## EXTENSIONS AND THE EXCEPTIONAL ZERO OF THE ADJOINT SQUARE *L*-FUNCTIONS

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Take a totally real field F with integer ring O as a base field. We fix an identification  $\iota : \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p \cong \mathbb{C} \supset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Fix a prime p > 2, and write  $\Sigma$  for the set of prime factors of p in F. Start with a holomorphic automorphic representation  $\pi$  of  $GL_2(F_{\mathbb{A}})$  (a Hilbert modular Hecke eigenform) which is spherical and nearly p-ordinary at  $\Sigma$ . Then we have the compatible system of  $\lambda$ -adic representations  $\rho = {\rho_{\lambda}}_{\lambda}$  of  $\pi$ , and if  $\lambda \nmid p$ ,  $\rho_{\lambda}(Frob_{\mathfrak{p}})$  is unramified and has two eigenvalues a p-adic unit eigenvalue  $\alpha$  (with respect to  $\iota$ ) and a p-adic nonunit  $\beta$ . When we consider a p-adic member of  $\rho$ , it is supposed to be associated to  $i_p = \iota^{-1} : \overline{\mathbb{Q}} \hookrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ . We consider the Galois stable subspace  $Ad(\rho) \subset$  $\rho \otimes {}^t \rho^{-1} = \operatorname{End}(\rho)$  with zero trace (whose Galois action is given by conjugation). The Euler factor at  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $L(s, Ad(\rho))$  is then given by

$$\left[(1-\alpha\beta^{-1}p^{-s})(1-p^{-s})(1-\alpha^{-1}\beta p^{-s})\right]^{-1}.$$

The *p*-adic *L*-function  $L_p(s, Ad(\rho))$ , whose value at 1 is a constant multiple of  $(1 - pp^{-1})(1 - \alpha^{-1}\beta p^{-1})(1 - p\alpha\beta^{-1}p^{-1})L(1, Ad(\rho))$ , has an exceptional 0 at s = 1 (corresponding to the Frobenius eigenvalue = 1 at  $\mathfrak{p}|p$ ) whose order is the number of such Euler factors  $r = |\Sigma|$  if the  $\mathcal{L}$ -invariant  $\mathcal{L}(Ad(\rho))$  of  $Ad(\rho_{i_p})$  does not vanish. The  $\mathcal{L}$ -invariant  $\mathcal{L}(Ad(\rho))$  is defined by the following (hypothetical) formula:

$$\frac{d^r L_p(s, Ad(\rho))}{ds^r}\Big|_{s=1} \stackrel{?}{=} \mathcal{L}(Ad(\rho)) \frac{L(1, Ad(\rho))}{\text{a period}}$$

The appearance of the trivial zero is always true without assuming unramifiedness of  $\pi$  or  $\rho$  at p for the adjoint square L-functions, and this is a peculiar point when we study the  $\mathcal{L}$ -invariant of the adjoint square L. Indeed, by the near ordinarity,  $\rho_{i_p}|_{D_p} \cong \begin{pmatrix} \delta'_p & * \\ 0 & \delta_p \end{pmatrix}$ , and hence, the semisimplified  $Ad(\rho)|_{D_p}$  has eigenvalue 1 for  $Frob_p$ . Since Greenberg has given a Galois cohomological definition of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -invariant without recourse to the analytic p-adic L-function, we can discuss the adjoint square  $\mathcal{L}$ -invariant using his definition, and we would like to relate it to differential calculus of p-adic analytic families lifting  $\pi$ .

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For simplicity, we assume that p totally splits in  $F/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\pi$  has level 1, which allows us to avoid some technicality. Let  $(\kappa_{1,\mathfrak{p}} \leq \kappa_{2,\mathfrak{p}})$ be the p-adic Hodge-Tate type of  $\rho_{i_p}$  at the place  $\mathfrak{p}|p$ . Defining  $\kappa =$  $(\kappa_1, \kappa_2)$  with  $\kappa_j = \sum_{\mathfrak{p}} \kappa_{j,\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{p} \in \mathbb{Z}[\Sigma]$ , we call  $\kappa$  the weight of  $\pi$ . We suppose  $k_{\mathfrak{p}} = \kappa_{2,\mathfrak{p}} - \kappa_{1,\mathfrak{p}} + 1 \geq 2$  (the weight " $\geq 2$ " condition). Write the central character of  $\pi$  as  $\varepsilon$ ; so, det $(\rho) = \varepsilon \mathcal{N}$  for the cyclotomic character  $\mathcal{N}$ . The representation  $\pi$  has a p-normalized vector  $f \in \pi$ . The form f is normalized so that the archimedean Fourier coefficients  $\mathbf{a}_{\infty}(y, f)$  gives the Hecke eigenvalue of the Hecke operator T(y) and U(y) ( $y \in \widehat{O} \cap F_{\mathbb{A}}^{\times}$ ) corresponding to  $\widehat{\Gamma}_0(p) \begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \widehat{\Gamma}_0(p)$  for the adelic open compact subgroup  $\widehat{\Gamma}_0(p)$  of  $\Gamma_0$ -type. It is better to introduce  $\mathbf{a}_p(y, f) = y_p^{-\kappa_1} \mathbf{a}_{\infty}(y, f)$  which we call the q-expansion coefficients of f, is the eigenvalue of  $T_p(y) = y_p^{-\kappa_1} T(y)$  and is p-integral with  $f|U_p(y) =$  $\delta_{\mathfrak{p}}([y, F_{\mathfrak{p}}])f$  if  $0 \neq y \in O_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\times}$ . Here  $y_p^{-\kappa_1} = \prod_{\mathfrak{p}|p} N_{F_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathbb{Q}_p}(y_{\mathfrak{p}})^{-\kappa_{1,\mathfrak{p}}}$ .

## 1. ANALYTIC FAMILIES OF AUTOMORPHIC REPRESENTATIONS

A philosophical interpretation of the zero of  $L_p(s, Ad(\rho))$  at s = 0, 1as a factor of  $L_p(s, End(\rho)) = L_p(s, End(\pi))$  is

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 zero of  $L_p(s, Ad(\rho)) = L_p(s, Ad(\pi))$  at  $s = 1$   
 $\stackrel{?}{\leftrightarrow} \operatorname{rank} \operatorname{Ext}^1_{\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})}(\rho, \rho) \stackrel{?}{=} \operatorname{rank} \operatorname{Ext}^1_{\operatorname{automorphic rep}}(\pi, \pi) = r$ 

Here the extension group  $\operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})}$  is computed in the category of nearly ordinary *p*-adic representations unramified outside *p* and  $\infty$ . To explore this question, it is essential to lift  $\pi$  (or *f*) to  $\Lambda$ -adic automorphic representations. Let us describe this point first. Fix a discrete valuation ring  $W \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{p} = \mathbb{C}$  (sufficiently large) finite flat over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p}$  as a base ring. Take an open subgroup *S* of  $G^{(p)} := GL_2(F_{\mathbb{A}}^{(p\infty)})$ . *p*-Adic modular forms on *S* over a *p*-adic *W*-algebra  $R = \varprojlim R/p^n R$  classify triples  $(X, \overline{\lambda}, \phi)_{/A}$  for *p*-adic *R*-algebras *A*. Here *X* is an AVRM by *O* (so,  $O \hookrightarrow \operatorname{End}(X_{/A})$  with  $\Omega_{X/A} \cong O \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A$  locally),  $\overline{\lambda}$  is a polarization class up to prime-to-*p O*-linear isogenies, and  $\phi = (\phi_p, \phi^{(p)})$  is a pair of level structures  $\phi_p : \mu_{p^{\infty}} \otimes O^* \hookrightarrow X[p^{\infty}]$  ( $O^*$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -dual of *O*) and  $\phi^{(p)} : (F_{\mathbb{A}}^{(p\infty)})^2 \cong V^{(p)}(X) = (\varprojlim_N X[N]) \otimes \mathbb{A}^{(p\infty)}$  modulo *S*. A *p*-adic modular form *h* is a functorial rule satisfying

- (1)  $h((X, \overline{\lambda}, \phi)_{/A}) \in A$  depends only on the prime-to-*p* isogeny class of  $(X, \overline{\lambda}, \phi)_{/A}$ ,
- (2) If  $\varphi : A \to B$  is a *p*-adically continuous *R*-algebra homomorphism, then  $h((X, \overline{\lambda}, \phi)_{/A} \otimes_{A, \varphi} B) = \varphi(h((X, \overline{\lambda}, \phi)_{/A})),$

(3) If z is a central element in 
$$G^{(p)}$$
,  $h((X, \overline{\lambda}, \phi_p, \phi^{(p)} \circ z)_{/A}) = \varepsilon(z)h((X, \overline{\lambda}, \phi)_{/A}).$ 

Writing  $\mathcal{V}(S,\varepsilon;R)$  for the space of *p*-adic modular forms on *S* over *R*, and taking the limit  $\mathcal{V}(\varepsilon;R) = \varinjlim_{S} \mathcal{V}(S,\varepsilon;R), g \in G^{(p)}$  acts on  $\mathcal{V}(\varepsilon;R)$  by  $g \cdot h((X,\overline{\lambda},\phi_p,\phi^{(p)}) = h((X,\overline{\lambda},\phi_p,\phi^{(p)}\circ g)_{/A})$  (the *p*-adic automorphic representation). For  $u \in O_p^{\times}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{V}(\varepsilon;R)$ , define  $h|u(X,\overline{\lambda},\phi_p,\phi^{(p)}) = h(X,\overline{\lambda},\phi_p\circ u,\phi^{(p)})$ , which is an element of  $\mathcal{V}(\varepsilon;R)$ . Let

$$\mathcal{V}_{\kappa}(\varepsilon; R) = \{ h \in \mathcal{V}(\varepsilon; R) | h | u = u^{-\kappa_1} h \text{ for all } u \in O_p^{\times} \}.$$

Also  $U_p(y)$  for  $0 \neq y \in O_p$  acts on  $\mathcal{V}(\varepsilon; W)$  by

$$\mathbf{a}_p(y,h|U_p(\varpi)) = \mathbf{a}_p(\varpi y,h).$$

Similarly,  $T_p(\mathfrak{q})$  acts on  $\mathcal{V}(GL_2(O_\mathfrak{q}), \varepsilon; W)$  by

$$\mathbf{a}_p(y,h|T_p(\mathbf{q})) = \mathbf{a}_p(\varpi y,h) + N(\mathbf{q})\varepsilon(\mathbf{q})\mathbf{a}_p(\frac{y}{\varpi_{\mathbf{q}}},h)$$

for the uniformizer  $\varpi_{\mathfrak{q}}$  at a prime  $\mathfrak{q} \nmid p$ . Define the ordinary projector  $e = \lim_{n \to \infty} U_p(p)^{n!}$  on  $\mathcal{V}(\varepsilon; R)$ , and write the image as  $\mathcal{V}^{n.ord}(\varepsilon; R)$ . The prime-to-p part  $\pi^{(p)}$  of  $\pi$  appears as a subquotient of  $\mathcal{V}_{\kappa}^{n.ord}(\varepsilon; W)$  generated by translations  $g \cdot f$  of  $f \in \pi$  regarded as a p-adic modular form.

**Theorem 1.1** (multiplicity 1). The automorphic representation of  $G^{(p)} = GL_2(F^{(p\infty)}_{\mathbb{A}})$  on  $\mathcal{V}^{n.ord}_{\kappa}(\varepsilon; \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p) = \mathcal{V}^{n.ord}_{\kappa}(\varepsilon; W) \otimes_W \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$  is admissible and is a direct sum of admissible irreducible representations of  $G^{(p)}$  with multiplicity at most 1.

Let  $\Gamma_F$  be the *p*-profinite part of  $O_p^{\times}$ ; so,  $\Gamma_F = (1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p)^{\Sigma}$ . Let  $\Lambda = \Lambda_F$  be the Iwasawa algebra  $W[[\Gamma_F]] = \varprojlim_n W[\Gamma_F/\Gamma_F^{p^n}]$ . Fix a generator  $\gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} \in 1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p$  of the  $\mathfrak{p}$ -component of  $\Gamma_F$ , and identify  $\Lambda = W[[x_{\mathfrak{p}}]]_{\mathfrak{p}\in\Sigma}$  by  $\gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} \leftrightarrow 1 + x_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . We have the universal cyclotomic character  $\kappa : O_p^{\times} \to \Lambda^{\times}$  sending  $u \in O_p^{\times}$  to the projection  $\langle u \rangle \in \Gamma_F \subset \Lambda^{\times}$ . Define  $V(S, \varepsilon; \Lambda) = \mathcal{V}(S, \varepsilon; W) \widehat{\otimes}_W \Lambda = \varprojlim_n \mathcal{V}(S, \varepsilon; \Lambda/\mathfrak{m}_\Lambda^n)$  and  $V(\varepsilon; \Lambda) = \varinjlim_S V(S, \varepsilon; \Lambda)$ . Again  $G^{(p)}, U_p(y), T_p(y), u \in O_p^{\times}$  and the projector e act on  $V(\varepsilon; \Lambda)$ . Define  $V^{n.ord}$  by the image of e and

$$V_{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}^{n.ord}(\varepsilon;\Lambda) = \left\{ h \in V^{n.ord}(\varepsilon;\Lambda) \middle| h | u = u^{-\kappa_1} \boldsymbol{\kappa}(u) h \text{ for all } u \in O_p^{\times} \right\}$$

on which  $G^{(p)}$  and  $U_p(y)$  acts. For each  $v = \sum_{\mathfrak{p}} v_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{p} \in \mathbb{Z}[\Sigma]$ , consider  $\kappa_v = (\kappa_1 - v, \kappa_2 + v)$  and the algebra homomorphism  $v : \Lambda \to W$  given by  $v(u) = \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} u_{\mathfrak{p}}^{v_{\mathfrak{p}}}$  for  $u = (u_{\mathfrak{p}})_{\mathfrak{p}|p} \in \Gamma_F$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** For an algebraic closure  $\mathcal{K}$  of  $Frac(\Lambda)$ , the automorphic representation of  $G^{(p)}$  on  $V_{\kappa}^{n.ord}(\varepsilon; \mathcal{K}) = V_{\kappa}^{n.ord}(\varepsilon; \Lambda) \otimes_{\Lambda} \mathcal{K}$  is admissible and is a direct sum of admissible irreducible representations with multiplicity at most 1. For a given  $\pi$  as above, there exists a unique irreducible admissible factor  $\Pi$  of  $V_{\kappa}^{n.ord}(\varepsilon; \mathcal{K})$  defined over a finite flat extension  $\mathbb{I}$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $\Pi \otimes_{\mathbb{I},P} W \cong \pi$  for an algebra homomorphism  $P: \mathbb{I} \to W$  extending  $0 \in \mathbb{Z}[\Sigma]$  on  $\Lambda$ . Moreover for each  $v \in \mathbb{Z}[\Sigma]$  with  $k_{\mathfrak{p}} + 2v_{\mathfrak{p}} \geq 2$  for all  $\mathfrak{p}|_{p}$  and each W-algebra homomorphism  $Q: \mathbb{I} \to W$  extending  $v, \pi_{Q} = \Pi \otimes_{\mathbb{I},Q} W$  is an automorphic representation of  $G^{(p)}$  coming from classical Hilbert modular form of weight  $\kappa_{v}$ .

Thus we get a *p*-adic analytic family of automorphic representation  $\{\pi_Q\}_{Q \in \text{Spf}(\mathbb{I})(W)}$ . A naive question is

**Question 1.3.** When the minimal ring of definition of  $\Pi$  is not equal to  $\Lambda$ ?

We have  $\mathbb{I} = \Lambda$  for almost all the time; however, there are limited examples of nonscalar extension  $\mathbb{I} \neq \Lambda$ . Let  $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}) \in \mathbb{I}$  be the Hecke eigenvalue of  $T_p(\mathbf{q})$  or  $U_p(\mathbf{q})$  (if  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p}$ ) of  $\Pi$ . For simplicity, we assume  $\mathbb{I} = \Lambda$  and write  $\Sigma = {\mathbf{p}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{p}_d}, \gamma_j = \gamma_{\mathbf{p}_j}$  and  $x = x_{\mathbf{p}_j} \in \Lambda$ . Here is a naive transcendency questions

**Question 1.4.** Fix  $v(1 + x_j) = v(\gamma_j)$  for  $j \ge 2$  and for  $v^{(1)} = \sum_{j\ge 2} v_j \mathfrak{p}_j \in \mathbb{Z}[\Sigma - {\mathfrak{p}_1}]$  with  $k_j + 2v_j \ge 2$   $(j \ge 2)$ . Regard  $\mathbf{a}(\mathfrak{q})$  as a function of  $x_1$ .

- (1) Fix a prime  $\mathfrak{q}$ . Moving  $v = v_1\mathfrak{p}_1 + v^{(1)}$  for integers  $v_1$  with  $k + 2v_1 \ge 2$ , is the set  $\{v(\mathbf{a}(\mathfrak{q}))|v_1 \ge 1 \frac{k}{2}\}$  an infinite set?
- (2) Further suppose that  $\Pi$  does not have complex multiplication. Is the field  $\mathbb{Q}[v(\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}))|v_1 \ge 1 - \frac{k}{2}] \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  an infinite extension?

As is well known, by Galois deformation theory, if  $\rho \mod \mathfrak{m}_W$  is absolutely irreducible, we have a modular Galois deformation  $\rho_{\Pi}$ :  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \to GL_2(\mathbb{I})$  unramified outside p.

## 2. Extensions of $\Pi$ and $\rho_{\Pi}$

Recall  $V(S, \varepsilon; \Lambda) = \mathcal{V}(S, \varepsilon; W) \widehat{\otimes}_W \Lambda$ . Thus the *W*-derivations  $\partial \in Der_W(\Lambda, \Lambda)$  acts on  $V(\varepsilon; \Lambda)$ . Let  $\partial_j = (1 + x_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \in Der_W(\Lambda, \Lambda)$ . By the formula defining  $T_p(y)$  and  $U_p(y)$ , we see easily  $\partial_j(h|T_p(y)) = (\partial_j h)|T_p(y)$  and  $\partial_j(h|U_p(y)) = (\partial_j h)|U_p(y)$ . However, this does not mean that  $\partial_j(\pi) \subset \pi$ . Indeed, setting  $\partial_0 h = {}^t(\partial_1 h, \ldots, \partial_r h, h) \in V(\varepsilon; \Lambda)^{r+1}$  and  $\partial \mathbf{a} = {}^t(\partial_1 \mathbf{a}, \ldots, \partial_r \mathbf{a}) \in \Lambda^r$ , if **f** is the *p*-normalized

Hecke eigenform in  $\Pi$ ,  $\mathbf{f}|T_p(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q})\mathbf{f}$ ; so, applying  $\partial_0$ , we find

$$(\partial_0 \mathbf{f})|T_p(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}) \cdot \mathbf{1}_r & \partial \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}) \\ 0 & \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}) \end{pmatrix} \partial_0 \mathbf{f}.$$

This tells us that the translations of components of  $\partial \mathbf{f}$  under  $G^{(p)}$  span a constituent  $\widetilde{\Pi}$  of  $V^{n.ord}(\varepsilon; \mathcal{K})$  fitting into the following exact sequence of  $G^{(p)}$ -representations

$$0 \to \Pi^r \to \widetilde{\Pi} \to \Pi \to 0.$$

This extension is nontrivial because we can find a set of r primes  $Q = \{\mathbf{q}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{q}_r\}$  with  $v(\det(\partial_i \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}_j)) \neq 0$  for any given  $v \in \mathbb{Z}[\Sigma]$ . Thus specializing the above exact sequence tensoring  $\otimes_{\Lambda,v} W$ . we find

**Theorem 2.1.** We have rank  $\operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{automorphic rep}(\pi^{(p)}, \pi^{(p)}) \geq |\Sigma|$ .

Here  $\pi^{(p)}$  is the prime to *p*-part of  $\pi$ . Since the existence of the exceptional zero of the adjoint square *L*-function is independent of  $\pi$ , to have *r* independent extension as in the theorem, we are forced to have an infinitesimal deformation of  $\pi$  with at least *r* independent variables. This explains the existence of a *r*-variable *p*-adic analytic family containing  $\pi$  as a member. Obviously, we may ask

# Question 2.2. rank $\operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{automorphic rep}(\pi^{(p)}, \pi^{(p)}) = |\Sigma|$ ?

This question has an affirmative answer under the condition that the local ring of the universal Hecke algebra acting nontrivially on the Hecke eigenforms in  $\pi^{(p)}$  is isomorphic to an appropriate universal deformation ring (see Section 4.4 of a forthcoming book [HMI] from Oxford University press with title: "Hilbert Modular Forms and Iwasawa Theory").

We can apply the same trick to the Galois representation  $\rho_{\Pi}$ . Let  $\varepsilon_j$  be the class of  $y_j$  in  $\mathbb{I}[y_j]/(y_j)^2$ . Then  $\tilde{\rho}_{\Pi} = \rho_{\Pi} + \sum_j \partial_j \rho_{\Pi} \epsilon_j$ : Gal $(\mathbb{I}[\epsilon_j]_{\mathfrak{p}_j \in \Sigma})$  gives rise to a nontrivial extension

$$0 \to \rho_{\Pi}^r \to \widetilde{\rho}_{\Pi} \to \rho_{\Pi} \to 0.$$

We write  $\tilde{\rho}_v = \tilde{\rho}_{\Pi} \otimes_{\Lambda,v} W$ . The standard Selmer group  $\operatorname{Sel}_F(Ad(\rho_{i_p}))$ is a submodule of the Galois cohomology group  $H^1(F, Ad(\rho_{i_p})) \subset \operatorname{Ext}^1_{\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/F)}(\rho_{i_p}, \rho_{i_p})$  spanned by cocycles unramified outside p and unramified modulo upper-nilpotent matrices at  $\mathfrak{p}|p$  identifying  $\rho$  with a matrix representation so that  $\rho|_{D_{\mathfrak{p}}} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta'_{\mathfrak{p}} & * \\ 0 & \delta_{\mathfrak{p}} \end{pmatrix}$ . The little bigger "-" Selmer group is generated by cocycles unramified outside p and unramified modulo upper-triangular matrices at  $\mathfrak{p}|p$ . Then for each submodule X of  $\tilde{\rho}$  isomorphic to  $\rho^{r-1}$ , the extension class  $[\tilde{\rho} \mod X] \in \operatorname{Sel}_F^r(Ad(\rho_{i_p}))$ .

**Theorem 2.3** (Greenberg). We have rank<sub>W</sub> Sel<sup>-</sup><sub>F</sub>(Ad( $\rho_{i_p}$ ))  $\geq |\Sigma|$ , and the equality holds if Sel<sub>F</sub>(Ad( $\rho_{i_p}$ )) is finite.

By a work of Fujiwara,  $\operatorname{Sel}_F(Ad(\rho_{i_p}))$  is finite if  $\overline{\rho} := (\rho_{i_p} \mod \mathfrak{m}_W)$ is absolutely irreducible over  $F[\mu_p]$ . Thus the extension  $\widetilde{\rho}_{\Pi}$  of  $\rho_{\Pi}$  is highly nontrivial, because  $\det(\partial_i \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}_j)) \in \mathbb{I}^{\times}$  for many sets of primes Qwith positive density in  $\{\operatorname{primes}\}^{\Sigma}$ .

The *p*-adic *L*-function  $L_p(s, Ad(\rho))$  is actually related to the Selmer group  $\operatorname{Sel}_{F_{\infty}}(Ad(\rho_{i_p}))$  over the cyclotomic  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -extension  $F_{\infty}/F$ . Then the eigenvalue  $\alpha_N$  and  $\beta_N$  of the Frobenius  $Frob_{\mathfrak{q}_j}$  over a high layer  $F_N/F$  is a high *p*-power of  $\alpha_0$  and  $\beta_0$ ; so,  $\det(\partial_i \mathbf{a}(\mathfrak{q}_j))$  over  $F_N$  is no longer a unit even if it is over F. To guarantee the nontriviality of the extension  $\tilde{\rho}_{\Pi}$  over  $F_{\infty}$ , we need to have  $\det(\partial_i \mathbf{a}(\mathfrak{p}_j)) \neq 0$ , which is difficult to prove (but follows if Question 1.4 is affirmative for  $\mathfrak{q} \in \Sigma$ ).

Question 2.4. det $(\partial_i \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{p}_i)) \neq 0$ ?

## 3. $\mathcal{L}$ -invariant

Greenberg has given (in his paper in Contemporary Math. 165 149–174) a Galois cohomological definition of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -invariant of padic ordinary representations of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ . Applying his definition to  $\operatorname{Ind}_{F}^{\mathbb{Q}} Ad(\rho_{i_{p}})$ , we can compute  $\mathcal{L}(Ad(\rho))$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $\overline{\rho}$  is absolutely irreducible, we have

$$\mathcal{L}(Ad(\rho_v)) = v(\det(\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{p}_i)^{-1}\partial_i \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{p}_j))) \prod_{\mathbf{p}|p} \gamma_{\mathbf{p}}^{-v_{\mathbf{p}}} \log_p(\gamma_{\mathbf{p}}).$$

As conjectured by Greenberg, we should have  $\mathcal{L}(Ad(\rho_v)) \neq 0$ , and if it is the case, Question 2.4 will have an affirmative answer. Combining these results with the computation by Greenberg–Stevens and Greenberg of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -invariant of elliptic curves with multiplicative reduction at p, we get

**Corollary 3.2.** Suppose that  $\pi_v$  is associated to an elliptic curve  $E_{/F}$  with split multiplicative reduction at all  $\mathfrak{p}|p$ . Then we have

$$\mathcal{L}(Ad(\rho_v)) = \mathcal{L}(E) = \prod_{\mathfrak{p}|p} \frac{\log_p(N_{F_\mathfrak{p}/\mathbb{Q}_p}(q_\mathfrak{p}))}{\operatorname{ord}_p(N_{F_\mathfrak{p}/\mathbb{Q}_p}(q_\mathfrak{p}))}$$

where  $E(F_{\mathfrak{p}}) = F_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\times}/q_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

In this case,  $\mathcal{L}(E) \neq 0$  by the theorem of St. Etienne. The proof of these results will appear in my forthcoming book [HMI] Section 3.4).