



# On exceptional zeros of Garrett–Hida $p$ -adic $L$ -functions

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## Abstract

This article proves a case of the  $p$ -adic Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture for Garrett  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions of [6], in the exceptional zero setting of extended analytic rank 2.

## Résumé

Cet article prouve un cas de la conjecture  $p$ -adique de Birch et Swinnerton-Dyer pour les fonctions  $L$   $p$ -adiques de Garrett formulée dans [6], dans le cadre de zéros exceptionnels de rang analytique étendu égal à 2.

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## Introduction

Let  $A$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbf{Q}$ , having ordinary reduction at a rational prime  $p > 3$ . Let  $\varrho_1$  and  $\varrho_2$  be odd, irreducible, two-dimensional Artin representations of the absolute Galois group of  $\mathbf{Q}$ , which are unramified at  $p$  and satisfy the self-duality condition

$$\det(\varrho_1) = \det(\varrho_2)^{-1}.$$

By modularity, the triple  $(A, \varrho_1, \varrho_2)$  arises from a triple  $(f, g, h)$  of cuspidal  $p$ -ordinary newforms of weights  $w_o = (2, 1, 1)$ . Let  $f_\alpha$  be the ordinary  $p$ -stabilisation of  $f$ , and fix

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$p$ -stabilisations  $g_\alpha$  and  $h_\alpha$  of  $g$  and  $h$  respectively. Set  $\varrho = \varrho_1 \otimes \varrho_2$ . In the recent paper [6] we proposed a  $p$ -adic analogue of the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture for the leading term at  $w_o$  of the 3-variable Garrett–Hida  $p$ -adic  $L$ -function  $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) = L_p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)$  associated with the triple  $(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)$  of Hida families specialising to  $(f_\alpha, g_\alpha, h_\alpha)$  at  $w_o$ . In this article we verify our conjecture in the analytic rank-zero exceptional cases, viz. when the complex Garrett  $L$ -function  $L(A, \varrho, s) = L(f \otimes g \otimes h, s)$  does not vanish at  $s = 1$  and  $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$  has an exceptional zero at  $w_o$  in the sense of Mazur–Tate–Teitelbaum (cf. Theorem 2.1 and Sect. 2.1 below). Moreover, when  $L(A, \varrho, 1) = 0$  and  $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$  has an exceptional zero, we propose a conjecture relating the value at  $w_o$  of the fourth partial derivative of  $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$  along the  $\mathbf{f}$ -direction to the  $p$ -adic logarithms of two global points on  $A$  rational over the number field cut out by  $\varrho$  (cf. Conjecture 2.3).

### 1 Setting and notations

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

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

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

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

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

- Assumption 1.1**
1. (Self-duality) The characters  $\chi_g$  and  $\chi_h$  are inverse to each other.
  2. (Local signs) The conductors  $N_g$  and  $N_h$  are coprime to  $p \cdot N_f$ .
  3. (Étaleness) The forms  $g$  and  $h$  are cuspidal,  $p$ -regular and do not have RM by a real quadratic field in which  $p$  splits.

The first condition is a reformulation of the self-duality condition mentioned in the Introduction, namely  $\det(\varrho_1) = \det(\varrho_2)^{-1}$ . Recall that the form  $\xi$  is  $p$ -regular if  $P_{\xi,p}$  has distinct roots. Moreover, one says that a weight-one eigenform has RM (*real multiplication*) if it is the theta series associated with a ray class character of a real quadratic field. Assumption 1.1.3 is equivalent to require that  $V_{\varrho_i}$  is irreducible, not isomorphic to  $\text{Ind}_K^{\mathbf{Q}} \chi$  for a finite order character  $\chi : G_K \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}(\varrho)^*$  of a real quadratic field  $K$  in which  $p$  splits, and that an arithmetic Frobenius at  $p$  acts on  $V_{\varrho_i}$  with distinct eigenvalues. For  $\xi = g, h$ , this assumption guarantees that the  $p$ -adic Coleman–Mazur–Buzzard eigencurve of tame level  $N_\xi$  is étale over the weight space at the points corresponding to the  $p$ -stabilisations of  $\xi$  (cf. [2]). It is used in [6] to construct the Garrett–Nekovář height  $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{\mathbf{f}g_\alpha h_\alpha}$  which appears in the main result of this note. To explain the relevance of Assumptions 1.1.1 and 1.1.2, let  $\alpha_f$  be the unit root of  $P_{f,p}$  and fix roots  $\alpha_g$  and  $\alpha_h$  of  $P_{g,p}$  and  $P_{h,p}$  respectively. Fix a finite extension

$L$  of  $\mathbf{Q}_p$  containing  $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$  and the roots of unity of order  $\text{lcm}(N_f, N_g, N_h)$ . Let  $\xi$  be one of  $f, g$  and  $h$ , and let  $u_o$  be the weight of  $\xi$ . According to the results of [2,10,18], there exists a unique Hida family

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

which specialises at  $u_o$  to the  $p$ -stabilised newform

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

Here  $M_\xi = N_\xi/p^{\text{ord}_p(N_\xi)}$  is the tame level of  $\xi$  (so that  $M_\xi = N_\xi$  if  $\xi = g, h$ ), and  $\mathcal{O}_\xi$  is the ring of bounded analytic functions on a (sufficiently small) connected open disc  $U_\xi$  in the  $p$ -adic weight space over  $L$ . For each classical weight  $u$  in  $U_\xi \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 3}$ , the weight- $u$  specialisation  $\xi_{\alpha,u} = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n(\xi_\alpha)(u) \cdot q^n \in L[[q]]$  of  $\xi_\alpha$  is the  $q$ -expansion of the ordinary  $p$ -stabilisation of a newform  $\xi_u$  in  $S_u(M_\xi, \chi_\xi)_L$ . Since  $f$  has a unique  $p$ -ordinary  $p$ -stabilisation  $f_\alpha$ , we simply write  $\mathbf{f}$  for  $f_\alpha$ .

Assumption 1.1.1 guarantees that for each classical triple  $w = (k, l, m)$  in the set

$$\Sigma = U_f \times U_g \times U_h \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 1}^3$$

the complex Garrett  $L$ -function  $L(f_k \otimes g_l \otimes h_m, s)$  admits an analytic continuation to all of  $\mathbf{C}$  and satisfies a functional equation relating its values at  $s$  and  $k + l + m - 2 - s$ , with root number  $\varepsilon(w) = \prod_{\ell \leq \infty} \varepsilon_\ell(w)$  equal to  $+1$  or to  $-1$ . Assumption 1.1.2 implies that all the local signs  $\varepsilon_\ell(w)$  are equal to  $+1$  for every  $w$  in the  $f$ -unbalanced region  $\Sigma_f = \{w = (k, l, m) \in \Sigma : k \geq l + m\}$  (cf. [11]). Under these assumptions, [12] associates with  $(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha)$  an analytic function

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

in the ring  $\mathcal{O}_{fgh} = \mathcal{O}_f \hat{\otimes}_L \mathcal{O}_g \hat{\otimes}_L \mathcal{O}_h$ , whose square

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

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

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

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

## 2 Exceptional zero formulae

The  $p$ -adic variant of the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture formulated in [6] predicts that the leading term of  $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$  at  $w_o = (2, 1, 1)$  is encoded by the discriminant of the

Garrett–Nekovář height pairing

$$\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{f g_\alpha h_\alpha} : A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^\varrho \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)} A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^\varrho \longrightarrow \mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2 \tag{2}$$

constructed in Section 2 of loco citato, where  $\mathcal{I}$  is the ideal of functions in  $\mathcal{O}_{fgh}$  which vanish at  $w_o$  and the  $p$ -extended Mordell–Weil group  $A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^\varrho$  is defined as follows. When  $A$  has good reduction at  $p$ , one sets  $A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^\varrho = A(K_\varrho)^\varrho$ , where  $A(K_\varrho)^\varrho$  is a shorthand for the  $\text{Gal}(K_\varrho/\mathbf{Q})$ -invariants of  $A(K_\varrho) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} V_\varrho$ . If  $A$  has multiplicative reduction at  $p$ , then  $\alpha_f = a_p(f) = \pm 1$  and the maximal  $p$ -unramified quotient  $V_p(A)^-$  of  $V_p(A)$  is a 1-dimensional  $\mathbf{Q}_p$ -vector space on which an arithmetic Frobenius acts as multiplication by  $\alpha_f$ . Let  $q_A$  in  $p\mathbf{Z}_p$  be the  $p$ -adic Tate period of the base change  $A_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$  of  $A$  to  $\mathbf{Q}_p$  (cf. Chapter V of [15]), and let  $\mathbf{Q}_{p^2}$  be the quadratic unramified extension of  $\mathbf{Q}_p$ . The Tate uniformisation yields a rigid analytic morphism

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2 of [6] constructs a canonical Garrett–Nekovář  $p$ -adic height pairing

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

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

$r^\dagger(A, \varrho) = \dim_{\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)} A^\dagger(K_\varrho)^\varrho$ , is independent of the choice of  $\wp_\infty$ ,  $\gamma_g$  and  $\gamma_h$ . We refer to [6] for more details.

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

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

where  $(i, j)$  is a pair of elements of  $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ . If  $\xi$  denotes either  $g$  or  $h$ , Sect. 3.1.1 below recalls the definition of canonical *weight-one differentials*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where  $L(A, \varrho, s) = L(f \otimes g \otimes h, s)$ . The previous discussion then shows that  $(A, \varrho)$  is exceptional at  $p$  precisely if one of the Euler factors which appear in the previous expression is zero, id est if  $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$  (or  $L_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$ ) has an exceptional zero in the sense of Mazur–Tate–Teitelbaum [13]. In this case Lemma 9.8 of [7] proves that the restriction  $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)|_L$  of  $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$  to the *improving line*  $L$  defined by the equations  $\mathbf{m} = 1$  and  $\mathbf{k} = l + 1$  admits the factorisation

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

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

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

Moreover, the value at  $w_o$  of the improved  $p$ -adic  $L$ -function  $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)^*$  is an explicit algebraic number in  $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)$ , equal to zero precisely if  $L(A, \varrho, s)$  vanishes at  $s = 1$ . We refer to the proof of Proposition 8.3 of [12] for details.

The following is the main result of this note.

**Theorem 2.1** *Assume that  $(A, \varrho)$  is exceptional at  $p$ . Let  $(q_\flat, q_\natural)$  denote either the pair  $(q_{\alpha\alpha}, q_{\beta\beta})$  or  $(q_{\alpha\beta}, q_{\beta\alpha})$ , depending on whether  $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$  or  $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$  respectively. Then the following equality holds in  $\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2$  up to sign.*

$$\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho) \pmod{\mathcal{I}^2} = \frac{\deg(\wp_\infty) \cdot (1 - \beta_h/\alpha_h)}{m_p \cdot \text{ord}_p(q_A)} \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)^*(w_o) \cdot \langle\langle q_\flat, q_\natural \rangle\rangle_{f_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha} h_\alpha}$$

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

$$\frac{2 \cdot \deg(\wp_\infty)}{m_p \cdot \text{ord}_p(q_A)} \cdot \langle\langle q_\flat, q_\natural \rangle\rangle_{f_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha} h_\alpha} = \left( \mathfrak{L}_f^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha}^{\text{an}} \right) \cdot (l - 1) + \varepsilon \cdot \left( \mathfrak{L}_f^{\text{an}} - \mathfrak{L}_{\mathbf{h}_\alpha}^{\text{an}} \right) \cdot (m - 1), \tag{6}$$

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

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

is the value at the centre  $u_o$  of  $U_\xi$  of the logarithmic derivative of the  $p$ -th Fourier coefficient of the Hida family  $\xi = f, \mathbf{g}_\alpha, \mathbf{h}_\alpha$ . In Sect. 4 we then deduce Theorem 2.1 from Eq. (6) and the study carried out in [7, Section 9] of the linear term of  $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$  at  $w_o$  in the exceptional case.

It should be possible to extend Theorem 2.1 (and Conjecture 2.3 below) to the case of  $p$ -new eigenforms of even weight  $k \geq 2$  and trivial character (cf. Section 1.1 of [6]). We have not checked the details.

### 2.1 The rank-zero exceptional case of [6, Conjecture 1.1]

Assume in this section that  $(A, \varrho)$  is exceptional at  $p$ , and that the Garrett complex  $L$ -function  $L(A, \varrho, s) = L(f \otimes g \otimes h, s)$  does not vanish at  $s = 1$ :

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

According to the main result of [8] (see also Theorem B of [3]), one has

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

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

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

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

Let  $\gamma_{gh} : V(A, \varrho)^- \hookrightarrow V(f, g, h)^-$  be the  $G_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -equivariant embedding defined by the tensor product of the isomorphism  $V_p(A)^- \simeq V(f)^-$  induced by  $\wp_{\infty}, \gamma_g$  and  $\gamma_h$  (cf. Eq. (3)). The normalisation imposed on the embeddings  $\gamma_g$  and  $\gamma_h$  (and described in Sect. 3.1.1 below) implies that the matrix  $M$  in  $\mathrm{GL}_2(L)$  defined by the identity  $(q_b \ q_{\bar{v}}) \cdot M = (\gamma_{gh}(q_1) \ \gamma_{gh}(q_2))$  has determinant in  $\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)^*$ . In light of the above discussion, Theorem 2.1 then proves the following corollary, which together with Eq. (6) establishes [6, Conjecture 1.1] in the present setting.

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

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

## 2.2 Exceptional zeros and rational points (cf. [14])

Assume in this section that  $(A, \varrho)$  is exceptional at  $p$ , and that the Garrett complex  $L$ -function  $L(A, \varrho, s)$  vanishes at the central critical point  $s = 1$ :

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

Set  $\{b, \bar{v}\} = \{\alpha\alpha, \beta\beta\}$  of  $\{b, \bar{v}\} = \{\alpha\beta, \beta\alpha\}$ , depending on whether

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

The  $p$ -adic  $L$ -function  $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{S}^2$  (cf. Theorem 2.1) and Conjecture 2.3 of [6] predicts that its image in  $(\mathcal{S}^2/\mathcal{S}^3)/\mathbf{Q}(\varrho)^*$  equals

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

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

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

by Eq. (6). Moreover, Sect. 3.5 below proves that

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

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

$$\log_b = (\log_p(\cdot), q_{\bar{v}})_{f_{gh}} : H_{\mathrm{fin}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f, g, h)) \longrightarrow L.$$

Here  $\log_p : H_{\mathrm{fin}}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f, g, h)) \simeq D_{\mathrm{dR}}(V(f, g, h))/\mathrm{Fil}^0$  is the Bloch–Kato  $p$ -adic logarithm (cf. Lemma 9.1 of [7]), and  $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{f_{gh}} : D_{\mathrm{dR}}(V(f, g, h))^{\otimes 2} \longrightarrow L$  is the pairing induced by the natural Kummer duality  $\pi_{f_{gh}} : V(f, g, h)^{\otimes 2} \longrightarrow L(1)$  defined in Sect. 3.1.1 below (cf. Eq. (11)). We are then led to the following

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

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

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

As explained in [5], the main result of [1] can be used to prove cases of Conjecture 2.3 when  $g$  and  $h$  are theta series associated with certain ray class characters of the same imaginary quadratic field in which  $p$  is inert (and  $P$  and  $Q$  are Heegner points). By combining this with an extension of the height computations carried out in [16,17], the article [4] proves instances of Conjecture 1.1 of [6] in this setting.

**Remark 2.4** In light of the aforementioned results of [5], Rivero proposes in [14, Conjecture 4.5] a variant of Conjecture 2.3. He also asks (cf. Question 5.3 of [14]) if one can expect a similar description of  $\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)}{\partial k^2}(w_\varrho)$  when  $A$  has good reduction at  $p$ . The previous discussion places Rivero’s conjecture within a conceptual framework and sheds some light on this question.

### 3 Height computations

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

#### 3.1 Setting and notations

This subsection briefly recalls the needed definitions and notations from our previous articles [6,7].

##### 3.1.1 Galois representations

Set  $N = \text{lcm}(N_f, N_g, N_h)$  and let  $G_{\mathbf{Q}, N}$  be the Galois group of the maximal extension of  $\mathbf{Q}$  contained in  $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}$  and unramified outside  $N\infty$ . If  $\xi$  denotes one of  $f, g_\alpha$  and  $h_\alpha$ , let  $V(\xi)$  be the big Galois representation associated with  $\xi$  (cf. Section 5 of [7]). It is a free  $\mathcal{O}_\xi$ -module of rank two, equipped with a continuous linear action  $G_{\mathbf{Q}, N}$ . For each  $u$  in  $U_\xi \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 2}$  the base change  $V(\xi) \otimes_u L$  of  $V(\xi)$  along evaluation at  $u$  on  $\mathcal{O}_\xi$  is canonically isomorphic to the homological  $p$ -adic Deligne representation of  $\xi_u$  with coefficients in  $L$  (cf. loco citato for more details). In particular if  $\xi = f$  and  $u = 2$  there is a natural *specialisation isomorphism*  $\rho_2 : V(f) \otimes_2 L \simeq V(f)$ . If  $\xi = g_\alpha, h_\alpha$  and  $u = 1$  set  $V(\xi) = V(\xi) \otimes_1 L$  (cf. Sect. 1). It is a two-dimensional  $L$ -vector space affording the dual of the  $p$ -adic Deligne–Serre representation of  $\xi = g, h$  with coefficients in  $L$ . In order to have a uniform notation, in this case one defines  $\rho_1 : V(\xi) \otimes_1 L \rightarrow V(\xi)$  to be the identity.

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

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

where  $\chi_{\text{cyc}}^{u-1} : G_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\xi^*$  satisfies  $\chi_{\text{cyc}}^{u-1}(\sigma)(u) = \chi_{\text{cyc}}(\sigma)^{u-1}$  for each  $u$  in  $U_\xi \cap \mathbf{Z}$ . (The freeness of  $V(\xi)^\pm$  is guaranteed by Assumption 1.1.3, cf. Section 5 of [7].) If  $\xi = f$  and  $u = 2$  the specialisation isomorphism  $\rho_2$  identifies  $V(f)^- \otimes_2 L$  with the maximal unramified quotient  $V(f)^-$  of  $V(f)$ . If  $\xi = g_\alpha, h_\alpha$  and  $u = 1$  we set  $V(\xi)_\beta = V(\xi)^+ \otimes_1 L$



and  $V(\xi)_\alpha = V(\xi)^- \otimes_1 L$ . One has  $V(\xi) = V(\xi)_\alpha \oplus V(\xi)_\beta$ , where  $V(\xi)_\gamma = V(\xi)^{\text{Frob}_p = \gamma_\xi}$  for  $\gamma = \alpha, \beta$  is the submodule of  $V(\xi)$  on which an arithmetic Frobenius  $\text{Frob}_p$  acts as multiplication by  $\gamma_\xi = \alpha_\xi, \beta_\xi$  (cf. Assumption 1.1.3).

There is a natural  $G_Q$ -equivariant skew-symmetric perfect pairing

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

inducing perfect dualities  $\pi_\xi : V(\xi)^\pm \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_\xi} V(\xi)^\mp \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_\xi(\chi_\xi \cdot \chi_{\text{cyc}}^{u-1})$ . (See Section 5 cf. [7] for the definitions).

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

$$V^\cdot = V(f)^\cdot \hat{\otimes}_L V(g_\alpha) \hat{\otimes} V(h_\alpha) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{fgh}} \Xi_{fgh}^\cdot.$$

Then  $V = V(f, g_\alpha, h_\alpha)$ , resp.  $V^\pm = V(f, g_\alpha, h_\alpha)^\pm$  is a free  $\mathcal{O}_{fgh}$ -module of rank 8, resp. 4, equipped with a continuous action of  $G_{Q,N}$ , resp.  $G_{Q_p}$ . As  $\chi_g \cdot \chi_h = 1$  (cf. Assumption 1.1), the product of the perfect dualities  $\pi_\xi$ , for  $\xi = f, g_\alpha, h_\alpha$ , yields a perfect skew-symmetric Kummer duality  $\pi : V \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{fgh}} V \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{fgh}(1)$ , inducing a perfect local Kummer duality  $\pi : V^\pm \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{fgh}} V^\mp \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{fgh}(1)$ . After setting

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

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

$$\rho_{w_o} : V^\cdot \otimes_{w_o} L \simeq V^\cdot \tag{10}$$

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

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

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

**Weight one differentials** Define  $D(\xi)^- = H^0(Q_p, V(\xi)^- \hat{\otimes}_{Q_p} \hat{Q}_p^{\text{nr}})$ , where  $\hat{Q}_p^{\text{nr}}$  is the  $p$ -adic completion of the maximal unramified extension of  $Q_p$  (and as usual  $\xi$  denotes one of  $f, g_\alpha$  and  $h_\alpha$ ). For each  $u$  in  $U_\xi \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 2}$  there is a natural comparison isomorphism between  $D(\xi)^- \otimes_u L$  and the  $\xi_u$ -isotypic component of the space of cuspidal modular forms of weight  $u$ , level  $\Gamma_1(N_\xi p)$  and Fourier coefficients in  $L$ . Assumption 1.1.3 guarantees that  $D(\xi)^-$  is free (of rank one) over  $\mathcal{O}_\xi$ , and admits a basis  $\omega_\xi$  whose image in  $D(\xi)^- \otimes_u L$  corresponds to  $\xi_u$  under the aforementioned comparison isomorphism, for each  $u$  in  $U_\xi \cap \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 2}$ . (We refer to Section 3.1 of [6] and the references therein for more details.)

For  $\xi = g_\alpha, h_\alpha$ , the holomorphic weight-one differential

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

mentioned in Eq. (5) is defined to be the weight-one specialisation of  $\omega_\xi$ , viz. the image of  $\omega_\xi$  in the quotient  $D(\xi)^- \otimes_1 L = D(\xi)_\alpha$ . The weight-one specialisation of  $\pi_\xi$  yields a perfect  $G_Q$ -equivariant skew-symmetric pairing

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

Let  $c$  be the common conductor of  $\chi_g$  and  $\chi_h$ , and identify  $(L(\chi_\xi) \otimes_{Q_p} Q_p^{\text{nr}})^{G_{Q_p}}$  with  $L$  via the Gauß sum  $G(\chi_\xi) = (-c)^{i_\xi} \sum_{a \in (\mathbf{Z}/c\mathbf{Z})^*} \chi_\xi(a)^{-1} \otimes e^{2\pi i a/c}$ , where  $i_g = 0$  and  $i_h = 1$  (so

that  $G(\chi_g) \cdot G(\chi_h) = 1$  by Assumption 1.1.1). The pairing  $\pi_\xi$  then induces a perfect duality  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\xi : D(\xi)_\alpha \otimes_L D(\xi)_\beta \longrightarrow L$ , where  $D(\xi)_\gamma = (V(\xi)_\gamma \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \mathbf{Q}_p^{\text{nr}})^{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}}$ . One defines the *antiholomorphic weight-one differential* (cf. Eq. (5))

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

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

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

### 3.1.2 Selmer complexes

Let  $\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V)$  be the *Nekovář Selmer complex* associated with  $(V, V^+)$  (cf. Section 2.2 of [6]). It is an element of the derived category  $D_{\text{ft}}^b(L)$  of cohomologically bounded complexes of  $L$ -modules with cohomology of finite type over  $L$ , sitting in an exact triangle

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

where  $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(G, \cdot)$  is the complex of continuous non-homogeneous cochains of  $G$  with values in  $\cdot$ ,  $\text{res}_p$  is the restriction map (induced by the embedding  $i_p : \bar{\mathbf{Q}} \hookrightarrow \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_p$  fixed at the outset) and  $p^-$  is the map induced by the projection  $V \longrightarrow V^-$ . Denote by

$$\tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V) = H^1(\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V))$$

the cohomology of  $\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{Q}, V)$ , let  $\text{Sel}(\mathbf{Q}, V)$  be the Bloch–Kato Selmer group of  $V$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ , and let  $i^+ : V^+ \longrightarrow V$  be the natural inclusion. Then there is a commutative and exact diagram of  $L$ -vector spaces (cf. loc. cit.)

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

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

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

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

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

### 3.2 Preliminary lemmas

This section gives a concrete description of the functionals  $\langle\langle q, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{fg_a h_a} : \text{Sel}^\dagger(\mathbf{Q}, V) \longrightarrow L$  for  $q$  in  $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$  (cf. Lemma 3.4 below).

#### 3.2.1 Bockstein maps

Let  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C})$  denote one of the pairs

$$(\mathbf{R}\Gamma_p(V^-), \mathbf{R}\Gamma_p(V^-)), (\mathbf{R}\Gamma(V), \mathbf{R}\Gamma(V)) \text{ and } (\mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V), \mathbf{R}\tilde{\Gamma}_f(\mathbf{Q}, V)),$$

where  $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_p(\cdot)$  and  $\mathbf{R}\Gamma(\cdot)$  are shorthands for  $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{Q}_p, \cdot) = \mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}, \cdot)$  and  $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\text{cont}}(G_{\mathbf{Q}, N}, \cdot)$  respectively (cf. Sect. 3.1.2). The specialisation maps  $\rho_{w_o}$  (cf. Eq. (10)) induce isomorphisms

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

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

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

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

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

which in turn induces in cohomology a *Bockstein map*

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

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

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

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

**Lemma 3.1** *The following diagram commutes.*

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

**Proof** For  $M = V$ ,  $V$  one has an exact triangle (cf. Equation (12))

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

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

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

**Lemma 3.2** *Let  $(\mathcal{C}, C)$  be as above, let  $z$  be a 1-cocycle in  $\mathcal{C}$ , let  $Z$  be a 1-cochain in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and let  $Z_k, Z_l$  and  $Z_m$  be 2-cochains in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that*

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

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

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

*in  $H^2(\mathcal{C}) \otimes_L \mathcal{S}/\mathcal{S}^2$ , where  $cl(\cdot)$  is the class in  $H^1(\mathcal{C})$  represented by the  $i$ -cocycle  $\cdot$ .*

**Proof** The proof is very similar to that of [16, Lemma 5.5]. We omit it. □

### 3.2.2 Local and global duality

*Nekovář's generalised Poitou–Tate duality associates with the perfect duality  $\pi_{fgh}$  introduced in Eq. (11) a global cup-product pairing (cf. Section 2.4 of [6])*

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

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

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

the induced local Tate duality pairing. Recall finally the map

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

introduced in diagram (13).

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

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

**Proof** This is proved as in [16, Lemma 5.7]. □

### 3.2.3 The Garrett–Nekovář $p$ -adic height pairing

Set

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

After identifying  $\tilde{H}_f^1(\mathbf{Q}, V)$  with  $\text{Sel}^\dagger(\mathbf{Q}, V)$  (cf. Sect. 3.1.2), the canonical height  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{f_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha} h_\alpha}$  introduced in Sect. is defined by (cf. [6, Section 2])

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

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

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

$$\langle J(q), \cdot \rangle_{f_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha} h_\alpha} = \langle \beta_{f_{\mathbf{g}_\alpha} h_\alpha}^-(q), \cdot^+ \rangle_{\text{Tate}}$$

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

### 3.3 Computation of $\langle\langle \mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta}, \mathbf{q}_{\alpha\alpha} \rangle\rangle_{f, \mathbf{g}_{\alpha} h_{\alpha}}$

Assume in this subsection  $\alpha_f = \alpha_g \cdot \alpha_h$ , so that  $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$  is generated over  $L$  by the periods

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. Sect. 3.1.1). By Eq. (9) one has

$$d\mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta} = \Phi \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta}, \tag{17}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. Eq. (7)). As a consequence  $-2 \cdot \varphi_k$  is equal to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \cdot \langle q_{\beta\beta}, z \rangle_{fg_{\alpha}h_{\alpha}} &\stackrel{\text{Lemma 3.8}}{=} 2 \cdot \langle \beta_{fg_{\alpha}h_{\alpha}}^-(q_{\beta\beta}), z^+ \rangle_{\text{Tate}} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Equation (18)}}{=} \sum_{\xi} (-1)^{u_o} \cdot \langle \log_{\xi} \otimes q_{\beta\beta}, z^+ \rangle_{\text{Tate}} \cdot (\mathbf{u} - u_o) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Equation (20)}}{=} \sum_{\xi} (-1)^{u_o} \cdot \log_{\xi}(z_{\alpha\alpha}^+) \cdot (\mathbf{u} - u_o) \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where  $a(\zeta_{p^\infty}) = (\zeta_{p^n} \cdot q_A^{\mathbf{Z}})_{n \geq 1}$  for each compatible system  $\zeta_{p^\infty} = (\zeta_{p^n})_{n \geq 1}$  of  $p^n$ -th roots of unity, and  $b$  is the  $\mathbf{Q}_p$ -linear extension of the inverse limit of (canonical) maps

$$b_n : E(\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_p)_{p^n} = (\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_p^*/q_A^{\mathbf{Z}})_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/p^n\mathbf{Z}$$

defined by  $b_n(x \cdot q_A^{\mathbf{Z}}) = \frac{p^{n \cdot \text{ord}_p(x)}}{\text{ord}_p(q_A)} + p^n \cdot \mathbf{Z}$ . By definition  $q(A) = \wp_{\text{Tate}}^-(1)$ , where  $\wp_{\text{Tate}}^- \circ b$  is the composition of  $\wp_{\text{Tate}}$  and the projection  $V_p(A) \rightarrow V_p(A)^-$  onto the maximal  $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$ -unramified quotient, and

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

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

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

in

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

where

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

then (by the definition of the weight-one differentials  $\eta_{\xi_\alpha}$ , cf. Sect. 3.1.1)

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

Together with Eq. (24) this gives

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

id est

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

According to Theorem 3.18 of [9]  $\mathfrak{L}_f^{\text{an}} = \frac{\log_p(q_A)}{\text{ord}_p(q_A)}$ , so that

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

by Eqs. (21) and (26).

### 3.4 Computation of $\langle\langle q_{\alpha\beta}, q_{\beta\alpha} \rangle\rangle_{f g_\alpha h_\alpha}$

Assume in this subsection  $\alpha_f = \beta_g \cdot \alpha_h$ , so that  $H^0(\mathbf{Q}_p, V^-)$  is generated by the  $p$ -adic periods

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

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

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

$G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$  acts on  $V(f)_{\alpha\beta}^+$  and  $V(f)_{\beta\alpha}^+$  via the  $p$ -adic cyclotomic character, and the local Tate pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{Tate}}$  introduced in Sect. 3.2.2 induces a perfect duality (denoted by the same



symbol) between  $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\alpha\beta}^-)$  and  $H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, V(f)_{\beta\alpha}^+)$ . The argument of the proof of Eq. (25) shows that

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$q_{\alpha\beta} = b_f^- \hat{\otimes} b_{g_\alpha}^- \hat{\otimes} b_{h_\alpha}^+ \otimes 1$$

in  $V^- = V(f)^- \hat{\otimes}_L V(g_\alpha) \hat{\otimes}_L V(h_\alpha) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{fgh}} \Xi_{fgh}$  maps to

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

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

$$d\mathbf{q}_{\alpha\beta} = \Gamma \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\alpha\beta} + \Delta \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\beta\beta}, \tag{32}$$

where  $q_{\beta\beta} = b_f^- \hat{\otimes} b_{g_\alpha}^+ \hat{\otimes} b_{h_\alpha}^+ \otimes 1$ , where

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

and where

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

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

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

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

$$\gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_f, \quad \gamma_l = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_{g_\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_m = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_{h_\alpha}. \tag{33}$$

Recalling that  $\log_f(q_A) = 0$  by [9, Theorem 3.18], Eq. (31) finally proves

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

### 3.5 Proof of equation (8)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

thus proving Eq. (8) in this case.

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

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

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

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

thus proving Eq. (8) when  $q_b = q_{\alpha\beta}$ . Switching the roles of the Hida families  $g_\alpha$  and  $h_\alpha$ , this also proves Eq. (8) when  $q_b = q_{\beta\alpha}$ .

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

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

hence Lemma 3.2 and a direct computation give

$$2 \cdot \beta_{f g_\alpha h_\alpha}^-(q_{\alpha\alpha}) = \log_f \otimes q_{\alpha\alpha} \cdot (\mathbf{k} - 2) + \vartheta \cdot (l - 1) + \vartheta' \cdot (m - 1) \tag{40}$$

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

### 4 Proof of theorem 2.1

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

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

in  $\mathcal{O}_{fgh}$ , where  $\{\xi, \xi', \xi''\} = \{f, g_\alpha, h_\alpha\}$ . Lemma 9.8 of [7] implies that

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

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

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

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

According to Theorem A and Proposition 9.3 of [7], the partial derivative of  $\mathcal{L}_p^{\alpha\alpha}(A, \varrho)$  with respect to  $\mathbf{k}$  vanishes at  $w_o$ , hence

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

is equal to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

equals

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

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

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