Interpolating local constants in families

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We extend the theory of local constants developed by Jacquet, Piatetski-Shapiro, and Shalika in [10] to ℓ-adic families of representations of $GL_n(F)$ where $F$ is a $p$-adic field with $ℓ$ not equal to $p$. We construct zeta integrals and gamma factors for representations coming from the conjectural “local Langlands correspondence in families” of Emerton-Helm, proving their rationality and functional equation. We also construct a universal gamma factor with coefficients in the integral Bernstein center.

1. Introduction

Let $G = GL_n(F)$, let $k$ be an algebraically closed field of characteristic $ℓ$, and $W(k)$ its ring of Witt vectors. By an $ℓ$-adic family of representations we mean an $A[G]$-module $V$ where $A$ is a commutative $W(k)$-algebra with unit; then each point $p$ of $A$ gives a $κ(p)[G]$-module $V ⊗_A κ(p)$ where $κ(p)$ denotes the residue field at $p$. In [6], Emerton and Helm conjecture a local Langlands correspondence for $ℓ$-adic families of admissible representations. To any continuous Galois representation $ρ : G_F → GL_n(A)$, they conjecturally associate an admissible smooth $A[G]$-module $π(ρ)$, which interpolates the local Langlands correspondence for points $A → κ$ with $κ$ characteristic zero. They prove that any $A[G]$-module which is subject to this interpolation property and a short list of representation-theoretic conditions (see [6, Thm. 6.2.1]) must be unique.

In [8], Helm further investigates the structure of $π(ρ)$ by taking the list of representation-theoretic conditions in [6, Thm. 6.2.1] as a starting point for the theory of “co-Whittaker” $A[G]$-modules (see Section 2.5 below for the definitions). Using this theory, he is able to reformulate the conjecture in terms of the existence of a certain homomorphism between the integral Bernstein center and a universal deformation ring ([8, Thm. 7.8]).

Roughly speaking, representations of $GL_n(F)$ over $C$ are completely determined by data involving only local constants ([9]), and in particular the bijections of the classical local Langlands correspondence are uniquely determined using $L$- and epsilon-factors (see, for example, [12]). However, $L$-
and epsilon-factors are absent from the the local Langlands correspondence in families. Thus it is natural to ask whether it is possible to attach $L$- and epsilon-factors to an $\ell$-adic family such as $\pi(\rho)$ as in [6], or more generally any co-Whittaker $A[G]$-module, in a way that interpolates the $L$- and epsilon factors at each point.

Over $\mathbb{C}$, $L$-factors $L(\pi, X)$ arise as the greatest common denominator of the zeta integrals $Z(W, X; j)$ of a representation $\pi$ as $W$ varies over the space $\mathcal{W}(\pi, \psi)$ of Whittaker functions (see Sections 2.2, 3.1 for definitions). Epsilon-factors $\epsilon(\pi, X, \psi)$ are the constant of proportionality (i.e. not depending on $W$) in a functional equation relating the modified zeta integral $Z(W, X)\frac{\ell}{L(\pi, X)}$ to its pre-composition with a Fourier transform. Here, the formal variable $X$ replaces the complex variable $q^{-\frac{s+\ell+1}{2}}$ appearing in [10] and other literature, and we consider these objects as formal series.

It appears difficult to construct $L$-factors in a way compatible with arbitrary change of coefficients. To see this, consider the following simple example: let $q \equiv 1 \mod \ell$, and let $\chi_1, \chi_2 : F^\times \to W(k)^\times$ be smooth characters such that $\chi_1$ is unramified but $\chi_2$ is ramified, and such that $\chi_1 \equiv \chi_2 \mod \ell$. Following the classical procedure (see for example [4, 23.2]) for finding a generator of the fractional ideal of zeta integrals, we get $L(\chi_i, X) \in W(k)(X)$ and find that $L(\chi_1, X) = \frac{1}{1-\chi_1(x)}$, and $L(\chi_2, X) = 1$. Now let $A$ be the Noetherian local ring $\{(a, b) \in W(k) \times W(k) : a \equiv b \mod \ell\}$, which has two characteristic zero points $p_1, p_2$ and a maximal ideal $\ell A$. Let $\pi$ be the $A[F^\times]$-module $A$, with the action of $F^\times$ given by $x \cdot (a, b) = (\chi_1(x)a, \chi_2(x)b)$. Interpolating $L(\chi_1, X)$ and $L(\chi_2, X)$ would mean finding an element $L(\pi, X)$ in $A[[X]][X^{-1}]$ such that $L(\pi, X) \equiv L(\chi_i, X) \mod \ell$ for $i = 1, 2$, but such a task is impossible because $L(\chi_1, X)$ and $L(\chi_2, X)$ are different mod $\ell$.

On the other hand, zeta integrals themselves seem to be much more well-behaved with respect to specialization. Classically, zeta integrals form elements of the quotient field $\mathbb{C}(X)$ of $\mathbb{C}[X, X^{-1}]$. Our first result is identifying, for more arbitrary coefficient rings $A$, the correct fraction ring in which our naive generalization of zeta factors will live:

**Theorem 1.1.** Suppose $A$ is a Noetherian $W(k)$-algebra. Let $S$ be the multiplicative subset of $A[X, X^{-1}]$ consisting of polynomials whose first and last coefficients are units. Then if $V$ is a co-Whittaker $A[G]$-module, $Z(W, X; j)$ lies in the fraction ring $S^{-1}(A[X, X^{-1}])$ for all $W \in \mathcal{W}(V, \psi)$ and for $0 \leq j \leq n - 2$.

The proof of rationality in the setting of representations over a field relies on a useful decomposition of a Whittaker function into “finite” functions.
In the setting of rings, such a structure theorem is lacking, but certain elements of its proof can be translated into a question about the finiteness of the \((n-1)\)st Bernstein-Zelevinsky derivative. This finiteness property, combined with a simple translation property of the zeta integrals, yields Theorem 1.1 (see §3.2).

Classically, zeta integrals satisfy a functional equation which does not involve dividing by the \(L\)-factor. The constant of proportionality in this functional equation is called the gamma-factor and equals \(\epsilon(\pi, X, \psi) \frac{L(\pi', \frac{\pi}{\pi})}{L(\pi, X)}\), when the \(L\)-factor makes sense. Our second main result is that gamma-factors interpolate in \(\ell\)-adic families (see §4.1 for details on the notation):

**Theorem 1.2.** Suppose \(A\) is a Noetherian \(W(k)\)-algebra and suppose \(V\) is a primitive co-Whittaker \(A[G]\)-module. Then there exists a unique element \(\gamma(V, X, \psi)\) of \(S^{-1}(A[X, X^{-1}])\) such that

\[
Z(W, X; j) \gamma(V, X, \psi) = Z(\widetilde{W}, \frac{1}{q^n X}; n - 2 - j)
\]

for any \(W \in \mathcal{W}(V, \psi)\) and for any \(0 \leq j \leq n - 2\).

To prove Theorem 1.2 we use the theory of the integral Bernstein center to reduce to the characteristic zero case of [10].

The question of interpolating local constants in \(\ell\)-adic families has been investigated in a simple case by Vigneras in [16]. For supercuspidal representations of \(GL_2(F)\) over \(\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}\), Vigneras notes in [16] that it is known that epsilon factors define elements of \(\mathbb{Z}_\ell\), and proves that for two supercuspidal integral representations to be congruent modulo \(\ell\) it is necessary and sufficient that they have epsilon factors which are congruent modulo \(\ell\) (we call a representation with coefficients in a local field \(E\) integral if it stabilizes an \(O_E\)-lattice). The classical epsilon and gamma factors are equal in the supercuspidal case, so when the specialization of an \(\ell\)-adic family at a characteristic zero point is supercuspidal, the gamma factor we construct in this paper specializes to the epsilon factor of [10, 16]. Since two representations \(V_1, V_2\) over \(O_E\) which are congruent mod \(m_E\) define a family \(V_1 \times V_2\) over the connected \(W(k)\)-algebra \(O_E \times_{k_E} O_E\), Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 give the following corollary (implying the “necessary” part of [16]):

**Corollary 1.3.** Let \(K\) denote the fraction field of \(W(k)\). If \(\pi\) and \(\pi'\) are absolutely irreducible integral representations of \(GL_n(F)\) over a coefficient field \(E\) which is a finite extension of \(K\), then:
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1) \( \gamma(\pi, X, \psi) \) and \( \gamma(\pi', X, \psi) \) have coefficients in the fraction ring \( S^{-1}(O_E[X, X^{-1}]) \).

2) If \( m_E \) is the maximal ideal of \( O_E \), and \( \pi \equiv \pi' \mod m_E \), then \( \gamma(\pi, X, \psi) \equiv \gamma(\pi', X, \psi) \mod m_E \).

The question of extending the theory of zeta integrals to the \( \ell \)-modular setting has been investigated in [14], and very recently in [13] for the Rankin-Selberg integrals. The question of deforming local constants over polynomial rings over \( \mathbb{C} \) has been investigated by Cogdell and Piatetski-Shapiro in [5], and the techniques of this paper owe much to those in [5].

Analogous to the results of Bernstein and Deligne in [3] for \( \text{Rep}_C(G) \), Helm shows in [7, Thm. 10.8] that the category \( \text{Rep}_W(k)(G) \) has a decomposition into full subcategories known as blocks. Our third main result is constructing for each block a gamma factor which is universal in the sense that it gives rise via specialization to the gamma factor for any co-Whittaker module in that block. We will now state this result more precisely.

Each block of the category \( \text{Rep}_W(k)(G) \) corresponds to a primitive idempotent in the Bernstein center \( Z \), which is defined as the ring of endomorphisms of the identity functor. It is a commutative ring whose elements consist of collections of compatible endomorphisms of every object, each such endomorphism commuting with all morphisms. Choosing a primitive idempotent \( e \) of \( Z \), the ring \( eZ \) is the center of the subcategory \( e \cdot \text{Rep}_W(k)(G) \) of representations satisfying \( eV = V \). The ring \( eZ \) has an interpretation as the ring of regular functions on an affine algebraic variety over \( W(k) \), whose \( k \)-points are in bijection with the set of unramified twists of a fixed conjugacy class of supercuspidal supports in \( \text{Rep}_k(G) \). See [7] for details. In [8], Helm determines a “universal co-Whittaker module” with coefficients in \( eZ \), denoted here by \( eW \), which gives rise to any co-Whittaker module via specialization (see Prop. 2.31 below). By applying our theory of zeta integrals to \( eW \) we get a gamma factor which is universal in the same sense:

**Theorem 1.4.** Suppose \( A \) is any Noetherian \( W(k) \)-algebra, and suppose \( V \) is a primitive co-Whittaker \( A[G] \)-module. Then there is a primitive idempotent \( e \), a homomorphism \( f_V : eZ \rightarrow A \), and an element \( \Gamma(eW, X, \psi) \in S^{-1}(eZ[X, X^{-1}]) \) such that \( \gamma(V, X, \psi) = f_V(\Gamma(eW, X, \psi)) \).

Interpolating gamma factors of pairs may be the next step in obtaining a local converse theorem for \( \ell \)-adic families. By capturing the interpolation
property, families of gamma factors might give an alternative characterization of the co-Whittaker module $\pi(\rho)$ appearing in the local Langlands correspondence in families.

1.1. Notation and conventions

Let $F$ be a finite extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$, let $q$ be the order of its residue field, and let $k$ be an algebraically closed field of characteristic $\ell$, where $\ell \neq p$ is an odd prime. Denote by $W(k)$ the ring of Witt vectors over $k$. The assumption that $\ell$ is odd is made so that $W(k)$ contains a square root of $q$. When $\ell = 2$ all the arguments presented will remain valid, after possibly adjoining a square root of $q$ to $W(k)$. The letter $G$ or $G_n$ will always denote the group $GL_n(F)$. Throughout the paper $A$ will be a Noetherian commutative ring which is a $W(k)$-algebra, with additional properties in various sections, and $\kappa(p)$ will denote the residue field of a prime ideal $p$ of $A$. For any locally profinite group $H$, $\text{Rep}_A(H)$ denotes the category of smooth representations of $H$ over the ring $A$, i.e. $A[H]$-modules for which every element is stabilized by an open subgroup of $H$. Even when this category is not mentioned, all representations are presumed to be smooth. When $H$ is a closed subgroup of $G$, we define the non-normalized induction functor $\text{Ind}^G_H$ (resp. $\text{c-Ind}^G_H$) : $\text{Rep}_A(H) \to \text{Rep}_A(G)$ sending $\tau$ to the smooth part of the $A[G]$-module, under right translation, of functions (resp. functions compactly supported modulo $H$) $f : G \to \tau$ such that $f(hg) = \tau(h)f(g)$, $h \in H$, $g \in G$.

The integral Bernstein center of [7] (see the discussion preceding Theorem 1.4) will always be denoted by $Z$. If $V$ is in $\text{Rep}_A(G)$, then it is also in $\text{Rep}_{W(k)}(G)$, and we frequently use the Bernstein decomposition of $\text{Rep}_{W(k)}(G)$ to interpret properties of $V$.

If $A$ has a nontrivial ideal $I$, then $I \cdot V$ is an $A[H]$-submodule of $V$, which shows that most content would be missing if we developed the representation theory of $\text{Rep}_A(H)$ around the notion of irreducible objects, or simple $A[H]$-modules. Thus conditions appear throughout the paper which in the traditional setting are implied by irreducibility:

**Definition 1.5.** $V$ in $\text{Rep}_A(H)$ will be called

1) **Schur** if the natural map $A \to \text{End}_{A[G]}(V)$ is an isomorphism;

2) **$G$-finite** if it is finitely generated as an $A[G]$-module.

3) **primitive** if there exists a primitive idempotent $e$ in the Bernstein center $Z$ such that $eV = V$. 

We say a ring is connected if it has connected spectrum or, equivalently, no nontrivial idempotents, for example any local ring or integral domain. Note that if $A$ is connected, Corollary 2.32 implies all co-Whittaker $A[G]$-modules are primitive.

Denote by $N_n$ the subgroup of $G_n$ consisting of all unipotent upper-triangular matrices. Let $\psi : F \to W(k)^\times$ be an additive character of $F$ with $\ker \psi = \mathfrak{p}$. Then $\psi$ defines a character on any subgroup of $N_n(F)$ by

$$(u)_{i,j} \mapsto \psi(u_{1,2} + \cdots + u_{n-1,n});$$

we abusively denote this character by $\psi$ as well.

If $H$ is a subgroup normalized by another subgroup group $K$, and $\theta$ is a character of the group $H$, denote by $\theta^k$ the character given by $\theta^k(h) = \theta(khk^{-1})$ for $h \in H$, $k \in K$. For $V$ in $\text{Rep}_A(H)$, denote by $V_{H,\theta}$ the quotient $V/V(H,\theta)$ where $V(H,\theta)$ is the sub-$A$-module generated by elements of the form $hv - \theta(h)v$ for $h \in H$ and $v \in V$; it is $K$-stable if $\theta^k = \theta$, $k \in K$.

Given a standard Levi subgroup $M \subset G_n$ with unipotent radical $U$, and $1$ the trivial character, we denote by $J_M$ the non-normalized Jacquet functor $\text{Rep}_A(G) \to \text{Rep}_A(M) : V \mapsto V_{U,1}$.

For each $m \leq n$, let $G_m$ denote $GL_m(F)$ and embed it in $G$ via $\begin{pmatrix} G_m & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-m} \end{pmatrix}$. We let $\{1\} = P_1 \subset \cdots \subset P_n$ denote the mirabolic subgroups of $G_1 \subset \cdots \subset G_n$, where $P_m$ is given by $\{(g_m^{-1} x) : g_{m-1} \in G_{m-1}, x \in F^{m-1}\}$. We also have the unipotent upper triangular subgroup $U_m$ of $P_m$ given by $\{(I_{m-1} x) : x \in F^{m-1}\}$. In particular, $U_m \simeq F^{m-1}$ and $P_m = U_m G_{m-1}$. Note that this is different from the groups $N(r)$ defined in Proposition 2.3.

Since $G_n$ contains a compact open subgroup whose pro-order is invertible in $W(k)$, there exists a unique (for that choice of subgroup) normalized Haar measure, defining integration on the space $C_c^\infty(G, A)$ of smooth compactly supported functions $G \to A$ ([15, I.2.3]).

2. Representation theoretic background

2.1. Co-invariants and derivatives

As in [2, 6], we define the following functors with respect to the character $\psi$.

$\Phi^+ : \text{Rep}_A(P_{n-1}) \to \text{Rep}_A(P_n)$ 

$V \mapsto \text{c-Ind}^{P_n}_{P_{n-1}} U_n V$ ($U_n$ acts via $\psi$) 

$\Psi^+ : \text{Rep}(G_{n-1}) \to \text{Rep}(P_n)$ 

$V \mapsto V$ ($U_n$ acts trivially)
\[ \hat{\Phi}^+ : \text{Rep}(P_{n-1}) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(P_n) \quad \Psi^- : \text{Rep}(P_n) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(G_{n-1}) \]
\[ V \mapsto \text{Ind}_{P_{n-1}U_n}^{P_n} V \quad V \mapsto V/V(U_n, 1) \]
\[ \Phi^- : \text{Rep}(P_n) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(P_{n-1}) \quad V \mapsto V/V(U_n, \psi) \]

Note that we give these functors the same names as the ones originally defined in [1], but we use the non-normalized induction functors, as in [2, 6], because they are simpler for our purposes. As observed in [6], these functors retain the basic adjointness properties proved in [2, §3.2]. This is because the methods of proof in [1, 2] use properties of \( l \)-sheaves which carry over to the setting of smooth \( A[G] \)-modules where \( A \) is a Noetherian \( W(k) \)-algebra.

**Proposition 2.1 ([6],3.1.3).** (1) The functors \( \Psi^-, \Psi^+, \Phi^-, \Phi^+, \hat{\Phi}^+ \) are exact.

(2) \( \Phi^+ \) is left adjoint to \( \Phi^- \), \( \Psi^- \) is left adjoint to \( \Psi^+ \), and \( \Phi^- \) is left adjoint to \( \hat{\Phi}^+ \).

(3) \( \Psi^- \Phi^+ = \Phi^- \Psi^+ = 0 \)

(4) \( \Psi^- \Psi^+, \Phi^- \hat{\Phi}^+, \text{ and } \Phi^- \Phi^+ \) are naturally isomorphic to the identity functor.

(5) For each \( V \) in \( \text{Rep}(P_n) \) we have an exact sequence
\[ 0 \rightarrow \Phi^+ \Phi^-(V) \rightarrow V \rightarrow \Psi^+ \Psi^-(V) \rightarrow 0. \]

(6) *(Commutativity with Tensor Product)* If \( M \) is an \( A \)-module and \( F \) is \( \Psi^-, \Psi^+, \Phi^-, \Phi^+, \text{ or } \hat{\Phi}^+ \), we have \( F(V \otimes_A M) \cong F(V) \otimes_A M. \)

For \( 1 \leq m \leq n \) we define the \( m \)th derivative functor
\[ (-)^{(m)} := \Psi^- (\Phi^-)^{m-1} : \text{Rep}(P_n) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(G_{n-m}). \]

This gives a functor \( \text{Rep}(G_n) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(G_{n-m}) \) by first restricting representations to \( P_n \) and then applying \( (-)^{(m)} \); this functor is also denoted \( (-)^{(m)} \). The zero’th derivative functor \( (-)^{(0)} \) is the identity. We can describe the derivative functor \( (-)^{(m)} \) more explicitly by using the following lemma on the transitivity of coinvariants:

**Lemma 2.2 ([1] §2.32).** Let \( H \) be a locally profinite group, \( \theta \) a character of \( H \), and \( V \) a representation of \( H \). Suppose \( H_1, H_2 \) are subgroups of \( H \).
such that \( H_1 H_2 = H \) and \( H_1 \) normalizes \( H_2 \). Then

\[
(V_{H_2,\theta|H_2})_{H_1,\theta|H_1} = V_{H,\theta}. 
\]

Define \( N(r) \) to be the group of matrices whose first \( r \) columns are those of the identity matrix, and whose last \( n - r \) columns are those of elements of \( N_n \) (recall that \( N_n \) is the group of unipotent upper triangular matrices). For \( 2 \leq r \leq n \) we have \( U_r N(r) = N(r - 1) \) and \( U_r \) normalizes \( N(r) \). As \( N(r) \) is contained in \( N_n \), we define \( \psi \) on \( N(r) \) via its superdiagonal entries. We can also define a character \( \tilde{\psi} \) on \( N(r) \) slightly differently from the usual definition: \( \tilde{\psi} \) will be given as usual via \( \psi \) on the last \( n - r - 1 \) superdiagonal entries, but trivially on the \((r, r + 1)\) entry, i.e.

\[
\tilde{\psi}(x) := \psi(0 + x_{r+1,r+2} + \cdots + x_{n-1,n}) \quad \text{for} \quad x \in N(r).
\]

The functors \((\Phi^-)^m\) and \((-)^{(m)}\), defined above, can be described more explicitly. Let \( m = n - r \). By applying Lemma 2.2 repeatedly with \( H_1 = U_r \) and \( H_2 = N(r - 1) \), we get

**Proposition 2.3 ([15] III.1.8).**

(1) \((\Phi^-)^m V\) equals the module of coinvariants \( V/V(N(n-m),\psi)\).

(2) \(V^{(m)}\) equals the module of coinvariants \( V/V(N(n-m),\tilde{\psi})\).

In particular, if \( m = n \), this gives \( V^{(n)} = V/V(N_n,\psi)\). Note that \( V^{(n)} \) is simply an \( A \)-module.

### 2.2. Whittaker and Kirillov functions

The character \( \psi : N_n \to A^\times \) defines a representation of \( N_n \) in the \( A \)-module \( A \), which we also denote by \( \psi \). By Proposition 2.3 we have

\[
\text{Hom}_A(V^{(n)}, A) = \text{Hom}_{N_n}(V, \psi). 
\]

**Definition 2.4.** For \( V \) in \( \text{Rep}_A(G_n) \), we say that \( V \) is of Whittaker type if \( V^{(n)} \) is free of rank one as an \( A \)-module. As in [6, Def 3.1.8], if \( A \) is a field we refer to representations of Whittaker type as generic.

If \( V \) is of Whittaker type, \( \text{Hom}_{N_n}(V, \psi) \) is free of rank one, so we may choose a generator \( \lambda \). The image of \( \lambda \) under the Frobenius reciprocity isomorphism \( \text{Hom}_{N_n}(V, \psi) \cong \text{Hom}_{G_n}(V, \text{Ind}_{N_n}^G \psi) \) is the map \( v \mapsto W_v \), where \( W_v(g) = \lambda(gv) \). The \( A[G] \)-module formed by the image of the map \( v \mapsto W_v \) is independent of the choice of \( \lambda \).
Definition 2.5. The image of the homomorphism $V \to \text{Ind}_{N_n}^G \psi$ is called the space of Whittaker functions of $V$ and is denoted $\mathcal{W}(V, \psi)$ or just $\mathcal{W}$.

Choosing a generator of $V^{(n)}$ and allowing $N_n$ to act via $\psi$, we get an isomorphism $V^{(n)} \cong \psi$. Composing this with the natural quotient map $V \to V^{(n)}$ gives an $N_n$-equivariant map $V \to \psi$, which is a generator $\lambda$. Note that the map $V \to \mathcal{W}(V, \psi)$ is surjective but not necessarily an isomorphism, unlike the setting of irreducible generic representations with coefficients in a field. Different $A[G]$-modules of Whittaker type can have the same space of Whittaker functions:

Lemma 2.6. Suppose $V', V$ in $\text{Rep}_A(G)$ are of Whittaker type, and suppose there is a $G$-equivariant homomorphism $\alpha : V' \to V$ such that $\alpha^{(n)} : (V')^{(n)} \to V^{(n)}$ is an isomorphism. Then $\mathcal{W}(V', \psi)$ is the subrepresentation of $\mathcal{W}(V, \psi)$ given by $\mathcal{W}(\alpha(V'), \psi)$.

Proof. Let $q' : V' \to V'/V'(N_n, \psi)$ and $q : V \to V/V(N_n, \psi)$ be the quotient maps. Choosing a generator for $V^{(n)}$ gives isomorphisms $\eta, \eta'$ such that the following diagram commutes.

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
V & \xrightarrow{\eta} & A \\
\downarrow{\alpha} & \downarrow{\alpha^{(n)}} & \\
V' & \xrightarrow{\eta'} & (V')^{(n)}
\end{array}
$$

Given $v' \in V'$ we get

$$
W_{\alpha(v')}(g) = \eta(q(g\alpha v')) = \eta((q \circ \alpha)(gv')) = \eta'(q'(gv')) = W_{v'}(g), \quad g \in G.
$$

This shows $\mathcal{W}(V', \psi) = \mathcal{W}(\alpha(V'), \psi) \subset \mathcal{W}(V, \psi)$. \qed

If $V$ in $\text{Rep}_A(G_n)$ is Whittaker type and $v \in V$, we will denote by $W_v|_{P_n}$ the restriction of the function $W_v$ to the subgroup $P_n \subset G_n$.

Definition 2.7. The image of the $P_n$-equivariant homomorphism $V \to \text{Ind}_{N_n}^{P_n} \psi : v \mapsto W_v|_{P_n}$ is called the Kirillov functions of $V$ and is denoted $\mathcal{K}(V, \psi)$ or just $\mathcal{K}$.

The following properties of the Kirillov functions are well known for $\text{Rep}_C(G)$, but we will need them for $\text{Rep}_A(G)$:
Proposition 2.8. Let $V$ be of Whittaker type in $\text{Rep}_A(P_n)$, and choose a generator of $V^{(n)}$ in order to identify $V^{(n)}$ with $A$. Then the following hold:

(1) $(\Phi^+)^{n-1}V^{(n)} = \text{c-Ind}_{N_n}^P \psi$ and $(\hat{\Phi}^+)^{n-1}V^{(n)} = \text{Ind}_{N_n}^P \psi$.

(2) The composition $(\Phi^+)^{n-1}V^{(n)} \to V \to \text{Ind}_{N_n}^P \psi$ differs from the inclusion $\text{c-Ind}_{N_n}^P \psi \hookrightarrow \text{Ind}_{N_n}^P \psi$ by multiplication with an element of $A^\times$.

(3) The Kirillov functions $\mathcal{K}(V, \psi)$ contains $\text{c-Ind}_{N_n}^P \psi$ as a sub-$A[P_n]$-module.

Proof. The proof in [1] Proposition 5.12 (g) works to prove (1) in this context.

Let $\mathcal{S} = (\Phi^+)^{n-1}V^{(n)}$. There is an embedding $\mathcal{S} \to V$ by Proposition 2.1 (5); denote by $t$ the composition $\mathcal{S} \to V \to \text{Ind} \psi$. Then $t^{(n)} : \mathcal{S}^{(n)} \to \text{Ind} \psi^{(n)}$ is a nonzero homomorphism between free rank one $A$-modules, hence given by multiplication with an element of $A$. By Proposition 2.1 (6), For any maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}$ of $A$, $t^{(n)} \otimes \kappa(\mathfrak{m})$ must be an isomorphism because it is a nonzero element of

$$\text{Hom}_{\kappa(\mathfrak{m})}((S(V) \otimes \kappa(\mathfrak{m}))(n), (\text{Ind} \psi \otimes \kappa(\mathfrak{m}))(n)) = \kappa(\mathfrak{m}).$$

Thus $a$ is nonzero in $\kappa(\mathfrak{m})$ for all $\mathfrak{m}$, hence a unit, so $t^{(n)}$ is an isomorphism. On the other hand there is the natural embedding $\text{c-Ind} \psi \to \text{Ind} \psi$, which we will denote $s$. Since $s^{(n)}$ is an isomorphism by [2, Prop. 3.2 (f)], we have $s^{(n)} = ut^{(n)}$ for some $u \in A^\times$. Thus, if $K := \ker(s - ut)$ then $K^{(n)} = S(V)^{(n)} = V^{(n)}$, whence $\text{Hom}_A(S(V)/K, \text{Ind} \psi) \cong \text{Hom}_A((S(V)/K)^{(n)}, A) = \text{Hom}_A(\{0\}, A) = 0$, which implies $s - ut \equiv 0$.

To prove (3), note that since $\mathcal{K}(V, \psi)$ is defined to be the image of the map $V \to \text{Ind}_{N_n}^P \psi$, this follows from (2). \qed

Definition 2.9 ([6],§3.1 ). If $V$ is in $\text{Rep}(P_n)$, the image of the natural inclusion $(\Phi^+)^{n-1}V^{(n)} \to V$ is called the Schwartz functions of $V$ and is denoted $S(V)$. For $V$ in $\text{Rep}(G_n)$ we also denote by $S(V)$ the Schwartz functions of $V$ restricted to $P_n$.

We can ask how the functor $\Phi^-$ is reflected in the Kirillov space of a representation. First we observe that $\Phi^-$ commutes with the functor $\mathcal{K}$:

Lemma 2.10. For $0 \leq m \leq n$, the $A[P_m]$-modules $\mathcal{K}((\Phi^-)^{n-m}V, \psi)$ and $(\Phi^-)^{n-m}\mathcal{K}(V, \psi)$ are identical.
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**Proof.** The image of the $P_{n-m}$-submodule $V(N(m), \psi)$ in the map $V \to \mathcal{K}$ equals the submodule $\mathcal{K}(N(m), \psi)$. The lemma then follows from Proposition 2.3 \qed

Following [5], we can explicitly describe the effect of the functor $\Phi^-$ on the Kirillov functions $\mathcal{K}$. Recall that $\mathcal{K}(U_n, \psi)$ denotes the $A$-submodule generated by $\{uW - \psi(u)W : u \in U_n, \ W \in \mathcal{K}\}$ and $\Phi^- \mathcal{K} := \mathcal{K}/\mathcal{K}(U_n, \psi)$.

**Proposition 2.11** ([5] Prop. 1.1).

$$\mathcal{K}(U_n, \psi) = \{W \in \mathcal{K} : W \equiv 0 \text{ on the subgroup } P_{n-1} \subset P_n\}.$$ 

**Proof.** The proof of [5, Prop. 1.1] carries over in this setting. It utilizes the Jacquet-Langlands criterion for an element $v$ of a representation $V$ to be in the subspace $V(U_n, \psi)$, which remains valid over more general coefficient rings $A$ because all integrals are finite sums. \qed

Thus $\Phi^-$ has the same effect as restriction of functions to the subgroup $P_{n-1}$ inside $P_n$: $$\Phi^- \mathcal{K} \cong \left\{ W \left( \begin{array}{cc} p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) : W \in \mathcal{W}(V, \psi), \ p \in P_{n-1} \right\}.$$ 

By applying for each $m = 1, \ldots, n - 2$ the argument of [5, Prop. 1.1] to the $P_{n-m+1}$ representation $$\left\{ W \left( \begin{array}{cc} p & 0 \\ 0 & I_{m-1} \end{array} \right) : W \in \mathcal{W}(V, \psi), \ p \in P_{n-m+1} \right\}$$ instead of to $\mathcal{K}$, we can describe $(\Phi^-)^m \mathcal{K}$:

**Corollary 2.12.** For $m = 1, \ldots, n - 1,$ $$\left( \Phi^- \right)^m \mathcal{K} \cong \left\{ W \left( \begin{array}{cc} p & 0 \\ 0 & I_m \end{array} \right) : W \in \mathcal{W}(V, \psi), \ p \in P_{n-m} \right\}.$$ 

**2.3. Partial derivatives**

Given a product $H_1 \times H_2$ of subgroups of $G$, and a character $\psi$ on the unipotent upper triangular elements of $H_2$, we can define “partial” versions of the functors $\Phi^\pm, \Psi^\pm$ as follows: given $V$ in $\text{Rep}_A(H_1 \times H_2)$, restrict it to a representation of $H_1 = \{1\} \times H_2$, then apply the functor $\Phi^\pm$ or $\Psi^\pm$, and
observe that $H_1 \times \{1\}$ acts naturally on the result, since it commutes with $\{1\} \times H_2$. More precisely:

$$
\Phi^{+,2} : \text{Rep}_A(G_{n-m} \times P_{m-1}) \to \text{Rep}_A(G_{n-m} \times P_m) \\
V \mapsto c\text{-Ind}_{G_{n-m} \times P_m}^{G_{n-m} \times P_{m-1}}(V), \quad \text{with } \{1\} \times U_m \text{ acting via } \psi
$$

$$
\Phi^{-,2} : \text{Rep}(G_{n-m} \times P_{m-1}) \to \text{Rep}(G_{n-m} \times P_m) \\
V \mapsto V/V(\{1\} \times U_m, \psi)
$$

Lemma 2.13. The analogue of Proposition 2.1 (1)-(6) holds for $\Phi^{+,2}$, $\Phi^{-,2}$, $\Psi^{+,2}$, and $\Psi^{-,2}$.

Definition 2.14. We define the functor $(-)^{(0,m)} : \text{Rep}_A(G_{n-m} \times G_m) \to \text{Rep}_A(G_{n-m})$ to be the composition $\Psi^{-,2}(\Phi^{-,2})^{-m-1}$.

The proof of the following Proposition holds for $W(k)$-algebras $A$:

Proposition 2.15 ([17] Prop. 6.7, [15] III.1.8). Let $M = G_{n-m} \times G_m$. For $0 \leq m \leq n$ the $m$’th derivative functor $(-)^{(m)}$ is the composition of the Jacquet functor $J_M : \text{Rep}(G_n) \to \text{Rep}(G_{n-m} \times G_m)$ with the functor $(-)^{(0,m)} : \text{Rep}_A(G_{n-m} \times G_m) \to \text{Rep}_A(G_{n-m})$.

Lemma 2.16. Let $V$ be in $\text{Rep}_A(G_{n-m} \times G_m)$. Then $V$ contains an $A$-submodule isomorphic to $V^{(0,m)}$.

Proof. The image of the natural embedding $(\Phi^{+,2})^{-m-1}\Psi^{+,2}(V^{(0,m)}) \to V$, which is given by Proposition 2.13 (5), will be denoted $S^{0,2}(V)$. By Proposition 2.13 (4), the natural surjection $V \to V^{(0,m)}$ restricts to a surjection $S^{0,2}(V) \to V^{(0,m)}$. By Proposition 2.13 (6), the map of $A$-modules $S^{0,2}(V) \to V^{(0,m)}$ arises from the map $(\Phi^{+,2})^{-m-1}\Psi^{+,2}(A) \to A$ by tensoring over $A$ with $V^{(0,m)}$. Take the $A$-submodule generated by any element
of \((\Phi^{+2})^{m-1}\Psi^{+2}(A)\) that maps to the identity in \(A\); then tensor with \(V^{(0,m)}\).

\[\square\]

## 2.4. Finiteness results

In this subsection we gather certain finiteness results involving derivatives, most of which are well-known when \(A\) is a field of characteristic zero.

Let \(H\) be any topological group containing a decreasing sequence \(\{H_i\}_{i\geq 0}\) of open subgroups whose pro-order is invertible in \(A\), and which forms a neighborhood base of the identity in \(H\). If \(V\) is a smooth \(A[H]\)-module we may define a projection \(\pi_i : V \to V^{H_i} : v \mapsto \int_{H_i} hv\) for a Haar measure on \(H_i\) where \(H_i\) has total measure 1. The \(A\)-submodules \(V_i := \ker(\pi_i) \cap V^{H_{i+1}}\) then satisfy \(\bigoplus_i V_i = V\).

**Lemma 2.17 ([6] Lemma 2.1.5, 2.1.6).** A smooth \(A[H]\)-module \(V\) is admissible if and only if each \(A\)-module \(V_i\) is finitely generated. In particular, quotients of admissible \(A[H]\)-modules by \(A[H]\)-submodules are admissible.

Thus the following version of the Nakayama lemma applies to admissible \(A[H]\)-modules:

**Lemma 2.18 ([6] Lemma 3.1.9).** Let \(A\) be a Noetherian local ring with maximal ideal \(m\), and suppose that \(M\) is a submodule of a direct sum of finitely generated \(A\)-modules. If \(M/mM\) is finite dimensional then \(M\) is finitely generated over \(A\).

If \(V\) is admissible, then it is \(G\)-finite if and only if \(V/mV\) is \(G\)-finite. To see this, take \(S \subset V/mV\) an \((A/m)[H]\)-generating set, let \(W\) be the \(A[H]\)-span of a lift to \(V\). Since \(V/W\) is admissible, we can apply Nakayama to each factor \((V/W)_i\) to conclude \(V/W = 0\).

**Proposition 2.19 ([6] 3.1.7).** Let \(\kappa\) be a \(W(k)\)-algebra which is a field, and \(V\) an absolutely irreducible admissible representation of \(G_n\). Then \(V^{(n)}\) is zero or one-dimensional over \(\kappa\), and is one-dimensional if and only if \(V\) is cuspidal.

**Proposition 2.20 ([15] II.5.10(b)).** Let \(\kappa\) be a \(W(k)\)-algebra which is a field. If \(V\) is a \(\kappa[G]\)-module, then \(V\) is admissible and \(G\)-finite if and only if \(V\) is finite length over \(\kappa[G]\).
Proof. Suppose $V$ is admissible and $G$-finite. If $\kappa$ were algebraically closed of characteristic zero (resp. characteristic $\ell$), this is [2, 4.1] (resp. [15, II.5.10(b)]). Otherwise, let $\overline{\kappa}$ be an algebraic closure, then $V \otimes \overline{\kappa}$ is finite length, so $V$ is finite length.

If $V$ is finite length, so is $V \otimes \kappa \overline{\kappa}$. Over an algebraically closed field of characteristic different from $p$, irreducible representations are admissible ([2, 3.25],[15, II.2.8]). Since admissibility is preserved under taking extensions $V \otimes \kappa$ being finite length implies it is admissible, hence $V$ is admissible. Thus we can reduce proving $G$-finiteness to proving that, given any exact sequence of admissible objects, $0 \to W_0 \to V \to W_1 \to 0$ where $W_0$ and $W_1$ are $G$-finite, then $V$ is $G$-finite. But there is a compact open subgroup $U$ such that $W_0$ and $W_1$ are generated by $W_0^U$ and $W_1^U$, respectively. It follows that that $V$ is generated by $V^U$. \hfill \Box

Lemma 2.21. Let $\kappa$ be a $W(k)$-algebra which is a field. If $V$ is an absolutely irreducible $\kappa[G_n]$-module, then for $m \ge 0$, $V^{(m)}$ is finite length as a $\kappa[G_{n-m}]$-module.

Proof. We follow [15, III.1.10]. Given $j$, $k$ positive integers, let $M = G_j \times G_k$ and let $P = MN$ be the associated standard parabolic subgroup. Given $\tau$ in Rep$_\kappa(G_j)$ and $\sigma$ in Rep$_\kappa(G_k)$, we define $\tau \times \sigma$ to be the normalized induction $c$-Ind$_P(\delta_{N}^{1/2}(\sigma \otimes \tau))$ in Rep$_\kappa(G_{j+k})$, where $\delta_N$ denotes the modulus character of $N$ (for the definition of $\delta_N$ see [2, 1.7]). There exists a multiset $\{\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_r\}$ of irreducible cuspidals such that $V \subset \pi_1 \times \cdots \times \pi_r$. The Liebniz formula for derivatives says that $(\pi_1 \times \pi_2)^{(l)}$ has a filtration whose successive quotients are $\pi_1^{(l-i)} \times \pi_2^{(i)}$. Its proof, given in [2, §7], carries over in this generality. Then $V^{(m)} \subset (\pi_1 \times \cdots \times \pi_r)^{(m)}$, which is finite length by induction, using Proposition 2.19 combined with the Liebniz formula. \hfill \Box

Proposition 2.22 ([8] Prop. 9.15). Let $M$ be a standard Levi subgroup of $G$. If $V$ in Rep$_A(G)$ is admissible and primitive, then $J_M V$ in Rep$_A(M)$ is admissible.

Corollary 2.23. If $A$ is a local Noetherian $W(k)$-algebra and $V$ is admissible and $G$-finite, then $V^{(m)}$ is admissible and $G$-finite for $0 \le m \le n$.

Proof. Let $M = G_{n-m} \times G_m$. By Proposition 2.15, $V^{(m)} = (J_M V)^{(0,m)}$, so by Lemma 2.16, there is an embedding $V^{(m)} \to J_M V$. Admissibility and $G$-finiteness mean $V$ is generated over $A[G]$ by vectors in $V^K$ for some compact open subgroup $K$. Since $V^K$ is finite over $A$, $eV^K$ is nonzero for only a finite
set of primitive idempotents \( e \) of the Bernstein center, so \( eV \neq 0 \) for at most finitely many primitive idempotents \( e \) of the integral Bernstein center. Therefore, Proposition 2.22 applies, showing \( V^{(m)} \) embeds in an admissible module. Thus by Lemma 2.18, we are reduced to proving the result for \( \overline{V} := V/mV \). Since \( \overline{V} \) is admissible and \( G \)-finite, and \( A/m \) is characteristic \( \ell \), Lemma 2.20 shows \( \overline{V} \) is finite length, therefore it follows from Lemma 2.21 that \( \overline{V}^{(m)} \) is finite length. Applying Lemma 2.20 once more, we have the result.

Loosely speaking, the \((n - 1)\)st derivative describes the restriction of a \( G_n \)-representation to a \( G_1 \)-representation (see Corollary 2.12). The next result shows that this restriction intertwines a finite set of characters:

**Theorem 2.24.** If \( A \) is a local \( W(k) \)-algebra and \( V \) in \( \text{Rep}_A(G) \) is admissible and \( G \)-finite, then \( V^{(n-1)} \) is finitely generated as an \( A \)-module.

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.18 and Corollary 2.23 it is sufficient to show that \( \overline{V}^{(n-1)} \) is finite over the residue field \( \kappa \). We know \( \overline{V}^{(n-1)} \) is \( G \)-finite and admissible by Corollary 2.23, hence finite length as a \( \kappa[G_1] \)-module by Proposition 2.20. Since \( G_1 \) is abelian, all composition factors are 1-dimensional, so \( \overline{V}^{(n-1)} \) being finite length implies it is finite dimensional over \( \kappa \).

Since the hypotheses of being admissible and \( G \)-finite are preserved under localization by Proposition 2.1 (6), we can go beyond the local situation:

**Corollary 2.25.** Let \( A \) be a Noetherian \( W(k) \)-algebra and suppose that \( V \) is admissible and \( G \)-finite. Then for every \( p \) in \( \text{Spec} \, A \), \( V_p^{(n-1)} \) is finitely generated as an \( A_p \)-module.

### 2.5. Co-Whittaker \( A[G] \)-modules

In this subsection we define co-Whittaker representations and show that every admissible \( A[G] \)-module \( V \) of Whittaker type contains a canonical co-Whittaker subrepresentation.

**Definition 2.26 ([8] 3.3).** Let \( \kappa \) be a field of characteristic different from \( p \). An admissible smooth object \( U \) in \( \text{Rep}_\kappa(G) \) is said to have essentially AIG dual if it is finite length as a \( \kappa[G] \)-module, its cosocle \( \cos(U) \) is absolutely irreducible generic, and \( \cos(U)^{(n)} = U^{(n)} \) (the cosocle of a module is its largest semisimple quotient).
This condition is equivalent to $U^{(n)}$ being one-dimensional over $\kappa$ and having the property that $W^{(n)} \neq 0$ for any nonzero quotient $\kappa[G]$-module $W$ (see [6, Lemma 6.3.5] for details).

**Definition 2.27 ([8] 6.1).** An object $V$ in $\text{Rep}_A(G)$ is said to be co-Whittaker if it is admissible, of Whittaker type, and $V \otimes_A \kappa(p)$ has essentially AIG dual for each $p$.

**Proposition 2.28 ([8] Prop. 6.2).** Let $V$ be a co-Whittaker $A[G]$-module. Then the natural map $A \to \text{End}_{A[G]}(V)$ is an isomorphism.

**Lemma 2.29.** Suppose $V$ is admissible of Whittaker type and, for all primes $p$, any non-generic quotient of $V \otimes \kappa(p)$ equals zero. Then $V$ is generated over $A[G]$ by a single element.

**Proof.** Let $x$ be a generator of $V^{(n)}$, and let $\tilde{x} \in V$ be a lift of $x$. If $V'$ is the $A[G]$-submodule of $V$ generated by $\tilde{x}$, then $(V/V')^{(n)} = 0$. Since any non-generic quotient of $V \otimes \kappa(p)$ equals zero, $(V/V') \otimes \kappa(p) = 0$ for all $p$. Since $V/V'$ is admissible, we can apply Lemma 2.18 over the local rings $A_p$ to conclude $V/V'$ is finitely generated, then apply ordinary Nakayama to conclude it is zero. □

Thus every co-Whittaker module is admissible, Whittaker type, $G$-finite (in fact $G$-cyclic), and Schur, so satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 3.5, below. Moreover, every admissible Whittaker type representation contains a canonical co-Whittaker submodule:

**Proposition 2.30.** Let $V$ in $\text{Rep}_A(G)$ be admissible of Whittaker type. Then the sub-$A[G]$-module

$$T := \ker \left( V \to \prod_{\{U \subset V : (V/U)^{(n)} = 0\}} V/U \right)$$

is co-Whittaker.

**Proof.** $(V/T)^{(n)} = 0$ so $T$ is Whittaker type. Since $V$ is admissible so is $T$. Let $p$ be a prime ideal and let $\overline{T} := T \otimes \kappa(p)$. We show that $\cos(\overline{T})$ is absolutely irreducible and generic. By its definition, $\cos(\overline{T}) = \bigoplus_j W_j$ with $W_j$ an irreducible $\kappa(p)[G]$-module. Since the map $\overline{T} \to \bigoplus_j W_j$ is a surjection and $(-)^{(n)}$ is exact and additive, the map $(\overline{T})^{(n)} \to \bigoplus_j W_j^{(n)}$ is also a surjection. Hence $\dim_{\kappa(p)}(\bigoplus_j W_j^{(n)}) \leq \dim_{\kappa(p)}(\overline{T}^{(n)})$. Since $T$ is Whittaker type
and \( T^{(n)} = T^{(n)} \) is nonzero, there can only be one \( j \) such that \( W_j^{(n)} \) is potentially nonzero. On the other hand, suppose some \( W_j^{(n)} \) were zero, then \( W_j \) is a quotient appearing in the target of the map

\[
\mathcal{V} \to \prod_{\{U \subset \mathcal{V}: (\mathcal{V}/U)^{(n)} = 0\}} \mathcal{V}/U,
\]

hence as a quotient of \( \mathcal{T} \) it would have to be zero, a contradiction. Hence precisely one \( W_j \) is nonzero. Now applying [6, 6.3.4] with \( A \) being \( \kappa(p) \) and \( V \) being \( \cos(\mathcal{T}) \), we have that \( \text{End}_G(\cos(\mathcal{T})) \cong \kappa(p) \) hence absolutely irreducible. It also shows that \( \cos(\mathcal{T})^{(n)} = W_j^{(n)} \neq 0 \). Hence \( \mathcal{T}^{(n)} = \cos(\mathcal{T})^{(n)} \). By Lemma 2.29, \( \mathcal{T} \) is \( \kappa(p)[G] \)-cyclic; since it is admissible, it is finite length by Lemma 2.20.

2.6. The integral Bernstein center

If \( A \) is a Noetherian \( W(k) \)-algebra and \( V \) is an \( A[G] \)-module, then in particular \( V \) is a \( W(k)[G] \)-module, so we use the Bernstein decomposition of \( \text{Rep}_{W(k)}(G) \) to study \( V \).

Let \( \mathfrak{m} \) be the \( W(k)[G] \)-module \( c \text{-Ind}_{N_n}^{G_n} \psi \). If \( e \) is a primitive idempotent of \( Z \), the representation \( e \mathfrak{m} \) lies in the block \( e \text{Rep}_{W(k)}(G) \), and we may view it as an object in the category \( \text{Rep}_e(Z)(G) \). With respect to extending scalars from \( eZ \) to \( A \), the module \( e \mathfrak{m} \) is “universal” in the following sense:

**Proposition 2.31 ([8] Thm. 6.3).** Let \( A \) be a Noetherian \( eZ \)-algebra. Then \( e \mathfrak{m} \otimes_{eZ} A \) is a co-Whittaker \( A[G] \)-module. Conversely, if \( V \) is a primitive co-Whittaker \( A[G] \) module in the block \( e \text{Rep}_{W(k)}(G) \), and \( A \) is an \( eZ \)-algebra via \( f_V : eZ \to A \), then there is a surjection \( \alpha : \mathfrak{m} \otimes_{A,f_V} A \to V \) such that \( \alpha^{(n)} : (\mathfrak{m} \otimes_{A,f_V} A)^{(n)} \to V^{(n)} \) is an isomorphism.

If we assume \( A \) has connected spectrum (i.e. no nontrivial idempotents), then the map \( f_V : Z \to A \) would factor through a map \( eZ \to A \) for some primitive idempotent \( e \), hence:

**Corollary 2.32.** If \( A \) is a connected Noetherian \( W(k) \)-algebra and \( V \) is co-Whittaker, then \( V \) must be primitive for some primitive idempotent \( e \).

**Remark 2.33.** Theorems 1.1, 1.2, and 1.4 remain true if the hypothesis that \( V \) is primitive is replaced with the hypothesis that \( A \) is connected.
3. Zeta integrals

In this section we use the representation theory of Section 2 to define zeta integrals and investigate their properties.

3.1. Definition of the Zeta integrals

We first propose a definition of the zeta integral which is the analog of that in [10], and then check that the definition makes sense.

Definition 3.1. For \( W \in W(V, \psi) \) and \( 0 \leq j \leq n - 2 \), let \( X \) be an indeterminate and define

\[
Z(W, X; j) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (q^{n-1} X)^m \int_{x \in F} \int_{a \in U_F} W \left( \begin{pmatrix} \varpi^m a & 0 & 0 \\ x & I_j & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{n-j-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) d^X adx,
\]

and \( Z(W, X) = Z(W, X; 0) \)

We first show that \( Z(W, X; 0) \) defines an element of \( A[[X]][X^{-1}] \).

Lemma 3.2. Let \( W \) be any element of \( \text{Ind}_{N_n}^G \psi \). Then there exists an integer \( N < 0 \) such that \( W(\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}) \) is zero for \( v_F(a) < N \). Moreover if \( W \) is compactly supported modulo \( N_n \), then there exists an integer \( L > 0 \) such that \( W(\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}) \) is zero for \( v_F(a) > L \)

Proof. There is an integer \( j \) such that \( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & p^j & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \) stabilizes \( W \). For \( x \) in \( p^j \), we have

\[
W \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \right) = W \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \right) = \psi \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & ax & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \right) W \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \right)
\]

Whenever \( v_F(a) \) is negative enough that \( ax \) lands outside of \( \ker \psi = p \), we get that \( \psi \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & ax & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \) is a nontrivial \( p \)-power root of unity \( \zeta \) in \( W(k) \), hence \( 1 - \zeta \) is the lift of something nonzero in the residue field \( k \), and defines an element of \( W(k)^\times \). This shows that \( W(\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}) = 0 \).

Just as in [10], the next two lemmas show that \( Z(W, X; j) \) defines an element of \( A[[X]][X^{-1}] \) when \( 0 < j < n - 2 \) by reducing it to the case of \( Z(W, X; 0) \).
Lemma 3.3 ([10] Lemma 4.1.5). Let $H$ be a function on $G$, locally fixed under right translation by $G$, and satisfying $H(ng) = \psi(n)H(g)$ for $g \in G$, $n \in N_n$. Then the support of the function on $F^j$ given by

$$x \mapsto H \left[ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ x & I_j \\ 0 & 0 & I_{n-j-1} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

is contained in a compact set independent of $a \in F^\times$.

Corollary 3.4. If $\rho$ denotes right translation $(\rho(g)\phi)(x) = \phi(xg)$, and $U$ is the unipotent radical of the standard parabolic subgroup of type $(1, n-1)$, then there is a finite set of elements $u_1, \ldots, u_r$ of $U$ such that

$$Z(W, X; j) = \sum_{i=1}^r Z(\rho(tu_i)W, X; 0)$$

for any $W \in \text{Ind}_{G_n}^G \psi$.

In [10], the zeta integrals form elements of the field $\mathbb{C}((X))$ and it is proved that in fact they are elements of the subfield $\mathbb{C}(X)$ of rational functions. Whereas $\mathbb{C}((X))$ (resp. $\mathbb{C}(X)$) is the fraction field of the domain $\mathbb{C}[[X]]$ (resp. $\mathbb{C}[X, X^{-1}]$), our rings $A[[X]][X^{-1}]$ and $A[X, X^{-1}]$ are not in general domains. The first main result of this paper is determining the appropriate fraction ring of $A[X, X^{-1}]$ in which the zeta integrals $Z(W, X; j)$ live:

Theorem 3.5. Suppose $A$ is a Noetherian $W(k)$-algebra. Let $S$ be the multiplicative subset of $A[X, X^{-1}]$ consisting of polynomials whose first and last coefficients are units. Then if $V$ is admissible, Whittaker type, and $G$-finite, then $Z(W, X; j)$ lies in $S^{-1}A[X, X^{-1}]$ for all $W$ in $W(V, \psi)$ for $0 \leq j \leq n-2$.

In particular, the result holds if $V$ is co-Whittaker, as in Theorem 1.1. The proof of Theorem 3.5 will occupy the remainder of this section. The key idea is that the zeta integrals $Z(W, X)$ are completely determined by the values $W \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \right)$ for $a \in F^\times$, and as $W$ ranges over $W(V, \psi)$, the set of these values is equivalent to the data of the $P_2$-representation $(\Phi^-)^{n-2}K$. Determining the rationality of $Z(W, X)$ will then reduce to a finiteness result for the quotient $K^{(n-1)}$, or more generally for $V^{(n-1)}$. 
3.2. Proof of rationality

Denote by $\tau$ the right translation representation of $G_1$ on $\mathcal{K}^{(n-1)}$. Let $B$ be the commutative $A$-subalgebra of $\text{End}_A(\mathcal{K}^{(n-1)})$ generated by $\tau(\varpi)$ and $\tau(\varpi^{-1})$, where $\varpi$ is a uniformizer of $F$. It follows from Corollary 2.25 that $\mathcal{K}_p^{(n-1)}$ is finitely generated over $A_p$. For every $p$ of $\text{Spec} A$, the inclusion $B_p \subset \text{End}(\mathcal{K}^{(n-1)})_p \hookrightarrow \text{End}(\mathcal{K}_p^{(n-1)})$, shows $B_p$ is finitely generated as an $A_p$-module.

**Lemma 3.6.** $B$ is finitely generated as an $A$-module.

**Proof.** $B$ is the image of the map $A[X, X^{-1}] \rightarrow \text{End}_A(\mathcal{K}^{(n-1)})$ sending $X$ to $\tau(\varpi)$. $B_p$ is the image of the localized map $A_p[X, X^{-1}] \rightarrow (\text{End}_A(\mathcal{K}^{(n-1)}))_p$, which is finitely generated. Thus for every $p$, $\tau(\varpi)$ and $\tau(\varpi^{-1})$ satisfy monic polynomials $s_p(X)$, $t_p(X)$ with coefficients in $A_p$. Since $s_p$ and $t_p$ have finitely many coefficients there exists a global section $f_p \notin p$ such that $s_p(X)$, $t_p(X)$ lie in $A_{f_p}[X]$. The open subsets $D(f_p)$ cover $\text{Spec} A$ and we can take a finite subset $\{f_1, \ldots, f_n\} \subset \{f_p\}$ such that $(f_i) = 1$. Since $\tau(\varpi)$ and $\tau(\varpi^{-1})$ satisfy monic polynomials over $A_{f_i}$, we have that $B_{f_i}$ is finitely generated over $A_{f_i}$ for each $i$. It follows that $B$ is finitely generated over $A$. \qed

Since $B$ is finitely generated over $A$, $\tau(\varpi)$ and $\tau(\varpi^{-1})$ satisfy monic polynomials $c_0 + c_1 X + \cdots + c_{r-1} X^{r-1} + X^r$ and $b_0 + b_1 X + \cdots + b_{s-1} X^{s-1} + X^s$ respectively. The degrees $r$ and $s$ are nonzero because $\tau(\varpi)$ and $\tau(\varpi^{-1})$ are units in $B$. Adding these together we have

$$0 = \tau(\varpi)^{-s} + b_{s-1} \tau(\varpi)^{-s+1} + \cdots + b_0 + c_0 + \cdots + c_{r-1} \tau(\varpi)^{r-1} + \tau(\varpi)^r,$$

hence $\tau(\varpi)$ satisfies a Laurent polynomial whose first and last coefficients are units.

The final ingredient in proving rationality is the following transformation property.

**Lemma 3.7.** $Z(\varpi^n W, X) = X^{-n} Z(W, X)$ for any $W \in \mathcal{W}(V, \psi)$, and any integer $n$.

**Proof of Lemma.** Denote by $b_m$ the coefficient $\int_{U_f} W(\varpi^m u) d^\times u$. Then $Z(\varpi^n W, X)$ is $\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} X^m b_{m+n}$, which can be rewritten $X^{-n} Z(W, X)$. \qed
Deducing Theorem 3.5. The representation $K^{(n-1)}$ is formed by restricting the right translation representation on $(\Phi^-)^{n-2}K$ from $P_2$ to $G_1$, then taking the quotient by the $G_1$-stable submodule $(\Phi^-)^{n-2}K(U_2, 1)$. By Corollary 2.12, the right translation representation on $(\Phi^-)^{n-2}K$ is given by translations of the restricted Kirillov functions $W|_{(x, 0)}$, denoted $W(x)$ for short. As an endomorphism of the quotient module $K^{(n-1)}$, $\tau(\varpi)$ satisfies a polynomial $X^n - a_{n-1}X^{n-1} - \cdots - a_1X - a_0$ (in fact we can take $a_0$ to be $-1$).

Hence for any restricted Kirillov function $W(x)$ we have

$$\varpi^n W(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \varpi^i W(x) + W_1(x),$$

for some element $W_1$ of $((\Phi^-)^{n-2}K)(U_2, 1)$. Therefore we get a relation

$$Z(\varpi^n W, X) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i Z(\varpi^i W, X) + Z_1(X)$$

with $Z_1(X)$ being a Laurent polynomial by Lemma 3.2. Using Lemma 3.7, then multiplying through by $X^n$ and rearranging we get $Z(W, X)(1 - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i X^{n-i}) = X^n Z_1(X)$ which completes the proof since $a_0$ is a unit.

4. Functional equation and Gamma factor

4.1. Contragredient Whittaker functions

There is an analogue of the contragredient which is reflected on the level of Whittaker functions by a transform $(\widehat{-})$; the functional equation will relate the zeta integral of $W$ to that of its transform. We will need the following two matrices:

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \cdots & -1 & 0 \\ \vdots \\ (-1)^{n-1} & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad w' = \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^n & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (-1)^{n-2} \\ \vdots \\ 0 & (1)^{n} & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For any element $W$ of $\operatorname{Ind}_{N_n}^G \psi$, define the transform $\widetilde{W}$ of $W$ as $\widetilde{W}(g) := W(wg^t)$, where $g^t := g^{-1}$. 

Observation 4.1. If $V$ is of Whittaker type, then for $v \in V$, $\tilde{W}_v$ is an element of $\text{Ind}_{N}^{G} \psi$ because

$$\tilde{W}(ng) = W(w(ng)^t) = W(wn'w^{-1}wg') = \psi(wn'w^{-1})W(wg') = \psi(n)\tilde{W}(g).$$

Thus $Z(w'\tilde{W}, X; j)$ lands in $A[[X]][X^{-1}]$ by Lemma 3.2. In this section we state the second main result and recover the rationality properties of Section 2.2 for $Z(w'\tilde{W}, X; j)$. The second main result is as follows:

**Theorem 4.2.** Suppose $A$ is a Noetherian $W(k)$-algebra, and suppose $V$ in $\text{Rep}_A(G)$ is co-Whittaker and primitive. Let $S$ denote the multiplicative subset of Theorem 3.5. Then there exists a unique element $\gamma(V, X, \psi)$ of $S^{-1}A[[X],[X^{-1}]]$ such that for any $W \in \mathcal{W}(V, \psi)$,

$$Z(W, X; j)\gamma(V, X, \psi) = Z\left(w'\tilde{W}, \frac{1}{q^nX}; n - 2 - j \right)$$

for $0 \leq j \leq n - 2$.

The proof of Theorem 4.2 is in Section 5. We now verify that $Z(w'\tilde{W}, \frac{1}{q^nX}; j)$ always lives in $S^{-1}A[[X],[X^{-1}]]$.

**Proposition 4.3.** Suppose $V$ in $\text{Rep}_A(G)$ is admissible, Whittaker type, $G$-finite, Schur, and primitive. Let $V'$ denote the smooth $A[G]$-module whose underlying $A$-module is $V$ and whose $G$-action is given by $g \cdot v = g'v$. Then $V'$ is also admissible, Whittaker type, $G$-finite, Schur, and primitive.

**Proof.** Consider the map $\text{Hom}_{N}(V, \psi) \to \text{Hom}_{N}(V', \psi)$ given by $\lambda \mapsto \tilde{\lambda}$, where $\tilde{\lambda} : x \mapsto \lambda(wx)$. We have $\tilde{\lambda}(n \cdot v) = \lambda(wn'w^{-1}wv) = \psi(n)\tilde{\lambda}(v)$, which shows $\tilde{\lambda}$ indeed defines an element of $\text{Hom}_{N}(V', \psi)$. Since $w^2 = (-1)^{n-1}I_n$, it is an isomorphism of $A$-modules. Admissibility, $G$-finiteness, and Schur-ness all hold for $V'$ since $g \mapsto g'$ is a topological automorphism of the group $G$. Since $V$ is Schur, $A$ must be connected, hence $V$ must be primitive since it is Schur.

In particular, $(V')(n) = V'/V'(N_n, \psi)$ is free of rank one and we may define $(\tilde{W})_{v}(g) = \lambda(g'v)$ and take $\mathcal{W}(V', \psi)$ to be the $A$-module $\{ (\tilde{W})_{v} : v \in V' \}$ as before. Note that this is precisely the same as $\{ (\tilde{W})_{v} : v \in V \}$. We record this simple observation as a Lemma:
Lemma 4.4. If $\lambda$ is a generator of $\text{Hom}_{N_n}(V,\psi)$ then $\tilde{\lambda}: x \mapsto \lambda(wx)$ is a generator of $\text{Hom}_{N_n}(V^i,\psi)$ and defines $W(V^i,\psi)$. There is an isomorphism of $G$-modules $W(V,\psi) \to W(V^i,\psi)$ sending $W$ to $\tilde{W}$.

Thus all the hypotheses for the results of the previous sections, in particular Theorem 3.5, apply to $V^i$ whenever they apply to $V$, so we get $Z(w^i\tilde{W},X;j)$ in $S^{-1}A[X,X^{-1}]$. Now we can make the substitution $\frac{1}{q^nX}$ for $X$ in the ratio of polynomials $Z(w^i\tilde{W},X;j)$ to get $Z(w^i\tilde{W},\frac{1}{q^nX};j)$. It will again be in $S^{-1}A[X,X^{-1}]$ because this process swaps the first and last coefficients in the denominator (and $q$ is a unit in $A$ since $q$ is relatively prime to $\ell$).

4.2. Zeta integrals and tensor products

The goal of this subsection is to check that the formation of zeta integrals commutes with change of base ring $A$. For any $f : A \to B$, denote by $\psi_A \otimes B$ the free rank one $B$-module with action given by the character $f \circ \psi$. The group action on $V \otimes_A B$ is given by acting in the first factor. Let $i$ denote the map $V \to V \otimes_A B$. Proposition 2.1 (6), gives the following lemma.

Lemma 4.5. (1) If $V$ is of Whittaker type, so is $V \otimes_A B$.

(2) Let $\lambda$ generate $\text{Hom}_{A[N]}(V,\psi)$ as an $A$-module. Then $\lambda \otimes \text{id}$ is a generator of $\text{Hom}_{B[N]}(V \otimes B,\psi \otimes B)$.

(3) Let $W_v \otimes b(g) := (f \circ \lambda)(gv) \otimes b$ define elements of $W(V \otimes B,\psi \otimes B)$. Then $f \circ W_v = W_{i(v)}$ for any $v \in V$.

From the definition of integration given in §1.1, it follows that if $\Phi_k$ is the characteristic function of some $H_k$, then $\int (f \circ \Phi_k)d(f \circ \mu^x) = (f \circ \mu^x)(H_k) = f \left( \int \Phi_k d(\mu^x) \right)$. It follows from the definitions that $(f \circ \tilde{W})(x) = f \circ W(x)$.

Corollary 4.6. Let $F$ denote the map of formal Laurent series rings $A[[X]][X^{-1}] \to B[[X]][X^{-1}]$ induced by $f$, then we have

\begin{enumerate}
\item $F(Z(W_v,X;j)) = Z(f \circ W,X;j) = Z(W_{i(v)},X;j)$
\item $F\left(Z(w^i\tilde{W},X;j)\right) = Z(f \circ w^i\tilde{W},X;j) = Z(w^i(f \circ \tilde{W}),X;j)$
\end{enumerate}

for any $W$ in $W(V,\psi)$, and for $0 \leq j \leq n-2$. 

The next proposition follows from the linearity of the zeta integrals and
the transform \((-\cdot)\).

**Proposition 4.7.** Suppose there is an element \(\gamma(V, X, \psi)\) in \(A[[X]][X^{-1}]\)
satisfying a functional equation as in Theorem 4.2 for all \(W_v \in W(V, \psi)\).
Then the element \(F(\gamma(V, X, \psi)) \in B[[X]][X^{-1}]\) satisfies the functional equa-
tion for all \(W \in W(V \otimes B, \psi \otimes B)\).

**4.3. Construction of the Gamma factor**

We define the gamma factor to be what it must in order to satisfy the func-
tional equation of Theorem 4.2 for a single, particularly simple Whittaker
function \(W_0\). We seek a \(W_0\) such that \(Z(W, X; 0)\) is a unit in \(S^{-1}A[X, X^{-1}]\).

By Proposition 2.8 and Lemma 2.10, we have that \(c\text{-Ind}_{U_2}^P \psi \subset (\Phi^{-})^n\mathcal{K}\). Since \(c\text{-Ind}_{U_2}^P \psi\) is isomorphic to \(C_c^{\infty}(F^\times, A)\) via restriction
to \(G_1\) (recall that \(C_c^{\infty}(F^\times, A)\) denotes the locally constant compactly
supported functions \(F^\times \to A\)), we find the following:

**Proposition 4.8.** Suppose \(V\) in \(\text{Rep}_A(G)\) is of Whittaker type. Then the
characteristic function of \(\mathcal{U}_{1}^{F}\) is realized as a restricted Whittaker function
\(W_0(\begin{smallmatrix} \vartheta & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-1} \end{smallmatrix})\) for some \(W_0\) in \(W(V, \psi)\).

From now on, the symbol \(W_0\) will denote a choice of element in \(W(V, \psi)\)
whose restriction to \(\begin{smallmatrix} \vartheta & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-1} \end{smallmatrix}\) is the characteristic function of \(\mathcal{U}_{1}^{F}\). Then
\(Z(W_0, X)\) is \(\int_{\mathcal{U}_v} W_1(\begin{smallmatrix} \vartheta & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-1} \end{smallmatrix})d^\times a = \mu^\times(U_1^F) = 1\). Since we want our gamma fac-
tor to satisfy the functional equation for \(W_0\), we are left with no choice:

**Definition 4.9 (The Gamma Factor).** Let \(A\) be any Noetherian \(W(k)\)-
algebra and suppose \(V\) in \(\text{Rep}_A(G)\) is of Whittaker type. We define the
gamma factor of \(V\) with respect to \(\psi\) to be the element of \(A[[X]][X^{-1}]\) given
by \(\gamma(V, X, \psi) := Z(\widehat{w^*W_0}, \frac{1}{q^X}; n - 2)\).

When \(V\) is co-Whittaker and primitive the uniqueness of this gamma
factor will follow from the functional equation: if \(\gamma\) and \(\gamma'\) both satisfy the
functional equation for all Whittaker functions, then \(\gamma = Z(\widehat{w^*W_0}, \frac{1}{q^X}, n - 2) = \gamma'\). In particular for such representations our construction of the gamma
factor does not depend on the choice of \(W_0\).
4.4. Functional equation for characteristic zero points

If the residue field \( \kappa(p) \) of \( p \) has characteristic zero, the reduction modulo \( p \) of \( Z(W, X; j) \) forms an element of \( \overline{\kappa(p)}(X) \). As \( \kappa(p) \) is an uncountable algebraically closed field of characteristic zero, we may fix an embedding \( \mathbb{C} \hookrightarrow \overline{\kappa(p)} \). The proof of [11, Thm. 2.7(iii)(2)] (which occurs in [11, §2.11]) carries over verbatim to the setting where \( \pi \) and \( \pi' \) are admissible, Whittaker type, \( G \)-finite representations over any field containing \( \mathbb{C} \), hence for representations over \( \kappa(p) \). Thus the reduction modulo \( p \) of \( \Psi(W, X; j) \) is precisely the integral \( \Psi(s, W; j) \) of [10, §4.1], after replacing the complex variable \( q^{-s + \frac{n-1}{2}} \) with the indeterminate \( X \), and there exists a unique element, which we will call \( \gamma_p(s, V \otimes \kappa(p), \psi_p) \), in \( \kappa(p)(q^{-s}) \) such that for all \( W \in \mathcal{W}(V_p \otimes \kappa(p), \psi_p) \) and for all \( j \geq 0 \),

\[
\Psi(1 - s, \tilde{w}W; n - 2 - j) = \gamma_p(s, V \otimes \kappa(p), \psi_p) \Psi(s, W, j).
\]

The change of variable \( s \mapsto 1 - s \) can be re-written as \( -(s + \frac{n-1}{2}) \mapsto (s + \frac{n-1}{2}) - n \), so writing the functional equation in terms of \( X \) we have shown the following Lemma:

**Lemma 4.10.** Suppose \( V \) is admissible of Whittaker type, and \( G \)-finite. For each prime \( p \) of \( A \) with residue characteristic zero, there exists a unique element \( \gamma_p(V \otimes \kappa(p), X, \psi_p) \) in \( \kappa(p)(X) \) such that for all \( W \) in \( \mathcal{W}(V \otimes \kappa(p), \psi_p) \) and for \( 0 \leq j \leq n - 2 \) we have

\[
Z \left( \frac{\tilde{w}W}{q^n X}; n - 2 - j \right) = \gamma_p(X, V \otimes \kappa(p), \psi_p) Z(W, X; j).
\]

Moreover, \( \gamma_p(V \otimes \kappa(p), X, \psi_p) = \gamma(V, X, \psi) \mod p \) by uniqueness in [10].

4.5. Proof of functional equation when \( A \) is reduced and \( \ell \)-torsion free

In the case that \( A \) is reduced and \( \ell \)-torsion free as a \( W(k) \)-algebra, we get a slightly stronger result than that of Theorem 4.2.

**Theorem 4.11.** If \( A \) is a Noetherian \( W(k) \)-algebra and \( A \) is reduced and \( \ell \)-torsion free, then the conclusion of Theorem 4.2 holds for any \( V \) in \( \text{Rep}_A(G) \) which is \( G \)-finite, and admissible of Whittaker type.
Proof. Let \( p \) be any characteristic zero prime, and let \( f_p : A \to \kappa(p) \) be reduction modulo \( p \). Corollary 4.6 and Lemma 4.10 tell us that

\[
f_p \left( \gamma(V, X, \psi)Z(W, X) - Z\left( \frac{w^q W}{q^n X}; n - 2 \right) \right) = 0
\]

for any \( W \) in \( \mathcal{W}(V, \psi) \), not just \( W_0 \). This shows that the difference

\[
\gamma(V, X, \psi)Z(W, X) - Z\left( \frac{w^q W}{q^n X}; n - 2 \right)
\]

is in the intersection of all characteristic zero primes of \( A \). When \( A \) is reduced its zero divisors are the union of its minimal primes, so it is \( \ell \)-torsion free if and only if all minimal primes have residue characteristic zero. Thus when \( A \) is reduced and \( \ell \)-torsion free, the intersection of all characteristic zero primes of \( A \) equals zero, so the functional equation holds for any \( W \) in \( \mathcal{W}(V, \psi) \).

We now prove uniqueness. If there were another element \( \gamma' \) satisfying the same property, it would satisfy the functional equation in \( \kappa(p) \) for all \( W_{i(v)} \) by reduction, so it satisfies the functional equation for all \( W \) in \( \mathcal{W}(V \otimes \kappa(p), \psi_p) \). But uniqueness in Lemma 4.10 then shows \( f_p(\gamma(V, X, \psi) - \gamma') = 0 \) for all characteristic zero primes \( p \) of \( A \). Again, this means \( \gamma' = \gamma(V, X, \psi) \).

We get rationality by observing that whenever \( V \) is admissible of Whittaker type, it has a canonical co-Whittaker submodule \( T \) by Proposition 2.30, which is primitive if \( V \) is primitive. Since \( \gamma(T, X, \psi) \) satisfies the functional equation for all \( W \) in \( \mathcal{W}(T, \psi) \), we must have \( \gamma(T, X, \psi) = \gamma(V, X, \psi) \) by the construction of the gamma factor. But \( \gamma(T, X, \psi) \) is in \( S^{-1}A[X, X^{-1}] \) by Theorem 3.5, which holds for primitive co-Whittaker modules.

\[\square\]

5. Universal Gamma factors

When \( V \) is primitive and co-Whittaker, we can remove the hypothesis that \( A \) is reduced and \( \ell \)-torsion free by specializing the gamma factor for the universal co-Whittaker module \( e\mathcal{W} \).

Theorem 5.1 ([7] Thm. 12.1). Any block \( e\mathcal{W} \) of the Bernstein center of \( \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{W}(k)}(G) \) is a finitely generated (hence Noetherian), reduced, \( \ell \)-torsion free \( \mathcal{W}(k) \)-algebra.

By Proposition 2.31, \( e\mathcal{W} \) is co-Whittaker, and since it is clearly primitive, all the hypotheses of Proposition 4.11 are satisfied. Hence (Thm. 4.11) there exists a unique gamma factor in \( S^{-1}(e\mathcal{W}[X, X^{-1}]) \), which we will denote \( \Gamma(e\mathcal{W}, X, \psi) \), satisfying the functional equation for all \( W \) in \( \mathcal{W}(e\mathcal{W}, \psi) \).
Proof of Theorem 4.2. Since $V$ is primitive and co-Whittaker, there is a (unique) primitive idempotent $e$ of $\mathbb{Z}$ and a ring homomorphism $f_V : e\mathbb{Z} \to \text{End}_G(V) \cong A$, and a surjection of $A[G]$-modules $e\mathfrak{M} \otimes_{f_V} A \to V$ preserving the top derivative, so that $f_V(\Gamma(e\mathfrak{M}, X, \psi)) = \gamma(e\mathfrak{M} \otimes_{f_V} A, X, \psi)$. Since $\Gamma(e\mathfrak{M}, X, \psi)$ satisfies the functional equation for all $W$ in $\mathcal{W}(e\mathfrak{M}, \psi)$, we can apply Proposition 4.7 again to conclude that $\gamma(e\mathfrak{M} \otimes_{f_V} A, X, \psi)$ satisfies the functional equation for all $W$ in $\mathcal{W}(e\mathfrak{M} \otimes A, \psi)$. Since $e\mathfrak{M} \otimes A$ has a surjection onto $V$ preserving the top derivative, Lemma 2.6 tells us that $W(V, \psi) = W(e\mathfrak{M} \otimes A, \psi)$. The functional equation shows that Definition 4.9 gives a unique gamma factor $\gamma(V, X, \psi)$ in $S^{-1}(A[X, X^{-1}])$, its image in $f_V$ is in the corresponding fraction ring of $A[X, X^{-1}]$. This proves Theorem 4.2. □

We can extend the uniqueness and rationality result to a larger class of representations, though with a weaker functional equation coming only from the co-Whittaker case:

**Corollary 5.2.** Let $V$ be admissible, primitive, of Whittaker type and let $T$ be its canonical co-Whittaker submodule. Then there exists a unique gamma factor $\gamma(V, X, \psi)$ in $S^{-1}(A[X, X^{-1}])$ which equals $\gamma(T, X, \psi)$, and satisfies the functional equation for all $W$ in $\mathcal{W}(T, \psi)$.

**Proof.** When $V$ is admissible of Whittaker type it has a canonical co-Whittaker sub by Proposition 2.30. We have just shown that its gamma factor $\gamma(T, X, \psi)$ satisfies the functional equation for all $W$ in $\mathcal{W}(T, \psi)$. Applying Proposition 2.6 with $\alpha : T \to V$ being the inclusion map, we conclude that $\mathcal{W}(T, \psi) \subset \mathcal{W}(V, \psi)$. The coefficients of the series $Z(w'\tilde{W}_0, \frac{1}{q^nX}; n - 2)$ in Definition 4.9 are determined by $G$-translates of the Whittaker function $W_0$, so occurs already in $\mathcal{W}(T, \psi)$, so by definition $\gamma(T, X, \psi) = \gamma(V, X, \psi)$. In particular $\gamma(V, X, \psi)$ lies in $S^{-1}A[X, X^{-1}]$ and satisfies the functional equation for all $W$ in $\mathcal{W}(T, \psi)$. □

We can make precise the sense in which we have created a universal gamma factor:

**Corollary 5.3.** Suppose $A$ is a Noetherian $W(k)$-algebra, and suppose $V$ is a co-Whittaker $A[G]$-module in the subcategory $e\text{Rep}_{W(k)}(G)$ of $\text{Rep}_{W(k)}(G)$. Then there is a homomorphism $f_V : e\mathbb{Z} \to A$ and $f_V(\Gamma(e\mathfrak{M}, X, \psi))$ equals the unique $\gamma(V, X, \psi)$ satisfying a functional equation for all $W$ in $\mathcal{W}(V, \psi)$. 
Again, we can broaden the class of representations at the cost of a more restrictive functional equation:

**Theorem 5.4.** Suppose $A$ is any Noetherian $W(k)$-algebra, and suppose $V$ is an admissible $A[G]$-module of Whittaker type in the subcategory $\mathcal{e}\text{Rep}_{W(k)}(G)$. Then there is a homomorphism $f_V : \mathcal{e}\mathbb{Z} \to A$ and the gamma factor of Corollary 5.2 equals $f_V(\Gamma(\mathcal{e}\mathbb{W}, X, \psi))$.

**Proof.** We define $f_V$ to be the homomorphism $\mathcal{e}\mathbb{Z} \to \text{End}_G(T) \sim A$ where $T$ is the canonical co-Whittaker submodule of Proposition 2.30. Since $T$ lies in $\mathcal{e}\text{Rep}_{W(k)}(G)$, $\mathcal{e}\mathbb{W} \otimes_{f_V} A$ surjects onto $T$, and we have $f_V(\Gamma(\mathcal{e}\mathbb{W}, X, \psi) = \gamma(T, X, \psi)$ (Prop. 2.6), and since $T$ injects into $V$ (with top derivative preserved), again by Prop. 2.6, we have

$$f_V(\Gamma(\mathcal{e}\mathbb{W}, X, \psi)) = \gamma(\mathcal{e}\mathbb{W} \otimes_{\mathcal{e}\mathbb{Z}, f_V} A, X, \psi) = \gamma(T, X, \psi) = \gamma(V, X, \psi). \square$$

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