
ON EXCEPTIONAL ZEROS OF GARRETT–HIDA p -ADIC L -FUNCTIONS

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Introduction

Let A be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbf{Q} , having ordinary reduction at a rational prime $p > 3$. Let ϱ_1 and ϱ_2 be odd, irreducible, two-dimensional Artin representations of the absolute Galois group of \mathbf{Q} , which are unramified at p and satisfy the self-duality condition $\det(\varrho_1) = \det(\varrho_2)^{-1}$. By modularity, the triple $(A, \varrho_1, \varrho_2)$ arises from a triple (f, g, h) of cuspidal p -ordinary newforms of weights $w_o = (2, 1, 1)$. Let f_α be the ordinary p -stabilisation of f , and fix p -stabilisations g_α and h_α of g and h respectively. Set $\varrho = \varrho_1 \otimes \varrho_2$. In the recent paper [BSV21c] we proposed a p -adic analogue of the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture for the leading term at w_o of the 3-variable Garrett–Hida p -adic L -function $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) = L_p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)$ associated with the triple $(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)$ of Hida families specialising to $(f_\alpha, g_\alpha, h_\alpha)$ at w_o . In this article we verify our conjecture in the analytic rank-zero exceptional cases, viz. when the complex Garrett L -function $L(A, \varrho, s) = L(f \otimes g \otimes h, s)$ does not vanish at $s = 1$ and $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ has an exceptional zero at w_o in the sense of Mazur–Tate–Teitelbaum (cf. Theorem 2.1 and Section 2.1 below). Moreover, when $L(A, \varrho, 1) = 0$ and $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ has an exceptional zero, we propose a conjecture relating the value at w_o of the fourth partial derivative of $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ along the \mathbf{f} -direction to the p -adic logarithms of two global points on A rational over the number field cut out by ϱ (cf. Conjecture 2.3).

1. Setting and notations

Fix algebraic closures $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_p$ of \mathbf{Q} and \mathbf{Q}_p respectively, and field embeddings $i_p : \bar{\mathbf{Q}} \hookrightarrow \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_p$ and $i_\infty : \bar{\mathbf{Q}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{C}$. With the notations of the Introduction, let

$$\xi = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n(\xi) \cdot q^n \in S_u(N_\xi, \chi_\xi)_{\bar{\mathbf{Q}}}$$

denote one of the cuspidal newforms f , g and h . Here u and N_ξ are the weight and the conductor of ξ respectively, and $S_u(N_\xi, \chi_\xi)_F$ is the space of cuspidal modular forms of level $\Gamma_1(N_\xi)$, weight u , character χ_ξ and Fourier coefficients in the subfield F of $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_p$. Fix a number field $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ containing for any ξ the Fourier coefficients $a_n(\xi)$, as well as the roots α_ξ and β_ξ of the p th Hecke polynomials $P_{\xi,p} = X^2 - a_p(\xi) \cdot X + \chi_\xi(p) \cdot p$. Let V_{ϱ_i} be a two-dimensional $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ -vector space affording the representation ϱ_i , and let K_ϱ be a Galois number field such that ϱ_i factors through $\text{Gal}(K_\varrho/\mathbf{Q})$. Set

$$V_\varrho = V_{\varrho_1} \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)} V_{\varrho_2} \quad \text{and} \quad V_p(A, \varrho) = V_p(A) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} V_\varrho,$$

where $V_p(A) = H_{\text{ét}}^1(A_{\mathbf{Q}}, \mathbf{Q}_p(1))$ is the p -adic Tate module of A with \mathbf{Q}_p -coefficients. Throughout this note we make the following

Assumption 1.1. —

1. (*Self-duality*) The characters χ_g and χ_h are inverse to each other.
2. (*Local signs*) The conductors N_g and N_h are coprime to $p \cdot N_f$.
3. (*Étaleness*) The forms g and h are cuspidal, p -regular and do not have RM by a real quadratic field in which p splits.

The first condition is a reformulation of the self-duality condition mentioned in the Introduction, namely $\det(\varrho_1) = \det(\varrho_2)^{-1}$. Recall that the form ξ is p -regular if $P_{\xi,p}$ has distinct roots. Moreover, one says that a weight-one eigenform has RM (*real multiplication*) if it is the theta series associated with a ray class character of a real quadratic field. Assumption 1.1.3 is equivalent to require that V_{ϱ_i} is irreducible, not isomorphic to $\text{Ind}_K^{\mathbf{Q}} \chi$ for a finite order character $\chi : G_K \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}(\varrho)^*$ of a real quadratic field K in which p splits, and that an arithmetic Frobenius at p acts on V_{ϱ_i} with distinct eigenvalues. For $\xi = g, h$, this assumption guarantees that the p -adic Coleman–Mazur–Buzzard eigencurve of tame level N_ξ is étale over the weight space at the points corresponding to the p -stabilisations of ξ (cf. [BD16]). It is used in [BSV21c] to construct the Garrett–Nekovář height $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{fg_\alpha h_\alpha}$ which appears in the main result of this note. To explain the relevance of Assumptions 1.1.1 and 1.1.2, let α_f be the unit root of $P_{f,p}$ and fix roots α_g and α_h of $P_{g,p}$ and $P_{h,p}$ respectively. Fix a finite extension L of \mathbf{Q}_p containing $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ and the roots of unity of order $\text{lcm}(N_f, N_g, N_h)$. Let ξ be one of f, g and h , and let u_ϱ be the weight of ξ . According to the results of [Hid86, Wil88, BD16], there exists a unique Hida family

$$\xi_\alpha = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n(\xi_\alpha) \cdot q^n \in \mathcal{O}_\xi[[q]]$$

which specialises at u_ϱ to the p -stabilised newform

$$\xi_\alpha = \xi(q) - \frac{\chi_\xi(p)p^{u-1}}{\alpha_\xi} \cdot \xi(q^p) \in S_{u_\varrho}(p \cdot M_\xi, \chi_\xi)_L.$$

Here $M_\xi = N_\xi/p^{\text{ord}_p(N_\xi)}$ is the tame level of ξ (so that $M_\xi = N_\xi$ if $\xi = g, h$), and \mathcal{O}_ξ is the ring of bounded analytic functions on a (sufficiently small) connected open disc U_ξ in the p -adic weight space over L . For each classical weight u in $U_\xi \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 3}$, the weight- u specialisation $\xi_{\alpha,u} = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n(\xi_\alpha)(u) \cdot q^n \in L[[q]]$ of ξ_α is the q -expansion

of the ordinary p -stabilisation of a newform ξ_u in $S_u(M_\xi, \chi_\xi)_L$. Since f has a unique p -ordinary p -stabilisation f_α , we simply write \mathbf{f} for \mathbf{f}_α .

Assumption 1.1.1 guarantees that for each classical triple $w = (k, l, m)$ in the set $\Sigma = U_{\mathbf{f}} \times U_{\mathbf{g}} \times U_{\mathbf{h}} \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 1}^3$ the complex Garrett L -function $L(f_k \otimes g_l \otimes h_m, s)$ admits an analytic continuation to all of \mathbf{C} and satisfies a functional equation relating its values at s and $k + l + m - 2 - s$, with root number $\varepsilon(w) = \prod_{\ell \leq \infty} \varepsilon_\ell(w)$ equal to $+1$ or to -1 . Assumption 1.1.2 implies that all the local signs $\varepsilon_\ell(w)$ are equal to $+1$ for every w in the f -unbalanced region $\Sigma_f = \{w = (k, l, m) \in \Sigma : k \geq l + m\}$ (cf. [HK91]). Under these assumptions, [Hsi21] associates with $(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)$ an analytic function

$$\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) = \mathcal{L}_p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)$$

in the ring $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{fgh}} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{f}} \hat{\otimes}_L \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{g}} \hat{\otimes}_L \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{h}}$, whose square

$$L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) = L_p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha) = \mathcal{L}_p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)^2$$

satisfies the following interpolation property. For each $w = (k, l, m)$ in Σ_f , the value of $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ at w is an explicit non-zero complex multiple of

$$(1) \quad \left(1 - \frac{\beta_k \alpha_l \alpha_m}{p^{c_w}}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{\beta_k \beta_l \alpha_m}{p^{c_w}}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{\beta_k \alpha_l \beta_m}{p^{c_w}}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{\beta_k \beta_l \beta_m}{p^{c_w}}\right)^2 \cdot L(f_k \otimes g_l \otimes h_m, c_w).$$

Here $c_w = \frac{k+l+m-2}{2}$, and for $\boldsymbol{\xi} = \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha$ one denotes by α_u the unit root of $P_{\xi_u, p}$ and sets $\beta_u \cdot \alpha_u = \chi'_\xi(p) \cdot p^{u-1}$, where χ'_ξ is the prime-to- p part of χ_ξ (so that $\chi'_\xi = \chi_\xi$ for $\xi = g, h$, and χ'_f is the trivial character modulo M_f). We refer to Theorem A of loc. cit. for the precise interpolation formula. We call $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) = L_p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)$ the *Garrett–Hida p -adic L -function* associated with (A, ϱ) (or with $(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)$).

2. Exceptional zero formulae

The p -adic variant of the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture formulated in [BSV21c] predicts that the leading term of $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ at $w_o = (2, 1, 1)$ is encoded by the discriminant of the *Garrett–Nekovář height pairing*

$$(2) \quad \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{fgh}_\alpha} : A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)} A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e \longrightarrow \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2$$

constructed in Section 2 of loco citato, where \mathcal{I} is the ideal of functions in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{fgh}}$ which vanish at w_o and the p -extended Mordell–Weil group $A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e$ is defined as follows. When A has good reduction at p , one sets $A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e = A(K_\varrho)^e$, where $A(K_\varrho)^e$ is a shorthand for the $\text{Gal}(K_\varrho/\mathbf{Q})$ -invariants of $A(K_\varrho) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} V_\varrho$. If A has multiplicative reduction at p , then $\alpha_f = a_p(f) = \pm 1$ and the maximal p -unramified quotient $V_p(A)^-$ of $V_p(A)$ is a 1-dimensional \mathbf{Q}_p -vector space on which an arithmetic Frobenius acts as multiplication by α_f . Let q_A in $p\mathbf{Z}_p$ be the p -adic Tate period of the base change $A_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ of A to \mathbf{Q}_p (cf. Chapter V of [Sil94]), and let \mathbf{Q}_{p^2} be the quadratic unramified extension of \mathbf{Q}_p . The Tate uniformisation yields a rigid analytic morphism

$$\wp_{\text{Tate}} : \mathbf{G}_{m, \mathbf{Q}_{p^2}}^{\text{rig}} \longrightarrow A_{\mathbf{Q}_{p^2}}$$

with kernel $q_A^{\mathbf{Z}}$ and unique up to sign. Set

$$q(A) = p^- \left((\wp_{\text{Tate}}(p^n \sqrt{q_A}))_{n \geq 1} \right) \in V_p(A)^-,$$

where p^- denotes the projection $V_p(A) \rightarrow V_p(A)^-$ and $(\sqrt[p^n]{q_A})_{n \geq 1}$ is any compatible system of p^n -th roots of q_A , and define

$$A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e = A(K_\varrho)^e \oplus \mathcal{Q}_p(A, \varrho)$$

to be the direct sum of $A(K_\varrho)^e$ and the $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ -submodule

$$\mathcal{Q}_p(A, \varrho) = H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}(\varrho) \cdot q(A) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)} V_\varrho)$$

of $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V_p(A)^- \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} V_\varrho)$. The Garrett–Nekovář height $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{f g_\alpha h_\alpha}$ depends on the choice of suitably normalised $G_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -equivariant embeddings

$$(3) \quad \gamma_g : V_{\varrho_1} \hookrightarrow V(g) \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_h : V_{\varrho_2} \hookrightarrow V(h),$$

where $V(\xi) = V(\xi_\alpha) \otimes_1 L$ (for $\xi = g, h$) is the weight-one specialisation of the big Galois representation $V(\xi_\alpha)$ associated with ξ_α . (We refer to Section 3.1 below for precise definitions.) More precisely, denote by $V(f)$ the f_α -isotypic component of the cohomology group $H_{\text{ét}}^1(X_1(N_f, p)_{\bar{\mathbf{Q}}}, \mathbf{Q}_p(1))$, where $X_1(N_f, p)_{\bar{\mathbf{Q}}}$ is the base change to $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}$ of the compact modular curve $X_1(N_f, p)$ of level $\Gamma_1(N_f) \cap \Gamma_0(p)$ over \mathbf{Q} , and set

$$V(f, g, h) = V(f) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(g) \otimes_L V(h).$$

Section 2 of [BSV21c] constructs a *canonical* Garrett–Nekovář p -adic height pairing

$$(4) \quad \langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{f g_\alpha h_\alpha} : \text{Sel}^\dagger(\mathbf{Q}, V(f, g, h)) \otimes_L \text{Sel}^\dagger(\mathbf{Q}, V(f, g, h)) \rightarrow \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2$$

on the naive extended Selmer group of $V(f, g, h)$ over \mathbf{Q} , defined as the direct sum of the Bloch–Kato Selmer group $\text{Sel}(\mathbf{Q}, V(f, g, h))$ of $V(f, g, h)$ over \mathbf{Q} and the module $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f, g, h)^-)$ of $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ -invariants of the maximal p -unramified quotient $V(f, g, h)^-$ of $V(f, g, h)$. (The definition of $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{f g_\alpha h_\alpha}$ is briefly recalled in Section 3.2.3 below.) Fix a modular parametrisation $\wp_\infty : X_1(N_f, p) \rightarrow A$, under which one identifies $V(f)$ and $V_p(A)$. The embeddings γ_g and γ_h and the global Kummer map on $A(K_\varrho)$ then induce an embedding $\gamma_{gh} : A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e \hookrightarrow \text{Sel}^\dagger(\mathbf{Q}, V(f, g, h))$. The pairing (2) is defined to be composition of the canonical Garrett–Nekovář height and $\gamma_{gh}^{\otimes 2}$. The pairings (2) and (4) are skew-symmetric, and the discriminant of (2) in $(\mathcal{I}^{r^\dagger(A, \varrho)} / \mathcal{I}^{r^\dagger(A, \varrho)+1}) / \mathbf{Q}(\varrho)^{*2}$, where $r^\dagger(A, \varrho) = \dim_{\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)} A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e$, is independent of the choice of \wp_∞ , γ_g and γ_h . We refer to [BSV21c] for more details.

If ξ denotes either g or h , then the restriction to $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ of the Artin representation $V(\xi)$ is the direct sum of the submodules $V(\xi)_\alpha$ and $V(\xi)_\beta$ on which an arithmetic Frobenius acts as multiplication by α_ξ and β_ξ respectively (cf. Assumption 1.1.3). The $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ -representation $V(f, g, h)^-$ then decomposes as the direct sum of the subspaces

$$V(f)_{ij}^- = V(f)^- \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(g)_i \otimes_L V(h)_j,$$

where (i, j) is a pair of elements of $\{\alpha, \beta\}$. If ξ denotes either g or h , Section 3.1.1.1 below recalls the definition of canonical *weight-one differentials*

$$(5) \quad \omega_{\xi_\alpha} \in (V(\xi)_\alpha \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \mathbf{Q}_p^{\text{nr}})^{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta_{\xi_\alpha} \in (V(\xi)_\beta \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \mathbf{Q}_p^{\text{nr}})^{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}},$$

where \mathbf{Q}_p^{nr} is the maximal unramified extension of \mathbf{Q}_p . If A is multiplicative at p , set

$$q(f) = \wp_\infty^{-1}(q(A)) \in V(f)^-,$$

where one denotes again by $\wp_\infty : V(f)^- \simeq V_p(A)^-$ the isomorphism arising from the fixed modular parametrisation $\wp_\infty : X_1(N_f, p) \rightarrow A$.

Under the running assumptions, the $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ -module $\mathcal{Q}_p(A, \varrho)$ (resp., the L -module $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f, g, h)^-)$) is non-zero precisely if A is multiplicative at p and

$$\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h,$$

in which case it has dimension 2 and one says that (A, ϱ) is *exceptional at p* . More precisely, note that $\alpha_g \neq \beta_g$ by Assumptions 1.1.3, hence only one of the previous identities can be satisfied. Moreover $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$ (resp., $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$) if and only if $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \beta_h$ (resp., $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \beta_h$) by Assumption 1.1.1. Fix an auxiliary integer m_p such that p splits (resp., is inert) in $\mathbf{Q}[\sqrt{m_p}]$ if $\alpha_f = +1$ (resp., $\alpha_f = -1$), so that $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ acts trivially on $\sqrt{m_p} \cdot q(f)$ in $V(f)^- \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \mathbf{Q}_p^{\text{nr}}$. If $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$, then $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ acts trivially on $V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^-$ and $V(f)_{\beta\beta}^-$, hence the p -adic periods

$$q_{\alpha\alpha} = \sqrt{m_p} \cdot q(f) \otimes \omega_{g_\alpha} \otimes \omega_{h_\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad q_{\beta\beta} = \sqrt{m_p} \cdot q(f) \otimes \eta_{g_\alpha} \otimes \eta_{h_\alpha}$$

can naturally be viewed as elements of $V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^-$ and $V(f)_{\beta\beta}^-$ respectively, which generate $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f, g, h)^-)$. Similarly, if $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$, then the periods

$$q_{\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{m_p} \cdot q(f) \otimes \omega_{g_\alpha} \otimes \eta_{h_\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad q_{\beta\alpha} = \sqrt{m_p} \cdot q(f) \otimes \eta_{g_\alpha} \otimes \omega_{h_\alpha}$$

can naturally be viewed as generators of $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f, g, h)^-)$.

Equation (1) shows that the value of the square-root Garrett–Hida L -function $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ at w_o is a non-zero multiple of

$$\left(1 - \frac{\alpha_g \alpha_h}{\alpha_f}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\beta_g \alpha_h}{\alpha_f}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_g \beta_h}{\alpha_f}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\beta_g \beta_h}{\alpha_f}\right) \cdot \sqrt{L(A, \varrho, 1)},$$

where $L(A, \varrho, s) = L(f \otimes g \otimes h, s)$. The previous discussion then shows that (A, ϱ) is exceptional at p precisely if one of the Euler factors which appear in the previous expression is zero, id est if $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ (or $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$) has an exceptional zero in the sense of Mazur–Tate–Teitelbaum [MTT86]. In this case Lemma 9.8 of [BSV21d] proves that the restriction $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)|_{\mathbf{L}}$ of $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ to the *improving line* \mathbf{L} defined by the equations $\mathbf{m} = 1$ and $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{l} + 1$ admits the factorisation

$$\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)|_{\mathbf{L}} = \mathcal{E}_f \cdot \mathcal{E}_g \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)^*$$

in the ring $\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{L})$ of analytic functions on \mathbf{L} , where

$$\mathcal{E}_f = 1 - \frac{a_p(\mathbf{f})}{a_p(\mathbf{g}_\alpha) \cdot a_p(\mathbf{h}_\alpha)} \Big|_{\mathbf{L}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E}_g = 1 - \chi_h(p) \cdot \frac{a_p(\mathbf{g}_\alpha)}{a_p(\mathbf{f}) \cdot a_p(\mathbf{h}_\alpha)} \Big|_{\mathbf{L}}.$$

Moreover, the value at w_o of the *improved p -adic L -function* $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)^*$ is an explicit algebraic number in $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$, equal to zero precisely if $L(A, \varrho, s)$ vanishes at $s = 1$. We refer to the proof of Proposition 8.3 of [Hsi21] for details.

The following is the main result of this note.

Theorem 2.1. — *Assume that (A, ϱ) is exceptional at p . Let $(q_b, q_{\mathfrak{h}})$ denote either the pair $(q_{\alpha\alpha}, q_{\beta\beta})$ or $(q_{\alpha\beta}, q_{\beta\alpha})$, depending on whether $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$ or $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$*

respectively. Then the following equality holds in $\mathcal{S}/\mathcal{S}^2$ up to sign.

$$\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) \pmod{\mathcal{S}^2} = \frac{\deg(\wp_\infty) \cdot (1 - \beta_h/\alpha_h)}{m_p \cdot \text{ord}_p(q_A)} \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)^*(w_o) \cdot \langle\langle q_b, q_h \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}$$

Theorem 2.1 is proved in Section 4 below. More precisely, Sections 3.3 and 3.4 below prove that the following equality holds in $\mathcal{S}/\mathcal{S}^2$ up to sign:

$$(6) \quad \frac{2 \cdot \deg(\wp_\infty)}{m_p \cdot \text{ord}_p(q_A)} \cdot \langle\langle q_b, q_h \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha} = (\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot (l - 1) + \varepsilon \cdot (\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot (m - 1),$$

where $\varepsilon = +1$ if $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$ and $\varepsilon = -1$ if $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \beta_h$, and where

$$(7) \quad -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathfrak{L}_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}^{\text{an}} = d \log a_p(\boldsymbol{\xi})_{\mathbf{u}=u_o}$$

is the value at the centre u_o of $U_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}$ of the logarithmic derivative of the p -th Fourier coefficient of the Hida family $\boldsymbol{\xi} = \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha$. In Section 4 we then deduce Theorem 2.1 from Equation (6) and the study carried out in [BSV21d, Section 9] of the linear term of $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ at w_o in the exceptional case.

It should be possible to extend Theorem 2.1 (and Conjecture 2.3 below) to the case of p -new eigenforms of even weight $k \geq 2$ and trivial character (cf. Section 1.1 of [BSV21c]). We have not checked the details.

2.1. The rank-zero exceptional case of [BSV21c, Conjecture 1.1]. — Assume in this section that (A, ϱ) is exceptional at p , and that the Garrett complex L -function $L(A, \varrho, s) = L(\mathbf{f} \otimes \mathbf{g} \otimes \mathbf{h}, s)$ does not vanish at $s = 1$:

$$L(A, \varrho, 1) \neq 0.$$

According to Theorem B of [BSV21d], which extends the main result of [DR14] to the multiplicative setting (see also Theorem B of [BSV20]), one has

$$A(K_\varrho)^e = 0,$$

hence $A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e = \mathcal{Q}_p(A, \varrho)$. The *Garrett–Nekovář p -adic regulator* $R_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$, viz. the discriminant of the p -adic height $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}$ on $A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e$, is then given by

$$R_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) = \det \left(\langle\langle q_i, q_j \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2} = \langle\langle q_1, q_2 \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}^2$$

in $(\mathcal{S}^2/\mathcal{S}^3)/\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)^{*2}$, where (q_1, q_2) is a $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ -basis of $\mathcal{Q}_p(A, \varrho)$.

Let $\gamma_{gh} : V(A, \varrho)^- \hookrightarrow V(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h})^-$ be the $G_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -equivariant embedding defined by the tensor product of the isomorphism $V_p(A)^- \simeq V(\mathbf{f})^-$ induced by \wp_∞ , γ_g and γ_h (cf. Equation (3)). The normalisation imposed on the embeddings γ_g and γ_h (and described in Section 3.1.1.2 below) implies that the matrix M in $\text{GL}_2(L)$ defined by the identity $(q_b, q_h) \cdot M = (\gamma_{gh}(q_1), \gamma_{gh}(q_2))$ has determinant in $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)^*$. In light of the above discussion, Theorem 2.1 then proves the following corollary, which together with Equation (6) establishes [BSV21c, Conjecture 1.1] in the present setting.

Corollary 2.2. — *If $L(A, \varrho, s)$ does not vanish at $s = 1$, then $A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e = \mathcal{Q}_p(A, \varrho)$ and the following equality holds in the quotient of $\mathcal{S}^2/\mathcal{S}^3$ by the action of $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)^{*2}$.*

$$L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) \pmod{\mathcal{S}^3} = R_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$$

2.2. Exceptional zeros and rational points (cf. [Riv21]). — Assume in this section that (A, ϱ) is exceptional at p , and that the Garrett complex L -function $L(A, \varrho, s)$ vanishes at the central critical point $s = 1$:

$$L(A, \varrho, 1) = 0.$$

Set $\{b, \natural\} = \{\alpha\alpha, \beta\beta\}$ of $\{b, \natural\} = \{\alpha\beta, \beta\alpha\}$, depending on whether $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$ or $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$. The p -adic L -function $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ belongs to \mathcal{S}^2 (cf. Theorem 2.1) and Conjecture 1.1 of [BSV21c] predicts that its image in $(\mathcal{S}^2/\mathcal{S}^3)/\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)^*$ equals

$$\langle\langle q_b, q_{\natural} \rangle\rangle_{f_{g_\alpha h_\alpha}} \langle\langle P, Q \rangle\rangle_{f_{g_\alpha h_\alpha}} - \langle\langle q_b, P \rangle\rangle_{f_{g_\alpha h_\alpha}} \langle\langle q_{\natural}, Q \rangle\rangle_{f_{g_\alpha h_\alpha}} + \langle\langle q_b, Q \rangle\rangle_{f_{g_\alpha h_\alpha}} \langle\langle q_{\natural}, P \rangle\rangle_{f_{g_\alpha h_\alpha}}$$

for two rational points P and Q in $A(K_\varrho)^e$. (Recall that the p -adic height $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{f_{g_\alpha h_\alpha}}$ is skew-symmetric, hence the previous expression is a square root of its discriminant on the $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ -submodule of $A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^e$ generated by q_b, q_{\natural}, P and Q .) One has

$$\langle\langle q_b, q_{\natural} \rangle\rangle_{f_{g_\alpha h_\alpha}}(\mathbf{k}, 1, 1) = 0$$

by Equation (6). Moreover, Section 3.5 below proves that

$$(8) \quad \langle\langle q_{\natural}, x \rangle\rangle_{f_{g_\alpha h_\alpha}}(\mathbf{k}, 1, 1) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_b(\text{res}_p(x)) \cdot (\mathbf{k} - 2)$$

for each Selmer class x in $\text{Sel}(\mathbf{Q}, V(f, g, h))$, where

$$\log_b = \langle \log_p(\cdot), q_{\natural} \rangle_{f_{gh}} : H_{\text{fin}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f, g, h)) \longrightarrow L.$$

Here $\log_p : H_{\text{fin}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f, g, h)) \simeq D_{\text{dR}}(V(f, g, h))/\text{Fil}^0$ is the Bloch–Kato p -adic logarithm (cf. Lemma 9.1 of [BSV21d]), and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{f_{gh}} : D_{\text{dR}}(V(f, g, h))^{\otimes 2} \longrightarrow L$ is the pairing induced by the natural Kummer duality $\pi_{f_{gh}} : V(f, g, h)^{\otimes 2} \longrightarrow L(1)$ defined in Section 3.1.1 below (cf. Equation (11)). We are then led to the following

Conjecture 2.3. — Assume that $A(K_\varrho)^e$ is a 2-dimensional $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ -vector space. Then for any $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ -basis (P, Q) of $A(K_\varrho)^e$, the equality

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)}{\partial \mathbf{k}^2}(w_o) = \log_b(P) \cdot \log_{\natural}(Q) - \log_{\natural}(P) \cdot \log_b(Q)$$

holds in L up to multiplication by a non-zero scalar in $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)^*$.

As explained in [BSV21b], the main result of [BD07] can be used to prove cases of Conjecture 2.3 when g and h are theta series associated with certain ray class characters of the same imaginary quadratic field in which p is inert (and P and Q are Heegner points). By combining this with an extension of the height computations carried out in [Ven16a, Ven16b], the article [BSV21a] proves instances of Conjecture 1.1 of [BSV21c] in this setting.

Remark 2.4. — In light of the aforementioned results of [BSV21b], Rivero proposes in [Riv21, Conjecture 4.5] a variant of Conjecture 2.3. He also asks (cf. Question 5.3 of [Riv21]) if one can expect a similar description of $\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)}{\partial \mathbf{k}^2}(w_o)$ when A has good reduction at p . The previous discussion places Rivero’s conjecture within a conceptual framework and sheds some light on this question.

3. Height computations

Throughout the rest of this note we assume that (A, ϱ) is exceptional at p . In particular A has multiplicative reduction at p , id est p divides exactly N_f .

3.1. Setting and notations. — This subsection briefly recalls the needed definitions and notations from our previous articles [BSV21d, BSV21c].

3.1.1. Galois representations. — Set $N = \text{lcm}(N_f, N_g, N_h)$ and let $G_{\mathbf{Q}, N}$ be the Galois group of the maximal extension of \mathbf{Q} contained in $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}$ and unramified outside $N\infty$. If ξ denotes one of $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha$ and \mathbf{h}_α , let $V(\xi)$ be the big Galois representation associated with ξ (cf. Section 5 of [BSV21d]). It is a free \mathcal{O}_ξ -module of rank two, equipped with a continuous linear action $G_{\mathbf{Q}, N}$. For each u in $U_\xi \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 2}$ the base change $V(\xi) \otimes_u L$ of $V(\xi)$ along evaluation at u on \mathcal{O}_ξ is canonically isomorphic to the homological p -adic Deligne representation of ξ_u with coefficients in L (cf. loco citato for more details). In particular if $\xi = \mathbf{f}$ and $u = 2$ there is a natural *specialisation isomorphism* $\rho_2 : V(\mathbf{f}) \otimes_2 L \simeq V(f)$. If $\xi = \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha$ and $u = 1$ set $V(\xi) = V(\xi) \otimes_1 L$ (cf. Section 1). It is a two-dimensional L -vector space affording the dual of the p -adic Deligne–Serre representation of $\xi = g, h$ with coefficients in L . In order to have a uniform notation, in this case one defines $\rho_1 : V(\xi) \otimes_1 L \rightarrow V(\xi)$ to be the identity.

The restriction of $V(\xi)$ to $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ (via the embedding i_p fixed at the outset) fits into a short exact sequence of $\mathcal{O}_\xi[G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}]$ -modules $V(\xi)^+ \hookrightarrow V(\xi) \twoheadrightarrow V(\xi)^-$ with $V(\xi)^\pm$ free of rank one over \mathcal{O}_ξ . More precisely, let $\chi_{\text{cyc}} : G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_p^*$ be the p -adic cyclotomic character, and let $\check{a}_p(\xi) : G_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\xi^*$ be the unramified character sending an arithmetic Frobenius to the p -th Fourier coefficients $a_p(\xi)$ of ξ . Then

$$(9) \quad V(\xi)^+ \simeq \mathcal{O}_\xi(\chi_{\text{cyc}}^{u-1} \cdot \chi_\xi \check{a}_p(\xi)^{-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad V(\xi)^- \simeq \mathcal{O}_\xi(\check{a}_p(\xi)),$$

where $\chi_{\text{cyc}}^{u-1} : G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\xi^*$ satisfies $\chi_{\text{cyc}}^{u-1}(\sigma)(u) = \chi_{\text{cyc}}(\sigma)^{u-1}$ for each u in $U_\xi \cap \mathbf{Z}$. (The freeness of $V(\xi)^\pm$ is guaranteed by Assumption 1.1.3, cf. Section 5 of [BSV21d].) If $\xi = \mathbf{f}$ and $u = 2$ the specialisation isomorphism ρ_2 identifies $V(\mathbf{f})^- \otimes_2 L$ with the maximal unramified quotient $V(f)^-$ of $V(f)$. If $\xi = \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha$ and $u = 1$ we set $V(\xi)_\beta = V(\xi)^+ \otimes_1 L$ and $V(\xi)_\alpha = V(\xi)^- \otimes_1 L$. One has $V(\xi) = V(\xi)_\alpha \oplus V(\xi)_\beta$, where $V(\xi)_\gamma = V(\xi)^{\text{Frob}_p = \gamma_\xi}$ for $\gamma = \alpha, \beta$ is the submodule of $V(\xi)$ on which an arithmetic Frobenius Frob_p acts as multiplication by $\gamma_\xi = \alpha_\xi, \beta_\xi$ (cf. Assumption 1.1.3).

There is a natural $G_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -equivariant skew-symmetric perfect pairing

$$\pi_\xi : V(\xi) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_\xi} V(\xi) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\xi(\chi_\xi \cdot \chi_{\text{cyc}}^{u-1}),$$

inducing perfect dualities $\pi_\xi : V(\xi)^\pm \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_\xi} V(\xi)^\mp \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\xi(\chi_\xi \cdot \chi_{\text{cyc}}^{u-1})$. (See Section 5 cf. [BSV21d] for the definitions).

Denote by $\Xi_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}} = \chi_{\text{cyc}}^{(4-k-l-m)/2} : G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}}^*$ the character whose composition with evaluation at (k, l, m) in $U_{\mathbf{f}} \times U_{\mathbf{g}} \times U_{\mathbf{h}} \cap \mathbf{Z}^3$ on $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}}$ equals $\chi_{\text{cyc}}^{(4-k-l-m)/2}$. If \cdot denotes one of the symbols $\emptyset, +$ and $-$, define

$$\mathbf{V}^\cdot = V(\mathbf{f}) \hat{\otimes}_L V(\mathbf{g}_\alpha) \hat{\otimes} V(\mathbf{h}_\alpha) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}}} \Xi_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}}^\cdot.$$

Then $\mathbf{V} = V(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)$, resp. $\mathbf{V}^\pm = V(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)^\pm$ is a free $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}}$ -module of rank 8, resp. 4, equipped with a continuous action of $G_{\mathbf{Q}, N}$, resp. $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$. As $\chi_g \cdot \chi_h = 1$

(cf. Assumption 1.1), the product of the perfect dualities π_ξ , for $\xi = \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha$, yields a perfect skew-symmetric Kummer duality $\pi : \mathbf{V} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{fgh}} \mathbf{V} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{fgh}(1)$, inducing a perfect local Kummer duality $\pi : \mathbf{V}^\pm \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{fgh}} \mathbf{V}^\mp \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{fgh}(1)$. After setting

$$V = V(f, g, h) = V(f) \otimes_L V(g) \otimes_L V(h)$$

and $w_o = (2, 1, 1)$, the product $\rho_{w_o} = \rho_2 \hat{\otimes} \rho_1 \hat{\otimes} \rho_1$ gives natural isomorphisms

$$(10) \quad \rho_{w_o} : \mathbf{V} \otimes_{w_o} L \simeq V$$

(where $\cdot \otimes_{w_o} L$ denotes the base change along evaluation at w_o on \mathcal{O}_{fgh}). Let

$$(11) \quad \pi_{fgh} : V \otimes_L V \longrightarrow L(1)$$

be the specialisation of π via ρ_{w_o} , and define $\pi : V^\pm \otimes_L V^\mp \longrightarrow L(1)$ similarly.

3.1.1.1. Weight one differentials. — Define $D(\xi)^- = H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(\xi)^- \hat{\otimes}_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_p^{\text{nr}})$, where $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}_p^{\text{nr}}$ is the p -adic completion of the maximal unramified extension of \mathbf{Q}_p (and as usual ξ denotes one of $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha$ and \mathbf{h}_α). For each u in $U_\xi \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 2}$ there is a natural comparison isomorphism between $D(\xi)^- \otimes_u L$ and the ξ_u -isotypic component of the space of cuspidal modular forms of weight u , level $\Gamma_1(N_\xi p)$ and Fourier coefficients in L . Assumption 1.1.3 guarantees that $D(\xi)^-$ is free (of rank one) over \mathcal{O}_ξ , and admits a basis ω_ξ whose image in $D(\xi)^- \otimes_u L$ corresponds to ξ_u under the aforementioned comparison isomorphism, for each u in $U_\xi \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 2}$. (We refer to Section 3.1 of [BSV21c] and the references therein for more details.)

For $\xi = \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha$, the *holomorphic weight-one differential*

$$\omega_{\xi_\alpha} \in (V(\xi)_\alpha \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \mathbf{Q}_p^{\text{nr}})^{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$$

mentioned in Equation (5) is defined to be the weight-one specialisation of ω_ξ , viz. the image of ω_ξ in the quotient $D(\xi)^- \otimes_1 L = D(\xi)_\alpha$. The weight-one specialisation of π_ξ yields a perfect $G_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -equivariant skew-symmetric pairing

$$\pi_\xi : V(\xi) \otimes_L V(\xi) \longrightarrow L(\chi_\xi).$$

Let c be the common conductor of χ_g and χ_h , and identify $(L(\chi_\xi) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \mathbf{Q}_p^{\text{nr}})^{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$ with L via the Gauß sum $G(\chi_\xi) = (-c)^{i_\xi} \sum_{a \in (\mathbf{Z}/c\mathbf{Z})^*} \chi_\xi(a)^{-1} \otimes e^{2\pi i a/c}$, where $i_g = 0$ and $i_h = 1$ (so that $G(\chi_g) \cdot G(\chi_h) = 1$ by Assumption 1.1.1). The pairing π_ξ then induces a perfect duality $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\xi : D(\xi)_\alpha \otimes_L D(\xi)_\beta \longrightarrow L$, where $D(\xi)_\gamma = (V(\xi)_\gamma \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \mathbf{Q}_p^{\text{nr}})^{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$. One defines the *antiholomorphic weight-one differential* (cf. Equation (5))

$$\eta_{\xi_\alpha} \in (V(\xi)_\beta \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \mathbf{Q}_p^{\text{nr}})^{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$$

to be the dual of ω_{ξ_α} under $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\xi$, viz. the element satisfying $\langle \omega_{\xi_\alpha}, \eta_{\xi_\alpha} \rangle_\xi = 1$.

3.1.1.2. The embeddings γ_g and γ_h . — With the notations of Section 1, set $V_g = V_{\varrho_1}$ and $V_h = V_{\varrho_2}$. Let ξ denote either g or h . As recalled above, the Artin representation $V(\xi) = V(\xi) \otimes_1 L$ affords the dual of the p -adic Deligne representation of ξ with coefficients in L , id est is isomorphic to $V_\xi \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)} L$. Enlarging L if necessary, we normalise the $G_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -equivariant embedding $\gamma_\xi : V_\xi \longrightarrow V(\xi)$ (introduced in Equation (3)) by requiring that the composition $\pi_\xi \circ (\gamma_\xi \otimes \gamma_\xi)$ takes values in the number field $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ (via the embedding $i_p : \mathbf{Q} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Q}_p$ fixed at the outset).

3.1.2. Selmer complexes. — Let $\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ be the Nekovář Selmer complex associated with (V, V^+) (cf. Section 2.2 of [BSV21c]). It is an element of the derived category $D_{\text{ft}}^b(L)$ of cohomologically bounded complexes of L -modules with cohomology of finite type over L , sitting in an exact triangle

$$(12) \quad \mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(G_{\mathbf{Q}, N}, V) \xrightarrow{p^- \text{res}_p} \mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(G_{\mathbf{Q}, p}, V^-) \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V)[1],$$

where $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(G, \cdot)$ is the complex of continuous non-homogeneous cochains of G with values in \cdot , res_p is the restriction map (induced by the embedding $i_p : \bar{\mathbf{Q}} \hookrightarrow \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_p$ fixed at the outset) and p^- is the map induced by the projection $V \rightarrow V^-$. Denote by $\tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V) = H^1(\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V))$ the cohomology of $\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V)$, let $\text{Sel}(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ be the Bloch–Kato Selmer group of V over \mathbf{Q} , and let $i^+ : V^+ \rightarrow V$ be the natural inclusion. Then there is a commutative and exact diagram of L -vector spaces (cf. loc. cit.)

$$(13) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) & \xrightarrow{j} & \tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V) & \longrightarrow & \text{Sel}(\mathbf{Q}, V) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow \cdot + & & \downarrow \text{res}_p \\ & & & & H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+) & \xrightarrow{i^+} & H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V) \end{array}$$

where the first line arises from the exact triangle (12). In addition there is a unique section $\iota_{\text{ur}} : \text{Sel}(\mathbf{Q}, V) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ of the above projection such that $\iota_{\text{ur}}(x)^+$ belongs to the Bloch–Kato finite subspace $H_{\text{fin}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+)$ for each x in $\text{Sel}(\mathbf{Q}, V)$. We often use j and ι_{ur} to identify Nekovář’s extended Selmer group $\tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ with the naive extended Selmer group $\text{Sel}^\dagger(\mathbf{Q}, V) = H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) \oplus \text{Sel}(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ (cf. Section 1).

One similarly associates with (V, V^+) a Selmer complex

$$\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V) \in D_{\text{ft}}^b(\mathcal{O}_{fgh})$$

sitting in an exact triangle analogous to (12). (We refer to loc. cit. for more details.)

3.2. Preliminary lemmas. — This section gives a concrete description of the functionals $\langle\langle q, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{fg_\alpha h_\alpha} : \text{Sel}^\dagger(\mathbf{Q}, V) \rightarrow L$ for q in $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$ (cf. Lemma 3.4 below).

3.2.1. Bockstein maps. — Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C})$ denote one of the pairs $(\mathbf{R}\Gamma_p(V^-), \mathbf{R}\Gamma_p(V^-))$, $(\mathbf{R}\Gamma(V), \mathbf{R}\Gamma(V))$ and $(\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V), \mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V))$, where $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_p(\cdot)$ and $\mathbf{R}\Gamma(\cdot)$ are short-hands for $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{Q}_p, \cdot) = \mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(G_{\mathbf{Q}, p}, \cdot)$ and $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(G_{\mathbf{Q}, N}, \cdot)$ respectively (cf. Section 3.1.2). The specialisation maps ρ_{w_o} (cf. Equation (10)) induce isomorphisms

$$(14) \quad \rho_{w_o} : \mathcal{C} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{fgh}, w_o}^L L \simeq \mathcal{C} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_{w_o} \otimes \text{id} : \mathcal{C} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{fgh}}^L \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2[1] \simeq \mathcal{C} \otimes_L \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2[1].$$

Applying $\mathcal{C} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{fgh}}^L \cdot$ to the exact triangle

$$\mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{fgh} / \mathcal{I}^2 \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2[1]$$

(arising from evaluation on w_o) then yields a *derived Bockstein map*

$$\beta_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \mathcal{C} \otimes_L \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2[1],$$

which in turn induces in cohomology a *Bockstein map*

$$\beta_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}} : H^i(\mathcal{C}) \longrightarrow H^{i+1}(\mathcal{C}) \otimes_L \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2.$$

If no risk of confusion arises, we simply write β for $\beta_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}}$. Let

$$j : H^i(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) \longrightarrow \tilde{H}_f^{i+1}(\mathbf{Q}, V)$$

be the maps arising from the exact triangle (12).

Lemma 3.1. — *The following diagram commutes.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) \otimes_L \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \\ j \downarrow & & \downarrow j \otimes \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \\ \tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & \tilde{H}_f^2(\mathbf{Q}, V) \otimes_L \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \end{array}$$

Proof. — For $M = V, \mathbf{V}$ one has an exact triangle (cf. Equation (12))

$$\Delta_M : \mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(G_{\mathbf{Q}, N}, M)[-1] \xrightarrow{p^- \text{ores}_p} \mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{Q}_p, M^-)[-1] \xrightarrow{j_M} \mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, M).$$

Moreover Δ_V is obtained by applying $\cdot \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{fgh, w_o}}^{\mathbf{L}} L$ to $\Delta_{\mathbf{V}}$ (cf. Equation (14)). It follows from the definition of the derived Bockstein maps β^- and β on $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$ and $\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ respectively that $j_V \otimes \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2[1] \circ \beta^-$ is equal to $\beta \circ j_V$. Since by definition the maps j are the ones induced in cohomology by j_V , the lemma follows. \square

The following lemma gives a concrete description of $\beta_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}}$.

Lemma 3.2. — *Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C})$ be as above, let z be a 1-cocycle in \mathcal{C} , let Z be a 1-cochain in \mathcal{C} , and let $Z_{\mathbf{k}}, Z_{\mathbf{l}}$ and $Z_{\mathbf{m}}$ be 2-cochains in \mathcal{C} such that*

$$\rho_{w_o}(Z) = z \quad \text{and} \quad dZ = Z_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot (\mathbf{k} - 2) + Z_{\mathbf{l}} \cdot (\mathbf{l} - 1) + Z_{\mathbf{m}} \cdot (\mathbf{m} - 1).$$

Then $z = \rho_{w_o}(Z)$ is a 2-cocycle for $\cdot = \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}$, and one has the equality

$$-\beta_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}}(\text{cl}(z)) = \text{cl}(z_{\mathbf{k}}) \cdot (\mathbf{k} - 2) + \text{cl}(z_{\mathbf{l}}) \cdot (\mathbf{l} - 1) + \text{cl}(z_{\mathbf{m}}) \cdot (\mathbf{m} - 1)$$

in $H^2(\mathcal{C}) \otimes_L \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2$, where $\text{cl}(\cdot)$ is the class in $H^i(\mathcal{C})$ represented by the i -cocycle \cdot .

Proof. — The proof is very similar to that of [Ven16a, Lemma 5.5]. We omit it. \square

3.2.2. Local and global duality. — Nekovář's generalised Poitou–Tate duality associates with the perfect duality π_{fgh} introduced in Equation (11) a global cup-product pairing (cf. Section 2.4 of [BSV21c])

$$(15) \quad \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{Nek}} : \tilde{H}_f^2(\mathbf{Q}, V) \otimes_L \tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V) \longrightarrow L.$$

The pairing π_{fgh} induces a Kummer duality $V^- \otimes_L V^+ \longrightarrow L(1)$ and we denote by

$$(16) \quad \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{Tate}} : H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) \otimes_L H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+) \longrightarrow L$$

the induced local Tate duality pairing. Recall finally the map

$$\cdot^+ : \tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V) \longrightarrow H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+)$$

introduced in diagram (13).

Lemma 3.3. — *For each ζ in $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$ and ξ in $\tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ one has*

$$\langle j(\zeta), \xi \rangle_{\text{Nek}} = \langle \zeta, \xi^+ \rangle_{\text{Tate}}.$$

Proof. — This is proved as in [Ven16a, Lemma 5.7]. \square

3.2.3. *The Garrett–Nekovář p -adic height pairing.* — Set

$$\tilde{\beta}_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha} = \beta_{\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V)/\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V)} : \tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V) \longrightarrow \tilde{H}_f^2(\mathbf{Q}, V) \otimes_L \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2.$$

After identifying $\tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ with $\text{Sel}^\dagger(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ (cf. Section 3.1.2), the canonical height $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}$ introduced in Section 1 is defined by (cf. [BSV21c, Section 2])

$$\langle\langle x, y \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha} = \langle \tilde{\beta}_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}(x), y \rangle_{\text{Nek}}$$

for each x and y in $\tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V)$, where we write again $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{Nek}}$ for the $\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2$ -base change of Nekovář’s cup-product (15). Lemmas 3.1 and 3.3 give the following

Lemma 3.4. — *For each q in $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$ one has*

$$\langle\langle j(q), \cdot \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha} = \langle \beta_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}^-(q), \cdot \rangle_{\text{Tate}}^+$$

as $\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2$ -valued maps on $\tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V)$, where $\beta_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}^- = \beta_{\mathbf{R}\Gamma_p(V^-)/\mathbf{R}\Gamma_p(V^-)}$ (and we write again $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{Tate}}$ for the $\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2$ -base change of the local Tate pairing (16)).

3.3. Computation of $\langle\langle q_{\beta\beta}, q_{\alpha\alpha} \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}$. — Assume in this subsection $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$, so that $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$ is generated over L by the periods

$$q_{\alpha\alpha} = \sqrt{m_p} \cdot q(f) \otimes \omega_{g_\alpha} \otimes \omega_{h_\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad q_{\beta\beta} = \sqrt{m_p} \cdot q(f) \otimes \eta_{g_\alpha} \otimes \eta_{h_\alpha}.$$

Recall that $\chi_{\text{cyc}} : G_{\mathbf{Q}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_p^*$ denotes the p -adic cyclotomic character. Fix a lift $\mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta}$ in V^- of $q_{\beta\beta}$ under ρ_{w_o} . Since (cf. Section 3.1.1)

$$\mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta} \in V(f)^- \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(g)_\beta \otimes_L V(h)_\beta \hookrightarrow V^-$$

and $V(\xi)_\beta = V(\xi_\alpha)^+ \otimes_1 L$ for $\xi = g, h$, we can choose $\mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta}$ in the $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ -submodule

$$V(\mathbf{f})^- \hat{\otimes}_L V(\mathbf{g})^+ \hat{\otimes}_L V(\mathbf{h})^+ \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}}} \Xi_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}} \hookrightarrow V^-$$

(cf. Section 3.1.1). By Equation (9) one has

$$(17) \quad d\mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta} = \Phi \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta},$$

where d denotes the differentials of the complex $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$ and

$$\Phi = \frac{\check{a}_p(\mathbf{f})}{\check{a}_p(\mathbf{g}_\alpha) \cdot \check{a}_p(\mathbf{h}_\alpha)} \cdot \chi_{\text{cyc}}^{(l+m-k)/2} - 1 : G_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}}.$$

The assumption $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$ implies that Φ takes value in \mathcal{I} , and that its composition Φ' with the projection $\mathcal{I} \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2$ is of the form

$$\Phi' = \varphi_k \cdot (k-2) + \varphi_l \cdot (l-1) + \varphi_m \cdot (m-1)$$

with φ_u in $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p)$ for $u = k, l, m$. Identify $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p)$ with the \mathbf{Q}_p -vector space $\text{Hom}(\mathbf{Q}_p^*, \mathbf{Q}_p)$ of continuous morphisms of groups from \mathbf{Q}_p^* to \mathbf{Q}_p via the local reciprocity map $\text{rec}_p : \mathbf{Q}_p^* \longrightarrow G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}^{\text{ab}}$, normalised by requiring $\text{rec}_p(p^{-1})$ to be an arithmetic Frobenius. By local class field theory, for each p -adic unit u one has

$$\varphi_k(u) = \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \left(\langle u \rangle^{(l+m-k)/2} - 1 \right) \Big|_{w_o} = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_p(u),$$

where $\langle \cdot \rangle : \mathbf{Z}_p^* \rightarrow 1 + p\mathbf{Z}_p$ denotes the projection to principal units, and

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{k}}(p) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{k}} \left(\frac{a_p(\mathbf{g}_\alpha) \cdot a_p(\mathbf{h}_\alpha)}{a_p(\mathbf{f})} - 1 \right) \Big|_{w_o} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}}$$

(cf. Equation (7)). As a consequence $-2 \cdot \varphi_{\mathbf{k}}$ is equal to

$$\log_{\mathbf{f}} = \log_p - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}} \cdot \text{ord}_p \in H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p)$$

(where the p -adic valuation $\text{ord}_p : \mathbf{Q}_p^* \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_p$ is normalised by $\text{ord}_p(p) = 1$). Similarly one shows that $2 \cdot \varphi_l$ and $2 \cdot \varphi_m$ are equal to the logarithms $\log_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha} = \log_p - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^{\text{an}} \cdot \text{ord}_p$ and $\log_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha} = \log_p - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^{\text{an}} \cdot \text{ord}_p$. It then follows from Equation (17) and Lemma 3.2 that

$$(18) \quad 2 \cdot \beta_{\mathbf{f}\mathbf{g}_\alpha\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^-(q_{\beta\beta}) = \left(\log_{\mathbf{f}} \cdot (\mathbf{k} - 2) - \log_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha} \cdot (l - 1) - \log_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha} \cdot (m - 1) \right) \otimes q_{\beta\beta}$$

in $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) \otimes_L \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2$, where (with the notations introduced in Section 3.2.1) one writes $\beta_{\mathbf{f}\mathbf{g}_\alpha\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^-$ for the Bockstein map $\beta_{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}}$ associated with $\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{R}\Gamma_p(V^-)$. Note that

$$V(f)_{\beta\beta}^- = V(f)^- \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(g)_\beta \otimes_L V(h)_\beta$$

is an $L[G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}]$ -direct summand of V^- on which $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ acts trivially, so that $\log_{\xi} \otimes q_{\beta\beta}$ (for $\xi = \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha$) belongs to the direct summand

$$H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\beta\beta}^-) = H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(f)_{\beta\beta}^-$$

of the local cohomology group $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$. Similarly

$$V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+ = V(f)^+ \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(g)_\alpha \otimes_L V(h)_\alpha$$

is an $L[G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}]$ -direct summand of V^+ isomorphic to $\mathbf{Q}_p(1)$, hence

$$(19) \quad H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+) = H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p(1)) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+(-1)$$

is a direct summand of $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+)$. The local Tate pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{Tate}}$ introduced in Section 3.2.2 induces a perfect duality (denoted by the same symbol) between $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\beta\beta}^-)$ and $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+)$, and identifying $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Z}_p(1))$ with the p -adic completion $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}_p^*$ of \mathbf{Q}_p^* via the local Kummer map, local class field theory gives

$$(20) \quad \langle \varphi \otimes v^-, u \otimes v^+ \rangle_{\text{Tate}} = \varphi(u) \cdot \pi_{fgh}(-1)(v^+ \otimes v^-)$$

for each φ in $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p)$, u in $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p(1))$, v^- in $V(f)_{\beta\beta}^-$ and v^+ in $V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+$. Here

$$\pi_{fgh}(-1) : V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+(-1) \otimes_L V(f)_{\beta\beta}^- \rightarrow L$$

is the composition of $\pi_{fgh} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_p(-1)$ with the evaluation pairing $L(1) \otimes_L L(-1) \rightarrow L$.

Recall that we identify $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$ with a submodule of $\tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ via the embedding j introduced in Diagram (13). Lemma 3.4 and Equations (18) and (20) give

$$(21) \quad 2 \cdot \langle\langle q_{\beta\beta}, z \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha} \stackrel{\text{Lemma 3.4}}{=} 2 \cdot \langle \beta_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}^-(q_{\beta\beta}), z^+ \rangle_{\text{Tate}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Equation (18)}}{=} \sum_{\xi} (-1)^{u_o} \cdot \langle \log_{\xi} \otimes q_{\beta\beta}, z^+ \rangle_{\text{Tate}} \cdot (\mathbf{u} - u_o)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Equation (20)}}{=} \sum_{\xi} (-1)^{u_o} \cdot \log_{\xi}(z_{\alpha\alpha}^+) \cdot (\mathbf{u} - u_o)$$

for each z in $\tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V)$, where $\xi = \mathbf{f}, g_\alpha, h_\alpha$, $u_o = 2, 1, 1$ is the centre of U_ξ , and

$$z_{\alpha\alpha}^+ \in H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p(1)) = \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_p^* \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}_p} \mathbf{Q}_p$$

is defined as follows. Let $\text{pr}_{\alpha\alpha}$ denote the projection onto the direct summand $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+)$ of the local cohomology group $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+)$, and let $q_{\beta\beta}^*$ be the generator of $V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+(-1)$ dual to $q_{\beta\beta}$ under $\pi_{fgh}(-1)$, namely satisfying

$$\pi_{fgh}(-1)(q_{\beta\beta}^* \otimes q_{\beta\beta}) = 1.$$

Then $z_{\alpha\alpha}^+$ is defined (via the natural isomorphism (19)) by the identity

$$(22) \quad \text{pr}_{\alpha\alpha}(z^+) = z_{\alpha\alpha}^+ \otimes q_{\beta\beta}^*.$$

We now determine $z_{\alpha\alpha}^+$ for $z = j(q_{\alpha\alpha})$. By definition $j(q_{\alpha\alpha})$ is represented by

$$c_{\alpha\alpha} = (0, d\tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha}, \tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha}) \in \tilde{C}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V),$$

where $\tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha}$ in V is a lift of $q_{\alpha\alpha}$ under the the projection $V \rightarrow V^-$, and where

$$d\tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha} : G_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \rightarrow V^+$$

is its image under the differential in $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{Q}_p, V)$. By construction $d\tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha}$ represents the class $q_{\alpha\alpha}^+ = j(q_{\alpha\alpha})^+$ in $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+)$. Since $V(\xi)$ is the direct sum of $V(\xi)_\alpha$ and $V(\xi)_\beta$ for $\xi = g, h$, we can (and will) choose $\tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha}$ of the form

$$\tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha} = \sqrt{m_p} \cdot \tilde{q}(f) \otimes \omega_{g_\alpha} \otimes \omega_{h_\alpha}$$

for a lift $\tilde{q}(f)$ of $q(f)$ under the projection $V(f) \rightarrow V(f)^-$, so that $d\tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha}$ represents the image of $q_{\alpha\alpha}$ under the connecting morphism

$$\delta_{\alpha\alpha} : V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^- \rightarrow H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+)$$

arising from the short exact sequence of $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+ \rightarrow V(f)_{\alpha\alpha} \rightarrow V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^- \rightarrow 0,$$

where $V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}$ is the $L[G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}]$ -direct summand $V(f) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(g)_\alpha \otimes_L V(h)_\alpha$ of V . Let q_A in $p\mathbf{Z}_p$ be the Tate period of $A_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$. Tate's theory gives a rigid analytic isomorphisms between the base change $E_{\mathbf{Q}_p^2}$ of the Tate curve $E = \mathbf{G}_{m, \mathbf{Q}_p}^{rig}/q_A^{\mathbf{Z}}$ to the quadratic unramified extension \mathbf{Q}_{p^2} of \mathbf{Q}_p and $A_{\mathbf{Q}_{p^2}}$. Set $V_p(E) = H_{\text{ét}}^1(E_{\mathbf{Q}_p}, \mathbf{Q}_p(1))$ and let $\wp_{\text{Tate}} : V_p(E) \simeq V_p(A)$ be the isomorphisms of $G_{\mathbf{Q}_{p^2}}$ -modules induced by the Tate uniformisation. There is a short exact sequence of $\mathbf{Q}_p[G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}]$ -modules

$$(23) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_p(1) \xrightarrow{a} V_p(E) \xrightarrow{b} \mathbf{Q}_p \rightarrow 0,$$

where $a(\zeta_{p^\infty}) = (\zeta_{p^n} \cdot q_A^{\mathbf{Z}})_{n \geq 1}$ for each compatible system $\zeta_{p^\infty} = (\zeta_{p^n})_{n \geq 1}$ of p^n -th roots of unity, and b is the \mathbf{Q}_p -linear extension of the inverse limit of (canonical) maps $b_n : E(\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_p)_{p^n} = (\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_p^*/q_A^{\mathbf{Z}})_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/p^n\mathbf{Z}$ defined by $b_n(x \cdot q_A^{\mathbf{Z}}) = \frac{p^n \cdot \text{ord}_p(x)}{\text{ord}_p(q_A)} + p^n \cdot \mathbf{Z}$. By definition $q(A) = \wp_{\text{Tate}}^-(1)$, where $\wp_{\text{Tate}}^- \circ b$ is the composition of \wp_{Tate} and the projection $V_p(A) \rightarrow V_p(A)^-$ onto the maximal $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ -unramified quotient, and

$$\tilde{q}(f) = \wp_\infty^{-1} \circ \wp_{\text{Tate}}({}^p\sqrt{q_A})$$

is the image of a compatible system ${}^p\sqrt{q_A}$ of p^n -th roots of the Tate period q_A under the composition of \wp_{Tate} and the inverse of the isomorphism $\wp_\infty : V(f) \simeq V_p(A)$ induced by the fixed modular parametrisation $\wp_\infty : X_1(N_f) \rightarrow A$. As a consequence 1 in \mathbf{Q}_p maps to $q_A \hat{\otimes} 1$ under the connecting map $\mathbf{Q}_p \rightarrow H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p(1)) = \mathbf{Q}_p^* \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{Q}_p$ associated with the short exact sequence (23), hence

$$(24) \quad j(q_{\alpha\alpha})^+ = cl(d\tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha}) = \delta_{\alpha\alpha}(q_{\alpha\alpha}) = \sqrt{m_p} \cdot (\wp_\infty^{-1} \circ \wp_{\text{Tate}})^+(q_A \hat{\otimes} 1) \otimes \omega_{g_\alpha} \otimes \omega_{h_\alpha}$$

in

$$H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\alpha\alpha}^+) = H^0(\text{Gal}(\mathbf{Q}_{p^2}/\mathbf{Q}), H^1(\mathbf{Q}_{p^2}, V(f)^+) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(g)_\alpha \otimes_L V(h)_\alpha),$$

where

$$(\wp_\infty^{-1} \circ \wp_{\text{Tate}})^+ : \mathbf{Q}_{p^2}^* \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{Q}_p \simeq H^1(\mathbf{Q}_{p^2}, V(f)^+)$$

is the map induced in cohomology by the composition of \wp_∞^{-1} and

$$\wp_{\text{Tate}}^+ = \wp_{\text{Tate}} \circ a.$$

If \mathcal{A} denotes either A or E , denote by

$$\pi_{\mathcal{A}} : V_p(\mathcal{A})(-1) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V_p(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_p$$

the composition of the evaluation pairing $\mathbf{Q}_p(1) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \mathbf{Q}_p(-1) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_p$ with the base change of the Weil pairing on $V_p(\mathcal{A})$ by $\mathbf{Q}_p(-1)$. Set

$$q(A)^* = \wp_{\text{Tate}}^+(\zeta_{p^\infty}) \otimes \zeta_{p^\infty}^* \in V_p(A)^+(-1),$$

where ζ_{p^∞} is a generator of $\mathbf{Q}_p(1)$ and $\zeta_{p^\infty}^*$ in $\mathbf{Q}_p(-1)$ is its dual basis, and set

$$q(f)^* = \deg(\wp_\infty) \cdot \wp_\infty^{-1}(q(A)^*) \in V(f)^+(-1).$$

As $\pi_E((a(y) \otimes z) \otimes x) = b(x) \cdot z(y)$ for each x in $V_p(E)$, y in $\mathbf{Q}_p(1)$ and z in $\mathbf{Q}_p(-1)$, the functoriality of the Poincaré duality under finite morphisms yields

$$\pi_f(q(f)^* \otimes q(f)) = \pi_A(q(A)^* \otimes q(A)) = \pi_E((a(\zeta_{p^\infty}) \otimes \zeta_{p^\infty}^*) \otimes {}^p\sqrt{q_A}) = 1,$$

then (by the definition of the weight-one differentials η_{ξ_α} , cf. Section 3.1.1.1)

$$q_{\beta\beta}^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m_p}} \cdot q(f)^* \otimes \omega_{g_\alpha} \otimes \omega_{h_\alpha}.$$

Together with Equation (24) this gives

$$(25) \quad j(q_{\alpha\alpha})^+ = \frac{m_p}{\deg(\wp_\infty)} \cdot (q_A \hat{\otimes} 1) \otimes q_{\beta\beta}^*,$$

id est

$$(26) \quad j(q_{\alpha\alpha})_{\alpha\alpha}^+ = \frac{m_p}{\deg(\wp_\infty)} \cdot q_A \hat{\otimes} 1.$$

According to Theorem 3.18 of [GS93] $\mathfrak{L}_f^{\text{an}} = \frac{\log_p(q_A)}{\text{ord}_p(q_A)}$, so that

$$(27) \quad -\frac{2 \cdot \deg(\wp_\infty)}{m_p \cdot \text{ord}_p(q_A)} \cdot \langle\langle q_{\beta\beta}, q_{\alpha\alpha} \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha} = (\mathfrak{L}_f^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{g_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot (l-1) + (\mathfrak{L}_f^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{h_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot (m-1)$$

by Equations (21) and (26).

3.4. Computation of $\langle\langle q_{\alpha\beta}, q_{\beta\alpha} \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}$. — Assume in this subsection $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$, so that $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$ is generated by the p -adic periods

$$q_{\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{m_p} \cdot q(f) \otimes \omega_{g_\alpha} \otimes \eta_{h_\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad q_{\beta\alpha} = \sqrt{m_p} \cdot q(f) \otimes \eta_{g_\alpha} \otimes \omega_{h_\alpha}.$$

For $\gamma\delta = \alpha\beta, \beta\alpha$ and $\cdot = \emptyset, \pm$, define $V(f)_{\gamma\delta} = V(f)_{\cdot} \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(g)_\gamma \otimes V(h)_\delta$. Then

$$H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) = V(f)_{\alpha\beta}^- \oplus V(f)_{\beta\alpha}^-$$

$G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ acts on $V(f)_{\alpha\beta}^+$ and $V(f)_{\beta\alpha}^+$ via the p -adic cyclotomic character, and the local Tate pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{Tate}}$ introduced in Section 3.2.2 induces a perfect duality (denoted by the same symbol) between $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\alpha\beta}^-)$ and $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\beta\alpha}^+)$. The argument of the proof of Equation (25) shows that

$$(28) \quad J(q_{\beta\alpha})^+ = \frac{m_p}{\deg(\wp_\infty)} \cdot (q_A \hat{\otimes} 1) \otimes q_{\alpha\beta}^*$$

in the direct summand $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\beta\alpha}^+) = \mathbf{Q}_p^* \hat{\otimes} V(f)_{\beta\alpha}^+(-1)$ of $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+)$, where

$$(29) \quad q_{\alpha\beta}^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m_p}} \cdot q(f)^* \otimes \eta_{g_\alpha} \otimes \omega_{h_\alpha} \quad \text{satisfies} \quad \pi_{fgh}(-1)(q_{\alpha\beta}^* \otimes q_{\alpha\beta}) = 1.$$

Let $\text{pr}_{\alpha\beta} : H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(f)_{\alpha\beta}^-$ denote the projection, and write

$$(30) \quad \text{pr}_{\alpha\beta} \otimes \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2 \circ \beta_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}^-(q_{\alpha\beta}) = \sum_{\mathbf{u}} \gamma_{\mathbf{u}} \otimes q_{\alpha\beta} \cdot (\mathbf{u} - u_o)$$

with $\gamma_{\mathbf{u}}$ in $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, \mathbf{Q}_p) = \text{Hom}(\mathbf{Q}_p^*, \mathbf{Q}_p)$ for $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}$, where (with the notations introduced in Section 3.2.1) $\beta_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}^-$ is a shorthand for

$$\beta_{\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) / \mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)} : H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-) \otimes_L \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2,$$

and $u_o = 2$ if $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{k}$ and $u_o = 1$ if $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{m}$. Then (cf. Equation (21))

$$(31) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle\langle q_{\alpha\beta}, q_{\beta\alpha} \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha} &\stackrel{\text{Lemma 3.4}}{=} \langle \beta_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}^-(q_{\alpha\beta}), J(q_{\beta\alpha})^+ \rangle_{\text{Tate}} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Eqs. (28) and (30)}}{=} \frac{m_p}{\deg(\wp_\infty)} \cdot \sum_{\mathbf{u}} \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{u}} \otimes q_{\alpha\beta}, (q_A \hat{\otimes} 1) \otimes q_{\alpha\beta}^* \rangle_{\text{Tate}} \cdot (\mathbf{u} - u_o) \\ &= \frac{m_p}{\deg(\wp_\infty)} \cdot \sum_{\mathbf{u}} \gamma_{\mathbf{u}}(q_A) \cdot (\mathbf{u} - u_o), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from Equation (29) and the analogue of Equation (20) obtained by replacing $\alpha\alpha$ and $\beta\beta$ with $\beta\alpha$ and $\alpha\beta$ respectively. It then remains to compute $\gamma_{\mathbf{u}}$ for \mathbf{u} equal to \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l} and \mathbf{m} .

For $\xi = \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha$, fix \mathcal{O}_ξ -bases b_ξ^\pm of $V(\xi)^\pm$. After identifying $V(\xi)$ with $\mathcal{O}_\xi \oplus \mathcal{O}_\xi$ via the \mathcal{O}_ξ -basis (b_ξ^+, b_ξ^-) , the action of $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ on $V(\xi)$ is given by (cf. Equation (9))

$$\begin{pmatrix} \chi_\xi \cdot \check{a}_p(\xi)^{-1} \cdot \chi_{\text{cyc}}^{\mathbf{u}-1} & c_\xi \\ 0 & \check{a}_p(\xi) \end{pmatrix} : G_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \longrightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}_\xi)$$

for a continuous map $c_\xi : G_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_\xi$. Without loss of generality, assume that

$$\mathbf{q}_{\alpha\beta} = b_{\mathbf{f}}^- \hat{\otimes} b_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^- \hat{\otimes} b_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^+ \otimes 1$$

in $V^- = V(\mathbf{f})^- \hat{\otimes}_L V(\mathbf{g}_\alpha) \hat{\otimes}_L V(\mathbf{h}_\alpha) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}}} \Xi_{\mathbf{f}g\mathbf{h}}$ maps to

$$q_{\alpha\beta} \in V(\mathbf{f})_{\alpha\beta}^- = V(\mathbf{f}) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} V(\mathbf{g})_\alpha \otimes_L V(\mathbf{h})_\beta$$

under $\rho_w : V^- \longrightarrow V^-$. (Recall that $V(\xi) = V(\xi_\alpha) \otimes_1 L$ is the direct sum of $V(\xi)_\alpha = V(\xi_\alpha)^- \otimes_1 L$ and $V(\xi)_\beta = V(\xi_\alpha)^+ \otimes_1 L$ for $\xi = g, h$, cf. Section 3.1.1.) Then

$$(32) \quad dq_{\alpha\beta} = \Gamma \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\alpha\beta} + \Delta \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta},$$

where $\mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta} = b_{\mathbf{f}}^- \hat{\otimes} b_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^+ \hat{\otimes} b_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^+ \otimes 1$, where

$$\Gamma = \frac{\check{a}_p(\mathbf{f}) \cdot \check{a}_p(\mathbf{g}_\alpha)}{\check{a}_p(\mathbf{h}_\alpha)} \cdot \chi_h \cdot \chi_{\text{cyc}}^{(m-k-l+2)/2} - 1$$

and where

$$\Delta = \check{a}_p(\mathbf{f}) \cdot \check{a}_p(\mathbf{h}_\alpha)^{-1} \cdot \chi_h \cdot \chi_{\text{cyc}}^{(m-k-l+2)/2} \cdot c_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}.$$

The exceptional zero condition $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$ and the self duality condition $\chi_g \cdot \chi_h = 1$ imply that Γ takes values in \mathcal{S} . Moreover, since the $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ -module $V(\mathbf{g}) = V(\mathbf{g}_\alpha) \otimes_1 L$ splits as the direct sum of $V(\mathbf{g})_\beta = V(\mathbf{g}_\alpha)^+ \otimes_1 L$ and $V(\mathbf{g})_\alpha = V(\mathbf{g}_\alpha)^- \otimes_1 L$, the map $c_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}$ takes values in $(l-1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{g}}$, hence Δ takes values in \mathcal{S} . Because by construction $\mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta}$ maps to an element of $V(\mathbf{f})_{\beta\beta}^-$ under the specialisation map $\rho_{w_o} : V^- \longrightarrow V^-$, Lemma 3.2 and Equations (30) and (32) yield the identities

$$\gamma_{\mathbf{u}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Gamma(\cdot)(w_o),$$

hence (as in the previous subsection) a direct computation gives

$$(33) \quad \gamma_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_{\mathbf{f}}, \quad \gamma_{\mathbf{l}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_{\mathbf{m}} = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}.$$

Recalling that $\log_{\mathbf{f}}(q_A) = 0$ by [GS93, Theorem 3.18], Equation (31) finally proves

$$(34) \quad \frac{2 \cdot \deg(\wp_\infty)}{m_p \cdot \text{ord}_p(q_A)} \cdot \langle\langle q_{\alpha\beta}, q_{\beta\alpha} \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha\mathbf{h}_\alpha} = (\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot (l-1) - (\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot (m-1).$$

3.5. Proof of Equation (8). — Assume in this subsection that (A, ϱ) is exceptional at p , and fix a Selmer class x in $\text{Sel}(\mathbf{Q}, V(f, g, h))$. Let

$$\tilde{x} = \iota_{\text{ur}}(x) \in \tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V(f, g, h))$$

be the corresponding extended Selmer class (cf. Section 3.1.2). By construction \tilde{x}^+ belongs to the finite subspace of $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+)$, and its image under the natural map $i^+ : H_{\text{fin}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+) \rightarrow H_{\text{fin}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V)$ equals the restriction of x at p :

$$(35) \quad \text{res}_p(x) = i^+(\tilde{x}^+).$$

The Galois group $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ acts on $V(f)_{\mathfrak{q}}^+$ via the p -adic cyclotomic character, hence

$$H_{\text{fin}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\mathfrak{q}}^+) = \mathbf{Z}_p^* \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}_p} V(f)_{\mathfrak{q}}^+(-1)$$

by Kummer theory. If q_b^* in $V(f)_{\mathfrak{q}}^+$ denotes (as in the previous subsections) the dual basis of q_b in $V(f)_{\mathfrak{q}}^-$ under the pairing π_{fgh} , and if one writes

$$\text{pr}_{\mathfrak{q}}(\tilde{x}^+) = \tilde{x}_{\mathfrak{q}}^+ \otimes q_b^* \in H_{\text{fin}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\mathfrak{q}}^+)$$

for some $\tilde{x}_{\mathfrak{q}}^+$ in $\mathbf{Z}_p^* \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}_p} L$, then Equation (35) yields the equality

$$(36) \quad \log_{\mathfrak{q}}(\text{res}_p(x)) = \langle \log_p^+(\tilde{x}^+), q_b \rangle_{fgh} = \langle \log_p(\tilde{x}_{\mathfrak{q}}^+) \otimes q_b^*, q_b \rangle_{fgh} = \log_p(\tilde{x}_{\mathfrak{q}}^+),$$

where $\log_p^+ : H_{\text{fin}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^+) \simeq D_{\text{dR}}(V^+)$ is the Bloch–Kato logarithm and (with a slight abuse of notation) we denote again by $\log_p : \mathbf{Z}_p^* \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}_p} L \rightarrow L$ the L -linear extension of the p -adic logarithm. In the previous equation we used the functoriality of the Bloch–Kato logarithm and the fact that (by construction) the linear form $\langle \cdot, q_b \rangle_{fgh}$ on $D_{\text{dR}}(V^+)$ factors through the projection onto $D_{\text{dR}}(V(f)_{\mathfrak{q}}^+) = V(f)_{\mathfrak{q}}^+(-1)$.

Assume $(\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h)$ and $q_b = q_{\beta\beta}$. According to Equations (21) and (36)

$$(37) \quad 2 \cdot \langle q_{\beta\beta}, x \rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_{\alpha}h_{\alpha}} = \log_{\alpha\alpha}(\text{res}_p(x)) \cdot (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{l} - \mathbf{m}),$$

thus proving Equation (8) in this case.

Assume $q_b = q_{\alpha\beta}$. Since (with the notations of Section 3.4) Δ takes values in $(\mathbf{l} - 1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{f}g_{\alpha}h_{\alpha}}$, it follows from Lemma 3.2 and Equations (32) and (33) that

$$(38) \quad 2 \cdot \beta_{\mathbf{f}g_{\alpha}h_{\alpha}}^-(q_{\alpha\beta}) = \sum_{\xi} \varepsilon_{\xi} \cdot \log_{\xi} \otimes q_{\alpha\beta} \cdot (\mathbf{u} - u_o) + \vartheta \cdot (\mathbf{l} - 1)$$

for some cohomology class ϑ in $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\beta\beta}^-)$, where $\varepsilon_{h_{\alpha}} = -1$ and $\varepsilon_{\xi} = +1$ for $\xi = \mathbf{f}, g_{\alpha}$. One has then

$$(39) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle q_{\alpha\beta}, x \rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_{\alpha}h_{\alpha}}(\mathbf{k}, 1, 1) &\stackrel{\text{Lemma 3.4}}{=} \langle \beta_{\mathbf{f}g_{\alpha}h_{\alpha}}^-(q_{\alpha\beta}), \tilde{x}^+ \rangle_{\text{Tate}}(\mathbf{k}, 1, 1) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Equation (38)}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \langle \log_{\mathbf{f}} \otimes q_{\alpha\beta}, \tilde{x}_{\beta\alpha}^+ \otimes q_{\alpha\beta}^* \rangle_{\text{Tate}} \cdot (\mathbf{k} - 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_{\mathbf{f}}(\tilde{x}_{\alpha\beta}^+) \cdot \pi_{fgh}(q_{\alpha\beta} \otimes q_{\alpha\beta}^*) \cdot (\mathbf{k} - 2) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Equation (36)}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_{\alpha\beta}(\text{res}_p(x)) \cdot (\mathbf{k} - 2), \end{aligned}$$

thus proving Equation (8) when $q_b = q_{\alpha\beta}$. Switching the roles of the Hida families \mathbf{g}_α and \mathbf{h}_α , this also proves Equation (8) when $q_b = q_{\beta\alpha}$.

Assume finally $q_b = q_{\alpha\alpha}$. With the notations of Section 3.4, let (b_ξ^+, b_ξ^-) be \mathcal{O}_ξ -bases of $V(\xi)$ such that $\mathbf{q}_{\alpha\alpha} = b_{\mathbf{f}}^- \hat{\otimes} b_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^- \hat{\otimes} b_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^- \otimes 1$ is a lift of $q_{\alpha\alpha}$ under the specialisation map $\rho_{w_o} : V^- \rightarrow V^-$. Since c_ξ takes values in $(\mathbf{u} - u_o) \cdot \mathcal{O}_\xi$ for $\xi = \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha$, one has

$$d\mathbf{q}_{\alpha\alpha} \equiv \left(\chi_{\text{cyc}}^{(4-k-l-m)/2} \cdot \prod_{\xi} \check{a}_p(\xi) - 1 \right) \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\alpha\alpha} \pmod{(l-1, m-1) \cdot \mathbb{C}_{\text{cont}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)},$$

hence Lemma 3.2 and a direct computation give

$$(40) \quad 2 \cdot \beta_{\mathbf{f}\mathbf{g}_\alpha\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^-(q_{\alpha\alpha}) = \log_{\mathbf{f}} \otimes q_{\alpha\alpha} \cdot (k-2) + \vartheta \cdot (l-1) + \vartheta' \cdot (m-1)$$

for some local cohomology classes ϑ and ϑ' in $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$. As in (39) one deduces Equation (8) for $q_b = q_{\alpha\alpha}$ from Lemma 3.4 and Equations (36) and (40).

4. Proof of Theorem 2.1

Let Π_f, Π_g and Π_h be the *improving* planes in $U_f \times U_g \times U_h$ defined respectively by the equations $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{l} + \mathbf{m}$, $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{l} - \mathbf{m} + 2$ and $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{l} + 2$. For $\xi = f, g, h$ define

$$\mathcal{E}_\xi = 1 - \bar{\chi}_\xi(p) \cdot \frac{a_p(\xi)}{a_p(\xi') \cdot a_p(\xi'')}$$

in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{f}\mathbf{g}\mathbf{h}}$, where $\{\xi, \xi', \xi''\} = \{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha\}$. Lemma 9.8 of [BSV21d] implies that

$$(41) \quad \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)|_{\Pi_\xi} = \mathcal{E}_\xi|_{\Pi_\xi} \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)_\xi^*$$

for an improved p -adic L -function $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)_\xi^*$ in $\mathcal{O}(\Pi_\xi)$. Indeed loc. cit. (together with its analogue obtained by switching the roles of g and h) proves that the meromorphic function $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)_\xi^*$ on Π_ξ defined by the previous equation is (bounded, hence) regular at w_o . Shrinking the discs U_ξ if necessary, we then conclude that the improved p -adic L -function $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)_\xi^*$ is analytic on Π_ξ , as claimed.

Assume first $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$, so that

$$(42) \quad 2 \cdot \mathcal{E}_f \pmod{\mathcal{I}^2} = \mathfrak{L}_f^{\text{an}} \cdot (k-2) - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^{\text{an}} \cdot (l-1) - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^{\text{an}} \cdot (m-1).$$

According to Theorem A and Proposition 9.3 of [BSV21d], the partial derivative of $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ with respect to \mathbf{k} vanishes at w_o , hence

$$2 \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) \pmod{\mathcal{I}^2}$$

is equal to

$$\left((\mathfrak{L}_f^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot (l-1) + (\mathfrak{L}_f^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot (m-1) \right) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)_f^*(w_o)$$

by Equations (41) and (42). Moreover, with the notations introduced before the statement of Theorem 2.1, one has $\mathbf{L} = \Pi_f \cap \Pi_g$ and $\mathcal{E}_f = \mathcal{E}_f|_{\mathbf{L}}$, thus

$$\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)_f^*(w_o) = \mathcal{E}_g(w_o) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)^*(w_o).$$

Noting that $\mathcal{E}_g(w_o) = 1 - \beta_h/\alpha_h$ (when $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$), the previous discussion and Equation (27) conclude the proof of Theorem 2.1 when $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$.

Assume now $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$. In this case, for $\xi = g, h$, one has

$$(43) \quad 2 \cdot \mathcal{E}_\xi \pmod{\mathcal{I}^2} = \mathfrak{L}_{\xi_\alpha}^{\text{an}} \cdot (\mathbf{u} - 1) - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}} \cdot (\mathbf{k} - 2) - \mathfrak{L}_{\xi'_\alpha}^{\text{an}} \cdot (\mathbf{u}' - 1),$$

where $\{(\xi_\alpha, \mathbf{u}), (\xi'_\alpha, \mathbf{u}')\} = \{(\mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{l}), (\mathbf{h}_\alpha, \mathbf{m})\}$, and

$$(44) \quad -\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)_h^*(w_o) = \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)_g^*(w_o) = \mathcal{E}_f(w_o) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)^*(w_o).$$

The second equality in the previous equation follows as above from the definitions, according to which $\mathbf{L} = \Pi_f \cap \Pi_g$ and $\mathcal{E}_g = \mathcal{E}_g|_{\mathbf{L}}$. The first equality follows by noting that the restrictions of \mathcal{E}_g and \mathcal{E}_h to the line $\Pi_g \cap \Pi_h$ satisfy

$$\mathcal{E}_g|_{\Pi_g \cap \Pi_h} = - \frac{\bar{\chi}_g(p) \cdot a_p(\mathbf{g}_\alpha)}{a_p(\mathbf{f}) \cdot a_p(\mathbf{h}_\alpha)} \Big|_{\Pi_g \cap \Pi_h} \cdot \mathcal{E}_h|_{\Pi_g \cap \Pi_h}$$

(as $a_p(\mathbf{f})|_{\Pi_g \cap \Pi_h} = \alpha_f = \alpha_f^{-1}$ and $\chi_g \cdot \chi_h = 1$ by Assumption 1.1.1) with

$$-\frac{\bar{\chi}_g(p) \cdot a_p(\mathbf{g}_\alpha)}{a_p(\mathbf{f}) \cdot a_p(\mathbf{h}_\alpha)}(w_o) = -1.$$

(In other words $\mathcal{E}_g|_{\Pi_g \cap \Pi_h}$ and $-\mathcal{E}_h|_{\Pi_g \cap \Pi_h}$ have the same leading term at w_o , which together with the equality $\mathcal{E}_g \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)_g^*|_{\Pi_g \cap \Pi_h} = \mathcal{E}_h \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)_h^*|_{\Pi_g \cap \Pi_h}$ implies the first identity in Equation (44).) Write

$$2 \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) \pmod{\mathcal{I}^2} = a \cdot (\mathbf{k} - 2) + b \cdot (\mathbf{l} - 1) + c \cdot (\mathbf{m} - 1)$$

with a, b and c in L . Equations (41) and (43) with $\xi = g$ and Equation (44) give

$$a + b = \mathcal{E}_f(w_o) \cdot (\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}}) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^*(w_o) \quad \text{and} \quad c - a = \mathcal{E}_f(w_o) \cdot (\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^*(w_o),$$

where \mathcal{L}_p^* is a shorthand for $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)^*$. Similarly

$$b - a = \mathcal{E}_f(w_o) \cdot (\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}}) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^*(w_o) \quad \text{and} \quad a + c = \mathcal{E}_f(w_o) \cdot (\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^*(w_o)$$

by Equations (41) and (43) with $\xi = h$ and Equation (44). As a consequence

$$-2 \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) \pmod{\mathcal{I}^2}$$

equals

$$\mathcal{E}_f(w_o) \cdot ((\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot (\mathbf{l} - 1) - (\mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{f}}^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^{\text{an}}) \cdot (\mathbf{m} - 1)) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)^*(w_o).$$

Noting that $\mathcal{E}_f(w_o) = 1 - \frac{\beta_h}{\alpha_h}$ (when $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$), the previous discussion and Equation (34) prove Theorem 2.1 when $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$.

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