

# Degenerate Whittaker functionals for real reductive groups

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Moreover if  $G = GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  or if  $G$  is a complex group then  $\tilde{\pi} = \pi$  and

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Key observation for the second statement:

## Theorem (3)

*Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a nilpotent orbit for a complex classical Lie algebra then  $\mathcal{O}$  is uniquely determined by  $\overline{\mathcal{O}} \cap \Psi$ .*

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- Thus  $\Psi(M) \supset pr_{\mathfrak{n}^*}(\text{As}\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}(M)) \cap \Psi$ ; other inclusion is easy.

# Proof of Theorem 3

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