

# FACTORISATION OF TWO-VARIABLE $p$ -ADIC $L$ -FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $f$  be a modular form which is non-ordinary at  $p$ . Loeffler has recently constructed four two-variable  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions associated to  $f$ . In the case where  $a_p = 0$ , he showed that, as in the one-variable case, Pollack's plus and minus splitting applies to these new objects. In this article, we show that such a splitting can be generalised to the case where  $a_p \neq 0$  using Sprung's logarithmic matrix.

## 1. $p$ -ADIC LOGARITHMIC MATRICES

We first review the theory of Sprung's factorisation of one-variable  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions in [Spr12b, Spr12a], which is a generalisation of Pollack's work [Pol03].

Let  $f = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^n$  be a normalised eigen-newform of weight 2 and level  $N$  with nebentypus  $\epsilon$ . Fix an odd<sup>1</sup> prime  $p$  that does not divide  $N$  and  $v_p(a_p) \neq 0$ . Here,  $v_p$  is the normalised  $p$ -adic valuation with  $v_p(p) = 1$ . Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the two roots to

$$X^2 - a_p X + \epsilon(p)p = 0$$

with  $r = v_p(\alpha)$  and  $s = v_p(\beta)$ . Note in particular that  $0 < r, s < 1$ .

Let  $G$  be a one-dimensional  $p$ -adic Lie group, which is of the form  $\Delta \times \langle \gamma_p \rangle$ , where  $\Delta$  is a finite abelian group and  $\langle \gamma_p \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$ . If  $H$  is a subset of  $G$ , we write  $1_H$  for the indicator function of  $H$  on  $G$ . Let  $F$  be a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  that contains  $\mu_{|\Delta|}$ ,  $a_n$  and  $\epsilon(n)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . For a real number  $u \geq 0$ , we define  $D^{(u)}(G, F)$  to be the set of distributions  $\mu$  on  $G$  such that for a fixed integer  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\inf_{g \in G} v_p(\mu(1_{g\langle \gamma_p \rangle^{p^n}})) \geq R - un$$

for some constant  $R \in \mathbb{R}$  that only depends on  $\mu$ . Note that we may identify  $D^{(u)}(G, F)$  with the set of power series

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{\sigma \in \Delta} c_{\sigma, n} \sigma(\gamma_p - 1)^n$$

where  $c_{\sigma, n} \in F$  and  $\sup_{n > 0} \frac{|c_{\sigma, n}|_p}{n^u} < \infty$  for all  $\sigma \in \Delta$  (here  $|\cdot|_p$  denotes the  $p$ -adic norm with  $|p|_p = p^{-1}$ ). Let  $X = \gamma_p - 1$ . If  $\eta$  is a character on  $\Delta$ , we write  $e_\eta \mu$  for the  $\eta$ -isotypical component of  $\mu$ , namely, the power series

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{\sigma \in \Delta} c_{\sigma, n} \eta(\sigma) (\gamma_p - 1)^n \in F[[X]].$$

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<sup>1</sup>Our results in fact hold for  $p = 2$ . Since the interpolation formulae of  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions are slightly different from the other cases, we assume  $p \neq 2$  for notational simplicity.

For  $\mu_1 \in D^{(u)}(\langle \gamma_p \rangle, F)$  and  $\mu_2 \in D^{(u)}(G, F)$ , we say that  $\mu_1$  divides  $\mu_2$  over  $D^{(u)}(G, F)$  if  $\mu_1$  divides all isotypical components of  $\mu_2$  as elements in  $F[[X]]$ .

**Definition 1.1.** We say that  $(\mu_\alpha, \mu_\beta) \in D^{(r)}(G, F) \oplus D^{(s)}(G, F)$  is a pair of interpolating functions for  $f$  if for all non-trivial characters  $\omega$  on  $G$  that send  $\gamma_p$  to a primitive  $p^{n-1}$ -st root of unity for some  $n \geq 1$ , there exists a constant  $C_\omega \in \overline{F}$  such that

$$\mu_\alpha(\omega) = \alpha^{-n} C_\omega \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_\beta(\omega) = \beta^{-n} C_\omega.$$

**Remark 1.2.** The  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions  $L_\alpha, L_\beta$  of Amice-Vélu [AV75] and Višik [Viš76] associated to  $f$  satisfy the property stated above, with  $G$  being the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^\infty})/\mathbb{Q})$  and  $C_\omega$  being the algebraic part of the complex  $L$ -value  $L(f, \omega^{-1}, 1)$  multiplied by some fudge factor.

**Definition 1.3.** A matrix  $M_p = \begin{pmatrix} m_{1,1} & m_{1,2} \\ m_{2,1} & m_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}$  with  $m_{1,1}, m_{2,1} \in D^{(r)}(\langle \gamma_p \rangle, F)$  and  $m_{1,2}, m_{2,2} \in D^{(s)}(\langle \gamma_p \rangle, F)$ , is called a  $p$ -adic logarithmic matrix associated to  $f$  if  $\det(M_p)$  is, up to a constant in  $F^\times$ , equal to  $\log_p(\gamma_p)/(\gamma_p - 1)$ , and  $\det(M_p)$  divides both

$$m_{2,2}\mu_\alpha - m_{2,1}\mu_\beta \quad \text{and} \quad -m_{1,2}\mu_\alpha + m_{1,1}\mu_\beta$$

over  $D^{(1)}(G, F)$  for all interpolating functions  $\mu_\alpha, \mu_\beta$  for  $f$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $\mu_\alpha, \mu_\beta$  be a pair of interpolating functions for  $f$ . If  $M_p$  is a  $p$ -adic logarithmic matrix associated to  $f$ , then there exist  $\mu_\#, \mu_\flat \in D^{(0)}(G, F)$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mu_\alpha & \mu_\beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_\# & \mu_\flat \end{pmatrix} M_p.$$

*Proof.* Let

$$\mu_\# := \frac{m_{2,2}\mu_\alpha - m_{2,1}\mu_\beta}{\det(M_p)} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_\flat := \frac{-m_{1,2}\mu_\alpha + m_{1,1}\mu_\beta}{\det(M_p)}.$$

By definition, the numerators lie inside  $D^{(1)}(G, F)$  and the coefficients of  $\det(M_p)$  have the same growth rate as those of  $\log_p(\gamma_p)$ , so  $\mu_\#$  and  $\mu_\flat$  lie inside  $D^{(0)}(G, F)$ . The factorisation follows from the fact that

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{2,2} & -m_{1,2} \\ -m_{2,1} & m_{1,1} \end{pmatrix} M_p = \begin{pmatrix} \det(M_p) & 0 \\ 0 & \det(M_p) \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

We now recall the construction of Sprung's canonical  $p$ -adic logarithmic matrix associated to  $f$ .

Let  $C_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_p & 1 \\ -\epsilon(p)\Phi_{p^n}(\gamma_p) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\Phi_{p^n}$  denotes the  $p^n$ -th cyclotomic polynomial for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $C = \begin{pmatrix} a_p & 1 \\ -\epsilon(p)p & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix}$ . Define

$$M_p^{(n)} := C_1 \cdots C_n C^{-n-2} A.$$

**Theorem 1.5** (Sprung). *The entries of the sequence of matrices  $M_p^{(n)}$  converge (under the standard sup-norm on  $p$ -adic power series) in  $D^{(1)}(\langle \gamma_p \rangle, F)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_p^{(n)}$  is a  $p$ -adic logarithmic matrix associated to  $f$ .*

*Proof.* We only sketch our proof here since this is merely a slight generalisation of Sprung's results in [Spr12a, Spr12b].

Since  $C_{n+1} \equiv C \pmod{(X+1)^{p^n} - 1}$ , we have

$$M_p^{(n+1)} \equiv M_p^{(n)} \pmod{(X+1)^{p^n} - 1}.$$

Note that

$$A^{-1}CA = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix},$$

which implies that

$$(1) \quad C^{-n-2}A = A \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{-n-2} & 0 \\ 0 & \beta^{-n-2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha^{-n-2} & -\beta^{-n-2} \\ \beta\alpha^{-n-2} & \alpha\beta^{-n-2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since all the entries in  $C_1 \cdots C_n$  are integral, the coefficients of the first (respectively second) row of  $M_p^{(n)}$  grow like  $O(p^{-rn})$  (respectively  $O(p^{-sn})$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, by [PR94, §1.2.1], the entries of the first (respectively second) row of  $M_p^{(n)}$  converge to elements in  $D^{(r)}(\langle \gamma_p \rangle, F)$  (respectively  $D^{(s)}(\langle \gamma_p \rangle, F)$ ).

Let  $M_p = \begin{pmatrix} m_{1,1} & m_{1,2} \\ m_{2,1} & m_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}$  be the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_p^{(n)}$ . If  $\omega$  is a character that sends  $\gamma_p$  to a primitive  $p^{n-1}$ -st root of unity, then

$$M_p(\omega) = C_1(\omega) \cdots C_{n-1}(\omega) C^{-n-1}A.$$

Note that  $C_{n-1}(\omega) = \begin{pmatrix} a_p & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , so from (1), we see that there exist two constants  $A_\omega, B_\omega \in \overline{F}$  such that

$$M_p(\omega) = \begin{pmatrix} a_p A_\omega & A_\omega \\ a_p B_\omega & B_\omega \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha^{-n-1} & -\beta^{-n-1} \\ \beta\alpha^{-n-1} & \alpha\beta^{-n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha^{-n} A_\omega & -\beta^{-n} A_\omega \\ -\alpha^{-n} B_\omega & -\beta^{-n} B_\omega \end{pmatrix}.$$

In particular, if  $\mu_\alpha, \mu_\beta$  is a pair of interpolating functions for  $f$ ,

$$m_{2,2}(\omega)\mu_\alpha(\omega) - m_{2,1}(\omega)\mu_\beta(\omega) = -m_{1,2}(\omega)\mu_\alpha(\omega) + m_{1,1}(\omega)\mu_\beta(\omega) = 0.$$

By [Spr12a, Remark 2.19],  $\det(M_p) = \frac{\log_p(1+X)}{X} \times \frac{\beta-\alpha}{(\alpha\beta)^2}$ . But  $\alpha \neq \beta$  by [CB98, Theorem 2.1], hence the result.  $\square$

**Remark 1.6.** *Similar logarithmic matrices have been constructed in [LLZ10] using the theory of Wach modules, but they are not canonical.*

## 2. TWO-VARIABLE $p$ -ADIC $L$ -FUNCTIONS

**2.1. Setup for two-variable distributions.** We now fix an imaginary quadratic field  $K$  in which  $p$  splits into  $\mathfrak{p}\overline{\mathfrak{p}}$ . If  $\mathfrak{I}$  is an ideal of  $K$ , we write  $G_{\mathfrak{I}}$  for the ray class group of  $K$  modulo  $\mathfrak{I}$ . Define

$$G_{p^\infty} = \varprojlim G_{p^n}, \quad G_{\mathfrak{p}^\infty} = \varprojlim G_{\mathfrak{p}^n}, \quad G_{\overline{\mathfrak{p}}^\infty} = \varprojlim G_{\overline{\mathfrak{p}}^n}.$$

These are the Galois groups of the ray class fields  $K(p^\infty)$ ,  $K(\mathfrak{p}^\infty)$  and  $K(\overline{\mathfrak{p}}^\infty)$  respectively. Fix topological generators  $\gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}$  and  $\gamma_{\overline{\mathfrak{p}}}$  of the  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -parts of  $G_{\mathfrak{p}^\infty}$  and  $G_{\overline{\mathfrak{p}}^\infty}$  respectively. We have an isomorphism

$$G_{p^\infty} \cong \Delta \times \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} \rangle \times \langle \gamma_{\overline{\mathfrak{p}}} \rangle,$$

where  $\Delta$  is a finite abelian group. For real numbers  $u, v \geq 0$ , we define  $D^{(u,v)}(G_{p^\infty}, F)$  to be the set of distributions  $\mu$  of  $G_{p^\infty}$  such that for fixed integers  $m, n \geq 0$ ,

$$\inf_{g \in G_{p^\infty}} v_p \left( \mu \left( \mathbf{1}_{g\langle \gamma_p \rangle^{p^m} \langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle^{p^n}} \right) \right) \geq R - um - vn$$

for some constant  $R \in \mathbb{R}$  that only depends on  $\mu$ .

Let  $X = \gamma_p - 1$  and  $Y = \gamma_{\bar{p}} - 1$ . We may identify an element of  $D^{(u,v)}(G_{p^\infty}, F)$  with a power series

$$\sum_{i,j \geq 0} \sum_{\sigma \in \Delta} c_{\sigma,i,j} \sigma X^i Y^j,$$

where  $c_{\sigma,i,j} \in F$ . On identifying each  $\Delta$ -isotypical component of  $\mu$  with a power series in  $X$  and  $Y$ , we have the notion of divisibility as in the one-dimensional case. We define the operator  $\partial_p$  to be the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial}{\partial X}$ .

For  $\star \in \{\mathfrak{p}, \bar{\mathfrak{p}}\}$ , we let  $\Omega_\star$  be the set of characters on  $G_{p^\infty}$  with conductor  $(\star)^n$  for some integer  $n \geq 1$ .

Let  $\mu \in D^{(u,v)}(G_{p^\infty}, F)$  where  $u, v \geq 0$ . If  $\omega_p \in \Omega_p$ , we define a distribution  $\mu^{(\omega_p)}$  by

$$\mu^{(\omega_p)}(\omega_{\bar{p}}) = \mu(\omega_p \omega_{\bar{p}}).$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *The distribution  $\mu^{(\omega_p)}$  lies inside  $D^{(v)}(G_{\bar{p}^\infty}, F')$ , where  $F'$  is the extension  $F(\omega_p(\gamma_p))$ .*

*Proof.* By definition, for any integers  $m, n \geq 0$ , we have

$$(2) \quad \inf_{g \in G_{p^\infty}} v_p \left( \mu \left( \mathbf{1}_{g\langle \gamma_p \rangle^{p^m} \langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle^{p^n}} \right) \right) \geq R - um - vn$$

for some  $R$ . Since  $\omega_p$  is of finite order, we have

$$\omega_p = \sum_{h \in G_{p^\infty} / \ker(\omega_p)} \omega_p(h) \mathbf{1}_{h \ker(\omega_p)}.$$

Moreover,

$$(3) \quad v_p(\omega_p(h)) = 0$$

for all  $h$  and  $\ker(\omega_p) \cap \langle \gamma_p \rangle \langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle = \langle \gamma_p \rangle^{p^m} \langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle$  for some integer  $m$ .

If  $g \in G_{\bar{p}^\infty}$  and  $n \geq 0$  is an integer, we may lift the coset  $g\langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle^{p^n}$  in  $G_{\bar{p}^\infty}$  to one in  $G_{p^\infty}$  that is of the form  $g'\langle \gamma_p \rangle \langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle^{p^n}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^{(\omega_p)} \left( \mathbf{1}_{g\langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle^{p^n}} \right) &= \mu \left( \sum_{h \in G_{p^\infty} / \ker(\omega_p)} \omega_p(h) \mathbf{1}_{h \ker(\omega_p)} \mathbf{1}_{g'\langle \gamma_p \rangle \langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle^{p^n}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{h \in G_{p^\infty} / \ker(\omega_p)} \omega_p(h) \mu \left( \mathbf{1}_{h \ker(\omega_p) \cap g'\langle \gamma_p \rangle \langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle^{p^n}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{h \in G_{p^\infty} / \ker(\omega_p) \\ h \in g'\langle \gamma_p \rangle \langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle^{p^n}}} \omega_p(h) \mu \left( \mathbf{1}_{h\langle \gamma_p \rangle^{p^m} \langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle^{p^n}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (2) and (3), we have

$$v_p \left( \mu^{(\omega_p)} \left( \mathbf{1}_{g\langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle^{p^n}} \right) \right) \geq (R - um) - vn$$

as required.  $\square$

Similarly, for  $\omega_{\bar{p}} \in \Omega_{\bar{p}}$ , we may define a distribution  $\mu^{(\omega_{\bar{p}})} \in D^{(u)}(G_{p^\infty}, F')$ , where  $F' = F(\omega_{\bar{p}}(\gamma_{\bar{p}}))$ .

**2.2. Sprung-type factorisation.** Let  $L_{\alpha,\alpha}, L_{\alpha,\beta}, L_{\beta,\alpha}, L_{\beta,\beta}$  be the two-variable  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions constructed in [Loe13] (note that  $L_{\alpha,\alpha}$  and  $L_{\beta,\beta}$  have also be constructed in [Kim11]). By [Loe13, Theorem 4.7],  $L_{\star,\bullet}$  is an element of  $D^{(v_p(\star), v_p(\bullet))}(G_{p^\infty}, F)$  for  $\star, \bullet \in \{\alpha, \beta\}$ . Moreover, if  $\omega$  is a character on  $G_{p^\infty}$  of conductor  $\mathfrak{p}^{n_p} \bar{\mathfrak{p}}^{n_{\bar{p}}}$  with  $n_p, n_{\bar{p}} \geq 1$ , we have

$$(4) \quad L_{\alpha,\alpha}(\omega) = \alpha^{-n_p} \alpha^{-n_{\bar{p}}} C_\omega$$

$$(5) \quad L_{\alpha,\beta}(\omega) = \alpha^{-n_p} \beta^{-n_{\bar{p}}} C_\omega$$

$$(6) \quad L_{\beta,\alpha}(\omega) = \beta^{-n_p} \alpha^{-n_{\bar{p}}} C_\omega$$

$$(7) \quad L_{\beta,\beta}(\omega) = \beta^{-n_p} \beta^{-n_{\bar{p}}} C_\omega$$

for some  $C_\omega \in \bar{F}$  that is independent of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Let  $M_p$  be the logarithmic matrix given by Theorem 1.5. On replacing  $\gamma_p$  by  $\gamma_p$  and  $\gamma_{\bar{p}}$  respectively, we have two logarithmic matrices  $M_p = \begin{pmatrix} m_{1,1}^p & m_{1,2}^p \\ m_{2,1}^p & m_{2,2}^p \end{pmatrix}$  and

$$M_{\bar{p}} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{1,1}^{\bar{p}} & m_{1,2}^{\bar{p}} \\ m_{2,1}^{\bar{p}} & m_{2,2}^{\bar{p}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ defined over } D^{(1)}(\langle \gamma_p \rangle, F) \text{ and } D^{(1)}(\langle \gamma_{\bar{p}} \rangle, F) \text{ respectively.}$$

Our goal is to prove the following generalisation of [Loe13, Corollary 5.4].

**Theorem 2.2.** *There exist  $L_{\#,\#}, L_{b,\#}, L_{\#,\flat}, L_{b,\flat} \in D^{(0,0)}(G_{p^\infty}, F)$  such that*

$$(L_{\alpha,\alpha} \ L_{\beta,\alpha} \ L_{\alpha,\beta} \ L_{\beta,\beta}) = (L_{\#,\#} \ L_{b,\#} \ L_{\#,\flat} \ L_{b,\flat}) M_p \otimes M_{\bar{p}}.$$

We shall prove this theorem in two steps, namely, to show that we can first factor out  $M_p$ , then  $M_{\bar{p}}$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** *For  $\star \in \{\alpha, \beta\}$ , there exist  $L_{\#,\star}, L_{b,\star} \in D^{(0, v_p(\star))}(G_{p^\infty}, F)$  such that*

$$(8) \quad (L_{\alpha,\star} \ L_{\beta,\star}) = (L_{\#,\star} \ L_{b,\star}) M_p.$$

*Proof.* We take  $\star = \alpha$  (since the proof for the case  $\star = \beta$  is identical). Let  $\omega_p \in \Omega_p$  and  $\omega_{\bar{p}} \in \Omega_{\bar{p}}$  and write  $\omega = \omega_p \omega_{\bar{p}}$ .

By (4) and (6),  $L_{\alpha,\alpha}^{(\omega_{\bar{p}})}$  and  $L_{\beta,\alpha}^{(\omega_{\bar{p}})}$  is a pair of interpolating functions for  $f$ . In particular,  $\det(M_p)$  divides both

$$m_{2,2}^p L_{\alpha,\alpha}^{(\omega_{\bar{p}})} - m_{2,1}^p L_{\beta,\alpha}^{(\omega_{\bar{p}})} \quad \text{and} \quad -m_{1,2}^p L_{\alpha,\alpha}^{(\omega_{\bar{p}})} + m_{1,1}^p L_{\beta,\alpha}^{(\omega_{\bar{p}})}$$

over  $D^{(1)}(G_{p^\infty}, F)$ . Therefore, the distributions

$$m_{2,2}^p L_{\alpha,\alpha} - m_{2,1}^p L_{\beta,\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad -m_{1,2}^p L_{\alpha,\alpha} + m_{1,1}^p L_{\beta,\alpha}$$

vanish at all characters of the form  $\omega = \omega_p \omega_{\bar{p}}$ . This implies that

$$(m_{2,2}^p L_{\alpha,\alpha} - m_{2,1}^p L_{\beta,\alpha})^{(\omega_p)} = (-m_{1,2}^p L_{\alpha,\alpha} + m_{1,1}^p L_{\beta,\alpha})^{(\omega_p)} = 0$$

since these two distributions lie inside  $D^{(r)}(G_{\bar{p}^\infty}, F')$  for some  $F'$ , with  $r < 1$ , and they vanish at an infinite number of characters for each of their isotypical components. Hence,  $\det(M_p)$  divides

$$m_{2,2}^p L_{\alpha,\alpha} - m_{2,1}^p L_{\beta,\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad -m_{1,2}^p L_{\alpha,\alpha} + m_{1,1}^p L_{\beta,\alpha}$$

over  $D^{(1,r)}(G_{p^\infty}, F)$ . Let

$$L_{\#, \alpha} := \frac{m_{2,2}^{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \alpha} - m_{2,1}^{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\beta, \alpha}}{\det(M_{\mathfrak{p}})} \quad \text{and} \quad L_{\flat, \alpha} := \frac{-m_{1,2}^{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \alpha} + m_{1,1}^{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\beta, \alpha}}{\det(M_{\mathfrak{p}})}.$$

We may then conclude as in the proof of Lemma 1.4.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $\omega$  be a character of  $G_{p^\infty}$  of conductor  $\mathfrak{p}^{n_{\mathfrak{p}}} \bar{\mathfrak{p}}^{n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}}$  with  $n_{\mathfrak{p}}, n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}} \geq 1$ . There exist constants  $D_\omega$  and  $E_\omega$  in  $\bar{F}$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \alpha}(\omega) &= \alpha^{-n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} D_\omega, & \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \beta}(\omega) &= \beta^{-n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} D_\omega, \\ \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\beta, \alpha}(\omega) &= \alpha^{-n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} E_\omega, & \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\beta, \beta}(\omega) &= \beta^{-n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} E_\omega. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We only prove the result concerning  $\partial_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \alpha}$  and  $\partial_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \beta}$ . Fix an  $\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}} \in \Omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}$ . By (8) and (9), we have

$$\beta^{n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} L_{\alpha, \beta}^{(\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})}(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \alpha^{n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} L_{\alpha, \alpha}^{(\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})}(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}})$$

for all  $\omega_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \Omega_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . But  $L_{\alpha, \beta}^{(\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})}, L_{\alpha, \alpha}^{(\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})} \in D^{(r)}(G_{p^\infty}, F')$  for some  $F'$ . As  $r < 1$ , this implies that

$$\beta^{n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} L_{\alpha, \beta}^{(\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})} = \alpha^{n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} L_{\alpha, \alpha}^{(\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})}.$$

In particular, their derivatives agree, that is

$$\beta^{n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \beta}^{(\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})} = \alpha^{n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \alpha}^{(\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})}.$$

But for a general  $\mu \in D^{(r,s)}(G_{p^\infty}, F)$ , we have

$$\partial_{\mathfrak{p}} \left( \mu^{(\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})} \right) (\omega_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} \mu(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}} \omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}})$$

for all  $\omega_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \Omega_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , hence

$$\beta^{n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \beta}(\omega) = \alpha^{n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \alpha}(\omega)$$

as required.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.** *For  $\star \in \{\#, \flat\}$ , there exist  $L_{\star, \#}, L_{\star, \flat} \in D^{(0,0)}(G_{p^\infty}, F)$  such that*

$$(9) \quad (L_{\star, \alpha} \quad L_{\star, \beta}) = (L_{\star, \#} \quad L_{\star, \flat}) M_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}.$$

*Proof.* Let us prove the proposition for  $\star = \#$ . Let  $\omega_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \Omega_{\mathfrak{p}}$  and  $\omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}} \in \Omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}$  and write  $\omega = \omega_{\mathfrak{p}} \omega_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}$ . Recall that

$$L_{\#, \bullet} \det(M_{\mathfrak{p}}) = m_{2,2}^{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\alpha, \bullet} - m_{2,1}^{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\beta, \bullet}$$

for  $\bullet \in \{\alpha, \beta\}$ . Since  $\det(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$  is, up to a non-zero constant in  $F^\times$ , equal to  $\log_p(1+X)/X$ , we have  $\det(M_{\mathfrak{p}})(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}}) = 0$  and  $\partial_{\mathfrak{p}} \det(M_{\mathfrak{p}})(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}}) \neq 0$ . On taking partial derivatives, Lemma 2.4 together with (4)-(7) imply that

$$L_{\#, \bullet}(\omega) = (\bullet)^{-n_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}} \frac{K_\omega}{\partial_{\mathfrak{p}} \det(M_{\mathfrak{p}})(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}})},$$

where  $K_\omega$  is the constant

$$m_{2,2}^{\mathfrak{p}}(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}}) D_\omega + \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} m_{2,2}^{\mathfrak{p}}(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}}) \alpha^{-n_{\mathfrak{p}}} C_\omega - m_{2,1}^{\mathfrak{p}}(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}}) E_\omega - \partial_{\mathfrak{p}} m_{2,1}^{\mathfrak{p}}(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}}) \beta^{-n_{\mathfrak{p}}} C_\omega.$$

In particular, we see that  $L_{\#, \alpha}^{(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}})}$  and  $L_{\#, \beta}^{(\omega_{\mathfrak{p}})}$  is a pair of interpolating functions for  $f$ , so we may proceed as in the proof of Proposition 2.3 (with the roles of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  swapped).  $\square$

Combining the factorisations (8) and (9), we obtain Theorem 2.2. Note that our proof is very different from that of [Loe13, Corollary 5.4]. In fact, it only relies on the properties of logarithmic matrices as specified in Definition 1.3. Therefore, if we replace  $M_p$  by *any* logarithmic matrices, Theorem 2.2 still holds. For example, one may take  $M_p$  to be the non-canonical logarithmic matrices mentioned in Remark 1.6.

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