

The  $p$ -adic L-functions attached to  
Rankin convolutions of modular forms

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### § 1. Introduction

Let  $f$  be a newform in  $S_k(N, \chi)$ , i.e. of integral weight  $k \geq 2$ , level  $N$  and nebentypus character  $\chi$ .

Let  $\chi^\circ$  denote the corresponding primitive character.

$f$  has a Fourier expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n q^n, \quad (q = e^{2\pi iz})$$

and the corresponding L-function

$$L(f, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$$

can be written as an Euler product of the form

$$L(f, s) = \prod_{r \text{ prime}} (1 - a_r r^{-s} + \chi(r) r^{k-1-2s})^{-1}.$$

For simplicity throughout this article we make the technical assumption, that  $f$  has rational Fourier coefficients, i.e. all  $a_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ . This implies that  $\chi^2 = 1$ . We denote by  $\alpha_r$  and  $\beta_r$  the reciprocal zeros of the Euler polynomial at  $r$ , so that we get

$$1 - a_r X + \chi(r) r^{k-1} X^2 = (1 - \alpha_r X) \cdot (1 - \beta_r X).$$

We define the "imprimitive symmetric square" function attached to  $f$  by

$$D(\mathfrak{f}, s) = \prod_r [(1 - \alpha_r^2 r^{-s}) \cdot (1 - \alpha_r \beta_r r^{-s}) \cdot (1 - \beta_r^2 r^{-s})]^{-1},$$

which can easily be transformed into the formula

$$D(\mathfrak{f}, s) = \frac{L_N(v^2, 2s+2-2k)}{L_N(v, s+1-k)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 n^{-s},$$

where  $L_N$  denotes the Dirichlet L-function with the Euler factors at primes dividing  $N$  removed.

The purpose of the present paper is to use algebraicity of special values of the function  $D_{\infty}(\mathfrak{f}, s)$  and its twists  $D_{\infty}(\mathfrak{f}, \chi, s)$  by certain Dirichlet characters  $\chi$  to do p-adic interpolation and define in this way associated p-adic L-functions. It turns out that  $D_{\infty}(\mathfrak{f}, \chi, s)$  is not quite the right object to consider. The two major "defects" are

- a) that in general it does not satisfy a functional equation in a natural form for  $s \rightarrow 2k-1-s$ ,
- b) that it is not necessarily entire (possibly there are poles at  $s=k, k-1$ ).

This has already been remarked by Shimura [8], who proved meromorphic continuation of  $D_{\infty}(\mathfrak{f}, \chi, s)$  to the whole s-plane with the only possibility of simple poles at  $s=k, k-1$ .

In § 2 we work out explicitly the modification of  $D_\infty$  by finitely many Euler factors such that the resulting "primitive symmetric square" function  $D_\infty(f, s)$  together with the twists  $D_\infty(f, \lambda, s)$  under consideration are entire functions satisfying a functional equation of canonical type (Theorem 1). This enables us then in § 3 to study algebraicity properties of all special values

$$D_\infty(f, \chi, m) \quad \text{for } m=1, \dots, 2k-2 \text{ (Theorem 2).}$$

Note, that  $m=k, k-1$  might be a pole of  $D_\infty(f, \chi, s)$ . If  $m$  is not a pole of  $D_\infty(f, \chi, s)$ , the algebraicity statement for  $D_\infty(f, \chi, m)$  easily reduces to Sturm's algebraicity results for  $D_\infty(f, \chi, m)$  [10]. But if  $m$  is a pole of  $D_\infty(f, \chi, s)$  we must use the functional equation satisfied by  $D_\infty(f, \chi, s)$  to pass to  $m'=2k-1-m$ . There we exploit the fact that  $m'$  is not a pole of  $D_\infty(f, \chi, s)$ , thus showing "algebraicity for  $D_\infty(f, \chi, m')$ " which eventually via the functional equation yields "algebraicity for  $D_\infty(f, \chi, m)$ ".

In § 4 we fix a prime  $p \nmid 2Na_p$  and show the existence of  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions  $D_{p,m}(f, s)$  for  $m=1, \dots, 2k-2$ , which roughly speaking interpolate  $p$ -adically the special values  $D_\infty(f, \chi, m)$ , where  $\chi$  runs over all finite characters  $\chi: 1+p\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  (Theorem 3). As a consequence of the functional equation of  $D_\infty(f, \chi, s)$  we will receive

the functional equation of the p-adic L-functions:

$$\mathcal{D}_{p,m}(\delta, s) = \mathcal{D}_{p,2k-1-m}(\delta, 2-s).$$

There is unpublished work of Hida treating p-adic interpolation of the special values of  $D_\infty$  by a different approach via p-adic modular forms. However, the methods of the present paper essentially grew out of a refinement of the techniques in B. Arnaud's Thèse [1], where he shows that the integrals of characters against the proper (i.e. not smoothed) Pančičkin distribution are essentially p-integral.

The case of a newform of weight 2 is of particular interest. There, our primitive symmetric square is exactly the L-function attached to the system of l-adic representations  $(\text{Sym}^2 H_\ell^1(E))$  for the corresponding modular elliptic curve  $E$ . A detailed treatment of this case, in particular the connection with Iwasawa theory and the so-called main-conjecture are the subject of a forthcoming joint paper with J. Coates [3].

§ 2. The primitive symmetric square

For the modification of  $D_\infty(\mathfrak{f}, \chi, s)$  it is convenient to introduce the notion of a minimal form.

Definition: A newform  $h$  of level  $M$  is called minimal (respectively  $r$ -minimal for a prime  $r$ ), if  $h$  is not a twist  $h'_\psi$  of a newform  $h'$  of level  $M' < M$  by a character  $\psi$  (respectively of conductor  $c_\psi | r^\infty$ ).

Sometimes we write  $\psi = \prod_r \psi_r$  where  $c_{\psi_r} | r^\infty$ . Let  $g$  be a minimal form associated with  $\mathfrak{f}$ , i.e. there is a character  $\varepsilon$  such that  $g_\varepsilon = \mathfrak{f}$ . Such a  $g$  always exists although it needs not to be unique. We suppose that  $g$  has level  $M$  and Fourier expansion

$$g = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n q^n.$$

We define Euler factors for primes  $r|M$  by

$$\rho_r(\chi, s) := \begin{cases} 1 - (\chi(r)r^{1-s})^2 & \text{if } b_r = 0 \text{ and } \text{ord}_r M \text{ even,} \\ 1 - \chi(r)r^{1-s} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2.1 and Definition: a) The "primitive symmetric square" function

$$D_\infty(\mathfrak{f}, \chi, s) := \prod_{r|M} \rho_r(\chi, s+2-k)^{-1} \frac{L_{M\chi}(\chi^2, 2s+2-2k)}{L(\chi, s+1-k)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n|^2 \cdot \chi(n) n^{-s}$$

is independent of the choice of an associated minimal form  $g$  and differs from  $D_\infty(\delta, \chi, s)$  only at finitely many Euler factors.

b)  $D_\infty(\delta, \chi, s)$  does not change, if we replace  $\delta$  by any twist  $\delta_\psi$  with a character  $\psi$  such that  $(c_\psi, N) = 1$ . In particular one can assume that  $N \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Proof: a) Suppose  $g' \neq g$  is a second choice of level  $M'$  and  $\delta = g'_{\epsilon}$ . For an integer  $R$  and a prime  $r$  we put  $R_r := r^{\text{ord}_r R}$ . Since  $g$  is minimal iff  $g$  is  $r$ -minimal for all  $r|N$  we may suppose  $c_\epsilon, c_{\bar{\epsilon}} | r^\infty$  and show:  $M_r = M'_r$  and

$$b_r = 0 \text{ iff } b'_r = 0,$$

where  $g' = \sum_n b'_n q^n$ . We know that  $g' = g_{\epsilon\bar{\epsilon}}$ , (i.e. all but finitely many Fourier coefficients at primes coincide).

Case  $g_{\epsilon\bar{\epsilon}}$  is newform: Then  $g' = g_{\epsilon\bar{\epsilon}}$ , and  $r$ -minimality of  $g'$  yields  $M_r \geq M'_r$ . If  $b_r = 0$ , then  $g = g'_{\bar{\epsilon}\epsilon}$ , hence  $M'_r \geq M_r$  by  $r$ -minimality of  $g$ , so we have  $M_r = M'_r$  in this case. If  $b_r \neq 0$  and  $M_r > M'_r$ , then  $c_{\epsilon\bar{\epsilon}} \neq 1$  implies  $b'_r = 0$ , hence  $r^2 | M'_r$  and  $c_{\bar{\epsilon}\epsilon} | M'/r$ . Note:  $g' \in S_k(M', v_{\bar{\epsilon}\epsilon}^{-2})$ .  $b_r \neq 0$  yields  $(c_{\bar{\epsilon}\epsilon}^{-2})_r = M_r$  or  $(v_r = \epsilon^2 \text{ and } M_r = r)$ . The last case being impossible since  $r^2 | M'_r | M_r$ , we arrive at  $c_{(\bar{\epsilon}\epsilon)^{-2}} = M_r$ . Now apply Corollary 4.3 [2, p.235].

Put

$$\tilde{Q} := \begin{cases} c_{\varepsilon\varepsilon'}^-, & \text{if } c_{v\varepsilon^2\varepsilon'}^-, \geq M_r, \\ c_{v\varepsilon^2\varepsilon'}^-, & \text{if } v\varepsilon^2\varepsilon' \neq 1 \text{ and } c_{v\varepsilon^2\varepsilon'}^-, < M_r. \end{cases}$$

Then  $g' = g_{\varepsilon\varepsilon'}^-$  is newform of level  $\tilde{Q}.M$  if  $v\varepsilon^2\varepsilon' \neq 1$  (otherwise it is not a newform). So  $M'_r = \tilde{Q}M_r \geq M_r$ , a contradiction. We get  $M_r = M'_r$  also for  $b_r \neq 0$ . It remains to show that  $b'_r = 0$  implies  $b_r = 0$ . If we assume  $b_r \neq 0$ , we get  $(c_{v\varepsilon^2}^-)_r = M_r = M'_r \geq r^2$ . Again by Corollary 4.3 from [2] we would arrive at  $M'_r = \tilde{Q}M_r > M_r$ , since  $\varepsilon\varepsilon' \neq 1$  (note:  $b'_r = 0 \neq b_r$  implies  $g' \neq g$ ) hence contradiction.

Case  $g_{\varepsilon\varepsilon'}^-$ , not a newform: Proposition 4.1 [2] tells us for  $r$ -minimal  $g$  with  $b_r = 0$  that all twists  $g_\psi$  with  $c_\psi | r^\infty$  are newforms. So we know  $b_r \neq 0 = b'_r$  and hence

$$c_{v_r\varepsilon^2}^- = M_r \text{ or } (v_r = \varepsilon^2 \text{ and } M_r = r).$$

In the last case any twist of  $g$  by a character is a newform by Corollary 4.1 [2], so this is excluded here.

By Corollary 4.3 we have for  $c_{v_r\varepsilon^2}^- = M_r$ :

$$g_{\varepsilon\varepsilon'}^-, \text{ newform iff } \varepsilon\varepsilon' \neq v_r\varepsilon^2.$$

Hence we get from our assumption:  $v_r = \varepsilon\varepsilon'$ . Now

$$g_{\varepsilon\varepsilon'}^- = \sum_n b_{\varepsilon\varepsilon'}^-(n) q^n \text{ has character } v\varepsilon^2\varepsilon'^2 = (vv_r^{-1})_{\varepsilon\varepsilon'}^-.$$



Apply the involution  $W_{M_r}$  of [2] ! There is a newform  $h \in S_k(M, \nu \nu_r^{-1} \varepsilon \bar{\varepsilon}')$  and  $\lambda_{M_r}(g) \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  with  $|\lambda_{M_r}(g)| = 1$  such that

$$g|W_{M_r} = \lambda_{M_r}(g) \cdot h$$

and  $h = \sum_n c_n q^n$  where

$$c_p = \begin{cases} (\nu_r \bar{\varepsilon}^{-2})(p) \cdot b_p & \text{if } p \neq r, \\ (\nu \nu_r^{-1})(p) \cdot \bar{b}_p & \text{if } p = r. \end{cases}$$

By comparison of Fourier coefficients we see that

$$g' \sim g_{\varepsilon \bar{\varepsilon}'} \sim h,$$

hence  $g' = h$  and therefore  $M'_r = M_r$ . Furthermore we get

$$b'_r = 0 \text{ iff } r^2 | M'_r \text{ and } c_{\nu_r \bar{\varepsilon}^{-2}} | M'_r / r,$$

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which completes the proof of a).

b) It is clear that replacing  $\delta$  by  $\delta_\psi$  with  $(c_\psi, N) = 1$  does not affect an associated minimal form  $g$ , since  $\delta = g_\varepsilon$  implies  $\delta_\psi = g_{\varepsilon\psi}$  and the assumption  $(c_\psi, N) = 1$  guarantees that  $\delta_\psi$  is again a newform.  $\square$

In all what follows we suppose that  $(c_\chi, N) = 1$  and define

$$\bar{\Gamma}_\infty(\nu_\chi, s) := (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s-k+2-H_{\nu_\chi}}{2}\right), \text{ where}$$

$$\nu_\chi(-1) = (-1)^{H_{\nu_\chi}}, \quad H_{\nu_\chi} = 0, 1.$$

$$B := \prod_{r|M} \text{ord}_r M - m(r) \quad \text{where } m(r) := \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{\text{ord}_r M}{2} \right\rfloor & \text{if } b_r = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$W_\chi := \chi^{2(B)} \frac{G(\chi)^2}{G(\chi\nu) \cdot G(\bar{\chi})^2} \sqrt{\nu_\chi(-1) c_{\chi\nu}}$$

where the Gauß sum  $G(\chi)$  is given by

$$G(\chi) := \sum_{x=1}^{c_\chi} \chi(x) \exp(2\pi i x / c_\chi).$$

Theorem 1 : The function

$$R(\chi, s) := (B^2 c_\chi^3 c_\nu^{-1})^{s/2} \bar{\Gamma}_\infty(\nu_\chi, s) \cdot \mathcal{D}_\infty(\chi, s)$$

has analytic continuation to the whole complex plane where it satisfies the functional equation

$$R(\chi, s) = W_\chi \cdot R(\bar{\chi}, 2k-1-s).$$

$R(\chi, s)$  is entire except for odd  $k$  and trivial  $\chi$ , in which case there are exactly two simple poles:  $s=k$ ,  $k-1$ .

The proof will occupy the rest of this §. We fix a minimal form  $g$  associated with  $\mathfrak{f}$  and apply Theorem 2.2 from [5] to the newforms  $F_1 := g \in S_k(M, \chi^{-2})$  and  $F_2 := g_{\chi} \in S_k(M\chi^2, \chi^{-2-2})$ . One easily checks that conditions A), B), C) of [5, p. 41] are satisfied. In the notation of that article we set

$$M' := \prod_{r|c} c_{\chi_r}^2 / c_{\chi_r}^2$$

$$M'' := M \prod_{r|c} c_{\chi_r}^2$$

$$\chi_r^2 = 1$$

Li formulates her result in terms of the pseudo-eigenvalues  $\lambda_r(F_i)$  under the action of  $W_r$ -operators.

Lemma 2.2: For a prime  $r|M$  such that  $b_r=0$  we have for

$$n(r) := \max \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N}; \frac{\lambda_r(g_{\psi})}{\lambda_r(g_{\chi\psi})} = \frac{\lambda_r(g)}{\lambda_r(g_{\chi})} \quad \forall \psi \text{ with } c_{\psi} | r^n \right\}$$

$$\text{that } n(r) \geq \left\lfloor \frac{\text{ord}_r M}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

Proof: The twisting operator  $R_{\chi}$  and  $W_r$ -operators behave like

$$g|_{R_\chi}|_{W_r} = \bar{\chi}(M_r) \cdot g|_{W_r}|_{R_\chi}$$

where  $g|_{R_\chi} = G(\bar{\chi}) \cdot g_\chi$ . Hence

$$\frac{\lambda_r(g)}{\lambda_r(g_\chi)} = \bar{\chi}(M_r).$$

The same argument for

$g_\psi \in S_k(\text{lcm}(M, c_\psi^2, c_\psi \cdot c_{v\epsilon-2}), v\epsilon^{-2}\psi^2)$  instead of  $g$  yields

$$\frac{\lambda_r(g_\psi)}{\lambda_r(g_\psi)_\chi} = \bar{\chi}(M(\psi)_r)$$

where  $M(\psi)$  denotes the level of the newform  $g_\psi$ . Since for  $r$ -minimal  $g$  with  $b_r=0$  by Theorem 4.3 of [2] one has  $(c_{v\epsilon-2})_r \leq \sqrt{M}_r$ , we get for  $c_\psi^2|_{M_r} : M(\psi) = M$  by minimality of  $g$ , which proves the lemma.

The lemma justifies our definition of  $m(r)$  which in Li's article is

$$m(r) := \begin{cases} \min(n(r), \left\lceil \frac{\text{ord}_r M}{2} \right\rceil) & \text{if } b_r=0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For  $r|M'$  Li defines

$$\theta_r(\chi, s) = \begin{cases} 1 - \chi(r) \cdot |b_r|^2 r^{-s+2-k} & \text{if } M_r = r \text{ and } (v_{\epsilon^{-2}})_r = \chi_r = 1, \\ 1 - \chi(r) |b_r|^2 r^{-(s+k-1)} & \text{if } M_r = (c_{\frac{v_{\epsilon^{-2}}}})_r \text{ and } \chi_r = 1, \\ 1 - \chi^2(r) r^{-2s} & \text{if } b_r = 0 \text{ and } \text{ord}_r M \text{ even,} \\ 1 - \chi(r) \cdot r^{-s} & \text{if } b_r = 0 \text{ and } \text{ord}_r M \text{ odd,} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since for  $r|M$  we have

$$|b_r|^2 = \begin{cases} r^{k-1} & \text{if } M_r = (c_{\frac{v_{\epsilon^{-2}}}})_r \\ r^{k-2} & \text{if } M_r = r \text{ and } v_r = \epsilon_r^2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

we can express the  $\theta$ 's by the formula

$$\theta_r(\chi, s) = \begin{cases} 1 - \chi^2(r) r^{-2s} & \text{if } b_r = 0 \text{ and } \text{ord}_r M \text{ even,} \\ 1 - \chi(r) r^{-s} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

hence we get the

Remark 2.3:

$$\theta_r(\chi, s) = \rho_r(\chi, s+1) .$$

We must introduce some more notation to formulate Li's result. For  $r|M'$  define

$$Q_r := \begin{cases} M_r'^2 & \text{if } M_r' > c_{\chi_r} , \\ c_{\chi_r}^2 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\wedge_r(\chi) := \chi_r^{-2} (-1) \cdot \bar{v}_\varepsilon^2 (\chi \bar{\chi}_r)^2 (c_{\chi_r}^2) \cdot (\bar{\chi} \chi_r) (M_r') G(\chi_r^2) \cdot \lambda_r (g_\chi^-)^{2 \frac{Q_r}{c_{\chi_r}^2}}$$

We set

$$\Psi_{g, g_\chi^-}(s) := (2\pi)^{-2s} \Gamma(s) \Gamma(s+1) \prod_{r|M'} \theta_r(\chi, s)^{-1} \cdot L_{g, g_\chi^-}(s) ,$$

where

$$L_{g, g_\chi^-}(s) := L_{M_c \chi}(\chi^2, 2s) \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n|^2 \cdot \chi(n) n^{-(s+k-1)} .$$

Proposition 2.4: (W. Li) The function  $\Psi_{g, g_\chi^-}(s)$  has analytic continuation to the whole complex plane, which is an entire function if  $\chi \neq 1$  and which has only simple

poles at  $s=0$  and  $s=1$  if  $\chi$  is trivial. It satisfies the functional equation

$$\psi_{g, g_{\bar{\chi}}}(s) = A_{\chi}(s) \cdot \psi_{\bar{g}, \bar{g}_{\bar{\chi}}}(1-s),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\chi}(s) := & \prod_{r|M} (\chi^2(r) r^{1-2s})^{\text{ord}_r M - m(r)} \\ & \cdot \prod_{r|c_{\chi}} (\chi^2(r) r^{1-2s})^{2 \text{ord}_r c_{\chi}} \\ & \chi_r^2 = 1 \\ & \cdot \prod_{r|c_{\chi}} G(\chi_r^2) \wedge_r(\chi) \left( \frac{c_{\chi_r}^2}{M'_r} \right)^{1-2s} Q_r^{-s} (\chi \bar{\chi}_r) (Q_r c_{\chi_r}^2 / M'_r) \end{aligned}$$

and  $\bar{g} = \sum_n \bar{b}_n q^n$ .

This is Theorem 2.2 from [5] in our special case

$$F_1 = g, \quad F_2 = g_{\bar{\chi}}.$$

Lemma 2.5:  $A_{\chi}(s) = (B c_{\chi}^2)^{1-2s} \chi^2(B) \left( \frac{G(\chi)}{G(\bar{\chi})} \right)^2$ .

Proof: For the primes  $r|M$  their contribution to  $A_{\chi}(s)$  gives us straight away the factors  $B^{1-2s}$  and  $\chi^2(B)$ .

For the primes  $r|c_{\chi}^2$  we reduce everything to the proof of

Lemma 2.6:

$$\chi_r(x) = G(\bar{\chi}_r)^{-2} \frac{G(\chi_r)^2}{G(\bar{\chi}_r)^2} \begin{cases} (\bar{\chi}\chi_r) (c_{\chi_r}^2) & \text{if } r \neq 2, \\ 4(\bar{\chi}\chi_r) (4c_{\chi_r}^2) & \text{if } r = 2. \end{cases}$$

We continue the proof of Lemma 2.5 and show Lemma 2.6 later. The contribution of primes  $r|c_x^2$  to  $A_x(s)$  now is easy to calculate as

$$G(\chi_r)^2 \cdot G(\bar{\chi}_r)^{-2} \left( \frac{G(\chi_r)}{G(\bar{\chi}_r)} \right)^2 \begin{cases} 4(\bar{\chi}\chi_r)^2 (4c_{\chi_r}^2) \cdot (c_{\chi_r}/2)^{1-2s} \cdot (4c_{\chi_r}^2)^{-s} \cdot (\bar{\chi}\chi_r)^2 (2c_{\chi_r}^3) & \text{if } r=2, \\ (\bar{\chi}\chi_r) (c_{\chi_r}^2) c_{\chi_r}^{1-2s} c_{\chi_r}^{-2s} (\bar{\chi}\chi_r)^2 (c_{\chi_r}^3) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$= \left( \frac{G(\chi_r)}{G(\bar{\chi}_r)} \right)^2 \cdot (c_{\chi_r}^2)^{1-2s} (\bar{\chi}\chi_r) (c_{\chi_r}^4) \dots$$

By the decomposition formula for Gauß sums

$$G(x) = \prod_{r|c_x} (\bar{\chi}\chi_r) (c_{\chi_r}) \cdot G(\chi_r)$$

and by the identity  $G(\chi_r) = G(\bar{\chi}_r)$  for quadratic characters  $\chi_r$  we arrive at

$$\prod_{r|c_x} (c_{\chi_r}^2)^{1-2s} (\bar{\chi}\chi_r) (c_{\chi_r}^4) \cdot \left( \frac{G(\chi_r)}{G(\bar{\chi}_r)} \right)^2 = (c_x^2)^{1-2s} \left( \frac{G(x)}{G(\bar{x})} \right)^2,$$



which immediately gives the desired formula in Lemma 2.5.

Proof of Lemma 2.6: The proof is easily reduced to show

$$\lambda_{\chi}^{-}(g_{\chi}^{-}) = (\chi\bar{\chi}_r) (c_{\chi_r}^2) \cdot \bar{v}\varepsilon^2(c_{\chi_r}) \cdot \bar{\chi}_r(-1) \frac{G(\bar{\chi}_r)}{G(\chi_r)} .$$

By Theorem 4.1 of [2,p.231] we have

$$\lambda_{\chi_r}^{-}(g_{\chi_r}^{-}) = \bar{v}\varepsilon^2(c_{\chi_r}) \cdot \bar{\chi}_r(-1) \cdot G(\bar{\chi}_r)/G(\chi_r)$$

and by Proposition 3.4 of [2]

$$g_{\chi_r}^{-} |_{R_{\chi\chi_r}^-} |_{W_r} = (\chi\bar{\chi}_r) (c_{\chi_r}^2) \cdot g_{\chi_r}^{-} |_{W_r} |_{R_{\chi\chi_r}^-} ,$$

so that by comparison of first Fourier coefficients we get

$$G(\bar{\chi}\chi_r) \cdot \lambda_{\chi}^{-}(g_{\chi}^{-}) = (\chi\bar{\chi}_r) (c_{\chi_r}^2) \cdot \lambda_{\chi_r}^{-}(g_{\chi_r}^{-}) \cdot G(\bar{\chi}\chi_r) ,$$

hence the desired formula for  $\lambda_{\chi}^{-}(g_{\chi}^{-})$  .

As a conclusion from Proposition 2.4 we get the statement of Theorem 1 up to holomorphy.

Proposition 2.7:  $R(\chi, s)$  has analytic continuation to a meromorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$  satisfying the predicted functional equation.

Proof: Firstly we note that  $\Psi_{g, g_{\chi}^{-}}^{-}(s) = \Psi_{g, g_{\chi}^{-}}(s)$  since

$\overline{g}_\chi = (\overline{g})_\chi$  and  $\psi_{g, g_\chi^-}(s)$  does not change when we replace  $g = \sum_n b_n q^n$  by  $\overline{g} = \sum_n \overline{b}_n q^n$ , which is obvious by definition. So putting

$$R^*(\chi, s) := (Bc_\chi^2)^s \cdot \psi_{g, g_\chi^-}(s)$$

we can reformulate a slightly weaker form of Proposition 2.4 via Lemma 2.5 as follows:

Lemma 2.8:  $R^*(\chi, s)$  has analytic continuation to a meromorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$  which satisfies the functional equation

$$R^*(\chi, s) = W_\chi^* \cdot R^*(\overline{\chi}, 1-s)$$

with the root number  $W_\chi^* := \chi^2(B) \cdot (G(\chi)/G(\overline{\chi}))^2$ .

Now divide  $R^*(\chi, s)$  by the Dirichlet L-function

$$Z(\overset{\circ}{\nu}_\chi, s) := c_{\overset{\circ}{\nu}_\chi}^{s/2} \cdot \pi^{-s/2} \cdot L(\overset{\circ}{\nu}_\chi, s) \cdot \begin{cases} \Gamma(s/2) & \text{if } \overset{\circ}{\nu}_\chi(-1) = 1, \\ \Gamma\left(\frac{s+1}{2}\right) & \text{if } \overset{\circ}{\nu}_\chi(-1) = -1, \end{cases}$$

and use its functional equation

$$Z(\overset{\circ}{\nu}_\chi, s) = \frac{G(\overset{\circ}{\nu}_\chi)}{\sqrt{\overset{\circ}{\nu}_\chi(-1)} c_{\overset{\circ}{\nu}_\chi}} Z(\overset{\circ}{\nu}_\chi, 1-s) .$$

(where  $\overset{\circ}{\nu}$  = primitive character associated with  $\nu$ )

We get by Remark 2.3

$$\frac{R^*(\chi, s)}{Z(\nu\chi, s)} = \pi \cdot c_\nu^{-s/2} \cdot (B^2 c_\chi^3)^{-1/2} \cdot R(\chi, s+k-1),$$

hence the predicted functional equation for  $R(\chi, s)$  follows with the root number

$$W_\chi = W_\chi^* \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\nu\chi(-1)c_{\nu\chi}}}{G(\nu\chi)} = \chi^2(B) \frac{G(\chi)}{G(\bar{\chi})^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\nu\chi(-1)c_{\nu\chi}}}{\nu(c_\chi)\chi(c_\nu)G(\nu)}.$$

We still have to show the entireness of  $R(\chi, s)$ . The proof is based on the following result of Shimura [8].

Proposition 2.9: (Shimura) Let  $h \in S_k(N', \mu)$  be a newform with Fourier expansion  $h(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n q^n$  and let  $\chi$  be a (primitive) Dirichlet character. Then the function

$$R(h, \chi, s) := \Gamma_\infty(\mu\chi, s) \frac{L_{N', c_\chi}(\chi^2 \mu^2, 2s-2k+2)}{L_{N'}(\chi\mu, s-k+1)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n^2 \chi(n) n^{-s}$$

can be continued to a meromorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$ , which is holomorphic except for possible simple poles at  $s=k$  and  $s=k-1$ . There is a pole at  $s=k$  if and only if

(i)  $\mu\chi$  is an odd quadratic character,

(ii)  $\int h(z) \overline{h^p(z)} y^{k-2} dx dy \neq 0$ , where the integral

is taken over a fundamental domain of

$$\Gamma_0(N'c_X^2) \setminus H \quad \text{and} \quad h_{\chi}^{\rho}(z) := \sum_n \bar{\chi}(n) \bar{d}_n q^n .$$

Corollary 2.10: If  $(c_X, N')=1$  then  $R(h, \chi, s)$  has no pole at  $s=k$  , except  $\chi=1$  , k is odd and  $h=h^{\rho}$  .

Proof: Since  $(c_X, N')=1$  , the form  $h_{\chi}^{\rho}$  is a newform of level  $N'c_X^2$  . Therefore the Petersson product

$$\langle h, h_{\chi}^{\rho} \rangle = \int h(z) \overline{h_{\chi}^{\rho}(z)} y^{k-2} dx dy$$

vanishes as long as  $h \neq h_{\chi}^{\rho}$  . This is guaranteed by excluding the case  $k$  odd,  $\chi=1$  ,  $h=h^{\rho}$  , since the Petersson product of two newforms is non zero if and only if they coincide.

We return to our special situation, where  $f = g_{\epsilon}$  . Define a quadratic character  $\tilde{\epsilon}$  and a (primitive) character  $\epsilon'$  by

$$\tilde{\epsilon} := \prod_{r|M, \epsilon_r^2=1} \epsilon_r , \quad \epsilon = \epsilon' \cdot \tilde{\epsilon} .$$

Consider the newform  $h := g_{\epsilon} \in S_k(N', \nu_{N'})$  with  $h = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n q^n$  ,

where  $\nu_{N'}$  is the character mod  $N'$  associated with  $\tilde{\nu}$  .

Note:  $f = h_{\tilde{\epsilon}}$  so that by Proposition 2.1  $\mathcal{D}_{\infty}(f, \chi, s) = \mathcal{D}_{\infty}(h, \chi, s)$  .

We want to relate  $R(h, \chi, s)$  with  $R(\chi, s)$  and exploit Proposition 2.9. We write

$$\frac{L_{N', c_X}(\chi^2 \nu^2, 2s-2k+2)}{L_{N'}(\chi \tilde{\nu}, s-k+1)} \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n^2 \chi(n) n^{-s} = \prod_r R^{(r)}(r^{-s})^{-1}$$

and

$$D_{\infty}(h, \chi, s) = \prod_r D^{(r)}(h, r^{-s})^{-1}.$$

By Shimura's Lemma [9, p.790] we can describe the Euler factors  $R^{(r)}(r^{-s})$  by:

$$R^{(r)}(X) = (1 - \alpha_r' X)^2 \chi(r) X \cdot (1 - \beta_r' X)^2 \chi(r) X \cdot (1 - \nu_{N'}(r) \chi(r) r^{k-1} X)$$

where

$$1 - d_r X + \nu_{N'}(r) r^{k-1} X^2 = (1 - \alpha_r' X) \cdot (1 - \beta_r' X)$$

is the Euler polynomial at  $r$  associated with  $h$ . The same procedure applied to

$$D_{\infty}(h, \chi, s) = \prod_{r|M} \rho_r(\chi, s+2-k)^{-1} \frac{L_{MC}(\chi^2, 2s+2-2k)}{L(\nu\chi, s+1-k)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \bar{b}_n \chi(n) n^{-s}$$

delivers

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n|^2 \chi(n) n^{-s} = \frac{(1 - |\gamma_r|^2 \delta_r^2 |\chi(r)|^2 r^{-2s})}{\prod_r (1 - |\gamma_r|^2 \chi(r) r^{-s}) (1 - |\delta_r|^2 \chi(r) r^{-s}) (1 - \gamma_r \bar{\delta}_r \chi(r) r^{-s}) \cdot (1 - \bar{\gamma}_r \delta_r \chi(r) r^{-s})}$$

where

$$1 - b_r X + \bar{\varepsilon}^{-2} v_M(r) r^{k-1} X^2 = (1 - \gamma_r X) \cdot (1 - \delta_r X)$$

is the Euler polynomial of  $g$  at  $r$ . We observe that all Fourier coefficients of  $h$  are rational, since the field  $\mathbb{Q}(d_1, d_2, \dots)$  is generated by the  $d_n$  with  $(n, N') = 1$  and because by definition of  $\tilde{\varepsilon}(n, N') = 1$  implies  $(n, c_\varepsilon^-) = 1$ , thus  $d_n = \tilde{\varepsilon}(n) \cdot a_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Now  $b_n \cdot \varepsilon'(n) = d_n$  shows for  $r \nmid c_\varepsilon$ , that

$$(1 - \gamma_r X) (1 - \delta_r X) = 1 - \varepsilon'(r) d_r X + \bar{\varepsilon}^{-2} v_M(r) r^{k-1} X^2 = (1 - \bar{\varepsilon}'(r) \alpha_r' X) (1 - \bar{\varepsilon}'(r) \beta_r' X)$$

and since  $d_r$  is rational

$$(1 - \bar{\gamma}_r \chi(r) X) (1 - \bar{\delta}_r \chi(r) X) = (1 - \varepsilon'(r) \chi(r) \alpha_r' X) (1 - \varepsilon'(r) \chi(r) \beta_r' X),$$

so the corresponding quotient above simplifies to

$$\frac{1 - 1_M(r) \chi(r)^2 r^{2k-2-2s}}{(1 - \alpha_r'^2 \chi(r) r^{-s}) (1 - \beta_r'^2 \chi(r) r^{-s}) (1 - v_M(r) \chi(r) r^{k-1-s})^2}$$

We get for  $r \nmid N'$  (i.e.  $r \nmid M \cdot c_\varepsilon$ ):

$$\mathcal{D}^{(r)}(h, \chi) = R^{(r)}(X).$$

If  $r \mid M$  and  $r \nmid c_\varepsilon$ , then  $\gamma_r = b_r, \delta_r = 0$  and

$$\mathcal{D}^{(r)}(h, r^{-s}) = \frac{\rho_r(\chi, s+2-k)}{1 - \chi(r) v(r) r^{k-s-1}} (1 - \alpha_r'^2 \chi(r) r^{-s}),$$

hence

$$D^{(r)}(h, X) = \begin{cases} (1-\chi(r)^2 r^{2k-2} X^2) / (1-\chi(r)^{\circ} r^{k-1} X) & \text{if } b_r=0 \text{ and } \text{ord}_r M \\ & \text{even.} \\ (1-\chi(r) r^{k-1} X) (1-\alpha_r^2 \chi(r) X) / (1-\chi(r)^{\circ} r^{k-1} X) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

whereas

$$R^{(r)}(X) = 1 - \alpha_r^2 \chi(r) X .$$

If  $r|c_\epsilon$ ,  $r \nmid M$ , then  $v_r = \epsilon_r^2$  since  $r \nmid c_{\frac{-2}{v\epsilon}}$ . We get  $d_r = \epsilon'(r) \cdot b_r = 0$  hence

$$R^{(r)}(X) = 1$$

and

$$D^{(r)}(h, X) = \frac{(1-\chi(r) r^{k-1} X)^2 (1-\chi(r)^{-2} r^{-2} X) \gamma_r^2 (1-\chi(r)^{-2} r^{-2} X) \gamma_r^2}{(1-\chi(r)^{\circ} r^{k-1} X)}$$

where  $|\gamma_r|^2 = r^{k-1}$ .

If  $r|(M, c_\epsilon)$ , then again  $d_r = \epsilon'(r) \cdot b_r = 0$  and therefore

$$R^{(r)}(X) = 1 ,$$

whereas  $\gamma_r = b_r$  and  $\delta_r = 0$  yield

$$\mathcal{D}^{(r)}(h, r^{-s}) = \rho_r(\chi, s+2-k) (1-|b_r|^2 \chi(r) r^{-s}) / (1-\chi(r) \overset{\circ}{v}(r) r^{k-1-s}) ,$$

hence

$$\mathcal{D}^{(r)}(h, X) = \begin{cases} (1-\chi(r) r^{2k-2} X^2) / (1-\chi(r) \overset{\circ}{v}(r) r^{k-1} X) & \text{if } b_r=0 \text{ and } \text{ord}_r M \text{ even,} \\ (1-\chi(r) r^{k-1} X) (1-|b_r|^2 \chi(r) X) / (1-\chi(r) \overset{\circ}{v}(r) r^{k-1} X) & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases}$$

Conclusion: For all but finitely many primes  $r$  we have

$$\mathcal{D}^{(r)}(h, X) = R^{(r)}(X)$$

and moreover

$$R(\chi, s) = R(h, \chi, s) , Q(\chi, s) ,$$

where  $Q(\chi, s)$  is a product of rational functions  $Q_r$  in  $r^{-s}$  whose zeros and poles are on the lines  $\text{Re}(s)=k-1$  ,  $k-2$  . Moreover for  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})$  and any integer  $m \neq k-1$  ,  $k-2$  we have  $Q(\chi, m)^\sigma = Q(\chi^\sigma, m)$  if  $v_r=1$  for  $r \nmid M$  .

Now we can complete the proof of the entireness of  $R(\chi, s)$  . By Proposition 2.9, Corollary 2.10 we know that  $R(\chi, s)$  is holomorphic outside the lines  $\text{Re}(s)=k-1$  ,  $k-2$  , hence by the functional equation (Proposition 2.7) is holomorphic everywhere.



### § 3. Algebraicity of special values

As before let  $f$  be a newform in  $S_k(N, \nu)$ . The aim of this section is to study algebraicity properties of the special values  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(f, \chi, m)$  for  $m=1, 2, \dots, 2k-2$ .

Remark 3.1: Such results for the imprimitive symmetric square  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(f, \chi, s)$  were first proven by Sturm [10]. However, since the Euler factors of  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(f, \chi, s)$  which do not appear in  $D_\infty(f, \chi, s)$  may vanish at  $s=k-1$  but never vanish at  $s=k$  we will deduce also algebraicity statements at  $m=k-1$  from the functional equation for  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(f, \chi, s)$ .

We normalize the Petersson inner product for forms  $f_i$  of weight  $k$  for  $\Gamma_0(N)$  such that  $f_1 f_2$  is a cusp form via

$$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_N = \int_{\Gamma_0(N) \backslash H} f_1(z) \overline{f_2(z)} y^{k-2} dx dy.$$

Let  $\omega$  be the primitive character such that

$$\omega(d) = \nu(d) \cdot \chi(d) \left(\frac{-1}{d}\right)^k \left(\frac{\chi(-1)}{d}\right) \quad \text{for } (d, 4Nc_\chi) = 1.$$

We define the quantities

$$Z_0(f, \chi, m) := \frac{\pi^{-m}}{\langle f, f \rangle} G(\bar{\omega}) \mathcal{D}_\infty(f, \chi, m) \quad \text{for } \chi(-1) = (-1)^{m+1}, 1 \leq m \leq k-1,$$

$$Z_1(f, \chi, m) := \frac{\pi^{k-2m-1}}{\langle f, f \rangle} G(\chi^{-2}) \mathcal{D}_\infty(f, \chi, m) \quad \text{for } \chi(-1) = (-1)^m, k \leq m \leq 2k-2$$

under the assumptions of Theorem 1. By Proposition 2.1 we can assume that  $4|N$ .

Theorem 2: Suppose  $\chi^2 \neq 1$ . If  $v_r = 1$  for  $r \nmid M$ , then the  $Z_i(\delta, \chi, m)$  are  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ -equivariant, i.e. for any automorphism  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$

$$Z_i(\delta, \chi, m)^\sigma = Z_i(\delta, \chi^\sigma, m) ,$$

otherwise we know that at least that  $Z_i(\delta, \chi, m)$  is algebraic.

Remark 3.2: If  $\chi$  has the "wrong" parity  $\chi(-1) = (-1)^m$ , then  $Z_0(\delta, \chi, m) = 0$  for  $m = 1, \dots, k-1$ , hence the theorem is trivially true in these cases, since the  $\Gamma$ -factors in the functional equation for  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(\delta, \chi, s)$  imply that  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(\delta, \chi, s)$  must vanish at  $s = m$  in these cases.

Proof of Theorem 2: We start by quoting Sturm's results adjusted to our notation. If one defines quantities  $Z_i(\delta, \chi, m)$  by the same formula as  $Z_i(\delta, \chi, m)$  except that  $\mathcal{D}_\infty$  is replaced by  $D_\infty$  then Sturm's result says (under the conditions  $4|N$  and  $\chi^2 \neq 1$ ) that the  $Z_i(\delta, \chi, m)$  are  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ -equivariant (see Theorem 1 [10]). As we saw at the end of § 2 the two functions  $\mathcal{D}_\infty$  and  $D_\infty$  only differ by a product  $Q(\chi, s)$  of Euler factors with zeros and poles on the lines  $\text{Re}(s) = k-1, k-2$ . Moreover if  $v_r = 1$  for  $r \nmid M$ ,

then  $Q(\chi, m)$  is  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ -equivariant for  $m \neq k-1$ ,  $k-2$ , hence this proves already Theorem 2 for  $m \neq k-1$ ,  $k-2$ . For  $m = k-1$  we apply the functional equation to  $Z_1(\delta, \bar{\chi}, k)$ . We get

$$R(\bar{\chi}, k) = W_{\bar{\chi}}^{-1} R(\chi, k-1),$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} & (B^2 c_{\chi}^3 c_{\nu}^{-1})^{k/2} (2\pi)^{-k} \Gamma(k) \pi^{-k/2} \Gamma(1) \mathcal{D}_{\infty}(\delta, \bar{\chi}, k) = \\ & = W_{\bar{\chi}}^{-1} (B^2 c_{\chi}^3 c_{\nu}^{-1})^{k-1/2} (2\pi)^{-k+1} \Gamma(k-1) \cdot \pi^{-k/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \mathcal{D}_{\infty}(\delta, \chi, k-1). \end{aligned}$$

This enables us to write

$$Z_0(\delta, \chi, k-1) = Z_1(\delta, \bar{\chi}, k) \frac{G(\bar{\omega})}{G(\chi^2)} \chi^2 (B) \frac{G(\bar{\chi}\nu) G(\chi)^2}{G(\bar{\chi})^2} R_m$$

with some  $R_m \in \mathbb{Q}^*$ . Note, that  $\chi\nu(-1) = (-1)^{m+k} = 1$  here, so that in particular  $\omega = \nu\chi$ . Since  $(c_{\chi}, c_{\nu}) = 1$  we can decompose

$$G(\bar{\omega}) = G(\bar{\chi}\nu) = \bar{\chi}(c_{\nu}) \nu(c_{\chi}) G(\bar{\chi}) \cdot G(\nu)$$

so that by the wellknown automorphism rule for Gauß sums

$$G(\chi)^{\sigma_t} = \bar{\chi}(t)^{\sigma_t} G(\chi^{\sigma_t})$$

(for any automorphism  $\sigma_t$  which sends roots of unity to their  $t^{\text{th}}$  power) we get  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ -equivariance of  $Z_0(\delta, \chi, k-1)$ . In case, that we only know algebraicity of  $Z_1(\delta, \bar{\chi}, k)$  we

can at least conclude that  $Z_0(\mathcal{f}, \chi, k-1)$  is also algebraic. For  $m=k-2$  one argues in the same way by going back to the  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ -equivariance of  $Z_1(\mathcal{f}, \bar{\chi}, k+1)$ .

### § 4. P-adic interpolation

In this section we want to interpolate p-adically the algebraic numbers  $z_i(\delta, \chi, m)$  given by the special values of  $D_\infty(\delta, \chi, s)$  in the critical strip  $m=1, \dots, 2k-2$ . We deal first with the special values of the imprimitive function  $D_\infty(f, \chi, s)$  for  $m=1, \dots, k-1$  and  $\chi(-1) = (-1)^{m+1}$ . For the rest of this paper we fix a rational prime  $p \nmid 2Na_p$  and embeddings  $i_p$  and  $i_\infty$  of an algebraic closure  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  in  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p$  and in  $\mathbb{C}$ :

$$\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p \xleftarrow{i_p} \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \xrightarrow{i_\infty} \mathbb{C}.$$

By our assumption the Euler polynomial

$$1 - a_p X + v(p) p^{k-1} X^2 = (1 - \alpha_p X)(1 - \beta_p X)$$

has a reciprocal root, say  $\alpha_p$ , which is a p-adic unit.

Theorem 3: For any odd  $m=1, \dots, k-1$  with  $2(k-m) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$  there is a constant  $C(m) \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}^*$  and a power series  $G_m(T) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$  such that for any non trivial finite character  $\chi: 1+p\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  we have

$$i_p^{-1} \left( G_m(i_\infty^{-1}(\chi(1+p)-1)) \right) = i_\infty^{-1} \left( C(m) \left( \frac{p^{m-1}}{\alpha_p} \right)^{\text{ord}_p \chi} \frac{G(\chi)}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle} D_\infty(\delta, \chi, m) \right).$$

Proof: We choose an integer  $u$  prime to  $p$  and, following

Pančiškin [6] we define a distribution  $\mu_{u,m}$  on  $\Gamma := 1+p\mathbb{Z}_p$  by demanding

$$\int_{\Gamma} \chi d\mu_{u,m} = (1-\chi(u))^{-2} u^{2(k-m)} \left( \frac{p^{m-1}}{\alpha_p^2} \right)^m \chi \frac{G(\bar{\chi})}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle} D_{\infty}(\delta, \chi, m)$$

for non trivial characters  $\chi$  of  $\Gamma$  of conductor  $c_{\chi} = p^m$  and

$$\int_{\Gamma} d\mu_{u,m} = (1-u)^{2(k-m)} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{p^{m-1}}{\alpha_p^2}\right) (1-\beta_p)^{2p^{-m}} (1-\nu(p)) p^{k-1-m} \frac{1}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle} D_{\infty}(\delta, m) .$$

Note, that we always assume  $N=0(4)$ , so that by Sturm [10] also the last integral is algebraic. Theorem 3 is a consequence of

Theorem 4: Pančiškin's distribution  $\mu_{u,m}$  is bounded for any odd  $m=1, \dots, k-1$ .

We continue with the proof of Theorem 3. By Theorem 4 there is a constant  $C(m)$  such that for any compact open  $U \subset \Gamma$  the value  $C(m) \cdot \mu_{u,m}(U)$  is a  $p$ -integral algebraic number. Thus we get a measure  $\mu_{u,m}^*$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  via the standard isomorphism

$$\mathbb{Z}_p \longrightarrow \Gamma, \quad s \longmapsto (1+p)^s .$$

For the corresponding element  $G_{u,m}(\Gamma)$  in the Iwasawa

algebra  $\mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$  we then have

$$G_{u,m}(\chi(1+p)-1) = \int_{\Gamma} \chi d\mu_{u,m} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \chi(1+p)^s d\mu_{u,m}^*(s) .$$

Since  $2(k-m) \not\equiv 0(p-1)$  we can choose a  $u \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$u^{2(k-m)} \not\equiv 1(p) .$$

Therefore the factor  $1 - \bar{\chi}(u)^2 u^{2(k-m)}$  is always a p-adic unit so that it can be interpolated by a unit

$$H_{u,m}(T) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]^* , \text{ i.e.}$$

$$H_{u,m}(\chi(1+p)-1) = 1 - \bar{\chi}(u)^2 u^{2(k-m)} .$$

Eventually we find that

$$G_m(T) := G_{u,m}(T) \cdot H_{u,m}(T)^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$$

is the power series with the required properties, which completes the proof of Theorem 3.

Proof of Theorem 4: We have to show that for any  $y \equiv 1(p)$  the values

$$\mu_{u,m}(y+p^r \mathbb{Z}_p) = p^{-r} \left[ \int_{\Gamma} d\mu_{u,m} + \right.$$

$$\sum_{\substack{\chi \\ 2 \leq m_\chi \leq r}} \bar{\chi}(y) (1-\chi(u))^2 u^{2(k-m)} \left( \frac{p^{m-1}}{\alpha_p} \right)^m \chi \frac{G(\bar{\chi})}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle} D_\infty(\delta, \chi, m)$$

have  $p$ -adic absolute value bounded independent of  $y$  and  $r$ . To begin with we define two modified forms

$$\delta_0(z) := \delta(z) - \beta_p \cdot \delta(pz),$$

$$\delta_1(z) := \delta(z) - \alpha_p \cdot \delta(pz),$$

which have the properties

$$(i) \quad D_\infty(\delta_0, \chi, s) = D_\infty(\delta, \chi, s) \quad \text{for } m_\chi \geq 1,$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_{\Gamma} d\mu_{u, m} = (1-u^{2(k-m)}) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{p^{m-1}}{\alpha_p}\right) \frac{1}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle} D_\infty(\delta_0, m),$$

$$(iii) \quad \delta_1 | T(p) = \beta_p \cdot \delta_1, \quad \delta_0 | T(p) = \alpha_p \cdot \delta_0 \quad \text{for Hecke operator } T(p),$$

$$(iv) \quad \delta_0^\rho = \delta_1 \quad (\rho = \text{complex conjugation on Fourier coefficients}).$$

We put  $N_\chi = N_\chi^2$  for  $m_\chi \geq 1$  and want to give an integral expression for  $D_\infty(\delta_0, \chi, s)$  following Shimura [8] (see also [10] and [11]):

$$(4\pi)^{-s/2} \Gamma(s/2) D_\infty(\delta_0, \chi, s)$$



$$= \int_{\Gamma_0(N_X) \backslash H} f_0(z) \overline{\theta_X^-(z)} y^{-3/2} L_N(\chi^2, 2s+2-2k) E(z, s+1, 2k-1, \omega) dx dy$$

where the theta-series is given by

$$\theta_X^-(z) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \chi(n) q^{n^2},$$

and the Eisenstein series is (in Shimura's notation)

$$E(z, s, \lambda, \omega) := y^{s/2} \sum_{\gamma \in W_X} \omega(d_\gamma) j(\gamma, z)^\lambda |j(\gamma, z)|^{-2s}$$

with  $W_X$  any set of representatives for  $\Gamma_\infty \backslash \Gamma_0(N_X)$ ,  
 $\Gamma_\infty = \left\{ \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; t \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ . Hence we can rewrite the integral as Petersson inner product

$$\begin{aligned} (4\pi)^{-s/2} \Gamma(s/2) D_\infty(f_0, \chi, s) &= \\ &= \langle f_0(z), \theta_X^-(z) L_N(\chi^2, 2s+2-2k) E(z, s+2-2k, 1-2k, \bar{\omega}) \rangle_{N_X}. \end{aligned}$$

We want to consider

$$h^*(z, \chi, s) := h(z, \chi, s) \Big|_k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ N_X & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for

$$h(z, \chi, s) := \theta_X^-(z) \cdot L_N(\chi^2, 2s+2-2k) E(z, s+2-2k, 1-2k, \omega).$$

By definition

$$h^*(z, \chi, s) = \theta_{\chi} \left(-\frac{1}{N_{\chi} z}\right) L_N(\chi^2, 2s+2-2k) E\left(-\frac{1}{N_{\chi} z}, s+2-2k, 1-2k, \omega\right) (z\sqrt{N_{\chi}})^{-k}$$

Sturm [10] has shown that for  $m=1, \dots, k-1$  the functions  $h=h(z, \chi, m)$  are (nonholomorphic) generalized modular forms (cf. [10, p.234], [9, p.794f]). By Lemma 7 of [9] such forms can be uniquely written as

$$h = g_0 + \sum_{v=1}^r \delta_{k-2v}^{(v)} g_v \quad \left(r < \frac{k}{2}\right)$$

where  $g_v$  is a (holomorphic) modular form of level  $N_{\chi}$ , weight  $k-2v$  with the same nebentypus character as  $h$  and where the differential operator  $\delta_{k-2v}^{(v)}$  is defined by

$$\delta_{\lambda}^{(v)} = \delta_{\lambda+2v-2} \cdots \delta_{\lambda+2} \delta_{\lambda} \quad (v \geq 1)$$

with

$$\delta_{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( \frac{\lambda}{2iy} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \quad \text{for } \lambda \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By Lemma 6 of [9] we get

$$\langle \delta_0(z), h(z, \bar{\chi}, m) \rangle_{N_{\chi}} = \langle \delta_0(z), g_0(z, \bar{\chi}, m) \rangle_{N_{\chi}},$$

i.e. the special value  $D_{\infty}(\delta_0, \chi, m)$  only depends on the holomorphic projection  $g_0$  of  $h$ . Since the Petersson

inner product is the same if we apply the operator

$$W_{N_X} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ N_X & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

to both arguments, we also have

$$\langle \delta_0(z), h(z, \bar{\chi}, m) \rangle_{N_X} = \langle \delta_0^*(z), h^*(z, \bar{\chi}, m) \rangle_{N_X}.$$

Taking holomorphic projection of the generalized modular form  $h^*(z, \bar{\chi}, m)$  leads to

$$\langle \delta_0(z), h(z, \bar{\chi}, m) \rangle_{N_X} = \langle \delta_0(z), (h^*)_0^* \rangle_{N_X}.$$

Lemma 4.1: There are linear forms  $F_n(X_0, \dots, X_r) \in \mathbb{Z}[X_0, \dots, X_r]$  which depend only on  $k$  and  $n$  such that

$$C \cdot (h^*)_0 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n(c_{n,0}, \dots, c_{n,r}) q^n$$

and

$$F_n(X_0, \dots, X_r) \equiv C \cdot X_0 \pmod{n}$$

for a fixed constant  $C \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where

$$h^*(z, \chi, m) = \sum_{j=0}^r (4\pi y)^{-j} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{n,j} q^n.$$

Proof: From the formula

$$h = g_0 + \sum_{\nu=1}^r \delta_{k-2\nu}^{(\delta)} g_\nu$$

we get

$$g_r^* = g_r |_{k-2r} W_{N_X} = (-1)^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{n,r} q^n$$

by comparison of the coefficients of  $y^{-r}$ . Using the identity

$$\delta_\lambda^{(\nu)} = \sum_{j=0}^{\nu} \binom{\nu}{j} \frac{\Gamma(\lambda+\nu)}{\Gamma(\lambda+\nu-j)} (-4\pi y)^{-j} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)^{\nu-j}$$

we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} h^* &= \frac{\Gamma(k-2r)}{\Gamma(k-r)} \delta_{k-2r}^{(r)} g_r^* \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{r-1} \left( c_{n,j} (-1)^{j+r} \frac{\Gamma(k-2r)}{\Gamma(k-r-j)} \binom{r}{j} n^{r-j} c_{n,r} \right) (4\pi y)^{-j} q^n. \end{aligned}$$

This being the first step towards reducing  $h^*$  to its holomorphic part  $(h^*)_0$  we can continue now with  $h^*$  replaced by

$$(1) h^* := h^* - \frac{\Gamma(k-2r)}{\Gamma(k-r)} \delta_{k-2r}^{(r)} g_r^*$$

which has the form

$$(1) h^* = \sum_{j=0}^{r-1} (4\pi y)^{-j} \sum_n c_{n,j} (1) q^n.$$

After  $r$  steps we arrive at  $(r)h^* = (h^*)_0$  and we see from the formula for the first step, that  $C \cdot c_{n,0}^{(r)}$  will be an integral linear combination of  $c_{n,0}, \dots, c_{n,r}$  where the coefficients of  $c_{n,1}, \dots, c_{n,r}$  are divisible by  $n$ . This proves the lemma.

The Fourier coefficients  $c_{n,j} = c_{n,j}(\chi)$  of  $h^*(z, \chi, m)$  can be explicitly determined from [8, p.86ff] and [7, p.457]:

$$h^*(z, \chi, m) = \theta \frac{N}{\chi} G(\chi) \left(-i \frac{N}{2} z\right)^{1/2} L_N(\chi^2, 2m+2-2k) E'(z, m+2-2k, 1-2k, \omega) (z\sqrt{N/\chi})^{-1/2}$$

where

$$E'(z, m+2-2k, 1-2k, \omega) = E(z, m+2-2k, 1-2k, \omega) \Big|_{k-\frac{1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ N\chi & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proposition 1 in [8] says:

$$\begin{aligned} & N \chi^{\frac{2m+3-2k}{4}} i^{\frac{1}{2}-k} y^{k-1-\frac{m}{2}} L_N(\chi^2, 2m+2-2k) \cdot E'(z, m+2-2k, 1-2k, \omega) = \\ & \frac{\Gamma(m+\frac{1}{2}-k)}{\Gamma(\frac{m+1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{m}{2}+1-k)} i^{1/2-k} (2y)^{k-m-1/2} \cdot 2\pi \cdot L_N(\omega^2, 2m+2-2k) + \\ & \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty \\ n \neq 0}}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i n x} \tau_n(y, \frac{m+1}{2}, \frac{m}{2}+1-k) \cdot L_N(\omega_n, m+1-k) \cdot \beta(n, m+2-2k) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\omega_n$  denotes the primitive character given by

$$\omega_n(a) := \left(\frac{-1}{a}\right)^{k+1} \left(\frac{nN}{a}\right) \omega(a),$$

the functions  $\tau_n$  are defined by

$$i^{\alpha-\beta} (2\pi)^{-\alpha-\beta} \Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta) \tau_n(y, \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} n^{\alpha+\beta-1} e^{-2\pi n y} \sigma(4\pi n y, \alpha, \beta) & \text{if } n > 0 \\ |n|^{\alpha+\beta-1} e^{-2\pi |n| y} \sigma(4\pi |n| y, \beta, \alpha) & \text{if } n < 0, \\ \Gamma(\alpha+\beta-1) \cdot (4\pi y)^{1-\alpha-\beta} & \text{if } n=0 \end{cases}$$

with the hypergeometric function

$$\sigma(y, \alpha, \beta) = \int_0^{\infty} (u+1)^{\alpha-1} u^{\beta-1} e^{-yu} du ,$$

and where

$$\beta(n, s) = \sum_{a, b} \mu(a) \omega_n(a) \omega_n^2(b) a^{1-k-s} b^{3-2k-2s} ,$$

the sum being extended over all integers  $a, b > 0$  prime to  $N$ .  $p$  such that  $(ab)^2$  divides  $n$ . ( $\mu$  = Moebius function). We remark, that we can restrict the sum above to positive  $n$ , since for  $n < 0$  the character  $\omega_n$  has the same parity as  $k$ , i.e.  $\omega_n(-1) = (-1)^k$ , and therefore  $L_N(\omega_n, m+1-k)$  vanishes for odd  $m=1, \dots, k-1$ . For  $n > 0$  the values of  $\tau_n$  are

$$\tau_n\left(y, \frac{m+1}{2}, \frac{m}{2}+1-k\right) = n^{m-k+1/2} e^{-2\pi n y} i^{k-3/2} (2\pi)^{m-k+3/2} \cdot \Gamma\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)^{-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{m}{2}+1-k\right)^{-1} \sum_{x=0}^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \binom{\frac{m-1}{2}}{x} \Gamma\left(\frac{m}{2}+1-k+x\right) (4\pi n y)^{k-\frac{m}{2}-1-x}$$

and so we can express

$$L_N(\chi^2, 2m+2-2k) E'(z, m+2-2k, 1-2k, \omega) = \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (4\pi y)^{-j} d_{j,n} q^n$$

where  $d_{j,0} = 0$  except

$$d_{\frac{m-1}{2}, 0} = B_{\frac{m-1}{2}} \cdot (\pi)^{\frac{m+1}{2}} \cdot 2^{k-m/2} \cdot N_X^{(2k-2m-3)/4} \cdot L_N(\omega^2, 2m+2-2k)$$

and for  $n > 0$  :

$$d_{j,n} = (-1)^{k-1} 2^{k-1} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{m+1}{2} \cdot N_X^{(2k-3-2m)/4} \left( \frac{m-1}{2} \right) B_j n^{\frac{m-1}{2}-j} \cdot L_N(\omega_n, m+1-k) \cdot \beta(n, m+2-2k)$$

where  $B_j := \frac{\Gamma(\frac{m}{2}+1-k+j)}{\Gamma(\frac{m+1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{m}{2}+1-k)} \in \mathbb{Q}^*$ .

Now we obviously get the Fourier coefficients  $c_{n,j} = c_{n,j}(\chi)$  of  $h^*(z, \chi, m)$  by multiplying the  $q$ -expansion of the theta series with the Fourier expansion of  $L_N(\chi^2, \dots) \cdot E'(z, \dots)$  above as follows:

Lemma 4.2: There are constants  $C_j, C_j = C_j(k, m, N) \in \mathbb{Q}^* \cdot \pi^{(m+1)/2}$  for  $j=0, \dots, \frac{m-1}{2}$  such that

$$c_{n,j}(\chi) = C_j \cdot c_{\chi}^{k-m-2} \cdot G(\chi) \cdot \sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2 > 0 \\ \frac{N}{4}n_1^2 + n_2 = n}} \bar{\chi}(n_1)n_2^{\frac{m-1}{2}-j} \cdot L_N(\omega_{n_2}, m+1-k) \cdot \beta(n_2, m+2-2k)$$

for  $j \neq \frac{m-1}{2}$  and

$$c_{n, \frac{m-1}{2}}(\chi) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_{\chi}^{k-m-2} \cdot C' \cdot G(\chi) \cdot \bar{\chi}(n_1) \cdot L_N(\omega^2, 2m+2-2k) \text{ if } n = \frac{N}{4} n_1^2 \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\} +$$

$$c_{\frac{m-1}{2}} \sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2 > 0 \\ \frac{N}{4} n_1^2 + n_2 = n}} \bar{\chi}(n_1) \cdot L_N(\omega_{n_2}, m+1-k) \cdot B(n_2, m+2-2k)$$

The case of the trivial character  $\chi = \chi_0$  being similar to the nontrivial case we omit the details and just state the result:

Lemma 4.3: With the same constants as in Lemma 4.2 we have

for  $j \neq \frac{m-1}{2}$  :

$$c_{n, j}(\chi_0) = c_j \cdot p^{(k-m-1)/2} \left[ \sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2 > 0 \\ \frac{N}{4} p n_1^2 + n_2 = n}} n_2^{\frac{m-1}{2} - j} L_{Np}(\omega_{pn_2}, m+1-k) \cdot B(n_2, m+2-2k) + \frac{1}{2} n^{\frac{m-1}{2} - j} L_{Np}(\omega_{pn}, m+1-k) B(n, m+2-2k) \right],$$

and for  $j = \frac{m-1}{2}$  :

$$c_{n, \frac{m-1}{2}}(\chi_0) = p^{(k-m-1)/2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C' \cdot L_{Np}(\chi_0, 2m+2-2k) \text{ if } n = \frac{N}{4} p n_1^2 \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } n=0 \\ 1 \text{ if } n>0 \end{array} \right\}$$



$$c_{\frac{m-1}{2}} \cdot \sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2 > 0 \\ \frac{N}{4}n_1^2 + n_2 = n}} L_{Np}(\omega_{pn_2}, m+1-k) B(n_2, m+2-2k) ] .$$

We are in particular interested in the behaviour of the  $c_{n,0}(\chi)$ 's .

Lemma 4.4: There is a global factor  $C \in \mathbb{Q}^*$  such that the following congruence holds for any  $n, r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $y$  prime to  $p$ :

$$C \cdot [ p^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \cdot \sum_{\substack{\chi \neq \chi_0 \\ m \leq r \\ \chi}} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot (1 - \bar{\chi}(u))^2 u^{2(k-m)} \cdot G(\chi) c_{\chi}^{-(k-1-m)} c_{np^{2r-1},0}(\bar{\chi}) \\ + (1 - u^{2(k-m)}) (c_{n \cdot p^{2r},0}(\chi_0) - p^{m-1} c_{np^{2r-2},0}(\chi_0)) ] \equiv 0 \pmod{p^r} .$$

Proof: By Lemma 4.2 the first sum in the brackets becomes:

$$p^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \cdot C_0 \sum_{\substack{\chi \neq \chi_0 \\ m \leq r \\ \chi}} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot (1 - \bar{\chi}(u))^2 u^{2(k-m)} G(\chi) c_{\chi} G(\bar{\chi}) . \\ \cdot \sum_{n_j > 0} \chi(n_1) \cdot L_N(\bar{\omega}_{n_2}, m+1-k) \cdot B(n_2, m+2-2k) n_2^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \\ \frac{N}{4} n_1^2 + n_2 = np^{2r-1}$$

and by Lemma 4.3 the  $\chi_0$  - part in the case  $m \neq 1$  is given by

$$p^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \cdot C_0 \cdot (1-u^{2(k-m)}) \cdot \left[ \sum_{n_j > 0} (n_2/p)^{\frac{m-1}{2}} L_{Np}(\omega_{pn_2}, m+1-k) \beta(n_2, m+2-2k) \right. \\ \left. \frac{N}{4} pn_1^2 + n_2 = np^{2r} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (np^{2r-1})^{\frac{m-1}{2}} L_{Np}(\omega_{pn}, m+1-k) \beta(n, m+2-2k)$$

$$- p^{m-1} \sum_{n_j > 0} (n_2/p)^{\frac{m-1}{2}} L_{Np}(\omega_{pn_2}, m+1-k) \beta(n_2, n+2-2k) \\ \frac{N}{4} pn_1^2 + n_2 = np^{2r-2}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} p^{m-1} (np^{2r-3})^{\frac{m-1}{2}} L_{Np}(\omega_{pn}, m+1-k) \beta(n, m+2-2k)$$

$$= p^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \cdot C_0 \cdot (1-u^{2(k-m)}) \cdot \left[ \sum_{n_j > 0} n_2^{\frac{m-1}{2}} L_{Np}(\omega_{n_2}, m+1-k) \beta(n_2, m+2-2k) \right. \\ \left. \frac{N}{4} n_1^2 + n_2 = np^{2r-1} \right]$$

$$p/n_i$$

where we have used that  $\beta$  only depends on the part of  $n$  prime to  $p$  and that  $\omega_n$  only depends on the square free part of  $n$ . For the case  $m=1$  in a similar way we arrive at the same expression. Now it is obviously sufficient to make a fixed choice of data  $(n_1, n_2, a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^4$  with  $p/n_i$ ,  $(ab)^2 | n_2$ ,  $(ab, Np) = 1$  and to prove for any such choice the congruence

$$\sum_{\substack{\chi \\ m_\chi \leq r}} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot (1 - \bar{\chi}(u))^2 u^{2(k-m)} L_p(\bar{\omega}_{n_2}, m+1-k) \cdot (1 - \bar{\omega}_{n_2}(p)) p^{k-m-1} \bar{\omega}_{n_2}(a) \bar{\omega}_{n_2}^2(b) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^r}$$

since the expression in the lemma is an integral linear combination of these sums. We remark that as well we could have omitted the factors  $\bar{\omega}_{n_2}(a) \bar{\omega}_{n_2}^2(b)$  just by changing  $y$ . Since  $\omega^2 = \chi^2$  and

$$\omega_{n_2}(t) = \left(\frac{-n_2 N}{t}\right) v(t) \chi(t)$$

we are reduced to show

$$\sum_{\substack{\chi \\ m_\chi \leq r}} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot (1 - \bar{\omega}_{n_2}(u_2))^2 u_2^{2(k-m)} L(\bar{\omega}_{n_2}, m+1-k) \cdot (1 - \bar{\omega}_{n_2}(p)) p^{k-m-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^r}$$

where we have chosen  $u_2 \equiv u \pmod{p^r}$  such that  $(u_2, n_2 N) = 1$ . This again can be reduced to prove, in terms of Bernoulli numbers

$$\sum_{\substack{\chi \\ m_\chi \leq r}} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot (1 - \bar{\omega}_{n_2}(u_2)) u_2^{k-m} \frac{B_{k-m, \bar{\omega}_{n_2}}}{k-m} (1 - \bar{\omega}_{n_2}(p)) p^{k-m-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^r}$$

But this congruence is exactly the condition for the smoothed Bernoulli distribution

$$E_{k-m, u_2}(y + p^r \mathbb{Z}_p) := p^{r(k-m-1)} \frac{1}{k-m} \left[ B_{k-m} \left( \left\langle \frac{y}{p^r} \right\rangle \right) - u_2^{k-m} B_{k-m} \left( \left\langle \frac{u_2^{-1} y}{p^r} \right\rangle \right) \right]$$

(cf. [4] p.45) to be a measure, which proves Lemma 4.4.

Lemma 4.5: The statement of Lemma 4.4 remains true if we replace the coefficients  $c_{n,0}(\chi)$  of  $h^*(z,\chi,m)$  by the coefficients  $c_n(\chi)$  of the holomorphic projection

$$h^*_0(z,\chi,m) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(\chi) \cdot q^n .$$

Proof: By Lemma 4.1 we have

$$C \cdot c_n(\chi) = F_n(c_{n,0}(\chi), \dots, c_{n, \frac{m-1}{2}}(\chi))$$

where

$$F_n(X_0, \dots, X_{\frac{m-1}{2}}) \equiv CX_0 \pmod{n} \cdot \mathbb{Z}[X_0, \dots, X_{\frac{m-1}{2}}] .$$

The expression in brackets of Lemma 4.4 remains at least integral if we replace the  $c_{n,0}(\chi)$  by the  $c_{n,j}(\chi)$ , so that from  $F_n$  being a linear form we get

$$C \cdot C_0^{-1} \left[ p^{k/2-1} \sum_{\substack{\chi \neq \chi_0 \\ m \leq r \\ \chi}} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot (1-\bar{\chi}(u))^{2 \cdot 2^{(k-m)}} G(\chi) c_{\chi}^{-(k-1-m)} c_{np^{2r-1}}(\chi) \right.$$

$$\left. + (1-u)^{2(k-m)} \cdot (c_{np^{2r}}(\chi_0) - p^{m-1} c_{np^{2r-2}}(\chi_0)) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& c \cdot c_0^{-1} [p^{k/2-1} \cdot \sum_{\substack{\chi \neq \chi_0 \\ m_\chi \leq r}} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot (1-\bar{\chi}(u))^2 u^{2(k-m)}] G(\chi) \cdot c_\chi^{-(k-1-m)} c_{np^{2r-1},0}(\chi) \\
& + (1-u^{2(k-m)}) \cdot (c_{np^{2r},0}(\chi_0) - p^{m-1} \cdot c_{np^{2r-2},0}(\chi_0)) \pmod{np^{2r-2}},
\end{aligned}$$

so Lemma 4.4 yields the desired congruence for  $r \geq 2$ , which proves Lemma 4 for some constant  $C$ .

Now we can finish the proof of Theorem 4 by showing that for some  $C(m) \in \mathbb{Q}^*$  and with

$$\begin{aligned}
M_r := & \sum_{\substack{\chi \neq \chi_0 \\ m_\chi \leq r}} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot (1-\chi(u))^2 u^{2(k-m)} \left( \frac{p^{m-1}}{\alpha_p^2} \right)^m \chi \frac{G(\bar{\chi})}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle} D_\infty(\delta_0, \chi, m) \\
& + (1-u^{2(k-m)}) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{p^{m-1}}{\alpha_p^2} \right) \frac{1}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle} \cdot D_\infty(\delta_0, m)
\end{aligned}$$

the product  $C(m) \cdot M_r$  is divisible by  $p^r$  for any  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

As we saw earlier we have

$$D_\infty(\delta_0, \chi, m) = (4\pi)^{-m/2} \Gamma(m/2) \langle \delta_0(z), h(z, \bar{\chi}, m) \rangle_{N_\chi} \text{ for } \chi \neq \chi_0$$

and

$$D_\infty(\delta_0, m) = (4\pi)^{-m/2} \Gamma(m/2) \langle \delta_0(z), h(z, \chi_0, m) \rangle_{N_p},$$

where we can replace  $h$  by  $(h^*)_0$ . For  $\chi \neq \chi_0$  apply the

trace  $\text{tr} = \text{Tr}_{\Gamma_0(N_X) \setminus \Gamma_0(Np)}$  to the modular form  $(h^*)_0^*$  without really affecting the inner product

$$D_\infty(\phi_0, \chi, m) = (4\pi)^{-m/2} \Gamma(m/2) \langle \phi_0, \text{tr}((h^*)_0^*) \rangle_{Np}.$$

Since  $\Gamma_0(N_X) \setminus \Gamma_0(Np)$  is represented by the matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ Npi & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $i \pmod p$  one easily sees for

$$\text{tr}((h^*)_0^*) = \sum_{i \pmod p} 2^{m_X-1} (h^*)_0^* \Big|_k \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ Npi & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

that

$$\text{tr}((h^*)_0^* \Big|_k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ Np & 0 \end{pmatrix}) = \sum_i (h^*)_0 \Big|_k \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 0 & p^{2m_X-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= p^{-(2m_X-1)} \left(\frac{k}{2} - 1\right) (h^*)_0 \Big|_{T(p)}^{2m_X-1}.$$

Therefore we get with  $W_{Np} := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ Np & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$\langle \phi_0, h(z, \chi, m) \rangle_{N_X} = p^{-(2m_X-1)} \left(\frac{k}{2} - 1\right) \langle \phi_0 \Big|_k W_{Np}; (h^*)_0 \Big|_{T(p)}^{2m_X-1} \rangle_N.$$

Since  $W_{Np}$  normalizes  $\Gamma_1(Np)$  and

$$W_{Np}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix} W_{Np} = \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

we see that the adjoint  $T(p)^*$  of  $T(p)$  on the level  $N_p$  is given as

$$T(p)^* = W_{NP}^{-1} \circ T(p) \circ W_{NP},$$

which for any  $r \geq m_\chi$  via  $\delta_0 | T(p) = \alpha_p \cdot \delta_0$  implies:

$$\alpha_p^{2(r-m_\chi)} \langle \delta_0, h(z, \chi, m) \rangle_{N_\chi} = p^{-(2m_\chi-1) \left(\frac{k}{2} - 1\right)} \langle \delta_0 |_{k, W_{NP}}, (h^*)_0 | T(p)^{2r-1} \rangle_{N_p}.$$

Similar we get with  $h^* = h(z, \chi_0, m) |_{k, W_{NP}}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_p^{2r} \left(1 - \frac{p^{m-1}}{2}\right) \langle \delta_0, h(z, \chi_0, m) \rangle_{N_p} \\ &= \langle \delta_0 |_{k, W_{NP}}, (h^*)_0 | T(p)^{2r-p^{m-1}} \cdot (h^*)_0 | T(p)^{2r-2} \rangle_{N_p}. \end{aligned}$$

So if we define the modular forms

$$F_{r, \chi}(z) := \sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} \chi(y) \cdot (1-\bar{\chi}(u))^{2(k-m)} \cdot p^{(m-1)m_\chi - (2m_\chi-1) \cdot \left(\frac{k}{2} - 1\right)} \frac{G(\chi)}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle}$$

$$(h^*)_0(z, \bar{\chi}, m) | T(p)^{2r-1}$$

$$+ (1-u)^{2(k-m)} \frac{1}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle} ((h^*)_0(z, \chi_0, m) | T(p)^{2r}$$

$$- p^{m-1} \cdot (h^*)_0(z, \chi_0, m) | T(p)^{2r-2})$$

we simply have

$$M_r = (4\pi)^{-m/2} \cdot \Gamma(m/2) \langle \delta_0 |_{k, Np} W_{Np}, F_{r,y}(z) \rangle_{Np} .$$

Since the effect of  $T(p)$  on Fourier coefficients is given by

$$T(p) : (h^*)_0 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n q^n \longrightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{np} q^n .$$

we conclude from Lemma 4.5 and the  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ -equivariance of  $Z_0(\delta, \chi, m)$

Lemma 4.6: The modular forms  $F'_{r,y} := C \cdot p^{-r} \cdot F_{r,y}(z) \cdot \pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle$  have p-integral Fourier coefficients going to  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  under  $i_p : \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \longrightarrow \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p$  .

The space  $M_k(Np)$  of weight  $k$  modular forms of level  $Np$  having a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -structure, we also know that the forms  $F'_{r,y}$  all lie in a finite dimensional  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ -vector space, hence by Lemma 4.6 in a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -lattice. Therefore the values of the linear form

$$L_m : M_k(Np) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, F \longrightarrow (4\pi)^{-m/2} \cdot \Gamma(m/2) \langle \delta_0 |_{k, Np} W_{Np}, F \rangle_{Np}$$

restricted to the set  $\left\{ F'_{r,y}; y, r \in \mathbb{N}, y \equiv 1(p) \right\}$  must also

lie in a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -lattice, hence they have in particular bounded p-adic absolute value, which proves that Pančičkin's distributions  $\mu_{u,m}$  are in fact measures (i.e. bounded).

Remark 4.7: a) If the assumption  $2(k-m) \not\equiv 0(p-1)$  of Theorem 3



is not fulfilled we still may define an element

$$G_m(T) \in \text{Quot}(\mathbb{Z}_p[[T]])$$

such that for all but finitely many characters  $\chi$  we have

$$i_p^{-1}(G_m(i_\infty^{-1}(\chi(1+p)-1))) = i_\infty^{-1}(C(m) \cdot \left(\frac{p^{m-1}}{\alpha_p^2}\right)^{\text{ord}_p c} \chi \frac{G(\chi)}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle} D_\infty(\delta, \bar{\chi}, m)),$$

so that we get in any case a p-adic L-function by putting

$$D_{p,m}(\delta, s) := G_m((1+p)^{1-s}-1) \quad \text{for } s \in \mathbb{Z}_p.$$

b) By avoiding those  $\chi$  where one of the "missing Euler factors" of the imprimitive symmetric square vanishes one also finds (by p-adic interpolation of these factors) an element

$$\tilde{G}_m(T) \in \text{Quot}(\bar{\mathbb{Z}}_p[[T]])$$

such that we get p-adic interpolation of the special values of the primitive symmetric square by

$$i_p^{-1}(\tilde{G}_m(i_\infty^{-1}(\chi(1+p)-1))) = i_\infty^{-1}(C(m) \left(\frac{p^{m-1}}{\alpha_p^2}\right)^{\text{ord}_p c} \chi \frac{G(\chi)}{\pi^m \langle \delta, \delta \rangle} D_\infty(\delta, \bar{\chi}, m))$$

for all but finitely many  $\chi$ . I would expect that in fact  $\tilde{G}_m$  is a power series in  $\bar{\mathbb{Z}}_p[[T]]$  and that this equality holds for all  $\chi$  with the appropriate change of the right

hand side for  $\chi = \chi_0$  .

We define the associated L-function as

$$\mathcal{D}_{p,m}(\delta, s) := \tilde{G}_m((1+p)^{1-s}-1) .$$

It is clear that by the functional equation satisfied by  $\mathcal{D}_\infty$  we also get a measure on  $\Gamma$  describing the p-adic interpolation of the special values in the right half of the critical strip  $m=k, \dots, 2k-2$  . We define

$$\tilde{G}_m(\tau) := \tilde{G}_{2k-1-m}\left(\frac{-\tau}{1+\tau}\right) \quad \text{for } m=k, \dots, 2k-2 .$$

Proposition 4.8: For any even  $m=k, \dots, 2k-2$  there is a  
constant  $C=C(m, \delta) \in \mathbb{Q}^*$  such that for all but finitely  
many  $\chi$  :

$$i_p^{-1}(\tilde{G}_m(i_\infty^{-1}(\chi(1+p)-1))) = i_\infty^{-1}\left(C\chi\left(\frac{B^2}{c_v}\right)\left(\frac{p^{2m-k-1}}{2}\right)^{m\chi} G(\chi)^2 \mathcal{D}_\infty(\delta, \bar{\chi}, m)\right)$$

where  $B$  denotes the integer which appears in the functional equation in Theorem 1.

The proof just consists of applying the functional equation for  $\mathcal{D}_\infty$  relating the values at  $m$  and  $2k-1-m$  , using the fact that for  $p \nmid a_p$  we have  $v(p)=1$  , and to follow the definition of  $\tilde{G}_m$  for  $m=k, \dots, 2k-2$  . As an immediate consequence of the definition we see that the corresponding

functional equation of the p-adic L-functions reads:

$$\mathcal{D}_{p,m}(\delta, s) = \mathcal{D}_{p,2k-1-m}(\delta, 2-s) .$$

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