# ALGEBRAICITY OF *L*-VALUES FOR ELLIPTIC CURVES IN A FALSE TATE CURVE TOWER

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ABSTRACT. Let *E* be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $\tau$  an Artin representation over  $\mathbb{Q}$  that factors through the non-abelian extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\frac{p_{\sqrt{m}}}{m}, \mu_{p^n})/\mathbb{Q}$ , where *p* is an odd prime and *n*, *m* are positive integers. We show that  $L(E, \tau, 1)$ , the special value at s = 1 of the *L*-function of the twist of *E* by  $\tau$ , divided by the classical transcendental period  $\Omega_{+}^{d^+} |\Omega_{-}^{d^-}| \epsilon(\tau)$  is algebraic and Galoisequivariant, as predicted by Deligne's conjecture.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Recently, there has been great interest in generalising classical Iwasawa theory of elliptic curves to a non-commutative setting. That is, instead of considering cyclotomic extensions of number fields, one considers infinite extensions  $K_{\infty}/K$ , whose Galois group is a compact *p*-adic Lie group (see [4]). A fundamental concept in the theory is that of a *p*-adic *L*-function. Roughly speaking, this should interpolate the special values at s = 1 of the *L*-functions of twists of the elliptic curve *E* by Artin representations that factor through  $K_{\infty}$ .

One of the most basic non-abelian p-adic Lie extension is the false Tate curve extension over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , that is

$$\mathbb{Q}_{FT} = \bigcup_{n \ge 1} \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^n}, \sqrt[p^n]{m}),$$

where p is an odd prime, m > 1 is an integer that is not a p-th power, and where we write  $\mu_k$  for the set of k-th roots of 1. The Galois group of  $\mathbb{Q}_{FT}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a semidirect product of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . In this paper, we prove Deligne's period conjecture (see [5]) for the L-function of an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$  twisted by any Artin representation that factors through  $\mathbb{Q}_{FT}$  (Theorem 4.2). In particular, we show (Corollary 4.3) that if E is an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and if F is a number field contained in  $\mathbb{Q}_{FT}$ , then

$$\frac{L(E/F,1)\sqrt{|\Delta_F|}}{\Omega_+(E)^{r_1+r_2}|\Omega_-(E)|^{r_2}} \in \mathbb{Q} ,$$

where  $r_1$  (resp.  $r_2$ ) is the number of real (resp. complex) places of F,  $\Delta_F$  is the discriminant of F, and  $\Omega_{\pm}$  are the usual periods attached to E (see §2.2). Note that this is precisely the quotient that appears in the Birch–Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture.

The essential characteristic of the false Tate curve extension is that every irreducible Artin representation is induced from a 1-dimensional representation over  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^n})$ , for some  $n \ge 0$  (see [6]). Note that, for n > 0, this is a CM field, i.e. it is a totally imaginary quadratic extension of the totally real field  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^n})^+$ . This enables us to write the *L*-function of the twist of *E* by such an irreducible Artin

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representation as a Rankin-Selberg product over  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^n})^+$ . In [12], Shimura has established results concerning the algebraicity of the corresponding L-values. The periods appearing in Shimura's work involve the Petersson inner product of Hilbert modular forms, while the periods in non-commutative Iwasawa theory involve the classical periods  $\Omega_{\pm}(E)$ . The main issue in the proof of Theorem 4.2 is how to relate these periods (Theorem 3.4).

## 2. NOTATION AND BACKGROUND RESULTS

2.1. Fields and Artin representations. We fix, once and for all, an embedding of  $\mathbb{Q}$  into  $\mathbb{C}$ , and an embedding of  $\mathbb{Q}$  into  $\mathbb{Q}_l$  and of  $\mathbb{Q}_l$  into  $\mathbb{C}$  for each prime l, in such a way that the composition  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_l \to \mathbb{C}$  agrees with  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \to \mathbb{C}$ .

For every prime v of a number field K, we fix a copy of the decomposition group at v. We write  $I_v$  for the inertia group at v, and  $\Phi_v$  for a geometric Frobenius at v (i.e. its image modulo  $I_v$  is the inverse of arithmetic Frobenius).

An Artin representation  $\rho$  over a number field K will always be assumed to take algebraic values, i.e.  $\rho : \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/K) \to \operatorname{GL}_n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$ . We write  $\mathbb{Q}(\rho)$  for the finite Galois extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  generated by the coefficients of  $\rho$ . We will abuse notation and also write  $\rho$  for  $\rho \otimes_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ , the representation with scalars extended to  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  for a prime  $\ell$ .

If  $\chi$  is a Hecke character of finite order over K, we also write  $\chi$  for the corresponding ideal and Galois characters. (For the latter, we set our local reciprocity maps in unramified extensions to take a uniformiser to the geometric Frobenius element.)

We fix the following notation:

$\Delta_K$	absolute	discriminant	of the	e number	field $K$ .
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- relative discriminant of K over K'.  $\Delta_{K/K'}$
- maximal abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- for a finite set of rational primes  $\Sigma$ , this is the maximal abelian extension of  $\mathbb{O}$ , unramified outside  $\Sigma \cup \{\infty\}$ .
- $K^+$ for an abelian extension K of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , this is its maximal real subfield.
- $\rho^{\pm}$ subspace of the Artin representation  $\rho$  over  $\mathbb{O}$  on which complex conjugation acts by  $\pm 1$ . Its dimension does not depend on the choice of the complex conjugation element.
- for  $\rho : \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/K) \to \operatorname{GL}_n(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  an Artin representation over K,  $\rho^{\sigma}$ and  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ , this is the Artin representation  $\sigma \circ \rho$ , i.e.  $\sigma$  acts on the coefficients of  $\rho$ .

2.2. Elliptic curves and their *L*-functions. Let *E* be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We write N(E) for the conductor of E. Fix a minimal Weierstrass equation for E, and write  $\omega_E$  for the Néron differential. Pick a generator  $\gamma_+$  (respectively  $\gamma_-$ ) of the subspace of  $H_1(E(\mathbb{C}),\mathbb{Z})$  on which complex conjugation acts trivially (respectively by -1). Set

$$\Omega_+(E) = \int_{\gamma_+} \omega_E \qquad \qquad \Omega_-(E) = \int_{\gamma_-} \omega_E \,.$$

Classically, one chooses  $\gamma_{\pm}$  so that  $\Omega_{+}(E)$  and  $-i\Omega_{-}(E)$  are positive real numbers. We write  $T_{\ell}(E)$  for the  $\ell$ -adic Tate module of E, and set  $V_{\ell}(E) = T_{\ell}(E) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}} \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$  and  $H^1_{\ell}(E) = \operatorname{Hom}(V_{\ell}(E), \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}.$ 

We now define the Euler factors of E,  $\rho$  and the twist of E by  $\rho$  as follows. For a prime v of K, set

$$P_{v}(E/K, X) = \det(1 - X\Phi_{v}|H_{\ell}^{1}(E)^{I_{v}}), P_{v}(\rho, X) = \det(1 - X\Phi_{v}|\rho^{I_{v}}), P_{v}(E/K, \rho, X) = \det(1 - X\Phi_{v}|(H_{\ell}^{1}(E) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}} \rho)^{I_{v}})$$

where  $\ell$  is any prime not divisible by v. These definitions are independent of the choice of  $\ell$ . Moreover, the coefficients of  $P_v(E/K, X)$  are integral, and those of  $P_v(\rho, X)$  and  $P_v(E/K, \rho, X)$  lie in  $\mathbb{Q}(\rho)$ .

We define the L-functions

$$L(E/K, s) = \prod_{v} P_{v}(E/K, (N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}v)^{-s})^{-1},$$
  

$$L(\rho, s) = \prod_{v} P_{v}(\rho, (N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}v)^{-s})^{-1},$$
  

$$L(E/K, \rho, s) = \prod_{v} P_{v}(E/K, \rho, (N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}v)^{-s})^{-1},$$

where the products are taken over the primes of K. These Euler products converge for  $\operatorname{Re}(s)$  sufficiently large. The *L*-function of  $\rho$  is known to have meromorphic continuation to  $\mathbb{C}$ . The *L*-functions of *E* and its twists are conjectured to have analytic continuation to  $\mathbb{C}$ .

2.3. Modular forms. For Hilbert modular forms we follow the conventions of Shimura's article [12]. Let F be a totally real field, abelian over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\mathbf{g}$  be a Hilbert modular form of parallel weight l, level  $\mathbf{n}$  and character  $\phi$ . We write  $L(\mathbf{g}, s) = \sum_{\mathbf{m}} C(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{g}) N(\mathbf{m})^{-s}$  for the Dirichlet series attached to  $\mathbf{g}$ , where  $\mathbf{m}$  will always be supposed to run over the non-zero integral ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_F$ . For a Hecke character  $\chi : \mathbf{A}_F^* / F^* \to \mathbb{C}^*$ , we write

$$D(\mathbf{g}, \chi, s) = \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \chi(\mathbf{m}) C(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{g}) N(\mathbf{m})^{-s} \,.$$

Let **f** be a cusp form of parallel weight k, level **n** and character  $\psi$ . We write **D**(**f**, **g**, s) for the Rankin-Selberg product of **f** and **g**, which is defined by

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}, s) = L_{\mathbf{n}}(\psi\phi, 2s + 2 - k - l) \sum_{\mathbf{m}} C(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{f}) C(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{g}) N(\mathbf{m})^{-s},$$

where  $L_{\mathbf{n}}(\psi\phi, s)$  denotes the classical *L*-function over *F* of  $\psi\phi$ , with the Euler factors at the primes dividing **n** removed. Whenever we do not specify the level of **f** and **g**, we always consider **n** to be least common multiple of their levels. We write  $\langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} \rangle_F$  for the Petersson inner product of **f** and **g**, normalised as in [12] §2.

For an elliptic curve E over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of conductor N(E), we write  $f_E$  for the associated rational new form (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) of weight 2, trivial character and level N(E) (using the modularity of elliptic curves, [15, 14, 3]). We write  $\mathbf{f}_E$  for the base change of  $f_E$  to F. Such a base change exists as  $F/\mathbb{Q}$  is abelian, [7, 1]. It is a Hilbert modular form that is a new form of parallel weight 2, trivial character, and of conductor dividing  $N(E)\mathcal{O}_F$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Note that, following Shimura's terminology in [12],  $\mathbf{f}_E$  is primitive, in the sense that it is a normalised new form of some level.

For a Hilbert modular form  $\mathbf{g}$ , we write  $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{g})$  for the extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  generated by the  $C(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{g})$ , defined above. For E an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{f}_E)$  is just  $\mathbb{Q}$ . If  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  is a Hilbert modular form of parallel weight and with  $C(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{g}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ , we write  $\mathbf{g}^{\sigma}$  for the Hilbert modular form which has  $C(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{g}^{\sigma}) = C(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{g})^{\sigma}$ .

**Remark 2.2.** If  $\mathbf{f}_E$  comes from an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and if  $\mathbf{g}$  corresponds to a 2dimensional Artin representation  $\rho$  over F, the Rankin-Selberg product  $D(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}, s)$ is the *L*-function  $L(E/F, \rho, s)$  up to a finite number of Euler factors. It has an Euler product

$$D(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}, s) = \prod_{v} \det(1 - (N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}v)^{-s} \Phi_v | H^1_{\ell}(E)^{I_v} \otimes \rho^{I_v})^{-1}$$

The Euler factor at v can only differ from that of  $L(E, \rho, s)$  when both  $H^1_{\ell}(E)$  and  $\rho$  are ramified at v. Moreover, the functions  $D(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}, s)$  and  $L(E, \rho, s)$  coincide provided that at every prime of bad reduction of E,

$$(H^1_{\ell}(E) \otimes \rho)^{I_v} = H^1_{\ell}(E)^{I_v} \otimes \rho^{I_v} .$$

There is a similar Euler product if we replace  $\mathbf{g}$  by a character  $\chi$  of finite order. Thus, once again,  $L(E/F, \chi, s)$  may differ from  $D(\mathbf{f}_E, \chi, s)$  at finitely many Euler factors, and there is a similar criterion for when  $D(\mathbf{f}_E, \chi, s) = L(E, \chi, s)$ .

**Remark 2.3.** With notation as in Remark 2.2, the functions  $D(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}, s)$  and  $D(\mathbf{f}_E, \chi, s)$  are analytic on  $\mathbb{C}$  (see [12] Proposition 4.13). As the local polynomials  $P_v(E/F, \rho, X)$  and  $P_v(E/F, \chi, X)$  do not vanish at  $X = (N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}v)^{-1}$ , it follows that the *L*-functions  $L(E/F, \rho, s)$  and  $L(E/F, \chi, s)$  are meromorphic on  $\mathbb{C}$ , and analytic at s = 1.

2.4. Gauss sums and  $\epsilon$ -factors. Let K be a number field, and  $\rho$  an Artin representation over K. We write  $\epsilon_K(\rho)$  for the global  $\epsilon$ -factor of  $\rho$  (see [13, 5]). Recall that it can be written as a product of local  $\epsilon$ -factors. We write  $\epsilon_{K,\infty}(\rho)$  for the contribution from the archimedean places of K, where we have chosen the standard additive character and measure at these places (i.e.  $\exp(2\pi i x), dx$  for real places and  $\exp(2\pi i \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}} z), |dz \wedge d\bar{z}|$  for complex ones). Global  $\epsilon$ -factors are inductive, in the sense that, whenever K/L is a finite extension and  $\rho$  an Artin representation over K,

$$\epsilon_K(\rho) = \epsilon_L(\operatorname{Ind} \rho)$$

For  $\psi$  a character over K of finite order we define

$$\tau_K(\psi) = \sqrt{|\Delta_K|}^{-1} \frac{\epsilon_K(\psi)}{\epsilon_{K,\infty}(\psi)}$$

This is Tate's  $\epsilon_1(\psi)$  (see [13] §3.6), with the local epsilon factors at infinity removed. The quantity  $\tau_K$  coincides with that used by Shimura in [12], where  $\tau_K$  is defined for totally real fields K.

**Remark 2.4.** With our conventions, the local  $\epsilon$ -factor at a complex place of an Artin representation is 1. In particular, if K is totally imaginary, then  $\epsilon_{K,\infty}(\psi) = 1$ . The local  $\epsilon$ -factor at a real place v of an Artin representation  $\rho$  is  $i^{\dim \rho^-}$ , where  $\rho^-$  is the subspace on which complex conjugation at v acts by -1.

We have already mentioned that  $\epsilon_K$  is inductive. On the other hand,  $\tau_K$  satisfies the following Galois equivariance property:

**Lemma 2.5.** (see also [12] Lemma 4.12) Let K be a number field, and let  $\psi_1, \psi_2$  be characters over K of finite order. Then for every  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ ,

$$\frac{\tau_K(\psi_1)^{\sigma}\tau_K(\psi_2)^{\sigma}}{\tau_K(\psi_1\psi_2)^{\sigma}} = \frac{\tau_K(\psi_1^{\sigma})\tau_K(\psi_2^{\sigma})}{\tau_K(\psi_1^{\sigma}\psi_2^{\sigma})}.$$

*Proof.* The formula holds prime-by-prime when we view  $\tau_K$  as a product of local non-archimedean  $\epsilon$ -factors (see [13] (3.2.3) and (3.2.6)).

2.5. Results from the theory of Hilbert modular forms. The following two results from the theory of modular forms, concerning the special values of L-functions, are fundamental to our study.

**Theorem 2.6.** (Shimura [12]) Let F be a totally real field. Write  $d = [F : \mathbb{Q}]$ . Let  $\mathbf{f}$  be a primitive Hilbert modular form of parallel weight 2 and with trivial character. Let  $\mathbf{g}$  be a Hilbert modular of parallel weight 1 and character  $\phi$ . Define

$$T(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) = \frac{D(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}, 1)}{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f} \rangle_F \, \tau_F(\phi)}$$

Then  $T(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbf{g})$ . Moreover, for every  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ ,

$$T(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})^{\sigma} = T(\mathbf{f}^{\sigma}, \mathbf{g}^{\sigma}).$$

**Theorem 2.7.** (Shimura [11], see also Birch [2]) Let E be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $\psi : \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \to \mathbb{C}^*$  be a Dirichlet character. Define

$$S(E,\psi) = \frac{L(E/\mathbb{Q},\psi,1)}{\Omega_{\operatorname{sign}(\psi)}(E)\tau_{\mathbb{Q}}(\psi)}$$

Then  $S(E, \psi) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Moreover, for every  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ ,

$$S(E,\psi)^{\sigma} = S(E,\psi^{\sigma})$$
.

## 3. Periods of elliptic curves and the Petersson inner product

In this section we establish a relation between the quantity  $\Omega_+\Omega_-$ , which appears in the Birch–Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture and its generalisations, and  $\langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F$ , which appears in the theory of Hilbert modular forms (Theorem 3.4).

The method is the following. Suppose that  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  is an elliptic curve, K an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  not contained in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and F its maximal totally real subfield. Theorem 2.6 gives an expression for L(E/K, 1) involving the Petersson inner product  $\langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F$ . On the other hand, we can decompose the *L*-function L(E/K, 1) as a product of *L*-functions over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of 1-dimensional twists of *E*. Theorem 2.7 then provides an expression for L(E/K, 1) involving the classical periods  $\Omega_{\pm}(E)$ .

The problem with the above method as it stands, is that the *L*-value L(E/K, 1) may be zero. To correct this, we replace L(E/K, s) in the above procedure by  $L(E/K, \chi, s)$ , for a suitable 1-dimensional Artin representation  $\chi$  over *K*. Our proof uses the following well-known result of Rohrlich,

**Theorem 3.1. (Rohrlich** [8, 9]) Let E be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite set of primes. Then for all but finitely many Dirichlet characters  $\psi$  unramified outside  $\Sigma$  and infinity,

$$L(E/\mathbb{Q},\psi,1)\neq 0$$
.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let E be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite set of primes of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $F \subset \mathbb{Q}_{ab}^{\Sigma}$ . Then there exist an extension  $F_0/F$ , with  $F_0 \subset \mathbb{Q}_{ab}^{\Sigma}$ , such that for every character  $\psi : \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{ab}^{\Sigma}/F) \to \mathbb{C}^*$  of finite order that does not factor through  $F_0/F$ ,

$$L(E/F,\psi,1)\neq 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $S = \{\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_k\}$  be the set of all Dirichlet characters over  $\mathbb{Q}$  that are unramified outside  $\Sigma \cup \{\infty\}$  and satisfy  $L(E/\mathbb{Q}, \phi_j, 1) = 0$ . Note that by Rohrlich's theorem 3.1, this set is finite.

Let us pick  $F \subset F_0 \subset \mathbb{Q}_{ab}^{\Sigma}$  such that all the  $\phi_j$  factor through  $F_0$ . We claim that this field satisfies the conclusion of the corollary. Indeed, let  $\psi$  :  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{ab}^{\Sigma}/F) \to \mathbb{C}^*$ be a character of finite order that does not factor through  $F_0/F$ . Then, by the inductive properties of *L*-functions,

$$L(E/F,\psi,s) = \prod_{j} L(E/\mathbb{Q},\psi_{j},s) ,$$

where the  $\bigoplus_{j} \psi_{j}$  is the representation of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{ab}^{\Sigma}/\mathbb{Q})$  induced from  $\psi$ . By Frobenius Reciprocity, the  $\psi_{j}$  are precisely the characters of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{ab}^{\Sigma}/\mathbb{Q})$  that restrict to  $\psi$ . In particular, none of them factor through  $F_{0}/\mathbb{Q}$ , and hence  $\psi_{j} \notin S$  for every j. By the definition of S we conclude that

$$L(E/F,\psi,1) = \prod_{j} L(E/\mathbb{Q},\psi_{j},1) \neq 0.$$

**Corollary 3.3.** Let E be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let F be any abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\epsilon : \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{ab}/F) \to \mathbb{C}^*$  be any character of finite order. Then there exists a character of finite order  $\tilde{\chi} : \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{ab}/F) \to \mathbb{C}^*$ , such that for every  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ we have

$$L(E/F, \tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}, 1) \neq 0,$$
  $L(E/F, \tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}\epsilon, 1) \neq 0$ 

and

$$L(E/F, \tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}, s) = D(\mathbf{f}_E, \tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}, s), \qquad \qquad L(E/F, \tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}\epsilon, s) = D(\mathbf{f}_E, \tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}\epsilon, s)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\Sigma$  be a set of primes containing all primes of bad reduction of E, the divisors of  $\Delta_F$ , and the primes of  $\mathbb{Q}$  below those dividing the conductor of  $\epsilon$ . Let  $F_0$  be the field given by Corollary 3.3 for the field F and the set  $\Sigma$ .

Pick a character  $\tilde{\chi} : \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{ab}^{\Sigma}/F) \to \mathbb{C}^*$ , such that for every prime v of F above  $\Sigma$ ,

$$\operatorname{ord}_{v} N(\tilde{\chi}) > \max(\operatorname{ord}_{v}(\Delta_{F_{0}/F}), \operatorname{ord}_{v} N(\epsilon), \operatorname{ord}_{v} N(E/F))$$

where  $N(\xi)$  denotes the conductor of  $\xi$ . Such a character can always be found in  $F(\mu_m)/F$  for  $m = \prod_{p \in \Sigma} p^{k_p}$ , with the  $k_p$  sufficiently large (see e.g. [10], chapter IV).

We now have, for every  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  and every such v,

$$\operatorname{ord}_{v} N(\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}) = \operatorname{ord}_{v} N(\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma} \epsilon) > \max(\operatorname{ord}_{v}(\Delta_{F_{0}/F}), \operatorname{ord}_{v} N(E/F))$$

Therefore, for every  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ , the characters  $\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}$  and  $\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}\epsilon$  do not factor through  $F_0/F$ . Moreover, for every prime v of F where E has bad reduction,

$$(H_l(E)\otimes\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma})^{I_v}=0=H_l(E)^{I_v}\otimes(\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma})^{I_v}$$

and

$$(H_l(E) \otimes \tilde{\chi}^{\sigma} \epsilon)^{I_v} = 0 = H_l(E)^{I_v} \otimes (\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma} \epsilon)^{I_v}$$

Thus  $\tilde{\chi}$  satisfies the requirements of the corollary.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let E be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let F be a totally real field, with  $F/\mathbb{Q}$  abelian. Write  $d = [F : \mathbb{Q}]$ . Then

$$\frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}{(\Omega_+(E)\Omega_-(E))^d} \in \mathbb{Q} \,.$$

*Proof.* Pick  $K \subset \mathbb{Q}_{ab}$  to be any totally imaginary quadratic extension of F (for instance K = F(i) will do). Write  $\epsilon$  for the quadratic character of K/F. Take  $\tilde{\chi} : \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/F) \to \mathbb{C}^*$  to be the character of finite order provided by Corollary 3.3 in this setting.

We write  $\chi$  for the restriction of  $\tilde{\chi}$  to  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/K)$ . Note that the induction of  $\chi$  to  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/F)$  is  $\tilde{\chi} \oplus \tilde{\chi}\epsilon$ . We let  $\mathbf{g}_{\chi}$  be the Hilbert modular form of parallel weight 1 and character  $\epsilon \tilde{\chi}^2$  that is the automorphic induction of  $\chi$ , see e.g. [12] §5. (This is the Hilbert modular form associated to the Artin representation  $\tilde{\chi} \oplus \tilde{\chi}\epsilon$ .)

With notation as in Theorem 2.6, with  $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_E$  and  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_{\chi}$ ,

$$D(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}_{\chi}, 1) = T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}_{\chi})(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \tau_F(\tilde{\chi}^2 \epsilon) \langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F$$

By our choice of  $\tilde{\chi}$ 

$$D(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}_{\chi}, 1) = L(E/F, \tilde{\chi} \oplus \tilde{\chi}\epsilon, 1) = L(E/F, \tilde{\chi}, 1)L(E/F, \tilde{\chi}\epsilon, 1)$$

Let  $\theta_1^{\tilde{\chi}}, \ldots, \theta_d^{\tilde{\chi}}$  and  $\theta_1^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon}, \ldots, \theta_d^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon}$  be the characters of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  that restrict to  $\tilde{\chi}$ and  $\tilde{\chi}\epsilon$ , respectively. In particular, by Frobenius reciprocity, the induction of  $\tilde{\chi}$  to  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  is  $\oplus_j \theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}}$ , and similarly for  $\tilde{\chi}\epsilon$ . Inductive properties of *L*-functions allow us to rewrite the above formula as

$$D(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}_{\chi}, 1) = \prod_j L(E/\mathbb{Q}, \theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}}, 1) \prod_j L(E/\mathbb{Q}, \theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon}, 1) \,.$$

We obtain, using the notation of 2.7,

$$\frac{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}_{\chi})\tau_F(\tilde{\chi}^2 \epsilon) \cdot (2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}{\prod_j \Omega_{\operatorname{sign}(\theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon})}(E) \Omega_{\operatorname{sign}(\theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}})}(E)} = \prod_j S(E, \theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}}) \tau_{\mathbb{Q}}(\theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}}) \prod_j S(E, \theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon}) \tau_{\mathbb{Q}}(\theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon}) \,.$$

Note that, by the choice of  $\tilde{\chi}$ , the above does not read 0 = 0, since the corresponding *L*-functions do not vanish at s = 1. We rewrite the above as

$$\frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}{(\Omega_+(E)\Omega_-(E))^d} = \frac{\prod_j \tau_{\mathbb{Q}}(\theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}}) \tau_{\mathbb{Q}}(\theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon})}{\tau_F(\tilde{\chi}^2\epsilon)} \frac{\prod_j S(E, \theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}}) S(E, \theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon})}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}_{\chi})}$$

where we have used the fact that exactly d of  $\theta_1^{\tilde{\chi}}, \ldots, \theta_d^{\tilde{\chi}}, \theta_1^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon}, \ldots, \theta_d^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon}$  have sign +1.

Using the definition of  $\tau$ , the inductive properties of global epsilon factors and the formula for the local  $\epsilon$ -factor at a real place (see Remark 2.4), we obtain

$$\frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}{(\Omega_+(E)\Omega_-(E))^d} = |\Delta_F| \frac{\tau_F(\tilde{\chi})\tau_F(\tilde{\chi}\epsilon)}{\tau_F(\tilde{\chi}^2\epsilon)} \frac{\prod_j S(E, \theta_j^{\chi})S(E, \theta_j^{\chi\epsilon})}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}_{\chi})} - \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}_{\chi})} = \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}_{\chi})} - \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F} - \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}} - \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}} - \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}} - \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}} - \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}} - \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}} - \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}} - \frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}}{T(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}} -$$

Let us call the quantity on the right-hand-side  $R(\tilde{\chi})$ . To obtain the above equality we have only used the fact that  $L(E/F, \tilde{\chi} \oplus \tilde{\chi}\epsilon, 1)$  coincides with  $D(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}_{\chi}, 1)$ , and that this *L*-value is non-zero. Thus, by our choice of  $\tilde{\chi}$ , the above equality also holds if we replace  $\tilde{\chi}$  by  $\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}$  for any  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ , and so we have  $R(\tilde{\chi}) = R(\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma})$ .

By Theorems 2.6 and 2.7,  $R(\tilde{\chi}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . To prove our theorem, we need to show that  $R(\tilde{\chi})$  actually lies in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . So let  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ . By Lemma 2.5, Theorem 2.6 and Theorem 2.7,

$$\left(\frac{\tau_F(\tilde{\chi})\tau_F(\tilde{\chi}\epsilon)}{\tau_F(\tilde{\chi}^2\epsilon)}\right)^{\sigma} = \frac{\tau_F(\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma})\tau_F(\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}\epsilon)}{\tau_F((\tilde{\chi}^2)^{\sigma}\epsilon)},$$

and

$$\left(\frac{\prod_{j} S(E, \theta_{j}^{\tilde{\chi}}) S(E, \theta_{j}^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon})}{T(\mathbf{f}_{E}, \mathbf{g}_{\chi})}\right)^{\sigma} = \frac{\prod_{j} S(E, (\theta_{j}^{\tilde{\chi}})^{\sigma}) S(E, (\theta_{j}^{\tilde{\chi}\epsilon})^{\sigma})}{T(\mathbf{f}_{E}, \mathbf{g}_{\chi}^{\sigma})}$$

Observe that  $\{\theta_1^{\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}}, \ldots, \theta_d^{\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}}\} = \{(\theta_1^{\tilde{\chi}})^{\sigma}, \ldots, (\theta_d^{\tilde{\chi}})^{\sigma}\}$ , and similarly for  $\theta_j^{\tilde{\chi}^{\epsilon}}$ . Furthermore, as  $\mathbf{g}_{\chi}^{\sigma} = \mathbf{g}_{\chi^{\sigma}}$ , we deduce that  $R(\tilde{\chi})^{\sigma} = R(\tilde{\chi}^{\sigma}) = R(\tilde{\chi})$ . As  $\sigma$  was arbitrary, it follows that

$$\frac{(2i)^d \pi^{3d} \langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F}{(\Omega_+(E)\Omega_-(E))^d} \in \mathbb{Q} \,.$$

**Corollary 3.5.** Let E be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let K be an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , which is not a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\psi : \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/K) \to \mathbb{C}^*$  be a character of finite order, and write  $\rho$  for the Artin representation over  $\mathbb{Q}$  induced by  $\psi$ . Then

$$\frac{L(E,\rho,1)}{\Omega_+(E)^d\Omega_-(E)^d}\in\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$$

where  $d = [K : \mathbb{Q}]/2$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Theorems 2.6 and 3.4, and the inductive properties of L-functions. For **g** in Theorem 2.6 we take the Hilbert modular form over  $K^+$  induced from  $\psi$  (as a Hecke character). Notice that the Rankin-Selberg product  $D(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}, s)$  may differ from  $L(E, \rho, s)$  only at finitely many Euler factors, that take algebraic values and do not vanish at s = 1.

**Remark 3.6.** In view of Theorems 2.6 and 2.7, the result in Theorem 3.4 is equivalent to saying that  $\langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F / \langle f_E, f_E \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}}^d \in \mathbb{Q}$ . This result can be easily generalised to deal with any primitive cusp form f over  $\mathbb{Q}$  that has even weight, trivial character and  $C(m, f) \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Indeed, the results of Rohrlich and Shimura that we used in the proof apply in this setting. The rôle of  $\Omega_{\pm}$  can be played by the quantities  $u_1^{\pm}$  in [11].

## 4. The false Tate curve extension

Let p be an odd prime, and let m > 1 be an integer, that is not a p-th power. We consider the false Tate curve extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,

$$\mathbb{Q}_{FT} = \bigcup_n \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[p^n]{m}, \mu_{p^n}).$$

We write  $K_n = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^n})$ . For a discussion of the representation theory in the false Tate curve extension see [6].

Let  $\rho_n$  be the irreducible Artin representation over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , that is induced from any 1-dimensional representation of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_n(\sqrt[p^n]{m})/K_n)$  of exact order  $p^n$ . Every irreducible Artin representation that factors through  $\mathbb{Q}_{FT}$  has the form  $\rho_n \phi$ , where  $\phi$ is a 1-dimensional Artin representation over  $\mathbb{Q}$  that factors through  $K_k$ , for some  $k \geq 0$ . If  $\rho_n$  is induced from  $\chi$  :  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_n(\sqrt[p^n]{m})/K_n) \to \mathbb{C}^*$ , then  $\rho_n \phi$  is induced from  $\chi \operatorname{Res} \phi : \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}/K_n) \to \mathbb{C}^*$ , Note that, in particular, every irreducible representation of dimension larger than 1 is induced from a 1-dimensional Artin representation over an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , not contained in  $\mathbb{R}$ . We immediately obtain from Corollary 3.5 and Theorem 2.7

**Corollary 4.1.** Let *E* be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let *p* be an odd prime and let m > 1 be an integer that is not a *p*-th power. Let  $\rho$  be an Artin representation over  $\mathbb{Q}$  that factors through  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[p^n]{m}, \mu_{p^n})$ , for some  $n \ge 0$ . Then

$$\frac{L(E,\rho,1)}{\Omega_+(E)^{\dim\rho^+}\Omega_-(E)^{\dim\rho^-}}\in\overline{\mathbb{Q}}\,.$$

Our aim is to make a more precise statement about the field of definition of the special value in the above corollary. First, we recall some more terminology.

Let F be a totally real field of degree d, and let K/F be a totally imaginary quadratic extension. We fix an embedding  $K \to \mathbb{C}$ , and write c for the complex conjugation element. We say that a character of finite order  $\psi : \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/K) \to \mathbb{C}^*$ is cyclotomic if  $\psi(cgc) = \psi(g)$  for all  $g \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/K)$ . We call  $\psi$  anticyclotomic if  $\psi(cgc) = \psi(g)^{-1}$ . Note that when  $\psi$  is cyclotomic, it can be extended to a character  $\tilde{\psi}$  of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/F)$ .

Write  $\epsilon$  for the quadratic character of K/F. If  $\psi$  is cyclotomic over K, then the representation induced by  $\psi$  to F is  $\tilde{\psi} \oplus \tilde{\psi} \epsilon$ . Moreover, if  $\chi$  is anticyclotomic and  $\psi$  is cyclotomic, then the determinant of the representation induced by  $\chi \psi$  to F is  $\tilde{\psi}^2 \epsilon$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let *E* be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let *p* be an odd prime and let m > 1 be an integer, that is not a *p*-th power. Let  $\rho$  be an Artin representation over  $\mathbb{Q}$  that factors through  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[p^n]{m, \mu_{p^n}})$ , for some  $n \ge 0$ . Define

$$R(E,\rho) = \frac{L(E,\rho,1)\epsilon(\rho)^{-1}}{\Omega_{+}(E)^{\dim \rho^{+}} |\Omega_{-}(E)|^{\dim \rho^{-}}}.$$

Then  $R(E, \rho) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Moreover, for every  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ ,

$$R(E,\rho)^{\sigma} = R(E,\rho^{\sigma}).$$

In particular,

$$R(E,\rho) \in \mathbb{Q}(\rho)$$
.

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove the Galois-equivariance formula for irreducible representations  $\rho$ . If  $\rho$  is 1-dimensional, the result follows from Theorem 2.7, observing that in this case  $i^{\dim \rho^-} \tau_{\mathbb{Q}}(\rho) = \epsilon_{\mathbb{Q}}(\rho)$ .

Otherwise  $\rho$  is induced from a character  $\chi\phi$  over  $K_n$  for some  $n \geq 1$ , where  $\chi$  factors through  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_n(\sqrt[p^n]{m})/K_n)$  and  $\phi$  factors through  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_k/K_n)$ , for some  $k \geq n$ . In this case dim  $\rho^- = \dim \rho^+ = p^{n-1}(p-1)/2$ . The field  $K_n$  is a quadratic totally imaginary extension of the totally real field  $F = K_n^+$ . Note that  $\chi$  is anticyclotomic and  $\phi$  is cyclotomic. We write  $\epsilon$  for the quadratic character of  $K_n/F$ , and  $\tilde{\phi}$  for an extension of  $\phi$  to  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/F)$ .

Let **g** be the Hilbert modular form over F of parallel weight 1 and character  $\epsilon \tilde{\phi}^2$  that is the automorphic induction of  $\chi \phi$  to F (see e.g. [12] §5). This Hilbert modular form corresponds to the Artin representation  $\operatorname{Ind} \chi \phi$  over F. We apply Theorem 2.6 to the pair  $\mathbf{f}_E$ , **g**. Eliminating the Petersson inner product  $\langle \mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{f}_E \rangle_F$  using Theorem 3.4, we deduce that the expression

$$\frac{D(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}, 1)}{\Omega_+(E)^{\dim \rho^+} \Omega_-(E)^{\dim \rho^-} \tau_F(\epsilon \tilde{\phi}^2)}$$

is algebraic and Galois-equivariant. The term  $D(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}, 1)$  can be replaced by the *L*-value  $L(E, \rho, 1)$  by Remark 2.2 and Lemma 4.4, and the inductive property of *L*-functions. Finally, the Gauss sum  $i^{\dim \rho^-} \tau_F(\epsilon \tilde{\phi}^2)$  can be replaced by  $\epsilon_{K_n}(\chi \phi) = \epsilon_{\mathbb{Q}}(\rho)$  by Proposition 4.5.

**Corollary 4.3.** Let *E* be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let *p* be an odd prime and let m, n > 1 be integers. For any subfield *F* of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[p^n]{m}, \mu_{p^n})$ ,

$$\frac{L(E/F,1)\sqrt{|\Delta_F|}}{\Omega_+(E)^{r_1+r_2}|\Omega_-(E)|^{r_2}} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

where  $r_1$  (resp.  $r_2$ ) is the number of real (resp. complex) places of F.

*Proof.* Take  $\rho$  to be the Artin representation induced from the trivial representation of  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/F)$ . Then  $\rho$  can be realised over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $\epsilon(\rho) = \pm \sqrt{|\Delta_F|}$ . The result follows from Theorem 4.2. Note that in the resulting formula,  $\sqrt{|\Delta_F|}^{-1}$  can be replaced by  $\sqrt{|\Delta_F|}$ , as their quotient is rational.

The Rankin-Selberg product. In the lemma below, we justify the assertion in the proof of Theorem 4.2, that the quotient of the Rankin-Selberg product by the classical *L*-function is Galois equivariant. More precisely, if  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  is an elliptic curve, F a totally real field and  $\rho$  a (suitable) two dimensional Artin representation over F, then  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{f}_E, \mathbf{g}, 1)/L(E/F, \rho, 1)$  is Galois equivariant, where we view this quotient as the finite product over primes where the local Euler factors of  $\mathbf{D}$  and L differ (so that it is well-defined even when both *L*-values are zero.)

**Lemma 4.4.** Let K be a number field, and let E be an elliptic curve over K. Let  $\rho$  be an Artin representation over K with coefficients in  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Let v be a prime of K, and let  $\ell$  be a rational prime not divisible by v. Then, for every  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ ,

$$\det(1 - X\Phi_v | (H^1_\ell(E) \otimes \rho)^{I_v})^{\sigma} = \det(1 - X\Phi_v | (H^1_\ell(E) \otimes \rho^{\sigma})^{I_v})$$

and

$$\det(1 - X\Phi_v|(H^1_\ell(E)^{I_v} \otimes \rho^{I_v}))^{\sigma} = \det(1 - X\Phi_v|(H^1_\ell(E)^{I_v} \otimes (\rho^{\sigma})^{I_v}).$$

*Proof.* Recall that the above characteristic polynomials have algebraic coefficients. Let L be a finite Galois extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  that contains these coefficients, and such that  $\rho$  is realised over L. It is clearly sufficient to prove the assertion in the lemma for  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ .

Let  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ . Write M for the subfield of L fixed by  $\sigma$ . The coefficients in the above characteristic polynomials are independent of the choice of  $\ell$ , with  $v \not| \ell$ . We can therefore take  $\ell$  to be a rational prime not divisible by v, that splits in  $M/\mathbb{Q}$  and is inert in L/M. Such primes exist by Chebotarev's density theorem.

Let  $\alpha$  be an element in L with  $L = M(\alpha)$ . For a fixed embedding  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \hookrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ , write  $\tilde{\alpha} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  for the image of  $\alpha$ . We obtain an explicit isomorphism  $\operatorname{Gal}(L/M) \cong$  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(\tilde{\alpha})/\mathbb{Q}_{\ell})$ . We write  $\sigma$  also for its image in  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(\tilde{\alpha})/\mathbb{Q}_{\ell})$  under this isomorphism.

If R is any representation of the Weil group at v with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(\tilde{\alpha})$ , we have

$$\det(1 - \Phi_v X | (R^{\sigma})^{I_v}) = \det(1 - \Phi_v X | R^{I_v})^{\sigma}.$$

Indeed, letting V be the  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(\tilde{\alpha})$ -vector space on which R acts, if  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V^{R(I_v)}$  then  $v_1^{\sigma}, \ldots, v_n^{\sigma}$  is a basis of  $V^{R^{\sigma}(I_v)}$ . If the matrix of  $R(\Phi_v)$  with respect to  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  is  $(\lambda_{ij})$ , then the matrix of  $R^{\sigma}(\Phi_v)$  with respect to  $v_1^{\sigma}, \ldots, v_n^{\sigma}$  is  $(\lambda_{ij})$ .

Applying this observation with  $R = H^1_{\ell}(E), \rho$  and  $H^1_{\ell}(E) \otimes \rho$  we obtain the asserted Galois-equivariance.

**Comparing Gauss sums and**  $\epsilon$ -factors. We now complete the proof of Theorem 4.2 by showing that the quotient of the Gauss sum  $\tau_F$ , that appears in the definition of  $T(E/F, \rho)$ , by the  $\epsilon$ -factor that appears in Theorem 4.2, is Galois equivariant.

**Proposition 4.5.** Let F be a totally real field of degree d, and let K be a totally imaginary quadratic extension of F. Write  $\epsilon$  for the quadratic character of K/F. Let  $\chi$  be an anticyclotomic character of K, and let  $\psi$  be a cyclotomic character. Then, for every  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ , we have

$$\left(\frac{\epsilon_K(\chi\psi)}{i^d\,\tau_F(\tilde{\psi}^2\epsilon)}\right)^{\sigma} = \frac{\epsilon_K(\chi^{\sigma}\psi^{\sigma})}{i^d\,\tau_F((\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma})^2\epsilon)}\,,$$

where  $\tilde{\psi}$  denotes an extension of  $\psi$  to  $\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/F)$ .

*Proof.* This is a straight-forward computation using the definition of  $\tau$  and Lemma 2.5. We have

$$\left(\frac{\epsilon_K(\chi\psi)}{i^d\,\tau_F(\tilde{\psi}^2\epsilon)}\right)^{\sigma} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{|\Delta_K|}\tau_K(\chi\psi)}{i^d\,\tau_F(\tilde{\psi}^2\epsilon)}\right)^{\sigma}$$

Applying Lemma 2.5, we rewrite the latter expression as

$$\frac{\sqrt{|\Delta_K|^{\sigma}}}{(i^d)^{\sigma} \tau_F(\tilde{\psi}^2 \epsilon)^{\sigma}} \frac{\tau_K(\chi^{\sigma} \psi^{\sigma})}{\tau_K(\chi^{\sigma}) \tau_K(\psi^{\sigma})} \tau_K(\chi)^{\sigma} \tau_K(\psi)^{\sigma} =$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta_K|^{\sigma}}}{(i^d)^{\sigma} \sqrt{|\Delta_K|}} \cdot \frac{\tau_F(\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma} \epsilon) \tau_F(\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma})}{\tau_F(\tilde{\psi}^{\epsilon})^{\sigma} \tau_F(\tilde{\psi})^{\sigma}} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_K(\chi^{\sigma} \psi^{\sigma})}{\tau_F((\tilde{\psi}^2)^{\sigma} \epsilon)} \cdot \frac{\tau_K(\chi)^{\sigma}}{\tau_K(\chi^{\sigma})} \cdot \frac{\tau_K(\psi)^{\sigma}}{\tau_K(\psi^{\sigma})}$$

As  $\chi$  is anticyclotomic, the term  $\tau_K(\chi)^{\sigma}/\tau_K(\chi^{\sigma})$  in the above expression is 1. We now rewrite the last term in the formula

$$\frac{\tau_{K}(\psi)^{\sigma}}{\tau_{K}(\psi^{\sigma})} = \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}^{\sigma} \frac{\epsilon_{K}(\psi)^{\sigma}}{\epsilon_{K}(\psi^{\sigma})} = \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}^{\sigma} \frac{\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi} \oplus \tilde{\psi}\epsilon)^{\sigma}}{\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma} \oplus \tilde{\psi}^{\sigma}\epsilon)} = \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}^{\sigma} \frac{\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi})^{\sigma}\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}\epsilon)^{\sigma}}{\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma})\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma}\epsilon)} = \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}^{\sigma} \frac{\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi})^{\sigma}\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}\epsilon)^{\sigma}}{\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma})\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma}\epsilon)} = \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}^{\sigma} \frac{\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi})^{\sigma}\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}\epsilon)^{\sigma}}{\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma})\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma}\epsilon)} = \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}{\sqrt{|\Delta_{K}|}}^{\sigma} \frac{\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi})^{\sigma}\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}\epsilon)^{\sigma}}{\epsilon_{F}(\tilde{\psi}^{\sigma}\epsilon)} \frac{(i^{d})^{\sigma}}{i^{d}}.$$
  
The proposition follows.

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