Steven Thomas Spallone* (sspallon@math.purdue.edu), 150 N University St, Department of Mathematics, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907. Stable Discrete Series Characters at Singular Elements.

Characters of discrete series representations diverge at the value g=1. However, Arthur multiplies stable discrete series characters by a suitable discriminant factor to obtain an interesting expression, his Phi-function, which does extend to 1. These functions figure prominently in his trace formula for Hecke operators on automorphic forms. In this talk we present a simple explicit expression for Arthur's Phi-function at 1. (Received February 04, 2008)