

## $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -GRADED LIE ALGEBRAS AND PERVERSE SHEAVES, I

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ABSTRACT. We give a block decomposition of the equivariant derived category arising from a cyclically graded Lie algebra. This generalizes certain aspects of the generalized Springer correspondence to the graded setting.

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### INTRODUCTION

0.1. Let  $\mathbf{k}$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$ . We fix an integer  $m > 0$  such that  $m < p$  whenever  $p > 0$  and we write  $\mathbf{Z}/m$  instead of  $\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z}$ . For  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ , let  $\underline{n}$  denote the image of  $n$  in  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ .

We also fix  $G$ , a semisimple simply connected algebraic group over  $\mathbf{k}$  and a  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbf{Z}/m} \mathfrak{g}_i$  (see 0.11) for the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$ ; we shall assume that either  $p = 0$  or that  $p$  is so large relative to  $G$ , that we can operate with  $\mathfrak{g}$  as if  $p$  was 0.

For any integer  $d$  invertible in  $\mathbf{k}$  let  $\mu_d = \{z \in \mathbf{k}^*; z^d = 1\}$ . The  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading on  $\mathfrak{g}$  is the same as an action of  $\mu_m$  on  $G$  or a homomorphism  $\tilde{\vartheta} : \mu_m \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G)$ . ( $\tilde{\vartheta}$  induces a homomorphism  $\tilde{\theta} : \mu_m \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$  and for  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  we have  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \{x \in \mathfrak{g}; \tilde{\theta}(z)x = z^i x \ \forall z \in \mu_m\}$ .) Let  $G_0 = \{g \in G; g\tilde{\vartheta}(z) = \tilde{\vartheta}(z)g \ \forall z \in \mu_m\}$ , be a connected reductive subgroup of  $G$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ . For any  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ , the Ad-action of  $G_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  leaves stable  $\mathfrak{g}_i$  and its closed subset  $\mathfrak{g}_i^{nil} := \mathfrak{g}_i \cap \mathfrak{g}^{nil}$ . (Here  $\mathfrak{g}^{nil}$  is the variety of nilpotent elements in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .)

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We are interested in studying the equivariant derived categories (see 0.11)  $\mathcal{D}_{G_0}(\mathfrak{g}_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_{G_0}(\mathfrak{g}_i^{nil})$ . More specifically, we would like to classify  $G_0$ -equivariant simple perverse sheaves with support in  $\mathfrak{g}_i^{nil}$  and (in the case where  $p > 0$ ) their Fourier-Deligne transform. The simple perverse sheaves in  $\mathcal{D}_{G_0}(\mathfrak{g}_i^{nil})$  are in bijection with the pair  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$ , where  $\mathcal{O}$  is a nilpotent  $G_0$ -orbit in  $\mathfrak{g}_i$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is (the isomorphism class of) an irreducible  $G_0$ -equivariant local system on  $\mathcal{O}$ . (The pair  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$  gives rise to the simple perverse sheaf  $P$  with support equal to the closure of  $\mathcal{O}$  and with  $P|_{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{L}[\dim \mathcal{O}]$ .) We denote the set of such  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$  by  $\mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_i)$ . This is a finite set, since the  $G_0$ -action on  $\mathfrak{g}_i^{nil}$  has only finitely many orbits. Alternatively, if we choose  $e \in \mathcal{O}$ , then the local system  $\mathcal{L}$  corresponds to an irreducible representation of  $\pi_0(G_0(e))$  (see 0.11), where  $G_0(e)$  is the stabilizer of  $e$  under  $G_0$ .

There are many  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded Lie algebras which appear in nature.

0.2. In this subsection we assume that  $m = 2$  and  $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{C}$ . Then the  $\mathbf{Z}/2$ -grading  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$  (with  $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}_0$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{g}_1$ ) has been extensively studied in connection with the theory of symmetric spaces and the representation theory of real semisimple groups. In particular, the nilpotent  $G_0$ -orbits on  $\mathfrak{p}$  are known to be in bijection with the nilpotent orbits in the Lie algebra of a real form of  $G$  determined by the  $\mathbf{Z}/2$ -grading (Kostant and Sekiguchi).

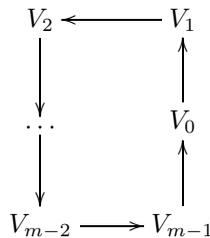
0.3. Another class of examples comes from cyclic quivers. In this subsection we assume that  $m \geq 2$ . We consider the simplest such example where  $V$  is a  $\mathbf{k}$ -vector space equipped with a  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading  $V = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbf{Z}/m} V_i$  (see 0.11) and  $G = SL(V)$  with the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading given by

$$\mathfrak{g}_i = \{T \in \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(V); T(V_j) \subset V_{j+i} \quad \forall j \in \mathbf{Z}/m\}.$$

In this case we have  $G_0 = S(\prod_{i \in \mathbf{Z}/m} GL(V_i))$ , the intersection of  $SL(V)$  with the Levi subgroup  $\prod_i GL(V_i)$  of a parabolic subgroup of  $GL(V)$ . The subspace  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is

(a) 
$$\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbf{Z}/m} \text{Hom}(V_i, V_{i+1}).$$

We may consider a quiver  $Q$  with  $m$  vertices indexed by  $\mathbf{Z}/m$  and an arrow  $i \mapsto i+1$  for each  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ ,



Then  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is the space of representations of  $Q$  where we put  $V_i$  at the vertex  $i$ .

More generally, if  $G$  is a classical group, then the  $G_0$ -action on  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  can be interpreted in terms of a cyclic quiver with some extra structure (see 9.5 for the case where  $G$  is a symplectic group).

0.4. In this subsection we forget the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading. Instead of the action of  $G_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_i$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_i^{nil}$  we consider the adjoint action of  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  and on  $\mathfrak{g}^{nil}$ . Let  $\mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g})$  be the set of pairs  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$  where  $\mathcal{O}$  is a  $G$ -orbit on  $\mathfrak{g}^{nil}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is an irreducible  $G$ -equivariant local

system on  $\mathcal{O}$  (up to isomorphism). From the results on the generalized Springer theory in [L1] we have a canonical decomposition

$$(a) \quad \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}) = \sqcup_{(L,C)} \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g})_{(L,C)},$$

where  $(L, C)$  runs over the  $G$ -conjugacy classes of data  $L, C$  with  $L$  a Levi subgroup of a parabolic subgroup of  $G$  and  $C$  an  $L$ -equivariant cuspidal perverse sheaf on the nilpotent cone of the Lie algebra of  $L$ . (Actually, the results of [L1] are stated for unipotent elements in  $G$  instead of nilpotent elements in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .) We call (a) the *block decomposition* of  $\mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g})$ .

Let  $P(\mathfrak{g}^{nil})$  be the subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}^{nil})$  consisting of complexes whose perverse cohomology sheaves are  $G$ -equivariant. Using (a) and [L3, (7.3.1)], we see that we have a direct sum decomposition

$$(b) \quad P(\mathfrak{g}^{nil}) = \oplus_{(L,C)} P(\mathfrak{g}^{nil})_{(L,C)},$$

where  $(L, C)$  is as in (a). We call (b) the *block decomposition* of  $P(\mathfrak{g}^{nil})$ . In [RR] it is shown that the following variant of (b) holds: we have a direct sum decomposition

$$(c) \quad \mathcal{D}_G(\mathfrak{g}^{nil}) = \oplus_{(L,C)} \mathcal{D}_G(\mathfrak{g}^{nil})_{(L,C)},$$

where  $(L, C)$  is as in (a). We call (c) the *block decomposition* of  $\mathcal{D}_G(\mathfrak{g}^{nil})$ .

In this paper we find a  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded analogue of this (ungraded) block decomposition.

0.5. We fix  $\zeta$ , a primitive  $m$ -th root of 1 in  $\mathbf{k}$  and we set  $\vartheta = \tilde{\vartheta}(\zeta) : G \rightarrow G$ ,  $\theta = \tilde{\theta}(\zeta) : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ . Then for  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  we have  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \{x \in \mathfrak{g}; \theta(x) = \zeta^i x\}$ .

Let  $\eta \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$ . We consider systems  $(M, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$ , where

$$M = \{g \in G; \text{Ad}(\tau)\vartheta g = g\}$$

for some semisimple element of finite order  $\tau \in G_0$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_* = \{\mathfrak{m}_N\}_{N \in \mathbf{Z}}$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $M$  (see 0.11) such that  $\mathfrak{m}_N \subset \mathfrak{g}_N$  for all  $N$ ,  $M_0$  is the closed connected subgroup of  $M$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{m}_0$  and  $\tilde{C}$  is an  $M_0$ -equivariant cuspidal perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta$ . We will review the notion of  $M_0$ -equivariant cuspidal perverse sheaf (already defined in [L4]) on  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta$  in 1.2. Such a system  $(M, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$  is said to be *admissible* if a certain technical condition involving the group of components of the center of  $M$  is satisfied (see 3.1).

Let  $\underline{\Sigma}_\eta$  be the set of admissible systems up to  $G_0$ -conjugacy. The following result is proved in 7.9.

**Theorem 0.6.** *There is a canonical direct sum decomposition of  $\mathcal{D}_{G_0}(\mathfrak{g}_\eta^{nil})$  into full subcategories*

$$\mathcal{D}_{G_0}(\mathfrak{g}_\eta^{nil}) = \oplus_{(M, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \underline{\Sigma}_\eta} \mathcal{D}_{G_0}(\mathfrak{g}_\eta^{nil})_{(M, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})}$$

indexed by  $\underline{\Sigma}_\eta$ .

In particular, any simple perverse sheaf in  $\mathcal{D}_{G_0}(\mathfrak{g}_\eta^{nil})$  belongs to a well-defined block  $\mathcal{D}_{G_0}(\mathfrak{g}_\eta^{nil})_{(M, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})}$ . This gives a map

$$\Psi : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\eta) \rightarrow \underline{\Sigma}_\eta.$$

In fact, we will first establish the map  $\Psi$  in 3.5 and then prove the theorem in 7.9, using a key calculation in Proposition 6.4.

We also show in 3.9 and 7.8 that both the indexing set  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$  and the blocks  $\mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_\eta^{nil})_\xi$  (for  $\xi \in \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$ ) only depend on the image  $\underline{\eta} \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  and not on the integer  $\eta$ .

Note that in the case where  $m = 1$ , the theorem can be deduced from 0.4(a). On the other hand, for large  $m$ , a  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading on  $\mathfrak{g}$  is the same as a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading, so that in this case the theorem can be deduced from the results of [L4]. Thus, the result about block decomposition in this paper generalizes results in [L1] and [L4].

0.7. As an explicit example, let us consider the case where  $G = SL_n(\mathbf{k}), \eta = 1$ . In the ungraded case, blocks are in bijection with pairs  $(d, \chi)$  where  $d$  is a divisor of  $n$  and  $\chi : \mu_d \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l^*$  is a primitive character. (See [L1].) To  $d$  we attach the subgroup  $M = S(GL_d^{n/d})$  (a Levi subgroup of a parabolic subgroup) and  $\chi$  gives a cuspidal perverse sheaf  $C_\chi$  with support equal to the nilpotent cone of the Lie algebra of  $M$ . Now in the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded case, we have  $G = SL(V), V = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbf{Z}/m} V_i$  as in 0.3, and we identify  $\mathfrak{g}_\underline{1}$  with  $\bigoplus_i \text{Hom}(V_i, V_{i+1})$ . In this case, the set of blocks  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\underline{1}$  has a similar explicit description. We have a natural bijection

$$(a) \quad \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\underline{1} \leftrightarrow \{(d, f, \chi)\} / \sim .$$

Here the right hand side is the set of equivalence classes of triples  $(d, f, \chi)$  where  $(d, \chi)$  is as in the ungraded case and  $f : \{1, 2, \dots, n/d\} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/m$  is a map such that

$$(b) \quad \#\{(b, y) \in \mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z}; 1 \leq b \leq n/d, 0 \leq y \leq d - 1, f(b) + \underline{y} = i\} = \dim V_i$$

for all  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ . Two triples  $(d, f, \chi)$  and  $(d', f', \chi')$  are equivalent if and only if  $d = d', \chi = \chi'$  and  $f'$  is obtained from  $f$  by composition with a permutation of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n/d\}$ .

0.8. In the ungraded case, the objects in the block  $\mathcal{D}_G(\mathfrak{g}^{nil})_{(L,C)}$  are obtained from  $C$  via parabolic induction (and decomposition) through any parabolic subgroup  $P$  of  $G$  containing  $L$  as a Levi subgroup. In the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded case, a first attempt to generalize parabolic induction would be to start with a parabolic subgroup of  $G$  compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading on  $\mathfrak{g}$ , as defined in the appendix of [L5]. However, such a parabolic induction does not produce all simple perverse sheaves in  $\mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_\eta^{nil})$ . Instead, we introduce a certain induction procedure which we call *spiral induction*; see Section 4. We introduce the notion of a spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  which is a sequence of subspaces  $\mathfrak{p}_N \subset \mathfrak{g}_N$ , one for each  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ , satisfying certain conditions; see Section 2. It turns out that spirals are the correct analogues of parabolic subalgebras in the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded case. Moreover, spiral induction includes the parabolic induction defined in the appendix of [L5] as special cases. In fact there are two kinds of spiral inductions, one giving objects in  $\mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_\eta^{nil})$  and the other giving (assuming that  $p > 0$ ) Fourier-Deligne transforms of objects in  $\mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_{-\underline{\eta}}^{nil})$ . The latter may be viewed as an analogue of character sheaves in the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded setting.

0.9. We now discuss the contents of the various sections. Many arguments in this paper rely on results from [L4] concerning  $\mathbf{Z}$ -graded Lie algebras; in Section 1 we review some results from [L4] that we need. In Section 2 we introduce the  $\epsilon$ -spirals attached to a  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded Lie algebra and their splittings; the analogous concepts in the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -graded cases are the parabolic subalgebras compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading and their Levi subalgebras compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading. We also attach a canonical spiral to any element of  $\mathfrak{g}_\eta^{nil}$  which plays a crucial role in the arguments of this

paper. In Section 3 we introduce the admissible systems, which eventually will be used to index the blocks in  $\mathcal{D}_{G_{\mathbb{Q}}}(\mathfrak{g}_{\eta}^{nil})$ . In Section 4 we introduce the operation of spiral induction which is our main tool in the study of  $\mathcal{D}_{G_{\mathbb{Q}}}(\mathfrak{g}_{\eta}^{nil})$ . In Sections 5 and 6 we calculate explicitly the Hom space between two spiral inductions, generalizing to the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded case a result from [L4]. This is used in Section 7 to prove Theorem 0.6. In Section 8 we introduce monomial and quasi-monomial complexes on  $\mathfrak{g}_{\eta}^{nil}$ ; we show that the monomial complexes (resp. quasi-monomial) complexes generate the appropriate Grothendieck group over  $\mathbf{Q}(v)$  (resp. over  $\mathbf{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$ ) where  $v$  is an indeterminate; this again generalizes to the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded case a result from [L4]. This result is of the same type as that which says that the plus part of a quantized enveloping algebra defined in terms of perverse sheaves is generated over  $\mathbf{Q}(v)$  by monomials in the  $E_i$  and over  $\mathbf{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$  by the products of divided powers of the  $E_i$  (which could be called quasi-monomials). In Section 9 we discuss the examples where  $G = SL(V)$  or  $G = Sp(V)$ ; in these cases we describe the spirals and in the case of  $G = SL(V)$  we describe the blocks.

0.10. It is known that, in the ungraded case, each block of  $\mathcal{D}_G(\mathfrak{g}^{nil})$  can be related to the category of representations of a certain Weyl group; if  $m$  is large, so that the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$  grading of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading and  $\mathfrak{g}_{\eta}^{nil} = \mathfrak{g}_{\eta}$ , then each block of  $\mathcal{D}_{G_{\mathbb{Q}}}(\mathfrak{g}_{\eta}^{nil})$  is related to the category of representations of a certain graded affine Hecke algebra with possibly unequal parameters. In fact, without assumptions on  $m$ , each block of  $\mathcal{D}_{G_{\mathbb{Q}}}(\mathfrak{g}_{\eta}^{nil})$  is related to a certain graded double affine Hecke algebra (corresponding to an affine Weyl group attached to the block) with possibly unequal parameters; this will be considered in a sequel to this paper. We also plan to describe explicitly the blocks in the case where  $G$  is a classical group and relate them to cyclic quivers with extra structure. The case of the symplectic group is partially carried out in 9.5–9.7.

0.11. **Notation.** All algebraic varieties are assumed to be over  $\mathbf{k}$ ; all algebraic groups are assumed to be affine. Let  $l$  be a prime number invertible in  $\mathbf{k}$ . For any algebraic variety  $X$  we denote by  $\mathcal{D}(X)$  the bounded derived category of  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l$ -complexes on  $X$ . Let  $D : \mathcal{D}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(X)$  be Verdier duality.

For  $K \in \mathcal{D}(X)$  we denote by  $\mathcal{H}^n K$  the  $n$ -th cohomology sheaf of  $K$  and by  $\mathcal{H}_x^n K$  the stalk of  $\mathcal{H}^n K$  at  $x \in X$ .

If  $X'$  is a locally closed smooth irreducible subvariety of  $X$  with closure  $\bar{X}'$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is an irreducible local system on  $X'$  we denote by  $\mathcal{L}^{\sharp} \in \mathcal{D}(X)$  the intersection cohomology complex of  $\bar{X}'$  with coefficients in  $\mathcal{L}$ , extended by 0 on  $X - \bar{X}'$ .

If  $X$  has a given action of an algebraic group  $H$  we denote by  $\mathcal{D}_H(X)$  the corresponding equivariant derived category.

If  $H$  is an algebraic group we denote by  $H^0$  the identity component of  $H$ , by  $\mathcal{Z}_H$  the center of  $H$ . We set  $\pi_0(H) = H/H^0$ . Now assume that  $H$  is connected. We denote by  $\mathfrak{L}H$  the Lie algebra of  $H$  and by  $U_H$  the unipotent radical of  $H$ . Let  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{L}H$ . If  $\mathfrak{h}'$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{h}$  we write  $e^{\mathfrak{h}'}$  for the closed connected subgroup of  $H$  such that  $\mathfrak{L}(e^{\mathfrak{h}'}) = \mathfrak{h}'$ , assuming that such a subgroup exists.

We shall often denote a collection  $\{V_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  of vector spaces indexed by  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  by the symbol  $V_*$ .

If  $V$  is a  $\mathbf{k}$ -vector space, a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading on  $V$  is a collection of subspaces  $V_* = \{V_k; k \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  such that  $V = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} V_k$ ; a  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading on  $V$  is a collection of subspaces

$\{V_i; i \in \mathbf{Z}/m\}$  such that  $V = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbf{Z}/m} V_i$ ; a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -grading on  $V$  is a collection of subspaces  $\{\kappa V; \kappa \in \mathbf{Q}\}$  such that  $V = \bigoplus_{\kappa \in \mathbf{Q}} (\kappa V)$ .

A  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading for the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading  $\mathfrak{h}_* = \{\mathfrak{h}_k; k \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$  as a vector space satisfying  $[\mathfrak{h}_k, \mathfrak{h}_{k'}] \subset \mathfrak{h}_{k+k'}$  for all  $k, k' \in \mathbf{Z}$ ; a  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading for  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading  $\{\mathfrak{h}_i; i \in \mathbf{Z}/m\}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$  as a vector space satisfying  $[\mathfrak{h}_i, \mathfrak{h}_{i'}] \subset \mathfrak{h}_{i+i'}$  for all  $i, i' \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ ; a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -grading for  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -grading  $\{\kappa \mathfrak{h}; \kappa \in \mathbf{Q}\}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$  as a vector space satisfying  $[\kappa \mathfrak{h}, \kappa' \mathfrak{h}] \subset \kappa + \kappa' \mathfrak{h}$  for all  $\kappa, \kappa' \in \mathbf{Q}$ .

Let  $Y_H$  be the set of homomorphisms of algebraic groups  $\mathbf{k}^* \rightarrow H$ . For  $\lambda \in Y_H$  and  $c \in \mathbf{Z}$ , we define  $c\lambda \in Y_H$  by  $(c\lambda)(t) = \lambda(t^c)$  for  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . We define an equivalence relation on  $Y_H \times \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  by  $(\lambda, r) \sim (\lambda', r')$  whenever there exist  $c, c'$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  such that  $c\lambda = c'\lambda'$ ,  $cr = c'r'$ ; the set of equivalence classes for this relation is denoted by  $Y_{H, \mathbf{Q}}$ . Let  $\lambda/r = (1/r)\lambda$  be the equivalence class of  $(\lambda, r)$ . Now  $\lambda \mapsto \lambda/1$  identifies  $Y_H$  with a subset of  $Y_{H, \mathbf{Q}}$ . For  $\kappa \in \mathbf{Q}, \mu \in Y_{H, \mathbf{Q}}$  we define  $\kappa\mu \in Y_{H, \mathbf{Q}}$  by  $\kappa\mu = (k\lambda)/(k'r)$ , where  $k \in \mathbf{Z}, k' \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}, r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}, \lambda \in Y_H$  are such that  $\kappa = k/k', \mu = \lambda/r$ ; this is independent of the choices. In particular, we have  $r\mu \in Y_H$  for some  $r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$ .

Let  $\lambda \in Y_H$ . For  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  we set

$$\lambda \mathfrak{h} = \{x \in \mathfrak{h}; \text{Ad}(\lambda(t))x = t^k x \quad \forall t \in \mathbf{k}^*\}.$$

Note that  $\{\lambda \mathfrak{h}, k \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

Now let  $\mu \in Y_{H, \mathbf{Q}}$ . For  $\kappa \in \mathbf{Q}$  we set  $\mu \mathfrak{h} = \frac{r\mu}{r\kappa} \mathfrak{h}$  where  $r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  is chosen so that  $r\mu \in Y_H$ ,  $r\kappa \in \mathbf{Z}$ . This is well defined (independent of the choice of  $r$ ). Note that  $\{\mu \mathfrak{h}, \kappa \in \mathbf{Q}\}$  is a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -grading of  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

0.12. Let  $H$  be a connected algebraic group acting on an algebraic variety  $X$  and let  $A, B$  be two  $H$ -equivariant semisimple complexes on  $X$ ; let  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ . We define a finite dimensional  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l$ -vector space  $\mathbf{D}_j(X, H; A, B)$  as in [L4, 1.7]. For the purpose of this paper, we can take the following formula as the definition of  $\mathbf{D}_j(X, H; A, B)$ :

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{D}_j(X, H; A, B) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_H(X)}(A, D(B)[-j])^*.$$

Let  $d_j(X; A, B) = \dim \mathbf{D}_j(X, H; A, B)$ ,  $\{A, B\} = \sum_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} d_j(X; A, B)v^{-j} \in \mathbf{N}((v))$  where  $v$  is an indeterminate.

If  $A, B$  are  $H$ -equivariant simple perverse sheaves on  $X$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \{A, B\} &\in 1 + v\mathbf{N}[[v]] \text{ if } B \cong D(A), \\ \{A, B\} &\in v\mathbf{N}[[v]] \text{ if } B \not\cong D(A). \end{aligned}$$

(See [L4, 1.8(d)].)

For an algebraic variety  $X$  we denote by  $\rho_X$  the map  $X \rightarrow (\text{point})$ .

Let  $v$  be an indeterminate and let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$ . Let  $\bar{\cdot} : \mathbf{Q}(v) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}(v)$  be the field involution such that  $\bar{v} = v^{-1}$ . This restricts to a ring involution  $\bar{\cdot} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ .

For any  $\eta \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$  we define  $\dot{\eta} = \eta/|\eta| \in \{1, -1\}$  where  $|\eta|$  is the absolute value of  $\eta$ .

## 1. RECOLLECTIONS ON $\mathbf{Z}$ -GRADED LIE ALGEBRAS

In this section we recall notation and results from [L4] that will be used in this paper.

1.1. In this section we fix a connected reductive group  $H$ ; let  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{L}H$ .

Let  $J^H$  be the variety consisting of all triples  $(e, h, f) \in \mathfrak{h}^3$  such that  $[h, e] = 2e, [h, f] = -2f, [e, f] = h$  (then  $e, f$  are necessarily in  $\mathfrak{h}^{nil}$ ). If  $\phi = (e, h, f) \in J^H$ , there is a unique homomorphism of algebraic groups  $\tilde{\phi} : SL_2(\mathbf{k}) \rightarrow H$  such that the differential of  $\tilde{\phi}$  carries  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  to  $e, h, f$  respectively; we then define  $\iota_\phi \in Y_H$  by  $\iota_\phi(t) = \tilde{\phi} \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ .

1.2. In the remainder of this section we assume that a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading  $\mathfrak{h}_*$  for  $\mathfrak{h}$  is given. Then there exists  $\lambda \in Y_H$  and  $r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  with  $\mathfrak{h}_k = \lambda_{rk} \mathfrak{h}$  for all  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ . (It follows that  $\lambda_\kappa \mathfrak{h} = 0$  for all  $\kappa \in \mathbf{Q} - r\mathbf{Z}$ .)

(In this paper we will often refer to results in [L4], even though, strictly speaking, in [L4] a stronger assumption on the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\mathfrak{h}$  is made, namely that  $r$  above can be taken to be 1. Note that the results of [L4] hold with the same proof when the stronger assumption is replaced by the present assumption.)

We have  $\mathfrak{h}_k \subset \mathfrak{h}^{nil}$  for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$ . Note that  $\mathfrak{h}_0$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{h}$  and that  $H_0 := e^{\mathfrak{h}_0} \subset H$  is well defined and it acts by the Ad-action on each  $\mathfrak{h}_k$ . If  $k \neq 0$ , this action has only finitely many orbits (see [L4, 3.5]); we denote by  $\mathring{\mathfrak{h}}_k$  the unique open  $H_0$ -orbit in  $\mathfrak{h}_k$ .

Let  $\eta \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$ .

(a) We say that the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading  $\mathfrak{h}_*$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$  is  $\eta$ -rigid if there exists  $\iota \in Y_H$  such that (i), (ii) below hold.

(i)  ${}^t_k \mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{h}_{\eta k/2}$  for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $\eta k/2 \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  ${}^t_k \mathfrak{h} = 0$  for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $\eta k/2 \notin \mathbf{Z}$ ;

(ii)  $\iota = \iota_\phi$  for some  $\phi = (e, h, f) \in J^H$  such that  $e \in \mathring{\mathfrak{h}}_\eta, h \in \mathfrak{h}_0, f \in \mathfrak{h}_{-\eta}$ . It follows that  $2k' \in \eta\mathbf{Z}$  whenever  $\mathfrak{h}_{k'} \neq 0$ . Note that  $\iota$  is unique if it exists, since, by (ii),  $\iota(\mathbf{k}^*)$  is contained in the derived group of  $H$ .

We show:

(b) In the setup of (a), let  $\phi' = (e', h', f') \in J^H$  be such that  $e' \in \mathring{\mathfrak{h}}_\eta, h' \in \mathfrak{h}_0, f' \in \mathfrak{h}_{-\eta}$ . Let  $\iota' = \iota_{\phi'}$ . Then  $\iota' = \iota$ .

Let  $\phi$  be as in (ii). Using [L4, 3.3], we can find  $g_0 \in H_0$  such that  $\text{Ad}(g_0)$  carries  $\phi$  to  $\phi'$ . It follows that  $\text{Ad}(g_0)\iota(t) = \iota'(t)$  for any  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . For  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $\eta k/2 \in \mathbf{Z}$  we have

$${}^t_k \mathfrak{h} = \text{Ad}(g_0)({}^t_k \mathfrak{h}) = \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{h}_k = \mathfrak{h}_k;$$

for  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $\eta k/2 \notin \mathbf{Z}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}^t_k \mathfrak{h} &= \text{Ad}(g_0)({}^t_k \mathfrak{h}) = 0, \\ {}^t_{2k\eta} \mathfrak{h} &= \text{Ad}(g_0)({}^t_{2k\eta} \mathfrak{h}) = \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{h}_k = \mathfrak{h}_k. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\iota'$  satisfies the defining properties of  $\iota$  in (a). By uniqueness we have  $\iota' = \iota$  as required.

Let  $\mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$  be the set of all pairs  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$  where  $\mathcal{O}$  is an  $H_0$ -orbit in  $\mathfrak{h}_\eta$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is an  $H_0$ -equivariant irreducible local system on  $\mathfrak{h}_\eta$  (up to isomorphism).

Let  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$  be the category of  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -complexes on  $\mathfrak{h}_\eta$  which are direct sums of shifts of simple  $H_0$ -equivariant perverse sheaves on  $\mathfrak{h}_\eta$ . There are up to isomorphism only finitely many such simple perverse sheaves; they form a set in bijection with  $\mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$ .

An  $H_0$ -equivariant perverse sheaf  $A$  on  $\mathfrak{h}_\eta$  is said to be *cuspidal* if there exists a nilpotent  $H$ -orbit  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\mathfrak{h}$  and an irreducible  $H$ -equivariant cuspidal local system  $\mathcal{F}$

on  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\mathring{\mathfrak{h}}_\eta \subset \mathcal{C}$  and  $A|_{\mathring{\mathfrak{h}}_\eta} = \mathcal{F}|_{\mathring{\mathfrak{h}}_\eta} [\dim \mathfrak{h}_\eta]$ . If such  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{F})$  exists, it is unique; see [L4, 4.2(c)]. Note that if  $A$  is cuspidal, then it is necessarily a simple perverse sheaf.

(c) *If there exists a cuspidal  $H_0$ -equivariant perverse sheaf  $A$  on  $\mathfrak{h}_\eta$ , the grading  $\mathfrak{h}_*$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$  is necessarily  $\eta$ -rigid; moreover, we have  $A|_{\mathfrak{h}_\eta - \mathring{\mathfrak{h}}_\eta} = 0$ .*

(See [L4, 4.4(a), 4.4(b)].)

In the setup of (c), the element  $\iota \in Y_H$  provided by (a) is known to satisfy

(d)  $\iota_k \mathfrak{h} = 0$  unless  $k \in 2\mathbf{Z}$ ;

we deduce that:

(e) *If  $k' \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\mathfrak{h}_{k'} \neq 0$ , then  $k'/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}$ .*

**1.3. Parabolic induction.** In the setup of 1.2 assume that  $P$  is a parabolic subgroup of  $H$  with  $\mathfrak{p} := \mathfrak{L}P$  satisfying  $\mathfrak{p} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{p}_k$  where  $\mathfrak{p}_k = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$ . We set  $U = U_P, L = P/U, \mathfrak{u} = \mathfrak{L}U, \mathfrak{l} = \mathfrak{L}L = \mathfrak{p}/\mathfrak{u}$ . We have  $\mathfrak{u} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{u}_k$  where  $\mathfrak{u}_k = \mathfrak{u} \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$ . Setting  $\mathfrak{l}_k = \mathfrak{p}_k/\mathfrak{u}_k$ , we have  $\mathfrak{l} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{l}_k$ ; this gives a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{l}$ .

Now  $\mathfrak{p}_0$  is a parabolic subalgebra of the reductive Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_0$ ; we have  $\mathfrak{p}_0 = \mathfrak{L}P_0$  where  $P_0$  is a parabolic subgroup of the connected reductive group  $H_0$ . Let  $L_0$  be the image of  $P_0$  under the obvious homomorphism  $P \rightarrow L$ . Then  $L_0 = e^{\iota_0} \subset L$ . Now  $P_0$  acts by the Ad-action on each  $\mathfrak{p}_k$ . Let  $\pi : \mathfrak{p}_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}_\eta$  be the obvious projection. We have a diagram

$$\mathfrak{l}_\eta \xleftarrow{a} H_0 \times \mathfrak{p}_\eta \xrightarrow{b} E \xrightarrow{c} \mathfrak{h}_\eta,$$

where

$$E = \{(hP_0, z) \in H_0/P_0 \times \mathfrak{h}_\eta; \text{Ad}(h^{-1})z \in \mathfrak{p}_\eta\},$$

$$a(h, z) = \pi(\text{Ad}(h^{-1})z), b(h, z) = (hP_0, z), c(gP_0, z) = z.$$

Now  $a$  is smooth with connected fibers,  $b$  is a principal  $P_0$ -bundle and  $c$  is proper. If  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$ , then  $a^*A$  is a  $P_0$ -equivariant semisimple complex on  $H_0 \times \mathfrak{p}_\eta$  hence there is a well-defined semisimple complex  $A_1$  on  $E$  such that  $b^*A_1 = a^*A$ . Since  $c$  is proper, the complex

$$\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{h}_\eta}(A) := c_!A_1$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$ . For  $B \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$  we can form

$$\text{res}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{h}_\eta}(B) := \pi_!(B|_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta).$$

Thus we have functors  $\text{res}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{h}_\eta} : \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta), \text{ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{h}_\eta} : \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$ .

When  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  is a Levi subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{p}$  such that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_k$  with  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_k = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}} \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$ , we will sometime consider  $\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{h}_\eta}(A)$  with  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)$  by identifying  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta = \mathfrak{l}_\eta$  in an obvious way and  $A$  with an object in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$ .

**1.4.** In the setup of 1.3 let  $S'_P$  be the set of Levi subgroups of  $P$  and let  $S_P$  be the set of all  $M \in S'_P$  such that, setting  $\mathfrak{L}M = \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_k = \mathfrak{m} \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$ , we have  $\mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{m}_k$ , or equivalently such that  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t))\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}$  for all  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . We have  $S_P \neq \emptyset$ ; indeed, we can find  $M \in S'_P$  such that  $\lambda(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset M$ ; then  $M \in S_P$ . Since  $U$  acts simply transitively by conjugation on  $S'_P$ , it follows that:

(a) *The unipotent group  $\{u \in U; u\lambda(t) = \lambda(t)u \quad \forall t \in \mathbf{k}^*\}$  acts simply transitively by conjugation on  $S_P$ .*

1.5. **Blocks for  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$ .** Let  $\mathfrak{M}_\eta(H)$  be the set of all systems

$$(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}),$$

where  $M$  is a Levi subgroup of some parabolic subgroup of  $H$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{L}M$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\mathfrak{m}$  such that  $\mathfrak{m}_k = \mathfrak{m} \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$  for all  $k$ ,  $M_0 = e^{\mathfrak{m}_0} \subset M$  and  $\tilde{C}$  is a cuspidal  $M_0$ -equivariant perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta$  (up to isomorphism). Note that  $H_0$  acts by conjugation on  $\mathfrak{M}_\eta(H)$ . Let  $\underline{\mathfrak{M}}_\eta(H)$  be the set of orbits for this action.

In the setup of 1.2 assume that  $A$  is a simple  $H_0$ -equivariant perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{h}_\eta$ . By [L4, 7.5]:

(a) *There exists  $P, L, L_0, \mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{l}$  as in 1.3 and a cuspidal  $L_0$ -equivariant perverse sheaf  $C$  on  $\mathfrak{l}_\eta$  such that some shift of  $A$  is a direct summand of  $\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{h}_\eta}(C)$ .*

Assume now that  $P', L', L'_0, \mathfrak{p}', \mathfrak{l}'$  is another quintuple like  $P, L, L_0, \mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{l}$  and that  $C'$  is a cuspidal  $L'_0$ -equivariant perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{l}'_\eta$  such that some shift of  $A$  is a direct summand of  $\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{h}_\eta}(C')$ .

Let  $M \in S_P, M' \in S_{P'}$ , let  $\mathfrak{L}M = \mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_k \mathfrak{m}_k$  be as in 1.4 and let  $\mathfrak{L}M' = \mathfrak{m}' = \bigoplus_k \mathfrak{m}'_k$  where  $\mathfrak{m}'_k = \mathfrak{m}' \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$ . Let  $M_0 = e^{\mathfrak{m}_0} \subset M, M'_0 = e^{\mathfrak{m}'_0} \subset M'$ . We can identify  $M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_k$  with  $L, L_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_k$  via  $P \rightarrow L$  and we can identify  $M', M'_0, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{m}'_k$  with  $L', L'_0, \mathfrak{l}', \mathfrak{l}'_k$  via  $P' \rightarrow L'$ . Then  $C$  (resp.  $C'$ ) becomes a cuspidal  $M_0$ -equivariant (resp.  $M'_0$ -equivariant) perverse sheaf  $\tilde{C}$  (resp.  $\tilde{C}'$ ) on  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{m}'_\eta$ ).

Using the last sentence of [L4, 15.3], we see that there exists  $h \in H_0$  such that  $\text{Ad}(h)$  carries  $M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_k$  to  $M', M'_0, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{m}'_k$  and  $\tilde{C}$  to  $\tilde{C}'$ . Thus, we have:

(b)  *$A \mapsto (M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_k, \tilde{C})$  is a well-defined map from the set of (isomorphism classes) of simple  $H_0$ -equivariant perverse sheaves on  $\mathfrak{h}_\eta$  to the set  $\underline{\mathfrak{M}}_\eta(H)$ .*

1.6. Let  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_k, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{M}_\eta(H)$ . We show:

(a) *There exists a parabolic subgroup  $P$  of  $H$  such that  $M$  is a Levi subgroup of  $P$  and such that, setting  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{L}P$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_k = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$ , we have  $\mathfrak{p} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{p}_k$ .*

Let  $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{Z}_M^0$ . Then  $\mathfrak{z} = \mathfrak{L}\mathcal{Z}$  is the center of  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{m}_0$  is a Levi subalgebra of a parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{m}$ , we have  $\mathfrak{z} \subset \mathfrak{m}_0$  hence  $\mathcal{Z} \subset M_0$ . We can find  $\lambda_1 \in Y_{\mathcal{Z}}$  such that the centralizer of  $\lambda_1(\mathbf{k}^*)$  in  $H$  is equal to the centralizer of  $\mathcal{Z}$  in  $H$  which equals  $M$ . Let  $\lambda \in Y_H, r$  be as in 1.2. Then  $\lambda(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \mathcal{Z}_{H_0}$ . Now  $\lambda_1(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \mathcal{Z}$  hence  $\lambda_1(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset H_0$ . It follows that  $\lambda_1(t)\lambda(t') = \lambda(t')\lambda_1(t)$  for any  $t, t'$  in  $\mathbf{k}^*$ . Thus we have  $\mathfrak{h} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}, k' \in \mathbf{Z}} (\overset{\lambda}{\mathfrak{h}}_{kr} \cap \overset{\lambda_1}{\mathfrak{h}}_{k'})$ . Since the centralizer of  $\lambda_1(\mathbf{k}^*)$  in  $\mathfrak{h}$  equals  $\mathfrak{m}$ , we have  $\mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} (\overset{\lambda}{\mathfrak{h}}_{kr} \cap \overset{\lambda_1}{\mathfrak{h}}_0)$ . We set

$$\mathfrak{p} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}, k' \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}} (\overset{\lambda}{\mathfrak{h}}_{kr} \cap \overset{\lambda_1}{\mathfrak{h}}_{k'}).$$

Clearly,  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{h}$  with Levi subalgebra  $\mathfrak{m}$  and such that, setting  $\mathfrak{p}_k = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$ , we have  $\mathfrak{p} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{p}_k$ . This proves (a).

1.7. To any  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{M}_\eta(H)$  we associate a simple perverse sheaf  $A$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$  as follows. Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the  $H_0$ -orbit in  $\mathfrak{h}_\eta$  which contains  $\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}'$  be the irreducible  $M_0$ -equivariant local system on  $\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta$  such that  $\tilde{C}|_{\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta} = \mathcal{L}'[\dim \mathfrak{m}_\eta]$ . By [L4, 11.2], there is a well-defined irreducible  $H_0$ -equivariant local system  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}|_{\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta} = \mathcal{L}'$ . By definition,  $A$  is the simple perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{h}_\eta$  such that  $\text{supp } A$  is contained in the closure of  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $A|_{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{L}[\dim \mathcal{O}]$ .

1.8. Assume that the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading  $\mathfrak{h}_*$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$  is  $\eta$ -rigid. A perverse sheaf  $A$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$  is said to be  $\eta$ -semicuspidal if  $\text{supp } A = \mathfrak{h}_\eta$  and  $A$  is attached to some

$$(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{M}_\eta(H),$$

as in 1.7 (in particular,  $A$  is a simple perverse sheaf). In this case we have  $\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta \subset \overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{h}}_\eta$ ; moreover,

(a)  $H_0$  acts transitively on the set of systems  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_*, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$  such that  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{M}_\eta(H)$ ,  $A$  is attached to  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$  as in 1.7,  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{h}$  with Levi subalgebra  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $\mathfrak{p} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{p}_k$  where  $\mathfrak{p}_k = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$ . (See [L4, 11.9].)

If  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_*, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$  is as in (a), then

(b) 
$$\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{h}_\eta}(\tilde{C}) \cong \bigoplus_j A[-2s_j][\dim \mathfrak{m}_\eta - \dim \mathfrak{h}_\eta],$$

where  $s_j \in \mathbf{N}$  are defined as follows. Choose  $\phi = (e, h, f) \in J^H$  as in 1.2(ii); let  $H_\phi = \{g \in H; \text{Ad}(g)(e) = e, \text{Ad}(g)(h) = h, \text{Ad}(g)(f) = f\}$ , let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the variety of Borel subgroups of  $H_\phi^0$ ; then  $s_j$  are defined by  $\rho_{\mathcal{B}!} \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l = \bigoplus_j \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[-2s_j]$ . (See [L4, 11.13].)

1.9. Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be the set of all systems  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_*, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{A})$  where  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{h}$  with Levi subalgebra  $\mathfrak{m}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{p}_k$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{m}_k$  where  $\mathfrak{p}_k = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_k = \mathfrak{m} \cap \mathfrak{h}_k$ ,  $M = e^{\mathfrak{m}}$ ,  $M_0 = e^{\mathfrak{m}_0}$  and  $\tilde{A}$  is a simple perverse sheaf in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{m}_\eta)$  (up to isomorphism) which is  $\eta$ -semicuspidal. We have the following result; see [L4, 13.3].

(a) Let  $A_1 \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$ . There exists  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_t, C_{t+1}, \dots, C_{t+t'}$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{h}_\eta)$  such that

$$A_1 \oplus C_1 \oplus C_2 \oplus \dots \oplus C_t = C_{t+1} \oplus \dots \oplus C_{t+t'}$$

and each  $C_j$  is of the form  $\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{h}_\eta}(\tilde{A})[a_j]$  for some  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_*, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{A}) \in \mathcal{X}$  (depending on  $j$ ) and some  $a_j \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

*Erratum to [L4].* In the definition of a good object in the second paragraph of [L4, 13.2], one should insert the words “shifts of” after “direct sum of” (twice).

1.10. Let  $s \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$ . We show:

(a) the subspace  $\mathfrak{h}^{(1)} := \bigoplus_{k \in s\mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{h}_k$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$  is the Lie algebra of a well-defined connected reductive subgroup  $H^{(1)}$  of  $H$ .

We can assume that  $s > 0$ . We shall define  $e \in Z_{>0}$  as follows: if  $p = 0$  we have  $e = 0$ ; if  $p > 0$  we define  $e$  by  $s = s'p^e$ , where  $s' \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  is not divisible by  $p$ . We shall argue by induction on  $e$ . (When  $p = 0$  we only have to consider the case  $e = 0$ .) Assume first that  $e = 0$ .

Let  $\bar{H}$  be the adjoint group of  $H$  and let  $\bar{\mathfrak{h}}$  be its Lie algebra. Then  $\bar{\mathfrak{h}}$  inherits a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading  $\bar{\mathfrak{h}} = \bigoplus_k \bar{\mathfrak{h}}_k$  from  $\mathfrak{h}$ . If we assume known that  $\bar{\mathfrak{h}}^{(1)} := \bigoplus_{k \in s\mathbf{Z}} \bar{\mathfrak{h}}_k$  is the Lie algebra of a well-defined connected reductive subgroup  $\bar{H}^{(1)}$  of  $\bar{H}$ , then we can take  $H^{(1)}$  to be the identity component of the inverse image of  $\bar{H}^{(1)}$  under the obvious map  $H \rightarrow \bar{H}$ . Thus we can assume that  $H$  is adjoint. Let  $\lambda \in Y_H$  be such that  $\lambda_k \mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{h}_k$  for all  $k$ . Let  $\zeta'$  be a primitive  $s$ -th root of 1 in  $\mathbf{k}$ . (Note that if  $p > 0$ ,  $s = s'$  is not divisible by  $p$ .) We define  $\omega : H \rightarrow H$  by  $\omega(g) = \text{Ad}(\lambda(\zeta'))(g)$ ; this is an automorphism of  $H$ . The automorphism  $\omega' : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$  induced by  $\omega$  sends  $x \in \mathfrak{h}_k$  (where  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ ) to  $\zeta'^k x$ . Hence  $\omega^s = 1$  and  $\mathfrak{h}^{(1)}$  is equal to  $\{x \in \mathfrak{h}; \omega(x) = x\}$ . Let  $H^{(1)}$  be the identity component of  $\{g \in H; \omega(g) = g\}$ . This is a connected reductive

group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}^{(1)}$ . Thus (a) is proved in the case  $e = 0$ . We now assume that  $e \geq 1$  hence  $p > 0$ . We can find an element  $x_0 \in \mathfrak{h}$  such that  $[x_0, x] = kx$  for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  and any  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_k$ . (We can take  $x_0$  in the image of the tangent map of  $\lambda : \mathbf{k}^* \rightarrow H$ .) Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}} = \{x \in \mathfrak{h}; [x_0, x] = 0\}$ . We have  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}} = \bigoplus_{k \in p\mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{h}_k$ . Let  $\tilde{H}$  be the identity component of  $\{g \in H; \text{Ad}(g)x_0 = x_0\}$ . Since  $x_0 \in \mathfrak{h}$  is semisimple, it follows that  $\tilde{H}$  is reductive with Lie algebra  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$ . We define a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}} = \bigoplus_{k' \in \mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{k'}$  by  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{k'} = \mathfrak{h}_{pk'}$ . By the induction hypothesis applied to  $\tilde{H}, \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  we see that there is a well-defined connected reductive subgroup  $\tilde{H}^{(1)}$  of  $\tilde{H}$  whose Lie algebra is  $\bigoplus_{k' \in (s/p)\mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{k'} = \bigoplus_{k' \in (s/p)\mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{h}_{pk'} = \bigoplus_{k \in s\mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{h}_k = \mathfrak{h}^{(1)}$ . We can take  $H^{(1)} = \tilde{H}^{(1)}$ . This completes the inductive proof.

2.  $\mathbf{Z}$   $\mapsto$ -GRADINGS AND  $\epsilon$ -SPIRALS

In this section we introduce the key notion of this paper, namely a spiral. Spirals are analogues in the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded setting of parabolic subalgebras in the ungraded or  $\mathbf{Z}$ -graded setting. We also attach a canonical spiral to each nilpotent element in  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta$ .

2.1. In the rest of this paper,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $G, \mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbf{Z}/m} \mathfrak{g}_i$  are as in 0.1 and  $\zeta, \vartheta, \theta$  are as in 0.5. Recall that for  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  we have  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \{x \in \mathfrak{g}; \theta(x) = \zeta^i x\}$  and that  $\vartheta : G \rightarrow G$  is the (semisimple) automorphism of  $G$  which induces  $\theta : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ ; note that  $\theta(\text{Ad}(g)x) = \text{Ad}(\vartheta(g))\theta(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathfrak{g}, g \in G$ .

We shall fix  $\delta \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ .

For any semisimple automorphism  $\gamma : G \rightarrow G$ , we set  $G^\gamma = \{g \in G; \gamma(g) = g\}$ . By a theorem of Steinberg [St],

(a)  $G^\gamma$  is a connected reductive subgroup of  $G$ .

Now  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Recall that  $G_0 = G^\vartheta$  and that the Ad-action of  $G_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  leaves stable  $\mathfrak{g}_i$  and its closed subset  $\mathfrak{g}_i^{nil} := \mathfrak{g}_i \cap \mathfrak{g}^{nil}$  for any  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{G}$  be the set of subgroups of  $G$  of the form  $G^{\text{Ad}(\tau)\vartheta}$  for some semisimple element of finite order  $\tau \in G_0$ ; by (a), any group in  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a connected reductive subgroup of  $G$ . For example, we have  $G_0 \in \mathfrak{G}$ ; hence we have  $G_0 = e^{\mathfrak{g}_0}$ .

2.2. Let  $\langle, \rangle : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$  be a Killing form; it is nondegenerate and it satisfies  $\langle \mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_j \rangle = 0$  whenever  $i + j \neq 0$  in  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ . Hence for any  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m, \langle, \rangle : \mathfrak{g}_i \times \mathfrak{g}_{-i} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$  is nondegenerate.

2.3. **The Morozov-Jacobson theorem in the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded setting.** We set  $J = J^G$ ; see 1.1. For  $x \in \mathfrak{g}^{nil}$  let  $J(x) = \{(e, h, f) \in J; e = x\}$ ,  $G(x) = \{g \in G; \text{Ad}(g)x = x\}$  and let  $U = U_{G(x)^0}$ . Recall the following result of Morozov-Jacobson and Kostant; see [Ko].

(a) We have  $J(x) \neq \emptyset$ . The  $U$ -action on  $J(x)$  given by

$$u : (e, h, f) \mapsto u(e, h, f) := (e, \text{Ad}(u)h, \text{Ad}(u)f)$$

is simply transitive.

Assume now that  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ . We set

$$J_\delta(x) = \{(e, h, f) \in J(x); e = x, h \in \mathfrak{g}_0, f \in \mathfrak{g}_{-\delta}\}.$$

We show:

(b) We have  $J_\delta(x) \neq \emptyset$ . The  $(U \cap G_0)$ -action on  $J_\delta(x)$  (restriction of the  $U$ -action in (a)) is simply transitive.

If  $(e, h, f) \in J(x)$ , then  $(\zeta^{-\delta}e, h, \zeta^\delta f) \in J_\delta(\zeta^{-\delta}x)$  and

$$(\zeta^{-\delta}\theta(e), \theta(h), \zeta^\delta\theta(f)) \in J(\zeta^{-\delta}\theta(x)) = J(x)$$

(we use that  $\theta(e) = \zeta^\delta e$ ). Hence  $(e, h, f) \mapsto (\zeta^{-\delta}\theta(e), \theta(h), \zeta^\delta\theta(f))$  is a morphism  $\theta' : J(x) \rightarrow J(x)$ . Next we note that  $g \mapsto \vartheta(g)$  defines a homomorphism  $G(x) \rightarrow G(x)$ . (If  $\text{Ad}(g)x = x$ , then  $\theta(x) = \theta(\text{Ad}(g)x) = \text{Ad}(\vartheta(g))\theta(x)$ . Since  $\theta(x) = \zeta^\delta x$ , we see that  $\zeta^\delta x = \text{Ad}(\vartheta(g))\zeta^\delta x$  hence  $x = \text{Ad}(\vartheta(g))x$  and  $\vartheta(g) \in G(x)$ .) This restricts to a homomorphism  $\theta'' : U \rightarrow U$  with fixed point set  $U^{\theta''}$ . For  $u \in U$ ,  $(e, h, f) \in J(x)$  we have  $\theta'(u(e, h, f)) = \theta''(u)\theta'(e, h, f)$ . By (a),  $J(x)$  is an affine space. Since  $\theta''^m = 1$  and  $m$  is invertible in  $\mathbf{k}$ , the fixed point set  $J(x)^{\theta'}$  is nonempty. Since the  $U$ -action on  $J(x)$  is simply transitive, it follows that this restricts to a simply transitive action of  $U^{\theta''}$  on  $J(x)^{\theta'}$ . We have  $J(x)^{\theta'} = J_\delta(x)$  and  $U^{\theta''} = U \cap G_0$ . We see that (b) holds.

2.4. Let  $\lambda \in Y_{G_0}$  (resp.  $\mu \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$ ). Since  $\lambda$  (resp.  $\mu$ ) can be viewed as an element of  $Y_G$  (resp.  $Y_{G, \mathbf{Q}}$ ), the decomposition  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} (\lambda_k \mathfrak{g})$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{\kappa \in \mathbf{Q}} (\mu_\kappa \mathfrak{g})$ ) is defined as in 1.1. For  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  and for  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  (resp.  $\kappa \in \mathbf{Q}$ ) we set  $\lambda_k \mathfrak{g}_i = \lambda_k \mathfrak{g} \cap \mathfrak{g}_i$  (resp.  $\mu_\kappa \mathfrak{g}_i = \mu_\kappa \mathfrak{g} \cap \mathfrak{g}_i$ ); we then have  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} (\lambda_k \mathfrak{g}_i)$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \bigoplus_{\kappa \in \mathbf{Q}} (\mu_\kappa \mathfrak{g}_i)$ ) for any  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  (we now use that  $\lambda \in Y_{G_0}$  (resp.  $\mu \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$ )).

Let  $s \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$ . We show:

(a) *The subspace  $\mathfrak{g}^{(1)} := \bigoplus_{k \in s\mathbf{Z}} (\lambda_k \mathfrak{g}_{k/s})$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is the Lie algebra of a well-defined connected reductive subgroup  $G^{(1)}$  of  $G$ .*

We apply 1.10(a) to  $H = G$ ,  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{g}$  with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_k (\lambda_k \mathfrak{g})$ . We see that there is a well-defined reductive connected subgroup  $H^{(1)}$  of  $G$  whose Lie algebra is  $\mathfrak{h}^{(1)} = \bigoplus_{k \in s\mathbf{Z}} (\lambda_k \mathfrak{g})$ . Note that  $H^{(1)}$  contains  $\lambda(\mathbf{k}^*)$  and is  $\vartheta$ -stable. We choose  $\zeta' \in \mathbf{k}^*$  such that  $\zeta'^s = \zeta$ . We define  $\omega : H^{(1)} \rightarrow H^{(1)}$  by  $\omega(h) = \text{Ad}(\lambda(\zeta'))^{-1}\vartheta(h)$ ; this is an automorphism of  $H^{(1)}$ . The automorphism  $\omega' : \mathfrak{h}^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^{(1)}$  induced by  $\omega$  sends  $x \in \lambda_k \mathfrak{g}_i$  (where  $k \in s\mathbf{Z}$ ,  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ ) to  $\zeta'^{-k}\zeta^i x = \zeta^{i-k/s}x$ . Hence  $\omega'^m = 1$  and  $\mathfrak{g}^{(1)}$  is equal to  $\{x \in \mathfrak{h}^{(1)}; \omega'(x) = x\}$ . Let  $G^{(1)}$  be the identity component of  $\{h \in H^{(1)}; \omega(h) = h\}$ . Then  $G^{(1)}$  is a connected reductive subgroup of  $H^{(1)}$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}^{(1)}$ . This proves (a).

Now  $\lambda_0 \mathfrak{g}_0$  is a Levi subalgebra of a parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ . Hence  $e^{\lambda_0 \mathfrak{g}_0}$  is a well-defined subgroup of  $G_0$  (a Levi subgroup of a parabolic subgroup of  $G_0$ ). We have

(b)  $e^{\lambda_0 \mathfrak{g}_0} \subset G^{(1)}$ .

2.5. **The definition of  $\epsilon$ -spirals.** In the rest of this section we fix  $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$ . For any  $\mu \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$  and any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we set

(a) 
$$\epsilon \mathfrak{p}_N^\mu = \bigoplus_{\kappa \in \mathbf{Q}; \kappa \geq N\epsilon} (\mu_\kappa \mathfrak{g}_N).$$

If  $r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  is such that  $\lambda := r\mu \in Y_{G_0}$  then we have

$$\epsilon \mathfrak{p}_N^\mu = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}; k \geq rN\epsilon} (\lambda_k \mathfrak{g}_N).$$

A collection  $\{\mathfrak{p}_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  (or  $\mathfrak{p}_*$ ) of subspaces of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is said to be an  $\epsilon$ -spiral if there exists  $\mu \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$  such that  $\mathfrak{p}_N = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_N^\mu$  for any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ . We then set (for  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ )

$$\mathfrak{u}_N = \{x \in \mathfrak{g}_N; \langle x, \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_{-N}^\mu \rangle = 0\} = \bigoplus_{\kappa \in \mathbf{Q}; \kappa > N\epsilon} (\mu_\kappa \mathfrak{g}_N).$$

We say that  $\mathfrak{u}_* = \{\mathfrak{u}_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  is the nilradical of  $\mathfrak{p}_*$ .

The following properties of  $\mathfrak{p}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*$  are immediate:

$$\begin{aligned} & \dots \subset \mathfrak{p}_N \subset \mathfrak{p}_{N-\epsilon m} \subset \mathfrak{p}_{N-2\epsilon m} \subset \dots \text{ for any } N; \\ & \mathfrak{p}_N \subset \mathfrak{g}_N \text{ for any } N; \mathfrak{p}_N = 0 \text{ if } N\epsilon \gg 0; \mathfrak{p}_N = \mathfrak{g}_N \text{ if } N\epsilon \ll 0; \\ & [\mathfrak{p}_N, \mathfrak{p}_{N'}] \subset \mathfrak{p}_{N+N'} \text{ for any } N, N' \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}; \\ & \dots \subset \mathfrak{u}_N \subset \mathfrak{u}_{N-\epsilon m} \subset \mathfrak{u}_{N-2\epsilon m} \subset \dots \text{ for any } N; \\ & \mathfrak{u}_N \subset \mathfrak{p}_N \text{ for any } N; \mathfrak{u}_N = \mathfrak{g}_N \text{ if } N\epsilon \ll 0; \\ & [\mathfrak{u}_N, \mathfrak{p}_{N'}] \subset \mathfrak{u}_{N+N'} \text{ for any } N, N' \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we set  $\mathfrak{l}_N = \mathfrak{p}_N/\mathfrak{u}_N$  and  $\mathfrak{l} = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{l}_N$ . We have  $\mathfrak{l}_N = 0$  if  $N \gg 0$  or if  $N \ll 0$  hence  $\dim \mathfrak{l} < \infty$ ; moreover,  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{p}_N \times \mathfrak{p}_{N'} \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_{N+N'}$  induces an operation  $\mathfrak{l}_N \times \mathfrak{l}_{N'} \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}_{N+N'}$  which defines a Lie algebra structure on  $\mathfrak{l}$ .

Note that  $\mathfrak{p}_0$  is a parabolic subalgebra of the reductive Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  and  $\mathfrak{u}_0 = \{x \in \mathfrak{g}_0; \langle x, \mathfrak{p}_0 \rangle = 0\}$  is the nilradical of  $\mathfrak{p}_0$ . We set  $P_0 = e^{\mathfrak{p}_0} \subset G_0$ ,  $U_0 = e^{\mathfrak{u}_0} \subset G_0$ . Then  $P_0$  is a parabolic subgroup of  $G_0$  and  $U_0 = U_{P_0}$ , so that  $L_0 := P_0/U_0$  is a connected reductive group. We note that:

(b) *The Ad-action of  $P_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  leaves stable  $\mathfrak{p}_N$  and  $\mathfrak{u}_N$  for any  $N$ .*

From (b) we see that for any  $N$  there is an induced action of  $P_0$  on  $\mathfrak{l}_N = \mathfrak{p}_N/\mathfrak{u}_N$ . We show:

(c) *The restriction of this action to  $U_0$  is trivial.*

It is enough to show that the ad-action of  $\mathfrak{u}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{p}_N/\mathfrak{u}_N$  is zero. This follows from the inclusion  $[\mathfrak{u}_0, \mathfrak{p}_N] \subset \mathfrak{u}_N$  which has been noted earlier.

From (b),(c) we see that for any  $N$  there is an induced action of  $L_0 = P_0/U_0$  on  $\mathfrak{l}_N = \mathfrak{p}_N/\mathfrak{u}_N$ . We show:

(d) *if  $x \in \mathfrak{p}_N$ ,  $N\epsilon > 0$ , then  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_N^{nil}$ .*

It is enough to show that for any  $x' \in \mathfrak{g}$  we have  $\text{ad}(x)^n(x') = 0$  for  $n \gg 0$ . We can assume that  $x' \in \mathfrak{g}_i$  for some  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ . If  $N' \in \mathbf{Z}$  satisfies  $\underline{N'} = i$  and  $N'\epsilon \ll 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{p}_{N'} = \mathfrak{g}_i$ ; thus we have  $x' \in \mathfrak{p}_{N'}$  for some  $N'$ . We have  $\text{ad}(x)x' = [x, x'] \in \mathfrak{p}_{N+N'}$ ,  $\text{ad}(x)^2(x') \in \mathfrak{p}_{2n+N'}$  and, more generally,  $\text{ad}(x)^n(x') \in \mathfrak{p}_{nN+N'}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . If  $n \gg 0$  we have  $nN\epsilon + N'\epsilon \gg 0$  hence  $\mathfrak{p}_{nN+N'} = 0$ ; thus,  $\text{ad}(x)^n(x') = 0$ . This proves (d).

An element  $\mu \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$  is said to be *p-regular* if  $r\mu \in Y_{G_0}$  for some  $r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  such that  $r \notin p\mathbf{Z}$ . (This condition holds automatically if  $p = 0$ .) An  $\epsilon$ -spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  is said to be *p-regular* if  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^\mu$  for some *p-regular*  $\mu \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$ .

**2.6. Splittings of  $\epsilon$ -spirals.** For  $\mu \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$  and  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we set

$$\tilde{\epsilon} \mathfrak{l}_N^\mu = \bigoplus_{\kappa \in \mathbf{Q}; \kappa = N\epsilon} (\mu_\kappa \mathfrak{g}_N) = \mu_{N\epsilon} \mathfrak{g}_N.$$

If  $r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  is such that  $\lambda := r\mu \in Y_{G_0}$ , then we have

$$\tilde{\epsilon} \mathfrak{l}_N^\mu = \lambda_{rN\epsilon} \mathfrak{g}_N.$$

A *splitting* of an  $\epsilon$ -spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  is a collection  $\{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  (or  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*$ ) of subspaces of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that for some  $\mu \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$  we have  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^\mu$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N = \epsilon \mathfrak{l}_N^\mu$  for any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{u}_*$  be the nilradical of  $\mathfrak{p}_*$ . From the definitions we see that  $\mathfrak{p}_N = \mathfrak{u}_N \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N$  for any  $N$ ,  $[\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_{N'}] \subset \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_{N+N'}$  for any  $N, N'$  and the sum  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} := \sum_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N$  (in  $\mathfrak{g}$ ) is direct. Now  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  which is  $\mathbf{Z}$ -graded by the subspaces  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N$ . Note that the isomorphisms  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{l}_N$  (restrictions of the obvious maps  $\mathfrak{p}_N \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}_N$ ) give rise after taking  $\bigoplus_N$  to an isomorphism  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{l}$  which is compatible with the Lie algebra structures and the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -gradings.

For  $\mu$  as above we can find  $\lambda \in Y_{G_0}$  and  $r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  such that  $r\mu = \lambda$ . Applying 2.4(a) with  $s = r\epsilon$  we see that:

(a) *There is a well-defined connected reductive subgroup  $\tilde{L}$  of  $G$  whose Lie algebra is  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$ . In particular,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  and  $\mathfrak{l}$  are reductive Lie algebras.*

Let  $\tilde{L}_0 = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_0}$ . From 2.4(b) we have:

(b)  $\tilde{L}_0 \subset \tilde{L}$ .

We show:

(c) *Assume that we have  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_* = \epsilon \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^\mu$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^\mu$  where  $\mu$  is  $p$ -regular, that is,  $\mu = r\lambda$  with  $\lambda \in Y_{G_0}$  and  $r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  such that  $r \notin p\mathbf{Z}$ . Then there exists  $\zeta'$ , a root of 1 in  $\mathbf{k}^*$  such that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} = \{x \in \mathfrak{g}; \text{Ad}(\lambda(\zeta')^{-1})\theta(x) = x\}$ ,  $\tilde{L} = G^{\text{Ad}(\lambda(\zeta')^{-1})^\theta} = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}} \subset G$ ; note that  $\tilde{L} \in \mathfrak{S}$ .*

Let  $\zeta'$  be a primitive root of 1 of order  $rm$  in  $\mathbf{k}^*$  such that  $\zeta'^{r\epsilon} = \zeta$ . We have  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}, i \in \mathbf{Z}/m} (\lambda_k^i \mathfrak{g}_i)$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N = \lambda_{Nr\epsilon} \mathfrak{g}_N$  for all  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ . For  $k, N' \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $x \in \lambda_k^i \mathfrak{g}_{N'}$  we have

$$\text{Ad}(\lambda(\zeta')^{-1})(\theta(x)) = \zeta'^{-k} \zeta^{N'} x = \zeta'^{rN'\epsilon - k} x.$$

The condition that  $\zeta'^{rN'\epsilon - k} = 1$  is that  $rN'\epsilon - k \in rm\mathbf{Z}$  or that  $k \in r\mathbf{Z}$  and  $N' = k/(r\epsilon)$ . We see that

$$\{x \in \mathfrak{g}; \text{Ad}(\lambda(\zeta')^{-1})(\theta(x)) = x\} = \bigoplus_{k \in r\mathbf{Z}, i \in \mathbf{Z}/m; k/(r\epsilon) = i} (\lambda_k^i \mathfrak{g}_i) = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} (\lambda_{Nr\epsilon} \mathfrak{g}_N) = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}},$$

and (c) follows.

We return to the general case.

We have  $\lambda(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \tilde{L}_0$ ; moreover,  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t))$  acts as identity on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_0 = \lambda_0 \mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{L}\tilde{L}_0$ ; thus,  $\lambda(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \mathfrak{Z}_{\tilde{L}_0}$ . Since  $\mathbf{k}^*$  is connected, we deduce:

(d)  $\lambda(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \mathfrak{Z}_{\tilde{L}_0}^0$ .

Note that:

(e) *For  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*, N \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t))$  acts on  $\mathfrak{l}_N$  as  $t^{rN\epsilon}$  times identity.*

We show:

(f) *If  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*$  is a splitting of an  $\epsilon$ -spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_*$ , then  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*$  is a splitting of an  $(-\epsilon)$ -spiral.*

Let  $\mu \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$  be such that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_* = \epsilon \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^\mu$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^\mu$ . Let  $\mu' = (-1)\mu \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$ . Then  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_* = -\epsilon \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^{\mu'}$  is a splitting of the  $(-\epsilon)$ -spiral  $-\epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^{\mu'}$ .

2.7. Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  be the set of splittings of an  $\epsilon$ -spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_*$ . Clearly,  $\mathfrak{S} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $U_0$  be as in 2.5. Now  $U_0$  acts on  $\mathfrak{S}$  by  $u : \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_* \mapsto \{\text{Ad}(u)\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ . (We use that  $\text{Ad}(u)\mathfrak{p}_N = \mathfrak{p}_N$  for any  $N$ .) We show:

(a) *This  $U_0$ -action on  $\mathfrak{S}$  is simply transitive.*

Let  $\mathfrak{u}_*$  be the nilradical of  $\mathfrak{p}_*$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_* \in \mathfrak{S}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_* \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Since  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_0, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_0$  are Levi subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{p}_0$ , there is a unique  $u \in U_0$  such that  $\text{Ad}(u)\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_0 = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_0$ . It remains to show that this  $u$  satisfies  $\text{Ad}(u)\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_N$  for any  $N$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} = \bigoplus_N \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}' = \bigoplus_N \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_N$  (these are Lie subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ) and let  $\tilde{L} = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}} \subset G$ ,  $\tilde{L}' = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'} \subset G$ . Let  $\mu, \mu'$  in  $Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$  be such that  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^\mu = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^{\mu'}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_* = \epsilon \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^\mu$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_* = \epsilon \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^{\mu'}$ . We can find  $r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  such that  $\lambda := r\mu \in Y_{G_0}$ ,  $\lambda' := r\mu' \in Y_{G_0}$ . Let  $\tilde{L}_0$  be as in 2.6 and let  $\tilde{L}'_0$  be the analogous subgroup of  $\tilde{L}'$ . We now fix  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ . The Ad-action of  $\tilde{L}_0$  (resp.  $\tilde{L}'_0$ ) on  $\mathfrak{g}$  leaves stable  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N, \mathfrak{u}_N$  (resp.  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_N, \mathfrak{u}_N$ ). Let  $\tilde{L}''_0 = u\tilde{L}_0u^{-1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_N = \text{Ad}(u)\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N$ ; then the Ad-action of  $\tilde{L}''_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  leaves stable  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_N, \mathfrak{u}_N$ . Since  $\text{Ad}(u)\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_0 = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_0$ , we have  $u\tilde{L}_0u^{-1} = \tilde{L}'_0$  hence  $\tilde{L}''_0 = \tilde{L}'_0$ . Let  $T$  be a maximal torus of  $\tilde{L}'_0 = \tilde{L}''_0$ . Now the Ad-action of  $T$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  leaves stable

$\tilde{l}'_N, \tilde{l}''_N, \mathbf{u}_N, \mathfrak{p}_N$ . Let  $\mathcal{X} = \text{Hom}(T, \mathbf{k}^*)$ . For any  $\alpha \in \mathcal{X}$  let

$$\mathfrak{p}_{N,\alpha} = \{x \in \mathfrak{p}_N; \text{Ad}(\tau)x = \alpha(\tau)x \quad \forall \tau \in T\}, \quad \mathbf{u}_{N,\alpha} = \mathbf{u}_N \cap \mathfrak{p}_{N,\alpha},$$

$$\tilde{l}'_{N,\alpha} = \tilde{l}'_N \cap \mathfrak{p}_{N,\alpha}, \quad \tilde{l}''_{N,\alpha} = \tilde{l}''_N \cap \mathfrak{p}_{N,\alpha}.$$

We have  $\tilde{l}'_N = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathcal{X}} \tilde{l}'_{N,\alpha}$ ,  $\tilde{l}''_N = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathcal{X}} \tilde{l}''_{N,\alpha}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_N = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbf{u}_{N,\alpha}$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}' = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{X}; \tilde{l}'_{N,\alpha} \neq 0\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}'' = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{X}; \tilde{l}''_{N,\alpha} \neq 0\}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}} = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{X}; \mathbf{u}_{N,\alpha} \neq 0\}$ . Since  $\tilde{l}'_N, \tilde{l}''_N$  are  $T$ -stable complements of  $\mathbf{u}_N$  in  $\mathfrak{p}_N$ , the  $T$ -modules  $\tilde{l}'_N, \tilde{l}''_N$  are isomorphic, hence  $\mathcal{R}' = \mathcal{R}''$ . Since  $\lambda'(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \mathcal{Z}_{\tilde{L}_0}^0$  (see 2.6(d)), we have  $\lambda'(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset T$ ; hence for any  $\alpha \in \mathcal{X}$  we can define  $\alpha \bullet \lambda' \in \mathbf{Z}$  by  $\alpha(\lambda'(t)) = t^{\alpha \bullet \lambda'}$  for all  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ .

Assume that  $\alpha \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ . Then for any  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ ,  $\text{Ad}(\lambda'(t))$  acts on  $\mathbf{u}_{N,\alpha}$  as multiplication by  $t^{\alpha \bullet \lambda'}$  hence  $\mathbf{u}_{N,\alpha} \subset \lambda'_{\alpha \bullet \lambda'} \mathfrak{g}_N$ ; thus  $\lambda'_{\alpha \bullet \lambda'} \mathfrak{g}_N$  has a nonzero intersection with  $\mathbf{u}_N$ , so that  $\alpha \bullet \lambda' > rN\epsilon$ . We see that  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}} \subset \{\alpha \in \mathcal{X}; \alpha \bullet \lambda' > rN\epsilon\}$ . Assume now that  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}'$ . Then for any  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ ,  $\text{Ad}(\lambda'(t))$  acts on  $\tilde{l}'_{N,\alpha}$  as multiplication by  $t^{\alpha \bullet \lambda'}$  hence  $\tilde{l}'_{N,\alpha} \subset \lambda'_{\alpha \bullet \lambda'} \mathfrak{g}_N$ ; thus,  $\lambda'_{\alpha \bullet \lambda'} \mathfrak{g}_N$  has a nonzero intersection with  $\tilde{l}'_N$ , so that  $\alpha \bullet \lambda' = rN\epsilon$ . We see that  $\mathcal{R}' \subset \{\alpha \in \mathcal{X}; \alpha \bullet \lambda' = rN\epsilon\}$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{R}' \cap \tilde{\mathcal{R}} = \emptyset$  so that  $\mathfrak{p}_{N,\alpha} = \tilde{l}'_{N,\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}'$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}' = \mathcal{R}''$ , we have also  $\mathcal{R}' \cap \tilde{\mathcal{R}} = \emptyset$ , so that  $\mathfrak{p}_{N,\alpha} = \tilde{l}''_{N,\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}'' = \mathcal{R}'$ . Thus, for  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}' = \mathcal{R}''$  we have  $\tilde{l}'_{N,\alpha} = \tilde{l}''_{N,\alpha}$  hence  $\tilde{l}'_N = \tilde{l}''_N$  and  $\tilde{l}'_N = \text{Ad}(u)\tilde{l}''_N$ . This proves (a).

For any splitting  $\tilde{l}_*$  of  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  we denote by  $\tilde{L}(\tilde{l}_*)$  the connected reductive subgroup  $\tilde{L}$  of  $G$  associated to  $\tilde{l}_*$  in 2.6. The family of groups  $(\tilde{L}(\tilde{l}_*))$  indexed by the various splittings  $\tilde{l}_*$  of  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  has the property that any two groups in the family are canonically isomorphic to each other; the isomorphism is provided by conjugation by a well-defined  $u \in U_0$  (this follows from (a)). It follows that the groups in the family can be identified with a single connected reductive group  $L$  which is canonically isomorphic to each group in the family. Note that  $L$  is canonically attached to the  $\epsilon$ -spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  and that  $\mathfrak{L}L = \mathfrak{l}$  canonically. Note also that  $L_0$  in 2.5 is naturally a closed subgroup of  $L$ .

**2.8. Subspirals coming from parabolics of  $\mathfrak{l}_*$ .** Let  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  be an  $\epsilon$ -spiral. We define  $\mathbf{u}_*, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{l}$  in terms of  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  as in 2.5. Let  $\mathfrak{q}$  be a parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{l}$  compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\mathfrak{l}$  that is, such that  $\mathfrak{q} = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{q}_N$  where  $\mathfrak{q}_N = \mathfrak{q} \cap \mathfrak{l}_N$ . For any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  let  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_N$  be the inverse image of  $\mathfrak{q}_N$  under the obvious map  $\mathfrak{p}_N \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}_N$ . We show:

(a)  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -spiral. Moreover, if  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  is  $p$ -regular then  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_*$  is  $p$ -regular.

We can find  $\mu \in Y_{G_{\underline{0}}}$  such that  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^\mu$ ; let  $\tilde{l}_* = \epsilon \tilde{l}_*^\mu$ . Let  $\tilde{L}$  be as in 2.6. Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}$  be the Lie subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  corresponding to  $\mathfrak{q}$  under the obvious isomorphism  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{l}$  and let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}_N = \tilde{\mathfrak{q}} \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N$  so that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}} = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\mathfrak{q}}_N$ . We then have  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_N = \mathbf{u}_N \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{q}}_N$  for all  $N$ . Let  $r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  be such that  $\lambda := r\mu \in Y_{G_{\underline{0}}}$ ; if  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  is  $p$ -regular we assume in addition that  $r \notin p\mathbf{Z}$ .

From 2.6(e) we see that for  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ ,  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t))$  leaves stable each  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}_N$  hence it leaves stable  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}$ . It follows that  $\mathbf{k}^*$  acts via  $t \mapsto \text{Ad}(\lambda(t))$  on the variety of Levi subalgebras of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}$ ; since this variety is isomorphic to an affine space, there exists a Levi subalgebra  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}$  such that  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t))\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}$  for all  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . Let  $R$  be the closed connected subgroup of  $\tilde{L}$  (a torus) such that  $\mathfrak{L}R$  is the center of  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Since  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}$  is a parabolic subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  with Levi subalgebra  $\mathfrak{m}$ , we can find  $\lambda' \in Y_R$  such that,

setting for any  $N' \in \mathbf{Z}$ :

$$\lambda'_{N'} \tilde{\mathfrak{l}} = \{x \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}; \text{Ad}(\lambda'(t))x = t^{N'}x \quad \forall t \in \mathbf{k}^*\},$$

we have  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}} = \bigoplus_{N' \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}} (\lambda'_{N'} \tilde{\mathfrak{l}})$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = \lambda'_0 \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$ . We have  $\mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_N \mathfrak{m}_N$  where  $\mathfrak{m}_N = \mathfrak{m} \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_0$  is a Levi subalgebra of a parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Hence a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{m} \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_0$  is also a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{m}$ , so that it contains the center of  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Thus the center of  $\mathfrak{m}$  is contained in  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_0$ , so that  $R \subset \tilde{L}_0$ . Since for any  $t, t' \in \mathbf{k}^*$ ,  $\lambda(t)$  is contained in  $\mathcal{Z}_{\tilde{L}_0}$  and  $\lambda'(t') \in \tilde{L}_0$ , we have  $\lambda(t)\lambda'(t') = \lambda'(t')\lambda(t)$ . We can view  $\lambda'$  as an element of  $Y_{G_0}$  hence  $\lambda'_k \mathfrak{g}_i$  is defined for  $k \in \mathbf{Z}, i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  and we have  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} (\lambda'_k \mathfrak{g}_i)$  for any  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ . We can find  $a \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  such that  $\lambda'_k \mathfrak{g}_i = 0$  for any  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  and any  $k \in \mathbf{Z} - [-a, a]$ . Let  $b$  be an integer such that  $b > 2a, b \notin p\mathbf{Z}$ . We define  $\lambda'' \in Y_{G_0}$  by  $\lambda''(t) = \lambda(t^b)\lambda'(t) = \lambda'(t)\lambda(t^b)$  for all  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . By definition, for  $k \in \mathbf{Z}, i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda''_k \mathfrak{g}_i &= \{x \in \mathfrak{g}_i; \text{Ad}(\lambda(t^b)\lambda'(t))x = t^kx \quad \forall t \in \mathbf{k}^*\} \\ &= \bigoplus_{k', k_2; k' \in b\mathbf{Z}, k_2 \in \mathbf{Z}, k' + k_2 = k} (\lambda_{k'/b} \mathfrak{g}_i \cap \lambda'_{k_2} \mathfrak{g}_i). \end{aligned}$$

When  $\lambda''_k \mathfrak{g}_i \neq 0$  then  $k = bk_1 + k_2$  for some  $k_1 \in \mathbf{Z} \cap [-a, a], k_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$ ; in this case,  $k_1, k_2$  are uniquely determined by  $k$  since  $b > 2a$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda''_k \mathfrak{g}_i &= \lambda_{k_1} \mathfrak{g}_i \cap \lambda'_{k_2} \mathfrak{g}_i \text{ if } k = bk_1 + k_2 \text{ with } k_1, k_2 \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}, \\ &\lambda''_k \mathfrak{g}_i = 0, \text{ otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mu' = \frac{1}{br}\lambda'' \in Y_{G_0, \mathbf{Q}}$  and let  $\mathfrak{p}'_* = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}^{\mu'}$ . For  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we have

$$\mathfrak{p}'_N = \bigoplus_{k_1, k_2 \in \mathbf{Z}; bk_1 + k_2 \geq Nbr\epsilon, |k_2| \leq a} (\lambda_{k_1} \mathfrak{g}_N \cap \lambda'_{k_2} \mathfrak{g}_N).$$

The only integer multiple of  $b$  in  $[-a, a]$  is 0; hence the condition that  $k_2 \geq b(rN\epsilon - k_1)$  (with  $k_2 \in [-a, a]$ ) is equivalent to the condition that either  $0 > b(rN\epsilon - k_1), k_2 \in [-a, a]$  or that  $0 = b(rN\epsilon - k_1), k_2 \in [0, a]$ . Thus,  $\mathfrak{p}'_N = X \oplus X'$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \bigoplus_{k_1, k_2 \in \mathbf{Z}; k_1 > rN\epsilon} (\lambda_{k_1} \mathfrak{g}_N \cap \lambda'_{k_2} \mathfrak{g}_N) = \bigoplus_{k_1 \in \mathbf{Z}; k_1 > rN\epsilon} (\lambda_{k_1} \mathfrak{g}_N) = \mathfrak{u}_N, \\ X' &= \bigoplus_{k_1, k_2 \in \mathbf{Z}; k_1 = rN\epsilon, k_2 \geq 0} (\lambda_{k_1} \mathfrak{g}_N \cap \lambda'_{k_2} \mathfrak{g}_N) = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N \cap (\bigoplus_{k_2 \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}} (\lambda'_{k_2} \mathfrak{g}_N)) = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{q}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{q}}_N. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have  $\mathfrak{p}'_N = \mathfrak{u}_N \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{q}}_N = \hat{\mathfrak{p}}_N$ . This proves (a).

From the computation in the previous proof we can extract the following:

(b) *the splitting  $\epsilon \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^{\mu'}$  of the  $\epsilon$ -spiral  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_* = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}^{\mu'}$  is equal to  $\mathfrak{m}_*$ .*

**2.9. The spiral attached to an element  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ .** *In the remainder of this paper we fix  $\eta \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$  such that  $\underline{\eta} = \delta$ .*

In this subsection we assume that  $\epsilon = \eta$ ; see 0.12. Let  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ . We associate to  $x$  an  $\epsilon$ -spiral as follows. By 2.3(b), we can find  $\phi = (e, h, f) \in \mathcal{J}_\delta(x)$  such that  $e = x$ . Let  $\iota = \iota_\phi \in Y_G$  be as in 1.1. Since the differential of  $\iota$  is the linear map  $\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}, z \mapsto zh \in \mathfrak{g}_0$ , we have  $\iota(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset G_0$  so that  $\iota$  can be viewed as an element of  $Y_{G_0}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{p}^*_\phi := \epsilon \mathfrak{p}^{(|\eta|/2)\iota}$  is an  $\epsilon$ -spiral with splitting  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^*_\phi := \epsilon \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^{(|\eta|/2)\iota}$ . Note that for  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we have

$$\mathfrak{p}^\phi_N = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}; k \geq 2N\epsilon} (\iota_{k/|\eta|} \mathfrak{g}_N), \quad \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^\phi_N = \iota_{2N/\eta} \mathfrak{g}_N \text{ if } 2N/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}, \quad \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^\phi_N = 0 \text{ if } 2N/\eta \notin \mathbf{Z}.$$

We show that:

(a) *The  $\epsilon$ -spiral  $\mathfrak{p}^\phi_*$  is  $p$ -regular; it depends only on  $x$ , not on  $\phi$ .*

The  $p$ -regularity follows from the fact that  $2 \notin p\mathbf{Z}$ . We now prove the second statement of (a). By 2.3(b), another choice for  $\phi$  must be of the form  $u\phi$  where  $u \in U_{G(x)} \cap G_0$ . Let  $l' = \iota_{u\phi}$ . For  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$  we have  $l'(t) = ul(t)u^{-1}$  hence  $l'_k \mathfrak{g}_i = \text{Ad}(u)(l_k \mathfrak{g}_i)$  for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}, i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ . It follows that for  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we have  $\mathfrak{p}_N^{u\phi} = \text{Ad}(u)\mathfrak{p}_N^\phi$ . To show that  $\mathfrak{p}_N^{u\phi} = \mathfrak{p}_N^\phi$ , it is enough to show that  $\text{Ad}(u)\mathfrak{p}_N^\phi = \mathfrak{p}_N^\phi$ . It is enough to show:

$$\text{Ad}(u)(l_k \mathfrak{g}) \subset \oplus_{k'; k' \geq k} (l_{k'} \mathfrak{g}) \text{ for any } u \in G(x), k \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

Let  $P$  be the parabolic subgroup of  $G$  such that  $\mathfrak{L}P = \oplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}; k \geq 0} (l_k \mathfrak{g})$ . Clearly,  $\text{Ad}(g)(l_k \mathfrak{g}) \subset \oplus_{k'; k' \geq k} (l_{k'} \mathfrak{g})$  for any  $g \in P, k \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Hence it is enough to note the known inclusion  $G(x) \subset P$ . This proves (a).

In view of (a) we will write  $\mathfrak{p}_*^x$  instead of  $\mathfrak{p}_*^\phi$ , where  $\phi$  is any element in  $J_\delta(x)$ ; let  $\mathfrak{u}_*^x$  be the nilradical of  $\mathfrak{p}_*^x$ . Now the splitting  $\tilde{l}_*^\phi$  depends in general on  $\phi$ . We set  $\tilde{l}^\phi = \oplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} \tilde{l}_N^\phi$ ; this is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -graded Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\tilde{L}^\phi = e^{\tilde{l}^\phi} \subset G$ ; we have  $\tilde{L}^\phi \in \mathfrak{G}$ . Let  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi = e^{\tilde{l}_0^\phi} \subset \tilde{L}^\phi$ . We show:

(b) *We have  $x \in \tilde{l}_\eta^\phi$ ; more precisely,  $x$  belongs to  $\tilde{l}_\eta^\phi$  (the open  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi$ -orbit on  $\tilde{l}_\eta^\phi$ ).*

The first statement is the same as  $x \in \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{g}_\delta$ ; this follows from the equality  $[h, x] = 2x$ . The second statement can be deduced from [L4, 4.2(a)].

We set  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi(x) = \tilde{L}_0^\phi \cap G(x), G_0(x) = G_0 \cap G(x)$ . We show:

(c) *The inclusion  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi(x) \rightarrow G_0(x)$  induces an isomorphism on the groups of components.*

Let  $P_0$  be the parabolic subgroup of  $G_0$  such that  $\mathfrak{L}P_0 = \mathfrak{p}_0^x = \oplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}; k \geq 0} (l_k \mathfrak{g}_0)$  and let  $U_0 = U_{P_0}$ . We set  $P_0(x) = P_0 \cap G(x), U_0(x) = U_0 \cap G(x)$ . Then  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi$  is a Levi subgroup of  $P_0$  so that  $P_0 = \tilde{L}_0^\phi U_0$  (semidirect product) and  $P_0(x) = \tilde{L}_0^\phi(x) U_0(x)$  (semidirect product). Since  $U_0(x)$  is a connected unipotent group we see that the inclusion  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi(x) \rightarrow P_0(x)$  induces an isomorphism on the groups of components. It remains to show that  $P_0(x) = G_0(x)$ . As we have noted in the proof of (a), we have  $G(x) \subset P$  hence  $G_0(x) \subset P \cap G_0$ ; since  $P \cap G_0$  and  $P_0$  have the same Lie algebra, namely  $\mathfrak{p}_0^x$ , they must have the same identity component; since  $P_0$  is parabolic in  $G_0$ , we must have  $P \cap G_0 = P_0$ , so that  $G_0(x) \subset P_0$  and therefore  $G_0(x) \subset P_0(x)$ . Since the reverse inclusion is obvious, we see that  $P_0(x) = G_0(x)$  and (c) is proved.

We show:

(d) *If  $g \in G_0$  is such that  $\text{Ad}(g^{-1})(x) \in \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$ , then  $g \in P_0$ .*

The assumption of (d) implies that  $g \in P$ . (We use [L4, 5.7] applied to the trivial  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\mathfrak{g}$  that is, the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading such that in [L4, 3.1] we have  $\mathfrak{g}_N = 0$  for  $N \neq 0$ .) Thus, we have  $g \in P \cap G_0$ . As in the proof of (c) we have  $P \cap G_0 = P_0$  and (d) follows.

We show:

(e) *The  $P_0$ -orbit of  $x$  in  $\mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$  is open dense in  $\mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$ .*

We argue as in [L4, 5.9]. It is enough to show that  $\dim(P_0) - \dim(P_0 \cap G(x)) = \dim \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$  or equivalently that

$$\dim \mathfrak{p}_0^x - \dim \ker(\text{ad}(x) : \mathfrak{p}_0^x \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_\delta) = \dim \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x.$$

Since  $x \in \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$  (see (b)) and  $[\mathfrak{p}_0^x, \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x] \subset \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$ , we have  $\text{ad}(x)(\mathfrak{p}_0^x) \subset \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$  so that it is enough to show that

$$\dim \ker(\text{ad}(x) : \mathfrak{p}_0^x \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x) = \dim \mathfrak{p}_0^x - \dim \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x,$$

or equivalently, that  $\text{ad}(x) : \mathfrak{p}_0^x \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$  is surjective. By the representation theory of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ , the linear map

$$\text{ad}(x) : \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}; k \geq 0} \binom{l}{k} \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}; k \geq 2} \binom{l}{k} \mathfrak{g}$$

is surjective. This restricts for any  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  to a (necessarily surjective) map

$$\text{ad}(x) : \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}; k \geq 0} \binom{l}{k} \mathfrak{g}_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}; k \geq 2} \binom{l}{k} \mathfrak{g}_{i+\delta}.$$

Taking  $i = 0$  we see that  $\text{ad}(x) : \mathfrak{p}_0^x \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$  is surjective. This proves (e).

The assignment  $x \mapsto \mathfrak{p}_*^x$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -analogue of an assignment in the case of  $\mathbf{Z}$ -graded Lie algebras given in [L4, §5] which is in turn modelled on a construction in [KL, 7.1].

### 3. ADMISSIBLE SYSTEMS

In this section we introduce the set  $\underline{\mathfrak{X}}_\eta$  of  $G_0$ -conjugacy classes of admissible systems, which will be used to index the blocks in  $\mathcal{D}_{G_0}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil})$ . We also define a map that assigns a pair  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$  (where  $\mathcal{O}$  is a  $G_0$ -orbit in  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is an irreducible  $G_0$ -equivariant local system on it) an element in  $\underline{\mathfrak{X}}_\eta$ .

**3.1. Definition of admissible systems.** We preserve the setup of 2.1.

Let  $\mathfrak{X}'_\eta$  be the set consisting of all systems  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$ , where  $M \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{L}M$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\mathfrak{m}$ ,  $M_0 = e^{\mathfrak{m}_0} \subset M$ ,  $\tilde{C}$  is a simple cuspidal  $M_0$ -equivariant perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta$  (up to isomorphism).

Until the end of 3.4 we fix  $\dot{\xi} = (M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{X}'_\eta$ . Let  $\iota \in Y_M$  be associated to  $\tilde{C}$  as in 1.2(c),(a) (with  $M, \tilde{C}$  instead of  $H, A$ ), so that  $\binom{l}{k} \mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}_{\eta k/2}$  for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $\eta k/2 \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\binom{l}{k} \mathfrak{m} = 0$  for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $\eta k/2 \notin \mathbf{Z}$ . Then we have  $\mathfrak{m}_{k'} = \binom{l}{2k'/\eta} \mathfrak{m}$  for  $k' \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $2k'/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_{k'} = 0$  for  $k' \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $2k'/\eta \notin \mathbf{Z}$ . Note that  $\iota(\mathbf{k}^*)$  is contained in  $\mathcal{Z}_{M_0}^0$ .

The system  $\dot{\xi}$  is said to be *admissible* if conditions (a),(b) below are satisfied:

- (a) we have  $\mathfrak{m}_N \subset \mathfrak{g}_N$  for any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ ;
- (b) there exists an element  $\tau$  of finite order in the torus  $\iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M^0$  of  $M_0$  such that  $M = G^{\text{Ad}(\tau)\vartheta}$ .

We now consider the following condition on  $\dot{\xi}$  which may or may not hold.

- (c)  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  is a splitting of some  $p$ -regular 1-spiral or, equivalently (see 2.6(f)), of some  $p$ -regular  $(-1)$ -spiral.

The following result will be proved in 3.2–3.4.

- (d)  $\dot{\xi}$  is admissible if and only if  $\dot{\xi}$  satisfies (c).

We now make some comments on the significance of condition (b). Assume that condition (a) is satisfied and that  $\tau$  is any semisimple element of finite order of  $G_0$  such that  $M = G^{\text{Ad}(\tau)\vartheta}$ . We show that we have automatically

(e) 
$$\tau \in \iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M.$$

Note that  $\vartheta(\tau) = \tau$  since  $\tau \in G_0$  hence  $\tau \in G^{\text{Ad}(\tau)\vartheta} = M$ .

Let  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  be such that  $2N/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{m}_N \subset \mathfrak{g}_N$ ,  $\theta$  acts on  $\mathfrak{m}_N$  as  $\zeta^N$ ; since  $\text{Ad}(\tau)\theta$  acts as 1 on  $\mathfrak{m}$  we see that  $\text{Ad}(\tau)$  acts on  $\mathfrak{m}_N$  as  $\zeta^{-N}$ . On the other hand, for  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ ,  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t))$  acts on  $\mathfrak{m}_N$  as  $t^{2N/\eta}$ . Hence if  $t_0 \in \mathbf{k}^*$  satisfies  $t_0^{2/\eta} = \zeta^{-1}$ , then we have  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t_0))\text{Ad}(\tau^{-1}) = t_0^{2N/\eta}\zeta^N = \zeta^{-N}\zeta^N = 1$  on  $\mathfrak{m}_N$ . It follows that

$\text{Ad}(\iota(t_0))\text{Ad}(\tau^{-1}) = 1$  on  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Since  $\iota(t_0)\tau^{-1} \in M$ , we deduce that  $\iota(t_0)\tau^{-1} \in \mathcal{Z}_M$  hence  $\tau \in \iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M$ , as asserted.

We see that condition (b) is a strengthening of (e) in which  $\tau$  is required to lie not only in  $\iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M$  but in its identity component.

3.2. We show:

(a) *For any element  $\tau_0$  of finite order in a torus  $T$  there exists  $\lambda_0 \in Y_T$  such that  $\tau_0 \in \lambda_0(\mathbf{k}^*)$ .*

We can find  $c \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  such that  $c \notin p\mathbf{Z}$  and  $\tau_0^c = 1$ . Let  $\mu_c = \{z \in \mathbf{k}^*; z^c = 1\}$ . For some  $a \in \mathbf{N}$  we can identify  $T = (\mathbf{k}^*)^a$  and  $\tau_0$  with  $(z_1, \dots, z_a) \in (\mu_c)^a \subset T$ . Now  $\mu_c$  is cyclic with generator  $z_0$ . Thus we have  $z_1 = z_0^{k_1}, \dots, z_a = z_0^{k_a}$ , where  $k_1, \dots, k_a$  are integers. We define  $\lambda_0 \in Y_T$  by  $t \mapsto (t^{k_1}, \dots, t^{k_a})$ . Then  $\tau_0 = \lambda_0(z_0)$ , as desired.

We remark that in the proof of (a) we can assume that:

(b)  $k_1 \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}, k_1 \notin p\mathbf{Z}$ .

Indeed, if  $p = 0$ , then  $k_1 \notin p\mathbf{Z}$  is automatic. Assume now that  $p > 0$ . We write  $k_1 = k'_1 p^e$ , where  $k'_1 \in \mathbf{Z} - p\mathbf{Z}, e \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . Define  $z'_0 \in \mu_c$  by  $z'_0 = z_0^{p^e}$ . This is again a generator of  $\mu_c$ . (Recall that  $c \notin p\mathbf{Z}$ .) We have  $z_1 = (z'_0)^{k'_1}, z_j = (z'_0)^{k'_j}$ , where  $k'_j \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, a$ . Thus we can replace  $z_0, k_1, \dots, k_s$  by  $z'_0, k'_1, \dots, k'_s$ , where  $k'_1 \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}, k'_1 \notin p\mathbf{Z}$ . This proves (b).

We now assume that  $\tau$  as in 3.1(b) is given. We show:

(c) *There exist  $f \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  and  $\lambda' \in Y_{\mathcal{Z}_M^0}$  such that  $f \notin p\mathbf{Z}$  and such that, if  $\lambda \in Y_{\iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M^0}$  is defined by  $\lambda(t) = \iota(t^f)\lambda'(t)$  for all  $t$ , then  $\tau \in \lambda(\mathbf{k}^*)$ .*

If  $\iota$  is identically 1, then (c) follows from (a) applied to  $T = \mathcal{Z}_M^0$  (we can take  $f = 1$ ). Assume now that  $\iota$  is not identically 1. Then  $\iota : \mathbf{k}^* \rightarrow M$  has finite kernel. Let  $T = \mathbf{k}^* \times \mathcal{Z}_M^0$ ; we define  $d : T \rightarrow \iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M^0$  by  $d(t, g) = \iota(t)g$ . By definition,  $\iota(\mathbf{k}^*)$  is contained in the derived subgroup of  $M$  hence it has finite intersection with  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0$ . It follows that  $d$  has finite kernel. It is also surjective, hence we can find  $\tilde{\tau} \in T$  of finite order such that  $d(\tilde{\tau}) = \tau$ . Using (a), we can find  $\lambda_0 \in Y_T$  such that  $\tilde{\tau} \in \lambda_0(\mathbf{k}^*)$ ; moreover, by (b), we can assume that, setting  $\lambda_0(t) = (\lambda_1(t), \lambda'(t))$  with  $\lambda_1 \in Y_{\mathbf{k}^*}, \lambda' \in Y_{\mathcal{Z}_M^0}$ , we have  $\lambda_1(t) = t^f$  for all  $t$  where  $f \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}, f \notin p\mathbf{Z}$ . Let  $\lambda = d\lambda_0 : \mathbf{k}^* \rightarrow \iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M^0$ . We have  $\lambda(t) = \iota(\lambda_1(t))\lambda'(t) = \iota(t^f)\lambda'(t)$  for  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . Since  $d(\tilde{\tau}) = \tau$  and  $\tilde{\tau} \in \lambda_0(\mathbf{k}^*)$ , we have  $\tau \in \lambda(\mathbf{k}^*)$ . This proves (c).

3.3. We now assume that  $\tau$  as in 3.1(b) is given; let  $\lambda, \lambda', f$  be as in 3.2(c). We assume also that 3.1(a) holds. We can find  $c \in \mathbf{k}^*$  of finite order such that  $\lambda(c) = \tau$ . (If  $\tau \neq 1$ , then  $\lambda$  is not identically 1 so it has finite kernel and any  $c \in \lambda^{-1}(\tau)$  has finite order; if  $\tau = 1$  we can take  $c = 1$ .)

Since  $\lambda(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset M_0$  and  $M_0 \subset G_{\underline{0}}$  (as a consequence of our assumption 3.1(a)), we can view  $\lambda$  as an element of  $Y_{G_{\underline{0}}}$  hence  $\lambda_k \mathfrak{g}_i$  is defined for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}, i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ . Since  $\lambda(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset M$ , we can view  $\lambda$  as an element of  $Y_M$  hence  $\lambda_k \mathfrak{m}$  is defined for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

For  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*, k \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $2k/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $x \in \mathfrak{m}_k$  we have  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t))x = \text{Ad}(\iota(t^f))\text{Ad}(\lambda'(t))x = \text{Ad}(\iota(t^f))x = t^{2kf/\eta}x$  (we use that  $\lambda'(t) \in \mathcal{Z}_M^0$ ). Thus  $\mathfrak{m}_k \subset \lambda_{2kf/\eta} \mathfrak{m}$ . Recall also that  $\mathfrak{m}_k \neq 0$  implies  $k/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}$ ; see 1.2(e). Since the subspaces  $\mathfrak{m}_k$  form a direct sum decomposition of  $\mathfrak{m}$  and the subspaces  $\lambda_j \mathfrak{m}$  form a

direct sum decomposition of  $\mathfrak{m}$ , it follows that:

$$(a) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathfrak{m}_k &= \lambda_{2kf/\eta} \mathfrak{m} \text{ for any } k \in \eta\mathbf{Z} \quad \text{and} \\ \lambda_j \mathfrak{m} &= 0 \text{ unless } j = 2kf/\eta \quad \text{for some } k \in \eta\mathbf{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $k \in \mathbf{Z}, i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  and  $x \in \lambda_k \mathfrak{g}_i$  we have

$$\text{Ad}(\tau)\theta(x) = \text{Ad}(\lambda(c))\theta(x) = \zeta^i \text{Ad}(\lambda(c))x = \zeta^i c^k x.$$

Since  $\mathfrak{m} = \{x \in \mathfrak{g}; \text{Ad}(\tau)(\theta(x)) = x\}$ , we see that:

$$(b) \quad \mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbf{Z}, i \in \mathbf{Z}/m; \zeta^i c^j = 1} (\lambda_j \mathfrak{g}_i).$$

If  $\lambda_j \mathfrak{g}_i$  is nonzero and contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$  then  $\lambda_j \mathfrak{m}$  is nonzero hence by (a) we have  $j = 2fk/\eta$  for some  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_k$  is a nonzero subspace of  $\mathfrak{g}_i$ ; thus, by 3.1(a), we have  $i = \underline{k}$  and  $2k/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Thus we can rewrite (b) as follows:

$$\mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{k \in \eta\mathbf{Z}; \zeta^k c^{2fk/\eta} = 1} (\lambda_{2fk/\eta} \mathfrak{g}_{\underline{k}}),$$

that is,

$$(c) \quad \mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{k \in \eta\mathbf{Z}; (\zeta^\eta c^{2f})^{k/\eta} = 1} (\lambda_{2fk/\eta} \mathfrak{g}_{\underline{k}}).$$

Assume now that  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta \neq 0$ . Using (a) we have  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta = \lambda_f \mathfrak{m} \neq 0$ . By 3.1(a) we have  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta \subset \mathfrak{g}_\delta$ . It follows that  $\mathfrak{m}$  has nonzero intersection with  $\lambda_f \mathfrak{g}_\delta$ . Now  $\text{Ad}(\tau)\theta$  acts on  $\lambda_f \mathfrak{g}_\delta$  as multiplication by  $\zeta^\eta c^{2f}$  and it acts on  $\mathfrak{m}$  as the identity. It follows that  $\zeta^\eta c^{2f} = 1$ . Thus (c) can be rewritten as:

$$(d) \quad \mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{k \in \eta\mathbf{Z}} (\lambda_{2fk/\eta} \mathfrak{g}_{\underline{k}}).$$

Next we assume that  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta = 0$ . By the definition of  $\iota$  (see 3.1) this implies that  $\iota$  is identically 1 hence  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}_0$ . From (a) we see that  $\mathfrak{m} = \lambda_0 \mathfrak{m}$ , hence in (c) all summands corresponding to  $k \neq 0$  are zero. Thus (d) remains true in this case. We see also that

$$\mathfrak{m}_k = \frac{|\eta|\lambda}{2fk\epsilon} \mathfrak{g}_{\underline{k}}$$

for all  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Setting  $\mu = |\eta|\lambda/(2f)$  we see that  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  is a splitting of the  $p$ -regular  $\epsilon$ -spiral  $\epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^{\frac{1}{2f}|\eta|\lambda}$ . We see that if  $\xi$  is admissible then it satisfies 3.1(c).

3.4. Assume now that  $\xi$  satisfies 3.1(c). Thus  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  is a splitting of an  $\epsilon$ -spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^\mu$  where  $\mu$  is  $p$ -regular. Applying the conjugacy result 2.7(a) to the two splittings  $\mathfrak{m}_*, \epsilon \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}_*^\mu$  we see that there exists a  $p$ -regular  $\mu'$  such that  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \epsilon \mathfrak{p}_*^{\mu'}, \mathfrak{m}_* = \epsilon \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}_*^{\mu'}$ . Thus we can find  $\lambda \in Y_{G_\mathbb{Q}}, r \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  such that  $r \notin p\mathbf{Z}$  and

$$\mathfrak{m}_N = \lambda_{rN\epsilon} \mathfrak{g}_N$$

for any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ . In particular, 3.1(a) holds. We now show that 3.1(b) holds. From 2.6(c) we see that  $M = G^{\text{Ad}(\lambda(\zeta')^{-1})^\theta}$  for some root of unity  $\zeta' \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . Let  $\tau = \lambda(\zeta')^{-1}$ . It remains to show that  $\lambda(\zeta')^{-1} \in \iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M^0$ . More generally, we show that  $\lambda(t) \in \iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M^0$  for any  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . Now  $\lambda$  can be viewed as an element of  $Y_M$  hence  $\lambda_k \mathfrak{m}$  is well-defined for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  and we have  $\lambda_{rN\epsilon} \mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}_N$  for any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Recall that for  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we have  $\mathfrak{m}_N = \lambda_{2N/\eta} \mathfrak{m}$  if  $N/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_N = 0$  if  $N/\eta \notin \mathbf{Z}$ . We see that for any  $N \in \eta\mathbf{Z}$  and any  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ ,  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t))$  acts on  $\mathfrak{m}_N$  as  $t^{rN\epsilon}$  while  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t)^{\eta|})$  acts on  $\mathfrak{m}_N$  as  $t^{2N\epsilon}$ . Hence  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t)^2 \iota(t)^{-r|\eta|})$  acts on  $\mathfrak{m}_N$  as 1. Since  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the sum of the subspaces  $\mathfrak{m}_N$ , we see that  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t)^2 \iota(t)^{-r|\eta|})$  acts on  $\mathfrak{m}$  as 1. It follows that  $\lambda(t)^2 \iota(t)^{-r|\eta|} \in \mathcal{Z}_M$ . Since  $t \mapsto \lambda(t)^2 \iota(t)^{-r|\eta|}$  is a homomorphism of

the connected group  $\mathbf{k}^*$  into  $\mathcal{Z}_M$ , its image must be contained in  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0$ . Thus, for any  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$  we have  $\lambda(t)^2 \iota(t)^{-r|\eta|} \in \mathcal{Z}_M^0$  hence  $\lambda(t^2) \in \iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M^0$ . Since any  $t' \in \mathbf{k}^*$  is a square, it follows that  $\lambda(t') \in \iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M^0$  for any  $t' \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . We see that, if  $\dot{\xi}$  satisfies 3.1(c), then  $\dot{\xi}$  is admissible. This completes the proof of 3.1(d).

**3.5. The map  $\Psi : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$ .** Let  $\mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  be the set of pairs  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$  where  $\mathcal{O}$  is a  $G_0$ -orbit on  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is an irreducible  $G_0$ -equivariant local system on  $\mathcal{O}$  defined up to isomorphism. Since  $G_0$  acts on  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$  with finitely many orbits, see [Vi], the set  $\mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  is finite.

Let  $\mathfrak{T}_\eta$  be the set of all  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{T}'_\eta$  which are admissible (see 3.1) or equivalently (see 3.1(d)) are such that  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  is a splitting of some  $p$ -regular  $\epsilon$ -spiral. The group  $G_0$  acts in an obvious way by conjugation on  $\mathfrak{T}_\eta$ ; we denote by  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$  the set of orbits, which is a finite set. We will define a map  $\Psi : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$ . Let  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) \in \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . Choose  $x \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $\phi \in J_\delta(x)$ ; define  $\mathfrak{u}_*^\phi, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^\phi, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^\phi, \tilde{L}_0^\phi$  as in 2.9.

Recall that  $\tilde{L}^\phi \in \mathfrak{G}$ . We have  $x \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi}$  (see 2.9(b)). By 2.9(c),  $\mathcal{L}_1 := \mathcal{L}|_{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi}}$  is an

irreducible  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi$ -equivariant local system on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi}$ . Let  $A$  be the simple  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi$ -equivariant perverse sheaf on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi}$  whose restriction to  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi}$  is  $\mathcal{L}_1[\dim \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi}]$ . The map 1.5(b) associates to  $A$  an element  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$  of  $\mathfrak{M}_\eta(\tilde{L}^\phi)$  well defined up to conjugation by  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi$ . Using 1.6(a) we can find a parabolic subalgebra  $\mathfrak{q}$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^\phi$  compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^\phi$  and such that  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a Levi subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{q}$ . Setting  $\mathfrak{p}'_N = \mathfrak{u}'_N + \mathfrak{q}_N$  for any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ , we see from 2.8(a) that  $\mathfrak{p}'_*$  is a  $p$ -regular  $\epsilon$ -spiral and from 2.8(b) that  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  is a splitting of  $\mathfrak{p}'_*$ . We see that  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{T}_\eta$ .

We now show that the  $G_0$ -orbit of  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$  is independent of the choices made. First, if  $x, \phi$  are already chosen, then the  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi$ -orbit of  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$  is well defined hence the  $G_0$ -orbit of  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$  is well defined (since  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi \subset G_0$ ). The independence of the choice of  $\phi$  (when  $x$  is given) follows from the homogeneity of  $J_\delta(x)$  under the group  $U \cap G_0$  in 2.3(b). Finally, the independence of the choice of  $x$  follows from the homogeneity of  $\mathcal{O}$  under the group  $G_0$ . Thus,

$$(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) \mapsto (G_0 - \text{orbit of } (M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}))$$

is a well-defined map  $\Psi : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$ .

**3.6.** Let  $\dot{\xi} = (M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{T}_\eta$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_{\dot{\xi}}$  be the unique  $G_0$ -orbit in  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$  that contains  $\mathring{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta$ . Let  $\dot{\xi}' = (M', M'_0, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{m}'_*, \tilde{C}') \in \mathfrak{T}_\eta$ . We show:

(a) *If  $\mathcal{O}_{\dot{\xi}} = \mathcal{O}_{\dot{\xi}'}$ , then there exists  $g \in G_0$  such that  $\text{Ad}(g)$  carries  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*)$  to  $(M', M'_0, \mathfrak{m}', \mathfrak{m}'_*)$ .*

By [L4, 3.3], we can find  $\phi = (e, h, f) \in J^M, \phi' = (e', h', f') \in J^{M'}$  such that:

(b)  $e \in \mathring{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta, h \in \mathfrak{m}_0, f \in \mathfrak{m}_{-\eta}, e' \in \mathring{\mathfrak{m}}'_\eta, h' \in \mathfrak{m}'_0, f' \in \mathfrak{m}'_{-\eta}$ .

We set  $\iota = \iota_\phi \in Y_M, \iota' = \iota_{\phi'} \in Y_{M'}$ . By 1.2(a),(c),(e), we have

$$(c) \quad \mathfrak{m}_k = \iota_{2k/\eta} \mathfrak{m}, \quad \mathfrak{m}'_k = \iota'_{2k/\eta} \mathfrak{m}' \text{ if } k \in \eta\mathbf{Z}, \mathfrak{m}_k = \mathfrak{m}'_k = 0 \text{ if } k \in \mathbf{Z} - \eta\mathbf{Z}.$$

By assumption, we have  $e' = \text{Ad}(g_1)e$  for some  $g_1 \in G_0$ . Replacing the system  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}, \phi)$  by its image under  $\text{Ad}(g_1)$ , we see that we can assume that  $e = e'$ . Using 3.1(a) for  $\dot{\xi}$  and  $\dot{\xi}'$ , we can view  $\phi, \phi'$  as elements of  $J_\delta^G$  with the

same first component. By 2.3(b), we can find  $g_2 \in G_0$  such that  $\text{Ad}(g_2)$  carries  $\phi$  to  $\phi'$ . Replacing  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}, \phi)$  by its image under  $\text{Ad}(g_1)$ , we see that we can assume that  $\phi = \phi'$  as elements of  $J^G$ . It follows that  $\iota = \iota'$  as elements of  $Y_G$ .

Let

$$G_\phi = \{g \in G; \text{Ad}(g)(e) = e, \text{Ad}(g)(h) = h, \text{Ad}(g)(f) = f\}.$$

Since  $e, h, f$  are contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$  we have  $\mathcal{Z}_M \subset G_\phi$ . Similarly, since  $e, h, f$  are contained in  $\mathfrak{m}'$ , we have  $\mathcal{Z}_{M'} \subset G_\phi$ . We have also  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0 \subset G_0$  (since the center of  $\mathfrak{m}$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{m}_0 \subset \mathfrak{g}_0$ ); similarly we have  $\mathcal{Z}_{M'}^0 \subset G_0$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0$  and  $\mathcal{Z}_{M'}^0$  are tori in  $(G_\phi \cap G_0)^0$ . We show that  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0$  is a maximal torus of  $(G_\phi \cap G_0)^0$ . Indeed, assume that  $S$  is a torus of  $(G_\phi \cap G_0)^0$  that contains  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0$ . Since  $S \subset G_\phi$ , for any  $s \in S$  we have  $\text{Ad}(s)h = h$  hence  $s\iota(t) = \iota(t)s$ , that is,  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t))s = s$  for  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . Since  $S$  contains  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0$ , for any  $s \in S, z \in \mathcal{Z}_M^0$  we have  $\text{Ad}(z)s = s$ . Since  $S \subset G_0$  we have  $\vartheta(s) = s$  for any  $s \in S$ . We see that  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t))\text{Ad}(z)\vartheta(s) = s$  for any  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*, z \in \mathcal{Z}_M^0, s \in S$ . We can find  $\tau \in \iota(\mathbf{k}^*)\mathcal{Z}_M^0$  such that  $M = G^{\text{Ad}(\tau)\vartheta}$ . We have seen that  $\text{Ad}(\tau)\vartheta(s) = s$  for  $s \in S$ . Thus  $S \subset M$ . Since  $S \subset G_\phi$ , we have

$$S \subset M_\phi := \{g \in M; \text{Ad}(g)(e) = e, \text{Ad}(g)(h) = h, \text{Ad}(g)(f) = f\},$$

hence  $S \subset M_\phi^0$ . Since  $e$  is a distinguished nilpotent element of  $\mathfrak{m}$ , we have  $M_\phi^0 = \mathcal{Z}_M^0$ . Thus we have  $S \subset \mathcal{Z}_M^0$ . By assumption, we have  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0 \subset S$ , hence  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0 = S$ . Thus  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0$  is indeed a maximal torus of  $(G_\phi \cap G_0)^0$ , as claimed. Similarly we see that  $\mathcal{Z}_{M'}^0$  is a maximal torus of  $(G_\phi \cap G_0)^0$ . Since any two maximal tori of  $(G_\phi \cap G_0)^0$  are conjugate, we can find  $g_3$  in  $(G_\phi \cap G_0)^0$  such that  $\text{Ad}(g_3)$  carries  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0$  to  $\mathcal{Z}_{M'}^0$ . (It also carries  $\phi$  to  $\phi$ .)

Replacing  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}, \phi)$  by its image under  $\text{Ad}(g_3)$ , we see that we can assume that  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0 = \mathcal{Z}_{M'}^0$  and  $\phi = \phi'$ .

Assume now that  $e = 0$  so that  $e' = 0$ . By the definition of  $\iota = \iota'$  we see that  $\iota = \iota'$  is identically 1 hence  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}_0, \mathfrak{m}' = \mathfrak{m}'_0$  and  $G_\phi = G$ . Since  $e = 0$  is distinguished in  $\mathfrak{m}$  it follows that  $M$  is a torus. Hence  $M = \mathcal{Z}_M^0$ . Similarly  $M' = \mathcal{Z}_{M'}^0$ . Since  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0 = \mathcal{Z}_{M'}^0$ , it follows that  $M = M'$ . We see that (a) holds in this case.

In the remainder of the proof we assume that  $e \neq 0$  hence  $e' \neq 0$ . Recall that  $M = G^{\text{Ad}(\iota(t))\text{Ad}(z)\vartheta}, M' = G^{\text{Ad}(\iota(t'))\text{Ad}(z')\vartheta}$ , for some  $t, t'$  in  $\mathbf{k}^*$  and some  $z, z'$  in  $\mathcal{Z}_M^0 = \mathcal{Z}_{M'}^0$ . Since  $e \in \mathfrak{m}_\eta$ , we have  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t))\text{Ad}(z)\vartheta(e) = e$ ; since  $\text{Ad}(z)$  acts as 1 on  $\mathfrak{m}$ , we deduce that  $t^2\zeta^\eta e = e$  and since  $e \neq 0$ , we see that  $t^2 = \zeta^{-\eta}$ . Similarly, since  $e \in \mathfrak{m}'_\eta$  we have  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t'))\text{Ad}(z')\vartheta(e) = e$  and  $t'^2 = \zeta^{-\eta}$ .

We show that for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  we have  $\mathfrak{m}_k \subset \mathfrak{m}'$ . By 1.2(e) we can assume that  $k \in \eta\mathbf{Z}$ . Let  $x \in \mathfrak{m}_k$ . We must show that  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t'))\text{Ad}(z')\vartheta(x) = x$ . Since  $\text{Ad}(z')$  acts by 1 on  $\mathfrak{m}$ , it is enough to show that  $\zeta^k t'^{2k/\eta} x = x$  or that  $(\zeta^\eta t'^2)^{k/\eta} x = x$ . This follows from  $t'^2 = \zeta^{-\eta}$ .

Thus we have  $\mathfrak{m}_k \subset \mathfrak{m}'$ . Since this holds for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ , we deduce that  $\mathfrak{m} \subset \mathfrak{m}'$ . Interchanging the roles of  $\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}'$  we see that  $\mathfrak{m}' \subset \mathfrak{m}$  hence  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}'$ . This implies that  $M = M'$ . Since  $\iota = \iota'$ , we see from (c) that  $\mathfrak{m}_* = \mathfrak{m}'_*$ . From  $\mathfrak{m}_0 = \mathfrak{m}'_0$  we deduce that  $M_0 = M'_0$ . This completes the proof of (a).

The following result can be extracted from the proof of (a).

(d) If  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta = 0$  (so that  $e = 0$ ), then  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}_0$  is a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ .

3.7. Let  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{T}_\eta$ . Let  $x \in \overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta$ . We choose  $\phi = (e, h, f) \in J^M$  such that  $e = x, h \in \mathfrak{m}_0, f \in \mathfrak{m}_{-\eta}$  (see [L4, 3.3]). We can view  $x$  as an element of  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$  and  $\phi$  as an element of  $J_\delta(x)$ . We define  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_* = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^\phi$  as in 2.9. Recall that for  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we have:

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N = {}^{\iota}{}_{2N/\eta}\mathfrak{g}_N \text{ if } 2N/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}, \quad \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N = 0 \text{ if } 2N/\eta \notin \mathbf{Z},$$

where  $\iota = \iota_\phi \in Y_G$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} = \oplus_N \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N \subset \mathfrak{g}$  and let  $\tilde{L} = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}} \subset G$ . We show:

(a)  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a Levi subalgebra of a parabolic subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  which is compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$ .

We shall prove (a) without the statement of compatibility with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading; then the full statement of (a) would follow from 1.6(a).

Assume first that  $x = 0$ . Then  $h = 0$  hence  $\iota$  is the constant map with image 1. It follows that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_0 = \mathfrak{g}_0$  and  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{m}_0$ ; moreover: by 3.6(d),  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ . Hence in this case (a) is immediate. In the rest of the proof we assume that  $x \neq 0$ .

Since  $\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta$  carries a cuspidal local system, for any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $2N/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}$  we have  $\mathfrak{m}_N = {}^{\iota}{}_{2N/\eta}\mathfrak{m}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{m}_N \subset \mathfrak{g}_N$ , we have  $\mathfrak{m}_N \subset {}^{\iota}{}_{2N/\eta}\mathfrak{g}_N$  hence  $\mathfrak{m}_N \subset \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N$ . Taking sum over all  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $2N/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}$ , we get  $\mathfrak{m} \subset \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$ . We can find  $t_0 \in \mathbf{k}^*, z \in \mathcal{Z}_M^0$ , both of finite order, such that  $\mathfrak{m} = \{y \in \mathfrak{g}; \text{Ad}(\iota(t_0)) \text{Ad}(z)\theta(y) = y\}$ . Note that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_* = \dot{\eta}\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^{(|\eta|/2)\iota}$

By 2.6(c), we can find  $\zeta' \in \mathbf{k}^*$  such that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} = \{y \in \mathfrak{g}; \text{Ad}(\iota(\zeta')^{-1})\theta(y) = y\}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{m} \subset \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$ , we have:

$$(b) \quad \mathfrak{m} = \{y \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}; \text{Ad}(\iota(t_0)) \text{Ad}(z)\theta(y) = y\} = \{y \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}; \text{Ad}(\iota(t_0)) \text{Ad}(z) \text{Ad}(\iota(\zeta'))y = y\}.$$

(Note that 2.6(c) is applicable since  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_* = \dot{\eta}\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^{(|\eta|/2)\iota}$ .)

Since  $x \in \mathfrak{m}_\eta \subset \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{g}$ , we have  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t))x = t^2x$  for any  $t$ . Taking  $t = t_0^{-1}$  or  $t = \zeta'$  we see that  $t_0^{-2}x = \text{Ad}(\iota(t_0))^{-1}x$  and  $\zeta'^2x = \text{Ad}(\iota(\zeta'))x$ . Since  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$  and  $x \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  we have  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t_0))^{-1}x = \theta(x)$  and  $\text{Ad}(\iota(\zeta'))x = \theta(x)$ . It follows that  $t_0^{-2}x = \zeta'^2x$  so that (since  $x \neq 0$ ) we have  $t_0^{-2} = \zeta'^2$ .

If  $N \in \mathbf{Z}, 2N/\eta \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $y \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N$ , we have  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t_0\zeta'))y = (t_0\zeta')^{2N/\eta}y = y$ . Since  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}} = \oplus_N \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_N$  we have  $\text{Ad}(\iota(t_0\zeta'))y = y$  for all  $y \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$ . Hence (b) implies:

$$(c) \quad \mathfrak{m} = \{y \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}; \text{Ad}(z)y = y\}.$$

It remains to show that (c) implies (a). Since  $z$  is of finite order and  $z \in \mathcal{Z}_M^0$ , we can find  $\lambda \in Y_{\mathcal{Z}_M^0}$  such that  $z = \lambda(t_1)$  for some  $t_1 \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . (See 3.2(a).)

Let  $\mathfrak{m}' = \{y \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}; \text{Ad}(\lambda(t))y = y \quad \forall t \in \mathbf{k}^*\}$ . Note that  $\mathfrak{m}'$  is a Levi subalgebra of a parabolic subalgebra  $\mathfrak{q}$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$ . Since  $\lambda(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \mathcal{Z}_M^0$  we see that  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t))$  acts as 1 on  $\mathfrak{m}$  for any  $t$  hence  $\mathfrak{m} \subset \mathfrak{m}'$ . Now  $\text{Ad}(\lambda(t_1))$  acts as 1 on  $\mathfrak{m}'$ . Since  $\mathfrak{m} = \{y \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}; \text{Ad}(\lambda(t_1))y = y\}$  it follows that  $\mathfrak{m}' = \mathfrak{m}$ . Thus (a) holds.

3.8. **Primitive pairs.** Let  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{T}_\eta$ . Let  $x \in \overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta$ . We can view  $x$  as an element of  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ . We set  $M_0(x) = M_0 \cap G(x), G_0(x) = G_0 \cap G(x)$ . We show:

(a) *The inclusion  $M_0(x) \rightarrow G_0(x)$  induces an isomorphism on the groups of components.*

Let  $\phi \in J^M, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*, \tilde{L}$  be as in 3.7. Let  $\tilde{L}_0 = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_0} \subset \tilde{L}$ . We have  $x \in \overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta$  (see [L4, 4.2(a)]). Let  $\tilde{L}_0(x) = \tilde{L}_0 \cap G(x)$ . To prove (a) it is enough to prove (i) and (ii) below.

(i) *The inclusion  $M_0(x) \rightarrow \tilde{L}_0(x)$  induces an isomorphism on the groups of components.*

(ii) *The inclusion  $\tilde{L}_0(x) \rightarrow G_0(x)$  induces an isomorphism on the groups of components.*

Now (i) follows from [L4, 11.2] (we use 3.7(a)) and (ii) is a special case of 2.9(c). This proves (a).

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the  $G_0$ -orbit of  $x$  in  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}'$  be the irreducible  $M_0$ -equivariant local system on  $\mathring{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta$  such that  $\tilde{C}|_{\mathring{\mathfrak{m}}_\eta} = \mathcal{L}'[\dim \mathfrak{m}_\eta]$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the irreducible  $G_0$ -equivariant local system on  $\mathcal{O}$  which corresponds to  $\mathcal{L}'$  under (a). We say that  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) \in \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  is the *primitive pair* corresponding to  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \in \mathfrak{T}_\eta$ ; it is clearly independent of the choice of  $x, \phi$  (we use [L4, 3.3]).

Let  $\mathcal{L}''$  be the irreducible  $\tilde{L}_0$ -equivariant local system on  $\mathring{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}}_\eta$  which corresponds to  $\mathcal{L}'$  under (i). Let  $\mathcal{L}''^\sharp \in \mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)$  be as in 0.11. From 1.8(b) we see that:

(b)  $\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{q}_\eta}^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta}(\tilde{C})$  is a nonzero direct sum of shifts of  $\mathcal{L}''^\sharp$ .

Consider the map  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \mapsto (\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$  (as above) from  $\mathfrak{T}_\eta$  to  $\mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ ; the image of this map is denoted by  $\mathcal{I}^{prim}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . From 3.6(a) and (a) we see that:

(c) This induces a bijection  $\omega : \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{I}^{prim}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ .

Using the definitions and 1.8(b), we see that:

(d) For  $\xi \in \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$  we have  $\Psi(\omega(\xi)) = \xi$ , where  $\Psi : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$  is as in 3.5.

Combining (c) and (d), we have

(e) the restriction of  $\Psi$  to  $\mathcal{I}^{prim}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  gives the inverse of  $\omega$ .

From (d) we get:

(f) The map  $\Psi : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$  is surjective.

Another proof of (f) is given in 7.3.

3.9. Now let  $\eta_1 \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$  be such that  $\underline{\eta}_1 = \delta$ . We define a bijection  $\mathfrak{T}'_\eta \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{T}'_{\eta_1}$  by  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}) \mapsto (M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_{(*)}, \tilde{C})$  where  $\mathfrak{m}_{(*)}$  is the new  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading on  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  whose  $k$ -component  $\mathfrak{m}_{(k)}$  is equal to  $\mathfrak{m}_{k\eta/\eta_1}$  for any  $k \in \eta_1\mathbf{Z}$  and is equal to 0 for any  $k \in \mathbf{Z} - \eta_1\mathbf{Z}$ . (This is well defined since  $\mathfrak{m}_{k'} = 0$  for any  $k' \in \mathbf{Z} - \eta\mathbf{Z}$ ; see 1.2(e).) Here we regard  $\tilde{C}$  as a simple perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta = \mathfrak{m}_{(\eta_1)}$ . This restricts to a bijection  $\mathfrak{T}_\eta \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{T}_{\eta_1}$ , which induces a bijection  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta \xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_{\eta_1}$ . This allows us to identify canonically all the sets  $\mathfrak{T}_{\eta_1}$  (for various  $\eta_1 \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$  such that  $\underline{\eta}_1 = \delta$ ) with a single set  $\mathfrak{T}_\delta$  and also all the sets  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_{\eta_1}$  (for various  $\eta_1 \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$  such that  $\underline{\eta}_1 = \delta$ ) with a single set  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\delta$ . Here  $\mathfrak{T}_\delta, \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\delta$  are defined purely in terms of  $\delta$  (independently of the choice of  $\eta$ ).

An examination of the construction of the map  $\Psi = \Psi_\eta : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$  (see 3.5) shows that the bijection  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta \xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_{\eta_1}$  intertwines  $\Psi_\eta$  and  $\Psi_{\eta_1}$ . Therefore we have a well-defined map  $\Psi : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\delta$ .

#### 4. SPIRAL INDUCTION

In this section we introduce the key tool in studying the block decomposition for  $\mathcal{D}_{G_0}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil})$ , namely the spiral induction. This is the analogue in the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -graded setting of the parabolic induction in the ungraded or  $\mathbf{Z}$ -graded setting.

**4.1. Definition of spiral induction.** In addition to  $\eta \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$  which has been fixed in 2.9, in this section we fix  $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{P}^\epsilon$  the set of all data of the form:

$$(a) \quad (\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*),$$

where  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -spiral and  $L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*$  are associated to  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  as in 2.5. Let

$$(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^\epsilon.$$

Let  $\pi : \mathfrak{p}_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}_\eta$  be the obvious projection. We have a diagram:

$$(b) \quad \mathfrak{l}_\eta \xleftarrow{a} G_{\underline{0}} \times \mathfrak{p}_\eta \xrightarrow{b} E' \xrightarrow{c} \mathfrak{g}_\delta,$$

where  $E' = \{(gP_0, z) \in G_{\underline{0}}/P_0 \times \mathfrak{g}_\delta; \text{Ad}(g^{-1})z \in \mathfrak{p}_\eta\}$ ,  $a(g, z) = \pi(\text{Ad}(g^{-1})z)$ ,  $b(g, z) = (gP_0, z)$ ,  $c(gP_0, z) = z$ . Here  $a$  is smooth with connected fibers,  $b$  is a principal  $P_0$ -bundle and  $c$  is proper. Now  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  is defined as in 1.2, with  $H, \mathfrak{h}$  replaced by  $L, \mathfrak{l}$ . If  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$ , then  $a^*A$  is a  $P_0$ -equivariant semisimple complex on  $G_{\underline{0}} \times \mathfrak{p}_\eta$ , hence there is a well-defined semisimple complex  $A_1$  on  $E'$  such that  $b^*A_1 = a^*A$ . We can form the complex

$${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A) = c_!A_1.$$

Since  $c$  is proper, this is a semisimple,  $G_{\underline{0}}$ -equivariant complex on  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta$ .

If  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*$  is a splitting of  $\mathfrak{p}_*$ , we will sometimes consider  ${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)$  with  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)$  by identifying  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta$  with  $\mathfrak{l}_\eta$  in an obvious way and  $A$  with an object in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$ .

For any  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  we have

$$(c) \quad D({}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)) = {}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(D(A))[2e],$$

where  $e$  is the dimension of a fiber of  $a$  minus the dimension of a fiber of  $b$ , or equivalently

$$\begin{aligned} e &= \dim \mathfrak{g}_{\underline{0}} + \dim \mathfrak{p}_\eta - \dim \mathfrak{u}_0 - (\dim \mathfrak{p}_\eta - \dim \mathfrak{u}_\eta) - (\dim \mathfrak{p}_0 - \dim \mathfrak{u}_0) \\ &= \dim \mathfrak{u}_0 + \dim \mathfrak{u}_\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if for  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  we set

$${}^\epsilon \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A) = {}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)[\dim \mathfrak{u}_0 + \dim \mathfrak{u}_\eta],$$

then

$$(d) \quad D({}^\epsilon \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)) = {}^\epsilon \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(D(A)).$$

**4.2. Transitivity.** We state a transitivity property of induction. In addition to the datum 4.1(a) we consider a parabolic subalgebra  $\mathfrak{q}$  of  $\mathfrak{l}$  such that  $\mathfrak{q} = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{q}_N$  where  $\mathfrak{q}_N = \mathfrak{q} \cap \mathfrak{l}_N$ . For any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  let  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_N$  be the inverse image of  $\mathfrak{q}_N$  under the obvious map  $\mathfrak{p}_N \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}_N$ . Then  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_*$  is an  $\epsilon$ -spiral; see 2.8(a). Let

$$(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_*, \hat{L}, \hat{P}_0, \hat{\mathfrak{l}}, \hat{\mathfrak{l}}_*, \hat{\mathfrak{u}}_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^\epsilon$$

be the datum analogous to 4.1(a) defined by  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_*$ . Now  $\mathcal{Q}(\hat{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)$  is defined as in 1.2, with  $H, \mathfrak{h}$  replaced by  $\hat{L}, \hat{\mathfrak{l}}$ . If  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\hat{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)$ , then  $\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{q}_\eta}^{\hat{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta}(A) \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  is defined as in 1.3 and we have canonically

$$(a) \quad {}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A) = {}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{q}_\eta}^{\hat{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta}(A)).$$

The proof is similar to that of [L2, 4.2]; it is omitted.

4.3. In the setup of 4.1, assume that  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  is a cuspidal perverse sheaf (see 1.2). We have  $A = \mathcal{L}^\sharp[\dim \mathfrak{l}_\eta]$  where  $\mathcal{L}$  is an irreducible local system on  $\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta$  and  $\mathcal{L}^\sharp \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  is as in 0.11. In this case we can give an alternative description of  ${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(\mathcal{L}^\sharp)$ . Let  $P_0, \pi : \mathfrak{p}_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}_\eta$  be as in 4.1. Let

$$\mathring{\mathfrak{g}}_\delta = \{(gP_0, z) \in G_0/P_0 \times \mathfrak{g}_\delta; \text{Ad}(g^{-1})z \in \pi^{-1}(\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)\}$$

be an open smooth irreducible subvariety of  $E'$  in 4.1. Let  $\mathring{\mathcal{L}}$  be the local system on  $\mathring{\mathfrak{g}}_\delta$  defined by  $b'^*\mathring{\mathcal{L}} = a'^*\mathcal{L}$ , where

$$\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta \xleftarrow{a'} G_0 \times (\pi^{-1}(\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)) \xrightarrow{b'} \mathring{\mathfrak{g}}_\delta,$$

$a'(g, zx) = \pi(\text{Ad}(g^{-1})z), b'(g, z) = (gP_0, z)$ . Let  $\mathring{\mathcal{L}}^\sharp$  be the intersection cohomology complex of  $E'$  with coefficients in  $\mathring{\mathcal{L}}$ . From the definitions we have  $a^*\mathcal{L}^\sharp = b^*\mathring{\mathcal{L}}^\sharp$  ( $a, b$  as in 4.1). We define  $c' : \mathring{\mathfrak{g}}_\delta \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_\delta$  by  $c'(g, z) = z$ . We show:

(a) 
$${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(\mathcal{L}^\sharp) = c'_*\mathring{\mathcal{L}}^\sharp.$$

Using the definitions we see that it is enough to show that the restriction of  $\mathring{\mathcal{L}}^\sharp$  to  $E' - \mathring{\mathfrak{g}}_\delta$  is zero. This can be deduced from 1.2(c).

4.4. Let  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  be the subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  consisting of complexes which are direct sums of shifts of simple  $G_0$ -equivariant perverse sheaves  $B$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta$  with the following property: there exists a datum  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*)$  as in 4.1(a) and a simple cuspidal perverse sheaf  $A$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  such that some shift of  $B$  is a direct summand of  ${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)$ . We show:

(a) *If  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^\epsilon$  and  $A'$  is a simple (not necessarily cuspidal) perverse sheaf in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$ , then  ${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A') \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ .*

Using [L4, 7.5] we see that some shift of  $A'$  is a direct summand of  $\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{q}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{l}_\eta}(A)$  for some  $\hat{\mathfrak{l}}, \mathfrak{q}$  as in 4.2 where  $A$  is a simple cuspidal perverse sheaf in  $\mathcal{Q}(\hat{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)$ . It follows that some shift of  ${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A')$  is a direct summand of

(b) 
$${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{q}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{l}_\eta}(A)).$$

It is then enough to show that the complex (b) belongs to  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . This follows from the definitions using the transitivity property 4.2(a).

The functor

$${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta} : \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$$

(where  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*)$  is as in 4.1(a)) called *spiral induction*.

Let  $\mathcal{K}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  be the abelian group generated by symbols  $(A)$ , one for each isomorphism class of objects of  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ , subject to the relations  $(A) + (A') = (A \oplus A')$  (a Grothendieck group). Now  $\mathcal{K}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  is naturally an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module by  $v^n(A) = (A[n])$  for any  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ . We shall write  $A$  instead of  $(A)$  (in  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ ). Clearly,  $\mathcal{K}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  is a free  $\mathcal{A}$ -module with a finite distinguished basis given by the various simple perverse sheaves in  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . Now  $A, B \mapsto (A : B) = \{A, D(B)\} \in \mathbf{N}((v))$  (see 0.12) defines a pairing

(c) 
$$(\cdot) : \mathcal{K}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \times \mathcal{K}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}((v)),$$

which is  $\mathcal{A}$ -linear in the first argument,  $\mathcal{A}$ -antilinear in the second argument (for  $f \mapsto \bar{f}$ ) and satisfies  $(b_1 : b_2) = \overline{(b_2 : b_1)}$  for all  $b_1, b_2$  in  $\mathcal{K}_\eta^\epsilon(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ .

4.5. In addition to the datum 4.1(a) we consider another datum

$$(a) \quad (\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, \mathfrak{l}', \mathfrak{l}'_*, \mathfrak{u}'_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^\epsilon$$

such that  $\mathfrak{p}_N \subset \mathfrak{p}'_N$  for all  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_N = \mathfrak{p}'_N$  for  $N \in \{\eta, -\eta\}$ . We then have  $\mathfrak{u}'_N \subset \mathfrak{u}_N$  for all  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\mathfrak{u}_N = \mathfrak{u}'_N$  for  $N \in \{\eta, -\eta\}$ . We also have canonically  $\mathfrak{l}'_N = \mathfrak{l}'_N$  for  $N \in \{\eta, -\eta\}$  and  $P_0 \subset P'_0$ . Let  $\mathcal{P} = P'_0/P_0$ . Write  $\rho_{\mathcal{P}!} \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l = \bigoplus_j \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l[-2a_j]$  where  $a_j$  are integers  $\geq 0$ . (Here  $\rho_{\mathcal{P}!}$  is as in 0.12.) Let  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta) = \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta)$ . We show:

(b) Let  $I = {}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)$ ,  $I' = {}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)$ . We have  $I \cong \bigoplus_j I'[-2a_j]$ .

We consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathfrak{l}_\eta & \xleftarrow{a} & G_0 \times \mathfrak{p}_\eta & \xrightarrow{b} & E' & \xrightarrow{c} & \mathfrak{g}_\delta \\ \downarrow 1 & & \downarrow 1 & & \downarrow h & & \downarrow 1 \\ \mathfrak{l}'_\eta & \xleftarrow{a'} & G_0 \times \mathfrak{p}'_\eta & \xrightarrow{b'} & \tilde{E}' & \xrightarrow{c'} & \mathfrak{g}_\delta \end{array},$$

where the upper horizontal maps are as in 4.1(b), the lower horizontal are the analogous maps when 4.1(a) is replaced by (a) and  $h : E' \rightarrow \tilde{E}'$  is given by  $(gP_0, z) \mapsto (gP'_0, z)$ . Note that  $h$  is a  $P'_0/P_0$ -bundle. We can find a complex  $A_1$  (resp.  $A'_1$ ) on  $E'$  (resp.  $\tilde{E}'$ ) such that  $I = c_1 A_1$ ,  $I' = c'_1 A'_1$ . We have  $A_1 = h^* A'_1$ , hence

$$I = c_1 A_1 = c'_1 h_1 A_1 = c'_1 h_1 h^* A'_1 = c'_1 (A'_1 \otimes h_1 h^* \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l) = \bigoplus_j c'_1 A'_1[-2a_j] = \bigoplus_j I'[-2a_j].$$

This proves (b).

### 5. STUDY OF A PAIR OF SPIRALS

This section serves as preparation for the next one, which aims to calculate the Hom space between two spiral inductions.

5.1. In addition to  $\eta \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$  which has been fixed in 2.9, in this section we fix  $\epsilon', \epsilon''$  in  $\{1, -1\}$ . Let

$$(\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, \mathfrak{l}', \mathfrak{l}'_*, \mathfrak{u}'_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon'}, \quad (\mathfrak{p}''_*, L'', P''_0, \mathfrak{l}'', \mathfrak{l}''_*, \mathfrak{u}''_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon''}.$$

We show:

(a) there exists a splitting  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_*$  of  $\mathfrak{p}'_*$  and a splitting  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_*$  of  $\mathfrak{p}''_*$  such that, if  $\tilde{L}'_0 = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_0} \subset G$  and  $\tilde{L}''_0 = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_0} \subset G$ , then some maximal torus  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $G_0$  is contained in both  $\tilde{L}'_0$  and  $\tilde{L}''_0$ .

Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_*$  be any splitting of  $\mathfrak{p}'_*$  and let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_*$  be any splitting of  $\mathfrak{p}''_*$ ; let  $\tilde{L}'_0 = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_0} \subset G$ ,  $\tilde{L}''_0 = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_0} \subset G$ . Recall that  $P'_0$  (resp.  $P''_0$ ) is a parabolic subgroup of  $G_0$  with Levi subgroup  $\tilde{L}'_0$  (resp.  $\tilde{L}''_0$ ); hence there exists a maximal torus  $\mathcal{T}_0$  of  $G_0$  contained in both  $P'_0, P''_0$ . Let  $'\tilde{L}'_0$  (resp.  $'\tilde{L}''_0$ ) be the Levi subgroup of  $P'_0$  (resp.  $P''_0$ ) such that  $\mathcal{T}_0 \subset '\tilde{L}'_0$  (resp.  $\mathcal{T}_0 \subset '\tilde{L}''_0$ ). We can find  $u' \in U_{P'_0}$ ,  $u'' \in U_{P''_0}$  such that  $\text{Ad}(u')\tilde{L}'_0 = '\tilde{L}'_0$ ,  $\text{Ad}(u'')\tilde{L}''_0 = '\tilde{L}''_0$ . Now  $\{\text{Ad}(u')\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  is a splitting of  $\{\text{Ad}(u')\mathfrak{p}'_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\} = \mathfrak{p}'_*$  and  $\{\text{Ad}(u'')\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  is a splitting of  $\{\text{Ad}(u'')\mathfrak{p}''_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\} = \mathfrak{p}''_*$ . Note that  $\text{Ad}(u')\tilde{L}'_0, \text{Ad}(u'')\tilde{L}''_0$  contain a maximal torus of  $G_0$ ; (a) is proved.

5.2. Let  $(\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, \mathfrak{l}', \mathfrak{l}'_*, \mathfrak{u}'_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon'}$ ,  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon''}$ . Let  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  be a simple cuspidal perverse sheaf. As in 4.3, we have  $A = \mathcal{L}^\sharp[\dim \mathfrak{l}_\eta]$  where  $\mathcal{L}$  is an irreducible local system on  $\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta$ . Let

$$B = {}^{\epsilon'} \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(\mathcal{L}^\sharp).$$

Let  $\pi' : \mathfrak{p}'_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}'_\eta$  be the obvious map with kernel  $\mathfrak{u}'_\eta$ . We want to study the complex  $K = \pi'_!(B|_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta)$ . As in 4.3, let

$$\mathring{\mathfrak{g}}_\delta = G_{\underline{0}} \times^{\mathring{P}_0} \pi^{-1}(\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta),$$

where  $\pi : \mathfrak{p}_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}_\eta$  is the obvious map; let  $\dot{\mathcal{L}}$  be the local system on  $\mathring{\mathfrak{g}}_\delta$  defined in terms of  $\mathcal{L}$  as in 4.3. As in 4.3, we define  $c' : \mathring{\mathfrak{g}}_\delta \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_\delta$  by  $c'(g, z) = z$ . Let

$$\dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_\eta = \{(gP_0, z) \in G_{\underline{0}}/P_0 \times \mathfrak{p}'_\eta; \text{Ad}(g^{-1})z \in \pi^{-1}(\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)\}.$$

Note that  $\dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_\eta$  is the closed subvariety  $c'^{-1}\mathfrak{p}'_\eta$  of  $\mathring{\mathfrak{g}}_\delta$ . The restriction of  $\dot{\mathcal{L}}$  from  $\mathring{\mathfrak{g}}_\delta$  to  $\dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_\eta$  is denoted again by  $\dot{\mathcal{L}}$ . Now  $c'$  restricts to a map  $\dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}'_\eta$  whose composition with  $\pi' : \mathfrak{p}'_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}'_\eta$  is denoted by  $\sigma : \dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}'_\eta$ . We have  $\sigma : (gP_0, z) \mapsto \pi'(z)$ . Using 4.3(a) and a proper base change, we see that  $K = \sigma_!(\dot{\mathcal{L}})$ .

We have a partition  $\dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_\eta = \cup_{\Omega} \dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_{\eta, \Omega}$  into locally closed subvarieties indexed by the various  $(P'_0, P_0)$ -double cosets  $\Omega$  in  $G_{\underline{0}}$ , where

$$\dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_{\eta, \Omega} = \{(gP_0, z) \in \Omega/P_0 \times \mathfrak{p}'_\eta; \text{Ad}(g^{-1})z \in \pi^{-1}(\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)\}.$$

Let  $\sigma_\Omega : \dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_{\eta, \Omega} \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}'_\eta$  be the restriction of  $\sigma$ . For any  $\Omega$  we set

$$K_\Omega = \sigma_{\Omega!}(\dot{\mathcal{L}}|_{\dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_{\eta, \Omega}}) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta).$$

We say that  $\Omega$  is *good* if for some (or equivalently any)  $g_0 \in \Omega$ , the following condition holds: setting  $\mathfrak{p}'_N = \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{p}_N$ ,  $\mathfrak{u}'_N = \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{u}_N$  (for  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ ), the obvious inclusion

$$(\mathfrak{p}'_N \cap \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{p}_N) / (\mathfrak{p}'_N \cap \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{u}_N) \rightarrow \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{p}_N / \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{u}_N$$

is an isomorphism for any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  that is,  $\text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{p}_N = (\mathfrak{p}'_N \cap \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{p}_N) + \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{u}_N$ . We say that  $\Omega$  is *bad* if it is not good.

Until the end of 5.4 we fix an  $\Omega$  as above and we choose  $g_0 \in \Omega$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}''_N = \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{p}_N$ ; then  $\mathfrak{p}''_*$  is an  $\epsilon''$ -spiral. It determines a datum  $(\mathfrak{p}''_*, L'', P''_0, \mathfrak{l}'', \mathfrak{l}''_*, \mathfrak{u}''_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon''}$ .

By the change of variable  $g = hg_0$  we may identify  $\dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_{\eta, \Omega}$  with

$$\{(hP''_0, z) \in P'_0 P''_0 / P''_0 \times \mathfrak{p}'_\eta; \text{Ad}(h^{-1})z \in \text{Ad}(g_0)\pi^{-1}(\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)\}$$

which is the same as

$$\Xi = \{(h(P'_0 \cap P''_0), z) \in P'_0 / (P'_0 \cap P''_0) \times \mathfrak{p}'_\eta; \text{Ad}(h^{-1})z \in \pi''^{-1}(\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta)\}$$

(in which  $\pi'' : \mathfrak{p}'_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}''_\eta$  is the obvious map, with kernel  $\mathfrak{u}''_\eta$ ). In these coordinates,  $\sigma_\Omega : \dot{\mathfrak{p}}'_{\eta, \Omega} \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}'_\eta$  becomes  $(h(P'_0 \cap P''_0), z) \mapsto \pi''(z)$ .

We choose a splitting  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_*$  of  $\mathfrak{p}'_*$  and a splitting  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_*$  of  $\mathfrak{p}''_*$  as in 5.1(a); let  $\tilde{L}'_0, \tilde{L}''_0, \mathcal{T}$  be as in 5.1(a).

Let  $\mu', \mu''$  be elements of  $Y_{G_{\underline{0}}, \mathbf{Q}}$  such that  $\mathfrak{p}'_* = {}^{\epsilon'} \mathfrak{p}^{\mu'}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_* = {}^{\epsilon'} \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^{\mu'}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}''_* = {}^{\epsilon''} \mathfrak{p}^{\mu''}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_* = {}^{\epsilon''} \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^{\mu''}$ . Let  $r', r''$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  be such that  $\lambda' := r' \mu' \in Y_{G_{\underline{0}}}$ ,  $\lambda'' := r'' \mu'' \in Y_{G_{\underline{0}}}$ .

As in 2.6(d) we have  $\lambda'(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \mathcal{Z}_{\tilde{L}'_0}^0$ ,  $\lambda''(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \mathcal{Z}_{\tilde{L}''_0}^0$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}$  is a maximal torus of  $\tilde{L}'_0$ , we must have  $\mathcal{Z}_{\tilde{L}'_0}^0 \subset \mathcal{T}$  hence  $\lambda'(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \mathcal{T}$ . Similarly, since  $\mathcal{T}$  is a maximal torus of  $\tilde{L}''_0$ , we have  $\mathcal{Z}_{\tilde{L}''_0}^0 \subset \mathcal{T}$  hence  $\lambda''(\mathbf{k}^*) \subset \mathcal{T}$ . Since both  $\lambda'(\mathbf{k}^*), \lambda''(\mathbf{k}^*)$  are contained in the torus  $\mathcal{T}$ , we must have  $\lambda'(t')\lambda''(t'') = \lambda''(t'')\lambda'(t')$  for any  $t', t''$  in  $\mathbf{k}^*$ . Hence, if for any  $k', k''$  in  $\mathbf{Z}$  and  $i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  we set

$${}_{k',k''}\mathfrak{g}_i = \{x \in \mathfrak{g}_i; \text{Ad}(\lambda'(t'))x = t'^{k'}x, \text{Ad}(\lambda''(t''))x = t''^{k''}x, \quad \forall t', t'' \in \mathbf{k}^*\},$$

then we have  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{k',k'',i} ({}_{k',k''}\mathfrak{g}_i)$ .

For any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we have a direct sum decomposition

$$(a) \quad \mathfrak{p}'_N \cap \mathfrak{p}''_N = (\tilde{l}'_N \cap \tilde{l}''_N) \oplus (\mathfrak{u}'_N \cap \tilde{l}''_N) \oplus (\tilde{l}'_N \cap \mathfrak{u}''_N) \oplus (\mathfrak{u}'_N \cap \mathfrak{u}''_N).$$

This follows immediately from the decompositions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{p}'_N \cap \mathfrak{p}''_N &= \bigoplus_{k',k'';k' \geq Nr'\epsilon', k'' \geq Nr''\epsilon''} ({}_{k,k'}\mathfrak{g}_N), \\ \tilde{l}'_N \cap \tilde{l}''_N &= \bigoplus_{k',k'';k'=Nr'\epsilon', k''=Nr''\epsilon''} ({}_{k,k'}\mathfrak{g}_N), \\ \mathfrak{u}'_N \cap \tilde{l}''_N &= \bigoplus_{k',k'';k' > Nr'\epsilon', k''=Nr''\epsilon''} ({}_{k,k'}\mathfrak{g}_N), \\ \tilde{l}'_N \cap \mathfrak{u}''_N &= \bigoplus_{k',k'';k'=Nr'\epsilon', k'' > Nr''\epsilon''} ({}_{k,k'}\mathfrak{g}_N), \\ \mathfrak{u}'_N \cap \mathfrak{u}''_N &= \bigoplus_{k',k'';k' > Nr'\epsilon', k'' > Nr''\epsilon''} ({}_{k,k'}\mathfrak{g}_N). \end{aligned}$$

For  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  let  $\mathfrak{q}''_N$  be the image of  $\mathfrak{p}'_N \cap \mathfrak{p}''_N$  under the obvious map  $\mathfrak{p}''_N \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}''_N$ ; let  $\mathfrak{q}'' = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} (\mathfrak{q}''_N)$ , a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{l}''$ . We show:

(b)  $\mathfrak{q}''$  is a parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{l}''$  compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\mathfrak{l}''$ .

For  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we set  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''_N = \tilde{l}'_N \cap \mathfrak{p}'_N$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'' = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''_N$ , a Lie subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$ . From (a) we see that the obvious isomorphism  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'' \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{l}''$  carries  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''$  to  $\mathfrak{q}''$ . Hence (b) follows from (c) below:

(c)  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''$  is a parabolic subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$  compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$ .

We have

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'' = \bigoplus_{k', N \in \mathbf{Z}; k' \geq Nr'\epsilon'} ({}_{k',Nr''\epsilon''}\mathfrak{g}_N).$$

We define  $\lambda_1 \in Y_{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''}$  by  $\lambda_1(t) = \lambda'(t^{r''})\lambda''(t^{-r'\epsilon'\epsilon''})$  for all  $t \in \mathbf{k}^*$ . Then  $\text{Ad}(\lambda_1(t))$  acts on the subspace  ${}_{k',Nr''\epsilon''}\mathfrak{g}_N$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$  as  $t^{k'r''-r'r''N\epsilon'}$ ; the last exponent of  $t$  is  $\geq 0$  if and only if  $k' \geq r'N\epsilon'$  which is just the condition that  ${}_{k',Nr''\epsilon''}\mathfrak{g}_N$  is one of the summands in the direct sum decomposition of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''$ . This proves (c).

For  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  let  $\mathfrak{q}'_N$  be the image of  $\mathfrak{p}'_N \cap \mathfrak{p}''_N$  under the obvious map  $\mathfrak{p}'_N \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}'_N$ ; let  $\mathfrak{q}' = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathfrak{q}'_N$ , a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{l}'$ .

For  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  we set  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'_N = \tilde{l}'_N \cap \mathfrak{p}''_N$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}' = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'_N$ , a Lie subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'$ . The following result is proved in the same way as (b),(c).

(d)  $\mathfrak{q}'$  is a parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{l}'$  compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\mathfrak{l}'$ ;  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'$  is a parabolic subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'$  compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'$ .

We set  ${}^1\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'' = \bigoplus_N {}^1\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''_N$ ,  ${}^1\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}' = \bigoplus_N ({}^1\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'_N)$ , where

$${}^1\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''_N = \bigoplus_{k' \in \mathbf{Z}; k' > Nr'\epsilon'} ({}_{k',Nr''\epsilon''}\mathfrak{g}_N), \quad {}^1\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'_N = \bigoplus_{k'' \in \mathbf{Z}; k'' > Nr''\epsilon''} ({}_{Nr'\epsilon',k''}\mathfrak{g}_N).$$

The proof of (c) shows also that  ${}^1\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''$  is the nilradical of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''$  and that

$$\bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} ({}_{Nr'\epsilon',Nr''\epsilon''}\mathfrak{g}_N)$$

is a Levi subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''$ . Similarly,  ${}^1\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'$  is the nilradical of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'$  and

$$\bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} ({}_{Nr'\epsilon',Nr''\epsilon''}\mathfrak{g}_N)$$

is a Levi subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''$ . Thus,

(e)  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}', \tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''$  have a common Levi subalgebra, namely  $\oplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} (\mathfrak{N}_{r'\epsilon', Nr''\epsilon''} \mathfrak{g}_N)$ .

5.3. In this subsection we assume that  $\Omega$  is bad. Then for some  $N$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_N \cap \mathfrak{p}'_N$  is strictly contained in  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_N$ . Hence  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''$  is a proper parabolic subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$  (see 5.2(c)). We will show that

(a)  $K_\Omega = \sigma_\Omega!(\dot{\mathcal{L}}|_{\mathfrak{p}'_{\eta, \Omega}}) = 0 \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta)$ .

This is equivalent to the following statement:

(b) for any  $y \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta$ , the cohomology groups  $H_c^j$  of the variety

$$\{(h(P'_0 \cap P''_0), z) \in P'_0/(P'_0 \cap P''_0) \times \mathfrak{p}'_\eta; z - y \in \mathfrak{u}'_\eta, \text{Ad}(h^{-1})z \in \pi''^{-1}(\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta)\}$$

with coefficients in the local system defined by  $\dot{\mathcal{L}}$ , are zero for all  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

(We have identified  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta, \mathfrak{l}'_\eta$  via  $\pi'$ .) Considering the fibers of the first projection of the last variety to  $P'_0/(P'_0 \cap P''_0)$ , we see that it suffices to show that:

(c) for any  $h \in P'_0$  and any  $y \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta$ , the cohomology groups  $H_c^j$  of the variety

$$\{z \in \mathfrak{p}'_\eta; z - y \in \mathfrak{u}'_\eta, \text{Ad}(h^{-1})z \in \overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta + \mathfrak{u}''_\eta\}$$

with coefficients in the local system defined by  $\dot{\mathcal{L}}$ , are zero for all  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

(We have used that  $\pi''^{-1}(\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta) = \overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta + \mathfrak{u}''_\eta$ .)

If  $z$  is as in (c), then we have automatically  $\text{Ad}(h^{-1})z \in \mathfrak{p}'_\eta$ ; since  $\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta + \mathfrak{u}''_\eta \subset \mathfrak{p}''_\eta$ , the condition that  $\text{Ad}(h^{-1})z \in \overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta + \mathfrak{u}''_\eta$  implies  $\text{Ad}(h^{-1})z \in \mathfrak{p}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{p}''_\eta$ . By 5.2(a), we can then write uniquely  $\text{Ad}(h^{-1})z = \gamma + \nu' + \nu'' + \mu$ , where

(e)  $\gamma \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta, \nu' \in \mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta, \nu'' \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta, \mu \in \mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta$ .

The condition that  $\text{Ad}(h^{-1})z \in \overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta + \mathfrak{u}''_\eta$  can be expressed as  $\gamma + \nu' \in \overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta$ . The condition that  $z - y \in \mathfrak{u}'_\eta$  is equivalent to  $\text{Ad}(h^{-1})z - \text{Ad}(h^{-1})y \in \mathfrak{u}'_\eta$  or (if we define  $y' \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta$  by  $\text{Ad}(h^{-1})y - y' \in \mathfrak{u}'_\eta$ ) to  $\gamma + \nu'' = y'$ . Note that  $y', \gamma, \nu''$  are uniquely determined by  $h, y$ . Hence the variety in (c) can be identified with

$$(\gamma + (\mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta)) \cap \overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta \times (\mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta).$$

Under this identification, the local system  $\dot{\mathcal{L}}$  is the pullback of  $\mathcal{L}$  (viewed as a local system on  $\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{l}}''_\eta$ ) from the first factor. Now the desired vanishing of cohomology follows from the vanishing property [L4, 4.4(c)] of  $\mathcal{L}$ , since in our case  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'' = \oplus_N (\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_N \cap \mathfrak{p}'_N)$  is a proper parabolic subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$  with nilradical  $\oplus_N (\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_N \cap \mathfrak{u}'_N)$ .

5.4. In this subsection we assume that  $\Omega$  is good. Then for any  $N$  we have  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_N \cap \mathfrak{p}'_N = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''_N$  that is,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_N \subset \mathfrak{p}'_N$ . We also have  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'' = \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$ . Thus  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}''$  is reductive so it is equal to its Levi subalgebra  $\oplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} (\mathfrak{N}_{r'\epsilon', Nr''\epsilon''} \mathfrak{g}_N)$  (see 5.2(e)) which is then equal to  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$  and is also a Levi subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'$  (see 5.2(e)). Thus,

(a)  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$  is a Levi subalgebra of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'$ .

Now  $\text{Ad}(g_0)$  defines an isomorphism  $\mathfrak{l} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{l}''$ . Composing this with the inverse of the obvious isomorphism  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'' \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{l}''$  we obtain an isomorphism of  $\mathbf{Z}$ -graded Lie

algebras  $\mathfrak{l} \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$ . Using this, we can transport  $\mathcal{L}$  (a local system on  $\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta$ ; see 5.1) to a local system  $\mathcal{L}''$  on  $\mathring{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}}_\eta''$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}''^\sharp \in \mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta'')$  be as in 0.11. Then

$$\mathrm{ind}_{\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}_\eta'}^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta''}(\mathcal{L}''^\sharp) \in \mathcal{Q}(\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta')$$

is defined as in 1.3 (we identify  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}''$  with the reductive quotient of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'$ ; see (a)). We now state the following result.

(b) *We have  $K_\Omega = \mathrm{ind}_{\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}_\eta'}^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta''}(\mathcal{L}''^\sharp)[-2f]$ , where*

$$f = \dim \mathfrak{u}'_0 - \dim(\mathfrak{u}'_0 \cap \mathfrak{p}''_0) + \dim(\mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta).$$

Let  $\tilde{Q}'_0 = e^{\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'_0} \subset \tilde{L}'_0$ , a parabolic subgroup of  $\tilde{L}'_0$ . Let

$$\Xi' = \{('h\tilde{Q}'_0, 'z) \in \tilde{L}'_0/\tilde{Q}'_0 \times \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta; \mathrm{Ad}('h^{-1})'z \in \mathring{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}}'_\eta + {}^1\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'_\eta\}.$$

Define  $c'' : \Xi' \rightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta$  by  $c''('hQ'_0, 'z) = 'z$ . By the argument in [L4, 6.6] (for  $\tilde{L}'$  instead of  $G$ ) we have

(c) 
$$\mathrm{ind}_{\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'_\eta}^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta}(\mathcal{L}''^\sharp) = c''_! \hat{\mathcal{L}}''$$
,

where  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}''$  is a certain local system on  $\Xi'$  determined by  $\mathcal{L}''$  and such that  $\Delta^* \hat{\mathcal{L}}'' = \hat{\mathcal{L}}$  where  $\Delta : \Xi \rightarrow \Xi'$  ( $\Xi$  as in 5.2) is the map induced by the canonical maps  $P'_0 \rightarrow \tilde{L}'_0$  (with kernel  $U_{P'_0}$ ) and  $\mathfrak{p}'_\eta \rightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta$  (with kernel  $\mathfrak{u}'_\eta$ );  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$  is the local system on  $\Xi$  considered in 5.2. We consider the following statement:

(d)  *$\Delta$  is an affine space bundle with fibers of dimension  $f$ .*

Assuming that (d) holds, we have

$$K_\Omega = c''_! \Delta_! \hat{\mathcal{L}} = c''_! \hat{\mathcal{L}}'' \otimes \Delta_! \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l = c''_! \hat{\mathcal{L}}''[-2f]$$

and we see that (b) follows from (c). It remains to prove (d).

Let  $'h \in \tilde{L}'_0$ ,  $'z \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_\eta$  be such that  $('hQ'_0, 'z) \in \Xi'$ . Setting  $h = 'hu$ ,  $z = 'z + \tilde{z}$ , we see that  $\Delta^{-1}('hQ'_0, 'z)$  can be identified with

$$\{(u(U_{P'_0} \cap P''_0), \tilde{z}) \in (U_{P'_0}/(U_{P'_0} \cap P''_0)) \times \mathfrak{u}'_\eta; \mathrm{Ad}(u^{-1}) \mathrm{Ad}('h^{-1})('z + \tilde{z}) \in \mathring{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}}'_\eta + \mathfrak{u}''_\eta\}.$$

It suffices to show that

(e) 
$$\{(u, \tilde{z}) \in U_{P'_0} \times \mathfrak{u}'_\eta; \mathrm{Ad}(u^{-1}) \mathrm{Ad}('h^{-1})('z + \tilde{z}) \in \mathring{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}}'_\eta + \mathfrak{u}''_\eta\}$$

is isomorphic to  $U_{P'_0} \times (\mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta)$ . If  $(u, \tilde{z})$  are as in (e), we have automatically  $\mathrm{Ad}(u^{-1}) \mathrm{Ad}('h^{-1})('z + \tilde{z}) \in \mathfrak{p}'_\eta$  (since  $'z + \tilde{z} \in \mathfrak{p}'_\eta$  and  $'hu \in P'_0$ ). Setting  $\mathrm{Ad}('h^{-1})'z = a \in \mathring{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}}'_\eta + {}^1\tilde{\mathfrak{q}}'_\eta$  (where  $a$  is fixed) and  $\mathrm{Ad}(u^{-1}) \mathrm{Ad}('h^{-1})\tilde{z} = \tilde{z}' \in \mathfrak{u}'_\eta$ , we see that the variety (e) may be identified with the variety

(f) 
$$\{(u, \tilde{z}') \in U_{P'_0} \times \mathfrak{u}'_\eta; \mathrm{Ad}(u^{-1})a + \tilde{z}' \in \mathring{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}}'_\eta + (\mathfrak{p}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta)\}.$$

By 5.2(a) we can write uniquely

$$\mathrm{Ad}(u^{-1})a + \tilde{z}' = \gamma + \nu + \mu,$$

where  $\gamma \in \overset{\circ}{\tilde{l}}''_\eta$ ,  $\nu \in \tilde{l}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta$ ,  $\mu \in \mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta$ . Setting  $\hat{z} = \mu - \tilde{z}$  we see that (f) can be identified with the variety of all quintuples  $(u, \hat{z}, \gamma, \nu, \nu')$  in

$$U_{P'_0} \times \mathfrak{u}'_\eta \times \overset{\circ}{\tilde{l}}''_\eta \times (\tilde{l}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta) \times (\mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta)$$

such that

$$(g) \quad \text{Ad}(u^{-1})a = \gamma + \nu + \hat{z}.$$

Since  $a \in \tilde{l}'_\eta$ , we have  $\text{Ad}(u^{-1})a - a \in \mathfrak{u}'_\eta$  for  $u \in U_{P'_0}$ . Hence in (g) we have  $\gamma + \nu = a$  and  $\hat{z} = \text{Ad}(u^{-1})a - a$ . In particular,  $\gamma, \nu$  are uniquely determined. Thus, our variety may be identified with  $U_{P'_0} \times (\mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \mathfrak{u}''_\eta)$ . This completes the proof of (d), hence that of (b).

5.5. From the results in 5.3 and 5.4 we can deduce, using the argument in [L4, 8.9] (based on [L4, 1.4]), the following result.

**Proposition 5.6.** *We have  $K \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta)$ ; moreover, we have (noncanonically)  $K \cong \oplus_\Omega K_\Omega$ , where  $\Omega$  runs over good  $(P'_0, P_0)$ -double cosets in  $G_\Omega$ .*

### 6. SPIRAL RESTRICTION

We introduce the spiral restriction functor which is adjoint to the spiral induction. The main result in this section is Proposition 6.4, which calculates the inner product  $\{, \}$  (in the sense of 0.12) of two spiral inductions.

**6.1. Definition of spiral restriction.** In addition to  $\eta \in \mathbf{Z} - \{0\}$  which has been fixed in 2.9, in this section we fix  $\epsilon', \epsilon''$  in  $\{1, -1\}$ . Let  $(\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, \mathfrak{l}', \mathfrak{l}'_*, \mathfrak{u}'_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon'}$ . Let  $\pi' : \mathfrak{p}'_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}'_\eta$  be the obvious map. For any  $B \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  we set

$$\epsilon' \text{Res}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(B) = \pi'_!(B|_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta).$$

We show:

(a) *If  $B \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon''}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ , then  $\epsilon' \text{Res}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(B) \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta)$ .*

To prove this we can assume that  $B$  is in addition a simple perverse sheaf. Then, using the definition of  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon''}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ , we see that it is enough to prove (a) in the case where  $B = \epsilon'' \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(\mathcal{L}^\#)$ , with  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon''}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}^\#$  as in 5.2. In this case, (a) follows from 5.6.

We thus have a functor  $\epsilon' \text{Res}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta} : \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon''}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta)$  called *spiral restriction*.

We have the following result.

**Proposition 6.2** ((Adjunction)). *Let  $C \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta)$ , and let  $B \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon''}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . For any  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$  we have*

$$(a) \quad d_j(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta; C, \epsilon' \text{Res}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(B)) = d_{j'}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta; \epsilon' \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(C), B),$$

where  $j' = j + 2 \dim \mathfrak{u}'_0$ .

The proof is almost a copy of that of [L4, 9.2]. We omit it.

For  $B \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  we set

$$\epsilon' \widetilde{\text{Res}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(B) = \epsilon' \text{Res}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(B)[\dim \mathfrak{u}'_\eta - \dim \mathfrak{u}'_0].$$

With this notation, the equality (a) can be reformulated without a shift from  $j$  to  $j'$  as follows:

$$(b) \quad d_j(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta; C, \epsilon' \widetilde{\text{Res}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(B)) = d_j(\mathfrak{g}_\delta; \epsilon' \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(C), B).$$

6.3. Let  $(\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, \mathfrak{l}', \mathfrak{l}'_*, \mathfrak{u}'_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon'}$ ,  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon''}$ . Let  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$ ,  $A' \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta)$  be cuspidal perverse sheaves. As in 4.3 we have  $A = \mathcal{L}^\sharp[\dim \mathfrak{l}_\eta]$ ,  $A' = \mathcal{L}'^\sharp[\dim \mathfrak{l}'_\eta]$  where  $\mathcal{L}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{L}'$ ) is a local system on  $\mathfrak{l}_\eta$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{l}'_\eta$ ).

We denote by  $X$  the set of all  $g \in G_0$  such that the  $\epsilon''$ -spiral  $\{\text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  and the  $\epsilon'$ -spiral  $\mathfrak{p}'_*$  have a common splitting. If  $g \in X$  there is a unique isomorphism of  $\mathbf{Z}$ -graded Lie algebras  $\lambda_g : \mathfrak{l} \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}'$  such that the compositions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_N \cap \mathfrak{p}'_N &\rightarrow \mathfrak{p}'_N \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}'_N, \\ \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_N \cap \mathfrak{p}'_N &\xrightarrow{\text{Ad}(g^{-1})} \mathfrak{p}_N \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}_N \xrightarrow{\lambda_g} \mathfrak{l}'_N \end{aligned}$$

coincide for any  $N$  (the unnamed maps are the obvious imbeddings or projections). Moreover,  $\lambda_g$  is induced by an isomorphism  $L \rightarrow L'$ . Let  $X'$  be the set of all  $g \in X$  such that  $\lambda_g : \mathfrak{l}_\eta \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{l}'_\eta$  carries  $\mathcal{L}$  to the dual of  $\mathcal{L}'$ . For any  $g \in X'$  we set

$$\tau(g) = -\dim \frac{\mathfrak{u}'_0 + \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_0}{\mathfrak{u}'_0 \cap \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_0} + \dim \frac{\mathfrak{u}'_\eta + \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_\eta}{\mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_\eta}.$$

Note that both  $X$  and  $X'$  are unions of  $(P'_0, P_0)$ -double cosets in  $G_0$  and that  $\tau(g)$  depends only on the double coset of  $g$ . We have the following result.

**Proposition 6.4.** *Let*

$$\Pi = \sum_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} d_j(\mathfrak{g}_\delta; \epsilon' \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A'), \epsilon'' \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A))v^{-j} \in \mathbf{N}((v)).$$

We have

$$\Pi = (1 - v^2)^{-r} \sum_{g_0} v^{\tau(g_0)},$$

where  $r$  is the dimension of the center of  $\mathfrak{l}$  and the sum is taken over a set of representatives  $g_0$  for the  $(P'_0, P_0)$ -double cosets in  $G_0$  that are contained in  $X'$ . In particular, if  $\Pi \neq 0$ , then  $X' \neq \emptyset$ .

Using 6.2, we have

$$\Pi = \sum_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} d_j(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta; A', \epsilon' \widetilde{\text{Res}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(\epsilon'' \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)))v^{-j} = \sum_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} d_{j+s}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta; A', K)v^{-j},$$

where  $s = \dim \mathfrak{u}_0 + \dim \mathfrak{u}_\eta + \dim \mathfrak{u}'_\eta - \dim \mathfrak{u}'_0 + \dim \mathfrak{l}_\eta$  and

$$K = \epsilon' \text{Res}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(\epsilon'' \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(\mathcal{L}^\sharp))$$

is as in 5.2. Using the description of  $K$  in 5.3(a), 5.4(b), 5.6, we see that

$$(a) \quad \Pi = \sum_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} \sum_g Q_j(g)v^{-j+s-2f(g)},$$

where  $g$  runs over a set of representatives for the  $(P'_0, P_0)$ -double cosets in  $G_0$  which are good (see 5.2) and

$$Q_j(g) = d_j(\tilde{l}'_\eta; A', \text{ind}_{\tilde{q}'_\eta}^{\tilde{l}'_\eta}(\mathcal{L}''^\sharp)),$$

$$f(g) = \dim(\mathfrak{u}'_0/(\mathfrak{u}'_0 \cap \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_0)) + \dim(\mathfrak{u}'_\eta \cap \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_\eta);$$

the following notation is used:

$\tilde{l}'_*$  is a certain splitting of  $\mathfrak{p}'_*$ ,  $\tilde{l}''_*$  is a certain splitting of  $\{\text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ ,  $\tilde{q}' = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbf{Z}} \tilde{q}'_N$  (where  $\tilde{q}'_N = \tilde{l}'_N \cap \text{Ad}(g_0)\mathfrak{p}_N$ ) is a parabolic subalgebra of  $\tilde{l}' = \bigoplus_N \tilde{l}'_N$  whose Levi subalgebra  $\tilde{l}'' = \bigoplus_N \tilde{l}''_N$ ;  $A'$  is viewed as an object of  $\mathcal{Q}(\tilde{l}'_\eta)$  via the obvious isomorphism  $\tilde{l}'_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}'_\eta$  and  $\mathcal{L}''^\sharp \in \mathcal{Q}(\tilde{l}''_\eta)$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{L}^\sharp$  via the isomorphism  $\mathfrak{l}_\eta \xrightarrow{\text{Ad}(g)} \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_\eta / \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_\eta = \tilde{l}''_\eta$ .

By the implication (a)  $\implies$  (c) in [L4, 10.6], we have  $Q_j(g) = 0$  unless  $\tilde{q}' = \tilde{l}'$ . In this case, since  $\tilde{l}''$  is a Levi subalgebra of  $\tilde{q}'$ , we must have  $\tilde{l}' = \tilde{l}''$  so that  $g \in X$ . Conversely, if  $g \in X$ , then the  $(P'_0, P_0)$ -double coset of  $g$  is good. Indeed, let  $\tilde{l}'_*$  be a splitting of  $\mathfrak{p}'_*$  which is also a splitting for  $\{\text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_N; N \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ . We have

$$\text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_N = \tilde{l}'_N \oplus \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_N \subset (\mathfrak{p}'_N \cap \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_N) + \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_N \subset \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_N$$

and our claim follows. Thus the sum in (a) can be taken over a set of representatives  $g$  for the  $(P'_0, P_0)$ -double cosets in  $G_0$  that are contained in  $X$  and for such  $g$  we have  $Q_j(g) = d_j(\tilde{l}'_\eta; A', \mathcal{L}''^\sharp)$  where  $\tilde{l}' = \tilde{l}''$ ,  $\mathcal{L}''^\sharp \in \mathcal{Q}(\tilde{l}''_\eta)$  are as above. Using [L4, 15.1], we see that in the sum over  $g$  in (a) we can take  $g \in X'$  and that the contribution of such  $g$  to the sum is  $(1 - v^2)^{-r} v^{s-2f(g)-d}$  where  $d = \dim \mathfrak{l}_\eta$ . It remains to show that for  $g$  as above we have  $s - 2f(g) - d = \tau(g)$ . It is enough to show that:

(b)  $\mathfrak{u}'_0 \cap \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_0 = \mathfrak{u}'_0 \cap \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_0,$

(c)  $\dim(\text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_0) = \dim \mathfrak{u}'_0.$

Now (b),(c) hold since  $\text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_0, \mathfrak{p}'_0$  are parabolic subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  with nilradicals  $\text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{u}_0, \mathfrak{u}'_0$  and with a common Levi subalgebra. This completes the proof of the proposition.

6.5. In the special case where

$$(\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, \mathfrak{l}', \mathfrak{l}'_*, \mathfrak{u}'_*) = (\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*)$$

and  $A' \cong D(A)$ , the sum  $\sum_g v^{\tau(g)}$  in Proposition 6.4 is over a nonempty set of  $g$  (we have  $1 \in X'$ ) hence the sum is nonzero and  $\Pi$  in 6.4 is nonzero. In particular, we see that

(a)  $\epsilon'' \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A) \neq 0.$

6.6. **The map  $\psi$  from simple perverse sheaves to  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$ .** Let  $B$  be a simple perverse sheaf in  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon''}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . We associate to  $B$  an element of  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$  (see 3.5) as follows. We can find,  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon''}$  and  $A$  as in 6.3 such that

$$\epsilon'' \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A) \cong B[d] \oplus C,$$

where  $d \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $C \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon''}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . Let  $\tilde{l}'_*$  be a splitting of  $\mathfrak{p}_*$ . Let  $\tilde{l} = \bigoplus_N \tilde{l}'_N, \tilde{L} = e^{\tilde{l}} \subset G, \tilde{L}_0 = e^{\tilde{l}_0} \subset G$  and let  $\tilde{C}$  be the simple perverse sheaf on  $\tilde{l}_\eta$  corresponding to  $A$  under the obvious isomorphism  $\tilde{l}_\eta \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{l}_\eta$ . Then  $(\tilde{L}, \tilde{L}_0, \tilde{l}, \tilde{l}_*, \tilde{C})$  is an object of

$\mathfrak{T}_\eta$  and its  $G_{\underline{0}}$ -orbit is independent of the choice of splitting, by 2.7(a). Now let  $(\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, \mathfrak{l}', \mathfrak{l}'_*, \mathfrak{u}'_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon'}$ ,  $A'$  be as in 6.3 (with  $\epsilon' = \epsilon''$ ) and assume that

$$\epsilon' \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A') \cong B[d'] \oplus C',$$

where  $d' \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $C' \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon''}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . We choose a splitting  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_*$  of  $\mathfrak{p}'_*$  and we associate to it a system  $(\tilde{L}', \tilde{L}'_0, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}', \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_*, \tilde{C}')$  just as  $(\tilde{L}, \tilde{L}_0, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*, \tilde{C})$  was defined in terms of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$ ; here  $\tilde{C}'$  corresponds to  $A'$ . Using 4.1(d), we see that

$$\epsilon' \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(D(A')) \cong D(B)[-d'] \oplus D(C').$$

Let  $\Pi$  be as in 6.4 (with  $A'$  replaced by  $D(A')$  and  $\epsilon' = \epsilon''$ ). From the definition of  $\Pi$  in 6.4 we have also

$$\Pi = \{B[d] \oplus C, D(B)[-d'] \oplus D(C')\} = v^{d-d'} \text{ plus an element in } \mathbf{N}((v)).$$

(We use 0.12.) In particular we have  $\Pi \neq 0$  hence  $X'$  in 6.4 is nonempty. It follows that  $(\tilde{L}', \tilde{L}'_0, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}', \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}'_*, \tilde{C}')$  and  $(\tilde{L}, \tilde{L}_0, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*, \tilde{C})$  are in the same  $G_{\underline{0}}$ -orbit. This proves that  $B \mapsto (\tilde{L}, \tilde{L}_0, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*, \tilde{C})$  associates to  $B$  a well-defined element  $\psi(B) \in \mathfrak{T}_\eta$ .

6.7. For any  $\xi \in \mathfrak{T}_\eta$  let  ${}^\xi \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon'}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  be the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon'}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  whose objects are direct sums of shifts of simple perverse sheaves  $B$  in  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon'}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  such that  $\psi(B) = \xi$  (see 6.6); let  ${}^\xi \mathcal{K}_\eta^{\epsilon'}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  be the (free)  $\mathcal{A}$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{K}_\eta^{\epsilon'}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  with basis given by the simple perverse sheaves  $B$  in  ${}^\xi \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\epsilon'}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . Clearly, we have

$$\mathcal{K}_\eta^{\epsilon'}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) = \bigoplus_{\xi \in \mathfrak{T}_\eta} {}^\xi \mathcal{K}_\eta^{\epsilon'}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta).$$

### 7. THE CATEGORIES $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ , $\mathcal{Q}'(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$

In this section we consider two categories of perverse sheaves  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}'(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  defined in terms of spiral induction; see 7.8. The simple objects in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  are supported on  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ , while those in  $\mathcal{Q}'(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  have Fourier-Deligne transforms supported on  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ . We also complete the proof of the main theorem 0.6.

7.1. Let  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) \in \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . Let  $A_1$  be the simple perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta$  such that  $\text{supp}(A_1)$  is the closure  $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta$  and  $A_1|_{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{L}[\dim \mathcal{O}]$ .

Choose  $x \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $\phi \in \mathcal{J}_\delta(x)$ ; define  $\mathfrak{p}_*^x, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^\phi, \tilde{L}^\phi, P_0$  as in 2.9. Then  $\mathcal{Q}(\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^\phi)$  is defined in terms of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^\phi, \tilde{L}^\phi$  and for any  $A' \in \mathcal{Q}(\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^\phi)$  we can consider

$$I(A') := {}^\eta \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta^x}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A') \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^\eta(\mathfrak{g}_\delta);$$

see 4.1. We show:

(a) *If  $A' \in \mathcal{Q}(\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^\phi)$ , then the support of  $I(A')$  is contained in  $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ .*

Let  $y \in \mathfrak{g}_\delta$  be in the support of  $I(A')$ . We must show that  $y \in \bar{\mathcal{O}}$ . From the definition of  $I(A')$ , there exists  $g \in G_{\underline{0}}$  and  $z \in \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$  such that  $\text{Ad}(g)(z) = y$ . Since the support of  $I(A')$  and  $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$  are  $G_{\underline{0}}$ -invariant we may replace  $y$  by  $\text{Ad}(g^{-1})y$  hence we may assume that  $y \in \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$ . Using 2.9(e), we see that  $\mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$  is equal to the closure of the  $P_0$ -orbit of  $x$  in  $\mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$ , which is clearly contained in  $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ . This proves (a).

Recall that  $x \in \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi}$  (see 2.9(b)) hence  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi} \subset \mathcal{O}$ . By 2.9(c),  $\mathcal{L}_1 := \mathcal{L}|_{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi}}$  is an irreducible  $\tilde{L}_0^\phi$ -equivariant local system on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi}$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}_1^\sharp \in \mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi})$  be as in 0.11 and let  $A = \mathcal{L}_1^\sharp[\dim \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^{\circ\phi}]$ . We show:

(b)  $I(\mathcal{L}_1^\sharp)|_{\mathcal{O}}$  is  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Let  $E'_\mathcal{O}$  be the inverse image of  $\mathcal{O}$  under  $c : E' \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_\delta$  (where  $c, E'$  are as in 4.1 with  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \mathfrak{p}_*^x, \epsilon = \dot{\eta}$ ). From the definitions we see that it is enough to check that the map  $c_\mathcal{O} : E'_\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  (restriction of  $c$ ) is bijective on  $\mathbf{k}$ -points. Since  $G_\mathcal{O}$  acts naturally on both  $E'_\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  compatibly with  $c$  and the action on  $\mathcal{O}$  is transitive, it suffices to check that  $c^{-1}(x)$  is a single point, namely  $(P_0, x)$ . Let  $(gP_0, x) \in c^{-1}(x)$ . We have  $g \in G_\mathcal{O}$ ,  $\text{Ad}(g^{-1})x \in \mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$  hence  $x \in \text{Ad}(g)\mathfrak{p}_\eta^x$ . From 2.9(d) we deduce that  $g \in P_0$  hence  $(gP_0, x) = (P_0, x)$ . This proves (b).

We show:

(c)  $I(\mathcal{L}_1^\sharp)$  is isomorphic to  $\bigoplus_{j=1}^r A_j[t_j]$ , where  $t_1 = -\dim \mathcal{O}$  and for any  $j \geq 2$ ,  $A_j$  is a simple  $G_\mathcal{O}$ -equivariant perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta$  with support contained in  $\mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}$  and  $t_j \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

This follows from the fact that  $I(\mathcal{L}_1^\sharp)$  is a semisimple  $G_\mathcal{O}$ -equivariant perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta$  (the decomposition theorem), taking into account (a),(b).

By 1.5(a) we can find a parabolic subalgebra  $\mathfrak{q}$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^\phi$ , a Levi subalgebra  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $\mathfrak{q}$  (with  $\mathfrak{q}, \mathfrak{m}$  compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^\phi$ ) and a cuspidal  $M_0 := e^{\mathfrak{m}_\mathcal{O}}$ -equivariant perverse sheaf  $C$  on  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta$  such that some shift of  $A$  is a direct summand of  $\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{q}_\eta}^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^\phi}(C)$ . From the definition we have

$$(d) \quad \Psi(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) = (M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, C) \in \underline{\mathfrak{Z}}_\eta,$$

where  $M = e^{\mathfrak{m}}$ ; see 3.5.

For any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$  let  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_N$  be the inverse image of  $\mathfrak{q}_N$  under the obvious map  $\mathfrak{p}_N \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}_N$ . Then by 2.8(a),  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_*$  is an  $\dot{\eta}$ -spiral and  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  is a splitting of it, so that, by 4.2(a), we have

$$\dot{\eta} \text{Ind}_{\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(C) = \dot{\eta} \text{Ind}_{\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_\eta^\phi}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(\text{ind}_{\mathfrak{q}_\eta}^{\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_\eta^\phi}(C)).$$

It follows that some shift of  $\dot{\eta} \text{Ind}_{\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_\eta^\phi}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)$  is a direct summand of  $\dot{\eta} \text{Ind}_{\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(C)$  hence, using (c), we see that some shift of  $A_1$  is a direct summand of  $\dot{\eta} \text{Ind}_{\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(C)$ . In particular we have  $A_1 \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  and  $\psi(A_1) = (M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, C) \in \underline{\mathfrak{Z}}_\eta$ ; see 6.6 (with  $\epsilon = \dot{\eta}$ ). Comparing with (d) we see that:

(e)  $\psi(A_1) = \Psi(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$ .

**7.2. Characterization of  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  as orbital sheaves.** Let  $A'$  be a semisimple  $G_\mathcal{O}$ -equivariant complex on  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta$ . We show:

(a) We have  $A' \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  if and only if  $\text{supp}(A') \subset \mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ .

We can assume that  $A'$  is a simple perverse sheaf. If  $\text{supp}(A') \subset \mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ , then we have  $A' \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  by the arguments in 7.1. Conversely, assume that  $A' \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . We can find  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathbf{u}_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\dot{\eta}}$  and  $A \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  such that some shift of  $A'$  is a direct summand of  $B := \dot{\eta} \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta^\phi}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)$ . To show that  $\text{supp}(A') \subset \mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$  it is enough to show that  $\text{supp}(B) \subset \mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$  or (with  $c, A_1$  as in 4.1 with  $\epsilon = \dot{\eta}$ ) that  $\text{supp}(c_!A_1) \subset \mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ . This would follow if we can show that the image of  $c$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ . By the

definition of  $c$  it is enough to show that  $\mathfrak{p}_\eta \subset \mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}$ . This follows from 2.5(d) applied with  $N = \eta$ .

We now restate 7.1(e) as follows.

(b) *Let  $A'$  be a simple perverse sheaf in  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  and let  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) \in \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  be such that  $\text{supp}(A') = \bar{\mathcal{O}}$  and  $A'|_{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{L}[\dim \mathcal{O}]$ . Then  $\psi(A') = \Psi(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$ . (Notation of 3.5 and 6.6 with  $\epsilon = \dot{\eta}$ .)*

7.3. We now give another proof of the following statement (see also 3.8(f)):

(a) *The map  $\Psi : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta) \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$  in 3.5 is surjective.*

Let  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, C)$  be an element of  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_\eta$ . We can find an  $\dot{\eta}$ -spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  such that  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  is a splitting of  $\mathfrak{p}_*$ . By 6.5(a), we have  $\dot{\eta}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(C) \neq 0$ , that is, there exists a simple perverse sheaf  $A'$  in  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  such that some shift of  $A'$  is a direct summand of  $\dot{\eta}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(C)$ . It follows that  $\psi(A') = (M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, C)$  hence, by 7.2(b), we have  $\Psi(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) = (M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, C)$  where  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$  corresponds to  $A'$  as in 7.2(b). This proves (a).

7.4. Until the end of 7.7 we assume that  $p > 0$ . If  $E, E'$  are finite dimensional  $\mathbf{k}$ -vector space with a given perfect bilinear pairing  $E \times E' \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$ , then we have the Fourier-Deligne transform functor  $\Phi : \mathcal{D}(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(E')$  defined in terms of a fixed nontrivial character  $\mathbf{F}_p \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l^*$  as in [L4, 1.9].

7.5. **Fourier transform and spiral restriction.** Let  $B \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ ; we denote by  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{g}}(B) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}_{-\delta})$  the Fourier-Deligne transform of  $B$  with respect to the perfect pairing  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta \times \mathfrak{g}_{-\delta} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$  defined by  $\langle, \rangle$ .

Let  $\epsilon' \in \{1, -1\}$ . Let  $(\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, l', l'_*, u'_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon'}$  and let

$$R_\eta = {}^{\epsilon'}\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(B) \in \mathcal{D}(l'_\eta), \quad R_{-\eta} = {}^{\epsilon'}\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{p}'_{-\eta}}^{\mathfrak{g}_{-\delta}}(\Phi_{\mathfrak{g}}(B)) \in \mathcal{D}(l'_{-\eta}).$$

Then

(a)  *$R_{-\eta}$  is the Fourier-Deligne transform of  $R_\eta$  with respect to the perfect pairing  $l'_\eta \times l'_{-\eta} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$  defined by  $\langle, \rangle$ .*

The proof is almost the same as that of [L4, 10.2]. We omit it.

7.6. **Fourier transform and spiral induction.** Let  $\epsilon' \in \{1, -1\}$ . Let

$$(\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, l', l'_*, u'_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{\epsilon'}.$$

Let  $A \in \mathcal{D}(l'_\eta)$  be a semisimple complex; we denote by  $\Phi_{l'}(A) \in \mathcal{D}(l'_{-\eta})$  the Fourier-Deligne transform of  $A$  with respect to the perfect pairing  $l'_\eta \times l'_{-\eta} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$  defined by  $\langle, \rangle$ ; note that  $\Phi_{l'}(A)$  is a semisimple complex. Let

$$I_\eta = {}^{\epsilon'}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta),$$

$$I_{-\eta} = {}^{\epsilon'}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_{-\eta}}^{\mathfrak{g}_{-\delta}}(\Phi_{l'}(A)) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}_{-\delta}).$$

Then:

(a)  *$I_{-\eta}$  is the Fourier-Deligne transform of  $I_\eta$  with respect to the perfect pairing  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta \times \mathfrak{g}_{-\delta} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$  defined by  $\langle, \rangle$ .*

The proof is almost the same as that of [L5, A2]. We omit it.

**7.7. Characterization of  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  as anti-orbital sheaves.** Let  $B \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  be a semisimple complex; let  $B' = \Phi_{\mathfrak{g}}(B) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}_{-\delta})$  be its Fourier-Deligne transform, as in 7.5. Note that  $B'$  is again a semisimple complex. We show:

(a) *We have  $B \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  if and only if  $\text{supp}(B') \subset \mathfrak{g}_{-\delta}^{nil}$ .*

We can assume that  $B$  (and hence also  $B'$ ) is a simple perverse sheaf.

Assume first that  $B \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . We can find  $(\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, \mathfrak{l}', \mathfrak{l}'_*, \mathfrak{u}'_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{-\dot{\eta}}$  and a cuspidal perverse sheaf  $C$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta)$  such that some shift of  $B$  is a direct summand of  ${}^{-\dot{\eta}}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(C)$ . Using 7.6(a) we see that some shift of  $B'$  is a direct summand of  ${}^{-\dot{\eta}}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_{-\eta}}^{\mathfrak{g}_{-\delta}}(C')$  where  $C' = \Phi_{\mathfrak{l}'}(C) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{l}'_{-\eta})$  (notation of 7.6). By [L4, 10.6],  $C'$  is a cuspidal perverse sheaf in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}'_{-\eta})$ . It follows that  $B' \in \mathcal{Q}_{-\eta}^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_{-\delta})$ . Using 7.2(a) (with  $\eta, \delta$  replaced by  $-\eta, -\delta$ ) we deduce that  $\text{supp}(B') \subset \mathfrak{g}_{-\delta}^{nil}$ .

Conversely, assume that  $B$  is such that  $\text{supp}(B') \subset \mathfrak{g}_{-\delta}^{nil}$ . Using 7.2(a), we see that  $B' \in \mathcal{Q}_{-\eta}^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_{-\delta})$ . We can find  $(\mathfrak{p}'_*, L', P'_0, \mathfrak{l}', \mathfrak{l}'_*, \mathfrak{u}'_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^{-\dot{\eta}}$  and a cuspidal perverse sheaf  $C'_1$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}'_{-\eta})$  such that some shift of  $B'$  is a direct summand of  ${}^{-\dot{\eta}}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_{-\eta}}^{\mathfrak{g}_{-\delta}}(C'_1)$ . We can find a cuspidal perverse sheaf  $C_1$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}'_\eta)$  such that  $C'_1 = \Phi_{\mathfrak{l}'}(C)$  (we use again [L4, 10.6]). Using 7.6(a), we see that some shift of  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{g}}(B)$  is a direct summand of  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{g}}({}^{-\dot{\eta}}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(C_1))$  hence some shift of  $B$  is a direct summand of  ${}^{-\dot{\eta}}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(C_1)$  so that  $B \in \mathcal{Q}_\eta^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . This completes the proof of (a).

**7.8.** The assumption on  $p$  in 7.4 is no longer in force. From 7.2(a) we see that  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  (hence also  $\mathcal{K}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ ) is independent of  $\eta$  as long as  $\underline{\eta} = \delta$ . We shall write  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta), \mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  instead of  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta), \mathcal{K}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . From 7.7(a) we see that  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  (hence also  $\mathcal{K}_\eta^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ ) is independent of  $\eta$  as long as  $\underline{\eta} = \delta$  (at least when  $p > 0$ , but then the same holds for  $p = 0$  by standard arguments). We shall write  $\mathcal{Q}'(\mathfrak{g}_\delta), \mathcal{K}'(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  instead of  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta), \mathcal{K}_\eta^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ .

For  $\xi \in \underline{\mathfrak{X}}_\delta$  we write  ${}^\xi\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta), {}^\xi\mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  instead of  ${}^\xi\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta), {}^\xi\mathcal{K}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  and we write  ${}^\xi\mathcal{Q}'(\mathfrak{g}_\delta), {}^\xi\mathcal{K}'(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  instead of  ${}^\xi\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta), {}^\xi\mathcal{K}_\eta^{-\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . The discussion in 3.9 shows that  ${}^\xi\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta), {}^\xi\mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  and  ${}^\xi\mathcal{Q}'(\mathfrak{g}_\delta), {}^\xi\mathcal{K}'(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  are independent of  $\eta$  as long as  $\underline{\eta} = \delta$ .

**7.9. Proof of Theorem 0.6.** Let  $\xi \in \underline{\mathfrak{X}}_\eta$ . Let  $K \in \mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil})$ . We say that  $K \in \mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil})_\xi$  if any simple perverse sheaf  $B$  which appears in a perverse cohomology sheaf of  $K$  satisfies  $\psi(B) = \xi$ ; note that  $B$  belongs to  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ , see 7.2(a); hence  $\psi(B)$  is defined as in 6.6.

Now let  $\xi, \xi'$  in  $\underline{\mathfrak{X}}_\eta$  be such that  $\xi \neq \xi'$ . Let  $K \in \mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil})_\xi, K' \in \mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil})_{\xi'}$ . We show:

(a)  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil})}(K, K') = 0$ .

We can assume that  $K = B[n], K' = B'[n']$  where  $B, B'$  are simple perverse sheaves in  $\mathcal{Q}_\eta^{\dot{\eta}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  such that  $\psi(B) = \xi, \psi(B') = \xi'$  and  $n, n'$  are integers. We see that it is enough to prove (a) in the case where  $K = {}^{\dot{\eta}}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)[n], K' = {}^{\dot{\eta}}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)[n']$  with  $n, n' \in \mathbf{Z}, \mathfrak{p}_*, \mathfrak{p}'_*, A, A'$  as in 6.4, and  $\epsilon' = \epsilon'' = \dot{\eta}$ , since some shifts of  $B$  and  $B'$  appear as direct summands of such  $K$  and  $K'$ . By 0.12(a), we have an isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil})}(K, K') = \mathbf{D}_0(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}, G_\underline{0}; K, D(K'))^*.$$

Hence

(b)  $\dim \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_{G_\underline{0}}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil})}(K, K') = d_{n-n'}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta^{nil}; {}^{\dot{\eta}}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A), {}^{\dot{\eta}}\widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}'_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(D(A)))$ .

Here we use 4.1(d). Since  $\xi \neq \xi'$ , the set  $X'$  defined in 6.4 for the pair  $(D(A), A')$  is empty. Therefore the right side of (b) is zero by 6.4. Then (a) follows from (b). We see that Theorem 0.6 holds.

8. MONOMIAL AND QUASI-MONOMIAL OBJECTS

The results in this section are parallel to those in 1.8–1.9. They serve as preparation for the next section.

8.1. Let  $\epsilon = \eta$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{R}^\epsilon$  the set of all data of the form

$$(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*, A),$$

where  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^\epsilon$  (see 4.1) and  $A$  is a perverse sheaf in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  which is  $\eta$ -semicuspidal (as in 1.8 with  $H$  replaced by  $L$ ).

8.2. An object  $B \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  is said to be  $\eta$ -quasi-monomial if  $B \cong \widetilde{\text{Ind}}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A)$  for some  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*, A) \in \mathfrak{R}^\epsilon$ ; if in addition  $A$  is taken to be cuspidal, then  $B$  is said to be  $\eta$ -monomial. Using 1.8(b) and the transitivity property 4.2, we see that:

(a) *If  $B \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  is  $\eta$ -quasi-monomial, then there exists an  $\eta$ -monomial object  $B' \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  such that  $B' \cong B[a_1] \oplus B[a_2] \oplus \dots \oplus B[a_k]$  for some sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  in  $\mathbf{Z}$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . In particular, in  $\mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  we have  $(B') = (v^{a_1} + \dots + v^{a_k})(B)$ .*

An object of  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  is said to be  $\eta$ -good if it is a direct sum of shifts of  $\eta$ -quasi-monomial objects.

**Proposition 8.3** (8.3). *Let  $B \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ . There exists  $\eta$ -good objects  $B_1, B_2$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  such that  $B \oplus B_1 \cong B_2$ .*

We can assume that  $B$  is a simple perverse sheaf. We define  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) \in \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  by the requirement that  $\text{supp } B$  is the closure  $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}_\delta$  and  $B|_{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{L}[\dim \mathcal{O}]$ . We prove the proposition by induction on  $\dim \mathcal{O}$ . Let  $x \in \mathcal{O}$ . We associate to  $x$  an  $\epsilon$ -spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \mathfrak{p}_*^x$  as in 2.9; we complete it uniquely to a system  $(\mathfrak{p}_*, L, P_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*, \mathfrak{u}_*) \in \mathfrak{P}^\epsilon$ . By 7.1(c), there exists  $A_1 \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{l}_\eta)$  such that  ${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A_1) \cong B[d] \oplus B'$ , where  $d \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $B' \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  has support contained in  $\bar{\mathcal{O}} - \mathcal{O}$ . We now use 1.9(a) for  $L, A_1$  instead of  $H, A_1$ ; applying  ${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}$  to the equality in 1.9(a) we obtain

$${}^\epsilon \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{p}_\eta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\delta}(A_1) \oplus C'_1 \oplus C'_2 \oplus \dots \oplus C'_t = C'_{t+1} \oplus \dots \oplus C'_{t+t'},$$

where each  $C'_j$  is an  $\eta$ -quasi-monomial object with a shift (we have used the transitivity property 4.2). Thus we have

$$B[d] \oplus B' \oplus C'_1 \oplus C'_2 \oplus \dots \oplus C'_t = C'_{t+1} \oplus \dots \oplus C'_{t+t'}.$$

Now the induction hypothesis implies that  $B'$  is  $\eta$ -good. From this and the previous equality we see that  $B$  is  $\eta$ -good. The proposition is proved.

**Corollary 8.4.**

(a) *The  $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $\mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  is generated by the classes of  $\eta$ -quasi-monomial objects of  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ .*

(b) *The  $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -vector space  $\mathbf{Q}(v) \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  is generated by the classes of  $\eta$ -monomial objects of  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$ .*

(a) follows immediately from 8.3; (b) follows from (a) using 8.2(a).

8.5. We show:

(a) *If  $B_1, B_2$  are elements of  $\mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}_\delta)$  then  $\{B_1, B_2\} \in \mathbf{Q}(v)$  (notation of 4.4(c)).*

By 8.3, we can assume that  $B_1, B_2$  are classes of  $\eta$ -quasi-monomial objects. By 8.2(a) we have  $f_1 B_1 = B'_1, f_2 B_2 = B'_2$  where  $B'_1, B'_2$  represent  $\epsilon$ -monomial objects and  $f_1, f_2$  are nonzero elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Thus, we can assume that  $B_1, B_2$  represent  $\eta$ -monomial objects. In this case the result follows from 6.4.

9. EXAMPLES

In this section we consider examples where  $G = SL(V)$  or  $Sp(V)$ . We assume that  $m \geq 2$  and  $\eta = 1$  hence  $\delta = \underline{1}$ . We write “spiral” instead of “1-spiral”. We explicitly describe the spirals and the set of blocks  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_1$  in both cases, and describe the map  $\Psi$  in the case  $G = SL(V)$ .

9.1. **Spirals for the cyclic quiver.** We preserve the notation from 0.3. Thus we assume that  $G = SL(V)$  where  $V = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbf{Z}/m} V_i$ . We have an induced  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading on  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(V)$ , so that  $\mathfrak{g}_{\underline{1}}$  is the space of all maps in 0.3(a). In general, we have  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbf{Z}/m} \text{Hom}(V_j, V_{j+i})$ .

The datum  $\lambda \in Y_{G_{\mathbf{Q}}}, \mathbf{Q}$  is the same as a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -grading on each  $V_i$ , i.e.,  $V_i = \bigoplus_{x \in \mathbf{Q}} (x V_i)$  such that  $\sum_i \sum_x x \dim(x V_i) = 0$ . Given such a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -grading on each  $V_i$ , the corresponding spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_* = \{\mathfrak{p}_N \subset \mathfrak{g}_N\}_{N \in \mathbf{Z}}$  takes the following form:

$$\mathfrak{p}_N = \{\phi \in \mathfrak{sl}(V) \mid \phi(x V_j) \subset \bigoplus_{x' \geq x+N} (x' V_{j+N}), \quad \forall j \in \mathbf{Z}/m, x \in \mathbf{Q}\}.$$

A splitting  $\mathfrak{m}_* = \{\mathfrak{m}_N \subset \mathfrak{g}_N\}_{N \in \mathbf{Z}}$  of the spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  takes the form

$$\mathfrak{m}_N = \{\phi \in \mathfrak{sl}(V) \mid \phi(x V_j) \subset \bigoplus_{x' \geq x+N} (x' V_{j+N}), \quad \forall j \in \mathbf{Z}/m, x \in \mathbf{Q}\}.$$

For such a grading  $x V_i$  we may introduce a quiver  $Q_\lambda$  as follows. Let  $J_\lambda$  be the finite set of pairs  $(i, x) \in \mathbf{Z}/m \times \mathbf{Q}$  such that  $x V_i \neq 0$ . Then  $Q_\lambda$  has vertex set  $J_\lambda$  and an edge  $(i, x) \rightarrow (i + 1, x + 1)$  if both  $(i, x)$  and  $(i + 1, x + 1)$  are in  $J_\lambda$ . Then  $Q_\lambda$  is a disjoint union of directed chains (that is, quivers of type  $A$  with exactly one source and exactly one sink). We may identify  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  with the representation space of the quiver  $Q_\lambda$  with vector space  $x V_i$  on the vertex  $(i, x) \in J_\lambda$ .

Let  $B$  be the set of chains in  $Q_\lambda$ , and let  $J_\lambda = \sqcup_{\beta \in B} (\beta \cdot J_\lambda)$  be the corresponding decomposition of the vertex set. Let  $\beta V := \bigoplus_{(i,x) \in \beta} (x V_i)$ . Then we have  $V = \bigoplus_{\beta \in B} (\beta V)$ . Let  $M = e^{\mathfrak{m}}, M_0 = e^{\mathfrak{m}_0}$  where  $\mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_N \mathfrak{m}_N$ . Then  $M = S(\prod_{\beta \in B} GL(\beta V)), M_0 = S(\prod_{(i,x) \in J_\lambda} GL(x V_i))$ . The center  $Z_M$  is the subgroup of  $M$  where each factor in  $GL(\beta V)$  is a scalar matrix.

9.2. **Admissible systems for the cyclic quiver.** Let  $d$  be a divisor of  $n = \dim V$ . Suppose that the following hold:

- (1) Each  $x V_i$  has dimension  $\leq 1$ .
- (2) Each connected component of the quiver  $Q_\lambda$  is a directed chain containing exactly  $d$  vertices.

In this case,  $M_0$  is a maximal torus of  $G$  stabilizing each line  $x V_i$  for  $(i, x) \in J_\lambda$ . The open  $M_0$ -orbit  $\mathring{\mathfrak{m}}_1 \subset \mathfrak{m}_1$  consists of representations of  $Q_\lambda$  where all arrows are nonzero (hence isomorphisms). The stabilizer of an element in  $\mathring{\mathfrak{m}}_1$  under  $M_0$  is exactly  $Z_M$ , which acts by a scalar  $z_\beta$  on each chain  $\beta \in B$ , such that  $(\prod_{\beta \in B} z_\beta)^d = 1$ . We see that  $\pi_0(Z_M) \cong \mu_d$ . For any primitive character  $\chi : \mu_d \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l^*$ , we have

a rank 1  $M_0$ -equivariant local system  $C_\chi$  on  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  on whose stalks  $Z_M$  acts via  $\chi$ . This is a cuspidal local system because it is the restriction of the cuspidal local system on the regular nilpotent orbit of  $\mathfrak{m}$  with central character  $\chi$ . Let  $\tilde{C}_\chi$  be the cuspidal perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  corresponding to  $C_\chi$ . The system  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}_\chi)$  is admissible. It is easy to see that any admissible system is of the form we just described.

Given such a grading  $\lambda$ , we define a function  $f : B \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/m$  such that  $f(\beta) = i$  where  $(i, x)$  is the head (origin) of the chain  $\beta$ . Each vertex  $(i, x) \in J_\lambda$  lies in a unique chain  $\beta \in B$  whose head is of the form  $(f(\beta), x')$ . Then  $x - x' = y$  is an integer between 0 and  $d - 1$  and  $f(\beta) + \underline{y} = i$  in  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ . This implies that  $\dim V_i = \#\{x \in \mathbf{Q} \mid (i, x) \in J_\lambda\}$  is the same as the number of pairs  $(\beta, y) \in B \times \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}$  such that  $f(\beta) + \underline{y} = i$ . Choosing a bijection between  $\{1, 2, \dots, n/d\}$  and  $B$ , the function  $f$  may be viewed as a function  $\{1, 2, \dots, n/d\} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/m$  satisfying 0.7(b). Changing the bijection amounts to precomposing  $f$  with a permutation of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n/d\}$ . Summarizing the above discussion, we get a canonical bijection between  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_1$  and the set of equivalence classes of triples  $(d, f, \chi)$  as in 0.7(a).

**9.3. The map  $\Psi$  for the cyclic quiver.** We preserve the notation from 9.1. Let  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) \in \chi(\mathfrak{ig}_1)$ . For each element  $e \in \mathcal{O}$ , there exists a decomposition of  $V$  into Jordan blocks  $\{\alpha W\}_{\alpha \in B_e}$  compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading in the following sense. Each Jordan block  $\alpha W$  is a direct sum of finitely many 1-dimensional subspaces indexed by  $0, 1, \dots$ , i.e.,  $\alpha W = (\alpha W_0) \oplus (\alpha W_1) \oplus \dots$  such that

- (1)  $\alpha W_N \subset V_{h(\alpha) + \underline{N}}$  for some  $h(\alpha) \in \mathbf{Z}/m$  (location of the head of the Jordan block  $\alpha$ );
- (2)  $e$  maps  $\alpha W_N$  isomorphically to  $\alpha W_{N+1}$  whenever  $N \geq 0$  and  $\alpha W_{N+1} \neq 0$ .

The datum of  $\{\alpha W\}_{\alpha \in B_e}$  as above is the equivalent to the datum of an element  $\phi \in J_1(e)$ ; see 2.3. From this we may define a quiver  $Q_e$  whose vertex set  $J_e$  consists of pairs  $(\alpha, N) \in B_e \times \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$  such that  $\alpha W_N \neq 0$ , and there is no edge  $(\alpha, N) \rightarrow (\alpha, N + 1)$  if both  $(\alpha, N), (\alpha, N + 1)$  are in  $B_e \times \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

Each vertex  $(\alpha, N)$  is labelled with the element  $h(\alpha) + \underline{N} \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ . The isomorphism class of  $Q_e$  together with the labelling by elements in  $\mathbf{Z}/m$  is independent of the choice of  $e$  in  $\mathcal{O}$  and the choice of the Jordan block decomposition. Therefore we denote this labelled quiver by  $Q_{\mathcal{O}}$ , with vertex set  $J_{\mathcal{O}}$  and set of chains  $B_{\mathcal{O}}$ .

Let  $d' = \gcd\{|\alpha|\}_{\alpha \in B_{\mathcal{O}}}$  (here  $|\alpha|$  is the number of vertices of the chain  $\alpha$ ). Then for any  $e \in \mathcal{O}$ , there is a canonical isomorphism  $\pi_0(G_{\mathcal{O}}(e)) \cong \mu_{d'}$ . The local system  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  corresponds to a character  $\rho$  of  $\mu_{d'}$ , which has order  $d$  dividing  $d'$  and a unique factorization

$$\rho : \mu_{d'} \rightarrow \mu_d \xrightarrow{\chi} \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_l^*$$

such that  $\chi$  is injective (here the first map  $\mu_{d'} \rightarrow \mu_d$  is given by  $z \mapsto z^{d'/d}$ ). Now we define a new quiver  $Q_{\mathcal{O}}^{[d]}$  by removing certain edges from each chain of  $Q_{\mathcal{O}}$  such that each chain of  $Q_{\mathcal{O}}^{[d]}$  has exactly  $d$  vertices. Let  $B$  be the set of chains of  $Q_{\mathcal{O}}^{[d]}$ ; then  $B$  can be identified with the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n/d\}$ . Define  $f : \{1, 2, \dots, n/d\} \cong B \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/m$  to be the map assigning to each  $\beta \in B$  the label of its head. This way we get a triple  $(d, f, \chi)$  as in 0.7(b) whose equivalence class is well-defined.

**Proposition 9.4.** *In the case of cyclic quivers, the map  $\Psi : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_1) \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{T}}_1$  sends  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$  to the admissible system in  $\underline{\mathfrak{T}}_1$  which corresponds to the equivalence class of the triple  $(d, f, \chi)$  defined above under the bijection 0.7(a).*

Let  $e \in \mathcal{O}$ , and let  $V = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in B_e} (\alpha W)$ ,  $\alpha W = \alpha W_0 \oplus \alpha W_1 \oplus \dots$  be a Jordan block decomposition, where  $\alpha W_N \subset V_{h(\alpha) + \underline{N}}$  for  $\alpha \in B_e, N \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . Let  $L$  be the Levi subgroup of a parabolic subgroup of  $G$  such that  $L$  stabilizes the decomposition  $V = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in B_e} (\alpha W)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{l} = \mathfrak{L}L$  has a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading induced from the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading on each of  $\alpha W$ . In particular,  $\mathfrak{l}_1$  is the space of representations of the quiver  $Q_e$ . The system  $(L, L_0, \mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}_*)$  is the system  $(\tilde{L}^\phi, \tilde{L}_0^\phi, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}^\phi, \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}_*^\phi)$  attached to some  $\phi \in J_1(e)$  as in 2.9. Then  $e$  is in the open  $L_0$ -orbit  $\mathfrak{l}_1$  of  $\mathfrak{l}_1$ , which is contained in the regular nilpotent orbit of  $\mathfrak{l}$ .

Let  ${}_\alpha L = SL({}_\alpha W)$  be the subgroup of  $L$  which acts as identity on all blocks  ${}_{\alpha'} W$  for  $\alpha' \neq \alpha$ . Then  ${}_\alpha \mathfrak{l} = \mathfrak{L}({}_\alpha L)$  carries a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading compatible with that on  $\mathfrak{l}$ . For each interval  $[a, b] \subset \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , let  ${}_\alpha W_{[a,b]} \subset {}_\alpha W$  be the direct sum of  ${}_\alpha W_N$  for  $a \leq N \leq b$ . We decompose  ${}_\alpha W$  into  $|\alpha|/d$  parts each of dimension  $d$ :

$$(a) \quad {}_\alpha W = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{|\alpha|/d} ({}_\alpha W_{[(j-1)d, jd-1]}).$$

Let  ${}_\alpha M \subset {}_\alpha L$  be the subgroup stabilizing the decomposition (a). Then the Lie algebra  ${}_\alpha \mathfrak{m}$  of  ${}_\alpha M$  inherits a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading from that of  ${}_\alpha \mathfrak{l}$ , and the open orbit  ${}_\alpha \mathring{\mathfrak{m}}_1$  carries a local system  ${}_\alpha C_\chi$  corresponding to the character  $\chi$  of  $\mu_d \cong \pi_0(Z({}_\alpha M))$ . Let  ${}_\alpha \tilde{C}_\chi$  be the cuspidal perverse sheaf on  ${}_\alpha \mathfrak{m}_1$  corresponding to  ${}_\alpha C_\chi$ . Define a parabolic subalgebra  ${}_\alpha \mathfrak{q} \subset {}_\alpha \mathfrak{l}$  to be the stabilizer of the filtration  ${}_\alpha W_{[|\alpha|-d, |\alpha|-1]} \subset {}_\alpha W_{[|\alpha|-2d, |\alpha|-1]} \subset \dots \subset {}_\alpha W = {}_\alpha W_{[0, |\alpha|-1]}$ . Then  ${}_\alpha \mathfrak{q}$  is compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading on  ${}_\alpha \mathfrak{l}$  and  ${}_\alpha \mathfrak{m}$  is a Levi subalgebra of  ${}_\alpha \mathfrak{q}$ . The induction

$$\text{ind}_{{}_\alpha \mathfrak{q}_1}^{{}_\alpha \mathfrak{l}_1} ({}_\alpha \tilde{C}_\chi)$$

restricted to  ${}_\alpha \mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_1$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{L}|_{{}_\alpha \mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_1}$ , because the map  $c$  in 1.3 (applied to  ${}_\alpha \mathfrak{l}, {}_\alpha \mathfrak{q}, {}_\alpha \mathfrak{m}$  in place of  $\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{l}$ ) is an isomorphism when restricted to  ${}_\alpha \mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_1$ . Therefore the middle extension of  $\mathcal{L}|_{{}_\alpha \mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_1}$  to  $\mathfrak{l}_1$  appears as a direct summand of  $\text{ind}_{{}_\alpha \mathfrak{q}_1}^{{}_\alpha \mathfrak{l}_1} ({}_\alpha \tilde{C}_\chi)$ .

Therefore, under the map defined in 1.5(b), the image of  $({}_\alpha \mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_1, \mathcal{L}|_{{}_\alpha \mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_1})$  is

$$({}_\alpha M, {}_\alpha M_0, {}_\alpha \mathfrak{m}, {}_\alpha \mathfrak{m}_1, {}_\alpha \tilde{C}_\chi).$$

Let  ${}_\alpha \tilde{M} \subset GL({}_\alpha W)$  be the stabilizer of the decomposition (a). Let

$$M = S\left(\prod_{\alpha \in B_e} ({}_\alpha \tilde{M})\right) \subset L$$

with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{m} \subset \bigoplus ({}_\alpha \tilde{\mathfrak{m}})$  and the induced  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading from each  ${}_\alpha \tilde{\mathfrak{m}} = \mathfrak{L}({}_\alpha \tilde{M})$ . The open  $M_0$ -orbit on  $\mathfrak{m}_1 = \bigoplus ({}_\alpha \mathfrak{m}_1)$  is  $\mathring{\mathfrak{m}}_1 = \prod ({}_\alpha \mathring{\mathfrak{m}}_1)$ . Let  $C_\chi = \boxtimes ({}_\alpha C_\chi)$  on  $\mathring{\mathfrak{m}}_1$ . Let  $\tilde{C}_\chi$  be the cuspidal perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  corresponding to  $C_\chi$ . By the compatibility of the assignment in 1.5(b) with direct products, in the situation  $H = L$ , the pair  $(\mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_1, \mathcal{L}|_{{}_\alpha \mathring{\mathfrak{l}}_1})$  maps to  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}_\chi)$ . Therefore,  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}_\chi)$  is the admissible system attached to  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L})$  through the procedure in 2.9. By 9.2, the admissible system  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C}_\chi)$  corresponds to the triple  $(d, f, \chi)$  defined in 9.3 before the statement of this proposition. This finishes the proof.

**9.5. The symplectic quiver.** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbf{k}$  with a nondegenerate symplectic form  $\omega$ . Assume that  $m$  in 0.1 is even. Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_m = \{j; j = k/2; k = \text{an odd integer}\}$  and let  $\mathfrak{S}_m$  be the set of equivalence

classes for the relation  $\sim$  on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_m$  given by  $j \sim j'$  if  $j - j' \in m\mathbf{Z}$ . Note that the involution  $j \mapsto -j$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_m$  induces an involution of  $\mathfrak{S}_m$  denoted again by  $j \mapsto -j$ .

For any  $N \in \mathbf{Z}$ , the map  $j \mapsto N + j$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_m$  onto itself induces a map of  $\mathfrak{S}_m$  onto itself which depends only on  $\underline{N}$  and is denoted by  $j \mapsto \underline{N} + j$ .

The set  $\mathfrak{S}_m$  consists of  $m$  elements represented by

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots, \frac{m-1}{2}, \frac{m+1}{2}, \dots, m - \frac{1}{2} \right\}.$$

Consider a grading on  $V$  indexed by  $\mathfrak{S}_m$ :

(a) 
$$V = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathfrak{S}_m} V_j,$$

such that  $\omega(V_j, V_{j'}) = 0$  unless  $j' = -j$  (as elements of  $\mathfrak{S}_m$ ). Using the symplectic form, for  $j \in \mathfrak{S}_m$  we may identify  $V_j$  with the dual of  $V_{-j}$ .

We assume that  $G = Sp(V)$  and that the  $\mathbf{Z}/m$ -grading of  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sp}(V)$  is given by

(b) 
$$\mathfrak{g}_i = \{ \phi \in \mathfrak{sp}(V) \mid \phi(V_j) \subset V_{i+j}, \quad \forall j \in \mathfrak{S}_m \}, \quad \forall i \in \mathbf{Z}/m.$$

In particular, an element  $\phi \in \mathfrak{g}_1$  is a collection of maps  $\phi_i : V_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow V_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, i \in \mathbf{Z}/m$ , which can be represented by a cyclic quiver

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} V_{-\frac{1}{2}} & \xleftarrow{\phi_{-1}} & V_{-\frac{3}{2}} & \xleftarrow{\dots} & \dots & \xleftarrow{\phi_{\frac{m+1}{2}}} & V_{\frac{m+1}{2}} \\ \phi_0 \downarrow & & & & & & \phi_{\frac{m}{2}} \uparrow \\ V_{\frac{1}{2}} & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & V_{\frac{3}{2}} & \xrightarrow{\dots} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\phi_{\frac{m-1}{2}}} & V_{\frac{m-1}{2}} \end{array} .$$

The condition  $\phi \in \mathfrak{sp}(V)$  becomes that

(c) 
$$\phi_{-i} = -\phi_i^*, \quad \forall i \in \mathbf{Z}/m.$$

Here  $\phi_i^* : V_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^* \rightarrow V_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^*$  is the adjoint of  $\phi_i$ , which can be viewed as a map  $V_{-i-\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow V_{-i+\frac{1}{2}}$  under the identifications  $V_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^* \cong V_{-i-\frac{1}{2}}, V_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^* \cong V_{-i+\frac{1}{2}}$  using the symplectic pairing. In particular, for  $i = 0$ ,  $\phi_0 : V_{-\frac{1}{2}} = V_{\frac{1}{2}}^* \rightarrow V_{\frac{1}{2}}$  can be viewed as a vector  $\phi_0 \in V_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\otimes 2}$ . The condition (b) for  $i = 0$  is equivalent to saying that  $\phi_0 \in \text{Sym}^2(V_{\frac{1}{2}})$ . Similarly, we may view  $\phi_{\frac{m}{2}}$  as a vector in  $V_{\frac{m+1}{2}}^{\otimes 2}$ , and the condition (c) for  $i = \frac{m}{2}$  is equivalent to saying that  $\phi_{\frac{m}{2}} \in \text{Sym}^2(V_{\frac{m+1}{2}})$ .

We call a representation of the quiver above in which  $V_{-j} = V_j^*$ , and (c) holds a *symplectic representation*. In other words,  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is the space of symplectic representations of the quiver above.

We have  $G_0 \cong \prod_{\frac{1}{2} \leq j \leq \frac{m-1}{2}} GL(V_j)$ , where  $GL(V_j) \cong GL(V_{-j})$  acts diagonally on both  $V_j$  and  $V_{-j} = V_{m-j}^* = V_j^*$ .

**9.6. Spirals for the symplectic quiver.** Each element  $\lambda \in Y_{G_\Omega, \mathbf{Q}}$  is the same datum as a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -grading on each  $V_j, j \in \mathfrak{S}_m$ , i.e.,  $V_j = \bigoplus_{x \in \mathbf{Q}} (x V_j)$  such that under the symplectic form  $\omega, \omega(x V_j, x' V_{-j}) = 0$  unless  $x + x' = 0$ . Then  ${}_{-x} V_{-j}$  can be identified with the dual of  ${}_x V_j$  for all  $(j, x) \in \mathfrak{S}_m \times \mathbf{Q}$ . The spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  associated to this grading is

$$\mathfrak{p}_N = \{ \phi \in \mathfrak{sp}(V) \mid \phi(x V_j) \subset \bigoplus_{x' \geq x+N} (x' V_{j+N}), \quad \forall j \in \mathfrak{S}_m, x \in \mathbf{Q} \}.$$

A splitting  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  of the spiral  $\mathfrak{p}_*$  takes the form

$$\mathfrak{m}_N = \{\pi \in \mathfrak{sp}(V) \mid \phi(xV_j) \subset x_{+N}V_{j+N}, \quad \forall j \in \mathfrak{S}_m, x \in \mathbf{Q}\}.$$

To each such grading, we may attach a quiver  $Q_\lambda$  as we did for the cyclic quiver (since the symplectic quiver is a special case of a cyclic quiver). There is an involution on  $Q_\lambda$  sending  $(j, x) \in J_\lambda$  to  $(-j, -x) \in J_\lambda$ . This involution stabilizes at most two chains  $Q'_\lambda$  and  $Q''_\lambda$  of  $Q_\lambda$ . The set of vertices of  $Q'_\lambda$  (possibly empty) is  $J'_\lambda := \{(x, x) \mid xV_x \neq 0\} \subset J_\lambda$ . The set of vertices of  $Q''_\lambda$  (possibly empty) is  $J''_\lambda := \{(x - \frac{m}{2}, x) \mid xV_{x-\frac{m}{2}} \neq 0\} \subset J_\lambda$ .

**9.7. Admissible systems for the symplectic quiver.** Suppose that the following hold:

- (1) For each  $(j, x) \in J - (J'_\lambda \sqcup J''_\lambda)$ , we have  $\dim_x V_j = 1$ .
- (2) The chains in  $Q_\lambda$  other than  $Q'_\lambda$  and  $Q''_\lambda$  all consist of a single vertex.
- (3) Let  $\sharp J'_\lambda = 2a'$  for some  $a' \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . When  $a' > 0$ ,  $(-a' + \frac{1}{2}, -a' + \frac{1}{2})$  is the head of  $J'_\lambda$  and  $(a' - \frac{1}{2}, a' - \frac{1}{2})$  is the tail. Then  $\dim_x V_x = a' + \frac{1}{2} - |x|$  for all  $(x, x) \in J'_\lambda$ .
- (4) Let  $\sharp J''_\lambda = 2a''$  for some  $a'' \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . When  $a'' > 0$ ,  $(-a'' - \frac{m-1}{2}, -a'' + \frac{1}{2})$  is the head of  $J''_\lambda$  and  $(a'' - \frac{m+1}{2}, a'' - \frac{1}{2})$  is the tail. Then  $\dim_x V_{x-\frac{m}{2}} = a'' + \frac{1}{2} - |x|$  for all  $(x - \frac{m}{2}, x) \in J''_\lambda$ .

Under these assumptions,  $\mathfrak{m}_1 = \mathfrak{m}'_1 \oplus \mathfrak{m}''_1$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}'_1$  is the space of representations of the quiver  $Q'_\lambda$  with dimension vector  $\dim_x V_x = a' + \frac{1}{2} - |x|$  and satisfying the duality condition  $\psi_i = -\psi_{-i}^*$  (where  $\psi_i : {}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}V_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow {}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}V_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ ) for all  $i \in \{-a' + 1, \dots, a' - 1\}$ . Similarly,  $\mathfrak{m}''_1$  is the space of representations of the quiver  $Q''_\lambda$  with dimension vector  $\dim_x V_{x-\frac{m}{2}} = a'' + \frac{1}{2} - |x|$  and satisfying the duality condition  $\psi_i = -\psi_{-i}^*$ . The open  $M_0$ -orbit  $\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_1$  consists of those representations of  $Q'_\lambda$  and  $Q''_\lambda$  where each arrow has maximal rank (either injective or surjective).

Let  $V' = \oplus_x V_x$  and  $V'' = \oplus_x V_{x-\frac{m}{2}}$ . Let  $V^\dagger = \oplus_{(j,x) \notin J'_\lambda \cup J''_\lambda} (xV_j)$ . Then we have  $V = V' \oplus V'' \oplus V^\dagger$ . This decomposition is preserved by  $M$ , and  $M \cong Sp(V') \times Sp(V'') \times T^\dagger$ , where  $T^\dagger$  is the maximal torus in  $Sp(V^\dagger)$  stabilizing each line  $xV_j \subset V^\dagger$ . The center  $Z_M$  is isomorphic to  $\{\pm 1\} \times \{\pm 1\} \times T^\dagger$  under this decomposition. The stabilizer of a point in  $\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_1$  under  $M_0$  is exactly  $Z_M$ . Let  $C$  be the rank one local system on  $\overset{\circ}{\mathfrak{m}}_1$  on whose stalks  $\pi_0(Z_M)$  acts nontrivially on both factors of  $\{\pm 1\}$ . Then  $C$  is cuspidal because it is the restriction of the unique cuspidal local system on  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Let  $\tilde{C}$  be the cuspidal perverse sheaf on  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  defined by  $C$ . The system  $(M, M_0, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}_*, \tilde{C})$  is admissible. Moreover, any admissible system is of this form. Under  $G_0$ -conjugacy, the only invariant of an admissible system is given by the numbers  $a'$  and  $a''$ . Since  $\dim V'_j + \dim V''_j \leq \dim V_j$ , we have the following inequality for all  $j \in \mathfrak{S}_m$ :

$$(a) \quad \begin{aligned} \dim V_j &\geq \sharp\{-a' + \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq a' - \frac{1}{2} \mid x \equiv j \pmod{m\mathbf{Z}}\} \\ &\quad + \sharp\{-a'' + \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq a'' - \frac{1}{2} \mid x \equiv j + \frac{m}{2} \pmod{m\mathbf{Z}}\}. \end{aligned}$$

To summarize, we have a natural bijection

$$(b) \quad \underline{\mathfrak{X}}_1 \leftrightarrow \{(a', a'') \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ satisfying (a) for all } j \in \mathfrak{S}_m\}.$$

The map  $\Psi : \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{g}_1) \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{X}}_1$  for the symplectic quiver as well as other graded Lie algebras of classical type will be described in a sequel to this paper using the combinatorics of symbols.

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