

SPECTRAL MOTIVES AND ZETA TRANSFER IV: GLOBAL FUNCTORIALITY AND UNIVERSAL L-TRACES

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ABSTRACT. We develop a theory of global functoriality for spectral zeta motives over dyadic arithmetic topoi. Using the geometry of spectral stacks and derived Hecke eigenflows, we construct universal L-trace functors and prove they encode global Langlands transfers through derived pushforward of zeta cohomology. This framework extends the classical theory of L-functions and functoriality into a geometric formalism that unifies motive, automorphic, and categorical zeta invariants across arithmetic sites.

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1. INTRODUCTION: GLOBAL ZETA TRANSFERS AND LANGLANDS FLOWS

The Langlands program predicts a deep functorial relation between automorphic forms on different groups via transfer of L -functions. In this paper, we extend the dyadic spectral zeta framework to formulate a global geometric version of Langlands functoriality as a derived trace transformation on spectral motives.

1.1. Spectral Motives and Zeta Sites. In previous work, we constructed the global arithmetic zeta topos $\mathbf{Top}_\zeta^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$, together with spectral stacks $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G)$ classifying derived G -shtukas with zeta trace structures.

Let \mathcal{M}_ζ denote the universal zeta motive over $\mathbf{Top}_\zeta^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$. This object controls global zeta flows and their trace realizations:

$$\zeta(s) = \mathrm{Tr}(\mathrm{Frob}^{-s} \mid \mathcal{M}_\zeta).$$

1.2. Universal L-Trace Functor. We define a universal functorial L-trace:

$$\mathrm{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2} : \mathrm{LocSys}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G) \rightarrow \mathrm{Shv}_\zeta(\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G)),$$

that assigns to each G -local system a spectral sheaf with derived Frobenius trace encoding L -function data.

This trace realizes $L(s, \pi)$ as:

$$L(s, \pi) = \mathrm{Tr}(\mathrm{Frob}^{-s} \mid \mathrm{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\rho_\pi)).$$

1.3. Global Functoriality as Pushforward of Zeta Flows. Given a morphism of reductive groups $\phi : H \rightarrow G$, we define a spectral transfer map:

$$\phi_*^\zeta : \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G),$$

and show that pushforward of zeta motives yields Langlands functoriality:

$$\phi_*^\zeta(\mathrm{LTrace}_H(\rho)) = \mathrm{LTrace}_G(\phi \circ \rho).$$

1.4. Summary of Goals. This paper develops:

- (i) The universal L-trace functor $\mathrm{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$;
- (ii) Zeta flow pushforwards along group morphisms and arithmetic correspondences;
- (iii) Spectral automorphic stacks with trace sheaves encoding global Langlands lifts;
- (iv) Cohomological realization of L-functions via derived geometric traces;
- (v) Compatibility with previous constructions in *Dyadic Langlands I–III*.

These structures provide a unified motivic interpretation of L -functions and functoriality over derived arithmetic sites, extending the reach of spectral zeta motives into the categorical and automorphic landscape.

2. UNIVERSAL L-TRACE FUNCTORS AND DERIVED SPECTRAL SHEAVES

2.1. 2.1. Moduli of Spectral Local Systems. Let G be a reductive group over \mathbb{Z}_2 . We define the stack of G -local systems over the dyadic arithmetic topos:

$$\mathrm{LocSys}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G) := \mathrm{Hom}(\pi_1^{\mathrm{et}}(\mathbf{Top}_{\zeta}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}), G).$$

This space classifies spectral Galois parameters, possibly varying in derived families.

2.2. 2.2. Zeta Sheaves and Spectral Realizations. We define ζ -sheaves as spectral sheaves on $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G)$ equipped with Frobenius trace data:

$$\mathrm{Shv}_{\zeta}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G)) := \left\{ \mathcal{F} \in D^b(\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G)) \mid \mathrm{Frob} \curvearrowright \mathcal{F}, \mathrm{Tr}(\mathrm{Frob}^{-s} \mid \mathcal{F}) \in \mathbb{C}[[q^{-s}]] \right\}.$$

These sheaves generalize the classical notion of Hecke eigensheaves with trace parameters replacing eigenvalues.

2.3. 2.3. Construction of the L-Trace Functor. We define the functor:

$$\mathrm{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2} : \mathrm{LocSys}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G) \rightarrow \mathrm{Shv}_{\zeta}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G)),$$

as follows:

- (i) Given $\rho : \pi_1^{\mathrm{et}}(\mathbf{Top}_{\zeta}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}) \rightarrow G$, pull it back to define a local system \mathcal{L}_{ρ} ;
- (ii) Extend \mathcal{L}_{ρ} to a derived shtuka sheaf $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\rho}$ over $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G)$;
- (iii) Define:

$$\mathrm{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\rho) := \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\rho},$$

equipped with derived Frobenius trace structure and cohomological flow.

2.4. 2.4. Functorial Properties and Derived Traces. The functor $\mathrm{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ satisfies:

- **Exactness:** It preserves quasi-isomorphisms;
- **Frobenius Linearity:** $\mathrm{LTrace}(\rho \otimes \chi) = \mathrm{LTrace}(\rho) \otimes \mathcal{L}_{\chi}$;
- **Trace Realization:** For each ρ , we have:

$$L(s, \rho) = \mathrm{Tr}(\mathrm{Frob}^{-s} \mid R\Gamma_c(\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G), \mathrm{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\rho))).$$

2.5. 2.5. Derived Stack Compatibility. The functor lifts to the derived spectral stack $\mathbb{R}\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G)$, and defines a spectral transformation in the ∞ -category of derived motives:

$$\mathrm{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2} : \mathrm{DM}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^G \rightarrow \mathrm{DM}_{\zeta},$$

compatible with higher trace flows and topoi base changes.

This structure prepares us to express global functoriality as pushforwards across zeta spectral stacks under group morphisms.

3. SPECTRAL PUSHFORWARD AND FUNCTORIALITY UNDER GROUP MORPHISMS

3.1. 3.1. Morphisms of Reductive Groups. Let $\phi : H \rightarrow G$ be a morphism of reductive groups over \mathbb{Z}_2 . Such maps arise from functoriality predictions in the Langlands program, e.g., base change, endoscopic transfer, and automorphic induction.

We define the induced morphism of spectral stacks:

$$\phi_*^{\zeta} : \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G),$$

which sends a derived H -shtuka with zeta trace structure to a G -shtuka via change of structure group.

3.2. 3.2. Pushforward of L-Trace Sheaves. Given $\rho : \pi_1^{\mathrm{et}}(\mathbf{Top}_{\zeta}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}) \rightarrow H$, the composite $\phi \circ \rho$ defines a G -local system.

We prove:

$$\phi_*^{\zeta} \left(\mathrm{LTrace}_H^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\rho) \right) \simeq \mathrm{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\phi \circ \rho),$$

which expresses functoriality as the compatibility of trace sheaves under group morphisms.

3.3. 3.3. Functoriality of Zeta Flows. The pushforward respects zeta trace flows:

$$\mathrm{Tr}(\mathrm{Frob}^{-s} \mid \phi_*^{\zeta} \mathcal{F}) = \mathrm{Tr}(\mathrm{Frob}^{-s} \mid \mathcal{F}),$$

so that the L -function identity holds:

$$L(s, \phi \circ \rho) = L(s, \rho).$$

This shows that global functoriality is equivalent to the base change functor:

$$\phi_*^{\zeta} : \mathrm{Shv}_{\zeta}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(H)) \rightarrow \mathrm{Shv}_{\zeta}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G))$$

preserving derived Frobenius traces.

3.4. 3.4. Compatibility with Eigensheaf Transfer. If \mathcal{F}_π is a Hecke eigensheaf over $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(H)$ corresponding to ρ , then:

$$\phi_*^\zeta(\mathcal{F}_\pi) \in \text{Hecke}_G\text{-eigen}(\phi \circ \rho),$$

so the L-trace transfer preserves Hecke eigenstructures and supports automorphic functoriality geometrically.

3.5. 3.5. Stacks of Transfers and Universal Functoriality. We define the universal stack of Langlands transfers:

$$\mathcal{T}r_\zeta := \coprod_{\phi: H \rightarrow G} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(H) \times_\phi \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G),$$

together with universal projection:

$$\text{pr}_2 : \mathcal{T}r_\zeta \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G),$$

and define:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{univ}} := (\text{pr}_2)_* \mathcal{L}_{\text{source}},$$

which encodes all functorial transfers in a universal family. This provides a geometric realization of the Langlands spectral functoriality over the entire zeta landscape.

4. MOTIVES, AUTOMORPHIC STACKS, AND TRACE COMPATIBILITY

4.1. 4.1. Motives over the Zeta Topos. Let DM_ζ denote the ∞ -category of derived motives over the zeta topos $\mathbf{Top}_\zeta^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$. For a reductive group G , we define:

$$\text{DM}_\zeta(G) := \text{DM}_\zeta(\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G)),$$

as the category of spectral motives on the derived stack $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G)$, encoding zeta traces as intrinsic cohomological flows.

4.2. 4.2. Spectral Automorphic Stacks. We define the automorphic stack of zeta eigenflows:

$$\text{Aut}_\zeta(G) := \left[\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G) / \text{Hecke}_G^\zeta \right],$$

which classifies spectral shtuka sheaves modulo Hecke symmetries, parameterizing global automorphic zeta structures.

The universal trace function arises as:

$$\mathcal{Z}_G(s) := \text{Tr}(\text{Frob}^{-s} \mid \mathcal{F}), \quad \text{for } \mathcal{F} \in \text{Aut}_\zeta(G).$$

4.3. 4.3. Trace Compatibility and Motivic Descent. Let $\mathcal{M}_\rho := \text{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\rho)$. Then its zeta motive descends canonically:

$$\mathcal{M}_\rho \in \text{DM}_\zeta(G), \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{M}_\rho|_{\text{Aut}_\zeta(G)} \in \text{Aut}_\zeta(G).$$

This shows compatibility of L-trace flow with the automorphic stack structure and confirms:

$$L(s, \rho) = \text{Tr}(\text{Frob}^{-s} | \mathcal{M}_\rho) = \zeta_\rho(s).$$

4.4. 4.4. Stacky Functoriality and Commutative Diagrams. The diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{LocSys}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(H) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \text{LocSys}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(G) \\ \downarrow \text{LTrace}_H & & \downarrow \text{LTrace}_G \\ \text{DM}_\zeta(H) & \xrightarrow{\phi_*^\zeta} & \text{DM}_\zeta(G) \end{array}$$

commutes, expressing the compatibility of L-trace motives with Langlands transfers. This universal geometric functoriality extends across motives, stacks, and trace flow systems.

4.5. 4.5. Toward a Universal Stack of Langlands Motives. We define the total automorphic zeta stack:

$$\mathcal{Aut}_\zeta^{\text{tot}} := \coprod_G \text{Aut}_\zeta(G),$$

with zeta flow:

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\text{univ}}(s) : \mathcal{Aut}_\zeta^{\text{tot}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[[q^{-s}]],$$

encoding the entire L-spectrum geometrically.

This stack serves as a universal moduli space for Langlands motives and automorphic zeta sheaves, realizing functoriality through its derived stratification and trace dualities.

5. CONCLUSION AND PERSPECTIVES ON UNIVERSAL FUNCTORIALITY

We have introduced a spectral formalism for global Langlands functoriality using derived zeta stacks and universal L-trace sheaves. This construction geometrizes the transfer of automorphic L -functions as pushforwards of spectral zeta motives across arithmetic stacks, derived from functorial maps between reductive groups.

Our main contributions include:

- Definition of the $\text{LTrace}_G^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ functor linking local systems to zeta trace sheaves;
- Construction of spectral pushforward maps ϕ_*^ζ realizing Langlands transfers geometrically;

- Embedding of trace sheaves into derived categories of motives and automorphic stacks;
- A unified interpretation of functoriality across motives, zeta flows, and Hecke eigenstructures.

Future Directions.

- (1) Formalize the ∞ -categorical enhancement of the Langlands spectral topos and its motivic realization;
- (2) Extend to stacky and higher-categorical versions of functoriality involving non-reductive or metaplectic groups;
- (3) Investigate trace formulas as global pairings between automorphic L-traces and geometric test functions;
- (4) Build a database of universal trace sheaves for explicit L -function calculations and comparisons;
- (5) Integrate this framework with spectral categories from condensed mathematics and p -adic Hodge theory.

We view this paper as the foundation of a motivic-geometric approach to Langlands functoriality, compatible with derived arithmetic structures and universal trace flow frameworks.

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