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p-adic Dirichlet L-functions

Recall: For any $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$, it admits a Mahler expansion

$$f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n(f) \binom{x}{n} \quad \text{for } a_n \in \mathbb{Q}_p, a_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

There is an isomorphism (with a pretty formula) called Amice transform

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{cont}}(C^\infty(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p), \mathbb{Z}_p) \cong \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$$

$$\mu \longmapsto A_\mu(T) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+T)^x d\mu(x)$$

§1. An intrinsic construction of the Amice transform.

Recall: For a profinite group G , we have an Iwasawa algebra

$$\Lambda(G) = \mathbb{Z}_p[[G]] \cong \varprojlim_{\substack{H \leq G \\ \text{finite}}} \mathbb{Z}_p[[G/H]]$$

Example: $\mathbb{Z}_p[[\mathbb{Z}_p]] \cong \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$

$$[1] - 1 \longleftarrow T$$

each X_i is finite and

Lemma/Notation If $X = \varprojlim_i X_i$ is a profinite set (assume in the inverse limit, $X_j \twoheadrightarrow X_i$ ($j > i$)).

Then the space of p-adic measures on X is given by

Proof: $\mathcal{D}_0(X, \mathbb{Z}_p) = \varprojlim_i \mathcal{D}_0(X_i, \mathbb{Z}_p)$

$$= \varprojlim_i \text{Hom}_{\text{cont}}(C^\infty(X_i, \mathbb{Z}_p), \mathbb{Z}_p)$$

$$= \varprojlim_i \mathbb{Z}_p[[X_i]] \leftarrow \text{this is to give each point of } X_i \text{ a weight}$$

$$=: \mathbb{Z}_p[[X]].$$

In the special case when $X = G$ is a profinite group, we get a canonical isomorphism

$\mathcal{D}_0(G, \mathbb{Z}_p) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p[[G]]$. ← Iwasawa algebra.

Lemma The multiplication for the ring structure in $\mathbb{Z}_p[[G]]$ corresponds to the convolution product

on $\mathcal{D}_0(G, \mathbb{Z}_p)$:
$$\int_G f(g) d(\mu_1 * \mu_2)(g) := \int_G \int_G f(gh) d\mu_1(g) d\mu_2(h)$$

Proof: By taking limit, it is enough to prove this when G is finite.

In this case, we may view μ_i as a function in $\mathbb{Z}_p[G]$

$$\langle f, \mu_1 * \mu_2 \rangle = \sum_{g \in G} f(g) (\mu_1 * \mu_2)(g) = \sum_{g \in G} f(g) \sum_{h \in G} \mu_1(h) \mu_2(h^{-1}g)$$

$$\stackrel{h_1 = h^{-1}g}{=} \sum_{h \in G} \sum_{h_1 \in G} \mu_1(h) \mu_2(h_1) \cdot f(hh_1). \quad \square$$

Theorem The Amice transform $\mu \mapsto A_\mu(T) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+T)^x d\mu(x)$ is exactly the composition of the following canonical isomorphisms

$$\mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p[[\mathbb{Z}_p]] \cong \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]].$$

Proof:
$$\mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \varprojlim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p/p^m \mathbb{Z}_p) \cong \varprojlim_m \mathbb{Z}_p[\mathbb{Z}_p/p^m \mathbb{Z}_p] \cong \varprojlim_m \mathbb{Z}_p[T] / (1+T)^{p^m} - 1$$

$$\mu \mapsto \varprojlim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}_p/p^m \mathbb{Z}_p} \mu(a + p^m \mathbb{Z}_p) \cdot [a] \mapsto \varprojlim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}_p/p^m \mathbb{Z}_p} \mu(a + p^m \mathbb{Z}_p) (1+T)^a$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+T)^x d\mu(x) = A_\mu(T).$$

This is indeed a proof...

§2. Further properties of measures on \mathbb{Z}_p

Rmk: $G \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_p[[G]]$ is functorial in G .

Operations on $\mathbb{Z}_p[[T]] \cong \mathbb{Z}_p[[\mathbb{Z}_p]]$

i.e. if $G \rightarrow H$ a cont. homo. $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p[[G]] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p[[H]]$ cont. homo.

① φ -action: $\mathbb{Z}_p \xrightarrow{\cdot \varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ group homomorphism

\Rightarrow ring homomorphism $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$

$$[1] = 1+T \mapsto [\varphi] = (1+T)^{\varphi}, \text{ so } \varphi(T) = (1+T)^{\varphi} - 1.$$

② ψ -action: $\mathbb{Z}_p = \prod_{i=0}^{p-1} (i + p\mathbb{Z}_p)$;

$$\text{so } \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]] = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{p-1} (1+T)^i \varphi(\mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]) \quad \text{b/c cosets form a basis}$$

Define the ψ -operator $\psi: \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$ as follows:

Write h (uniquely) as $\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} (1+T)^i \varphi(h_i)$. Define $\psi(h) = h_0$

$$\Rightarrow \psi \circ \varphi(h) = h.$$

③ Γ -action (will not be used for p -adic L-functions)

$\Gamma \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$; for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$, write γ_a for the corresponding element.

\leadsto mult $_a: \mathbb{Z}_p \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z}_p$ induces a ring homomorphism

$$\gamma_a: \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]] \quad \gamma_a: 1+T = [1] \mapsto [a] = (1+T)^a$$

$$\gamma_a(T) = (1+T)^a - 1.$$

Γ -action commutes with φ and ψ -actions.

Interpretation in terms of measures on \mathbb{Z}_p

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \textcircled{1} \varphi\text{-action} & \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]] & \int (1+T)^x d\varphi(\mu)(x) = \varphi\left(\int (1+T)^x d\mu(x)\right) \\ & \downarrow \varphi & \parallel \\ & \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]] & \int (1+T)^{p^x} d\mu(x) \end{array}$$

So $\varphi(\mu)$ is defined to be $\int f(x) d\varphi(\mu)(x) := \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(\varphi x) d\mu(x)$

② Γ -action For $\gamma_a \in \Gamma$, $\int (1+T)^x d\gamma_a(\mu)(x) = \gamma_a\left(\int (1+T)^x d\mu(x)\right) = \int (1+T)^{ax} d\mu(x)$

So $\gamma_a(\mu)$ is defined to be $\int f(x) d\gamma_a(\mu)(x) := \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(ax) d\mu(x)$

i.e. the induced action of \mathbb{Z}_p^x on measures of \mathbb{Z}_p .

③ shift $x \mapsto x+a$ For $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, define $s_a: \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$

$$\int f(x) d s_a(\mu)(x) := \int f(x+a) d\mu(x)$$

$$\text{So } A_{s_a(\mu)}(T) = \int (1+T)^x d s_a(\mu)(x) = \int (1+T)^{x+a} d\mu(x) = (1+T)^a \cdot A_\mu(T)$$

④ For each $h \in \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$, write $h = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} (1+T)^i \varphi(h_i)$ $h \leftrightarrow \mu, h_i \leftrightarrow \mu_i$

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d(s_a \varphi(\mu_i))(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(i+px) d\mu_i(x)$$

Cor 1.
$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} g(x) d\psi(\mu)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \begin{cases} g\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) & \text{if } p|x \\ 0 & \text{if } p \nmid x \end{cases} d\mu(x)$$

\parallel
 $f(px)$

i.e. to first restrict $d\mu$ to $p\mathbb{Z}_p$ and view as a measure on \mathbb{Z}_p via $p\mathbb{Z}_p \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z}_p$.

Cor 2. For each i , $\text{Res}_{i+p\mathbb{Z}_p}(d\mu) \leftrightarrow (1+T)^i \varphi(h_i)$

More generally, for $r \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, write $h = \sum_{i=0}^{p^r-1} (1+T)^i \varphi^r(h_i)$,

we have $\text{Res}_{i+p^r\mathbb{Z}_p}(d\mu_h) \leftrightarrow (1+T)^i \varphi^r(h_i)$.

Definition: For $\mu \in \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$, $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Z}_p^x}(\mu) := (1-\varphi\psi)(\mu)$ is the measure given by

Write $A_\mu(T) = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} (1+T)^i \varphi(h_i)$, then

$$A_{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Z}_p^x}(\mu)}(T) = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (1+T)^i \varphi(h_i) = A_\mu(T) - \varphi(h_0) = (1-\varphi\psi)(A_\mu) \quad \square$$

Cor. $\mu \in \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ is supported on \mathbb{Z}_p^x iff $\psi(\mu) = 0$.

Proof: $\mu = \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Z}_p^x}(\mu) \iff \mu = \mu - \varphi\psi(\mu) \iff \psi(\mu) = 0. \quad \square$

§3 p-adic Dirichlet L-functions

Target Theorem Let $\eta \neq 1$ be a Dirichlet character of conductor prime-to- p .

Then there exists a p -adic measure μ_η on $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times \cong \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^\infty})/\mathbb{Q})$ with values in $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)$ s.t. for any primitive finite character $\eta_p: (\mathbb{Z}/p^r\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p^\times$ and any $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \eta_p(x) x^n d\mu_\eta(x) = L^{(p)}(\eta \eta_p, -n). \quad (*)$$

Write \mathcal{O} for ring of integers in $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)$.

Lemma. If $\mu \in \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathcal{O})$ supported on \mathbb{Z}_p^\times , with Amice transform $A_\mu(T)$

$$\text{then } \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x^n d\mu(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x^n d\mu(x) = \left((1+T) \frac{d}{dT} \right)^n (A_\mu(T)) \Big|_{T=0}$$

(can get a formula for $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \eta_p(x) x^n d\mu(x)$ but it's less pretty.)

Proof: By Amice transform $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} (1+T)^x d\mu(x) = A_\mu(T)$.

$$\text{Apply } (1+T) \frac{d}{dT} \text{ to this equation } \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x \cdot (1+T)^x d\mu(x) = (1+T) \frac{d}{dT} A_\mu(T)$$

$$\text{Applying this } n \text{ times } \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x^n (1+T)^x d\mu(x) = \left((1+T) \frac{d}{dT} \right)^n A_\mu(T)$$

Setting $T=0$ ✓

Recall: For η a Dirichlet character of conductor N (prime-to- p),

$$f_\eta(t) := \frac{\sum_{a=1}^{N-1} \eta(a) e^{-at}}{1 - e^{-Nt}} \rightsquigarrow L(\eta, -n) = (-1)^n \frac{d^{(n)}}{dt^{(n)}} (f_\eta) \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$\text{Put } f_\eta^{(p)}(t) := \frac{\sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ (a,pN)=1}}^{pN-1} \eta(a) e^{-at}}{1 - e^{pNt}} \rightsquigarrow \left(-\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n (f_\eta^{(p)}) \Big|_{t=0} = L^{(p)}(\eta, -n)$$

$$L(\eta, -n) (1 - \eta(p)p^n)$$

Note: $(1+T) \frac{d}{dT} = \frac{d}{d \log(1+T)}$, So if we set $1+T = \bar{e}^t$, then $(1+T) \frac{d}{dT} = -\frac{d}{dt}$

(and $T=0 \leftrightarrow t=0$)

$$\text{For } A_{\eta}^{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T) := \frac{\sum_{a=1}^{N-1} \eta(a)(1+T)^a}{1-(1+T)^N} \in \mathcal{O}[[T]], \quad A_{\eta}(T) := \frac{\sum_{\substack{1 \leq a \leq pN-1 \\ (a,pN)=1}} \eta(a)(1+T)^a}{1-(1+T)^{pN}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{\eta}^{\mathbb{Z}_p}(e^t) = f_{\eta}(t), \quad A_{\eta}(e^t) = f_{\eta}^{(p)}(t)$$

$$\text{So } \left((1+T) \frac{d}{dT} \right)^n (A_{\eta}^{\mathbb{Z}_p}) \Big|_{T=0} = \left(-\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n (f_{\eta}) \Big|_{t=0} \quad \text{and} \quad \left((1+T) \frac{d}{dT} \right)^n (A_{\eta}) \Big|_{T=0} = \left(-\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n (f_{\eta}^{(p)}) \Big|_{t=0}$$

Theorem $A_{\eta}(T) := (1-\varphi\psi)(A_{\eta}^{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T))$ is the p -adic Dirichlet L -function, i.e. satisfies (*)

Proof: We may formally write

$$A_{\eta}^{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T) = \frac{\sum_{a=1}^{N-1} \eta(a)(1+T)^a}{1-(1+T)^N} = \sum_{\substack{a \geq 1 \\ (a,N)=1}} \eta(a)(1+T)^a$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\varphi\psi)(A_{\eta}^{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T)) = \sum_{\substack{a \geq 1 \\ (a,pN)=1}} \eta(a)(1+T)^a = \frac{\sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ (a,pN)=1}}^{pN-1} \eta(a)(1+T)^a}{1-(1+T)^{pN}} = A_{\eta}(T) \quad \square$$

Theorem $A_{\eta}(T) \in \mathcal{O}[[T]]$ corresponds to a p -adic measure $\mu_{\eta} \in \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}, \mathbb{C})$

It satisfies the condition in the above theorem, i.e. μ_{η} is the p -adic L -function for η .

Proof: When η_p is trivial, this was essentially just proved:

$$L^{(p)}(\eta, -n) = \left(\left(-\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n f_{\eta}^{(p)} \right) \Big|_{t=0} = \left(\left((1+T) \frac{d}{dT} \right)^n A_{\eta} \right) \Big|_{T=0} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}} x^n d\mu_{\eta}$$

When $\eta_p: (\mathbb{Z}/p^r\mathbb{Z})^{\times} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{\times}$ is nontrivial, the function corresponding to $L(\eta \cdot \eta_p, s)$ is

$$L(\eta \cdot \eta_p, s) \leftrightarrow f_{\eta \eta_p}(t) := \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{pN-1} \eta \eta_p(n) e^{-nt}}{1 - e^{-Np^r t}} \stackrel{\text{formally}}{=} \sum_{\substack{n \geq 1 \\ (n,pN)=1}} \eta \eta_p(n) e^{-nt}$$

$$\text{so that } L(\eta \cdot \eta_p, -n) = \left(-\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n (f_{\eta \eta_p}) \Big|_{t=0} = \left((1+T) \frac{d}{dT} \right)^n (A_{\eta \eta_p}(T)) \Big|_{T=0}$$

$$\text{for } A_{\eta\eta_p}(T) = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{p^r N-1} \eta\eta_p(n) (1+T)^n}{1 - (1+T)^{p^r N}} \stackrel{\text{formally}}{=} \sum_{\substack{n \geq 1 \\ (n, p^r N) = 1}} \eta\eta_p(n) (1+T)^n$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ p \nmid m}}^{p^r-1} \eta_p(m) \text{Res}_{m+p^r\mathbb{Z}_p} (A_{\eta}(T)) \quad \square$$