

Selberg–Jack Character Sums of Dimension 2

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Kadell extended Selberg's n -dimensional beta integral formula by inserting a normalized Jack polynomial as a factor in the integrand. We formulate and prove a character sum analog of Kadell's formula in the case $n=2$, raising hope that such an analog may exist for general n . © 1995 Academic Press, Inc.

1. INTRODUCTION

Kadell [15] has proved the following far-reaching extension of Selberg's n -dimensional beta integral formula [2, p. 48; 18]:

$$\int_0^1 \cdots \int_0^1 \prod_{i=1}^n t_i^{a-1} (1-t_i)^{b-1} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (t_i - t_j)^{2c} s_\lambda^c(t_1, \dots, t_n) dt_1 \cdots dt_n$$

$$= n! \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{\Gamma(a+cj+\lambda_{n-j}) \Gamma(b+cj)}{\Gamma(a+b+c(n-1+j)+\lambda_{n-j})} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j + c(j-i))_c.$$
(1.1)

Here

$$n \geq 1, \quad c \geq 0, \quad \operatorname{Re}(a) > 0, \quad \operatorname{Re}(b) > 0, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n) \quad \text{for integers } \lambda_1 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0, \quad (1.3)$$

$(x)_c = \Gamma(x+c)/\Gamma(x)$, and $s_\lambda^c(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a normalized Jack polynomial [15A, 15, Eqs. (1.7), (6.28)]. If $\lambda_1 = 0$, then $s_\lambda^c(t_1, \dots, t_n) \equiv 1$ and (1.1) reduces to Selberg's integral formula. If $\lambda_1 = 1$, then $s_\lambda^c(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is an elementary symmetric function and (1.1) reduces to Aomoto's extension [3] of Selberg's integral formula. (For q -integral extensions of Selberg's integral formula, see also [7].)

The primary purpose of this paper is to formulate and prove character sum analogs of (1.1) and of limiting cases of (1.1) for $n=2$; see Theorems 2.1, 5.1, and 5.2. The existence of character sum analogs for $n=2$ raises hope that they may exist for general n , although no analogs have yet been proposed for $n > 2$. On the other hand, character sum analogs of Selberg's integral formula and limiting cases were conjectured for general n in 1981 [5, Eqs. (29), (29a), (29b)], and these have finally been proved in [6], due to the remarkable work of Anderson [1]. Modifications of the method in [1] have also led to evaluations of the nongeneric character sum analogs of Selberg's integral [20] that were conjectured in [8].

We now outline our approach for $n=2$. We may assume $\lambda_n = 0$ (see [15, Eq. (1.4)]). With this reduction, the case $n=2$ of (1.1) is equivalent to [14, Eq. (1.7)]

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 (t_1 t_2)^{a-1} ((1-t_1)(1-t_2))^{b-1} (t_1-t_2)^{2c} {}_2F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} -\lambda & c \\ 1-\lambda-c \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{t_1}{t_2} \right) t_2^\lambda dt_1 dt_2 \\ = \frac{2\Gamma(2c+\lambda) \Gamma(a+c+\lambda) \Gamma(b+c) \Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(c+\lambda) \Gamma(a+b+2c+\lambda) \Gamma(a+b+c)}, \quad (1.4)$$

where we write λ in place of λ_1 for brevity (abusing notation). In order to formulate a character sum analog of (1.4), we first change the variables of integration to the elementary symmetric functions in the t_i (just as we did to formulate an analog of Selberg's integral formula in [5, Eq. (29)]). With the change of variables

$$r = t_1 + t_2, \quad s = t_1 t_2, \quad (1.5)$$

(1.4) becomes

$$\int_{r=0}^2 \int_{s=0}^{r^2/4} s^{a-1} (1-r+s)^{b-1} (r^2-4s)^{c+(\lambda-1)/2} \\ \times {}_2F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} -\lambda/2 & -c-(\lambda-1)/2 \\ -c-\lambda+1 \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{-4s}{r^2-4s} \right) ds dr \\ = \frac{2\Gamma(2c+\lambda) \Gamma(a+c+\lambda) \Gamma(b+c) \Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(c+\lambda) \Gamma(a+b+2c+\lambda) \Gamma(a+b+c)}, \quad (1.6)$$

where we have used the quadratic transformation formula [16, p. 252, Eq. (9.6.9)]

$${}_2F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \alpha-\beta+1 \end{matrix} \middle| z \right) = (1-z)^{-\alpha} {}_2F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} \alpha/2 & -\beta+(\alpha+1)/2 \\ \alpha-\beta+1 \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{-4z}{(1-z)^2} \right) \quad (1.7)$$

with $\alpha = -\lambda$, $\beta = c$, $z = t_1/t_2$. Now (1.6) directly suggests a “Selberg–Jack” character sum formula of the form

$$\sum_F A(F(0)) B(F(1)) CL\phi(D_F) {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} \bar{L} & \bar{C}\bar{L}\phi \\ \bar{C}\bar{L}^2 \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{-4F(0)}{D_F}\right) \\ = \frac{G(C^2L^2) G(ACL^2) G(BC) G(A) G(B)}{G(CL^2) G(ABC^2L^2) G(ABC)}, \quad (1.8)$$

where the sum is over all monic polynomials $F(x) = x^2 - rx + s$ over a finite field $GF(q)$ of characteristic > 2 , ϕ , A , B , C , \bar{C} , L , \bar{L} are characters on $GF(q)$ (corresponding to $1/2$, a , b , c , $-c$, $\lambda/2$, $-\lambda/2$, resp.), $G(A)$ is a Gauss sum (corresponding to $\Gamma(a)$), D_F denotes the discriminant of F , and the ${}_2F_1$ is a suitably normalized hypergeometric character sum [9, 10] (corresponding to the classical ${}_2F_1$ hypergeometric series). This will be made precise in Section 2 (see Theorem 2.1), where it is shown that if the ${}_2F_1$ in (1.8) is defined as in (2.6), then (1.8) holds generically. Theorem 2.1 is proved in Section 4. Related results (“limiting cases”) are presented in Section 5.

2. GENERIC SELBERG–JACK CHARACTER SUMS

Let $GF(q)$ denote the field of q elements, where q is a power of an odd prime p . Let 1 and ϕ denote the trivial and quadratic characters on $GF(q)$, respectively. Throughout, A , B , C , and L will denote characters on $GF(q)$. By convention, $A(0) = 0$, even for $A = 1$. Define \bar{A} by $A\bar{A} = 1$. Define the Gauss sum $G(A)$ and Jacobi sum $J(A, B)$ over $GF(q)$ by

$$G(A) = \sum_m A(m) \zeta^{T(m)}, \quad J(A, B) = \sum_m A(m) B(1-m), \quad (2.1)$$

where each sum is over all $m \in GF(q)$, $\zeta = \exp(2\pi i/p)$, and T is the trace map from $GF(q)$ to $GF(p)$. Thus [13, p. 93]

$$J(A, B) = \begin{cases} G(A) G(B)/G(AB), & \text{if } AB \neq 1 \\ -A(-1), & \text{if } AB = 1. \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

The n -dimensional Selberg character sum $L_n(A, B, C\phi)$ over $GF(q)$ is

$$L_n(A, B, C\phi) := \sum_{\substack{F \\ \deg F = n}} A((-1)^n F(0)) B(F(1)) C\phi(D_F), \quad (2.3)$$

where the sum is over all monic polynomials F over $GF(q)$ of degree n and where D_F denotes the discriminant of F . A generic character sum analog of Selberg's integral formula for dimension 2 is [8, Eq. (1.11)]

$$L_2(A, B, C\phi) = \frac{G(C^2) G(AC) G(BC) G(A) G(B)}{G(C) G(ABC^2) G(ABC)} \quad (2.4)$$

when

$$ABC \neq 1, \quad ABC^2 \neq 1. \quad (2.5)$$

For a proof, see [8, Section 3]. Theorem 2.1 will extend (2.4).

For $0 \neq t \in GF(q)$, define the character sum $P(L, C; t)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} P(L, C; t) = & \frac{qL(-1) G(CL\phi) CL(t) \{ \phi(-t) - \phi(1-t) \}}{G(CL^2) G(\bar{L}) G(\phi)} \\ & + \frac{1}{q-1} \frac{G(CL\phi)}{G(CL^2) G(\bar{L})} \sum_M \frac{M(-t) G(CL^2 \bar{M}) G(\bar{L}M) G(\bar{M})}{G(CL\phi \bar{M})}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

where the sum is over all characters M on $GF(q)$. The sum $P(L, C; t)$ will serve as our desired normalized hypergeometric character sum ${}_2F_1 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} L \bar{C} \bar{L} \phi \\ \bar{C} \bar{L}^2 \end{smallmatrix} \middle| t \right)$ in (1.8).

Let T_1 and T_2 denote the first and second terms, respectively, on the right of (2.6). Note that the form of T_2 directly matches that of the classical ${}_2F_1$ hypergeometric series [16, p. 238, Eq. (9.1.1)] (the Gauss sums in T_2 match the gamma functions in the hypergeometric series). The motivation for tacking on the extra term T_1 in (2.6) is as follows. When $\lambda = 0$, the Selberg–Jack integral formula (1.4) reduces to the Selberg integral formula, because the classical ${}_2F_1$ in (1.4) equals 1 for $\lambda = 0$. Choosing $\lambda = 0$ in this ${}_2F_1$ corresponds in the finite field analog to choosing L to be the trivial character in T_2 . However, in contrast with the classical analog, T_2 does not equal 1 when L is trivial. Tacking on the term T_1 in (2.6) provides the desired normalization

$$P(1, C; t) = 1, \quad (2.7)$$

so that (2.9) reduces to the Selberg character sum formula (2.4) when $L = 1$. We prove (2.7) in Lemma 3.2.

Theorem 2.1 below gives a precise version of (1.8). It will be proved in Section 4. In some cases, (2.9) holds even when the restriction $(ACL)^2 \neq 1$ in (2.8) is dropped. This happens, e.g., if $L = 1$ or $L = \bar{C}$; the proof follows easily from (2.4)–(2.5) and Lemma 3.2.

THEOREM 2.1. *If*

$$(ACL)^2, ABCL, ABC^2L^2, \text{ and } ABC \quad \text{are nontrivial,} \quad (2.8)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{F \\ \deg F = 2}} A(F(0)) B(F(1)) CL\phi(D_F) P(L, C; -4F(0)/D_F) \\ &= \frac{G(C^2L^2) G(ACL^2) G(BC) G(A) G(B)}{G(CL^2) G(ABC^2L^2) G(ABC)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

where F runs through all monic quadratic polynomials over $GF(q)$ with $D_F \neq 0$.

3. LEMMAS

Lemma 3.1 below is the analog of the Gauss duplication formula. It is a special case of the Hasse-Davenport product formula [17, p. 211].

LEMMA 3.1. *For all characters M ,*

$$G(M^2) G(\phi) = M(4) G(M) G(M\phi).$$

The following lemma proves (2.7).

LEMMA 3.2. *For all C and $0 \neq t \in GF(q)$,*

$$P(L, C; t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } L = 1 \\ \frac{-L(-t) G(\phi)}{G(\phi\bar{L}) G(L)}, & \text{if } L = \bar{C}. \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

Proof. For all C, L and all $t \in GF(q)$,

$$P(L, C; t) = \frac{CL^2(-t/4) G(C^2L^2) G(\bar{C}\bar{L}^2)}{G(\bar{L}^2) G(CL^2)} P(\bar{C}\bar{L}, C; t). \quad (3.2)$$

This follows easily upon replacing M by MCL^2 in (2.6) and then employing Lemma 3.1. By (3.2) and Lemma 3.1, it suffices to prove (3.1) in the case $L = 1$. By (2.6),

$$\begin{aligned}
P(1, C; t) &+ \frac{qG(C\phi) C(t)\{\phi(-t) - \phi(1-t)\}}{G(C) G(\phi)} \\
&= \frac{-1}{q-1} \frac{G(C\phi)}{G(C)} \sum_M \frac{M(t) G(C\bar{M}) G(\bar{M}) G(M) M(-1)}{G(C\phi\bar{M})} \\
&= 1 - \frac{q}{q-1} \frac{G(C\phi)}{G(C)} \sum_M M(t) \frac{G(C\bar{M})}{G(C\phi\bar{M})} \\
&= 1 - \frac{q}{q-1} \frac{G(C\phi) C(t)}{G(C)} \sum_M M(t) \frac{G(\bar{M})}{G(\phi\bar{M})} \\
&= 1 - \frac{q}{q-1} \frac{G(C\phi) C(t)}{G(C) G(\phi)} \left\{ \sum_M M(t) J(\phi, \bar{M}) - (q-1) \phi(-t) \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

by (2.2) with $A = \phi$, $B = \bar{M}$. Since

$$\sum_M M(t) J(\phi, \bar{M}) = \sum_m \phi(1-m) \sum_M M(m/t) = (q-1) \phi(1-t), \quad (3.3)$$

the result follows.

Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4 below are analogs of classical summation theorems of Gauss and Saalschütz, respectively [19]. Proofs of Lemma 3.3 may be found in [10, 12]. Lemma 3.4 is proved in [11].

LEMMA 3.3. *For all characters A, B, C, D ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{1-q} \sum_M G(AM) G(B\bar{M}) G(CM) G(D\bar{M}) \\
&= \frac{G(AB) G(AD) G(BC) G(CD)}{G(ABCD)} + q(q-1) AC(-1) \delta(ABCD),
\end{aligned}$$

where δ is defined by

$$\delta(M) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } M=1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

LEMMA 3.4. *For characters A, B, C, D, E, F with $ABCDEF = 1$,*

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{q-1} \sum_M M(-1) G(AM) G(BM) G(CM) G(D\bar{M}) G(E\bar{M}) G(F\bar{M}) \\
&= -q^2 DEF(-1) + q^{-2} DEF(-1) G(AD) G(BD) G(CD) G(AE) \\
&\quad \times G(BE) G(CE) G(AF) G(BF) G(CF),
\end{aligned}$$

provided that

$$\{\bar{D}, \bar{E}, \bar{F}\} \neq \{A, B, C\}. \quad (3.5)$$

Lemma 3.5 below extends (2.4). It is the special case of [8, Eq. (2.6)] where $n = 2$. For a proof, see [8, p. 116 and Section 3].

LEMMA 3.5. *If*

$$\{A, B, ABC\} \quad \text{is not contained in} \quad \{1, \bar{C}\}, \quad (3.6)$$

then

$$L_2(A, B, C\phi) = \frac{C(-1) G(C^2) G(AC) G(BC) G(A) G(B) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}^2)}{q^2 G(C)}. \quad (3.7)$$

4. PROOF OF THEOREM 2.1

By (2.6), the left side of (2.9) equals $R + S$, where

$$R = \frac{qL(4) G(CL\phi) C(-4)}{G(CL^2) G(\bar{L}) G(\phi)} \times \sum_{\deg F=2} ACL(F(0)) B(F(1)) \{\phi(F(0)) - \phi(D_F + 4F(0))\} \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$S = \frac{1}{q-1} \frac{G(CL\phi)}{G(CL^2) G(\bar{L})} \times \sum_M \frac{G(CL^2\bar{M}) G(\bar{M}) G(\bar{L}M) M(4) L_2(AM, B, CL\phi\bar{M})}{G(CL\phi\bar{M})} \quad (4.2)$$

with L_2 defined by (2.3). Since

$$\phi(D_F + 4F(0)) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } F(x) = x^2 + m \text{ for some } m \in GF(q), \\ 1, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

$$R = \frac{qL(4) G(CL\phi) C(-4)}{G(CL^2) G(\bar{L}) G(\phi)} \left\{ L_2(ACL\phi, B, 1) - L_2(ACL, B, 1) + \sum_m ACL(m) B(1+m) \right\}. \quad (4.4)$$

Since $ABCL \neq 1$, the sum on m in (4.4) equals

$$ACL(-1) G(ACL) G(B)/G(ABCL),$$

by (2.2). By [8, Eq. (1.7)],

$$L_2(ACL\phi, B, 1) = L_2(ACL, B, 1), \quad (4.5)$$

since $(ACL)^2 \neq 1$. Thus (4.4) becomes

$$R = \frac{qCL(4) AL(-1) G(CL\phi) G(ACL) G(B)}{G(CL^2) G(\bar{L}) G(\phi) G(ABCL)}. \quad (4.6)$$

We proceed to evaluate S . Since $(ACL)^2 \neq 1$ and $ABCL \neq 1$, we see that for all M ,

$$\{AM, B, ABCL\} \quad \text{is not contained in} \quad \{1, \bar{C}\bar{L}M\}. \quad (4.7)$$

Thus we can apply Lemma 3.5 to obtain, for all M ,

$$\begin{aligned} L_2(AM, B, CL\bar{M}\phi) \\ = \frac{\left(CLM(-1) G(C^2L^2\bar{M}^2) G(ACL) G(BCL\bar{M}) \right. \\ \left. \times G(AM) G(B) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{L}) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}^2\bar{L}^2M) \right)}{q^2 G(CL\bar{M})}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

Substituting (4.8) into (4.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{G(CL\phi) CL(-1) G(ACL) G(B) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{L})}{(q-1) q^2 G(CL^2) G(\bar{L})} \\ &\times \sum_M \left\{ \frac{M(4) G(C^2L^2\bar{M}^2)}{G(CL\bar{M}) G(CL\bar{M}\phi)} \right\} G(CL^2M) G(\bar{M}) G(\bar{L}M) \\ &\times M(-1) G(BCL\bar{M}) G(AM) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}^2\bar{L}^2M). \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

The expression in braces in (4.9) equals $LC(4)/G(\phi)$ by Lemma 3.1, so (4.9) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{G(CL\phi) CL(-4) G(ACL) G(B) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{L})}{(q-1) q^2 G(CL^2) G(\bar{L}) G(\phi)} \\ &\times \sum_M M(-1) G(AM) G(\bar{L}M) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}^2\bar{L}^2M) \\ &\times G(\bar{M}) G(CL^2\bar{M}) G(BCL\bar{M}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

Since $ABC^2L^2 \neq 1$, $ABC \neq 1$, $ACL \neq 1$, we have

$$\{\bar{A}, L, ABC^2L^2\} \neq \{1, CL^2, BCL\}. \quad (4.11)$$

Thus we can apply Lemma 3.4 in (4.10) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S = & \frac{BL(-1) CL(-4) G(CL\phi) G(ACL) G(B) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{L})}{q^2 G(CL^2) G(\bar{L}) G(\phi)} \\ & \times \{-q^2 + q^{-2} G(A) G(ACL^2) G(ABCL) G(\bar{L}) G(CL) G(BC) \\ & \times G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}^2\bar{L}^2) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}) G(\bar{A}\bar{C}\bar{L})\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

Combining (4.6) and (4.12), we have, since $ABCL \neq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} R + S = & \frac{BC(-1) CL(4) G(CL\phi) G(ACL) G(B) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{L})}{q^4 G(CL^2) G(\bar{L}) G(\phi)} \\ & \times G(A) G(ACL^2) G(ABCL) G(\bar{L}) G(CL) G(BC) \\ & \times G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}^2\bar{L}^2) G(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}) G(\bar{A}\bar{C}\bar{L}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

Since $ABC^2L^2 \neq 1$, $ABCL \neq 1$, $ACL \neq 1$, $ABC \neq 1$, we have

$$R + S = \frac{CL(4) G(CL\phi) G(B) G(A) (ACL^2) G(CL) G(BC)}{G(CL^2) G(\phi) G(ABC^2L^2) G(ABC)}. \quad (4.14)$$

By Lemma 3.1, $G(C^2L^2) G(\phi) = CL(4) G(CL) G(CL\phi)$, so the result follows from (4.14).

5. LIMITING CASES

A character sum analog of a limiting case of Selberg's n -dimensional integral formula [5, Eq. (29a)] is proved in [6]. For $n=2$, this analog states that for all characters A, C ,

$$\sum_{\substack{F \\ \deg F = 2}} A(F(0)) C\phi(D_F) \zeta^{T(x)} = G(C^2) G(A) G(AC)/G(C), \quad (5.1)$$

where

$$F(x) = x^2 + \alpha x + \beta, \quad \alpha, \beta \in GF(q). \quad (5.2)$$

The following theorem generalizes (5.1).

THEOREM 5.1. For all characters A, C, L ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{F \\ \deg F=2}} A(F(0)) CL\phi(D_F) \zeta^{T(\alpha)} P(L, C; -4F(0)/D_F) \\ = G(C^2L^2) G(A) G(ACL^2)/G(CL^2). \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.1, except that Lemma 3.3 is used instead of Lemma 3.4.

A character sum analog of a recent n -dimensional integral formula of Selberg [4, Eq. (2.1)] is proved in [6]. For $n=2$, this analog states that for all characters A, B, C ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{F \\ \deg F=2}} A(F(0)) B(1+\alpha) C\phi(D_F) \\ \begin{cases} \frac{G(\bar{B}\bar{A}^2\bar{C}^2) G(C^2) G(A) G(AC)}{G(\bar{B}) G(C)}, & \text{if } B \neq 1 \\ \frac{G(B) G(C^2) G(A) G(AC)}{G(BA^2C^2) G(C)}, & \text{if } BA^2C^2 \neq 1, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

where α and F are given by (5.2). The following theorem generalizes (5.4).

THEOREM 5.2. For all characters A, B, C, L ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{F \\ \deg F=2}} A(F(0)) B(1+\alpha) CL\phi(D_F) P(L, C; -4F(0)/D_F) \\ \begin{cases} \frac{G(\bar{B}\bar{A}^2\bar{C}^2\bar{L}^2) G(C^2L^2) G(A) G(ACL^2)}{G(\bar{B}) G(CL^2)}, & \text{if } B \neq 1 \\ \frac{G(B) G(C^2L^2) G(A) G(ACL^2)}{G(BA^2C^2L^2) G(CL^2)}, & \text{if } BA^2C^2L^2 \neq 1, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

Proof. This follows from Theorem 5.1 in the same way that (5.4) follows from (5.1); see the proof of [4, Theorem 2.2].

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