

Euler characteristics and ϵ -constants of curves over finite fields

Some wild stuff

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(with Helena Fischbacher - Weber).

X (geometrically) irreducible smooth projective curve over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ of genus g_X .
 = (think: function field of transcendence 1 over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$)

$$Z(X, t) := \prod_{y \in X} \frac{1}{1 - t^{\deg(y)}} \quad (t = p^{-s}, \deg(y) := [k(y) : \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p]).$$

$$= \exp \left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} |X(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_{p^r})| \frac{t^r}{r} \right)$$

e.g. $X = \mathbb{P}^1_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p} \Rightarrow Z(X, t) = \exp \left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (p^r + 1) \frac{t^r}{r} \right) = \frac{1}{(1-t)(1-pt)}$

Functional equation: $Z(X, t) = p^{\frac{1-g_X}{2}} t^g Z(X, \frac{1}{pt})$

$G = \text{Aut}(X)$ finite, for $y \in X$ let

$$G_y := \{ \sigma \in G : \sigma(y) = y \}$$

$$I_y := \{ \sigma \in G_y : \sigma \text{ induces id on } k(y) = \mathcal{O}_{X,y} / \mathfrak{m}_y \}$$

$$G_{y,1} := \{ \dots \} \quad \mathcal{O}_{X,y} / \mathfrak{m}_y^2 \subset \mathcal{O}_{X,y}$$

\vdots

$$\pi: X \rightarrow X/G =: Y$$

$$G_y / I_y \cong \text{Aut}(k(y) / k(\pi(y)))$$

$$\text{Frob}(y) : x \mapsto x^{|\mathcal{O}_{X,y} / \mathfrak{m}_y|}$$

For f.d. complex representation V of G define

$$\text{Artin } L\text{-function } L(V, t) := \prod_{y \in X} \left(1 - \text{Frob}(y) t^{\deg(y)} \Big|_V \right)^{-1}$$

$$\text{Functional equation: } L(V, t) = \epsilon(V) t^g L(V^\vee, \frac{1}{pt})$$

Fact: ϵ -constant $\epsilon(V) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$.

$\bar{\nu}_p: j_p: \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \hookrightarrow \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p$; $v_p: \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ p -adic valuation

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ dual (character) pairing on

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K_0(\mathbb{Q}[G]) & \xleftarrow{\sim} & K_0(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}[G]) \xrightarrow{j_p} K_0(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p[G]) \\
 & & \nearrow e \quad \swarrow d \\
 & & K_0(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p[G]) \xleftarrow{c} K_0(G, \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p) (= G_b(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p[G]))
 \end{array}$$

Define $E(G, X) \in K_0(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p[G])_{\mathbb{Q}}$ by

$$\langle E(G, X), j_p(V) \rangle = v_p(j_p(\varepsilon(V))) \text{ in } \mathbb{Q} \quad \forall V \text{ as above.}$$

~~then~~

$$\bar{X} := X \times_{\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p} \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$$

Equivariant Euler characteristic:

$$\chi(G, \bar{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\bar{X}}) = [H^0(\bar{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\bar{X}})] - [H^1(\bar{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\bar{X}})] \in K_0(G, \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p)$$

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 $\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$ $H^0(\bar{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\bar{X}})^*$

'Weak' Theorem: $\boxed{d(E(G, X)) = \chi(G, \bar{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\bar{X}})}$ in $K_0(G, \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p)$

cf. ... Thom of Clunberg (1994, Annals)

Artin's induction theorem for modular representation theory.

Now: $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$ weakly surjective, i.e. $G_{y,2} = 1 \forall y \in X$.

$$X^w := \{y \in X: G_{y,1} \neq 1\}, \quad \mathcal{D}^w := - \sum_{y \in X^w} [y]$$

$\exists!$ $\psi(G, \bar{X}) \in K_0(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p[G])$ s.t.

$$c(\psi(G, \bar{X})) = [H^0(\bar{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\bar{X}}(\mathcal{D}^w))] - [H^1(\bar{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\bar{X}}(\mathcal{D}^w))] \text{ in } K_0(G, \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p)$$

(from my paper in Amer. J. Math.)

For every $\bar{Q} \in \bar{Y}^w = \bar{\pi}(\bar{Y}^w)$ choose $\tilde{Q} \in \pi^{-1}(\bar{Q})$.

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Main Theorem

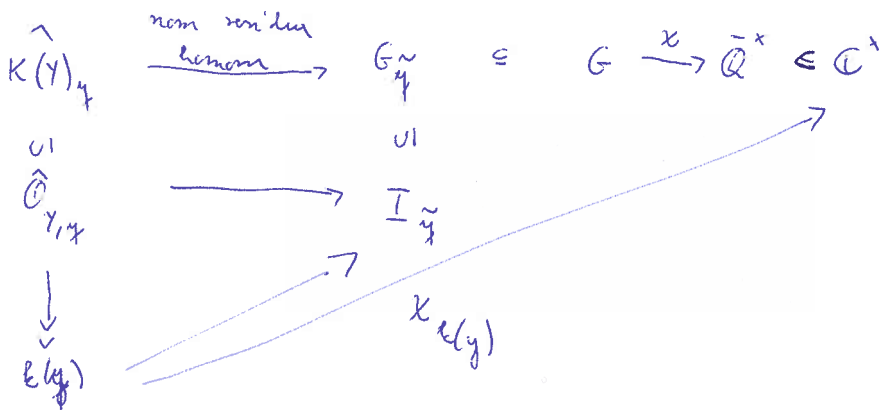
$$E(G, X) = e(\psi(G, \bar{X})) + \sum_{Q \in \bar{Y}^w} [\text{Ind}_{G_{\tilde{Q}}}^G (1)] \text{ in } K_0(\bar{Q}, \mathbb{Z})$$

In particular: $E(G, X) \in K_0(\bar{Q}, \mathbb{Z})$.

About the proof. By Artin's induction theorem it suffices to consider

G abelian and V corresponds to a multiplicative character χ .

$\mathcal{Y} \in \mathcal{Y}^t := \{ \mathcal{y} \in \mathcal{Y} : \pi \text{ tamely ramified above } \mathcal{y} \}$.



Gauss sum: $\sum_{x \in E(\mathcal{y})^\times} \chi_{E(\mathcal{y})}(x) \int_{\bar{I}_{E(\mathcal{y})}(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p)} (x) =: \tau(\chi_{E(\mathcal{y})})$

Statement 1

$$\langle e(\psi(G, \bar{X})), j_p(\chi) \rangle = (1 - g_{\mathcal{Y}}) - \sum_{\mathcal{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^t} v_p(j_p(\tau(\chi_{E(\mathcal{y})}))) - \sum_{\mathcal{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^w} \text{deg}(\mathcal{y})$$

Statement 2: χ_p to a multiplicative root of unity:

$$E(\chi^{-1}) = p^{g_{\mathcal{Y}}-1} \prod_{\mathcal{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^t(\chi)} \tau(\chi_{E(\mathcal{y})}) \prod_{\mathcal{y} \in \mathcal{Y}^w(\chi)} |E(\mathcal{y})|$$

① Based on my paper in Amer. J. Math.

- + Stickelberger's formula for the p -adic valuation of Gauss sums
- + class field theory
- + 10 pages computations.

② Based on Deligne's description of $\epsilon(x)$

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- compute Tamagawa measure on $A_{K(Y)}$ ("Mittag-Leffler").
- construct additive character ψ on $A_{K(Y)}/K(Y)$ (uses residue theorem)
- compute local p-adic integrals.