FROM CONJUGACY CLASSES IN THE WEYL GROUP TO UNIPOTENT CLASSES, III

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Abstract. Let \( G \) be an affine algebraic group over an algebraically closed field whose identity component \( G^0 \) is reductive. Let \( W \) be the Weyl group of \( G \) and let \( D \) be a connected component of \( G \) whose image in \( G/G^0 \) is unipotent. In this paper we define a map from the set of “twisted conjugacy classes” in \( W \) to the set of unipotent \( G^0 \)-conjugacy classes in \( D \) generalizing an earlier construction which applied when \( G \) is connected.

Introduction

0.1. Let \( G \) be an affine algebraic group over an algebraically closed field of characteristic \( p \geq 0 \) such that the identity component \( G^0 \) of \( G \) is reductive. Let \( W \) be the Weyl group of \( G^0 \). In \([L6]\) we have defined (assuming that \( G = G^0 \)) a natural (surjective) map \( \Phi \) from the set \( W \) of conjugacy classes in \( W \) to the set \( G \) of unipotent conjugacy classes in \( G \). In this paper we extend the definition of \( \Phi \) to the case where \( G \) is not necessarily connected, by replacing \( G \) by the set of unipotent \( G^0 \)-conjugacy classes in a fixed connected component \( D \) of \( G \) whose image in \( G/G^0 \) is unipotent and \( W \) by the set of “twisted conjugacy classes” (in a suitable sense depending on \( D \)) of \( W \). The general case can be reduced to the already known case when \( G = G^0 \) and to four other cases: the case where \( G \) has two components (\( G^0 = \text{PGL}_n \) and \( D \)) and conjugation by some element in \( D \) takes a matrix to its transpose inverse with \( p = 2 \) (see \( \S \S 4,5 \)); the case where \( G \) is an even full orthogonal group and \( D \neq G^0 \) with \( p = 2 \) (see \( \S 3 \)); and two exceptional cases related to \( E_6, p = 2 \) and \( D_4, p = 3 \) (which can be treated using in part computer calculations, see \( \S 2 \)). As a byproduct of our analysis in \( \S 4 \) we obtain a new description of certain varieties from \( [DL] \) corresponding to a unitary group over a finite field (see \( \S 6 \)). On the other hand, in 5.11 we show that a map similar to \( \Phi \) can be defined in a case (arising from an outer automorphism of \( GL_n \)) where \( D \) does not contain unipotent elements.

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0.2. Notation. For any set of integers \( M \) we set \( M_{\text{ev}} = \{ x \in M; x \text{ even} \}, M_{\text{odd}} = \{ x \in M; x \text{ odd} \} \). For any collection of vectors \( e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_t \) in a vector space we denote by \( S(e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_t) \) the subspace spanned by \( e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_t \). For any group \( \Gamma \) let \( Z_\Gamma \) be the center of \( \Gamma \); if \( g \in \Gamma \) and \( \Gamma' \) is a subset of \( \Gamma \) let \( Z_{\Gamma'}(g) = \{ g' \in \Gamma'; gg' = g'g \} \).
0.3. **Errata to [L6].** In 4.4 replace

“We can find integers \( a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_t, b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_t \) \((all \geq 1)\) such that ...” by:

“We can find integers \( a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_t, b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_t \) \((all \geq 1)\) such that \( b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_t = \sigma”.

In 4.4 replace the equation \( Y = (a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_t)(b_1^2 - b_2)/2 + \cdots \) by the equation

\[
Y = (a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_t)(b_1^2 - b_2)/2 \\
+ (a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_{t-1})(((b_1 + b_2)^2 - b_1 - b_2) - (b_1^2 - b_1))/2 + \cdots \\
a_1((b_1 + \cdots + b_t)^2 - b_1 - \cdots - b_t) - ((b_1 + \cdots + b_{t-1})^2 - b_1 - \cdots - b_{t-1}))/2.
\]

Replace 1.6(a) by

\[
1 \mapsto 2 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto p_1 \mapsto n \mapsto n - 1 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto n - p_1 + 1 \mapsto 1, \\
p_1 + 1 \mapsto p_1 + 2 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto p_1 + p_2 \mapsto n - p_1 \mapsto n - p_1 - 1 \mapsto \cdots \\
\mapsto n - p_1 - p_2 + 1 \mapsto p_1 + 1, \\
\cdots \\
p_{<\sigma} + 1 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto p_{<\sigma} + 2 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto p_{<\sigma} + p_{\sigma} \mapsto n - p_{<\sigma} \\
\mapsto n - p_{<\sigma} - 1 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto n - \sigma\sigma - p_{\sigma} + 1 \mapsto p_{<\sigma} + 1,
\]
and, if \( \kappa = 1 \),

(a) \( p_{n+1} \mapsto p_{n+1} \).

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1. **THE MAIN RESULTS; STATEMENTS AND PRELIMINARY REDUCTIONS**

1.1. Let \( k \) be an algebraically closed field of characteristic \( p \geq 0 \). In this paper we fix a group \( G \) with a given normal subgroup \( G^0 \) and a given left/right \( G^0 \)-coset denoted by \( D \); we assume that \( G^0 \) is a connected reductive algebraic group over \( k \) and that for any \( g \in D \) the map \( x \mapsto gxg^{-1} \) is an isomorphism of algebraic groups \( G^0 \xrightarrow{\sim} G^0 \). Let \( Z_{\mathcal{O}_w} \) be the set of all \( z \in Z_{G^0} \) such that \( zg = gz \) for some/any \( g \in D \); this is a closed subgroup of \( Z_{G^0} \). Let \( B \) be the variety of Borel subgroups of \( G^0 \). Let \( W \) be the Weyl group of \( G^0 \). We view \( W \) as a set indexing the set of orbits of \( G^0 \) acting on \( B \times B \) by \( (B, B') \mapsto (gBg^{-1}, gB'g^{-1}) \). For \( w \in W \) we write \( \mathcal{O}_w \) for the corresponding \( G^0 \)-orbit. The group structure on \( W \) is defined as in [L6, 0.2]. Define \( \ell : W \to \mathbb{N} \) by \( \ell(w) = \dim \mathcal{O}_w - \dim B \) (length function). Let \( S = \{ s \in W : \ell(s) = 1 \} \). For any \( J \subset S \) let \( W_J \) be the subgroup of \( W \) generated by \( J \). Now \( D \) defines a group automorphism \( \varepsilon_D : W \to W \) (preserving length) by the requirement that

\[
(B, B') \in \mathcal{O}_w, g \in D \implies (gBg^{-1}, gB'g^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_{\varepsilon_D(w)}.
\]
Let \( W_D \) be the set of \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugacy classes in \( W \), that is, the set of equivalence classes in \( W \) for the orbits of the \( W \)-action \( w_1 : w \mapsto w^{-1}w_1 \epsilon_D(w_1) \) on \( W \). An element \( w \in W \) (or its \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugacy class \( C \)) is said to be \( \epsilon_D \)-elliptic if for any \( J \subset S \) such that \( \epsilon_D(J) = J, J \neq S \), we have \( C \cap W_J = \emptyset \). Let \( W^\text{ell}_D \) be the set of elliptic \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugacy classes in \( W \). Let \( W_{D_{\text{min}}} \) be the set of all \( w \in W \) such that \( l(w) \leq l(w') \) for any \( w' \) in the \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugacy class of \( w \). For any \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugacy class \( C \) in \( W \) we set \( C_{\text{min}} = C \cap W_{D_{\text{min}}} \).

In the remainder of this section we assume that

(a) \( G \) is an affine algebraic group over \( k \) and that \( G^0 \) is its identity component (so that \( D \) is a connected component of \( G \)) and that

(b) the image of \( D \) in \( G/G^0 \) is unipotent (that is, its order is a power of \( p \) if \( p > 1 \) and 1 if \( p = 0 \)).

Let \( D \) be the set of \( G^0 \)-conjugacy classes in \( D \) which are unipotent. We say that \( \gamma \in \overline{D} \) is distinguished if for some/any \( g \in \gamma \), any torus in \( Z_G(g) \) is contained in \( \overline{Z_G} \). Let \( \overline{D}_{\text{dis}} = \{ g \in \overline{D} : \gamma \text{ distinguished} \} \).

For \( w \in W \), \( \gamma \in \overline{D} \) we write \( w \downarrow D \gamma \) if for some/any \( g \in \gamma \) we have \( \{ B \in \mathcal{B} ; (B, gBg^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_w \} \neq \emptyset \). For \( w \in W \) we set \( \Sigma_{w, D} = \{ \gamma \in \overline{D} : w \downarrow D \gamma \} \); we regard \( \Sigma_{w, D} \) as a partially ordered set where \( \gamma \leq \gamma' \) if \( \gamma \subset \gamma' \) (closure of \( \gamma' \) in \( D \)).

1.2. We shall need the following result.

(a) Assume that \( w, w' \) are elements of \( W_{D_{\text{min}}} \) which are \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugate. Then \( \Sigma_{w, D} = \Sigma_{w', D} \).

To prove this we can assume that \( k \) is an algebraic closure of a finite field \( F_q \) with \( q \) elements and that \( G \) has a fixed \( F_q \)-rational structure such that \( G^0 \) is \( F_q \)-split, \( D \) is defined over \( F_q \) and each unipotent \( G^0 \)-orbit in \( D \) is defined over \( F_q \). Let \( \gamma \in \overline{D} \). Let \( N_q \) (resp. \( N'_q \)) be the number of \( F_q \)-rational points of the \( F_q \)-variety \( \{ B \in \mathcal{B} ; (B, gBg^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_w \} \) (resp. \( \{ B \in \mathcal{B} ; (B, gBg^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_w \} \)).

Note that \( \gamma \in \Sigma_{w, D} \) if and only if \( N_q \neq 0 \) for some \( s \geq 1 \); similarly, \( \gamma \in \Sigma_{w', D} \) if and only if \( N'_q \neq 0 \) for some \( s \geq 1 \). It is then enough to show that \( N_q = N'_q \) for all \( s \geq 1 \). Replacing \( q^a \) by \( q \) we can also assume that \( s = 1 \). Let \( \mathcal{F} \) be the set of functions \( \mathcal{B}(F_q) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_l \) (\( l \) is a fixed prime number \( \neq p \)). For any \( x \in G(F_q) \) we define \( S_x : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \) by \( f \mapsto f' \) where \( f'(B) = f(x^{-1}Bx) \). For any \( y \in W \) we denote by \( T_y : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \) the linear map \( f \mapsto f' \) where

\[
 f'(B) = \sum_{B' \in \mathcal{B}(F_q); (B, B') \in \mathcal{O}_y} f(B').
\]

Let \( \mathcal{H}_q \) be the subspace of \( \text{End}(\mathcal{F}) \) spanned by \( T_y(y \in W) \); this is a subalgebra of \( \text{End}(\mathcal{F}) \). From the definitions we have \( N_q = \text{tr}(T_w^{-1}S_g : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}) \), \( N'_q = \text{tr}(T_w'^{-1}S_g : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}) \). Thus it is enough to show that \( \text{tr}((T_w - T_w')S_g : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}) = 0 \). We define a linear map \( \mu : \mathcal{H}_q \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_q \) by \( \mu(T_y) = T_{\epsilon_D}(y) \) for all \( y \in W \); this is an algebra automorphism. From the definitions for any \( y \in W \) we have \( T_{\epsilon_D}(y)S_g = S_gT_y : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \) (we use that \( g \in D \)); hence for any \( \xi \in \mathcal{H}_q \) we have \( \mu(\xi)S_g = S_g\xi \). From our assumptions on \( w, w' \) and from \([\text{GKP}]\ 7.2(a)\) we see that \( T_w - T_{w'} \) is a linear combination of elements of the form \( \xi \xi' - \xi' \mu(\xi) \) \( (\xi, \xi' \in \mathcal{H}_q) \). Hence it is enough to show that \( \text{tr}((\xi \xi' - \xi' \mu(\xi))S_g : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}) = 0 \) for any \( \xi, \xi' \in \mathcal{H}_q \). The last trace is equal to \( \text{tr}((\xi' S_g - \xi S_g \xi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}) \) and this is clearly 0. This completes the proof of (a).
In view of (a), for any $C \in \mathbf{W}_D$ we can define $\Sigma_{C,D} = \Sigma_{w,D}$ where $w$ is any element of $C_{\text{min}}$.

The following is one of the main results of this paper.

**Theorem 1.3.** (a) Let $C \in \mathbf{W}_D$. There exists (a necessarily unique) $\gamma \in \Sigma_{C,D}$ such that $\gamma \leq \gamma'$ for all $\gamma' \in \Sigma_{C,D}$. We set $\gamma = \Phi(C)$.

(b) If $C, C'$ are elements of $\mathbf{W}_D^{el}$ and $\Phi(C) = \Phi(C')$, then $C = C'$.

(c) For any $\gamma \in D$ there exists $C \in \mathbf{W}_D$ such that $\gamma = \Phi(C)$.

(d) For any $\gamma \in D_{\text{dis}}$ there exists $C \in \mathbf{W}_D^{el}$ such that $\gamma = \Phi(C)$.

We now state a variant (in fact a special case) of the Theorem.

**Proposition 1.4.** 1.3(a) holds for any $C \in \mathbf{W}_D^{el}$; moreover, 1.3(b) and 1.3(d) hold.

We now show:

(a) If the proposition holds for $G, D$ and for any $G', D'$ such that $\dim(G') < \dim G$, then Theorem 1.3 holds for $G, D$.

The proof is a generalization of that in [L6, 1.1]. For any $J \subset S$ such that $\epsilon_D(J) = J$ we denote by $P_J$ a parabolic subgroup of type $J$ of $G^0$, by $L_J$ a Levi subgroup of $P_J$ and by $U_{P_J}$ the unipotent radical of $P_J$; we identify $W_J$ with the Weyl group of $L_J$ in the standard way (using $P_J$). By [L4, 1.26] we have $N_GP_J = (N_GL_J \cap N_GP_J)U_{P_J}$, $(N_GL_J \cap N_GP_J) \cap U_{P_J} = \{1\}$. Here $N_G()$ denotes the normalizer in $G$. It follows that $N_DP_J = (N_DL_J \cap N_DP_J)U_{P_J}$ where $N_D() = N_G() \cap D$. Since $\epsilon_D(J) = J$ we have $N_DP_J \neq \emptyset$ hence $D_J := N_DL_J \cap N_DP_J \neq \emptyset$. Note that $D_J$ is a connected component of $N_GL_J$ (whose identity component is $L_J$) and $(W_J)_{D_J}, D_J$ are defined in terms of $N_GL_J, D_J$ in the same way as $\mathbf{W}_D, D$ are defined in terms of $G, D$. Now let $C \in \mathbf{W}_D$. We can find $J \subset S$ as above and $C' \in (W_J)^D_J$ such that $C' = C \cap W_J$. (For future reference we denote by $\mu(C)$ the number of $\epsilon_D$-orbits on $S - J$; it is independent of the choice of $C$. Note that $C$ is $\epsilon_D$-elliptic if and only if $\mu(C) = 0$.) We set $P_J = P, L_J = L, U_{P_J} = U$. By our assumption, $\gamma_0 := \Phi(C')$ is a well-defined unipotent $L$-conjugacy class in $D_J$. Let $\gamma$ be the unipotent $G^0$-conjugacy class in $D$ that contains $\gamma_0$. Let $w \in C'_{\text{min}}$.

Let $\gamma' \in D$ be such that for some $B, B' \in B$, $g' \in \gamma'$ we have $(B, B') \in O_w$, $B' = g'Bg'^{-1}$. Replacing $B, B', g'$ by $x_Bx^{-1}, x_B'x^{-1}, xg'x^{-1}$ for some $x \in G^0$ we see that we can assume that $B \subset P$ and then we automatically have $B' \subset P$, that is, $g'Bg'^{-1} \subset P$. We have also $g'Bg'^{-1} \subset g'Pg'^{-1}$ and $g'Pg'^{-1}$ is of the same type as $P$ (since $\epsilon_D(J) = J$) hence $g'Pg'^{-1} = P$, that is, $g' \in N_DP$. We have $g' = g_1'v$ where $g_1' \in D_J$ is unipotent and $v \in U$. We shall use the following fact which will be verified below.

(b) For any element $h \in D_J$ and any $v' \in U$ we can find a one-parameter subgroup $\lambda : k^* \to Z_L$ such that $\lambda(t)h = h\lambda(t)$ for all $t$ and $\lambda(t)v'\lambda(t^{-1})$ converges to $1$ when $t \in k^*$ converges to $0$.

Using (b) with $h = g_1', v' = v$ we see that $\lambda(t)g'\lambda(t^{-1}) = g_1'\lambda(t)v\lambda(t^{-1})$ converges to $g_1'$ when $t \in k^*$ converges to $0$. Thus $g_1'$ is contained in the closure of $\gamma'$. Hence the $L$-conjugacy class of $g_1'$ is contained in the closure of $\gamma'$. Note also that $B' = g_1'Bg_1'^{-1}$. By definition, $\gamma_0$ is contained in the closure of the $L$-conjugacy class of $g_1'$. Hence $\gamma_0$ is contained in the closure of $\gamma'$ and $\gamma$ is contained in the closure of $\gamma'$. We see that $\Sigma_{w,D}$ has a unique minimal element namely $\gamma$. Since $w \in C_{\text{min}}$, we see that 1.3(a) holds for $G, D$ (assuming (b)).
We now prove (b). Let $u$ be a unipotent, quasi-semisimple element in $D_J$. We have $h = ub$ where $b \in L$ hence $b$ commutes with any element in $Z_L$. Hence it is enough to prove (b) with $h$ replaced by $u$. We can find a Borel subgroup $B_1$ of $L$ and a maximal torus $T$ of $B_1$ such that $B_1, T$ are normalized by $u$. Then $B_2 = B_1 U \in B$ is also normalized by $u$. Let $G^0_{\text{der}}$ be the derived group of $G^0$. Let $Y_J$ (resp. $Y$) be the group of $1$-parameter subgroups of $(Z_L \cap G^0_{\text{der}})$ (resp. $T$). Let $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r$ be the simple roots $Y \to Z$ of $G^0$ (relative to $B_2, T$) which are not simple roots of $L$ (relative to $B_1, T$). Now $Q \otimes Y_J$ has a unique basis $b_1, \ldots, b_r$ such that $\varepsilon_i(b_j) = \delta_{ij}$ for all $i, j$. Let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ be such that $db_1, \ldots, db_r$ belong to $Y_J$. Let $\lambda = db_1 + \cdots + db_r \in Y_J$ (in additive notation). Then $t \mapsto \text{Ad}(\lambda(t))$ has $> 0$ weights on the Lie algebra of $U$. It remains to show that $\lambda(t)$ commutes with $u$. This follows from the fact that $\text{Ad}(u)$ in its natural action on $Y_J$ permutes among themselves the elements $db_1, \ldots, db_r$. This completes the proof of (b) hence that of 1.3(a).

Let $\gamma \in D$. We can find $J \subset S$ such that $\varepsilon_D(J) = J$ and $\gamma' \in D_J$ such that $\gamma'$ is distinguished relative to $N_G L_J, D_J$. Using 1.3(d) we can find $C' \in \{W_J\}_{D_J}$ and $\gamma' = \Phi(C')$ where $\Phi$ is defined relative to $N_G L_J, D_J$. Let $C$ be the $\varepsilon_D$-conjugacy class of $W$ that contains $C'$. By an earlier part of the argument, $\Phi(C)$ is well defined (relative to $G, D$) and is the unique $G^0$-conjugacy class that contains $\gamma'$; since $\gamma$ has the same property we have $\Phi(C) = \gamma$. This proves 1.3(c). This completes the proof of (a).

1.5. Clearly, to prove that 1.3 holds for $G, D$ we may replace $G$ by the subgroup generated by $D$ hence we may assume that

(a) $G/G^0$ is cyclic with generator $D$.

Until the end of 1.11 we assume that (a) holds. In the case where $D = G^0$ (so that $G = G^0$), 1.3 follows from [L6] 0.4, 0.6 when $p$ is not a bad prime for $G$ and from the Addendum at the end of [L6] (based on [LX] and [LS]) when $p$ is a bad prime for $G$. We now consider the general case. In 1.6–1.11 we will give a number of reductions of the theorem.

1.6. Let $G'D' = G/Z_{G^0}$. Let $D' = \pi(D)$ (a connected component of $G'$). We may identify $W$ with the Weyl group of $G'^0$, $\varepsilon_D' : W \to W$ with $\varepsilon_D$ and $W_{D'-\text{min}}$ with $W_{D'-\text{min}}$. We may identify $D'$ (defined in terms of $G', D'$) with $D$ via $\gamma \mapsto \gamma' = \{g \in \pi^{-1}(\gamma); g \text{ unipotent}\};$ see [L5] 12.2(a)]; this also identifies $D'_{\text{dis}}$ with $D_{\text{dis}}$ (see [L3] 12.2(b)] and its proof). Then for $w \in W_{D'-\text{min}} = W_{D'-\text{min}}$ we have $\Sigma_{w,D} = \Sigma_{w,D'}$ as partially ordered sets. Hence 1.3 holds for $G', D'$ if and only if it holds for $G, D$.

1.7. Assume that $G$ is such that $G^0$ is semisimple. We can find a reductive group $\tilde{G}$ with $\tilde{G}^0$ semisimple, simply connected and a surjective homomorphism of algebraic groups $\pi : \tilde{G} \to G$ such that $\ker \pi \subset Z_{\tilde{G}^0}$. Then $\tilde{G}^0 = \pi^{-1}(G^0)$ and $\tilde{D} = \pi^{-1}(D)$ is a connected component of $\tilde{G}$. Moreover, the obvious map $\tilde{G}/\tilde{G}^0 \to G/G^0$ is a bijection carrying $\tilde{D}$ to $D$. We may identify $W$ with the Weyl group of $\tilde{G}^0$, $\varepsilon_{\tilde{D}} : W \to W$ with $\varepsilon_D$ and $W_{\tilde{D}-\text{min}}$ with $W_{D-\text{min}}$. We may identify $\tilde{D}$ (defined in terms of $\tilde{G}, \tilde{D}$) with $D$ via $\gamma \mapsto \gamma' = \{g \in \pi^{-1}(\gamma); g \text{ unipotent}\};$ see [L5] 12.3(a)]. This also identifies $\tilde{D}_{\text{dis}}$ with $D_{\text{dis}}$ (see [L5] 12.3(b)] and its proof). Then for $w \in W_{\tilde{D}-\text{min}} = W_{\tilde{D}-\text{min}}$ we have $\Sigma_{w,D} = \Sigma_{w,\tilde{D}}$ as partially ordered sets. Hence if 1.3 holds for $\tilde{G}, \tilde{D}$, then it holds for $G, D$. 


1.8. Next we assume that $G$ is such that $G^0$ is semisimple, simply connected. We can write uniquely $G^0$ as a product $G^0 = G_1 \times G_2 \times \ldots \times G_k$ where each $G_i$ is a closed connected normal subgroup of $G$ different from $\{1\}$ and minimal with these properties. For $i \in [1, k]$ let $G'_i = G_i / (G_1 \times \ldots \times G_{i-1} \times G_{i+1} \times \ldots \times G_k)$. Then $G'_i$ is an affine algebraic group with $G'_i = G_i$ and the image of $D$ in $G'_i$ is a connected component $D_i$ of $G'_i$. Also we have an obvious imbedding of algebraic groups $G \to G'_1 \times G'_2 \times \ldots \times G'_k$ by which we identify $G$ with a closed subgroup of $G'_1 \times G'_2 \times \ldots \times G'_k$ with the same identity component; then $D$ becomes $D_1 \times D_2 \times \ldots \times D_k$. From the definitions we have a natural bijection 

$$D_1 \times D_2 \times \ldots \times D_k \to D, \quad (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \ldots, \gamma_k) \mapsto \gamma_1 \times \gamma_2 \times \ldots \times \gamma_k$$

which restricts to a bijection 

$$(D_1)_{dis} \times (D_2)_{dis} \times \ldots \times (D_k)_{dis} \to D_{dis}.$$ 

Let $W_i$ be the Weyl group of $G_i$. Then $(W_i)_{D_i-min}$ is defined in terms of $G'_i, D_i$ in the same way as $W_{D-min}$ is defined in terms of $G, D$ and we have canonically (compare [GP, Exercise 3.10] in the case where $D = G^0$) 

$$(W_1)_{D_1-min} \times (W_2)_{D_2-min} \times \ldots \times (W_k)_{D_k-min} \cong W_{D-min}.$$ 

If $(w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_k) \leftrightarrow w$ under the last bijection then from the definition we can identify $\Sigma_{w_1, D_1} \times \Sigma_{w_2, D_2} \times \ldots \times \Sigma_{w_k, D_k}$ with $\Sigma_{w, D}$ as partially ordered sets. Hence if 1.3 holds for each of $G'_i, D_i$, then it holds for $G, D$.

1.9. Next we assume that $G$ is such that $G^0$ is semisimple, simply connected, $\neq \{1\}$ and that $G$ has no closed connected normal subgroups other than $G^0$ and $\{1\}$. We have $G^0 = H_0 \times H_1 \times \ldots \times H_{m-1}$ where $H_i$ are connected, simply connected, almost simple, closed subgroups of $G^0$. Let $c \in D$ be a unipotent quasi-semisimple element (see [L4 1.4, 1.9]). We can assume that $H_i = c^i H_0 c^{-i}$ for $i \in [0, m-1]$ and $c^m H_0 c^{-m} = H_0$. Let $G'$ be the subgroup of $G$ generated by $H_0$ and $c^m$. Then $G'$ is closed, $G'^0 = H_0$ and $D' = c^m H_0$ is a connected component of $G'$.

Define $D' \subset G \times D' \to D$ by $a(g, c^mh) = c^m h, b(g, c^mh) = gchg^{-1}$ (with $h \in H_0$); we have a bijection $\tau : D' \cong D$ given by $\gamma' \mapsto \gamma$ where $a^{-1}(\gamma') = b^{-1}(\gamma)$, see [L5, 12.5(a), (c)]. This restricts to a bijection $D'_{dis} \cong D_{dis}$ (see [L5, 12.5(b)]).

Let $B_i$ be the variety of Borel subgroups of $H_i (i \in [0, m-1])$. Any $B \in B$ can be written uniquely in the form $B = B_0 B_1 \ldots B_{m-1}$ where $B_i \in B_i (i \in [0, m-1])$. Let $W_i$ be the Weyl group of $H_i$ and let $l_i : W_i \to N$ be its length function. We can identify $W = W_0 \times W_1 \times \ldots \times W_{m-1}$ in an obvious way so that $l(w_0, \ldots, w_{m-1}) = l_0(w_0) + \ldots + l_{m-1}(w_{m-1})$ for $w_i \in W_i$. We have $\epsilon_D(W_i) = W_{i+1}$ for $i \in [0, m-2]$, $\epsilon_D(W_{m-1}) = W_0$. Let $\epsilon_{D'} : W_0 \to W_0$ be the automorphism defined by $D'$. We have $\epsilon_{D'}(v) = \epsilon_{D_0}^2(v)$ for $v \in W_0$.

In this subsection we assume that $G', D'$ and we show that it then also holds for $G, D$.

Let $C \in W_D$. To verify that 1.3(a) holds for $C$ we choose $v \in C_{min}$ such that $v \in (W_0)_{D-min}$ (see [GKP 2.7]). Let $C'$ be the $\epsilon_{D'}$-conjugacy class of $v$ in $W_0$. Let $\gamma' \in D'$, $\gamma \in D$ be such that $\gamma = \tau(\gamma')$. We show that:

(a) $\gamma' \in \Sigma_{v, D'}$ if and only if $\gamma \in \Sigma_{v, D}$. 


Let $h \in H_0$ be such that $c^mh \in \gamma'$; then $ch \in \gamma$. It is enough to show that the sets

\[ Z = \{ B_0 \in B_0; (B_0, c^mhB_0(c^mh)^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_{v,H_0} \}, \]

\[ Z' = \{(B_0, B_1, \ldots, B_{m-1}) \in B_0 \times B_1 \times \cdots \times B_{m-1}; (B_0, chB_{m-1}(ch)^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_{v,H_0}, \]

\[ B_1 = chB_0(ch)^{-1}, \ldots, B_{m-1} = chB_{m-2}(ch)^{-1} \]

are in bijection (here $\mathcal{O}_{v,H_0}$ is defined like $\mathcal{O}_v$ but relative to $H_0$ instead of $G^0$). Now $Z'$ is clearly in bijection with $\{ B_0 \in B_0; (B_0, (ch)^mB_0(ch)^{-m}) \in \mathcal{O}_{v,H_0} \}$. It is enough to show that for $B_0 \in B_0$ we have $(ch)^mB_0(ch)^{-m} = c^mhB_0(c^mh)^{-1}$. We have $(ch)^m = c^mhz = c^mhz$ where $z = (c^{-m+1}hc^{m-1})(c^{-m+2}hc^{m-2}) \cdots (c^{-1}hc) \in H_1H_2 \cdots H_{m-1}$ commutes with $H_0$ hence $zB_0z^{-1} = B_0$ and hence

\[(ch)^mB_0(ch)^{-m} = c^mhzB_0z^{-1}(c^mh)^{-1} = c^mhB_0(c^mh)^{-1},\]

as required. This proves (a).

From (a) it follows that $\tau$ defines a bijection $\Sigma_{v,D'} \sim \Sigma_{v,D}$. Now $\tau$ is compatible with the partial order (this follows from the proof of [L5, 12.5(a)]). Since 1.3(a) holds for $G', D', C'$, it also holds for $G, D, C$. Thus 1.3(a) holds for $G, D$. Similarly, 1.3(b)–(d) hold for $G, D$. (Note that $v$ above is $\epsilon_D$-elliptic in $W$ if and only if it is $\epsilon_D'$-elliptic in $W_0$.)

1.10. Next we assume that $G$ is such that $G^0$ is semisimple, simply connected, almost simple. Let $\Delta$ be the subgroup of $Z_G$ consisting of all unipotent elements in $Z_G$. Let $G' = G/\Delta$ and let $\pi : G \rightarrow G'$ be the obvious homomorphism. Now $\pi$ induces an isomorphism $G^0 \sim D'$ and we have $Z_{G'} \subset G^0$; see [L5, 12.6(a)]. Let $D' = \pi(D')$, a connected component of $G'$. Then $\pi$ restricts to an isomorphism $D \sim D'$. We may identify $W$ with the Weyl group of $G^0$, $\epsilon_D' : W \rightarrow W$ with $\epsilon_D$ and $W_{D_{-\min}}$ with $W_{D'_{-\min}}$. We may identify $D'$ (defined in terms of $G', D'$) with $D$ via $\gamma' \mapsto \gamma = D \cap \pi^{-1}(\gamma')$; this also identifies $D'_{dis}$ with $D_{dis}$; see [L5, 12.6]. Then for $w \in W_{D_{-\min}} = W_{D'_{-\min}}$ we have $\Sigma_{w,D} = \Sigma_{w,D'}$ as partially ordered sets. Hence if 1.3 holds for $G', D'$, then it holds for $G, D$.

1.11. We now assume that $G$ is such that $G^0$ is semisimple, almost simple and $Z_G \subset G^0$. Let $G' = G/Z_{G^0}$ and let $\pi : G \rightarrow G'$ be the obvious homomorphism. Let $D' = \pi(D)$, a connected component of $G'$. We may identify $W$ with the Weyl group of $G^0$, $\epsilon_D' : W \rightarrow W$ with $\epsilon_D$ and $W_{D_{-\min}}$ with $W_{D'_{-\min}}$. We may identify $D'$ (defined in terms of $G', D'$) with $D$ via $\gamma' \mapsto \gamma = \pi^{-1}(\gamma')$; when $G = G^0$ this is obvious, when $G \neq G^0$, see [L5, 12.7(b)]. This also identifies $D'_{dis}$ with $D_{dis}$; see [L5, 12.7(c)]. Then for $w \in W_{D_{-\min}} = W_{D'_{-\min}}$ we have $\Sigma_{w,D} = \Sigma_{w,D'}$ as partially ordered sets. Hence 1.3 holds for $G', D'$ if and only if it holds for $G, D$.

1.12. We now discuss the proof of Theorem 1.3. If $G^0 = \{1\}$, the result is trivial. We can assume that $\dim(G^0) > 0$ and that 1.3 is already known for any $G', D'$ with $\dim(G^0) < \dim(G^0)$. From the results in 1.6–1.11 we see that we may assume that $G^0$ is semisimple, adjoint, almost simple, with $Z_G \subset G^0$ and $D$ generates $G$. Moreover, as we have seen in 1.5, we can assume that $D \neq G^0$. Then, as in [L5, 12.7], we must be in one of the following four cases:

(a) $G^0 = PGL_m(k), m \geq 3, p = 2$;
The proof of 1.4 in this case is given in 1.12(d); the result follows from the explicit description of the map $\Phi$ in §3; then 1.3 holds in this case by 1.4(a). If $G,D$ are as in (a), we see from 1.6 that it is enough to prove 1.3 when $G,D$ are replaced by $G',D'$ with

$|G'/G^0| = 2$, some element of $D'$ acts on $G^0$ by conjugation as $(a_{ij}) \mapsto (a_{ji})^{-1}$, $m \geq 3$, $p = 2$.

The proof of 1.4 in this case is given in §5 (based on results in §4); then 1.3 holds in this case by 1.4(a).

1.13. In the remainder of this section, $G,D$ are as in 1.1(a),(b).

**Theorem 1.14.** Let $C \in \mathbf{W}^{D^0}_D$, $w \in C_{\text{min}}$ and let $\gamma = \Phi(C)$; see 1.3(a). Let $g \in \gamma$. We have $\dim(Z_{G^0}(g)/Z_{G^0}^D) = l(w)$.

We first go through a sequence of reductions as in 1.6–1.11.

Assume first that we are in the setup of 1.6 and that the theorem holds for $G',D'$. We have $Z_{G^0} = \{1\}$ and it is enough to show that $Z_{G^0}(g)/Z_{G^0}^D \cong Z_{G^0}(\pi(g))$. This follows from [L5] 12.2(b)].

Assume now that we are in the setup of 1.7 and that the theorem holds for $\tilde{G},\tilde{D}$. Let $\tilde{g}$ be a unipotent element in $\pi^{-1}(g)$. It is enough to show that $\dim(Z_{G^0}(\tilde{g})) = \dim(Z_{G^0}(g))$. This follows from [L5] 12.3(b)].

Assume now that we are in the setup of 1.8 and that the theorem holds for $G',D_i$ $(i \in [1,k])$. Then clearly the theorem holds for $G,D$.

Assume now that we are in the setup of 1.9 and that the theorem holds for $G',D'$. It is enough to show that if $h \in H_0$, then $Z_{G^0}(ch) = Z_{H_0}(c^m h)$. This follows from [L5] 12.5(b)].

Assume now that we are in the setup of 1.10 and that the theorem holds for $G',D'$. It is enough to show that $Z_{G^0}(g) \cong Z_{G^0}(\pi(g))$. This is shown in [L5] 12.6].

By the arguments above, the proof of the theorem is reduced to the special case where $G$ is as in 1.11; we can also assume that $D$ generates $G$. If $D = G^0$, then the theorem is already known; see [L6] 4.4(b)]. Thus we can assume in addition that $D \neq G^0$. Assume now that (in the setup of 1.11), the theorem holds for $G',D'$. Using [L5] 12.7(c)] we deduce that the theorem holds for $G,D$. We see that it is enough to prove the theorem in the cases 1.12(a)–(d). If we are in the case 1.12(c) or 1.12(d) the result follows from the explicit description of the map $\Phi$ in §2 (the values of $l(w)$ can be extracted from the character table of the appropriate Hecke algebra available through the CHEVIE package). The proof in the case 1.12(b) (or equivalently 1.12(b')) is almost identical to the proof for $G^0$ given in [L6] 4.4(b)] and will be omitted. The case 1.12(a) (or equivalently 1.12(a')) is treated in 5.10.

**Theorem 1.15.** Let $C \in \mathbf{W}^{D^0}_D$, $w \in C_{\text{min}}$ and let $\gamma = \Phi(C)$, see 1.3(a). The $G^0$-action $x : (g,B) \mapsto (xgx^{-1},xBx^{-1})$ on $\mathfrak{B}_w^\gamma := \{(g,B) \in \gamma \times \mathfrak{B}; (B,gBg^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_w\}$ is transitive.
We set $\mathfrak{B}_w^D = \{(g, B) \in D \times \mathcal{B}; (B, gBg^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_w\}$. We state the following result which is similar to [L6 5.2(a)].

(a) If $w', w'' \in C_{\min}$, then there exists an isomorphism $\mathfrak{B}_w^D \simeq \mathfrak{B}_{w''}^D$, commuting with the $G^0$-actions and commuting with the first projections $\mathfrak{B}_w^D \to D, \mathfrak{B}_{w''}^D \to D$.

The proof of (a) is along the same lines as that in [L6 5.3]. Using a result of [GP, 3.2.7] and its extension to the twisted case [GKP, [H1]] (see [HN] for a uniform proof), we see that we can assume that there exist $b, c, b' \in \mathfrak{W}$ such that $w' = bc, w'' = cb', \epsilon_D(b) = b', l(b) + l(c) = l(bc) = l(cb')$. If $(g, B) \in \mathfrak{B}_w^D$ then there is a unique $B' \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $(B, B') \in \mathcal{O}_b$, $(B', gBg^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_c$. We have $(gBg^{-1}, gB'g^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_{cb'}$ hence $(B', gB'g^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_{cb'}$ so that $(g, B') \in \mathfrak{B}_{cb'}^D$. Thus we have defined a morphism $\alpha : \mathfrak{B}_w^D \to \mathfrak{B}_{cb'}^D, (g, B) \mapsto (g, B')$. Similarly, if $(g, B') \in \mathfrak{B}_{cb'}^D$, there exists a unique $B'' \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $(B', B'') \in \mathcal{O}_c$, $(B'', gB'g^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_b$; we have $(g, g^{-1}B''g) \in \mathfrak{B}_w^D$. Thus we have defined a morphism $\alpha' : \mathfrak{B}_{cb'}^D \to \mathfrak{B}_w^D, (g, B') \mapsto (g, B'')$. From the definition it is clear that $\alpha'(g, B) = (g, B)$ for all $(g, B) \in \mathfrak{B}_w^D$ and $\alpha'((g, B')) = (g, B')$ for all $(g, B') \in \mathfrak{B}_{cb'}^D$. It follows that $\alpha, \alpha'$ are isomorphisms. They have the required properties.

From (a) we see that:

(b) If the theorem is true for some $w \in C_{\min}$ then it is true for any $w \in C_{\min}$.

Note that the following is an equivalent formulation of the theorem.

(c) In the setup of the theorem let $B \in \mathcal{B}$ and let $g, g' \in \gamma$ be such that $(B, gBg^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_w, (B, g'g'^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_w$. Then there exists $x \in B$ such that $xgx^{-1} = g'$.

Before proving the theorem (or equivalently (c)) we go through a sequence of reductions as in 1.6–1.11.

Assume first that we are in the setup of 1.6 and that (c) holds for $G', D'$. If $B, g, g'$ are as in (c), we have $\pi(g) \in \pi(\gamma), \pi(g') \in \pi(\gamma)$ and $\pi(B)$ is a Borel subgroup of $G'$. We can find $x' \in \pi(B)$ such that $x'\pi(g)x'^{-1} = \pi(g')$. We have $x' = x(x)$ where $x \in B$ and $xgx^{-1} = zg'$ for some $z \in Z_{G_0}^0$. Using [L4 1.3(a)] we can write $z = ytg'y^{-1}g'^{-1}$ with $t, y \in Z_{G_0}^0, t_g' = g't$. We have $g' = ytgy^{-1} = xgx^{-1}$, $(x^{-1}y)tg'(x^{-1}y)^{-1} = g$. In particular, $tg'$ is unipotent. Since $g'$ is unipotent and $t$ is semisimple and commutes with $g'$ it follows that $t = 1$. Hence $(x^{-1}y)g'(x^{-1}y)^{-1} = g$. We see that (c) holds for $G, D$. On the other hand, if (c) holds for $G, D$, then it obviously holds for $G', D'$.

Assume now that we are in the setup of 1.7 and that (c) holds for $\tilde{G}, \tilde{D}$. Then clearly (c) holds for $G, D$.

Assume now that we are in the setup of 1.8 and that (c) holds for $G', D_i$ ($i \in [1, k]$). Then clearly (c) holds for $G, D$.

Assume now that we are in the setup of 1.9 and that the theorem holds for $G', D'$. We show that the theorem holds for $G, D$. By (b) we can assume that $w = w = v \in C_{\min} \cap (\mathfrak{W}_0)_D^{-\min}$. Let $(g, B) \in \mathfrak{B}_w^D, \langle (g', B') \in \mathfrak{B}_v^D$. It is enough to show that $(g, B), (g', B')$ are in the same $G^0$-orbit. Replacing $(g, B), (g', B')$ by pairs in the same $G^0$-orbit we can assume that $g = ch_0, g' = ch'_0$ where $h_0, h'_0 \in H_0$ and $c^{m_0}, c'^{m'_0}$ are in the same (unipotent) $H^0$-conjugacy class $\gamma$ in $D'$. We write $B = B_0B_1 \ldots B_{m-1}, B' = B'_0B'_1 \ldots B'_{m-1}$ with $B_i, B'_i \in \mathcal{B}$. We have

$$(B_0, ch_0B_{m-1}(ch_0)^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_v, B_1 = ch_0B_0(ch_0)^{-1}, \ldots, B_{m-1} = ch_0B_{m-2}(ch_0)^{-1}, (B'_0, ch'_0B'_{m-1}(ch'_0)^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_v, B'_1 = ch'_0B'_0(ch'_0)^{-1}, \ldots, B'_{m-1} = ch'_0B'_{m-2}(ch'_0)^{-1}.$$
As in 1.9, from this we deduce that \((B_0, e^mh_0B_0(e^mh_0)^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_{v,H_0}\) and similarly \((B'_0, e^mh'_0B'_0(e^mh'_0)^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_{v,H_0}\). Since the theorem holds for \(G', D'\) we can find \(x_0 \in H_0\) such that \(B'_0 = x_0B_0x_0^{-1}, e^mh'_0 = x_0e^mh_0x_0^{-1}\). For \(i \in [1, m - 1]\) we set \(x_i = e^h_i'x_0h_0^{-1}c^{-i} \in H_i;\) we show that \(x_iB_i^{-1}x_i^{-1} = B'_i\). An equivalent statement is:

\[
c_i^i'\h_0x_0h_0^{-1}c^{-i}(c_0^i)^{-1}B_0(c_0)^{-i}c_i^i\h_0x_0h_0^{-1}c^{-i} = (c_0^i)^ix_0B_0x_0^{-1}(c_0^i)^{-i}
\]

It is enough to show that if \(\lambda\) is defined by

\[
c_i^i'\h_0x_0h_0^{-1}c^{-i}(c_0^i)^i = (c_0^i)^ix_0\lambda,
\]

then \(\lambda \in H_1H_2 \ldots H_{m-1}\) so that \(\lambda B_0\lambda^{-1} = B_0\). We have

\[
\lambda = x_0^{-1}(c_0^i)^{-1}c_i^i\h_0x_0h_0^{-1}c^{-i}(c_0^i)^i = x_0^{-1}z'x_0z
\]

where \(z = h_0^{-1}c^{-i}(c_0^i)^i\) and \(z' \in (c_0^i)^{-i}c_i^i\h_0'\) belong to \(H_1H_2 \ldots H_{m-1}\) hence they commute with \(H_0\). Thus \(\lambda = z'z \in H_1H_2 \ldots H_{m-1}\).

Now let \(x = x_0x_1 \ldots x_{m-1} \in G^0\). We have

\[x B x^{-1} = (x_0B_0x_0^{-1})(x_1B_1x_1^{-1}) \ldots (x_{m-1}B_{m-1}x_{m-1}^{-1}) = B'_0B'_1 \ldots B'_{m-1} = B'.
\]

We show that \(xgx^{-1} = g'\), that is, \(x_0x_1 \ldots x_{m-1} = c_0x_0x_1 \ldots x_{m-1}h_0^{-1}c^{-1}\). An equivalent statement is that

\[
x_0x_1 \ldots x_{m-1} = (cx_{m-1}c^{-1})(c_0x_0h_0c^{-1})(cx_1c^{-1}) \ldots (cx_{m-2}c^{-1}).
\]

(We use the fact that \(H_0, H_1, \ldots, H_{m-1}\) commute with each other.) It is enough to show that

\[
x_0 = cx_{m-1}c^{-1}, \ x_1 = c_0x_0h_0c^{-1}, \ x_2 = cx_1c^{-1}, \ldots, x_{m-1} = cx_{m-2}c^{-1}.
\]

These equalities, except the first, follow from the definition of \(x_1, \ldots, x_{m-1}\); the first equality is the same as \(x_0 = e^mh_0x_0h_0^{-1}c^{-m}\); it holds by the definition of \(x_0\). Thus, the theorem holds for \(G', D'\).

Assume now that we are in the setup of 1.10 and that (c) holds for \(G', D'\). If \(B, g, g'\) are as in (c), we have \(\pi(g) \in \pi(\gamma), \pi(g') \in \pi(\gamma)\) and \(\pi(B)\) is a Borel subgroup of \(G'\). We can find \(x' \in \pi(B)\) such that \(x' \pi(g)x'^{-1} = \pi(g')\). We have \(x' = \pi(x)\) where \(x \in B\) and \(xgx^{-1} = zg'\) for some \(z \in \Delta\) such that the connected component containing \(zg'\) (that is \(zD\)) is equal to the connected component containing \(xgx^{-1}\) (that is \(D\)). We see that \(zD = D\) hence \(z \in G^0 \cap \Gamma = \{1\}\). Thus \(xgx^{-1} = g'\) and (c) holds for \(G, D\).

By the arguments above the proof of the theorem is reduced to the special case where \(G\) is as in 1.11; we can also assume that \(D\) generates \(G\). If \(D = G^0\), then the theorem is already known; see [LS] 0.2. Thus we can assume in addition that \(D \neq G^0\). Then, as in [LS] 12.7(d)], we have that for any \(g' \in D\), the homomorphism \(Z_{G^0} \rightarrow Z_{G^0}, y \mapsto g'y^{-1}g'\) is an isomorphism.

Assume now that (in the setup of 1.11), (c) holds for \(G', D'\). If \(B, g, g'\) are as in (c), we have \(\pi(g) \in \pi(\gamma), \pi(g') \in \pi(\gamma)\) and \(\pi(B)\) is a Borel subgroup of \(G'\). We can find \(x' \in \pi(B)\) such that \(x' \pi(g)x'^{-1} = \pi(g')\). We have \(x' = \pi(x)\) where \(x \in B\) and \(xgx^{-1} = g'z\) for some \(z \in Z_{G^0}\). As noted above, we can write \(z = g'^{-1}yg'y^{-1}\) with \(y \in Z_{G^0}\). Then \(g'z = yg'y^{-1}\) and \(xgx^{-1} = yg'y^{-1}\) so that \((y^{-1}x)g(y^{-1}x) = g'\); note also that \(y^{-1}x \in B\). Thus (c) holds for \(G, D\).

We see that it is enough to prove (c) in the cases 1.12(a)–(d). In the cases 1.12(c),(d) the theorem is contained in 2.3(b), 2.4(b). The proof in the case 1.12(b) (or equivalently 1.12(b')) is almost identical to the proof for \(G^0\) given in [LS] §3 and will be omitted. The case 1.12(a) (or equivalently 1.12(a')) is treated in 5.12.
Theorem 1.16. For any $\gamma \in D$ the function $\Phi^{-1}(\gamma) \to N$, $C \mapsto \mu(C)$ ($\mu$ as in the proof of 1.4(a)) reaches its minimum at a unique element $C_0 \in \Phi^{-1}(\gamma)$. Thus we have a well-defined map $\Psi : D \to W_D$, $\gamma \mapsto C_0$ such that $\Phi \Psi : D \to D$ is the identity map.

By a sequence of reductions as in 1.6–1.11 we see that it is enough to prove the theorem assuming that $D = G^0$ or that we are in one of the cases 1.12(a)–(d). If $D = G^0$ the theorem follows from [L7], 0.2. If we are in the case 1.12(c),(d), the result follows from the tables in 2.3, 2.4. If we are in the case 1.12(a) or (b), or equivalently in the case 1.12(a') or 1.12(b'), the result follows by arguments similar to those in [L7].

2. The exceptional cases

2.1. In this section we assume that $G$, $D$ are as in 1.12(a)–(d) and that

$$k, F_q, F, T_w : F \to F, \mathcal{H}_q, S_x : F \to F$$

are as in the proof of 1.2(a). Let $u$ be a unipotent quasi-semisimple element of $D(F_q)$. Then $u$ has order $p$ and $\epsilon_D^p = 1 : W \to W$. Let $E^i(i \in I)$ be a set of representatives for the isomorphism classes of irreducible representations of $W$ over $\overline{Q}$. For $i \in I$ let $E^i_q$ be the irreducible $\mathcal{H}_q$-module corresponding to $E^i$ (it depends on a fixed choice of $\sqrt{q}$ in $\overline{Q}$) and let $\rho_i = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{H}_q}(E^i_q, F)$. We regard $\rho_i$ as an (irreducible) $G^0(F_q)$-module by $x : \phi \mapsto \phi' (x \in G^0(F_q))$ where $\phi'(e) = S_x \phi(e)$ for $e \in E^i_q$. We have an isomorphism

$$(a) \quad A : \bigoplus_{i \in I} \rho_i \otimes E^i_q \cong F$$

given by $\phi \otimes e \mapsto \phi(e)$ for $\phi \in \rho_i, e \in E^i_q$. Let $I_{ex}$ be the set of all $i \in I$ such that there exists a linear map $v_i : E^i \to E^i$ with $v_i w = \epsilon_D(w)v_i : E^i \to E^i$ for all $w \in W$, $v_i^p = 1$. Note that for $i \in I_{ex}$, $v_i$ is only defined up to multiplication by a $p$-th root of 1. However, there is a canonical choice for $v_i$, the “preferred extension” (see [L3], 17.2); we shall assume that $v_i$ is this canonical choice. As in [L2], p.61, $v_i$ gives rise to a linear map $V_i : E^i_q \to E^i_q$ such that $V_i T_w = T_{\epsilon_D(w)} V_i : E^i_q \to E^i_q$ for all $w \in W$ and $V_i^p = 1$.

For $i \in I_{ex}$ we define a linear map $U_i : \rho_i \to \rho_i$ by $\phi \mapsto \phi'$ where $\phi'(e) = S_u \phi(V_i^{-1}(e))$ for $e \in E^i_q$. (This is well defined since $T_{\epsilon_D(y)} S_y = S_y T_y : F \to F$ for any $y \in W, g \in D$; see 1.2.) We have $U_i^\epsilon = 1$ and $U_i x = (uxv^{-1})U_i : \rho_i \to \rho_i$ for any $x \in G^0(F_q)$. Hence we can regard $\rho_i$ as a $G(F_q)$-module extending the $G^0(F_q)$-module considered above so that $u$ acts as $U_i$; we call this the preferred extension of the $G^0(F_q)$-module $\rho_i$ to a $G(F_q)$-module.

Let $g \in D(F_q), w \in W$. We write $g = ux, x \in G^0(F_q)$. For any $i \in I_{ex}$ we define a linear map $H_i : \rho_i \otimes E^i_q \to \rho_i \otimes E^i_q$ by $H_i(\phi \otimes e) = (g\phi) \otimes (V_i T_w(e))$. For $\phi \in \rho_i, e \in E^i_q$ we have $S_y T_w(A(\phi \otimes e)) = A(H_i(\phi \otimes e))$. (The left-hand side is $S_y S_u T_w(\phi(e)) = S_y S_u(\phi(T_w e))$; the right-hand side is $(xU_i \phi)((V_i T_w e) = S_x S_u(\phi(V_i^{-1} T_w e)) = S_x S_u(\phi(T_w e))$, as desired. Thus the endomorphism $S_y T_w$ of $F$ corresponds under the isomorphism (a) to an endomorphism $R$ of $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \rho_i \otimes E^i_q$ such that $R_{\rho_i \otimes E^i_q} = H_i$ (if $i \in I_{ex}$; it is clear that $R$ permutes the summands $\rho_i \otimes E^i_q$ with $i \in I - I_{ex}$ according to a fixed point free permutation of $I - I_{ex}$. It
follows that
\[
\text{tr}(S_gT_w : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}) = \sum_{i \in I_{ex}} \text{tr}(H_i : \rho_i \otimes E_q^i \to \rho_i \otimes E_q^i)
\]

hence
\[
(\text{b}) \quad \text{tr}(S_gT_w : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}) = \sum_{i \in I_{ex}} \text{tr}(g, \rho_i)\text{tr}(V_iT_w, E_q^i).
\]

Applying (b) with \(g = u, w = 1\) we obtain
\[
(\text{c}) \quad \text{tr}(S_u : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}) = \sum_{i \in I_{ex}} \text{tr}(u, \rho_i)\text{tr}(V_i, E_q^i).
\]

2.2. Let \(F : G \to G\) be the Frobenius map corresponding to the \(F_q\)-rational structure of \(G\). The induced map \(\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}\) is denoted again by \(F\). Let \(\mathcal{W}_0\) be the fixed point set of \(\epsilon_D : \mathcal{W} \to \mathcal{W}\). This is a subgroup of \(\mathcal{W}\), in fact a Weyl group with generators indexed by the orbits of \(\epsilon_D : S \to S\).

For any \(w \in \mathcal{W}\) let \(X_w = \{B \in \mathcal{B} ; (B, F(B)) \in \mathcal{O}_w\}\); see [DL]. If \(g \in D(F_q)\) and \(B \in X_w\), then \((gB)^{-1}\), \(F(gB)^{-1}) = (gB)^{-1}, gF(B)g^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_{\epsilon_D}(w)\). Hence if \(w \in \mathcal{W}_0\), then \(G(F_q)\) acts by conjugation on \(X_w\); hence \(G(F_q)\) acts on the \(l\)-adic cohomology with compact support \(H^i_{c}(X_w, \mathbb{Q}_l)\); we denote by \(R_w\) the virtual representation \(\sum_i (-1)^i H^i_{c}(X_w, \mathbb{Q}_l)\) of \(G(F_q)\). Let \(\mathcal{G}\) be the vector space of functions \(D(F_q) \to \mathbb{Q}\) generated by the characters of irreducible representations of \(G^0(F_q)\) which appear in \(H^i_{c}(X_w, \mathbb{Q}_l)\) for some \(w \in \mathcal{W}_0, i \in \mathbb{Z}\) and are extendable to \(G(F_q)\)-modules. The character of \(R_w (w \in \mathcal{W}_0)\) restricted to \(D(F_q)\) belongs to \(\mathcal{G}\) and is denoted again by \(R_w\). Also, if \(i \in I_{ex}\), the character of the preferred extension \(\rho_i\) restricted to \(D(F_q)\) belongs to \(\mathcal{G}\) and is denoted again by \(\rho_i\). For \(r, r' \in \mathcal{G}\) we set \((r, r') = |D(F_q)|^{-1} \sum_{g \in D(F_q)} r(g) r'(g^{-1})\). Let \(\mathcal{G}_0\) be the vector space of all \(f \in \mathcal{G}\) such that \((f, R_w) = 0\) for all \(w \in \mathcal{W}_0\).

Let \(\epsilon_j (j \in J)\) be a set of representatives for the irreducible representations of \(\mathcal{W}_0\). For \(j \in J\) we define, following [LJ] and [ML], the element
\[
R_{\epsilon_j} = |\mathcal{W}_0|^{-1} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{W}_0} \text{tr}(w, \epsilon_j) R_w \in \mathcal{G}.
\]

2.3. In this subsection we assume that we are in the setup of 1.12(d). In this case \(I = I_{ex}\). Following [ML] we index the irreducible representations of \(\mathcal{W}\) as
\[
1_0, 1_{36}, 10_9, 6_1, 6_{25}, 20_{10}, 15_5, 15_{17}, 15_4, 15_{16}, 2_0, 20_{20}, 24_6,
24_{12}, 30_3, 30_{15}, 60_8, 80_7, 90_8, 60_5, 60_{11}, 64_4, 64_{13}, 81_6, 81_{10}.
\]

This list is taken as the set \(I\) so that \(E^{10}_{1}, \ldots, E^{81_{10}}\) in \(\text{Irr}(\mathcal{W})\), \(E^{10}_{1}, \ldots, E^{81_{10}}\) (representations of \(\mathcal{H}_q\)) and \(\rho_{10}, \ldots, \rho_{81_{10}}\) (representations of \(G(F_q)\)) are defined.

Following [ML], we index the irreducible representations of \(\mathcal{W}_0\) (of type \(F_4\)) as
\[
1_0, 4_1, 9_2, 8_3, 8_3', 2_4', 2_4'', 12_4, 16_5, 9_6', 9_6', 6_6', 6_6'', 4_7', 4_7'',
4_8, 8_9, 8_9', 9_{10}, 1_{12}, 1_{12}, 4_{13}, 2_{16}, 2_{16}', 2_{16}'', 1_{24}.
\]
This list is taken as the set \( J \) so that \( \epsilon_{10}, \ldots, \epsilon_{124} \) are in \( \text{Irr}(W_0) \); for \( j \in J \) we write \( R_j \) instead of \( R_{\epsilon_j} \). From [M1, Theorem 8] and [M3] we see that for some function \( \epsilon : I \to \{1, -1\} \) the following equalities (referred to as \( \spadesuit \)) hold in \( \mathcal{G} \):

\[
\begin{align*}
\epsilon(1)\rho_{10} &= R_{10}, \\
\epsilon(136)\rho_{136} &= R_{124}, \\
\epsilon(109)\rho_{109} &= (1/3)R_{124} + (2/3)R_{66} - (1/3)R_{66'} + \Xi_1, \\
\epsilon(61)\rho_{61} &= R_{24}, \\
\epsilon(625)\rho_{625} &= R_{24''}, \\
\epsilon(2010)\rho_{2010} &= (1/6)R_{124} - (1/2)R_{48} + (1/3)R_{66} + (1/3)R_{66'} - (1/2)R_{165} + \Xi_2, \\
\epsilon(15\bar{s})\rho_{15\bar{s}} &= (1/2)R_{24'} + (1/2)R_{92} - (1/2)R_{15\bar{2}} - (1/2)R_{85'}, \\
\epsilon(15\bar{17})\rho_{15\bar{17}} &= (1/2)R_{24'} + (1/2)R_{910} - (1/2)R_{15\bar{2}} - (1/2)R_{85'}, \\
\epsilon(15\bar{1})\rho_{15\bar{1}} &= (1/2)R_{24'} - (1/2)R_{92} + (1/2)R_{15\bar{2}} - (1/2)R_{85'}, \\
\epsilon(15\bar{1}6)\rho_{15\bar{1}6} &= (1/2)R_{24'} - (1/2)R_{910} + (1/2)R_{15\bar{2}} - (1/2)R_{85'}. \\
\epsilon(202)\rho_{202} &= R_{41}, \\
\epsilon(202\bar{0})\rho_{202\bar{0}} &= R_{413}, \\
\epsilon(24\bar{6})\rho_{24\bar{6}} &= R_{86}, \\
\epsilon(24\bar{1}2)\rho_{24\bar{1}2} &= R_{89}, \\
\epsilon(30\bar{4})\rho_{30\bar{4}} &= (1/2)R_{24'} + (1/2)R_{92} + (1/2)R_{15\bar{2}} + (1/2)R_{85'}, \\
\epsilon(30\bar{1})\rho_{30\bar{1}} &= (1/2)R_{24'} + (1/2)R_{910} + (1/2)R_{15\bar{2}} + (1/2)R_{85'}, \\
\epsilon(60\bar{8})\rho_{60\bar{8}} &= -(1/2)R_{124} + (1/2)R_{48} - (1/2)R_{165} + \Xi_3, \\
\epsilon(80\bar{r})\rho_{80\bar{r}} &= (1/6)R_{124} + (1/2)R_{48} + (1/3)R_{66} + (1/3)R_{66'} + (1/2)R_{165} + \Xi_4, \\
\epsilon(90\bar{8})\rho_{90\bar{8}} &= (1/3)R_{124} - (1/3)R_{66} + (2/3)R_{66'} + \Xi_5, \\
\epsilon(60\bar{5})\rho_{60\bar{5}} &= R_{44}, \\
\epsilon(60\bar{1}1)\rho_{60\bar{1}1} &= R_{44'}, \\
\epsilon(64\bar{4})\rho_{64\bar{4}} &= R_{86}, \\
\epsilon(64\bar{1}3)\rho_{64\bar{1}3} &= R_{89}, \\
\epsilon(81\bar{6})\rho_{81\bar{6}} &= R_{96}, \\
\epsilon(81\bar{1}0)\rho_{81\bar{1}0} &= R_{99},
\end{align*}
\]

where \( \Xi_1, \Xi_2, \ldots, \Xi_7 \in \mathcal{G}_0 \) and \( \epsilon(i) \) may a priori depend on \( q \). More precisely, in [M1], for \( i \in I \), the \( G^0(F_q) \)-module \( \rho_i \) is extended to a \( G(F_q) \)-module \( \rho'_i \) not by the preferred extension (2.1) but by the requirement that \( (\rho'_i, R_1) \geq 0 \) (this determines \( \rho'_i \) uniquely if \( (\rho'_i, R_1) > 0 \); if \( (\rho'_i, R_1) = 0 \) for one of the extensions then the same holds for the other extension and we pick arbitrarily one of the two extensions and call it \( \rho'_i \)). Then the character of \( \rho'_i \) on \( D(F_q) \) is an element of \( \mathcal{G} \) denoted again by \( \rho'_i \); we have \( \rho'_i = \pm \rho_i \) for all \( i \in I \). What is actually shown in [M1, Theorem 8] and [M3] is that the equations \( \spadesuit \) hold if \( \epsilon(i)\rho_i \) is replaced by \( \epsilon'(i)\rho'_i \) where \( \epsilon' : I \to \{1, -1\} \) is given by \( \epsilon'(2010) = \epsilon'(15\bar{4}) = \epsilon'(15\bar{1}6) = \epsilon'(60\bar{8}) = -1, \epsilon'(i) = 1 \) for all other \( i \). It follows that \( \epsilon(i)\rho_i = \epsilon'(i)\rho'_i \) for all \( i \in I \) except \( \{64\bar{4}, 64\bar{1}3\} \).

In [M2], the values \( R_j(g) \) are explicitly computed (as polynomials in \( q \)) for any \( j \in J \) and any unipotent element in \( D(F_q) \). Since, by [M2, Proposition 7], we have
\[ \sum_{g \in \gamma(F_q)} \Xi(g) = 0 \] for any \( \gamma \in \mathcal{D} \), \( \Xi \in \mathcal{G}_0 \), we see from \( \spadesuit \) that \( \sum_{g \in \gamma(F_q)} \epsilon(i)\rho_i(g) \) is explicitly known (as a polynomial in \( q \)) for any \( \gamma \in \mathcal{D} \) and any \( i \in I \).

In particular, if \( \gamma \in \mathcal{D} \) contains \( u \) (see 2.1), then for each \( i \in I \), \( |\gamma(F_q)|\epsilon(i)\rho_i(u) \) is explicitly known. Hence \( \epsilon(i)\rho_i(u) \) is explicitly known as a polynomial in \( q \). It turns out that the value of this polynomial at \( q = 1 \) is the integer \( \text{tr}(v_i, E^i) \). Using this and 2.1(c) we see that \( \text{tr}(S_u : F \rightarrow F) \) is a polynomial in \( q \) whose value at \( q = 1 \) is \( \sum_{i \in I} \epsilon(i)\text{tr}(v_i, E^i)\text{tr}(v_i, E^i) \). Now \( \text{tr}(S_u : F \rightarrow F) = \{|B \in \mathcal{B}(F_q); uBu^{-1} = B|\} \) is equal to the number of Borel subgroups defined over \( F_q \) of a simple algebraic group of type \( D_4 \) defined over \( F_q \), hence is a polynomial in \( q \) whose value at \( q = 1 \) is \( |W| = 1152 \). Thus we have \( \sum_{i \in I} \epsilon(i)\text{tr}(v_i, E^i)^2 = 1152 \). By standard orthogonality relations for characters we also have \( \sum_{i \in I} \text{tr}(v_i, E^i)^2 = 1152 \). Thus \( \sum_{i \in I} (1 - \epsilon(i))\text{tr}(v_i, E^i)^2 = 0 \). Since \( 1 - \epsilon(i), \text{tr}(v_i, E^i)^2 \) are integers \( \geq 0 \) it follows that for any \( i \in I \) such that \( \text{tr}(v_i, E^i) \neq 0 \) we have \( \epsilon(i) = 1 \). Note that \( \text{tr}(v_i, E^i) = 0 \) for \( i \in \{64_4, 64_{13}\} \) and \( \text{tr}(v_i, E^i) \neq 0 \) for all other \( i \). We see that \( \epsilon(i) = 1 \) for all \( i \in I \setminus \{64_4, 64_{13}\} \). For \( i \in \{64_4, 64_{13}\} \) the equations in \( \spadesuit \) hold for any choice of \( \epsilon(i) \). Hence we may assume that \( \epsilon(i) = 1 \) for all \( i \in I \). We now see that

(a) \( \sum_{g \in \gamma(F_q)} \rho_i(g) \) is explicitly known (as a polynomial in \( q \)) for any \( \gamma \in \mathcal{D} \) and any \( i \in I \).

From 2.1(b) we have for any \( \gamma \in \mathcal{D} \) and any \( w \in \mathcal{W}_{D-min} \):

\[ |\mathcal{B}_w^\gamma(F_q)| = |\{(g, B) \in \gamma(F_q) \times \mathcal{B}(F_q); (B, gBg^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_w\}| = \sum_{g \in \gamma(F_q)} \text{tr}(gT_w : F \rightarrow F) = \sum_{i \in I} \left( \sum_{g \in \gamma(F_q)} \text{tr}(g, \rho_i)\right)\text{tr}(V_i T_w, E_i^i). \]

Here the last sum can be calculated as an explicit polynomial in \( q \) using (a) and the known values of the polynomials \( \text{tr}(V_i T_w, E_i^i) \) (available through the CHEVIE package). This calculation was performed using a computer. The explicit knowledge of the quantities \( |\mathcal{B}_w^\gamma(F_q)| \) as polynomials in \( q \) allows us to decide when \( \gamma \in \Sigma_{w,D} \) (this holds precisely when the polynomial is nonzero). We can then verify that Theorem 1.3 holds in our case. (Note that the partial order on \( \mathcal{D} \) is known from \[ \text{Sp} \text{p. 250} \] and the description of \( D_{dis} \) is known from \[ \text{Sp} \text{p. 161}. \] ) The calculation of the sum above yields, in particular,

\[ |\mathcal{B}_w^\gamma(F_q)| = |G^0(F_q)| \]

whenever \( C \in \mathcal{W}^{el}, w \in C_{min} \) and \( \gamma = \Phi(C) \). Now from \[ \text{L9} \text{0.3(b)} \] we see that any \( G^0 \)-orbit on \( \mathcal{B}_w^\gamma \) (for the conjugation action on both factors) which is defined over \( F_q \) has a number of \( F_q \)-rational points equal to \( |G^0(F_q)| \); it follows that

(b) \( \mathcal{B}_w^\gamma \) is a single \( G^0 \)-orbit if \( C \in \mathcal{W}^{el}, w \in C_{min} \) and \( \gamma = \Phi(C) \).

We now describe explicitly the map \( \Phi \) in our case. The \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugacy classes in \( \mathcal{W} \) are in bijection with the ordinary conjugacy classes in \( \mathcal{W} \) under the map \( C \mapsto Cw_0 \) (\( w_0 \) is the longest element of \( \mathcal{W} \)); we denote an \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugacy class in \( \mathcal{W} \) by the same symbol (given in \[ \text{Ca} \]) as the corresponding ordinary conjugacy class in \( \mathcal{W} \) (we also add an \( ^\dagger \) to the name of an \( \epsilon_D \)-elliptic conjugacy class). The objects of \( \mathcal{D} \) are denoted as

\[ 752, 736, 730, 728, 724, 722, 14, 718, 716, 714, 712, 7_9, 7_8, 7_6, 7_4 \]

where the subscript indicates the codimension of the class (it is taken from \[ \text{Sp} \] and \[ \text{M2} \text{ Table 10} \]) and the superscript denotes the dimension of the largest unipotent
subgroup of the centralizer of an element in the class (it is taken from \[M2\,\text{Table 10}\]). The map \(\Phi\) is as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
2A_1, 4A_1 & \mapsto \gamma_{52} \\
A_1^1, A_1, 3A_1 & \mapsto \gamma_{36} \\
A_32A_1 & \mapsto \gamma_{30} \\
A_3A_1 & \mapsto \gamma_{24} \\
D_5 & \mapsto \gamma_{28} \\
A_3 & \mapsto \gamma_{20} \\
D_4(a_1)^1, D_5(a_1) & \mapsto \gamma_{18} \\
A_5A_1 & \mapsto \gamma_{14} \\
E_6(a_2)^1, A_5 & \mapsto \gamma_{14} \\
A_2^1, A_22A_1, A_2A_1 & \mapsto \gamma_{12} \\
2A_4^1, 2A_2A_1 & \mapsto \gamma_{14} \\
3A_4^5 & \mapsto \gamma_{12} \text{ dist} \\
A_4A_1 & \mapsto \gamma_{8} \\
D_5 & \mapsto \gamma_{10} \\
A_4^1 & \mapsto \gamma_{8} \text{ dist} \\
E_6^1 & \mapsto \gamma_{6} \text{ dist} \\
E_6(a_1)^1 & \mapsto \gamma_{4} \text{ dist}.
\end{align*}
\]

Here we have indicated the distinguished unipotent classes by “dist”.

2.4. In this subsection we assume that we are in the setup of 1.12(c). Following \[M1\] we index the irreducible representations of \(W\) in terms of

\[I_{ex} = \{4, (3, 1), (2, 2), (2, 11), (21, 1), (111, 1), 1111\}.\]

Thus \(E^1, E^{3,1}, \ldots, E^{1111}\) in \(\text{Irr}(W)\), \(E_q^4, E_q^{3,1}, \ldots, E_q^{1111}\) in \(\text{Irr}(W)\), (representations of \(H_q\)) and \(\rho_4, \rho_{3,1}, \ldots, \rho_{1111}\) (representations of \(G(F_q)\)) are defined.

Following \[M1\], we index the irreducible representations of \(W_0\) (of type \(G_2\)) as

\[1_0, 2_1, 2_2, 1'_3, 1''_3, 1_6.\]

This list is taken as the set \(J\) so that \(e_1, \ldots, f_{e_{16}}\) are in \(\text{Irr}(W_0)\); for \(j \in J\) we write \(R_j\) instead of \(R_{e_j}\). From \[M1\,\text{Theorem 6}\] we see that the following equalities (referred to as \(\spadesuit\)) hold in \(G\).

\[
\begin{align*}
\rho_4 & = R_{1_0}, \\
\rho_{3,1} & = R_{1'_4}, \rho_{111,1} = R_{1''_4} \\
\rho_{2,2} & = (1/2)R_{2_1} + (1/2)R_{2_2} + \Xi_1, \\
\rho_{2,11} & = (1/2)R_{2_1} - (1/2)R_{2_2} + \Xi_2, \\
\rho_{21,1} & = (1/2)R_{2_1} + (1/2)R_{2_2} + \Xi_3, \\
\rho_{1111} & = R_{1_6},
\end{align*}
\]

where \(\Xi_1, \Xi_2, \Xi_3 \in G_0\). Note that our \(\rho_i\) are defined over \(\mathbb{Q}\) hence they are the same as the extensions considered in \[M1\].

In \[M1\,\text{Theorem 10}\], the values \(R_j(g)\) are explicitly computed (as polynomials in \(q\)) for any \(j \in J\) and any unipotent element in \(D(F_q)\). The analogue of \[M2\,\text{Proposition 7}\] holds here with a similar proof; it implies that \(\sum_{g \in \gamma(F_q)} \Xi(g) = 0\) for any \(\gamma \in \mathcal{D}\). \(\Xi \in G_0\). Hence we see from \(\spadesuit\) that

(a) \(\sum_{g \in \gamma(F_q)} \rho_i(g)\) is explicitly known (as a polynomial in \(q\)) for any \(\gamma \in \mathcal{D}\) and any \(i \in I_{ex}\).
From 2.1(b) we have for any $\gamma \in D$ and any $w \in W_{D-min}$:

$$|\mathfrak{B}_w^\gamma (F_q)| = \sum_{g \in \gamma(F_q)} \text{tr}(S_g T_w : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}) = \sum_{i \in L_{ex}} \left( \sum_{g \in \gamma(F_q)} \text{tr}(g, \rho_i) \right) \text{tr}(V_i T_w, E_i^\gamma).$$

Here the last sum can be calculated as an explicit polynomial in $q$ using (a) and the known values of the polynomials $\text{tr}(V_i T_w, E_i^\gamma)$ (available through the CHEVIE package). This calculation was performed using a computer. The explicit knowledge of the quantities $|(g, B) \in \gamma(F_q) \times B(F_q); (B, gBg^{-1}) \in O_w|as polynomials in $q$ allows us to decide when $\gamma \in \Sigma_{u,D}$ (this holds precisely when the polynomial is nonzero). We can then verify that Theorem 1.3 holds in our case.

The calculation of the sum above yields in particular:

$$|\mathfrak{B}_w^\gamma (F_q)| = |G^0(F_q)|$$

whenever $C \in W_{\text{rel}}, w \in C_{\text{min}}$ and $\gamma = \Phi(C)$. From this and from [LO] 0.3(b) we deduce as in 2.3 that

(b) $\mathfrak{B}_w^\gamma$ is a single $G^0$-orbit if $C \in W_{\text{rel}}, w \in C_{\text{min}}$ and $\gamma = \Phi(C)$.

We now describe explicitly the map $\Phi$ in our case. We parametrize $W_D$ as in the CHEVIE package. Thus we view $W$ as a subgroup of a Weyl group $W'$ of type $F_4$ which is normalized by an element $\omega$ of order 3 in $W'$ such that $\omega y \omega^{-1} = \epsilon_D(y)$ for $y \in W$. If $C \in W_n$, then $C \omega$ is contained in a unique conjugacy class $C'$ of $W'$ and we give $C$ the same name as that given in [CA] to $C'$ (we also add an $!$ to the name of an $\epsilon_D$-elliptic conjugacy class). The objects of $D$ are denoted as $\gamma_{14}, 78, 76, y_4, y_2$. Here the subscript denotes the codimension of the class (it is taken from [MI] Table VIII). The map $\Phi$ is as follows:

\[\begin{align*}
A_2 & \mapsto \gamma_{14} \\
A_2 A_2 & \mapsto \gamma_8 \\
C_3 & \mapsto \gamma_6 \\
F_4 & \mapsto \gamma_4 \text{ dist} \\
F_4^1 & \mapsto \gamma_2 \text{ dist.}
\end{align*}\]

Here we have indicated the distinguished unipotent classes by “dist”.

3. Even full orthogonal groups

3.1. In this section we fix a $k$-vector space $V$ of finite even dimension $n = 2n \geq 4$ with a fixed nondegenerate symplectic form $(,): V \times V \to k$ and a fixed quadratic form $Q: V \to k$ such that $(x, y) = Q(x + y) - Q(x) - Q(y)$ for $x, y \in V$. For any subspace $V'$ of $V$ we set $V'^\perp = \{ x \in V; (x, V') = 0 \}$. Let $\mathcal{L}$ be the set of subspaces $H$ of $V$ such that $\dim(H) = n$ and $Q|_H = 0$. Let $I_s(V)$ be the subgroup of $GL(V)$ consisting of all $g \in GL(V)$ such that $Q(gx) = Q(x)$ for all $x \in V$. For $j \in \{0, 1\}$ let $G^j$ be the set of all vector space isomorphisms $g: V \cong V$ such that for any $H \in \mathcal{L}$ we have $\dim(g(H) \cap H) = n - j$ mod 2. Note that $I_s(V) = G^0 \cup G^1$ is an algebraic group with identity component $G^0$. In this section we assume that $G = I_s(V), D = G^1$. Then $G, D$ are as in 1.1(a).

3.2. Let $\mathcal{F}$ be the set of all sequences $V_* = (0 = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset V_2 \subset \ldots \subset V_n = V)$ of subspaces of $V$ such that $\dim V_i = i$ for $i \in [0, n], Q|_{V_i} = 0$ and $V_i^+ = V_{n-i}$ for all $i \in [0, n]$. There is a unique involution $V_* \mapsto \tilde{V}_*$ of $\mathcal{F}$ where $\tilde{V}_i = V_i$ for $i \neq n, V_n \neq V_n$. 

For \( g \in Is(V) \), \( V_s \in \mathcal{F} \) we define \( g \cdot V_s \in \mathcal{F} \) by setting for any \( i \in [0, n] \):

\[
(g \cdot V_s)_i = g V_i.
\]

This defines an action of \( Is(V) \) on \( \mathcal{F} \).

3.3. Let \( W \) be the group of permutations of \([1, n] \) which commute with the involution \( i \mapsto n - i + 1 \) of \([1, n] \). We define a map \( \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F} \to W \), \((V_s, V'_s) \mapsto a_{V_s, V'_s} \) as in \( [L6, 1.4] \); then \((V_s, V'_s) \mapsto a_{V_s, V'_s} \) defines a bijection from the set of \( Is(V) \)-orbits on \( \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F} \) (for the diagonal action) to \( W \). For \( w \in W \) let \( \mathcal{O}_w \) be the Is\((V)\)-orbit on \( \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F} \) corresponding to \( w \). Define \( s_n \in W \) by \( a_{V_s, \tilde{V}_s} = s_n \) for any \( V_s \in \mathcal{F} \). We define \( W' \) as the group of even permutations in \( W \) (a subgroup of index 2 of \( W \)). We view \( W \) (resp. \( W' \)) as a Coxeter group of type \( B_n \) (resp. \( D_n \)) as in \( [L6, 1.4] \).

We fix one of the two \( G^0 \)-orbits on \( \mathcal{F} \); we call it \( \mathcal{F}' \).

For any \( V_s \in \mathcal{F} \) we set \( B_{V_s} = \{ g \in G^0 \mid g \cdot V_s = V_s \} \), a Borel subgroup of \( G^0 \). Then \( V_s \mapsto B_{V_s} \) is an isomorphism \( \mathcal{F}' \cong \mathcal{B} \), the variety of Borel subgroups of \( G^0 \).

We identify \( W' \) with \( \mathcal{W} \), the Weyl group of \( G^0 \), as in \( [L6, 1.5] \). In our case we have \( \epsilon_D(w) = s_n w s_n \) for \( w \in \mathcal{W} \). If \( V_s \in \mathcal{F} \) we have \( B_{V_s} = B_{\tilde{V}_s} \).

3.4. Until the end of 3.7 we fix \( p_s = (p_1 \geq p_2 \geq \cdots \geq p_\sigma) \), a sequence of integers \( \geq 1 \) such that \( \sigma \) is odd and \( p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_\sigma = n \). Define \( w_{p_s} \in \mathcal{W} \) as in \( [L6, 1.6] \).

Note that \( w_{p_s} \in W - W' \). Using \( [L6, 2.2(a)] \) and with notation of \( [L6, 1.4] \) we have

\[
s_{n-1}w_{p_s}^{-1} = (s_{n-1}) \cdots (s_{n-p_\sigma+1})
\]

\[
\times (s_{n-p_\sigma} \cdots s_{n-1} \cdots s_{n-p_\sigma}) (s_{n-p_\sigma-1}) \cdots (s_{n-p_\sigma-p_\sigma-1}+1)
\]

\[
\times (s_{n-p_\sigma-p_\sigma-1} \cdots s_{n-1} \cdots s_{n-p_\sigma-p_\sigma-1}) (s_{n-p_\sigma-p_\sigma-1}-1) \cdots (s_{n-p_\sigma-p_\sigma-1}-2)
\]

\[
\times (s_{n-p_\sigma-p_\sigma-1-p_\sigma-2} \cdots s_{n-1} \cdots s_{n-p_\sigma-\cdots-p_\sigma})
\]

\[
\times (s_{n-p_\sigma-p_\sigma-1-p_\sigma-2+1} \cdots s_{n-p_\sigma-p_\sigma-1-p_\sigma-2+2}) \cdots (s_{n-p_\sigma-p_\sigma-\cdots-p_\sigma-p_\sigma+1})
\]

Note that the length of \( s_{n-1}w_{p_s}^{-1} \) in \( W' \) is equal to the length of \( w_{p_s}^{-1} \) in \( W \) minus \( \sigma \); hence it is \( 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\sigma-1} v_{p_{\sigma+1}} + n - \sigma \). Thus \( w_{p_s} v_{n-1} \) has minimal length in its \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugacy class in \( \mathcal{W} = W' \) (see \( [GKP] \)).

For any \( g \in G^1 \) let \( X_g \) be the set of all \((V_s, V'_s) \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F} \) such that \( a_{V_s, V'_s} = w_{p_s} \) (or equivalently \( a_{V_s, \tilde{V}_s} = w_{p_s} s_n \)) and \( g \cdot V_s = V'_s \). We have the following result \( [L6, 3.3] \).

**Proposition 3.5.** Let \( g \in G^1 \) and let \((V_s, V'_s) \in X_g \). There exist vectors \( v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_\sigma \) in \( V \) (each \( v_i \) being unique up to multiplication by \( \pm 1 \)) such that for any \( r \in [1, \sigma] \) the following hold:

(i) \( V_{p_1+\cdots+p_{i-1}+i} = S(g^2 v_k; k \in [1, r-1], j \in [0, p_k-1]) \) or \( k = r, j \in [0, i-1] \)

for \( i \in [0, p_1] \);

(ii) \( (g^2 v_t, v_r) = 0 \) for any \( 1 \leq t < r, i \in [-p_t, p_t-1] \);

(iii) \( (v_t, g^2 v_r) = 0 \) for \( i \in [-p_t+1, p_t-1] \), \( Q(v_r) = 0 \) and \( (v_t, g^p v_r) = 1 \);

(iv) setting \( E_r = S(g^{-p_t^2} + v_t; t \in [1, r], i \in [0, p_t-1]) \) we have \( V = V_{p_{\leq r}} \oplus E_r^\perp \);

(v) the vectors \( (g^2 v_t)_{i \in [1, \sigma], j \in [-p_t, p_t-1]} \) form a basis of \( V \).

3.6. Let \( g \in G^1 \). Let \( S_g \) be the set of all sequences \( L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_\sigma \) of lines in \( V \) such that for any \( r \in [1, \sigma] \) we have

(i) \( (g^2 L_t, L_r) = 0 \) for any \( 1 \leq t < r, i \in [-p_t, p_t-1] \);

(ii) \( (L_t, g^2 L_r) = 0 \) for \( i \in [-p_t+1, p_t-1] \), \( Q(v_r) = 0 \);

(iii) \( (L_t, g^p L_r) \neq 0 \).
We note:

(a) if $L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_\sigma$ is in $S_g$, then the lines \( \{g^{-p_t+i}L_t; t \in [1, \sigma], i \in \{0, 2p_t - 1\} \} \) form a direct sum decomposition of $V$.

The proof is the same as that of 3.5(v).

Note that the assignment \((V_*, V'_*)) \mapsto (L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_\sigma)\) (where $L_i$ is spanned by $v_i$ as in 3.5) defines a bijection:

(b) $X_g \cong S_g$.

3.7. In the remainder of this section we assume that $p = 2$ so that $G, D$ are as in 1.1(a),(b). Let $\tilde{V} = V \oplus k$. We define a quadratic form $\tilde{Q} : \tilde{V} \to k$ by $\tilde{Q}(x, e) = Q(x) + e^2$ where $x \in V, e \in k$. Let $(, )'$ be the symplectic form on $\tilde{V}$ attached to $Q$. From [L6] 2.8, [L6] 3.3, [L6] 3.5(c) we see that there exists a unipotent isometry $\tilde{g} : \tilde{V} \to \tilde{V}$ of $Q$ with Jordan blocks of sizes $2p_1, 2p_2, \ldots, 2p_\sigma, 1$ and vectors $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_{\sigma+1}$ in $\tilde{V}$ so that the following hold:

\[
\begin{align*}
(\tilde{g}^t v_t, v'_t) &= 0 \text{ for any } 1 \leq t < r \leq \sigma + 1, i \in [-p_t, p_t - 1]; \\
(\tilde{g}^t v_t, \tilde{g}^i v'_t) &= 0 \text{ for any } r \in [1, \sigma], i \in [-p_r + 1, p_r - 1]; \\
Q(v_r) &= 0 \text{ and } (v_r, \tilde{g}^p v_r)' = 1 \text{ for any } r \in [1, \sigma]; \\
Q(v_{\sigma+1}) &= 1; \\
\text{for any } t \in [1, \sigma], \text{ the subspace spanned by } (\tilde{g}^{-p_t+i}v_t)_{t \in [0, 2p_t-1]} \text{ is } \tilde{g}\text{-stable and } \\
\tilde{g}v_{\sigma+1} &= v_{\sigma+1}; \\
\text{the vectors } (\tilde{g}^t v_t)_{t \in [1, \sigma], j \in [-p_t, p_t - 1]} \text{ together with } v_{\sigma+1} \text{ form a basis of } V.
\end{align*}
\]

Let $V'$ be the subspace of $\tilde{V}$ spanned by $(\tilde{g}^t v_t)_{t \in [1, \sigma], j \in [-p_t, p_t - 1]}$. Clearly, $(, )'$ is nondegenerate when restricted to $V'$ and $V'$ is a $\tilde{g}$-stable hyperplane in $\tilde{V}$ such that $\tilde{g} : V' \to V'$ is a unipotent isometry of $\tilde{Q}|_{V'}$ with Jordan blocks of sizes $2p_1, 2p_2, \ldots, 2p_\sigma$.

Now the lines spanned by $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_{\sigma}$ satisfy the definition of $\tilde{S}_{g|V'}$, where $\tilde{S}_{g|V'}$ is defined in terms of $\tilde{g}|_{V'}$ in the same way as $S_g$ was defined in terms of $g, V$ in 3.6. Thus $\tilde{S}_{g|V'} \neq \emptyset$. Since $V'$, $\tilde{Q}'$ is isomorphic to $V, Q$, it follows that there exists a unipotent isometry $g : V \to V$ of $Q$ with Jordan blocks of sizes $2p_1, 2p_2, \ldots, 2p_\sigma$ such that $S_g \neq \emptyset$. Using 3.6(b) we deduce that for this $g$ we have $X_g \neq \emptyset$. Note that $g$ is necessarily in $G^1$.

3.8. Let $(V_*, V'_*) \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ be such that $a_{V_*, V'_*} = w_{p_s}$ or equivalently $a_{V_*, V'_*} = w_{p_s} s_n$. We can assume that $V_* \in \mathcal{F}'$. Then $\tilde{V}_* \in \mathcal{F}'$.

Let $\gamma$ be a unipotent $G^0$-conjugacy class in $G^1$ such that $g \cdot V_* = V'_*$ for some $g \in \gamma$ and such that some/any $g \in \gamma$ has Jordan blocks of sizes $2p_1, 2p_2, \ldots, 2p_\sigma$. (Such $\gamma$ exists by 3.7.) Let $\gamma'$ be a unipotent $G^0$-conjugacy class in $G^1$ such that $g' \cdot V_* = V'_*$ for some $g' \in \gamma'$. We show:

(a) $\gamma$ is contained in the closure of $\gamma'$.

Let $Sp(V)$ the group of all automorphisms of $V$ that preserve $(, )$. We have $G^1 \subset Sp(V)$. Let $\gamma, \gamma'$ be the $Sp(V)$-conjugacy class containing $\gamma, \gamma'$, respectively. By [LX] 1.3, $\gamma_1$ is contained in the closure of $\gamma'_1$ in $Sp(V)$ and then, using [Sp] II,8.2, we see that $\gamma$ is contained in the closure of $\gamma'$ in $G^1$. This proves (a).

From (a) we see that 1.3(a) holds for any $\epsilon_D$-elliptic conjugacy class $C$ in $W$. We also see that 1.3(b), 1.3(d) hold for $G, D$ (we use the description of distinguished unipotent classes of $D$ given in [Sp]). This completes the verification of 1.4 for our $G, D$. 


4. Bilinear forms

4.1. In this and the next two sections we assume that we are in one of the following two cases:

k is an algebraically closed field and we set $q = 1$, or

k is an algebraic closure of a finite field $F_q$ with $q$ elements (we then have $q > 1$).

Let $V$ be a $k$-vector space of dimension $n \geq 1$; let $V^*$ be the dual vector space. For $x \in V, \xi \in V^*$ we set $(x, \xi) = \xi(x) \in k$. For any subspace $V'$ of $V$ we set $V'^\perp = \{ \xi \in V^*; (V', \xi) = 0 \};$ for any subspace $U$ of $V^*$ we set $U^\perp = \{ x \in V; (x, U) = 0 \}$. For any $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{odd}$ let $G^j$ be the set of all group isomorphisms $g : V \xrightarrow{\sim} V^*$ such that $g(\lambda x) = \lambda^q g(x)$ for $x \in V, \lambda \in k$. For any $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{ev}$ let $G^j$ be the set of all group isomorphisms $g : V \xrightarrow{\sim} V^*$ such that $g(\lambda x) = \lambda^{q+1} g(x)$ for $x \in V, \lambda \in k$. We set $D = G^1$. For any $g \in G^j$ (odd) we define a group isomorphism $\tilde{g} : V^* \xrightarrow{\sim} V$ by $(\tilde{g}(\xi), g(x)) = (x, \xi)^{q^j}$ for all $x \in V, \xi \in V^*$; we have $\tilde{g}(\lambda \xi) = \lambda^{q^j} \tilde{g}(\xi)$ for $\xi \in V^*, \lambda \in k$. For any $g \in G^j$ (even) we define a group isomorphism $\tilde{g} : V^* \xrightarrow{\sim} V^*$ by $(g(x), \tilde{g}(\xi)) = (x, \xi)^{q^j}$ for all $x \in V, \xi \in V^*$; we have $\tilde{g}(\lambda \xi) = \lambda^{q^j} \tilde{g}(\xi)$ for $\xi \in V^*, \lambda \in k$. For $g \in G^j$, $g' \in G^j'$ we define $g * g' \in G^{j+j'}$ by $g * g' = gg'$ if $j'$ is even; $g * g' = gg'$ if $j'$ is odd. If, in addition, $g'' \in G^{j''}$, then $(g * g') * g'' = g * (g' * g'')$ is equal to $g g' g''$ if $j', j''$ are even; to $g g' g''$ if $j'$ is odd, $j''$ is even; to $g g' g''$ if $j', j''$ are odd; to $g g' g''$ if $j'$ is even, $j''$ is odd. For $g \in G^j$ we define $g^{*(1)} \in G^{-j}$ by $g^{*(1)}(\tilde{g}) = (\tilde{g})^{-1}$ if $j$ is odd and $g^{*(1)} = g^{-1}$ if $j$ is even. We have $g^{*(1)} * g = g = g^{*(1)}$ if $b > 1$, $\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} G^j$ is a group with multiplication $*$; we assume that it is the given group $G$ in 1.1, that $G^0 = GL(V)$ is the normal subgroup of $G$ given in 1.1 and $D$ is the given $G^0$-coset given in 1.1. If $q = 1$, $G^j$ depends only on the parity of $j$ and any element of $G^j$ is a vector space isomorphism; also, $*$ defines a group structure on $G^0 \sqcup G^1$ which becomes an algebraic group with identity component $G^0 = GL(V)$; we assume that $G^0 \sqcup G^1$ is the given group $G$ in 1.1, that $G^0 = GL(V)$ is the normal subgroup of $G$ given in 1.1 and $D$ is the given $G^0$-coset given in 1.1 (in this case $G, D$ are as in 1.1(a)).

If $g \in G^1$, then the $j$-th power of $g$ in $G$ is denoted by $g^{rj}$; we have $g^{rj} \in G^j$; this agrees with the earlier definition of $g^{*(1)}$. From the definitions we have $g^{sa} g^{sb} = g^{s(a+b)}$ if $b$ is even. Also,

\[(x, gx') = (x', g^{*(-1)}x)^{q^j} \text{ for } x, x' \in V.\]

This implies

\[g^{*(a+c)}x, g^{*(b+c)}x' = (g^{*a}x, g^{*b}x')^{q^j}\]

for $a, c$ even, $b$ odd and $x, x' \in V$.

4.2. Let $\mathcal{F}$ be the set of sequences $V_* = (0 = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset V_2 \subset \ldots \subset V_n = V)$ of subspaces of $V$ such that $\dim V_i = i \in [0, n]$. We identify $\mathcal{F}$ with $B$ by $V_* \mapsto B_{V_*} = \{ x \in GL(V); x V_i = V_i \text{ for all } i \}$.

For $g \in G^j, V_* \in \mathcal{F}$ we define $g \cdot V_* \in \mathcal{F}$ by setting for any $i \in [0, n]; (g \cdot V_*)_i = g V_i$ (if $j$ is even), $(g \cdot V_*)_i = (g V_{n-i})^\perp$ (if $j$ is odd). If $g \in G^j, g' \in G^{j'}$ and $V_* \in \mathcal{F}$, then $g \cdot (g' \cdot V_*) = (g * g') \cdot V_*$. (We use that $(g W)_i = (g W_i)_0$ for any subspace $W$ of $V_*$.) Thus, $g, V_* \mapsto g \cdot V_*$ is a $G$-action on $\mathcal{F}$. Under the identification $\mathcal{F} = B$, this becomes the $G$-action $g : B \mapsto g \cdot B = g^{*(-1)}$ on $B$. 


4.3. Let $S_n$ be the group of permutations of $[1, n]$. For any permutation $w \in S_n$ let $O_w$ be the set of pairs $(V_s, V'_s) \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ such that $\dim(V'_s \cap V_{w(j)}) = \dim(V'_s) + V_{w(j)-1}) + 1$ for all $j \in [1, n]$. Note that if $(V_s, V'_s) \in O_w$ and $j \in [1, n]$, then

$V_{w(j)} = (V'_s \cap V_{w(j)}) + V_{w(j)-1}$.

Now $O_w$ is a single $G^0$-orbit on $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ (for the diagonal action). Hence $w$ can be viewed as an element of $W$. This identifies $W$ with $S_n$.

Define $w \in S_n$ by $j \mapsto n + 1 - j$. From the definitions we see that

(a) if $(V_s, V'_s) \in O_w$, then $(V'_s, V_s) \in O_{w^{-1}}$.

(b) if $(V_s, V'_s) \in O_w$ and $h \in G^1$, then $(h \cdot V_s, h \cdot V'_s) \in O_{w h w}$.

For $w \in W$ we have $\epsilon_D(w) = w w w$.

4.4. Let $p_s = (p_1 \geq p_2 \geq \cdots \geq p_\sigma)$ be a descending sequence in $\mathbb{Z}_{> 0}$ such that $2(p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_\sigma) = n + \sigma$. Let $z_{p_s}$ be the permutation of $[1, n]$ such that for any $r \in [1, \sigma]$ we have

$(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i \mapsto p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + i + 1$ (if $i \in [p_r - 1])$,

$n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + p_r - 1) \mapsto p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + 1$,

$n - ((p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1}) + i) \mapsto n - ((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i)$ (if $i \in [0, p_r - 2])$.

From the results in [GKP] we see that $z_{p_s}$ has minimal length in its $\epsilon_D$-conjugacy class in $W = W'$. In the remainder of this section we write $w$ instead of $z_{p_s}$.

The composition $w w w$ is the permutation of $[1, n]$ such that for any $r \in [1, \sigma]$ we have

$(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i \mapsto n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + i)$ (if $i \in [1, p_r - 1])$,

$n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + p_r - 1) \mapsto n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1})$,

$n - ((p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} - 1) + i) \mapsto n - ((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i)$ (if $i \in [0, p_r - 2])$.

This is the product of $\sigma$ disjoint cycles of size $2p_1 - 1, 2p_2 - 1, \ldots, 2p_\sigma - 1$:

$1 \mapsto n - 1 \mapsto 2 \mapsto n - 2 \mapsto 3 \mapsto n - 3 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto p_1 - 1 \mapsto n - (p_1 - 1) \mapsto n - 1$,

$p_1 \mapsto n - (p_1 + 1) \mapsto p_1 + 1 \mapsto n - (p_1 + 2) \mapsto \cdots \mapsto p_1 + p_2 - 1 \mapsto n - (p_1 + p_2 - 1) \mapsto n - p_1 \mapsto p_1, \ldots$.

The permutation $w w^{-1} w$ is given by

$(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i \mapsto (p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1}) + i$ (if $i \in [1, p_r - 1])$,

$n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1}) \mapsto p_1 + \cdots + p_r$,

$n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + i) \mapsto n + 1 - ((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i)$ (if $i \in [1, p_r - 1])$.

The following equality is a special case of 4.3(a):

(a) $V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + i + 1}$

$$= (V'_{(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i} \cap V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + i + 1}) + V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + i}$$

if $r \in [1, \sigma], i \in [0, p_r - 1]$. 
4.5. Let \((V_\ast, V'_\ast) \in \mathcal{O}_w\). Using the equality

\[
\dim(V_j \cap V'_k) = \sharp(h \in [1, k]; w(h) \leq j)
\]

we see that for any \(r \in [1, \sigma]\) we have

\[
\dim(V'_{(p_1-1)+\cdots+(p_{r-1}-1)+i}) = (p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i,
\]

\[
\dim(V'_{(p_1-1)+\cdots+(p_{r-1}-1)+i}) = (p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + 1 - 1
\]

for \(i \in [1, p_r - 1]\);

\[
\dim(V'_{n-((p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1})+i}) \cap V_{n-((p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1})+i)-1}) = n - ((p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1}) + i) - 1
\]

for \(i \in [0, p_r - 2]\);

\[
\dim(V'_{n-((p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1})+i}) \cap V_{n-((p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1})+i)-1}) = n - ((p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1}) + i) - 1
\]

for \(i \in [1, p_r - 1]\).

Similarly for \((V_\ast, V''_\ast) \in \mathcal{O}_{w^w-1}w\) and any \(r \in [1, \sigma], i \in [1, p_r - 1]\) we have

\[
\dim(V''_{(p_1-1)+\cdots+(p_{r-1}-1)+i}) = (p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i;
\]

hence

\[
V''_{(p_1-1)+\cdots+(p_{r-1}-1)+i} \subset V_{p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1}+i}.
\]

4.6. Let \(g \in G^1\). Let

\[
X_g = \{(V_\ast, V'_\ast) \in \mathcal{O}_w; V'_\ast = g \cdot V_\ast\},
\]

\[
X'_{g^{-1}} = \{(V_\ast, V''_\ast) \in \mathcal{O}_{w^w-1}w; V''_\ast = g^{-1} \cdot V_\ast\}.
\]

We show:

(a) If \((V_\ast, V'_\ast) \in X_g\) and \(V''_\ast = g^{-1} \cdot V_\ast\), then \((V_\ast, V''_\ast) \in X'_{g^{-1}}\).

Indeed, from \((V_\ast, g \cdot V_\ast) \in \mathcal{O}_w\) we deduce using 4.3(c) that \((g^{-1} \cdot V_\ast, V_\ast) \in \mathcal{O}_{w^w}\)

which implies (a) in view of 4.3(b).

In the following result we fix \((V_\ast, V'_\ast) \in X_g\).

**Proposition 4.7.** Let \(u \in [1, \sigma]\). There exist vectors \(v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_u\) in \(V\) (each \(v_i\) being unique up to multiplication by an element in \(\{\lambda \in k^*; \lambda^{2p_i-1+1} = 1\}\)) such that for any \(r \in [1, u]\) the following hold:

(i) for \(i \in [1, p_r]\) we have

\[
V_{p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1}+i} = S(g^{2j}v_k; k \in [1, r-1], j \in [0, 2p_k-2]_{ev} \text{ or } k = r, j \in [0, 2i-1]_{ev})
\]

(in particular, the vectors \(g^{2j}v_k(k \in [1, r], j \in [0, 2p_k-2]_{ev})\) are linearly independent);

(ii) for \(i \in [1, p_r - 1]\) we have

\[
V'_{(p_1-1)+\cdots+(p_{r-1}-1)+i} = S(g^{2j}v_k; k \in [1, r-1], j \in [1, 2p_k-1]_{ev} \text{ or } k = r, j \in [1, 2i]_{ev});
\]
(iii) setting $E_r = S(g^{s_j} v_k; k \in [1, r], j \in [-2p_k + 1, -1]_{\text{odd}}) \subset V^*$ we have

$V = V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1}} \oplus E_r^\perp$;

(iv) $(v_r, g^{s_j} v_t) = 0$ if $t \in [1, \sigma], t < r, j \in [-2p_t + 1, 2p_t - 2]_{\text{odd}}$;

(v) $(v_r, g^{s_j} v_r) = 0$ if $j \in [-2p_r + 2, 2p_r - 2]_{\text{odd}}$;

(vi) $(v_r, g^{s_1} v_r) = 1$.

We can assume that the result holds when $u$ is replaced by a strictly smaller number in $[1, u]$. (This assumption is empty when $u = 1$.) In particular $v_1, \ldots, v_{u-1}$ are defined. By assumption we have

$V = V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1}} \oplus E_u^\perp$

hence $V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1}} \cap E_u^\perp$ is a line. (We set $E_0 = 0$ so that $E_0^\perp = V$.) Let $v_u$ be a nonzero vector on this line.

We show that (iv) holds for $r = u$. From the induction hypothesis we have

$V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1}} = S(g^{s_j} v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{\text{ev}})$.

Hence

$(gV_{n-((p_1-1)+\cdots+(p_{u-1}-1))})^\perp \subset S(g^{s_j} v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{\text{ev}})$.

We have $V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1}} \subset V_{n-((p_1-1)+\cdots+(p_{u-1}-1))}$ since

$p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1} + 1 \leq n - ((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{u-1} - 1))$.

Hence

$gv_u \in gV_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1}} \subset gV_{n-((p_1-1)+\cdots+(p_{u-1}-1))}$

$= (V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1}})^\perp = S(g^{s_j} v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{\text{ev}})^\perp$.

(The last equality uses the induction hypothesis.) Thus if $k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{\text{ev}}$ we have $(g^{s_j} v_k, gv_u) = 0$ so that if $k \in [u - 1], j \in [0, 2p_k - 2]_{\text{odd}}$ then $(v_u, g^{s_j} v_k) = 0$. Since $v_u \in E_u^\perp$ we have $(v_u, g^{s_j} v_k) = 0$ if $k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [-2p_k + 1, -1]_{\text{odd}}$. Thus $(v_u, g^{s_j} v_k) = 0$ if $k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [-2p_k + 1, 2p_k - 2]_{\text{odd}}$. This proves (iv).

We show that (i) and (ii) hold for $r = u$. It is enough to show (i) when $i \in [1, p_u]$ and (ii) when $i \in [1, p_u - 1]$. From the definition we have

$V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1} + 1} = V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1}} + kv_u$

$= S(g^{s_j} v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [0, 2p_k - 2]_{\text{ev}}$ or $k = u, j = 0)$.

We assume that for some $a \in [1, p_u - 1]$, (i) is known for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, a$ and (ii) is known for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, a - 1$. It is enough to show that (i) holds $i = a + 1$ and (ii) holds for $i = a$. By assumption we have

$V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1} + a}$

$= S(g^{s_j} v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [0, 2p_k - 2]_{\text{ev}}$ or $k = u, j \in [0, 2a - 1]_{\text{ev}}),$

$V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1} + a+1}$

$= S(g^{s_j} v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{\text{ev}}$ or $k = u, j \in [1, 2a - 2]_{\text{ev}})$.

We have $V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1}} \subset V_{n-((p_1-1)+\cdots+(p_{u-1}-1)+a)}$ since

$p_1 + \cdots + p_{u-1} \leq n - ((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{u-1} - 1) + a).$
Hence for $k \in [1, u - 1]$ we have
\[ gv_k \in gV_{p_1 + \cdots + p_a, u} \subset gV_{n-((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1) + a)} = (V'_{p_1 - 1} + \cdots + (p_a - 1) + a)^\perp. \]
We have
\[
V'_{(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1) + a}
= S(g^{*j}v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{ev} \text{ or } k = u, j \in [1, 2a - 2]_{ev}) \oplus \kappa \eta
\]
for some $\eta \in V$ and by the previous sentence we have $(\eta, gv_k)$ for $k \in [1, u - 1]$. Since
\[
V'_{(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1) + a} \subset gV_{p_1 + \cdots + p_a + a}
= S(g^{*j}v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [2, 2p_k]_{ev} \text{ or } k = u, j \in [2, 2a]_{ev}),
\]
(see 4.6(a), 4.5(c)) we see that we can assume that $\eta = \sum_{k \in [1, u - 1]} c_k g^{*r_0}v_k + c_u g^{*(2a)}v_u$ where $c_1, \ldots, c_u \in \kappa$ are not all zero. Assume that $c_r \neq 0$ for some $r \in [1, u - 1]$; let $r_0$ be the smallest such $r$. We have
\[
0 = (\eta, g^{*r}v_{r_0}) = c_{r_0} (v_{r_0}, g^{*(2p_{r_0} - 1)}v_{r_0})^g + \sum_{k \in [r_0 + 1, u - 1]} c_k (v_{k}, g^{*(-2p_k + 1)}v_{r_0})g^{p_k} + c_u (v_u, g^{*(-2a + 1)}v_{r_0})g^{2a} = c_{r_0}.
\]
(We have used (iv) and that for $k > r_0$ we have $-2p_k + 1 \in [-2p_{r_0} + 1, -1]$.) Thus $c_{r_0} = 0$, a contradiction. We see that $\eta$ is a nonzero multiple of $g^{*(2a)}v_u$. We can assume that $\eta = g^{*(2a)}v_u$; we see that (ii) holds for $i = a$.

We have $V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_a - 1 + a + 1} = V'_{(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1) + a + 1} \subset V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_a - 1 + a + 1}$ in 4.5(b). Using this, (ii) for $i = a$ and the induction hypothesis we see that
\[
V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_a - 1 + a + 1} = S(g^{*j}v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{ev} \text{ or } k = u, j \in [1, 2a - 1]_{ev})
+ S(g^{*j}v_k; k \in [1, r - 1], j \in [0, 2p_k - 2]_{ev} \text{ or } k = r, j \in [0, 2a - 1]_{ev})
= S(g^{*j}v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [0, 2p_k - 2]_{ev} \text{ or } k = u, j \in [0, 2a - 1]_{ev})
\]
so that (i) holds for $i = a + 1$. This proves (i) and (iii).

We show that (v) holds for $r = u$. We have $V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_a} \subset V_{n-((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1))}$ since $p_1 + \cdots + p_a \leq n - ((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1))$. Hence
\[
(gV_{p_1 + \cdots + p_a} \subset gV_{n-((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1))} = (V'_{(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1)}))^{\perp}.
\]
Using this and (i),(ii) we deduce
\[
S(g^{*j}v_k; k \in [1, u], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{odd}) \subset \text{s}(g^{*j}v_k; k \in [1, u], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{ev})^{\perp}.
\]
In particular, if $j \in [1, 2p_u - 1]_{ev}$, $j' \in [1, 2p_u - 1]_{odd}$, then $(g^{*j}v_u, g^{*j'}v_u) = 0$ and (v) follows.

We show that (vi) holds for $r = u$. From 4.5(a) we have
\[
\dim(V'_{n-((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1))}) \cap V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_a + 1} = (p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1).
\]
Hence
\[
\dim(V'_{n-((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1))} + V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_a + 1}) = n - (p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1)
\]
so that
\[
\dim((V'_{n-((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1))})^{\perp} \cap V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_a + 1}^{\perp}) = (p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_a - 1),
\]
that is,
\[
\dim(gV_{p_1+\ldots+p_u} \cap V_{p_1+\ldots+p_{u-1}+1}^\perp) = (p_1 - 1) + \ldots + (p_u - 1).
\]
By (i) we have \(S(g^{*}v_k; k \in [1, u], j \in [1, 2p_k - 3]_{\text{odd}}) \subset gV_{p_1+\ldots+p_u}^\perp\). By (i) and (iv),(v), we have \(S(g^{*}v_k; k \in [1, u], j \in [1, 2p_k - 3]_{\text{odd}}) \subset V_{p_1+\ldots+p_{u-1}+1}^\perp\). Hence
\[
S(g^{*}v_k; k \in [1, u], j \in [1, 2p_k - 3]_{\text{odd}}) \subset gV_{p_1+\ldots+p_u} \cap V_{p_1+\ldots+p_{u-1}+1}^\perp.
\]
By (i) we have
\[
\dim S(g^{*}v_k; k \in [1, u], j \in [1, 2p_k - 3]_{\text{odd}}) = (p_1 - 1) + \ldots + (p_u - 1).
\]
Hence we must have
\[
S(g^{*}v_k; k \in [1, u], j \in [1, 2p_k - 3]_{\text{odd}}) = gV_{p_1+\ldots+p_u} \cap V_{p_1+\ldots+p_{u-1}+1}^\perp.
\]
By (i) we have
\[
\dim S(g^{*}v_k; k \in [1, u], j \in [1, 2p_k - 3]_{\text{odd}} \text{ or } k = u, j = 2p_u - 1)
= (p_1 - 1) + \ldots + (p_u - 1) + 1
\]
hence
\[
g^{*(2p_u-1)}v_u \notin S(g^{*}v_k; k \in [1, u], j \in [1, 2p_k - 3]_{\text{odd}})
\]
so that
\[
g^{*(2p_u-1)}v_u \notin gV_{p_1+\ldots+p_u} \cap V_{p_1+\ldots+p_{u-1}+1}^\perp.
\]
Since \(g^{*(2p_u-1)}v_u \in gV_{p_1+\ldots+p_u}\) by (i) it follows that \(g^{*(2p_u-1)}v_u \notin V_{p_1+\ldots+p_{u-1}+1}^\perp\).

Using (i) we deduce
\[
g^{*(2p_u-1)}v_u \notin S(g^{*}v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [0, 2p_k - 2]_{\text{ev}} \text{ or } k = u, j = 0)^\perp.
\]
Since
\[
g^{*(2p_u-1)}v_u \notin S(g^{*}v_k; k \in [1, u - 1], j \in [0, 2p_k - 2]_{\text{ev}})^\perp
\]
(see (iv)) we deduce that \((v_u, g^{*(2p_u-1)}v_u) \neq 0\). Replacing \(v_u\) by a scalar multiple we see that we can assume that \((v_u, g^{*(2p_u-1)}v_u) = 1\). This proves (vi).

We show that (iii) holds for \(r = u\). Note that \(\dim(E_u) \leq p_1 + \ldots + p_r\); hence \(\dim(E_u^\perp) + \dim(V_{p_1+\ldots+p_u}) \geq n\). Using this we see that it is enough to show that \(E_u^\perp \cap V_{p_1+\ldots+p_u} = 0\). Taking (i) into account we see that it is enough to verify the following statement:

(*) Let \(f = \sum_{k \in [1, u], i \in [1, p_k]} c_{k,i} g^{*(2p_k-2i)}v_k (c_{k,i} \in k)\) be such that \((f, g^{*}v_{k'}) = 0\) for any \(k' \in [1, u], j' \in [-2p_{k'} + 1, -1]_{\text{odd}}\). Then \(f = 0\).

Assume that not all \(c_{k,i}\) are zero. Let \(i_0 = \min\{i; c_{k,i} \neq 0\}\) for some \(k \in [1, u]\).
Let \(X' = \{k \in [1, u]; c_{k,i_0} \neq 0\}\). We have \(X' \neq \emptyset\) and
\[
f = \sum_{r \in X'} c_{r,i_0} g^{*(2p_r-2i_0)}v_r + \sum_{r \in [1, u]} \sum_{i \in [i_0+1, p_r]} c_{r,i} g^{*(2p_r-2i)}v_r.
\]
Let \(r_0\) be the smallest number in \(X'\). We have
\[
0 = (f, g^{*(-2i_0+1)}v_{r_0}) = \sum_{r \in X'} c_{r,i_0} (g^{*(2p_r-2i_0)}v_r, g^{*(-2i_0+1)}v_{r_0})
\]
\[
+ \sum_{r \in [1, u]} \sum_{i \in [i_0+1, p_r]} c_{r,i} (g^{*(2p_r-2i)}v_r, g^{*(-2i_0+1)}v_{r_0}).
\]
If \(r \in X', r \neq r_0\), we have \((g^{*(2p_r-2i_0)}v_r, g^{*(-2i_0+1)}v_{r_0}) = (v_r, g^{*(-2p_r+1)}v_{r_0}) = 0\) (we use (iv); note that \(r \geq r_0\) hence \(p_r \leq p_{r_0}\)). If \(r \in [1, u]\) and \(i \in [i_0+1, p_r]\), we
have \((g^{*(2p_r-2i)} v_r, g^{*(-2i_0+1)} v_{r_0}) = 0\) (we use (iv),(v); note that if \(r > r_0\) we have 
\(2(-p_r+i-i_0)+1 \in [-2p_r+1, -1]\); if \(r \leq r_0\) we have 
\(2(p_r-i+i_0)-1 \in [0, 2p_r-3]\). Thus we have

\[
0 = c_{r_0,i_0}(g^{*(2p_{r_0}-2i_0)} v_{r_0}, g^{*(-2i_0+1)} v_{r_0}) = c_{r_0,i_0}(v_{r_0}, g^{*(-2p_{r_0}+1)} v_{r_0}) = c_{r_0,i_0}.
\]

We see that \(c_{r_0,i_0} = 0\), a contradiction. This proves (*) hence (iii).

This completes the proof of existence part of the proposition. The uniqueness part follows from the proof of existence. The proposition is proved.

4.8. Let \(g \in G^1\). Let \(S_g\) be the set of all sequences \(L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_\sigma\) of lines in \(V\) such that for any \(r \in [1, \sigma]\) we have

(i) \((L_r, g^{*j} L_t) = 0\) if \(t \in [1, \sigma], t < r, j \in [-2p_t+1, 2p_t-2]\); odd;

(ii) \((L_r, g^{*j} L_t) = 0\) if \(j \in [-2p_r+2, 2p_r-2]\);

(iii) \((L_r, g^{*(2p_r-1)} L_t) \neq 0\).

We show:

(a) If \(L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_\sigma\) is in \(S_g\), then the lines \(\{g^{*(-2p_k+2h)} L_k; k \in [1, \sigma], h \in [0, 2p_k-2]\}\) form a direct sum decomposition of \(V\).

For \(r \in [1, \sigma]\) we can find \(v_r \in L_r\) such that \((v_r, g^{*(2p_r-1)} v_r) = 1\). Assume that \(f = \sum_{k \in [1, \sigma]} \sum_{h \in [0, 2p_k-2]} c_{k,h} g^{*(-2p_k+2h)} v_k\) is equal to 0 where \(c_{k,h} \in k\) are not all zero. Let \(h_0 = \min \{h; c_{k,h} \neq 0\} for some k \in [1, \sigma]\). Let \(X = \{k \in [1, \sigma]; c_{k,h_0} \neq 0\}\). We have \(X \neq \emptyset\) and

\[
0 = (f, g^{*(2h_0-1)} v_{k_0}) = \sum_{k \in X} c_{k,h_0} (g^{*(-2p_k+2h_0)} v_k, g^{*(2h_0-1)} v_{k_0})
\]

\[
+ \sum_{k \in [1, \sigma]} \sum_{h \in [h_0+1, 2p_k-2]} (g^{*(-2p_k+2h)} v_k, g^{*(2h_0-1)} v_{k_0}).
\]

If \(k \in X, k \neq k_0\) we have \((g^{*(-2p_k+2h_0)} v_k, g^{*(2h_0-1)} v_{k_0}) = 0\) (using (i) and \(k < k_0\)). If \(k \in [1, \sigma]\) and \(h \in [h_0 + 1, 2p_k - 2]\) we have \((g^{*(-2p_k+2h)} v_k, g^{*(2h_0-1)} v_{k_0}) = 0\) (we use (i),(ii); note that if \(k < k_0\), we have \(-2p_k + 2h - 2h_0 + 1 \in [-2p_k + 1, 2p_k - 2]\); if \(k \geq k_0\) we have \(2p_k - 2h + 2h_0 - 1 \in [-2p_k + 2, 2p_k - 2]\)). We see that

\[
0 = c_{k_0,h_0} (g^{*(-2p_{k_0}+2h_0)} v_{k_0}, g^{*(2h_0-1)} v_{k_0}).
\]

Using (iii) we deduce \(0 = c_{k_0,h_0}, \) a contradiction.

4.9. Let \(g \in G^1\). For any \(L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_\sigma\) in \(S_g\) we define subspaces \(V_j, V'_j\) of \(V\) \((j \in [1, n-1])\) as follows:

\[
V_{p_1+\ldots+p_r-1+i} = \sum_{k \in [1, r-1], j \in [0, 2p_k-2]} g^{*j} L_k,
\]

\(r \in [1, \sigma], i \in [1, p_r];\)

\[
V_{n-((p_1-1)+\ldots+(p_r-1)+i)} = (\sum_{k \in [1, r-1], j \in [0, 2p_k-2]} g^{*j} L_k)^\perp,
\]
$r \in [1, \sigma], i \in [1, p_r - 1]$;

$$V'_{(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_r - 1) + i} = \sum_{k \in [1, r - 1], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{ev} \text{ or } k = r, j \in [1, 2]} g^{sj} L_k,$$

for $r \in [1, \sigma], i \in [1, p_r - 1]$;

$$V'_{n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_r - 1) + i} = \left( \sum_{k \in [1, r - 1], j \in [1, 2p_k - 1]_{odd} \text{ or } k = r, j \in [1, 2]} g^{sj} L_k \right)^{\perp},$$

for $r \in [1, \sigma], i \in [1, p_r]$.

Note that the sums above are direct, by 4.8(a). Note also that $V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_r} = V_{n - ((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_r - 1))}$ is defined in two different ways; similarly, $V'_{(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_r - 1)} = V'_{n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_r)}$ is defined in two different ways; these two definitions are compatible by the definition of $S_g$. We set $V_n = V''_n = V, V_0 = V'_0 = 0$. We have $V_s = (V_j) \in \mathcal{F}$, $V_s' = (V'_j) \in \mathcal{F}$ and $V_j' = (gV_n - j)^{\perp}$ for all $j \in [1, n]$.

For $r \in [1, \sigma], i \in [1, p_r - 1]$ we have

$$V'_{(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_r - 1) + i} \cap V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_r - 1 + i + 1}$$

and this has dimension $(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_r - 1) + i$;

$$V'_{(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_r - 1) + i} \cap V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_r - 1 + i}$$

and this has dimension $(p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_r - 1) + i - 1$. For $r \in [1, \sigma], i \in [0, p_r - 2]$ we have

$$V'_{n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_r - 1) + i} \cap V_{n - ((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_r - 1) + i)}$$

and this has dimension $n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_r - 1 + i)$;
and this has dimension \( n - (p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + i + 1) \). For \( r \in [1, \sigma] \) we have
\[
V'_{n-(p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1})} \cap V_{p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1}} = \oplus k \in \{1, r\}, j \in \{1, 2, p_{r-1}\}_{odd} \text{ or } k = r, j \in \{1, 2, p_{r-1}\}_{odd} g^{*,j}L_k^\perp \\cap \oplus k \in \{1, r\}, j \in \{0, 2, p_{r-1}\}_{ev} g^{*,j}L_k^\perp = \oplus k \in \{1, r\}, j \in \{0, 2, p_{r-1}\}_{ev} g^{*,j}L_k^\perp
\]
and this has dimension \((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1)\);
\[
V'_{n-(p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1})} \cap V_{p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1}+1} = \oplus k \in \{1, r\}, j \in \{1, 2, p_{r-1}\}_{odd} \text{ or } k = r, j \in \{1, 2, p_{r-1}\}_{odd} g^{*,j}L_k^\perp \\cap \oplus k \in \{1, r\}, j \in \{0, 2, p_{r-1}\}_{ev} g^{*,j}L_k^\perp = \oplus k \in \{1, r\}, j \in \{0, 2, p_{r-1}\}_{ev} g^{*,j}L_k^\perp
\]
and this has dimension \((p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + 1\). (We use the definition of \( S_g \)). We see that \((V_*, V'_*) \in X_g\). Thus \((L_1, \ldots, L_\sigma) \to (V_*, V'_*)\) defines a morphism
\[(a) \quad S_g \to X_g.\]
This is an isomorphism; the inverse is provided by \((V_*, V'_*) \to (L_1, \ldots, L_\sigma)\) where \(L_r\) is the line spanned by \(v_r\) as in 4.7 (with \(u = \sigma\)).

5. Almost unipotent bilinear forms

5.1. In this section we preserve the setup of 4.1 and we assume that \(q = 1\), that \(G\) (which was fixed in 1.1) is as in 4.1 and \(D = G^1\). Thus \(G, D\) are as in 1.1(a). Note that \(D\) does not contain unipotent elements of \(G\), unless \(p = 2\). Let \(D_{au}\) be the set of all \(g \in D = G^1\) such that \(g^{*,2} : V \to V\) is unipotent (we then say that \(g\) is almost unipotent).

Until the end of 5.9 we fix \(p_* = (p_1 \geq p_2 \geq \cdots \geq p_\sigma)\), a descending sequence in \(\mathbb{Z}_{>0}\) such that \(2(p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_\sigma) = n + \sigma\); note that the elements \(z_{p_*}\) (see 4.4) with \(p_*\) as above form a set of representatives for the elliptic \(e_D\)-conjugacy classes in \(W\). We fix a basis \(\{z_t^j, t \in [1, \sigma], i \in [0, 2p_t - 2]\}\) of \(V\). For any \(r \in [1, \sigma], j \in [0, 2p_r - 2]\) we define \(z_t^r \in V^*\) by the following requirements:
\[
(z_t^j, z_t^r) = 0 \text{ if } t \neq r,
(z_t^j, z_t^r) = 0 \text{ if } -p_r + 1 \leq j - i \leq p_r - 2,
(z_t^j, z_t^r) = (j-i-p_r-1) \text{ if } j - i \geq p_r - 1,
(z_t^j, z_t^r) = (i-j-p_r-2) \text{ if } j - i \leq -p_r.
\]
Clearly, the \(n \times n\) matrix with entries \((z_t^j, z_t^r)\) is nonsingular. Hence the \(z_t^r\) form a basis of \(V^*\). Define \(g : V \isom V^*\) by \(g(z_t^j) = z_f^j\) for any \(t \in [1, \sigma], i \in [0, 2p_t - 2]\).
Define \(g' : V^* \to V\) by:
\[
g'(z_t^j) = z_{t+1}^j \text{ for any } r \in [1, \sigma], j \in [0, 2p_r - 3],
g'(z_{2p_r-2}^j) = \sum_{k \in [0, 2p_r - 2]} (-1)^k (2p_r-1)^k z_k^j \text{ for any } r \in [1, \sigma].
\]
We show that \(g' = \tilde{g}\), that is,
\[
(a) \quad (g'(z_t^j), g(z_t^i)) = (z_f^j, z_f^r) \text{ for all } r, j, t, i.
\]
When \(t \neq r\) both sides of (a) are zero. Thus we can assume that \(r = t\). Assume first that \(j < 2p_t - 2\). We must show that \((z_{t+1}^j, z_{t+1}^i) = (z_f^j, z_f^i)\).
If \(-p_t + 1 \leq i - j - 1 \leq p_t - 2\) (or equivalently if \(-p_t + 1 \leq j - i \leq p_t - 2\) then the left-hand side is 0 and the right-hand side is 0.

If \(i - j - 1 \geq p_t - 1\) (or equivalently if \(j - i \leq -p_t\)), then the left-hand side is \((i-j+1+p_t-1)\) and the right-hand side is \((i-j-p_t)\).

If \(i - j - 1 \leq -p_t\) (or equivalently if \(j - i \geq p_t - 1\)), then the left-hand side is \((j+1+i+p_t-2)\) and the right-hand side is \((j-1+p_t-1)\).

Next we assume that \(j = 2p_t - 2\); we must check for any \(i \in [0, 2p_t - 2]\) that

\[
\sum_{k \in [0, 2p_t - 2]} (z^t_k, z'^t_{i+1})(-1)^k \binom{2p_t - 1}{k} = (z^t_{i+1}, z'^t_{2p_t - 2}),
\]

that is,

\[
\sum_{k \in [0, 2p_t - 2], k \leq i-(p_t-1)} (-1)^k \binom{i - k + (p_t - 1)}{i - k - (p_t - 1)} \binom{2p_t - 1}{k}
\]

\[
+ \sum_{k \in [0, 2p_t - 2], k \geq i+p_t} (-1)^k \binom{k - i + p_t - 2}{k - i - p_t} \binom{2p_t - 1}{k}
\]

is equal to 0 if \(i \in [p_t, 2p_t - 1]\) and to \((3p_t-3-i)_{p_t-1-i}\) if \(i \in [0, p_t - 1]\). If \(i = p_t - 1\) the desired equality is 1 = 1. It remains to show that

\[
\sum_{k \in [i+p_t, 2p_t-1]} (-1)^k \binom{k - i + p_t - 2}{k - i - p_t} \binom{2p_t - 1}{k} = 0
\]

if \(i \in [0, p_t - 2]\) and

\[
\sum_{k \in [i-(p_t-1), i]} (-1)^k \binom{i - k + (p_t - 1)}{i - k - (p_t - 1)} \binom{2p_t - 1}{k} = 0
\]

if \(i \in [p_t, 2p_t - 2]\). Both of these equalities are special cases of the identity

\[
\sum_{k,k' \geq 0, k+k' = j} (-1)^k \binom{2p_t - 2 + k'}{k'} \binom{2p_t - 1}{k} = 0
\]

for any \(j \geq 1\), which is easily verified. (We use the convention that \((2p_t-1)_{-1} = 0\) if \(k > 2p_t - 1\).) This completes the proof of (a).

Now \(g^{*2} : V \to V\) is given by \(z^t_i \mapsto z^t_{i+1}\) for any \(t \in [1, \sigma], i \in [0, 2p_t - 3]\) and

\[
z^t_{2p_t-2} \mapsto \sum_{k \in [0, 2p_t-2]} (-1)^k \binom{2p_t - 1}{k} z^t_k
\]

for any \(t \in [1, \sigma]\). It follows that \(g^{*2} : V \to V\) is unipotent (that is \(g \in D_{au}\)) with Jordan blocks of sizes \(2p_1 - 1, 2p_2 - 1, \ldots, 2p_\sigma - 1\).

For \(r \in [1, \sigma]\) we set \(v_r = g^{*2}z^r_{p_r-1}\). For \(r \in [1, \sigma], j \in [-2p_r + 2, 2p_r - 2]_{\text{odd}}\) we have \(0 \leq p_r - 1 + (j-1)/2 \leq 2p_r - 3\) hence \(z^r_{p_r-1+(j-1)/2}\) is defined and

\[
(v_r, g^{*j}v_r) = (g^{*2}z^r_{p_r-1}, g^{*(j+2)}z^r_{p_r-1}) = (z^r_{p_r-1}, z'^r_{p_r-1+(j-1)/2}) = 0
\]

(we use that \(-p_r + 1 \leq (j - 1)/2 \leq p_r - 2\)). For \(r \in [1, \sigma]\) we have

\[
(v_r, g^{*(2p_r-1)}v_r) = (g^{*2}z^r_{p_r-1}, g^{*(2p_r-1+2)}z^r_{p_r-1})
\]

\[
= (z^r_{p_r-1}, g^{*(2p_r-1)}z^r_{p_r-1}) = (z^r_{p_r-1}, z'^r_{2p_r-2}) = \binom{2p_r - 2}{0} = 1.
\]
For $t, r \in [1, \sigma]$, $t \neq r$ and $j$ odd we have
\[(v_r, g^j v_t) = (g^{x_2 r_{p-1}}, g^{x(j+2)} z_{p-1}) = (g^{x((j-1)/2)} z_{p-1}, z_{p-1}^{t}) = 0\]
since $g^{x((j-1)/2)} z_{p-1}$ is a linear combination of $z^0_0, z^1_1, \ldots, z^0_{2p_2-2}$. Thus, if $L_r$ is the line spanned by $v_r$, we have $(L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_\sigma) \in S_\sigma$ (see 4.8). Using the isomorphism 4.9(a) we see that
\[(a) \hspace{1cm} X_g \neq \emptyset\]

(notation of 4.6).

**5.2.** Let $g \in D_{au}$ be such that $X_g \neq \emptyset$ (see 4.6); let $(V_*, V'_*) \in X_g$. Let $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_\sigma$ be as in 4.7 (with $u = \sigma$). For any $t \in [1, \sigma]$ let $W_t$ be the subspace of $V$ spanned by $(g^{x(-(2p_r+2h))} v_r)_{r \in [t, \sigma], h \in [0,2p_2-2]}$ and let $W'_t$ be the subspace of $V$ spanned by $(g^{x(-(2p_r+2h))} v_r)_{r \in [t+1, \sigma], h \in [0,2p_2-2]}$. From 4.8(a) we see that
\[V = W_t \oplus W'_t.\]

We set $N = g^{x_2 - 1} : V \to V$, a nilpotent linear map. Let $n_1 \geq n_2 \geq \cdots \geq n_\sigma$ be the sizes of the Jordan blocks of $N$; we set $n_i = 0$ for $i > u$. For any $k \geq 0$ we set
\[\Lambda'_k = \sum_{r \in [1, \sigma]} \text{max}(2p_r - 1 - k, 0).\]

We show:

(a) For any $k \geq 1$ we have $\text{dim} N^k V \geq \Lambda'_k$.

Note that $\text{dim} N^k V = \sum_{i \geq 1} \text{max}(n_i - k, 0)$. Applying [L6] 3.1(b) with $x_1, \ldots, x_f$ given by $g^{x(-(2p_r))} v_1, \ldots, g^{x(-(2p_\sigma))} v_\sigma$ and using 4.8(a) we see that for any $c \geq 1$ we have $(2p_1 - 1) + (2p_2 - 1) + \cdots + (2p_\sigma - 1) \leq n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_\sigma$. Hence for any $k \geq 1$ we have $\sum_{r \in [1, \sigma]} \text{max}(2p_r - 1 - k, 0) = \sum_{r \geq 1} \text{max}(n_r - k, 0)$ and (a) follows.

We now assume that $k > 0$ and $d \in [1, \sigma]$ is such that $2p_d - 1 \geq k$ and (if $d < \sigma$) $k < 2p_{d+1} - 1$. Then $\Lambda'_k = \sum_{r \in [1, d]} (2p_r - 1 - k)$. We show:

(b) If $\text{dim} N^k V = \Lambda'_k$, then $W_d, W'_d$ are $g^{x_2}$-stable, $gW_d = W_d^+, g^{x_2} : W_d \to W_d$ has exactly $d$ Jordan blocks (each one has size $\geq k$) and $N^k W'_d = 0$.

For $r \in [1, \sigma]$ let $v'_r = g^{x(-(2p_r))} v_r$; then $(g^{x(2h)} v'_r)_{h \in [0,2p_2-2]}$ is a basis of $X_r$ hence $(N^k v'_r)_{h \in [0,2p_2-2]}$ is a basis of $X_r$. For $r \in [1, d]$ let $Y_r$ be the subspace spanned by $N^h v'_r (h \in [k,2p_2 - 2])$. Note that $Y_r \subset N^k X_r$. Hence $\oplus_{r \in [1,d]} Y_r \subset N^k W_d \subset N^k V$. We have $\text{dim} \oplus_{r \in [1,d]} Y_r = \sum_{r \in [1,d]} (2p_r - 1 - k) = \Lambda'_k = \text{dim} N^k V$. Hence $\oplus_{r \in [1,d]} Y_r = N^k W_d = N^k V$. We have $\oplus_{r \in [1,d]} Y'_r \subset W_d$. Hence $N^k V \subset W_d$. We show that $NW_d \subset W_d$. Clearly $N$ maps the basis elements $N^h v'_r (r \in [1,d], h \in [0,2p_r - 3])$ into $W_d$. So it is enough to show that $N$ maps $N^{2p_r-2} v'_r (r \in [1,d])$ into $W_d$. But $NN^{2p_r-2} v'_r = N^{2p_r-1} v'_r = N^k N^{2p_r-1-k} v'_r \subset N^k V \subset W_d$. Thus $NW_d \subset W_d$. Hence $g^{x_2} W_d = W_d$ and $g^{x_2} W'_d = W'_d$. For $r \in [d+1, \sigma]$ we have $g^{-1} v_r \in W_d^\perp$ by 1.7(iv). Since $g^{x_2} W_d = W_d$ we have $g^{x_2} v_r \in W_d$ for all odd $j$; hence $gX_r \subset W_d^\perp$. Thus, $gW'_d \subset W_d^\perp$. Since $\text{dim} W'_d = n - \text{dim} W_d = \text{dim} W_d^\perp$, it follows that $gW'_d = W_d^\perp$. Since $g^{x_2} W_d = W_d^\perp$ it follows that $g^{x_2} W'_d = W'_d$. Let $\delta$ be the number of Jordan blocks of $N : W_d \to W_d$, that is, $\delta = \text{dim}(\ker N : W_d \to W_d)$. We have $\text{dim} W_d - \delta = \text{dim} NW_d \geq \sum_{r \in [1,d]} (2p_r - 2) = \text{dim} W_d - d$. (The inequality follows from [L6] 3.1(b) applied to $N : W_d \to W_d$.) Hence $\delta \leq d$.

From the definition of $\delta$ we see that $\text{dim}(\ker N^k : W_d \to W_d) \leq \delta k$. Recall that
dim $N^k W_d = \sum_{r \in [1, d]} (2p_r - 1 - k) = \dim W_d - kd$. Hence $\dim (\ker N^k : W_d \to W_d) = \dim W_d - \dim N^k W_d = kd$. Hence $kd \leq \delta k$. Since $k > 0$ we deduce $d \leq \delta$. Hence $d = \delta$. Since $\dim (\ker N^k : W_d \to W_d) = kd$ we see that each of the $d$ Jordan blocks of $N : W_d \to W_d$ has size $\geq k$. Since $N^k W = N^k V$ and $V = W_d \oplus W'_d$ we see that $N^k W'_d = 0$. Hence each Jordan block of $N : W'_d \to W'_d$ has size $\leq k$. This proves (b).

5.3. In this subsection we assume that $g$ is as in 5.1. By 5.1(a) we can find $(V_s, V'_s) \in X_g$ so that the definitions and results in 4.2 are applicable.

We show:

(a) if $t \in [1, \sigma]$, then $( (g^{*2} - 1)^{p_t-1} x, g(g^{*2} - 1)^{p_t-1} x ) \neq 0$ for some $x \in \ker (g^{*2} - 1)^{2p_t-1}$.

With the notation of 4.1 we have $(g^{*2})^k (z_0^t) = z_k^t$ if $k \in [0, 2p_t - 2]$,

$$(g^{*2})^{2p_t-1}(z_0^t) = \sum_{e \in [0, 2p_t-2]} (-1)^e \left(\frac{2p_t - 1}{e}\right) z_e^t$$

hence $(g^{*2} - 1)^{2p_t-1}(z_0^t) = 0$ and

$$(g^{*2} - 1)^{p_t-1}(z_0^t) = \sum_{e \in [0, p_t-1]} (-1)^{p_t-1-e} \left(\frac{p_t - 1}{e}\right) z_e^t.$$ Thus

$$((g^{*2} - 1)^{p_t-1} z_0^t, g(g^{*2} - 1)^{p_t-1} z_0^t)$$

$$= ( \sum_{e \in [0, p_t-1]} (-1)^{p_t-1-e} \left(\frac{p_t - 1}{e}\right) z_e^t, \sum_{e \in [0, p_t-1]} (-1)^{p_t-1-e} \left(\frac{p_t - 1}{e}\right) z_e^t)$$

$$= (-1)^{p_t-1}(z_0^t, z_0^{p_t-1}) = (-1)^{p_t-1}.$$ This proves (a).

5.4. Let $\mathcal{T}$ be the set of sequences $c_s = (c_1 \geq c_2 \geq c_3 \geq \ldots)$ in $\mathbb{N}$ such that $c_m = 0$ for $m \gg 0$ and $c_1 + c_2 + \ldots = n$. For $c_s \in \mathcal{T}$ we define $c_s^* = (c_1^* \geq c_2^* \geq c_3^* \geq \ldots) \in \mathcal{T}$ by $c_i^* = \{|j \geq 1; \ c_j \geq i\}$ and we set $\mu_i(c_s) = \{|j \geq 1; \ c_j = i\}$ (i \geq 1); thus we have $\mu_i(c_s) = c_s^* - c_{i+1}^*$. For $i, j \geq 1$ we have

(a) $i \leq c_j$ iff $j \leq c_i^*$.

For $c_s, c_s' \in \mathcal{T}$ we say that $c_s \leq c_s'$ if the following (equivalent) conditions are satisfied:

(i) $\sum_{j \in [1, i]} c_j \leq \sum_{j \in [1, i]} c_j'$ for any $i \geq 1$;

(ii) $\sum_{j \in [1, i]} c_j^* \geq \sum_{j \in [1, i]} c_j'^*$ for any $i \geq 1$.

The following result is proved in [LX 1.4(e)]

(b) Let $c_s, c_s' \in \mathcal{T}$ and $i \geq 1$ be such that $c_s \leq c_s'$, $\sum_{j \in [1, i]} c_j^* = \sum_{j \in [1, i]} c_j'^*$. Then $c_i^* \leq c_i'^*$. If, in addition, $\mu_i(c_s) > 0$, then $\mu_i(c_s') > 0$. 

5.5. Until the end of 5.10 we assume that \( p = 2 \) so that \( G, D \) are as in 1.1(a),(b); then \( g \in G^1 \) is almost unipotent if and only if it is unipotent. Let \( u \in G^1 \) be unipotent. We associate to \( u \) the sequence \( c_0 \in \mathcal{T} \) whose nonzero terms are the sizes of the Jordan blocks of \( u^{x^2} : V \to V \). We must have \( \mu_i(c_0) = \) even for any \( i \). We also associate to \( u \) a map \( \epsilon_u : \{ i \in 2\mathbb{N} + 1; i \neq 0, \mu_i(c_0) > 0 \} \to \{0, 1\} \) as follows: \( \epsilon_u(i) = 0 \) if \( ((u^{x^2} - 1)^{i-1}/2x, u^{x^2} - 1)^{(i-1)/2x} = 0 \) for all \( x \in \ker(u^{x^2} - 1)^i : V \to V \) and \( \epsilon_u(i) = 1 \) otherwise; we have automatically \( \epsilon_u(i) = 1 \) if \( \mu_i(c_0) \) is odd. Now \( u \mapsto (c_0, \epsilon_u) \) defines a bijection \( D \sim \mathcal{G} \) where \( \mathcal{G} \) is the set consisting of all pairs \((c_0, \epsilon)\) where \( c_0 \in \mathcal{T} \) is such that \( \mu_i(c_0) \) is even for any \( i \) and \( \epsilon : \{ i \in 2\mathbb{N} + 1; i \neq 0, \mu_i(c_0) > 0 \} \to \{0, 1\} \) is a function such that \( \epsilon(i) = 1 \) if \( \mu_i(c_0) \) is odd. (See \([\text{Sp}, \text{II}, \text{8.2}]\).) We denote by \( \gamma_{c_0, \epsilon} \) the element of \( D \) corresponding to \((c_0, \epsilon) \in \mathcal{G} \). For \((c_0, \epsilon) \in \mathcal{G} \) it will be convenient to extend \( \epsilon \) to a function \( Z_{>0} \to \{-1, 0, 1\} \) (denoted again by \( \epsilon \)) by setting \( \epsilon(i) = -1 \) if \( i \) is even or \( \mu_i(c_0) = 0 \).

Now let \( \gamma = \gamma_{c_0, \epsilon}, \gamma' = \gamma_{c_0', \epsilon'} \) with \((c_0, \epsilon), (c_0', \epsilon') \in \mathcal{G} \). Assume that \( c_0 = (2p_1 - 1, 2p_2 - 1, \ldots, 2p_\sigma - 1, 0, 0, \ldots) \) and that \( \epsilon \) is such that \( \epsilon(2p_1 - 1) = 1 \) for \( i \in [1, \sigma] \). Assume that for some/any \( g \in \gamma' \) we have \( X_g \neq \emptyset \). We will show that

(a) \( \gamma \) is contained in the closure of \( \gamma' \).

The proof of (a) (given in 5.6-5.9) is almost a copy of the proof of Theorem 1.3 in \([\text{LX}]\).

5.6. It is enough to show that

(a) \( c_0 \leq c_0' \)

and that for any \( i \geq 1 \), (b),(c) below hold:

(b) \( \sum_{j \in [1,i]} c^*_j - \max(\epsilon(i), 0) \geq \sum_{j \in [1,i]} c'^*_j - \max(\epsilon'(i), 0) \);

(c) if \( \sum_{j \in [1,i]} c^*_j = \sum_{j \in [1,i]} c'^*_j \) and \( c^*_{i+1} - c'^*_{i+1} \) is odd, then \( \epsilon'(i) \neq 0 \).

(See \([\text{Sp}, \text{II}, \text{8.2}]\).)

Let \( g \in \gamma' \). We choose \((V_s, V'_s) \in X_g \). Then the notation and results in 5.2 are valid for \( g \). From 5.2(a) we see that (a) holds. Note also that, by \([\text{LX}, \text{1.4(d)}] \), for \( i \geq 1 \), we have

(d) \( \sum_{j \in [1,i]} c^*_j = \sum_{j \in [1,i]} c'^*_j \) if \( \dim N^iV = \Lambda'_i \).

5.7. Let \( i \geq 1 \). We show (compare \([\text{LX}, \text{1.6}]\)):

(a) If \( \mu_i(c_0) > 0 \) and \( \sum_{j \in [1,i]} c^*_j = \sum_{j \in [1,i]} c'^*_j \), then \( \epsilon'(i) = 1 \).

By 5.4(b) we have \( \mu_i(c_0') > 0 \). Since \( \mu_i(c_0) > 0 \) we see that \( i = 2p_d - 1 \) for some \( d \in [1, \sigma] \). If \( \mu_i(c_0') \) is odd, then \( \epsilon'(i) = 1 \) (by definition, since \( i \) is odd). Thus we may assume that \( \mu_i(c_0') \in \{2, 4, 6, \ldots\} \). From our assumption we have that \( \dim N^iV = \Lambda'_i \) (see 5.6(d)).

Let \( v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_\sigma \) be vectors in \( V \) attached to \( V_s, V'_s, g \) as in 4.7. For \( r \in [1, \sigma] \) let \( W_r, W'_r \) be as in 5.2; we set \( W_0 = 0, W'_0 = V \). From 5.2(b) we see that \( N^iW'_{d-1} = 0 \) at least if \( d \geq 2 \); but the same clearly holds if \( d = 1 \). We have \( g^{-(2p_d)}v_d \in W'_{d-1} \); since \( W'_{d-1} \) is \( g^{x^2} \)-stable (see 5.2) we have \( v_d \in W'_d \) hence \( N^{2p_d - 1}v_d = 0 \) (see 5.2)
and
\[
(N^{p_d - 1} v_d, g N^{p_d - 1} v_d) = \sum_{e, e' \in [0, p_d - 1]} \left( \frac{p_d - 1}{e} \right) \left( \frac{p_d - 1}{e'} \right) \left( g^{(2e') \ast} v_d, g^{(2e' + 1)} v_d \right)
= (v_d, g^{(2p_d - 1)} v_d) = 1.
\]
(We have used that \((v_d, g^{(2j)} v_d) = 0\) if \(j \in [-2p_d + 2, 2p_d - 2]\) odd and \((v_d, g^{(2p_d - 1)} v_d) = 1\). Thus \(e'(i) = 1\). This proves (a).

5.8. We prove 5.6(b). It is enough to show that, if \(e(i) = 1\) and \(e'(i) \leq 0\), then
\[
\sum_{j \in [1, i]} c_j^* \geq \sum_{j \in [1, i]} c_j^{* \prime} + 1.
\]
Assume this is not so. Then using 5.6(a) we have
\[
\sum_{j \in [1, i]} c_j^* = \sum_{j \in [1, i]} c_j^{* \prime}.
\]
Since \(e(i) = 1\) we have \(\mu_i(c_a) > 0\); using 5.7(a) we see that \(e'(i) = 1\), a contradiction. Thus 5.6(b) holds.

5.9. We prove 5.6(c). If \(i\) is even, then \(e'(i) = -1\), as required. Thus we may assume that \(i\) is odd. Using 5.6(a) and 5.4(b) we see that \(c_i^* \leq c_i^{* \prime}\). Assume first that \(c_i^* = c_i^{* \prime}\). From \(\mu_i(c_a) = c_i^* - c_i^{* + 1}\), \(\mu_i(c_a') = c_i^{* \prime} - c_i^{* \prime + 1}\) we deduce that \(\mu_i(c_a) - \mu_i(c_a') = c_i^* - 1 - c_i^{* + 1}\). If \(\mu_i(c_a)\) is odd we have \(e'(i) = 1\) (since \(i\) is even); thus we have \(e'(i) \neq 0\), as required. If \(\mu_i(c_a') = 0\) we have \(e'(i) = -1\); thus we have \(e'(i) \neq 0\), as required. If \(\mu_i(c_a') \in \{2, 4, 6, \ldots\}\), then \(\mu_i(c_a)\) is odd so that \(\mu_i(c_a) > 0\) and then 5.7(a) shows that \(e'(i) = 1\); thus we have \(e'(i) \neq 0\), as required.

Assume next that \(c_i^* < c_i^{* \prime}\). By 5.6(a) we have \(\sum_{j \in [1, i+1]} c_j^* \geq \sum_{j \in [1, i+1]} c_j^{* \prime}\); using the assumption of 5.6(c) we deduce that \(c_{i+1}^* \geq c_{i+1}^{* \prime}\). Combining this with \(c_i^* < c_i^{* \prime}\) we deduce \(c_{i+1}^* < c_{i+1}^{* \prime} < c_i^* - c_i^{* + 1}\), that is, \(\mu_i(c_i + 1) < \mu_i(c_i')\). It follows that \(\mu_i(c_i') > 0\). If \(\mu_i(c_i) > 0\), then by 5.7(a) we have \(e'(i) = 1\); thus we have \(e'(i) \neq 0\), as required. Thus we can assume that \(\mu_i(c_i) = 0\). We then have \(c_i^* = c_{i+1}^* + 1\) and we set \(\delta = c_i^* = c_{i+1}^*\). As we have seen earlier, we have \(c_{i+1}^* \geq c_{i+1}^{* \prime}\); using this and the assumption of 4.6(c) we see that \(c_{i+1}^* - c_{i+1}^{* \prime} = 2a + 1\) where \(a \in \mathbb{N}\). It follows that \(c_{i+1}^{* \prime} = \delta - (2a + 1)\). In particular, we have \(\delta \geq 2a + 1 > 0\).

If \(k \in [0, 2a]\) we have \(c_{i-k} = i\). (Indeed, assume that \(i + 1 \leq c_{i-k}\); then by 5.4(a) we have \(\delta - k \leq c_{i+1}^{* \prime} = \delta - (2a + 1)\) hence \(k \geq 2a + 1\), a contradiction. Thus \(c_{i-k} \leq i\). On the other hand, \(\delta = c_{i-k} < c_{i-k}^{* \prime}\) implies by 5.4(a) that \(i \leq c_{i-k}\). Thus \(c_{i-k} \leq i \leq c_{i-k}^{* \prime} \leq c_{i-k}^{* \prime} - k\) hence \(c_{i-k}^{* \prime} = i\).

Using 5.4(a) and \(c_{i+1}^{* \prime} = \delta - (2a + 1)\) we see that \(c_{i-2a+1} \geq i + 1\) (assuming that \(\delta - (2a + 1) > 0\)). Thus the sequence \(c_1', c_2', \ldots, c_{i-k}'\) contains exactly \(2a + 1\) terms equal to \(i\), namely \(c_{i-2a}, \ldots, c_{i-2a+k}'\).

We have \(i > c_{i+1}\). (If \(i \leq c_{i+1}\), then from 5.4(a) we would get \(\delta + 1 \leq c_i^* = \delta\), a contradiction.)

Since \(\delta > 0\), from \(c_i^* = \delta\) we deduce that \(i \leq c_\delta\) (see 5.4(a)); since \(\mu_i(c_a) = 0\) we have \(c_\delta \neq i\) hence \(c_\delta > i\). From the assumption of 5.6(c) we see that \(\dim N\delta V = \Lambda_i\) (see 5.6(d)). Using this and \(c_\delta > i > c_{i+1}\) we see that 5.2(b) is applicable and gives that \(V = W_\delta \oplus W_\delta^\perp\). From \(W_\delta, W_\delta^\perp\) are \(g^{* \prime}\)-stable and \(g W_\delta^\prime = W_\delta^\perp\); moreover, \(g^{* \prime}: W_\delta \to W_\delta\) has exactly \(\delta\) Jordan blocks and each one has size \(\geq i\) and \(g^{* \prime}: W_\delta^\perp \to W_\delta^\perp\) has only Jordan blocks of size \(\leq i\). Since the \(\delta\) largest numbers in the sequence \(c_1', c_2', \ldots\) are \(c_1', c_2', \ldots, c_{\delta}'\) we see that the sizes of the Jordan blocks of \(g^{* \prime}: W_\delta \to W_\delta\) are \(c_1', c_2', \ldots, c_{\delta}'\). Since the last sequence contains an odd number \((2a + 1)\) of terms equal to \(i\) we see that \(e_{g wr}(i) = 1\). (We explain the meaning of the last equation. The dual space \(W_\delta^*\) of \(W_\delta\) can be identified canonically with \(V^* / W_\delta^\perp\). This can
be identified canonically with $gW_\delta$ since $V^* = gW_\delta \oplus gW_\delta' = gW_\delta \oplus W_\delta^*$. Hence $x \mapsto gx$ can be viewed as an isomorphism $W_\delta \to W_\delta^*$, denoted by $g|W_\delta$. Note that $(g|W_\delta)^*\epsilon$ is equal to the restriction of $\epsilon^2$ to $W_\delta$ hence is unipotent hence $g|W_\delta$ is unipotent and its invariant $\epsilon|W_\delta(i)$ is defined.) Hence there exists $z \in W_\delta$ such that $(g^z - 1)^z = 0$ and $(g^z - 1)^i z = g(z^j - 1)^j z = 1$. This shows that $\epsilon|W_\delta(i)$, that is, $\epsilon'(i)$ is $1$. This completes the proof of 5.6(c) and also completes the proof of 5.5(a).

From 5.5(a) (which is applicable in view of 5.3(a)) we see that 1.3(a) holds for any $C \in W_{\text{unif}}$. Moreover, we see that 1.3(b), 1.3(d) hold for $G, D$ (we use the description of distinguished unipotent classes of $D$ given in [Sp]). This completes the verification of 1.4 for our $G, D$.

5.10. We now prove Theorem 1.14 for our $G, D$. (Recall that $p = 2$). We can assume that $w = z_p$, with $p_\sigma = (p_1 \geq p_2 \geq \cdots \geq p_\sigma)$ as in 4.4; thus $2(p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_\sigma) = n + \sigma$. We then have

$$l(w) = p_1 + 3p_2 + \cdots + (2\sigma - 1)p_\sigma - (\sigma^2 - \sigma)/2.$$ 

Since $g^z$ has Jordan blocks of sizes $2p_1 - 1, 2p_2 - 1, \ldots, 2p_\sigma - 1$, we see from [Sp, p. 96] and 5.3(a) that

$$d := \dim(Z(g)) = \sum_{h \geq 1} f_h^2/2 - \sum_{h \geq 1, \text{odd}} f_h + n/2$$

where $f_1 \geq f_2 \geq \cdots$ is the partition dual to $2p_1 - 1, \ldots, 2p_\sigma - 1$; thus, for $j \geq 1$ we have $f_j = \#(i \in [1, \sigma]; 2p_i - 1 \geq j)$. Note also that $Z_{G,0} = \{1\}$. We must show that $l(w) = d$. We can find integers $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_t, b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_t$ (all $\geq 1$) such that $b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_t = \sigma$, $2p_i - 1 = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_t$ for $i \in [1, b_1]$, $2p_i - 1 = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_{t-1}$ for $i \in [b_1 + 1, b_1 + b_2]$, \ldots, $2p_i - 1 = a_1$ for $i \in [b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_{t-1} + 1, b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_t]$. We have

$$2l(w) = (a_1 + \cdots + a_t + 1)b_1^2 + (a_1 + \cdots + a_{t-1} + 1)((b_1 + b_2)^2 - b_1^2)$$

$$+ (a_1 + 1)((b_1 + \cdots + b_t)^2 - (b_1 + \cdots + b_{t-1})^2) - (\sigma^2 + \sigma)$$

$$= a_1(b_1 + \cdots + b_t)^2 + a_2(b_1 + \cdots + b_{t-1})^2 + \cdots + a_t b_1^2 - \sigma.$$ 

We have

$$2d = a_1(b_1 + \cdots + b_t)^2 + a_2(b_1 + \cdots + b_{t-1})^2 + \cdots + a_t b_1^2$$

$$- (a_1 + 1)(b_1 + \cdots + b_t) - a_2(b_1 + \cdots + b_{t-1}) - \cdots - a_t b_1 + 2(n/2).$$

To show that $d = l(w)$, we must show:

$$a_1(b_1 + \cdots + b_t)^2 + a_2(b_1 + \cdots + b_{t-1})^2 + \cdots + a_t b_1^2 - \sigma$$

$$= a_1(b_1 + \cdots + b_t)^2 + a_2(b_1 + \cdots + b_{t-1})^2 + \cdots + a_t b_1^2$$

$$- (a_1 + 1)(b_1 + \cdots + b_t) - a_2(b_1 + \cdots + b_{t-1}) - \cdots - a_t b_1 + n.$$ 

or that

$$n = a_1(b_1 + \cdots + b_t) + a_2(b_1 + \cdots + b_{t-1}) + \cdots + a_t b_1.$$ 

But this is just another way to write the identity $n = (2p_1 - 1) + (2p_2 - 1) + \cdots + (2p_\sigma - 1)$. This completes the proof.
5.11. In this subsection we assume that \( p \neq 2 \). Let \( D_\sigma = \{ s \in D; s^{*2} = 1 \} \). Now \( D_\sigma \) is in bijection with the set of nondegenerate symmetric bilinear forms on \( V \) with values in \( k \): to \( s \in D_\sigma \) corresponds the symmetric bilinear form \( g \) given by 
\[ x, x' \mapsto s(x)(x') = s(x')(x). \]
Note that for \( g \in D \) we have \( g \in D_{au} \) if and only if \( g = su \) where \( s \in D_\sigma \) and \( u \) is a unipotent element in \( G^0 \) commuting with \( s \) or, equivalently, \( u \) is a unipotent element of the orthogonal group \( O_g \). It follows that the set \( D_{au} \) of \( G^0 \)-conjugacy classes in \( D_{au} \) is in bijection with the set of partitions of \( n \) such that each even part appears an even number of times: to \( \gamma \in D_{au} \) corresponds the partition given by the sizes of the Jordan blocks of \( g \) for some/any \( g \in \gamma \). We will define a canonical map \( \Phi : W \to D_{au} \) using the same principle as that used in Theorem 1.3. For \( w \in W \), \( \gamma \in D_{au} \) we write \( w \dashv \gamma \) if for some/any \( g \in \gamma \) and some \( B \in \mathcal{B} \) we have \( (B, gBg^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_w \). For \( w \in W \) we set 
\[ \Sigma_{w,D} = \{ \gamma \in D_{au}; w \dashv \gamma \}; \]
we regard \( \Sigma_{w,D} \) as a partially ordered set where \( \gamma \leq \gamma' \) if \( \gamma \subset \gamma' \) (closure of \( \gamma' \) in \( D \)). Using arguments as in the proof of 1.2(a) we see that if \( w, w' \) are elements of \( W_{D-min} \), which are \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugate, then \( \Sigma_{w,D} = \Sigma_{w',D} \). Hence for any \( C \in W_D \) we can define \( \Sigma'_{C,D} = \Sigma_{w,D} \) where \( w \) is any element of \( C_{min} \). We have the following result.

(a) Let \( C \in W_D^{el} \). There exists (a necessarily unique) \( \gamma \in \Sigma'_{C,D} \) such that \( \gamma \leq \gamma' \) for all \( \gamma' \in \Sigma'_{C,D} \). We set \( \gamma = \Phi'(C) \).

We can assume that \( C \) contains \( z_p \) (as in 4.4) so that \( \Sigma'_{C,D} = \Sigma'_{p,D} \). Then the result follows from 5.1 and 5.2(a). Note that for \( C \) as above, \( \Phi'(C) \) is the \( G^0 \)-orbit in \( D_{au} \) corresponding to the partition \( 2p_1 - 1, 2p_2 - 1, \ldots, 2p_\sigma - 1 \) of \( n \). We note also that the analogues of 1.3(b),(d) clearly hold in our case. Namely, if \( C, C' \) are elements of \( W_D^{el} \) and \( \Phi'(C) = \Phi'(C') \), then \( C = C' \); moreover, if \( \gamma \in D_{au} \) is distinguished (in the sense that the centralizer in \( G^0 \) of an element of \( \gamma \) contains no torus \( \neq 1 \), then \( \gamma = \Phi'(C) \) for some \( C \in W_D^{el} \). Also if \( C \in W_D^{el}, w \in C_{min} \) and \( \gamma = \Phi'(C) \), then for any \( g \in \gamma \) we have \( \dim(Z_C(g)) = l(w) \) (compare 1.14); the proof is the same as that in 5.10. Using arguments similar to those in the proof of 1.4(a) we see that (a) holds in the same form for any \( C \in W_D \) (not necessarily elliptic). Thus, \( \Phi' : W_D \to D_{au} \) is well defined and surjective.

We now give a combinatorial description of the map \( \Phi' : W_D \to D_{au} \). We identify \( W_p \) with the set of partitions of \( n \) (to the \( \epsilon_D \)-conjugacy class of \( w \) in \( W \) corresponds the partition which gives the lengths of the cycles of the permutation \( uw \) of \( [1, n] \), \( w \) as in 4.3). We identify \( D_{au} \) with the set of partitions of \( n \) in which any even part appears an even number of times (to the \( GL(V) \)-conjugacy class of \( g \in D_{au} \) we associate the partition which gives the sizes of the Jordan blocks of \( g^{*2} \)). Then \( \Phi'(\lambda) = \zeta \) where each odd part \( 2a + 1 \) of \( \lambda \) gives a part of size \( 2a + 1 \) of \( \zeta \) and each even part \( 2a \) of \( \lambda \) gives two parts of size \( a, a \) of \( \zeta \). For example, if \( \lambda = (5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1) \), then \( \Phi'(\lambda) = (5, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1) \).

From this combinatorial description we see that we have the following analogue of Theorem 1.16.

For any \( \gamma \in D_{au} \) the function \( \Phi'^{-1}(\gamma) \to N \), \( C \mapsto \mu(C) \) (\( \mu \) defined as in the proof of 1.4(a)) reaches its minimum at a unique element \( C_0 \in \Phi'^{-1}(\gamma) \). Thus we have a well-defined map \( \Psi' : D_{au} \to W_D \), \( \gamma \mapsto C_0 \) such that \( \Phi' \Psi' : D_{au} \to D_{au} \) is the identity map.

5.12. In this subsection \( p \) is arbitrary. We fix a sequence \( p_* = (p_1 \geq p_2 \geq \cdots \geq p_\sigma) \) in \( Z_{>0} \) such that \( n = (2p_1 - 1) + \cdots + (2p_\sigma - 1) \) and \( (V_*, V'_* ) \in \mathcal{O}_w \) where \( w = z_{p_*} \).
Let $g \in G^1$ be such that $g \cdot V_* = V'_* = V'_*$ and such that $N := g^{*2} - 1 : V \to V$ is nilpotent with Jordan blocks of sizes $2p_1 - 1, 2p_2 - 1, \ldots, 2p_\sigma - 1$. Let $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_\sigma$ be the sequence of vectors associated to $g$ in 4.7 (with $u = \sigma$); these vectors are defined up to multiplication by $\pm 1$. For $t \in [1, \sigma]$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ we set $z_i^t = g^{*(2i - 2p_1)} v_t$ and $z_i'^t = g z_i^t$. From the definitions we see that

(a) $z_i'^t = g z_i^t, z_i'^{t+1} = \tilde{g} z_i'^t$ for all $t, i$;

(b) $(z_i^t, z_i'^t) = 0$ if $j - i \in [-p_t + 1, p_t - 2], (z_i^t, z_i'^t) = 1$ if $j - i \in \{-p_t, p_t - 1\}$ ($t \in [1, \sigma], i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$).

Moreover, by the argument in 4.8(a) we have that $\{z_i^t; t \in [1, \sigma], i \in [0, 2p_t - 2]\}$ is a basis of $V$. For any $t \in [1, \sigma]$ let $X_t$ be the subspace of $V$ spanned by $\{z_i^t; i \in [0, 2p_t - 2]\}$ so that $V = X_1 \oplus X_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_\sigma$. Note that for any $k \geq 0$ we have $\dim N^k(V) = \sum_{r \in [1, \sigma]} \max(2p_r - 1 - k, 0)$. Applying 5.2(b) with $k = 2p_d - 1$ for $d = 1, 2, \ldots, \sigma$ we see that each of the subspaces

$$X_1 \subset X_1 \oplus X_2 \subset \cdots \subset X_1 \oplus X_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_\sigma,$$

$$X_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_{\sigma+1} \supset \cdots \supset X_{\sigma} \oplus X_{\sigma+1} \supset X_{\sigma+1}$$

of $V$ is $g^{*2}$-stable. Taking intersections we see that each of the subspaces $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_\sigma$ of $V$ is $g^{*2}$-stable. From 5.2(b) we see also that

$$(X_1 \oplus X_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_e, g(X_{e+1} \oplus X_{e+2} \oplus \cdots \oplus X_\sigma)) = 0$$

for any $e \in [1, \sigma]$ hence $(X_t, g X_r)$ for $t < r$ in $[1, \sigma]$. Using this and 4.1(a) we see that if $t < r$, then $(X_t, g X_t) = (X_t, g^{*-1} X_r) = (X_t, g X_r) = 0$. (We have used that $X_t$ is $g^{*2}$-stable.) Thus $(X_t, g X_t) = 0$ for any $t \neq r$ in $[1, \sigma]$. We see that

(c) $(z_i^t, z_i'^t) = 0$ if $t \neq r, i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We now show for any $r \in [1, \sigma]$ that

(d) $(z_i^r, z_i'^r) = \binom{j-i+p_r-1}{j-i-p_r+1}$ if $j - i \geq p_r - 1$,

(e) $(z_i^r, z_i'^r) = \binom{j-1+p_r-2}{j-1-p_r}$ if $j - i \leq -p_r$.

We first prove (d). When $j - i = p_r - 1$, (d) holds by (b). Now assume that $j - i = p_r - 1 + s$ where $s > 0$ and that (d) is known when $j - i = p_r - 1 + s'$, $0 \leq s' < s$. Since $g^{*2}$ restricts to a unipotent automorphism of $X_r$ and $\dim X_r = 2p_r - 1$, we see that $N^{2p_r - 1}$ acts as $0$ on $X_r$, so that $(g^{*2} - 1)^{2p_r - 1} z_0^r = 0$. Since $g^{*2} z_1^r = z_2^r, \ldots, g^{*2} z_{2p_r-2}^r = z_{2p_r-1}^r$, it follows that

$$\sum_{k \in [0, 2p_r - 1]} (-1)^k \binom{2p_r - 1}{k} z_k^r = 0,$$

$$\sum_{k \in [0, 2p_r - 1]} (-1)^k \binom{2p_r - 1}{k} (z_k^r, z_{p_r-1+s}^r) = 0.$$
for $s > 0$ or setting $m = s - k$ we get
\[
\sum_{s \geq 0} \sum_{k \in [0,2p_r-1];m \geq 0;k+m=s} (-1)^k \binom{2p_r-1}{k} \binom{2p_r + m - 2}{m} T^s = 1
\]
where $T$ is an indeterminate. An equivalent statement is
\[
\left( \sum_{k \in [0,2p_r-1]} (-1)^k \binom{2p_r-1}{k} T^k \right) \left( \sum_{m \geq 0} \binom{2p_r + m - 2}{m} T^m \right) = 1.
\]
This follows from the identity $\sum_{m \geq 0} \binom{M+m-1}{m} T^m = (1-T)^{-M}$ (for $M \geq 1$) which is easily verified. This proves (d).

We now prove (e). Assume that $j - i \leq -p_r$. Using 4.1(a), we have
\[
(z_t^r, z_t'^r) = (z_t^r, g z_t^r) = (z_t^r, g^*(1) z_t^r) = (z_t^r, g z_{t-1}^r) = (z_t^r, z_{t-1}').
\]
Note that $i - 1 - j \geq p_r - 1$ hence using (d) we have
\[
(z_j^r, z_{t-1}') = \begin{pmatrix} i - 1 - j + p_r - 1 \\ i - 1 - j - p_r + 1 \end{pmatrix}
\]
and (e) follows.

Now let $\tilde{g} \in G^1$ be another element such that $\tilde{g} \cdot V_\ast = V'_\ast$ and such that $\tilde{N} := \tilde{g}^2 - 1 : V \to V$ is nilpotent with Jordan blocks of sizes $2p_1-1, 2p_2-1, \ldots, 2p_\sigma-1$.

We associate to $\tilde{g}$ vectors $\tilde{z}_i^t \in V, \tilde{z}_i^{t'} \in V^\ast$ in the same way as $z_i^t \in V, z_i^{t'} \in V^\ast$ were associated to $g$. From (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) for $g$ and $\tilde{g}$ we see that
\[
\begin{align*}
(z_t^r, z_t'^r) &= (z_t^r, \tilde{g} z_t^r) = (z_t^r, \tilde{g} z_{t-1}^r) = (z_t^r, \tilde{g} z_{t-1}') = (z_t^r, z_{t-1}') \\
(z_i^t, z_i^{t'}) &= (z_i^t, \tilde{g} z_i^t) = (z_i^t, \tilde{g} z_{i-1}^t) = (z_i^t, \tilde{g} z_{i-1}') = (z_i^t, z_{i-1}') \\
(z_t^r, z_i^{t'}) &= (z_t^r, \tilde{g} z_i^{t'}) = (z_t^r, \tilde{g} z_{i-1}^{t'}) = (z_t^r, \tilde{g} z_{i-1}') = (z_t^r, z_{i-1}')
\end{align*}
\]
Since $\{z_i^t; t \in [1, \sigma], i \in [0, 2p_t-2]\}$ and $\{\tilde{z}_i^t; t \in [1, \sigma], i \in [0, 2p_t-2]\}$ are bases of $V$ there is a unique isomorphism of vector spaces $T : V \to V$ such that $\tilde{z}_i^t = T(z_i^t)$ for all $t \in [1, \sigma], i \in [0, 2p_t-1]$. The formulas above show that $(z_i^t, g z_i^t) = (T(z_i^t), \tilde{g} T(z_i^t))$ (that is, $(z_i^t, g z_i^t) = (z_i^t, \tilde{g} T(z_i^t))$) for any $t, r$ in $[1, \sigma]$ and any $i \in [0, 2p_t-2], j \in [0, 2p_r-2]$. It follows that $g = \tilde{g} T^{-1} \tilde{g} T$.

From the definitions, for any $r \in [1, \sigma], i \in [1, p_r]$, the subspace $V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + i}$ is generated by $z_{i}^{t} \ (t < r, h \in [0, p_{h-1}])$ and by $z_{i}^{t} \ (h \in [0, i-1])$; similarly, the subspace $V_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{r-1} + i}$ is generated by $z_{i}^{h} \ (t < r, h \in [0, p_{h-1}])$ and by $z_{i}^{h} \ (h \in [0, i-1])$. Also, for any $r \in [1, \sigma]$ and any $i \in [1, p_r]$, the subspace $V_{(p_1-1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i}$ is generated by $z_{i}^{h} \ (t < r, h \in [1, p_{h-1}])$ and by $z_{i}^{h} \ (h \in [1, i])$. Similarly, the subspace $V_{(p_1-1) + \cdots + (p_{r-1} - 1) + i}$ is generated by $z_{i}^{h} \ (t < r, h \in [1, p_{h-1}])$ and by $z_{i}^{h} \ (h \in [1, i])$. It follows that $TV_u = V_u$ for $u \in [0, p_1 + \cdots + p_\sigma]$ and $TV_u = V_u$ for $u \in [1, p_1 + \cdots + p_\sigma - \sigma]$. For any $i \in [0, n]$ we have
\[
V_i' = (g V_{n-i}^\perp) = (\tilde{g} V_{n-i}^\perp) = (T g T^{-1} V_{n-i}^\perp) = T ((g T^{-1} V_{n-i}^\perp)).
\]
For $u \in [p_1 + \cdots + p_\sigma - \sigma, n - 1]$ we have $n - u \in [1, p_1 + \cdots + p_\sigma]$ hence $T^{-1} V_{n-u} = V_{n-u}$ and $V_u' = T ((g V_{n-u}^\perp) = TV_u'$. Thus $TV_i' = V_i'$ for all $i \in [0, n]$. For $u \in [p_1 + \cdots + p_\sigma, n - 1]$ we have
\[
g V_u = \tilde{g} V_u = \tilde{T} g T^{-1} V_u = (V_u')^\perp = (TV_{n-u}^\perp) = \tilde{T} ((V_{n-u}^\perp) = T g V_u
\]
hence $T^{-1}V_u = V_u$. Thus $TV_i = V_i$ for all $i \in [0, n]$. Thus we have the following result (where $\gamma$ denotes the set of all $g \in D_{au}$ such that the Jordan blocks of $g^* - 1 : V \to V$ have sizes $2p_1 - 1, 2p_2 - 1, \ldots, 2p_r - 1$):

(f) The $GL(V)$-action $x : (g, B) \mapsto (xgx^{-1}, xBx^{-1})$ on $\{(g, B) \in \gamma \times \mathcal{B}; (B, gBg^{-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_w\}$ is transitive.

In the special case where $p = 2$ this proves Theorem 1.15 for our $G, D$.

6. Finite unitary groups

6.1. In this section we preserve the setup of 4.1 and we assume that $q > 1$. We fix $g \in G^1$. Then $\phi := g^* g = gg : V \to V$ (resp. $\phi' := g^* : V^* \to V^*$) is the Frobenius map for a rational structure on $V$ (resp. $V^*$) over the finite subfield $F_{q^2}^2$ with $q^2$ elements of $k$. Note that $V^\phi := \{ x \in V; \phi(x) = x \}$, $V^\phi' := \{ x \in V^*; \phi'(x) = x \}$ are $F_{q^2}$-vector spaces of dimension $n$ such that $V = k \otimes_{F_{q^2}} V^\phi$, $V^* = k \otimes_{F_{q^2}} V^\phi'$ and that $\phi$ restricts to an $F_q$-linear isomorphism $V^\phi \to V^\phi'$. For $x, x' \in V$ we set $\langle x, x' \rangle = (x, gx')$. From 4.1(a) we deduce $\langle \phi(x), x' \rangle = \langle x', x \rangle^q$ for any $x, x' \in k$. In particular, if $x, x' \in V^\phi$ we have

(a) $\langle x, x' \rangle = \langle x', x \rangle^q$.

Applying (a) twice we see that $\langle x, x' \rangle = \langle x, x' \rangle^{q^2}$ for any $x, x' \in V^\phi$. Thus $x, x' \mapsto \langle x, x' \rangle$ is a (nondegenerate) hermitian form $V^\phi \times V^\phi \to F_{q^2}$. It follows that we can find a basis $e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n$ of $V$ such that $\phi(e_i) = e_i$ for $i \in [1, n]$ and $(e_i, e_j) = \delta_{ij}$ for $i, j \in [1, n]$.

We define a group isomorphism $\psi : G^0 \to G^0$ by $x \mapsto g \ast x \ast g^{(-1)} = g\bar{X}g^{-1}$. We express $\psi$ in coordinates. Let $e'_1, e'_2, \ldots, e'_n$ be the basis of $V^\ast$ such that $(e_i, e'_j) = \delta_{ij}$ for $i, j \in [1, n]$. Note that $e'_i = ge_i$ for all $i$. Let $x \in G^0$. We have $xe_i = \sum_j x_{ij}e_j$, $x_{ij} \in k$. Let $(x'_{ij})$ be the matrix which is transpose inverse to $(x_{ij})$. Then $\psi(x)(e_i) = \sum_j x'^{ij}_{e}e_j$ for all $i$. We see that $\psi$ is the Frobenius map for an $F_q$-rational structure on $G^0$. As pointed out in 4.2 for any $V_\ast \in F$ we have $B_{g, V_\ast} = g \ast B_{V_\ast} \ast g^{(-1)} = \psi(B_{V_\ast})$. Hence, if $p_\ast, w = z_{p_\ast}$ are as in 4.4, the condition that $(V_\ast, g \cdot V_\ast) \in \mathcal{O}_w$ is equivalent to the condition that $B_{V_\ast} \in X_{z_{p_\ast}}$ where $X_{z_{p_\ast}}$ is the variety of all $B \in B$ such that $B, \psi(B)$ are in relative position $w$ (see [DL]). Thus $(V_\ast, g \cdot V_\ast) \mapsto B_{V_\ast}$ is an isomorphism $X_g \simeq X_{z_{p_\ast}}$. Composing with 4.9(a) we deduce that $X_{z_{p_\ast}}$ is isomorphic to the variety consisting of all sequences $L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_\sigma$ of lines in $V$ such that for any $r \in [1, \sigma]$ we have

- $\langle L_r, \phi^h L_t \rangle = 0$ if $t \in [1, \sigma], t < r, h \in [-p_t, p_t - 2]$;
- $\langle L_r, \phi^h L_r \rangle = 0$ if $h \in [-p_r + 1, p_r - 2]$;
- $\langle L_r, \phi^{2p_r-1} L_r \rangle \neq 0$.

Thus $X_{z_{p_\ast}}$ can be viewed as the quotient of the variety consisting of all sequences $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_\sigma$ of vectors in $V$ such that for any $r \in [1, \sigma]$ we have

- $\langle v_r, \phi^h v_t \rangle = 0$ if $t \in [1, \sigma], t < r, h \in [-p_t, p_t - 2]$;
- $\langle v_r, \phi^h v_r \rangle = 0$ if $h \in [-p_r + 1, p_r - 2]$;
- $\langle v_r, \phi^{2p_r-1} v_r \rangle = 1$.

(a model of the variety $\tilde{X}_{z_{p_\ast}}$ of [DL]) by the obvious (free) action of the group

$\{(\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_\sigma) \in k^{*\sigma}; \lambda_r^{2p_r-1} + 1 = 1 \text{ for all } r\}$. 
Hence this description provides a new proof of the affineness of $X_{zp*}$ and $\tilde{X}_{zp*}$ (the first proof is given in [H2]; another proof is given in [HL]).

7. Final remarks

7.1. In this section we assume that $G$ is as in 1.1(a). Let $\bar{G}_p$ be the set of unipotent elements of $\bar{G} := G/G^0$. For any $D \in \bar{G}_p$ we will write $\Phi_D : \mathbf{W}_D \to D$ for the map denoted by $\Phi$ in 1.3(a) (relative to $D$). If $\alpha : G \to G$ is an automorphism of algebraic groups and $D \in \bar{G}_p$, then $\alpha$ induces naturally bijections $\alpha_* : \mathbf{W}_D \to \mathbf{W}_{\alpha(D)}$, $\alpha_* : D \to \alpha(D)$ and from the definitions we have

(a) $\alpha_*(\Phi_D((C)) = \Phi_{\alpha(D)}(\alpha_*(C))$

for any $C \in \mathbf{W}_D$. We consider the semidirect product $\bar{G}\mathbf{W}$ in which for $D \in \bar{G}$ and $w \in \mathbf{W}$ we have $DwD^{-1} = \epsilon_D(w)$. Let $c_p(\bar{G})$ be the set of conjugacy classes in $\bar{G}\mathbf{W}$ of elements of the form $Dw, D \in \bar{G}_p, w \in \mathbf{W}$. Let $G$ be the set of unipotent $G$-conjugacy classes in $G$. Let $D \in \bar{G}_p, w \in \mathbf{W}$. Let $C$ be the $\epsilon_D$-conjugacy class of $w$. Let $\gamma_{Dw}$ be the unipotent $G$-conjugacy class of $G$ that contains $\Phi_D(C)$. We show that for $D' \in \bar{G}, w' \in \mathbf{W}$ we have

(b) $\gamma_{D'w'Dw(D'w')^{-1}} = \gamma_{Dw}$.

We have

$$D'w'Dw(D'w')^{-1} = D'D\epsilon_D^{-1}(w')ww'^{-1}D'^{-1} = D'DD'^{-1}\epsilon_D'(\epsilon_D^{-1}(w'))\epsilon_D'(w)\epsilon_D'(w'^{-1})$$

$$= D'DD'^{-1}(\epsilon_D'(\epsilon_D^{-1}(w'))\epsilon_D'(w)\epsilon_D'(w'^{-1})) = \epsilon_{D'}(D'w'^{-1})$$

Thus $D'w'Dw(D'w')^{-1}$ is $\epsilon_{D'D'}$-conjugate to $\epsilon_D'(w)$. Let $C'$ be the $\epsilon_{D'D'}$-conjugacy class of $\epsilon_D'(w)$. It is enough to show that $\Phi_D(C), \Phi_{D'D}(C')$ are contained in the same $G$-conjugacy class of $G$. Let $\alpha : G \to G$ be the automorphism $x \mapsto \alpha'x'x'^{-1}$ where $x \in D'$ is fixed. We have $\alpha(D) = D'\alpha(D)$ and $\alpha_*(C) = C'$. Using (a) we have

$$\Phi_{D'D}(C') = \Phi_{\alpha(D)}(\alpha_*(C)) = \alpha_*(\Phi_D(C)) = x\Phi_D(C)x^{-1}$$

Thus $\Phi_D(C), \Phi_{D'D}(C')$ are indeed contained in the same $G$-conjugacy class of $G$. This proves (b).

From (b) we see that $Dw \mapsto \gamma_{Dw}$ is constant on the $\bar{G}\mathbf{W}$-conjugacy classes of $\bar{G}\mathbf{W}$ which comprise $c_p(\bar{G}\mathbf{W})$; hence it defines a map $\tilde{\Phi} : c_p(\bar{G}\mathbf{W}) \to G$ which is surjective since $\Phi_D$ is surjective for any $D \in \bar{G}_p$.

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