# UNIPOTENT CHARACTER SHEAVES AND STRATA OF A REDUCTIVE GROUP

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ABSTRACT. Let H be a connected reductive group over an algebraically closed field. We define a surjective map from the set CS(H) of unipotent character sheaves on H (up to isomorphism) to the set of strata of H. To do this we use the generalized Springer correspondence. We also give a new parametrization of CS(H) in terms of data coming from bad characteristic.

#### INTRODUCTION

0.1. Let H be a reductive connected group over  $\mathbf{C}$ . Let  $Pr = \{2, 3, 5, ...\}$  be the set of prime numbers; let  $\overline{Pr} = Pr \cup \{0\}$ . For  $r \in Pr$  let  $\mathbf{k}_r$  be an algebraic closure of a finite field with r elements and let  $H_r$  be a reductive connected group over  $\mathbf{k}_r$  of the same type as H and with the same Weyl group W (with set of simple reflections  $\{s_i; i \in I\}$ ). We set  $\mathbf{k}_0 = \mathbf{C}, H_0 = H$ . Let  $K_r = \mathbf{C}$  (if r = 0) and  $K_r = \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l$  where  $l \in Pr - \{r\}$  (if  $r \in Pr$ ). For  $r \in \overline{Pr}$  let  $CS(H_r)$  be the (finite) set of isomorphism classes of unipotent character sheaves on  $H_r$ . These are certain simple perverse  $K_r$ -sheaves on  $H_r$ , see [L85]. It is known that  $CS(H_r)$  is independent of r in a canonical way. Let  $Str(H_r)$  be the (finite) set of strata of  $H_r$ , see [L15]; these are certain subsets of  $H_r$  (unions of conjugacy classes of fixed dimension) which form a partition of  $H_r$ . (These subsets are locally closed in  $H_r$ , see [C20].)

In this paper we shall define for any  $r \in \overline{Pr}$  a surjective map

(a) 
$$\tau: CS(H_r) \to Str(H_r).$$

In the remainder of this paper (except in 1.1 and 3.3) we shall assume that either H is quasi-simple, that is, H modulo its centre is simple, or that H is a torus. (The general case can be reduced in an obvious way to this case.)

Our definition of the map (a) is based on the generalized Springer correspondence of [L84], especially in bad characteristic.

In 1.11 we use the map (a) to give a new parametrization of  $CS(H_r)$  which differs from the known classification [L86] in terms of two-sided cells in the Weyl group. This involves associating to each stratum a very small collection of finite groups which come from unipotent classes in bad characteristic. (It would be interesting to give a definition of these finite groups and of the resulting parametrization which is purely in characteristic 0.)

This can be also viewed as a parametrization of

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(b)  $Un(H_r(F_q))$ , the set of unipotent representations of the group  $H_r(F_q)$  of  $F_q$ -rational points of a split form of  $H_r$  over a finite subfield  $F_q$  of  $\mathbf{k}_r$  (with  $r \in Pr$  and q a power of r).

Indeed, it is known that

(c)  $CS(H_r), Un(H_r(F_q))$  are in a natural 1-1 correspondence.

We will show elsewhere that similar results hold when H is replaced by a connected component of a disconnected reductive group with identity component H.

A number of results of this paper rely on the wonderful paper [S85] of Nicolas Spaltenstein and also on [LS85].

0.2. Notation. Assume that G is a connected reductive group over an algebraically closed field. We denote by  $Z_G$  the centre of G and by  $Z_G^0$  its identity component. Let  $G_{ad}$  be the adjoint group of G.

For  $g \in G$  we denote by  $Z_G(g)$  the centralizer of g in G and by  $Z_G^0(g)$  its identity component.

If G' is a subgroup of G, we denote by  $N_G(G')$  the normalizer of G' in G.

If  $\mathcal{W}$  is a Weyl group we denote by  $Irr(\mathcal{W})$  the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible representations of  $\mathcal{W}$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

# 1. Definition of the map $\tau$

1.1. For  $r \in \overline{Pr}$  let  $CS^{\emptyset}(H_r)$  be the subset of  $CS(H_r)$  consisting of unipotent cuspidal character sheaves.

Let  $A \in CS^{\emptyset}(H_r)$ . The support of A is the closure in  $H_r$  of a single orbit of  $Z^0_{H_r} \times H_r$  acting on  $H_r$  by  $(z,g) : g_1 \mapsto zgg_1g^{-1}$ ; this orbit is denoted by  $\sigma_A$ . Let  $\delta(A)$  be the dimension of the variety of Borel subgroups of  $H_r$  that contain a fixed element  $h \in \sigma_A$  (this is independent of the choice of h). We have

$$CS^{\emptyset}(H_r) = \sqcup_{d \in \mathbf{N}} CS^{\emptyset}_d(H_r)$$

where  $CS_d^{\emptyset}(H_r) = \{A \in CS^{\emptyset}(H_r); \delta(A) = d\}.$ 

**Lemma 1.2.** For any  $d \in \mathbf{N}$  the function  $r \mapsto \sharp(CS_d^{\emptyset}(H_r))$  from  $\overline{Pr}$  to  $\mathbf{N}$  is constant; its value is denoted by  $N_d(H) \in \mathbf{N}$ .

This can be deduced from the results in [L86]. (When  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $E_8$  or  $F_4$ , the results in *loc. cit.* are proved only under the assumption that r is not a bad prime for H. But the same proof works without this assumption, by making use of [S85, p. 336, 337].)

1.3. For  $r \in \overline{Pr}$  and  $J \subset I$  we fix a Levi subgroup  $L_{J,r}$  of a parabolic subgroup of  $H_r$  of type J. (For example,  $L_{I,r} = H_r$  and  $L_{\emptyset,r}$  is a maximal torus.) We say that J is cuspidal if for some (or equivalently any)  $r \in \overline{Pr}$  we have  $CS^{\emptyset}(L_{J,r}) \neq \emptyset$ . In this case  $L_{J,r}$  is quasi-simple or a torus and J is uniquely determined by the type of  $(L_{J,r})_{ad}$ . (This follows from the classification of cuspidal character sheaves.) Let  $W_J$  be the Weyl group of  $L_{J,r}$ , viewed as a parabolic subgroup of W.

Let us now fix a cuspidal J and  $A' \in CS^{\emptyset}(L_{J,r})$ . The induced object  $\operatorname{ind}(A')$  is a well defined semisimple perverse sheaf on  $H_r$  (see [L85, §4]); it is in fact a direct sum of character sheaves on  $H_r$ . By arguments in [L84, §3, §4], End( $\operatorname{ind}(A')$ ) has a canonical decomposition as a direct sum of lines  $\bigoplus_w \mathcal{L}_w$  with w running through  $N_{H_r}(L_{J,r})/L_{J,r} = N_W(W_J)/W_J$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_w\mathcal{L}_{w'} = \mathcal{L}_{ww'}$  for any w, w' in  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$ . One can verify that there is a unique  $A \in CS(H_r)$  such that A is a summand with multiplicity one of  $\operatorname{ind}(A')$  and the value of the *a*-function of Won the two-sided cell of W attached to A is equal to the value of the *a*-function of  $W_J$  on the two-sided cell of  $W_J$  attached to A'. Now the summand A of  $\operatorname{ind}(A')$ is stable under each  $\mathcal{L}_w$  and we can choose uniquely a nonzero vector  $t_w \in \mathcal{L}_w$ which acts on A as identity. We have  $t_w t_{w'} = t_{ww'}$  for any w, w' in  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$ . We see that  $\operatorname{End}(\operatorname{ind}(A'))$  is canonically the group algebra of  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$  (which is known to be a Weyl group). For any  $E' \in \operatorname{Irr}(N_W(W_J)/W_J)$  let A'[E'] be the perverse sheaf  $\operatorname{Hom}_{N_W(W_J)/W_J}(E', \operatorname{ind}(A'))$  on  $H_r$ . This is an object of  $CS(H_r)$ .

1.4. Let  $CS'(H_r)$  be the set of triples (J, E', A') where J is a cuspidal subset of I,  $E' \in \operatorname{Irr}(N_W(W_J)/W_J)$  and  $A' \in CS^{\emptyset}(L_{J,r})$ . We have a bijection

(a) 
$$CS'(H_r) \xrightarrow{\sim} CS(H_r)$$

given by  $(J, E', A') \mapsto A'[E']$ .

1.5. Let  $r \in \overline{Pr}$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}(H_r)$  be the set of unipotent classes in  $H_r$ ; for  $\gamma \in \mathcal{U}(H_r)$  the Springer correspondence (defined for any r in [L84]) associates to  $\gamma$  and the constant local system  $K_r$  on  $\gamma$  an element  $e_r(\gamma) \in \operatorname{Irr}(W)$ . Thus we have a well defined (injective) map  $e_r : \mathcal{U}(H_r) \to \operatorname{Irr}(W)$ , whose image is denoted by  $\operatorname{Irr}_r(W)$ .

Let  $CS^{\emptyset}(H_r)^{un}$  be the set of all  $A \in CS^{\emptyset}(H_r)$  such that  $\sigma_A = Z^0_{H_r} \gamma_A$  where  $\gamma_A \in \mathcal{U}(H_r)$ . Let

$$CS'(H_r)^{un} = \{ (J, E', A') \in CS'(H_r); A' \in CS^{\emptyset}(L_{J,r})^{un} \}.$$

We define a map

(a) 
$$\tilde{e}_r : CS'(H_r)^{un} \to \operatorname{Irr}_r(W)$$

as follows. Let  $(J, E', A') \in CS'(H_r)^{un}$ . Then the unipotent class  $\gamma_{A'}$  of  $L_{J,r}$  is defined; the restriction of A' to  $\gamma_{A'}$  is (up to a shift) a cuspidal local system. Now the generalized Springer correspondence [L84] associates to this cuspidal local system and to E' a unipotent class  $\gamma$  of  $H_r$  and an irreducible local system on it. By definition, we have  $\tilde{e}_r(J, E', A') = e_r(\gamma)$ .

$$\operatorname{Irr}_{*}(W) = \bigcup_{r \in Pr} \operatorname{Irr}_{r}(W) = \bigcup_{r \in \overline{Pr}} \operatorname{Irr}_{r}(W).$$

Let  $r \in \overline{Pr}$ . In [L15] a bijection

(a) 
$$Str(H_r) \to Irr_*(W)$$

is defined. Using this and 1.4(a), we see that defining  $\tau$  in 0.1(a) is the same as defining a map

$$\underline{\tau}_r : CS'(H_r) \to \operatorname{Irr}_*(W).$$

**Lemma 1.7.** Let  $d \in \mathbf{N}$  be such that  $N_d(H) > 0$  (see 1.2). Let  $X = \{r \in Pr; CS_d^{\emptyset}(H_r) \subset CS^{\emptyset}(H_r)^{un}\}$ . Then one of the following holds.

(i) X consists of a single element  $r_0$ .

(ii) X = Pr and  $d \ge 1$ . (In this case  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $E_8, F_4$  or  $G_2, d$  is 16, 4, 1 respectively and  $N_d(H) = 1$ .)

- (iii) X = Pr and d = 0. (In this case H is a torus.)
- (iv)  $X = \emptyset$ . (In this case d = 0 and  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $E_8$ ,  $F_4$  or  $G_2$ .)

This follows from 3.2.

1.8. Let  $r \in \overline{Pr}$ . We will now define the map  $\underline{\tau}_r : CS'(H_r) \to \operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$ . In the case where  $I = \emptyset$ , this map is the bijection between two sets with one element. Assume now that  $I \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $(J, E', A') \in CS'(H_r)$ . We want to define  $\underline{\tau}_r(J, E', A')$ .

Let X be as in Lemma 1.7 for  $L_{J,r}$  instead of  $H_r$  and for  $d \in \mathbf{N}$  defined by  $A' \in CS_d^{\emptyset}(L_{J,r})$ .

Assume first that  $J \neq I$ ,  $J \neq \emptyset$ . Then X is not as in 1.7(ii),(iii),(iv), hence it is as in 1.7(i). Let  $r_0 \in Pr$  be such that  $X = \{r_0\}$ . We set  $\underline{\tau}_r(J, E', A') = \tilde{e}_{r_0}(J, E', A')$ . Next we assume that J = I and X is as in 1.7(i). Let  $r_0 \in Pr$  be such that  $X = \{r_0\}$ . We set  $\underline{\tau}_r(J, E', A') = \tilde{e}_{r_0}(J, E', A')$ .

Next we assume that J = I and d, X are as in 1.7(ii). We have E' = 1. We set  $\underline{\tau}_r(I, 1, A') = \tilde{e}_{r'}(I, 1, A')$  where  $r' \in \overline{Pr}$  (this is independent of r' by results in [S85]).

If J = I then d cannot be as in 1.7(iii) since this would imply  $I = \emptyset$ , contrary to our assumption.

Assume now that J = I and X is as in 1.7(iv). We have E' = 1. We set  $\underline{\tau}_r(I, 1, A') = \text{unit representation}$ .

Finally, assume that  $J = \emptyset$ . Then A' is the constant sheaf  $K_r$ . For any  $r' \in Pr$ we set  $\tilde{e}_{r'}(\emptyset, E', K_r) = E'_{r'}$ . If  $E'_{r'}$  is independent of r', then  $\underline{\tau}_r(\emptyset, E', K_r)$  is defined to be this constant value of  $E'_{r'}$ . If  $E'_{r'}$  is not independent of r', then there is a unique  $r_0 \in Pr$  such that  $E'_{r'}$  is constant for  $r' \in Pr - \{r_0\}$ . (This is an issue only in exceptional types where it can be checked from the tables in [S85].) We then set  $\underline{\tau}_r(\emptyset, E', K_r) = E'_{r_0}$ . This completes the definition of  $\underline{\tau}_r$  hence also that of  $\tau$  in 0.1(a).

1.9. Let  $r \in \overline{Pr}$ . If  $H_{ad}$  is of classical type or of type  $E_6, E_7$  or  $F_4$ , then for any  $E' \in \operatorname{Irr}(W), E'_{r'}$  is constant for  $r' \in Pr - \{2\}$ . It follows that

$$\underline{\tau}_r(\emptyset, E', K_r) = E'_2$$

Hence if  $E' \in \operatorname{Irr}_2(W)$ , then  $\underline{\tau}_r(\emptyset, E', K_r) = E'$ . If  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $G_2$ , then for any  $E' \in \operatorname{Irr}(W)$ ,  $E'_{r'}$  is constant for  $r' \in Pr - \{3\}$ . It follows that

$$\underline{\tau}_r(\emptyset, E', K_r) = E'_3.$$

Hence if  $E' \in \operatorname{Irr}_3(W)$ , then  $\underline{\tau}_r(\emptyset, E', K_r) = E'$ . We see that if  $H_{ad}$  is not of type  $E_8$ , then  $\underline{\tau}_r(\emptyset, E', K_r) = E'$  for  $E' \in \operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$ . The same holds if  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $E_8$  (we use the tables in [S85]).

Note that  $\operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$  can be viewed as a subset of  $CS'(H_r)$  by  $E' \mapsto (\emptyset, E', K_r)$ . The results above show that  $\underline{\tau}_r$  can be viewed as a retraction of  $CS'(H_r)$  onto its subset  $\operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$ . In particular,  $\underline{\tau}_r$  is surjective.

1.10. Let  $E \in \operatorname{Irr}_{*}(W)$ . Let  $\overline{Pr}(E) = \{r' \in \overline{Pr}; E \in \operatorname{Irr}_{r'}(W)\}$ . For  $r' \in \overline{Pr}(E)$  we denote by  $\gamma_{E}$  the unique element of  $\mathcal{U}_{H_{r'}}$  such that  $e_{r'}(\gamma_{E}) = E$  (see 1.5). We set  $\mathcal{A}_{r',E} = Z_{(H_{r'})_{ad}}(u)/Z_{(H_{r'})_{ad}}^{0}(u)$  where u is in the image of  $\gamma_{E}$  under  $H_{r'} \to (H_{r'})_{ad}$ ; this finite group is well defined up to isomorphism. If  $\overline{Pr}(E) = \overline{\Pr}$  we define  $\overline{Pr}'(E) = \{r' \in \overline{Pr}; \mathcal{A}_{r',E} \cong \mathcal{A}_{0,E}\}$ ; this is a subset of  $\overline{Pr}$  with finite complement. We define a finite collection c(E) of finite groups as follows.

If 
$$\overline{Pr}(E) = \overline{\Pr} = \overline{Pr}'(E)$$
, then  $c(E)$  consists of  $\mathcal{A}_{0,E}$ .

If  $\overline{Pr}(E) = \overline{\Pr} \neq \overline{Pr}'(E)$ , then c(E) consists of  $\{\mathcal{A}_{r',E}; r' \in \overline{\Pr} - \overline{Pr}'(E)\}$ ; one can verify that for  $r' \neq r''$  in  $\overline{\Pr} - \overline{Pr}'(E)$ , we have  $\mathcal{A}_{r',E} \not\cong \mathcal{A}_{r'',E}$ .

If  $\overline{Pr}(E) \neq \overline{Pr}$ , then  $\overline{Pr}(E)$  consists of a single element  $r'_0 \in \overline{Pr}$  (we have necessarily  $r'_0 \neq 0$ ); then c(E) consists of  $\mathcal{A}_{r'_0,E}$ .

If H is a torus, then c(E) consists of  $\{1\}$ . If  $H_{ad}$  is of type A, B, C or D, then c(E) consists of a single group and this is a product of cyclic groups of order 2. If  $H_{ad}$  is of exceptional type then c(E) consists of one of the following groups:

(a) 1, 
$$C_2$$
,  $C_2 \times C_2$ ,  $S_3$ ,  $\Delta_8$ ,  $S_3 \times C_2$ ,  $S_5$ 

or one of the pair of groups:

(b) 
$$(\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3), \ (\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_3), \ (\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_3)$$

or the triple of groups:

(c) 
$$(\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5).$$

(See the tables in §2.) Here  $C_m$  denotes a cyclic group of oder m,  $S_m$  denotes the symmetric group in m letters,  $\Delta_8$  denotes a dihedral group of order 8.

We now define a finite set  $c(E)^*$  as follows. If c(E) consists of a single group  $\Gamma$  then  $c(E)^* = \hat{\Gamma}$ . (For a finite group  $\Gamma$  we denote by  $\hat{\Gamma}$  the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible representations of  $\Gamma$  over  $K_r$ .)

If c(E) consists of two groups  $\Gamma, \Gamma'$  (see (b)), then  $\Gamma'' = \mathcal{A}_{0,E}$  is well defined and is a quotient of both  $\Gamma, \Gamma'$ . (We have  $\Gamma'' = 1, 1, S_2$  respectively in the three cases in (b).) Hence we can regard  $\hat{\Gamma}''$  as a subset of  $\hat{\Gamma}$  and also as a subset of  $\hat{\Gamma}'$ . We define  $c(E)^* = (\hat{\Gamma} - \hat{\Gamma}'') \sqcup (\hat{\Gamma}' - \hat{\Gamma}'') \sqcup \hat{\Gamma}''$ .

If c(E) consists of three groups (see (c)) we define  $c(E)^* = \bigsqcup_{m \in [1,6]} \hat{C}_m^!$  where  $\hat{C}_m^!$  consists of the faithful irreducible representations of  $\mathcal{C}_m$ . (This case occurs only when  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $E_8$  and when E = 1. The fact that  $\hat{C}_6^!$  enters in the definition should be connected to the fact that 6 appears as a coefficient of the highest root of H.)

The following theorem can be deduced from the definitions using the results in §2.

**Theorem 1.11.** Let  $r \in \overline{Pr}$ . There exists a bijection

$$CS(H_r) \xrightarrow{\sim} \sqcup_{E \in \operatorname{Irr}_*(W)} c(E)^*$$

which makes the following diagram commutative:

$$CS(H_r) \xrightarrow{\sim} \sqcup_{E \in \operatorname{Irr}_*(W)} c(E)^*$$

$$\tau \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$Str(H_r) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$$

(The left vertical map is as in 0.1(a); the right vertical map is the obvious one; the lower horizontal map is as in 1.6(a).)

## 2. Examples

2.1. Assume that  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $A_{n-1}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . We have

$$CS'(H_r) = \{(\emptyset, E', K_r); E' \in \operatorname{Irr}(W)\}, \quad \operatorname{Irr}_*(W) = \operatorname{Irr}(W).$$

In this case  $\underline{\tau}_r$  is the bijection  $(\emptyset, E', K_r) \mapsto E'$ .

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2.2. Assume that  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $D_n$ ,  $n \ge 4$  or  $B_n$ ,  $n \ge 3$ , or  $C_n$ ,  $n \ge 2$ . If  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $D_n$ , let CS''(H) be the set of pairs (J, E') where J is either  $\emptyset$  (so that  $N_W(W_J)/W_J = W$ ) or J is such that  $W_J$  is of type  $D_{4k^2}$  for some  $k \ge 1$  with  $4k^2 \le n$  (so that  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$  is a Weyl group of type  $B_{n-4k^2}$ ) and  $E' \in \operatorname{Irr}(N_W(W_J)/W_J)$ . (We use the convention that a Weyl group of type  $B_0$  is  $\{1\}$ .)

If  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $B_n$  or  $C_n$ , let CS''(H) be the set of pairs (J, E') where J is either  $\emptyset$  (so that  $N_W(W_J)/W_J = W$ ) or J is such that  $W_J$  is of type  $B_{k(k+1)}$  for some  $k \ge 1$  with  $k(k+1) \le n$  (so that  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$  is a Weyl group of type  $B_{n-k(k+1)}$ ) and  $E' \in \operatorname{Irr}(N_W(W_J)/W_J)$ .

In any case we have a bijection  $CS'(H_r) \xrightarrow{\sim} CS''(H)$  given by  $(J, E', A') \mapsto (J, E')$ . Moreover we have  $\operatorname{Irr}_*(W) = \operatorname{Irr}_2(W)$ . Hence the map  $\underline{\tau}_r$  can be viewed as a map

(a) 
$$CS''(H) \to Irr_2(W).$$

Now CS''(H) can also be viewed as the set of pairs consisting of a cuspidal J and a cuspidal local system on a unipotent class in  $L_{J,2}$ . The generalized Springer correspondence [L84] attaches to such a pair a unipotent class in  $H_2$  and an irreducible local system on it.

By forgetting this last local system and by identifying  $\mathcal{U}(H_2)$  with  $\operatorname{Irr}_2(W)$  via  $e_2$  (see 1.5), we obtain a map  $CS''(H_r) \to \operatorname{Irr}_2(W)$  which, on the one hand, is explicitly computed in [LS85] in terms of certain types of symbols and, on the other hand, it coincides with the map (a).

2.3. In 2.4-2.8 we describe the map  $\underline{\tau}_r$  in terms of tables in the case where  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $G_2, F_4, E_6, E_7$  or  $E_8$ . The tables are computed using results in [S85] with one indeterminacy in type  $E_8$  being removed by [H22].

In each case the table consists of a sequence of rows. There is one row for each  $E \in \operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$ ; it is written as ()'.....()'' where ()' represents the fibre of  $\underline{\tau}_r$  over E and ()'' is a sequence of finite groups of which the boxed ones describe c(E).

The elements of ()' are written as symbols  $(J, E', d)_{\sharp=n}$ . Such a symbol stands for the *n* triples (J, E', A') in  $CS'(H_r)$  with J, E' fixed and A' running through the set  $CS_d^{\emptyset}(L_{J,r})$  (assumed to have  $n \geq 1$  elements). When n = 1 we omit the subscript  $\sharp = n$ . We specify J by indicating the type of  $W_J$ . (For example, in the table for  $E_8$  in 2.8, the row of  $8_1$  contains an item  $(E_6, \epsilon_c, 0)_{\sharp}$  which stands for two objects; in the triple  $(E_6, \epsilon_c, 0), E_6$  represents a subset of type  $E_6$  of the simple reflections,  $\epsilon_c$  is a certain representation of a Weyl group of type  $G_2$  and 0 represents the dimension of a certain variety.) When  $J = \emptyset$  we must have d = 0, n = 1 and we write E' instead of (J, E', d). Note that the first entry in ()' is E itself.

The groups in ()" are as follows. If  $\overline{Pr}(E) = \overline{Pr} = \overline{Pr}'(E)$  then ()" consists of the single group in c(E) put inside a box.

If  $\overline{Pr}(E) = \overline{Pr} \neq \overline{Pr}'(E)$  then ()" is  $\Gamma, \Gamma', (\Gamma'')$  where  $\Gamma = \mathcal{A}_{2,E}, \Gamma' = \mathcal{A}_{3,E}, \Gamma'' = \mathcal{A}_{0,E}$ ; the boxed entries  $\Gamma$  or  $\Gamma''$  or both represent the set c(E); an exception is when E = 1 in type  $E_8$ : in this case ()" is  $\Gamma, \Gamma', \Gamma'', (1)$  where  $\Gamma = \mathcal{A}_{2,E} = \mathcal{C}_4, \Gamma' = \mathcal{A}_{3,E} = \mathcal{C}_3, \Gamma'' = \mathcal{A}_{5,E} = \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{A}_{0,E} = 1$  and c(E) consists of  $\Gamma, \Gamma', \Gamma''$  (all boxed).

If  $\overline{Pr}(E) \neq \overline{Pr}$  then  $\overline{Pr} - \overline{Pr}(E) = \{r'_0\}$  where  $r'_0 \in \{2,3\}$ . If  $r'_0 = 2$  then ()" is  $\Gamma, -, (-)$  where  $\Gamma = \mathcal{A}_{2,E}$  and c(E) consists of  $\Gamma$  (it is boxed); if  $r'_0 = 3$  then ()" is  $-, \Gamma', (-)$  where  $\Gamma' = \mathcal{A}_{3,E}$  and c(E) consists of  $\Gamma'$  (it is boxed).

If  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $G_2$ , we have  $J = \emptyset$  or  $W_J = W$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J = \{1\}$ .

If  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $F_4$ , we have  $J = \emptyset$  or  $W_J$  of type  $B_2$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$  of type  $B_2$  or  $W_J = W$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J = \{1\}$ .

If  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $E_6$ , we have  $J = \emptyset$  or  $W_J$  of type  $D_4$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$  of type  $A_2$  or  $W_J = W$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J = \{1\}$ .

If  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $E_7$ , we have  $J = \emptyset$  or  $W_J$  of type  $D_4$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$ of type  $B_3$  or  $W_J$  of type  $E_6$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$  of type  $A_1$  or  $W_J = W$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J = \{1\}.$ 

If  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $E_8$ , we have  $J = \emptyset$  or  $W_J$  of type  $D_4$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$  of type  $F_4$  or  $W_J$  of type  $E_6$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$  of type  $G_2$  or  $W_J$  of type  $E_7$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$  of type  $A_1$  or  $W_J = W$  with  $N_W(W_J)/W_J = \{1\}$ .

The notation for the elements of Irr(W) or  $Irr(N_W(W_J)/W_J)$  is taken from [S85] with one note of caution. In the case where  $H_{ad}$  is of type  $E_8$  and  $W_J$  is of type  $E_6$ , the two 2-dimensional irreducible representations  $\theta', \theta''$  of  $N_W(W_J)/W_J$  which appear in the generalized Springer correspondence with r = 3 are identified in [S85] only up to order. This indeterminacy is removed in [H22] which shows that  $\theta'$  is the reflection representation.

TABLE 2.4. Table for  $G_2$ 



TABLE 2.5. Table for  $F_4$ 

χ1,4	 1
χ2,4	 1
$\chi_{2,2}$	 1, -, (-)
$\chi_{4,4}$	 $1, \mathcal{C}_2, (\mathcal{C}_2)$
$\chi_{9,4}$	 1
$\chi_{8,4},  \chi_{1,2}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$\chi_{8,2},\chi_{1,3}$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$\chi_4,(B_2,\epsilon,0)$	 $C_2$ , -, (-)
$\chi_{4,3}$	 1, -, (-)
$\chi_{4,2}$	 1
χ9,3	 1, -, (-)

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$\chi_{9,2}$	 $1, C_2, (C_2)$
$\chi_{6,1}$	 1
$\chi_{16}$	 $1, \mathcal{C}_2, (\mathcal{C}_2)$
$\chi_{12},  \chi_{6,2},  (F_4, 1, 4)$	 $S_3, S_4, (S_4)$
$\chi_{8,3},(B_2,\epsilon_l,0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$\chi_{8,1},(B_2,\epsilon_c,0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$\chi_{9,1}, \chi_{2,1}, \chi_{2,3}, (B_2, \theta, 0), (F_4, 1, 2)$	 $\Delta_8$ , $C_2$ , $(C_2)$
$\chi_{4,1},(F_4,1,1)$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$\chi_{1,1}, (B_2, 1, 0), (F_4, 1, 0)_{\sharp=4}$	 $\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_3$ , (1)

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TABLE 2.6. Table for  $E_6$ 

136	 1
625	 1
2020	 1
1516	 1
$30_{15}, 15_{17}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
6413	 1
2412	 1
6011	 1
8110	 1
109	 1
608	 1
$80_7, 90_8, 20_{10}$	 $S_3$
816	 1
$24_6, (D_4, \epsilon, 0)$	 $S_2$ , 1, (1)
605	 1
644	 1
154	 1
$30_3, 15_5$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$

$20_2, (D_4, \phi, 0)$	 $C_2, 1, (1)$
61	 1
$1_0, (D_4, 1, 0), (E_6, 1, 0)_{\sharp=2}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3$ , (1)

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TABLE 2.7. Table for  $E_7$ 

1 <sub>63</sub>	 1
$7_{46}$	 1
27 <sub>37</sub>	 1
21 <sub>36</sub>	 1
3531	 1
$56_{30}, 21_{33}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
15 <sub>28</sub>	 1
$120_{25}, 105_{28}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
189 <sub>22</sub>	 1
10521	 1
16821	 1
210 <sub>21</sub>	 1
189 <sub>20</sub>	 1
70 <sub>18</sub>	 1
28017	 1
$315_{16}, 280_{18}, 35_{22}$	 $S_3$
$216_{16}$	 1
$405_{15}, 189_{17}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$105_{15}, (D_4, (0, 1^3), 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
84 <sub>15</sub>	 1, -, (-)
$378_{14}$	 $1, \mathcal{C}_2, (\mathcal{C}_2)$
210 <sub>13</sub>	 1
$420_{13}, 336_{14}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
	 $\mathcal{C}_2$

$105_{12}$	 1
$512_{11}, 512_{12}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
210 <sub>10</sub>	 1
$420_{10}, \ 336_{11}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$378_9$	 1
$216_{9}$	 1
$70_{9}$	 1
280 <sub>8</sub>	 1
$405_8,  189_{10}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$189_7, (D_4, (1, 1^2), 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$315_7, 280_9, 35_{13}$	 $S_3$
$168_6, (D_4, (1^2, 1), 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$210_6, (D_4, (0, 21), 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$105_6,  15_7$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$189_{5}$	 $1, \mathcal{C}_2, (\mathcal{C}_2)$
$35_4, (D_4, (21, 0), 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$120_4,  105_5$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$21_3, (D_4, (1,2), 0), (E_6, 1, 0)_{\sharp=2}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, (1)$
$56_3, 21_6$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$27_2, (D_4, (2, 1), 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$7_1, (D_4, (0,3), 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$1_0, (D_4, (3,0), 0), (E_6, 1, 0)_{\sharp=2}, (E_7, 1, 0)_{\sharp=2}$	 $\overline{\mathcal{C}_4,\mathcal{C}_3}$ , (1)

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TABLE 2.8. Table for  $E_8$ 

1120	 1
891	 1
3574	 1
8464	 1
$112_{63}, 28_{68}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$

50	1
5056	
$210_{52}, 160_{55}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
560 <sub>47</sub>	 1
56746	 1
$400_{43}$	 1
$700_{42}, 300_{44}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
44839	 1
1344 <sub>38</sub>	 1
$1400_{37}, 1008_{39}, 56_{49}$	 $S_3$
175 <sub>36</sub>	 1
$525_{36}, (D_4, \chi_{1,4}, 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
1050 <sub>34</sub>	 1
$1400_{32}, 1575_{34}, 350_{38}$	 $S_3$
972 <sub>32</sub>	 1, -, (-)
3240 <sub>31</sub>	 $1, \mathcal{C}_2, (\mathcal{C}_2)$
$2268_{30}, 1296_{33}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
1400 <sub>29</sub>	 1
$2240_{28}, 840_{31}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$700_{28}, (D_4, \chi_{2,2}, 0)$	 $C_2, 1, (1)$
84026	 1
$4096_{26}, 4096_{27}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$2800_{25}, 2100_{28}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$4200_{24}, 3360_{25}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$168_{24}, (D_4, \chi_{1,3}, 0)$	 $C_2$ , -, (-)
4536 <sub>23</sub>	 1
2835 <sub>22</sub>	 1
6075 <sub>22</sub>	 1
320032	 1
420021	 $1, \mathcal{C}_2, (\mathcal{C}_2)$
$5600_{21}, 2400_{23}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$

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420 <sub>20</sub>	 1
$2100_{20}, (D_4, \chi_{4,4}, 0)$	 $C_2, 1, (1)$
134419	 1
2016 <sub>19</sub>	 1
$3150_{18}, 1134_{20}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$4200_{18}, 2688_{20}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$7168_{17}, 5600_{19}, 448_{25}$	 $S_3$
$3200_{16}, (D_4, \chi_{8,2}, 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$4480_{16}, 5670_{18}, 4536_{18}, 1400_{20},$	Q
$1680_{22}, 70_{32}, (E_8, 1, 16)$	 $\mathcal{D}_5$
$5600_{15}, 2400_{17}, (D_4, \chi_{9,4}, 0), (D_4, \chi_{2,4}, 0)$	 $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2,  \mathcal{C}_2,  (\mathcal{C}_2)$
$4200_{15},700_{16}$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$2835_{14}$	 1
6075 <sub>14</sub>	 $\boxed{1}, \mathcal{C}_2,  (\mathcal{C}_2)$
$840_{14}, (D_4, \chi_{4,3}, 0)$	 $C_2$ , -, (-)
4536 <sub>13</sub>	 $\boxed{1}, \mathcal{C}_2, (\mathcal{C}_2)$
$2800_{13}, 2100_{16}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
972 <sub>12</sub> , $(D_4, \chi_{9,3}, 0)$	 $C_2, 1, (1)$
$4200_{12}, 3360_{13}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$525_{12}, (D_4, \chi_{8,4}, 0), (E_6, \epsilon, 0)_{\sharp=2}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, (1)$
175 <sub>12</sub>	 -, 1, (-)
140011	 1
$4096_{11}, 4096_{12}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$2268_{10}, 1296_{13}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$2240_{10}, 840_{13}$	 $S_3, \mathbb{C}_2, (S_3)$
$1050_{10}, (D_4, \chi_4, 0)$	 $C_2$ , -, (-)
32409	 $\boxed{1}, \mathcal{C}_2,  (\mathcal{C}_2)$
$448_9, (D_4, \chi_{6,1}, 0), (E_6, \epsilon_l, 0)_{\sharp=2}$	 $\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, (1)$
$\frac{1344_8, (D_4, \chi_{16}, 0)}{1344_8, (D_4, \chi_{16}, 0)}$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$1400_8, 1575_{10}, 350_{14}$	 $S_3$

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$1400_7, 1008_9, 56_{19}, (D_4, \chi_{12}, 0), (D_4, \chi_{6,2}, 0), (E_8, 1, 7)$	 $S_3 \times \mathcal{C}_2$ , $S_3$ , $(S_3)$
400 <sub>7</sub> , $(D_4, \chi_{2,3}, 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$700_6, 300_8, 50_9, (D_4, \chi_{8,3}, 0), (E_8, 1, 6)$	 $\Delta_8$ , $C_2$ , $(C_2)$
$567_6, (D_4, \chi_{9,2}, 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$560_5, (D_4, \chi_{4,2}, 0)$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$210_4, 160_7$	 $\mathcal{C}_2$
$84_4, (D_4, \chi_{9,1}, 0), (E_6, \theta'', 0)_{\sharp=2}, (E_7, 1, 0)_{\sharp=2}$	 $\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_3$ , (1)
$112_3, 28_8, (D_4, \chi_{8,1}, 0), (D_4, \chi_{1,2}, 0), (E_6, \theta', 0)_{\sharp=2}, (E_8, 1, 3)_{\sharp=2}$	 $\boxed{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_3}, (\mathcal{C}_2)$
$35_2, (D_4, \chi_{4,1}, 0)$	 $C_2$ , 1, (1)
$8_1, (D_4, \chi_{2,1}, 0), (E_6, \epsilon_c, 0)_{\sharp=2}, (E_8, 1, 1)_{\sharp=2}$	 $\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_3$ , (1)
$1_0, (D_4, \chi_{1,1}, 0), (E_6, 1, 0)_{\sharp=2}, (E_7, 1, 0)_{\sharp=2}, (E_8, 1, 0)_{\sharp=6}$	 $\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5$ , (1)

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### 3. Complements

3.1. The restriction of the map  $\tau$  in 0.1(a) to  $CS^{\emptyset}(H_r)$  has an alternative definition. Namely, for  $A \in CS^{\emptyset}(H_r)$ , there is a unique stratum  $X \in Str(H_r)$  such that  $\sigma_A \subset X$  (notation of 1.1); we have  $\tau(A) = X$ .

3.2. The results in this subsection can be used to verify 1.7. In the examples below we assume that H is semisimple,  $H \neq \{1\}$ , and for  $A \in CS^{\emptyset}(H_r)$  we denote by s the semisimple part of an element of  $\sigma_A$ . We describe the structure of  $Z^0_{H_r}(s)$  in various cases. We also specify the value of X in 1.7.

If H is of type  $C_n$  with  $n = k(k+1), k \ge 1$  then:

if  $r \neq 2$  then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $C_{n/2} \times C_{n/2}$ ; if r = 2 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$ . Thus X is as in 1.7(i).

If H is of type  $B_n$  with  $n = k(k+1), k \ge 1$  then:

if  $r \neq 2$  then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $B_a \times D_b$  where  $(2a+1,2b) = ((k+1)^2, k^2)$  if k is even and  $(2a+1,2b) = (k^2, (k+1)^2)$  if k is odd; if r = 2 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$ . Thus X is as in 1.7(i).

If H is of type  $D_n$  with  $n = 4k^2, k \ge 1$  then:

if  $r \neq 2$  then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $D_{2k^2} \times D_{2k^2}$ ; if r = 2 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$ . Thus X is as in 1.7(i).

If H is of type  $G_2$  and  $A \in CS_d^{\emptyset}(H_r)$  then:

if d = 1 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$  (thus X is as in 1.7(ii)); if d = 0 and  $r \notin \{2,3\}$  then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $A_2$  for two values of A and of type  $A_1 \times A_1$  for the third value of A; if d = 0 and r = 2 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $A_2$  for two values of A and is  $H_r$  for

the third value of A; if d = 0 and r = 3 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is  $H_r$  for two values of A and is of type  $A_1 \times A_1$  for the third value of A. Thus X is as in 1.7(iv).

If H is of type  $F_4$  and  $A \in CS_d^{\emptyset}(H_r)$  then:

if d = 4 then  $Z^0_{H_r}(s) = H_r$  (thus X is as in 1.7(ii));

if  $d = 2, r \neq 2$ , then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $B_4$ ; if d = 2, r = 2, then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$  (thus X is as in 1.7(i));

if  $d = 1, r \neq 2$ , then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $C_3 \times A_1$ ; if d = 1, r = 2, then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$ (thus X is as in 1.7(i));

if  $d = 0, r \notin \{2,3\}$ , then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $A_2 \times A_2$  for two values of A and of type  $A_3 \times A_1$  for the other two values of A; if d = 0, r = 2, then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $A_2 \times A_2$  for two values of A and is  $H_r$  for the other two values of A; if d = 0, r = 3, then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $A_3 \times A_1$  for two values of A and is  $H_r$  for the other two values of A. Thus X is as in 1.7(iv).

If H is of type  $E_6$  then:

if  $r \neq 3$ , then  $Z_{H_r}^{0}(s)$  is of type  $A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2$ ; if r = 3, then  $Z_{H_r}^{0}(s) = H_r$ . Thus X is as in 1.7(i).

If H is of type  $E_7$  then d = 0 and:

if  $r \neq 2$ , then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $A_3 \times A_3 \times A_1$ ; if r = 2, then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$ . Thus X is as in 1.7(i).

If H is of type  $E_8$  and  $A \in CS_d^{\emptyset}(H_r)$  then:

if d = 16 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$  (thus X is as in 1.7(ii)).

if d = 7 and  $r \neq 2$  then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $E_7 \times A_1$ ; if d = 7 and r = 2 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$  (thus X is as in 1.7(i));

if d = 6 and  $r \neq 2$  then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $D_8$ ; if d = 6 and r = 2 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$ (thus X is as in 1.7(i));

if d = 3 and  $r \neq 3$  then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $E_6 \times A_2$ ; if d = 3 and r = 3 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$  (thus X is as in 1.7(i));

if d = 1 and  $r \neq 2$  then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $D_5 \times A_3$ ; if d = 1 and r = 2 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s) = H_r$  (thus X is as in 1.7(i));

if d = 0 and  $r \notin \{2, 3, 5\}$  then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $A_4 \times A_4$  for four values of A and of type  $A_5 \times A_2 \times A_1$  for two values of A; if d = 0 and r = 5 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is  $H_r$  for four values of A and of type  $A_5 \times A_2 \times A_1$  for two values of A; if d = 0 and r = 3then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $A_4 \times A_4$  for four values of A and of type  $E_7 \times A_1$  for two values of A; if d = 0 and r = 2 then  $Z_{H_r}^0(s)$  is of type  $A_4 \times A_4$  for four values of Aand of type  $E_6 \times A_2$  for two values of A. Thus X is as in 1.7(iv).

The results in this section (for H of type  $E_8$  and d = 0) contradict the statement (f) on p. 351 in [Sh95]. (Indeed, if r = 2 there is no semisimple  $s \in H_2$  with  $Z_{H_2}(s)$  of type  $A_5 \times A_2 \times A_1$ .)

3.3. Let  $H^*$  be a connected reductive group over **C** of type dual to that of H. Let  $\mathbf{CS}(H)$  be the set of isomorphism classes of (not necessarily unipotent) character sheaves on H. We now assume that  $Z_H = Z_H^0$ . It is known that we can identify  $\mathbf{CS}(H)$  with  $\sqcup_s CS(Z_{H^*}(s)^*)$  where s runs over the semisimple elements of finite order of  $H^*$  up to conjugacy. Using 0.1(a), we obtain a surjective map  $\mathbf{CS}(H) \rightarrow \sqcup_s Str(Z_{H^*}(s)^*)$ . From [L15] we can identify  $Str(Z_{H^*}(s)^*) = Str(Z_{H^*}(s))$ . Hence we obtain a surjective map

$$\mathbf{CS}(H) \to \sqcup_s Str(Z_{H^*}(s)).$$

3.4. Let  $\mathcal{X}'_H$  be the set of numbers which appear as coefficients of the highest root of H; let  $\mathcal{X}_H = \mathcal{X}'_H \cup \{1\}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{X}_H$  consists of the numbers  $1, 2, \ldots, z_H$  where  $z_H = 1$  for H of type A,  $z_H = 2$  for H of type  $B, C, D, z_H = 3$  for H of type  $G_2$  or  $E_6, z_H = 4$  for H of type  $F_4$  or  $E_7, z_H = 6$  for H of type  $E_8$ .

We note the following property (which can be verified from the results in  $\S$ 2).

(a) The fibre of  $\tau$  in 0.1(a) at the stratum consisting of regular elements in  $H_r$ (or equivalently at  $E = 1 \in \operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$ ) is in bijection with the set

(b) 
$$\sqcup_{m \in \mathbf{N}; 1 \le m \le z_H} \rho_m$$

where  $\rho_m$  is the set of primitive mth roots of 1 in  $K_r$ .

It is remarkable that the set (b) appears also in a quite different situation. Let  $r, q, H_r(F_q)$  be as in 0.1(b). We can view  $H_r(F_q)$  as a fixed point set of a Frobenius map  $F: H_r \to H_r$ . For any  $w \in W$  let  $X_w$  be the variety attached to  $H_r, F, w$  in [DL76]. Now F acts on the cohomology with compact support  $H_c^i(X_w)$  of  $X_w$  and in particular on  $H_c^{|w|}(X_w)$ . (We denote by |w| the length of w.) Let w be a Coxeter element of minimal length in W. From [L76] it is known that the F-action on  $H_c^{|w|}(X_w)$  is semisimple and that the eigenspaces are irreducible (unipotent) representations of  $H_r(F_q)$ . These unipotent representations are in bijection with the character sheaves in the fibre of  $\tau$  at E = 1. (We use the usual bijection  $Un(H_r(F_q)) \leftrightarrow CS(H_r)$  composed with the involution of  $Un(H_r(F_q))$  which interchanges "small" representations with "big" representations.) The eigenvalues of the F-action are listed in [L76, p. 146, 147]. It turns out that

(c) these eigenvalues are exactly the roots of 1 in (b) times integral powers of  $q^{1/2}$ .

3.5. Let cl(W) be the set of conjugacy classes in W. In [L15, §4], a surjective map  $\Phi : cl(W) \to \operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$  is defined. In [L15, 4.10] a map  $\operatorname{Irr}_*(W) \to cl(W), E \to C_E$ , is described; it is such that  $\Phi(C_E) = E$  for all  $E \in \operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$ , hence its image  $cl_*(W) \subset cl(W)$  is such that  $\Phi$  restricts to a bijection  $cl_*(W) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$ . This allows us to identify the sets  $cl_*(W), \operatorname{Irr}_*(W) = Str(H_r)$ , so that  $\tau : CS(H_r) \to Str(H_r)$  becomes a surjective map

(a) 
$$\tau': Un(H_r(F_q)) \to cl_*(W)$$

(with  $r, q, H_r(F_q)$  as in 0.1(b), see 0.1(c)). Let  $Un^{\emptyset}(H_r(F_q))$  be the subset of  $Un(H_r(F_q))$  consisting of unipotent cuspidal representations.

One can verify that the restriction of  $\tau'$  to  $Un^{\emptyset}(H_r(F_q))$  coincides with the map  $\rho \mapsto C_{\rho}$  in [L02, 2.17]. From [L02] we see that

(b) for any  $\rho \in Un^{\emptyset}(H_r(F_q))$ ,  $\rho$  appears with multiplicity 1 in  $H_c^{|w|}(X_w)$  (notation of 3.4) where w is an element of minimal length in  $\tau'(\rho)$ .

3.6. In this subsection we assume that  $H_r$  is the symplectic group with W of type  $B_2$ . The simple reflections  $s_1, s_2$  satisfy  $s_1s_2s_1s_2 = s_2s_1s_2s_1$ . We have  $\operatorname{Irr}_*(W) = \operatorname{Irr}(W) = \operatorname{Irr}_2(W)$ ; this set consists of  $1, \rho, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon$  where  $\rho$  is the reflection representation,  $\epsilon$  is the sign representation and  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2$  are the one-dimensional representations other than  $1, \epsilon$ . We have  $cl(W) = cl_*(W)$ . (The numbering of  $s_1, s_2$  and of  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2$  is chosen so that (a),(b) below hold.)

The conjugacy classes in W are  $(1), (s_1), (s_2), (s_1s_2), (s_1s_2s_1s_2)$  where (w) is the conjugacy class of  $w \in W$ . The bijection  $\operatorname{Irr}_*(W) \to cl_*(W)$  is given by

(a) 
$$1 \mapsto (s_1 s_2), \ \rho \mapsto (s_1 s_2 s_1 s_2), \ \epsilon_1 \mapsto (s_1), \ \epsilon_2 \mapsto (s_2), \ \epsilon \mapsto (1).$$

There are five strata; they are indexed by the elements of  $\operatorname{Irr}_*(W)$ ; we denote them by  $\sigma(1), \sigma(\rho), \sigma(\epsilon_1), \sigma(\epsilon_2), \sigma(\epsilon)$ . Here

(b)  $\sigma(1)$  is the union of all conjugacy classes of dimension 8;  $\sigma(\rho)$  is the union of all conjugacy classes of dimension 6;  $\sigma(\epsilon_1)$  is a conjugacy class of dimension 4 (a semisimple one if  $r \neq 2$  and a unipotent one if r = 2;  $\sigma(\epsilon_2)$  is a union of one (if r = 2) or two (if  $r \neq 2$ ) conjugacy classes of dimension 4;  $\sigma(\epsilon)$  is the centre of  $H_r$ .

 $CS(H_r)$  consists of six objects:  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[1]$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[\rho]$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[\epsilon_1]$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[\epsilon_2]$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[\epsilon]$  and A (an object of  $CS^{\emptyset}(H_r)$ ). The map  $\tau$  is  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[1] \mapsto 1$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[\rho] \mapsto \rho$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[\epsilon_1] \mapsto \epsilon_1$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[\epsilon_2] \mapsto \epsilon_2$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[\epsilon] \mapsto \epsilon$ ,  $A \mapsto 1$ .

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