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Lemma

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Before we return to number fields we record the following:

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Computing $L(1, \chi)$

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Let Λ be a full lattice in a real Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^N , let $0 \notin X$ be a cone in \mathbb{R}^N and let F be a continuous positive real valued function on X homogeneous of degree N i.e. $F(\lambda x) = \lambda^N F(x)$ for all $x \in X, \lambda > 0$. Assume that

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Now the volume of the lattice $j(A)$ is $\mathbf{N}(A)\sqrt{|d_K|}/2^s$. To compute the volume of $X(1)$ use polar co-ordinates to write z_\bullet as $e^{i\theta_\bullet}r_\bullet$. We then need to calculate the integral

$$\int_{X(1)} r_1 \dots r_s dt_1 \dots dt_r dr_1 \dots dr_s d\theta_1 \dots d\theta_s.$$

Let T be the region given by

$$\left[e^{i\theta_\bullet} |\rho_\bullet(u_1)|^{l_1} \dots |\rho_\bullet(u_{r+s-1})|^{l_{r+s-1}} e^{l_{r+s}} \right. \\ \left. |\sigma_\bullet(u_1)|^{l_1} \dots |\sigma_\bullet(u_{r+s-1})|^{l_{r+s-1}} e^{l_{r+s}} \right]$$

where $0 \leq l_1, \dots, l_{r+s-1} < 1$, $l_{r+s} < 0$ and $0 \leq \theta_1, \dots, \theta_s < 2\pi$. Then $\text{vol}(X(1)) = 2^r \text{vol}(T)$. Change co-ordinates to get

$$\text{vol}(T) = (2\pi)^s \left| \int_{l_1=0}^1 \dots \int_{l_{r+s-1}=0}^1 \int_{l_{r+s}=0}^{-\infty} \frac{\partial(t_\bullet, r_\bullet)}{\partial(l_1, \dots, l_{r+s})} r_1 \dots r_s dl_1 \dots dl_{r+s} \right|.$$

Now

$$\left| \frac{\partial(t_\bullet, r_\bullet)}{\partial(l_1, \dots, l_{r+s})} \right| = \frac{1}{2^s} \left| \det \left(\log u_1^* \dots \log u_{r+s}^* \right) \right| = \frac{nR}{2^s}$$

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