

# Archimedean zeta integrals for the exterior square $L$ -functions on $\mathrm{GL}_4$

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## Introduction

Let  $\pi \cong \otimes'_v \pi_v$  be an automorphic cuspidal representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{Q}})$ . Let  $S$  be a finite set of places of  $\mathbf{Q}$  including archimedean place such that  $\pi_p$  ( $p \notin S$ ) is isomorphic to unramified principal series with Satake parameter  $\mathrm{diag}(\alpha_{1,p}, \dots, \alpha_{n,p}) \in \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbf{C})$ . The local  $L$ -factors  $L(s, \pi_p)$  and  $L(s, \pi_p, \wedge^2)$  for the standard and the exterior  $L$ -functions are defined by

$$L(s, \pi_p) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n} (1 - \alpha_{i,v} p^{-s})^{-1}, \quad L(s, \pi_p, \wedge^2) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (1 - \alpha_{i,v} \alpha_{j,v} p^{-s})^{-1},$$

respectively. Let

$$L^S(s, \pi) = \prod_{p \notin S} L(s, \pi_p), \quad L^S(s, \pi, \wedge^2) = \prod_{p \notin S} L(s, \pi_p, \wedge^2)$$

be the partial  $L$ -functions. Jacquet and Shalika [6] found an integral representation of the exterior square  $L$ -functions and proved an analytic continuation of  $L^S(s, \pi, \wedge^2)$ . Another integral representation was given by Bump and Friedberg [1]. This zeta integral contains two complex variables and makes us possible to study the standard and the exterior square  $L$ -functions simultaneously. In the papers [6] and [1], unramified computations are done, however, study of the local zeta integrals at archimedean and ramified places are not enough. Then their results are limited to the partial  $L$ -functions.

In this article we compute the archimedean local zeta integrals in [1] for  $\mathrm{GL}_4$ . When  $\pi_{\infty}$  is the class one principal series, Stade [12] carried out archimedean calculus. Our aim here is to extend Stade's result to non-spherical cases. Using our explicit formulas of the principal series Whittaker functions on  $\mathrm{GL}_4$  given in [3], we show that the archimedean zeta integral coincides with the product of two archimedean  $L$ -factors. As a consequence we can prove the analytic continuation and functional equations for the completed  $L$ -functions.

Contrary to the zeta integrals method, the Langlands-Shahidi method gives more satisfactory results. Kim [7] proved the analytic continuations and the functional equation for the completed exterior square  $L$ -functions. Miller and Schmid [8], [9] bring new approach for archimedean theory, and they also obtained global results for the completed  $L$ -functions.

## 1 Zeta integrals

In this section we recall the zeta integral introduced by Bump and Friedberg [1]. We note that they worked on  $\mathrm{GL}_n$ , however, we only look at  $\mathrm{GL}_4$ . In this note the base field is  $\mathbf{Q}$ , and we denote by  $\mathbf{A}$  the adèle ring of  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

## 1.1 global Whittaker functions

Let  $\pi$  be a cuspidal automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{A})$  with the unitary central character  $\omega$ . We denote by  $\mathbf{N}$  the maximal unipotent subgroup of  $\mathrm{GL}_4$  consisting of upper triangular unipotent matrices. We fix a nontrivial additive character  $\psi = \prod_v \psi_v : \mathbf{A}/\mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^{(1)}$  and extend it to a character  $\psi_{\mathbf{N}} = \prod_v \psi_{\mathbf{N},v}$  of  $\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{A})$  by  $\psi_{\mathbf{N}}(n) = \psi(n_{12})\psi(n_{23})\psi(n_{34})$  with  $n = (n_{ij}) \in \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{A})$ . For a cusp form  $\varphi \in \pi$ , we define the global Whittaker function  $W_\varphi$  attached to  $\varphi$  by

$$W_\varphi(g) = \int_{\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{Q}) \backslash \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{A})} \varphi(n g) \psi_{\mathbf{N}}(n^{-1}) dn, \quad (g \in \mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{A})),$$

which satisfies  $W_\varphi(n g) = \psi_{\mathbf{N}}(n) W_\varphi(g)$  for all  $(n, g) \in \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{A}) \times \mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{A})$ . The space  $\mathcal{W}(\pi, \psi) = \{W_\varphi \mid \varphi \in \pi\}$ , on which  $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{A})$  acts by right translation, is called Whittaker model of  $\pi$ . Since the cusp form  $\varphi$  is recovered from Whittaker function  $W_\varphi$  through Fourier expansion ([11])

$$\varphi(g) = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathbf{N}_3(\mathbf{Q}) \backslash \mathrm{GL}_3(\mathbf{Q})} W_\varphi \left( \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} g \right)$$

( $\mathbf{N}_3$  is the maximal unipotent subgroup of  $\mathrm{GL}_3$  consisting of upper triangular unipotent matrices), we have  $W_\varphi \neq 0$  for  $\varphi \neq 0$ .

The notion of Whittaker model also makes sense over a local field. Let

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{W}(\psi_v) \\ &= \{W : \mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{Q}_v) \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \text{ smooth} \mid W(n g) = \psi_{\mathbf{N},v}(n) W(g), \forall (n, g) \in \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{Q}_v) \times \mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{Q}_v)\}. \end{aligned}$$

For a smooth irreducible admissible representation  $\pi_v$  of  $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{Q}_v)$ , we call the image of  $\pi_v$  in  $\mathcal{W}(\psi_v)$  the Whittaker model of  $\pi_v$ , and denote it by  $\mathcal{W}(\pi_v, \psi_v)$ . For a cuspidal automorphic representation  $\pi \cong \otimes'_v \pi_v$ , it is known that each  $\pi_v$  has a unique Whittaker model. Furthermore, if a cusp form  $\varphi$  is decomposable, that is,  $\varphi \rightarrow \otimes_v \xi_v$  under the isomorphism  $\pi \cong \otimes'_v \pi_v$ , then the global Whittaker function can be factorized as

$$W_\varphi(g) = \prod_v W_{\xi_v}(g_v), \quad g = (g_v) \in \mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{A}),$$

where the local Whittaker function  $W_{\xi_v}$  is the image of  $\xi_v \in \pi_v$  under  $\pi_v \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}(\psi_v)$ .

## 1.2 Eisenstein series

We construct the Eisenstein series on  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{A})$ . Let  $\Phi$  be a Schwartz-Bruhat function on  $\mathbf{A}^2$  and  $\eta : \mathbf{A}^\times / \mathbf{Q}^\times \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^{(1)}$  a unitary idele class character. We set

$$f(s, g, \Phi, \eta) = |\det g|_{\mathbf{A}}^s \int_{\mathbf{A}^\times} \Phi((0, 1)z g) |z|_{\mathbf{A}}^{2s} \eta(z) dz, \quad s \in \mathbf{C}, g \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{A}).$$

This converges for  $\mathrm{Re}(s) > 1/2$  and satisfies

$$f(s, \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} g, \Phi, \eta) = \left| \frac{a}{d} \right|^s \eta^{-1}(d) f(s, g, \Phi, \eta).$$

We define the Eisenstein series  $E(s, g, \Phi, \eta)$  on  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{A})$  by

$$E(s, g, \Phi, \eta) = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{Q}) \backslash \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{Q})} f(s, \gamma g, \Phi, \eta),$$

which converges absolutely for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ . Here  $B_2$  is the standard Borel subgroup of  $\operatorname{GL}_2$  consisting of upper triangular matrices. Since this Eisenstein series can be written as the Mellin transform of theta function, the Poisson summation leads the following properties.

**Proposition 1.1.** *The Eisenstein series  $E(s, g, \Phi, \eta)$  has a meromorphic continuation to the whole  $s$ -plane, and satisfies the functional equation*

$$E(s, g, \Phi, \eta) = E(1 - s, {}^t g^{-1}, \widehat{\Phi}, \eta^{-1}),$$

where  $\widehat{\Phi}$  is the Fourier transform of  $\Phi$ :  $\widehat{\Phi}(x_1, x_2) = \int_{\mathbf{A}^\times} \Phi(y_1, y_2) \psi(x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2) dy_1 dy_2$ . If  $\eta$  is not of form  $|\cdot|^{s_1}$  ( $s_1 \in \mathbf{R}$ ), then  $E(s, g, \Phi, \eta)$  is entire. If  $\eta = |\cdot|^{s_1}$  for some  $s_1 \in \mathbf{R}$ , then  $E(s, g, \Phi, \eta)$  has possible simple poles at  $s = -\sqrt{-1}s_1$  and  $s = 1 - \sqrt{-1}s_1$ .

### 1.3 global zeta integrals

Let  $\mathcal{Z}$  be the center of  $\operatorname{GL}_4$ . We define an embedding  $J : \operatorname{GL}_2 \times \operatorname{GL}_2 \rightarrow \operatorname{GL}_4$  by

$$\left( g_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix}, g_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \mapsto J(g_1, g_2) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & & b_1 \\ & a_2 & & b_2 \\ & & c_1 & d_1 \\ & & c_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For a cusp form  $\varphi$  on  $\operatorname{GL}_4$  and  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbf{C}$ , we define the global zeta integral by

$$\begin{aligned} Z(s_1, s_2, \varphi, \Phi) &= \int_{\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{A})(\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{Q}) \times \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{Q})) \backslash \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{A}) \times \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{A})} \varphi(J(g_1, g_2)) \\ &\quad \times E(s_2, g_2, \Phi, \omega) \left| \frac{\det g_1}{\det g_2} \right|^{s_1-1/2} dg_1 dg_2. \end{aligned}$$

Then the substitution  $(g_1, g_2) \rightarrow ({}^t g_1^{-1}, {}^t g_2^{-1})$  implies

$$Z(s_1, s_2, \varphi, \Phi) = Z(1 - s_1, 1 - s_2, \widetilde{\varphi}, \widehat{\Phi}), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\widetilde{\varphi}(g) = \varphi({}^t g^{-1})$ , and  $\widetilde{\varphi} \in \widetilde{\pi}$ . Here  $\widetilde{\pi}$  is the contragredient representation of  $\pi$  and has the central character  $\omega^{-1}$ . Using the Fourier expansion of  $\varphi$ , we can reach the basic identity ([1, Theorem 2]):

$$\begin{aligned} Z(s_1, s_2, \varphi, \Phi) &= \int_{\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{A})(\operatorname{N}_2(\mathbf{A}) \times \operatorname{N}_2(\mathbf{A})) \backslash \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{A}) \times \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{A})} W_\varphi(J(g_1, g_2)) \\ &\quad \times f(s_2, g_2, \Phi, \omega) \left| \frac{\det g_1}{\det g_2} \right|^{s_1-1/2} dg_1 dg_2 \\ &= \int_{\operatorname{N}_2(\mathbf{A}) \backslash \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{A})} \int_{\operatorname{N}_2(\mathbf{A}) \backslash \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{A})} W_\varphi(J(g_1, g_2)) \\ &\quad \times \Phi((0, 1)g_2) |\det g_1|^{s_1-1/2} |\det g_2|^{-s_1+s_2+1/2} dg_1 dg_2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $\varphi$  is decomposable, then we have

$$Z(s_1, s_2, \varphi, \Phi) = \prod_v Z_v(s_1, s_2, W_v, \Phi_v).$$

Here  $Z_v(s_1, s_2, W_v, \Phi_v)$  is the local zeta integral given by

$$Z_v(s_1, s_2, W_v, \Phi_v) = \int_{N_2(\mathbf{Q}_v) \backslash \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{Q}_v)} \int_{N_2(\mathbf{Q}_v) \backslash \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{Q}_v)} W_v(J(g_1, g_2)) \\ \times \Phi_v((0, 1)g_2) |\det g_1|^{s_1-1/2} |\det g_2|^{-s_1+s_2+1/2} dg_1 dg_2,$$

where  $N_2(\mathbf{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid n \in \mathbf{R} \right\}$ .

## 1.4 Unramified computation

Let  $\pi_p$  be the unramified principal series representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{Q}_p)$ . Bump and Friedberg performed the unramified computation:

**Proposition 1.2** ([1, Theorem 3]). *Let  $p < \infty$  be an unramified place. For an unramified Whittaker function  $W_p^o$  and  $\Phi_p^o = \mathrm{ch}_{\mathbf{Z}_p \oplus \mathbf{Z}_p}$  (characteristic function of  $\mathbf{Z}_p \oplus \mathbf{Z}_p$ ), we have*

$$Z_p(s_1, s_2, W_p^o, \Phi_p^o) = L(s_1, \pi_p) L(s_2, \pi_p, \wedge^2).$$

## 2 Representation theory of $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{R})$

### 2.1 Lie groups and algebras

Let  $G = \mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{R})$  and fix a maximal compact subgroup  $K = O(4)$  of  $G$ . Let  $N = N(\mathbf{R})$  and

$$A = \{ \mathrm{diag}(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \mid a_i > 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 4 \},$$

Then we have the Iwasawa decomposition  $G = NAK$ . For our later use, we introduce new coordinates on  $A$  by

$$y = a[y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4] = \mathrm{diag}(y_1 y_2 y_3 y_4, y_2 y_3 y_4, y_3 y_4, y_4),$$

with  $y_i > 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ).

We denote by  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\mathfrak{k}$ ,  $\mathfrak{n}$  and  $\mathfrak{a}$  the Lie algebras of  $G$ ,  $K$ ,  $N$  and  $A$ , respectively. Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be the orthogonal complement of  $\mathfrak{k}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  with respect to the Killing form:  $\mathfrak{p} = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbf{R}) \mid X = {}^t X\}$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{p}^0 = \{X \in \mathfrak{p} \mid \mathrm{tr}(X) = 0\}$ . Let  $E_{ij}$  be the matrix unit of size 4 with 1 at the  $(i, j)$ -th entry and 0 at the other entries. For  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  we set

$$K_{ij} = E_{ij} - E_{ji}, \quad X_{ij} = \begin{cases} E_{ij} + E_{ji} & \text{if } i \neq j, \\ 2E_{ii} - (1/2)E_4 & \text{if } i = j, \end{cases}$$

where  $E_4$  is the unit matrix of size 4. Then we have

$$\mathfrak{k} = \bigoplus_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \mathbf{R}K_{ij}, \quad \mathfrak{p}^0 = \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq n} \mathbf{R}X_{ij}.$$

For a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{l}$ , we denote by  $\mathfrak{l}_{\mathbf{C}} = \mathfrak{l} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{C}$  the complexification of  $\mathfrak{l}$ . Let  $f$  be a smooth function on  $G$ . We denote by  $R$  the right regular action of  $G$ , and also denote by  $R$  the action of  $\mathfrak{l}$  determined by the differential of  $R$ :

$$R(X)f(g) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} f(g \exp(tX)), \quad X \in \mathfrak{l}, g \in G.$$

This action of  $\mathfrak{l}$  can be extended the that of the universal enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{l}_{\mathbf{C}})$  of  $\mathfrak{l}_{\mathbf{C}}$ .

## 2.2 Representations of $K$

We introduce finite dimensional representations  $(\tau_i, V_i)$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ) of  $K$  and their basis as follows:

- $\tau_0$  : trivial representation on  $V_0 = \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}v_0$ ;
- $\tau_1$  : the standard representations on  $V_1 = \mathbf{C}^4 = \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq 4} \mathbf{C}v_i$ ;
- $\tau_2$  : the exterior representation of  $\tau_1$  on  $V_2 = \wedge \mathbf{C}^4 = \bigoplus_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} \mathbf{C}v_{ij}$ ,

where  $v_0 = 1$ ,  $v_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ) is the  $i$ -th standard basis of  $\mathbf{C}^4$ , and  $v_{ij} = v_i \wedge v_j$ . The  $\mathfrak{k}$ -actions on  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} d\tau_1(K_{ij})v_p &= \delta_{jp}v_i - \delta_{ip}v_j, \\ d\tau_2(K_{ij})v_{pq} &= \delta_{jp}v_{iq} + \delta_{jq}v_{pi} - \delta_{ip}v_{jq} - \delta_{iq}v_{pj}. \end{aligned}$$

We note that  $\tau_2$  is direct sum of two (3-dimensional) irreducible representations.

For  $\delta \in \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ , let  $\tau_{(i,\delta)}$  be a representation of  $K$  on  $V_i$  given by

$$\tau_{(i,\delta)}(k) = \det(k)^\delta \tau_i(k), \quad k \in K.$$

## 2.3 Principal series representations

Let  $M$  be the centralizer of  $A$  in  $K$ :

$$M = \{m = \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4) \mid m_i \in \{\pm 1\} \ (1 \leq i \leq 4)\}.$$

For a subset  $I$  of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  we define a representation  $\sigma_I$  of  $M$  by

$$\sigma_I(\text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4)) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq 4} m_i^{\delta_i},$$

where  $\delta_i \equiv \delta_{i,I}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ) is given by

$$\delta_i \equiv \delta_{i,I} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \notin I, \\ 1 & \text{if } i \in I. \end{cases}$$

A linear form  $\nu \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{R}}(\mathfrak{a}, \mathbf{C})$  is identified with a tuple of complex numbers  $(\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4)$  by  $\nu(E_{ii}) = \nu_i$ . We define a character  $e^\nu$  of  $A$  by

$$e^\nu(a) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq 4} a_i^{\nu_i}, \quad a = \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \in A.$$

Let  $\rho$  be the half sum of the standard positive roots of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{a})$ . Then we have  $e^\rho(a) = a_1^3 a_2^2 a_3$ . Under the data above, we call the induced representation

$$\pi_{I,\nu} = \text{Ind}_{MAN}^G(\sigma_I \otimes e^{\nu+\rho} \otimes 1_N)$$

the principal series representation of  $G$ . The representation space  $H_{I,\nu}$  is

$$H_{I,\nu} = \{f \in L^2(K) \mid f(mk) = \sigma_I(m)f(k) \text{ for } (m, k) \in M \times K\},$$

on which  $G$  acts by

$$(\pi_{I,\nu}(g))f(k) = a(kg)^{\nu+\rho} f(\kappa(kg)).$$

Here  $g = n(g)a(g)\kappa(g)$  ( $n(g) \in N, a(g) \in A, \kappa(g) \in K$ ) is the Iwasawa decomposition of  $g \in G$ . We call the cardinality  $h$  of the set  $I$  the helicity of the principal series  $\pi_{I,\nu}$ , and denote by  $\tilde{h} = \min(h, 4-h)$ . When  $\nu$  is in a general position, it is known that  $\pi_{I,\nu}$  is irreducible, and we assume that  $\pi_{I,\nu}$  is irreducible throughout this paper.

**Lemma 2.1.** *The minimal  $K$ -type of  $\pi_{I,\nu}$  is  $\tau_{(\tilde{h},\delta)}$  where  $\delta = 0$  for  $h = 0, 1, 2$ , and  $\delta = 1$  for  $h = 3, 4$ .*

## 2.4 Whittaker functions

Let  $\psi_\infty^c$  ( $c \in \mathbf{R}$ ) be the unitary character of  $\mathbf{R}$  defined by  $\psi_\infty^c(x) = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}cx)$ . For  $c = (c_1, c_2, c_3) \in \mathbf{R}^3$ , we define the character  $\psi_\infty^c$  of  $N$  by

$$\psi_\infty^c(n) := \psi^{c_1}(n_{12})\psi^{c_2}(n_{23})\psi^{c_3}(n_{34}) = \exp\{2\pi\sqrt{-1}(c_1n_{12} + c_2n_{23} + c_3n_{34})\},$$

for  $n = (n_{ij}) \in N$ . A nondegenerate unitary character of  $N$  is of the form  $\psi_\infty^c$  for some  $c \in (\mathbf{R}^\times)^3$ . We use the convention  $\psi_\infty^{(c)} = \psi_\infty^{(c,c,c)}$  for  $c \in \mathbf{R}$ .

For  $c \in (\mathbf{R}^\times)^3$ , we introduce the space

$$C^\infty(N \backslash G; \psi_\infty^c) = \{f \in C^\infty(G) \mid f/ng = \psi_\infty^c(n)f(g), (n, g) \in N \times G\},$$

on which  $G$  acts by right translation. For the principal series  $(\pi_{I,\nu}, H_{I,\nu})$  of  $G$  we denote by  $H_{I,\nu}^\infty$  the subspace of  $H_{I,\nu}$  consisting of smooth functions. We call the space

$$\mathcal{W}(\pi_{I,\nu}, \psi_\infty^c) = \{\Phi(f) \mid f \in H_{I,\nu}^\infty, \Phi \in \text{Hom}_G(H_{I,\nu}^\infty, C^\infty(N \backslash G; \psi_\infty^c))\}$$

Whittaker model of  $\pi_{I,\nu}$ , and a function in this space Whittaker function for  $\pi_{I,\nu}$ . According to the results of Shalika, Kostant and Wallach, the dimension of the space of  $\mathcal{W}(\pi_{I,\nu}, \psi_\infty^c)$  is one. To describe Whittaker functions as functions on  $G$ , we take a  $K$ -type  $(\tau, V_\tau)$  of  $\pi_{I,\nu}$ , and a vector  $v \in V_\tau$ . For the unique (up to constant) intertwining operator  $\Phi \in \text{Hom}_G(H_{I,\nu}^\infty, C^\infty(N \backslash G; \psi_\infty^c))$ , the function

$$W(v; g) := \Phi(v) \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_{I,\nu}, \psi_\infty^c)$$

satisfies the relation

$$W(v; ngk) = \psi_\infty^c(n)W(\tau(k)v; g), \quad (n, g, k) \in N \times G \times K.$$

Because of the Iwasawa decomposition,  $W(v; g)$  is determined by  $W(v; a(g))$ , which we call the radial part of  $W(v; g)$ .

**Remark 1.** For  $W(v; g) \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_{I,\nu}, \psi_\infty^{(1)})$  ( $v \in V_\tau$ ), if we set

$$W^c(v; g) = W(v; \text{diag}(c_1c_2c_3, c_2c_3, c_3, 1)g),$$

then we have  $W^c(v; g) \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_{I,\nu}, \psi_\infty^c)$ , and

$$W^c(v; a[y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4]) = W(\tau(m_c)v; a[|c_1|y_1, |c_2|y_2, |c_3|y_3, y_4])$$

with  $m_c = \text{diag}(\text{sgn}(c_1c_2c_3), \text{sgn}(c_2c_3), \text{sgn}(c_3), 1) \in M$ .

## 2.5 $L$ - and $\varepsilon$ - factors

We recall the definition of the archimedean  $L$ - and  $\varepsilon$ - factors via the Langlands parametrizations. For an irreducible admissible representation  $\pi_\infty$  of  $\text{GL}_4(\mathbf{R})$ , we denote by  $L(s, \pi_\infty)$

and  $L(s, \pi_\infty, \wedge^2)$  the  $L$ -factors of the standard and the exterior square  $L$ -functions, respectively. We denote by  $\varepsilon(s, \pi_\infty, \psi_\infty^1)$  and  $\varepsilon(s, \pi_\infty, \wedge^2, \psi_\infty^1)$  the corresponding  $\varepsilon$ -factors. When  $\pi_\infty = \pi_{I, \nu}$ , the archimedean  $L$ - and  $\varepsilon$ -factors are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} L(s, \pi_\infty) &= \prod_{1 \leq i \leq 4} \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s + \nu_i + \delta_i), & \varepsilon(s, \pi_\infty, \psi_\infty^1) &= \sqrt{-1}^h; \\ L(s, \pi_\infty, \wedge^2) &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s + \nu_i + \nu_j + \delta_{ij}), & \varepsilon(s, \pi_\infty, \wedge^2, \psi_\infty^1) &= \sqrt{-1}^{h(n-h)}, \end{aligned}$$

where we denote by  $\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s) = \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma(s/2)$ , and  $\delta_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$  is defined by  $\delta_{ij} \equiv \delta_i + \delta_j \pmod{2}$ .

### 3 Evaluation of archimedean zeta integrals

#### 3.1 Explicit formulas for Whittaker functions

We first review the Mellin-Barnes type integral representations of the radial parts  $W(v; y)$  ( $y \in A$ ) of the Whittaker functions at the minimal  $K$ -types of  $\pi_{I, \nu}$ . In [5] ( $n$ : general,  $h = 0$ ), [3] ( $n = 4$ ,  $0 \leq h \leq 4$ ) and [4] ( $n, h$ : general), we expressed Whittaker functions on  $\mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbf{R})$  for the principal series of helicity  $h$ , in terms of Whittaker functions on  $\mathrm{SL}_{n-1}(\mathbf{R})$  for the principal series of helicity  $h - 1$ . We denote by

$$I = \{i_1, \dots, i_h\} \ (i_1 < \dots < i_h), \quad I' = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \setminus I = \{i'_1, \dots, i'_{4-h}\} \ (i'_1 < \dots < i'_{4-h}).$$

**Theorem 3.1** ([5], [3], [4]). *Let  $\tilde{h} = \min(h, 4 - h)$  and  $(\tau_{(\tilde{h}, \delta)}, V_{\tilde{h}})$  be the minimal  $K$ -type of the irreducible principal series  $\pi_{I, \nu}$  of helicity  $h = \sharp(I)$ . For each vector  $v \in V_{\tilde{h}}$ , there exists the Whittaker function  $W_\nu^c(v; g)$  corresponding to  $v$ , whose radial part is given by*

$$W_\nu^c(v; y) = \frac{y_1^{3/2} y_2^2 y_3^{3/2} y_4^{|\nu|}}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^3} \int_{s_1, s_2, s_3} V_\nu^c(v; s_1, s_2, s_3) \prod_{1 \leq i \leq 3} (|c_i| y_i)^{-s_i} ds_i,$$

with the path of integration in each  $s_i$  being a vertical line in the complex plane, of sufficiently large real part to keep the poles of  $V_\nu^c(v; s_1, s_2, s_3)$  on its left. Here  $|\nu| := \nu_1 + \nu_2 + \nu_3 + \nu_4$  and  $V_\nu^c(v; s_1, s_2, s_3)$  can be written as follows.

(1) When  $h = 0, 4$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_\nu^c(v_0; s_1, s_2, s_3) &= \frac{1}{(4\pi\sqrt{-1})^3} \int_{t_1, t_2, u} \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(u + \nu_3) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(u + \nu_4) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_1 + \nu_2) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_1 - u) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_2 - u + \nu_2) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_2 + \nu_3 + \nu_4) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + \nu_1) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 - t_1) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 - t_1 + \nu_1) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 - t_2) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_3 - t_2 + \nu_1) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_3 + \nu_2 + \nu_3 + \nu_4) \, du dt_1 dt_2. \end{aligned}$$

(2) When  $h = 1, 3$ , if we set

$$(j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4) = \begin{cases} (i_1, i'_1, i'_2, i'_3) & \text{if } h = 1; \\ (i'_1, i_1, i_2, i_3) & \text{if } h = 3, \end{cases}$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
V_\nu^c(v_p; s_1, s_2, s_3) &= \frac{\sqrt{-1}^{-p} \prod_{i=p}^3 \operatorname{sgn}(c_i)}{(4\pi\sqrt{-1})^3} \int_{t_1, t_2, u} \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(u + \nu_{j_3}) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(u + \nu_{j_4}) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_1 + \nu_{j_2}) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_1 - u) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_2 - u + \nu_{j_2}) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_2 + \nu_{j_3} + \nu_{j_4}) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + \nu_{j_1} + \chi_p(1)) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 - t_1 + 1 - \chi_p(1)) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 - t_1 + \nu_{j_1} + \chi_p(2)) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 - t_2 + 1 - \chi_p(2)) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_3 - t_2 + \nu_{j_1} + \chi_p(3)) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_3 + \nu_{j_2} + \nu_{j_3} + \nu_{j_4} + 1 - \chi_p(3)) \\
&\quad \times dudt_1 dt_2
\end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq p \leq 4$ . Here

$$\chi_p(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq a \leq p-1; \\ 0 & \text{if } p \leq a \leq 3. \end{cases}$$

(3) When  $h = 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&V_\nu^c(v_{pq}; s_1, s_2, s_3) \\
&= \sum_{p \leq r \leq q-1} \frac{\sqrt{-1}^{-(p+q)} \prod_{i=p}^3 \operatorname{sgn}(c_i) \prod_{j=q}^3 \operatorname{sgn}(c_j)}{(4\pi\sqrt{-1})^3} \int_{t_1, t_2, u} \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(u + \nu_{i'_1}) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(u + \nu_{i'_2}) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_1 + \nu_{i_2} + \chi_r(1)) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_1 - u + 1 - \chi_r(1)) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_2 - u + \nu_{i_2} + \chi_r(2)) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(t_2 + \nu_{i'_1} + \nu_{i'_2} + 1 - \chi_r(2)) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + \nu_{i_1} + \chi_r^{p,q}(1)) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 - t_1 + \bar{\chi}_r^{p,q}(1)) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 - t_1 + \nu_{i_1} + \chi_r^{p,q}(2)) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 - t_2 + \bar{\chi}_r^{p,q}(2)) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_3 - t_2 + \nu_{i_1} + \chi_r^{p,q}(3)) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_3 + \nu_{i_2} + \nu_{i'_1} + \nu_{i'_2} + \bar{\chi}_r^{p,q}(3)) dudt_1 dt_2
\end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq p < q \leq 4$ . Here

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_r(a) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq a \leq r-1; \\ 0 & \text{if } r \leq a \leq 2, \end{cases} \\
\chi_r^{p,q}(a) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq a \leq p-1 \text{ or } r+1 \leq a \leq q-1; \\ 0 & \text{if } p \leq a \leq r \text{ or } q \leq a \leq 3, \end{cases} \\
\bar{\chi}_r^{p,q}(a) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \leq a \leq r-1 \text{ or } q \leq a \leq 3; \\ 0 & \text{if } 1 \leq a \leq p-1 \text{ or } r \leq a \leq q-1. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

### 3.2 Contragredient Whittaker functions

Let  $\tilde{\pi}_{I,\nu}$  be the contragredient representation of  $\pi_{I,\nu}$ . The representation  $\tilde{\pi}_{I,\nu}$  also has Whittaker model, and in fact we have

$$\mathcal{W}(\tilde{\pi}_{I,\nu}, \psi_\infty^{(-c_3, -c_2, -c_1)}) = \{\tilde{W} \mid W \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_{I,\nu}, \psi_\infty^{(c_1, c_2, c_3)})\},$$

where we set

$$\tilde{W}(g) = W(w^t g^{-1}), \quad w = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & 1 & \\ & 1 & & \\ 1 & & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using our explicit formulas in Theorem 3.1, we can determine the radial part of  $\tilde{W}$ .



**Proposition 3.2.** *The contragredient representation  $\tilde{\pi}_{I,\nu}$  of  $\pi_{I,\nu}$  is isomorphic to  $\pi_{I,-\nu}$ . Moreover, for  $W(g) = W_\nu^c(v; g)$  with  $v \in V_{\tilde{h}}$ , we have  $\tilde{W} \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_{I,-\nu}, \psi_\infty^{(-c_3, -c_2, -c_1)})$  and the radial part of  $\tilde{W}$  are given as*

$$\tilde{W}(y) = |c_1 c_2 c_3|^{|v|} \cdot C(v) \cdot W_{-\nu}^{(-c_3, -c_2, -c_1)}(v; y).$$

Here the constants  $C(v)$  are

$$C(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \tilde{h} = 0 \text{ and } v = v_0; \\ -\sqrt{-1} \operatorname{sgn}(c_1 c_2 c_3) & \text{if } \tilde{h} = 1 \text{ and } v = v_p \ (1 \leq p \leq 4); \\ 1 & \text{if } \tilde{h} = 2 \text{ and } v = v_{pq} \ (1 \leq p < q \leq 4). \end{cases}$$

### 3.3 Calculus of archimedean zeta integrals

For  $W \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_{I,\nu}, \psi_\infty^c)$  and  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbf{C}$ , we wish to compute the following archimedean zeta integral:

$$Z_\infty(s_1, s_2, W, \Phi_n) = \int_{\mathbf{N}_2(\mathbf{R}) \backslash \mathbf{GL}_2(\mathbf{R})} \int_{\mathbf{N}_2(\mathbf{R}) \backslash \mathbf{GL}_2(\mathbf{R})} W(J(g_1, g_2)) \Phi_n((0, 1)g_2) \\ \times |\det g_1|^{s_1-1/2} |\det g_2|^{-s_1+s_2+1/2} dg_1 dg_2,$$

where  $\Phi_n(x_1, x_2) = (\operatorname{sgn}(n)\sqrt{-1}x_1 + x_2)^{|n|} \exp\{-\pi(x_1^2 + x_2^2)\}$ . Using the Iwasawa decomposition of  $\mathbf{GL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ , we have

$$Z_\infty(s_1, s_2, W, \Phi_n) = 2^{-3} \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(2s_2 + |v| + |n|) \sum_{0 \leq i \leq 3} \int_{(\mathbf{R}_+)^3} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} W(m_i a[y_1, y_2, y_3, 1] \kappa_{\theta_1, \theta_2}) \\ \times \exp(\sqrt{-1}n\theta_2) y_1^{s_1-3/2} y_2^{s_2-2} y_3^{s_1+s_2-3/2} \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{d\theta_i}{2\pi} \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{dy_i}{y_i},$$

where

- $\kappa_{\theta_1, \theta_2} = J(\kappa_{\theta_1}, \kappa_{\theta_2})$  with  $\kappa_{\theta_i} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_i & \sin \theta_i \\ -\sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i \end{pmatrix}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),
- $m_0 = 1_4$ ,  $m_1 = \operatorname{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $m_2 = \operatorname{diag}(1, -1, 1, 1)$ ,  $m_3 = m_1 m_2$ .

Here is our main result.

**Theorem 3.3.** *We use the same notation as in Theorem 3.1. For  $\varepsilon \in \{\pm 1\}$ , we abbreviate  $W_\nu^\varepsilon = W_\nu^{(\varepsilon, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)}$  and  $V_\nu^\varepsilon = V_\nu^{(\varepsilon, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)}$ . We take a pair  $(W, \Phi) \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_{I,\nu}, \psi_\infty^{(\varepsilon)}) \times \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^2)$  of Whittaker function and Schwartz function as the following.*

(1) When  $h = 0$ , we set

$$W(g) = W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_0; g), \quad \Phi = 2\Phi_0.$$

(2) When  $h = 1$ , we set

$$W(g) = W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_2 + \sqrt{-1}v_4; g), \quad \Phi = -2\sqrt{-1}\Phi_{-1}.$$

(3) When  $h = 2$ , we set

$$W(g) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{-1}} \{R(X_{12})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{12}; g) - R(X_{23})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{23}; g) \\ + R(X_{34})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{34}; g) + R(X_{14})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{14}; g)\}, \\ \Phi = -2\sqrt{-1}\Phi_0.$$

(4) When  $h = 3$ , we set

$$W(g) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{-1}} \{R(X_{23} + \sqrt{-1}X_{34})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_1; g) - R(X_{12} + \sqrt{-1}X_{14})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_3; g)\},$$

$$\Phi = 2\sqrt{-1}\Phi_{-1}.$$

(5) When  $h = 4$ , we set

$$W(g) = \frac{1}{(4\pi\sqrt{-1})^2} R(X_{12}X_{34} - X_{23}X_{14})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_0; g), \quad \Phi = 2\Phi_0.$$

Then we have

$$Z_\infty(s_1, s_2, W, \Phi) = L(s_1, \pi_\infty)L(s_2, \pi_\infty, \wedge^2).$$

*Proof.* The case of  $h = 0$  is done by Stade [12]. We illustrate our proof when  $h = 2$ . We first check that  $W(g\kappa_{\theta_1, \theta_2}) = W(g)$ . For  $1 \leq p < q \leq 4$ , the function  $W_{pq}(g) := R(X_{pq})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{pq}, g)$  satisfies the relation

$$W_{pq}(gk) = W(\tau_{(2,0)}(k)v_{pq}; g \cdot kX_{pq}k^{-1}) \quad (k \in K).$$

Since  $\mathfrak{p}_\mathbb{C}^0$  can be identified with  $V_2$  via the adjoint action, and

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_{(2,0)}(\kappa_{\theta_1, \theta_2})v_{12}, \tau_{(2,0)}(\kappa_{\theta_1, \theta_2})v_{23}, \tau_{(2,0)}(\kappa_{\theta_1, \theta_2})v_{34}, \tau_{(2,0)}(\kappa_{\theta_1, \theta_2})v_{14}) \\ &= (v_{12}, v_{23}, v_{34}, v_{14}) \begin{pmatrix} c_1c_2 & c_1s_2 & s_1s_2 & s_1c_2 \\ -c_1s_2 & c_1c_2 & s_1c_2 & -s_1s_2 \\ s_1s_2 & -s_1c_2 & c_1c_2 & -c_1s_2 \\ -s_1c_2 & -s_1s_2 & c_1s_2 & c_1c_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

with  $(c_i, s_i) = (\cos \theta_i, \sin \theta_i)$ , we can see that  $W(g\kappa_{\theta_1, \theta_2}) = W(g)$ .

Let us compute the radial part  $W(y)$ . For  $1 \leq i < j \leq 4$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} R(X_{ij})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{ij}; y) &= R(2E_{ij} - K_{ij})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{ij}; y) \\ &= R(2E_{ij})W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{ij}; y) \\ &= \begin{cases} 4\pi\sqrt{-1}\varepsilon y_i W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{ij}; y) & \text{if } j = i + 1; \\ 0 & \text{if } j \geq i + 2. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then, combined with  $W(m_i y) = W(y)$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 3$ ), we have

$$W(y) = 4\pi\sqrt{-1}\varepsilon \{y_1 W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{12}; y) - y_2 W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{23}; y) + y_3 W_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{34}; y)\},$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} Z(s_1, s_2, W, \Phi) &= -\varepsilon\sqrt{-1}\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(2s_2 + |\nu|) \{V_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{12}; s_1 + 1, s_2, s_1 + s_2) \\ &\quad - V_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{23}; s_1, s_2 + 1, s_1 + s_2) + V_\nu^\varepsilon(v_{34}; s_1, s_2, s_1 + s_2 + 1)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using our explicit formula in Theorem 3.1 (ii) and Barnes' first lemma [10, §4.2]:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_z \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(z+a)\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(z+b)\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(-z+c)\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(-z+d) dz \\ &= \frac{\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(a+c)\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(a+d)\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(b+c)\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(b+d)}{\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(a+b+c+d)}, \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& Z(s_1, s_2, W, \Phi) \\
&= \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(2s_2 + |\nu|) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + \nu_{i_1} + 1) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + \nu_{i_2} + 1) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + s_2 + \nu_{i_1} + \nu_{i'_1} + \nu_{i'_2} + 1) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + s_2 + \nu_{i_2} + \nu_{i'_1} + \nu_{i'_2}) \\
&\quad \times \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_u \frac{\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(u + \nu_{i'_1}) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(u + \nu_{i'_2}) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 - u + \nu_{i_1} + 1) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 - u + \nu_{i_2} + 1)}{\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + s_2 - u + \nu_{i_1} + \nu_{i_2} + 2) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + 2s_2 - u + |\nu| + 2)} \\
&\quad \times \{ \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 - u + 2) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 + \nu_{i_1} + \nu_{i_2}) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + s_2 - u + \nu_{i_1} + \nu_{i_2}) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 + \nu_{i'_1} + \nu_{i'_2} + 2) \\
&\quad + \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 - u) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 + \nu_{i_1} + \nu_{i_2} + 2) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + s_2 - u + \nu_{i_1} + \nu_{i_2}) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 + \nu_{i'_1} + \nu_{i'_2} + 2) \\
&\quad + \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 - u) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 + \nu_{i_1} + \nu_{i_2} + 2) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + s_2 - u + \nu_{i_1} + \nu_{i_2} + 2) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 + \nu_{i'_1} + \nu_{i'_2}) \} du.
\end{aligned}$$

In view of  $\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s+2) = (2\pi)^{-1} s \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s)$ , the bracket  $\{ \}$  in the integrand above can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 - u) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 + \nu_{i_1} + \nu_{i_2}) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_2 + \nu_{i'_1} + \nu_{i'_2}) \\
& \quad \times \frac{\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(s_1 + s_2 - u + \nu_{i_1} + \nu_{i_2} + 2) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(2s_2 + |\nu| + 2)}{\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(2s_2 + |\nu|)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can perform the integration over  $u$  by means of Barnes' second lemma [10, §4.2]:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_z \frac{\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(z+a) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(z+b) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(z+c) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(-z+d) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(-z+e)}{\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(z+a+b+c+d+e)} dz \\
&= \frac{\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(a+d) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(a+e) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(b+d) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(b+e) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(c+d) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(c+e)}{\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(a+b+d+e) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(b+c+d+e) \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}(c+a+d+e)},
\end{aligned}$$

to finish the proof of (iii).  $\square$

From Theorem 3.3 and Proposition 3.2 we can show the following:

**Corollary 3.4.** *When  $\pi_{\infty} \cong \pi_{I,\nu}$ , there exists a pair  $(W, \Phi) \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_{\infty}, \psi_{\infty}^{(+1)}) \times \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^2)$  such that*

$$Z_{\infty}(s_1, s_2, W, \Phi) = L(s_1, \pi_{\infty}) L(s_2, \pi_{\infty}, \wedge^2)$$

and

$$Z_{\infty}(s_1, s_2, \widetilde{W}, \widehat{\Phi}) = \varepsilon(s_1, \pi_{\infty}, \psi_{\infty}^1) \varepsilon(s_2, \pi_{\infty}, \wedge^2, \psi_{\infty}^1) L(s_1, \widetilde{\pi}_{\infty}) L(s_2, \widetilde{\pi}_{\infty}, \wedge^2).$$

### 3.4 Global functional equation

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $\pi \cong \otimes'_v \pi_v$  be a cuspidal automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{Q}})$  satisfying the following conditions:*

(1) *For  $v = p < \infty$ ,  $\pi_v$  is isomorphic to the unramified principal series representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{Q}_p)$ ;*

(2) *For  $v = \infty$ ,  $\pi_v$  is isomorphic to the principal series representation  $\pi_{I,\nu}$  of  $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{R})$ .*

*Then the completed exterior square  $L$ -function  $L(s, \pi, \wedge^2) = \prod_{v \leq \infty} L(s, \pi_v, \wedge^2)$  can be holomorphically continued to the whole  $s$ -plane with at most simple poles at  $s = 0, 1$ , and satisfies the functional equation*

$$L(s, \pi, \wedge^2) = \varepsilon(s, \pi, \wedge^2) L(1-s, \widetilde{\pi}, \wedge^2).$$

*Proof.* The functional equation (1.1) of zeta integral, Proposition 1.2 and Corollary 3.4 implies that

$$L(s_1, \pi)L(s_2, \pi, \wedge^2) = \varepsilon(s_1, \pi)\varepsilon(s_2, \pi, \wedge^2)L(1 - s_1, \tilde{\pi})L(1 - s_2, \tilde{\pi}, \wedge^2).$$

Since the functional equation for the standard  $L$ -function  $L(s, \pi)$  has established in [2], we are done.  $\square$

We remark some related works for  $GL_n$ .

**Remark 2.** (i) When  $\pi_\infty$  is isomorphic to the class one principal series representation of  $GL_n(\mathbf{R})$ , Stade [13] computed the archimedean zeta integrals to prove the result above.

(ii) Via Langlands-Shahidi method, Kim [7] proved the analytic continuations and the functional equations for the completed exterior square  $L$ -functions on  $GL_n$ . He proved  $L(s, \pi, \wedge^2)$  is holomorphic except that  $n$  is even and  $\pi$  is self-dual.

(iii) Recently Miller and Schmidt ([8], [9]) discover a new way for archimedean theory of automorphic  $L$ -functions. They introduce “automorphic distribution method” and prove the global functional equation for the exterior square  $L$ -function on  $GL_n(\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{Q})$  without any assumptions on  $\pi_\infty$ .

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