

1 Introduction

1.1 Dedekind–Zeta function

Let K be a totally real number field. Let \mathfrak{a} be an ideal inside the ring of integers \mathcal{O}_K . Consider the Dedekind-Zeta function:

$$\zeta_K(s) = \sum_{\mathfrak{b}} \frac{1}{\text{Norm}(\mathfrak{b})^s},$$

along with the associated partial Dedekind–Zeta functions:

$$\zeta_K(\mathfrak{a}, s) = \sum_{\mathfrak{b} \sim \mathfrak{a}} \frac{1}{\text{Norm}(\mathfrak{b})^s},$$

The first sum is taken with respect to all the integral ideals \mathfrak{b} in \mathcal{O}_K . The second sum is taken with respect to all the integral ideals \mathfrak{b} that are in the same class as \mathfrak{a} in the narrow ray class group of K .

1.2 Motivating questions

Here’s an overarching and sequential list of motivating questions:

- **(analytic continuation)** Do the zeta functions $\zeta_K(s)$ and $\zeta_K(\mathfrak{a}, s)$ have an analytic (or meromorphic) continuation to the entire complex plane?
- **(rationality)** Having established analytic continuation, can we conclude that the zeta values *at non-positive integers* are rational?
- **(integrality)** Having established rationality, for what primes p are these zeta-values p -integral?
- **(Kummer congruences)** Having established p -integrality, how do we construct p -adic L -functions associated to these zeta values?

1.3 Rationality

The main motivating question for our study group for this semester will be the question of *rationality* of these zeta values. This is known as the *Siegel–Klingen* rationality theorem. There are three celebrated proofs of this result, attributed to:

1. Siegel–Klingen (*constant terms of Eisenstein series*),
2. Shintani, and
3. Sczech (*cohomological*).

Our goal will be to read the methods of **Shintani** and **Sczech**. As a reminder to our eventual goal of studying p -adic L -functions, it is worth noting that in this set up, the constructions of the p -adic L -functions by

1. Deligne–Ribet [6],
2. Cassou–Noguès [1, 2], and
3. Charollois–Dasgupta [3].

rely on the methods of Siegel–Klingen, Shintani and Sczech respectively.

Siegel–Klingen \rightsquigarrow Deligne–Ribet

Shintani \rightsquigarrow Cassou–Noguès

Sczech \rightsquigarrow Charollois–Dasguptas

2 Plan for the study group: Shintani’s method

References for Shintani’s method

1. Shintani’s article [11]
2. Hida’s book [8]

The study group will meet on **Tuesdays, 10:30 am**.

Date	Speaker	Section	
18 Jan	Bharath	Introduction	Di
25 Jan	Bharath	Theorem 1 in [11] \implies Siegel–Klingen rationality	Pa
1 Feb	Shaunak	Proposition 1 and Corollary to Proposition 1 in [11]	Pa
8 Feb	Radhika	Lemma 2 and Corollary to Lemma 2 in [11]	Pa
15 Feb	Mihir	Lemma 3 and Proposition 4 in [11]	Pa
22 Feb	Mahesh	Proposition 4 and Theorem 1 in [11]	Pa

3 Plan for the study group: Sczech's method

References for Sczech's method

1. Sczech's Inventiones article [10].
2. Sczech's Commentarii article [9].

In our talks, we will have to take the Q -limit formula (Theorem 2 in [10], Theorem 1 in [9]) for granted.

Date	Speaker	Section
Mar 1	Bharath	Introduction + Eisenstein cocycle
Mar 8	Bharath	Limit formula + Trigonometric and Bernoulli cocycles
Mar 15	Radhika	L -functions in real quadratic fields
Mar 22	Mahesh	Properties of the rational cocycle and the Eisenstein cocycle
Mar 29	Mahesh	Properties of the rational cocycle and the Eisenstein cocycle
Apr 5	Shaunak	Special values of L -series in terms of Eisenstein cocycle
Apr 12	Shaunak	Proof of Lemma 6
Apr 19	Mihir	A finite expression for the Eisenstein cocycle and rationality

More references:

1. An article by Gunnells and Sczech [7].
2. An article by Charollois and Sczech[4].
3. An article by Chinta, Gunnells and Sczech [5].
4. An article by Charollois–Dasgupta [3].

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