

## REGULAR ELLIPTIC CLASSES AND THE STABLE RELATIVE TRACE FORMULA

K. F. LAI

**ABSTRACT.** We study the relative trace formula of a reductive group over an algebraic number field. Following Langlands we stabilize the geometric side of the relative trace formula contributed by the elliptic regular double cosets.

**1. Introduction.** The trace formula was first introduced by Selberg for the group  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  and was established for any reductive group  $G$  over an algebraic number field  $F$  by Arthur in a long series of papers beginning with [1]. The phenomenon of stability of the trace formula was discovered by Langlands and it arises on the spectral side as  $L$ -indistinguishability while on the geometric side it reflects the “packetting” of the conjugacy classes over  $F$  into conjugacy classes over the algebraic closure  $\bar{F}$  of  $F$  (see [10] to [13]).  $L$ -indistinguishability was first studied by Labesse and Langlands. Shelstad and Langlands introduced the concept of endoscopic groups. Langlands presented in [10] the regular elliptic part of the geometric side of the stable trace formula.

In [4] Jacquet and Lai introduced the relative trace formula for  $GL(2)$ —there they took a finite Galois extension  $E$  of  $F$  and considered the problem of integrating the kernel  $K(x, y)$  of the regular representation of  $GL(2, E)$  over  $GL(2, F)$ . In the situation of the relative trace formula one replaces the usual conjugacy classes by the double cosets of  $G(E)$  modulo  $G(F)$ . Here one can again study the problems of stability. In this paper we give a “relative” version of Langlands [10], i.e. we stabilize the geometric side of the relative trace formula contributed by the regular elliptic double cosets. The author would like to thank Professor Langlands for a conversation on the geometry of double cosets and the referee for helpful comments.

**2. Notations.** Let  $F$  be an algebraic number field and  $E$  be a finite Galois extension of  $F$ . We write  $\mathbb{A}$  for the adèles of  $F$  and  $\mathbb{A}_E$  for the adèles of  $E$ . If we denote an algebraic group defined over  $F$  by  $\mathbb{G}$ , we shall write  $G$  for its group  $\mathbb{G}(F)$  of  $F$  rational points,  $G_{\mathbb{A}}$  for its group of  $F$  adelic points. To simplify notations we shall not distinguish  $G$  and  $\mathbb{G}$  when it is clear from the context.

Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a connected reductive algebraic group defined over  $F$ . Consider  $\mathbb{G}$  as an algebraic group over  $E$  and apply to it the Weil restriction functor from  $E$  to  $F$  to obtain  $\tilde{\mathbb{G}}_{\mathbb{A}}$ . For each rational character  $\chi$  of  $\tilde{\mathbb{G}}_{\mathbb{A}}$  defined over  $F$ , we define the homomorphism

---

Received by the editors March 6, 1991.

AMS subject classification: Primary: 11F70; secondary: 11F72, 22E55.

© Canadian Mathematical Society 1992.

$|\chi|$  by

$$|\chi|(x) = \prod_v |\chi(x_v)|_v, \quad x = \prod_v x_v \in \tilde{G}.$$

The intersection of the kernel of all the  $|\chi|$  is denoted by  ${}^\circ\tilde{G}_A$ . The locally compact group  ${}^\circ\tilde{G}_A$  contains  $\tilde{G}$  as a discrete subgroup.

We denote the cardinality of a set  $S$  by  $|S|$ .

**3. Double cosets.** Write the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(E/F)$  of the extension  $E/F$  as  $\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\}$  with  $\sigma_1 = \text{identity}$ . For any  $\sigma$  in  $\text{Gal}(E/F)$ , if  $\sigma\sigma_i = \sigma_j$  we write  $\sigma(i) = j$ . The group  $\tilde{G}$  is characterised by having rational points  $\tilde{G}(F) = \mathbb{G}(E)$  and action of  $\text{Gal}(E/F)$  on  $\tilde{G}(E) = \mathbb{G}(E) \times \dots \times \mathbb{G}(E)$  given by:  $\sigma((g_i)) = (\sigma(g_{\sigma^{-1}(i)}))$ , for  $(g_i)$  in  $\tilde{G}(E)$ . We embed  $\mathbb{G}(E)$  diagonally in  $\tilde{G}(E)$  and consider the action of  $(h, g)$  in  $\mathbb{G}(E) \times \mathbb{G}(E)$  taking  $(g_i)$  in  $\tilde{G}(E)$  to  $(h^{-1}g_i g)$ . Since the action is given by multiplication in  $\mathbb{G}$  which is in turn given by polynomials in  $F$ , we get an action of  $\mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G}$  on  $\tilde{G}$  defined over  $F$ . Let  $V$  be the quotient variety for this action. Then  $V$  is defined over  $F$  and  $V(F)$  equals the double coset space  $\mathbb{G}(F) \backslash \tilde{G}(F) / \mathbb{G}(F)$ . If we choose double coset representative of a point in  $V(E)$  such that it can be written as  $x = \mathbb{G}(E)(g_i)\mathbb{G}(E)$  with  $g_1 = 1$ , then by looking at the first coordinate of the equation  $h^{-1}(g_i)g = (g_i)$  we see that  $h = g$  and so the isotropy subgroup  $\mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G}_{(g_i)}$  of  $(g_i)$  is the intersection of centralizers of the  $g_i$  in  $\mathbb{G}$ .

Suppose now  $\mathbb{G}^*$  is a quasi-split form of  $\mathbb{G}$  given by an isomorphism  $\psi: \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}^*$  defined over a finite Galois extension  $E$ . Let  $\tilde{G}^*$  be  $R_{E/F}\mathbb{G}^*$  and  $V^*$  be the quotient variety for the action of  $\mathbb{G}^* \times \mathbb{G}^*$  on  $\tilde{G}^*$ . Then  $V$  and  $V^*$  are isomorphic over  $\bar{F}$ —the isomorphism  $\Psi$  being induced by  $\psi$ . If  $\mathbb{G}$  is given by the inner twisting  $\sigma \mapsto a_\sigma ? a_\sigma^{-1}$  with  $a_\sigma$  in  $\mathbb{G}^*(\bar{F})$ , then the action of Galois on  $\tilde{G}$  is given by the following

$$(g_i) \mapsto (a_\sigma \sigma(g_{\sigma^{-1}(i)}) a_\sigma^{-1}).$$

A point  $v^*$  in  $V^*(\bar{F})$  is a double coset  $\mathbb{G}(\bar{F})(g_i)\mathbb{G}(\bar{F})$  and  $\sigma(v^*)$  is the double coset  $\mathbb{G}(\bar{F})(\sigma(g_{\sigma^{-1}(i)}))\mathbb{G}(\bar{F})$ . For  $v = \mathbb{G}(\bar{F})(g_i)\mathbb{G}(\bar{F})$  in  $V(\bar{F})$  we get  $\Psi(v)$  is  $\mathbb{G}(\bar{F})(g_i)\mathbb{G}(\bar{F})$  and we deduce from the equality

$$\mathbb{G}(\bar{F})(a_\sigma (\sigma(g_{\sigma^{-1}(i)})) a_\sigma^{-1}) \mathbb{G}(\bar{F}) = \mathbb{G}(\bar{F})(\sigma(g_{\sigma^{-1}(i)})) \mathbb{G}(\bar{F})$$

the equation

$$\Psi \circ \sigma = \sigma \circ \Psi.$$

Thus  $V$  and  $V^*$  are isomorphic over  $F$ .

**4. Elliptic part.** We say that an element  $\gamma$  of  $\tilde{G}$  is relatively regular if  $\sigma(\gamma)\gamma^{-1}$  is a regular element of  $\tilde{G}$  for all  $\sigma$  in  $\text{Gal}(E/F)$ .

For a smooth compactly supported function  $f$  on  $\tilde{G}_A$ , an element  $\gamma$  in  $\tilde{G}$  and a maximal torus  $T$  of  $G$  defined over  $F$ , we put

$$\Phi_T(\gamma, f) = \iint f(x^{-1}\gamma y) dx dy$$

where the variables  $x$  ranges over  $G_A$  and  $y$  over  $T_A \setminus G_A$ . Let  $\mathfrak{T}$  be a set of representatives of equivalence classes of anisotropic maximal torii  $\mathbb{T}$  of  $G$  defined over  $F$  with respect to conjugation over  $F$  by elements of  $G$ . We write  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{re}}(f)$  for the regular elliptic part of the geometric side of the relative trace formula for  $f$ :

$$\mathcal{T}_{\text{re}}(f) = \sum_{T \in \mathfrak{T}} \frac{\tau(T)}{\omega(T)} \sum'_{T \setminus \bar{T}} \Phi_T(\gamma, f),$$

where  $\sum'$  denotes the summation over all relatively regular elements;  $\tau(T)$  is the Tamagawa number of  $T$  and  $\omega(T)$  is the order of the Weyl group  $\Omega_F(T, G)$ . (Here in the sum  $\sum_{\mathfrak{T}}$  we abused notation and wrote  $T$  for  $\mathbb{T}$ .)

**5. Stabilisation.** The process of stabilizing the trace formula involves two ingredients, namely the stable conjugacy of torii (Langlands [9]) and the local-global hypothesis (Langlands [10]: VI§4, VII§7). The part concerning the stable conjugacy classes of torii applies directly to the relative trace formula and will be considered first.

Let  $\bar{F}$  be the separable closure of  $F$ . For a maximal  $F$ -torus  $T$  of  $G$ , the groups  $\mathfrak{U}$ ,  $\mathfrak{D}$ ,  $\mathfrak{G}$ ,  $\mathfrak{H}$  are defined as in Langlands [10] II§3. We recall their definitions for the convenience of the readers. Let  $G_{\text{sc}}$  be the simply connected covering of the derived group  $G_{\text{der}}$  of  $G$  and  $T_{\text{sc}}$  be the inverse image of  $T$  in  $G_{\text{sc}}$ . The group of coweights of a torus  $T$  is denoted by  $X_*(T)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{H}(T/F)$  is defined to be the group of complex characters on  $X_*(T_{\text{sc}})$  which are trivial on the intersection of  $X_*(T_{\text{sc}})$  with the lattice generated by  $\{\sigma\mu - \mu \mid \sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{F}_v/F_v), \mu \in X_*(T)\}$  for any place  $v$  of  $F$  and any extension of  $v$  to  $\bar{F}$ . Let  $K$  be a splitting field of  $T$ ,  $Y$  be the group consisting of elements in  $X_*(T_{\text{sc}})$  whose norm from  $K$  to  $F$  is zero,  $Z$  be the subgroup of  $X_*(T)$  generated by the elements  $\sigma\mu - \mu$ ,  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K/F)$ ,  $\mu \in X_*(T)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{G}(T/F)$  is the quotient group  $Y/Y \cap Z$ . Each element of  $\mathfrak{H}(T/F)$  defines a character of  $\mathfrak{G}(T/F)$ . If  $g$  is in  $\mathfrak{G}(\bar{F})$ , write  $T^g$  for  $g^{-1}Tg$ . Let  $\mathfrak{U}(T/f)$  be the set of all elements  $g$  in  $\mathfrak{G}(\bar{F})$  such that both  $T^g$  and isomorphism  $T \rightarrow T^g: t \mapsto g^{-1}tg$  are defined over  $F$ . Let  $\mathfrak{D}(T/F)$  be the quotient  $T(\bar{F}) \setminus \mathfrak{U}(T/F)/G(F)$ . Two  $F$ -torii  $T, T'$  are said to be *stably conjugated* over  $F$  if there exists a  $g$  in  $\mathfrak{U}(T/F)$  such that  $T' = T^g$ . Let  $\mathfrak{T}_{\text{st}}$  be a set of representatives of stable conjugacy classes of all the anisotropic maximal torii  $T$  of  $G$  defined over  $F$ .

If  $\delta \in \mathfrak{D}(T/F)$  is represented by  $a \in \mathfrak{U}(T)$  we put  $\Phi_{T^\delta}(\gamma^\delta, f) = \Phi_{T^a}(\gamma^a, f)$ . Replacing  $\mathfrak{T}$  in  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{re}}(f)$  by  $\mathfrak{T}_{\text{st}}$  we get

$$\mathcal{T}_{\text{re}}(f) = \sum_{T \in \mathfrak{T}_{\text{st}}} \frac{\tau(T)}{\omega(T)} \sum'_{T \setminus \bar{T}} \sum_{\delta \in \mathfrak{D}(T/F)} \Phi_{T^\delta}(\gamma^\delta, f).$$

**6. Second reduction.** Before we go on to the second reduction to  $\kappa$ -orbital integrals we introduce the diagrams of Langlands in three steps. The classes of  $L$ -indistinguishable representations are to be analyzed with the help of endoscopic groups  $H$  of  $G$ . The harmonic analysis on  $G$  is related to that on  $H$  by means of the transfer of orbital integrals. The diagrams are introduced to relate the tori in  $H$  to those in  $G$ .

STEP ONE. We choose a quasi-split form  $G^*$  of  $G$ , i.e.  $G^*$  is a connected reductive group over  $F$  with a Borel subgroup  $B^*$  defined over  $F$ , we fix an isomorphism  $\psi: G \rightarrow G^*$  defined over  $\bar{F}$  such that  $\psi^{-1}\sigma(\psi): G \rightarrow G$  is inner for all  $\sigma$  in  $\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$ . We fix a maximal  $F$ -torus  $T^*$  in  $B^*$  ([10] pp. 33, 38).

STEP TWO. Take a maximal  $F$ -torus  $T^*$  of  $G^*$ . Then a  $\kappa$  in  $\mathfrak{K}(T^*/F)$  defines a quasi-split group  $H$  over  $F$  (an endoscopic group of  $G$ , [10], pp. 33, 21). We fix a maximal  $F$ -torus  $\underline{T}_H$  in the Borel subgroup over  $F$  in  $H$  and an isomorphism  $\underline{T}_H \rightarrow \underline{T}^*$  over  $\bar{F}$ . The data  $\{T^*, \kappa\}$  defines an isomorphism over  $F$  from  $T^*$  onto a maximal  $F$ -torus  $\mathbb{T}_H$  of  $H$  via a diagram

$$D^*: \mathbb{T}_H \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{T}}_H \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{T}}^* \leftarrow T^*,$$

in which every arrow is an isomorphism over  $\bar{F}$  ([10], pp. 147).

STEP THREE. We say that a maximal  $F$ -torus  $T^*$  of  $G^*$  lifts to  $G$  globally if there is a maximal  $F$ -torus  $T$  of  $G$  and a  $g \in G^*(\bar{F})$  such that the restriction  $\psi_{T,T^*}$  of  $\text{ad}(g) \circ \psi$  to  $T$  maps onto  $T^*$  and is defined over  $F$  ([10], pp. 140). In this case we have a global diagram

$$D: \mathbb{T}_H \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{T}}_H \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{T}}^* \leftarrow T^* \xleftarrow{\psi_{T,T^*}} T.$$

We say that  $T^*$  of  $G^*$  lifts to  $G$  locally if for every completion  $F_v$  of  $F$  there is a maximal  $F_v$ -torus  $\mathbb{T}_v$  of  $G$  and a  $g \in G^*(\bar{F}_v)$  such that the restriction  $\psi_{\mathbb{T}_v,T^*}$  of  $\text{ad}(g) \circ \psi$  to  $\mathbb{T}_v$  maps onto  $T^*$  and is defined over  $F_v$  ([10], pp. 140, 38, 159, 161). In this case we have a set of local diagrams:

$$D(v): \mathbb{T}_H \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{T}}_H \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{T}}^* \leftarrow T^* \xleftarrow{\psi_{\mathbb{T}_v,T^*}} \mathbb{T}_v.$$

([10] pp. 135). The set  $D = \{D(v)\}$  is referred to as a pseudoglobal diagram; we also say that  $D^*$  lifts to a pseudoglobal diagram  $D = \{D(v)\}$ . Two diagrams are said to be congruent if they have the same endoscopic data ([10] Lemma 7.10). Langlands ([10] pp. 135, 137) defined an invariant  $\kappa(\varepsilon(D))$  whenever  $D$  is congruent to a global diagram and in this case for  $\gamma^* = (\gamma_v^*)$  in  $T^*(\mathbb{A})$ ,  $\gamma_v^* = \psi_{T_v,T^*}(\gamma_v)$ ,  $\gamma_v$  in  $\mathbb{T}_v(F_v)$ ,  $\delta^* = (\delta_v^*)$  in  $e(T^*/\mathbb{A})$ ,  $\delta_v^* = \psi_{T_v,T^*}(\delta(v))$ ,  $\delta(v)$  in  $\mathfrak{G}(\mathbb{T}_v/F_v)$  and  $f = \prod_v f_v$ , where, for almost all  $v$ ,  $f_v$  is the quotient of the characteristic function of a hyperspecial compact subgroup  $U_v$  divided by its measure, we put

$$\Phi_{T^*}^\kappa(\gamma^*, f) = \kappa(\varepsilon(D)) \sum_{\delta^* \in \mathfrak{G}(T^*/\mathbb{A})} \kappa(\delta^*) \prod_v \Phi_{\mathbb{T}_v^{\delta(v)}}(\gamma_v^{\delta(v)}, f_v).$$

if  $\delta(v) \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathbb{T}_v/F_v)$  for all  $v$  and set it to be zero otherwise. And if  $D^*$  does not lift to a diagram  $D$  which is congruent to a global diagram we set  $\Phi_{T^*}^\kappa$  to be equal to zero. For the purpose of making this definition we want to show that for a given relatively regular  $\gamma^*$  there is only finite number of  $\delta^*$  such that the corresponding integral

$$\Phi_{\mathbb{T}_v^{\delta(v)}}(\gamma_v^{\delta(v)}, f_v) \neq 0,$$

for all  $v$ . Suppose  $\tilde{G}$  splits over an unramified extension  $L_v$  of  $F_v$ , and  $U_v$  is the isotropy subgroup of the vertex  $p$  in the apartment  $A$  of the Bruhat-Tits building  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\tilde{G}(L_v)$ .

Assume that  $\gamma$  lies in  $\tilde{\mathbb{T}}(F_v) \cap U_v$  and  $\alpha(\gamma)$  is congruent to 1 modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_v$  for no root  $\alpha$ . Then the fixed-point set of  $\gamma$  in  $X$  is contained in  $A$ . Let  $a$  represent  $\delta(v)$ . For  $x, y$  in  $G(F_v)$  we get  $f_v(x^{-1}\gamma^a y)$  is 1 or 0 according as  $y^{-1}((\sigma(\gamma^{-1}\gamma)^a)y)$  lies in  $U_v$  or not; this in turn depends on whether  $ay \cdot p$  lies in  $A$  or not. If  $A$  contains  $ay \cdot p$  then  $\delta(v)$  is trivial in  $\mathfrak{G}(\mathbb{T}_v/F_v)$ ; otherwise the function  $(x, y) \mapsto f(x^{-1}\gamma^a y)$  is identically zero.

LEMMA. (i) The value of  $\Phi_{\mathbb{T}^*}^{\kappa}(\gamma^*, f)$  is independent of the choice of  $\psi_{T_v, T^*}$ .

(ii) If  $a \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathbb{T}^*/F)$ ,  $'\mathbb{T}^* = (\mathbb{T}^*)^a$ ,  $'\gamma^* = (\gamma^*)^a$ , and if  $'\kappa$  is obtained from  $\kappa$  by transport of structures then

$$\Phi_{'\mathbb{T}^*}^{'\kappa}(' \gamma^*, f) = \Phi_{\mathbb{T}^*}^{\kappa}(\gamma^*, f).$$

PROOF. (i) We can change  $\psi_{T_v, T^*}$  by  $\text{ad}(h_v)$  with  $h_v$  in  $\mathfrak{A}(\mathbb{T}^*/F_v)$ . With respect to  $\psi_{T_v^{h_v}, T^*}$ , we consider the sum

$$\sum \kappa((h_v^{-1}\delta(v)) \prod_v \Phi_{(\mathbb{T}^*)^{h_v} h_v^{-1}\delta(v)}(\gamma(v)^{h_v h_v^{-1}\delta(v)}, f_v).$$

which is equal to

$$\prod_v \kappa_v(h_v^{-1}) \sum_{\delta^* \in \mathfrak{G}(\mathbb{T}^*/\mathbb{A})} \kappa(\delta^*) \prod_v \Phi_{\mathbb{T}^{\delta(v)}}(\gamma_v^{\delta(v)}, f_v).$$

And for the diagram  $D'$  associated to  $\psi_{T_v^{h_v}, T^*}$  we have

$$\kappa(\varepsilon(D')) = \kappa(\varepsilon(D)) \prod_v \kappa_v(h_v).$$

(ii) Suppose the diagram

$$'D(v): \mathbb{T}_h \rightarrow \mathbb{T}_H \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^* \leftarrow '\mathbb{T}^* \xleftarrow{'\psi} \mathbb{T}_v.$$

is obtained from  $D(v)$  by using  $'\psi$  which is the restriction of  $\psi \circ \text{ad}(g) \circ \text{ad}(a^{-1})$ . Since for the give  $a$  we have  $\prod_v \kappa_v(a) = 1$ , the invariance follows.

Let  $\phi_T: \mathfrak{G}(\mathbb{T}/F) \rightarrow \mathfrak{G}(\mathbb{T}/\mathbb{A})$  be the natural homomorphism. Write  $\iota(F, \mathbb{T}^*)$  for the number  $|\ker \phi_{T^*}| \cdot |\mathfrak{A}(\mathbb{T}^*/F)|^{-1}$ .

LEMMA. Suppose  $\gamma^* \in \tilde{T}^*$  is relatively regular. Let  $e(T^*)$  be 1 if  $T^*$  lifts to  $T$  globally and zero otherwise. Then

$$\iota(F, T^*) \sum_{\kappa \in \mathfrak{A}(T^*/F)} \Phi_{T^*}^{\kappa}(\gamma^*, f) = e(T^*) \sum_{\delta \in \mathfrak{D}(T/F)} \phi_{T^*}(\gamma^\delta, f),$$

with  $\gamma^* = \psi_{T, T^*}(\gamma)$ .

PROOF. (i) Suppose  $e(T^*) = 1$ . Then  $\kappa$  defines a global diagram  $D$  and  $\kappa(\varepsilon(D)) = 1$ . Also  $\mathfrak{G}(T/\mathbb{A}) = \mathfrak{G}(T^*/\mathbb{A})$ . By the Tate-Nakayama theorem  $\delta$  is in the kernel of all  $\kappa$

in  $\mathfrak{K}(T^*/F)$  if and only if  $\delta$  is in the image of  $\phi_T$  and this is equivalent to  $\delta$  lies in the image of  $\mathfrak{D}(T/F)$  under  $\phi_T$ . Therefore

$$\sum_{\kappa} \Phi_{T^*}^{\kappa}(\gamma^*, f) = |\ker \phi_{T^*}|^{-1} \cdot |\mathfrak{K}(T^*/F)| \cdot \sum_{\delta} \Phi_{\delta}(\gamma^{\delta}, f).$$

(ii) Suppose  $e(T^*) = 0$ . It suffices to show that for any given  $\kappa$  we have

$$\sum_{\kappa^{\circ} \in \mathfrak{K}^{\circ}(T^*/F)} \Phi_{T^*}^{\kappa \kappa^{\circ}}(\gamma^*, f) = 0$$

(here  $\mathfrak{K}^{\circ}$  is defined in [10] p. 135). Furthermore we can assume that the pseudodiagram  $D = D(\kappa \kappa^{\circ})$  defined by  $\kappa \kappa^{\circ}$ ,  $T$  and  $\psi_{T_v, T^*}$  is congruent to a global diagram. Since  $\kappa^{\circ}(\delta^*) = 1$  for  $\delta^*$  in  $\mathfrak{U}(T^*/\mathbb{A})$ , the sum is equal to

$$\sum_{\kappa^{\circ}} \kappa \kappa^{\circ}(\varepsilon(D(\kappa \kappa^{\circ}))) \sum_{\delta^*} \kappa(\delta^*) \prod_v \Phi_{T^{\delta(v)}}(\gamma_v^{\delta(v)}, f)$$

and the result follows from the fact that  $e(T^*) = 0$  implies that

$$\sum_{\kappa^{\circ}} \kappa \kappa^{\circ}(\varepsilon(D(\kappa \kappa^{\circ}))) = 0.$$

At this point the second reduction step is immediate; namely, we get

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{re}}(f) = \sum_{T^* \in \mathfrak{X}_{\text{st}}^*} \frac{\tau(T^*)}{\omega(T^*)} \sum'_{T^* \setminus \tilde{T}^*} \iota(F, T^*) \sum_{\kappa \in \mathfrak{K}(T^*/F)} \Phi_{T^*}^{\kappa}(\gamma^*, f).$$

**7. Third reduction.** After the second reduction we are in the diagram  $D^*$ . The questions are (1) the transfer of integrals to the endoscopic group  $H$  and (2) the grouping of the data  $\{T^*, \gamma^*, \kappa\}$  according to the endoscopic data.

When  $\kappa$  is identity we write  $\Phi_T^{\text{st}}$  for the  $\kappa$ -integral  $\Phi_T^{\kappa}$ . To deal with (1) we combine the global hypothesis ([10] p. 49) with the relative analogue of the fundamental lemma into the following

**TRANSFER HYPOTHESIS.** Given a diagram  $D^*$  defined by a couple  $T^*, \kappa$  and a smooth compactly supported function  $f = \prod f_v$  on  $\tilde{G}_{\mathbb{A}}$ , there is a smooth compactly supported function  $f^H = \prod f_v^H$  on  $\tilde{H}_{\mathbb{A}}$  such that  $f^H$  is equal to zero if  $D^*$  is not congruent to a global diagram and if  $D^*$  is congruent to a global diagram we have

$$\Phi_{T^*}^{\kappa}(\gamma^*, f) = \prod_v \Phi_{T_H^{\text{st}}}^{\text{st}}(\gamma, f_v^H).$$

To simplify notation we write  $\langle s, H \rangle$  for the class  $\mathfrak{z} = (s, {}^L H^{\circ}, \dots)$  of endoscopic data ([10] p. 19);  $\Lambda(H)$  for the automorphism group  $\Lambda$  of  $\mathfrak{z}$  ([10] p. 164) and  $\mathcal{E}$  for the set of equivalence classes of elliptic endoscopic data. Roughly speaking Langlands ([10] VIII § 3) showed that there is a  $m$  to  $n$  correspondence between averaged sums over  $\{(T^*, \gamma^*, \kappa)\}$  and those over  $\{(\langle s, H \rangle, T_H, \gamma)\}$ ; with  $m = \omega(T^*)$  and  $n = \omega(T_H) \cdot |\Lambda(H)|$ . The arguments do not involve integrals. The same arguments apply here to give the third

reduction to stable integrals, namely  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{re}}(f)$  is the sum over the classes  $\langle s, H \rangle$  of elliptic endoscopic data of the sum over the set  $\mathfrak{S}_{\text{st}}(H)$  of  $H$  of

$$\sum'_{T_H \setminus \tilde{T}_H} \frac{\tau(T_H) \cdot \iota(F, T^*)}{\omega(T_H) \cdot |\Lambda(H)|} \cdot \Phi_{T_H}^{\text{st}}(\gamma, f^H)$$

We substitute the invariant  $\iota(G, H) = \iota(F, T^*) \{ \iota(F, T_H) |\Lambda(H)| \}^{-1}$  and write

$$\mathfrak{S}_{\text{re}}(f^H) = \sum_{\mathfrak{S}_{\text{st}}(H)} \sum'_{T_H \setminus \tilde{T}_H} \frac{\tau(T_H)}{\omega(T_H)} \cdot \iota(F, T_H) \cdot \Phi_{T_H}^{\text{st}}(\gamma, f^H);$$

then we obtain the required formula

$$\mathcal{T}_{\text{re}}(f) = \sum_{\mathcal{E}} \iota(G, H) \cdot \mathfrak{S}_{\text{re}}(f^H).$$

#### REFERENCES

1. J. Arthur, *A trace formula for reductive groups I*, Duke Math. J. **45**(1978), 911–952, II, Compositio Math. **40**(1980), 87–121.
2. L. Clozel, *The fundamental lemma for stable base change*, preprint.
3. Y. Z. Flicker, *Relative trace formula and simple algebras*, Proc. A.M.S. **99**(1987), 421–426.
4. H. Jacquet and K. F. Lai, *A relative trace formula*, Compositio Math. **54**(1985), 243–301.
5. R. E. Kottwitz, *Stable trace formula: cuspidal tempered terms*, Duke Math. J. **51**(1984), 611–650.
6. ———, *Stable trace formula: elliptic singular terms*, Math. Ann. **275**(1986), 365–399.
7. ———, *Base change for unit elements of Hecke algebras*, Compositio Math. **60**(1986), 237–250.
8. J.-P. Labesse and R. P. Langlands, *L-indistinguishability for SL(2)*, J. Canad. Math. **31**(1979), 726–785.
9. K. F. Lai, *On a relative trace formula for reductive groups*, preprint.
10. R. P. Langlands, *Les debuts d'une formule des traces stable*, Publ. Math. de l'Université Paris VII, **13**, 1983.
11. ———, *Stable conjugacy: definitions and lemmas*, J. Canad. Math. **31**(1979), 700–725.
12. ———, *On the zeta-function of some simple Shimura varieties*, J. Canad. Math. **31**(1979), 1121–1216.
13. ———, *Base change for GL(2)*, Annals of Math. Study **96**(1980).
14. R. P. Langlands and D. Shelstad, *On the definition of transfer factors*, Math. Ann. **278**(1987), 219–271.
15. G. Poitou, *Cohomologie galoisienne des modules finis*, Seminaire de l'Institute de Mathématiques de Lille, Paris (1967).
16. D. Shelstad, *L-indistinguishability for real groups*, Math. Ann. **259**(1982), 385–430.
17. ———, *Orbital integrals, endoscopic groups and L-indistinguishability*, Publ. Math. Univ. Paris VII, **15**(1983).
18. ———, *Embeddings of L-groups*, Canad. J. Math. **33**(1981), 513–558.

*School of Mathematics and Statistics*  
*University of Sydney*  
*Sydney, N.S.W. 2006*  
*Australia*