

# Uniqueness of Shalika Models

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*Abstract.* Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be a finite field of  $q$  elements,  $\mathcal{F}$  a  $p$ -adic field, and  $D$  a quaternion division algebra over  $\mathcal{F}$ . This paper proves uniqueness of Shalika models for  $\mathrm{GL}_{2n}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  and  $\mathrm{GL}_{2n}(D)$ , and re-obtains uniqueness of Shalika models for  $\mathrm{GL}_{2n}(\mathcal{F})$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  denote a finite field of  $q$  elements, and  $\mathcal{F}$  a  $p$ -adic field. Let  $F$  be one of the above fields, and  $D = D_{\mathcal{F}}$  a quaternion division algebra over  $\mathcal{F}$ . Denote by  $\mathrm{Mat}_n$  the space of  $n$ -by- $n$  matrices over  $F$ . Throughout,  $\psi_0$  denotes a nontrivial, complex, additive character of  $F$ .

Given  $D$ , a quaternion division algebra over  $\mathcal{F}$ , there exists a basis  $\{1, i, j, k\}$  for  $D$  with multiplication table given by

	1	$i$	$j$	$k$
1	1	$i$	$j$	$k$
$i$	$i$	$\alpha$	$k$	$\alpha j$
$j$	$j$	$-k$	$\beta$	$-\beta i$
$k$	$k$	$-\alpha j$	$\beta i$	$-\alpha\beta$

for suitable  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{F}^*$ .

For  $z = a + bi + cj + dk \in D$  with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathcal{F}$ , define the *conjugation* of  $z$  by  $\bar{z} = a - bi - cj - dk$ . Note that  $\overline{z_1 \cdot z_2} = \bar{z}_2 \cdot \bar{z}_1$ , i.e., it is an anti-involution on  $D$ . (An *anti-involution*  $\tau$  of an algebra (or a group)  $G$  is an operator on  $G$  so that  $(gh)^\tau = h^\tau g^\tau, g, h \in G$ , and  $\tau^2 = \mathrm{id}$ ) The *reduced norm*  $N$  and *reduced trace*  $\mathrm{Tr}$  on  $D$  are defined as usual by  $Nz = z\bar{z}$  and  $\mathrm{Tr} z = z + \bar{z}$ . There is an embedding  $\iota: D \hookrightarrow \mathrm{GL}(2, K)$  defined by

$$z = a + bi + cj + dk = (a + bi) + (c + di)j = z_1 + z_2 j \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & z_2 \beta \\ \bar{z}_2 & \bar{z}_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $K = \mathcal{F}(\sqrt{\alpha})$ . Then  $\mathrm{Tr} z = \mathrm{tr}(\iota z), z \in D$ , where  $\mathrm{tr}$  is the trace map on matrices. Under this embedding,  $D$  is a closed subgroup of  $\mathrm{GL}(2, K)$ . This embedding can be naturally extended to  $\iota: \mathrm{GL}(n, D) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{GL}(2n, K)$ .

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Let  $A$  be either the field  $F$  (one of the  $\mathbb{F}_q, \mathcal{F}$ ) or the quaternion division algebra  $D$ . In  $\mathrm{GL}_{2n}(A)$ , denote

$$d(g) = \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & g \end{pmatrix}, g \in \mathrm{GL}_n \quad \text{and} \quad u(X) = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & X \\ & I_n \end{pmatrix}, X \in \mathrm{Mat}_n.$$

Let  $M_n = \{d(g) \mid g \in \mathrm{GL}_n\}$ ,  $U_n = \{u(X) \mid X \in \mathrm{Mat}_n\}$ ; and  $S_n = M_n U_n$ . A *Shalika character* on  $S_n$  is given by

$$\psi_n(d(g)u(X)) = \begin{cases} \psi_0(\mathrm{tr} X) & \text{for } s \in S_n(F), \\ \psi_0(\mathrm{tr}(\iota X)) & \text{for } s \in S_n(D). \end{cases}$$

Abusing notation, we abbreviate  $\psi_0(\mathrm{tr}(\iota X))$  by  $\psi_0(\mathrm{tr} X)$  for  $X \in \mathrm{Mat}_n(D)$ , since no confusion should occur. Moreover, we will always refer to smooth representations when we talk about representations of groups other than finite groups.

Let  $\rho$  be an irreducible representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_{2n}(A)$ .

**Definition 1.1** A linear functional  $\Lambda_\rho: V_\rho \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is called a *Shalika functional* of  $V_\rho$  if it satisfies  $\Lambda_\rho(\rho(s)v) = \psi_n(s)\Lambda_\rho(v)$  for all  $s \in S_n$  and  $v \in V_\rho$ . We say that  $V_\rho$  has a *Shalika model* if there exists a nontrivial Shalika functional  $\Lambda_\rho$  satisfying the above equation. This definition is equivalent to

$$\dim \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{GL}_{2n}}(\rho, \mathrm{Ind}_{S_n}^{\mathrm{GL}_{2n}} \psi_n) \geq 1,$$

since  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{GL}_{2n}}(\rho, \mathrm{Ind}_{S_n}^{\mathrm{GL}_{2n}} \psi_n) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{S_n}(\rho|_{S_n}, \psi_n)$  by reciprocity.

**Definition 1.2** Given a representation  $\pi$  of a group  $G$ , we say that  $\pi$  is *multiplicity free*, or possesses the *uniqueness* property, if  $\dim \mathrm{Hom}_G(\rho, \pi) \leq 1$  for any irreducible representation  $\rho$  of  $G$ .

**Definition 1.3** Let  $\pi = \mathrm{Ind}_{L_n}^{\mathrm{GL}_{2n}} 1$ , where

$$\left\{ L_n = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 & \\ & g_2 \end{pmatrix}, g_i \in \mathrm{GL}_n \right\}$$

and  $1$  denotes the trivial representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_n \times \mathrm{GL}_n$ . We say that  $V_\rho$  has a *linear model* if there exists a nontrivial intertwining operator from  $V_\rho$  to  $\pi$ .

For general linear groups over non-archimedean local fields, uniqueness of Shalika models was proved by H. Jacquet and S. Rallis [JR] via the verification of the multiplicity freeness of linear models and the fact that existence of Shalika models of  $\mathrm{GL}_{2n}$  implies existence of linear models. Classification of Shalika models is not yet completely established. Y. Sakellaridis [Sa] showed necessary and sufficient conditions for an irreducible unramified principal series admitting Shalika models. D. Jiang and D. Soudry [JiS2] showed a certain group of representations possessing Shalika models. D. Jiang and Y. J. Qin [JiQ] defined a generalized Shalika model for  $\mathrm{SO}(4n)$  and

found the relationship between this model and the Shalika model of  $GL(2n)$ . The study of Shalika models interacts intensively with other related subjects. Let  $\pi$  be an irreducible cuspidal automorphic representation of  $GL_{2n}(\mathbb{A})$ , where  $\mathbb{A}$  is the adèle ring of a number field  $F$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\pi$  is the image of Langlands’ functorial lifting from  $SO_{2n+1}$ ;
- (ii)  $\pi$  has a nonzero Shalika period;
- (iii) the exterior square L-function  $L(s, \pi, \wedge^2)$  has a simple pole at  $s = 1$ .

The theory has been established over years through the work of many authors [JaS, CKPS, GRS, Ki, JiS1, Ji1].

Generalizations to the case of (quaternion) division algebras have been studied by various mathematicians. D. Prasad and A. Raghuram [PR] showed the uniqueness of Shalika models and established the self-duality of irreducible representations admitting Shalika models on  $GL_2(D)$ . Extensions to the above theory regarding the poles of the exterior square L-function and non-vanishing of Shalika periods in the case of  $GL_2(D)$  were given by H. Jacquet and K. Martin [JM]. Moreover, they stated a conjecture (the Jacquet–Martin conjecture) relating the existences of Shalika models for representations of  $GL_{2n}(D)$  and  $GL_{4n}(\mathcal{F})$ , which is now a theorem by W. T. Gan and S. Takeda [GT] in the case of  $GL_2(D)$  and  $GL_4(\mathcal{F})$ . In this paper we will prove uniqueness of Shalika models for  $GL_{2n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  in the setting of  $p$ -adic fields, finite fields, and  $p$ -adic quaternion division algebras. We expect that the uniqueness of Shalika models for  $GL_{2n}(D)$  (or even  $GL_{2n}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ ) could prove useful in the future. Here we present the main theorems.

**Theorem 4.1** *For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $G = GL_{2n}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ , where  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a finite field. Then*

$$\dim \text{Hom}_G(\rho, \text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n) \leq 1$$

for any irreducible representation of  $G$ .

**Theorem 4.3** *Let  $G = GL_{2n}$  over either a  $p$ -adic field  $\mathcal{F}$  or a quaternion division algebra  $D$  over  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then*

$$\dim \text{Hom}_G(\rho, \text{Ind}_{S_n(A)}^G \psi_n) \leq 1,$$

for any irreducible representation of  $G$ .

## 2 Common Strategy

Given a finite group  $G$ , it is known that a representation  $V_\pi$  of  $G$  is multiplicity free if and only if the endomorphism algebra  $\text{Hom}_G(V_\pi, V_\pi)$  is abelian. Moreover, when  $V_\pi = \text{Ind}_H^G \rho$  is an induced representation,  $\text{Hom}_G(V_\pi, V_\pi)$  is explicitly characterized by Mackey’s Theorem.

**Theorem 2.1 (Mackey)** *Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $H_i$  its subgroups and  $\pi_i$  representations of  $H_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Denote by*

$$\mathfrak{S} = \{ \Delta : G \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\pi_1, \pi_2) \mid \Delta(h_2 g h_1) = \pi_2(h_2) \circ \Delta(g) \circ \pi_1(h_1), h_i \in H_i \}.$$

As a vector space,  $\text{Hom}_G(\text{Ind}_{H_1}^G \pi_1, \text{Ind}_{H_2}^G \pi_2)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{S}$ . Given any  $\Delta \in \mathfrak{S}$ , the corresponding intertwining operator  $T_\Delta \in \text{Hom}_G(\text{Ind}_{H_1}^G \pi_1, \text{Ind}_{H_2}^G \pi_2)$  is given by  $T_\Delta(f_1) = \Delta * f_1$  for  $f_1 \in \text{Ind}_{H_1}^G \pi_1$ , where the convolution is given by

$$\Delta * f_1(x) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \Delta(xg^{-1})f_1(g).$$

In particular, when  $H_1 = H_2, \pi_1 = \pi_2$ , the algebra  $\text{Aut}_G(\text{Ind}_{H_1}^G \pi_1)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathfrak{S}, \cdot)$ , where the multiplication  $\cdot$  is given by

$$\Delta_1 \cdot \Delta_2(g) = \sum_{x \in G} \Delta_1(gx^{-1}) \circ \Delta_2(x), \Delta_i \in \mathfrak{S}.$$

In order to show that the endomorphism algebra is abelian, identifying an anti-involution to interchange the order of factors is a common strategy. The analogue of this method in the  $p$ -adic case is the Gelfand–Kazhdan criterion, which was first investigated in [GK] and further developed in [BZ, Gr].

Let  $C_c^\infty(X)$  denote the space of smooth, compactly supported functions on an  $l$ -adic space  $X$  (in the sense of [BZ]). Let  $\mathfrak{D}(X)$  denote the space of linear functionals on  $C_c^\infty(X)$ . Given a  $p$ -adic group  $G$ , define actions  $L_g$  and  $R_g$  on  $G, C_c^\infty(G)$ , and  $\mathfrak{D}(G)$  as the following:

$$\begin{aligned} L_g \cdot x &= gx, & R_g \cdot x &= xg^{-1}; \\ (L_g \cdot f)(x) &= f(g^{-1}x), & (R_g \cdot f)(x) &= f(xg); \\ (L_g \cdot T)(f) &= T(L_{g^{-1}} \cdot f), & (R_g \cdot T)(f) &= T(R_{g^{-1}} \cdot f), \end{aligned}$$

where  $g, x \in G, f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ , and  $T \in \mathfrak{D}(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.2 (Gelfand–Kazhdan Criterion [Ga1, Ga2])** *Let  $\psi$  and  $\psi^\tau$  be characters of a closed unimodular subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ . Suppose that there is an anti-involution  $\tau$  of  $G$  such that  $\tau$  stabilizes  $H, \psi(h^\tau) = \psi^\tau(h)$ , and  $\tau$  acts trivially on all distributions  $T$ , so that*

$$T(L_h \eta) = \psi(h) \cdot T(\eta), \quad T(R_h \eta) = \psi^\tau(h)^{-1} \cdot T(\eta) \text{ for } \eta \in C_c^\infty(G).$$

*Then  $\dim \text{Hom}_G(\pi; \text{Ind}_H^G \psi) \cdot \dim \text{Hom}_H(\text{Res}_H^G \tilde{\pi}; \psi^\tau) \leq 1$ , where  $\pi$  is any irreducible representation of  $G$  and  $\tilde{\pi}$  its contragredient.*

### 3 Key Proposition

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , denote by

$$w_k = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & \cdot & \\ & & & \\ 1 & & & \end{pmatrix},$$

the matrix representative of the longest Weyl elements of  $GL_k$ , and set  $w_0 = \text{id}$ . Define anti-involutions on  $GL_n(F)$  and  $GL_n(D)$  respectively by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_n : GL_{2n}(F) &\mapsto GL_{2n}(F), g \mapsto w_{2n} g^t w_{2n}^{-1}, \\ \tau_n : GL_{2n}(D) &\mapsto GL_{2n}(D), g \mapsto w_{2n} \bar{g}^t w_{2n}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

When  $n$  is understood, we will abbreviate  $\tau_n$  by  $\tau$ . Note that  $\tau_n$  stabilizes  $S_n$  and  $\psi_n$ . Throughout,  $B_n$  will denote the Borel subgroup of  $GL_n$  and  $W_n$  the Weyl group of  $GL_n$ .

Let  $d_1(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \\ & I_n \end{pmatrix}$  and  $d_2(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & \\ & \beta \end{pmatrix}$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in GL_n$ .

**Lemma 3.1** *The representatives of  $S_n \backslash GL_{2n} / S_n$  can be expressed by*

$$\left\{ d_1(\alpha) \sigma_k d_2(\beta) \mid k = 0, \dots, n, \alpha, \beta \in GL_n \right\}, \text{ where } \sigma_k = \begin{pmatrix} & & & w_k \\ & & & \\ & & I_{2n-2k} & \\ & & & \\ w_k & & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proof** Let  $P_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$  denote the parabolic subgroup of  $GL_{2n}$  corresponding to the partition  $\{n, n\}$ , and  $W_{P_n}$  its Weyl group. Then

$$P_n \backslash GL_{2n} / P_n \cong W_{P_n} \backslash W_{2n} / W_{P_n} \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{L}_n,$$

where

$$\mathfrak{L}_n = \left\{ (a_{i,j}) \in \text{Mat}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid 0 \leq a_{i,j} \leq n, \sum_{k=1}^2 a_{k,j} = \sum_{k=1}^2 a_{i,k} = n, 1 \leq i, j \leq 2 \right\}.$$

The last bijection refers to [GaRe]. Notice that the cardinality of  $\mathfrak{L}_n$  is  $n+1$ . Moreover, we can choose representatives of  $W_{P_n} \backslash W_{2n} / W_{P_n}$  to be  $\tau$ -invariant, given by  $\sigma_0 = \text{id}, \sigma_k = (1, 2n)(2, 2n-1) \cdots (k, 2n+1-k), k = 1, \dots, n$ . That is,

$$\sigma_k = \begin{pmatrix} & & & w_k \\ & & & \\ & & I_{2n-2k} & \\ & & & \\ w_k & & & \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$w_k = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & \cdot & \\ & & \cdot & \\ 1 & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

is the permutation matrix representative for the longest Weyl element of  $GL_k$ . ■

Let  $\mathbb{H}$  denote  $S_n(A)$ . Put  $\hat{\mathbb{H}} = \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H}$ . Let  $(h_1, h_2) \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}$  act on  $g \in G$  and  $\eta \in C_c^\infty(G)$  by

$$(h_1, h_2) \cdot g = h_1 g h_2^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad (h_1, h_2) \cdot \eta(g) = \psi_n(h_1^{-1} h_2) \eta(h_1^{-1} g h_2).$$

We also denote  $\hat{M}_n = M_n \times M_n \subset \hat{\mathbb{H}}$  and  $\hat{U}_n = U_n \times U_n \subset \hat{\mathbb{H}}$ .

Define a character  $\hat{\psi}_n$  of  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$  by  $\hat{\psi}_n(\hat{h}) = \psi_n(h_1 h_2^{-1})$  for  $\hat{h} = (h_1, h_2) \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}$ . Denote by  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g$  the stabilizer of  $g$  in  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$ .

**Definition 3.2** Define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $g, g' \in GL_{2n}$ , where  $g \sim g'$  means that  $\hat{h} \cdot g = g'$  for some  $\hat{h} \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}$ . We also write  $g \sim_{\hat{h}} g'$  to indicate the connecting map  $\hat{h}$  satisfying  $\hat{h} \cdot g = g'$ .

**Definition 3.3** We call a double coset  $S_n \gamma S_n, g \in GL_{2n}$  *admissible* if  $\hat{\psi}_n$  is trivial on  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}_\gamma$ . In this case, the element  $\gamma$  is also called *admissible*.

**Definition 3.4** We call a double coset  $S_n \gamma S_n$   $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant if there exist  $\hat{h} \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}$  such that  $\hat{h} \cdot \gamma = \gamma^\tau$  and  $\hat{\psi}_n(\hat{h}) = 1$ . In this case, the element  $\gamma$  is also called  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant.

Note that when  $\gamma \sim \beta$ ,  $\gamma$  is admissible (respectively  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant) if and only if  $\beta$  is admissible (respectively  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant).

The rest of this section is devoted to the proof of the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.5** Every admissible double coset  $S_n g S_n$  is  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant.

First we need some auxiliary Lemmas.

**Lemma 3.6** For  $k \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ , let

$$\gamma_k = \gamma_k(\alpha, \beta) = d_1(\alpha) \sigma_k d_2(\beta) \in S_n \backslash GL_{2n} / S_n, \alpha, \beta \in GL_n,$$

where

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} * & \alpha_k \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}, \beta = \begin{pmatrix} * & \beta_k \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } \alpha_k, \beta_k \in \text{Mat}_{n-k}.$$

If  $\alpha_k \neq \beta_k$ , then  $\gamma_k$  is non-admissible.

**Proof** For  $\alpha_k \neq \beta_k$ , let  $u_k = u_k(X) = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & X \\ & I_n \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \tilde{X} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{X} \in \text{Mat}_{n-k}$ . Then  $\sigma_k^{-1} u_k \sigma_k = u_k$ . Let

$$n_1 = d_1(\alpha) u_k d_1(\alpha)^{-1} \in U_n \quad \text{and} \quad n_2 = \gamma_k^{-1} n_1 \gamma_k = d_2(\beta)^{-1} u_k d_2(\beta) \in U_n.$$

Note that  $\psi_n(n_1) = \psi_0(\text{tr}(\alpha X))$  and  $\psi_n(n_2) = \psi_0(\text{tr}(X \beta)) = \psi_0(\text{tr}(\beta X))$ . Then

$$\alpha X = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_k \tilde{X} & 0 \\ * & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{tr}(\alpha X) = \text{tr}(\alpha_k \tilde{X}).$$

Similarly,  $\text{tr}(\beta X) = \text{tr}(\beta_k \tilde{X})$ . If  $\alpha_k \neq \beta_k$ , there exists  $\tilde{X} \in \text{Mat}_{n-k}$  such that

$$\psi_0(\text{tr}(\alpha_k \tilde{X})) \neq \psi_0(\text{tr}(\beta_k \tilde{X})),$$

and hence  $\gamma_k = \gamma_k(\alpha, \beta)$  is not admissible. ■

**Lemma 3.7** If  $\alpha_k = \beta_k = 0_k$ ,

$$\gamma_k(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{pmatrix} 0_{n-k} & * & * \\ & * & * \\ w_k & & 0_{n-k} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In this case,  $k \geq n - k$  and

$$\gamma_k \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \eta_k \\ I_{n-k} & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_k & I_{n-k} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

for some  $\lambda_k, \eta_k \in \text{Mat}_k$ . Moreover, for  $\gamma_k$  to be admissible, it is necessary that the upper-right-hand square  $n - k$ -blocks of  $\eta$  and  $\lambda^{-1}$  are negatives of each other.

**Proof** Let  $e = 2k - n$ . Then for suitable

$$s_1 = d\left(\begin{pmatrix} v_{n-k} \\ v'_k \end{pmatrix}\right), s_2 = d\left(\begin{pmatrix} r_k & \\ & r'_{n-k} \end{pmatrix}\right) \in M_n,$$

$u, u' \in U_n, v'_k, r_k \in \text{Mat}_k$ , and  $v_{n-k}, r'_{n-k} \in \text{Mat}_{n-k}$ , we can reduce  $\gamma_k$  to

$$\gamma_k \sim_{(s_1, s_2)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & * & * \\ I_{n-k} & * & * \\ \lambda_k & I_{n-k} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim_{(u, u')} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \eta_k \\ I_{n-k} & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_k & I_{n-k} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \gamma'_k,$$

for some  $\lambda_k, \eta_k \in \text{Mat}_k$ . Denote by  $\eta^2$  (respectively  $D^2$ ) the upper-right-hand square  $n - k$ -block of  $\eta_k$  (respectively  $\lambda_k^{-1}$ ).

Let

$$s = d\left(\begin{pmatrix} I_{n-k} & & \\ & I_e & \\ A & & I_{n-k} \end{pmatrix}\right) \in S_n, A \in \text{Mat}_{n-k}.$$

Then

$$\gamma'_k s \gamma_k'^{-1} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} I_{n-k} & & & \eta_k \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ A \end{pmatrix} & & \\ & I_e & & & & \\ & & I_{n-k} & & (A|0)\lambda^{-1} & \\ \hline & & & I_{n-k} & & \\ & & & & I_e & \\ & & & & & I_{n-k} \end{array} \right).$$

For  $\gamma'_k$  (hence  $\gamma_k$ ) to be admissible, it is necessary that

$$\psi_n(\gamma'_k s \gamma_k'^{-1}) = \psi_0(\text{tr } A(\eta^2 + D^2)) = 1$$

for all  $A \in \text{Mat}_{n-k}$ , i.e.,  $D^2 = -\eta^2$ . ■

**Lemma 3.8** Let

$$\gamma'_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \eta_k \\ I_{n-k} & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_k & I_{n-k} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\lambda_k, \eta_k \in \text{Mat}_k$  and the upper-right-hand square  $n - k$ -blocks of  $\eta$  and  $\lambda^{-1}$  are negatives of each other with rank  $n'$ . Then

$$\gamma'_k \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \tilde{\eta}_k \\ I_{n-k} & 0 & 0 \\ \tilde{\lambda}_k & I_{n-k} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\tilde{\eta}_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -I_{n'} \\ 0 & I_{n''} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{n''} & 0 \\ I_{2k-n-n''} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{\lambda}_k^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & I_{n'} \\ B_{n-k, 2k-n}^1 & 0 & 0 \\ B_{2k-n}^3 & B_{2k-n, n''}^4 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and  $n'' = n - k - n'$ .

**Proof** Suppose that  $\eta^2 = -D^2$  in  $\gamma'_k$  (with notations as in the proof of the previous lemma) and the rank of  $\eta^2$  equals  $n'$ . Choose  $g, h \in \text{Mat}_{n-k}$  such that  $g\eta^2h^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_{n'} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and let  $m = d(g, I_e, h)$ . Then  $\gamma'_k$

$$\sim_{(m,m)} \left( \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 0 & 0 & \begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 & -I_{n'} \\ * & * & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{pmatrix} & & \\ \hline I_{n-k} & 0 & 0 & & \\ \lambda'_k & I_{n-k} & 0 & & \end{array} \right) \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \tilde{\eta}_k \\ * & I_{n-k} & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda''_k & I_{n-k} & * & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\tilde{\eta}_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -I_{n'} \\ 0 & I_{n''} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{n''} & 0 \\ I_{2k-n-n''} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and  $n'' = n - k - n'$ . For suitable  $\hat{u} \in \hat{U}_n$ , further reduction shows that

$$\gamma'_k \sim_{\hat{u}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \tilde{\eta}_k \\ I_{n-k} & 0 & 0 \\ \tilde{\lambda}_k & I_{n-k} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \tilde{\gamma}_k.$$

Next we consider

$$\tilde{\gamma}_k^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \tilde{\lambda}_k^{-1} \\ I_{n-k} & 0 & 0 \\ \tilde{\eta}_k^{-1} & I_{n-k} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$



By similar reduction and the fact that  $\eta^2 = -D^2$ , we may assume that

$$\bar{\lambda}_k^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & I_{n'} \\ B_{n-k,2k-n}^1 & 0 & 0 \\ B_{2k-n,2k-n}^3 & B_{2k-n,n''}^4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

■

**Lemma 3.9** Let  $e = 2k - n \geq 0$ ,  $\theta_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & R_k \\ I_{n-k} & 0 & 0 \\ Q_k & I_{n-k} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with

$$R_k = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 0 & I_{n'} & \\ B_{n-k,2k-n}^1 & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline B_{2k-n,2k-n}^3 & B_{2k-n,n''}^4 & 0 & \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \eta_{n-k,e}^1 & \eta_{n-k,n-k}^2 \\ \hline \eta_{e,e}^3 & \eta_{e,n-k}^4 \end{array} \right)$$

and

$$Q_k = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{2k-n-n''} \\ 0 & I_{n''} & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & I_{n''} & 0 \\ -I_{n'} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{e,n-k}^1 & \lambda_{e,e}^2 \\ \hline \lambda_{n-k,n-k}^3 & \lambda_{n-k,e}^4 \end{array} \right).$$

If  $\theta_k$  is admissible, then

$$\theta_k \sim \begin{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{n'} \\ T^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & E & 0 & 0 \\ & & T^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ & I_{n-k} & & \\ & & I_{n-k} & \\ Q_k & & & \end{pmatrix},$$

for some  $T^2 \in \text{Mat}_{n''}$ ,  $E \in \text{GL}_{2k-n-2n''}$ . In this case,  $\theta_k$  is  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant.

**Proof** Let

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} C_{e,n-k}^1 & C_{e,e}^2 \\ C_{n-k,n-k}^3 & C_{n-k,e}^4 \end{pmatrix} = R_k^{-1} \text{ and } D = \begin{pmatrix} D_{n-k,e}^1 & D_{n-k,n-k}^2 \\ D_{e,e}^3 & D_{e,n-k}^4 \end{pmatrix} = Q_k^{-1}$$

and let  $s_1 = \begin{pmatrix} g & Y \\ & g \end{pmatrix} \in S_n$ , with  $g = \begin{pmatrix} I_{n-k} & \\ g^1 & I_e \\ & g^3 & I_{n-k} \end{pmatrix}$ ,

$$(3.1) \quad g^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & r_{n'',n''} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad g^3 = \begin{pmatrix} *_{n'',2k-n} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y^1 & & & \\ Y^2 & & & \\ & Y^3 & & \\ & & Y^4 & \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } \lambda^3 Y^1 + \lambda^4 Y^2 = Y^3 C^1 + Y^4 C^3 =: p,$$

where the subscripts denote the sizes of matrices. Then  $s_2 = \theta s_1 \theta^{-1} =$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} R_k \begin{pmatrix} I_e & \\ g^3 & I_{n-k} \end{pmatrix} R_k^{-1} & R_k \begin{pmatrix} g^1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{pmatrix} Y^3 & | & Y^4 \end{pmatrix} R_k^{-1} & I_{n-k} \quad (0 \quad g^3) Q_k^{-1} \\ \hline & \begin{matrix} I_{n-k} \\ Q_k \begin{pmatrix} Y^1 \\ Y^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad Q_k \begin{pmatrix} I_{n-k} & \\ g^1 & I_e \end{pmatrix} Q_k^{-1} \end{matrix} \end{array} \right).$$

Therefore  $s_2 \in S_n$  if and only if

$$Q_k \begin{pmatrix} Y^1 \\ Y^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta^4 g^3 C^1 \\ p \end{pmatrix}, \quad (Y^3, \quad Y^4) R_k^{-1} = (p, \quad \lambda^4 g^1 D^1).$$

Equivalently,

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y^1 \\ Y^2 \end{pmatrix} = Q_k^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \eta^4 g^3 C^1 \\ p \end{pmatrix}, \quad (Y^3, \quad Y^4) = (p, \quad \lambda^4 g^1 D^1) \eta_k.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_n(s_1) &= \psi_0(\text{tr}(Y^1 + Y^4)) = \psi_0(\text{tr}(D^1 \eta^4 g^3 C^1 + D^2 p + p \eta^2 + \lambda^4 g^1 D^1 \eta^4)), \\ &= \psi_0(\text{tr}(p(D^2 + \eta^2) + D^1 \eta^4 g^3 C^1 + \lambda^4 g^1 D^1 \eta^4)) \\ &= \psi_0(\text{tr}(D^1 \eta^4 g^3 C^1 + \lambda^4 g^1 D^1 \eta^4)), \\ \psi_n(s_2) &= \psi_0(\text{tr}(\eta^1 g^1 + g^3 D^4)) = \psi_0(\text{tr}(\eta^1 g^1 + g^3 D^4)) = \psi_0(\text{tr}(\eta^1 g^1 + g^3 D^4)). \end{aligned}$$

For  $\theta_k$  to be admissible, it is necessary that  $D^1 \eta^4 \lambda^4 g^1 = \eta^1 g^1$  and  $g^3 C^1 D^1 \eta^4 = g^3 D^4$  for all  $g^1, g^3$  as in equation (3.1).

Now we assume that  $\theta_k$  satisfies

$$(3.2) \quad D^1 \eta^4 \lambda^4 g^1 = \eta^1 g^1 \quad \text{and} \quad g^3 C^1 D^1 \eta^4 = g^3 D^4$$

for all  $g^1, g^3$  as in equation (3.1). Write

$$\eta^4 = \begin{pmatrix} T^1 & 0 \\ T^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \eta^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ T^3 & T^4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad C^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & V^1 \\ 0 & V^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $T^2, T^3, V^1 \in \text{Mat}_{n''}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 D^1 \eta^4 \lambda^4 g^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n''} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T^1 & 0 \\ T^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_{n''} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & r_{n'',n''} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T^2 r_{n'',n''} \end{pmatrix}; \\
 \eta^1 g^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ T^3 & T^4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & r_{n'',n''} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T^3 r_{n'',n''} \end{pmatrix}; \\
 g^3 C^1 D^1 \eta^4 &= \begin{pmatrix} *_{n'',2k-n} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & V^1 \\ 0 & V^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n''} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T^1 & 0 \\ T^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} *_{n'',2k-n} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V^1 T^2 & 0 \\ V^2 T^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \\
 g^3 D^4 &= \begin{pmatrix} *_{n'',2k-n} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_{n''} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Condition (3.2) implies that  $T^2 = T^3, V^1 T^2 = I_{n''}, V^2 = 0$ . That is ,

$$\theta_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \tilde{\eta}_k \\ I_{n-k} & 0 & 0 \\ Q_k & I_{n-k} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with } \tilde{R}_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{n'} \\ T^2 & T^4 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & T^1 & 0 \\ * & * & T^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $V^1 T^2 = I_{n''}$ , implying  $\det T^2 \neq 0$ , and hence

$$\theta_k \sim \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{n'} \\ T^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ E & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ T^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ I_{n-k} \\ I_{n-k} \\ Q_k \end{pmatrix},$$

for some  $E \in \text{GL}_{2k-n-2n''}$ .

In the case of fields, there exists some  $g \in \text{GL}_{2k-n-2n''}$  such that  $gEg^{-1} = E^t$ , where  $E^t$  denotes the transpose of  $E$ . In the case of quaternion division algebras, there exists some  $g \in \text{GL}_{2k-n-2n''}$  such that  $gEg^{-1} = \bar{E}^t$  [Ra, Lemma 3.1]. In either case, there exists  $g \in \text{GL}_{2k-n-2n''}$  such that  $gEg^{-1} = E^t$ . Let

$$\zeta = \text{diag}(I_{n'+n''}, g, I_{n-k+2n''}, I_{n'+n''}, g, I_{n-k+2n''}).$$

Then  $\zeta \theta_k \zeta^{-1} = \theta_k^t$  and  $\theta_k$  is  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant. ■

**Proposition 3.10** *Every admissible double coset  $S_n g S_n$  is  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant.*

**Proof** The proof is by induction on the index  $n$  of  $\text{GL}_{2n}$ . By Bruhat decomposition,  $\text{GL}_2 = B_2 W_2 B_2 = S_2 D W_2 D S_2$ , where  $D = \{ \begin{pmatrix} a & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in A^* \}$ . Representatives of  $S_2 \backslash \text{GL}_2 / S_2$  can be expressed by  $\xi_1(a) = \begin{pmatrix} a & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\xi_2(a) = \begin{pmatrix} & a \\ 1 & \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a \in A^*$ . Since

$\xi_1(a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xi_1(a)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & ax \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x \in A$ , and  $\psi_0$  is nontrivial, there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $\psi_0(ax) \neq \psi_0(x)$  for  $a \neq 1$ . Hence  $\xi_1(a)$  is not admissible for  $a \neq 1$ . For  $a = 1$ ,  $\xi_1(a) = \text{id}$  is  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant. In the case of  $A = F$ ,  $\xi_2(a), a \in F^*$  is  $\tau$ -invariant. In the case of  $A = D$ , there exists  $b \in D^*$  such that  $bab^{-1} = \bar{a}$  for  $a \in D^*$ . (Either refer to [Ra, Lemma 3.1] or check by direct computation.) Therefore, there exists  $\begin{pmatrix} b & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Mat}_2$  such that  $\begin{pmatrix} b & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xi_2(a) \begin{pmatrix} b & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \xi_2(a)^\tau$  and  $\xi_2(a)$  is  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant. The conclusion is then true for  $n = 1$ . Now we assume that it is also true for  $1, \dots, n - 1$ .

Lemma 3.6 deals with the case of  $\alpha_k \neq \beta_k$ , and others do the same for  $\alpha_k = \beta_k = 0_k$ , therefore it suffices to show that  $\gamma_k = d_1(\alpha)\sigma_k d_2(\beta)$ , with  $\alpha_k = \beta_k \neq 0_k$ , is either non-admissible or  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant.

Since  $\text{rank}(\alpha_K) \neq 0$ , there exist  $g, h \in \text{GL}_{n-k}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_k &= \begin{pmatrix} * & \alpha_k & & & \\ * & * & & & \\ & & I_n & & \\ & & & * & \alpha_k \\ & & & * & * \end{pmatrix} \sigma_k \begin{pmatrix} I_n & & & & \\ & * & \alpha_k & & \\ & * & * & & \\ & * & * & & \\ & * & * & & \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_k & & & & * \\ * & & & & \\ & & & & * \\ & & & * & \alpha_k \\ w_k & & & & \end{pmatrix} \\ &\sim d \left( \begin{pmatrix} g & & & & \\ & I_{n+k} & & & \end{pmatrix} \right) \gamma_k d \left( \begin{pmatrix} I_{n+k} & & & & \\ & h & & & \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & * & * & * \\ \delta_{k-1} & 0 & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ & & * & 0 & 1 \\ & & & * & \delta_{k-1} & 0 \\ w_k & & & & & \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\delta_{k-1} \in \text{Mat}_{n-k-1}$ . With suitable choices of  $\hat{m} \in \hat{M}_n, \hat{u} \in \hat{U}_n$ ,

$$\gamma_k \sim_{\hat{m}} \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 1 & * & * & * \\ & \delta'_{k-1} & 0 & * & * & * \\ & * & 0 & * & * & * \\ & & 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ & & * & \delta'_{k-1} & 0 & \\ w_k & & & & * & \end{pmatrix} \sim_{\hat{u}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & & \\ \delta''_{k-1} & 0 & * & * & & \\ * & 0 & * & * & & \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & * & \delta''_{k-1} & 0 & & \\ w_k & & & & & \end{pmatrix} = \tilde{\gamma}_k.$$

Let

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} N_1 & N_2 \\ N_3 & N_4 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GL}_{2n-2}$$

be embedded in  $\text{GL}_{2n}$  as

$$\begin{pmatrix} & 1 & & & & \\ N_1 & & N_2 & & & \\ & & & 1 & & \\ N_3 & & N_4 & & & \end{pmatrix}, N_i \in \text{Mat}_{n-1}.$$

By induction assumption, there exist  $\hat{s} = (s_1, s_2)$  with

$$s_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & q & & Y & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & & q \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad s_2 = \begin{pmatrix} p & & Z & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & p & & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $p, q \in \text{GL}_{n-1}, Y, Z \in \text{Mat}_{n-1}$  such that either  $\hat{s} \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}_{\tilde{\gamma}_k}$  and  $\hat{\psi}(s) \neq 1$  or  $\hat{s} \cdot \tilde{\gamma}_k = (\tilde{\gamma}_k)^\tau$  and  $\hat{\psi}(\hat{s}) = 1$ . Note that the above embedding is consistent between  $(\tau_{n-1}, \psi_{n-1})$  and  $(\tau_n, \psi_n)$ . Hence the conclusion holds by induction. ■

### 4 Main Theorems

**Theorem 4.1** For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $G = \text{GL}_{2n}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ , where  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a finite field. Then

$$\dim \text{Hom}_G(\rho, \text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n) \leq 1$$

for any irreducible representation of  $G$ .

**Proof** Let  $\pi = \text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n$ . Proposition 3.5 implies that an element

$$\Delta: G \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n, \text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n)$$

satisfying  $\Delta(s'gs) = \pi(s') \circ \Delta(g) \circ \pi(s)$  for  $s, s' \in S_n$  is  $\tau$ -invariant. By Theorem 2.1  $\text{Hom}_G(\text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n, \text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n)$  is abelian and the result follows. ■

**Lemma 4.2** Let  $G$  denote  $\text{GL}_{2n}(A)$ , where  $A$  is a  $p$ -adic field  $\mathcal{F}$  or a quaternion division algebra  $D$  over  $\mathcal{F}$ . If  $T$  is a distribution on  $G$  satisfying

$$T(L_{h_1} \circ R_{h_2}(\eta)) = \psi_n(h_1 h_2^{-1})T(\eta)$$

for  $h_1, h_2 \in S_n(A), \eta \in C_c^\infty(G)$ , then  $T$  is  $\tau$ -invariant.

**Proof** We verify the assumptions of [BZ, Theorem 6.10].<sup>1</sup>

The assumptions of Theorem 6.10 in [BZ] in this case are the following:

- (i) The action of  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$  is constructible (same as constructive in the sense of [BZ]), which means that the set of  $\{(g, \hat{h} \cdot g) \mid g \in G, \hat{h} \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}\}$  is a union of finitely many locally closed subsets of  $G \times G$ .
- (ii) For each  $\hat{h} \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}$ , there is  $\hat{h}_\tau \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}$  such that  $\hat{h} \cdot g^\tau = (\hat{h}_\tau \cdot g)^\tau$  for all  $g \in G$ .
- (iii)  $\tau^2 = \text{id}$ .
- (iv) If  $T$  is a nonzero  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$ -invariant distribution on an  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$ -orbit  $Y$ , then  $Y^\tau = Y$  and  $T^\tau = T$ .

The conclusion is that any  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$ -invariant distribution on  $G$  is also  $\tau$ -invariant.

By [BZ, Theorem A §6.15], the action of  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$  is constructible on  $\text{GL}_{2n}(\mathcal{F})$ . Also  $\iota\hat{\mathbb{H}}$  is constructible on  $\text{GL}_{4n}(K), K = \mathcal{F}(\sqrt{\alpha})$ , and its closed subgroup  $\text{GL}_{2n}(D)$ , where  $\iota$  is the embedding defined earlier. Condition (i) is then verified. For condition (ii), take  $\hat{h}_\tau = (h_2^{-\tau}, h_1^{-\tau})$  for  $\hat{h} = (h_1, h_2) \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}$ . Since  $\mathbb{H}$  is  $\tau$ -invariant and  $(\hat{h}_\tau)_\tau = \hat{h}$ ,  $\tau$  induces an anti-involution on  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$  (still denoted by  $\tau$ )  $\tau: \hat{\mathbb{H}} \mapsto \hat{\mathbb{H}}$  by  $\hat{h} \mapsto \hat{h}_\tau$ . The action of  $\hat{h} \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}$  satisfies that  $\hat{h} \cdot g^\tau = (\hat{h}_\tau \cdot g)^\tau$  for all  $g \in G$ . Condition (iii) is obvious. To verify condition (iv), let  $T$  be a nonzero  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$ -invariant distribution on an  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$ -orbit  $Y = \mathbb{H}g\mathbb{H}$ , i.e.,  $T(\hat{h} \cdot (\eta)) = T(\eta)$  for all  $\hat{h} = (h_1, h_2) \in \hat{\mathbb{H}}$  and  $\eta \in C_c^\infty(Y)$ . Then  $Y \cong \hat{\mathbb{H}}/\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g$ . ( $\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g$  the stabilizer of  $g$  in  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$ .) Define a character  $\hat{\psi}_n$  of  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$  by

$$\hat{\psi}_n(\hat{h}) = \psi_n(h_1 h_2^{-1}) \text{ for } \hat{h} = (h_1, h_2) \in \hat{\mathbb{H}},$$

<sup>1</sup>This proof mimics [So, Theorem 2.3]. We keep it here for the sake of completeness.

then  $\hat{\psi}_n$  is  $\tau$ -invariant and  $C_c^\infty(Y) \cong \text{ind}_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}^{\hat{\mathbb{H}}} 1$  (un-normalized compact induction). We have that

$$T \in \text{Hom}_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}}(\text{ind}_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}^{\hat{\mathbb{H}}} 1, \hat{\psi}_n) \cong \text{Hom}_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}(\delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}} \delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}^{-1}, \text{Res}_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g} \hat{\psi}_n)$$

by Frobenius reciprocity, where  $\delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}}$ ,  $\delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}$  are the modular functions of  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g$ , respectively. Since  $|\hat{\psi}_n| \equiv 1$  and  $\delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}} \delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}^{-1}$  is positive, by Schur's lemma we have either

$$\dim \text{Hom}_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}(\delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}} \delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}^{-1}, \text{Res}_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g} \hat{\psi}_n) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}} \delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}^{-1} = \text{Res}_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g} \hat{\psi}_n \equiv 1.$$

Therefore we conclude that  $\text{Hom}_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}(\delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}} \delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}^{-1}, \text{Res}_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g} \hat{\psi}_n) = 0$  for those non-admissible  $g$ , i.e., there is no nontrivial  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$ -invariant distribution  $T$  on such  $Y$ .

Now we consider those  $\hat{\psi}$ - $\tau$ -invariant  $g$ . We may assume that  $\delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}} \delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}^{-1} \equiv 1$ , since otherwise  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$ -invariant distribution on such  $Y$  is trivial. Note that  $\hat{k} \cdot g = g^\tau$  for some  $\hat{k} \in \mathbb{H}$  implies that the double coset  $Y = \mathbb{H}g\mathbb{H}$  is  $\tau$ -invariant. It remains to show that  $T^\tau = T$ . In our case  $T$  is proportional (see [BZ, 6.12]) to

$$T_1(\eta) = \int_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}/\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g} \eta(\hat{h} \cdot g) \hat{\psi}_n^{-1}(\hat{h}) d\hat{h},$$

where  $d\hat{h}$  is a left  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}$ -invariant measure on  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}/\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} T_1^\tau(\eta) &= T_1(\eta^\tau) = \int_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}/\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g} \eta((\hat{h} \cdot g)^\tau) \hat{\psi}_n^{-1}(\hat{h}) d\hat{h} \\ &= \int_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}/\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g} \eta(\hat{h}_\tau \cdot g^\tau) \hat{\psi}_n^{-1}(\hat{h}) d\hat{h} \\ &= \int_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}/\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g} \eta(\hat{h}_\tau \cdot \hat{k} \cdot g) \hat{\psi}_n^{-1}(\hat{h}) d\hat{h} = \int_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}/\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g} \eta(\hat{h}' \cdot g) \hat{\psi}_n^{-1}(\hat{h}') \hat{\psi}_n(\hat{k}) d\hat{h}'. \end{aligned}$$

The last equality is obtained by the change of variables  $\hat{h}' = \hat{h}_\tau \cdot \hat{k}$  along with our assumption that  $\delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}} \delta_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g}^{-1} \equiv 1$  and the fact that  $\hat{\psi}_n$  is  $\tau$ -invariant. Since  $\hat{\psi}_n(\hat{k}) = 1$ , we have

$$T_1^\tau(\eta) = \int_{\hat{\mathbb{H}}/\hat{\mathbb{H}}_g} \eta(\hat{h}' \cdot g) \hat{\psi}_n^{-1}(\hat{h}') d\hat{h}' = T_1(\eta). \quad \blacksquare$$

**Theorem 4.3** *Let  $G = \text{GL}_{2n}(A)$ , where  $A$  is either a  $p$ -adic field  $\mathcal{F}$  or a quaternion division algebra  $D$  over  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\dim \text{Hom}_G(\rho, \text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n) \leq 1$  for any irreducible representation  $\rho$  of  $G$ .*

**Proof** We have obtained  $\dim \text{Hom}_G(\pi; \text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n) \cdot \dim \text{Hom}_{S_n}(\text{Res}_{S_n}^G \bar{\pi}; \psi_n) \leq 1$  for any irreducible representation  $\pi$  of  $G$  from the previous theorem and the Gelfand–Kazhdan criterion. It suffices to show that if  $\pi$  has a nontrivial Shalika functional, then  $\bar{\pi}$  will also have one. Assume that  $\Lambda_\pi$  is a nontrivial Shalika functional for  $\pi$ ,

i.e.,  $\Lambda_\pi(\pi(h)v) = \psi_n(h)\Lambda_\pi(v)$  for all  $h \in S_n$  and  $v \in V_\pi$ . Define a representation  $\pi'$  on the same vector space  $V_\pi$  by  $\pi'(g)v = \pi(\xi g^{-\tau} \xi^{-1})v$ , where  $\xi = \text{diag}(I_n, -I_n)$ . Then  $\psi(\xi s^{-\tau} \xi^{-1}) = \psi(s)$  for  $s \in S_n$ , and  $\Lambda_\pi$  is also a Shalika functional for  $\pi'$ .

In the case of  $\mathcal{F}$ , define another representation  $\pi''$  on the same vector space  $V_\pi$  by  $\pi''(g)v = \pi(g^{-t})v$ . Then  $\pi'' \cong \tilde{\pi}$  by [BZ, Theorem 7.3]. Since  $\xi g^{-\tau} \xi^{-1}$  is conjugate to  $g^{-t}$ , we have  $\pi' \cong \tilde{\pi}$ .

In the case of  $D$ , define another representation  $\pi''$  on the same vector space  $V_\pi$  by  $\pi''(g)v = \pi(\eta \bar{g}^{-t} \eta^{-1})v$ , where  $\eta(i, j) = (-1)^i \delta_{i, 2n-j+1}$ . Then  $\pi'' \sim \tilde{\pi}$  by [Ra, Theorem 3.1]. Since  $\xi g^{-\tau} \xi^{-1}$  is conjugate to  $\eta \bar{g}^{-t} \eta^{-1}$ , we have  $\pi' \sim \pi'' \sim \tilde{\pi}$ .

In either case,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{Hom}_G(\tilde{\pi}; \text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n) &= \dim \text{Hom}_G(\pi'; \text{Ind}_{S_n}^G \psi_n) \\ &= \dim \text{Hom}_{S_n}(\pi'|_{S_n}; \psi_n) \\ &\geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. ■

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