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Abstract

Let K/F be a quadratic extension of p-adic fields, σ the nontrivial element of the Galois group of K over F, and Δ a quasi-square-integrable representation of $GL(n,K)$. Denoting by $\Delta^\vee$ the smooth contragredient of Δ, and by Δ^σ the representation $\Delta\circ\sigma$, we show that representation of $GL(2n,K)$ obtained by normalized parabolic induction of the representation $\Delta^\vee\otimes\Delta^\sigma$ is distinguished with respect to $GL(2n,F)$. This is a step towards the classification of distinguished generic representations of general linear groups over p-adic fields.

Introduction

Let K/F be a quadratic extension of p-adic fields, σ the nontrivial element of the Galois group of K over F, and Δ quasi-square-integrable representation of $GL(n,K)$. We denote by σ again the automorphism of $M_{2n}(K)$ induced by σ.
If χ is a character of F^*, a smooth representation ρ of $GL(2n,K)$ is said to be χ-distinguished if there is a nonzero linear L form on its space V, verifying $L(\rho(h)v)=\chi(det(h))L(v)$ for all h in $GL(2n,F)$ and v in V, we say distinguished if $\chi=1$. If ρ is irreducible, the space of such forms is of dimension at most 1.
Calling $\Delta^\vee$ the smooth contragredient of Δ and π^σ the representation $\Delta\circ\sigma$, we denote by $\Delta^\sigma\times\Delta^\vee$ the representation of $GL(2n,K)$, obtained by normalized induction of the representation $\Delta^\sigma\otimes\Delta^\vee$ of the standard parabolic subgroup of type (n,n). The aim of the present work is to show that the representation $\Delta^\sigma\times\Delta^\vee$ is distinguished.
The case $n=1$ is treated in [H] for unitary $\Delta^\sigma\times\Delta^\vee$, using a criterion characterizing distinction in terms of gamma factors. In [F3], Flicker defines a linear form on the space of $\Delta^\sigma\times\Delta^\vee$ by a formal integral which would define the invariant linear form once the convergence is insured. Finally in [F-H], for $n=1$, the convergence of this linear form is obtained for $\Delta^\sigma|\ |_K^s\times\Delta^\vee|\ |_K^{-s}$ and s of real part large enough when Δ is unitary, the conclusion follows from an analytic continuation argument.
We generalize this method here. The first section is about notations and basic concepts used in the rest of the work.
In the second section, we state a useful theorem of Bernstein (Theorem 2.1) about rationality of solutions of polynomial systems, and use it as in [C-P] or [Ba], in order to show, in Proposition 2.2, the holomorphy of integrals of Whittaker functions depending on several complex variables.
The third section is devoted to the proof of our main theorem 3.1, which asserts that the representation $\Delta^\sigma\times\Delta^\vee$ is distinguished.
We end this introduction by recalling a conjecture about classification of distinguished generic representations:

Conjecture. *Let m be a positive integer, and ρ a generic representation of the group $GL(m,K)$, obtained by normalized parabolic induction of quasi-square-integrable representations $\Delta_1,\dots,\Delta_t$. It is distinguished if and only if there exists a reordering of the Δ_i's, and an integer r between 1 and $t/2$, such that we have $\Delta_{i+1}^\sigma=\Delta_i^\vee$ for $i=1,3,..,2r-1$, and Δ_i is distinguished for $i>2r$.*

We denote by η the nontrivial character of F^* trivial on the norms of K^*. According to Proposition 26 in [F1], Proposition 12 of [F2], Theorem 6 of [K], and Corollary 1.6 [A-K-T], our result reduces the proof of the conjecture to showing that representations of the form $\Delta_1 \times \cdots \times \Delta_t$ with $\Delta_{i+1}^{\sigma} = \Delta_i^{\vee}$ for $i = 1, 3, .., 2r-1$ for some r between 1 and $t/2$, and non isomorphic distinguished or η-distinguished Δ_i's for $i > 2r$ are not distinguished whenever one of the Δ_i's is η-distinguished for $i > 2r$. According to [M3], the preceding conjecture implies the equality of the analytically defined Asai L-function and the Galois Asai L-function of a generic representation.

1 Notations

We denote by $| \ |_K$ and $| \ |_F$ the respective absolute values on K^*, by q_K and q_F the respective cardinalities of their residual field, and by R_K the valuation ring of K. The restriction of $| \ |_K$ to F is equal to $| \ |_F^2$.
More generally, if the context is clear, we denote by $|M|_K$ and $|M|_F$ the positive numbers $|det(M)|_K$ and $|det(M)|_F$ for M a square matrix with determinant in K and F respectively. Hence if π is a representation of $GL(n, K)$ for some positive n, and if s is a complex number, we denote by $\pi| \ |_K^s$ the twist of π by the character $|det(\ )|_K^s$.
We call partition of a positive integer n, a family $\bar{n} = (n_1, \ldots, n_t)$ of positive integers (for a certain t in $\mathbb{N} - \{0\}$), such that the sum $n_1 + \cdots + n_t$ is equal to n. To such a partition, we associate a subgroup of $GL(n, K)$ denoted by $P_{\bar{n}}(K)$, given by matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_1 & \star & \star & \star & \star \\ & g_2 & \star & \star & \star \\ & & \ddots & \star & \star \\ & & & g_{t-1} & \star \\ & & & & g_t \end{pmatrix},$$

with g_i in $GL(n_i, K)$ for i between 1 and t. We call it the standard parabolic subgroup associated with the partition $\bar{n}$. We denote by $N_{\bar{n}}(K)$ its unipotent radical subgroup, given by the matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_{n_1} & \star & \star \\ & \ddots & \star \\ & & I_{n_t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Finally we denote by $P_n(K)$ the affine subgroup of $GL(n, K)$ given by the matrices $\begin{pmatrix} g & \star \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, with g in $GL(n-1, K)$.
Let X be a locally closed space of an l-group G, and H closed subgroup of G, with $H.X \subset X$. If V is a complex vector space, we denote by $C^\infty(X, V)$ the space of smooth functions from X to V, and by $C_c^\infty(X, V)$ the space of smooth functions with compact support from X to V (if one has $V = \mathbb{C}$, we simply denote it by $C_c^\infty(X)$).
If ρ is a complex representation of H in V_ρ, we denote by $C^\infty(H\backslash X, \rho, V_\rho)$ the space of functions f from X to V_ρ, fixed under the action by right translation of some compact open subgroup U_f of G, and which verify $f(hx) = \rho(h)f(x)$ for $h \in H$, and $x \in X$ (if ρ is a character, we denote this space by $C^\infty(H\backslash X, \rho)$. We denote by $C_c^\infty(H\backslash X, \rho, V_\rho)$ subspace of functions with support compact modulo H of $C^\infty(H\backslash X, \rho, V_\rho)$.
We denote by $Ind_H^G(\rho)$ the representation by right translation of G in $C^\infty(H\backslash G, \rho, V_\rho)$ and by $ind_H^G(\rho)$ the representation by right translation of G in $C_c^\infty(H\backslash G, \rho, V_\rho)$. We denote by $Ind'^G_H(\rho)$ the normalized induced representation $Ind_H^G((\Delta_G/\Delta_H)^{1/2}\rho)$ and by $ind'^G_H(\rho)$ the normalized induced representation $ind_H^G((\Delta_G/\Delta_H)^{1/2}\rho)$.
Let n be a positive integer, and $\bar{n} = (n_1, \ldots, n_t)$ be a partition of n, and suppose that we have a representation (ρ_i, V_i) of $GL(n_i, K)$ for each i between 1 and t. Let ρ be the extension to $P_{\bar{n}}(K)$ of the natural representation $\rho_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \rho_t$ of $GL(n_1, K) \times \cdots \times GL(n_t, K)$, by taking it trivial on $N_{\bar{n}}(K)$. We denote by $\rho_1 \times \cdots \times \rho_t$ the representation $Ind'^{GL(n,K)}_{P_{\bar{n}}(K)}(\rho)$.

2 Analytic continuation of Whittaker forms

If ρ is a generic representation of $GL(n,K)$, and ψ is a nontrivial character of K, trivial on F, then for every W in the Whittaker model $W(\rho,\psi)$ of ρ, by standard arguments, the following integral is convergent for $Re(s)$ large, and defines a rational function in q_F^{-s}, which has a Laurent series development in q^{-s}:

$$I_{(0)}(W,s) = \int_{N_n(F)\backslash P_n(F)} W(p)|det(p)|_F{}^{s-1}dp.$$

By standard arguments again, the vector space generated by the functions $I_{(0)}(W,s)$, for W in $W(\rho,\psi)$, is a fractional ideal $I_{(0)}(\pi)$ of $\mathbb{C}[q_F^{-s},q_F^{s}]$, which has a unique generator which is an Euler factor, independent of ψ, that we denote by $L_{F,(0)}^K(\rho,s)$.
Similarly, if ρ' is another generic representation of $GL(n,K)$, then for every W and W' in the Whittaker models $W(\rho,\psi)$ and $W(\rho',\psi)$, the following integral is convergent for $Re(s)$ large, and defines a rational function in q_K^{-s}, which has a Laurent series development in q_K^{-s}:

$$I_{(0)}(W,W',s) = \int_{N_n(F)\backslash P_n(F)} W(p)W'(p)|det(p)|_K{}^{s-1}dp.$$

The vector space generated by the functions $I_{(0)}(W,W',s)$, is a fractional ideal of $\mathbb{C}[q_K^{-s},q_K^{s}]$, which has a unique generator which is an Euler factor, independent of ψ, that we denote by $L_{(0)}(\rho\times\rho',s)$.

According to theorem 9.7 of [Z], there is a partition of n and quasi-square-integrable representations $\Delta_1,\dots,\Delta_t$ associated to it such that ρ is isomorphic to $\Delta_1\times\dots\times\Delta_t$. The map $u=(u_1,\dots,u_t)\mapsto q_K^u=(q_K^{u_1},\dots,q_K^{u_t})$ defines isomorphism of varieties between $(\mathcal{D}_K)^t = (\mathbb{C}/\frac{2i\pi}{ln(q_K)\mathbb{Z}})^t$ and $(\mathbb{C}^*)^t$. We also denote by $\mathcal{D}_F$ the variety $(\mathbb{C}/\frac{2i\pi}{ln(q_F)\mathbb{Z}})$ which the isomorphism $s\mapsto q_F^{-s}$ identifies to $(\mathbb{C}^*)^t$, and we denote by $\mathcal{D}$ the product $(\mathcal{D}_K)^t\times\mathcal{D}_F$.
Associate to u and ρ is the representation $\rho_u=\Delta_1|\ |_K^{u_1}\times\dots\times\Delta_t|\ |_K^{u_t}$. In their classical model, for every representation ρ_u, the restrictions of the functions of the space of ρ_u to the maximal compact subgroup $GL(n,R_K)$ of $GL(n,K)$ define the same space $\mathcal{F}_\rho$, which is called the space of flat sections of the series ρ_u. To each f in $\mathcal{F}_\rho$, corresponds a unique function f_u in ρ_u. It is known that for fixed g in $GL(n,K)$ and f in $\mathcal{F}_\rho$, the function $(u,s)\mapsto|det(g)|_K^s\rho_u(g)f$ belongs to $\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{D}]\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}\mathcal{F}_\rho$. For every f in $\mathcal{F}_\rho$ and u in $(\mathcal{D}_K)^t$, there is a function $W_{f,u}=W_{f_u}$ defined in Section 3.1 of [C-P] in the Whittaker model $W(\rho_u,\psi)$, such that $W_{f,u}$ describes $W(\rho_u,\psi)$ when f describes $\mathcal{F}_\rho$. The space $W^{(0)}$ is defined in [C-P] as the complex vector space generated by the functions $(g,u)\mapsto W_{f,u}(gg')$ for g' in $GL(n,K)$.

We will need a theorem of Bernstein insuring rationality of solutions of polynomial systems. The setting is the following.
Let V be a complex vector space of countable dimension. Let R be an index set, and let Ξ be a collection $\{(x_r,c_r)|r\in R\}$ with $x_r\in V$ and $c_r\in\mathbb{C}$. A linear form λ in $V^*=Hom_{\mathbb{C}}(V,\mathbb{C})$ is said to be a solution of the system Ξ if $\lambda(x_r)=c_r$ for all r in R.
Let $\mathcal{D}$ be an irreducible algebraic variety over $\mathbb{C}$, and suppose that to each d, a system $\Xi_d=\{(x_r(d),c_r(d))|r\in R\}$ with the index set R independent of d in $\mathcal{D}$. We say that the family of systems $\{\Xi_d, d\in\mathcal{D}\}$ is polynomial if $x_r(d)$ and $c_r(d)$ belong respectively to $\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{D}]\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}V$ and $\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{D}]$.
Let $\mathcal{M}=\mathbb{C}(\mathcal{D})$ be the field of fractions of $\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{D}]$, we denote by $V_{\mathcal{M}}$ the space $\mathcal{M}\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}V$ and by $V_{\mathcal{M}}^*$ the space $Hom_{\mathcal{M}}(V_{\mathcal{M}},\mathcal{M})$.
The following statement is a consequence of Bernstein's theorem, the discussion preceding it, and its corollary in Section 1 of [Ba].

Theorem 2.1. *(Bernstein) Suppose that in the above situation, the variety $\mathcal{D}$ is nonsingular and that there exists a non-empty subset $\Omega\subset\mathcal{D}$ open in the usual complex topology of $\mathcal{D}$, such that for each d in Ω, the system Ξ_d has a unique solution λ_d. Then the system $\Xi=\{(x_r(d),c_r(d))|r\in R\}$*

over the field $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{C}(\mathcal{D})$ has a unique solution $\lambda(d)$ in $V^*_{\mathcal{M}}$, and $\lambda(d) = \lambda_d$ is the unique solution of Ξ_d on Ω.

In order to apply this theorem, we first prove the following proposition.

Proposition 2.1. *Let ρ be a generic representation of $GL(n,K)$, there are t affine linear forms L_i, for i between 1 and t, with L_i depending on the variable u_i, such that if the $L_i(u_i)$'s and s have positive real parts, the integral $I_{(0)}(W,s) = \int_{N_n(F)\backslash P_n(F)} W(p)|det(p)|_F^{s-1}dp$ is convergent for any W in $W(\rho_u,\psi)$.*

Proof. We recall the following claim, which is proved in the lemma of Section 4 of [F1].

Claim. *Let τ be a sub-$P_n(K)$-module of $C^\infty(N_n(K)\backslash P_n(K),\psi)$, such that for every k between 0 and n, the central exponents of $\tau^{(k)}$ are positive (i.e. the central characters of all the irreducible subquotients of $\tau^{(k)}$ have positive real parts), then whenever W belongs to τ, the integral $\int_{N_n(F)\backslash P_n(F)} W(p)dp$ is absolutely convergent.*

Applying this to our situation, and noting e_ρ the maximal element of the set of central exponents of ρ (see Section 7.2 of [Ber]), we deduce that as soon as u is such that $L_i(u) = u_i - e_\rho - 1$ has positive real part for i between 1 and t, and as soon as s has positive real part, the integral $\int_{N_n(F)\backslash P_n(F)} W(p)|det(p)|_F^{s-1}dp$ converges for all W in $W(\rho_u,\psi)$. □

We now can prove the following:

Proposition 2.2. *Let ρ be a generic representation of $GL(n,K)$, for every f in $\mathcal{F}_\rho$, the function $I_{(0)}(W_{f,u},s)$ belongs to $\mathbb{C}(q_F^{-u},q_F^{-s})$.*

Proof. In our situation, the underlying vector space is $V = \mathcal{F}_\rho$ and is of countable dimension because ρ is admissible. The invariance property satisfied by the functional I, is

$$I_{(0)}(\rho_u(p)W_{f,u},s) = |det(p)|_F^{1-s} I_{(0)}(W_{f,u},s) \tag{1}$$

for f in $\mathcal{F}_\rho$, and p in $P_n(F)$.
From the proofs of Lemma 8 and of the unique proposition of [F4], it follows that out of the hyperplanes in (u,s) defined by $c_{\rho_u}|z|^{j(s-1)} = 1$, for ρ_u in the irreducible components of $\rho_u^{(n-j)}$, and for $j > 0$, the space of solutions of equation 1 is of dimension at most one. If we take a basis of $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha\in A}$ of $\mathcal{F}_\rho$, the polynomial family over the irreducible complex variety $\mathcal{D} = (\mathcal{D}_K)^t \times \mathcal{D}_F$ of systems Ξ'_d, for $d = (u,s) \in \mathcal{D}$ expressing the invariance of I is given by:

$$\Xi'_d = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\rho_u(p)\rho_u(g_i)f_\alpha - |det(p)|_F^{1-s}\rho_u(g_i)f_\alpha, 0), \\ \alpha \in A, p \in P_n(F), g_i \in GL(n,K) \end{array} \right\}$$

Now we define Ω to be the intersection of the three following subsets of $\mathcal{D}$:

- the intersection of the complements of the hyperplanes on which uniqueness up to scalar fails,
- the intersection of the domains $\{Re(L_i(u)) > 0\}$ and $\{Re(s) > 0\}$, on which $I(W_{f,u},\phi,s)$ is given by an absolutely convergent integral.

The functional I is the unique solution up to scalars of the system Ξ', in order to apply Theorem 2.1, we add for each $d \in \mathcal{D}$ a normalization equation E_d depending polynomially on d. This is done as follows.
From Proposition 3.4 of [M3], if F is a positive function in $C_c^\infty(N_n(K)\backslash P_n(K),\psi)$, we choose a W in $W_\rho^{(0)}$ such that its restriction to $P_n(K)$ is of the form $W(u,p) = F(p)P(q_K^{\pm u})$ for some nonzero P in $\mathcal{P}_0$. We thus have the equality $I_{(0)}(W,u,s) = \int_{N_n(F)\backslash P_n(F)} F(p)|det(p)|_F^{s-1}dpP(q^{\pm u})$. Calling c the constant $r\int_{N_n(F)\backslash P_n(F)} F(p)|det(p)|_F^{s-1}dp$, this latter equality becomes $I(W,u,s) = cP(q_K^{\pm u})$.
Now as W is in $W_\rho^{(0)}$, it can be expressed as a finite linear combination $W(g,u) = \sum_k \rho_u(g_\alpha)W_{f_\alpha,u}(g)$

for appropriate $g_\alpha \in GL(n,K)$. Hence our polynomial family of normalization equations (which is actually independent of s) can be written

$$E_{(u,s)} = \left\{ (\sum_\alpha \rho_u(g_\alpha)f_\alpha, cP(q_K^{\pm u}) \right\}.$$

We now call Ξ the system given by Ξ' and E, it satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1. We thus conclude that there is a functional I' which is a solution of Ξ such that $(u,s) \mapsto I'(W_{f,u},s)$ is a rational function of $q_F^{\pm u}$ and $q_F^{\pm s}$ for $f \in \mathcal{F}_\rho$. We also know that $I'(W_{f,u},s)$ is the unique solution of $\Xi'_{(u,s)}$ on Ω. This implies that for fixed $u \in (\mathcal{D}_K)^t$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}_\rho$, for $Re(s)$ large enough (let's say $Re(s) \geq r$ for some real number r, for which $c_{\tau_u}|z|^{j(s-1)} \neq 1$, for τ_u in the irreducible components of $\rho_u^{(n-j)}$, and for $j > 0$), both functions $I(W_{f,u},s)$ and $I'(W_{f,u},s)$ are equal. As they are rational functions of q_F^{-s}, they are equal for all s, and we conclude that $(u,s) \mapsto I(W_{f,u},s)$ belongs to $\mathbb{C}(q_F^{-u}, q_F^{-s})$. $\square$

We now recall the following theorem of Youngbin Ok:

Proposition 2.3. *([Ok], Theorem 3.1.2 or Proposition 1.1 of [M2]) Let ρ be an irreducible distinguished representation of $GL(n,K)$, if L is a $P_n(F)$-invariant linear form on the space of ρ, then it is actually $GL(n,F)$-invariant.*

In order to apply this theorem later, we also recall the proposition 2.3 of [M2].

Proposition 2.4. *Let ρ be a generic representation of $GL(n,K)$, the functional $\Lambda_{\rho,s} : W \mapsto I_{(0)}(W,s)/L_{(0)}(\rho,s)$ defines a nonzero linear form on $W(\rho,\psi)$ which transforms by $|det(\ )|_F^{1-s}$ under the affine subgroup $P_n(F)$.*
For fixed W in $W(\rho,\psi)$, then $s \mapsto \Lambda_{\rho,s}(W)$ is a polynomial of q_F^{-s}.

3 Distinction of representations $\pi^\sigma \times \pi^\vee$ for unitary π

We denote by G the group $GL(2n,K)$, by H its subgroup $GL(2n,F)$, by G' the group $GL(n,K)$ and by M the group $M_n(K)$. We denote by P the group $P_{(n,n)}(K)$, and by N the group $N_{(n,n)}(K)$.

We denote by $\bar{H}$ subgroup of G given by matrices of the form $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^\sigma & A^\sigma \end{pmatrix}$, and by $\bar{T}$ the subgroup of $\bar{H}$ of matrices $\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A^\sigma \end{pmatrix}$, with A in G'.

We call U be the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} I_n & -\delta I_n \\ I_n & \delta I_n \end{pmatrix}$ of G, and W the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} & -I_n \\ I_n & \end{pmatrix}$. One has $U^\sigma U^{-1} = W$ and the group H is equal to $U^{-1}\bar{H}U$.

Lemma 3.1. *The double class PUH is opened in G.*

Proof. Call S the space of matrices g in G verifying $g^\sigma = g^{-1}$, which is, from Proposition 3. of chapter 10 of [S], homeomorphic to the quotient space G/H by the map $Q : g \mapsto g^\sigma g^{-1}$. As the map Q sends U on W, the double class PUH corresponds to the open subset of matrices $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$ in S such that $det(C) \neq 0$, the conclusion follows. $\square$

We prove the following integration formula.

Lemma 3.2. *There is a right invariant measure $d\dot{h}$ on the quotient space $\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}$, and a Haar measure dB on M, such that for any measurable positive function ϕ on the quotient space $\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}$, then the integrals*

$$\int_{\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}} \phi(\dot{h})d\dot{h}$$

and

$$\int_M \phi \begin{pmatrix} I_n & B \\ B^\sigma & I_n \end{pmatrix} \frac{dB}{|det(I_n - BB^\sigma)|_K^n}$$

are equal.

Proof. It suffices to show this equality when ϕ is positive, continuous with compact support in $\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}$. We fix Haar measures dt on $\bar{T}$ and dg on $\bar{H}$, such that $d\dot{h}dt = dg$. It is known that there exists some positive function $\tilde{\phi}$ with compact support in $\bar{H}$, such that $\phi = \tilde{\phi}^{\bar{T}}$, which means that for any $\dot{h}$ in $\bar{H}$, one has $\phi(\dot{h}) = \int_{\bar{T}} \tilde{\phi}(tg)dt$. One then has the relation

$$\int_{\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}} \phi(\dot{h})d\dot{h} = \int_{\bar{H}} \tilde{\phi}(g)dg.$$

Now as $\bar{H}$ is conjugate to H, there are Haar measures dA and dB on M such that dt is equal to $d^*A = \frac{dA}{|det(A)|_K^n}$, and the Haar measure on $\bar{H}$ is described by the relation

$$d\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^\sigma & A^\sigma \end{pmatrix} = \frac{dAdB}{\left|det\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^\sigma & A^\sigma \end{pmatrix}\right|_F^{2n}} = \frac{dAdB}{\left|det\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^\sigma & A^\sigma \end{pmatrix}\right|_K^{n}}.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}} \phi(\dot{h})d\dot{h} &= \int_{M\times M} \tilde{\phi}\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^\sigma & A^\sigma \end{pmatrix} \frac{dAdB}{\left|det\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^\sigma & A^\sigma \end{pmatrix}\right|_K^{n}} \\ &= \int_{M\times M} \tilde{\phi}\left[\begin{pmatrix} A & \\ & A^\sigma \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} I_n & A^{-1}B \\ (A^{-1}B)^\sigma & I_n \end{pmatrix}\right] \frac{dAdB}{|det(A)|_K^{2n}|det(I_n - A^{-1}B(A^{-1}B)^\sigma)|_K^n} \end{aligned}$$

as the complement of G' is a set of measure zero of M (we recall that if M is in G', one has $det\begin{pmatrix} I & M \\ M^\sigma & I \end{pmatrix} = det\left(\begin{pmatrix} I & M \\ M^\sigma & I \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} I & \\ -M^\sigma & I \end{pmatrix}\right) = det\begin{pmatrix} I - MM^\sigma & M \\ & I \end{pmatrix} = det(I - MM^\sigma)$).

This becomes after the change of variable $B := A^{-1}B$ equal to

$$\int_{M\times M} \tilde{\phi}\left[\begin{pmatrix} A & \\ & A^\sigma \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} I_n & B \\ B^\sigma & I_n \end{pmatrix}\right] \frac{dA}{|det(A)|_K^n} \frac{dB}{|det(I_n - BB^\sigma|_K^n}$$

which is itself equal to

$$\int_{G'\times M} \tilde{\phi}\left[\begin{pmatrix} A & \\ & A^\sigma \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} I_n & B \\ B^\sigma & I_n \end{pmatrix}\right] d^*A \frac{dB}{|det(I_n - BB^\sigma)|_K^n}.$$

The conclusion follows from the fact that $\tilde{\phi}^{\bar{T}}$ is equal to ϕ.

□

Theorem 3.1. *Let n be a positive integer, and let π be an admissible unitary representation of G'. Then the representation $\pi^\sigma| \ |_K^s \times \pi^\vee| \ |_K^{-s}$ is a distinguished representation of G for every complex number s such that $|Re(s)| \leq n/2$.*

Proof. As the representations $\pi^\sigma| \ |_K^s \times \pi^\vee| \ |_K^{-s}$ and $\pi^\vee| \ |_K^{-s} \times \pi^\sigma| \ |_K^s$ are isomorphic, we only need to show it for $Re(s) \leq n/2$. We denote by $< \ , \ >$ a non trivial G'-invariant hermitian definite positive form on the space V of π. We denote by $\bar{V}$ the completion of V for the norm $\| \ \|$ associated to $< \ , \ >$. Denoting by $v_2^\vee$ the linear for on $\bar{V}$ given by $v_1 \mapsto < v_1, v_2 >$, the functionals $v^\vee$ describe the topological dual $\hat{\bar{V}}$ of $\bar{V}$ when v describes $\bar{V}$, and they describe the smooth dual $\tilde{V}$ of V, when v describes V. Moreover, one has the inequality $|v_2^\vee(v_1)| \leq \|v_1\|\|v_2\|$ for v_1 and v_2 in $\bar{V}$. As the bilinear form $(v_1, v_2^\vee) \mapsto v_2^\vee(v_1)$ is a non degenerate $\pi(G') \times \pi^\vee(G')$-invariant bilinear form on $V \times \tilde{V}$, we deduce that the linear form L given by $L(v_1 \otimes v_2^\vee) = v_2^\vee(v_1)$ is a nonzero

$\bar{T}$-invariant linear form on the space of $\pi^\sigma \otimes \pi^\vee$.

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The linear form L is actually a nonzero $\bar{T}$-invariant linear form on the space of $\pi^\sigma| \,|_K^s \otimes \pi^\vee| \,|_K^{-s}$ for all s.

We denote by ρ_s the representation P, which is the extension of $\pi^\sigma| \,|_K^s \otimes \pi^\vee| \,|_K^{-s}$ to P by the trivial representation of $N_{(n,n)}(K)$. Let f_s belong to the space $C_c^\infty(P\backslash G, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$ of $\pi^\sigma| \,|_K^s \times \pi^\vee| \,|_K^{-s}$, corresponding to f in the space of flat sections $\mathcal{F}_\Pi$, where $\Pi = \Pi_0 = \pi^\sigma \times \pi^\vee$. If A, B and g belong respectively to G', G' and G, one has the following relation:

$$f_s\left[\begin{pmatrix} A & \star \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} g\right] = \frac{|det(A)|_K^{n/2+s}}{|det(B)|_K^{n/2+s}}\pi^\sigma(A)\otimes\pi^\vee(B)f(g).$$

In particular for f_s in $C_c^\infty(P\backslash G, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$, corresponding to , the restriction to $\bar{H}$ of the function $L_{f_s} : g \mapsto L(f_s(g))$ belongs to the space $C^\infty(\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H})$, but its support modulo $\bar{T}$ is generally not compact, we will show later that the space of functions obtained this way contains $C_c^\infty(\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H})$ as a proper subspace. We must show that for s of real part large enough, the integral $\int_{\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}} |L_{f_s}(\dot{h})|d\dot{h}$ converges.

According to lemma 3.2, this integral is equal to

$$\int_M |L_{f_s}|\begin{pmatrix} I_n & B \\ B^\sigma & I_n \end{pmatrix}\frac{dB}{|det(I_n - BB^\sigma)|_K^n}.$$

As before, we cane suppose that B belongs to G', hence the following decomposition holds

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_n & B \\ B^\sigma & I_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (I_n - BB^\sigma)B^{-\sigma} & I_n \\ & B^\sigma \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} & -I_n \\ I_n & \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} I_n & B^{-\sigma} \\ & I_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Denoting by Φ_{f_s} the function

$$B \mapsto L\left[\pi^\sigma(I_n - B^{-\sigma}B^{-1})\otimes\pi^\vee(I_n)\left(f_s\left[\begin{pmatrix} & -I_n \\ I_n & \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} I_n & B \\ & I_n \end{pmatrix}\right]\right)\right],$$

the following equalities follow:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}} |L_{f_s}(\dot{h})|d\dot{h} &= \int_M \left(\frac{|det(I_n-BB^\sigma)|_K}{|det(B)|_K^2}\right)^{s+n/2}|\Phi_{f_s}(B^{-\sigma})|\frac{dB}{|det(I_n-BB^\sigma)|_K^n} \\
&= \int_{G'} \left(\frac{|det(I_n-BB^\sigma)|_K}{|det(B)|_K^2}\right)^{s+n/2}|\Phi_{f_s}(B^{-\sigma})|\frac{|det(B)|_K^n d^*B}{|det(I_n-BB^\sigma)|_K^n} \\
&= \int_{G'} (|det(I_n - C^{-\sigma}C^{-1})|_K|det(C)|_K^2)^{s+n/2}|\Phi_{f_s}(C)|\frac{d^*C}{|det(C)|_K^n|det(I_n-C^{-\sigma}C^{-1})|_K^n} \\
&= \int_M |det(CC^\sigma - I_n)|_K^{s-n/2}|\Phi_{f_s}(C)|dC
\end{aligned}$$

Recalling that the map f_s belongs to $C_c^\infty(P\backslash G, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$, and as the map $(P, N') \in P\times N \mapsto PWN' \in G$ is a homeomorphism, we deduce that the function

$$g_s :\ C \mapsto f_s\left[\begin{pmatrix} & -I_n \\ I_n & \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} I_n & C \\ & I_n \end{pmatrix}\right]$$

from M to $V\times\tilde{V}$ is smooth with compact support in M. Hence the image of g_s generates a finite dimensional subspace of $V\otimes\tilde{V}\subset\bar{V}\otimes\hat{\tilde{V}}$, which is contained in some subspace $V_1\otimes V_2'$, for V_1 and V_2 vector subspaces of V and $\tilde{V}$ respectively, both with finite dimension t. Completing an orthonormal basis $(u_1, \ldots, u_t)$ of V_1 into an orthonormal basis $(u_i)_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$ of $\bar{V}$, and an orthonormal basis $(v_1^\vee, \ldots, v_t^\vee)$ of V_2 into an orthonormal basis $(v_j^\vee)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$ of $\hat{\tilde{V}}$, we deduce that there exist smooth functions $\lambda_{i,j}$ with compact support in M, all zero if i or j is greater than $t+1$, such that $g_s(C) = \sum_{i,j}\lambda_{i,j}(C)u_i\otimes v_j^\vee$ for C in M'. Now for C in M', one has

$$\begin{aligned}|\Phi_{f_s}(C)| &= |L(\pi^\sigma(I_n - B^{-\sigma}B^{-1}) \otimes \pi^\vee(I_n)(g_s(C)))| = |\sum_{i,j}\lambda_{i,j}(C)L(\pi^\sigma(I_n - B^{-\sigma}B^{-1})u_i \otimes v_j^\vee| \\ &= |\sum_{i,j}\lambda_{i,j}(C)v_j^\vee(\pi^\sigma(I_n - B^{-\sigma}B^{-1})u_i)| \leq \sum_{i,j}|\lambda_{i,j}(C)||v_j^\vee(\pi^\sigma(I_n - B^{-\sigma}B^{-1})u_i)| \\ &\leq \sum_{i,j}|\lambda_{i,j}(C)|\|v_j\|\|\pi^\sigma(I_n - B^{-\sigma}B^{-1})u_i\| = \sum_{i,j}|\lambda_{i,j}(C)|.\end{aligned}$$

This eventually implies that $\int_{\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}} L(f_s(\dot{h}))d\dot{h}$ is convergent as soon as s has real part greater than $n/2$.

Step 2.
Suppose that the complex number s has real part greater than $n/2$. We are going to show that the linear form $\Lambda : f_s \mapsto \int_{\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}} L_{f_s}(\dot{h})d\dot{h}$ is nonzero. More precisely we are going to show that the space of functions $L(f)$ on $\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}$ for f in $C_c^\infty(P\backslash G, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$, contain $C_c^\infty(\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H})$.
According to Lemma 3.1 , the double class PUH is opened in G, hence the extension by zero outside PUH gives an injection of the space $C_c^\infty(P\backslash PUH, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$ into the space $C_c^\infty(P\backslash G, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$.
But the right translation by U, which is a vector space automorphism of $C_c^\infty(P\backslash G, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$, sends $C_c^\infty(P\backslash PUH, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$ onto $C_c^\infty(P\backslash P\bar{H}, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$, hence $C_c^\infty(P\backslash P\bar{H}, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$ is a subspace of $C_c^\infty(P\backslash G, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$.
Now restriction to $\bar{H}$ defines an isomorphism between $C_c^\infty(P\backslash P\bar{H}, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$ and $C_c^\infty(\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}, \rho_s)$ because Δ_P has trivial restriction to the unimodular group $\bar{T}$. But then the map $f \mapsto L(f)$ defines a morphism of $\bar{H}$-modules from $C_c^\infty(\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}, \rho_s)$ to $C_c^\infty(\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H})$, which is surjective because of the the commutativity of the following diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_c^\infty(\bar{H}) \otimes V_{\rho_s} & \xrightarrow{Id\otimes L} & C_c^\infty(\bar{H}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C_c^\infty(\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}, \rho_s) & \longrightarrow & C_c^\infty(\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H}) \end{array},$$

where the vertical arrows defined in Lemma 2.9 of [M1] and the upper arrow are surjective.
We thus proved that space of restrictions to $\bar{H}$ of functions of $L(f)$, for f in $C_c^\infty(P\backslash G, \Delta_P^{-1/2}\rho_s)$, contain $C_c^\infty(\bar{T}\backslash\bar{H})$, hence Λ is nonzero and the representation $\pi^\sigma| \ |_K^s \times \pi^\vee| \ |_K^{-s}$ is distinguished for $Re(s) \geq n/2$.

□

4 Distinction of $\Delta^\sigma \times \Delta^\vee$ for quasi-square-integrable Δ

Now we are going to restrain ourself to the case of π a discrete series representation.
We recall if ρ is a supercuspidal representation of $G_r(K)$ for a positive integer r. The representation $\rho\times\rho| \ |_F \times \dots \times \rho| \ |_F^{l-1}$ of $G_{rl}(K)$ is reducible, with a unique irreducible quotient that we denote by $[\rho| \ |_K^{l-1}, \rho| \ |_K^{l-2}, \dots, \rho]$. A representation Δ of the group $G_n(K)$ is quasi-square-integrable if and only if there is $r \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $l \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $lr = n$, and ρ a supercuspidal representation of $G_r(K)$ such that the representation Δ is equal to $[\rho| \ |_K^{l-1}, \rho| \ |_K^{l-2}, \dots, \rho]$, the representation ρ is unique.
Let Δ_1 and Δ_2 be two quasi-square-integrable representations of $G_{l_1 r}(K)$ and $G_{l_2 r'}(K)$, of the form $[\rho_1| \ |_K^{l_1-1}, \rho_1| \ |_K^{l_1-2}, \dots, \rho_1]$ with ρ_1 a supercuspidal representation of $G_r(K)$, and
$[\rho_2| \ |_K^{l_2-1}, \rho_1| \ |_K^{l_2-2}, \dots, \rho_2]$ with ρ_2 a supercuspidal representation of $G_{r'}(K)$ respectively, then if $\rho_1 = \rho_2| \ |_K^{l_2}$, we denote by $[\Delta_1, \Delta_2]$ the quasi-square integrable representation $[\rho_1| \ |_K^{l_1-1}, \dots, \rho_2]$ of $G_{(l_1+l_2)r}(K)$. Two quasi-square-integrable representations Δ and Δ' of $G_n(K)$ and $G_{n'}(K)$ are said to be linked if and only if there are quasi-square-integrable representations Δ_1 of $G_m(K)$ for $m < min(n, n')$, Δ_2 of $G_{n-m}(K)$, and Δ_3 of $G_{n-m'}(K)$, such that $\Delta = [\Delta_1, \Delta_2]$ and $\Delta' = [\Delta_3, \Delta_1]$, or $\Delta = [\Delta_2, \Delta_1]$ and $\Delta' = [\Delta_1, \Delta_3]$. It is known that the representation $\Delta \times \Delta'$ always has a nonzero Whittaker functional on its space, and is irreducible if and only if Δ and Δ' are unlinked.

We will need the following theorem.

Theorem 4.1. *Let n_1 and n_2 be two positive integers, and Δ_1 and Δ_2 be two unlinked quasi-square integrable representations of $G_{n_1}(K)$ and $G_{n_2}(K)$ respectively. If the representation $\Delta_1 \times \Delta_2$ of $G_{n_1+n_2}(K)$ is distinguished, then either both Δ_1 and Δ_2 are distinguished, either $\Delta_2^\vee$ is isomorphic to Δ_1^σ.*

Proof. In the proof of this theorem, we will denote by G the group $G_{n_1+n_2}(K)$ (not the group $G_{2n}(K)$ anymore), by H the group $G_{n_1+n_2}(F)$, and by P the group $P_{(n_1,n_2)}(K)$.
As the representation $\Delta_1 \times \Delta_2$ is isomorphic to $\Delta_2 \times \Delta_1$, we suppose $n_1 \leq n_2$. From Lemma 4 of [F4], the H-module π has a factor series with factors isomorphic to the representations $ind_{u^{-1}Pu\cap H}^H((\delta_P^{1/2}\Delta_1 \otimes \Delta_2)^u)$ (with $(\delta_P^{1/2}\Delta_1 \otimes \Delta_2)^u(x) = \delta_P^{1/2}\Delta_1 \otimes \Delta_2(uxu^{-1})$) when u describes a set of representatives of $P\backslash G/H$. Hence we first describe such a set.

Lemma 4.1. *The matrices* $u_k = \begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1-k} & & & \\ & I_k & -\delta I_k & \\ & I_k & \delta I_k & \\ & & & I_{n_2-k} \end{bmatrix}$*, give a set of representatives $R(P\backslash G/H)$ of the double classes $P\backslash G/H$ when k describes the set $\{0,\dots,n_1\}$ (we set $u_0 = I_{n_1+n_2}$).*

Proof of Lemma 4.1. Set $n = n_1 + n_2$, the quotient set $H\backslash G/P$ identifies with set of orbits of H for its action on the variety of K-vectors spaces of dimension n_1 in K^n. We claim that two vector subspaces V and V' of dimension n_1 of K^n are in the same H-orbit if and only if $dim(V \cap V^\sigma)$ equals $dim(V' \cap V'^\sigma)$. This condition is clearly necessary. If it is verified, we choose S a supplementary space of $V \cap V^\sigma$ in V and we choose S' a supplementary space of $V' \cap V'^\sigma$ in V', S and S' have same dimension. We also choose Q a supplementary space of $V + V^\sigma$ in K^n defined over F (i.e. stable under σ, or equivalently having a basis in the space F^n of fixed points of K^n under σ), and Q' a supplementary space of $V' + V'^\sigma$ in K^n defined over F, and Q and Q' have the same dimension. Hence we can decompose K^n in the two following ways: $K^n = (V \cap V^\sigma) \oplus (S \oplus S^\sigma) \oplus Q$ and $K^n = (V' \cap V'^\sigma) \oplus (S' \oplus S'^\sigma) \oplus Q'$. Let u_1 be an isomorphism between $V \cap V^\sigma$ and $V' \cap V'^\sigma$ defined over F (i.e. $u(v_1^\sigma) = u(v_1)^\sigma$ for v_1 in $V \cap V^\sigma$), u_2 an isomorphism between S and S' (to which we associate an isomorphism u_3 between S^σ and S'^σ defined by $u_3(v) = (u_2(v^\sigma))^\sigma$ for v in S^σ), and u_4 an isomorphism between Q and Q' defined over F. Then the isomorphism h defined by $v_1 + v_2 + v_3 + v_4 \mapsto u_1(v_1) + u_2(v_2) + u_3(v_3) + u_4(v_4)$ is defined over F, and sends $V = S \oplus V \cap V^\sigma$ to $V' = S' \oplus V' \cap V'^\sigma$, hence V and V' are in the same H-orbit.
If $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$ is the canonical basis of K^n, we denote by V_{n_1} the space $Vect(e_1, \dots, e_{n_1})$. Let k be an integer between 0 and n, the image V_k of V_{n_1} by the morphism whose matrix in the canonical basis of K^n is $\begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1-k} & & & \\ & 1/2 I_k & 1/2 I_k & \\ & -1/(2\delta) I_k & 1/(2\delta) I_k & \\ & & & I_{n_2-k} \end{bmatrix}$ verifies $dim(V_{n_1} \cap V_{n_1}^\sigma) = n-k$. Hence the matrices $\begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1-k} & & & \\ & 1/2 I_k & 1/2 I_k & \\ & -1/(2\delta) I_k & 1/(2\delta) I_k & \\ & & & I_{n_2-k} \end{bmatrix}$ for k between 0 and n_1 give a set of representatives of the quotient set $H\backslash G/P$, which implies that their inverses $\begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1-k} & & & \\ & I_k & -\delta I_k & \\ & I_k & \delta I_k & \\ & & & I_{n_2-k} \end{bmatrix}$ give a set of representatives of $P\backslash G/H$.

$\square$

We will also need to understand the structure of the group $P \cap uHu^{-1}$ for u in $R(P\backslash G/H)$.

Lemma 4.2. *Let k be an integer between 0 and n_2, we deduce the group $P \cap u_k H u_k^{-1}$ is the group of matrices of the form* $\begin{bmatrix} H_1 & X & X^\sigma & M \\ & A & & Y \\ & & A^\sigma & Y^\sigma \\ & & & H_2 \end{bmatrix}$ *for H_1 in $G_{n_1-k}(F)$, H_2 in $G_{n_2-k}(F)$, A in $G_k(K)$, X in $M_{n_1-k,k}(K)$, Y in $M_{k,n_2-k}(K)$, and M in $M_{n_1-k,n_2-k}(F)$. It is the semi-direct product of the subgroup $M_k(F)$ of matrices of the preceding form with X, Y, and M equal to zero, and of the subgroup N_k of matrices of the preceding form with $H_1 = I_{n_1-k}$, $H_2 = I_{n_2-k}$, and $A = I_k$. Moreover denoting by P_k the parabolic subgroup of M associated with th subpartition (n_1-k, k, k, n_2-k) of (n_1, n_2), the following relation of modulus characters is verified: $\delta^2_{P \cap u_k H u_k^{-1} | M_k(F)} = (\delta_{P_k} \delta_P)_{M_k(F)}$.*

Proof of Lemma 4.2. One verifies that the algebra $u_k M_n(K) u_k^{-1}$ consists of matrices having the block decomposition corresponding to the partition (n_1-k, k, k, n_2-k) of the form $\begin{bmatrix} M_1 & X & X^\sigma & M_2 \\ Y & A & B^\sigma & Y' \\ Y^\sigma & B & A^\sigma & Y'^\sigma \\ M_3 & X & X'^\sigma & M_4 \end{bmatrix}$, the first part of the proposition follows. For the second part, if the matrix $T = \begin{bmatrix} H_1 & & & \\ & A & & \\ & & A^\sigma & \\ & & & H_2 \end{bmatrix}$ belongs to $M_k(F)$, the complex number $\delta_{P \cap u_k H u_k^{-1}}(T)$ is equal to the modulus of the automorphism int_T of N_k, hence is equal to

$$|H_1|_F^{2k} |A|_K^{k-n_1} |H_1|_F^{n_2-k} |H_2|_F^{k-n_1} |A|_K^{n_2-k} |H_2|_F^{-2k} = |H_1|_F^{n_2+k} |A|_K^{n_2-n_1} |H_2|_F^{-k-n_1}.$$

In the same way, the complex number $\delta_{P_k}(T)$ equals

$$|H_1|_K^k |A|_K^{k-n_1} |A|_K^{n_2-k} |H_2|_F^{-k} = |H_1|_F^{2k} |A|_K^{n_2-n_1} |H_2|_F^{-2k},$$

and $\delta_{P_k}(T)$ equals $(|H_1|_K |A|_K)^{n_2})(|H_2|_K |A|_K)^{-n_1}) = |H_1|_F^{2n_2} |A|_K^{n_2-n_1} |H_2|_F^{-2n_1}$.
The wanted relation between modulus characters follows. □

A helpful corollary is the following.

Corollary 4.1. *Let P_k be the standard parabolic subgroup of M associated with the subpartition $(n_1 - k, k, k, n_2 - k)$ of (n_1, n_2), U_k its unipotent radical, and N_k the intersection of the unipotent radical of the standard parabolic subgroup of G associated with the the partition (n_1-k, k, k, n_2-k) and uHu^{-1}. Then one has $U_k \subset N_k N$.*

Proof of Corollary 4.1. It suffices to prove that matrices of the form $\begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1-k} & X & & \\ & I_k & & \\ & & I_k & \\ & & & I_{n_2-k} \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1-k} & & & \\ & I_k & & \\ & & I_k & Y \\ & & & I_{n_2-k} \end{bmatrix}$ for Y and X with coefficients in K, belong to $N_k N$. This is immediate multiplying on the left by respectively $\begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1-k} & & X^\sigma & \\ & I_k & & \\ & & I_k & \\ & & & I_{n_2-k} \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1-k} & & & \\ & I_k & & Y^\sigma \\ & & I_k & \\ & & & I_{n_2-k} \end{bmatrix}$.
□

Now if the representation $\Delta = \Delta_1 \otimes \Delta_2$ is distinguished, then at least one of the factors $ind_{u^{-1}Pu\cap H}^{H}((\delta_P^{1/2}\Delta)^u)$ admits on its space a nonzero H-invariant linear form. This is equivalent to say that the representation $ind_{P\cap uHu^{-1}}^{uHu^{-1}}(\delta_P^{1/2}\Delta)$ admits on its space a nonzero uHu^{-1}-invariant linear form. From Frobenius reciprocity law, the space $Hom_{uHu^{-1}}(ind_{P\cap uHu^{-1}}^{uHu^{-1}}(\delta_P^{1/2}\Delta),1)$ is isomorphic as a vector space, to $Hom_{P\cap uHu^{-1}}(\delta_P^{1/2}\Delta,\delta_{P\cap uHu^{-1}}) = Hom_{P\cap uHu^{-1}}(\delta_P^{1/2}/\delta_{P\cap uHu^{-1}}\rho,1)$. Hence there is on the space V_Δ of Δ a linear nonzero form L, such that for every p in $P\cap uHu^{-1}$, and for every v in V_Δ, one has $L(\chi(p)\Delta(p)v) = L(v)$, where $\chi(p) = \frac{\delta_P^{1/2}}{\delta_{P\cap uHu^{-1}}}(p)$. As both $\delta_P^{1/2}$ and $\delta_{P\cap uHu^{-1}}$ are trivial on N_k, so is χ. Now, fixing k such that $u=u_k$, let n belong to U_k, from Corollary 4.1, we can write n as a product n_kn_0, with n_k in N_k, and n_0 in N. As N is included in $Ker(\Delta)$, one has $L(\Delta(n)(v)) = L(\Delta(n_kn_0)(v)) = L(\Delta(n_k)(v)) = L(\chi(n_k)\Delta(n_k)v) = L(v)$. Hence L is actually a nonzero linear form on the Jacquet module of V_Δ associated with U_k. But we also know that $L(\chi(m_k)\Delta(m_k)v) = L(v)$ for m_k in $M_k(F)$, which reads according to Lemma 4.2: $L(\delta_{P_k}^{-1/2}(m_k)\Delta(m_k)v) = L(v)$.
This says that the linear form L is $M_k(F)$-distinguished on the normalized Jacquet module $r_{M_k,M}(\Delta)$ (as M_k is also the standard Levi subgroup of M).
But from Proposition 9.5 of [Z], there exist quasi-square-integrable representations Δ_1' of $G_{n_1-k}(K)$, Δ_1'' and Δ_2' of $G_k(K)$, and Δ_2'' of $G_{n_2-k}(K)$, such that $\Delta_1 = [\Delta_1',\Delta_1'']$ and $\Delta_2 = [\Delta_2',\Delta_2'']$, and the normalized Jacquet module $r_{M_k,M}(\Delta)$ is isomorphic to $\Delta_1'\otimes\Delta_1''\otimes\Delta_2'\otimes\Delta_2''$. This latter representation being distinguished by $M_k(F)$, the representations Δ_1' and Δ_2'' are distinguished and we have ${\Delta_2'}^{\vee} = {\Delta_1''}^{\sigma}$. Now we recall from Proposition 12 of [F2], that we also know that either Δ_1 and Δ_2 are Galois autodual, or we have $\Delta_2^\vee = \Delta_1^\sigma$. In the first case, the representations Δ_1 and Δ_2 are unitary because so is their central character, and if nonzero, Δ_1' and Δ_2'' are also unitary. This implies that either $\Delta_1 = \Delta_1'$ and $\Delta_2 = \Delta_2''$ (i.e. Δ_1 and Δ_2 distinguished), or $\Delta_1 = \Delta_1''$ and $\Delta_2 = \Delta_2''$ (i.e. $\Delta_1^\sigma = \Delta_2^\vee$). This ends the proof of Theorem 4.1. $\square$

We refer to Section 2 of [M3] for a survey about Asai L-functions of generic representations, we will use the same notations here. We recall that if π is a generic representation of $G_r(K)$ for some positive integer r, its Asai L-function is equal to the product $L_{F,rad(ex)}^K(\pi)L_{F,(0)}^K(\pi)$, where $L_{F,rad(ex)}^K(\pi)$ is the Euler factor with simple poles, which are the s_i's in $\mathbb{C}/(\frac{2i\pi}{ln(q_F)}\mathbb{Z})$ such that π is $|\ |_F^{-s_i}$-distinguished, i.e. the exceptional poles of the Asal L-function $L_F^K(\pi)$. We denote by $L_{F,ex}^K(\pi)$ the exceptional part of $L_F^K(\pi)$, i.e. the Euler factor whose poles are the exceptional poles of $L_F^K(\pi)$, occurring with order equal the order of their occurrence in $L_F^K(\pi)$. If π' is another generic representation of $G_r(K)$, we denote by $L_{rad(ex)}(\pi\times\pi')$ the Euler product with simple poles, which are the exceptional poles of $L(\pi\times\pi')$ (see [C-P], 3.2. Definition). An easy consequence of this definition is the equality $L(\pi\times\pi') = L_{(0)}(\pi\times\pi')L_{rad(ex)}(\pi\times\pi')$.
We refer to Definition 3.10 of [M3] for the definition of general position, and recall from Definition-Proposition of [M3], that if Δ_1 and Δ_2 are two square integrable representations of $G_{n_1}(K)$ and $G_{n_2}(K)$, the representation $\Delta_1|.|_K^{u_1}\times\Delta_2|.|_K^{u_2}$ is in general position outside a finite number of hyperplanes of $(\frac{\mathbb{C}}{2i\pi/Ln(q_F)\mathbb{Z}})^2$ in (u_1,u_2).
We refer to Proposition 2.3 of [A-K-T] and the discussion preceding it for a summary about Bernstein-Zelevinsky derivatives. We use the same notations, except that we use the notation $[\rho|\ |_K^{l-1},\dots,\rho]$ where they use the notation $[\rho,\dots,\rho|\ |_K^{l-1}]$.
According to Theorem 3.6 of [M3], we have:

Proposition 4.1. *Let m be a positive integer, and π be a generic representation of $G_m(K)$ such that its derivatives are completely reducible, the the Euler factor $L_{F,(0)}^K(\pi)$ (resp. $L_F^K(\pi)$) is equal to the l.c.m. $\vee_{k,i}L_{F,ex}^K(\pi_i^{(k)})$ taken over k in $\{1,\dots,n\}$ (resp. in $\{0,\dots,n\}$) and $\pi_i^{(k)}$ in the irreducible components of $\pi^{(k)}$.*

An immediate consequence is:

Corollary 4.2. *Let m be a positive integer, and π be a generic representation of $G_m(K)$ such that its derivatives are completely reducible, the the Euler factor $L_{F,(0)}^K(\pi)$ (resp. $L_F^K(\pi)$) is equal* *to the l.c.m. $\vee_{k,i} L^K_{F,rad(ex)}(\pi_i^{(k)})$ taken over k in $\{1,\ldots,n\}$ (resp. in $\{0,\ldots,n\}$) and $\pi_i^{(k)}$ in the irreducible components of $\pi^{(k)}$.*

Proof. Let s be a pole of $L^K_{F,ex}(\pi_{i_0}^{(k_0)})$ for k_0 in $\{1,\ldots,n\}$ and $\pi_{i_0}^{(k)}$ a irreducible component of $\pi^{(k_0)}$. Either s is a pole of $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}(\pi_{i_0}^{(k_0)})$, or it is a pole of $L^K_{F,(0)}(\pi_{i_0}^{(k_0)})$, which from Proposition 4.1, implies that it is a pole of some function $L^K_{F,ex}((\pi_j^{(k')})$, for $k' > k_0$ and $\pi_j^{(k')}$ a irreducible component of $\pi^{(k')}$. Hence in the factorization $L^K_{F,(0)}(\pi) = \vee_{k,i} L^K_{F,ex}(\pi_i^{(k)})$, the factor $L^K_{F,ex}(\pi_{i_0}^{(k_0)})$ can be replaced by $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}(\pi_{i_0}^{(k_0)})$, and the conclusion follows from a repetition of this argument. The case of $L^K_F(\pi)$ is similar. ☐

This corollary has a split version:

Proposition 4.2. *Let m be a positive integer, and π and π' be two generic representations of $G_m(K)$ such that their derivatives are completely reducible, the the Euler factor $L^K_{F,(0)}(\pi\times\pi')$ (resp. $L^K_F(\pi\times\pi')$) are equal to the l.c.m. $\vee_{k,i,j} L^K_{F,rad(ex)}(\pi_i^{(k)}\times{\pi'}_j^{(k)})$ taken over k in $\{1,\ldots,n\}$ (resp. in $\{0,\ldots,n\}$), $\pi_i^{(k)}$ in the irreducible components of $\pi^{(k)}$, and ${\pi'}_j^{(k)}$ in the irreducible components of $\pi^{(k)}$.*

Proof. It follows the analysis preceding Proposition 3.3 of [C-P], that one has the equality $L_{(0)}(\pi\times\pi') = \vee_{k,l,i,j} L^K_{ex}(\pi_i^{(k)}\times{\pi'}_j^{(k)})$, and the expected statement is a consequence of the argument used in the proof of Corollary 4.2.

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If π is a representation of $G_m(K)$ for some positive integer m, admitting a central character, we denote by $R(\Pi)$ the finite subgroup of elements s in $\mathbb{C}/(2i\pi/Ln(q_K)\mathbb{Z})$ such that $\pi|\ |_K^s$ is isomorphic to π.
A consequence of Corollary 4.2 and Theorem 4.1 is the following proposition:

Proposition 4.3. *Let Δ be a square-integrable representation of $G_n(K)$, and t be a complex number of real part strictly greater than $n/2$ such that the representation $\Pi_t = \Delta^\sigma|\ |_K^t \times \Delta^\vee|\ |_K^{-t}$ is in general position, then the Euler factor $L^K_F(\Pi_t,s)$ equals $L^K_F(\Delta^\sigma, s+2t)L^K_F(\Delta^\vee, s-2t)L(\Delta^\sigma\times\Delta^{\sigma\vee},s)$, and the Euler factor $L_{(0)}(\Pi_t,s)$ equals $\prod_{s_i\in R(\Delta)}(1-q^{s_i-s})L^K_F(\Delta^\sigma,s+2t)L^K_F(\Delta^\vee,s-2t)L(\Delta^\sigma\times\Delta^{\sigma\vee},s)$.*

Proof. From Corollary 4.2, we know that given the hypothesis of the proposition, the function $L^K_F(\Pi_t,s)$ is equal to the l.c.m. $\vee_{k_1,k_2/k_1+k_2\geq 1} L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\sigma|\ |_K^t)^{(k_1)}\times(\Delta^\vee|\ |_K^{-t})^{(k_2)})$. Writing the discrete series representation Δ under the form $St_l(\rho) = [\rho|\ |_K^{(l-1)/2},\ldots,\rho|\ |_K^{(1-l)/2}]$ for a positive integer l and a unitary supercuspidal representation ρ of $G_m(K)$, with $lm=n$, the representation $(\Delta^\sigma|\ |_K^t)^{(k_1)}$ (resp. $(\Delta^\vee|\ |_K^{-t})^{(k_2)})$) is equal to zero unless there exists an integer k'_1 with $k_1 = mk'_1$ (resp. k'_2 with $k_2 = mk'_2$), in which case it is equal to $St_{l-k'_1}(\rho^\sigma)|\ |_K^{k'_1/2+t}$ (resp. $St_{l-k'_2}(\rho^\vee)|\ |_K^{k'_2/2-t}$).
Suppose that the representations $(\Delta^\sigma|\ |_K^t)^{(k_1)}$ and $(\Delta^\vee|\ |_K^{-t})^{(k_2)})$ are not zero (hence $k_i = mk'_i$ for a integer k'_i), a complex number s_0 is a pole of $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\sigma|\ |_K^t)^{(k_1)}\times(\Delta^\vee|\ |_K^{-t})^{(k_2)})$ if and only if the representation $St_{l-k'_1}(\rho^\sigma)|\ |_K^{k'_1/2+t}\times St_{l-k'_2}(\rho^\vee)|\ |_K^{k'_2/2-t}$ is $|\ |_K^{-s_0}$-distinguished, i.e. $St_{l-k'_1}(\rho^\sigma)|\ |_K^{(k'_1+s_0)/2+t}\times St_{l-k'_2}(\rho^\vee)|\ |_K^{(k'_2+s_0)/2-t}$ is distinguished. But from Theorem 4.1, this implies that k'_1 and k'_2 are equal to an integer k', (i.e. $k_1 = k_2 = k$), and that the image of $s_0 + k'$ in $\mathbb{C}/(2i\pi/Ln(q_K)\mathbb{Z})$ belongs to the group $R(St_{l-k'}(\rho)) = R(\rho)$ (in particular, we have $Re(s_0+k')=0$). Conversely if this is the case, the representation $St_{l-k'}(\rho^\sigma)|\ |_K^{(k'+s_0)/2+t}\times St_{l-k'}(\rho^\vee)|\ |_K^{(k'+s_0)/2-t}$ which is equal to $St_{l-k'}(\rho^\sigma)|\ |_K^{(k'+s_0)/2+t}\times St_{l-k'}(\rho^\vee)|\ |_K^{(-k'-s_0)/2-t}$, is distinguished from Theorem 3.1, as $Re((k'+s_0)/2+t) = Re(t) > n/2 \geq (n-k)/2$.

Hence nontrivial Euler factors $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\sigma|\ |^t_K)^{(k_1)} \times (\Delta^\vee|\ |^{-t}_K)^{(k_2)})$ belong to one of the three following classes:

1. $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\sigma|\ |^t_K)^{(k_1)})$ for $k_2 = n$ and $k_1 \geq 0$. In this case, if $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\sigma|\ |^t_K)^{(k_1)})$ is not 1, it is equal to $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}(St_{l-k'_1}(\rho^\sigma)|\ |^{k'_1/2+t}_K)$ for $k_1 = mk'_1$, and a pole s_0 of this function is such that $St_{l-k'_1}(\rho^\sigma)|\ |^{(s_0+k'_1)/2+t}_K$ is distinguished, hence considering central characters, we have $Re_(s_0) = -k'_1 - 2Re(t) < -n$.

2. $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\vee|\ |^{-t}_K)^{(k_2)})$ for $k_1 = n$ and $k_2 \geq 0$. In this case, if $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\sigma|\ |^t_K)^{(k_2)})$ is not 1, it is equal to $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}(St_{l-k'_2}(\rho^\vee)|\ |^{k'_2/2-t}_K)$ for $k_2 = mk'_2$, and a pole s_0 of this function is such that $St_{l-k'_2}(\rho^\sigma)|\ |^{(s_0+k'_2)/2-t}_K$ is distinguished, hence considering central characters, we have $Re_(s_0) = -k'_2 + 2Re(t) > 0$.

3. $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\sigma|\ |^t_K)^{(k_3)} \times (\Delta^\sigma|\ |^{-t}_K)^{(k_3)})$ for $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 \geq 1$. In this case, if the Euler factor is not 1, we know that we have $Re(s_0) = -k'_3$ for k'_3 in $\{0,\ldots,n/m\}$ verifying $k_3 = mk'_3$, or more precisely that the image of $s_0 + k'_3$ in $\mathbb{C}/(2i\pi/Ln(q_K)\mathbb{Z})$ belongs to the group $R(St_{l-k'_3}(\rho)) = R(St_{l-k'_3}(\rho^\sigma))$. This is equivalent to the relation $[\Delta^{\sigma\vee(k_3)}]^\vee = |\ |^{s_0}_K(\Delta^\sigma)^{(k_3)}$, which is itself equivalent to the fact that s_0 is a pole of $L_{rad(ex)}(\Delta^{\sigma(k_3)} \times \Delta^{\sigma\vee(k_3)})$ (see Th. 1.14 of [M3]), hence we have $L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\sigma|\ |^t_K)^{(k_3)} \times (\Delta^\sigma|\ |^{-t}_K)^{(k_3)}) = L_{rad(ex)}(\Delta^{\sigma(k_3)} \times \Delta^{\sigma\vee(k_3)})$.

In particular, two non trivial factors that don't belong to the same class have no pole in common. We deduce that the Euler factor $L_{(0)}(\Pi_t, s)$ is equal to

$$[\vee_{k_1} L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\sigma|\ |^t_K)^{(k_1)}][\vee_{k_2} L^K_{F,rad(ex)}((\Delta^\vee|\ |^{-t}_K)^{(k_2)}][\vee_{k_3} L_{rad(ex)}(\Delta^{\sigma(k_3)} \times \Delta^{\sigma\vee(k_3)})]$$

for $k_1 \geq 0$, $k_2 \geq 0$ and $k_3 \geq 1$. The two first factors are respectively equal to $L^K_F(\Delta^\sigma|\ |^t_K)$ and $L^K_F(\Delta^\vee|\ |^{-t}_K)$ according to Corollary 4.2, and the third factor is equal from Proposition 4.2 to $L_{(0)}(\Delta^\sigma \times \Delta^{\sigma\vee})$, which is itself equal to $L(\Delta^\sigma \times \Delta^{\sigma\vee})/L_{rad(ex)}(\Delta^\sigma \times \Delta^{\sigma\vee})$. We conclude the proof by noticing that s_0 is an exceptional pole of $L(\Delta^\sigma \times \Delta^{\sigma\vee})$ if and only if its image in $\mathbb{C}/(2i\pi/Ln(q_K)\mathbb{Z})$ belongs to $R(\Delta)$, which implies the equality $L_{rad(ex)}(\Delta^\sigma \times \Delta^{\sigma\vee}) = 1/\prod_{s_i \in R(\Delta)}(1 - q^{s_i - s})$. ☐

Definition 4.1. *We denote by* $P_{(0)}(\Pi, t, s)$ *the element of* $\mathbb{C}[q_F^{\pm t}, q_F^{\pm s}]$ *defined by the expression* $\frac{\prod_{s_i \in R(\Delta)}(1-q^{s_i - s})}{L^K_F(\Delta^\sigma, s+2t)L^K_F(\Delta^\vee, s-2t)L(\Delta^\sigma \times \Delta^\vee, s)}$. *The expression* $P_{(0)}(\Pi, t, 1)$ *defines a nonzero element of* $\mathbb{C}[q_F^{\pm t}]$*, having simple roots.*

Proof. As the s_i's have real part equal to zero, and as the function $L(\Delta^\sigma \times \Delta^{\sigma\vee}, s)$ admits no pole for $Re(s) > 0$ (see [J-P-S], 8.2 (6)), the constant $c = \frac{\prod_{s_i \in R(\Delta)}(1-q^{s_i - 1})}{L(\Delta^\sigma \times \Delta^{\sigma\vee}, 1)}$ is nonzero. Hence the zeroes of $P_{(0)}(\Pi, t, 1)$ are the poles of $L^K_F(\Delta^\sigma, 1+2t)L^K_F(\Delta^\vee, 1-2t)$. From Proposition 3.1 of [M3], the function $L^K_F(\Delta^\sigma, 1+2t)$ has simple poles which occur in the domain $Re(1+2t) < 0$ whereas the function $L^K_F(\Delta^\vee, 1-2t)$ has simple poles which occur in the domain $Re(1-2t) < 0$, hence those two functions have no common pole, and there product have simple poles. ☐

Lemma 4.3. *For every* f *in* $\mathcal{F}_\Pi$*, the expression* $P_{(0)}(\Pi, t, s)I_{(0)}(W_{f_t}, s)$ *defines an element of* $\mathbb{C}[q_F^{\pm t}, q_F^{\pm s}]$*. This implies that for fixed* f *in* $\mathcal{F}_\Pi$*, the function* $I_{(0)}(W_{f_t}, 1)$ *is well defined and belongs to* $\mathbb{C}(q_F^t)$*, and for* t_0 *in* $\mathbb{C}$*, the function* $I_{(0)}(W_{f_{t_0}}, s)$ *is well defined and belongs to* $\mathbb{C}(q_F^{-s})$*. Moreover the function* $I_{(0)}(W_{f_t}, 1)$ *has a pole at* t_0 *in* $\mathbb{C}$*, if and only if the function* $I_{(0)}(W_{f_{t_0}}, s)$ *in* $\mathbb{C}(q_F^{-s})$ *has a pole at* 1*, in which case the couple* $(t_0, 1)$ *lies in a polar locus of the function* $P_{(0)}(\Pi, t, s)$*. In this case the functions* $P_{(0)}(\Pi, t, 1)I_{(0)}(W_{f_t}, 1)$ *and* $P_{(0)}(\Pi, t_0, s)I_{(0)}(W_{f_{t_0}}, s)$ *have the same limit when* t *tends to* t_0 *and* s *tends to* 1*, which is nonzero.*

Proof. Let f be in $\mathcal{F}_\Pi$, the function $P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,s)I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},s)$ belongs to $\mathbb{C}(q_F^{-t},q_F^{-s})$, hence it is the quotient of two polynomials $P(q_F^{-t},q_F^{-s})/Q(q_F^{-t},q_F^{-s})$. If Q is not constant, writing $Q(q_F^{-t},q_F^{-s})$ under the form $\sum_{i=i_0}^d a_i(q_F^{-t})q_F^{-is}$, with the a_i's in $\mathbb{C}[X]-\{0\}$, we deduce that there are two positive real numbers r and r', such that none of the functions $a_i(q_F^{-t})$ have a zero for $Re(t)\geq r$, and such that if $Re(t)\geq r$ and $Re(s)\geq r'$, the function $I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},s)$ is given by an absolutely convergent Laurent development $\sum_{k\geq n_0} c_k(t)q_F^{-ks}$ with c_k in $\mathbb{C}[q_F^{\pm t}]$. Moreover for $Re(t) > n/2$ and large enough so that Π_t is in general position, the function $P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,s)I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},s) = I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},s)/L_{(0)}(\Pi_t,s)$ actually belongs to $\mathbb{C}[q_F^{\pm s}]$. Suppose there were an infinite number of nonzero c_k's, then for t of real part large enough, and outside the countable number of zeroes of the c_k's, the Laurent development $\sum_{k\leq n_0} c_k(t)q_F^{-ks}$ would not be finite, a contradiction. Hence for f in $\mathcal{F}_\Pi$, the function $P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,s)I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},s)$ defines an element of $\mathbb{C}[q_F^{\pm t},q_F^{\pm s}]$.
Now the function $I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},1)$ defines an element of $\mathbb{C}(q_F^{-t})$ whose poles form a subset of the poles of $1/P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,1)$, and for t_0 in $\mathbb{C}$, the function $I_{(0)}(W_{f_{t_0}},s)$ defines an element of $\mathbb{C}(q_F^{-s})$ whose poles form a subset of the poles of $1/P_{(0)}(\Pi,t_0,s)$.
The final statement follows from the fact that if t_0 is a pole of $I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},1)$, or if 1 is a pole of $I_{(0)}(W_{f_{t_0}},s)$, then $(t_0,1)$ must lie in a polar locus of the function $1/P_{(0)}(\Pi,t_0,s)$. Now in a neighborhood of $(t_0,1)$, the functions $1/\prod_{s_i\in R(\Delta)}(1-q^{s_i-s})$ and $L(\Delta^\sigma\times\Delta^\vee,s)$ are regular, as they have no pole at $s=1$, hence the polar locus in this neighborhood is the one of the function $L_F^K(\Delta^\sigma,1+2t)L_F^K(\Delta^\vee,1-2t)$, because of the equality $1/P_{(0)}(\Pi,t_0,s)=1/\prod_{s_i\in R(\Delta)}(1-q^{s_i-s})L(\Delta^\sigma\times\Delta^\vee,s)L_F^K(\Delta^\sigma,1+2t)L_F^K(\Delta^\vee,1-2t)$. Such a polar locus is actually an affine hyperplane of the form $s-2t=1-2t_0$ or $s+2t=1+2t_0$. In both case the functions $L_F^K(\Delta^\sigma,s+2t_0)L_F^K(\Delta^\vee,s-2t_0)$ and $L_F^K(\Delta^\sigma,1+2t)L_F^K(\Delta^\vee,1-2t)$ are defined respectively for s in a neighborhood of 1, and t in a neighborhood of t_0. Now, from Lemma 4.3, the complex number t_0 is a simple pole of $1/P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,1)$, hence it is also a simple pole of $I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},1)$, sothat the function $P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,1)I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},1)$ has a nonzero limit when t tends to t_0, but as the function $P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,s)I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},s)$ belongs to $\mathbb{C}[q_F^{\pm t},q_F^{\pm s}]$, the function $P_{(0)}(\Pi,t_0,s)I_{(0)}(W_{f_{t_0}},s)$ tends to the same limit when s tends to 1. □

Finally we can prove the main result.

Theorem 4.2. *Let Δ' be a quasi-square-integrable representation of $G_n(K)$, then if the representation $\Delta'^\sigma\times\Delta'^\vee$ of $G_{2n}(K)$ is irreducible, then it is distinguished.*

Write $\Delta'=\Delta|.|_K^u$, for Δ a square-integrable representation, and u a complex number. Denoting by Π_t the representation $\Delta^\sigma|.|_K^t\times\Delta^\vee|.|_K^{-t}$, we know from Proposition 3.1 that Π_t is distinguished for $Re(t)\geq n/2$. Hence for $Re(t)\geq n/2$, we know from Proposition 2.4, that the linear form $W_{f_t}\mapsto \underset{s\to 1}{lim} I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},s)/L_{(0)}(\Pi_t,s)$ is nonzero and $G_{2n}(F)$-invariant.
Suppose that t is outside the finite number of affine hyperplanes (i.e. points) such that Π_t is in general position, then the function $1/L_{(0)}(\Pi_t,s)$ is equal to $P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,s)$. But the function $P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,1)$, which is polynomial in q_F^{-t}, has no zeroes for $Re(t)$ large enough. From this we deduce that for $Re(t)$ large enough, according to Lemma 4.3, the functions $s\mapsto I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},s)$ and $t'\mapsto I_{(0)}(W_{f_{t'}},1)$ have respectively no pole at $s=1$ and $t'=t$, and we have $\underset{s\to 1}{lim} I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},s)=\underset{t'\to t}{lim} I_{(0)}(W_{f_{t'}},1)$.
Hence for $Re(t)$ large enough, lets say $Re(t)\geq r$ for a positive real number $r\geq n/2$, if h belongs to $G_{2n}(F)$ the two functions $I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},1)$ and $I_{(0)}(\rho_t(h)W_{f_t},1)$ coincide, but as they are rational functions in q_F^{-t}, they are equal. Hence for f in the space of Π_0, and h in $G_{2n}(F)$, the functions $I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},1)$ and $I_{(0)}(\rho_t(h)W_{f_t},1)$ are equal.
Suppose that for every f in the space of Π_0, the function $I_{(0)}(\rho_t(h)W_{f_t},1)$ has no pole at $t=u$, then according to Proposition 4.3, for every f in the space of Π_0, the function $I_{(0)}(\rho_u(h)W_{f_u},s)$ has no pole at $s=1$, and if h is in $G_{2n}(F)$, one has $\underset{s\to 1}{lim} I_{(0)}(\rho_u(h)W_{f_u},s)=\underset{t\to u}{lim} I_{(0)}(\rho_t(h)W_{f_t},1)=\underset{t\to u}{lim} I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},1)=\underset{s\to 1}{lim} I_{(0)}(W_{f_u},s)$. Hence we have a $G_{2n}(F)$-invariant linear form $f_u\mapsto \underset{s\to 1}{lim} I_{(0)}(W_{f_u},s)$ on the space of Π_u. Moreover, as W_{f_u} describes the space $W(\pi_u,\psi)$ when f_u describes the space of Π_u, and as the restrictions to $P_n(K)$ of functions of $W(\pi_u,\psi)$ form a vector space

with subspace $C_c^\infty(N_n(K)\backslash P_n(K),\psi)$, if we choose W_{f_u} with restriction to $P_n(K)$ positive and in $C_c^\infty(N_n(K)\backslash P_n(K),\psi)$, then we have $I_{(0)}(W_{f_u},1)=\int_{N_n(F)\backslash P_n(F)} W_{f_u}(p)dp>0$, and the $G_{2n}(F)$-invariant linear form defined above is nonzero, hence $\Pi_u=\Delta'^\sigma\times\Delta'^\vee$ is distinguished.
Now if for some f in in the space of Π_0, the function $I_{(0)}(\rho_t(h)W_{f_u},s)$ has a pole at $s=1$, it is a consequence of Lemma 4.3 that we have $\underset{s\to 1}{lim} P_{(0)}(\Pi,u,s)I_{(0)}(W_{f_u},s)$ is nonzero, and from the same Lemma, we know that for every f in in the space of Π_0, and h in $G_{2n}(F)$, we have

$$\underset{s\to 1}{lim} P_{(0)}(\Pi,u,s)I_{(0)}(\rho_u(h)W_{f_u},s)=\underset{t\to u}{lim} P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,1)I_{(0)}(\rho_t(h)W_{f_t},1)$$
$$=\underset{t\to u}{lim} P_{(0)}(\Pi,t,1)I_{(0)}(W_{f_t},1)=\underset{s\to 1}{lim} P_{(0)}(\Pi,u,s)I_{(0)}(W_{f_u},s).$$

Hence in this case too, the representation $\Pi_u=\Delta'^\sigma\times\Delta'^\vee$ is distinguished.

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