A TRACE FORMULA OF SPECIAL VALUES OF AUTOMORPHIC L-FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. Deligne introduced the concept of special values of automorphic L-functions. The arithmetic properties of these L-functions play a fundamental role in modern number theory. In this paper we prove a trace formula which relates special values of the Hecke, Rankin, and the central value of the Garrett triple L-function attached to primitive newforms. This type of trace formula is new and involves special values in the convergent and non-convergent domain of the underlying L-functions.

1. Introduction and Statement of results

The main result of this paper is the discovery of an arithmetic trace formula. This formula relates special values of various kinds of automorphic L-functions. Our previous knowledge of the basic facts on the arithmetic nature of special values is built on the fundamental works of some of the pioniers in this field: Siegel [Si69], Klingen [Kl62], Shimura [Sh76], Zagier [Za77], Deligne [De79] and Garrett [Ga87].

Let $g \in S_k(SL_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ be a primitive (normalized Hecke eigenform) cusp form of integer weight k. Let $(f_j)_j \in S_{2k-2}$ and $(g_i)_i \in S_k$ be primitive eigenbasis. The trace formula compares the weighted average \sum_j of special values of the non-trivial piece of the triple L-function $L(f_j \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g), c_k)$ evaluated at the central value c_k and the average \sum_i of the triple L-function $L(g \otimes g \otimes g_i, 2k-2)$ and an error term expressed by special values related to the Rankin L-function attached to g. This special value $L(f_j \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g), c_k)$ and the related triple L-function recently played a prominent role in the proof of the Gross-Prasad conjecture of Saito-Kurokawa lifts given by Ichino [Ich05]. More generally Ikeda stated in [Ik06] a conjecture on the explicit value of a certain period which involves the central value of L-functions (Conjecture 5.1) of the type studied in this paper. There the non-vanishing of the central value is important. Recently some progress has been obtained by Katsurada and Kawamura [KK06]. The focus of this paper is the proof of the arithmetic trace formula and not applications. Nevertheless we believe that there will be applications towards the problems proposed by Iwaniec and Sarnak in the survey article [IS02].

Before we go into more details we put our results into a more general framework and give relations to other results.

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Since the eighteenth century since the days of Euler (1707 - 1783) the analytic and arithmetic properties of infinite series of type

(1.1)
$$L(s) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A(n) n^{-s} \ (s \in \mathbb{C})$$

at integral values $m = \ldots -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \ldots$ have always revealed significant invariants and properties of the underlying *motivic* object related to the sequence $A(1), A(2), \ldots$ of complex numbers. Significant series arise when the function A(n) is multiplicative and L(s) converges absolutely and locally uniformly if Re(s) is large enough. These series are nowadays called L-functions.

Examples are given by the Dedekind zeta functions $\zeta_K(s)$, the Hasse-Weil zeta functions $Z_E(s)$ and the Hecke L(f,s) and Rankin L-functions D(f,s) attached to algebraic number fields K, elliptic curves E and primitive elliptic cusp forms f. They have a meromorphic continuation to the whole complex plane and satisfy a functional equation. Let us just recall some interesting properties. The Riemann zeta function $\zeta(s) := \zeta_{\mathbb{Q}}(s)$ has a single simple pole at s = 1. The non-vanishing at $\zeta(1+it)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ directly leads to the prime number theorem. The Kronecker limit formula of ζ_K gives information on the regulator, class number and other invariants of the number field K. From Euler we know that

(1.2)
$$\zeta(2m) = \frac{(-1)^{m-1}2^{2m-1}B_{2m}}{(2m)!}\pi^{2m} \text{ for } m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Here B_m denotes the m-th Bernoulli number. Let $\Delta(z)$ be the Ramanujan function, the unique primitive cusp form of level 1 of weight 12, with Fourier coefficients $\tau(n)$. It is known that up to normalization the values of the Rankin type L-function $D(\Delta, s)$ at integral values within the "critical strip" are rational numbers, e.g.,

(1.3)
$$D(\Delta, 14) = \frac{\zeta(6)}{\zeta(3)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tau(n)^2}{n^{14}} = \frac{4^{14}}{14!} \pi^{17} \parallel \Delta \parallel^2.$$

Let $\langle \, , \, \rangle$ be the Petersson scalar product and $\| \, \|$ the Peterson norm ((see (2.1) for details). Then $\| \, \Delta \, \|^2 = 1.03536205679 \times 10^{-6}$ with 12-digits accuracy (see[Za77]).

The concept of critical values of a motivated L-function and conjectures on the arithmetic nature has been introduced by Deligne. Let $\widehat{L}(s) := \gamma(s) L(s)$ be the completion of L(s) at infinity, i.e., $\gamma(s)$ is essentially a product of Γ -functions with functional equation $\widehat{L}(s) = \widehat{L}(w-s)$, $w \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a critical value if and only if $\gamma(m)$ and $\gamma(w-m)$ are finite. Deligne preticts that then $L(m) = \text{algebraic} \times \Omega_{\text{period}}$. Moreover a certain functoriality of the action of the automorphism of the absolute Galois group over the involved number fields can be given.

Let $g \in S_k$ be primitive with Fourier coefficients $(a_n(g))_n$ and Satake parameter (see 2.2) $\widetilde{\alpha}_p, \widetilde{\beta}_p$ for all finite prime numbers p. For simplification we put

(1.4)
$$A_p(g) := \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{\alpha}_p(g) & 0 \\ 0 & \widetilde{\beta}_p(g) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then Hecke attached to g the L-function

(1.5)
$$L(g,s) := \prod_{p} \left\{ \det \left(1_2 - A_p(g) \, p^{-s} \right) \right\}^{-1} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{k}{2}.$$

With this notation the Rankin L-function D(g, s) and the triple L-function $L(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3, s)$ are defined by

(1.6)
$$D(g,s) := \zeta(s - k + 1)^{-1}$$
$$\prod_{p} \left\{ \det \left(1_4 - A_p(g) \otimes A_p(g) \, p^{-s} \right) \right\}^{-1} \quad \text{for Re}(s) > k$$

$$(1.7) L(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3, s)$$

$$:= \prod_p \left\{ \det \left(1_8 - A_p(f_1) \otimes A_p(f_2) \otimes A_p(f_3) p^{-s} \right) \right\}^{-1} \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) \gg 0.$$

Here f_1, f_2, f_3 are primitive elliptic cusp forms. Let $\widehat{L}(g, s), \widehat{D}(g, s)$ etc. be the completed L-function, see ((2.12) - (2.19)). They all have a meromorphic continuation to the whole complex plane and satisfy certain functional equations. From this the critical values can explicitly determined. In contrast to the Rankin L-function, the center of the Hecke L-function and the triple L-function is always a critical point. The Hecke L-function vanishes in the center if the weight k is congruent to 2 modulo 4 and the triple L-function for the full modular group $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$. This follows from the sign in the functional equation.

Recently a piece of the triple L-function $L(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g), s)$ attached to $g \in S_k$ and $f \in S_{2k-2}$ primitive (see (2.10) for a explicit definition) showed up in the proof of the Gross-Prasad conjecture of Saito-Kurokawa lifts. Among other things Ichino [Ich05] showed that $L(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g), 2k-2)$ is finite.

More precisely we have the decomposition

(1.8)
$$L(f \otimes g \otimes g, s) = L(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^{2}(g), s) \cdot L(f, s - k + 1).$$

Work of Deligne predicts that the unique critical value is given by 2k-2 which matches with the center of the functional equation. Now the vanishing of the triple L-function becomes obvious since the Hecke L-function of f vanishes at the center. So it remains an open question to study the arithmetic nature of $L(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g), s)$. Ichino [Ich05] proved that the value is zero if and only if a certain period vanishes. Moreover he proved how the special value transforms under the action of any automorphism of \mathbb{C} . Recently we have proven [Hei05]: Let g be given then there exists at least one f such that the value

$$(1.9) L(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^{2}(g), 2k - 2) \neq 0.$$

Here we would like to remark that the opposite is not true. This is not hard to see. One of the main results of this paper is the following:

Theorem: Arithmetic Trace Formula. Let k be an even positive integer. Let $g \in S_k$ be a primitive Hecke eigenform. Then we have

(1.10)
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\dim S_{2k-2}} \frac{\widehat{L}(f_i, 2k-3) \widehat{L}(f_i \otimes Sym^2(g), 2k-2)}{\|f_i\|^2 \|g\|^4}$$

$$= (-1)^{k/2} \cdot 2^{k-2} \sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} \frac{\widehat{L}(g \otimes g \otimes g_j, 2k-2)}{\|g\|^4 \|g_j\|^2}$$

$$+\kappa_1 \left(\frac{\widehat{D}(g, 2k-2)}{\pi^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \|g\|^2}\right)^2 + \kappa_2 \frac{\widehat{D}(g, 2k-2)}{\pi^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \|g\|^2}.$$

Here $(f_i)_i$ and $(g_j)_j$ are primitive Hecke eigenbases of S_{2k-2} and S_k and the constants κ_1 and κ_2 can be explicitly given. We have

(1.11)
$$\kappa_1 = (-1)(-1)^{k/2} 2^4 \frac{\Gamma(k)^2}{(2k-2)B_{2k-2}\Gamma(k/2)^2},$$

(1.12)
$$\kappa_2 = (-1)(-1)^{k/2} 2^{2k+1} \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{(2k-2)B_k \Gamma(k/2)}.$$

Remark.

We would like to note that in this paper we actually prove a more general trace formula. It involves the products of roots of L-values of type $\widehat{L}(f_i \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g_{i_*}), 2k-2)$ on the left side and the more general triple L-function of type $\widehat{L}(g_{i_1} \otimes g_{i_2} \otimes g_j, 2k-2)$ on the right side (see (4.19)). Here $i_* = i_1$ or i_2 .

Remark.

All the totally real algebraic numbers (see the Subsections 2.1 and 2.3 for more details)

(1.13)
$$\frac{\widehat{L}(f_i, 2k - 3)}{\Omega_{-}(f_i)}, \ \frac{\widehat{L}(g \otimes g \otimes g_j, 2k - 2)}{\parallel g \parallel^2 \parallel g \parallel^2 \parallel g_j \parallel^2} \text{ and } \frac{\widehat{D}(g, 2k - 2)}{\pi^{\frac{k}{2} - 1} \parallel g \parallel^2}$$

are given by evaluating an infinite product, which locally doesn't vanish in the domain of absolute and uniform convergence. Let $f, ..., \Phi$ be any Hecke eigenforms, then $K_{f,...,\Phi}$ denotes the field over \mathbb{Q} generated by the corresponding eigenvalues. We put K_k if we take all the eigenvalues of an Hecke eigenbasis of S_k . Then the values given in (1.13) are units in K_{f_i}, K_{g,g_j} and K_g . This is not surprising. But new is the fact that these values can be explicitly used to study the central value of the L-function $L\left(f_i \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g_{i_*}), s\right)$ at the center of symmetry, at least on average.

2. Automorphic L-functions

Let us recall some notation and basic facts on modular forms and L-functions. Moreover we add some properties of Jacobi forms. For the general setting we refer the reader to Iwaniec [Iw97], Eichler and Zagier [EZ85] and Klingen [Kl90]. Very useful is also the overview article of van der Geer [Ge06].

2.1. Basics on L-functions. Let \mathbb{H}_g denote the Siegel upper half-space of genus g and let $\Gamma_g := Sp_g(\mathbb{Z})$ be the Siegel modular group of degree g. For k an even non-negative integer let $M_k^{(g)}$ be the space of Siegel modular forms of weight k and genus g with respect to Γ_g . Let $S_k^{(g)}$ be the subspace of cusp forms. We recall the definition of the Petersson scalar product on S_k^g :

(2.1)
$$\langle F, G \rangle := \int_{\Gamma_q \backslash \mathbb{H}_q} F(Z) \ \overline{G(Z)} \det (\operatorname{Im}(Z))^{k+g-1} \ dZ.$$

Hence $||F||^2 = \langle F, F \rangle$. To simplify notation we drop the index g in the case g = 1. Examples of Siegel modular forms are given by Eisenstein series. Let $Z \in \mathbb{H}_g$ be an element of the Siegel upper half-space and let k > g + 1 be even. Then

$$E_k^g(Z) := \sum_{\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_{\infty} \backslash \Gamma_g} \det(CZ + D)^{-k},$$

where $\Gamma_{\infty} := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_g \right\}$. This series is absolutely and locally uniformly convergent on \mathbb{H}_g and is an element of $M_k^{(g)}$. We denote its Fourier coefficients by $A^{E_k^g}(T)$, where $T \in \mathbb{A}_g$ runs through all half-integral symmetric semi-positiv matrices of size g. Here $A^{E_k^g}(0) = 1$. Its useful to know that the coefficients $A^{E_k^g}(T)$ are rational and have bounded denominators. Let $g \in S_k$ with Fourier coefficients $(a_n(g))_{n=1}^{\infty}$. Usually g is called to be primitive if g is a Hecke eigenform and if $a_1(g) = 1$. Let us assume that g is primitive. Then we attach to every prime number p the local parameters $\widetilde{\alpha}_p(g), \widetilde{\beta}_p(g) \in \mathbb{C}$ defined by the equations

(2.2)
$$\widetilde{\alpha}_p(g) + \widetilde{\beta}_p(g) = a_p(g) \text{ and } \widetilde{\alpha}_p(g) \cdot \widetilde{\beta}_p(g) = p^{k-1}.$$

Then the Satake parameters are given by

(2.3)
$$\alpha_p(g) := p^{-\frac{k-1}{2}} \widetilde{\alpha}_p(g) \text{ and } \beta_p(g) := p^{-\frac{k-1}{2}} \widetilde{\beta}_p(g).$$

With this notation the Ramanujan Petersson conjecture is usually found in the literature. It claims that $|\alpha_p(g)| = |\beta_p(g)| = 1$ and had been proven by Deligne [De71]. For further simplification we put

(2.4)
$$A_p(g) := \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{\alpha}_p(g) & 0 \\ 0 & \widetilde{\beta}_p(g) \end{pmatrix}.$$

We begin now with the definition of the L-function L(g, s) attached to g of Hecke type. We have the absolute convergent infinite product over all prime numbers

(2.5)
$$L(g,s) := \prod_{p} \left\{ \det \left(1_2 - A_p(g) \, p^{-s} \right) \right\}^{-1} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{k+1}{2}.$$

The standard L-function D(g, s) or sometimes called the symmetric square L-function of g is given by

(2.6)
$$D(g,s) := \zeta(s - k + 1)^{-1} \prod_{p} \left\{ \det \left(1_4 - A_p(g) \otimes A_p(g) \, p^{-s} \right) \right\}^{-1} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > k$$

Here $\zeta(s)$ denotes the Riemann zeta function. These infinite products can also been directly given as Dirichlet series. We have

(2.7)
$$L(g,s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(g) n^{-s},$$

(2.8)
$$D(g,s) = \frac{\zeta(2s-2k+2)}{\zeta(s-k+1)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(g)^2 n^{-s}.$$

This also explains the name symmetric square.

Let now $f \in S_{2k-2}$ and $g \in S_k$ be primitive. The we put

(2.9)
$$S_p(g) := \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{\alpha}_p(g)^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p^{k-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \widetilde{\beta}_p(g)^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The next L-function $L(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g), s)$ is defined by

$$(2.10) L(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^{2}(g), s) := \prod_{p} \left\{ \det \left(1_{6} - A_{p}(f) \otimes S_{p}(g) \, p^{-s} \right) \right\}^{-1} \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) \gg 0.$$

Finally we define the triple L-function. Let $f_j \in S_{\nu(f_j)}$ be primitive for j = 1, 2, 3. Then we have

(2.11)
$$L(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3, s)$$

$$:= \prod_{p} \left\{ \det \left(1_8 - A_p(f_1) \otimes A_p(f_2) \otimes A_p(f_3) \, p^{-s} \right) \right\}^{-1} \quad \text{for Re}(s) \gg 0.$$

All these L-function have a meromorphic continuation to the whole complex s-plane. They also have a functional equation. This can be stated in the "right" way if we add the local factors corresponding to the archimedian prime number with motivic background. Let $\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s) := \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma(s/2)$ and $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s) := 2 (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s)$ be the normalized Γ -function. Then we have for $g \in S_k$ primitive the completed L-functions

$$\widehat{L}(g,s) := \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s) L(g,s),$$

(2.13)
$$\widehat{D}(g,s) := \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s-k+2)\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s) D(g,s).$$

Then it is well known that $\widehat{L}(g,s)$ and D(g,s) are entire function on the whole s-plane. They have the functional equation

(2.14)
$$\widehat{L}(g,s) = (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} \widehat{L}(g,k-s)$$

and

(2.15)
$$\widehat{D}(g,s) = \widehat{D}(g,2k-1-s).$$

The holomorphic continuation of D(g,s) has first been proven by Shimura. The functional equation had been known already by Rankin. From the times of Hecke the properties of $\widehat{L}(g,s)$ had been known much earlier. Since it is just the Mellin transform of g. In the setting of the triple L-function we assume that $\nu(f_1) \ge \nu(f_2) \ge \nu(f_3)$. Since we are mainly interested in the balanced case we assume that $\nu(f_2) + \nu(f_3) \ge \nu(f_1)$. Then

$$\widehat{L}(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3, s) := \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s) \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s - \nu(f_1) + 1) \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s - \nu(f_2) + 1)$$

$$\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s - \nu(f_3) + 1) L(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3, s)$$
(2.16)

This function has a meromorphic continuation to the whole s-plane and satisfies the anti-symmetric functional equation

$$\widehat{L}(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3, s) = -\widehat{L}(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3, \nu(f_1) + \nu(f_2) + \nu(f_3) - 2 - s).$$

This L-function vanishes in the center $s_0 = \frac{\nu(f_1) + \nu(f_2) + \nu(f_3)}{2} - 1$. Moreover let $f \in S_{2k-2}$ and $g \in S_k$ be primitive. Then we have by a straight forward calculation that

(2.18)
$$L(f \otimes g \otimes g, s) = L(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^{2}(g), s) \cdot L(f, s - k + 1).$$

We obtain the following completed L-function

(2.19)
$$\widehat{L}\left(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^{2}(g), s\right) := \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}\left(s\right) \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}\left(s - k + 1\right) \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}\left(s - 2k + 3\right) L(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^{2}(g), s).$$

It has a meromorphic continuation to the whole complex s-plane and has the functional equation $s \mapsto 4k - 4 - s$.

2.2. Saito-Kurokawa correspondance. Let $M_{k-\frac{1}{2}}^+(\Gamma_0(4))$ be Kohnen's plus space. This is the space of modular forms of half-integral weight $k-\frac{1}{2}$ related to the group $\Gamma_0(4):=\{\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) | c \equiv 0 \pmod 4 \}$ where certain Fourier coefficients are zero. Let $S_{k-\frac{1}{2}}^+(\Gamma_0(4))$ be the subspace of cuspforms. Let $J_{k,1}$ be the space of Jacobi forms of weight k and index 1 and $J_{k,1}^{\text{cusp}}$ the subspace of cusp forms. Jacobi forms are holomorphic functions on $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{C}$ which satisfy certain conditions (for details see the standard reference [EZ85]).

Let $h_j \in S_{k-\frac{1}{2}}^+(\Gamma_0(4))$. Then there exists a Jacobi cuspform $\Phi_j \in J_{k,1}^{\text{cusp}}$ via the isomorphism given in Theorem 5.4 in ([EZ85]. This isomorphism is given on the level of Fourier coefficients and is compatible with the action of the Hecke algebra of Jacobi forms and modular forms of half-integral weight. Let $(\lambda(n))_n$ be the eigenvalues. Then $f(z) = \sum_n \lambda(n) e^{2\pi i n z} \in S_{2k-2}$ is a primitive Hecke eigenform. This is the Shimura isomorphism.

Moreover these spaces are isomorphic to the (cuspidal) Maass Spezialschar, a certain subspace of $S_k^{(2)}$. Let further $\langle \, , \, \rangle_J$ and $\langle \, , \, \rangle_+$ denote the Petersson scalar products on $M_k^{(g)}$, the space of Jacobi forms and the plus space. Moreover let $\| \, \|_*$ be the related

Petersson norm.

Let $g \in S_k$ be primitive. Then we denote by K_g the field generated by the eigenvalues of g. It is well known that K_g is a totally real number field. Let finitely many Hecke eigenforms $f_1, \dots f_l$ be given. They can be Siegel modular forms, Jacobi forms or modular forms of half-integral weight. Then we denote by K_{f_1,\dots,f_l} the field generated by the eigenvalues. Let $f \in S_{2k-2}$ primitive be given. Then we can choose $h \in S_{k-\frac{1}{2}}^+(\Gamma_0(4))$ via the Shimura correspondence such that the Fourier coefficients are all contained in K_f . Similarly we can choose the related Jacobi form Φ . Such h and Φ we call normalized.

2.3. Algebraicity of critical values of automorphic L-functions.

The general philosophy of Deligne [De79] predicts for any "motivated" Dirichlet series L(s) the structure of the arithmetic nature of certain "critical" values. The underlying assumption is that the Dirichlet series arise from some algebraic variety, Galois representation or modular form and have a functional equation of the form

(2.20)
$$\widehat{L}(s) = \gamma(s) L(s) = \varepsilon \widehat{L}(w-s), \quad \varepsilon \text{ is root of unity, } w \text{ is a constant}$$

and $\gamma(s)$ is a Γ -factor. Then all integers m for which $\gamma(m)$ and $\gamma(w-m)$ is finite is denoted (special) critical value. It is expected that $L(m) = \text{algebraic} \times \Omega$, where Ω is a period "on which something nice can be said" (Don Zagier).

a) Hecke L-function L(g, s)

Let $g \in S_k$ be primitive. Then the critical values of the L-function L(g, s) are given by the integers m = 1, 2, ..., k - 1. We want also to remark that the center $m_0 = k/2$ is also a critical value and $L(g, m_0) = 0$ if $k \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. We know from the result of Eichler-Shimura-Manin that there exist two periods $\Omega_-(g), \Omega_+(g) \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for the critical values $m = \frac{k}{2}, ..., k - 1$ we have

(2.21)
$$\frac{\widehat{L}(g,m)}{\Omega_{(-1)^m}(g)} \in K_g.$$

Here we identify $(-1)^k$ with + or - in the obvious way. The explicit nature of the other critical values follows directly from the functional equation (see also [Ge06],§26).

b) Rankin L-function D(g,s)

Let $g \in S_k$ be primitive. Then the critical values of the Rankin type L-function D(g, s) are given by m = 1, 3, ..., k-1 and k, k+2, ..., 2k-2. Here the center $m_0 = \frac{2k-2}{2}$ is not an integer and hence not a critical value. We have

$$(2.22) \qquad \frac{D(g,m)}{\pi^{2m-k+1} \parallel g \parallel^2} = \left(2^{1-m} \Gamma\left(\frac{m-k+2}{2}\right) \Gamma(m)\right)^{-1} \pi^{\frac{k-m}{2}} \frac{\widehat{D}(g,m)}{\parallel g \parallel^2} \in K_g$$

for the even critical values. Supplementary we deduce from the funtional equation, that for the odd critical values we have $D(g,m)/(\pi^m \parallel g \parallel^2) \in K_g$.

c) Triple L-function

For the triple L-function $L(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3, s)$ with $f_j \in S_{\nu_j}$ we fix the ordering $\nu(f_1) \geqslant \nu(f_2) \geqslant \nu(f_3)$ and assume that we are in the situation of the balanced case $\nu(f_2) + \nu(f_3) \geqslant \nu(f_1)$. Then the critical values m are given by

(2.23)
$$\nu(f_1) \leqslant m \leqslant \nu(f_2) + \nu(f_3) - 2.$$

Here the center $m_0 = \frac{\nu(f_1) + \nu(f_2) + \nu(f_3)}{2} - 2$ is also a critical value. It can deduced from the functional equation and the some finiteness theorem that the triple L-function vanishes in the center (see Orloff ([Or87]). Moreover we have

(2.24)
$$\frac{L(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3, m)}{\pi^{4m+A} \parallel f_1 \parallel^2 \parallel f_2 \parallel^2 \parallel f_3 \parallel^2} \in K_{f_1, f_2, f_2},$$

with
$$A = 3 - \nu(f_1) - \nu(f_2) - \nu(f_3)$$
.

EXAMPLE: Let $f_1 = f \in S_{2k-2}$ and $f_2 = f_3 = g \in S_k$ be primitive. Then we have exactly one critical value m = 2k - 2. This is also equal to the center. Hence we have $L(f \otimes g \otimes g, 2k - 2) = 0$. Moreover let m = 2k - 2 be a critical value and let $\nu(f_1) = \nu(f_2) = \nu(f_3) = k$. Then we have

$$(2.25) \frac{L(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3, 2k - 2)}{\|f_1\|^2 \|f_2\|^2 \|f_3\|^2} \in K_{f_1, f_2, f_2}.$$

d) L-function $L(f \otimes \mathbf{Sym}^2(g), s)$

Let $f \in S_{2k-2}$ and $g \in S_k$ be primitive. Then the critical values of the L-function $L(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g), s)$ is given by one number m = 2k - 2. Moreover we have

(2.26)
$$\frac{\widehat{L}\left(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^{2}(g), 2k-2\right)}{\Omega_{+}(f) \parallel g \parallel^{4}} \in K_{f,g}.$$

(See also Ichino [Ich05] for details).

3. Numerical verification of the Trace Formula

We consider the Arithmetic Trace Formula stated in the introduction for the weight k = 12 and choose the unique primitive Hecke eigenforms Let $\Delta \in S_{12}$ and $f \in S_{22}$ be the unique primitive Hecke eigenforms of weight 12 and 22. Then we have

$$\Delta(z) = q - 24q^2 + 252q^3 - 1472q^4 + 4830q^5 - 6048q^6 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tau(n)q^n$$

$$f(z) = q - 288q^2 - 128844q^3 - 2014208q^4 + 21640950q^5 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b(n)q^n$$

The Petersson norm of a Hecke eigenform $g \in S_k$ can be identified with a special value of the standard zeta function D(g,s) of g ([Za77], (5)), this is due to Rankin. The

correspondance is given by

(3.1)
$$||g||^2 = \frac{(k-1)!}{2^{2k-1}\pi^{k+1}} D(g,k).$$

The special value D(g,k) can be determined by meromorphic continuation. There is a useful programm of Dokchister [Do04] to calculate such values. This leads to

$$\parallel \Delta \parallel^2 = 0.00000103536205680432092234...$$

 $\parallel f \parallel^2 = 0.00002009981832327430645231...$

Our first goal is to determine the numerical value of the left side of the trace formula. The value of \widehat{L} ($f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(\Delta), 22$) can again be determined with the programm of Dokchister (see also Ichino [Ich05]). We have

$$L(f,23) = 0.99988499414258382599524516...$$

$$\widehat{L}(f,23) = 84.2000215244544365950065601...$$

$$\widehat{L}(f \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(\Delta), 22) = 0.75704862297802829562086575...$$

Hence

(3.2)
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\dim S_{2k-2}} \frac{\widehat{L}(f_i, 2k-3) \ \widehat{L}(f_i \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g), 2k-2)}{\|f_i\|^2 \|g\|^4}$$

for k = 12 is equal to the numerical value

$$(3.3) 2958416757652464643.22953541...$$

This number has been obtained directly. From the proof of the trace formula we know that this number should actually be a rational number. A careful analysis leads to the candidate

$$(3.4) \qquad \frac{2^{56} \cdot 3^6 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 7}{131 \cdot 593}$$

which coincides with 2958416757652464643.22953541... in the range of precision.

On the right side we first determine the value of

(3.5)
$$\frac{\widehat{D}(g, 2k-2)}{\pi^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \parallel g \parallel^2}$$

for $g = \Delta$. We obtain directly

$$D(\Delta, 22) = 0.99964571112477139783572962...$$

and hence

The constants $\kappa_0, \kappa_1, \kappa_2$ for k = 12:

$$\kappa_0(k) = (-1)^{k/2} 2^{k-2},
\kappa_1(k) = (-1)(-1)^{k/2} 2^4 \frac{\Gamma(k)^2}{(2k-2)B_{2k-2}\Gamma(k/2)^2},
\kappa_2(k) = (-1)(-1)^{k/2} 2^{2k+1} \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{(2k-2)B_k\Gamma(k/2)}.$$

are explicity given by

$$\kappa_0 = 10240 = 2^{10}$$

$$\kappa_1 = -12995908.891263210741088... = \frac{(-1) \cdot 2^{14} \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 23}{131 \cdot 593}$$

$$\kappa_2 = 24052904584483.936324167872648... = \frac{2^{32} \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13}{691}.$$

The special value of the triple L-function $L(\Delta \otimes \Delta \otimes \Delta, s)$ at s = 22 we determine via the local factors of the Euler product by calculating the Satake parameters of Δ . Hence we obtain

(3.6)
$$L(\Delta \otimes \Delta \otimes \Delta, 22) = 0.99602837097824593011931492...$$

Then we obtain for k = 12:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} \frac{\widehat{L}(g \otimes g \otimes g_j, 2k-2)}{\parallel g \parallel^4 \parallel g_j \parallel^2}$$

is equal to

So finally we have for the expression

$$\kappa_0 \cdot \frac{\widehat{L}(\Delta \otimes \Delta \otimes \Delta, 22)}{\parallel \Delta \parallel^6} + \kappa_1 \cdot \left(\frac{\widehat{D}(\Delta, 22)}{\pi^5 \parallel \Delta \parallel^2}\right)^2 + \kappa_2 \cdot \frac{\widehat{D}(\Delta, 22)}{\pi^5 \parallel \Delta \parallel^2}$$

the explicit value

$$(3.7) 2958416757652464643.22111654...$$

This shows that the Arithmetic Trace formula for the weight k = 12 can be numerically verified.

4. Proof of the Arithmetic Trace Formula

This section is devoted to the Arithmetic Trace Formula stated in the introduction. We give a proof which is constructive and explicit. Moreover as already remarked we give a more general formula which may be useful for further applications.

Proof. We prove the theorem with an extension of a technique related to the doubling method in the setting of modular and Jacobi forms. There the so called big cell plays a fundamental role. It is related to the unique non-negligible orbit which leads to an integral representation of an automorphic L-function. For our purpose it is not enough to know one orbit we need them all. Actually we need the whole pullback formula related to the orbits. What does this mean? Let us fix the diagonal embeding $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{H}_2$. Here

$$(2,W) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} Z & 0 \\ 0 & W \end{pmatrix}.$$

This can be generalized in the obvious way to an embedding $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{H}_3$. Let $(g_j)_j$ be a Hecke eigenbasis of S_k with $a_1(g_j) = 1$, i.e., g_j is assumed to be primitive. This always exists. Garrett [Ga84] has discovered the following beautiful formula:

(4.2)
$$E_k^{(2)}|_{\mathbb{H}\times\mathbb{H}} = E_k \otimes E_k + \sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} d_j \ g_j \otimes g_j.$$

It had been well known since the time of Witt that the restriction of a modular form of genus n on blocks of size $n_1 + \cdots + n_l = n$ is an element of $M_k^{(n_1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes M_k^{(n_l)}$. That the image in the case n=2 is contained in the "diagonal" of a Hecke eigenbasis was surprising. Most important is that the numbers d_j have a significant arithmetic meaning. They are related to a critical value of the Rankin L-function. From this we can deduce that these numbers are elements of K_{g_j} and are not zero. They can be explicitly determined:

(4.3)
$$d_j = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} 2^{3-k} \pi D(g_j, 2k-2)}{(k-1)\zeta(k)\zeta(2k-2) \parallel g_i \parallel^2}.$$

The situation in the case 3 = 1 + 1 + 1 if different. Garrett [Ga87] computed the scalar product of the restricted Eisenstein series with three elliptic cusp forms. A detailed analysis and combination of the two papers of Garrett (see also [He99]) leads to the complete pullback formula. We obtain:

$$(4.4) E_k^{(3)}|_{\mathbb{H}\times\mathbb{H}\times\mathbb{H}} = E_k \otimes E_k \times E_k + \sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} d_j E_k \times g_j \otimes g_j$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} d_j g_j \otimes E_k \otimes g_j + \sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} d_j g_j \otimes g_j \otimes E_k$$

$$+ \sum_{i,j,m=1}^{\dim S_k} l_{i,j,m} g_i \otimes g_j \otimes g_m.$$

Here we have $l_{i,j,m} \in K_{g_i,g_j,g_m}^{\times}$, the composition field of $K_{g_i}, K_{g_j}, K_{g_m}$. These numbers are essentially critical values of the triple L-function in the sense of Deligne. They had been first explicitly determined by Garrett [Ga87] (see also Mizumoto [Mi97], page 192, and

Heim [He99], page 236, for the explicit value of the constants and further explanation):

$$(4.5) l_{i,j,m} = (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} \cdot 2^{-5k+8} \frac{\Gamma(k-1)^3}{\Gamma(k)}$$

(4.6)
$$\times \frac{\pi^{3-2k} L(g_i \otimes g_j \otimes g_m, 2k-2)}{\zeta(2k-2) \zeta(k) \parallel g_i \parallel^2 \parallel g_j \parallel^2 \parallel g_m \parallel^2}.$$

Here we would like to remark that all three cusp forms have the same weight. For a more general formula allowing also different weights one has has to use differential operators. Moreover the big cell is related to

$$\sum_{i,j,m=1}^{\dim S_k} l_{i,j,m} \ g_i \otimes g_j \otimes g_m.$$

But we will see imediately that one also needs one of the negligible orbits for the trace formula.

The next step is to extract the first coefficient of the Fourier expansion with respect to the third variable. It is important that this procedure is the same as starting with a Fourier-Jacobi expansion of the involved Siegel Eisenstein series, then extracting the the first coefficient and then restrict the domain $\mathbb{H}_2 \times \mathbb{C}^2$ to $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H}$. Let B_k be the k-th Bernoulli number. Then we have

(4.7)
$$\frac{-2k}{B_k} E_k \otimes E_k + \sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} d_j E_k \otimes g_j + \sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} d_j g_j \otimes E_k + \frac{-2k}{B_k} \sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} d_j g_j \otimes g_j + \sum_{i,j,m=1}^{\dim S_k} l_{i,j,m} g_i \otimes g_j.$$

Here we would like to mention that it turns out to be very convinient to have normalized our Siegel Eisenstein series, such that the 0-th coefficient is always one, since it is compatible with restricting Eisenstein series to the diagonal.

Let $\delta_{i,j} = 1$ if i = j and 0 otherwise. Then the coefficient of the basis element $g_i \otimes g_j \in S_k \otimes S_k$ is given by

(4.8)
$$\delta_{ij} d_j \cdot \frac{-2k}{B_k} + \sum_{m=1}^{\dim S_k} l_{i,j,m}.$$

Now we do something which we haven't found yet in the literature. We determine a second pullback formula of our Eisenstein series, with respect to a not obvious embeding of the Jacobi spaces $\mathbb{H}^J \times \mathbb{H}^J$ into \mathbb{H}_3 and obtain something new. Here $\mathbb{H}^J := \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{C}$. We start by looking directly at the Fourier-Jacobi expansion of the Eisenstein series of genus 3. It is convenient to parametrize elements of \mathbb{H}_3 in the following way:

(4.9)
$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & z & z_1 \\ z & \tau_2 & z_2 \\ z_1 & z_2 & \tau_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We fix the diagonal embeding $\mathbb{H}^J \times \mathbb{H}^J \hookrightarrow \mathbb{H}_3$ given by

(4.10)
$$(\tau_1, z_1), (\tau_2, z_2) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 & z_1 \\ 0 & \tau_2 & z_2 \\ z_1 & z_2 & \tau_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

With this notation the Fourier-Jacobi expansion of $E_k^{(3)}(Z)$ with respect to τ_3 is given by

(4.11)
$$E_k^{(3)}(Z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e_{k,n}^{(3)}\left(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \tau_1 & z \\ z & \tau_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right), (z_1, z_2)\right) e^{2\pi i n \tau_3}.$$

The Fourier-Jacobi coefficients are Jacobiforms on $\mathbb{H}_2 \times \mathbb{C}^2$ of weight k and index n. By switching to Jacobi Eisenstein series and having a "compatible" normalization we normalize the Jacobi Eisenstein series in such a way that the 0-th Fourier coefficient is equal to 1. In this case we have

$$(4.12) E_{k,n}^{J,2}\left(\begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & z \\ z & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}, (z_1, z_2)\right) = \frac{B_k}{-2k\,\sigma_{k-1}(n)} \, e_{k,n}^{(3)}\left(\begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & z \\ z & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}, (z_1, z_2)\right).$$

Here $\sigma_{k-1}(n) := \sum_{d|n} d^{k-1}$. Let $(\Phi_j)_j$ be a normalized Hecke eigenbasis of $J_{k,1}^{\mathrm{cusp}}$, i.e., a Hecke eigenbasis such that all the Fourier coefficients are contained in the field K_{Φ_j} generated by all the eigenvalues. Let $f_j \in S_{2k-2}$ be primitive and correspond to Φ_j via the Shimura correspondance. Then $(f_j)_j$ is a Hecke eigenbasis of S_{2k-2} with the same eigenvalues. Obviously we have $K_{f_j} = K_{\Phi_j}$. Arakawa [Ar94] found out that also in the setting of Jacobi forms the doubling method has a certain interpretation. But it turned out that the underlying Hecke-Jacobi theory is much more complicated as expected [AH98], [He01]. But anyway some results can be obtained. We deduce from [Ar94]:

$$(4.13) E_{k,1}^{J,2}|_{\mathbb{H}^J \times \mathbb{H}^J} = E_{k,1}^J \otimes E_{k,1}^J + \sum_{m=1}^{\dim J_{k,1}^{\text{cusp}}} \alpha_m \, \Phi_m \otimes \Phi_m.$$

Here $E_{k,1}^J$ is the Jacobi Eisenstein series of weight k and index 1 on $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{C}$ as introduced in [EZ85]. The numbers α_j are related with the critical values of the Hecke L-function attached to f_j . We have:

(4.14)
$$\alpha_m = \frac{(-1)^{k/2} \pi \, 2^{1-k}}{(k-3/2)} \, \frac{L(f_m, 2k-3)}{\parallel \Phi_m \parallel^2 \zeta(2k-2)}.$$

For details see [Ar94] and [He01]. Since up to normalization $E_{k,1}^J$ is the first Fourier-Jacobi coefficient of $E_k^{(2)}$ and these Eisenstein series are in the Maass Spezialschar we have

(4.15)
$$E_{k,1}^{J}|_{\mathbb{H}} = E_k + \frac{B_k}{-2k} \sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} d_j g_j.$$

This formula can be deduced from the fact that the Siegel Eisenstein series of genus 2 is an element from the so called Maass Spezialschar. It is then an easy exercise to obtain the formula. Further we have formaly that

$$(4.16) \Phi_m|_{\mathbb{H}} = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim S_k} \gamma_j^m g_j.$$

From the arithmetic of the Fourier coefficients of the Jacobi form we can deduce that γ_j^m are totally real algebraic numbers. Let now h_m be the modular form of half-integral weight directly related to the Jacobi form Φ_m via the isomorphism given in [EZ85], Theorem 5.4 (see also Subsection 2.2). Then we can combine Proposition 4.3 given in [He98] and the explicit description of Ichino [Ich05] of the square of the pullback of a Saito-Kurokawa lift. Again by a straightforward calculation we get

(4.17)
$$(\gamma_j^m)^2 = 2^{-k} \frac{\|h_m\|^2}{\|f_m\|^2 \|g_j\|^4} \widehat{L} \left(f_m \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g_j), 2k - 2 \right).$$

Hence we obtain for the coefficient of $g_i \otimes g_j$ in the pullback formula of $\frac{-2k}{B_k} E_{k,1}^{J,2}|_{\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H}}$ the expression

(4.18)
$$\frac{B_k}{-2k} d_i \cdot d_j + \frac{-2k}{B_k} \sum_{m=1}^{\dim S_{2k-2}} \alpha_m \gamma_i^m \gamma_j^m.$$

In the next step we compare the two pullback formulas one in the setting of modular forms and the other deduced from the work of Arakawa in the setting of Jacobi forms. This leads to

$$(4.19) \delta_{ij} d_j \cdot \frac{-2k}{B_k} + \sum_{m=1}^{\dim S_k} l_{i,j,m} = \frac{B_k}{-2k} d_i \cdot d_j + \frac{-2k}{B_k} \sum_{m=1}^{\dim S_{2k-2}} \alpha_m \gamma_i^m \gamma_j^m.$$

This formula is the heart of our approach. It contains much more informations as we use at the moment. To prove the trace formula we restrict ourself to the case i = j. We want to mention that if $i \neq j$, then on one side the formula simplifies because the summand $\delta_{ij} d_j \cdot \frac{-2k}{B_k}$ disappears. But on the other side we only know the value of $(\gamma_i^m)^2$ which is totally real algebraic number. So still the delicate question of the sign of the root remains open. Nevertheless we obtain from (2.13) and (4.3) the explicit formula

$$(4.20) d_j = -2^{5-2k} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k/2)} \cdot \frac{1}{B_k B_{2k-2}} \cdot \frac{\widehat{D}(g_j, 2k-2)}{\pi^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \parallel g_j \parallel^2}.$$

Moreover from (2.16) and (4.5) we obtain

$$(4.21) l_{j,j,m} = -2^{3-3k} \cdot \frac{k \cdot (2k-2)}{B_k B_{2k-2}} \frac{\widehat{L}(g_j \otimes g_j \otimes g_m, 2k-2)}{\||g_i|\|^2 \||g_i|\|^2 \||g_m||^2}.$$

And from (2.12) and (4.14) we obtain

(4.22)
$$\alpha_j = (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} 2^{1-k} \cdot \frac{2k-2}{B_{2k-2}} \frac{\widehat{L}(f_j, 2k-3)}{\|\Phi_j\|^2}.$$

Let $h_j \in S_{k-\frac{1}{2}}^+(\Gamma_0(4))$ be normalized and related to $\Phi_j \in J_{k,1}^{\text{cusp}}$ via the isomorphism given in Theorem 5.4 in ([EZ85]. Then we obtain for example from ([KS89], §2), the

transformation law for the square of the norms given by $\|\Phi_j\|^2 = 2^{2k-3} \|h_j\|^2$. This leads to

(4.23)
$$\alpha_j = (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} 2^{4-3k} \cdot \frac{2k-2}{B_{2k-2}} \frac{\widehat{L}(f_j, 2k-3)}{\|h_j\|^2}.$$

Then we have

(4.24)
$$\alpha_j \left(\gamma_j^m\right)^2 = \kappa \frac{\widehat{L}(f_m, 2k-3)\widehat{L}\left(f_m \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g_j), 2k-2\right)}{\|f_m\|^2 \cdot \|g_j\|^4}.$$

Here $\kappa = (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} 2^{4-4k} \frac{2k-2}{B_{2k-2}}$. If we summarize everthing and plugging into (4.19) this leads to

(4.25)

$$-\frac{-2k}{B_k}\frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k/2)} \cdot \frac{2^{5-2k}}{B_k B_{2k-2}} \frac{\widehat{D}(g_j, 2k-2)}{\pi^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \parallel g_j \parallel^2} - 2^{3-3k} \frac{k \cdot (2k-2)}{B_k B_{2k-2}} \sum_{t=1}^{\dim S_k} \frac{\widehat{L}(g_j \otimes g_j \otimes g_t, 2k-2)}{\parallel g_j \parallel^2 \parallel g_j \parallel^2 \parallel g_t \parallel^2}$$

$$= \frac{B_k}{-2k} 2^{10-4k} \frac{\Gamma(k+1)^2}{\Gamma(k/2)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{B_k^2 B_{2k-2}^2} \left(\frac{\widehat{D}(g_j, 2k-2)}{\pi^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \parallel g_j \parallel^2} \right)^2$$

$$+ (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} \frac{-2k}{B_k} 2^{4-4k} \frac{2k-2}{B_{2k-2}} \sum_{m=1}^{\dim S_{2k-2}} \frac{\widehat{L}(f_m, 2k-3)\widehat{L}\left(f_m \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2(g_j), 2k-2\right)}{\parallel f_m \parallel^2 \cdot \parallel g_j \parallel^4}.$$

Finally we obtain by a straightforward calculation the desired result.

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