  parametrizes a spherical representation of  $G(F)$ . The induced model of this representation acts on the space of smooth functions  $f$  on

$G$  that satisfy  $f(bg) = \delta^{1/2}\chi(b)f(g)$ , where  $b$  lies in the Borel subgroup  $B(F)$  of upper triangular matrices,  $\delta$  is the modular quasicharacter on  $B(F)$  and  $\chi$  is the quasicharacter of  $B(F)$  defined by

$$\chi \left( \begin{array}{cccc} y_1 & * & \cdots & * \\ & y_2 & & * \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & y_{r+1} \end{array} \right) = \prod z_i^{\text{ord}(y_i)}.$$

Various integrals that we write down will be convergent if  $|z_i/z_{i+1}| < 1$ , and we will assume this. Let  $\mathfrak{o}$  be the ring of integers in  $F$  and let  $q$  be the cardinality of the residue field.

The standard spherical vector  $f^\circ$  in this representation is the function such that  $f^\circ(bk) = \delta^{1/2}\chi(b)$  when  $b \in B(F)$  and  $k \in K = \text{GL}_{r+1}(\mathfrak{o})$ . We mention two important integrals that illustrate the principle we stated above. The first is the formula of Gindikin and Karpelevich, which asserts that

$$\int_{N_-(F)} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} = \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \frac{1 - q^{-1}\mathbf{z}^\alpha}{1 - \mathbf{z}^\alpha}. \quad (1)$$

The second is the formula of Casselman and Shalika.

The formula (1) was first proved by Langlands [10]. Another proof may be found in Casselman [2]. (The original paper of Gindikin and Karpelevich [4] is concerned with the archimedean case.) MacNamara [12] also gives a proof of a generalization of this formula, as well as the Casselman-Shalika formula, to metaplectic covers.

We will show that (1) may also be expressed as a sum over  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ . This is striking since  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$  is obtained from  $N_-$  by quantization. The work of MacNamara [12] may clarify this phenomenon by showing how to decompose  $N_-(F)$  into cells parametrized by elements of  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ .

If  $\psi$  is a nondegenerate additive character of  $N_-(F)$ , the integral  $\int_{N_-(F)} f(\mathbf{n}) \psi(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n}$  is evaluated in the formula of Casselman and Shalika [3]. Making use of a formula of Tokuyama [14] this evaluation may be rewritten in terms of crystals. This was done by Brubaker, Bump and Friedberg [1]. We will describe a variant of their formula. The difference is that we will use the Kashiwara operators  $e_i$  where they use the  $f_i$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^{r+1}$ . Define

$$\psi_\lambda \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & & & \\ x_{2,1} & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ x_{r+1,1} & & x_{r+1,r} & 1 \end{array} \right) = \psi_0(\varpi^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} x_{r+1,r} + \dots + \varpi^{\lambda_r - \lambda_{r+1}} x_{2,1})$$

where  $\psi_0$  is a fixed additive character on  $F$  that is trivial on  $\mathfrak{o}$  but not on  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1}$ . The integral  $\int_{N_-(F)} f(\mathbf{n}) \psi_\lambda(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n}$  is zero unless the weight  $\lambda$  is dominant, which we now assume. If  $\rho = (r, r-1, \dots, 2, 1, 0)$  then there is a crystal  $\mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho}$  which we will describe, and we will express this integral as a sum over this crystal.

In order to give the relevant definitions, we recall some facts and definitions about crystals. Let  $\Phi$  be a root system, which in this paper will be mainly  $A_r$ . Let  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, r$ ) be the simple roots, and  $\alpha_i^\vee$  their associated coroots. Let  $\Lambda$  be the associated weight lattice. By a *crystal* for  $\Phi$  we mean a set  $\mathcal{B}$  together with a map  $\text{wt} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \Lambda$ , and, for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , maps  $\phi_i, \varepsilon_i : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{-\infty\}$  and  $f_i, e_i : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \cup \{0\}$ , where 0 is an auxiliary element. It is assumed that  $\phi_i(v) = \langle \text{wt}(v), \alpha_i^\vee \rangle + \varepsilon_i(v)$ . If  $e_i(v) \neq 0$  then it is assumed that  $f_i e_i(v) = v$  and that  $\text{wt}(e_i(v)) = \text{wt}(v) + \alpha_i$ , and if  $f_i(v) \neq 0$  then it is assumed that  $e_i f_i(v) = v$  and that  $\text{wt}(f_i(v)) = \text{wt}(v) - \alpha_i$ .

In Kashiwara's papers the maps we have denoted  $e_i$  and  $f_i$  are denoted  $\tilde{e}_i$  and  $\tilde{f}_i$ , because the letters  $e_i$  and  $f_i$  are already in use for a different meaning.

One may impose on  $\mathcal{B}$  the structure of a directed graph with labeled edges, called the *crystal graph* in which elements are vertices, and there is an edge  $x \xrightarrow{i} y$  if  $f_i(x) = y$ . Examples of crystal graphs may be seen in Figure 1 in the next Section.

If  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  are crystals, a *morphism*  $m : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a map  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \cup \{0\}$  such that if  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $m(x) \neq 0$  then  $\text{wt}(m(x)) = \text{wt}(x)$ ,  $\varepsilon_i(m(x)) = \varepsilon_i(x)$  and  $\phi_i(m(x)) = \phi_i(x)$ , and such that if  $x, y \in \mathcal{C}$  and both  $m(x), m(y) \neq 0$ , then  $e_i(x) = y$  if and only if  $e_i(m(x)) = m(y)$ , and  $f_i(y) = x$  if and only if  $f_i(m(y)) = m(x)$ . Crystals form a category.

Let  $G$  be a complex analytic group and  $T$  a maximal torus such that  $\Phi$  is the root system of  $G$  with respect to  $T$ . Assuming that the derived group of  $G$  is simply connected, we may identify  $\Lambda$  with the group  $X^*(T)$  of rational characters of  $T$ . There is defined a crystal  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda$  with the property that

$$\sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}_\lambda} z^{\text{wt}(v)}$$

( $z \in T$ ) is the character of the highest weight module  $V_\lambda$  for  $\lambda$ .

By a *long word*  $\Omega$  we mean a reduced expression of the long element  $w_0$  of  $W$  as a product of simple reflections. Thus

$$\Omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_N)$$

where  $N$  is the number of positive roots ( $N = \frac{1}{2}r(r+1)$  for  $\Phi = A_r$ ) and  $\omega_j \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$  are such that  $w_0 = s_{\omega_1} \cdots s_{\omega_N}$ . Let  $v \in \mathcal{B}_\lambda$ . Let  $b_1$  (depending on  $v$  and

$\Omega$ ) be the largest integer such that  $e_{\omega_1}^{b_1} v \neq 0$ . Let  $b_2$  then be the largest integer such that  $e_{\omega_2}^{b_2} e_{\omega_1}^{b_1} v \neq 0$ , and so forth. It is known (see Littelmann [11]) that  $e_{\omega_N}^{b_N} \cdots e_{\omega_2}^{b_2} e_{\omega_1}^{b_1} v$  is the unique element  $v_{\text{high}}$  of  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda$  with  $\text{wt}(v_{\text{high}}) = \lambda$  the highest weight.

We decorate the pattern

$$\text{BZL}(v) = (b_1, \cdots, b_N) \quad (2)$$

by ‘‘circling’’ or ‘‘boxing’’ certain entries. We will describe the boxing rule for all  $\Omega$ , but we will describe the circling rule only for  $\Omega = \Omega_\Gamma$  or  $\Omega = \Omega_\Delta$  where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_\Gamma &= (1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 1, \cdots, r, r-1, \cdots, 3, 2, 1), \\ \Omega_\Delta &= (r, r-1, r, r-2, r-1, r, \cdots, 1, 2, 3, \cdots, r). \end{aligned}$$

If  $f_{\omega_i} e_{\omega_{i-1}}^{b_{i-1}} \cdots e_{\omega_1}^{b_1} v = 0$  then we decorate  $b_i$  by boxing it. In the case where  $\Omega = \Omega_\Gamma$  or  $\Omega_\Delta$  it was proved by Littelmann [11] that

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &\geq 0, \\ b_2 \geq b_3 &\geq 0, \\ b_4 \geq b_5 \geq b_6 &\geq 0, \\ &\vdots \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

If  $b_1 = 0$  then we decorate  $b_1$  by circling it. If  $b_2 = b_3$  then we decorate  $b_2$  by circling it. If  $b_3 = 0$ , then we decorate  $b_3$  by circling it, and so forth.

Now let us recall from [1] the definition

$$G_\Omega(v) = G_\Omega^{(e)}(v) = \prod_{i=1}^N \begin{cases} h(b_i) & \text{if } b_i \text{ is neither circled nor boxed,} \\ g(b_i) & \text{if } b_i \text{ is boxed but not circled,} \\ q^{b_i} & \text{if } b_i \text{ is circled but not boxed,} \\ 0 & \text{if } b_i \text{ is both circled and boxed.} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

In [1] (and in the final Section below),  $h$  and  $g$  are  $n$ -th order Gauss sums, where  $n$  is an integer prime to the residue characteristic such that the ground field contains the  $n$ -th roots of unity. In the case at hand,  $n = 1$  and they can be made explicit:

$$g(a) = -q^{a-1}, \quad h(a) = (q-1)q^{a-1}. \quad (5)$$

We may also dualize these definitions by interchanging the roles of the  $e_i$  and  $f_i$ . Thus we would alternatively let  $b_1$  be the largest integer such that  $f_{\omega_1}^{b_1} v \neq 0$ . Let  $b_2$  then be the largest integer such that  $f_{\omega_2}^{b_2} f_{\omega_1}^{b_1} v \neq 0$ , and so forth. It is known (see Littelmann [11]) that  $f_{\omega_N}^{b_N} \cdots f_{\omega_2}^{b_2} f_{\omega_1}^{b_1} v$  is the unique element  $v_{\text{low}}$  of  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda$  with  $\text{wt}(v_{\text{low}}) =$

$w_0\lambda$  the lowest weight. In this scheme, we box  $b_i$  if  $e_{\omega_i} f_{\omega_{i-1}}^{b_{i-1}} \cdots f_{\omega_1}^{b_1} v = 0$ . The inequalities (3) are again satisfied, and as before  $b_1 = 0$  then we decorate  $b_1$  by circling it, and so forth. Then we may define

$$G_{\Omega}^{(f)}(v) = \prod_{i=1}^N \begin{cases} h(b_i) & \text{if } b_i \text{ is neither circled nor boxed,} \\ g(b_i) & \text{if } b_i \text{ is boxed but not circled,} \\ q^{b_i} & \text{if } b_i \text{ is circled but not boxed,} \\ 0 & \text{if } b_i \text{ is both circled and boxed.} \end{cases}$$

We can make exactly the same definitions for  $v \in \mathcal{B}(\infty)$ . However only the definition of  $G_{\Omega}^{(e)}(v)$  makes sense, since there is no largest integer such that  $f_1^{b_1} v \neq 0$ . Indeed, if  $w \in \mathcal{B}(\infty)$  then  $f_i^k w \neq 0$  for all  $k$ . Therefore we may define  $G_{\Omega}^{(e)}(v)$  but not  $G_{\Omega}^{(f)}(v)$ . Also circling can occur but not boxing; indeed  $f_{\omega_i} e_{\omega_{i-1}}^{b_{i-1}} \cdots e_{\omega_1}^{b_1} v \neq 0$  for the same reason.

If  $\lambda$  is any weight, there is a crystal  $\mathcal{T}_{\lambda}$  having one element  $t_{\lambda}$  with weight  $\lambda$ . It has the properties that  $e_i(t_{\lambda}) = f_i(t_{\lambda}) = 0$  and  $\phi_i(t_{\lambda}) = \varepsilon_i(t_{\lambda}) = -\infty$ . We have  $\mathcal{T}_{\lambda} \otimes \mathcal{T}_{\mu} \cong \mathcal{T}_{\lambda+\mu}$ . Tensoring any crystal  $\mathcal{B}$  with  $\mathcal{T}_{\lambda}$  produces an a crystal that is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{B}$  as a directed graph, but in which the weights are shifted:  $\text{wt}(x \otimes t_{\lambda}) = \text{wt}(x) + \lambda$  for  $x \in \mathcal{B}$ .

If  $\lambda$  is a dominant weight, let  $\chi_{\lambda}$  be the irreducible character of  ${}^L G = \text{GL}_{r+1}(\mathbb{C})$  with highest weight  $\lambda$ .

**Theorem 1** *If  $\lambda$  is a dominant weight and  $\Omega = \Omega_{\Gamma}$  or  $\Omega_{\Delta}$  then*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{N_{-}(F)} f^{\circ}(\mathbf{n}) \psi_{\lambda}(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} &= \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^{+}} (1 - q^{-1} \mathbf{z}^{\alpha}) \chi_{\lambda}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \sum_{\mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho} \otimes \mathcal{T}_{-\lambda-\rho}} G_{\Omega}(v) q^{-\langle w_0(\text{wt}(v)), \rho \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{w_0(\text{wt}(v))}. \end{aligned}$$

The first equality is the Casselman-Shalika formula. We will also rewrite the formula of Gindikin and Karpelevich in the following similar way.

**Theorem 2** *We have*

$$\int_{N_{-}(F)} f^{\circ}(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} = \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^{+}} \frac{1 - q^{-1} \mathbf{z}^{\alpha}}{1 - \mathbf{z}^{\alpha}} = \sum_{\mathcal{B}(\infty)} G_{\Omega}(v) q^{\langle \text{wt}(v), \rho \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{-\text{wt}(v)}.$$

In fact in both these Theorems, the final sum may be written as a sum over  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ . Indeed, there is a morphism  $M_{\lambda+\rho} : \mathcal{B}(\infty) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho} \otimes \mathcal{T}_{-\lambda-\rho}$  due to Kashiwara that

we will make use of in the next Section, and the sum over  $\mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho} \otimes T_{-\lambda-\rho}$  may therefore be interpreted as a sum over  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ , with only finitely many nonzero terms (those that do not map to zero in the morphism).

Thus both Theorems illustrate the philosophy that we can sometimes replace integrals over  $N_-(F)$  by sums over  $B(\infty)$ , which is a basis of quantized enveloping algebra of  $N_-(F)$ .

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## 2 Proofs of the theorems

The paper of Hong and Lee [6] describes  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$  in explicit terms by means of tableaux. We will not review their work but it was useful in the preparation of this paper.

We have already mentioned the crystal  $\mathcal{T}_\lambda$  having just one element  $t_\lambda$  of weight  $\lambda$ , such that  $e_i(t_\lambda) = f_i(t_\lambda) = 0$  and  $\phi_i(t_\lambda) = \varepsilon_i(t_\lambda) = -\infty$ . There is a morphism  $M_\lambda : \mathcal{B}(\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_\lambda \otimes \mathcal{T}_{-\lambda}$  that was introduced by Kashiwara (see [7], Theorem 8.1), which we will make use of. Let  $u_0$  and  $b_\lambda$  be the highest weight vectors in  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$  and  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda$ , so  $\text{wt}(u_0) = 0$  and  $\text{wt}(b_\lambda) = \lambda$ . The morphism maps  $u_0$  to  $b_\lambda \otimes t_{-\lambda}$ . It maps all but a finite number of elements to 0. Those elements  $u$  of  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$  that do not map to zero form a directed subgraph of the crystal graph of  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$  that is a copy of  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda$  as a colored directed graph. To illustrate this morphism, Figure 1 shows  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda$  (using Kashiwara's notation for the crystal elements as tableaux) in the case  $\lambda = (2, 1, 0)$ ; tensoring this with  $\mathcal{T}_{-\lambda}$  so that the highest weight vector has weight 0, this is embedded in  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ , where the labeling is a modification of the notation in Hong and Lee [6]. (From the partial tableaux in Figure 1, one obtains representatives of the crystal  $T_\infty$  in [6] by adding sufficiently many 1's at the beginning of the first row, 2's at the beginning of the second row, etc.)

We will prove Theorem 1. If  $\psi_\lambda$  is an additive character of  $N_-$  as defined in the introduction, the Casselman-Shalika formula for  $\text{GL}_{r+1}$  is written as follows

$$\int_{N_-} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) \psi_\lambda(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{z}^{-w_0\lambda} \left[ \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} (1 - q^{-1}\mathbf{z}^\alpha) \right] s_\lambda(z_1, \dots, z_{r+1}),$$

where the integral is absolutely convergent if  $|\mathbf{z}^\alpha| < 1$ , and  $s_\lambda(z_1, \dots, z_{r+1})$  is the standard Schur polynomial.

On the other hand, Brubaker, Bump and Friedberg show the following Tokuyama's deformation of the Weyl character formula for crystals.

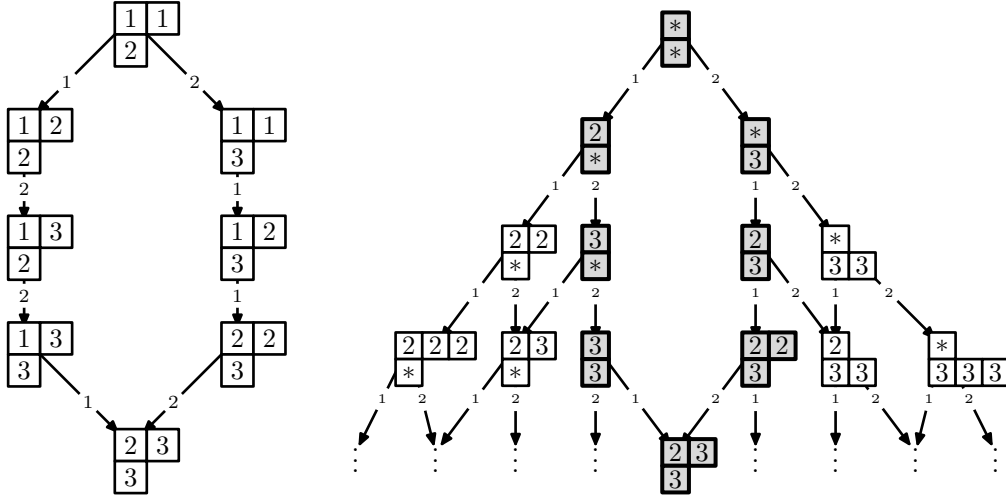


Figure 1: The crystal  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda \otimes \mathcal{T}_{-\lambda}$ , with  $\lambda = (2, 1, 0)$ , and its image in  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ .

**Theorem 3** ([1], **Theorem 5**) *If  $\lambda$  is a dominant weight, and if  $z_1, \dots, z_{r+1}$  are the eigenvalues of  $g \in \text{GL}_{r+1}(\mathbb{C})$ , then*

$$\prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} (1 - q^{-1} \mathbf{z}^\alpha) \chi_\lambda(g) = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}_{\rho+\lambda}} G_{\Omega_\Gamma}^{(f)}(v) q^{-\langle \text{wt}(v) - w_0(\lambda+\rho), \rho \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{\text{wt}(v) - w_0 \rho},$$

where  $\chi_\lambda$  is the character of the irreducible representation with highest weight  $\lambda$ .

When  $z_i$  are the eigenvalues of  $g \in \text{GL}_{r+1}(\mathbb{C})$ , we have  $s_\lambda(z_1, \dots, z_{r+1}) = \chi_\lambda(g)$ . Therefore, by this theorem, the integral  $\int_{N_-} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) \psi_\lambda(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n}$  in the formula of Casselman and Shalika is evaluated in terms of crystal graphs. ([1, (3.7)])

$$\int_{N_-} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) \psi_\lambda(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}_{\rho+\lambda}} G_{\Omega_\Gamma}^{(f)}(v) q^{-\langle \text{wt}(v) - w_0(\lambda+\rho), \rho \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{\text{wt}(v) - w_0(\rho+\lambda)}. \quad (6)$$

Now we will replace the right hand side with the equation using  $G_{\Omega_\Gamma}^{(e)}$ . The following equivalence of two descriptions is obtained in [1].

**Theorem 4** ([1], **Statement A'**)

$$\sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho}} G_{\Omega_\Gamma}^{(f)}(v) = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho}} G_{\Omega_\Delta}^{(f)}(v).$$

By this Theorem, the right hand side of (6) is written as

$$\sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho}} G_{\Omega_{\Delta}}^{(f)}(v) q^{-\langle \text{wt}(v) - w_0(\lambda+\rho), \rho \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{\text{wt}(v) - w_0(\rho+\lambda)}.$$

There is a map  $\text{Sch} : \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho}$  called the Schützenberger involution such that  $\text{Sch} \circ e_i = f_{r+1-i} \circ \text{Sch}$  and  $\text{Sch} \circ f_i = e_{r+1-i} \circ \text{Sch}$ . Let  $v' = \text{Sch}(v)$  for  $v \in \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho}$ . Since  $\text{wt}(v') = w_0 \text{wt}(v)$  and  $G_{\Omega_{\Delta}}^{(f)}(v) = G_{\Omega_{\Gamma}}^{(e)}(\text{Sch}(v)) = G_{\Omega_{\Gamma}}^{(e)}(v')$ , it becomes

$$\sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}_{\rho+\lambda}} G_{\Omega_{\Gamma}}^{(e)}(v') q^{-\langle w_0(\text{wt}(v') - \rho - \lambda), \rho \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{w_0(\text{wt}(v') - \rho - \lambda)}.$$

Let  $v'' := v' \otimes t_{-\lambda-\rho}$  with  $v' \in \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho}$  and  $t_{-\lambda-\rho} \in \mathcal{T}_{-\lambda-\rho}$ . Since  $\text{wt}(v'') = \text{wt}(v') - \lambda - \rho$  and  $G_{\Omega_{\Gamma}}^{(e)}(v'') = G_{\Omega_{\Gamma}}^{(e)}(v')$ , with the morphism  $M_{\lambda+\rho} : \mathcal{B}(\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho} \otimes \mathcal{T}_{-\lambda-\rho}$  we obtain

$$\sum_{v'' \in \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho} \otimes \mathcal{T}_{-\lambda-\rho}} G_{\Omega_{\Gamma}}^{(e)}(v'') q^{-\langle w_0(\text{wt}(v''), \rho \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{w_0(\text{wt}(v''))}.$$

This proves Theorem 1.

In order to prove Theorem 2, we need to discuss the limiting argument at first.

Given  $\mathbf{n} \in N_-$  we may write  $\mathbf{n} = t\mathbf{n}_+k$  where  $t \in T$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_+ \in N$  and  $k \in \text{GL}_{r+1}(\mathfrak{o})$ . The element  $t$  is not uniquely determined but its image  $\bar{t}$  in  $T/T(\mathfrak{o})$  is uniquely determined. The group  $T/T(\mathfrak{o})$  is discrete, and  $v : T/T(\mathfrak{o}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{r+1}$  defined by

$$v \left( \begin{array}{ccc} t_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & t_{r+1} \end{array} \right) = (\text{ord}(t_1), \dots, \text{ord}(t_{r+1}))$$

is an isomorphism. Define a map  $\beta : N_- \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{r+1}$  by  $\beta(\mathbf{n}) = v(\bar{t})$ .

**Proposition 1** *The map  $\beta$  is proper.*

We recall that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are Hausdorff topological spaces then a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *proper* if the inverse image of a compact set is compact. Since  $\mathbb{Z}^{r+1}$  is discrete, this means that the inverse image of a finite set is compact in  $N_-$ .

**Proof** Write  $\mathbf{n} = t\mathbf{n}_+k$  with  $t \in T$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_+ \in N$  and  $k \in K$ . Let  $S$  be a subset of  $\{1, \dots, r+1\}$  with  $k = |S|$ . If  $A = (a_{ij})$  is an  $(r+1) \times (r+1)$  matrix, denote by  $M_S(A)$  the minor

$$\det(a_{i,j} | i \in \{r+2-k, r+3-k, \dots, r+1\}, j \in S)$$



formed with the bottom  $k$  rows of  $A$  and columns in  $j$ . We call  $M_S(A)$  a *bottom minor*. Since  $\mathbf{n}_+$  is upper triangular and unipotent,  $M_S(\mathbf{n}_+k) = M_S(k)$ , and since  $t$  is diagonal,

$$M_S(\mathbf{n}) = \left[ \prod_{j=r+2-k}^{r+1} t_j \right] M_S(k).$$

Since the entries in  $M_S(k)$  are in  $\mathfrak{o}$ , this means that

$$|M_S(\mathbf{n})| \leq \left| \prod_{j=r+2-k}^{r+1} t_j \right|.$$

Now since  $\mathbf{n}$  is lower triangular and unipotent it is easy to see that each entry  $n_{ij}$  in  $\mathbf{n}$  (with  $i > j$ ) equals  $M_S(\mathbf{n})$  where  $S = \{j, i+1, i+2, \dots, r+1\}$ . For example if  $r+1 = 4$  and

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ n_{21} & 1 & & \\ n_{31} & n_{32} & 1 & \\ n_{41} & n_{42} & n_{43} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $n_{31} = M_S(\mathbf{n})$  where  $S = \{1, 4\}$ . It is now clear that if  $t$  is confined to a compact subset of  $T$  then the entries of  $\mathbf{n}$  are bounded, and it follows that  $\beta$  is a proper map.  $\square$

Let  $R = \mathbb{C}[q][[z^{\alpha_1}, \dots, z^{\alpha_r}]]$  and  $\mathcal{P} := \{\sum k_i \alpha_i | 1 \leq i \leq r, k_i \geq 0\}$ . If  $v \in \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho}$ ,  $\text{wt}(v) - w_0(\lambda + \rho) \in \mathcal{P}$ . It follows by (6), that  $\int_{N_-} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) \psi_\lambda(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} \in R$ . Applying Proposition 1, we have following

**Proposition 2**  $\int_{N_-} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) \psi_\lambda(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n}$  converges  $\int_{N_-} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n}$  in the topology of the ring  $R$  when  $\lambda$  goes to  $\infty$ .

**Proof** Let  $S$  be a finite subset of  $\Lambda$  contained in  $\mathcal{P}$ . By Proposition 1, there is a compact subset  $C$  of  $N_-$  such that, for  $\mathbf{n} \in N_- - C$ ,  $\beta(\mathbf{n}) = \sum k_i \alpha_i \notin S$ . Assume  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2, \lambda_2 - \lambda_3, \dots > N$  for some integer  $N$ . The difference  $\int_{N_-} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} - \int_{N_-} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) \psi_\lambda(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n}$  is written into 2 parts

$$\int_C f^\circ(\mathbf{n})(1 - \psi_\lambda(\mathbf{n})) d\mathbf{n} + \int_{N_- - C} f^\circ(\mathbf{n})(1 - \psi_\lambda(\mathbf{n})) d\mathbf{n}.$$

Choose  $N$  so large that  $\psi_\lambda = 1$  on  $C$ . Then the first term vanishes. Let  $E_S$  be the additive subgroup of  $R$  consisting of  $\sum c_{k_1 \dots k_r}(q) \mathbf{z}^{k_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + k_r \alpha_r}$ , such that  $c_{k_1 \dots k_r}(q) = 0$

if  $\sum k_i \alpha_i \in S$ . These form a base of neighborhoods of the identity in  $R$ . Since  $f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) \in R$ , it means the second term converges in  $R$ .  $\square$

We will prove Theorem 2.

When  $\lambda$  goes to  $\infty$ , then the limiting argument as above and Theorem 1 lead to

$$\int_{N_-} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}(\infty)} G_{\Omega_\Gamma}^{(e)}(v) q^{-\langle w_0(\text{wt}(v), \rho) \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{w_0(\text{wt}(v))}.$$

There is a map  $\iota_\lambda : \mathcal{B}_\lambda \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{-w_0\lambda}$ , which satisfies  $\iota_\lambda \circ f_i = f_{r+1-i} \circ \iota_\lambda$  and  $\iota_\lambda \circ e_{r+1-i} = e_i \circ \iota_\lambda$ . There is a corresponding bijection  $\iota : \mathcal{B}(\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\infty)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{B}(\infty) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathcal{B}(\infty) \\ M_{\lambda+\rho} \downarrow & & \downarrow M_{-w_0(\lambda+\rho)} \\ \mathcal{B}_{\lambda+\rho} \otimes \mathcal{T}_{-\lambda-\rho} & \xrightarrow{\iota_{\lambda+\rho}} & \mathcal{B}_{-w_0(\lambda+\rho)} \otimes \mathcal{T}_{w_0(\lambda+\rho)} \end{array}$$

Let  $\tilde{v} = \iota(v)$  for  $v \in \mathcal{B}(\infty)$ . Then since  $G_{\Omega_\Delta}^{(e)}(\tilde{v}) = G_{\Omega_\Gamma}^{(e)}(v)$  and  $\text{wt}(\tilde{v}) = -w_0 \text{wt}(v)$ , we have

$$\int_{N_-} f^\circ(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} = \sum_{\tilde{v} \in \mathcal{B}(\infty)} G_{\Omega_\Delta}^{(e)}(\tilde{v}) q^{\langle \text{wt}(\tilde{v}), \rho \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{-\text{wt}(\tilde{v})}.$$

This concludes Theorem 2.

### 3 The metaplectic case

Finally, we have metaplectic analogs of these formulas. We assume that the ground field  $F$  has residue characteristic prime to  $n$  and contains the group  $\mu_n$  of  $n$ -th roots of unity in the algebraic closure of  $F$ . We fix an isomorphism of  $\mu_n$  with the group of  $n$ -th roots of unity in  $\mathbb{C}^\times$ . To avoid unnecessary minor complications we will take  $G = \text{SL}_{r+1}$  rather than  $\text{GL}_{r+1}$  in this section.

Let  $\tilde{G}(F)$  be the  $n$ -fold metaplectic cover of  $\text{SL}_{r+1}(F)$ , constructed first by Matsumoto [13] that splits over  $K = \text{SL}_{r+1}(\mathfrak{o})$ . Let  $K^*$  be the image of  $K$  in  $\tilde{G}(F)$  under the splitting. It is a central extension

$$1 \longrightarrow \mu_n \longrightarrow \tilde{G}(F) \longrightarrow \text{SL}_{r+1}(F) \longrightarrow 1.$$

We choose a section  $\mathbf{s} : \text{SL}_{r+1}(F) \longrightarrow \tilde{G}(F)$  and a cocycle  $\sigma : \text{SL}_{r+1}(F) \times \text{SL}_{r+1}(F) \longrightarrow \mu_n$  whose class in  $H^2(\tilde{G}(F), \mu_n)$  determines the extension, so that, identifying  $\mu_n$  with

its image in  $\tilde{G}(F)$ , we have  $\mathbf{s}(g)\mathbf{s}(g') = \sigma(g, g')\mathbf{s}(gg')$ . We may choose  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\sigma$  so that

$$\sigma \left( \mathbf{s} \begin{pmatrix} t_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & t_{r+1} & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{s} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & u_{r+1} & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \right) = \prod_{i < j} (t_i, u_j)^{-1},$$

where  $(t, u)$  is the  $n$ -th order Hilbert symbol, and so that  $\sigma(n, g) = \sigma(g, n) = 1$  when  $n$  is in the group  $N(F)$  of upper triangular unipotent matrices in  $\mathrm{SL}_{r+1}(F)$ .

Identifying  $\mu_n$  both with its image in  $\tilde{G}(F)$  and with its image in  $\mathbb{C}$ , we call a function  $f : \tilde{G}(F) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  *genuine* if  $f(\varepsilon g) = \varepsilon f(g)$  for  $\varepsilon \in \mu_n$ . There exists a unique genuine function  $\tilde{f}^\circ$  on  $\tilde{G}(F)$  that satisfies

$$\tilde{f}^\circ \left( \mathbf{s} \begin{pmatrix} t_1 & * & \cdots & * \\ & t_2 & & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & * \\ & & & t_{r+1} \end{pmatrix} k \right) = \begin{cases} \prod z_i^{\mathrm{ord}(t_i)} & \text{if } n \mid \mathrm{ord}(t_i) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq r+1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

when  $k \in K^*$ . Let  $i : N_-(F) \rightarrow \tilde{G}(F)$  be the canonical splitting homomorphism, which satisfies  $\mathbf{s}(w_0)i(\mathbf{n})\mathbf{s}(w_0)^{-1} = \mathbf{s}(w_0\mathbf{n}w_0^{-1})$  when  $\mathbf{n} \in N_-$ , where  $w_0$  is a representative of the long Weyl group element.

In the Introduction,  $G_\Omega$  was defined when  $n = 1$ . In [1], the definition (4) is given for general  $n$ . It is the same, except that (5) is generalized. We make use of the  $n$ -th order Gauss sum define, with  $\psi_0$  as in the Introduction, by

$$g(m, c) = \sum_{\substack{d \bmod c \\ \mathrm{gcd}(d, c) = 1}} (d, c) \psi_0 \left( \frac{md}{c} \right).$$

Then with  $\varpi$  a fixed prime element  $g(a) = g(\varpi^{a-1}, \varpi^a)$  and  $h(a) = g(\varpi^a, \varpi^a)$ . Since boxing does not occur for  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ , the function  $h$  is most relevant here, and it can be made explicit:

$$h(a) = \begin{cases} (q-1)q^{a-1} & \text{if } n \mid a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

We may now generalize Theorem 2 as follows.

**Theorem 5** *We have*

$$\int_{N_-(F)} \tilde{f}^\circ(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} = \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \frac{1 - q^{-1}\mathbf{z}^{n\alpha}}{1 - \mathbf{z}^{n\alpha}} = \sum_{\mathcal{B}(\infty)} G_\Omega(v) q^{\langle \mathrm{wt}(v), \rho \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{-\mathrm{wt}(v)}. \quad (8)$$

**Proof** The formula of Gindikin and Karpelevich in this context is the formula

$$\int_{N_-(F)} \tilde{f}^\circ(\mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} = \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \frac{1 - q^{-1} \mathbf{z}^{n\alpha}}{1 - \mathbf{z}^{n\alpha}},$$

and it is Proposition I.2.4 of Kazhdan and Patterson [9]. Another proof, closely related to our point of view in this paper, is in MacNamara [12].

We will prove the second equality. With  $v \in \mathcal{B}(\infty)$  and with  $b_i$  as in (2) we have  $\langle \text{wt}(v), \rho \rangle = -\sum b_i$ . Thus

$$\sum_{\mathcal{B}(\infty)} G_\Omega(v) q^{\langle \text{wt}(v), \rho \rangle} \mathbf{z}^{-\text{wt}(v)} = \sum_{\mathcal{B}(\infty)} G'_\Omega(v) \mathbf{z}^{-\text{wt}(v)}$$

where (since boxing does not occur for  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ ) we have

$$G'_\Omega(v) = \prod_{i=1}^N \begin{cases} q^{-b_i} h(b_i) & \text{if } b_i \text{ is not circled,} \\ 1 & \text{if } b_i \text{ is circled.} \end{cases}$$

Using (7),  $G'_\Omega(v) = (1 - q^{-1})^{s(v)}$ , where  $s(v)$  is the number of  $b_i$  that are not circled, provided that these uncircled  $b_i$  are all multiples of  $n$ ; while  $G'_\Omega(v) = 0$  if any  $b_i$  that is not circled is a multiple of  $n$ . Thus we must show that

$$\prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \frac{1 - q^{-1} \mathbf{z}^{n\alpha}}{1 - \mathbf{z}^{n\alpha}} = \sum_{\substack{v \in \mathcal{B}(\infty) \\ \text{BZL}(v) = (b_1, \dots, b_N) \\ \text{if } b_i \text{ is uncircled then } n|b_i}} (1 - q^{-1})^{s(v)} \mathbf{z}^{-\text{wt}(v)}.$$

Now we argue that this may actually be written

$$\prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \frac{1 - q^{-1} \mathbf{z}^{n\alpha}}{1 - \mathbf{z}^{n\alpha}} = \sum_{\substack{v \in \mathcal{B}(\infty) \\ \text{BZL}(v) = (b_1, \dots, b_N) \\ n|b_i \text{ for all } i}} (1 - q^{-1})^{s(v)} \mathbf{z}^{-\text{wt}(v)}. \quad (9)$$

Thus we claim that if  $n|b_i$  for all uncircled  $b_i$  then  $n$  divides all  $b_i$ , whether circled or not. Indeed, if  $b_i$  is circled, then either it is zero (hence a multiple of  $n$ ) or,  $b_i = b_{i+1}$ . If  $b_{i+1}$  is circled, then  $n|b_{i+1}$  so  $n|b_i$ , and the claim is proved; otherwise, we may repeat the argument. We have  $b_i = b_{i+1} = \dots = b_j$  and the last  $b_j$  is uncircled, so  $n|b_j$  and therefore  $n|b_i$ . (This observation also appears as the ‘‘Circling Lemma’’ in [1].) Thus we are reduced to proving (9).

Now Kashiwara [8] proved a similarity property of crystals: let  $\lambda$  be a dominant weight. Then there exists a similarity map that we will denote  $n \cdot : \mathcal{B}_\lambda \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_{n\lambda}$  such that  $\text{wt}(n \cdot v) = n \text{wt}(v)$  and  $f_i^n(n \cdot v) = n \cdot (f_i v)$ . It follows from the description of  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$  that there exists a corresponding similarity map  $n \cdot : \mathcal{B}(\infty) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(\infty)$ , and we may summarize what we have learned by saying that the right-hand side of (8) is the sum over  $v$  in the image of the similarity map. Pulling the sum back to  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$  through the similarity map, we may now apply Theorem 2 (with  $\mathbf{z}^n$  replacing  $\mathbf{z}$ ), since that Theorem proves (9) in the  $n = 1$  case.  $\square$

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