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### **Varieties**

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Fix q a prime and  $\mathbb{F} := \mathbb{F}_q$  the (unique) finite field with q elements, along with its (unique) degree n extensions

$$\mathbb{F}_{q^n} = \left\{ x \in \overline{\mathbb{F}}_q \ \middle| \ x^{q^n} - x = 0 \right\} \quad \forall \ n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 2}$$

### Definition (Projective Algebraic Varieties)

Let  $J=\langle f_1,\cdots,f_M\rangle \leq k[x_0,\cdots,x_n]$  be an ideal, then a *projective algebraic* variety  $X\subset \mathbb{P}^n_{\mathbb{F}}$  can be described as

$$X = V(J) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}}^{n} \mid f_{1}(\mathbf{x}) = \cdots = f_{M}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \right\}$$

where J is generated by homogeneous polynomials in n+1 variables, i.e. there is a fixed  $d=\deg f_i\in\mathbb{Z}^{\geq 1}$  such that

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \cdots, i_n) \\ \sum_i i_j = d}} \alpha_{\mathbf{i}} \cdot x_0^{i_1} \cdots x_n^{i_n} \quad \text{ and } \quad f(\lambda \cdot \mathbf{x}) = \lambda^d f(\mathbf{x}), \lambda \in \mathbb{F}^{\times}.$$

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- For a fixed variety X, we can consider its  $\mathbb{F}$ -points  $X(\mathbb{F})$ .
  - Note that  $\#X(\mathbb{F})<\infty$  is an integer
- For any  $L/\mathbb{F}$ , we can also consider X(L)
  - In particular, we can consider  $X(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})$  for any  $n \geq 2$ .
  - We again have  $\#X(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})<\infty$  and are integers for every such n.
- So we can consider the sequence

$$[N_1, N_2, \cdots, N_n, \cdots] := [\#X(\mathbb{F}), \ \#X(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}), \cdots, \ \#X(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}), \cdots].$$

 Idea: associate some generating function (a formal power series) encoding sequence, e.g.

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N_n z^n = N_1 z + N_2 z^2 + \cdots$$

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Note that for such an ordinary generating functions, the coefficients are related to the real-analytic properties of F: we can easily recover the coefficients in the following way:

$$[z^n] \cdot F(z) = [z^n] \cdot T_{F,z=0}(z) = \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^n F(z) \bigg|_{z=0} = N_n.$$

They are also related to the complex analytic properties: using the Residue theorem,

$$[z^n] \cdot F(z) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathbb{S}^1} \frac{F(z)}{z^{n+1}} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathbb{S}^1} \frac{N_n}{z} dz = N_n.$$

The latter form is very amenable to computer calculation.

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An OGF is an infinite series, which we can interpret as an analytic function  $\mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  – in nice situations, we can hope for a closed-form representation.

A useful example: by integrating a geometric series we can derive

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \qquad (= 1+z+z^2+\cdots)$$

$$\implies \int \frac{1}{1-z} = \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int z^n \quad for|z| < 1 \quad \text{by uniform convergence}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} z^{n+1}$$

$$\implies -\log(1-z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n} \qquad \left(= z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{3} + \cdots\right).$$

For completeness, also recall that

$$\exp(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$$

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## Definition: Local Zeta Function

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Problem: count points of a (smooth?) projective variety  $X/\mathbb{F}$  in all (finite) degree n extensions of  $\mathbb{F}$ .

### Definition (Local Zeta Function)

The *local zeta function* of an algebraic variety X is the following formal power series:

$$Z_X(z) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N_n \frac{z^n}{n}\right) \in \mathbb{Q}[[z]] \text{ where } N_n := \#X(\mathbb{F}_n).$$

Note that

$$z\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)\log Z_X(z) = z\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left(N_1z + N_2\frac{z^2}{2} + N_3\frac{z^3}{3} + \cdots\right)$$

$$= z\left(N_1 + N_2z + N_3z^2 + \cdots\right) \qquad \text{(unif. conv.)}$$

$$= N_1z + N_2z^2 + \cdots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N_nz^n,$$

which is an *ordinary* generating function for the sequence  $(N_n)$ .

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## Example: A Point

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Take  $X = \{pt\} = V(\{f(x) = 0\})/\mathbb{F}$  a single point over  $\mathbb{F}$ , then  $\#X(\mathbb{F}_a) := N_1 = 1$ 

$$\#X(\mathbb{F}_q) := N_1 = 1$$
  
 $\#X(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) := N_2 = 1$ 

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$$\#X(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) := N_n = 1$$

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and so

$$Z_{\{pt\}}(z) = \exp\left(1 \cdot z + 1 \cdot \frac{z^2}{2} + 1 \cdot \frac{z^3}{3} + \cdots\right)$$
$$= \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n}\right)$$
$$= \exp\left(-\log\left(1 - z\right)\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{1 - z}.$$

Notice: Z admits a closed form and is a rational function.

# Example: The Affine Line

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Take  $X = \mathbb{A}^1/\mathbb{F}$  the affine line over  $\mathbb{F}$ , then We can write

$$\mathbb{A}^1(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = [x_1] \mid x_1 \in \mathbb{F}_{q^n} \right\}$$

as the set of one-component vectors with entries in  $\mathbb{F}_n$ , so

$$X(\mathbb{F}_q) = q$$
$$X(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) = q^2$$

:

$$X(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})=q^n.$$

Then

$$Z_X(z) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^n \frac{z^n}{n}\right)$$
$$= \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(qz)^n}{n}\right)$$
$$= \exp(-\log(1 - qz))$$
$$= \frac{1}{1 - qz}.$$

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Take  $X = \mathbb{A}^m/\mathbb{F}$  the affine line over  $\mathbb{F}$ , then We can write

$$\mathbb{A}^{m}(\mathbb{F}_{q^{n}}) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = [x_{1}, \cdots, x_{m}] \mid x_{i} \in \mathbb{F}_{q^{n}} \right\}$$

as the set of one-component vectors with entries in  $\mathbb{F}_n$ , so

$$X(\mathbb{F}_q) = q^m$$

$$X(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) = (q^2)^m$$

$$\vdots$$

$$X(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) = q^{nm}.$$

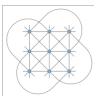


Figure: 
$$\mathbb{A}^2/\mathbb{F}_3$$
 ( $q = 3, m = 2, n = 1$ )

Then

$$Z_X(z) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^{nm} \frac{z^n}{n}\right) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q^m z)^n}{n}\right)$$
$$= \exp(-\log(1 - q^m z))$$
$$= \frac{1}{1 - q^m z}.$$

# Example: Projective Line

### Examples

Take  $X = \mathbb{P}^1/\mathbb{F}$ , we can still count by enumerating coordinates:

$$\mathbb{P}^{1}(\mathbb{F}_{q^{n}}) = \left\{ [x_{1} : x_{2}] \mid x_{1}, x_{2} \neq 0 \in \mathbb{F}_{q^{n}} \right\} / \sim = \left\{ [x_{1} : 1] \mid x_{1} \in \mathbb{F}_{q^{n}} \right\} \coprod \left\{ [1 : 0] \right\}.$$

Thus

$$X(\mathbb{F}_q) = q+1$$

$$X(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) = q^2 + 1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$X(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) = q^n + 1.$$



Figure:  $\mathbb{P}^1/\mathbb{F}_3$  (a=3, n=1)

Thus

$$Z_X(z) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (q^n + 1) \frac{z^n}{n}\right)$$
$$= \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^n \frac{z^n}{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1 \cdot \frac{z^n}{n}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{(1 - qz)(1 - z)}.$$

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# The Weil Conjectures

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(Weil 1949)

Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension N over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  for q a prime, let  $Z_X(z)$  be its zeta function, and define  $\zeta_X(s) = Z_X(q^{-s})$ .

(Rationality)  $Z_X(z)$  is a rational function:

$$Z_X(z) = \frac{p_1(z) \cdot p_3(z) \cdots p_{2N-1}(z)}{p_0(z) \cdot p_2(z) \cdots p_{2N}(z)} \in \mathbb{Q}(z), \quad \text{i.e.} \quad p_i(z) \in \mathbb{Z}[z]$$

$$P_0(z) = 1 - z$$
  
$$P_{2N}(z) = 1 - q^N z$$

$$P_j(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{\beta_i} (1 - a_{j,k}z)$$
 for some reciprocal roots  $a_{j,k} \in \mathbb{C}$ 

In particular, this implies the existence of a meromorphic continuation of the associated function  $\zeta_X(s)$ , which a priori only converges for  $\Re(s)\gg 0$ . This also implies that for n large enough,  $N_n$  satisfies a linear recurrence relation.

where we've factored each  $P_i$  using its reciprocal roots  $a_{ii}$ .

[2] (Functional Equation and Poincare Duality) Let  $\chi(X)$  be the Euler characteristic of X, i.e. the self-intersection number of the diagonal embedding  $\Delta \hookrightarrow X \times X$ ; then  $Z_X(z)$  satisfies the following functional equation:

$$Z_X\left(\frac{1}{q^Nz}\right) = \pm \left(q^{\frac{N}{2}}z\right)^{\chi(X)} Z_X(z).$$

Equivalently,

$$\zeta_X(N-s) = \pm \left(q^{\frac{N}{2}-s}\right)^{\chi(X)} \zeta_X(s)$$

Note that when N=1, e.g. for a curve, this relates  $\zeta_X(s)$  to  $\zeta_X(1-s)$ .

Equivalently, there is an involutive map on the (reciprocal) roots

$$z \iff \frac{q^N}{z}$$

$$\alpha_{j,k} \iff \alpha_{2N-j,k}$$

which sends roots of  $p_j$  to roots of  $p_{2N-j}$ .

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(Riemann Hypothesis)

The reciprocal roots  $a_{j,k}$  are algebraic integers (roots of some monic  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ) which satisfy

$$|a_{j,k}|_{\mathbb{C}} = q^{\frac{j}{2}}, \qquad 1 \le j \le 2N - 1, \ \forall k.$$

4 (Betti Numbers)

If X is a "good reduction mod q" of a nonsingular projective variety  $\tilde{X}$  in characteristic zero, then the  $\beta_i = \deg p_i(z)$  are the Betti numbers of the topological space  $\tilde{X}(\mathbb{C})$ .

### Moral:

- The Diophantine properties of a variety's zeta function are governed by its (algebraic) topology.
- Conversely, the analytic properties of encode a lot of geometric/topological/algebraic information.
- Langland's: similarly asks for every L function arising from an automorphic representation to satisfy Weil 2 and 3.

# Why is (3) called the "Riemann Hypothesis"?

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Recall the Riemann zeta function is given by

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}.$$

After modifying  $\zeta$  to make it symmetric about  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$  and eliminate the trivial zeros to obtain  $\widehat{\zeta}(s)$ , there are three relevant properties

- "Rationality":  $\widehat{\zeta}(s)$  has a meromorphic continuation to  $\mathbb C$  with simple poles at s=0,1.
- "Functional equation":  $\widehat{\zeta}(1-s) = \widehat{\zeta}(s)$
- "Riemann Hypothesis": The only zeros of  $\hat{\zeta}$  have  $\Re(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

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Suppose it holds. We can use the facts that

- $|\exp(z)| = \exp(\Re(z))$  and
- $b a^z := \exp(z \operatorname{Log}(a)),$

and to replace the polynomials  $P_i$  with

$$L_j(s) := P_j(q^{-s}) = \prod_{k=1}^{\beta_j} (1 - \alpha_{j,k} q^{-s}).$$

# Analogy to Riemann Hypothesis

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Now consider the roots of  $L_j(s)$ : we have

$$L_{j}(s_{0}) = 0$$

$$\iff q^{-s_{0}} = \frac{1}{\alpha_{j,k}} \quad \text{for some} \quad k$$

$$\implies |q^{-s_{0}}| = \left| \frac{1}{\alpha_{j,k}} \right| \qquad \stackrel{\text{by assumption}}{=} q^{-\frac{j}{2}}$$

$$\iff q^{-\frac{j}{2}} \stackrel{\text{(a)}}{=} \exp\left(-\frac{j}{2} \cdot \operatorname{Log}(q)\right) = |\exp\left(-s_{0} \cdot \operatorname{Log}(q)\right)|$$

$$\stackrel{\text{(b)}}{=} |\exp\left(-(\Re(s_{0}) + i \cdot \Im(s_{0})) \cdot \operatorname{Log}(q)\right)|$$

$$\stackrel{\text{(a)}}{=} \exp\left(-(\Re(s_{0})) \cdot \operatorname{Log}(q)\right)$$

$$\iff -\frac{j}{2} \cdot \operatorname{Log}(q) = -\Re(s_{0}) \cdot \operatorname{Log}(q) \quad \text{by injectivity}$$

$$\iff \Re(s_{0}) = \frac{j}{2}.$$

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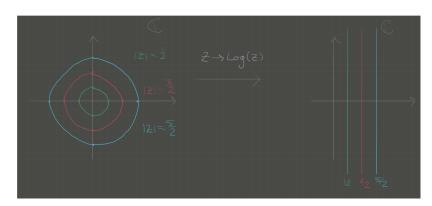
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Roughly speaking, realizing that we would need to apply a logarithm (a conformal map) to send the  $\alpha_{j,k}$  to zeros of the  $L_j$ , this says that the zeros all must lie on the "critical lines"  $\frac{j}{2}$ .



In particular, the zeros of  $L_1$  have real part  $\frac{1}{2}$ , analogous to the classical Riemann hypothesis.

## Precise Relation

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- Difficult to find in the literature! Idea: make a similar definition for schemes, then take  $X = \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{Z}$ .
- Define the "reductions mod q"  $X_q$  for closed points q.
- Define the *local* zeta functions  $\zeta_{X_p}(s) = Z_{X_p}(q^{-s})$ .
- Take a product over all closed points to define

$$L_X(s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \zeta_{X_p}(p^{-s})$$

$$= \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \left(\frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}\right)$$

$$= \zeta(s),$$

which is the Euler product expansion of the classical Riemann Zeta function.

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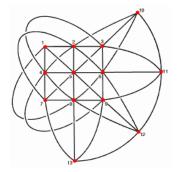
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Take  $X = \mathbb{P}^m/\mathbb{F}$  We can write

$$\mathbb{P}^{m}(\mathbb{F}_{q^{n}}) = \mathbb{A}^{m+1}(\mathbb{F}_{q^{n}}) \setminus \left\{\mathbf{0}\right\} / \sim = \left\{\mathbf{x} = [x_{0}, \cdots, x_{m}] \mid x_{i} \in \mathbb{F}_{q^{n}}\right\} / \sim$$

But how many points are actually in this space?

Figure: Points and Lines in  $\mathbb{P}^2/\mathbb{F}_3$ 



A nontrivial combinatorial problem!

# q-Analogs and Grassmannians

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To illustrate, this can be done combinatorially: identify  $\mathbb{P}^m_{\mathbb{F}} = \operatorname{Gr}_{\mathbb{F}}(1, m+1)$  as the space of lines in  $\mathbb{A}^{m+1}_{\mathbb{F}}$ .

#### Theorem

The number of k-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{A}^N_{\mathbb{F}_q}$  is the q-analog of the binomial coefficient:

$$\begin{bmatrix} N \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q := \frac{(q^N - 1)(q^{N-1} - 1) \cdots (q^{N-(k-1)} - 1)}{(q^k - 1)(q^{k-1} - 1) \cdots (q - 1)}.$$

Remark: Note  $\lim_{q \to 1} {N \brack k}_q = {N \choose k}$ , the usual binomial coefficient.

**Proof:** To choose a *k*-dimensional subspace,

- Choose a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v}_1 \in \mathbb{A}^n_{\mathbb{F}}$  in  $q^N 1$  ways.
  - For next step, note that  $\#\mathrm{span}\,\{\mathsf{v}_1\}=\#\left\{\lambda\mathsf{v}_1\ \middle|\ \lambda\in\mathbb{F}_q\right\}=\#\mathbb{F}_q=q.$
- Choose a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v}_2$  not in the span of  $\mathbf{v}_1$  in  $q^N-q$  ways.
  - Now note  $\#\mathrm{span}\left\{\mathsf{v}_1,\mathsf{v}_2\right\} = \#\left\{\lambda_1\mathsf{v}_1 + \lambda_2\mathsf{v}_2 \;\middle|\; \lambda_i \in \mathbb{F}\right\} = q \cdot q = q^2.$

- Choose a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v}_3$  not in the span of  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$  in  $a^N-a^2$  ways.

 $-\cdots$  until  $\mathbf{v}_k$  is chosen in

$$(q^N-1)(q^N-q)\cdots(q^N-q^{k-1})$$
 ways

- This yields a k-tuple of linearly independent vectors spanning a k-dimensional subspace  $V_k$
- This overcounts because many linearly independent sets span  $V_k$ , we need to divide out by the number of ways to choose a basis inside of  $V_k$ .
- By the same argument, this is given by

$$(q^{k}-1)(q^{k}-q)\cdots(q^{k}-q^{k-1})$$

Thus

#subspaces = 
$$\frac{(q^N - 1)(q^N - q)(q^N - q^2) \cdots (q^N - q^{k-1})}{(q^k - 1)(q^k - q)(q^k - q^2) \cdots (q^k - q^{k-1})}$$

$$\begin{split} &= \frac{q^N - 1}{q^k - 1} \cdot \left(\frac{q}{q}\right) \frac{q^{N-1} - 1}{q^{k-1} - 1} \cdot \left(\frac{q^2}{q^2}\right) \frac{q^{N-2} - 1}{q^{k-2} - 1} \cdots \left(\frac{q^{k-1}}{q^{k-1}}\right) \frac{q^{N-(k-1)} - 1}{q^{k-(k-1)-1}} \\ &= \frac{(q^N - 1)(q^{N-1} - 1) \cdots (q^{N-(k-1)} - 1)}{(q^k - 1)(q^{k-1} - 1) \cdots (q - 1)}. \end{split}$$

# Counting Points

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Note that we've actually computed the number of points in any Grassmannian.

Identify  $\mathbb{P}^m_{\mathbb{F}} = Gr_{\mathbb{F}}(1, m+1)$  as the space of lines in  $\mathbb{A}^{m+1}_{\mathbb{F}}$ .

We obtain a nice simplification for the number of lines corresponding to setting k=1:

$$\begin{bmatrix} m+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{q^{m+1}-1}{q-1} = q^m + q^{m-1} + \dots + q + 1 = \sum_{j=0}^m q^j.$$

Thus

$$X(\mathbb{F}_q) = \sum_{j=0}^m q^j$$

$$X(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) = \sum_{j=0}^m (q^2)^j$$

$$\vdots$$

$$X(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) = \sum_{j=0}^m (q^n)^j.$$

# Computing the Zeta Function

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$$Z_X(z) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{m} (q^n)^j \frac{z^n}{n}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{m} \frac{(q^j z)^n}{n}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q^j z)^n}{n}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} -\log(1 - q^j z)\right)$$

$$= \prod_{j=0}^{m} \left(1 - q^j z\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{1 - z}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1 - az}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1 - q^2 z}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{1}{1 - a^m z}\right),$$

Miraculously, still a rational function!

## An Easier Proof

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Quick recap:

$$\frac{1}{z}$$
  $Z_{\mathbb{P}^1}(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$ 

$$Z_{\{pt\}} = \frac{1}{1-z}$$
  $Z_{\mathbb{P}^1}(z) = \frac{1}{1-qz}$   $Z_{\mathbb{A}^1}(z) = \frac{1}{(1-z)(1-qz)}$ .

Note that  $\mathbb{P}^1 = \mathbb{A}^1 \prod \{\infty\}$  and correspondingly  $Z_{\mathbb{P}^1}(z) = Z_{\mathbb{A}^1}(z) \cdot Z_{\{\mathsf{pt}\}}(z)$ . This works in general:

## Lemma (Excision)

If  $Y/\mathbb{F}_a \subset X/\mathbb{F}_a$  is a closed subvariety, for  $U = X \setminus Y$ ,  $Z_X(z) = Z_Y(z) \cdot Z_U(z)$ .

**Proof**: Let  $N_n = \#Y(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})$  and  $M_n = \#U(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})$ , then

$$\zeta_X(z) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (N_n + M_n) \frac{z^n}{n}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N_n \cdot \frac{z^n}{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n \cdot \frac{z^n}{n}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N_n \cdot \frac{z^n}{n}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n \cdot \frac{z^n}{n}\right) = \zeta_Y(z) \cdot \zeta_U(z).$$

## A Easier Proof

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Note that geometry can help us here: we have a stratification  $\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{A}^n$ , and so inductively

$$\mathbb{P}^m = \coprod\nolimits_{j=0}^m \mathbb{A}^j = \mathbb{A}^0 \coprod \mathbb{A}^1 \coprod \cdots \coprod \mathbb{A}^m,$$

and recalling that

$$Z_{X\coprod Y}(z)=Z_X(z)\cdot Z_Y(z)$$

and  $Z_{\mathbb{A}^j}(z) = \frac{1}{1-a^{j}z}$  we have

$$Z_{\mathbb{P}^m}(z) = \prod_{j=0}^m Z_{\mathbb{A}^j}(z) = \prod_{j=0}^m \frac{1}{1 - q^j z}.$$

Notice that the highest degree is exactly m, and there is exactly one factor for each i < m. Note that  $PP^m/\mathbb{F}_a$  can be though of as a mod a reduction of  $\mathbb{RP}^m$  or  $\mathbb{CP}^m$ , and somehow Z "sees" its dimension.

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m-space Grassmannia Consider now  $X = Gr(k, m)/\mathbb{F}$  – by the previous computation, we know

$$X(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{q^n} \coloneqq \frac{(q^{nm} - 1)(q^{nm-1} - 1) \cdots (q^{nm-n(k-1)} - 1)}{(q^{nk} - 1)(q^{n(k-1)} - 1) \cdots (q^n - 1)}$$

but the corresponding Zeta function is much more complicated than the previous examples:

$$Z_X(z) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} {m \brack k}_{q^n} \frac{z^n}{n}\right) = \cdots?.$$

Note that  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{Gr}_{\mathbb{R}}(k, m) = k(m - k)$  as a real manifold, so