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# 1. Mahler's Theorem

$F$  is a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , then for any closed subring

$A \subset F$ , and  $f \in C(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$

$$\cdot \quad a_n(f) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{nk} \binom{n}{k} f(k) \in A$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n(f) = 0$$

$$\cdot \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(f) \binom{x}{n} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{Z}_p \quad (*)$$

by  $a_n(f) \rightarrow 0$ , this sequence converges uniformly

Sketch of the proof:

build up  $(*)$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and use the fact that

$\mathbb{Z}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , the main difficulty is

to prove  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n(f) = 0$

Rank: We can define a norm on  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$ , by

$$|f|_p := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_p} |f(x)|$$

then it's easy to see that:

$$\cdot \quad |f|_p = \sup_n |a_n(f)|$$

$\cdot \quad C(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$  is complete w.r.t. this norm

## 2. $p$ -adic measures on $\mathbb{Z}_p$

$A \stackrel{\text{closed}}{\subset} F$ ,  $\varphi : C(\mathbb{Z}_p, A) \rightarrow A$  is  $A$ -linear

$\varphi$  is  $p$ -adic :  $\exists B > 0$ , s.t.

bounded measure  $|\varphi(f)|_p \leq B \cdot |f|_p$ ,  $\forall f$

$\text{Meas}(\mathbb{Z}_p; A) = \text{Space of } p\text{-adic bounded measure}$   
 $\stackrel{!!}{=} M(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$  (with an obvious  $A$ -mod structure)

$|\varphi|_p = \sup_{|\phi|_p=1} |\varphi(f)| \rightsquigarrow M(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$  is complete

- Structure of  $M(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$

$f \in C(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$  has an expansion  $f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(f) \binom{x}{n}$

$f_m := \sum_{n=0}^m a_n(f) \binom{x}{n}$ ,  $f_m \xrightarrow{\quad} f$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(f) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(f_m) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^m a_n(f) \varphi\left(\binom{x}{n}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(f) \varphi\left(\binom{x}{n}\right) \quad \left|\binom{x}{n}\right|_p = 1 \end{aligned}$$

these equalities hold:  $|\varphi\left(\binom{x}{n}\right)| \leq |\varphi|_p$  bounded

$\varphi$  is totally determined by the bounded sequence

$$\left\{ \varphi\left(\binom{x}{n}\right) \right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}, \text{ and } |\varphi|_p = \sup_n |\varphi\left(\binom{x}{n}\right)|$$

For any bounded sequence  $\{b_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \rightsquigarrow \varphi_b \in M(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$

therefore  $M(\mathbb{Z}_p, A) \leftrightarrow$  bounded sequence space

- Power series associated to a measure

$$\psi \in M(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$$

$$\Phi_\psi(T) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \int \binom{x}{n} d\psi \right) T^n$$

this gives:  $M(\mathbb{Z}_p, A) \hookrightarrow A[[T]]$

If  $A$  is already bounded (i.e.  $A \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F$ )

then this is an isomorphism,  $M(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathcal{O}_F) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_F[[T]]$

We will mainly focus on this case ( $A = \mathcal{O}_F$ )

then the ring structure of RHS gives multiplication on LHS

$$\psi * \varphi : f \mapsto \iint f(x+y) d\psi(x) d\varphi(y)$$

### 3. Riemann zeta as a measure

- Main result: for  $\forall a \geq 2$ ,  $(a, p) = 1$ ,  $\exists!$   $p$ -adic bounded measure  $\zeta_a$ , s.t.

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^m d\zeta_a = (1-a^{m+1}) \zeta(-m), \text{ for } \forall m \geq 0$$

Sketch of the proof:

every measure is determined by their effect on  $\binom{x}{n}$ , hence on  $x^n$

therefore if  $\zeta_a$  exists, then it is unique.

$$\binom{x}{n} = \sum_{k=0}^n c_{n,k} x^k \quad \begin{matrix} \text{be careful, } C_{n,k} \notin A \text{ sometimes} \\ \text{but the formula still holds} \end{matrix}$$

we only need to show:  $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \binom{x}{n} d\zeta_a$  is bounded

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \binom{x}{n} d\zeta_a = \sum_{k=0}^n c_{n,k} (1-a^{n+1}) \zeta(-n) \quad \text{Chapter 1}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n c_{n,k} \left( t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \psi_a(t) \Big|_{t=1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \psi_a \Big|_{t=1}$$

where  $\psi_a(t) = \frac{t}{1-t} - \frac{at^a}{1-t^a} = - \frac{\sum_{b=1}^a \zeta(b)(1+t+\dots+t^{b-1})}{1+t+\dots+t^{a-1}}$

Why we need  $p \neq a$ ?

if we apply the same computation, we will finally

$\psi_a$  has the same form as before, then  $\frac{d^n}{dt^n} \psi_a \Big|_{t=1}$  will give more  $p$  in the denominator.

By the formula

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \binom{x}{n} d\zeta_a = \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \psi_a(t) \right|_{t=1} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$$

we get the corresponding power series:

$$\Phi_{\zeta_a}(T) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \binom{x}{n} d\zeta_a \right) T^n = \psi_a(1+T) = a - \frac{1}{T} + \frac{a}{(1+T)^{a-1}} \in \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$$

- Can we remove  $a$ ?

If there exists  $\Phi(T)$  (i.e.  $\zeta$ ), s.t.

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^n d\zeta = \zeta(-n)$$

equivalently:

$$\left( t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \psi(t) \Big|_{t=1} = \zeta(-n) = - \frac{B_{n+1}}{n+1}$$

No! consider  $\tilde{\psi}(s) = \psi(e^s)$ , then  $\frac{d^n}{ds^n} \tilde{\psi} \Big|_{s=0} = - \frac{B_{n+1}}{n+1}$

$$\tilde{\psi}(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n \tilde{\psi}}{ds^n}(0) s^n = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{e^s - 1}$$

$$\psi(1+T) = \frac{1}{\log(1+T)} - \frac{1}{T} \notin \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$$

## 4. Interpolation with Dirichlet character

Given  $\chi: (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\times \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}_p)^\times \rightarrow F^\times$

lift  $\chi$  to a locally constant function  $\tilde{\chi}: \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow F^\times$  ( $\tilde{\chi}(p\mathbb{Z}_p) = 0$ )

We want to compute:

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \tilde{\chi}(x) x^n d\zeta_a$$

- Theorem: set  $\chi_0 = \chi$  if  $\chi$  is non-trivial,  $\chi_0 = 1$  if  $\chi$  is trivial

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \chi(x) x^n d\zeta_a = (1 - a^{n+1} \chi(a)) (1 - \chi_0(p)p^n) L(-n, \chi_0)$$

if  $\chi$  is primitive, and  $\chi$  is even, then

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \chi(x) x^{-1} d\zeta_a = \begin{cases} (1 - p^{-1}) \log_p a & , \quad \chi = 1 \\ -(1 - \chi(a)) p^{-n} \zeta_a \sum_{b \in (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\times} \chi^{-1}(b) \log_p (1 - \zeta_b^a), & \chi \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

here  $\log_p$  is  $p$ -adic logarithm defined over  $\mathbb{C}_p^\times$

$\zeta$  is primitive  $p^n$ -th root of unity

pf: for any locally constant  $\phi \in C(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$ , it acts on  $\zeta_a$  by:

$$\int f d([\phi]\zeta_a) := \int \phi f d\zeta_a$$

so we could derive an action formula of  $\phi$  on  $\Phi_{\zeta_a}(T) = \psi_a(T)$

$$([\phi]\psi_a)(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(n)t^n - a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(an)t^{an}$$

Define L-function:  $L(s, \phi - a^{k+1}\phi_a) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\phi(n) - a^{k+1}\phi(an)) n^{-s}$

By Mellin transform:

$$\begin{aligned} L(-n, \phi - a^{n+1}\phi_a) &= \left( t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n ([\phi]\psi_a)(t) \Big|_{t=1} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \phi(x) x^n d\zeta_a \end{aligned}$$

replace  $\phi$  by  $\chi$ ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \chi(x) x^n d\zeta_a = L(-n, \chi - a^{n+1}\chi_a) = (1 - a^{n+1}\chi(a))(1 - \chi_a(p)p^n) L(-n, \chi_a)$$

Evaluation at  $-1$  is more difficult

We have observed that:  $[\chi] \leftrightarrow t \frac{d}{dt} = (1+t) \frac{d}{dT}$

intuitively,  $[\chi^+]$   $\leftrightarrow [\chi]^{-1}$ , and there do exists

$$\Phi_a(t) = \log \frac{|1-t|^a}{|1-t|}, \text{ s.t. } [\chi] \Phi_a = \psi_a$$

but  $\chi^+$  is not a well-defined continuous function over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$

and coefficient of  $\Phi_a$  is  $p$ -adically unbounded,  $\Phi_a \in \mathbb{Q}_p[[T]]$

We should combine  $\chi$  and  $\chi^+$  together

$x \mapsto \chi(x)x^+$  is continuous, 0 on  $p\mathbb{Z}_p$

then we can verify:  $[\chi(x)x^+] \psi_a(t) = [\chi] \Phi_a(t) \left( [\chi] \Phi_a \in \mathcal{O}_F[[T]] \right)$

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \chi(x) x^+ d\zeta_a = ([\chi(x)x^+] \psi_a)(1) = ([\chi] \Phi_a)(1)$$

By this theorem,

$$(1 - a^{n+1} \chi(a))^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \chi(x) x^n d\zeta_a \text{ is independent of } a$$

To let  $n$  varies  $p$ -adically, we consider the decomposition

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^\times \simeq \mu_{q(q)} \times (1 + q\mathbb{Z}_p), \quad q = \begin{cases} 4, & p=2 \\ p, & p>2 \end{cases}$$

$$x \mapsto (\omega(x), \langle x \rangle)$$

Def:  $p$ -adic Dirichlet  $L$ -function with character  $\chi$

$$L_p(s, \chi) = (1 - \chi(a) \langle a \rangle^{1+s})^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \chi \omega^+(x) \langle x \rangle^{-s} d\zeta_a$$

Rank: the appearance of  $\chi \omega^+$  instead of  $\chi$  is

because of we use  $\langle a \rangle$  instead of  $a$

values at negative integer:

$$\begin{aligned} L_p(-n, \chi) &= (1 - \chi(a) \langle a \rangle^{1+n})^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \chi \omega^+(x) \langle x \rangle^n d\zeta_a \\ &= (1 - (\chi \omega^{-n-1})(a) a^{n+1})^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \chi \omega^{-n-1}(x) \chi^n d\zeta_a \\ &= (1 - (\chi \omega^{-n-1})_0(p) p^n) L(-n, (\chi \omega^{-n-1})_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$n \equiv m \pmod{p^a(p-1)}, \quad \chi \omega^{-n-1} = \chi \omega^{-m-1}$$

• For nontrivial  $\chi$ ,  $L_p(s, \chi)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$

For  $\chi = 1$ ,  $\zeta_p(s) := L_p(s, 1)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{Z}_p - \{1\}$

Moreover,  $L_p(s, \chi)$  is  $p$ -adic analytic on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$

$\zeta_p(s)$  is  $p$ -adic meromorphic on  $\mathbb{Z}_p - \{1\}$

if  $\chi$  is odd,  $L_p(n, \chi) = 0$  if  $n$  is odd  $\Rightarrow L_p(s, \chi) = 0$

$\chi$  is even,  $L_p(1, \chi) = -p^{-n} \sum_{b \in (\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})^*} \chi^{-1}(b) \log_p(1 - p^b)$

$\zeta_p(s)$  has a pole with residue  $1 - p^{-s}$

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \chi(x) \langle x \rangle^{-s} d\zeta_a$$

## 5. pseudo-measure $\zeta_p$

$F/\mathbb{Q}_p$  finite extension,  $\mathcal{O}_F$ : integral closure of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  in  $F$

For any profinite group  $G$ , there is an isomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} M(G, \mathcal{O}_F) &\simeq \varprojlim_{H \text{ open in } G} \mathcal{O}_F[G/H] =: \Lambda(G) \\ \phi &\mapsto \left( \sum_{a \in G/H} \phi(aH) aH \right) \end{aligned}$$

Iwasawa algebra of  $G$

$\forall g \in G$  can be viewed as an element in  $\Lambda(G)$

$$(gH)_H$$

therefore it corresponds to a measure  $\delta_g \in M(G, \mathcal{O}_F)$

$$\delta_g(f) = \int_G f d\delta_g = f(g) \quad \text{Dirac measure}$$

Def: a pseudo measure on  $G$  is

- an element  $\mu \in Q(\Lambda(G))$  (total quotient ring)
- $(g^{-1})\mu \in \Lambda(G)$ ,  $\forall g \in G$

Example:

$$\cdot G = \mathbb{Z}_p$$

$$\Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p) \simeq \mathcal{O}_F[[T]], Q(\Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p)) \simeq \mathcal{O}_F((T)) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_F} F$$

$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_p, s_a$  corresponds to  $(1+T)^a \in \mathcal{O}_F[[T]]$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \in \mathcal{O}_F((T)) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_F} F \text{ is a pseudo-measure} &\Leftrightarrow \mu \cdot ((1+T)^a - (1+T)) \in \mathcal{O}_F[[T]], \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_p \\ &\Rightarrow \mu \in \frac{1}{T(T+1)} \mathcal{O}_F[[T]] \end{aligned}$$

$$\cdot G = \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$$

there is an **inclusion** (but multiplication are different)

$$i: \Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times) \xrightarrow{\quad} \Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

$$\mu \mapsto i(\mu): f \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} f|_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} d\mu$$

image of  $\Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times)$  can be identified with

$$\bar{\Phi} \in \mathcal{O}_F[[T]], \text{ s.t. } \sum_{\xi \in M_p} \bar{\Phi}(\xi(1+T) - 1) = 0$$

example:  $\bar{\Phi}_a(T) = (1+T)^a, a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times \rightsquigarrow$  evaluation at a

then

$\mu \in Q(\Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times)) \subset F((T))$  is a pseudo-measure

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\mu \cdot (a-1)}_T \in \Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times)$$

this multiplication shouldn't  
be viewed as in  $F((T))$

We have already constructed  $\zeta_a$ , s.t.

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x^m d\zeta_a = (1-a^{m+1}) \zeta(-m)$$

- $\zeta_a |_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times}: x^m \mapsto (1-a^{m+1})(1-p^m) \zeta(-m) \in \Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times)$
- $\theta_a = [x] \cdot (1-a) \in \Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times)$  not a zero-divisor

$$\zeta_p := \frac{\zeta_a}{\theta_a}$$

independence of  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  is easy to check  $\Rightarrow \zeta_p$  is pseudo-measure

the integral of  $\text{Hom}_{cts}(G, \mathcal{O}_L^\times)$  w.r.t. pseudo-measure

is well-defined, therefore we can consider  $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x^n d\zeta_p, \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x(x)x^n d\zeta_p$

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x^n d\zeta_p = (1-p^n) \zeta(-n)$$

integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  instead of on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$

if  $x$  is primitive mod  $p^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} x(x)x^n d\zeta_p = L(-n, x)$$

and  $\zeta_p(s) = L_p(s, 1) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \omega^s(x)(x)^{-s} d\zeta_p$

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \omega^s(x)(x)^n d\zeta_p = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \omega^{-n}(x)x^n d\zeta_a}{\int \omega^s(x)x^n d\theta_a} = \frac{(1-p^n) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times} \omega^{-n}(x)x^n d\zeta_a}{(a)^{n+1} - 1} = \zeta_p(-n)$$