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The relative trace formula method can be used to prove the lifting of cuspidal representations of GSp_2 to GL_4 . We prove the fundamental lemma for the relative trace formula using the induced Weil representation.

1. Introduction.

In [F-J], Friedberg and Jacquet introduce a relative trace formula which gives the lifting from the cuspidal representations of GSp_2 to the self-contragredient cuspidal representations of GL_4 . In this paper, we prove the fundamental lemma for this trace formula, meanwhile illustrate the method of using Weil representation in computing local integrals. What we emphasize here is the method of the proof. It can be applied to show fundamental lemma for many other relative trace formulas, which are out of the scope of previously available methods.

(1.1) Let F be a number field, \mathbf{A} its adèle ring. Let τ_n be a $n \times n$ matrix with 1's on the antidiagonal and 0's elsewhere. The group $GSp_2(F)$ is the similitude group associated to the symplectic form $w_0 = \begin{bmatrix} & \tau_2 \\ -\tau_2 & \end{bmatrix}$. The Shalika subgroup H of $GL_4(F)$ is the set

$$H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} h & \\ & h \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & \\ X & I \end{bmatrix} \mid h \in GL_2(F), X \in M_{2,2}(F) \right\}.$$

Let ψ be a nontrivial additive character of \mathbf{A}/F , χ a multiplicative character of $\mathbf{A}^\times/F^\times$. Define a character Ξ on H by

$$(1) \quad \Xi \left(\begin{bmatrix} h & \\ & h \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & \\ X & I \end{bmatrix} \right) = \chi^{-1}(\det h)\psi(\text{tr}(X)).$$

A cuspidal representation Π of $GL_4(\mathbf{A})$ is said to be (H, Ξ) distinguished if the central character of Π equals χ^2 , and there is $\phi \in \Pi$ with its Shalika period (Z being the center of H)

$$\int_{Z(\mathbf{A})H(F)\backslash H(\mathbf{A})} \phi(h)\Xi(h)dh \neq 0.$$

It follows from [J-S] that the twisted exterior square L -function $L(s, \Pi, \wedge^2 \otimes \chi^{-1})$ has a pole at $s = 1$ if and only if Π is (H, Ξ) distinguished. Meanwhile, from the philosophy of L -groups, the existence of the pole at $s = 1$ implies that Π comes from a functorial lifting from $GS_{p_2}(F)$. One tries to verify this implication using the relative trace formula. This work is started in [F-J], see there for an excellent introduction to the problems we consider.

(1.2) We now state the relative trace formula in [F-J]. Let N and N' be the group of upper triangular unipotent matrices in GL_4 and GS_{p_2} respectively. For $f \in C_c^\infty(GL_4(\mathbf{A}))$ and $f' \in C_c^\infty(GS_{p_2}(\mathbf{A}))$, define the kernel functions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_f(x, y) &= \sum_{\gamma \in GL_4(F)} f(x^{-1}\gamma y), x, y \in GL_4(\mathbf{A}), \\
 K_{f'}(x, y) &= \sum_{\gamma \in GS_{p_2}(F)} f'(x^{-1}\gamma y), x, y \in GS_{p_2}(\mathbf{A}).
 \end{aligned}$$

The relative trace formula is the following claim: There is a map ϵ from $C_c^\infty(GL_4(\mathbf{A}))$ to $C_c^\infty(GS_{p_2}(\mathbf{A}))$, at almost all places extending a Hecke algebra homomorphism (§4), such that we have an identity of distributions $J(\epsilon(f)) = I(f)$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad I(f) &= \iint K_f(h^{-1}, n)\Xi(h)\theta(n)dndh, \\
 (3) \quad J(f') &= \iiint K_{f'}({}^t n_1, n_2\zeta)\theta'({}^t n_1^{-1}n_2)\chi(\zeta)dn_1dn_2d^\times\zeta.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here h is integrated over the Shalika subgroup $H(F)\backslash H(\mathbf{A})$, n is integrated over $N(F)\backslash N(\mathbf{A})$, n_1, n_2 are integrated over $N'(F)\backslash N'(\mathbf{A})$, ζ is integrated over $F^\times\backslash \mathbf{A}^\times$; the characters θ, θ' are nondegenerate, and are defined as follows: For $n \in N(\mathbf{A})$, $\theta(n) = \psi(n_{12} + n_{23} + n_{34})$, for $n \in N'(\mathbf{A})$, $\theta'(n) = \psi(n_{12} + n_{23})$. (We use g_{ij} to denote the entry of a matrix g on the i -th row and j -th column.)

Note in the spectral decomposition of $I(f)$, only the (H, Ξ) distinguished representations appear. The above trace formula should lead to a correspondence between automorphic representations of GS_{p_2} and the (H, Ξ) distinguished automorphic representations of GL_4 . Moreover, it would also imply that every automorphic representation of GS_{p_2} whose functorial lift to GL_4 is cuspidal will be near equivalent to a generic representation, (one with nontrivial Whittaker model).

(1.3) We can unwind the integrals (2) and (3) into sums of orbital integrals. This is done in [F-J]. Let w be a permutation matrix in GL_4 , \mathbf{a} be a diagonal matrix in GL_4 . At any local place v , for $f_v \in C_c^\infty(GL_4(F_v))$,

define the local orbital integral

$$(4) \quad I_{f_v}(w, \mathbf{a}) = \int_{N_v \cap w^{-1}H_v w \setminus N_v} \int_{H_v} f_v(hw\mathbf{a}n)\Xi(h)\theta(n)dn dh.$$

Fix the Haar measures so that \mathbf{A}/F has volume 1. Then for $f = \otimes f_v$, we have

$$I(f) = \sum_{(w, \mathbf{a})} \prod_v I_{f_v}(w, \mathbf{a})$$

where the sum is taken over (w, \mathbf{a}) of the following form:

- (1) $w = (12), \mathbf{a} = \text{diag}[a_1 a_2, a_1, 1, 1].$
- (2) $w = 1, \mathbf{a} = \text{diag}[-a_1, a_1, 1, 1].$
- (3) $w = (132), \mathbf{a} = \text{diag}[a_2, 1, 1, 1].$
- (4) $w = (1243), \mathbf{a} = 1.$

Similarly, for $f'_v \in C_c^\infty(GSp_2(F_v))$, define

$$(5) \quad J_{f'_v}(w', \mathbf{t}) = \int_{N'_v} \int_{N'_v \cap w'^{-1}\bar{N}'_v w' \setminus N'_v} \int_{F_v^\times} f'({}^t n_2 w' \mathbf{t} n_1 \zeta) \chi(\zeta) \theta'(n_1 n_2) dn_1 dn_2 d\zeta$$

where \bar{N}' is the opposite of N' , w' is a Weyl element in GSp_2 , and \mathbf{t} is a diagonal matrix GSp_2 . Then for $f' = \otimes f'_v$, we have

$$J(f') = \sum_{(w', \mathbf{t})} \prod_v J_{f'_v}(w', \mathbf{t})$$

where the sum is taken over (w', \mathbf{t}) of the form:

- (1') $w' = 1, \mathbf{t} = \text{diag}[-a_1 a_2, -a_2, 1, a_1^{-1}].$
- (2') $w' = w_1, \mathbf{t} = \text{diag}[a_1, 1, -1, -a_1^{-1}].$
- (3') $w' = w_2, \mathbf{t} = \text{diag}[a_2, a_2, 1, 1].$
- (4') $w' = w_0, \mathbf{t} = 1.$

For the notations, see [F-J, §I.2-3]. We say (w, \mathbf{a}) and (w', \mathbf{t}) match if they are of the form (i) and (i'), $i=1,2,3$ or 4, for the same a_1, a_2 . To prove the claim in (1.2), one needs to show the existence of a map ϵ , such that if $f'_v = \epsilon(f_v)$, we have

$$(*) \quad I_{f_v}(w, \mathbf{a}) = \Delta_v(w, \mathbf{a}) J_{f'_v}(w', \mathbf{t})$$

for all matching (w, \mathbf{a}) and (w', \mathbf{t}) , and Δ_v is a transfer factor satisfying

$$\prod_v \Delta_v(w, \mathbf{a}) \equiv 1.$$

(1.4) One of the main steps in proving the identity (*) is to show the *fundamental lemma*. From now on, let F_v be a local non-Archimedean field, with odd residue characteristic. We will drop the reference to the place v in the notations. Let \mathcal{O} be the ring of integers in F , let $K = GL_4(\mathcal{O})$, $K' = GSp_2(\mathcal{O})$, $K'' = GO_6(\mathcal{O})$. A Hecke function of GL_4 is a bi- K -invariant

compactly supported function on $GL_4(F)$. Let $\mathcal{H}(GL_4//K)$ be the algebra of Hecke functions. Similarly we define the Hecke algebras $\mathcal{H}(GSp_2//K')$ of GSp_2 , and $\mathcal{H}(GO_6//K'')$ of GO_6 .

Let f, f' be Hecke functions on GL_4 and GSp_2 respectively. There is a concept of matching between Hecke functions on GL_4 and GSp_2 , (see §4). The fundamental lemma asserts that for matching Hecke functions f and f' , the identity (*) holds. With the assumption that a version of Howe duality conjecture holds for the pair (GO_6, GSp_2) , we prove:

Theorem 1. *If ψ is of order 0, χ is unramified, then*

$$(6) \quad \chi(\det(w\mathbf{a}))^{-1/2} I_f(w, \mathbf{a}) = \chi(\lambda(w'\mathbf{t}))^{1/2} J_{f'}(w', \mathbf{t})$$

for matching Hecke functions f, f' and matching $(w, \mathbf{a}), (w', \mathbf{t})$.

Here λ is the similitude ratio (§2).

The identity (6) between the orbital integrals is the fundamental lemma for the case at hand. The Howe duality we use is stated in §4. Though its proof has yet to be published, it is believed to be known. In the similar case of (O_{2n}, Sp_n) , the Howe duality is proved in [R], [Wa] etc.

(1.5) The Main Theorem of [F-J] is the above identity for the case f, f' being the characteristic functions of K, K' . The method of the proof there is using Mellin transform, and is technically very difficult. Only with the masterful skill of the authors, the proof is carried through. Our method is using the (induced) Weil representation and Howe duality. (To prove the result for the characteristic functions of K, K' , one does not need Howe duality, as the equation (19) does hold in this case.)

The induced Weil representation Ω is a representation of $GO_6 \times GSp_2$. To use the induced Weil representation, we embed GL_4 into GO_6 . Our idea is to express the local orbital integrals $I_f(w, \mathbf{a})$ and $J_{f'}(w', \mathbf{t})$ using the 'orbital integrals' of a function Φ (same for both f and f') in the space of Ω , then use the properties of the Weil representation to compare the integrals. In particular, neither of the integrals need to be computed explicitly, thus the technical difficulties are avoided.

The method of using Weil representation in proving fundamental lemma first appears in [M-R]. We note that in proving the existence of the Weil representation, one needs to show certain braid relation holds ([W], [K-S]). The braid relation is essentially an equality of exponential sums. The fundamental lemma is also an equality of exponential sums. What we prove here is roughly the braid relation implies fundamental lemma.

(1.6) The paper is organized as follows. In §2, we introduce the induced Weil representation. In §3, we show two key lemmas that relate the local orbital integrals to the Weil representation. In §4 we prove the Theorem. In §5, we generalize the Lemmas in §3; the generalization could be used to compute integrals over Sp_n, GSp_n and Mp_n , the double cover of Sp_n . We

intend to study the application of these lemmas in other lifting problems in a future paper.

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2. The induced Weil representation.

The induced Weil representation is defined over the group $GO_6 \times GSp_2$. We first recall the well known embedding of GL_4 in GO_6 .

(2.1) Let \langle, \rangle be a symmetric bilinear form on $V \cong F^6$, associated to the matrix τ_6 . Let $GO_6(F)$ be the group of all F -linear isomorphisms g from V to V such that there exists $\lambda \in F^\times$ with $\langle gx, gx' \rangle = \lambda \langle x, x' \rangle$, $x, x' \in V$. If $g \in GO_6(F)$, then such a λ is unique, and will be denoted by $\lambda(g)$.

Let $e_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ be the standard basis of F^4 . Let $\pm e_i \wedge e_j, 1 \leq i < j \leq 4$ be the standard basis of V , here the sign is $-$ when $i = 2, j = 4$, and $+$ otherwise. Then the linear action of GL_4 on F^4 gives an action of GL_4 on V . This is the exterior square representation of GL_4 ; it gives an embedding $GL_4 \xrightarrow{j} GO_6$. Clearly $\lambda(j(g)) = \det(g)$.

We consider the image under j of the various subgroups of GL_4 . Let $\left[\begin{smallmatrix} h & \\ & h \end{smallmatrix} \right] \in H$, it is easy to check that the group $\left\{ j \left(\left[\begin{smallmatrix} h & \\ & h \end{smallmatrix} \right] \right) \right\}$ stabilizes some one dimensional subspaces of V . More precisely

$$(7) \quad j \left(\left[\begin{smallmatrix} h & \\ & h \end{smallmatrix} \right] \right) \left(\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right] \right) = \det(h) \left(\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right] \right).$$

For $\left[\begin{smallmatrix} I & \\ X & I \end{smallmatrix} \right] \in H$, with $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix}$, we have

$$(8) \quad j \left(\left[\begin{smallmatrix} I & \\ X & I \end{smallmatrix} \right] \right) = \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & & & \\ Y & & I & \\ -\frac{\langle Y, Y \rangle}{2} & -\tau_4 Y \tau_4 & & 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right], Y = [x_2, x_4, -x_1, x_3]^T.$$

The restriction of j to N is an isometry between N and N'' , the unit upper triangular group of GO_6 . For the diagonal subgroup of GL_4 , we have,

$$(9) \quad j(\text{diag}[a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4]) = \text{diag}[a_1 a_2, a_1 a_3, a_1 a_4, a_2 a_3, a_2 a_4, a_3 a_4].$$

(2.2) We describe the model for the induced Weil representation.

Let (Y, \langle, \rangle_1) be a 4-dimensional nondegenerate symplectic vector space over F , with \langle, \rangle_1 corresponds to w_0 . Let $GSp_2(F)$ be the group of all F -linear isomorphisms g from Y to Y such that there exists $\lambda \in F^\times$ with

$\langle gy, gy' \rangle_1 = \lambda \langle y, y' \rangle_1$, $y, y' \in Y$. If $g \in GSp_2(F)$, then such a λ is unique, and will be denoted by $\lambda(g)$. Let $Sp_2(F)$ be the subgroup of $g \in GSp_2(F)$ with $\lambda(g) = 1$.

There is an *induced Weil representation* Ω defined on $GO_6(F) \times GSp_2(F)$. It is defined in [PS-S], can be constructed by first extend the usual Weil representation to a subgroup of $GO_6 \times GSp_2$, then compactly induce to the whole group, [Ro].

Let $Y = Y^+ \oplus Y^-$ be the polarization of Y . Then Ω acts on the space of Schwartz functions on $V \otimes Y^+ \oplus F^\times$. We will use a 6×2 matrix to denote an element in $V \otimes Y^+$. Denote an element in $GO_6 \times GSp_2$ by (α, β) with $\alpha \in GO_6$ and $\beta \in GSp_2$. Then Ω has the following properties: Let $Z \in M_{6,2}(F), a \in F^\times$,

$$(10) \quad \Omega(g, 1)\phi(Z, a) = |\lambda(g)|^{-3}\phi(g^{-1}Z, a\lambda(g)),$$

(11)

$$\Omega\left(1, \begin{bmatrix} I & V \\ & I \end{bmatrix}\right)\phi(Z, 1) = \psi[\text{tr}({}^tZ\tau_6ZV\tau_2)/2]\phi(Z, 1)$$

(12)

$$\Omega\left(1, \begin{bmatrix} g & \\ & g^* \end{bmatrix}\right)\phi(Z, a) = \frac{\gamma(1, \psi)}{\gamma(\det g^6, \psi)}|\det g|^3\phi(Zg, 1), g^* = \tau_2 {}^t g^{-1} \tau_2$$

$$(13) \quad \Omega(1, w_0^{-1})\phi(Z, 1) = (\gamma(1, \psi))^{-12} \int \psi(\text{tr}({}^tZ'\tau_6Z))\phi(Z', 1)dZ'$$

(14)

$$\Omega\left(1, \begin{bmatrix} I & \\ & \lambda I \end{bmatrix}\right)\phi(Z, a) = \phi(Z, a\lambda^{-1}).$$

3. Two key lemmas.

Starting from this section, we assume ψ is of order 0, χ is unramified. In particular $\gamma(a, \psi) = 1$ if the valuation of a is even. Let Φ_0 be the characteristic function of $M_{6,2}(\mathcal{O}) \times \mathcal{O}^\times$. Let f_0, f'_0 be the characteristic functions of K, K' .

For $z \in F$, let $u(z) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & z \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$; for $g \in GL_2$, let $t(g) = \begin{bmatrix} g & \\ & g^* \end{bmatrix} \in Sp_2$.

With the following lemma, we can express the orbital integral $I_f(w, \mathbf{a})$ using the representation Ω .

Lemma 1.

(15)

$$\int_H f_0(hg)\Xi(h)dh = \iint |a|^6\Omega(j(g), t(u(z)))\Phi_0(aX_0, a^{-2})\chi(a)\psi(-z)d^\times adz$$

where X_0 is the matrix in (7).

Proof. Let $F_1(g), F_2(g)$ be the LHS and RHS of (15).

Lemma 1.1. $F_i \left(\begin{bmatrix} h_0 & \\ & h_0 \end{bmatrix} g \right) = F_i(g)\chi(\det h_0)$, for $h_0 \in GL_2$.

Proof. When $i = 1$, the identity follows from a change of variable $h \rightarrow h \begin{bmatrix} h_0 & \\ & h_0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$. When $i = 2$, from (7) and (10), $F_2 \left(\begin{bmatrix} h_0 & \\ & h_0 \end{bmatrix} g \right)$ equals

$$\iint |a \det h_0^{-1}|^6 \Omega(j(g), t(u(z))) \cdot \Phi_0(a(\det h_0^{-1})X_0, (a \det h_0^{-1})^{-2})\psi(-z)\chi(a)d^\times adz.$$

The identity follows from the change of variable $a \rightarrow a \det(h_0)$. □

Lemma 1.2. $F_i \left(\begin{bmatrix} I & \\ X & I \end{bmatrix} g \right) = \psi(\text{tr}(-X))F_i(g)$, $X \in M_{2,2}(F)$.

Proof. When $i = 1$, the identity follows from the change of variable $h \rightarrow h \begin{bmatrix} I & \\ -X & I \end{bmatrix}$. When $i = 2$, use the formula (8) and (10). $F_2 \left(\begin{bmatrix} I & \\ X & I \end{bmatrix} g \right)$ equals

$$\iint |a|^6 \Omega(j(g), t(u(z)))\Phi_0 \left(a \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -x_1 - x_4 \end{bmatrix}, a^{-2} \right) \chi(a)\psi(-z)d^\times adz.$$

From (12), it is

$$\iint |a|^6 \Omega(j(g), t(u(z - x_1 - x_4)))\Phi_0(aX_0, a^{-2})\chi(a)\psi(-z)d^\times adz.$$

The Lemma 1.2 follows from a change of variable $z \rightarrow z + x_1 + x_4$. □

Lemma 1.3. $F_i(gk) = F_i(g)$, for $k \in K$.

Proof. It is well known that with our assumptions, the function $\Phi = \Phi_0$ satisfies:

$$(16) \quad \Omega(j(k), 1)\Phi = \Omega(1, k')\Phi = \Phi, k \in K, k' \in K'.$$

The Lemma 1.3 follows from this identity and K -invariance of f_0 . □

From Lemma 1.1-1.3 and the Iwasawa decomposition, we only need to show (15) for $g = \begin{bmatrix} p & \\ & I \end{bmatrix}$ where $p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & \\ & c \end{bmatrix}$. We show $F_1(g) = F_2(g) = 1$ if $|c| = |b| = 1, |x| \leq 1$, and $F_i(g) = 0$ otherwise.

Using (8), (9) and (10), we get $F_2(g)$ equals

$$\iint |a|^6 |bc|^{-3} \Phi_0 \left(a \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b^{-1} \\ 0 & -c^{-1} \\ 0 & -c^{-1}x \\ 1 & z \end{bmatrix}, bca^{-2} \right) \chi(a)\psi(-z)d^\times adz.$$

The integral is

$$\iint \chi(a)\psi(-z)dzd^\times a$$

with domain being $|a^2| = |bc|$, $a, ab^{-1}, ac^{-1}, ac^{-1}x, az \in \mathcal{O}$. This domain is equivalent to $|a| = |b| = |c| \leq 1, |x| \leq 1$ and $|az| \leq 1$. When $|b| = |c| < 1$, the integration over z is 0. Thus the integral is nonzero only when $|b| = |c| = 1$, in which case it clearly equals 1.

The integral $F_1(g)$ is $\int \Xi(h)dh$ with the domain being

$$\begin{bmatrix} h & \\ & h \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & \\ X & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & \\ & I \end{bmatrix} \in K.$$

We see over the domain, $h \in GL_2(\mathcal{O})$, thus $p \in GL_2(\mathcal{O})$. This implies $|b| = |c| = 1, |x| \leq 1$. While the above condition is not satisfied, $F_1(g) = 0$; when it is satisfied, the domain becomes $h \in GL_2(\mathcal{O}), X \in M_{2,2}(\mathcal{O})$, thus $F_1(g) = 1$. □

The following Lemma allows us to use the Weil representation to compute the orbital integral $J_{f'}(w', \mathbf{t})$ on GS_{p_2} . In §5, we have a generalization of the Lemma.

Lemma 2.

(17)

$$\iiint_{N'} f'_0(n^{-1}g)\theta'(n)dn = \iiint \Omega(1, g)\Phi_0 \left(\begin{bmatrix} x & z \\ -1 & y \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, 1 \right) \psi(x + y)dx dy dz.$$

Proof. Let $F_1(g), F_2(g)$ be the LHS and RHS of (17).

Lemma 2.1. $F_i(n_0g) = F_i(g)\theta'(n_0)$, for $n \in N'$.

Proof. When $i = 1$, the identity follows from a change of variable $n \rightarrow n_0n$. When $i = 2$, let $n_0 = \begin{bmatrix} I & V \\ & I \end{bmatrix} t(u(s))$. Let Y_0 be the matrix in (17). Note

that ${}^tY_0\tau_6Y_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Thus from (11) and (12),

$$\begin{aligned} &\Omega\left(1, \begin{bmatrix} I & V \\ & I \end{bmatrix} t(u(s))g\right) \Phi_0(Y_0, 1) \\ &= \psi\left(\frac{V_{21}}{2}\right) \Omega(1, g)\Phi_0\left(\begin{bmatrix} x & z + xs \\ -1 & y - s \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, 1\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\theta'(n_0) = \psi(s + \frac{V_{21}}{2})$, the Lemma 2.1 follows from changes of variables $y \rightarrow y + s, z \rightarrow z - xs$. □

Lemma 2.2. $F_i(gk) = F_i(g)$, for $k \in K'$.

Proof. This follows from (16) and K' -invariance of f'_0 . □

From Lemma 2.1, 2.2 and the Iwasawa decomposition, we only need to show (17) for $g = \text{diag}[a_1, a_2, a_2^{-1}\lambda, a_1^{-1}\lambda]$. We show for such a g , $F_1(g) = F_2(g) = 1$ if $|a_1| = |a_2| = |\lambda| = 1$ and they equal 0 otherwise.

Using (12) and (14), we get

$$\Omega(1, g)\Phi_0(Y_0, 1) = \frac{\gamma(1, \psi)}{\gamma(a_1^6 a_2^6, \psi)} |a_1 a_2|^3 \Phi_0\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_1 x & a_2 z \\ -a_1 & a_2 y \\ 0 & -a_2 \\ 0 & -a_2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda^{-1}\right).$$

The integral $F_2(g)$ is

$$\iiint \frac{\gamma(1, \psi)}{\gamma(a_1^6 a_2^6, \psi)} |a_1 a_2|^3 \psi(x + y) dx dy dz$$

with domain being $|\lambda| = 1, a_1, a_2, a_1x, a_2z, a_2y \in \mathcal{O}$. If $|a_1| < 1$ or $|a_2| < 1$, then the integral over either x or y equals 0. Thus $F_2(g)$ is nonzero only when $|a_1| = |a_2| = |\lambda| = 1$, in which case it equals 1. Here we need the fact that $\gamma(a, \psi) = 1$ when the valuation of a is even.

The integral $F_1(g)$ is $\int \theta'(n) dn$ with the domain being $n^{-1}g \in K'$. Over the domain, we have $|a_1| = |a_2| = |\lambda| = 1$ and $n \in K'$. Thus $F_1(g)$ is nonzero only when $|a_1| = |a_2| = |\lambda| = 1$, in which case the integration over n equals 1. □

4. Proof of the theorem.

(4.1) We recall the Howe duality for unramified dual pairs.

The version of the Howe duality conjecture we use is the following: There exists a surjective homomorphism:

$$\rho : \mathcal{H}(GO_6//K'') \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(GSp_2//K')$$

which satisfies:

$$(18) \quad \int_{GO_6} f(h^{-1})\Omega(h, 1)\Phi_0 dh = \int_{GSp_2} f'(g'^{-1})\Omega(1, g')\Phi_0 dg'.$$

From now on, we assume the existence of the above homomorphism.

Let f, f' be Hecke functions of GL_4 and GSp_2 . It follows from Prop. 7.1 of [Sa] that there is an injective homomorphism $\iota : \mathcal{H}(GL_4//K) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(GO_6//K'')$. The composition of ρ and ι is then a homomorphism from $\mathcal{H}(GL_4//K)$ to $\mathcal{H}(GSp_2//K')$. The functions f and f' match if

$$\rho(\iota(f)) = f'.$$

It follows from the definition of ι and equation (18) that:

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$$(19) \quad \int f(g^{-1})\Omega(j(g), 1)\Phi_0 dg = \int f'(g'^{-1})\Omega(1, g')\Phi_0 dg'.$$

We will denote the LHS of (19) by $f * \Phi_0$ and the RHS by $f' * \Phi_0$.

(4.2) We express the orbital integrals using the representation Ω .

Lemma 3. *If $f \in \mathcal{H}(GL_4//K)$, let $\Phi = f * \Phi_0$, then $I_f(w, \mathbf{a})$ equals:*

$$(20) \quad \int_{N \cap w^{-1}Hw \setminus N} \int \Omega(j(w\mathbf{a}n), t(u(z)))\Phi(aX_0, a^{-2})|a|^6\chi(a)\psi(-z)\theta(n)d^\times adzdn.$$

Proof. Let $f_1 * f_2$ denote the convolution of functions. Then $f * f_0 = f$ if $f \in \mathcal{H}(GL_4//K)$. The lemma follows from this fact and Lemma 1. \square

Meanwhile it is easy to see that $J_{f'}(w', \mathbf{t})$ can be written into:

$$\int_{N'} \int_{N' \cap w'^{-1}\bar{N}'w' \setminus N'} \int f'(n_1^{-1}w_0^{-1}w'tn_2\zeta)\theta'(n_1n_2)\chi(\zeta)d^\times \zeta dn_1 dn_2.$$

Use Lemma 2 and the fact that $f' * f'_0 = f'$ for $f' \in \mathcal{H}(GSp_2//K')$, we get:

Lemma 4. *If $f' \in \mathcal{H}(GSp_2//K')$, let $\Phi = f' * \Phi_0$, then $J_{f'}(w', \mathbf{t})$ equals*

$$(21) \quad \int_{N' \cap w'^{-1}\bar{N}'w' \setminus N'} \iint \Omega(1, w_0^{-1}w'tn_2\zeta)\Phi(Y_0, 1)\psi(x + y)\theta'(n_2)\chi(\zeta)d^\times \zeta dY_0 dn_2.$$

When f and f' match, $f *' \Phi_0 = f' *' \Phi_0 = \Phi$ for a function Φ satisfying the relation (16) and the relation:

$$(22) \quad \Phi(Z, a) = 0, a \notin \mathcal{O}^\times; \quad \Phi(z, a) = \Phi(z, 1), a \in \mathcal{O}^\times.$$

Thus to prove the Theorem 1, we only need to show the following:

Lemma 5. *For a function Φ on $M_{6,2}(F) \times F^\times$, satisfying (16) and (22), we have*

$$(23) \quad \chi(\det(w\mathbf{a}))^{-1/2} \times (20) = \chi(\lambda(w'\mathbf{t}))^{1/2} \times (21)$$

when (w, \mathbf{a}) and (w', \mathbf{t}) match.

In the rest of the section, we prove the equality (23) for (w, \mathbf{a}) and (w', \mathbf{t}) of type (1), (1'). The other cases are simpler and can be treated similarly. The proof is a simple computation using the properties of the representation Ω (§2) and the Fourier inversion formula. We note that in the case (w, \mathbf{a}) of type (1), $N \cap w^{-1}Hw = \{1\}$; when (w', \mathbf{t}) is of type (1'), $N' \cap w'^{-1}N'w' = \{1\}$.

(4.3) We compute (20) for (w, \mathbf{a}) of type (1).

From (10), the integral (20) equals:

$$\begin{aligned} & \iiint \Omega(j(n), t(u(z))) \Phi \left(a \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -a_1^{-1}a_2^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -a_1^{-1} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, -a^{-2}a_1^2a_2 \right) \\ & \cdot |a|^6 |a_1^2a_2|^{-3} \chi(a) \psi(-z) d^\times a dz \theta(n) dn. \end{aligned}$$

From (22), we can restrict the domain of integration to where $|a_1^2a_2| = |a|^2$. Observe that $\chi(\det(w\mathbf{a})) = \chi(a_1^2a_2)$. Thus over the domain of integration, we have $\chi(\det(w\mathbf{a}))^{-1/2} \chi(a) = 1$ and $|a|^6 |a_1^2a_2|^{-3} = 1$. Make a change of variable $a \rightarrow aa_1a_2$ and use (22), we get the LHS of (23) is:

$$(24) \quad \int_{|a|^2=|a_2|^{-1}} \iint \Omega(j(n), t(u(z))) \Phi \left(a \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -a_2 \\ a_1a_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, 1 \right) \psi(-z) d^\times a dz \theta(n) dn.$$

This is the expression we use to compare with the RHS of (23).

(4.4) We compute (21) for (w', \mathbf{t}) of type (1').

We can write $w_0^{-1}w'tn\zeta$ as

$$w_0^{-1}t \left(\begin{bmatrix} -a_1a_2 & \\ & -a_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} I & -a_2^{-1}V \\ & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \zeta I & \\ & -\zeta a_2 I \end{bmatrix} \\ \cdot t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} u(-z) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Then $\theta'(n) = \psi(z + V_{2,1})$ and $dn = dVdz$. We will implicitly use the fact that $\gamma(a, \psi) = 1$ when the valuation of a is even.

First consider the integration of (21) over Y_0 . From (13), we have:

$$\int \Omega(1, w_0^{-1}g)\Phi(Y_0, 1)\psi(x + y)dY_0 \\ = \iint \Omega(1, g)\Phi(Z, 1)\psi(tr({}^tZ\tau_6Y_0))\psi(x + y)dY_0dZ.$$

We can integrate over Y_0 and Z_{16}, Z_{25}, Z_{26} . From the Fourier inversion formula $\hat{\phi}(x) = \phi(-x)$, the above integral equals:

$$\int \Omega(1, g)\Phi \left(\begin{bmatrix} Z_{11} & Z_{12} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ Z_{15} & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, 1 \right) \psi(-Z_{23} - Z_{24} - Z_{15})dZ.$$

Apply Witt's Theorem, we can write this integral into:

$$\iint_N \Omega(j(n), g)\Phi \left(\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & \eta \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, 1 \right) \theta(n)dnd(\alpha\beta\eta).$$

With the above consideration of the integration over Y_0 , from (11), (12) and (16), we see (21) equals $|a_1a_2^2|^3$ times:

$$\iiiii \Omega \left(j(n), \begin{bmatrix} \zeta I & \\ & -\zeta a_2 I \end{bmatrix} t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} u(-z) \right) \right) \\ \cdot \Phi \left(\begin{bmatrix} -\alpha a_1 a_2 & -\beta a_2 \\ 0 & -\eta a_2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 \\ a_1 a_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, 1 \right)$$

$$\psi(\beta a_1 a_2 V_{1,2} + \alpha a_1^2 a_2 V_{1,1} + \eta a_2 V_{2,1} + V_{2,1})\psi(z)\theta(n)\chi(\zeta)d^\times \zeta dVd(\alpha\beta\eta)dndz.$$

Use the Fourier inversion formula to integrate over α, β, η and V , we get (21) equals $|a_2|^3$ times:

$$\iiint \Omega \left(j(n), \begin{bmatrix} \zeta I & \\ & -\zeta a_2 I \end{bmatrix} t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} u(z) \right) \right) \cdot \Phi \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 \\ a_1 a_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, 1 \right) \psi(z) \theta(n) \chi(\zeta) d^\times \zeta dndz.$$

Change $z \rightarrow -z$, apply (12) and (14); we get (21) equals

$$(25) \quad |a_2|^3 \iiint |\zeta|^6 \Omega(j(n), t(u(z))) \Phi \left(\zeta \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -a_2 \\ a_1 a_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, -a_2^{-1} \zeta^{-2} \right) \cdot \psi(-z) \theta(n) \chi(\zeta) d^\times \zeta dndz.$$

From (22), we can restrict the domain of integration to where $|a_2| = |\zeta|^{-2}$. Over the domain, we have then

$$\chi(\zeta) \chi(\lambda(w' \mathbf{t}))^{1/2} = \chi(\zeta) \chi(a_2)^{1/2} = 1$$

and $|a_2|^3 |\zeta|^6 = 1$. Thus the RHS of (23), which equals $\chi(\lambda(w' \mathbf{t}))^{1/2} \times (25)$, is exactly (24). We have proved the Lemma 5 in the case when (w, \mathbf{a}) and (w', \mathbf{t}) are of type (1) and (1'). \square

5. A generalization of Lemma 2.

Our method in proving Theorem 1 can be applied in other situations. The Lemmas that are stated here for GL_4 and GSp_2 can be generalized to other groups. We state the generalizations of Lemma 2 to the case of Sp_n, Mp_n . The proof for the Lemmas are similar to that of Lemma 2, and will be skipped. In the cases of Sp_n, Mp_n , we use the Weil representation ω of the groups $Mp_{n(2n+2)}$ and $Mp_{n(2n+1)}$ respectively. Let N' be the unit upper triangular subgroup of Sp_n . The metaplectic group Mp_n splits over N' , thus we can consider N' as a subgroup of Mp_n as well. In this case, we define a character θ'' on N' by $\theta''(n) = \psi(n_{1,2} + \dots + n_{n-1,n} + n_{n,n+1}/2)$. Let f''_0 be the unit Hecke function of Mp_n .

Lemma 6. For $g \in Sp_n$,

$$(26) \quad \int_{N'} f'_0(n^{-1}g)\theta'(n)dn = \int \omega(1, g)\Phi_0(X)\psi(X_{1,1} + \cdots + X_{n,n})dX$$

where $X \in M_{2n+2,n}$, $X_{i+1,i} = X_{n+2,n} = -1$, $X_{j,i} = 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, $j > i+1$ (except when $j = n+2, i = n$), and other $X_{j,i}$ are free variables.

Lemma 7. For $g \in Mp_n$,

$$(27) \quad \int_{N'} f''_0(n^{-1}g)\theta''(n)dn = \int \omega(1, g)\Phi_0(X)\psi(X_{1,1} + \cdots + X_{n,n})dX$$

where $X \in M_{2n+1,n}$, $X_{i+1,i} = -1$, $X_{j,i} = 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, $j > i+1$, and other $X_{j,i}$ are free variables.

We expect these formulas to be useful in other cases of lifting. For example in [M], one needs to consider an orbital integral of the form

$$\int_{N'} \int_{N' \cap g^{-1}N'g \setminus N'} f''_0(n_1^{-1}gn_2)\theta''(n_1n_2)dn_1dn_2.$$

Then by applying Lemma 7, we can write the orbital integral using the Weil representation: It equals

$$\int \int_{N' \cap g^{-1}N'g \setminus N'} \omega(1, gn_2)\Phi_0(X)\theta''(n_2)\psi(X_{1,1} + \cdots + X_{n,n})dXd n_2.$$

We can again use the properties of the Weil representation to study this integral.

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