

# $\zeta$ p-adic L-functions for P-ordinary Hecke families on unitary groups

History:

Given  $k \geq 4 \rightsquigarrow E_k(z) \rightsquigarrow$  constant terms  $\zeta(1-k)/2$

Fact After "p-depletion"  $E_k \rightsquigarrow E_k^{(p)}$ ,  
all q-expansion coefficients satisfy  
certain "mod p congruences"

Conclusion:  $\exists$  "p-adic measure"  $d\tilde{\mu}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$   
s.t.  $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x^k d\tilde{\mu} = E_k^{(p)}$

$\Rightarrow$  compare w/ taking constant term  $\rightsquigarrow d\mu$  s.t.

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x^k d\mu = (1-p^{k-1}) \zeta(1-k)$$

Note:  $d\mu$  can be  $\int$  against any  $C^0$ -fct on  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$ ,  
i.e.  $d\mu \in \mathcal{M} = \mathbb{Z}_p[\mathbb{Z}_p^\times]$  & " $x \mapsto x^k$ " is really  
a homomorphism " $\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ "  $\in \text{Spec } \Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p)$

In fact:  $\forall$  finite-order char  $\chi$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$ ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x^k \chi(x) d\mu = (1 - \chi(p)p^{k-1}) L(1-k; \chi)$$

This led to a long story of finding "mod p congruences" for L-fcts as the "automorphic datum" varies p-adically

Our setup:  $K =$  quadratic imaginary  $\mathbb{Q}$   
 $V =$  Herm.  $K$ -v. sp of dim  $n \leadsto G = GU(V) = GU(a, b)$

Fix  $p = p\bar{p}$  in  $K$  (Very convenient for structure of  $GL(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ )

Goal: Study  $L(\frac{k+1}{2}; \pi, \chi_u)$  as <sup>To be defined</sup>

1)  $\pi =$  cusp AR on  $G(\mathbb{A})$  varies  $p$ -adically

2)  $\chi = |\cdot|^{-k/2} \chi_u =$  Hecke char. of  $K$  of cond.  $p^r$   
varies  $p$ -adically (Same as before)  
 $\chi \in \text{Spec} \wedge (\mathcal{O}_{G_p})$

How? Doubling method:

One can construct carefully an Eisenstein series  $E_{\chi, \pi}$  & choose vectors  $\phi \in \pi, \phi^\vee \in \pi^\vee$  s.t.

$$\int E_{\chi, \pi}(g_1, g_2) \phi(g_1) \phi^\vee(g_2) dg_1 dg_2 \approx L(\frac{k+1}{2}; \pi, \chi)$$

This  $\int$  generalizes "taking constant term" above.

Q1: Given  $\pi$ , which  $\phi$  (&  $\phi^\vee$ ) to choose to make this  $\approx$  rigorous?

Q2: How to construct  $E_{\chi, \pi}$ ?

Q3: How to vary this  $p$ -adically, i.e. get a " $p$ -adic measure" from this family  $E_{\cdot, \cdot}$ ?

To vary  $\pi$   $p$ -adically, we restrict our attention:

1)  $\pi_\infty$  is holo. disc. series of wgt  $k$

2)  $\pi_p$  is ( $p$ -) ordinary

For a moment, forget " $p$ ". Then, "ordinary" generalizes the notion

"a modular form  $f$  is ordinary (at  $p$ ) if  $a_p(f)$  is a  $p$ -adic unit"

Work of Eisichen-Harris-Li-Skinner:

1) Built on the work of Hida to construct & study ordinary Hida families

Answer:  $\exists$  (localized) ordinary Hecke algebra

$$\mathbb{T}^{\text{ord}} = \left( \varprojlim_r \mathbb{T}_{\Gamma_r, K^p, \mathbb{Z}}^{\text{ord}} \right)_{\mathfrak{m}_\pi}$$

s.t.  $\pi$  has an associated  $\lambda_\pi: \mathbb{T}^{\text{ord}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (some  $p$ -adic ring), i.e.  $\pi \in \text{Spec } \mathbb{T}(\mathbb{R})$

$\Rightarrow$  The other "classical" points of  $\mathbb{T}^{\text{ord}}$  are all other cusp AR of  $G(A)$  that are

1) ordinary

2) congruent to  $\pi \pmod{p}$ , i.e.

$$\overline{\lambda}_\pi: \mathbb{T}^{\text{ord}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/p$$

$$\overline{\lambda}_{\pi'}: \mathbb{T}^{\text{ord}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/p$$

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(This mimics the notion of 2 cusp forms  $f$  &  $f'$  whose  $q$ -exp coeff. are congruent mod  $p$ )

2) For all  $\pi \in \text{Spec } T^{\text{ord}}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  
singled-out the "correct"  $\phi \in \pi$  (&  $\phi^\vee \in \pi^\vee$ )

Idea:  $\pi = \pi_{\infty} \otimes \pi_p \otimes \pi^{p, \infty}$

- $\pi_{\infty}$  has wgt  $\kappa$  so  $\phi_{\infty}$  = holo. vector of wgt  $\kappa$
- $\pi_p$  is ordinary so its "ordinary" part  $\pi_p^{\text{ord}} \subset \pi_p$  is 1-dim'l. In fact,  $\pi_p^{\text{ord}}$  is a character  $\psi$  of  $T(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  = max'l torus of  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$
- $\pi^{p, \infty}$  is "standard" choice of  $\phi^{p, \infty}$

so  $\phi = \phi_{\infty} \otimes \phi_p \otimes \phi^{p, \infty}$

3) Construct  $\mathcal{E}_{\chi, \pi} = \mathcal{E}_{\chi, \kappa, \psi}$

+ compute Fourier coeff to verify mod  $p$  congruences.

( $\Rightarrow \exists p$ -adic measure  $dEis$ )

THM (EHLS, 2020) Assuming certain technical hypotheses,  
 $\exists \mathcal{L}_p \in T^{\text{ord}} \otimes \Lambda$  s.t.  $\forall (\pi, \chi) = (\pi, |\cdot|^{-\frac{k}{2}} \chi_w)$  "critical"  
 $\mathcal{L}_p(\pi, \chi) = \langle \int (\chi, \kappa \cdot \psi) dEis, \phi_{\pi} \otimes \phi_{\pi^\vee} \rangle$

$$= (*) E_p\left(\frac{k+1}{2}; \pi, \chi\right) E_{\infty}\left(\frac{k+1}{2}; \pi, \chi\right) L^{p, \infty}\left(\frac{k+1}{2}; \pi, \chi\right)$$

$\uparrow$  algebraic term + some minor details

Fact: "ordinary" is hard to satisfy

Q: Is there a way to extend this result to more AR's?

A: Yes by going from "ordinary" to "P-ordinary"

Note: The "P-ord" setting was done by Liu-Rosso for GSp instead of GL

Main difficulty:  $\Pi_P^{P\text{-ord}} \subset \Pi_P$  is not 1-dim'l  
 Q: How to replace  $\psi$ ?

### § P-ordinary AR's & families

Fact  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p) = \mathbb{Q}_p^\times \times GL_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$

Consider  $P_{a,b} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} GL(a) & * \\ \hline 0 & GL(b) \end{array} \right) \subset GL_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$

"Hodge parabolic"

We choose  $P$  to be any (standard) parabolic subgroup of  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  contained in  $P_{a,b}$

E.g. 1)  $P = P_{a,b} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} GL(a) & \\ \hline & GL(b) \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c|c} I_a & \text{Mat}(a,b) \\ \hline & I_b \end{array} \right)$

2)  $B = (\text{upper-triangular})$  Borel

$$= T \cdot B^u$$

max'l torus  $\nearrow$   $\hat{=}$  unipotent upper- $\Delta$

In general,  $P = L P^u$  where  $L = \prod GL(n_i)$   
 $\hat{=}$  "block diagonal"

Q: What to do with  $P$ ?

1) Level subgroup:  $I_{P,r} = \{g \bmod p^r \in P^u(\mathbb{Z}/p^r\mathbb{Z})\}$   
 (compare w/  $\Gamma_i(p^r) \subset GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ )

2) Hecke operator  $u_p = I_{P,r} t_p I_{P,r}$ , where  
 $t_p \in Z(L(\mathbb{Q}_p))$  is "regular"  
 (compare w/  $\Gamma_i(p^r) t_p \Gamma_i(p^r)$ )

Note: Need to normalize  $u_p$  (depends on wgt  $\kappa$ )  
but let's ignore this

Fact:  $u_p \in \pi_p^{\bar{r}}$

Better:  $u_p \in \pi_p^{P^n(\mathbb{Z}_p)}$  (lims)

Let's break  $\pi_p^{P^n(\mathbb{Z}_p)}$  into (generalized) eigenspaces

$$\Rightarrow \pi_p^{P\text{-ord}} = \bigoplus \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_p\text{-eigenspaces} \\ \text{w/ } p\text{-adic} \\ \text{unit eigenvalues} \end{array} \right\} \subset \pi_p^{P^n(\mathbb{Z}_p)}$$

DEF An AR  $\pi$  is P-ord if  $\pi_p^{P\text{-ord}} \neq 0$

Q What does  $\pi_p^{P\text{-ord}}$  look like?

THM (M., 2024) If  $\pi$  is P-ord, then

1)  $\pi_p \leftrightarrow \text{Ind}_p^G \sigma$

2)  $\pi_p^{P\text{-ord}} \rightarrow \text{Ind}_p^G \sigma \xrightarrow{f \mapsto f(1)} \sigma$  is an  $\cong$   
of  $L(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ -repr'n

3)  $\exists$  some smooth irred. repr'n  $\bar{\nu}$  of  $L(\mathbb{Z}_p)$   
s.t.  $\text{Hom}_{L(\mathbb{Z}_p)}(\bar{\nu}, \pi_p^{P\text{-ord}}) = \mathbb{C} \cdot \langle \nu_{\bar{\nu}} \rangle$ ,  
i.e.  $\bar{\nu}$  has multiplicity 1

(1) is "easy", 2) is hard, 3) is an easy consequence  
of 2) using "Schmidler-Zink types")

Conclusion:  $\bar{\nu}$  replaces  $\psi$  (even though  $\bar{\nu}$   
is not unique so just fix one)

In my thesis:

- Given  $\pi = \pi_\infty \otimes \pi_p \otimes \pi^{p, \infty}$  of weight  $\kappa$  & P-ord

$$\leadsto \phi_\nu = \phi_\kappa \otimes \phi_{p, \nu}^{P\text{-ord}} \otimes \phi^{p, \infty} \in \pi = \pi_\infty \otimes \pi_p \otimes \pi^{p, \infty}$$

To vary this p-adically  $\Rightarrow$  view  $\pi$  as a point of some Hecke algebra.

Start w/  $T_{\kappa, \tau} = \langle T_\kappa(\text{lk}_p N), u_{p, \tau} \rangle$  of level  $K_1$

acting on  $S_\kappa(K_1, \tau; \mathbb{C}) = H^0(\mathcal{Z}_{h_{K_1}}, \omega_{\kappa, \tau}^{\text{cusp}})$

Then,  $\pi$  contributes, i.e. some "big enough"  
p-adic ring

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_\infty^\kappa \otimes \text{Hom}_{L(\mathbb{Z}_p)}(\tau, \pi_p^{P\text{-ord}}) \otimes (\pi^{p, \infty})^{K_1^{p, \infty}} & \cong & \sum_{\mathbb{Z}} [K_1, \tau; E][\lambda_\pi] \otimes_E \mathbb{C} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (g, K)\text{-module} & \phi_\kappa \otimes L_\tau \otimes \phi^{p, \infty} & \longleftrightarrow \overline{\phi}_\pi^{P\text{-ord}} \end{array}$$

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for some Hecke character

$$\lambda_\pi: T_{\kappa, \tau} \xrightarrow{\lambda_\pi} T_{\kappa, \tau}^{P\text{-ord}} \xrightarrow{\lambda_\pi} R \quad (E = \mathbb{R}[\frac{1}{p}])$$

$$\leadsto \pi \leftrightarrow \lambda_\pi \in \text{Spec } T_{\kappa, \tau}^{P\text{-ord}}(R)$$

But  $T_{\kappa, \tau}$  too small

Idea: Look at  $(\varinjlim_{\mathfrak{m}_\pi} T_{\kappa, \tau}^{P\text{-ord}})_{\mathfrak{m}_\pi} =: \prod_{K, \tau, \pi}^{P\text{-ord}}$

where  $\mathfrak{m}_\pi = \ker(T \xrightarrow{\lambda_\pi} R \rightarrow R/p)$



Conj Given  $\kappa, \kappa' \in X^*(T)$ , if  $\kappa - \kappa' \in X^*(L)$ , then

$$\mathbb{T}_{K^p, \kappa, \tau, \rho}^{P\text{-ord}} \cong \mathbb{T}_{K^p, \kappa', \tau, \rho}^{P\text{-ord}}$$

FACT This is known in the  $P=B$  case.

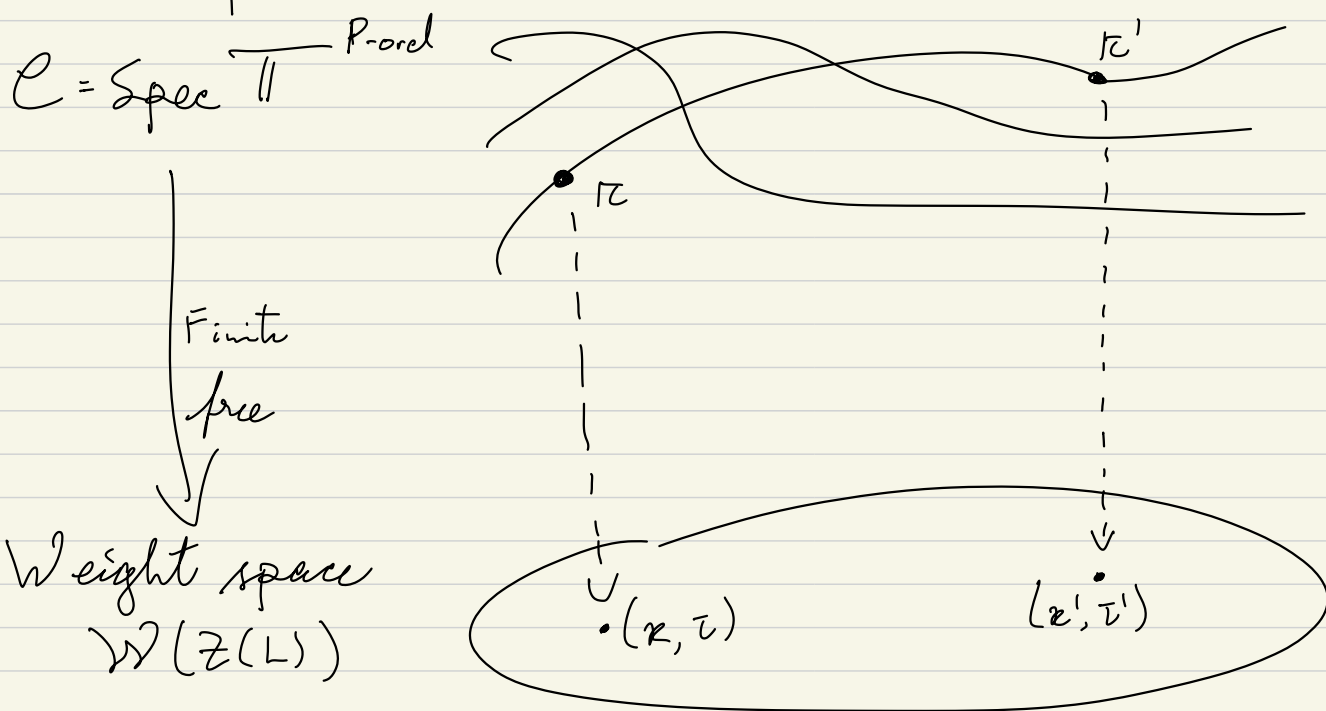
$\Rightarrow$  Let  $[\kappa] = \kappa + X^*(L) \leadsto \mathbb{T}_{K^p, [\kappa], \tau, \rho}^{P\text{-ord}}$

Variation of  $\tau$  w/  $[\tau] := \left\{ \tau \otimes \psi \mid \psi: L(\mathbb{Z}_p) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p^\times \right\}$  is easier:

$\leadsto \mathbb{T}^{P\text{-ord}} := \mathbb{T}_{[\kappa, \tau], \rho}^{P\text{-ord}}$  def'd as above but replace

$$S_2(K_p, \tau; \mathbb{C}) \text{ w/ } S_2(K_p, [\tau]; \mathbb{C}) = \bigoplus_{\tau' \in [\tau]} S_2(K_p, \tau'; \mathbb{C})$$

- Construct & study "P-ordinary families":  
 $\exists$  (localized) P-ordinary Hecke algebra  $\mathbb{T}^{P\text{-ord}}$   
 whose spectrum "looks like":



i.e. "classical" points of  $\mathbb{T}^{P\text{-ord}}$  are

- 1)  $\pi' = \text{cusp}$  P-ord AR "congruent to  $\pi$  mod  $p$ "
- 2)  $\kappa' \in [\kappa]$  and  $\tau' \in [\tau]$

(condition 2 was not "apparent" in the B-ord case)



• Construct family of Eisenstein series

$$E_{\chi, \tau} = E_{\chi, \tau, \tau}$$

that is "compatible" with  $\mathcal{C}$  (i.e. "good" for doubling method  $\mathcal{S}$ )

+ Fourier coeff's satisfy nice "mod  $p$  congruences"  
 $\Rightarrow \exists p$ -adic measure  $dEis^{[\chi, \tau]}$  s.t.

$$\int (\chi, \underbrace{(\tau + \rho)}_{\tau'} \cdot \underbrace{(\tau \otimes \tau)}_{\tau'}) dEis^{[\chi, \tau]} = E_{\chi, \tau', \tau'}$$

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$\exists L_p^{P\text{-ord}} \in \mathbb{T}^{P\text{-ord}} \otimes \Lambda$  s.t.  $\forall (\tau', \chi)$  "critical",

$$L_p^{P\text{-ord}}(\tau', \chi) = \left\langle \int (\chi, \tau' \cdot \tau') dEis^{[\chi, \tau]}, \int_{\tau}^{P\text{-ord}} \otimes \int_{\tau'}^{P\text{-ord}} \right\rangle_{\text{Ser}}$$

$$= (\ast) E_p(\dots) E_\infty(\dots) L^{P, \infty}\left(\frac{k+1}{2}; \tau, \chi\right)$$