

\* Adjoint L-value formula  
and its relation to Tate conjecture

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Abstract: For a Hecke eigenform  $f$ , we state an adjoint L-value formula relative to each quaternion algebra  $D$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with discriminant  $\delta$  and reduced norm  $N$ . A key to prove the formula is the theta correspondence for the quadratic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -space  $(D, N)$ . Under the  $R = \mathbb{T}$ -theorem,  $p$ -part of the Bloch-Kato conjecture is known; so, the formula is an adjoint Selmer class number formula. We also describe how to relate the formula to a consequence of the Tate conjecture for quaternionic Shimura varieties.

§0. **Setting of the simplest case.** Assume that  $D$  is **definite**. Let  $G_D(\mathbb{Q}) = \{(h_l, h_r) \in D^\times \times D^\times \mid N(h_l) = N(h_r)\}$  which acts on  $D$  by  $v \mapsto h_l^{-1}vh_r$ ; so,  $SO_D(\mathbb{Q}) = G_D(\mathbb{Q})/Z_D(\mathbb{Q})$  for the center  $Z_D \subset G_D$ . For a Bruhat function  $\phi$  on  $D_{\mathbb{A}}^{(\infty)}$  and  $e(N(v_\infty)\tau)$  ( $\tau \in \mathfrak{H}$  : the upper half complex plane), the theta series

$$\theta(\phi; \tau; h_l, h_r) = \sum_{\alpha \in D} \phi(h_l^{-1}\alpha h_r) e(N(\alpha_\infty)\tau) \quad \text{on } \mathfrak{H} \times G_D(\mathbb{A})$$

can be extended to an automorphic form on  $Y_\Gamma \times Sh \times Sh$  for  $Sh := D^\times \backslash D_{\mathbb{A}}^\times / D_\infty^\times$  and  $Y_\Gamma := \Gamma \backslash \mathfrak{H}$  for a congruence subgroup  $\Gamma$ . For a weight 2 cusp form  $f \in S_2(\Gamma)$  and automorphic forms  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} : Sh \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , we define

$$\theta^*(\phi)(f)(h_l, h_r) = \int_{Y_\Gamma} f(\tau) \theta(\phi)(\tau; h_l, h_r) y^{-2} dx dy, \quad (h_l, h_r \in D_{\mathbb{A}}^\times)$$

$$\theta_*(\phi)(\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{G})(\tau) = \int_{Sh \times Sh} \theta(\phi)(\tau; h_l, h_r) (\mathcal{F}(h_l) \cdot \mathcal{G}(h_r)) d\mu_l d\mu_r.$$

We choose the Haar measure  $d\mu_?$  on  $D_{\mathbb{A}}^\times$  suitably. We call  $\theta^*(\phi)(f) : Sh \times Sh \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  a **theta lift** and  $\theta_*(\phi)(\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{G}) \in M_2(\Gamma)$  a **theta descent**.

§1. **Two good choices of  $\phi$ .** Let  $R$  be an Eichler order of level  $N$ ; so,  $(N, \partial) = 1$ .

**First choice:** At  $N$ , we identify  $R/NR = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}) \right\}$ . Let  $\phi_R$  be the characteristic function of

$$\left\{ x \in \widehat{R} \mid x \bmod NR = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}, d \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times \right\}.$$

Then the first choice is

$$\phi(v) = \phi_R(v^{(\infty)})e(N(v_\infty)\tau)$$

as a Schwartz-Bruhat function on  $D_{\mathbb{A}}$ . In this case,  $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(\partial N)$ .

**Second choice:** Let  $\phi_L$  be the characteristic function of  $\widehat{L}$ . Choose  $0 < c \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $L := \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \widehat{R}_0$  for  $R_0 = \{v \in R \mid \text{Tr}(v) = 0\}$ , and put  $\phi'_{R_0} = (1 - c^3)^{-1}(\phi_{R_0} - \phi_{cR_0})$ . Then we define, writing  $v = z \oplus w$  with  $z \in Z_{\mathbb{A}}$  and  $w \in D_{0, \mathbb{A}}$

$$\phi'(v) = \phi_{\mathbb{Z}}(z^{(\infty)})\phi'_{R_0}(w^{(\infty)})e(N(v_\infty)\tau).$$

We have  $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(4c^2\partial N)$ .

§2. **Two theorems.** Let  $Sh_R = Sh/\widehat{R}^\times$  and  $\delta(Sh_R)$  is the diagonal image of  $Sh_R$  in  $Sh_R \times Sh_R$ .

**Theorem A:** Assume that  $\int_{Sh_R} \mathcal{F} d\mu = \int_{Sh_R} \mathcal{G} d\mu = 0$  (a cuspidal condition). If  $L = R_0(N)$ , then  $\theta_*(\phi)(\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{G}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}|T(n)) q^n$  for  $q = \exp(2\pi i\tau)$  with  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = \int_{\delta(Sh_R)} \mathcal{F}(h)\mathcal{G}(h)d\mu_h$ . So  $\theta_*(\phi)$  and  $\theta^*(\phi)$  are **Hecke equivariant**.

**Theorem B:** If  $f$  is a Hecke eigen new form of  $S_2(\Gamma_0(\partial N))$ , then for the canonical period  $\Omega_{\pm}$  of  $f$ ,

$$\prod_{p|\partial} (1 - p^{-2})^{-1} m_1 \frac{L(1, Ad(\rho_f))}{2\pi^3 \Omega_+ \Omega_-} = \int_{\delta(Sh_R)} \frac{\theta^*(\phi')(f)(h)}{\Omega_+ \Omega_-} d\mu,$$

where  $m_1$  is the mass factor of  $L \cap D_0$ :  $m_1 \frac{\zeta(2)}{\pi^2} = \int_{Sh_R} d\mu \in \mathbb{Q}$  (Siegel's mass formula) and if  $\partial = p$  with  $N = 1$ ,  $m_1 = (p-1)/2$ .

Theorem B is independent of  $c$ . Under  $R = \mathbb{T}$  theorem at a prime  $p$ ,  $p$ -primary Bloch-Kato conjecture known for  $Ad(\rho_f)$ ; so, Theorem B is an adjoint Selmer class number formula.

**§3. Higher weight  $k$  and indefinite case.** For a higher weight  $k$  or an indefinite case, we need to replace the Schwartz function  $e(N(v)\tau)$  by a **standard Schwartz function of Siegel–Shimura by multiplying a vector valued spherical function** for  $(D, N)$  and then in the indefinite case, we modify  $\theta(\varphi)$  (for  $\varphi = \phi, \phi'$ ) and  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  into **vector valued differential forms by the Eichler–Shimura map**. Then  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are closed harmonic 1-forms with values in a locally constant sheaf  $\mathcal{L}_{n/A}$  **whose fiber is the symmetric  $n$ -th tensor representation** over an appropriate ring  $A$  for  $n = k - 2$ . We replace  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$  by the cup product  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})_n := \int_{\delta(Sh_R)} \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{G}$  of  $H^*(Sh_R, \mathcal{L}_{n/\mathbb{C}}) \times H^*(Sh_R, \mathcal{L}_{n,\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow H^{2*}(Sh_R, \mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}$  in Theorem A ( $* = 0, 1$  definite or indefinite).

In Theorem B, we pull back the class  $\theta(\phi')^*(f)$  on  $Sh_R \times Sh_R$  to  $\delta(Sh_R)$  and integrate over  $\delta(Sh_R)$ . Then Theorem B is valid in general.

**§4. Canonical periods.** If  $D$  is indefinite,  $Sh_R$  is a Shimura curve. Let  $A$  be a DVR at a prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  such that  $\mathbb{Z}[\lambda] = \mathbb{Z}[\lambda(T(n)) | n \in \mathbb{Z}] \subset A \subset \mathbb{Q}[\lambda]$  for the Hecke field  $\mathbb{Q}[\lambda]$  of  $f$  (i.e.,  $f|T(n) = \lambda(T(n))f$ ). Define  $\mathcal{F}_\pm$  by  $H_\lambda := H^1(Sh_R, \mathcal{L}_{n/A})[\lambda, \pm] = A[\mathcal{F}_\pm]$ , where  $\pm$  indicate the  $\pm$ -eigenspace of complex conjugation on  $Sh_R$ . Put  $H := H^1(Sh_R, \mathcal{L}_{n/A})[\pm]$ .

Also define  $\mathcal{F}$  by  $H^0(Sh_{R/A}, \omega^k)[\lambda] = A\mathcal{F}$  ( $\mathcal{F} \in S_k(\hat{R}^\times)$ ) for the weight  $k$  Hodge bundle  $\omega^k$ . Then we project it to a unique element  $\omega^\pm(\mathcal{F})$  of the  $\pm$ -eigenspace  $H^1(Sh_R, \mathcal{L}_{n/\mathbb{C}})[\lambda, \pm]$  of complex conjugation and define the period  $\Omega_\pm^D \in \mathbb{C}^\times$  as  $\omega^\pm(\mathcal{F}) = \Omega_\pm^D[\mathcal{F}_\pm]$ . The period  $\Omega_\pm$  in Theorem B is  $\Omega_\pm^{M_2(\mathbb{Q})}$ . We just put  $\Omega_\pm^D = 1$  if  $D$  is definite.

**Tate conjecture** predicts  $\Omega_\pm^D/\Omega_\pm \in \mathbb{Q}[\lambda]^\times$  if  $D$  is indefinite.

The conjecture is known for  $k = 2$  by Faltings.

§5. **Relation to Tate conjecture.** Assume that  $D$  is indefinite. Let  $E$  be one of  $H^1(Sh_R, \mathcal{L}_n/\mathbb{Q}[\lambda])[\pm]$ . Decompose  $E \otimes_A \mathbb{Q} = E_\lambda \oplus E_\lambda^\perp$  into  $\lambda$ -eigenspace  $E_\lambda$  and its Hecke stable complement, and write  $\widetilde{H}_\lambda$  for the projection of  $H$  to  $E_\lambda$ . Define  $c_D := (\mathcal{F}_+, \mathcal{F}_-)_n$  which is called **cohomological  $D$ -congruence number**, and  $\widetilde{H}_\lambda/H_\lambda \cong A/c_D A$ . We know, in  $\mathbb{C}/A^\times$ , under the  $R = \mathbb{T}$ -theorem at a prime  $p$ ,

$$(*) \quad (\mathcal{F}_+, \mathcal{F}_-)_n = c_D \stackrel{R=\mathbb{T}}{=} c_{M_2(\mathbb{Q})} = \frac{L(1, Ad(\rho_f))}{2\pi^3 \Omega_+ \Omega_-} \quad (\text{up to } A^\times).$$

By Theorem A, for  $u_\pm^D \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ ,  $\theta_D^*(f) = u_+^D \mathcal{F}_+ \otimes u_-^D \mathcal{F}_-$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} L(1, Ad(\rho_f)) &\stackrel{\text{Theorem B}}{=} \int_{\delta(Sh_R)} \theta_D^*(\phi')(f) \\ &= u_+^D u_-^D (\mathcal{F}_+, \mathcal{F}_-)_n \stackrel{(*)}{=} u_+^D u_-^D \frac{L(1, Ad(\rho_f))}{\Omega_+ \Omega_-}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $u_+^D u_-^D / \Omega_+ \Omega_- \in A^\times$ . Thus if  $u_+^D u_-^D = \Omega_+^D \Omega_-^D$  (i.e.  $u_\pm^D \mathcal{F}_\pm = \omega^\pm(\mathcal{F}) \Leftrightarrow \theta_D^*(\phi') = \omega^+(\mathcal{F}) \otimes \omega^-(\mathcal{F})$ ), the  $A$ -integral Tate conjecture in this case holds (which I hope to prove in future).

§6. **Proof of Theorem A.** Let  $h_k(\partial N; A)$  be the subalgebra of  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(S_k(\Gamma_0(\partial N)))$  generated over  $A$  by Hecke operators  $T(n)$  and  $S_k(\Gamma_0(\partial N); A) = S_k(\Gamma_0(\partial N)) \cap A[[q]]$ . Recall

**Duality theorem** *The space  $S := S_k(\Gamma_0(\partial N); A)$  is  $A$ -dual of  $H := h_k(\partial N; A)$  such that for a linear form  $\phi : h_k(\partial N; A) \rightarrow A$ ,*

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(T(n))q^n \in S_k(\Gamma_0(\partial N); A)$ . Writing  $f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n, f)q^n \in$

$S$ , the pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : H \times S \rightarrow A$  is given by  $\langle h, f \rangle = a(1, f|h)$ .

By Jacquet-Langlands correspondence,  $H^*(Sh_R, \mathcal{L}_{n/A})$  is a module over  $h_k(\partial N; A)$ . Then applying the above theorem to the linear form  $h_k(\partial N; A) \ni h \mapsto (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}|h)_n$ , we get Theorem A.

For the proof of Theorem B, we resort to [an idea of Waldspurger](#).



§7. **An idea of Waldspurger.** Computing the period of  $\theta^*(\phi')(f)$  for a quadratic space  $V = W \oplus W^\perp$  over an orthogonal Shimura subvariety  $S_W \times S_{W^\perp} \subset S_V$  has two steps:

(S) Split  $\theta(\phi')(\tau, h, h^\perp) = \theta(\varphi)(\tau, h) \cdot \theta(\tau, \varphi^\perp)(h^\perp)$  ( $h^\perp \in \mathcal{O}_{W^\perp}(\mathbb{A})$ ) for a decomposition  $\phi' = \varphi \otimes \varphi^\perp$  ( $\varphi$  and  $\varphi^\perp$  Schwartz–Bruhat functions on  $W_\mathbb{A}$  and  $W_\mathbb{A}^\perp$ );

(R) For the theta lift  $(\theta^*(\phi')(f))(h) = \int_Y f(\tau) \theta(\phi')(\tau, h) d\mu$  with a modular curve  $Y$ , the period  $P$  over the Shimura subvariety  $S \times S^\perp$  ( $S$  for  $\mathcal{O}(W)$  and  $S^\perp$  for  $\mathcal{O}(W^\perp)$ ) is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{S \times S^\perp} \int_Y f(\tau) \theta(\phi')(\tau; h) d\mu(\tau) dh \quad (d\mu(\tau) = y^{-2} dx dy) \\ &= \int_Y f(\tau) \left( \int_{S^\perp} \theta(\varphi^\perp)(\tau; h^\perp) dh^\perp \right) \cdot \left( \int_S \theta(\varphi)(\tau; h_0) dh \right) d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Then invoke the Siegel–Weil formula to convert inner integrals into the Siegel–Weil Eisenstein series  $E(\varphi)$  and  $E(\varphi^\perp)$ , reaching Rankin–Selberg integral

$$P = \int_Y f(\tau) E(\varphi^\perp) E(\varphi) d\mu = L\text{-value.}$$

§8.  $D$  definite and  $n = 0$ . For simplicity, we assume that  $D$  is definite and  $n = 0$ . Then  $D = Z \oplus D_0$  for the center  $Z$  and  $D_0 := \{v \in D | \text{Tr}(v) = 0\}$ . So  $W = Z = (\mathbb{Q}, x^2)$  and  $W^\perp = D_0$ . Computing Siegel–Weil formula for  $\varphi = \phi_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , we have  $E(\varphi) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2}$  (Riemann’s theta series). In the definite case,  $E(\varphi^\perp)$  is a weight  $\frac{3}{2}$  Eisenstein series.

For general  $\varphi^\perp$ ,  $E(\varphi^\perp)$  is the sum of the Eisenstein series  $E_\infty(\varphi^\perp)$  of the infinity cusp and  $E_0(\varphi^\perp)$  of the zero cusp. For the Rankin convolution,  $\int_Y f\theta(\varphi)E_0(\varphi^\perp)d\mu_\tau$  causes a trouble. Our choice of  $\varphi^\perp := \phi'_{R_0}$  introducing  $0 < c \in \mathbb{Z}$  is made to have the vanishing  $E_0(\phi'_{R_0}) = 0$  and the identity  $E_\infty(\phi'_{R_0}) = E_\infty(\phi_{R_0})$ . The Rankin convolution  $\int_Y f\theta(\varphi)E_\infty(\phi_{R_0})d\mu_\tau$  is computed in 1976 by Shimura and produces the adjoint L-value in Theorem B. All computation can be generalized to the Hilbert modular case over a totally real field  $F$  and a quaternion algebra  $D/F$ .