# POLES OF L-FUNCTIONS, PERIODS AND UNITARY THETA. PART I: ODD TO EVEN

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#### ABSTRACT

In this paper we prove the equivalence between the non-vanishing of the  $\Theta$  correspondence on an irreducible, generic, cuspidal representation of  $U_{2n+1}$ , the non-vanishing of a certain generalized period and the existence of a pole of a twisted partial L-function.

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## 1. Introduction

We try in this paper to relate the poles of the partial L-function of a cuspidal generic representation  $\pi$  of the quasi-split unitary group  $U_{n+1,n}$  to the vanishing or non-vanishing of its lift under the theta correspondence to  $U_{n,n}$ . These properties are already known to be connected in several situations; let us cite (Sp(2n), O(2n)) [GRS3] and  $(U_2, U_3)$  [GRS1]. In all cases, including ours, the

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connection between the two properties is the non-vanishing of a certain generalized period integral.

To begin with, let us introduce the main notations of this article. We fix a number field F and E a quadratic extension of F, and denote their respective adele rings by  $\mathbf{A}_F$  and  $\mathbf{A}_E$ . We will denote either by c(x) or by  $\bar{x}$  the action of the non-trivial element of the Galois group of E over F on an element x of E. Let  $w_n$  be the antidiagonal matrix of size n, that is the element

$$w_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & 1 \\ & \ddots & \\ 1 & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

of  $GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$ . The group  $U_n$  will be the algebraic subgroup of GL(n) defined over F by

$$\mathbf{U}_n = \{ u \in \mathrm{GL}(n) ||^{\mathsf{t}} \overline{u} w_n u = w_n \}.$$

We let  $G_n$  be  $U_{2n+1}$ , and  $H_l$ , l > 0 the algebraic subgroup of GL(2l) defined by

$$H_l = \left\{ u \in \operatorname{GL}(2l) \|^{\mathsf{t}} \overline{u} \begin{pmatrix} w_l \\ -w_l \end{pmatrix} u = \begin{pmatrix} w_l \\ -w_l \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Note that  $H_l$  is non-canonically isomorphic to  $U_{2l}$ . When g is an element of  $GL(n, \mathbf{A}_E)$ , we let  $g^*$  be the element of  $GL(n, \mathbf{A}_E)$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} g & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & g^* \end{pmatrix} \in G_n(\mathbf{A}_F),$$

namely  $g^* = w_n {}^t \overline{g}^{-1} w_n$ . We define  $N_n$  to be the unipotent subgroup of upper triangular matrices of GL(n) with unit diagonal. We also let X be the subgroup of upper triangular matrices with unit diagonal in  $G_n$ .

Let  $\pi$  be an irreducible automorphic cuspidal representation of  $G_n(\mathbf{A}_F)$ , acting in a given space of cusp forms, which we keep denoting by  $\pi$ . We fix once and for all a non-trivial character  $\psi_{\circ}$  of  $\mathbf{A}_F$  trivial on F and we consider  $\psi = \psi_{\circ} \circ \operatorname{Tr}_{E/F}$ . For any element  $\varphi$  of the space of  $\pi$  let

$$W_{\varphi}(g) = W_{\varphi}^{\psi}(g) = \int_{X(F) \setminus X(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi(ng) \psi \left(\sum n_{i,i+1}\right)^{-1} \mathrm{d}n$$

be its Whittaker–Fourier coefficient with respect to  $\psi$ . The space of all  $W_{\varphi}^{\psi}$  is the  $\psi$ -Whittaker model  $\mathcal{W}(\pi, \psi)$  of  $\pi$ . We assume that this space is non-zero, i.e.,  $\pi$  is (globally) generic with respect to  $\psi$ . We want to introduce the

generalized period we will deal with. Consider the subgroup U of  $G_n$  whose elements are such that the middle  $3 \times 3$  block is  $I_3$ . For a matrix u in  $U(\mathbf{A}_F)$ , define  $\psi_U(u) = \psi(\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} u_{i,i+1} + u_{n-1,n+1})$ . Define for  $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in U_2$ ,

$$i(g) = \begin{pmatrix} I_{n-1} & & & \\ & a & b & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & c & d & \\ & & & & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $i(U_2)$  acts by conjugation on U and preserves the character  $\psi_U$ . For any function  $\varphi$  in  $\pi$  and any character  $\mu$  of  $\mathbf{A}_E^{\times}$ , we define

$$P_{\psi}(\varphi,\mu) = \int_{\mathrm{U}_2(F)\backslash \mathrm{U}_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \int_{U(F)\backslash U(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi(ui(g))\psi_U(u)^{-1}\mu(\det g) \mathrm{d}u\mathrm{d}g.$$

Let  $S_0$  be the (finite) set of places v of F such that either  $v|\infty$ , or E/F, or  $\mu$  ramifies at one of the places of E above v, or  $\pi$  or  $\psi$  ramifies at v.

The main result is the following:

THEOREM 1.1: The following conditions are equivalent.

- 1. The partial L-function  $L^{S}(\pi \times \mu, s)$  has a (necessarily simple) pole at s = 1 for any finite set of prime  $S \supset S_0$ .
- 2. The generalized period integral  $P_{\psi}(.,\mu)$  does not vanish identically on  $\pi$ .
- 3. The representation  $\pi \otimes \mu \circ \det$  has a  $\Theta$  lifting to a generic cuspidal representation of  $H_n$  for some choice of splitting data.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we describe the L-function machine based on an integral similar to a Rankin–Selberg integral, with an additional integration along a unipotent subgroup. This integration will lead, when we take a residue at s = 1, to the generalized period  $P_{\psi}$ . In section 3, we prove the implication  $1 \Rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow 3$  and some result on the vanishing of the  $\Theta$  correspondence. In section 4, we prove that  $3 \Rightarrow 1$  by showing that  $L^{S}(\pi \times \mu, s)$  is the product of a zeta function by a non-vanishing partial L-function.

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## 2. Product decomposition

Let us begin by decomposing the integral we will use to represent the L-function.

2.1. FOURIER SERIES. We will need to use the decomposition of a certain constant term in Fourier series. Let  $U_0$  be the subgroup of  $G_n$  of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_n & a \\ & 1 & \\ & & I_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

**PROPOSITION 2.1:** For any  $\varphi$  in the space of  $\pi$  and any g in  $G_n(\mathbf{A}_F)$ , we have:

$$\int_{U_0(F) \setminus U_0(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi(ug) \mathrm{d}u = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathbf{N}_n(E) \setminus \mathrm{GL}(n,E)} W_{\varphi}^{\psi} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \gamma^* \end{pmatrix} g)$$

**Proof:** This is a consequence of formula (1.0.1), p. 59 of [GPSR]. Let  $S_n$  be the subgroup of  $G_n$  comprising matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & v & X \\ & 1 & v' \\ & & A^* \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $A \in \operatorname{GL}(n)$ , v any vector and X any matrix that fits. Then  $U_0$  is a normal subgroup of  $S_n$  and we denote  $P_{n+1}$  the quotient  $U_0 \setminus S_n$ . We observe that  $P_{n+1}$  is isomorphic to the subgroup  $\operatorname{Res}_{E/F} P_{n+1}$  of [GPSR, p. 58]. The unipotent radical of  $P_{n+1}(F)$  is isomorphic to  $\operatorname{N}_{n+1}(E)$ ; the quotient is isomorphic to  $\operatorname{N}_n(E) \setminus \operatorname{GL}(n, E)$  where  $\operatorname{GL}(n, E)$  is injected in  $S_n$  by

$$\gamma \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \gamma^* \end{pmatrix}.$$

In addition, if for  $p \in S_n$  we define

$$f(p) = \int_{U_0(F) ackslash U_0(\mathbf{A}_F)} arphi(upg) \mathrm{d} u,$$

then f defines a cuspidal function  $\tilde{f}$  on  $P_{n+1}(F) \setminus P_{n+1}(\mathbf{A}_F)$ . We have

$$\int_{\mathcal{N}_{n+1}(E)\backslash \mathcal{N}_{n+1}(\mathbf{A}_E)} \tilde{f}(n)\psi_{\mathcal{N}_{n+1}}(n)^{-1} \mathrm{d}n = W_{\varphi}(g),$$

where  $N_{n+1}(\mathbf{A}_E)$  is injected in  $P_{n+1}(\mathbf{A}_F)$  by the obvious morphism  $(n \in N_{n+1}(\mathbf{A}_E)$  is sent to the class of any element of  $S_n(\mathbf{A}_F)$  that has n in its upper-left-hand  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  corner). The result of the proposition is then a consequence of abovementioned formula (1.0.1) applied to  $\tilde{f}(1) = f(1) = \int_{U_0(F)\setminus U_0(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi(ug) du$ .

2.2. The Integral.

Definition 2.1: Let  $\mu$  be a character of  $\mathbf{A}_{E}^{\times}$  trivial on  $E^{\times}$ . Let  $B_{2}$  be the subgroup of upper triangular matrices in U<sub>2</sub>. An element of  $B_{2}$  will be of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} z & x \\ \overline{z}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ . For any  $s \in \mathbf{C}$ , we consider the character  $\mu_{s}$  of  $B_{2}(\mathbf{A}_{F})$  whose value on the aforementioned matrix is  $\mu(z)|z|^{s-1/2}$ . We define  $I_{\mu,s}$  to be the space of holomorphic K-finite functions in the space of the unitarily induced representation of  $\mu_{s}$  from  $B_{2}(\mathbf{A}_{F})$  to  $U_{2}(\mathbf{A}_{F})$ . Then, for any  $f_{s} \in I_{\mu,s}$ ,  $E^{U_{2}}(f_{s},g) = \sum f_{s}(\gamma g)$  for  $\gamma$  running over a set of representatives of  $U_{2}(F)$  mod  $B_{2}(F)$  (on the left).

Let  $i = i_{2n+1}$  be the injection of U<sub>2</sub> in  $G_n$  defined by

$$i_{2n+1}\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{n-1} & & & \\ & a & b & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & c & d & \\ & & & & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We recall that U is the subgroup of  $G_n$  of matrices of the form

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} z & x & a \\ & I_3 & x' \\ & & z^* \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $z \in N_{n-1}$ . We define the character  $\psi_U$  by

$$\psi_U: U(\mathbf{A}_F) \to \mathbf{C}^{\times}$$
$$u \mapsto \psi \left( \sum z_{i,i+1} + x_{n-1,2} \right)$$

with u as above. We can then define, for  $\varphi \in \pi$ ,

$$\varphi^{\psi}(g) = \int_{U(F) \setminus U(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi(ug) \psi_U(u)^{-1} \mathrm{d}u.$$

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Definition 2.3: For  $\varphi$  an element of  $\pi$ ,  $\mu$  a character of  $\mathbf{A}_{E}^{\times}/E^{\times}$ ,  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $f_{s} \in I_{\mu,s}$ , define

$$I(\varphi, f_s) = \int_{\mathrm{U}_2(F)\backslash \mathrm{U}_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi^{\psi}(i(g)) E^{\mathrm{U}_2}(f_s, g) \mathrm{d}g.$$

We set R to be the algebraic subgroup of  $G_n$  of matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ y & I_{n-1} & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & I_{n-1} & \\ & & & y' & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(with y any n - 1-dimensional vector). For W an element of  $\mathcal{W}(\pi, \psi)$  and the other elements as above, define

$$Z(W, f_s) = \int_{N_2(\mathbf{A}_F) \setminus U_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \int_{R(\mathbf{A}_F)} W(rw_0 i(g)) f_s(g) \mathrm{d}r \mathrm{d}g$$

with

$$w_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ I_{n-1} & & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & I_{n-1} \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $N_2$  the unipotent radical of  $B_2$ .

This integral will provide the L-function we study. It is the Rankin–Selberg convolution for  $G_n \times \text{GL}(1)$  and can be generalized for any GL(k),  $k \leq n$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.4:** For  $\varphi$ ,  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  with real part large enough and  $f_s$  as above,

$$I(\varphi, f_s) = Z(W^{\psi}_{\varphi}, f_s).$$

**Proof:** We begin by unfolding the Eisenstein series. This is possible as long as we take the real part of s large enough. One has

$$\begin{split} I(\varphi, f_s) &= \int_{\mathbf{U}_2(F) \setminus \mathbf{U}_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi^{\psi}(i(g)) \sum_{\gamma \in B_2(F) \setminus \mathbf{U}_2(F)} f_s(\gamma g) \mathrm{d}g \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{U}_2(F) \setminus \mathbf{U}_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \sum_{\gamma \in B_2(F) \setminus \mathbf{U}_2(F)} \varphi^{\psi}(i(g)) f_s(\gamma g) \mathrm{d}g \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{U}_2(F) \setminus \mathbf{U}_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \sum_{\gamma \in B_2(F) \setminus \mathbf{U}_2(F)} \varphi^{\psi}(i(\gamma g)) f_s(\gamma g) \mathrm{d}g \end{split}$$

where this last equality holds because  $\varphi$  is invariant by multiplication on the left by  $i(\gamma)$  and when

$$u=\left(egin{array}{ccc} z & x & a \ & I_3 & x' \ & & z^* \end{array}
ight),$$

 $i(\gamma)ui(\gamma)^{-1}$  is the same matrix with x replaced by  $xi_3(\gamma)^{-1}$ , so that the central column of x is unchanged and so the character will not be affected. The integral will thus remain the same after a change of variable. We then collapse the sum with the integral:

$$I(arphi, f_s) = \int_{B_2(F) \setminus \mathrm{U}_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} arphi^\psi(i(g)) f_s(g) \mathrm{d}g$$

Let  $T_2$  be the diagonal torus of  $U_2$ .

$$\begin{split} I(\varphi, f_s) &= \int_{T_2(F)N_2(\mathbf{A}_F) \setminus U_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \int_{N_2(F) \setminus N_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi^{\psi}(i(n)i(g)) f_s(ng) \mathrm{d}n \mathrm{d}g \\ &= \int_{T_2(F)N_2(\mathbf{A}_F) \setminus U_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \int_{N_2(F) \setminus N_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi^{\psi}(i(n)i(g)) \mathrm{d}n f_s(g) \mathrm{d}g. \end{split}$$

We now consider changing the inner integral. For any  $g \in G_n(\mathbf{A}_F)$ , let

$$I' = \int_{N_2(F)\backslash N_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi^{\psi}(i(n)g) dn$$
$$= \int_{U'(F)\backslash U'(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi(ug)\psi_{U'}(u)^{-1} du$$

with

$$U' = \{ u \in G_n || u = \begin{pmatrix} z & x & a \\ & 1 & x' \\ & & z^* \end{pmatrix}, z \in N_n, x_n = 0 \}$$

 $\operatorname{and}$ 

$$\psi_{U'}(u) = \psi \bigg( \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} z_{i,i+1} + x_{n-1} \bigg).$$

We note that there are two differences with the usual notation: the character is not taken on the last column of z and is taken on the last but one component of x, which is the last non-zero component. Decomposing the subgroup U',

$$I' = \int_{N_{n-1}(E)\backslash N_{n-1}(\mathbf{A}_E)} \int_{\mathbf{A}_E^{n-1}/E^{n-1}} \int_{\mathbf{A}_E^{n-1}/E^{n-1}} \int_{U_0(F)\backslash U_0(\mathbf{A}_F)} \\ \varphi \left( u \begin{pmatrix} z & y & x \\ 1 & 0 & * \\ & 1 & 0 & x' \\ & & 1 & y' \\ & & & z^* \end{pmatrix} g \right) \psi \left( \sum_{i,i+1} z_{i,i+1} + x_{n-1} \right)^{-1} du dx dy dz.$$

We found it convenient, though maybe less natural, to introduce  $w_0$  immediately and to conjugate it from left to right. We can introduce it on the left of the argument of  $\varphi$  and conjugate all the matrices up to g (excluded). What remains is

$$arphi \left( u \left( egin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & & & \ y & z & x & & \ & & 1 & x' & 0 \ & & & z^* & 0 \ & & & y' & 1 \end{array} 
ight) w_0 g 
ight)$$

with a change of variable in the a part of u (the last column becomes the first and the last row becomes the first and all other rows and columns shift in the natural way). Using Proposition 2.1,

$$\begin{split} I' &= \int_{\mathbf{A}_{E}^{n-1}/E^{n-1}} \int_{\mathbf{N}_{n-1}(E) \setminus \mathbf{N}_{n-1}(\mathbf{A}_{E})} \int_{\mathbf{A}_{E}^{n-1}/E^{n-1}} \sum_{\gamma \in \mathbf{N}_{n}(E) \setminus \mathbf{GL}(n,E)} \\ & W_{\varphi}^{\psi} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ & 1 \\ & & \gamma^{*} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & * \\ y & z & x & * \\ & & 1 & x' & 0 \\ & & & z^{*} & 0 \\ & & & y' & 1 \end{pmatrix}} w_{0}g \\ & \psi \left( \sum z_{i,i+1} + x_{n-1} \right)^{-1} \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}z \mathrm{d}y \end{split}$$

We want to remark here on the order of integration: it is important to choose the right order to preserve the invariance of the partial integral under some rational subgroups.

The idea is that we integrate a character over a compact group in the two innermost integrals and this character must be trivial. This poses conditions on the form of  $\gamma$ . Namely, the integral over x tells one that the last row of  $\gamma$  must be of the form  $(a_n, 0, \ldots, 0, 1)$ ; the first coefficient is not determined because the first element of the column containing x is 0. This is valid since the series on

 $\gamma \in \mathcal{N}_n(E) \setminus \mathcal{GL}(n, E)$  is square summable. Then, since we sum modulo  $\mathcal{N}_n(E)$ , we might as well suppose that the last column of  $\gamma$  is  ${}^{t}(0, \ldots, 0, 1)$ . We find that  $\gamma$  is of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} \gamma' & 0 \\ a_n & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . We now have  $\gamma' \in \mathcal{GL}(n-1, E)$  and an easy induction shows that a set of representatives of  $\gamma$  in the sum can be chosen of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ a & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\gamma \in E^*$  and  $a \in E^{n-1}$ . If we factor out the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \\ & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$  we find

$$\begin{split} I' &= \sum_{\gamma \in E^{\star}} \sum_{a \in E^{n-1}} \int_{R(F) \setminus R(\mathbf{A}_{F})} W_{\varphi}^{\psi} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & & \\ & I_{2n-1} & \\ & & \gamma^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ a & I_{n-1} & \\ & & I_{n-1} & \\ & & & a' & 1 \end{pmatrix} r w_{0} g \right) \mathrm{d}r \\ & & & & I_{n-1} & \\ & & & & & I_{n-1} & \\ & & & & & y' + a' & 1 \end{pmatrix} w_{0} g \right) \mathrm{d}y \\ & & & & = \sum_{\gamma \in E^{\star}} \int_{R(\mathbf{A}_{F})} W_{\varphi}^{\psi} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & & & \\ & I_{2n-1} & & \\ & & & \gamma^{-1} \end{pmatrix} r w_{0} g \right) \mathrm{d}r \\ & & & & = \sum_{\gamma \in E^{\star}} \int_{R(\mathbf{A}_{F})} W_{\varphi}^{\psi} \left( r \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & & & \\ & I_{2n-1} & & \\ & & & \gamma^{-1} \end{pmatrix} w_{0} g \right) \mathrm{d}r. \end{split}$$

We arrive at

$$\begin{split} I(\varphi, f_s) &= \int_{T_2(F)N_2(\mathbf{A}_F) \backslash \mathcal{U}_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \sum_{\gamma \in E^*} \\ &\int_{R(\mathbf{A}_F)} W_{\varphi}^{\psi} \left( r \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \\ & I_{2n-1} \\ & & \overline{\gamma}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} w_0 i(g) \right) \mathrm{d} r f_s(g) \mathrm{d} g \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &= \int_{T_2(F)N_2(\mathbf{A}_F)\backslash U_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \sum_{\gamma \in E^*} \\ &\int_{R(\mathbf{A}_F)} W_{\varphi}^{\psi} \begin{pmatrix} rw_0 \begin{pmatrix} I_{n-1} & & \\ & \gamma & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \gamma^{-1} \\ & & & & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} i(g) \end{pmatrix} \mathrm{d}rf_s(g) \mathrm{d}g \\ &= \int_{T_2(F)N_2(\mathbf{A}_F)\backslash U_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \sum_{\gamma \in E^*} \\ &\int_{R(\mathbf{A}_F)} W_{\varphi}^{\psi} \left( rw_0 i(\begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \\ & \overline{\gamma}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} g) \right) \mathrm{d}rf_s(g) \mathrm{d}g. \end{split}$$

We can put the matrix containing  $\gamma$  into  $f_s$  as well since  $\mu$  is trivial on  $E^*$  and collapse the sum and the integral.

*Remark 2.5:* As suggested by the referee, a different proof is possible along the lines of [Gin].

#### 2.3. Non-ramified Computations.

2.3.1 Split places. Let v be a place of F such that E/F splits at v and not in  $S_0$ . Let r be an integer. The group  $U_r(F_v)$  is isomorphic to  $\operatorname{GL}_r(F_v)$ . To see that isomorphism concretely, let us denote by w one of the places of E above v; then the other one will be wc. The non-trivial element of  $\operatorname{Gal}(E/F)$  sends  $E_w$  to  $E_{wc}$ ; actually, these two fields are extensions of  $F_v$  of degree 1. The action of c is just the isomorphism induced by the equality  $E_w = F_v = E_{wc}$  (as extensions of  $F_v$ ). An element of  $U_r(F_v)$  is a pair  $(g_1, g_2)$  of  $\operatorname{GL}_r(E_w) \times \operatorname{GL}_r(E_{wc})$  such that  $g_2 = w_r c({}^tg_1{}^{-1})w_r$ . We will then identify  $U_r(F_v)$  with  $\operatorname{GL}_r(F_v)$  by projection onto the first component and identifying  $E_w$  and  $F_v$ . Let us see precisely what this means for  $B_2(F_v)$ . An element of  $B_2(F_v)$  will be a pair of elements of  $\operatorname{GL}_r(F_v)$ 

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ & d_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ & d_2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

such that  $d_2 = a_1^{-1}$ ,  $a_2 = d_1^{-1}$  and  $b_2 = -a_1^{-1}d_1^{-1}b_1$ . When we take the character  $\mu(z)$  of an element  $\begin{pmatrix} z & x \\ \overline{z}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ , this amounts to  $\mu_w(a_1)\mu_{wc}(a_2) = \mu_w(a_1)\mu_{wc}(d_1^{-1})$  in these coordinates.

PROPOSITION 2.6: Let  $W^{\circ}$  be the essential vector (in the sense of [JPSS, définition (4.4), p. 211]) of the Whittaker model of  $\pi_v$ . Let  $f_s$  be the element of

 $I_{\mu,s,v}$  which is identically 1 on  $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}_v)$ . Then

$$Z(W^{\circ}, f_s) = \frac{\mathrm{L}(\pi_v \times \mu_w, s) \mathrm{L}(\check{\pi}_v \times \mu_{wc}, s)}{\mathrm{L}(\mu_w \mu_{wc}, 2s)}.$$

**Proof:** We can first conjugate  $w_0$  to the right of the argument of  $W^\circ$ . By doing so, the elements of  $GL_2$  move to the top, left, bottom and right of  $GL_{2n+1}$ . We can then cancel  $w_0$ , as well as the integration along the maximal compact of  $GL_2$ . What remains is

$$Z(W^{\circ}, f_{s}) = \int_{(F_{v}^{\times})^{2}} \int_{(F_{v}^{n-1})^{2}} W^{\circ} \begin{pmatrix} a & & \\ y & I_{n-1} & \\ & 1 & \\ & & I_{n-1} & \\ & & -^{t}z & d^{-1} \end{pmatrix} dy dz$$
$$\mu_{w}(a)\mu_{wc}(d)|ad|^{s-1/2}|ad|^{-1/2}|a|^{1-n}|ad|^{-1}d^{\times}ad^{\times}d$$

(the  $|ad|^{-1/2}$  comes from the unitary induction, the  $|a|^{1-n}$  from the Haar measure for the y part and the  $|ad|^{-1}$  from the Haar measure on  $U_2$ ). The  $-{}^t z$  and  $d^{-1}$  come from the particular isomorphism we chose between  $G_n(F_v)$  and  $\operatorname{GL}_{2n+1}(F_v)$ . To evaluate this integral, we will have to compute the values of the function  $W^\circ$ . It is explicitly computed in [JS1, section 2] provided we have a decomposition of its argument in Bruhat form nak. For unramified data, the k part can be ignored and the n as well, as soon as it is in  $N_{2n+1}(\mathcal{O}_v)$ .

First we claim that we can do the Bruhat decomposition in each  $GL_n$  separately and reunite them blockwise. Then, we can see that the *y* integration can be ignored: a Bruhat decomposition of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ y & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$  is

with  $a_i = \gcd(y_i, 1)$ . As soon as  $y_i \notin \mathcal{O}_v$ ,  $a_i$  is a negative power of the uniformizer. This means that the *a* part of the argument of  $W^\circ$  will have increasing powers of the uniformizer somewhere (because there is 1 in the center) and then  $W^\circ$  is zero. So we must have all  $y_i$  in  $\mathcal{O}_v$  and then we have a clear Bruhat decomposition

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ y & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

so the value of  $W^\circ$  does not depend on  $y\in \mathcal{O}_v{}^{n-1}$  and thus the integration gives

$$W^{\circ} \begin{pmatrix} a & & & \\ & I_{n-1} & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & I_{n-1} \\ & & & -^{t}z & d^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

It is also obvious that a must be in  $F_v^{\times} \cap \mathcal{O}_v$ . We claim that we must have  $d \in F_v^{\times} \cap \mathcal{O}_v$  and  $z \in d^{-1} \mathcal{O}_v^{n-1}$  and that the integral in z is just multiplication by  $|d|^{1-n}$ . What remains is

$$Z(W^{\circ}, f_s) = \int_{(\mathcal{O}_v^{\times})^2} W^{\circ} \begin{pmatrix} a & & \\ & I_{2n-1} & \\ & & d^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \mu_w(a) \mu_{wc}(d) |ad|^s |ad|^{-n} \mathrm{d}^{\times} a \mathrm{d}^{\times} d$$
$$= \sum_{a,d \in \mathbf{N}} W^{\circ} \begin{pmatrix} \varpi^a & & \\ & I_{2n-1} & \\ & & \varpi^{-d} \end{pmatrix} \mu_w(\varpi)^a \mu_{wc}(\varpi)^d q^{(a+d)(n-s)}$$

with  $\varpi$  a uniformizer of  $F_v$  and q the number of elements of its residual field.

To simplify notations, we let  $\mu = \mu_w$ ,  $\mu' = \mu_{wc}$  and  $\pi = \pi_v$ . We will compare the formal series in  $q^{-s}$  given by  $L(\mu\mu', 2s)Z(W^\circ, f_s)$  and  $L(\pi \times \mu, s)L(\check{\pi} \times \mu', s)$ . We want first to recall the value of the class one Whittaker function from [JS1, section 2]. Let r be an integer and  $\mathcal{W}$  a class one Whittaker function of  $GL_r(F_v)$  such that  $\mathcal{W}(I_r) = 1$ . Then if  $J = (j_1, \ldots, j_r) \in \mathbb{Z}^r, \varpi^J$ will be  $\operatorname{diag}(\varpi^{j_i})$  and  $\mathcal{W}(\varpi^J) = 0$  unless  $j_1 \ge j_2 \ge \cdots \ge j_r$ , in which case  $\mathcal{W}(\varpi^J) = \delta(\varpi^J)^{1/2} \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_J(A))$  with  $\delta$  the module of  $B_r, \rho_J$  is the highest weight module with highest weight J and A is the Satake parameter of the unramified representation generated by  $\mathcal{W}$ . This gives us the expression for the integral  $Z(W^\circ, f_s)$ :

$$Z(W^{\circ}, f_{s}) = \sum_{a,d \in \mathbf{N}} \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_{(a,0,\dots,0,-d)}(A))\mu(\varpi)^{a}\mu'(\varpi)^{d}q^{-(a+d)s}$$
$$= \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}} \sum_{a=0}^{k} \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_{(a,0,\dots,0,a-k)}(A))\mu(\varpi)^{a}\mu'(\varpi)^{k-a}q^{-ks}.$$

Next, recall the expression for the local L factor  $L(\pi \times \mu, s)$ , given in [JS2, section 1]:

$$\mathcal{L}(\pi\times\mu,s)=\sum_{a\in\mathbf{N}}\mathrm{Tr}(\rho_{(a,0,\ldots,0)}(A))\mu(\varpi)^aq^{-as}$$

with, as before, A the Satake parameter of  $\pi$ . Now, if  $\check{\pi}$  is the contragredient of  $\pi$ , its Satake parameter is  $A^{-1}$ . But then  $\operatorname{Tr}(\rho_J(A^{-1})) = \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_{\check{J}}(A))$ , with  $\check{J} = (-j_n, \ldots, -j_1)$  the "contragredient" weight of the dominant weight  $J = (j_1, \ldots, j_n)$ . We get

$$\mathcal{L}(\check{\pi} \times \mu', s) = \sum_{a \in \mathbf{N}} \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_{(0,\dots,0,-a)}(A)) \mu'(\varpi)^a q^{-as}.$$

The last remark is that

$$\operatorname{Tr}(\rho_J(A))\operatorname{Tr}(\rho_{J'}(A)) = \operatorname{Tr}((\rho_J \otimes \rho_{J'})(A)).$$

So,

$$L(\pi \times \mu, s)L(\check{\pi} \times \mu', s)$$

$$= \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}} \sum_{a=0}^{k} \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_{(a,0,...,0)}(A)) \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_{(0,...,0,a-k)}(A))\mu(\varpi)^{a}\mu'(\varpi)^{k-a}q^{-ks}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}} \sum_{a=0}^{k} \operatorname{Tr}((\rho_{(a,0,...,0)} \otimes \rho_{(0,...,0,a-k)})(A))\mu(\varpi)^{a}\mu'(\varpi)^{k-a}q^{-ks}.$$

The two expressions for  $Z(W^{\circ}, f_s)$  and the product of L-factors are very similar. The only difference is that the first has

$$\rho_{(a,0,\ldots,0,a-k)}$$

while the other one has

$$\rho_{(a,0,\ldots,0)}\otimes\rho_{(0,\ldots,0,a-k)}$$

But we know how highest weight modules tensorize. Since these two are very simple (they are just symmetric powers), the decomposition is very easy: it is the direct sum of all the  $\rho_{(b,0,\ldots,0,2a-k-b)}$  with  $0 \le b \le a$ . What this means is that when a varies, we will get all the  $\rho_{(b,\ldots,-c)}$  with b + c of the same parity as k and  $b - c \le k$ ; each of these will be obtained only once. This looks like all the terms of  $Z(W^{\circ}, f_s)$  of degree at most k, each multiplied by the appropriate power of  $\mu(\varpi)\mu'(\varpi)q^{-2s}$ . Thus

$$\mathcal{L}(\pi \times \mu, s)\mathcal{L}(\check{\pi} \times \mu', s) = \bigg(\sum_{k \in \mathbf{N}} (\mu(\varpi)\mu'(\varpi)q^{-2s})^k\bigg)Z(W^{\circ}, f_s).$$

The sum is exactly the local L-factor  $L(\mu\mu', 2s)$ .

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2.3.2 Inert places. The computation is very similar. It is actually easier because the variables do not split. Let v be a place of F such that E/F is inert at v and  $v \notin S_0$ . We will denote w the place of E above v. Let  $W^\circ$  be the spherical element of the Whittaker model of  $\pi_v$  with value 1 at  $I_{2n+1}$ . The local integral we have to compute is

$$Z(W^{\circ}, f_{s}) = \int_{E_{w}^{\times}} \int_{E_{w}^{n-1}} W^{\circ} \begin{pmatrix} a & & \\ y & I_{n-1} & \\ & 1 & \\ & & I_{n-1} & \\ & y' & a^{*} \end{pmatrix} dy$$
$$\mu_{w}(a) |a|^{s-1/2} |a|^{1/2} |a|^{1-n} |a|^{-1} d^{\times} a$$

with, as before, the  $|a|^{1/2}$  coming from the unitary induction, the  $|a|^{1-n}$  from the (right invariant) Haar measure on the parabolic subgroup and the  $|a|^{-1}$ from the Haar measure on U<sub>2</sub>. As before y must have integral coefficients (note that then the coefficients of y' will be divisible by  $a^{-1}$  as in the split case) and a must be in  $\mathcal{O}_v \cap F_v^{\times}$ . Since y varies in a dimension-1 space, integration over the y variable cancels. We arrive at something very similar to what we had in the split case:

$$Z(W^{\circ}, f_s) = \sum_{a \in \mathbf{N}} W^{\circ} \begin{pmatrix} \varpi^a \\ I_{2n-1} \\ \varpi^{-a} \end{pmatrix} \mu_w(\varpi)^a q^{-as}$$
$$= \sum_{a \in \mathbf{N}} \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_{(a,0,\dots,0)}^{\operatorname{Sp}_{2n}})(A) \mu_w(\varpi)^a q^{-as}$$

with A the Satake parameter of  $\pi_v$  and  $\rho_{\lambda}^{\operatorname{Sp}_{2n}}$  the irreducible highest weight module of highest weight  $\lambda$  of  $\operatorname{Sp}_{2n}(\mathbf{C})$ . This sum is in turn equal to the local L-function  $L(\pi_v \times \mu_w, s)$ .

PROPOSITION 2.7: Let  $W^{\circ}$  be the essential vector for the Whittaker model of  $\pi_{v}$ . Let  $f_{s}$  be the element of  $I_{\mu,s,v}$  equal to 1 on  $U_{2}(\mathcal{O}_{v})$ . Then

$$Z(W^{\circ}, f_s) = \mathcal{L}(\pi_v \times \mu_w, s).$$

2.4. SOME NON-VANISHING RESULTS. We will show that for any  $s_0 \in \mathbf{C}$ , for any place we can always choose local data so that the local integral is non-vanishing for  $s = s_0$ .

PROPOSITION 2.8: Let v be a place of F and  $s_0$  a complex number. There exist a W in the Whittaker model of  $\pi_v$  and  $f_s \in I_{\mu,s,v}$  such that

$$Z(W, f_s)! = 0.$$

The proof will occupy the rest of this section. There are three nonarchimedean cases, depending on the behaviour of each place in the extension and only one archimedean case.

2.4.1 Split places. Let v be a non-archimedean place where E/F is split. The local integral is equal to

$$Z(W, f_s) = \int_{N_2(F_v) \setminus \operatorname{GL}(2, F_v)} \int_{(F_v^{n-1})^2} W(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ y & I_{n-1} & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & I_{n-1} \\ & & & -{}^{\operatorname{t}}z & 1 \end{pmatrix} w_0 i(g))$$
$$\operatorname{d} y \operatorname{d} z f_s(g) \operatorname{d} g.$$

The Whittaker function W is right invariant under the action of a compact open subgroup  $K_W$  of  $\operatorname{GL}(n, F_v)$ . We choose  $f_s$  to be equal to 1 on  $i^{-1}(K_W)$ (which is a compact open subgroup of  $\operatorname{GL}(2, F_v)$ ) and 0 on its complementary in  $\operatorname{GL}(2, \mathcal{O}_v)$ . Then

$$\begin{split} Z(W,f_s) = & c \int_{(F_v^{\times})^2} \int_{(F_v^{n-1})^2} W(\begin{pmatrix} a & & & \\ y & I_{n-1} & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & I_{n-1} & \\ & & -d^{-1} \cdot {}^t z & d^{-1} \end{pmatrix} w_0) \mathrm{d}y \mathrm{d}z \\ & \mu_w(a) \mu_{wc}(d) |ad|^{1/2-s} |ad|^{1/2} |a|^{1-n} \mathrm{d}^{\times} a \mathrm{d}^{\times} d \end{split}$$

with c > 0 being the measure of  $i^{-1}(K_W)$ .

We will then eliminate one by one the components of y and z as follows. For some pair of integers k, k', let

$$W_1(g) = \int_{|t| \le q^k, |u| \le q^{k'}} W(gw_0(I_{2n+1} + tE_{1,n+1} - uE_{n+1,2n+1})w_0) dt du.$$

Then

$$\begin{split} Z(W_1, f_s) &= \int_{(F_v^{\times})^2} \int_{(F_v^{n-1})^2} \int_{|t| \le q^k, |u| \le q^{k'}} \\ & W\Big( \begin{pmatrix} a \\ y & I_{n-1} \\ & 1 \\ & I_{n-1} \\ & -d^{-1t}z & d^{-1} \end{pmatrix} w_0 \\ & (I_{2n+1} + tE_{1,n+1} - uE_{n+1,2n+1}) \Big) dt du dy dz \\ & \mu_w(a) \mu_{wc}(d) |ad|^{2-n-s} d^{\times} a d^{\times} d \end{split}$$

$$= \int_{(F_v^{\times})^2} \int_{(F_v^{n-2})^2} \int_{|t| \le q^k, |u| \le q^{k'}} \psi(ty_{n-1} + uz_{n-1}) dt du$$
$$W(\begin{pmatrix} a \\ y & I_{n-2} \\ & I_3 \\ & & -d^{-1t}z & d^{-1} \end{pmatrix} w_0) dy dz$$
$$\mu_w(a) \mu_{wc}(d) |ad|^{2-n-s} d^{\times} a d^{\times} d.$$

We may now choose k and k' large enough so that the inner integral is zero unless

$$I_{2n+1} + y_{n-1}E_{n-1,1} - z_{n-1}E_{2n+1,n+2} \in K_W.$$

We then have

$$Z(W_1, f_s) = c_1 \int_{(F_v^{\times})^2} \int_{(F_v^{n-2})^2} W\begin{pmatrix} a & & & \\ y & I_{n-2} & & \\ & & I_3 & & \\ & & & I_{n-2} & \\ & & & -d^{-1t}z & d^{-1} \end{pmatrix} w_0) \mathrm{d}y \mathrm{d}z$$
$$\mu_w(a) \mu_{wc}(d) |ad|^{2-n-s} \mathrm{d}^{\times} a \mathrm{d}^{\times} d.$$

We go on by induction until we arrive at

$$Z(W_{n-1}, f_s) = c_{n-1} \int_{(F_v^{\times})^2} W\begin{pmatrix}a\\I_{2n-1}\\d^{-1}\end{pmatrix} w_0$$
$$\mu_w(a)\mu_{wc}(d)|ad|^{2-n-s} \mathrm{d}^{\times}a\mathrm{d}^{\times}d.$$

With

$$\tilde{W}(g) = \int_{|t| \le q^k, |u| \le q^{k'}} W(gw_0(I_{2n+1} + tE_{1,2} - uE_{2n,2n+1})w_0)\psi(t+u)^{-1} dt du,$$

we have similarly

$$Z(\tilde{W}_{n-1}, f_s) = cW(w_0)$$

for some non-zero constant c. It is then easy to check that one can find in the Whittaker model of  $\pi_v$  a Whittaker function which is non-zero on  $w_0$ .

2.4.2 Inert places. Let v be a non-archimedean place where E/F is inert. The computation is entirely similar to the split case; one has to replace d by  $\bar{a}$  (|ad| by |a|), z by  $\bar{y}$  and u by  $\bar{t}$ .

2.4.3 Ramified places. If v is a place where E/F ramifies, then there is no extension of local fields so that  $E_w = F_v$  and the computation is exactly the same as above once we take into account that  $\bar{x} = x$  for all  $x \in E_w$ .

2.4.4 Archimedean places. We want to prove that the local integral does not vanish. We will bring the problem to the usual L-function problem with the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.9: Let  $\pi_v$  be a generic irreducible representation of  $G_n(F_v)$  with Whittaker model  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}(\pi_v, \psi_v)$  and  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ . The integral  $Z(W, f_s)$  is nonvanishing on  $\mathcal{W} \times I_{\mu,s,v}$  if and only if

$$Z'(W, f_s) = \int_{N_2(\mathbf{A}_F) \setminus U_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} W(w_0 i(g)) f_s(g) \mathrm{d}g$$

does not vanish on the same space.

**Proof:** We see that the integrals are very similar; we just have to eliminate the variables in R. This will be done recursively using the Dixmier-Malliavin lemma. We know from [DM] that any W in W can be written as a linear combination of functions of the form

$$g \mapsto \int_{F_v} \Phi(x) W_1(g(I_{2n+1} + xE_{1,n} - \bar{x}E_{2n+1,n+2})) \mathrm{d}x$$

with  $\Phi \in \mathcal{S}(F_v)$ . This leads to

$$Z(W, f_s) = \sum_{W_1} \int_{N_2(\mathbf{A}_F) \setminus U_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \int_{R_1(F_v)} W_1(rw_0 i(g)) f_s(g) \hat{\Phi}(r_{n-1}) \mathrm{d}r$$

with

$$R_{1} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ r_{1} & & & \\ \vdots & I_{n-1} & & \\ r_{n-1} & & & \\ & & & I_{n-1} \\ & & & & * & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Since  $\Phi$ , and thus  $\hat{\Phi}$ , is arbitrary in  $\mathcal{S}(F)$ , the integral will not vanish if and only if

$$\int_{N_2(\mathbf{A}_F)\setminus U_2(\mathbf{A}_F)}\int_{R_1(F_v)}W_1(rw_0i(g))f_s(g)\mathrm{d}r$$

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does not vanish for some  $W_1$ . This proves the lemma for n = 1. The induction step is easy and follows the same lines, replacing  $R_i$  by  $R_{i+1}$  where for  $i \leq n$ 

$$R_{i} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ r_{1} & & & \\ \vdots & I_{n-i} & & \\ r_{n-i} & & & \\ & & I_{2i-1} & \\ & & & I_{n-i} \\ & & & * & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

The proof of the non-vanishing of the local factor is based on the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.10: Let  $\pi_v$  be a representation of  $G_n(F_v)$  that is irreducible and generic. Let  $f_s$  be a family of elements of  $I_{\mu,s,v}$  with the same restriction (as s varies) to  $K_2$ . The local integral  $Z'(W, f_s)$  is convergent for real part of s large and can be continued meromorphically in s to C. Moreover, the meromorphic continuation is continuous in each of its arguments.

*Proof:* This is a consequence of the asymptotic expansion of the Whittaker functions. The proof follows the lines of the proof for any such integral.

Using the lemma, we can prove

**PROPOSITION 2.11:** For any  $s_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  we can find elements W and  $f_s$  such that the local integral  $Z(W, f_{s_0})$  is non-zero.

**Proof:** We proceed with  $Z'(W, f_s)$  since this is equivalent. Assume that  $Z'(W, f_s)$  is 0 at  $s = s_0$  for all choices of data. Let  $K_2$  be the maximal compact subgroup of  $U_2(\mathbf{R})$ . For real part of s large, we have, thanks to Iwasawa decomposition,

$$Z'(W, f_s) = \int_{K_2} Z_1(W, s, k) f_s(k) \mathrm{d}k$$

with

$$Z_1(W,s,k) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^*} W(w_0 i \begin{pmatrix} a \\ & a^* \end{pmatrix} i(k)) |a|^{s-n} \mathrm{d}^{\times} a.$$

Since  $f_s$  can be chosen as we wish on  $B_2 \cap K_2 \setminus K_2$ , it follows that  $Z_1$  is zero for any choice of the data W and k. Thus, with  $k = I_2$ , and for any W,

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^{\star}} W(w_0 i \begin{pmatrix} a \\ & a^* \end{pmatrix}) |a|^{s_0 - n} \mathrm{d}^{\times} a = 0.$$

Now, if we replace W by

$$\int W_1(g(I_{2n+1} + vE_{12} - \bar{v}E_{2n,2n+1}))\Phi(v)\mathrm{d}v$$

we get that for any  $W, W(w_0) = 0$ , which is false.

# 3. Theta correspondence

3.1. GENERALIZED PERIOD. Let us suppose that  $L^S(\pi \times \mu, s)$  has a pole at s = 1 for any finite set of places S such that  $S \supset S_0$ . Let  $W = \bigotimes_v W_v$  be a (pure tensor) element of  $\mathcal{W}(\pi, \psi)$ . According to 2.3, for any s such that there is no pole and any  $f_s \in I_{\mu,s}$ ,  $L(\pi \times \mu, s)$  and  $Z(W, f_s)$  are equal up to a finite set S of places (including the places at infinity). Increase S such that  $S_0 \subset S$ . According to 2.4, for any  $v \in S$  we can choose a  $W_v^* \in \mathcal{W}(\pi_v, \psi_v)$  and a cross-section  $f_{s,v}^* \in I_{\mu,s,v}$  such that  $Z(W_v^*, f_{s,v}^*)$  is non-zero at s = 1. We change W and  $f_s$  such that their local component at v is resp.  $W_v^*$  and  $f_{s,v}^*$  for  $v \in S$ . The pole of the L-function must come from the Eisenstein series on  $U_2$  and thus is simple, with non-zero residue. The residue of the Eisenstein series is  $\mu \circ \det$ . This means that the integral

$$P_{\psi}(\varphi,\mu) = \int_{\mathrm{U}_2(F)\backslash\mathrm{U}_2(\mathbf{A}_F)} \int_{U(F)\backslash\mathrm{U}(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi(ui(g))\psi_U(u)^{-1}\mu(\det g)\mathrm{d}u\mathrm{d}g$$

is non-zero for  $\varphi$  the element corresponding to W. It is this period that will provide the link between the pole of the partial L-function and the theta correspondence.

3.2. SETUP. We set up the data needed for the discussion of the image of the Howe lift between  $G_n$  and the tower of  $H_l$ , l > 0.

The group  $G_n$  will act on the right of the vectors while  $H_l$  will act on the left. Let v be a finite place of F such that E/F is inert at v. Let  $\tau$  be an admissible, irreducible and generic representation of  $G_n = G_n(F_v)$  and for l integer,  $\sigma$  an admissible, irreducible representation of  $H_l = H_l(F_v)$  which pairs with  $\tau$ . This means that there is a  $G_n \times H_l$  equivariant map T:

$$T: \omega_{\psi}^{(n,l)} \otimes \sigma \to \tau,$$

where  $\omega_{\psi}^{(n,l)}$  is the Weil representation of  $\widetilde{\text{Sp}}(4l(2n+1))$  restricted to the dual pair  $G_n \times H_l$ . We will denote the space of Schwartz-Bruhat functions on an  $F_v$ -vector space V as  $\mathcal{S}(V)$ .

Note that the space on which  $H_l$  acts is split. Let  $(W, \langle ., . \rangle)$  be the space on which  $G_n$  acts; we choose a basis  $(e_1, \ldots, e_n, e_0, e_{-n}, \ldots, e_{-1})$  with respect to which the form has matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} & & w_n \\ & 1 & \\ & w_n & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Put  $W^{\pm} = \operatorname{Vect}(e_{\pm i})_{1 \le i \le n}$ . Similarly, let (V, (., .)) be the space on which  $H_l$ acts, let  $(f_1, \ldots, f_l, f_{-l}, \ldots, f_{-1})$  be a basis of V and let  $V^{\pm} = \operatorname{Vect}(f_{\pm j})_{1 \le j \le l}$ . We thus have  $W = W^+ \oplus (e_0) \oplus W^-$  and  $V = V^+ \oplus V^-$ ; for any vector  $v \in V$ , we write  $v = v^+ + v^-$  with  $v^{\pm} \in V^{\pm}$ . We will realize  $\omega_{\psi}^{(n,l)}$  on a "mixed" model. Let us denote  $X = W \otimes V$  and  $X^+ = W^+ \otimes V \oplus (e_0) \otimes V^-$  which will be viewed as  $V^n \oplus V^-$ . The space will be  $S(X^+)$ ; we view this space as the space of functions with n variables in V and one (the last) in  $V^-$ . We denote  $Z_{n,n}$ the set of matrices

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} z & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & z^* \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $z \in N_n$ . On  $\mathcal{S}(X^+)$ , we have

$$\omega_{\psi}^{(n,l)}\begin{pmatrix}z\\&1\\&&z^*\end{pmatrix},1)\varphi(v_1,\ldots,v_n;v^-)=$$

(1)  $\varphi(v_1, v_2 + z_{1,2}v_1, \dots, v_n + z_{1,n}v_1 + \dots + z_{n-1,n}v_{n-1}; v^-)$  with  $z \in N_n$ ,

$$\omega_{\psi}^{(n,l)}\begin{pmatrix} I_n & t \\ & 1 & t' \\ & & I_n \end{pmatrix}, 1)\varphi(v_1,\dots,v_n;v^-) =$$

(2) 
$$\psi\left(\left(\sum_{i} t_{i}v_{i}^{+}, v^{-} + \sum_{i} t_{i}v_{i}^{-}\right)\right)\varphi\left(v_{1}, \dots, v_{n}; v^{-} + \sum_{i} t_{i}v_{i}^{-}\right)$$

(3) 
$$\qquad \qquad \omega_{\psi}^{(n,l)} \begin{pmatrix} I_n & S \\ & 1 \\ & & I_n \end{pmatrix}, 1) \varphi(v_1, \dots, v_n; v^-)$$

$$= \psi(\operatorname{Tr}(\overline{\operatorname{Gram}(v)}.Sw_n))\varphi(v_1,\ldots,v_n;v^-) \quad \text{with } \operatorname{Gram}(v) = ((v_i,v_j))_{1 \le i,j \le n},$$
(4) 
$$\omega_{\psi}^{(n,l)}(1,h)\varphi(v_1,\ldots,v_n;v^-) =$$

$$|\det a|^{1/2}\psi(-(da^*v^-,v^-))\varphi(h^{-1}v_1,\ldots,h^{-1}v_n;a^{*-1}v^-)$$
 with  $h = \begin{pmatrix} a & d \\ 0 & a^* \end{pmatrix}$ .

The  $|\det a|^{1/2}$  in (4) is a normalizing factor to bring unitary representations to unitary representations; it corresponds to  $|\det A|^{1/2}$  for a matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A \\ A^{\bullet} \end{pmatrix}$  in the symplectic group of the space X.

Let  $\ell$  be a Whittaker functional on  $\tau$ . It satisfies

$$\ell(\tau(u).v) = \psi_X(u)\ell(v), \quad \forall u \in X(F_v), \forall v \in V_\tau.$$

We can view  $\ell \circ T$  as a bilinear form b on  $\mathcal{S}(X^+) \otimes V_{\sigma}$ , satisfying

(5) 
$$\forall (u,h,\xi) \in X(F_v) \times H_l \times V_\sigma, \quad b(\omega_{\psi}^{(n,l)}(u,h)\Phi,\sigma(h)\xi) = \psi_X(u)^{-1}b(\Phi,\xi).$$

We will show that the space of such bilinear forms is zero for l < n, and that if  $\sigma$  is non-zero for l = n, then it is generic. For that we will want to reduce the bilinear form to a smaller subspace. Since we have information on the action of a unipotent subgroup of  $G_n$ , we will study Jacquet modules of  $\mathcal{S}(X^+)$ . Let us first study the action of the  $U_{n,n}$  embedded in  $G_n$  in the outermost blocks. Using (3), we can study the twisted Jacquet module of  $\mathcal{S}(X^+)$  with respect to the Siegel radical of this  $U_{n,n}$  and the trivial character. We see that if  $\varphi(v_1,\ldots,v_n;v^-)\neq 0$  then  $\operatorname{Gram}(v)=0$ , so that the  $v_i$  generate a totally isotropic subspace of V; let us call it H. We still have the freedom to choose  $V^+$ ,  $V^-$  and the  $f_i$ . We choose  $V^+$  to be a maximal isotropic subspace of V containing H and  $f_1, \ldots, f_{\dim H}$  will be a basis of H. We then choose the  $f_i$ (and  $V^{-}$ ) so that the matrix of (.,.) in the basis  $(f_1,\ldots,f_n,f_{-n},\ldots,f_{-1})$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} & w_n \\ -w_n \end{pmatrix}$ . Now with (1) we can bring  $(v_1, \ldots, v_n)$  to an *n*-tuple  $(v'_1, \ldots, v'_n)$ with  $v'_i = v_i$  if  $v_i \notin \text{Vect}_{1 \leq j < i}(v_j)$  and  $v'_i = 0$  otherwise. We want to mod-out by the action of the (upper) Siegel parabolic subgroup  $S_l$  of  $H_l$ . It can be described as the set of linear transformations h such that

- For any family  $(w_i)$ , dim  $\operatorname{Vect}(w_i) = \operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Vect}(h(w_i))$  (invertible transform),
- For any w and w', (w, w') = (h(w), h(w')) (unitary transform),
- For any family  $(w_i)$ , dim  $\operatorname{Vect}(w_i^-) = \operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Vect}(h(w_i)^-)$  (in the Siegel parabolic subgroup).

Now the non-null vectors of  $(v'_i)$  form a free family of  $V^-$  and the scalar product of each pair is 0. Thus one can find in  $S_l$  an h such that  $h(v'_i) = v''_i$  for any iprovided that  $v''_i = 0 \iff v'_i = 0$ ,  $v''_i = f_k \iff v_i \notin \operatorname{Vect}_{1 \leq j < i}(v_j)$  (note: k is a special variable that starts at 1 and increases by 1 each time it is used). Such families look like

(6) 
$$(0^*, f_1, 0^*, f_2, 0^*, \dots, 0^*, f_{\dim H}, 0^*);$$

 $0^*$  means "any number (including 0) of null vectors". Any two such families are not equivalent under the action of  $Z_{n,n} \times S_l$ . So we found a finite set of representatives for the action of  $Z_{n,n} \times S_l$  on  $W^+ \otimes V$ .

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We will now use equation (2). If a function  $\varphi$  in the twisted Jacquet module of  $\mathcal{S}(X^+)$  is such that  $\varphi(v) \neq 0$ , then we must have

(7) 
$$\left(\sum_{i} t_i v_i^+, v^- + \sum_{i} t_i v_i^-\right) = \left(\sum_{i} t_i v_i^+, v^-\right) = t_n$$

for any such family of  $t_i$ . Since the product (.,.) is non-degenerate, this gives dim H affine conditions on  $v^-$  with respect to the  $v_i$ . This constrains  $v^-$  to an affine subspace  $L^{\circ}$  of  $V^-$  whose dimension is  $l - \dim H$ . The underlying vector space L is the orthogonal complement of H for the pairing defined by (.,.) between  $V^+$  and  $V^-$ . Thus a full set of representatives of the action of the product of the unipotent subgroup of  $G_n$  by  $S_l$  is given by

(8) 
$$(0^*, f_1, 0^*, f_2, 0^*, \dots, 0^*, f_{\dim H}, 0^*; v_o^-)$$

where the first vectors verify equation (6), and  $v_{\circ}^{-}$  is chosen to satisfy equation (7).

3.3. FIRST OCCURRENCE. We begin with

**PROPOSITION 3.1:** If l < n, the theta lift of  $\pi$  to  $H_l$  is trivial.

Proof: The proof is purely local. We choose v a finite place of F as above. We want to prove that there is no such b as in equation (5). We have seen that if  $\varphi$  in the twisted Jacquet module of  $\mathcal{S}(X^+)$  and  $(v_1, \ldots, v_n; v^-)$  is such that  $\varphi(v_1, \ldots, v_n; v^-) = 0$ , then  $(v_1, \ldots, v_n; v^-) \in X^\circ \simeq H^n \times L^\circ$ . The set  $X^\circ$  is a closed (affine) subspace of  $X^+ \simeq V^n \times V^-$  and the set of elements of  $\mathcal{S}(X^+)$  whose support is included in  $X^\circ$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{S}(X^\circ)$  (see [BZ, Proposition 1.8]). Now in  $X^\circ$  we have several orbits of the subgroups considered in the preceding section. Each has a representative of the type (8). If we order the orbits by increasing dimension (which is the number of non-null vectors in the n first vectors of the representative), each orbit is closed in the union of the following ones; note that the order inside a given dimension class is not important. The twisted Jacquet module of  $\mathcal{S}(X^+)$  for  $X(F_v)$  and character

$$\psi_X \begin{pmatrix} z & t & S \\ 1 & t' \\ & z^* \end{pmatrix} = \psi \left( \sum z_{i,i+1} + t_n \right)$$

is composed of functions with support included in the union of these orbits. The set of such functions on the orbit of a vector of type (8) is isomorphic to  $\operatorname{Ind}_{R}^{cZ_{n,n}\times S_{l}} \mathcal{S}(L^{\circ})$ , where  $\operatorname{Ind}^{c}$  is compact induction and  $R(F_{v})$  is the stabilizer

of (8) in  $Z_{n,n} \times S_l$  (the action of  $Z_{n,n}$  is trivial on  $\mathcal{S}(L^\circ)$  and that of  $S_l$  is the standard one). Thus the bilinear form b would be a  $Z_{n,n} \times S_l$ -invariant bilinear form on

$$\operatorname{Ind}_{R}^{cZ_{n,n}\times S_{l}} \mathcal{S}(L^{\circ}) \times (\psi_{X} \otimes \sigma).$$

But now if dim H < n,  $R(F_v)$  contains a subgroup of the form  $J \times \{1\}$  where J is a simple root subgroup of  $G_n$  and on that subgroup  $\psi_X$  is non-trivial, thus b is zero.

This gives

COROLLARY 3.1:

- If  $\pi$  lifts non-trivially to  $H_n(\mathbf{A}_F)$  then the lift is cuspidal and generic.
- If  $\tau$  is a generic representation of  $G_n(F_v)$  that lifts non-trivially to a representation  $\sigma$  of  $H_n(F_v)$  then  $\sigma$  is generic.

*Proof:* Combining Proposition 3.1 with the second part of [Wat1, Theorem 4.3, p. 251], we get that the lift is cuspidal.

We prove the local result concerning Whittaker models. Suppose that  $\tau$  is a representation of  $G_n = G_n(F_v)$  with Whittaker model with respect to character  $\psi_X$ . Suppose that it lifts to a non-trivial representation  $\sigma$  of  $H_n(F_v)$ . This means that the bilinear form b is non-trivial. But the space of such bilinear forms is isomorphic to

(9) 
$$\operatorname{Hom}_{Z_{n,n}\times S_n}(\psi_X\otimes\sigma,\operatorname{Ind}_R^{cZ_{n,n}\times S_n}\mathcal{S}(L^\circ))\simeq \operatorname{Hom}_R(\operatorname{Res}_R(\psi_X\otimes\sigma),\mathcal{S}(L^\circ)).$$

We must have dim H = n so that there are no null vectors in the first n elements of (8). We thus have only one possibility for the last element:  $f_{-n}$ . Thus  $L^{\circ} = \{f_{-n}\}$  and  $S(L^{\circ})$  is the trivial representation. The representative for the class of  $(v_1, \ldots, v_n; v^-)$  can then be chosen equal to

(10) 
$$(f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_n; f_{-n})$$

Then we have

$$R(F_v) = \left\{ \left( \begin{pmatrix} z & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & z^* \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} z & * \\ & z^* \end{pmatrix} \right) \right\}.$$

The homomorphism of (9) is a function  $\ell$  on  $V_{\sigma}$  such that for any  $u = \begin{pmatrix} z & * \\ z^* \end{pmatrix}$  and any  $\xi \in V_{\sigma}$ ,

$$\ell(\psi(z_{1,2} + \dots + z_{n-1,n})\sigma(u)(\xi)) = \ell(\xi),$$

or equivalently

 $\ell(\sigma(u)\xi) = \psi(z_{1,2} + \dots + z_{n-1,n})^{-1}\ell(\xi).$ 

So this  $\ell$  is a Whittaker functional on  $V_{\sigma}$ . This proves that the lift is generic.

3.4. FROM  $U_{n+1,n}$  TO  $U_{n,n}$ . The embedding of a pair of unitary groups in a metaplectic group depends on a character. We will call this character the parameter of the corresponding Weil representation and  $\Theta$  correspondence.

PROPOSITION 3.3: Assume  $P_{\psi}(\varphi, \mu)$  is not identically 0 as  $\varphi$  varies in the space of  $\pi$ . Then the  $\Theta$  lift of  $\pi \otimes \mu \circ$  det to  $U_{n,n}$  with respect to character  $\psi$  and some parameter  $\nu$  is non-trivial. As noted before, this means that it is cuspidal and generic.

**Proof:** The proof is very similar to the proof of Proposition 3.1 and Corollary 3.1. The Weil representation we choose now will be roughly the opposite one. This time we pick  $X^+ = W \otimes V^+$  (identified with  $W^n$ );  $G_n$  still acts on the right and  $H_n$  still on the left. As in [Kud, Proposition 3.1], we choose a character  $\nu$  of  $\mathbf{A}_E^{\times}$  whose restriction to  $\mathbf{A}_F^{\times}$  is the quadratic character corresponding to the extension E/F. For convenience, we twist the action of  $G_n$  by the character  $\mu \circ$  det. The action of the subgroups is comparatively easy to describe. We have

(11) 
$$\omega_{\psi,\nu}(g,1)\Phi(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \mu(\det g)\Phi(x_1g,\ldots,x_ng),$$

(12)  

$$\omega_{\psi,\nu}(1, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^* \end{pmatrix}) \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \\
\nu(\det a^*)^{2n+1} |\det a|^{n+1/2} \Phi(a^{-1} \cdot (x_1, \dots, x_n)) \\
\omega_{\psi,\nu}(1, \begin{pmatrix} I_n & S \\ & I_n \end{pmatrix}) \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \\
\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\operatorname{Tr}(\overline{\operatorname{Gram}(x)}.Sw_n)\right) \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_n),$$

Remark:  $a \cdot (x_1, \ldots, x_n) = (\sum a_{ij}x_j)_{1 \le i \le n}$  (this is the formal action of a on a column vector, except that instead of being scalars, the  $x_i$  are vectors); the term  $|\det a|^{n+1/2}$  in (12) is the normalizing factor.

We denote the  $\Theta$  lift of  $\pi$  with respect to Weil representation  $\omega_{\psi,\nu}$  by  $\theta_{\psi,\nu}(\pi)$ . Notice that this is the  $\Theta$  lift of  $\pi \otimes \mu \circ$  det. Then the elements of  $\theta_{\psi,\nu}(\pi)$  are the functions

(14) 
$$\xi(h) = \int_{G_n(F)\backslash G_n(\mathbf{A}_F)} \theta_{\psi,\nu}^{\Phi}(g,h)\varphi(g) \mathrm{d}g, \quad \varphi \in \pi, \quad h \in \mathrm{U}_{n,n}(\mathbf{A}_F),$$

where  $\theta_{\psi,\nu}^{\Phi}$  is the  $\Theta$  kernel for the dual pair  $(G_n, H_n)$  with Weil representation  $\omega_{\psi,\nu}$ . It is defined by

$$\theta^{\Phi}_{\psi,\nu}(g,h) = \sum_{x \in X^+(F)} \omega_{\psi,\nu}(g,h) \Phi(x),$$

where  $\Phi$  is a Schwartz-Bruhat function on  $X^+$ .

To prove the non-vanishing of  $\theta_{\psi,\nu}(\pi)$ , we will directly compute its Whittaker coefficient with respect to the upper triangular unipotent subgroup  $U_H$  of  $H_n$ . We want to compute

(15) 
$$W_{\xi}(h) = \int_{U_H(F) \setminus U_H(\mathbf{A})} \xi(vh) \psi(v)^{-1} \mathrm{d}v$$

with  $\xi$  as above. We substitute  $\xi$  with the expression in (14), substitute the  $\theta$  expression and perform the integration with respect to the Siegel radical of  $H_n$ . What remains of the sum over  $X^+(F)$  are the vectors  $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  such that

(16) 
$$\operatorname{Gram}(x) = (\langle x_i, x_j \rangle) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

that is, all the products are 0 except  $\langle x_n, x_n \rangle$ , which is 1. If we take

$$Z' = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} z \\ & z^* \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{U}_{n,n} || z \in \mathbf{N}_n \right\},\$$

we have

$$W_{\xi}(h) = \int_{Z'(F)\setminus Z'(\mathbf{A}_F)} \int_{G_n(F)\setminus G_n(\mathbf{A}_F)} \sum \omega_{\psi,\nu}(g,zh) \Phi(x_1,\ldots,x_n)\varphi(g) \mathrm{d}g\psi(z)^{-1} \mathrm{d}z,$$

the sum being over all  $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in X^+$  satisfying (16). If the vectors  $(x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$  are not linearly independent, as in the proof of Proposition 3.1, there is a simple root subgroup in their stabilizer and the intertwining operator vanishes as well as the integral. So we have only one orbit under the action of  $G_n(F)$  and we can take as a representative of x in its orbit the system  $(e_1, \ldots, e_{n-1}, e_0)$ . Its stabilizer in  $G_n$  is the subgroup

$$R' = \left\{ r = \begin{pmatrix} I_{n-1} & * & 0 & * & * \\ & a & 0 & b & * \\ & & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & c & d & * \\ & & & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{U}_2 \right\}.$$

This means

$$W_{\xi}(h) = \int_{Z'(F)\backslash Z'(\mathbf{A}_F)} \int_{R'(\mathbf{A}_F)\backslash G_n(\mathbf{A}_F)} \omega_{\psi,\nu}(g,zh) \Phi(e_1,\ldots,e_{n-1},e_0) \varphi^{R'}(g) \mathrm{d}g \psi(z)^{-1} \mathrm{d}z,$$

where  $\varphi^{R'}(g) = \int_{R'(F) \setminus R'(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi(rg) \mu(\det r) dr$ . Now because the representative is so specific, we can use the Weil representation to transform the integral over Z' in the integral over some subgroup of  $H_n$ . We have

$$\omega(g, \begin{pmatrix} z & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & z^* \end{pmatrix} h) \Phi(e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, e_0)$$
(17)
$$= \omega(\begin{pmatrix} z & & \\ & I_3 & \\ & z^* \end{pmatrix}^{-1} g, h) \Phi(e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, e_0),$$

$$\omega(g, \begin{pmatrix} & v_1 & & & \\ & & 1 & -\overline{v_{n-1}} & \dots & -\overline{v_1} \\ & & & 1 & -\overline{v_{n-1}} & \dots & -\overline{v_1} \\ & & & I_{n-1} & \end{pmatrix} h) \Phi(e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, e_0) =$$
(18)
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$$\omega(\begin{pmatrix} & v_1 & & & \\ & I_n & \vdots & * & & \\ & & v_{n-1} & & & \\ & & 0 & -\overline{v_{n-1}} & \dots & -\overline{v_1} \\ & & & I_n & \end{pmatrix}^{-1} g, h) \Phi(e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, e_0)$$

with \* such that the resulting matrix is in  $G_n$ . We can then exchange the order

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of integration and what remains is

$$\begin{split} W_{\xi}(h) &= \int_{R'(\mathbf{A}_F)\backslash G_n(\mathbf{A}_F)} \omega_{\psi,\nu}(g,h) \Phi(e_1,\ldots,e_{n-1},e_0) \\ &\int_{Z''(F)\backslash Z''(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi^{R'}(zg)\psi(z)^{-1} \mathrm{d}z \mathrm{d}g \\ &= \int_{R'(\mathbf{A}_F)\backslash G_n(\mathbf{A}_F)} \mu(\det g) \omega_{\psi,\nu}(1,h) \Phi(e_1g,\ldots,e_{n-1}g,e_0g) \\ &\int_{Z''(F)\backslash Z''(\mathbf{A}_F)} \varphi^{R'}(zg)\psi(z)^{-1} \mathrm{d}z \mathrm{d}g, \end{split}$$

where Z'' is the subgroup of  $G_n$  deduced from Z' thanks to equations (17) and (18). We see that the innermost integral with  $g = I_{2n+1}$  is just  $P_{\psi}(\varphi, \mu)$ . This means that it is non-zero for some  $\varphi$  by hypothesis. Since  $\Phi$  is arbitrary, we can choose it such that the support of the function

$$g \mapsto \omega_{\psi,\nu}(1,h) \Phi(e_1g,\ldots,e_{n-1}g,e_0g)$$

is concentrated as near  $I_n$  as we want and for a  $\Phi$  with a small enough support;  $W_{\xi}$  will be non-zero at that h, thus the  $\Theta$  lift is both non-zero and generic.

Note that, as already proved in [Wat1, Theorem 4.6], the lift to  $H_{n+1}$  is always non-trivial and generic. If we repeat the proof of the last proposition, we will find

$$W_{\xi}(h) = \int_{U_0(\mathbf{A}_F) \setminus G_n(\mathbf{A}_F)} \omega_{\psi,\nu}(g,h) \Phi(e_1,\ldots,e_{n-1},e_n,e_0) W_{\varphi}(g) \mathrm{d}g.$$

Since  $\Phi$  is arbitrary, it can be chosen so that the integral is non-zero.

# 4. Existence of the pole

In this section we prove that if  $\pi \otimes \mu \circ$  det comes from a representation  $\sigma$  with respect to some  $\Theta$  lifting, then  $L^S(\pi \times \mu, s)$  has a (necessarily simple) pole at s = 1 for any finite set of places  $S \supset S_0$ . Let us suppose that  $\pi \otimes \mu \circ$  det comes through  $\Theta$  correspondence from a representation  $\sigma$  of  $H_n$  and let  $\nu$  be the character determining the splitting. We suppose that the action of  $G_n$  on the Schrödinger space is, up to the unitary normalizing factor, linear.

We know from section 3 that  $\sigma$  is necessarily generic. We first recall from [Wat2, p. 113] the relation between the values of the Whittaker functions. Let

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 $\varphi$  be an element of  $\sigma$ . For each  $\Phi \in \mathcal{S}(X^+)$ , we denote  $\varphi_{\Phi}$  the element of  $\pi \otimes \mu \circ$  det defined by the formula

$$\varphi_{\Phi}(g) = \int_{H_n(F) \setminus H_n(\mathbf{A}_F)} \theta_{\psi,\nu}^{\Phi}(g,h)\varphi(h) \mathrm{d}h.$$

We then have

$$W_{\varphi_{\Phi}}(g) = \int_{U_{H}(\mathbf{A}_{F})\backslash H_{n}(\mathbf{A}_{F})} W_{\varphi}(h) \int_{Z_{n,n}(\mathbf{A}_{F})} \psi(z)^{-1} \omega(zg,h) \Phi(f_{1},\ldots,f_{n};f_{-n}) dz dh.$$

Remark: Here  $U_H(\mathbf{A}_F) \setminus H_n(\mathbf{A}_F)$  is not a group, so that dh is not a Haar measure. By the Bruhat decomposition, an element h can be written  $U_H(\mathbf{A}_F)ak$  with a in the split torus and k in the maximal compact subgroup of  $H_n$ . We then have  $dh = \delta^{-1}(a) dadk$ , because if g = nak,  $dg = \delta^{-1}(a) dn dadk$ .

This formula decomposes into an Euler product, so we will use it locally. We suppose that v is a place of F outside  $S_0$ . We take the model of the  $\Theta$ correspondence that we had in the proof of Proposition 3.1. Suppose that E/Fremains inert at v and let w be the place of E above v. We denote  $\varpi$  the uniformizer of  $E_w = E \otimes_F F_v$  and q the number of elements of the residual field of  $F_v$ . We choose  $\Phi$  to be the characteristic function of  $X^+(\mathcal{O}_v)$ . We notice that  $W_{\varphi_{\Phi}}$  is right invariant by the action of  $G_n(\mathcal{O}_v)$ , so that we found the essential vector, provided it is non-zero. We take



with  $a_i$  integers and  $d^*$  the appropriate diagonal matrix. Using the above formula, we find

$$W_{\varphi_{\Phi}}(g) = \sum_{b_1 \ge \dots \ge b_n} \delta^{-1}(h) W_{\varphi}(h) \int_{Z_{n,n}(\mathbf{A}_F)} \psi(z)^{-1} \omega(zg,h) \Phi(f_1,\dots,f_n;f_{-n}) \mathrm{d}z$$

with

$$h = \begin{pmatrix} \varpi^{b_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \varpi^{b_n} \\ & & & d'^* \end{pmatrix}.$$

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We have

$$\omega(zg,h)\Phi(f_1,\ldots,f_n;f_{-n}) = q^{-n\sum a_i - \frac{1}{2}\sum b_i}\nu_v(\prod(\varpi^{b_i})^*)\Phi(\varpi^{a_1 - b_1}f_1,\varpi^{a_2 - b_2}f_2 + \varpi^{a_2 - b_1}z_{12}f_1,\ldots;\overline{\varpi^{b_n}}f_{-n})$$

with  $z = (z_{ij})$ . The power of q on the first line is the normalization factor to bring unitary representations to unitary representations. To contribute nontrivially, we first see that we must take  $a_1 \geq b_1$ . Then we need to have  $\varpi^{a_2-b_1}z_{12} \in \mathcal{O}_v$  for the non-vanishing of  $\Phi$ , so  $z_{12} \in \varpi^{b_1-a_2}\mathcal{O}_v$ . If  $a_2 > b_1$ , since  $\psi_v$  is trivial exactly on  $\mathcal{O}_v$ , the integral over  $z_{12}$  will be equal to 0. We thus must take  $b_1 \ge a_2$ . We see that we have to take  $a_2 \ge b_2$ . Iterating yields

$$a_1 \ge b_1 \ge a_2 \ge \cdots \ge a_n \ge b_n \ge 0.$$

The variables  $z_{ij}$ , i < j, vary in  $\varpi^{b_i - a_j} \mathcal{O}_v$ . This yields

$$W_{\varphi_{\Phi}}(g) = \sum_{a_1 \ge b_1 \ge \dots \ge a_n \ge b_n \ge 0} \bar{\nu}(\varpi^{-\sum b_i}) W_{\varphi}(h) q^{\sum (-n+i-1)a_i + (n-i+\frac{1}{2})b_i}$$

with  $\bar{\nu}(x) = \nu(\bar{x})$ . We can thus compute the local L-function of  $\pi_v \times \mu_w$  in terms of  $\sigma_v$ :

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}(\pi_{v} \times \mu_{w}, s) &= \sum_{a_{1} \ge 0} W_{\varphi_{\Phi}}(g) q^{-a_{1}(s-n)} \quad \text{all other } a_{i} = 0 \\ &= \sum_{a_{1} \ge b_{1} \ge 0} \bar{\nu}(\varpi)^{-b_{1}} W_{\varphi}(h) q^{-na_{1}+(n-1/2)b_{1}-a_{1}(s-n)} \\ &= \sum_{a_{1} \ge b_{1} \ge 0} \bar{\nu}(\varpi)^{-b_{1}} W_{\varphi}(h) q^{-b_{1}(s-n+1/2)+(b_{1}-a_{1})s} \\ &= \sum_{m \ge 0} q^{-ms} \sum_{b_{1} \ge 0} \bar{\nu}(\varpi)^{-b_{1}} W_{\varphi}(h) q^{-b_{1}(s-n+1/2)} \\ &= \zeta_{E,w}(s) \mathcal{L}(\sigma_{v} \times \bar{\nu}_{v}^{-1}, s). \end{split}$$

The fact that the sum on the next to last line is equal to  $L(\sigma_v \times \bar{\nu}_v^{-1}, s)$  will be proven as part of an upcoming paper on the reverse case; it is anyway similar to the formula found for  $L(\pi_v \times \mu_w, s)$  in section 2.

This proof can be conducted along the same lines for v split (but we get a second variable instead of the conjugate one) for the same result.

The bottom line is that for a finite set of places S containing  $S_0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{L}^{S}(\pi \times \mu, s) = \zeta_{E}^{S}(s)\mathcal{L}^{S}(\sigma \times \bar{\nu}^{-1}, s).$$

Since  $\sigma$  is unitary and generic,  $L^{S}(\sigma \times \tilde{\nu}^{-1}, s)$  cannot vanish at s = 1 so that the partial L-function of  $\pi \times \mu$  must have a pole there.

We recall that on the right-hand side, the character  $\mu$  of the beginning is built into  $\sigma$  by the twisting of the Weil representation. If we put  $\pi' = \pi \otimes \mu$  and twist the representation by  $\mu \circ \det^{-1}$  (on the  $G_n$  side), what we get is

$$\mathcal{L}^{S}(\pi' \times \mu, s) = \mathcal{L}^{S}(\bar{\mu}, s)\mathcal{L}^{S}(\sigma \times \bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}^{-1}, s).$$

This is the analog of the result of T. Watanabe, [Wat2, p. 94].

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