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Assume that $G_1 \subset G_2$ are semisimple Lie groups and $\mathfrak{h}_1 \subset \mathfrak{h}_2$ are Cartan subalgebras of \mathfrak{g}_1 respectively \mathfrak{g}_2 . Furthermore, assume that $\theta_2 : G_2 \rightarrow G_2$ is a Cartan involution leaving G_1 invariant. Then $\theta_1 := \theta_2|_{G_1}$ is a Cartan involution on G_1 and we have an inclusion $G_1/K_1 \subseteq G_2/K_2$. Let

$$\mathfrak{g}_1 = \mathfrak{k}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{s}_1 \subset \mathfrak{k}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{s}_2 = \mathfrak{g}_2$$

be the corresponding Cartan decomposition. Let $\mathfrak{a}_1 \subset \mathfrak{a}_2$ be maximal abelian in \mathfrak{s}_1 respectively \mathfrak{s}_2 . We let W_j be the Weyl group in \mathfrak{h}_j and \mathcal{W}_j be the Weyl group in \mathfrak{a}_j . Then it is well known that $\mathcal{W}_j = \{w|_{\mathfrak{a}_j} \mid w \in W_j, w(\mathfrak{a}_j) = \mathfrak{a}_j\}$. We give sufficient condition such that

$$S(\mathfrak{h}_2)^{W_2}|_{\mathfrak{h}_1} = S(\mathfrak{h}_1)^{W_1} \quad \text{and} \quad S(\mathfrak{a}_2)^{\mathcal{W}_2}|_{\mathfrak{a}_1} = S(\mathfrak{a}_1)^{\mathcal{W}_1}.$$

We apply this to harmonic analysis on symmetric spaces and inductive limits of symmetric spaces. (Received August 12, 2009)