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ON DELIGNE’S CONJECTURE FOR SYMMETRIC FIFTH  $L$ -FUNCTIONS AND QUADRUPLE PRODUCT  $L$ -FUNCTIONS OF MODULAR FORMS

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1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

This report is based on a talk given at the RIMS conference ”Automorphic form, automorphic  $L$ -functions and related topics” which was held online in January, 2022.

In [Del79], Deligne proposed a remarkable conjecture on the algebraicity of critical values of  $L$ -functions of motives, in terms of the periods obtained by comparing the Betti and de Rham realizations of the motives. As special cases, we consider the conjecture for symmetric power  $L$ -functions and tensor product  $L$ -functions of modular forms.

1.1. Symmetric power  $L$ -functions. Let

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_f(n)q^n \in S_{\kappa}(N, \omega), \quad q = e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}\tau}$$

be a normalized elliptic modular newform of weight  $\kappa \geq 2$ , level  $N$ , and nebentypus  $\omega$ . For each prime  $p \nmid N$ , denote by  $\alpha_p, \beta_p$  the Satake parameters of  $f$  at  $p$  and put

$$A_p = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_p & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_p \end{pmatrix}.$$

Recall that  $\alpha_p, \beta_p$  are the roots of the Hecke polynomial  $X^2 - a_f(p)X + p^{\kappa_i-1}\omega(p)$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , the symmetric  $n$ -th power  $L$ -function  $L(s, \text{Sym}^n(f))$  is defined by an Euler product

$$L(s, \text{Sym}^n(f)) = \prod_p L_p(s, \text{Sym}^n(f)), \quad \text{Re}(s) > 1 + \frac{n(\kappa-1)}{2}.$$

Here the Euler factors are defined by

$$L_p(s, \text{Sym}^n(f)) = \det(\mathbf{1}_{n+1} - \text{Sym}^n(A_p) \cdot p^{-s})^{-1}$$

for  $p \nmid N$ , where  $\text{Sym}^n : \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \text{GL}_{n+1}(\mathbb{C})$  is the symmetric  $n$ -th power representation. By the result of Barnet-Lamb, Geraghty, Harris, and Taylor [BLGHT11, Theorem B], the symmetric power  $L$ -functions admit meromorphic continuation to the whole complex plane and satisfy functional equations relating  $L(s, \text{Sym}^n(f))$  to  $L(1 + n(\kappa - 1) - s, \text{Sym}^n(f^\vee))$ , where  $f^\vee \in S_{\kappa}(N, \omega^{-1})$  is the normalized newform dual to  $f$ . The archimedean local factors are defined by

$$L_{\infty}(s, \text{Sym}^n(f)) = \begin{cases} \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s - \frac{n(\kappa-1)}{2}) \prod_{i=0}^{r-1} \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s - i(\kappa - 1)) & \text{if } n = 2r \text{ and } r(\kappa - 1) \text{ is even,} \\ \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s - \frac{n(\kappa-1)}{2} + 1) \prod_{i=0}^{r-1} \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s - i(\kappa - 1)) & \text{if } n = 2r \text{ and } r(\kappa - 1) \text{ is odd,} \\ \prod_{i=0}^r \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s - i(\kappa - 1)) & \text{if } n = 2r + 1. \end{cases}$$

Here

$$\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s) = \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma(\frac{s}{2}), \quad \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s) = 2(2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s).$$

A critical point for  $L(s, \text{Sym}^n(f))$  is an integer  $m$  such that  $L_{\infty}(s, \text{Sym}^n(f))$  and  $L_{\infty}(1+n(\kappa-1)-s, \text{Sym}^n(f^\vee))$  are holomorphic at  $s = m$ . Associated to  $f$ , we have a pure motive  $M_f$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rank 2 with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}(f)$ , which was constructed by Deligne [Del71] and Scholl [Sch90], such that

$$L(M_f, s) = (L(s, \sigma f))_{\sigma: \mathbb{Q}(f) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}}.$$

We have the Hodge decomposition

$$H_B(M_f) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} = H_B^{0, \kappa-1}(M_f) \oplus H_B^{\kappa-1, 0}(M_f)$$

as well as the Hodge filtration

$$H_{dR}(M_f) = F^0(M_f) \supseteq F^{\kappa-1}(M_f) \supseteq 0.$$

The comparison isomorphism

$$I_\infty : H_B(M_f) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow H_{dR}(M_f) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}$$

induces

$$I_\infty^\pm : H_B^\pm(M_f) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} \hookrightarrow H_B(M_f) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow H_{dR}(M_f) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} \twoheadrightarrow H_{dR}(M_f)/F^{\kappa-1}(M_f) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}.$$

The Deligne’s periods of  $M_f$  are elements in  $(\mathbb{Q}(f) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C})^\times / \mathbb{Q}(f)^\times$  defined by

$$\delta(M_f) := \det(I_\infty), \quad c^\pm(M_f) := \det(I_\infty^\pm),$$

where the determinants are computed with respect to  $\mathbb{Q}(f)$ -rational bases on both sides. Consider the symmetric power motive  $\text{Sym}^n(M_f)$ . We have

$$L(\text{Sym}^n(M_f), s) = (L(s, \text{Sym}^n(\sigma f)))_{\sigma: \mathbb{Q}(f) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}}.$$

In [Del79, Proposition 7.7], Deligne computed the periods of  $\text{Sym}^n(M_f)$ . More precisely, we have

$$c^\pm(\text{Sym}^n(M_f)) = \begin{cases} \delta(M_f)^{r(r\pm 1)/2} (c^+(M_f)c^-(M_f))^{r(r+1)/2} & \text{if } n = 2r, \\ \delta(M_f)^{r(r+1)/2} c^\pm(M_f)^{(r+1)(r+2)/2} c^\mp(M_f)^{r(r+1)/2} & \text{if } n = 2r + 1. \end{cases}$$

As a special case of the conjecture in [Del79, Conjecture 2.8], we have the following:

**Conjecture 1.1** (Deligne). *Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  be a critical point for  $\text{Sym}^n(M_f)$ . We have*

$$\frac{L(\text{Sym}^n(M_f), m)}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{d^{(-1)^m}(\text{Sym}^n(M_f))m} \cdot c^{(-1)^m}(\text{Sym}^n(M_f))} \in \mathbb{Q}(f),$$

where  $d^+(\text{Sym}^n(M_f)) = r + 1$ ,  $d^-(\text{Sym}^n(M_f)) = r$  if  $n = 2r$ , and  $d^\pm(\text{Sym}^n(M_f)) = r + 1$  if  $n = 2r + 1$ .

The conjecture holds if  $f$  is a CM-form. For general  $f$ , as explained in [Del79, § 7], the conjecture is known if  $n = 1$ . It was then considered by various authors when  $n = 2, 3, 4, 6$  listed as follows:

- $n = 2$ : Sturm [Stu80], [Stu89].
- $n = 3$ : Garrett–Harris [GH93] and C.- [Che21a].
- $n = 4, 6$ : Morimoto [Mor21] and C.- [Che21b], [Che21c].

In these cases, the conjecture was proved using the integral representations of automorphic  $L$ -functions and their algebraic/cohomological interpretations. When  $n = 2$ , we have the integral representation discovered by Shimura [Shi75]. When  $n = 3$ , the symmetric cube  $L$ -function appears as a factor of the triple product  $L$ -function  $L(s, f \otimes f \otimes f)$  for which we have the integral representation due to Garrett [Gar87]. For  $n = 2, 3$ , the ideas for the proof of algebraicity of these integral representations are similar to the ones in the pioneering work of Shimura [Shi76]. The authors consider holomorphic Eisenstein series integrated against complex conjugation of elliptic modular forms. In [Mor21], Morimoto observed that (twisted) symmetric even power  $L$ -functions are factors of adjoint  $L$ -functions of unitary groups. In [GL21], Grobner and Lin proved a period relation between the Betti–Whittaker periods of cohomological conjugate self-dual cuspidal automorphic representations of  $\text{GL}_N$  over CM-fields and certain special values of adjoint  $L$ -functions of unitary groups. On the other hand, we have the result of Raghuram [Rag10], [Rag16] which expressed the algebraicity of critical values of Rankin–Selberg  $L$ -functions for  $\text{GL}_N \times \text{GL}_{N-1}$  in terms of product of Betti–Whittaker periods. Therefore, Conjecture 1.1 for  $n = 4, 6$  (under some assumptions) then follows from the algebraicity results of Morimoto [Mor14], [Mor18] for  $\text{GSp}_4 \times \text{GL}_2$  and Garrett–Harris [GH93] for  $\text{GL}_2 \times \text{GL}_2 \times \text{GL}_2$ . In [Che21b], based on the same idea, we show that Conjecture 1.1 holds for  $n = 4$  when  $\kappa \geq 3$  by generalizing and refining the results of Grobner–Lin [GL21] to essentially conjugate self-dual representations in the case  $\text{GL}_3 \times \text{GL}_2$ . In [Che21c], we show that Conjecture 1.1 holds for  $n = 6$  when  $\kappa \geq 6$ . We extend the result of Morimoto based on a different approach. The observation is that the (twisted) symmetric sixth power  $L$ -function is a factor of the adjoint  $L$ -function of the Kim–Ramakrishnan–Shahidi lift of  $f$  to  $\text{GSp}_4$ . We define the de Rham–Whittaker periods associated to globally generic cohomological cuspidal automorphic representations of  $\text{GSp}_4$ . In the case of the Kim–Ramakrishnan–Shahidi lift, we establish some periods relations between the de Rham–Whittaker periods and powers of Petersson norms of  $f$ . The conjecture then follows from our previous results [CI19], [Che22a]. Following is our main result for  $n = 5$  (see also Remark 1.3 for higher  $n$ ):

**Theorem 1.2** ([Che22c]). *If  $\kappa \geq 6$ , then Conjecture 1.1 holds.*

**Remark 1.3.** Recently, we have proved Conjecture 1.1 in [Che22b, Theorem 5.11] when  $n$  is odd,  $\kappa$  is odd, and  $\kappa \geq 5$ . It's an ongoing project of the author to prove Conjecture 1.1 when  $n$  is even under the same assumptions on  $\kappa$ .

**1.2. Quadruple product  $L$ -functions.** As another example of Deligne's conjecture, we consider quadruple product  $L$ -functions of modular forms. Let  $f_i \in S_{\kappa_i}(N_i, \omega_i)$  be normalized elliptic newform for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Define the quadruple product  $L$ -function  $L(s, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3 \otimes f_4)$  by an Euler product

$$L(s, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3 \otimes f_4) = \prod_p L_p(s, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3 \otimes f_4), \quad \text{Re}(s) > 1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{\kappa_i - 1}{2}.$$

Here the Euler factors are given by

$$L_p(s, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3 \otimes f_4) = \det(\mathbf{1}_{16} - A_{1,p} \otimes A_{2,p} \otimes A_{3,p} \otimes A_{4,p} \cdot p^{-s})^{-1}$$

for  $p \nmid N_1 N_2 N_3 N_4$ . By the results of Jacquet–Shalika [JS81a], [JS81b] and Ramakrishnan [Ram00], the quadruple product  $L$ -function admits meromorphic continuation to the whole complex plane and satisfies a functional equation relating  $L(s, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3 \otimes f_4)$  to  $L(1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 (\kappa_i - 1) - s, f_1^\vee \otimes f_2^\vee \otimes f_3^\vee \otimes f_4^\vee)$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , let  $G(\omega_i)$  be the Gauss sum of  $\omega_i$  and  $\|f_i\|$  the Petersson norm of  $f_i$  defined by

$$\|f_i\| = \text{vol}(\Gamma_0(N_i) \backslash \mathfrak{H})^{-1} \int_{\Gamma_0(N_i) \backslash \mathfrak{H}} |f_i(\tau)|^2 y^{\kappa_i - 2} d\tau.$$

Assume  $\kappa_1 \geq \kappa_2 \geq \kappa_3 \geq \kappa_4$ . We have three types of critical ranges:

$$\begin{cases} \kappa_1 + \kappa_4 - 1 > \kappa_1 - \kappa_4 + 1 > \kappa_2 + \kappa_3 - 1 > \kappa_2 - \kappa_3 + 1 & \text{Case 1,} \\ \kappa_1 + \kappa_4 - 1 > \kappa_2 + \kappa_3 - 1 > \kappa_1 - \kappa_4 + 1 > \kappa_2 - \kappa_3 + 1 & \text{Case 2,} \\ \kappa_2 + \kappa_3 - 1 > \kappa_1 + \kappa_4 - 1 > \kappa_1 - \kappa_4 + 1 > \kappa_2 - \kappa_3 + 1 & \text{Case 3.} \end{cases}$$

In [Bla87], Blasius explicitly computed Deligne's periods of tensor product motives for  $\text{GL}_2$ . In particular, we have the following refinement of Deligne's conjecture for the quadruple product  $L$ -function:

**Conjecture 1.4** (Blasius). *Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  be a critical point for  $L(s, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3 \otimes f_4)$ . We have*

$$\sigma \left( \frac{L(m, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3 \otimes f_4)}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{8m} \cdot c(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3 \otimes f_4)} \right) = \frac{L(m, \sigma f_1 \otimes \sigma f_2 \otimes \sigma f_3 \otimes \sigma f_4)}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{8m} \cdot c(\sigma f_1 \otimes \sigma f_2 \otimes \sigma f_3 \otimes \sigma f_4)}, \quad \sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}).$$

Here

$$c(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3 \otimes f_4) = (2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{4 \sum_{i=1}^4 (1 - \kappa_i)} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^4 G(\omega_i)^4 \cdot (\pi \cdot \|f_i\|)^{t_i}$$

with

$$(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) = \begin{cases} (4, 0, 0, 0) & \text{Case 1,} \\ (3, 1, 1, 1) & \text{Case 2,} \\ (2, 2, 2, 0) & \text{Case 3.} \end{cases}$$

When two of the  $f_i$ 's are CM by the same imaginary quadratic extension, the quadruple product  $L$ -function decomposes into product of triple product  $L$ -functions. In this special case, Conjecture 1.4 reduces to Deligne's conjecture for triple product  $L$ -functions. For the general case, recently we were able to prove the conjecture under certain parity and regularity conditions on the weights. Following theorem is a special case of [Che22b, Theorem 5.8] ( $n = 4$ ):

**Theorem 1.5.** *Conjecture 1.4 holds under the following conditions:*

- (1)  $\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_3 + \kappa_4$  is even.
- (2)  $|\sum_{i=1}^4 (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon'_i)(\kappa_i - 1)| \geq 6$  for all  $(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_4)$  and  $(\varepsilon'_1, \dots, \varepsilon'_4)$  in  $\{\pm 1\}^4$ .

## 2. SKETCH OF PROOF

**2.1. Sketch of proof of Theorem 1.2.** Let  $\Pi$  be an automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{A})$ , where  $\mathbb{A}$  denotes the ring of adèles of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We say  $\Pi$  is regular algebraic if the infinitesimal character of  $\Pi_\infty$  is regular and belongs to  $(\mathbb{Z} + \frac{n+1}{2})^n$ . We say  $\Pi$  is tamely isobaric if it is isobaric and the exponents of the summands are the same. First we recall the following theorem which is a consequence of (a variant of) the result of Raghuram [Rag10]. It is an algebraicity result on the ratio of product of critical values of Rankin–Selberg  $L$ -functions of regular algebraic tamely isobaric automorphic representations.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\Sigma, \Sigma'$  (resp.  $\Pi, \Pi'$ ) be regular algebraic tamely isobaric automorphic representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{A})$  (resp.  $\mathrm{GL}_{n'}(\mathbb{A})$ ) satisfying the following conditions:*

- (1)  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma'$  are cuspidal.
- (2)  $n' = n - 1$  and  $(\Sigma_\infty, \Pi_\infty)$  is balanced.
- (3)  $\Sigma_\infty = \Sigma'_\infty$  and  $\Pi_\infty = \Pi'_\infty$ .

Let  $m_0 \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{n+n'}{2}$  be a critical point for  $L(s, \Sigma \times \Pi)$  such that  $L(m_0, \Sigma \times \Pi') \cdot L(m_0, \Sigma' \times \Pi) \neq 0$ . Then, for  $\sigma \in \mathrm{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ , we have

$$\sigma \left( \frac{L(m_0, \Sigma \times \Pi) \cdot L(m_0, \Sigma' \times \Pi')}{L(m_0, \Sigma \times \Pi') \cdot L(m_0, \Sigma' \times \Pi)} \right) = \frac{L(m_0, {}^\sigma\Sigma \times {}^\sigma\Pi) \cdot L(m_0, {}^\sigma\Sigma' \times {}^\sigma\Pi')}{L(m_0, {}^\sigma\Sigma \times {}^\sigma\Pi') \cdot L(m_0, {}^\sigma\Sigma' \times {}^\sigma\Pi)}.$$

**Remark 2.2.** In practice, conditions (1) and (2) are too strong for application. In [Che22b, Theorem 1.2], we remove conditions (1) and (2). Instead, we impose some parity and regularity conditions on  $\Sigma_\infty$  and  $\Pi_\infty$ .

Back to our normalized newform  $f \in S_\kappa(N, \omega)$ . We may assume that  $f$  is not a CM-form. Let  $\Pi(f)$  be a regular algebraic cuspidal automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A})$  generated by  $f$  (it is unique up to twisting by integral powers of the adelic absolute value  $|\cdot|_{\mathbb{A}}$ ). For  $n \geq 1$ , let  $\mathrm{Sym}^n \Pi(f)$  be the functorial lift of  $\Pi(f)$  to  $\mathrm{GL}_{n+1}(\mathbb{A})$  with respect to the symmetric  $n$ -th power representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ . The existence of the lifts was proved by Newton and Thorne [NT21a], [NT21b] (see also [GJ72], [KS02], [Kim03], [CT15], [CT17] for  $n \leq 8$ ). It is easy to see that  $\mathrm{Sym}^n \Pi(f)$  is regular algebraic and tamely isobaric. Since we assumed that  $f$  is not a CM-form,  $\mathrm{Sym}^n \Pi(f)$  is cuspidal. To prove Conjecture 1.1 for  $n = 5$ , we apply Theorem 2.1 in the case  $\mathrm{GL}_4 \times \mathrm{GL}_3$ . More precisely, let  $\Sigma$  and  $\Pi$  be regular algebraic cuspidal automorphic representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbb{A})$  and  $\mathrm{GL}_3(\mathbb{A})$  respectively defined by

$$\Sigma = \mathrm{Sym}^3 \Pi(f), \quad \Pi = \mathrm{Sym}^2 \Pi(f).$$

One can verify easily that  $(\Sigma_\infty, \Pi_\infty)$  is balanced (cf. [Rag10, Theorem 5.3]). For a cuspidal automorphic representation  $\tau$  of  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A})$ , let  $\Pi(f) \boxtimes \tau$  be the functorial lift of the Rankin–Selberg convolution of  $\Pi(f)$  and  $\tau$  to  $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbb{A})$ . The existence of the lift was proved by Ramakrishnan in [Ram00]. We assume further  $\tau$  is chosen so that:

- $\tau$  is regular algebraic and non-CM.
- $(\Pi(f)_\infty \boxtimes \tau_\infty) \otimes |\cdot|_{\mathbb{A}}^{-1/2} = \Sigma_\infty$ .

We also choose an algebraic Hecke character of  $\mathbb{A}^\times$  such that

$$(\tau_\infty \otimes |\cdot|_{\mathbb{A}}^{-1/2}) \boxtimes \chi_\infty = \Pi_\infty.$$

Let  $\Sigma'$  and  $\Pi'$  be isobaric automorphic representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbb{A})$  and  $\mathrm{GL}_3(\mathbb{A})$  respectively defined by

$$\Sigma' = (\Pi(f) \boxtimes \tau) \otimes |\cdot|_{\mathbb{A}}^{-1/2}, \quad \Pi' = (\tau \otimes |\cdot|_{\mathbb{A}}^{-1/2}) \boxtimes \chi.$$

By our assumptions on  $\tau$  and  $\chi$ , it is easy to see that  $\Sigma'$  (resp.  $\Pi'$ ) is regular algebraic and cuspidal (resp. tamely isobaric), and  $\Sigma_\infty = \Sigma'_\infty$ ,  $\Pi_\infty = \Pi'_\infty$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2.1, for all non-central critical points  $m + \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}$  for  $L(s, \Sigma \times \Pi)$ , we have

$$(2.1) \quad L(m + \frac{1}{2}, \Sigma \times \Pi) \sim \frac{L(m + \frac{1}{2}, \Sigma \times \Pi') \cdot L(m + \frac{1}{2}, \Sigma' \times \Pi)}{L(m + \frac{1}{2}, \Sigma' \times \Pi')}.$$

Here  $\sim$  means the ratio of left-hand side by right-hand side is equivariant under  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ . On the other hand, we have the following factorizations of  $L$ -functions:

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} L(s, \Sigma \times \Pi) &= L(s, \text{Sym}^5 \Pi(f)) \cdot L(s, \text{Sym}^3 \Pi(f) \otimes \omega_{\Pi(f)}) \cdot L(s, \Pi(f) \otimes \omega_{\Pi(f)}^2), \\ L(s, \Sigma \times \Pi') &= L(s - \tfrac{1}{2}, \text{Sym}^3 \Pi(f) \times \tau) \cdot L(s, \text{Sym}^3 \Pi(f) \otimes \chi), \\ L(s, \Sigma' \times \Pi) &= L(s - \tfrac{1}{2}, \text{Sym}^3 \Pi(f) \times \tau) \cdot L(s - \tfrac{1}{2}, \Pi(f) \times \tau \otimes \omega_{\Pi(f)}), \\ L(s, \Sigma' \times \Pi') &= L(s - 1, \Pi(f) \times \tau \times \tau) \cdot L(s - \tfrac{1}{2}, \Pi(f) \times \tau \otimes \chi). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\omega_{\Pi(f)}$  is the central character of  $\Pi(f)$ . By the result of Shimura [Shi76], Deligne's conjecture holds for  $L(s, \Pi(f) \times \tau \otimes \omega_{\Pi(f)})$  and  $L(s, \Pi(f) \times \tau \otimes \chi)$ . By the results of Garrett–Harris [GH93] and the author [Che21a], Deligne's conjecture holds for the triple product  $L$ -function  $L(s, \Pi(f) \times \tau \times \tau)$ . When  $\kappa \geq 3$ , Deligne's conjecture also holds for  $L(s, \text{Sym}^3 \Pi(f) \otimes \omega_{\Pi(f)})$  (cf. [Che21a, Theorem 1.6]). Consider the descent of  $\text{Sym}^3 \Pi(f)$  to  $\text{GSp}_4(\mathbb{A})$ . By the results of Morimoto [Mor14], [Mor18] and the author [Che21b], we see that Deligne's conjecture holds for  $L(s, \text{Sym}^3 \Pi(f) \times \tau)$  when  $\kappa \geq 6$ . We then conclude from (2.1) that Conjecture 1.1 for  $n = 5$  holds for non-central critical points. Indeed, it is easy to deduce from (2.1) and Deligne's conjecture for the  $L$ -functions on the right-hand sides of (2.2) (except for  $\text{Sym}^5 \Pi(f)$ ) that  $L^{(\infty)}(m + \frac{1}{2}, \text{Sym}^5 \Pi(f))$  is equivalent to some integral powers of  $2\pi\sqrt{-1}$ ,  $\delta(f)$ , and  $c^\pm(f)$ . A straightforward computation shows that the exponents do coincide with the expected ones. For the central critical point, Conjecture 1.1 follows from the non-central critical points together with the result of Harder–Raghuram [HR20].

**2.2. Sketch of proof of Theorem 1.5.** The idea of the proof is similar as above. We apply Theorem 2.1 in the case  $\text{GL}_4 \times \text{GL}_4$  (cf. Remark 2.2). Let  $\Pi_i$  be a regular algebraic cuspidal automorphic representation of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A})$  generated by  $f_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Let  $\Sigma$  and  $\Pi$  be the regular algebraic tamely isobaric automorphic representations of  $\text{GL}_4(\mathbb{A})$  defined by

$$\Sigma = (\Pi_1 \boxtimes \Pi_2) \otimes | \cdot |_{\mathbb{A}}^{1/2}, \quad \Pi = (\Pi_3 \boxtimes \Pi_4) \otimes | \cdot |_{\mathbb{A}}^{-1/2}.$$

Let  $\Pi'_1, \Pi'_2, \Pi'_3, \Pi'_4$  be auxiliary regular algebraic cuspidal automorphic representations of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A})$  such that

$$\Pi'_{1,\infty} \boxplus \Pi'_{2,\infty} = \Sigma_\infty, \quad \Pi'_{3,\infty} \boxplus \Pi'_{4,\infty} = \Pi_\infty.$$

Let  $\Sigma'$  and  $\Pi'$  be the regular algebraic tamely isobaric automorphic representations of  $\text{GL}_4(\mathbb{A})$  defined by

$$\Sigma' = \Pi'_1 \boxplus \Pi'_2, \quad \Pi' = \Pi'_3 \boxplus \Pi'_4.$$

The assumptions (1) and (2) in Theorem 1.5 then implies that Theorem 2.1 holds in our case. Therefore, we have

$$(2.3) \quad L(m, \Sigma \times \Pi) \sim \frac{L(m, \Sigma \times \Pi') \cdot L(m, \Sigma' \times \Pi)}{L(m, \Sigma' \times \Pi')}$$

for all critical points  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $L(s, \Sigma \times \Pi)$ . On the other hand, we have the following factorizations of  $L$ -functions:

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} L(s, \Sigma \times \Pi) &= L(s, \Pi_1 \times \Pi_2 \times \Pi_3 \times \Pi_4), \\ L(s, \Sigma \times \Pi') &= L(s + \tfrac{1}{2}, \Pi_1 \times \Pi_2 \times \Pi'_3) \cdot L(s + \tfrac{1}{2}, \Pi_1 \times \Pi_2 \times \Pi'_4), \\ L(s, \Sigma' \times \Pi) &= L(s - \tfrac{1}{2}, \Pi_3 \times \Pi_4 \times \Pi'_1) \cdot L(s - \tfrac{1}{2}, \Pi_3 \times \Pi_4 \times \Pi'_2), \\ L(s, \Sigma' \times \Pi') &= L(s, \Pi'_1 \times \Pi'_3) \cdot L(s, \Pi'_1 \times \Pi'_4) \cdot L(s, \Pi'_2 \times \Pi'_3) \cdot L(s, \Pi'_2 \times \Pi'_4). \end{aligned}$$

By the result of Shimura [Shi76], we know that Deligne's conjecture holds for the Rankin–Selberg  $L$ -functions for  $\text{GL}_2 \times \text{GL}_2$ . Therefore, by (2.3), we are reduced to show that Deligne's conjecture holds for the triple product  $L$ -functions appear on the right-hand sides of (2.4). For these triple product  $L$ -functions, we can play the same trick as above. This time apply Theorem 2.1 in the case  $\text{GL}_4 \times \text{GL}_2$ .

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