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On the degree of certain local L -functions. (English summary)

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Let π be an irreducible supercuspidal representation of $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$, where F is a p -adic field. By a result of C. J. Bushnell and P. C. Kutzko [*The admissible dual of $\mathrm{GL}(N)$ via compact open subgroups*, Ann. of Math. Stud., 129, Princeton Univ. Press, Princeton, NJ, 1993; [MR1204652](#)], the cardinality of the group of unramified self-twists of π is the same as the degree of the local Rankin-Selberg L -function $L(s, \pi \times \pi^\vee)$. In this paper, the authors compute the degree of the Asai, symmetric square, and exterior square L -functions associated to π . As an application, assuming p is odd, the conductor of the Asai lift of a supercuspidal representation is computed.

These L -functions are important in number theory and their degrees often have several meaningful and important interpretations. For instance, these L -functions detect functorial lifts from classical groups [F. Shahidi, *Duke Math. J.* **66** (1992), no. 1, 1–41; [MR1159430](#); D. Goldberg, *J. Reine Angew. Math.* **448** (1994), 65–95; [MR1266747](#)].

These L -functions are also related to the theory of distinguished representations. If π is a supercuspidal representation of $\mathrm{GL}_n(E)$, then the degree of its Asai L -function is the number of unramified characters μ of F^\times for which π is μ -distinguished with respect to $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ [U. K. Anandavardhanan, A. C. Kable and R. Tandon, *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.* **132** (2004), no. 10, 2875–2883; [MR2063106](#)].

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