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Introduction

Let $N \geq 1$ be a square-free integer, and let $f$, $g$ and $h$ be three holomorphic cusp forms of weight 2 for the group $\Gamma_0(N)$. We assume that $f$, $g$ and $h$ are all normalized eigenforms for the Hecke algebra, and are all newforms of level $N$. The function $F(z_1, z_2, z_3) = f(z_1)g(z_2)h(z_3)$ is then a newform of weight $(2, 2, 2)$ for $\Gamma_0(N)^3$.

The triple product $L$-function $L(f \otimes g \otimes h, s) = L(F, s)$ is defined by a convergent Euler product (1.6) in the half-plane $\text{Re}(s) > 5/2$. Using an integral representation of this function discovered by Garrett [9], we show that it has a holomorphic continuation to the entire $s$-plane and satisfies a simple functional equation (Theorem 1.1) when $s$ is replaced by $4 - s$. The sign in this functional equation is given by the formula $\delta = -\prod p|N \varepsilon_p$, with $\varepsilon_p = -a_p(f)a_p(g)a_p(h) = \pm 1$ given by the product of the $p$-th Fourier coefficients. The proof follows the argument given by Garrett for the case $N = 1$, but the genus 3 Eisenstein series $E(Z, s - 2)$ which appears in the integral representation of $L(F, s)$ depends on the local constants $\varepsilon_p$ for all primes $p \mid N$. Because of these considerations, which are essentially local in nature, we use an adèlic version of Garrett’s argument, following Piatetski-Shapiro and Rallis [31].

The Eisenstein series which occurs in the integral considered in [31] is constructed from a section $\Phi(s)$ of a certain family of induced representations $I(s)$. If this section is factorizable, then the global integral, (7.7) below, can be unfolded and written as a product of local ‘zeta’ integrals (2.3), which involve the local Whittaker functions determined by $f$, $g$ and $h$, and the local components of $\Phi(s)$. At primes $p$ not dividing the level, there is a natural choice of $\Phi^s_p(s) \in I_p(s)$ and, for this choice, the local zeta integral gives precisely the local factor $L_p(F, s + 2)$ times a normalizing factor, cf. (2.5). This ‘spherical’ vector $\Phi^s_p(s)$ is also an eigenvector for the local intertwining operator $M_p(s): I_p(s) \rightarrow I_p(-s)$. Moreover, its value $\Phi^s_p(0)$ lies in an irreducible subspace of the induced

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representation \(I_p(0)\) which arises via the Weil representation associated to a split quadratic form in 4 variables, (i) of Proposition 8.2. Our main local problem is to find an analogous section \(\Phi^0_p(s) \in I_p(s)\) for primes \(p \mid N\). As mentioned above, this \(\Phi^0_p(s)\) will depend on \(\epsilon_p\), and it will lie in the space of Iwahori fixed vectors in \(I_p(s)\). The calculation of the local zeta integrals for such vectors is given in Section 4. Our choice of \(\Phi^0_p(s)\), given by (5.10), is an eigenvector for the action of an ‘Atkin-Lehner’ operator on the space of Iwahori fixed vectors, see (3.9), and has the property that its value at \(s = 0\) arises from the Weil representation associated to the quaternion algebra over \(\mathbb{Q}_p\) which is ramified if \(\epsilon_p = -1\) and split if \(\epsilon_p = +1\), see (ii) of Proposition 8.2. This particular choice is not an eigenvector for the local intertwining operator, but is shifted by a vector which gives zero in the local zeta integral, see (5.5) and (5.6). These facts allow us to obtain a good functional equation for the complete \(L\)-function, Proposition 1.1. In fact, our calculations of local zeta integrals etc. at primes \(p \mid N\), together with some additional work at the archimedean place (cf. Section 6) will allow us to give a precise functional equation and to prove holomorphy for any triple of newforms of arbitrary weights \((\geq 2)\) for \(\Gamma_0(N)\) and the same square free level \(N\).

We then turn to a study of the central critical value \(L(F, 2)\), using the Weil-Siegel formula [24, 33] for \(E(Z, 0)\). We obtain an expression for
\[
L(F, 2) = \frac{\Omega(F)}{A(F)},
\]
where \(\Omega(F)\) is the period
\[
\Omega(F) = \frac{2^8 - t \pi^5}{N} \int_{\Gamma_0(N)^3 \setminus B^3} |F(z_1, z_2, z_3)|^2 \, dx_1 \, dy_1 \, dx_2 \, dy_2 \, dx_3 \, dy_3
\]
with \(t = \# \{p : p \mid N\}\) and \(A(F)\) is a real algebraic number in the subfield of \(\mathbb{C}\) generated by the coefficients of the Dirichlet series of \(L(F, s)\). We then give an interpretation of \(A(F)\) as a “height pairing”, which allows us to show that \(A(F) \geq 0\), and to give a simple algebraic criterion for its vanishing.

More precisely, assume that the sign in the functional equation of \(L(F, s)\) is \(+1\), and let \(B\) be the definite quaternion algebra over \(\mathbb{Q}\) which is ramified at the odd set of primes where \(\epsilon_p = -1\). Let \(R\) be an Eichler order of reduced discriminant \(N\) in \(B\), and let \(X\) be the curve over \(\mathbb{Q}\) associated to \(R\), which was introduced in [13]. Then \(X\) is the disjoint union of \(n\) rational curves, where \(n\) is the class number of \(R\). Let \(\Delta\) be the codimension 2 cycle consisting of \(X\) embedded diagonally in the 3-fold \(X^3\). We show that \(A(F)\) is the “height pairing” of the \(F\)-isotypic component \(\Delta_F\) in the cycle group.

Unwinding the definition of this pairing gives us the following formula. The global correspondence of Jacquet-Langlands and Shimizu between automorphic forms on \(GL_2\) and on \(B^+\) (which, in this case, can be proved by Eichler’s methods [7]) shows that the eigenforms \(f, g\) and \(h\) determine real valued eigenfunctions \(\lambda_i(f), \lambda_i(g)\) and \(\lambda_i(h)\) on the set of left ideal classes of \(R\). The theorem of multiplicity one for these groups shows that each eigenfunction is
well defined up to scaling. If $2w_i$ is the order of the group of units in the right order $R_i$ of the class $I_i$, we have

$$A(F) = \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^2 \lambda_i(f)\lambda_i(g)\lambda_i(h)\right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \lambda_i(f)^2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \lambda_i(g)^2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \lambda_i(h)^2}.$$ 

We note that when $N = p$ is a prime, $R$ is a maximal order in $B$ and the left ideal classes of $R$ correspond to the isomorphism classes of supersingular elliptic curves in characteristic $p$. For eigenforms $f$ on $\Gamma_0(p)$ with rational Fourier coefficients, the eigenfunctions $\lambda_i(f)$ on the set of supersingular curves have been extensively tabulated by Mestre and Oesterlé [28]. For square-free $N < 300$ and $f$ with rational Fourier coefficients, Birch [2] has calculated the integers $\lambda_i(f)$ using the theory of ternary quadratic forms. We thank these authors for generously sharing their data with us, some of which appears tabulated in Section 12. We also wish to thank Buhler and Zagier for their computational assistance on the problem of determining the values $L(F, 2)$; this was a welcome check on the many constants in the final formula.

We end the paper with a conjecture on the first derivative $L'(F, 2)$ when the sign in the functional equation for $L(F, s)$ is $-1$ (and, hence, $L(F, 2) = 0$). Let $X$ be the Shimura curve associated to an Eichler order of reduced discriminant $N$ in the indefinite quaternion algebra $B$ ramified at the even set of finite primes where $\epsilon_p = -1$. Let $A$ be the codimension 2 cycle of $X$ embedded diagonally in the threefold $X^3$. Loosely speaking, we conjecture that

$$L'(F, 2) = \Omega(F) \cdot \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle^{BB}$$

where $\Delta_F$ is the $F$-eigencomponent of $\Delta$ in the Chow group and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle^{BB}$ is the Bloch-Beilinson height pairing. Actually, one must first modify $\Delta$ to obtain a class which is homologically trivial, and the eigencomponent $\Delta_F$ only is known to exist in the quotient of the Chow group by the radical of the height pairing.

Special values of the triple product $L$-function have been considered by a number of people, beginning with the fundamental work of Garrett [9]. Other work includes that of Blasius and Orloff [3, 30], Garrett and Harris [10] and Harris and Kudla [17]. This last paper describes the central critical value in a more general case and proves a conjecture of Jacquet concerning the vanishing of such values, but for the special case of weight $(2, 2, 2)$ and square free level it gives less precise information than is obtained in the present paper. Of fundamental importance in [17] and, implicitly, in the present paper is the work of D. Prasad [32], which gives the uniqueness of certain invariant trilinear forms and characterizes their existence in terms of epsilon factors.

The existence of a good function functional equation for the triple product $L$-function was first shown by Shahidi [36]. His more recent work also establishes
the finiteness of the number of poles and holomorphy at the center of the critical
strip [37], Cor. 6.9, p. 582. Finally, T. Ikeda considered the functional equation
[19] and gave a precise description of the poles [20] of triple product \( L \)-
functions.

1. The triple product \( L \)-function

Let \( N \geq 1 \) be square free, and let \( f, g, \) and \( h \) be three (not necessarily distinct)
cuspidal newforms of weight 2 on \( \Gamma_0(N) \). Assume that the Fourier expansions of
\( f, g, \) and \( h \) are given by

\[
\begin{aligned}
f &= \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^n \\
g &= \sum_{n \geq 1} b_n q^n \\
h &= \sum_{n \geq 1} c_n q^n
\end{aligned}
\]

with \( a_1 = b_1 = c_1 = 1 \). For a prime \( \ell \) not dividing \( N \), we write:

\[
\begin{aligned}
1 - a_1 x + lx^2 &= (1 - \alpha_1 x)(1 - \alpha'_1 x) \\
1 - b_1 x + lx^2 &= (1 - \beta_1 x)(1 - \beta'_1 x) \\
1 - c_1 x + lx^2 &= (1 - \gamma_1 x)(1 - \gamma'_1 x).
\end{aligned}
\]

Then \( |\alpha_1| = |\beta_1| = |\gamma_1| = \ell^{1/2} \) [8, 40, Chapt. 7]. For a prime \( p \) dividing \( N \), the
coefficients \( a_p, b_p, \) and \( c_p \) are equal to \( \pm 1 \). We put

\[
\varepsilon_p = -a_p b_p c_p.
\]

Define the modular form \( F = f \otimes g \otimes h \) of weight \((2, 2, 2)\) for \( \Gamma_0(N)^3 \) by:

\[
F(z_1, z_2, z_3) = f(z_1)g(z_2)h(z_3)
\]

for \( (z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \mathbb{H}^3 \). For \( p \mid N \), we have an involution \( u_p = w_p \times w_p \times w_p \) on the
space of forms of weight \((2, 2, 2)\) where \( w_p \) is the Atkin-Lehner involution on the
space of forms on \( \Gamma_0(N) \), and

\[
F | u_p = \varepsilon_p \cdot F \quad \text{for all } p \mid N.
\]

Indeed, \( f | w_p = -a_p \cdot f \), and similarly for \( g \) and \( h \).

We define the triple product product \( L \)-function \( L(f \otimes g \otimes h, s) = L(F, s) \) by
an Euler product, convergent in the half plane \( \Re(s) > \frac{5}{2} \):

\[
L(F, s) = \prod_{\ell \mid N} L(F, s) \cdot \prod_{p \mid N} L_p(F, s).
\]
Here

\[
L_i(F, s) = (1 - \alpha_i \beta_i \gamma_i l^{-s})^{-1} (1 - \alpha_i \beta_i \gamma_i l^{-s})^{-1} \cdots (1 - \alpha_i \beta_i \gamma_i l^{-s})^{-1}
\]  
(1.7)

has degree 8 in $l^{-s}$. The absolute convergence in $\text{Re}(s) > 2$ follows from a comparison of $L(F, s)$ with $\zeta(s - \frac{1}{2})^8$.

Our choice of local L-factors for $F$ follows a general recipe of Serre [35], applied to the 8-dimensional $l$-adic representation $\sigma_f \otimes \sigma_g \otimes \sigma_h$ of $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$. Here $\sigma_f$, $\sigma_g$, and $\sigma_h$ are the 2-dimensional Galois representations associated to the newforms $f$, $g$, and $h$. Similarly, we define the archimedean L-factor. Set

\[
\Gamma_C(s) = (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s).
\]

Then

\[
L_\infty(F, s) = \Gamma_C(s) \Gamma_C(s - 1)^3 = (2\pi)^{3-4s} \Gamma(s) \Gamma(s - 1)^3,
\]  
(1.9)

as the Hodge numbers of the motive attached to $F$ are $h^{3,0} = h^{0,3} = 1$ and $h^{2,1} = h^{1,2} = 3$.

Let

\[
\Lambda(F, s) = L_\infty(F, s) L(F, s)
\]  
(1.10)

in $\text{Re}(s) > \frac{5}{2}$, and define

\[
\varepsilon(F, s) = \varepsilon \cdot N^{10 - 5s}
\]  
(1.11)

where $\varepsilon = -\prod_{p \mid N} \varepsilon_p = \pm 1$.

**PROPOSITION 1.1.** The function $\Lambda(F, s)$ has an analytic continuation to the entire $s$-plane and satisfies the functional equation:

\[
\Lambda(F, s) = \varepsilon(F, s) \Lambda(F, 4 - s).
\]

This will be proved in Section 7 using the local results of Sections 2–6. If we put

\[
\Lambda^*(F, s) = N^{\frac{3}{2} s} \Lambda(F, s),
\]  
(1.12)
then the functional equation of Proposition 1.1 takes the simpler form

$$\Lambda^*(F, s) = \varepsilon \cdot \Lambda^*(F, 4 - s).$$

(1.13)

In particular, we see that

$$\varepsilon = -\prod_{p \mid N} (-a_p b_p c_p) = (-1)^{\text{ord}_{s=2} L(F, s)}$$

(1.14)

as all other factors in $\Lambda^*(F, s)$ are non-zero at $s = 2$.

2. Local factors

In this section we turn to local considerations and describe the local zeta integrals which arise in the Garrett and Piatetski-Shapiro, Rallis integral representation of the triple product $L$-function.

We begin with the $p$-adic case. Let $G = \text{GSp}_3(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ be the similitude group of the six dimensional symplectic vector space $\mathbb{Q}^6_p$ (row vectors) with standard symplectic form given by

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and let $\nu: G \to \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$ be the scale map. Let $P = MN$ be the maximal parabolic subgroup of $G$ with

$$M = \left\{ m(a, \nu) = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ \nu a^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \middle| a \in \text{GL}_3(\mathbb{Q}_p), \nu \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times \right\},$$

(2.0)

and

$$N = \left\{ n(b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ b \end{pmatrix} \middle| b = \nu \in \text{M}_3(\mathbb{Q}_p) \right\}.$$

Let $K = \text{GSp}_3(\mathbb{Z}_p)$, and let $Z_G \simeq \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$ be the center of $G$.

For $s \in \mathbb{C}$, we consider the induced representation $I(s) = \text{Ind}_P^G 2s$ consisting of smooth functions (i.e., locally constant) $\Phi(s)$ on $G$ such that

$$\Phi(nm(a, \nu)g, s) = |\det a|^{2s+2} |\nu|^{-3s-3} \Phi(g, s).$$

(2.1)

Note that such functions automatically have compact support modulo $P$, and that $Z_G$ acts trivially in this representation.
Let \( \psi \) be the standard additive character of \( \mathbb{Q}_p \) with conductor \( \mathbb{Z}_p \), and, for an irreducible admissible and infinite dimensional representation \( \pi \) of \( \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p) \), let \( \mathcal{W}(\pi) \) be the Whittaker model of \( \pi \) with respect to \( \psi \) [21].

Let \( H = \{ h = (h_1, h_2, h_3) \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)^3 \mid \det h_1 = \det h_2 = \det h_3 \} \),

and recall that \( H \) is embedded as a subgroup of \( G \) [9, 31]. Let

\[
U = \left\{ u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},
\]

and let

\[
U_0 = \{ u \in U \mid x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \}.
\]

For a triple of irreducible admissible infinite dimensional representations of \( \pi_1, \pi_2 \) and \( \pi_3 \) of \( \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p) \), and for Whittaker functions \( W_i \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_i), i = 1, 2, 3 \), define a function \( W \) on \( H \) by

\[
W(h) = W_1(h_1)W_2(h_2)W_3(h_3).
\]

Then, for \( \Phi(s) \in I(s) \), the local zeta integral associated to \( W \) and \( \Phi(s) \) is

\[
Z(s, W, \Phi(s)) = \int_{ZGU_0 \backslash H} \Phi(\delta h, s) W(h) \, dh,
\]

where

\[
\delta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Sp}_3(\mathbb{Z}_p),
\]

and \( dh \) is an \( H \)-invariant measure on \( ZG U_0 \backslash H \) which will be specified below. Note that \( \delta \) is a representative for the unique ‘non-negligible’ orbit of \( H \) in the flag variety \( P \backslash G \). Recall [31] that \( P \backslash G \) may be identified with the space of maximal isotropic subspaces in the symplectic vector space \( \mathbb{Q}_p^6 \). The group \( H \)
has a finite number of orbits in this space, and the orbit of \( \delta \) is the only one for which the stabilizer of a point does not contain the unipotent radical of a proper parabolic subgroup of \( H \). The isotropic subspace corresponding to \( \delta \) is the span of the bottom three rows of this matrix. This particular choice of \( \delta \) is due to Garrett and Harris [10].

If \( \pi_1, \pi_2 \) and \( \pi_3 \) are unramified principal series representations of \( GL_2(\mathbb{Q}_p) \), let \( W^0_\pi \in W(\pi) \) be the unique \( GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) \) fixed vector with \( W^0_\pi(e) = 1 \), and let \( W^0 \) be the corresponding function on \( H \) via (2.2). Also let \( \Phi^0(s) \in I(s) \) be the unique \( K \) fixed vector with \( \Phi^0(k, s) = 1 \) for \( k \in K \). Note that, because of the Iwasawa decomposition \( G = PK \), any function in \( I(s) \) is determined by its restriction to \( K \). Then [9 and 31, p. 57]

\[
Z(s, W^0, \Phi^0(s)) = \frac{1}{b_p(s)} L_p \left( \pi, s + \frac{1}{2} \right),
\]

where \( \pi = \pi_1 \otimes \pi_2 \otimes \pi_3 \), and \( L_p(\pi, s) \) is the local Langlands \( L \)-factor associated to \( \pi \) and the degree 8 representation of the \( L \)-group of \( GL_2(\mathbb{Q})^3 \), and

\[
b_p(s) = \zeta_p(2s + 2) \zeta_p(4s + 2).
\]

Note that if \( \pi_1, \pi_2, \) and \( \pi_3 \) are the representations of \( GL_2(\mathbb{Q}_p) \) determined by the \( p \)-th Hecke eigenvalues of our cusp forms \( f, g, \) and \( h \) of Section 1 when \( p \nmid N \), then

\[
L_p(\pi, s) = L_p(F, s + \frac{3}{2})
\]

for the local factor defined in Section 1. Note that the shift here is due to the convention that the Langlands \( L \)-function will have a functional equation relating \( s \) to \( 1 - s \), while the functional equation of the Eisenstein series and hence of the global analogue of \( Z(s, W_\pi \Phi(s)) \) involves \( s \) and \( -s \).

In order to obtain precise information about the central value of the triple product \( L \)-function, we will need to have an analogue of (2.5) when \( p \nmid N \). Note that a local factor \( L_p(F, s) \) has been defined for such \( p \) by (1.8) of Section 1. We then define \( L_p(\pi, s) \) by (2.6), i.e.,

\[
L_p(\pi, s + \frac{1}{2}) = L_p(F, s + 2) = (1 + \varepsilon_p p^{-s-2})^{-1}(1 + \varepsilon_p p^{-s-1})^{-2}.
\]

Our main result in the next two sections will relate \( L_p(\pi, s + \frac{1}{2}) \) to a zeta integral as in (2.5), but with \( W^0 \) and \( \Phi^0 \) replaced by functions invariant under the Iwahori subgroup.

Since \( N \) was assumed to be square free, the triple of local representations \( \pi_1, \pi_2, \) and \( \pi_3 \) determined by the newforms \( f, g, \) and \( h \) for \( p \mid N \) are twists of the special representation \( Sp \) on the locally constant functions on \( \mathbb{P}^1 \cong B \setminus GL_2(\mathbb{Q}_p) \).
modulo the constant functions (\(B\) the standard Borel subgroup) [5, 6], by unramified quadratic characters \(\omega_i\) satisfying

\[
\omega_1(p) = a_p, \quad \omega_2(p) = b_p, \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_3(p) = c_p.
\]

We need a formula for the unique Whittaker vector in these representations which is fixed by the Iwahori subgroup

\[
\Gamma_0(p) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) \mid c \equiv 0 \mod p \right\}.
\]

The following result can be extracted from [5]:

**LEMMA 2.1.** Let \(\sigma = \text{Sp} \otimes \eta\) be an unramified special representation with trivial central character, and let \(\eta\) be the associated unramified quadratic character. Let \(W^0 \in \mathcal{W}(\sigma)\) be the unique \(\Gamma_0(p)\) fixed vector with \(W^0(e) = 1\). Then

\[
W^0 \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{cases} \eta(a)|a| & \text{if } \text{ord}_p a \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
\]

and

\[
W^0 \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{cases} -p^{-1}\eta(a)|a| & \text{if } \text{ord}_p a \geq -1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}
\]

Note that since

\[
\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \Gamma_0(p) \cup \bigcup_{x \mod p} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Gamma_0(p), \tag{2.8}
\]

the values given in Lemma 2.1 give a complete description of \(W^0\).

For our triple of local components \(\pi_1, \pi_2,\) and \(\pi_3\), with quadratic characters \(\omega_1, \omega_2,\) and \(\omega_3\), we set

\[
\omega = \omega_1\omega_2\omega_3, \tag{2.9}
\]

and

\[
\varepsilon = \varepsilon_p = -a_pb_pc_p = -\omega(p). \tag{2.10}
\]

For the Iwahori fixed Whittaker vectors \(W_i^0 \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_i)\) furnished by Lemma 2.1,
we again let $W^0$ be the function on $H$ given by (2.2). As in Section 1, let

$$u_p = (w_p, w_p, w_p) \in H.$$  \hfill (2.11)

Then

**LEMMA 2.2.**

$$W^0|u_p = -\omega(p)W^0 = -a_p b_p c_p W^0.$$

**Proof.** This follows from the fact that $W^0_i|w_p = -\omega_i(p) \cdot W^0_i$. \hfill \square

3. Iwahori fixed vectors

Next we must choose a function in $I(s)$ for use with $W^0$ of Section 2, in the local zeta integral. Let

$$K_0(p) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in K = \text{GSp}_3(\mathbb{Z}_p) \bigg| c \equiv 0 \text{ mod } p \mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{Z}_p) \right\},$$

and note that the reduction mod $p$ of $K_0(p)$ is the maximal parabolic subgroup $P(\mathbb{F}_p)$ in $\text{GSp}_3(\mathbb{F}_p)$. The usual double coset decomposition of $\text{GSp}_3(\mathbb{F}_p)$ with respect to this parabolic yields a decomposition

$$K = \prod_{i=0}^{3} K_0(p)w_iK_0(p),$$  \hfill (3.1)

where

$$w_i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \quad 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & \\ 1 & \quad \quad 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in K.$$  \hfill (3.2)

Note that the double coset of $w_i$ is precisely the set of all $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in K$ such that the rank of $c \pmod{p}$ is $i$.

For $0 \leq i \leq 3$ let $\Phi_i(s) \in I(s)$ be the function whose restriction to $K$ is the characteristic function of $K_0(p)w_iK_0(p)$. Note that $\Phi_i(s)$ is the characteristic function of $K_0(p)$; in the next section we will compute its zeta integral against
Also note that the normalized $K$ fixed vector in $I(s)$ is
\[ \Phi_K(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} \Phi^i(s). \] (3.3)

Moreover, for any fixed $s$, the four functions $\Phi^i(s)$ form a basis for the space $I(s)K_0(p)$ of $K_0(p)$ fixed vectors. This basis will not turn out to be the most convenient one.

Since the image in $G$ of the element $u_p$ defined above normalizes $K_0(p)$, we may consider the action of this element (which acts as an involution) in the space $I(s)K_0(p)$.

**LEMMA 3.1.**

\[ \Phi^i(s) | u_p = p^{(2i-3)(s+1)} \Phi^{3-i}(s). \]

**Proof.** For convenience, let
\[ \eta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_3 \\ -p \cdot 1_3 \\ \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GSp}_3(\mathbb{Q}_p). \]

We want to calculate the value $\Phi^i(w_j \eta, s)$ as a function of $i$ and $j$. Note that
\[ w_j \eta = \begin{pmatrix} 1_3 \\ p \cdot 1_3 \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1_3-j \\ p \cdot 1_j \\ 1_3-j \\ p^{-1} \cdot 1_j \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_3-j \\ -1_j & 0 \\ -1_3-j & 0 \\ 0 & 1_j \\ \end{pmatrix}, \]

where the last factor on the right hand side lies in $K_p$ and has $c$ of rank $3 - j \pmod{p}$. Thus this last factor lies in the double coset $K_0(p)w_3-jK_0(p)$ in (3.1) and we get
\[ \Phi^i(w_j \eta, s) = |p|^{-3s-3} |p|^{2s+2} \delta_{i,3-j} = p^{(2i-3)(s+1)} \delta_{i,3-j}, \]

as claimed. \qed

Setting
\[ \tilde{\Phi}^i(s) = p^{-(i+1)} \Phi^i(s), \] (3.4)
we have

$$\Phi^i(s) | u_p = \Phi^{3-i}(s). \quad (3.5)$$

Next observe that conjugation by $u_p$ carries the fixed maximal compact subgroup $K = \text{GSp}_3(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ into another maximal compact subgroup $K' = u_p Ku_p^{-1}$, and that these are the only maximal compact subgroups containing $K_0(p)$. The normalized fixed vectors then have the expressions

$$\Phi_K(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} p^{i(s+1)}\Phi^i(s), \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$\Phi_{K'}(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} p^{(3-i)(s+1)}\Phi^i(s) = \Phi_K(s) | u_p. \quad (3.7)$$

Note that these two vectors actually coincide at $s = -1$, and this is due to the fact that the trivial representation of $G$ occurs as a submodule of $I(-1) (\simeq C^\infty(P\backslash G))$.

Define two more functions in $I(s)^{K_0(p)}$ by

$$\Phi^\pm_R(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} (\pm 1)^i\Phi^i(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} (\pm 1)^i p^{i(s+1)}\Phi^i(s). \quad (3.8)$$

These functions, whose significance will be explained in Section 4 below, satisfy

$$\Phi^\pm_R(s) | u_p = \pm \Phi^\pm_R(s). \quad (3.9)$$

Moreover, we remark that for $s \neq -1$ fixed, the four functions $\Phi_K(s), \Phi_{K'}(s), \Phi^\pm_R(s)$ form a basis for $I(s)^{K_0(p)}$.

4. In which we compute a $p$-adic zeta integral

We now consider the zeta integral $Z(s, W_0, \Phi(s))$ with $W_0$ as above and with $\Phi(s) \in I(s)^{K_0(p)}$. Recall that $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_p = -a_p b_p c_p$ is fixed as above. It is easily checked that

$$Z(s, W_0, \Phi(s) | u_p) = Z(s, W_0 | u_p, \Phi(s)) = \varepsilon Z(s, W_0, \Phi(s)), \quad (4.1)$$

and, hence, that $Z(s, W_0, \Phi(s))$ vanishes identically if $\Phi(s) | u_p = -\varepsilon \Phi(s)$. Moreover, by a direct calculation, we have
LEMMA 4.1.

\[ Z(s, W^0, \Phi_k(s)) = 0. \]

Proof. Now

\[ Z(s, W^0, \Phi_k) = \int_{Z_0 U_\varnothing H} \Phi_k(\delta h, s) W^0(h) \, dh. \]

Since \( \Phi_k \) is right \( K \)-invariant, we may substitute for \( W^0 \) its \( K_H \)-invariant projection:

\[ (W^0)_{K_H}(h) = \int_{K_H} W^0(hk) \, dk, \]

where \( \text{vol}(K_H, dk) = 1 \). But this projection is zero. In fact, via the Iwasawa decomposition of \( H \) and the triviality of the central characters, it suffices to verify this for

\[ h = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & a_2^2 & 0 \\ 1 & a_3^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \]

in which case we obtain, via (2.8), a sum of values \( W^0(hk) \) as \( k \) runs over a set of representatives for the \((p + 1)^3\) cosets of \( K_H/(\Gamma_0(p)^3 \cap H) \). These values are given by Lemma 2.1, and it is easy to check that their sum is zero. \( \square \)

Thus the zeta integral \( Z(s, W^0, \Phi(s)) \) for any \( \Phi(s) \in I(s)_{\text{Kd}(p)} \) is proportional to \( Z(s, W^0, \Phi_R(s)) \).

Using (4.1) we find that

\[ Z(s, W^0, \Phi_R(s)) = 2[Z(s, W^0, \tilde{\Phi}^0(s)) + \varepsilon Z(s, W^0, \tilde{\Phi}^1(s))]. \]

By the preceding Lemma we find that

\[ Z(s, W^0, \tilde{\Phi}^1(s)) = -p^{s+1} \frac{(1 + \varepsilon p^{-3s-3})}{(1 + \varepsilon p^{-s-1})} Z(s, W^0, \tilde{\Phi}^0(s)), \] \( (4.2) \)

and thus

\begin{align*}
Z(s, W^0, \Phi_R(s)) &= 2 \left[ 1 - \varepsilon p^{s+1} \frac{(1 + \varepsilon p^{-3s-3})}{(1 + \varepsilon p^{-s-1})} \right] Z(s, W^0, \tilde{\Phi}^0(s)) \\
&= -2\varepsilon p^{s+1}(1 - \varepsilon p^{-s-1})^2 Z(s, W^0, \tilde{\Phi}^0(s)). \quad (4.3)
\end{align*}
Next we (brutally) compute the zeta integral $Z(s, W^0, \tilde{\Phi}^0(s))$, where we recall that $\tilde{\Phi}^0(s) = \Phi^0(s)$ is supported on $PK_0(p)$.

**PROPOSITION 4.2.**

$$Z(s, W^0, \tilde{\Phi}^0(s)) = -(p + 1)^{-3} p^{-2s-2} \frac{1}{(1 + \epsilon_p p^{-s-2})(1 + \epsilon_p p^{-s-1})^2}.$$

**Proof.** First write

$$H = H^0 \cup \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} H^0, \quad (4.4)$$

where

$$H^0 = \{ h \in H \mid \text{ord}_p(\det h) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \}. \quad (4.5)$$

Here we continue to abuse notation and view the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ as embedded diagonally in $H$. Setting

$$K_H = GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)^3 \cap H,$$

we have

$$H^0 = Z_G \cdot U \cdot T \cdot K_H \quad (4.6)$$

with $U$ and $Z_G$ as above, and with

$$T = \left\{ t(a) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_1^{-1} \\ a_2 \\ a_2^{-1} \\ a_3 \\ a_3^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \bigg| a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times \right\}. \quad (4.7)$$

Note that $T \cap Z_G$ has order 2.

We now fix our choice of measures. First, note that any $h \in H^0$ can be written as $h = z \cdot u \cdot t(a) \cdot k$ for the Iwasawa decomposition (4.6), and that the map

$$Z_G \times U \times T \times K_H \to H^0$$

$$(z, u, t, k) \mapsto zutk$$

is proper and surjective. On the product space we take the measure

$$|a|^{-2} d^*z \, du \, d^*a \, dk,$$
where \( |a| = |a_1a_2a_3| \) and \( d^xa = d^xa_1d^xa_2d^xa_3 \) with \( \text{vol}(\mathbb{Z}_p^x, da) = 1 \). We also take \( du = du_1du_2du_3 \) with \( \text{vol}(\mathbb{Z}_p^x, du_i) = 1 \), and require \( \text{vol}(\mathbb{Z}_p^x, d^xz) = 1 \) and \( \text{vol}(K_H, dk) = 1 \). The pushforward of this measure to \( H^0 \) defines a Haar measure \( dh \) on this group, and since \( H^0 \) is an open subgroup of \( H \), determines a unique Haar measure on \( H \), which we also denote by \( dh \). Note that, if we let

\[
u(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x/3 & 1/3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},
\]

(4.8)

then \( \{u(x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Q}_p\} \) is a set of coset representatives for \( U_0 \setminus U \). If we write a coset representative \( h = u(x)t(a)k \in H^0 \), then the measure \( dh \) on the open set \( Z_GU_0 \setminus H^0 \) is given by \( |a|^{-2}dx d^xa dk \), while on the open set

\[
Z_GU_0 \setminus \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} H^0 \simeq Z_GU_0 \setminus H^0,
\]

where we again use representatives \( h \) on the right hand side, the measure is

\[
p^2|a|^{-2} dx d^xa dk,
\]

as is easily checked.

Thus

\[
Z(s, W^0, \Phi^0(s)) = \int_{Z_GU_0 \setminus H^0} \Phi^0(\delta h, s) W^0(h) \, dh
+ p^2 \int_{Z_GU_0 \setminus H^0} \Phi^0 \left( \delta \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} h, s \right) W^0 \left( \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} h \right) \, dh,
\]

(4.9)

and we write \( Z_1(s) \) and \( Z_2(s) \) for the two terms on the right hand side.

First, noting that the inverse image in \( Z_G \times U \times T \times K_H \) of a fundamental domain for the action of \( Z_G U_0 \) in \( H^0 \) is a fundamental domain for the action of this same group in \( Z_G \times U \times T \times K_H \), we obtain

\[
Z_1(s) = \int_{\mathcal{Q}_p \times (\mathcal{Q}_p^x)^3 \times K_H} \Phi^0(\delta u(x)t(a)k, s) W^0(u(x)t(a)k)|a|^{-2} dx d^xa dk
\]

(4.10)

with the normalization of measures fixed above. We decompose \( K_H \) using (2.8) componentwise, and we must evaluate the two functions in the integrand in (4.10) on each coset.
Note that the support of $\Phi^0(g, s)$ is the set $P \cdot K_0(p)$, and write
\[ g = \delta u(\chi)(a)k = mm(\chi, \nu)k, \]

with $k = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in K_0(p)$, $\alpha \in \text{GL}_3(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ and $\nu \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$. Note that $c \equiv 0 \mod p$ and $d \in \text{GL}_3(\mathbb{Z}_p)$, and that it is possible, by adjusting $\alpha$ if necessary, to assume that $d = 1$. Since $\nu(\delta) = 1$ and $g \in \delta H^0$, we may set $\nu = 1$ and absorb any further scale into the $K_0(p)$ component. Now, using the second expression for $g$,

\[ (0, 1_3) \cdot g = \alpha^{-1}(c, 1_3), \quad (4.11) \]

while, using the first expression,

\[ (0, 1_3) \cdot g = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \frac{x}{3a_1} & \frac{x}{3a_2} & \frac{x}{3a_3} \\ 0 & -a_1^{-1} & a_2^{-1} \\ 0 & -a_1^{-1} & a_3^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \cdot k = (C, D), \]

with $C, D \in M_3(\mathbb{Q}_p)$. Since the rows of $(c, 1_3)$ span a free summand of $\mathbb{Z}_p^6$, we must have

\[ |\det \alpha|^{-1} = |a_1a_2a_3|^{-1} \max_{i,j} (|x|, |a_i|). \]

Here, the right hand side is the maximum of the absolute values of the $3 \times 3$ minors of the matrix $(C, D)k^{-1}$.

Observe that by right $K_0(p)$ invariance, it suffices to calculate our functions when each component of $k$ is one of the coset representatives $1$ or $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x^i \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ in (2.8). Since $D$ is invertible, we see that $k$ can involve at most one of these.

Suppose that $k = 1$, so that,

\[ t\alpha^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x \\ \frac{x}{3a_1} & \frac{x}{3a_2} & \frac{x}{3a_3} \\ -a_1^{-1} & a_2^{-1} & 0 \\ -a_1^{-1} & 0 & a_3^{-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.12) \]
Thus

\[ \det \alpha^{-1} = |a_1a_2a_3|^{-1}|x| = |a_1a_2a_3|^{-1} \max_{i,j} (|x|, |a_ia_j|), \]  

and the condition

\[ c = x^{-1}(a_ia_j) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \]  

(4.15)

(4.14)

so, \( c_{i,j} = x^{-1}a_ia_j \) is equivalent to \( |a_ia_j| < |x| \) for all \( i, j \). This amounts to

\[ |a_i^2| < |x|, \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \]  

(4.16)

Note that this last condition implies (4.14).

**LEMMA 4.3.** If \( k \in \Gamma_0(p)^3 \cap H \), then

\[ \Phi^0(\delta u(x)t(a)k, s) = \begin{cases} |a|^{2s+2}|x|^{-2s-2} & \text{if } |a_i^2| < |x|, \; i = 1, 2, 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \]

with \( |a| = |a_1a_2a_3| \), and

\[ W^0(u(x)t(a)k) = \begin{cases} \psi(x)|a|^2 & \text{if } |a_i| \leq 1, \; i = 1, 2, 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \]

**Proof.** From the calculation above, it only remains to note that

\[ W_i \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_i & 1 \\ a_i^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = W_i \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_i^2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{cases} |a_i|^2 & \text{if } |a_i| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \]  

(4.17)

via our assumption of trivial central character and Lemma 2.1.

Thus we obtain the contribution

\[ \text{vol}(\Gamma_0(p)^3 \cap H) \int_{|a_i^2| < |x| \atop |a_i| \leq 1} |a|^{2s+2}|x|^{-2s-2} \psi(x) \, da \, dx \]  

(4.18)

from the trivial coset. This integral is relatively easy to evaluate.
LEMMA 4.4. The expression (4.18) is equal to

\[(p + 1)^{-3}(1 - p^{-2s-2})^{-3}(1 - p^{-2s-4})^{-1} \times [-p^{-2s-2}(1 - p^{-2s-4}) + (1 - p^{-1})p^{-4s-5}(1 + p^{-2s-1})].\]

Proof. First the piece of the integral in which \(|x| > 1\) gives

\[\int_{|x| > 1} |a|^{2s+2} d^s a \cdot \int_{|x| > 1} \psi(x)|x|^{-2s-2} dx = (1 - p^{-2s-2})^{-3} \cdot (-p^{-2s-2}).\]

(4.19)

The remaining part is

\[\int_{|x| < |x| \leq 1} |a|^{2s+2}|x|^{-2s-2} dx \ d^s a = (1 - p^{-1})p^{-4s-5}(1 + p^{-2s-1})(1 - p^{-2s-2})^{-3}(1 - p^{-2s-4})^{-1}.\]

(4.20)

Next suppose that

\[k = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & x_1' \\ 1 & \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \end{array}\right),\]

(4.21)

so that

\[(C, D) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-x}{3a_1} - a_1x_1' & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_1^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ a_1^{-1} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{x}{3a_2} \frac{x}{3a_3} = \gamma^{-1}((c, 1)).\]

(4.22)

Here \((c, 1)\) is the bottom 3 by 6 block of an element of \(K_0(p)\). Thus

\[|\text{det} \gamma|^{-1} = |a_1a_2a_3|^{-1} \cdot |a_1|^2 = |a_1a_2a_3|^{-1} \max_{i,j} (|x + a_1x_1'|, |a_ia_j|),\]

(4.23)

and the condition

\[c = \gamma \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{x}{3a_1} - a_1x_1' & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_1^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ a_1^{-1} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}\]

(4.24)
Note that the condition again implies (4.23), and we obtain

**LEMMA 4.5.** If $k$ is in the $\Gamma_0(p)^3 \cap H$ coset with representative given by (4.21), then

$$
\Phi^0(\delta u(x)t(a)k) = \begin{cases} 
|a|^{2s+2}|a_1|^{-4s-4} & \text{if (4.25) holds} \\
0 & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}
$$

and

$$W^0(u(x)t(a)k) = \begin{cases} 
-p^{-1}\psi(x + a_1^2x'_1)|a|^2 & \text{if } |a_1^2| \leq p, \text{ and } |a_2|, |a_3| \leq 1 \\
0 & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}
$$

Note that the condition $|a_1^2| \leq p$ is equivalent to $|a_1| \leq 1$.

The contribution of this coset to (4.7) is then

$$-p^{-1}(p + 1)^{-3} \int_{|a_2|, |a_3| < |a_1| \leq 1} |a|^{2s+2}|a_1|^{-4s-4} \psi(x + a_1^2x'_1) \, dx \, d^2a. \quad (4.26)$$

The factor $\psi(x + a_1^2x'_1)$ is 1 in this range, and we obtain

$$\int_{|a_2|, |a_3| < |a_1| \leq 1} |a|^{2s+2}|a_1|^{-4s-4} \, dx \, d^2a$$

$$= \int_{|a_1| \leq 1} |a_1|^{2s+4}|a_2a_3|^{2s+2} \, dx \, d^2a$$

$$= p^{-4s-5}(1 - p^{-2s-2})^{-2}(1 - p^{-2s-4})^{-1}. \quad (4.27)$$

We remark that this result is independent of $x'_1$. Moreover, it is easy to check that the other cosets with precisely one component involving $\left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -1 \end{array} \right)$ yield the same answer. The total contribution of these $3p$ cosets is thus

$$-3(p + 1)^{-3} p^{-4s-5}(1 - p^{-2s-2})^{-3}(1 - p^{-2s-4})^{-1}. \quad (4.28)$$

Finally, we observe that if more than one component of $k$ involves $\left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -1 \end{array} \right)$,
then the argument of $\Phi^0$ fall outside of $P \cdot K_0(p)$, and the coset in question yields zero. Combining these results, we obtain

$$Z_1(s) = -p^{-2s-2}(p+1)^{-3}(1-p^{-2s})^{-3}(1-p^{-2s-4})^{-1} \times [1 + 2p^{-2s-3} - p^{-4s-4} - 2p^{-4s-5}].$$

(4.29)

Next we consider $Z_2(s)$. First, it is not difficult to check that

$$\Phi^0 \left( \delta \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, h, s \right) = p^{-s-1} \Phi^0(\delta h, s).$$

(4.30)

Thus we may use the expressions given in the Lemmas above for $\Phi^0(s)$ on the relevant cosets. The corresponding expressions for $W^0$ are given in the following:

**Lemma 4.6.** If $k \in \Gamma_0(p)^3$, then

$$W^0 \left( \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, u(x)t(a)k \right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \psi(p(x)\omega(p)|p|^{-3}|a|^2 & \text{if } |pa_1^2| \leq 1, |pa_2^2| \leq 1, |pa_3^2| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here $|pa_i^2| \leq 1$ is equivalent to $|a_i| \leq 1$.

If $k$ is in the $\Gamma_0(p)^3$ coset with representative given by (2.7) above, then

$$W^0 \left( \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, u(x)t(a)k \right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} -p^{-1}\psi(p(x + a_1^2x_1))\omega(p)|p|^{-3}|a|^2 & \text{if } |pa_1^2| \leq p, |pa_2^2| \leq 1, |pa_3^2| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note that in this last expression, the condition for non-vanishing may be written as

$|a_1| \leq p$ and $|a_2|, |a_3| \leq 1$.

The contribution of the coset of $k = 1$ is then

$$p^{-s-2}(p+1)^{-3}\omega(p) \int_{\substack{|a_1| < |x| \\
|a_1| \leq 1}} |a|^{2s+2}|x|^{-2s-2}\psi(p(x) \, dx \, d^3a,}$$

(4.31)

and this is equal to
Next, each of the terms in which precisely one component of $k$ involves
\[ -1 \quad 1 \] contributes:
\[ - (p + 1)^{-3} \rho^{-3} \omega(p) \int_{|a_1|, |a_2| < |a_1| \leq p} |a_2 a_3|^{2s+2} \psi(p(x + a_1^2 x'_1)) \, dx \, d'a. \]
\[ (4.33) \]

Again the factor $\psi(p(x + a_1^2 x'_1))$ is 1 in the given range, and the integral becomes
\[ \int_{|a_1| < 1, |a_2|, |a_3| < 1, |a_1| \leq p} |a_1|^{2s+4} |a_2 a_3|^{2s+2} \, dx \, d'a = p^{-2s-1}(1 - p^{-2s-2})^{-2}(1 - p^{-2s-4})^{-1}. \]
\[ (4.34) \]

Thus the total contribution of such cosets is
\[ 3(1 + p)^{-3} \epsilon p^{-3s-3}(1 - p^{-2s-2})^{-2}(1 - p^{-2s-4})^{-1}. \]
\[ (4.35) \]

This yields
\[ Z_2(s) = (1 + p)^{-3} \epsilon p^{-3s-3}(1 - p^{-2s-2})^{-3}(1 - p^{-2s-4})^{-1} \]
\[ \times [2 + p^{-1} - 2p^{-2s-2} - p^{-4s-5}]. \]
\[ (4.36) \]

Combining these terms we obtain
\[ Z(s, W^0, \Phi^0(s)) = Z_1(s) + Z_2(s) \]
\[ = -(p + 1)^{-3} p^{-2s-2} (1 - p^{-2s-2})^{-3}(1 - p^{-2s-4})^{-1} \]
\[ \times [2 + 2p^{-2s-3} - p^{-4s-4} - 2p^{-4s-5} - 2\epsilon p^{-s-1} - \epsilon p^{-s-2} \]
\[ + 2\epsilon p^{-3s-3} + \epsilon p^{-5s-6}] \]
\[ = -(p + 1)^{-3} p^{-2s-2} \frac{(1 - \epsilon p^{-s-2})(1 - \epsilon p^{-s-1})^2(1 - p^{-2s-2})}{(1 - p^{-2s-2})^3(1 - p^{-2s-4})} \]
\[ = -(p + 1)^{-3} p^{-2s-2} \frac{1}{(1 + \epsilon p^{-s-2})(1 + \epsilon p^{-s-1})^2}. \]
\[ (4.37) \]

This is the claimed value!
COROLLARY 4.7.

\[ Z(s, W^0, \Phi_R^\alpha(s)) = \zeta_p(s) \frac{1}{b_p(s)} L_p(F, s + 2), \]

where \( L_p(F, s + 2) \) is given by (2.7), \( b_p(s) = \zeta_p(2s + 2)\zeta_p(4s + 2) \), and

\[ \zeta_p(s) = 2\pi p + 1)^{-3}p^{-s-1} \cdot (1 - \epsilon_p p^{-s-1})^2 b_p(s). \]

5. Local intertwining operators

Several additional facts will be needed when we consider the functional equation. Recall that there is an intertwining operator

\[ M_p(s): I_p(s) \rightarrow I_p(-s) \]

defined, for large real part of \( s \), by the integral

\[ M_p(s)\Phi(g) = \int_N \Phi(w, n, g, s) \, dn. \]  

(5.1)

This integral has a meromorphic analytic continuation to the whole \( s \) plane and the normalized operator

\[ M^*_p(s) = \frac{1}{a_p(s)} M_p(s), \]

with

\[ a_p(s) = \zeta_p(2s - 1)\zeta_p(4s - 1) \]  

(5.2)

is entire and non-vanishing for all \( s \) [31]. Since \( M_p(s) \) is \( G \) intertwining, it carries \( I_p(s)^{K_0(p)} \) to \( I_p(-s)^{K_0(p)} \) and respects eigenspaces of \( u_p \) and \( K \) and \( K' \) fixed vectors. For example,

\[ M_p(s)\Phi_K(s) = \frac{a_p(s)}{b_p(s)} \Phi_K(-s) \]  

(5.3)

with

\[ b_p(s) = \zeta_p(2s + 2)\zeta_p(4s + 2) \]  

(5.4)
as before. Similarly, we must have

\[ M_p(s) \Phi_R(s) = \alpha_p(s) \Phi_R(-s) + \beta_p(s) [\Phi_K(-s) + \varepsilon \Phi_K'(-s)], \quad (5.5) \]

for some meromorphic functions \( \alpha_p(s) \) and \( \beta_p(s) \). Note that by Lemma 4.1

\[ Z(-s, W^0, M_p(s) \Phi_R) = \alpha_p(s) Z(-s, W^0, \Phi_K(-s)). \quad (5.6) \]

We will now determine the function \( \alpha_p(s) \).

**Proposition 5.1.**

\[ \alpha_p(s) = \varepsilon p^{-3s-2} \frac{(1 - \varepsilon p^{-s-1})(1 + \varepsilon p^{1-s})(1 + p^{1-2s})}{(1 - \varepsilon p^{1-s})(1 - p^{1-4s})}. \]

First we have

**Proposition 5.2.**

\[ M_p(s) \Phi^0 = \sum_{i=0}^{3} \xi_i(s) \Phi^i(-s), \]

where

\[ \xi_0(s) = p^{-6s} \frac{(1 - p^{-1})(1 - p^{-3})}{(1 - p^{1-4s})(1 - p^{1-2s})} \]

\[ \xi_1(s) = p^{-5s-1} \frac{(1 - p^{-1})(1 - p^{-2s-1})}{(1 - p^{1-4s})(1 - p^{1-2s})} \]

\[ \xi_2(s) = p^{-4s-2} \frac{(1 - p^{-1})}{(1 - p^{1-2s})} \]

and

\[ \xi_3(s) = p^{-3s-3} \]

**Proof.** We use a result of Igusa [18].

**Lemma 5.3.** (Igusa)

\[ \int_{\text{Sym}_n(\mathbb{Z}_p)} |\det x|^n \, dx = \prod_{i=1}^{[n/2]} \frac{(1 - p^{1-2i})}{(1 - p^{1-4i})} \begin{cases} \frac{(1 - p^{-n-1-s})}{(1 - p^{-1-s})} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{(1 - p^{-n})}{(1 - p^{-1-s})} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \]
Now for $0 \leq j \leq 3$, we compute

$$M_p(s)\Phi^0(w_j) = \int_{\text{Sym}_3(\mathbb{Q}_p)} \Phi^0(w_3 n(b) w_j, s) \, db.$$  

Write

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ ty & z \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad x \in \text{Sym}_{3-j}(\mathbb{Q}_p), \quad y \in M_{3-j}(\mathbb{Q}_p), \quad z \in \text{Sym}_j(\mathbb{Q}_p).$$

Then, as in (4.11),

$$(0, 1_3)w_3 n(b) w_j = \tau^{-1}(c, 1_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -y & x \\ 0 & -z & ty \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and so

$$\tau^{-1} = -\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ ty & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} x^{-1} & -x^{-1}y \\ -tyx^{-1} & -z + tyx^{-1}y \end{pmatrix} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$  

Thus our integral becomes

$$\int_{x^{-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \, t^{-1}y \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \, z^{-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}} |\det x|^{-2s-2} \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

$$= \int_{x^{-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \, y \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \, z \equiv 0 \pmod{p}} |\det x|^{-2s-2} \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

$$= p^{-(3-j)-j(j+1)/2} \int_{x^{-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}} |\det x|^{-2s-2} \, dx.$$  

Since the measure $|\det x|^{j/2-2} \, dx$ on $\text{Sym}_{3-j}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \cap \text{GL}_{3-j}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ is invariant under inversion, the last integral becomes

$$\int_{x \equiv 0 \pmod{p}} |\det x|^{2s-2} \, dx.$$
which is just
\[ p^{-(3-j)(2s-2)-[(3-j)(4-j)/2]} \]
times the integral whose values are given in Lemma 5.3. Since
\[ \zeta_j(s) = p^{j(1-s^{1})}M_p(s)\Phi^0(w_j), \]
we obtain the claimed expressions. \qed

Note that, for any \( s \), the \( \varepsilon \)-eigenspace for \( u_p \) is spanned by the vectors
\[ \Psi^0(s) = \Phi^0(s)(1 + \varepsilon u_p) \text{ and } \Psi^1(s) = \Phi^1(s)(1 + \varepsilon u_p). \] (5.7)

It follows from Proposition 5.2 that
\[ M_p(s)\Psi^0 = (\zeta_0 + \varepsilon \zeta_3)^*\Psi^0(-s) + (\zeta_1 + \varepsilon \zeta_2)^*\Psi^1(-s). \] (5.8)

On the other hand, since
\[ \Phi^*_k(s)(1 + \varepsilon u_p) = (1 + \varepsilon p^{3s+3})\Psi^0(s) + p^{s+1}(1 + \varepsilon p^{s+1})^*\Psi^1(s), \] (5.9)
we may use (5.3) and (5.8) to determine \( M_p(s)\Psi^1 \). It is then a routine, though tedious, matter to solve for \( \alpha_p(s) \). This was done using \textit{Mathematica}; we omit the details. \qed

For use in the proof of the functional equation in the next section, we now let
\[ \Phi^*_p(s) = \begin{cases} \Phi^*_k(s) & \text{if } p \nmid N \\ \zeta_p(s)^{-1} \cdot \Phi^*_k(s) & \text{if } p | N, \text{ with } \varepsilon = \varepsilon_p = -a_pb_pc_p, \end{cases} \] (5.10)
where, as before,
\[ \zeta_p(s) = 2\varepsilon_pp^{-s-1}(p + 1)^{-3}(1 - \varepsilon_pp^{-s-1})^2b_p(s), \] (5.11)
in the second case. Note that
\[ \zeta_p(0) = 2\varepsilon_pp^{-1}(p + 1)^{-3}(1 + \varepsilon_pp^{-1})^{-2}. \] (5.12)

We may then summarize our calculations:
\[ Z(s, W_p^0, \Phi^*_p(s)) = \frac{1}{b_p(s)} L_p(\pi, s + \frac{1}{2}), \] (5.13)
and

$$Z(-s, \psi_p^0, M_p(s)\Phi^0_p) = \delta_p(s) \frac{a_p(s)}{b_p(s)} Z(-s, \psi_p^0, \Phi^0_p(-s)).$$ (5.14)

Here $a_p(s)$ and $b_p(s)$ are given by (5.2) and (5.4), respectively, and

$$\delta_p(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \nmid N \\ \frac{\xi_p(-s)}{\xi_p(s)} \cdot \frac{b_p(s)}{a_p(s)} \cdot \psi_p(s) = \varepsilon_p p^{-s} & \text{if } p \mid N. \end{cases}$$ (5.15)

6. The archimedean case

Next we review the archimedean case. Since we have assumed that the newforms $f, g$ and $h$ all have weight 2, the necessary local factors were computed by Garrett [9]. The groups $G, P, H, \ldots$ are defined as in the $p$-adic case, with $\mathbb{R}$ replacing $\mathbb{Q}_p$. We let $G^+$ denote the subgroup of $G$ for which the scale $v(g)$ takes values in $\mathbb{R}_+^*$, and we fix the maximal compact subgroup

$$K = \left\{ k = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Sp}_3(\mathbb{R}) \bigg| k = a + ib \in U(3) \right\}. \quad (6.1)$$

of $G^+$. The archimedean local components of the triple of automorphic cuspidal representations determined by our newforms are all the discrete series representation of $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ of ‘weight’ 2. For the discrete series representation of even ‘weight’ $2n$ the ‘holomorphic’ vector is given in the Whittaker model, by [12]

$$W^{2n}_0\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} k_\theta \right) = \begin{cases} e(x)|y|^n e^{-2\pi y} e^{2i\theta} & \text{if } y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y < 0. \end{cases} \quad (6.2)$$

Here $e(x) = e^{2\pi i x}$ and $k_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$. Define a function on $H$ by

$$W^{2n}(h) = W^{2n}_0(h_1)W^{2n}_0(h_2)W^{2n}_0(h_3).$$

Note that the support of $W$ lies in $H^+ = H \cap (GL_2(\mathbb{R})^+)^3 = H \cap G^+$.

As before, a section $\Phi(s) \in I(s)$ is determined by its restriction to $K$; and so, for any even integer $2n$, we let $\Phi^{2n}(s)$ denote the section whose restriction to $K$ is given by

$$\Phi^{2n}(k, s) = (\det k)^{2n}. \quad (6.3)$$
We want to compute the local zeta integral $Z(s, W^{2n}, \Phi^{-2n}(s))$, again given by (2.3), with this choice of $W$ and $\Phi(s)$. Noting that $H^+ = ZG \cdot \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})^3$ we fix the invariant measure $d\hat{h}$ on the coset space $ZGU_0 \backslash H^+$ by taking coset representatives

$$d\hat{h} = u(x)t(a)k_\theta$$

with $u(x)$ and $t(a)$ given by (4.8) and (4.7), respectively, and with

$$k_\theta = (k_{\theta_1}, k_{\theta_2}, k_{\theta_3}).$$

Then let

$$d\hat{h} = |a|^{-2} dx \, d^*a \, dk_\theta,$$

with $dk_\theta = d\theta_1 \, d\theta_2 \, d\theta_3$ and $d^*a = d^*a_1 \, d^*a_2 \, d^*a_3$, for $d^*a_i = |a_i|^{-1} da_i$, and for $d\theta_i$ and $da_i$ the standard Lebesgue measure on $\mathbb{R}$. We then obtain

$$Z(s, W^{2n}, \Phi^{-2n}(s)) = \int_{ZGU_0 \backslash H} \Phi^{-2n}(\delta \hat{h}, s)W^{2n}(\hat{h}) \, d\hat{h}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} 8\pi^3 \int_{(\mathbb{R}^*)^3} \Phi^{-2n}(\delta u(x)t(a), s)W^{2n}(u(x)t(a))|a|^{-2} \, dx \, d^*a.$$

(6.4)

Here observe that $8\pi^3 = \text{vol}(\text{SO}(2)^3)$ and that the intersection of $Z_G$ with $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})^3$ has order 2.

The calculation which follows is substantially that of Garrett and Harris [10]; we include the details for the sake of completeness and because we need precise information for our functional equation.

First we determine the Iwasawa decomposition of $\delta u(x)t(a)$. Write $\delta u(x)t(a) = nm(\alpha, 1)k$ with $k \in K$. Then

$$(0, 1_3) \cdot \delta u(x)t(a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cr 1 \cr 1 \end{pmatrix} = i'x^{-1}k,$$

(6.5)

where $k \in U(3)$ is the element associated to $k$. On the other hand,

$$(0, 1_3) \cdot \delta u(x)t(a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cr 1 \cr 1 \end{pmatrix} = i \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x}{3} - ia_1^2 & \frac{x}{3} - ia_2^2 & \frac{x}{3} - ia_3^2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1^{-1} \cr a_2^{-1} \cr a_3^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

(6.6)
Setting

\[ z = x + i(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2), \]

we obtain

\[ |\text{det } \alpha| = |a| |z|^{-1}, \quad (6.7) \]

with \(|a| = |a_1 a_2 a_3|\), and

\[ \text{det } k = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|}. \quad (6.8) \]

Thus

\[ \Phi^{-2n}(\delta u(x)t(a), s) = |a|^{2s + 2}|z|^{-2s - 2} \left( \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|} \right)^{-2n}. \quad (6.9) \]

Substituting this expression into the zeta integral and using the formula for \( W^{2n} \), we obtain

\[ Z(s, W^{2n}, \Phi^{-2n}(s)) \]

\[ = 4\pi^3 \int_\mathbb{R} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^*)^3} |a|^{2s + 2}|z|^{-2s - 2} \left( \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|} \right)^{-2n} e(x) e^{-2n(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)} \, dx \, da. \quad (6.10) \]

Setting \( a_i^2 = y_i \), and substituting \(-x\) for \(x\), this becomes

\[ \frac{\pi^3}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} |y|^{s + n}|z|^{-2s - 2 + 2n} z^{-2n} e(-x) e^{-2\pi(y_1 + y_2 + y_3)} \, dx \, dy \]

Recalling that \([10]\)

\[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e(-x)(x + iy)^{-\alpha}(x - iy)^{-\beta} \, dx \]

\[ = \frac{(-2\pi i)^\alpha(2\pi i)^\beta}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \int_{0}^{\infty} (t + 1)^{a-1} t^{\beta-1} e^{-2\pi\gamma(1 + 2t)} \, dt, \quad (6.11) \]

and setting \(\alpha = s + 1 + n\) and \(\beta = s + 1 - n\), we obtain

\[ \frac{\pi^3}{2} \frac{(-1)^n(2\pi)^{2s + 2}}{\Gamma(s + 1 + n)\Gamma(s + 1 - n)} \]
times the integral

\[
\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} |y|^{s+n} e^{-4\pi(y_1+y_2+y_3)(t+1)}(t+1)^{\alpha-1}\cdot t^{\beta-1} \, dt \, d^3y,
\]

\[
=(4\pi)^{-3s-3n}\Gamma(s+n)^3 \int_{0}^{\infty} (t+1)^{-3s-3n+\alpha-1}t^{\beta-1} \, dt
\]

\[
=(4\pi)^{-3s-3n}\Gamma(s+n)^3 \frac{\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(3s+3n-\alpha-\beta+1)}{\Gamma(3s+3n-\alpha+1)}.
\]

Collecting terms and simplifying we obtain

\[
Z(s, W^{2n}, \Phi^{-2n}(s)) = (-1)^n 2^{-4s-6n+1} \pi^{-s-3n+5} \frac{\Gamma(s+n)^3\Gamma(s+3n-1)}{\Gamma(s+n+1)\Gamma(2s+2n)}.
\]

(6.12)

Now, as in Section 1, since the Hodge numbers associated to \( F \) are

\[
h^{6n-3,0} = h^{0,6n-3} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad h^{4n-2,2n-1} = h^{2n-1,4n-2} = 3,
\]

the predicted \( \Gamma \) factor for a triple of forms of weight \( 2n \) is

\[
L_{\infty}(F, s) = \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s)\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s-2n+1)^3,
\]

and thus

\[
L_{\infty}(F, s + 3n - 1) = L_{\infty}(\pi, s + \frac{1}{2}) = (2\pi)^{-4s-6n+1}\Gamma(s+n)^3\Gamma(s+3n-1),
\]

(6.13)

while

\[
b_{\infty}(s) = \pi^{-3s-2}\Gamma(s+1)\Gamma(2s+1).
\]

Thus

\[
Z(s, W^{2n}, \Phi^{-2n}(s)) = \xi_{\infty}(s) \frac{1}{b_{\infty}(s)} L_{\infty}(\pi, s + \frac{1}{2}),
\]

(6.14)

with

\[
\xi_{\infty}(s) = (-1)^n \pi^{3n+2} \frac{\Gamma(s+1)\Gamma(2s+1)}{\Gamma(s+n+1)\Gamma(2s+2n)}
\]

\[
= (-1)^n \pi^{3n+2} [(2s+2n-1)(2s+2n-2)\cdots (2s+1)(s+n)(s+n-1)\cdots (s+1)]^{-1}.
\]

(6.15)
On the other hand, we know by [24, Lemma 4.6] that

\[ M(s)\Phi^{-2n} = \alpha_\infty(s, 2n)\Phi^{-2n}(-s), \]  

(6.16)

with

\[ \alpha_\infty(s, 2n) = (-1)^n 2^{-6s+3} \pi^{9/2} \]

\[ \times \frac{\Gamma(2s)\Gamma(2s - \frac{1}{2})\Gamma(2s - 1)}{\Gamma(s + n + 1)\Gamma(s + n + \frac{1}{2})\Gamma(s + n)\Gamma(s - n + 1)\Gamma(s - n + \frac{1}{2})\Gamma(s - n)}. \]

(6.17)

(Note that, because of our normalization, we must replace \( s \) by \( 2s \) in Lemma 4.6 of [24]. Also, in that Lemma a factor of \( i^l \) was omitted from the expression for \( d_{n,v}(s, l) \) and the second \( \Gamma \) factor in the denominator of that expression should be \( \Gamma_n[(s + \rho_n - l)/2] \).) Again we let

\[ \Phi_\infty^3(s) = \xi_\infty(s)^{-1} \Phi_\infty^{-2n}(s), \]  

(6.18)

and, as in (5.13), we write

\[ Z(-s, W^{2n}, M(s)\Phi_\infty^3(s)) = \delta_\infty(s) \frac{a_\infty(s)}{b_\infty(s)} Z(-s, W^{2n}, \Phi_\infty^3(-s)). \]  

(6.19)

We obtain, after a short calculation,

\[ \delta_\infty(s) = \frac{\xi_\infty(-s)}{\xi_\infty(s)} \frac{b_\infty(s)}{a_\infty(s)} \alpha_\infty(s, 2n) = -1. \]  

(6.20)

Note that for \( n = 1 \) (the case of ultimate interest for us),

\[ \xi_\infty(s) = \frac{\pi^5}{(s + 1)(2s + 1)}. \]  

(6.21)

and so \( \xi_\infty(0) = -\pi^5 \).

7. The global functional equation

In this section we will assemble the local results of Sections 2–6 to obtain the functional equation of \( L(s, F) \).
Let \( G, \) and \( Z_G, P = MN, H, U, U_0, \) etc., be the global analogues of the groups considered in Section 2, and for each place \( v \) of \( \mathbb{Q} \), denote by \( G_v, P_v, \) etc., the corresponding completions. Let

\[
K = \prod_v K_v,
\]

where \( K_v \) is the maximal compact subgroup of \( G_v \) fixed in Section 2 and Section 6. For \( s \in \mathbb{C} \), let \( I(s) = \bigotimes_v I_v(s) \) be the global induced representation, consisting of smooth, right \( K \)-finite functions on \( G(\mathbb{A}) \) which satisfy the global analogue of (2.1) for all \( a \in GL_3(\mathbb{A}), v \in \mathbb{A}^\times \) and \( n \in N(\mathbb{A}) \). For an entire section \( \Phi(s) \in I(s) \), we have the Eisenstein series

\[
E(g, s, \Phi) = \sum_{\gamma \in P(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash G(\mathbb{Q})} \Phi(\gamma g, s),
\]

which is absolutely convergent for \( \text{Re}(s) > 1 \). As is well known, this series has a meromorphic analytic continuation to the whole \( s \) plane and has a functional equation

\[
E(g, s, \Phi) = E(g, -s, M(s)\Phi),
\]

where \( M(s) : I(s) \to I(-s) \) is the global intertwining operator which, for \( \text{Re}(s) > 1 \), is given by the integral

\[
M(s)\Phi(g) = \int_{N(\mathbb{A})} \Phi(w_3 n g, s) \, dn.
\]

Now let \( \tilde{F} \) denote the function on \( (GL_2(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash GL_2(\mathbb{A}))^3 \) associated to \( F = f \otimes g \otimes h \) of (1.4). Explicitly, we define a compact open subgroup

\[
\Gamma_0(N) = \bigcap_{p \mid N} \Gamma_0(p) \times \bigcap_{p \nmid N} GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)
\]

of \( GL_2(\mathbb{A}) \), and for any \( g \in GL_2(\mathbb{A})^3 \) we write \( g = \gamma \cdot g_\infty \cdot k \) with \( \gamma \in GL_2(\mathbb{Q})^3 \), \( g_\infty \in GL_2^+(\mathbb{R})^3 \), and \( k \in \tilde{\Gamma}_0(N)^3 \). Then we set

\[
\tilde{F}(g) = j(g_\infty, i)^{-2} F(g_\infty(i)),
\]

where, for \( g_\infty = (g_1, g_2, g_3) \) with \( g_j = \begin{pmatrix} a_j & b_j \\ c_j & d_j \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2^+(\mathbb{R}) \),

\[
j(g_\infty, i) = (c_1 i + d_1)(c_2 i + d_2)(c_3 i + d_3)(\det(g_1 g_2 g_3))^{-1/2}.
\]
For a factorizable section $\Phi(s) = \otimes_v \Phi_v(s) \in I(s)$, the basic formula due to Garrett [9] and to Piatetski-Shapiro and Rallis [31] is

$$Z(s, F, \Phi) = \int_{Z_d(\mathbb{A})H(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash H(\mathbb{A})} \tilde{F}(h)E(h, s, \Phi) \, dh$$

$$= \prod_v Z_v(s, W_{F,v}, \Phi_v), \quad (7.7)$$

where $W_F = \otimes_v W_{F,v}$ is the global Whittaker function determined by $\tilde{F}$ and $\psi$ [12], and where $Z_v(s, W_{F,v}, \Phi_v)$ is the local zeta integral considered in section 2. Note that, by the functional equation of $E(g, s, \Phi)$,

$$Z(s, F, \Phi) = Z(-s, F, M(s)\Phi). \quad (7.8)$$

We now choose the local components of $\Phi(s)$ as in Section 2; let

$$\Phi^v(s) = \otimes_v \Phi^v(s), \quad (7.9)$$

where the function $\Phi^v(s)$ is given by (5.10) for the finite places and by (6.18) for the archimedean place. By (5.13) and (6.14) we have

**PROPOSITION 7.1.**

$$Z(s, F, \Phi^v) = \int_{Z_d(\mathbb{A})H(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash H(\mathbb{A})} \tilde{F}(h)E(h, s, \Phi^v) \, dh = \frac{1}{b(s)} \Lambda(F, s + 2), \quad (7.10)$$

where $\Lambda(F, s)$ is as in Section 1, and $b(s) = \xi^*(2s + 2)\xi^*(4s + 2)$.

Here $\xi^*(s) = \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma(s/2)(s)$, so by the functional equation $\xi^*(s) = \xi^*(1 - s)$ we have $a(s) = b(-s)$. On the other hand, by (5.14) and (6.19),

$$Z(-s, F, M(s)\Phi^v) = \left( \prod_v \delta_v(s) \right) \cdot \frac{a(s)}{b(s)} \cdot Z(-s, F, \Phi^v(-s))$$

$$= \left( \prod_v \delta_v(s) \right) \cdot \frac{a(s)}{b(s)} \frac{1}{b(-s)} \Lambda(F, -s + 2). \quad (7.11)$$

This yields

$$\Lambda(F, s + 2) = \left( \prod_v \delta_v(s) \right) \cdot \Lambda(F, -s + 2). \quad (7.12)$$

Shifting $s$ by 2 and using the values of $\delta_v(s)$ given in (5.15) and (6.20), we obtain
the functional equation

$$\Lambda(F, s) = -\left(\prod_{p|N} \varepsilon_p\right) \cdot N^{-5s+10} \Lambda(F, 4-s),$$

(7.13)

claimed in Section 1.

We will now show that $\Lambda(F, s)$ is entire. This fact should follow immediately from the results of Ikeda [20], provided we were to check that our ‘bad’ Euler factors agree with his. Instead of doing this, we will sketch a proof that there are no poles based on the results of [26] and [25], [34].

Consider again the integral representation

$$\Lambda(F, s + 2) = \int_{\mathcal{O}(\Lambda)H(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus H(\Lambda)} \tilde{F}(h)b(s)E(h, s, \Phi^s) dh,$$

of (7.10). By the functional equation, it suffices to show that the right hand side of this expression has no poles in the half plane $\Re(s) \geq 0$. Let $S = \{\infty\} \cup \{p : p \mid N\}$ and observe that we have

$$b(s)E(g, s, \Phi^s) = \left(\prod_{p \in S} \xi_p^{-1}(s)b_p(s)\right) \cdot b_S(s)E(g, s, \Phi^s),$$

where $b_S(s) = \prod_{p \notin S} b_p(s)$, and

$$\Phi^s = \Phi_{\infty}^{-2}(s) \otimes (\otimes_{p|N} \Phi_{K_p}^s(s))(\otimes_{p|N} \Phi_{K_p}(s)).$$

By (5.11) and (6.21)

$$\xi_p^{-1}b_p(s) = \varepsilon_p p^{s+1}(p+1)^3(1 - \varepsilon_p p^{-s-1})^{-2},$$

and

$$\xi_{\infty}^{-1}b_{\infty}(s) = -\pi^{-3s-7} \Gamma(s+2) \Gamma(2s+2).$$

These factors are holomorphic in the half plane of interest. On the other hand, it is proved in [26] that for any standard section $\Phi(s)$ (the restriction of such a section to $K$ is independent of $s$) which is $K_p$ invariant for $p \notin S$, the normalized Eisenstein series $b_S(s)E(g, s, \Phi)$ has at most simple poles at $s = 1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -1$. (Note that the variable $s$ of [26] must be replaced by $2s$ to obtain the Eisenstein series of our present paper.)

Since the central character of our Eisenstein series is trivial, the residue at the point $s = 1$ is a constant function of $g$, while the residue at $s = \frac{1}{2}$ is a (regularized)
theta series associated to a split binary quadratic form [25]. These results hold for the series \( b_\theta(s)E(g, s, \Phi'(s)) \) as well, since \( \Phi'(s) \) is a finite linear combination of standard sections with entire coefficients. But since \( E(g, s, \Phi'(s)) \) is an eigenfunction with non-trivial eigencharacter for \( K_\theta \), its residue at \( s = 1 \) must vanish. Thus the only possible pole of \( \Lambda(F, s + 2) \) in the half plane \( \text{Re}(s) \geq 0 \) is at \( s = \frac{1}{2} \).

To exclude this pole we observe that the restriction to \( H(\mathbb{A}) \) of the regularized binary theta series can be shown to be orthogonal to all cusp forms on this group.

Thus we have:

**COROLLARY 7.2.** \( \Lambda(F, s) \) is entire.

Note that the key ingredients in the proof—the fact that the residue of the regularized Eisenstein series at \( s = \frac{1}{2} \) is a theta series series associated to a split binary quadratic form and the fact that the restriction of such a series to \( H(\mathbb{A}) \) is orthogonal to all cusp forms—require only that the product of the central characters of the triple of cusp forms be trivial. Thus the same argument shows that the triple product \( L \)-function is entire under this condition.

Actually, Ikeda [20] shows that, up to twisting each of the given triple of cuspidal automorphic representations \( \pi_i \) of \( \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{A}) \) by a character of the form \( |\det g|^{s_i} \) for some \( s_i \in \mathbb{C} \), the triple product \( L \) function can only have poles when the product of the central characters is a non-trivial quadratic character \( \omega \). In this case, if \( K \) is the quadratic extension corresponding to \( \omega \), there exist quasicharacters \( \chi_1, \chi_2 \) and \( \chi_3 \) of \( K \) with \( \chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_3 = 1 \) such that \( \pi_i = \pi(\chi_i) \). The poles of the Langlands \( L \)-function (with functional equation relating \( s \) to \( 1 - s \)) then occur at \( s = 0 \) and \( 1 \).

It is perhaps enlightening to describe the Eisenstein series which occurs here in classical language. We will do this only in the case \( N = p \) is a prime; the general case goes along the same lines.

For convenience we write \( K = \prod_q K_q \) where \( K_q = \text{GSp}_3(\mathbb{Z}_q) \) is our fixed maximal compact subgroup of \( G_q \) and let

\[
\Gamma = G(\mathbb{Q}) \cap (G(\mathbb{R})^+ \cdot K) = \text{GSp}_3(\mathbb{Z}).
\]  

Similarly, we let \( K' = K_0(p) \times \prod_{q \neq p} K_q \) and let \( \Gamma' = G(\mathbb{Q}) \cap (G(\mathbb{R})^+ \cdot K') = \Gamma_0(p) \) and let

\[
\Gamma' = G(\mathbb{Q}) \cap (G(\mathbb{R})^+ \cdot K') = \Gamma_0(p), \tag{7.15}
\]

be the corresponding congruence subgroup of \( \Gamma \). Note that \( \nu(K) = \nu(K') = \hat{\mathbb{Z}}^\times \) so that, by the strong approximation theorem,

\[
G(\mathbb{A}) = G(\mathbb{Q})G(\mathbb{R})^+ K = G(\mathbb{Q})G(\mathbb{R})^+ K'.
\]
Since $E(g, s, \Phi)$ is left $G(\mathbb{Q})$ and right $K'$ invariant, it suffices to evaluate it for $g \in G(\mathbb{R})^+$, which we view as an element of $G(\mathbb{A})$ with trivial components at all finite places. Moreover, since $\Phi$, is an eigenfunction of $K'$, we may assume that $g = g_\infty$ has the form
\begin{equation}
\begin{aligned}
g_\infty &= n(x)m(v) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ & t_v \end{pmatrix}, \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ & t_v \end{pmatrix},
\end{aligned}
\end{equation}
with $v \in \text{GL}_3(\mathbb{R})^+$, and we set
\begin{equation}
Z = x + iy = x + i^t v v = g(i^t \cdot 1_3) \in \mathbb{H},
\end{equation}
We also observe that

**Lemma 7.3.**

$P(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash G(\mathbb{Q}) \simeq (P(\mathbb{Q}) \cap \Gamma) \backslash \Gamma$.

In particular, a set of coset representatives for $P(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash G(\mathbb{Q})$ may be taken to lie in $\text{Sp}_3(\mathbb{Z})$.

Thus we obtain
\begin{equation}
E(g, s, \Phi) = \sum_{\gamma \in P(\mathbb{Q}) \cap \Gamma \backslash \Gamma} \Phi_\infty(\gamma g, s)\Phi_\gamma(\gamma),
\end{equation}
and it only remains to evaluate the two factors of each term.

If $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in G(\mathbb{Q})$ with $\nu(\gamma) = 1$, we write $\gamma g = nm(\alpha, 1)k$ in the Iwasawa decomposition, with $\alpha \in \text{GL}_3(\mathbb{R})^+$ and have
\begin{equation}
(0, 1_3) \cdot \gamma g \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1_3 \\ i \cdot 1_3 \end{pmatrix} = i^t \alpha^{-1}k
\end{equation}
as in (6.5). On the other hand, we find that
\begin{equation}
(0, 1_3) \cdot \gamma g \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1_3 \\ i \cdot 1_3 \end{pmatrix} = i\cdot (c\bar{Z} + d) v^{-1},
\end{equation}
and thus,
\begin{equation}
\det(\alpha) = |\det(\alpha)| = \det(v) \cdot |\det(c\bar{Z} + d)|^{-1},
\end{equation}
\[ \text{det}(k) = \text{det}(c\vec{Z} + d)|\text{det}(cZ + d)|^{-1}. \] (7.22)

Thus, recalling (6.18) and the fact that \( \text{det}(y) = \text{det}(v)^2 \), we have

**Lemma 7.4.**

\[ \Phi^\delta_{\infty}(\gamma g, s) = \zeta_\infty(s)^{-1} \text{det}(c\vec{Z} + d)^{-2} |\text{det}(cZ + d)|^{2 - 2s - 2} \cdot \text{det}(y)^{s+1} \]

where

\[ \zeta_\infty(s)^{-1} = -\pi^{-\frac{s\delta}{2}}(s + 1)(2s + 1). \]

Next note that we must have \( e_p = -a_pb_p^3 = -1 \), since \( N = p \). Thus, recalling (5.10), (5.11), (5.4),

\[ \Phi_\delta^p(s) = \zeta_p(s)^{-1}\Phi_\delta^R(s), \]

with

\[ \zeta_p(s)^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} p^{s+1}(p + 1)^3 \frac{(1 - p^{-2s-2})(1 - p^{-4s-2})}{(1 + p^{-s-1})^2}. \]

Now by (3.8) and the definition of \( \Phi^\delta_{\infty}(s) \) given after (3.2), we have, for \( \gamma \in \Gamma \) as above,

\[ \Phi_\delta^\gamma(s, g) = (-1)^{r_\delta(c)}p^{-r_\delta(c)(s+1)}, \] (7.23)

where \( r_\delta(c) \) is the rank (mod \( p \)) of the matrix \( c \in M_3(\mathbb{Z}) \). Collecting these facts we obtain the expression

**Proposition 7.5.** If \( N = p \) is a prime, then

\[ E(\vec{Z}, s) = \text{det}(v)^{-2}E(g, s, \Phi^\delta) \]

\[ = \frac{1}{2} \pi^{-5}(s + 1)(2s + 1)p^{s+1}(p + 1)^3 \frac{(1 - p^{-s-1})(1 - p^{-4s-2})}{(1 + p^{-s-1})} \]

\[ \times \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} (-1)^{r_\delta(c)}p^{-r_\delta(c)(s+1)} \text{det}(c\vec{Z} + d)^{-2} |\text{det}(cZ + d)|^{-2s} \cdot \text{det}(y)^s. \]

Here, \( \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Sp}_3(\mathbb{Z}) \) and \( r_\delta(c) \) denotes the rank (mod \( p \)) of \( c \).
Note that $E(Z, s)$ is a (non-holomorphic) Siegel modular form of weight $-2$ for $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(p)$, while $E(Z, \bar{s})$ is a (non-holomorphic) Siegel modular form of weight $2$ for $\Gamma' = \Gamma_0(p)$.

8. The Weil-Siegel formula and consequences

In this section we will recall the relation between the central value of the Eisenstein series $E(g, s, \Phi)$ of Section 7 and a certain type of theta series associated to a definite quaternion algebra. This relation is the Weil-Siegel formula as extended in [24, 33], and in our present situation, it provides an explicit formula for the central value of the triple product $L$-function. If, for our given $F$, the sign $\varepsilon = -\prod_{p|N} (-a_p b_p c_p)$ in the functional equation of $L(F, s)$ is $-1$, then $L(F, 2) = 0$. Thus we will restrict our attention to the case in which $\varepsilon = +1$. In fact, it can be shown that when $\varepsilon = -1$, we have $E(g, 0, \Phi^3) = 0$ as well, where $E(g, s, \Phi^3)$ is the Eisenstein series which occurs in the integral representation (7.10).

Let $S = \{ p : p | N$ and $\varepsilon_p = -a_p b_p c_p = -1 \} \cup \{ \infty \}$ be the even set of places of $\mathbb{Q}$ determined by $F$ and let $B$ be the unique definite quaternion algebra ramified at the places in $S$. Let $R \subset B$ be an Eichler order with reduced discriminant $N$. Note that $R$ is unique up to local conjugacy. Let $v : B \to \mathbb{Q}$ be the reduced norm, and let $V, (\ , \ )$ be the rational vector space $V = B$ with quadratic form $v(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x, x)$. Here the associated bilinear form is given by $(x, y) = tr_B(xy^t)$ where $x \mapsto x^t$ is the main involution of $B$, and $tr_B : B \to \mathbb{Q}$ is the reduced trace.

Define a Schwartz function $\varphi = \otimes_{e} \varphi_e \in S(V(\mathbb{A}))$ by

$$\varphi_p = \text{characteristic function of } R_p \quad (R_p = R \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p) \quad (8.1)$$

and

$$\varphi_{\infty}(x) = e^{-2\pi v(x)}. \quad (8.2)$$

Then let

$$\check{\varphi} = \varphi \otimes \varphi \otimes \varphi \in S(V(\mathbb{A})^3). \quad (8.3)$$

Let $G = GSp_3$ and let $G^1 = Sp_3$ be the kernel of the scale map. Also let $O(V)$ be the orthogonal group of $V, (\ , \ )$. We will describe $O(V)$ more explicitly in terms of $B^\times$ in a moment. Recall that for our fixed additive character $\psi$ there is a Weil representation $\omega = \omega_{\psi}$ of $G^1(\mathbb{A})$ on $S(V(\mathbb{A})^3)$, which commutes with the
natural action of \(O(V)(\mathbb{A})\) \cite{42}. The theta function

\[
\theta(g, r, \tilde{\varphi}) = \sum_{x \in V(\mathbb{A})^3} (\omega(g)\tilde{\varphi})(r^{-1}x)
\]  

(8.4)

is left \(G^1(\mathbb{Q})\) invariant as a function of \(g \in G^1(\mathbb{A})\) and left \(O(V)(\mathbb{Q})\) invariant as a function of \(r \in O(V)(\mathbb{A})\). Moreover, since \(B\) is a division algebra so that the quadratic space \(V, (\ , \ )\) is anisotropic, the space \(O(V)(\mathbb{Q})\backslash O(V)(\mathbb{A})\) is compact and the integral

\[
I(g, \tilde{\varphi}) = \int_{O(V)(\mathbb{Q})\backslash O(V)(\mathbb{A})} \theta(g, r, \tilde{\varphi}) \, dr
\]  

(8.5)

is absolutely convergent. Here we normalize the invariant measure \(dr\) so that

\[
\text{vol}(O(V)(\mathbb{Q})\backslash O(V)(\mathbb{A}), \, dr) = 1.
\]

For \(P = MN\) and \(K\) as in Section 7, we have an Iwasawa decomposition

\[
G(\mathbb{A}) = N(\mathbb{A})M(\mathbb{A})K, \quad g = nm(a, v)k,
\]

with \(n \in N(\mathbb{A}), k \in K\), and where, for \(a \in GL_3(\mathbb{A})\) and \(v \in \mathbb{A}^\times\), \(m(a, v)\) is given by (2.0). Although \(a\) and \(v\) are not uniquely determined by \(g\), the quantities

\[
|a(g)| = |\det a|_{\mathbb{A}} \quad \text{and} \quad |v(g)| = |v|_{\mathbb{A}}
\]

are well defined.

For \(s \in \mathbb{C}, g_1 \in G^1(\mathbb{A})\) and \(\tilde{\varphi} \in S(V(\mathbb{A})^3)\) as above, we let

\[
\Phi_{\text{flat}}(g_1, s) = (\omega(g_1)\tilde{\varphi})(0) \cdot |a(g_1)|^{2s}.
\]  

(8.6)

Here the subscript ‘flat’ refers to the fact that the restriction of this section to \(K\) is independent of \(s\). Note that by the formulas for the action of \(M(\mathbb{A})\) and \(N(\mathbb{A})\) in the Weil representation, the function \(g_1 \mapsto (\omega(g_1)\tilde{\varphi})(0)\) lies in \(I(0)\), and, hence, the function \(g_1 \mapsto \Phi(g_1, s)\) lies in \(I(s)\). For any \(g \in G(\mathbb{A})\), we let

\[
g_1 = \left(1 \begin{array}{c} v(g) \end{array} \right) \cdot g,
\]

and set

\[
\Phi_{\text{flat}}(g, s) = |v(g)|^{-3s-3} \Phi_{\text{flat}}(g_1, s).
\]  

(8.7)
It is not difficult to check that \( \Phi_{\text{flat}}(s) \) lies in the space \( I(s) \), the global induced representation defined in Section 7. As in that section, we may then form the Eisenstein series \( E(g, s, \Phi_{\text{flat}}) \), which extends by analytic continuation to a meromorphic function on the whole \( s \) plane. The function \( E(g, s, \Phi_{\text{flat}}) \) is holomorphic at \( s = 0 \) and the Weil-Siegel formula \([24, 33]\) asserts that

\[
E(g, 0, \Phi_{\text{flat}}) = 2I(g, \hat{\varphi}).
\]  

(8.8)

Note that the factor of 2 occurs because we are on the unitary axis \([24]\).

We next must determine the local components of \( \Phi_{\text{flat}}(s) = \bigotimes_v \Phi_{\text{flat}, v}(s) \).

First we consider \( \varphi_p \), the characteristic function of \( R_p \subset B_p \). Let

\[
\hat{R}_p = \{ x \in B_p \mid \text{tr}_B(xy') \in \mathbb{Z}_p \text{ for all } y \in R_p \},
\]

(8.9)

and let

\[
\tilde{\varphi}_p(x) = \int_{B_p} \psi(\text{tr}_B(xy'))\varphi(y) \, dy,
\]

(8.10)

be the Fourier transform of \( \varphi_p \), where \( dy \) is the self dual measure on \( B_p \) for the pairing \( \langle x, y \rangle = \psi(\text{tr}_B(xy')) \). Then it is easy to check that

**LEMMA 8.1.**

\[ \tilde{\varphi}_p = \kappa_p \cdot \text{the characteristic function of } \hat{R}_p, \]

where

\[
\kappa_p = \text{vol}(R_p, dx) = \begin{cases} p^{-1} & \text{if } p \mid N \\ 1 & \text{if } p \nmid N. \end{cases}
\]

Also recall that the group \( \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p) \) acts on \( S(V_p) \) via the Weil representation \( \omega^{(1)} \) determined by our fixed \( \psi \), and that, for this action \([21]\)

\[
\omega^{(1)} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \varphi(x) = \varepsilon_p \int_{B_p} \psi(\text{tr}_B(xy'))\varphi(y) \, dy = \varepsilon_p \tilde{\varphi}_p(x),
\]

(8.11)

where we recall that

\[
\varepsilon_p = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } B_p \text{ is a division algebra} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}
\]

(8.12)
Similarly, the group $\text{Sp}_3(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ acts on $S(V^3_p) \cong S(V_p) \otimes S(V_p) \otimes S(V_p)$ via the Weil representation $\omega = \omega^{(3)}$, and the restriction of this representation to the subgroup $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)^3$ is the outer tensor product of the representations $\omega^{(1)}$ on the three factors. In particular, the element $w_i$ of (3.2), for $0 \leq i \leq 3$, acts by (8.11) on the last $i$ components of an element $\varphi = \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2 \otimes \varphi_3$, and acts trivially on the other components.

**PROPOSITION 8.2.** For any prime $p$, let $\tilde{\varphi}_p = \varphi_p \otimes \varphi_p \otimes \varphi_p \in S(V^3_p)$ with $\varphi_p$ given by (8.1).

(i) if $p \nmid N$, then for all $g \in G^1(\mathbb{Q}_p)$,

$$\Phi_{\text{flat}}(g, 0) = (\omega(g)\tilde{\varphi}_p)(0) = \Phi_{K_p}(g, 0),$$

where $\Phi_{K_p}(s)$ is the normalized $K_p$ invariant section of $I_p(s)$, as in Section 3.

(ii) If $p \mid N$, then for all $g \in G^1(\mathbb{Q}_p)$,

$$\Phi_{\text{flat}}(g, 0) = (\omega(g)\tilde{\varphi}_p)(0) = \Phi_{K_p}^\varepsilon(g, 0),$$

where $\varepsilon_p$ is as above and $\Phi_{K_p}^\varepsilon(s)$ is the section defined in Section 3, (3.8).

Note that (ii) is the main reason for our choice of the functions $\Phi_{K_p}^\varepsilon(s)$ in Section 3, and also that the section $\Phi_{K_p}^\varepsilon(s)$ ‘twists away’ from $\Phi_{\text{flat}}(s)$ as we move away from the point $s = 0$.

**Proof.** For convenience, we will write $\varphi$ for $\tilde{\varphi}_p$. First note that it suffices to prove these identities for $g = k \in K_p \cap G^1(\mathbb{Q}_p)$. Moreover, for any element $k \in K_0(p) \cap G^1(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ we have a decomposition

$$k = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ pc & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & bd^{-1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ pd^{-1}c & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{8.13}$$

Note that the element $d$ here lies in $GL_3(\mathbb{Z}_p)$. Now we have

**LEMMA 8.3.** $\varphi = \tilde{\varphi}_p$ is $K_0(p)$ invariant.

**Proof.** By (8.13) and the standard formulas for the action of $\text{Sp}_3(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ in the Weil representation,

$$\omega(k)\varphi(x) = \psi \left( \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(bd^{-1}(x, x)) \right) \left( \omega \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ pd^{-1}c & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \varphi \right)(x'd^{-1}).$$

Since

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ pd^{-1}c & 1 \end{pmatrix} = w_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -pd^{-1}c \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} w_3^{-1},$$
we have

$$\omega\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ pd^{-1}c & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) \varphi(x'd^{-1}) = \int_{R^3_p} \psi\left(-\frac{1}{2}p \text{tr}(d^{-1}c(y, y))\right) \psi(\text{tr}(d^{-1}(x, y))) \hat{\varphi}(-y) \, dy,$$

where, by Lemma 8.1, $\hat{\varphi}$ is $\kappa_p^3$ times the characteristic function of $(\hat{R}_p)^3 \subset V_p^3$. Thus this integral becomes

$$\kappa_p^3 \int_{\hat{R}_p^3} \psi(-\frac{1}{2}p \text{tr}(d^{-1}c(y, y))) \psi(\text{tr}(d^{-1}(x, y))) \, dy.$$

The following fact is easily checked

**LEMMA 8.4.** If $y_1$ and $y_2$ are in $\hat{R}_p^3$, then $\text{tr}_p(y_1y_2) \in \kappa_p \cdot \mathbb{Z}_p$, where $\kappa_p$ is as in Lemma 8.1.

Now let $d^{-1}c = T = \tau^T \in M_3(\mathbb{Q}_p)$. Then

$$\text{tr}(T(y, y)) = \sum_i T_{i,i} 2v(y_i) + \sum_{i < j} 2T_{i,j} \text{tr}_p(y_iy_j) \in 2\kappa_p \cdot \mathbb{Z}_p,$$

and so

$$\psi(-\frac{1}{2}p \text{tr}(d^{-1}c(y, y))) = 1$$

for $y \in \hat{R}_p^3$. Thus our integral is just

$$\kappa_p^3 \int_{\hat{R}_p^3} \psi(\text{tr}(d^{-1}(x, y))) \, dy = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in R_p^3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since, for $x \in R_p^3$, $\psi(\frac{1}{2}\text{tr}(bd^{-1}(x, x))) = 1$, we obtain $\omega(k)\varphi = \varphi$, as claimed. 

Since, by the Lemma just proved, the function $g \mapsto (\omega(g)\varphi)(0)$ lies in the space $I_p(0)^{K_{0}(p)}$, it suffices to compute the values of this function on the $w_j$'s for $0 \leq j \leq 3$. But, as remarked above, $\omega(w_j)$ acts componentwise, so that

$$(\omega(w_j)\varphi)(0) = (e_p, \kappa_p)^j.$$ 

Thus

$$(\omega(g)\varphi)(0) = \sum_j (e_p, \kappa_p)^j \Phi_j(g, 0),$$

as claimed.
In the archimedean case, since $B$ is definite, it is not difficult to check that if
\[ \tilde{\varphi}_\infty = \varphi_\infty \otimes \varphi_\infty \otimes \varphi_\infty, \]
with $\varphi_\infty(x) = e^{-2\pi x(x)}$ as in (8.2), then
\[ (\omega(g)\tilde{\varphi}_\infty)(0) = \Phi_\infty^2(g, 0), \]
(8.14)
for all $g \in G^1(\mathbb{R})$. Here $\Phi_\infty^{2n}(k, s) = (\det k)^{2n}$ as in (6.3). In fact, since $V_B$ is positive
definite of dimension 4, it is well known (see, for example, [23]) that the
Gaussian $\tilde{\varphi}_\infty$ is an eigenvector for the action of $K_\infty = U(3)$ with character $\det(k)^2$. On the other hand, the $K_\infty$-types in the induced representation $I_\infty(0)$
 occur with multiplicity 1 [27], so that the function $g \mapsto (\omega(g)\tilde{\varphi}_\infty)(0)$ must be a
multiple of $\Phi_\infty^2(\cdot, 0)$. Since both functions take the value 1 at $g = e$, we obtain
(8.14). Also, taking the complex conjugate, we have
\[ \Phi_\infty^{-2}(g, 0) = \Phi_\infty^{2}(g, 0) = \bar{\omega(g)}\tilde{\varphi}_\infty(0). \]
(8.15)

Now let $\Phi_\infty(s) \otimes \Phi_\infty(s) \in I(s)$ be the section chosen in Section 7, with local
components given by (5.10) and (6.18). Then we define
\[ \Psi(g, s) = \Phi_\infty^{-2}(g_\infty, s) \cdot \prod_{p \mid N} \Phi_{R_p}(g_p, s) \cdot \prod_{p \mid N} \Phi_{K_p}(g_p, s) \]
\[ = \xi_\infty(s) \cdot \prod_{p \mid N} \xi_p(s) \cdot \Phi_\infty(g, s). \]
(8.16)

Recall that $\xi_p(s)$ and $\xi_\infty(s)$ are given by (5.11) and (6.21), respectively. Note that the
section
\[ \Phi(g, s) = \overline{\Psi(g, s)} = \Phi_\infty^{2}(g_\infty, s) \cdot \prod_{p \mid N} \Phi_{R_p}(g_p, s) \cdot \prod_{p \mid N} \Phi_{K_p}(g_p, s) \]
is not standard, i.e., its restriction to $K$ is not independent of $s$, but that the
difference
\[ \Phi_{\text{diff}}(g, s) = \Phi(g, s) - \Phi_{\text{flat}}(g, s) \]
has at least a simple zero at $s = 0$. Here $\Phi_{\text{flat}}(s)$ is the standard section associated
to our fixed Schwartz function $\tilde{\varphi}$ of (8.3). Now
\[ E(g, s, \Phi_\infty(s)) = \bar{\zeta}(s)^{-1} \cdot E(g, s, \Psi), \]
(8.17)
where
\[ \bar{\zeta}(s) = \xi_\infty(s) \cdot \prod_{p \mid N} \xi_p(s). \]
(8.18)
Then
\[ E(g, s, \Psi) = E(g, \bar{s}, \Phi) = \overline{E(g, s, \Phi) = E(g, s, \Phi_{\text{flat}}) + E(g, s, \Phi_{\text{diff}})}. \]

Thus by the Weil-Siegel formula (8.8)
\[
E(g, s, \Phi^3(s))|_{s=0} = \zeta(0)^{-1}E(g, s, \Psi)|_{s=0} = \zeta(0)^{-1}[E(g, s, \Phi_{\text{flat}})|_{s=0} + E(g, s, \Phi_{\text{diff}})|_{s=0}] = \zeta(0)^{-1}2I(g, \bar{\varphi}). \quad (8.19)
\]

9. A formula for \( L(F, 2) \)

Using the Weil-Siegel formula of the last section together with the integral representation (7.7) and (7.10), we obtain the following formula:
\[
L(F, 2) = 2b(0)\zeta(0)^{-1}L_{\infty}(F, 2)^{-1} \int_{Z_{d}(\mathcal{A})H(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash H(\mathbb{A})} \tilde{F}(g)I(g, \bar{\varphi}) \, dg. \quad (9.1)
\]

Note that
\[
b(0) = \pi^{-2}\zeta(2)^2, \quad L_{\infty}(F, 2) = (2\pi)^{-5} \quad \xi_{\infty}(0) = -\pi^5
\]
and
\[
\xi_{p}(0) = 2\varepsilon_{p}p^{-1}(p + 1)^{-3}(1 + \varepsilon_{p}p^{-1})^{-2}. \quad (9.2)
\]

Using these values and the fact that \( \Pi_{p|N}\varepsilon_{p} = -1 \), this becomes
\[
L(F, 2) = 2^{10-t}\pi^2 \cdot \frac{N}{24^2} \prod_{p|N} (p + 1)^{3}(1 + \varepsilon_{p}p^{-1})^2 \int_{Z_{d}(\mathcal{A})H(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash H(\mathbb{A})} \tilde{F}(g)I(g, \bar{\varphi}) \, dg, 
\quad (9.3)
\]
where \( t = \# \{p : p | N \} \).

Next we want to reduce this integral to a more classical form. Suppose that \( \Omega \) is a function on \( \mathfrak{h}^3 \) which is left invariant under the action on \( \Gamma_{0}(N)^{3} \). For
\( g \in H(\mathbb{A}) \), write \( g = \gamma \cdot g_\infty \cdot k \) with \( \gamma \in H(\mathbb{Q}) \), \( g_\infty \in H(\mathbb{R})^+ = (GL_2^+(\mathbb{R}))^3 \cap H(\mathbb{R}) \), and \( k \in K'_f = \Gamma_0(N)^3 \cap H(\mathbb{A})_f \); and let

\[
\tilde{\Omega}(g) = \Omega(g_\infty(i)) = \Omega(z_1, z_2, z_3), \tag{9.4}
\]

where \( g_\infty(i) = (z_1, z_2, z_3) \). Note that \( \tilde{\Omega} \) is left \( Z_G(\mathbb{A})_H(\mathbb{Q}) \)-invariant and right \( K' \) invariant, where \( K' = K'_\infty \cdot K'_f \) with \( K'_\infty = SO(2)^3 \). Let \( Z' = Z_G(\mathbb{A})_f \cap K'_f \) and note that

\[
Z_G(\mathbb{A}) = Z_G(\mathbb{Q})Z_G(\mathbb{R})^+ Z'.
\]

Also observe that

\[ H(\mathbb{Q})Z_G(\mathbb{A}) \cap H(\mathbb{R})^+ K'_f = H(\mathbb{Q})Z_G(\mathbb{R})^+ Z' \cap H(\mathbb{R})^+ K'_f \]
\[ = Z_G(\mathbb{R})^+ Z' \cdot \Gamma_0(N)^3. \]

Recall that in section 4 and section 6 we have fixed measures \( dg_\infty \) on each of the groups \( H_v \) and that the measure \( dg \) on \( H(\mathbb{A}) \) is the corresponding product measure. Then, noting that \( \text{vol}(SO(2)^3/(\pm 1)^3) = \pi^3 \) and that \( |a|^{-2} \, dx \, d^2a = \frac{1}{2} \, y^{-2} \, dx \, dy \), and using the observations above, we have

\[
\int_{Z_G(\mathbb{A})H(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus H(\mathbb{A})} \tilde{\Omega}(g) \, dg = \int_{H(\mathbb{Q})Z_G(\mathbb{R})^+ Z' \setminus H(\mathbb{Q})H(\mathbb{R})^+ K'_f} \tilde{\Omega}(g) \, dg
\]
\[
= \int_{Z_G(\mathbb{R})^+ Z' \cdot \Gamma_0(N)^3 \setminus H(\mathbb{R})^+ K'_f} \tilde{\Omega}(g) \, dg
\]
\[
= \int_{\Gamma_0(N)^3 \setminus \Gamma_0(N)^3 \times Z' \setminus K'_f} \tilde{\Omega}(g_\infty) \, dg_\infty
\]
\[
= \left( \prod_{p \mid N} (p + 1)^{-3} \right) \int_{\Gamma_0(N)^3 \setminus \Gamma_0(N)^3} \tilde{\Omega}(g_\infty) \, dg_\infty
\]
\[
= \left( \prod_{p \mid N} (p + 1)^{-3} \right) \frac{\pi^3}{8} \int_{\Gamma_0(N)^3 \setminus \Gamma_0(N)^3} \Omega(z) \, d\mu(z), \tag{9.5}
\]

with

\[
d\mu(z) = \prod_{j=1}^3 \frac{dx_j \, dy_j}{y_j^2} \quad \text{with} \quad z_j = x_j + iy_j. \tag{9.6}
\]

Here the factor \( \prod_{p \mid N}(p + 1)^{-3} \) is the index of \( K'_f \) in \( K_{H,f} \) and is equal to the volume of the group \( Z' \setminus K'_f \). Taking \( \tilde{\Omega}(g) = \tilde{F}(g)I(g, \varphi) \), with \( \tilde{F}(g) = \)
Note that we may take
\( g_\infty = (g_1, g_2, g_3) \)

with
\[
g_j = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_j & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a_j \\ 0 & 0 & a_j^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_j = y_j^{-1/2},
\]
(9.8)

so that \( j(g_\infty, i)^{-2} = y_1 y_2 y_3 \).

To compute
\[
I(g_\infty, \tilde{\varphi}) = \int_{O(V) \backslash O(V \otimes K)} \theta(g_\infty, r; \tilde{\varphi}) \, dr,
\]
we need a classical expression for the theta function \( \theta(g_\infty, r; \tilde{\varphi}) \). Let
\[
M = (B^x \times B^x)_0 = \{(b_1, b_2) \in B^x \times B^x \mid v(b_1) = v(b_2)\},
\]
(9.9)
and define an involution \( \tau: M \to M \) by
\[
\tau: (b_1, b_2) \mapsto (b_2 \cdot v^{-1}, b_1 \cdot v^{-1}),
\]
(9.10)
where \( v = v(b_1) = v(b_2) \). There is then a surjective homomorphism
\[
\rho: M \to \langle \tau \rangle \to O(V),
\]
(9.11)
where, for \( x \in V = B \),
\[
\rho(b_1, b_2) x = b_1 x b_2^{-1},
\]
(9.12)
and
\[
\rho(\tau) x = x^t.
\]
(9.13)
This yields an exact sequence

$$1 \to Z_M \to M \to \langle \tau \rangle \to O(V) \to 1, \quad (9.14)$$

with

$$Z_M = \{(z, z) \in B^\times \times B^\times | z \in \text{center of } B^\times \}. \quad (9.15)$$

Note that $Z_M$ has index 2 in the center of $M$. Here we are extending the classical isomorphism $M/Z_M \cong SO(V)$ by the orthogonal involution $x \mapsto x'$, which has determinant $-1$. For the Eichler order $R$ as above, let $\hat{R} = R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \hat{\mathbb{Z}}$ and let

$$K_M = (\hat{R}^\times \times \hat{R}^\times)_0, \quad (9.16)$$

so that $K_M$ is a compact open subgroup of $M(\mathbb{A}_f)$. For each place $v$, let $\tau_v : M_v \to M_v$ be the involution which extends $\tau$, and let

$$C = \prod_v \langle \tau_v \rangle. \quad (9.17)$$

We note that $\rho$ maps $C$ isomorphically to a compact subgroup of $O(V)(\mathbb{A})$, and give $C$ the corresponding topology. Note that for each $p$ the group $K_{M,p} = (R_p^\times \times R_p^\times)_0$ is preserved by the action of $\tau_p$ and that the image of $K_M >\rho \langle \tau_p \rangle$ under $\rho$ is a compact open subgroup of $O(V)(\mathbb{A}_f)$.

There is a double coset decomposition

$$B_\mathbb{A}^\times = \prod_{i=1}^n B^\times R_i b_i \hat{R}^\times, \quad (9.18)$$

where we may choose the representatives $b_i$ to have $b_i,\infty = 1$ and $v(b_i) = 1$. Recall that $v(B^\times) = \mathbb{Q}_+^\times$ [43, p. 206].

**LEMMA 9.1.** (i)

$$M(\mathbb{A}) = \prod_{i,j=1}^n M(\mathbb{Q}) M(\mathbb{R}) m_{i,j} K_M,$$

where $m_{i,j} = (b_i, b_j) \in (B_\mathbb{A}^\times \times B_\mathbb{A}^\times)_0 = M(\mathbb{A})$.

(ii) Let

$$\Gamma_{i,j} = M(\mathbb{Q}) \cap M(\mathbb{R}) m_{i,j} K_M m_{i,j}^{-1}$$
Then $\Gamma_{i,j}$ and $\Gamma_i$ are finite groups and

$$\Gamma_{i,j} \simeq \Gamma_i \times \Gamma_j.$$  

**Proof.** If $m = (m_1, m_2) \in M(\mathbb{A})$ with $m_i \in B_{\mathbb{A}}^\times$, write

$$m_i = \gamma_i m_{i,\infty} b_{r_i} k_i$$

with $\gamma_i \in B_{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$, $m_{i,\infty} \in B_{\mathbb{R}}^\times$, $k_i \in \hat{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$ and $b_{r_i}$ one of the coset representatives of (9.18). Then, since $\nu(m_1) = \nu(m_2)$, we have

$$\nu(\gamma_1 \gamma_2^{-1}) = \nu(m_{1,\infty}^{-1} m_{2,\infty}) \cdot \nu(k_1^{-1} k_2) \in \mathbb{R}_+^\times \cdot \hat{\mathbb{Q}}^\times,$$

which implies that $\nu(\gamma_1) = \nu(\gamma_2)$, and hence that $\nu(m_{1,\infty}) = \nu(m_{2,\infty})$ and $\nu(k_1) = \nu(k_2)$. Thus we may write

$$m = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)(m_{1,\infty}, m_{2,\infty})(b_{r_1}, b_{r_2})(k_1, k_2)$$

with each factor in $M(\mathbb{A})$, as required in (i). We omit the proof of (ii), which is similar. \(\square\)

We fix a measure on $M(\mathbb{A})$ as follows. First, on $M(\mathbb{A}_f)$ fix the Haar measure for which the compact open subgroup $K_M$ has measure 1. Note that $Z_M(\mathbb{R}) \simeq \mathbb{R}^\times$ and that $M(\mathbb{R}) \simeq Z_M(\mathbb{R})^+ \times M(\mathbb{R})^1$ where $Z_M(\mathbb{R})^+$ is the identity component of $Z_M(\mathbb{R})$ and $M(\mathbb{R})^1$ is the subgroup of $M(\mathbb{R})$ consisting of elements $(b_1, b_2)$ with $\nu(b_1) = \nu(b_2) = 1$. We choose Haar measure on $M(\mathbb{R})$ to be the product of $d^*z = z^{-1}dz$ (dz the Lebesque measure on $\mathbb{R}$) on $Z_M(\mathbb{R})^+$ and the measure on the compact group $M(\mathbb{R})^1$ with $\text{vol}(M(\mathbb{R})^1) = 1$. Finally we normalize the measure on the compact group $C$ to have $\text{vol}(C) = 1$.

Now $\rho$ induces a map

$$(Z_M(\mathbb{R})^+ M(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash M(\mathbb{A})) \times C \to O(V)(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash O(V)(\mathbb{A})$$ (9.19)

which is surjective and proper. Pushing forward the measure defined above, we obtain a measure $d_0r$ on $O(V)(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash O(V)(\mathbb{A})$ characterized by the identity

$$\int_{O(V)(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash O(V)(\mathbb{A})} f(r) d_0r = \int_{(Z_M(\mathbb{R})^+ M(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash M(\mathbb{A})) \times C} f(\rho(m, c)) dm dc.$$ (9.20)
In particular, 
\[ \text{vol}(O(V)(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus O(V)(\mathbb{A}), \, d_0 r) = \text{vol}(Z_M^+ M(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus M(\mathbb{A}), \, dm) \]
\[ = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{w_{i,j}}, \quad (9.21) \]
by the decomposition of Lemma 9.5, and with
\[ 4w_{i,j} = |\Gamma_{i,j}| = |M(\mathbb{Q}) \cap (M(\mathbb{R}) \cdot m_{i,j} K_M m_{i,j}^{-1})|. \quad (9.22) \]
By (ii) of Lemma 9.1, \( w_{i,j} = w_i w_j \), where
\[ 2w_i = |\Gamma_i| = |B_{\mathbb{R}}^\times \cap (B_{\mathbb{R}}^\times \cdot (b_i R^\times b_i^{-1}))|. \quad (9.23) \]
Thus the measure \( dr \) of the Weil-Siegel formula, which is normalized to have \( \text{vol}(O(V)(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus O(V)(\mathbb{A}), \, dr) = 1 \)
is
\[ dr = \left( \sum_{i} \frac{1}{2w_i} \right)^{-2} d_0 r. \quad (9.24) \]
Thus we obtain
\[ I(g_\infty, \tilde{\phi}) = \int_{O(V)(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus O(V)(\mathbb{A})} \theta(g_\infty, \, r; \, \tilde{\phi}) \, dr \]
\[ = \left( \sum_{i} \frac{1}{2w_i} \right)^{-2} \int_{Z_M(\mathbb{R})^+ M(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus M(\mathbb{A}) \times C} \theta(g_\infty, \, \rho(m, c); \, \tilde{\phi}) \, dm \, dc. \quad (9.25) \]
Note that the function \( \tilde{\phi} \) is invariant under \( K_M, \, C, \) and \( M(\mathbb{R})^1 \), so that the integral here is just
\[ \int_{Z_M(\mathbb{R})^+ M(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus M(\mathbb{A}) \times C} \theta(g_\infty, \, \rho(m, c); \, \tilde{\phi}) \, dm \, dc \]
\[ = \int_{Z_M(\mathbb{R})^+ M(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus M(\mathbb{A})} \theta(g_\infty, \, \rho(m); \, \tilde{\phi}) \, dm \]
\[ = \sum_{i,j} \int_{Z_M(\mathbb{R})^+ \Gamma_{i,j} \setminus M(\mathbb{R}) m_{i,j} K_M m_{i,j}^{-1}} \theta(g_\infty, \, \rho(m m_{i,j}); \, \tilde{\phi}) \, dm \]
But for $g_\infty$ as above, and for $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in V(\mathbb{R})^3$,

$$
(\omega(g_\infty) \tilde{\phi})(x) = y_1 y_2 y_3 e(\text{tr}(zv(x))),
$$

(9.27)

with $\text{tr}(zv(x)) = z_1 v(x_1) + z_2 v(x_2) + z_3 v(x_3)$. Thus,

$$
\theta(g_\infty, \rho(m_{i,j}); \tilde{\phi}) = y_1 y_2 y_3 \sum_{x \in (B_\mathcal{O} \cap b_i \mathcal{R} b_j^{-1})^3} e(\text{tr}(zv(x)))
= 8 y_1 y_2 y_3 \theta_{i,j}(z_1) \theta_{i,j}(z_2) \theta_{i,j}(z_3),
$$

(9.28)

where, for $z \in \mathfrak{F}$,

$$
\theta_{i,j}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in I_{i,j}} e(zv(x)),
$$

(9.29)

with

$$
I_{i,j} = B_\mathcal{O} \cap b_i \mathcal{R} b_j^{-1}.
$$

(9.30)

For $z \in \mathfrak{F}_3$, let

$$
\Theta(z) = \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{w_i w_j} \theta_{i,j}(z_1) \theta_{i,j}(z_2) \theta_{i,j}(z_3),
$$

(9.31)

so that the preceding analysis yields

$$
I(g_\infty, \tilde{\phi}) = 2 \left( \sum_{i} \frac{1}{2w_i} \right)^{-2} \cdot y_1 y_2 y_3 \cdot \Theta(z).
$$

(9.32)

Combining the pieces we finally obtain

**THEOREM 9.2.**

$$
L(F, 2) = \frac{2^{8-t} \pi^5}{N} \int_{\Gamma_0(N)^3 \setminus \mathfrak{F}_3} F(z) \cdot \Theta(z)(y_1 y_2 y_3)^2 \, d\mu(z).
$$

with $d\mu(z)$ defined in (9.6) and $\Theta(z)$ defined in (9.30).

**Proof.** It only remains to check the value of the constant. Combining (9.7),
and (9.25)–(9.30), we find

$$2^{7-t} \pi^5 \frac{N}{24^2} \prod_{p \mid N} (1 + \varepsilon_p p^{-1})^2 \cdot 2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{t} \frac{1}{2w_i} \right)^{-2}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (9.33)

But by Eichler's class number formula [41],

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{t} \frac{1}{2w_i} \right) = \frac{N}{24} \prod_{p \mid N} (1 + \varepsilon_p p^{-1}).$$  \hspace{1cm} (9.34)

Thus the constant is

$$2^8 - t \pi^5 / N$$

as claimed.

10. The diagonal cycle

We recall that $N \geq 1$ is a square free integer and for each prime $p \mid N$ we have a sign $\varepsilon_p = \pm 1$ determined by $F = f \otimes g \otimes h$. We assume that $\varepsilon = -\prod_{p \mid N} \varepsilon_p = +1$, so that there is a definite quaternion algebra $B$ over $\mathbb{Q}$ (unique up to isomorphism) which ramifies at the even set of places $S = \{ p : \varepsilon_p = -1 \} \cup \{ \infty \}$. Let $R$ be an order of reduced discriminant $N$ in $B$. At places $p \in S$, $R_p = R \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p$ is the unique maximal order in the local division algebra $B_p = B \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$. At places $p \not\in S$, $R_p$ is conjugate to the Eichler order

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) | c \equiv 0 \pmod{N \mathbb{Z}_p} \right\}$$

in the matrix algebra $B_p \simeq M_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$. In any case, $R$ exists and is unique up to local conjugacy.

Let $\widehat{R} = R \otimes \hat{\mathbb{Z}}$ and let $\widehat{B} = B \otimes \hat{\mathbb{Z}} = B \otimes \mathbb{Q} \otimes \mathbb{A}_f$. Let $D$ be the curve of genus 0 over $\mathbb{Q}$ associated to the quaternion algebra $B$, with a right action of the group $B^\times / \mathbb{Q}^\times$, and let $X$ be the curve defined by [13, section 3, 4]

$$X = ((\widehat{R}^\times \setminus \widehat{B}^\times) \times D) / B^\times.$$  \hspace{1cm} (10.1)

In (10.1) the group $B^\times$ acts simultaneously on the set $\widehat{R}^\times \setminus \widehat{B}^\times$ and the curve $D$. Since the double coset space $\widehat{R}^\times \setminus \widehat{B}^\times / B^\times$ is finite, $X$ is a disjoint union of curves of genus 0 over $\mathbb{Q}$. Indeed, let $\{ g_1, \ldots, g_n \}$ be a set of representatives for the double cosets and put $R_i = B \cap g_i^{-1} \widehat{R} g_i$. Note that we may as well take
Taking the coset \( \tilde{g}_i \times y \pmod{B^\times} \) to the coset \( y \pmod{\Gamma_i} \) on the \( i \)th component of \( X \).

In classical terms, the choice of coset representatives \( \{g_1, \ldots, g_n\} \) in \( \tilde{B}^\times \) corresponds to a choice of left ideals \( I_1, \ldots, I_n \) for \( R \) which represent the distinct left ideal classes \( (I_i = \tilde{g}_i \cap B) \) and \( R_i \) is the right order of \( I_i \). The lattice

\[
M_{i,j} = I_j^{-1}I_i = g_j^{-1}\tilde{g}_i \cap B = (b_i\tilde{R}b_j^{-1} \cap B)
\]

in \( B \) has left order \( R_j \) and right order \( R_i \). Its theta function

\[
\theta_{i,j} = \theta_{M_{i,j}}(q) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{b \in M_{i,j}} q^{\nu(b)/\nu(M_{i,j})}
\]

is a modular form of weight 2 for \( \Gamma_0(N) \) [7]. We have \( \theta_{i,j} = \theta_{j,i} \) as the canonical anti-involution of \( B \) identifies the lattice \( M_{i,j} \) with a multiple of the lattice \( M_{j,i} \).

The weighted sum, for any \( j \), of the theta series \( \theta_{i,j} \):

\[
E = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{w_i} \theta_{i,j} = \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n q^n
\]

is the unique Eisenstein series of weight 2 for \( \Gamma_0(N) \) which has first Fourier coefficient \( c_1 = 1 \) and satisfies \( E \mid w_p = \delta_p \cdot E \) for all primes \( p \mid N \) (where \( w_p \) is the Atkin-Lehner involution). The constant term \( c_0 \) of \( E \) is given by Eichler’s mass formula [41, Ch. V, Cor. 2.3]:

\[
c_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2w_i} = \frac{1}{24} \prod_{p \mid N} (p + \delta_p),
\]

and the \( L \)-function \( L(E, s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} c_n n^{-s} \) is given by

\[
L(E, s) = \zeta(s) \zeta(s - 1) \prod_{p \mid N} (1 + \delta_p p^{1-s}).
\]
Let \( \text{Pic}(X) \) be the free abelian group of rank \( n \) of isomorphism classes of line bundles on \( X \). This has, as basis, the elements \( \{e_1, \ldots, e_n\} \) where \( e_i \) has degree 1 on the component \( X_i = D/\Gamma_i \) and degree 0 on \( X_j \) for \( j \neq i \). Since we will not be particularly concerned with questions of integrality here, we let \( P = \text{Pic}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} = \bigotimes_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Q} e_i \). There is a non-degenerate positive-definite height pairing \([13, 4.5]\)

\[
\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : P \times P \to \mathbb{Q} \quad (10.8)
\]
defined by the formula \( \langle e_i, e_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j} w_i \) on basis elements. The linear form \( \deg : P \to \mathbb{Q} \) defined by \( \deg(\Sigma a_i e_i) = \Sigma a_i \) is given by the inner product with the element \( a_E = \Sigma (1/w_i) e_i \):

\[
\deg b = \langle a_E, b \rangle. \quad (10.9)
\]

Let \( M_2(N) \) be the space of modular forms of weight 2 for \( \Gamma_0(N) \) with rational Fourier coefficients, and define the pairing

\[
\phi: P \times P \to M_2(N) \quad (10.10)
\]
by the formula \( \phi(e_i, e_j) = \theta_{i,j} \) on basis elements. Then

\[
\phi(a_E, b) = \deg b \cdot E \quad (10.11)
\]
for all \( b \in P \).

**Lemma 10.1.** Let \( a, b \in P \). Then the first Fourier coefficient \( a_1(\phi(a, b)) \) is equal to \( \langle a, b \rangle \).

**Proof.** The composite \( a_1 \circ \phi \) is a bilinear form on \( P \), so to verify that it is equal to \( \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \) we must check that it agrees on a basis. But \( a_1(\theta_{i,j}) = \delta_{i,j} w_i \). \( \square \)

If \( l \) is a prime with \( l \nmid N \) we define the Hecke correspondence \( t_l \) on \( X \) as in \([13, \text{section 4}]\); this correspondence is self dual, of bidegree \( l+1 \). The operators \( t_l \) act linearly on \( P \), commute with each other, and are self-adjoint with respect to the height pairing. They may therefore be simultaneously diagonalized on \( P_\mathbb{R} = \text{Pic}(X) \otimes \mathbb{R} \).

**Proposition 10.2.** If \( f = \Sigma_{n=1}^\infty c_n q^n \) is a cuspidal newform of weight 2 for \( \Gamma_0(N) \), there is a unique line \( \langle a_f \rangle \) in \( P_\mathbb{R} \) such that

\[
t_l(a_f) = c_l \cdot a_f
\]
for all primes \( l \nmid N \).
Proof. This follows from Eichler’s trace formula and the theorem of multiplicity 1, [13, 21].

**PROPOSITION 10.3.** The pairing $\phi: P \times P \to M_2(N)$ satisfies

$$\phi(t_i a, b) = \phi(a, t_ib) = \phi(a, b)T_i$$

for all primes $l \nmid N$, where $T_i$ is the $l$th Hecke operator on forms of weight 2 for $\Gamma_0(N)$.

**Proof.** It suffices to check this for $a = e_i$ and $b = e_j$. We do this via the theory of Brandt matrices, as in [13].

**COROLLARY 10.4.** Let $f$ be a cuspidal newform for $\Gamma_0(N)$ and $a_f$ a corresponding eigenvector in $P_{\mathbb{R}}$. Then

$$\phi(a_f, b) = \langle a_f, b \rangle \cdot f$$

for all $b \in P_{\mathbb{R}}$.

**Proof.** By Proposition 10.3 and the multiplicity one theorem for $M_2(N)$, $\phi(a_f, b)$ is a multiple of $f$. We identify that multiple by equating first Fourier coefficients, using Lemma 10.1.

**Note.** If $p \mid N$ one can define involutions $u_p$ of $X$ as in [13, section 4]. The formula analogous to that of Proposition 10.14 is:

$$\phi(u_p a, b) = \phi(a, u_p b) = \varepsilon_p \cdot \phi(a, b)|w_p$$

where $w_p$ is the Atkin-Lehner involution. Since $a_e$ is fixed by all $u_p$'s, this shows that the Eisenstein series $E$ is an eigenvector for all $w_p$'s, with eigenvalue $\varepsilon_p$.

Now let $d \geq 1$ be an integer; we have induced pairings

$$\begin{cases} 
\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle^{\otimes d}: P^{\otimes d} \times P^{\otimes d} \to \mathbb{Q} \\
\phi^{\otimes d}: P^{\otimes d} \times P^{\otimes d} \to M_2(N)^{\otimes d}.
\end{cases}$$

If $A = a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_d$ and $B = b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_d$ we have, by definition of the tensor product,

$$\langle A, B \rangle^{\otimes d} = \prod_{i=1}^{d} \langle a_i, b_i \rangle$$

and

$$\phi^{\otimes d}(A, B) = \phi(a_1, b_1)(q_1)\phi(a_2, b_2)(q_2) \cdots \phi(a_d, b_d)(q_d),$$

with $q_j = e^{2\pi i t_j}$. From our results when $d = 1$, we immediately deduce
COROLLARY 10.5. (i) The Fourier coefficient $c_{1,1,...,1}$ of $q_1 q_2 \cdots q_d$ in $\phi_{A,B}^{\otimes d}(A, B)$ is equal to $\langle A, B \rangle^{\otimes d}.$

(ii) If $F = f_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_d$ is a product of newforms and $A_F = a_{f_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{f_d}$ is the corresponding eigenvector (unique up to scalars) in $P_{d \mathbb{R}}^{\otimes d}$, then

$$\phi_{A,B}^{\otimes d}(A_F, B) = \langle A_F, B \rangle^{\otimes d} \cdot F$$

for all $B \in P_{d \mathbb{R}}^{\otimes d}$.

Henceforth we take $d = 3$ and define the diagonal element

$$\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{w_i} e_i^{\otimes 3}$$

(10.14)

in $P_{d \mathbb{R}}^{\otimes 3}$. This can be viewed as the codimension 2 cycle $X$, embedded diagonally in the 3-fold $Y = X^3$.

PROPOSITION 10.6. We have

$$\phi_{A,B}^{\otimes 3}(\Delta, \Delta) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{w_i w_j} \theta_{i,j}(q_1) \theta_{i,j}(q_2) \theta_{i,j}(q_3)$$

$$= \Theta(q_1, q_2, q_3)$$

in $M_{2}(N)^{\otimes 3}$.

Proof. By definition

$$\phi_{A,B}^{\otimes 3}(\Delta, \Delta) = \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{w_i w_j} \phi_{A,B}^{\otimes 3}(e_i \otimes e_i \otimes e_i, e_j \otimes e_j \otimes e_j)$$

and $\phi(e_i, e_j) = \theta_{i,j}$. \qed

Let $F = f \otimes g \otimes h$ be our given cuspidal eigenform in $M_{2}(N)^{\otimes 3}_{d \mathbb{R}}$. We then have an orthogonal decomposition

$$P_{d \mathbb{R}}^{\otimes 3} = \langle A_F \rangle \oplus \langle A_F \rangle^\perp$$

with respect to the height pairing $\langle , \rangle^{\otimes 3}$, where $\langle A_F \rangle$ is 1-dimensional. Similarly, we have an orthogonal decomposition

$$M_{2}(N)^{\otimes 3}_{d \mathbb{R}} = \langle F \rangle \oplus \langle F \rangle^\perp$$

with respect to the Petersson inner product. If $B$ is in $P_{d \mathbb{R}}^{\otimes 3}$, we let $B_F$ be its component in the space $\langle A_F \rangle$; if $\Psi$ is in $M_{2}(N)^{\otimes 3}_{d \mathbb{R}}$, we let $\Psi_F$ be its component in the space $\langle F \rangle$. 
COROLLARY 10.7. In $M_2(N)_{\mathbb{R}}^\otimes 3$ we have

$$\Theta_F = \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}^\otimes 3 \cdot F.$$ 

Proof. We have $\phi_{\otimes 3}(\Delta, \Delta) = \Theta$ by Proposition 10.6. Applying a projector in the Hecke algebra to the $F$-eigenspace, we find that $\phi_{\otimes 3}(\Delta_F, \Delta_F) = \Theta_F$. But by Corollary 10.5, $\phi_{\otimes 3}(\Delta_F, \Delta_F) = \langle \Delta_F, \Delta \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}^\otimes 3 \cdot F = \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}^\otimes 3 \cdot F$. 

Note. Since $\theta_{i,j} = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n \geq 1} c_n q^n$, the constant Fourier coefficient of

$$\Theta = \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{w_i w_j} \theta_{i,j}^\otimes 3$$

is given by

$$c_{0,0,0}(\Theta) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{24} \prod_{p \mid N} (p + \varepsilon_p) \right)^2. \quad (10.15)$$

Indeed

$$\sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{w_i w_j} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^3 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \frac{1}{2w_i} \sum_{j} \frac{1}{2w_j},$$

and the sums are equal to $\frac{1}{24} \prod_{p \mid N} (p + \varepsilon_p)$ by Eichler’s mass formula (10.6).

Finally, we give an elementary expression for the height pairing $\langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}^\otimes 3$ which appears in Corollary 10.7. Recall that $F = f \otimes g \otimes h$ and let $a_f, a_g, \text{ and } a_h$ be corresponding eigenvectors in $P_{\mathbb{R}}$. We may write

$$\begin{cases} 
    a_f = \sum \lambda_i(f) e_i, \\
    a_g = \sum \lambda_i(g) e_i, \\
    a_h = \sum \lambda_i(h) e_i,
\end{cases} \quad (10.16)$$

in terms of our canonical basis $\langle e_i \rangle$ of $P$, where the coefficients $\lambda_i(f)$ lie in the totally real field $\mathbb{Q}(f)$ and are uniquely determined up to a scalar (and similarly for $\lambda_i(g)$ and $\lambda_i(h)$).

PROPOSITION 10.8.

$$\langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}^\otimes 3 = \frac{\left( \sum_i w_i^2 \lambda_i(f) \lambda_i(g) \lambda_i(h) \right)^2}{\left( \sum_i w_i \lambda_i(f) \right)^2 \left( \sum_i w_i \lambda_i(g) \right)^2 \left( \sum_i w_i \lambda_i(h) \right)^2}.$$ 

Proof. Write $\Delta_F = \beta \cdot (a_f \otimes a_g \otimes a_h)$ in $P_{\mathbb{R}}^\otimes 3$, with $\beta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$. Then
Since this gives the stated result.

**COROLLARY 10.9.** The projection $\Delta_F = 0$ in $\mathbb{P}^3_{\mathbb{R}}$ if and only if

$$\sum_i w_i^2 \lambda_i(f) \lambda_i(g) \lambda_i(h) = 0.$$ 

**11. The main formula**

In Theorem 9.2 we established the following analytic identity for the special values of $L(F, s)$ at $s = 2$

$$L(F, 2) = \frac{2^8 \pi^5}{N} \int_{\Gamma_0(N)^3 \setminus \mathcal{H}} F(z) \Theta(z)(y_1 y_2 y_3)^2 \, d\mu(z), \quad (11.1)$$

where $F(z_1, z_2, z_3) = f(z_1)g(z_2)h(z_3)$ and $\Theta(z_1, z_2, z_3)$ is the sum of the genus 3 theta series of certain quaternary quadratic forms, restricted to the diagonal in Siegel space. The precise definition of $\Theta(z)$ is given in (9.31).

In Proposition 10.6, we showed that $\Theta(z)$ was equal to the value $\phi^3(\Delta, \Delta)$, where $\Delta$ is the diagonal cycle on the 3-fold $X^3$ defined in (10.14). As a corollary (10.7), we deduced that the projection $\Theta_F$ of $\Theta(z)$ to the $F$-component of $M_2(N)^{\otimes 3}_{\mathbb{R}}$ was given by the formula

$$\Theta_F = \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle^{\otimes 3} \cdot F, \quad (11.2)$$

where $\langle , \rangle^{\otimes 3}$ is the height pairing on $\mathbb{P}^3_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Let us normalize the Petersson product on $M_2(N)^{\otimes 3}$ by defining

$$(F, G) = 2^9 \pi^6 \int_{\Gamma_0(N)^3 \setminus \mathcal{H}} F(z) \overline{G(z)}(y_1 y_2 y_3)^2 \, d\mu(z). \quad (11.3)$$

The integral converges provided $F$ is cuspidal. Since the eigencomponents of $\Theta$...
other than \( \Theta_F \) are orthogonal to \( F \), we may combine (11.1), (11.2) and Theorem 9.2 to obtain

**THEOREM 11.1.**

\[
L(F, 2) = \frac{(F, F)}{2\pi N^2} \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle^{\otimes 3}.
\] (11.4)

In some sense, this is the main formula, although we will make its dependence on the triple \( f \otimes g \otimes h \) a bit more explicit later. It expresses the special value as the product of a period

\[
\Omega(F) = \frac{(F, F)}{2\pi N^2}
\] (11.5)

with the algebraic height pairing \( \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle^{\otimes 3} \). This leads to the useful

**COROLLARY 11.2.** (a) We have \( L(F, 2) \geq 0 \), with equality if and only if \( \Delta_F = 0 \) in \( P^{\otimes 3}_R \).

(b) The ratio \( L(F, 2)/\Omega(F) = A(F) \) lies in the subfield \( \mathbb{Q}(F) \) of \( \mathbb{C} \) generated by the coefficients of the Dirichlet series \( L(F, s) \). For all automorphisms \( \sigma \) of \( \mathbb{C} \), we have \( A(F)^\sigma = A(F^\sigma) \).

**Proof.** (a) We have \( \Omega(F) = (F, F)/2\pi N^2 > 0 \) and \( \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle^{\otimes 3} \geq 0 \). Since \( \langle \, , \, \rangle^{\otimes 3} \) is positive definite on \( P^{\otimes 3}_R \), \( \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle^{\otimes 3} = 0 \) if and only if \( \Delta_F = 0 \).

(b) These statements are clear for \( \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle^{\otimes 3} \), as the height pairing is defined on the rational vector space \( P^{\otimes 3} \) and the eigencomponent \( \Delta_F \) is defined in \( P^{\otimes 3} \otimes \mathbb{Q}(F) \).

Now recall that \( F(z) = f(z_1)g(z_2)h(z_3) \). Hence, the Petersson product \( (F, F) \), which is given by the integral (11.3), can be written as the product of 3 integrals

\[
(F, F) = 8\pi^2 \int_{\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathbb{H}} |f(z_1)|^2 \ dx_1 \ dy_1 \cdot 8\pi^2 \int_{\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathbb{H}} |g(z_2)|^2 \ dx_2 \ dy_2 \\
\times 8\pi^2 \int_{\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathbb{H}} |h(z_3)|^2 \ dx_3 \ dy_3
\]

\[
= \| \omega_f \|^2 \cdot \| \omega_g \|^2 \cdot \| \omega_h \|^2
\] (11.6)

with \( \omega_f = 2\pi i f(z_1) \ dz_1 = f(q_1) \ dq_1/q_1 \) the normalized eigendifferential on \( X_0(N) \) (and similarly for \( \omega_g \) and \( \omega_h \) [16]. Using the elementary expression for \( \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle^{\otimes 3} \) given in Proposition 10.8, we obtain a "factored" form of our main formula:
COROLLARY 11.3.

\[ L(f \otimes g \otimes h, 2) = \frac{\| \omega_f \|^2 \cdot \| \omega_g \|^2 \cdot \| \omega_h \|^2 \cdot (\sum w_i^2 \lambda_i(f)\lambda_i(g)\lambda_i(h))^2}{2\pi N2^1 \sum w_i \lambda_i(f)^2 \sum w_i \lambda_i(g)^2 \sum w_i \lambda_i(h)^2}, \]

where the algebraic numbers \( \lambda_i(f) \), \( \lambda_i(g) \) and \( \lambda_i(h) \) are defined in (10.16). In particular, \( L(f \otimes g \otimes h, 2) = 0 \) if and only if

\[ \sum w_i^2 \lambda_i(f)\lambda_i(g)\lambda_i(h) = 0. \]

We now consider the implications of Corollary 11.3 in the degenerate case when \( g = h \). In that case, the 4-dimensional \( l \)-adic representation

\[ \sigma_{g} \otimes \sigma_{h} = \sigma_{g}^{\otimes 2} = \Sym^2 \sigma_{g} \oplus \wedge^2 \sigma_{g} = \Sym^2 \sigma_{g} \oplus \Omega_{1}(-1) \]

is decomposable, and we obtain a corresponding factorization of the triple product \( L \)-function

\[ L(f \otimes g \otimes g, s) = L(f \otimes \Sym^2 g, s)L(f, s - 1) \]  

in the right half plane \( \Re(s) > \frac{1}{2} \) of convergence of the Euler product. Our results on the analytic continuation of \( L(f \otimes g \otimes g, s) \), along with the classical results of Hecke on the analytic continuation of \( L(f, s - 1) \), show that \( L(f \otimes \Sym^2 g, s) \) has a meromorphic continuation to the entire \( s \)-plane, and satisfies a functional equation when \( s \) is replaced by \( 4 - s \). By results of Gelbart-Jacquet [11], Jacquet-Piatetski-Shapiro-Shalika [22], and Waldspurger [29] (cf. Shahidi [38] p. 256 Theorem 4.3 for details), \( L(f \otimes \Sym^2 g, s) \) is entire, i.e., the function \( L(f \otimes g \otimes g, s) \) is divisible by \( L(f, s - 1) \).

PROPOSITION 11.4. Assume that \( L(f, 1) = 0 \). Then the eigenvector \( \Sigma \lambda_i(f)e_i = a_f \) is orthogonal in \( P_{\Omega} \) to all vectors of the form

\[ b_g = \sum w_i \lambda_i(g)\lambda_i(h) \]

Proof. We have

\[ \langle a_f, b_g \rangle = \sum w_i^2 \lambda_i(f)\lambda_i(g)\lambda_i(h), \]

which, by Corollary 11.3, is zero if and only if \( L(f \otimes g \otimes g, 2) = 0 \). Since we are
assuming that \( L(f, 1) = 0 \) and since \( L(f \otimes \text{Sym}^2 g, s) \) does not have a pole at \( s = 2 \), this follows from (11.7).

In the case \( f = g \) we have the further factorization

\[
L(f \otimes f \otimes f, s) = L(\text{Sym}^3 f, s)L(f, s - 1)^2. \tag{11.8}
\]

By the Corollary on page 264 of [38], \( L(\text{Sym}^3 f, s) \) is regular at \( s = 2 \).

**COROLLARY 11.5.** If \( L(f, 1) = 0 \) we have

\[
\sum_i w_i^2 \lambda_i(f)^3 = 0,
\]

where \( a_f = \sum_i \lambda_i(f)e_i \) in \( P_R \).

The formula in Theorem 11.1 continues to hold in certain cases where \( f, g, \) and \( h \) are not cusp forms. For example, assume that \( N = p \) is a prime and that \( f = g = h = E \), the Eisenstein series of weight 2 on \( \Gamma_0(p) \). Then

\[
L(F, s) = \zeta(s)\zeta(s - 1)^3\zeta(s - 2)^3\zeta(s - 3)(1 - p^{1-s})(1 - p^{2-s})^3(1 - p^{3-s}). \tag{11.9}
\]

At \( s = 2 \) we have

\[
L(F, 2) = \zeta(2)\zeta(0)^3\zeta(-1)\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)(1 - p) \cdot \lim_{s \to 2^-} (\zeta(s - 1)(1 - p^{2-s}))^3 \]

\[
= \left(\frac{\pi^2}{6}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \left(-\frac{1}{12}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)(1 - p) \cdot (\log p)^3 \]

\[
= -\frac{\pi^2(p - 1)^2(\log p)^3}{4p \cdot (12)^2}. \tag{11.10}
\]

On the other side, since [13, p. 168]:

\[
\|\omega_E\|^2 = -\frac{\pi \cdot \log p \cdot (p - 1)}{12} \tag{11.11}
\]

by evaluation of a residue in a Rankin \( L \)-function, we have

\[
(F, F) = -\frac{\pi^3(\log p)^3 \cdot (p - 1)^3}{(12)^3}. \tag{11.12}
\]
Since \( a_E = \Sigma (1/w_i)e_i \), we find that
\[
A(F) = \left\langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \right\rangle ^{\otimes 3} = \frac{\left( \sum \frac{1}{w_i} \right)^2}{\left( \sum \frac{1}{w_i} \right)^3} = \frac{12}{p - 1}.
\]

(11.13)

Hence,
\[
L(F, 2) = \frac{(F, F)}{4\pi p} \cdot A(F)
\]
as in Theorem 11.1. We view this degenerate case as a good check on our constants.

12. Examples

For small level \( N \), we tabulate in Table 12.5 the coefficients \( \lambda_i(f) \) of the eigenfunction
\[
a_f = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(f)e_i
\]
(12.1)

associated to \( f \) in \( \text{Pic}(X) \otimes \mathbb{R} \). We will only consider the case when \( f = \Sigma a_nq^n \) has integral Fourier coefficients, where the calculations are due to Birch [2] and to Mestre and Oesterlé [28]. In this case we may take \( a_f \) to be an indivisible element in \( \text{Pic}(X) \), so the coefficients \( \lambda_i(f) \) are integers with total \( \gcd = 1 \). This normalizes them up to sign; we note that \( \Sigma_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(f) = 0 \), as \( f \) is a cusp form.

We also tabulate the algebraic part of the special value of the \( L \)-function of the triple product \( F = f \otimes f \otimes f \). We have the factorization
\[
L(F, s) = L(\text{Sym}^3 f, s)L(f, s - 1)^2
\]
(12.2)

and the formula
\[
\varepsilon_p(F) = -a_p(f)^3 = -a_p(f) = \text{the eigenvalue of } w_p \text{ on } f.
\]
(12.3)

We only consider \( f \) where \( \varepsilon(F) = -\Pi_{p|N} \varepsilon_p(F) = +1 \). Then \( A(F) \) is given by
\[
A(F) = \frac{\left( \Sigma_{i=1}^n w_i^2 \lambda_i(f)^3 \right)^2}{\left( \Sigma_{i=1}^n w_i^2 \lambda_i(f) \right)^3}.
\]
(12.4)
For some small square-free levels $N$ we give the eigenvalues $\varepsilon_p$ (for ascending factors $p \mid N$) of the rational newforms $f$, the rank of the $\mathbb{Z}$-module $\text{Pic}(X)$, the values $\lambda_i(f)$ (with a subscript $w_i$ if $w_i \neq 1$), and the value of $A(F)$ with numerator and denominator separated as in (12.4). In all cases listed, $f$ is the unique newform of level $N$ with the given eigenvalues $\varepsilon_p$. We note that $A(F) = 0$ for $f$ of levels $N = 55$ and 73; some other small levels where $A(F) = 0$ are $N = 85, 109, 139$. In all of these cases $L(\text{Sym}^3 f, 2) = 0$, as one knows that $L(f, 1) \neq 0$.

As a supplement to this table, we record in Table 12.6 a few approximate numerical values of the period $\Omega(F)$ and of $L(F, 2)$, which were computed directly by Joe Buhler. Combined with the values of $A(F)$ from Table 12.5, these provide a numerical check on the identity of Theorem 11.1. Here we should remark that in all cases $X_0(N)$ has genus 1, and that, as in Corollary 11.3,

$$\Omega(F) = \frac{(||\omega_f||^2)^3}{2\pi N 2^t},$$

where $f$ is the unique normalized newform and $t = \#\{p : p \mid N\}$. Now $||\omega_f||^2$ is the volume of the period lattice of a Neron differential, with respect to the measure $dz \, d\bar{z} = 2 \, dx \, dy$. In each case, we let $c^+$ be the smallest real period and $c^-$ the imaginary part of the smallest imaginary period. Then

$$||\omega_f||^2 = \begin{cases} c^+ \cdot c^- & \text{if there is one component on the real locus} \\ 2c^+ \cdot c^- & \text{if there are two components in the real locus} \end{cases}$$

We have one component for $N = 11, 14, 17, 19$ and two components for $N = 15, 21$.

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Finally, in Table 12.8, we tabulate the values of $A(F)$ for $f$ of prime conductor $N$ satisfying $100 < N < 1000$. We write $A(F) = M'_1M'_2$ as in (12.4), with

$$M_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^2 \lambda_i(f)^3$$

### Table 12.6

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$$M_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^2 \lambda_i(f)^3$$

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and

\[ M_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \lambda_i(f)^2, \]

and give the values of \( M_2 \) and \( M_3 \).

All cases when \( N \geq 389 \) and \( M_3 = 0 \) are caused by the vanishing of \( L(f, 1) \), i.e., by the fact that the associated elliptic curve has positive rank over \( \mathbb{Q} \).

13. The first derivative

We now will present a conjectural formula for the derivative \( L'(F, 2) \), in the case when the sign \( \varepsilon = -\Pi_{\rho|N} \varepsilon_{\rho} \) in the functional equation for \( L(F, s) \) is equal to \(-1\). In this case, \( L(F, 2) = 0 \) by (1.14). Our conjectural formula has the same shape as Theorem 11.1, but the three-fold \( X^3 \) will be replaced by the triple product of a Shimura curve \( X \) over \( \mathbb{Q} \) and the pairing \( \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle^3 \) by the Beilinson-Bloch height on codimension 2 cycles which are homologically trivial.

Fix \( F = f \otimes g \otimes h \) in \( S_2(N)_{\mathbb{R}}^3 \) with \( \varepsilon(F) = -1 \), and let \( B \) be the indefinite quaternion algebra over \( \mathbb{Q} \) (unique up to isomorphism) which is ramified at the even set of finite places \( p \mid N \) where \( \varepsilon_p(F) = -a_p b_p c_p = -1 \). Let \( R \) be an order in \( B \) of reduced discriminant \( N \); the order \( R \) is unique up to local conjugacy – at places \( p \in S \), \( R_p \) is the unique maximal order in \( B_p \), and at places \( p \notin S \), \( R_p \) is conjugate to the Eichler order of \( M_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) \) with \( c \equiv 0 \pmod{N\mathbb{Z}_p} \). Let \( D \) be the curve of genus zero over \( \mathbb{Q} \) associated to \( B \), and let \( X(\mathbb{C}) \) be the Riemann surface

\[
X(\mathbb{C}) = (\hat{R}^\times \setminus \hat{B}^\times) \times (D(\mathbb{C}) - D(\mathbb{R}))/B^\times, \tag{13.1}
\]

where \( B^\times \) acts simultaneously on the right of the left coset space \( \hat{R}^\times \setminus \hat{B}^\times \) and on the Riemann surface \( D(\mathbb{C}) - D(\mathbb{R}) \approx \hat{S}^\pm \). Since \( \hat{B}^\times = \hat{R}^\times B_+^\times \) by the strong approximation theorem [7] – here \( B_+^\times \) consists of the elements with \( \nu(b) > 0 \) – and since every projective \( \mathbb{Z} \)-module of rank 1 is free, we have an isomorphism

\[
X(\mathbb{C}) \approx \hat{S}^+/\Gamma, \tag{13.2}
\]

where \( \Gamma = \hat{R}^\times \cap B_+^\times = R_+^\times \) is a discrete subgroup of \( (B \otimes \mathbb{R})^\times \approx \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})_+ \), which acts properly discontinuously on \( \hat{S}^+ \). The quotient \( \hat{S}^+/\Gamma \) is compact, except in the case when \( S \) is empty. In that case, \( \Gamma \) is conjugate to the congruence subgroup \( \Gamma_0(N) \) of \( \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \) and the quotient in (13.2) can be naturally com-
pactified by the addition of the finite set

\[ D(\mathbb{Q})/\Gamma \cong \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})/\Gamma_0(N) \]

of cusps, which has cardinality \(2 \# \{p | N\}\). We will henceforth use \(X\) to denote the complete non-singular algebraic curve over \(\mathbb{C}\) whose complex points form the compactification of (13.2).

Shimura [39] proved that the curve \(X\) has a canonical model over \(\mathbb{Q}\), which is the classifying space for polarized abelian varieties with endomorphisms by \(R\). For any integer \(m \geq 1\) which is prime to \(N\), we have a Hecke correspondence \(T_m\) on \(X\) which is self-dual and defined over \(\mathbb{Q}[39]\). There is also a canonical class \(d_1\) in \(\text{Pic}^1(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} = \text{Pic}^1(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}\) which is rational over \(\mathbb{Q}\) and satisfies

\[ T_m(d_1) = \sigma_1(m) \cdot d_1 \]  

for all \((m, N) = 1\). When \(X = X_0(N)\), \(d_1\) is represented by the class of any cusp [15].

Let \(Y\) be the projective, non-singular 3-fold \(X^3\) over \(\mathbb{Q}\) and let \(\Delta X\) be the 1-cycle of \(X\) diagonally embedded in \(Y\). Let \(x_1\) be a rational point of \(X\), and define the partial diagonal cycles

\[ \Delta_{12}(x_1) = \{(x, x, x_1) | x \in X\} \]
\[ \Delta_{23}(x_1) = \{(x_1, x, x) | x \in X\} \]
\[ \Delta_{13}(x_1) = \{(x, x_1, x) | x \in X\} \]
\[ \Delta_1(x_1) = \{(x, x_1, x_1) | x \in X\} \]
\[ \Delta_2(x_1) = \{(x_1, x, x_1) | x \in X\} \]
\[ \Delta_3(x_1) = \{(x_1, x_1, x) | x \in X\} \]

Finally, define the 1-cycle on \(Y\)

\[ \Delta X(x_1) = \Delta X - \Delta_{12}(x_1) - \Delta_{13}(x_1) - \Delta_{23}(x_1) \]
\[ + \Delta_1(x_1) + \Delta_2(x_1) + \Delta_3(x_1) \]

A short computation shows that \(\Delta X(x_1)\) has trivial image in the cohomology of \(Y\) (the integral of any closed 2-form over \(\Delta X(x_1)\) is zero).

Let \(CH^2(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}}\) be the rational vector space of codimension 2 cycles on \(Y\) up to linear (i.e., rational) equivalence over \(\mathbb{Q}\), which are fixed by \(\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})\). Let \(CH^2(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}}^0\) be the kernel of the cycle class mapping

\[ CH^2(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}} \to H^4(Y, \mathbb{Q}(2)). \]
By the above remarks, the class of $\Delta X(x_1)$ lies in $CH^2(Y)_Q^0$. One shows easily that this class depends only on the class of $x_1$ in Pic$^1(X)_Q$. Hence we have a natural diagonal class:

$$\Delta = \Delta X(d_1)$$  \hspace{1cm} (13.8)

in $CH^2(Y)_Q^0$.

Under mild technical restrictions (which are satisfied for our 3-fold $Y$), Bloch [4] and Beilinson [1] have defined a symmetric, bilinear height pairing

$$\langle , \rangle_B^B: CH^2(Y)_Q^0 \times CH^2(Y)_Q^0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$  \hspace{1cm} (13.9)

as the sum of local terms $\langle , \rangle_B$. They conjecture that this pairing is non-degenerate, but we do not wish to assume this here. Let $\text{Ker}_B^B$ denote the left (and right) kernel of this pairing, and define the rational vector space

$$P = P(Y) = CH^2(Y)_Q^0/\text{Ker}_B^B.$$  \hspace{1cm} (13.10)

We then have a non-degenerate pairing (by definition):

$$\langle , \rangle_B^B: P \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (13.11)

The Hecke correspondences $T_m$ of $X$ give rise to symmetric correspondences $T_{m_1} \times T_{m_2} \times T_{m_3}$ of $Y = X^3$. They give endomorphisms of $CH^2(Y)_Q^0$ which are self-adjoint with respect to the pairing $\langle , \rangle_B^B$ [15], and so preserve the subspace $\text{Ker}_B^B$ and act on $P$.

**PROPOSITION 13.1.** If $t$ is a $\mathbb{Q}$-linear combination of Hecke operators $T_{m_1} \times T_{m_2} \times T_{m_3}$ which annihilates the space $S_2(N)^{\otimes 3}$, then $t \cdot \Delta = 0$ in $P$.

The proof is not difficult, and will be given in a forthcoming paper [14].

Using Proposition 13.1, we can define the $F$-isotypic component $\Delta_F$ of the class $\Delta$ in $P_\mathbb{R}$. Namely, let $t_F$ be an $\mathbb{R}$-linear combination of Hecke operators $T_{m_1} \times T_{m_2} \times T_{m_3}$ which projects to the (1-dimensional) $F$-isotypic component in $S_2(N)^{\otimes 3}$. We then define

$$\Delta_F = t_F \cdot \Delta \in P_\mathbb{R}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (13.12)

Although $t_F$ is not unique, the difference $(t_F - t'_F) \cdot \Delta$ is zero in $P_\mathbb{R}$, for two different projectors $t_F$ and $t'_F$, by Proposition 13.1. Since $\langle , \rangle_B^B$ is defined on $P_\mathbb{R}$, we may calculate the pairing of $\Delta_F$ with itself.
CONJECTURE 13.2. We have the formula

\[ L'(F, 2) = \frac{(F, F)}{2\pi N^2} \langle \Delta_F, \Delta_F \rangle_{BB}, \]

where \((F, F)\) is the Petersson product defined in (11.3) and (11.6).

Some evidence for Conjecture 13.2 will be presented in a forthcoming paper with Zagier [14].

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