

Iwasawa Main Conjecture in cyclotomic function fields

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Cyclotomic extensions: number fields

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and p an odd prime, let

- $\mathbb{Q}_n := \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^{n+1}})$

$$\mathbb{Q} \subset^{p-1} \mathbb{Q}_0 \subset^p \mathbb{Q}_1 \subset^p \cdots \subset \mathbb{Q}_n \subset \cdots \subset \bigcup \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^n}) = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^\infty}) .$$

- $\mathbb{Q}_{cyc} := \bigcup \mathbb{Q}_n$ the p -cyclotomic extension of \mathbb{Q} .

Properties

- $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{cyc}/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq \varprojlim_n \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_n/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq \varprojlim_n (\mathbb{Z}/p^{n+1})^* \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(p-1) \times \mathbb{Z}_p .$

- ramified only at ∞ and p , in particular $\mathbb{Q}_{cyc}/\mathbb{Q}_0$ is ramified (totally) only at p .

$\mathbb{Q}_{cyc}^{\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_0/\mathbb{Q})}$ is called the **cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of \mathbb{Q}** .

For any number field K , $K\mathbb{Q}_{cyc}^{\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_0/\mathbb{Q})}$ is the **cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of K** .

The **Iwasawa algebra** is the ring

$$\Lambda := \varprojlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_n/\mathbb{Q}_0)] = \mathbb{Z}_p[[\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{cyc}/\mathbb{Q}_0)]] \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]] .$$

The last isomorphism is non-canonical and given by $\gamma \mapsto T - 1$ where γ is a chosen topological generator of $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{cyc}/\mathbb{Q}_0)$.

Cyclotomic extensions: function fields

- $F := \mathbb{F}_q(\theta)$ with $q = p^r \geq 3$ and fix $\frac{1}{\theta}$ as the prime at ∞ .
- Let $A := \mathbb{F}_q[\theta]$ and fix a prime \mathfrak{p} of A of degree d .
- Let Φ be the **Carlitz module** associated to A : it is an \mathbb{F}_q -linear ring homomorphism

$$\Phi : A \rightarrow F\{\tau\}$$

$$\theta \mapsto \Phi_\theta = \theta\tau^0 + \tau$$

$$\theta^2 \mapsto \Phi_{\theta^2} = (\theta\tau^0 + \tau)(\theta\tau^0 + \tau) = \theta^2\tau^0 + \theta\tau + \tau\theta + \tau^2 = \theta^2\tau^0 + (\theta + \theta^q)\tau + \tau^2,$$

where $F\{\tau\}$ is the skew polynomial ring with $\tau f = f^q \tau$ for any $f \in F$.

- For any ideal \mathfrak{a} of A write

$$\Phi[\mathfrak{a}] := \{x \in \overline{F} \mid \Phi_a(x) = 0 \ \forall a \in \mathfrak{a}\},$$

it is an A -module isomorphic to A/\mathfrak{a} and such that $\text{Gal}(F(\Phi[\mathfrak{a}])/F) \simeq (A/\mathfrak{a})^*$.

Example: $\Phi[(\theta)] \simeq \mathbb{F}_q$, indeed

$$\Phi_\theta(a) = \theta a + a^q = 0 \iff a = 0 \text{ or } a^{q-1} = -\theta.$$

Moreover $F(\Phi[(\theta)]) = F(\sqrt[q-1]{-\theta})$ and $\mu_{q-1} \subset \mathbb{F}_q$, so $\text{Gal}(F(\Phi[(\theta)])/F) \simeq \mathbb{F}_q^*$.

Cyclotomic extensions: function fields

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let

- $F_n := F(\Phi[\mathfrak{p}^{n+1}])$

$$F \subset F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \cdots \subset F_n \subset \cdots \subset \bigcup F(\Phi[\mathfrak{p}^n]) = F(\Phi[\mathfrak{p}^\infty]) .$$

- $\mathcal{F} := \bigcup F_n$ the \mathfrak{p} -cyclotomic extension of F .

Properties

$$\text{Gal}(\mathcal{F}/F) \simeq \varprojlim_n \text{Gal}(F_n/F) \simeq \varprojlim_n (A/\mathfrak{p}^{n+1})^*$$

1.

$$\simeq \text{Gal}(F_0/F) \times \text{Gal}(\mathcal{F}/F_0) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(q^d - 1) \times \mathbb{Z}_p^\infty := \Delta \times \Gamma$$

2. ramified only at ∞ and \mathfrak{p} , in particular \mathcal{F}/F_0 is ramified (totally) only at \mathfrak{p} and the inertia group of ∞ is $\mathbb{F}_q^* \hookrightarrow \Delta$ (note $|\Delta| = q^{\deg(\mathfrak{p})} - 1 = q^d - 1$).

The extension \mathcal{F}^Δ/F is a \mathbb{Z}_p^∞ -extension of F *cyclotomic at \mathfrak{p}* .

The **Iwasawa algebra** is the ring

$$\Lambda := \varprojlim_n \mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(F_n/F_0)] = \mathbb{Z}_p[[\Gamma]] \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[[T_n : n \in \mathbb{N}]] .$$

Iwasawa modules: global fields

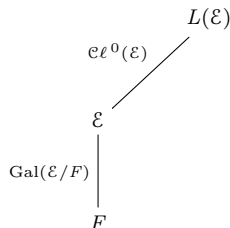
F a global field and E/F a finite extension

- $\mathcal{C}\ell^0(E)$ the p -part of the group of divisor classes of E of degree 0 (class group);
- $L(E)$ the maximal unramified abelian p -extension of E (totally split at ∞);
- $\mathcal{C}\ell^0(E) \simeq \text{Gal}(L(E)/E)$ via the (canonical) Artin map.

Same notations for infinite extensions \mathcal{E}/F where

$$\Lambda(\mathcal{E}) := \mathbb{Z}_p[[\text{Gal}(\mathcal{E}/F)]] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C}\ell^0(\mathcal{E}) := \varprojlim_E \mathcal{C}\ell^0(E)$$

(the limit is on the natural norm maps as E runs among the finite subextensions of \mathcal{E}/F).



$$\mathcal{C}\ell^0(\mathcal{E}) \triangleleft \text{Gal}(L(\mathcal{E})/F)$$

(a lift of) $\text{Gal}(\mathcal{E}/F)$ acts on $\mathcal{C}\ell^0(\mathcal{E})$ via conjugation

$\mathcal{C}\ell^0(\mathcal{E})$ is a $\Lambda(\mathcal{E})$ -module

Iwasawa modules: global fields

Theorem (Iwasawa 60's, Greenberg 70's,...)

Let \mathcal{E}/F be a \mathbb{Z}_p^d -extension ($d < \infty$), then $\mathcal{C}\ell^0(\mathcal{E})$ is a finitely generated torsion $\Lambda(\mathcal{E})$ -module.

A f.g.t. $\Lambda(\mathcal{E})$ -module N is *pseudo-null* if $ht(\text{Ann}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{E})}(N)) \geq 2$ (i.e., N has at least 2 relatively prime annihilators).

Theorem (Structure Theorem for f.g.t. Iwasawa modules)

For any f.g.t. $\Lambda(\mathcal{E})$ -module M there is a pseudo-isomorphism (i.e. with pseudo-null kernel and cokernel)

$$M \sim_{\Lambda(\mathcal{E})} \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \Lambda(\mathcal{E})/(f_i^{e_i}) \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \Lambda(\mathcal{E})/(f_i^{e_i}) \hookrightarrow M \twoheadrightarrow N$$

where the f_i are irreducible elements of $\Lambda(\mathcal{E}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[[T_1, \dots, T_d]]$, f_i , e_i and s are uniquely determined by M and N is pseudo-null.

Definition (Characteristic ideal)

For a f.g.t module as above we define the characteristic ideal as

$$\text{Ch}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{E})}(M) := \left(\prod_{i=1}^s f_i^{e_i} \right).$$

A f.g.t. $\Lambda(\mathcal{E})$ -module N is pseudo-null (i.e. $N \sim_{\Lambda(\mathcal{E})} 0$) $\iff \text{Ch}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{E})}(N) = (1)$.

Theorem (Iwasawa)

Let K_∞/K be a \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of a number field K and let f_{K_∞} be a (polynomial) generator of $\text{Ch}_{\Lambda(K_\infty)}(\mathcal{C}\ell^0(K_\infty))$. Let

- μ such that $p^\mu \mid f_{K_\infty}$ and $p^{\mu+1} \nmid f_{K_\infty}$;
- $\lambda = \deg(f_{K_\infty})$.

Then

$$|\mathcal{C}\ell^0(K_n)| = p^{\mu p^n + \lambda n + O(1)} \quad \forall n \gg 0.$$

ζ -functions and L -functions (sketch)

Cyclotomic extension of \mathbb{Q}

Let Δ be the group of Dirichlet characters of the number field $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)$, then

$$\zeta_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)}(s) = \sum_{I \neq 0} N_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)/\mathbb{Q}}(I)^{-s} = \prod_{\chi \in \Delta} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s} \right) = \prod_{\chi \in \Delta} L(s, \chi) .$$

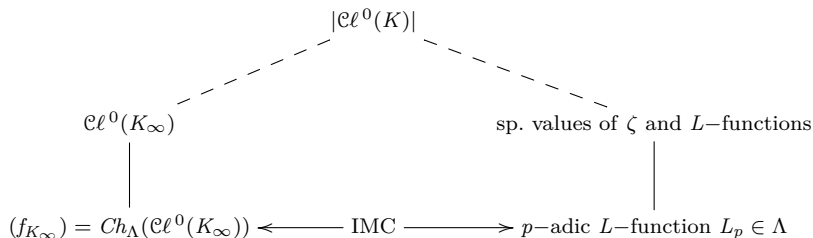
The special value in $s = 1$ is related to the class number and other arithmetically relevant information on the field $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)$.

- $\Delta \simeq \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ is cyclic generated by the Teichmüller character ω (recall $\omega(a) \equiv a \pmod{(1 - \zeta_p)}$).
- For characters ω^i (i even and nonzero) Iwasawa defined a p -adic L -function $L_p(s, \omega^i)$ which interpolates the special values of $L(s, \omega^i)$.
- Iwasawa proved that there exist power series $f(T, \omega^i) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]] \simeq \Lambda(\mathbb{Q}_{cyc})$ such that

$$L_p(s, \omega^i) = f((1+p)^s - 1, \omega^i) .$$

Nowadays many generalizations are known: a similar procedure works for any number field and some of its \mathbb{Z}_p -extensions (the ones with more relevant arithmetical meaning).

Main Conjecture



Consequences/related results:

- special values of ζ -functions;
- arithmetic properties of (generalized) Bernoulli numbers;
- vanishing of the μ -invariant for cyclotomic extensions K_{cyc}/K , i.e., the p -adic L -function is nonzero modulo p (Ferrero-Washington theorem when K/\mathbb{Q} is abelian).

Function field setting:

- **Analytic side** analogues of ζ -functions, Bernoulli numbers and so on (mainly due to Carlitz and Goss);
- **Algebraic side** arithmetic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension, geometric \mathbb{Z}_p^d -extensions, no arithmetic informations on \mathbb{Z}_p^∞ -extensions.

Main Conjecture and BSD

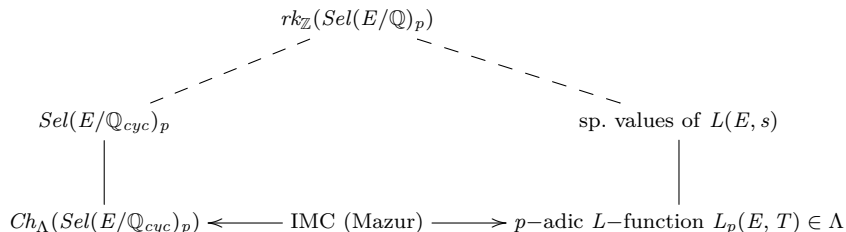
Let E be an elliptic curve (defined over \mathbb{Q}) and consider the exact sequence

$$E(\mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \hookrightarrow \text{Sel}(E/\mathbb{Q})_p \rightarrow \text{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})[p^\infty]$$

and the L -function $L(E, s)$ associated to E .

BSD Conjecture

$\text{ord}_{s=1} L(E, s) = \text{rk}_{\mathbb{Z}}(E(\mathbb{Q})) + \text{III}(E/\mathbb{Q}) \text{ is finite} + \text{much more}.$



Actually this is the most used strategy to produce results on BSD (Kato, Bertolini-Darmon, Skinner-Urban,...).

Fitting ideals: Greither-Popescu *IMRN* '12 and *Crelle* '13

Let \mathcal{F}/F be the \mathfrak{p} -cyclotomic extension of $F = \mathbb{F}_q(\theta)$ with $\text{Gal}(F_0/F) =: \Delta$, $\text{Gal}(\mathcal{F}/F_0) =: \Gamma$ and (non-noetherian) Iwasawa algebra $\Lambda(\mathcal{F})$. Let $\mathcal{C}\ell^0(\mathcal{F})$ be the Iwasawa module of \mathcal{F} . We do not have a structure theorem for $\Lambda(\mathcal{F})$ -modules (hence no characteristic ideal), so we compute Fitting ideals for the class groups of $F_n = F(\Phi[\mathfrak{p}^{n+1}])$ in the group ring $\mathbb{Z}_p[\text{Gal}(F_n/F)]$.

Definition (Fitting ideal)

Let M be a f.g. R -module. The Fitting ideal of M over R , $\text{Fitt}_R(M)$ is the ideal of R generated by the determinants of all the (minors of the) matrices of relations for a fixed set of generators of M .

Let $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$ be a fixed algebraic closure of \mathbb{F}_q and fix a topological generator γ for $G_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q} := \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q/\mathbb{F}_q)$ (the *arithmetic Frobenius*). Denote by

$$T_p(L) := T_p(\text{Jac}(\mathcal{X}_L)(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q)) .$$

the p -adic Tate module of the $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$ -rational points of the Jacobian of the curve \mathcal{X}_L associated with the field L .

Lemma

$$\mathcal{C}\ell^0(F_n) \simeq T_p(F_n)/(1 - \gamma^{-1})T_p(F_n) =: T_p(F_n)_{G_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q}} .$$

Fitting ideals: Greither-Popescu *IMRN* '12 and *Crelle* '13

The module $T_p(F_n)$ fits into the exact sequence

$$T_p(F_n) \hookrightarrow T_p(\mathcal{M}_{S,n}) \twoheadrightarrow L_n$$

where $T_p(\mathcal{M}_{S,n})$ is the p -adic realization of a *motive* \mathcal{M}_S (defined via divisors), L_n is the kernel of the degree map $\mathbb{Z}_p[\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q F_n(S)] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q F_n(S)$ is the set of places of $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q F_n$ lying above places in $S := \{\mathfrak{p}, \infty\}$.

Definition (Stickelberger series)

Let \mathcal{F}_S be the maximal pro- p -extension of F unramified outside S . The Stickelberger series is defined as

$$\Theta_S(X) := \prod_{v \notin S} (1 - \text{Fr}_v^{-1} X^{d_v})^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}[[\text{Gal}(\mathcal{F}_S/F)]][[X]] ,$$

where Fr_v is the (lifting of the) Frobenius of v in $\text{Gal}(\mathcal{F}_S/F)$. Moreover, for any n , we put $\Theta_n(X)$ for the projection of $\Theta_S(X)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[\text{Gal}(F_n/F)][[X]]$.

Theorem (Greither-Popescu *IMRN* '12 Theorem 4.3)

$$\text{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p[G_n][[G_{\mathbb{F}_q}]]}(T_p(\mathcal{M}_{S,n})) = (\Theta_n(\gamma^{-1})) .$$

Fitting ideals: class groups

Let χ be a character of $\Delta := \text{Gal}(F_0/F)$ with values in the Witt ring $W \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[\mu_{q^d-1}]$: we say that χ is **even** if $\chi(\mathbb{F}_q^*) = 1$ and **odd** otherwise. Denote the trivial character by χ_0 . From now on we work on χ -parts of modules M , denoted $M(\chi)$. Computing the Fitting ideal of $T_p(F_n)(\chi)$ and specializing γ^{-1} to 1 one gets

Proposition (Anglès-B-Bars-Longhi (ABBL) '15)

$$\text{Fitt}_{W[\Gamma_n]}(\mathcal{C}\ell^0(F_n)(\chi)) := \begin{cases} (\Theta_n(1, \chi)) & \text{if } \chi \text{ is odd} \\ \left(\frac{\Theta_n(X, \chi)}{1 - X} \Big|_{X=1} \right) & \text{if } \chi \neq \chi_0 \text{ is even} \end{cases}.$$

$$\text{Fitt}_{W[\Gamma_n]}(\mathcal{C}\ell^0(F_n)^\vee(\chi_0)) = \frac{\Theta_n(X, \chi_0)}{1 - X} \Big|_{X=1} \left(1, \frac{n(\Gamma_n)}{d} \right)$$

where $\Gamma_n := \text{Gal}(F_n/F_0)$ and $n(\Gamma_n) := \sum_{g \in \Gamma_n} g$.

Remark

The ramified prime ∞ causes the $1 - X$ for even characters.
The ramified prime \mathfrak{p} causes the extra factor for $\chi = \chi_0$.

Main (algebraic) theorem

Let $\mathcal{C}\ell^0(\mathcal{F}) := \varprojlim_n \mathcal{C}\ell^0(F_n)$ (limit on the norm maps).

Studying kernels and cokernels of the natural norm and inclusion maps between $\mathcal{C}\ell^0(F_n)$ and $\mathcal{C}\ell^0(F_{n-1})$ (in particular norms are surjective and their kernels are given by augmentation ideals), one verifies that the system of Fitting ideals is coherent with respect to norms.

Theorem (ABBL '15)

$$\mathrm{Fitt}_{W[[\Gamma]]}(\mathcal{C}\ell^0(\mathcal{F})(\chi)) = \lim_{\leftarrow n} \left(\Theta_n^\#(1, \chi) \right) := \left(\Theta_\infty^\#(1, \chi) \right) \quad \text{for } \chi \neq \chi_0$$

with

$$\Theta_n^\#(1, \chi) := \begin{cases} \Theta_n(1, \chi) & \text{if } \chi \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{\Theta_n(X, \chi)}{1 - X} \Big|_{X=1} & \text{if } \chi \neq \chi_0 \text{ is even} \end{cases}.$$

Goss-Carlitz ζ -function

Let

- A_+ (resp. $A_{+,n}$) denote the set of monic polynomials of A (resp. monic polynomials of degree n);
- $F_\infty = \mathbb{F}_q((\theta^{-1}))$ the completion of F at ∞ and $\overline{F_\infty}$ its algebraic closure;
- $\mathbb{C}_\infty := \widehat{\overline{F_\infty}}$ the completion of $\overline{F_\infty}$ at the prime dividing ∞ ;
- $\mathbb{S}_\infty := \mathbb{C}_\infty^* \times \mathbb{Z}_p$.

Definition (Goss-Carlitz ζ -function)

The Goss-Carlitz ζ -function is defined as

$$\zeta_A(s) := \sum_{a \in A_+} a^{-s} = \sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\sum_{a \in A_{+,n}} \langle a \rangle_\infty^{-y} \right) x^{-n}, \quad s = (x, y) \in \mathbb{S}_\infty,$$

where

$$a^s = x^{\deg(a)} \langle a \rangle_\infty^y \text{ and } \langle a \rangle_\infty := \frac{a}{\theta^{\deg(a)} \operatorname{sgn}(a)} = 1 + \text{pws of } \frac{1}{\theta} \in \mathbb{F} \left[\frac{1}{\theta} \right]$$

and $\operatorname{sgn}(a)$ is the leading coefficient of a .

Stickelberger and $\zeta_A(s)$: interpolation

Let $\mathbb{S}_\infty^+ := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{S}_\infty : |x| > 1\}$ be our “half-plane” ($\sim \mathbb{C}^+ = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(z) > 1\}$). Then

- since $a^s = x^{\deg(a)} \langle a \rangle_\infty^y$, one has $|a^{-s}| = |x|^{-\deg(a)}$ and $\zeta_A(s)$ converges on \mathbb{S}_∞^+ ;
- an element $s = (x, y) \in \mathbb{S}_\infty$ defines a principal quasi-character

$$\varphi_s : \mathbb{I}_F/F^* \simeq \mathbb{Z} \times U_1(\infty) \times \prod_{v \neq \infty} A_v^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty^*$$

$$(n, \alpha_1, \prod \alpha_v) \xrightarrow{\varphi_s} x^{-n} \alpha_1^y ;$$

- for any $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ consider the map

$$\psi_y : \operatorname{Gal}(\mathcal{F}_S/F) \xrightarrow{\text{cls field}} U_1(\infty) \xrightarrow{(id, y)} \mathbb{S}_\infty \xrightarrow{a \mapsto a^s} \mathbb{C}_\infty^* .$$

For any $v \notin S$ one has $\psi_y(\operatorname{Fr}_v^{-1}) = \langle \pi_v \rangle_\infty^y$ (where π_v is the monic generator of the prime ideal v) and $\psi_y(\Theta_S)(x)$ converges for any $|x| \geq 1$.

Theorem (Stickelberger $\leftrightarrow \zeta_A$, ABBL '15)

For any $s = (x, y) \in \mathbb{S}_\infty^+$,

$$\psi_{-y}(\Theta_S)(x^{-1}) = (1 - \pi_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-s}) \zeta_A(s) .$$

Remarks

- The proof of the previous theorem uses the Euler product formula

$$\zeta_A(s) = \prod_{v \neq \infty} (1 - \pi_v^{-s})^{-1}.$$

- By the properties of the Stickelberger element, the previous theorem can be used to ensure the convergence of ζ_A on the border of the disc $|x| \geq 1$.
- One can prove that

$$v_\infty \left(\sum_{a \in A_{+,n}} \langle a \rangle_\infty^y \right) \geq p^{n-1}$$

for any $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ and any $n \geq 1$, thus ensuring the convergence of ζ_A on the whole \mathbb{S}_∞ .

The last remark is particularly relevant because we are interested in the values of ζ_A at **negative** integers, i.e.,

$$\zeta_A(-j) := \zeta_A(\theta^{-j}, -j) \quad j \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$$

(note that $v_\infty(\theta^{-j}) = -j$ and $|\theta^{-j}| = |1/\theta|^j \leq 1$).

Special values of $\zeta_A(s)$

For any $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let

$$S_n(j) := \sum_{a \in A_{+,n}} a^j \in A \quad \text{and} \quad Z(X, j) := \sum_{n \geq 0} S_n(j) X^n \in A[X] .$$

Then $\zeta_A(-j) := \zeta_A(\theta^{-j}, -j) = Z(1, j)$ and it has **trivial zeroes** at **even** integers, i.e.,

$$\zeta_A(-j) = Z(1, j) = 0 \quad \text{for } j \geq 1, \quad j \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1} .$$

Definition (Bernoulli-Goss numbers)

For any $j \in \mathbb{N}$, the Bernoulli-Goss numbers $\beta(j)$ are defined as

$$\beta(j) := \begin{cases} Z(1, j) & \text{if } j = 0 \text{ or } j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1} \\ -\frac{d}{dX} Z(X, j)|_{X=1} & \text{if } j \geq 1 \text{ and } j \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1} \end{cases}$$

Lemma

For all $j \geq 0$, we have $\beta(j) \equiv 1 \pmod{\theta^q - \theta}$. In particular $\beta(j) \neq 0$.

p -adic L -function

The characters of $\Delta = \text{Gal}(F_0/F)$ are powers of the Teichmüller ω_p (values in A_p)

$$a = \omega_p(a) \langle a \rangle_p \quad \text{with} \quad a \equiv \omega_p(a) \pmod{p} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle a \rangle_p \in U_1.$$

Let $\widetilde{\omega}_p$ be the composition of ω_p with the cyclotomic character (with values in W^*).

Definition (p -adic L -function)

For any $0 \leq i \leq q^d - 2$ and any $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, the p -adic L -function is defined as

$$L_p(X, y, \omega_p^i) := \sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\sum_{a \in A_{+,n}, \, p \nmid (a)} \omega_p^i(a) \langle a \rangle_p^y \right) X^n \in A_p[[X]].$$

Remarks

- By estimating the p -adic valuation of the coefficients of X^n one sees that it converges on $\mathbb{S}_p := \mathbb{C}_p^* \times \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}/(q^d - 1)$ (which is the analogue of the previous \mathbb{S}_∞).
- Another (almost unexplored) analogy: the space \mathbb{S}_p can be interpreted as the set of principal quasi-characters on \mathbb{I}_F/F^* with values in \mathbb{C}_p^* .

Proposition ($L_p \leftrightarrow \zeta_A$, ABBL '15)

Let $0 \leq i \leq q^d - 2$, $j \equiv i \pmod{q^d - 1}$, $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ and $\mathfrak{p} = (\pi_p)$. Then

$$(1) \quad L_p(X, j, \omega_p^i) = (1 - \pi_p^j X^d) Z(X, j) \in A[X] \quad \text{and} \quad L_p(X, y, \omega_p^i) \equiv Z(X, i) \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

$$(2o) \quad L_p(1, j, \omega_p^i) = (1 - \pi_p^j) \beta(j) \quad , \quad i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q - 1}$$

$$(2e) \quad \frac{d}{dX} L_p(X, j, \omega_p^i)|_{X=1} = -(1 - \pi_p^j) \beta(j) \quad , \quad j \geq 1, \quad i \equiv 0 \pmod{q - 1}.$$

The proof is easier if one consider the Euler product formula of the two functions. The one for L_p is

$$L_p(X, y, \omega_p^i) = \prod_{v \notin S} (1 - \omega_p^i(\pi_v) \langle \pi_v \rangle_p^y X^{\deg(v)})^{-1}.$$

Stickelberger and L_p : Iwasawa Main Conjecture

For any $s = (1, y, i) \in \mathbb{S}_p$, consider the map

$$\xi_s : \text{Gal}(\mathcal{F}_S/F) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} \text{Gal}(\mathcal{F}/F) \xrightarrow{\kappa} A_p^* \hookrightarrow \mathbb{S}_p \xrightarrow{a \mapsto a^s} \mathbb{C}_p^* .$$

Theorem (Stickelberger $\leftrightarrow L_p$, ABBL '15)

For any $s = (1, y, i) \in \mathbb{S}_p$ one has

$$\xi_{-s}(\Theta_S)(X) = L_p(X, y, \omega_p^i) .$$

Note that the left hand side lives in characteristic 0 and the right hand side in characteristic p . This is more evident in the following equivalent statement.

Theorem (Stickelberger $\leftrightarrow L_p$, Sinnott '08 + ABBL '15)

Let $0 \leq i \leq q^d - 2$; for any $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, the homomorphism $\gamma \mapsto \kappa(\gamma)^y$ induces a map $s_X : (W[[\Gamma]]/p)[[X]] \rightarrow C^0(\mathbb{Z}_p, A_p)$ such that

$$s_X(\Theta_\infty(X, \tilde{\omega}_p^{-i}))(y) = L_p(X, -y, \omega_p^i) .$$

Remark

Specializing at $X = 1$ the left hand side provides the Fitting ideal of the Iwasawa module $\mathcal{C}l^0(\mathcal{F})$, the right hand side interpolates (via $Z(X, i)$) the values of Goss ζ -function.

Theorem ($\mu = 0$, ABBL '15)

For any $1 \leq i \leq q^d - 2$ (i.e. $\omega_{\mathfrak{p}}^i \neq \chi_0$), one has $\Theta_{\infty}^{\#}(1, \widetilde{\omega}_{\mathfrak{p}}^i) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

Proof.

- $\beta(j) \neq 0$ and interpolation property (2);
- $L_{\mathfrak{p}}(1, j, \omega_{\mathfrak{p}}^i) \neq 0$ for $j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$;
- $\frac{d}{dX} L_{\mathfrak{p}}(X, j, \omega_{\mathfrak{p}}^i)|_{X=1} \neq 0$ for $j \geq 1$, $j \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$;
- $s_X(\Theta_{\infty}^{\#}(1, \widetilde{\omega}_{\mathfrak{p}}^i))(-j) \neq 0$ and s injective on $W[[\Gamma]]/pW[[\Gamma]]$.



Since $\Theta_{\infty}^{\#}(1, \widetilde{\omega}_{\mathfrak{p}}^i)$ is the limit of the $\Theta_n^{\#}(1, \widetilde{\omega}_{\mathfrak{p}}^i)$ we can define

$$N_{\mathfrak{p}}(i) := \inf \left\{ n \geq 0 : \Theta_n^{\#}(1, \widetilde{\omega}_{\mathfrak{p}}^i) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \right\}.$$

Theorem (Arithmetic properties of B-G numbers, ABBL '15)

Let $1 \leq i \leq q^d - 2$, then

$$N_{\mathfrak{p}}(i) \leq \inf\{v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\beta(j)) : j \equiv -i \pmod{q^d - 1}\}.$$

Proof.

- Let $1 \leq i \leq q^d - 2$ and put

$$m_{\mathfrak{p}}(i) := \begin{cases} \inf\{v_{\mathfrak{p}}(L_{\mathfrak{p}}(1, y, \omega_{\mathfrak{p}}^i)) : y \in \mathbb{Z}_p\} & \text{for } i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1} \\ \inf\left\{v_{\mathfrak{p}}\left(\frac{d}{dX}L_{\mathfrak{p}}(X, y, \omega_{\mathfrak{p}}^i)|_{X=1}\right) : y \in \mathbb{Z}_p\right\} & \text{for } i \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1} \end{cases}.$$

- Interpolation property (2) $\implies m_{\mathfrak{p}}(i) = \inf\{v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\beta(j)) : j \geq 1, j \equiv i \pmod{q^d - 1}\}.$
- Using the link with MC

$$N_{\mathfrak{p}}(i) \leq m_{\mathfrak{p}}(-i) = \inf\{v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\beta(j)) : j \equiv -i \pmod{q^d - 1}\}.$$



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