

POLYLOGARITHMS IN ARITHMETIC AND GEOMETRY

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The classical polylogarithms were invented in correspondence of Leibniz with Joh.Bernoulli in 1696 ([Lei]). They are defined by the series

$$Li_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^n} \quad |z| < 1$$

and continued analytically to a covering of $\mathbb{C}P^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$:

$$Li_n(z) := \int_0^z Li_{n-1}(t) \frac{dt}{t}, \quad Li_1(z) = -\log(1-z)$$

1. The dilogarithm. It was studied by Spence, Abel, Kummer, Lobachevsky, ..., Rogers,Ramanujan, ([L]). The main discovery was that the dilogarithm satisfies many functional equations. For example Rogers' version of the dilogarithm $L_2(x) := Li_2(x) + \frac{1}{2} \log(x) \log(1-x) - \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ for $1 > x > y > 0$ satisfies the relation

$$L_2(x) - L_2(y) + L_2(y/x) - L_2\left(\frac{1-x^{-1}}{1-y^{-1}}\right) + L_2\left(\frac{1-x}{1-y}\right) = 0 \quad (1)$$

After a century of neglect the dilogarithm appeared twenty years ago in works of Gabrielov-Gelfand-Losik [GGL] on a combinatorial formula for the first Pontryagin class, Bloch on K-theory and regulators [Bl1] and Wigner on Lie groups.

The dilogarithm has a single-valued cousin : the Bloch - Wigner function

$$\mathcal{L}_2(z) := \operatorname{Im} Li_2(z) + \arg(1-z) \log|z|.$$

Let $r(x_1, \dots, x_4)$ be the cross-ratio of 4 distinct points on $\mathbb{C}P^1$. Then

$$\sum_{i=0}^4 (-1)^i \mathcal{L}_2(r(z_0, \dots, \hat{z}_i, \dots, z_4)) = 0 \quad z_i \in \mathbb{C}P^1 \quad (2)$$

If $(z_1, \dots, z_5) = (\infty, 0, 1, x, y)$ the arguments here are the same as in (1).

Choose $x \in \mathbb{C}P^1$. Then (2) just means that the function $c_3(g_0, \dots, g_3) := \mathcal{L}_2(r(g_0x, \dots, g_3x))$, where $g_i \in GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ and $g_i x \neq g_j x$, is a measurable 3-cocycle on $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$. (Wigner).

The function $\log|x|$ is characterized by its functional equation $\log|xy| = \log|x| + \log|y|$. The 5-term equation plays a similar role for the dilogarithm: any measurable function $f(z), z \in \mathbb{C}$ satisfying (2) is proportional to $\mathcal{L}_2(z)$ ([Bl1]). Moreover, any functional equation for $\mathcal{L}_2(z)$ is a formal consequence of (2).

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For a set X denote by $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ the free abelian group generated by symbols $\{x\}$, $x \in X$. Let F be a field. Consider the homomorphism ([Bl1])

$$\tilde{\delta}_2 : \mathbb{Z}[F^* \setminus 1] \longrightarrow \Lambda^2 F^*, \quad \{x\} \longmapsto (1-x) \wedge x$$

By Matsumoto theorem $\text{Coker } \tilde{\delta}_2 = K_2(F)$.

Let $R_2(F)$ be the subgroup of $\mathbb{Z}[F^* \setminus 1]$ generated by the elements $\sum (-1)^i \{r(z_0, \dots, \hat{z}_i, \dots, z_4)\}$ where $z_i \neq z_j \in P_F^1$. One can check that $\tilde{\delta}_2(R_2(F)) = 0$. So setting $B_2(F) := \mathbb{Z}[F^* \setminus 1]/R_2(F)$ we get the Bloch complex ([DS], [S1])

$$B_2(F) \xrightarrow{\delta_2} \Lambda^2 F^*, \quad \{x\} \mapsto (1-x) \wedge x \quad (3)$$

For an abelian group A put $A_{\mathbb{Q}} := A \otimes \mathbb{Q}$. Suslin proved that $\text{Ker } \delta_2 \otimes \mathbb{Q} = K_3^{ind}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ([S1]). Here $K_3^{ind}(F)$ is the cokernel of the multiplication $K_1(F)^{\otimes 3} \rightarrow K_3(F)$.

If $F = \mathbb{C}$ any real-valued function $f(z)$ defines a homomorphism $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{C}] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\{z\} \longmapsto f(z)$. Thanks to (2) we have a homomorphism $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_2 : B_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Combined with the above homomorphism $K_3(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_2$ it gives an explicit formula for the Borel regulator $K_3(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and hence ([Bo2]) a formula for $\zeta_F(2)$ for any number field F (see s.5 below).

Let \mathcal{H}^3 be the 3-dimensional hyperbolic space. Denote by $I(z_0, \dots, z_3)$ the ideal geodesic simplex with vertices at points z_0, \dots, z_3 of the absolute $\partial \mathcal{H}^3 = \mathbb{C}P^1$. Then $\text{vol } I(z_0, \dots, z_3) = 3/2 \mathcal{L}_2(r(z_0, \dots, z_3))$ (Lobachevsky).

Any complete hyperbolic 3-fold of finite volume V^3 can be represented as a formal sum of ideal geodesic simplices. So $\text{vol } V^3 = 3/2 \sum \mathcal{L}_2(x_i)$. It turns out the condition " V^3 is a manifold" implies $\delta_2 \sum \{x_i\} = 0$. (Thurston, [DS], [NZ]).

At first glance many features of this picture seem special for the dilogarithm. For example the classical n-logarithms are functions of just 1 variable, but for $n > 2$ GL_n does not act on P^1 , $\partial \mathcal{H}^n$ is no longer a complex manifold and so on. In this lecture I will explain how most of these facts about the dilogarithm are generalized to the trilogarithm and outline what should happen in general.

2. The trilogarithm and $\zeta_F(3)$ ([G2]). A single-valued version of $Li_3(z)$ is

$$\mathcal{L}_3(z) := \text{Re} \left(Li_3(z) - Li_2(z) \cdot \log |z| + \frac{1}{3} Li_1(z) \cdot \log^2 |z| \right)$$

Denote by $\{x\}_2$ the image of $\{x\}$ in $B_2(F)$. Set

$$\mathbb{Z}[F^*] \xrightarrow{\delta_3} B_2(F) \otimes F^*, \quad \delta_3 : \{x\} \mapsto \{x\}_2 \otimes x, \quad \{1\} \mapsto 0 \quad (4)$$

Let F be a number field with r_1 real and r_2 complex places, $\{\sigma_j\}$ be the set of all possible embeddings $F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ numbered so that $\sigma_{r_1+k} = \overline{\sigma_{r_1+r_2+k}}$ and d_F be the discriminant of F . For $x \in \mathbb{Z}[F^*]$ one gets numbers $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_3(\sigma_j(x))$ defined via the composition $\mathbb{Z}[F^*] \xrightarrow{\sigma_j} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{C}^*] \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_3} \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 0.1. *For any number field F there exist elements $y_1, \dots, y_{r_1+r_2} \in \text{Ker } \delta_3 \otimes \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}[F^*]$ such that*

$$\zeta_F(3) = \pi^{3r_2} d_F^{-\frac{1}{2}} \det |\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_3(\sigma_j(y_i))|, \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq r_1 + r_2). \quad (5)$$

It was conjectured by Zagier, who gave many numerical examples ([Z1]). Here is one them:

$$\zeta_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})}(3) = \frac{24}{25\sqrt{5}} \cdot \mathcal{L}_3(1) \cdot \left(\mathcal{L}_3\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) - \mathcal{L}_3\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \right)$$

If $\alpha := \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $\bar{\alpha} := \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ then $\alpha \cdot \bar{\alpha} = -1, \alpha + \bar{\alpha} = 1$, so $\{\alpha\}_2 \otimes \alpha - \{\bar{\alpha}\}_2 \otimes \bar{\alpha} = (\{\alpha\}_2 + \{1-\alpha\}_2) \otimes \alpha = 0$ modulo torsion because $6 \cdot (\{x\}_2 + \{1-x\}_2) \in R_2(F)$.

Let $\Delta : G \times G \rightarrow G$ be the diagonal map. An element $x \in H_n(G)$ is called primitive if $\Delta_*(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$. For any field F one can define $K_n(F)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ as the subspace of primitive elements in $H_n(GL(F), \mathbb{Q})$.

Let $H_c^*(G, \mathbb{R})$ be continuous cohomology of a Lie group G . It is known that $H_c^*(GL(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{R}) = \Lambda_{\mathbb{R}}^*(c_1, c_3, \dots)$ where $c_{2n-1} \in H_c^{2n-1}(GL(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{R})$ are certain classes.. For example $c_1(g_1, g_2) = \log |detg_1^{-1}g_2|$. Considered as a functional on homology c_{2n-1} induces a map $r_{\mathbb{C}}(n) : K_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C})_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. It is called the Borel regulator [Bo]. Let F be a number field. Then the image of the composition

$$r(n) : K_{2n-1}(F) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{Hom(F, \mathbb{C})} K_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C})_{\mathbb{Q}} \xrightarrow{r_{\mathbb{C}}(n) \otimes \mathbb{R}^{(n-1)}} \mathbb{Z}^{Hom(F, \mathbb{C})} \otimes \mathbb{R}(n-1)$$

is invariant under the complex conjugation. So we get a regulator map $r(n) : K_{2n-1}(F) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}(n-1)^{d_n}$. Here $d_n = r_1 + r_2$ for odd n and r_2 for even. We will use notation $a \sim b$ if $a/b \in \mathbb{Q}^*$. Borel proved that $r(n)(K_{2n-1}(F))$ is a lattice with covolume $\sim d_F^{1/2} \zeta_F(n)(\pi i)^{-nd_{n-1}}$.

The proof of our theorem is based on an explicit description of the regulator $K_5(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by means of the trilogarithm \mathcal{L}_3 . The key step is a formula for a measurable 5-cocycle of $GL(\mathbb{C})$ representing the class c_5 . For $GL_3(\mathbb{C})$ it looks as follows.

Let V^3 be a 3-dimensional vector space over F . Choose a volume form $\omega \in \wedge^3(V^3)^*$. For 6 vectors l_1, \dots, l_6 in generic position in V^3 set $\Delta(l_i, l_j, l_k) := \langle \omega, l_i \wedge l_j \wedge l_k \rangle \in F^*$. Let $\text{Alt}_6 f(l_1, \dots, l_6) := \sum_{\sigma \in S_6} (-1)^{|\sigma|} f(l_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, l_{\sigma(6)})$. Set

$$r_3(l_1, \dots, l_6) := \text{Alt}_6 \left\{ \frac{\Delta(l_1, l_2, l_4)\Delta(l_2, l_3, l_5)\Delta(l_3, l_1, l_6)}{\Delta(l_1, l_2, l_5)\Delta(l_2, l_3, l_6)\Delta(l_3, l_1, l_4)} \right\} \in \mathbb{Z}[F^*] \quad (6)$$

$r_3(l_1, \dots, l_6)$ clearly does not depend on the lengths of vectors l_i and so is a generalized cross-ratio of 6 points on the projective plane.

Theorem 0.2. a) For any 7 points (m_1, \dots, m_7) in generic position in $\mathbb{C}P^2$

$$\sum_{i=1}^7 (-1)^i \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_3(r_3(m_1, \dots, \hat{m}_i, \dots, m_7)) = 0$$

b) Choose $x \in \mathbb{C}P^2$. Then the function $c_5(g_0, \dots, g_5) := \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_3(r_3(g_0x, \dots, g_5x))$ defined for $g_i \in GL_3(\mathbb{C})$ such that (g_0x, \dots, g_5x) is in general position, is a measurable 5-cocycle representing a nontrivial cohomology class of the group $GL_3(\mathbb{C})$.

3. Trilogarithm and algebraic K-theory. Let $R_3(F)$ be the subgroup of $\mathbb{Z}[F^*]$ generated by $\{x\} + \{x^{-1}\}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^7 (-1)^i r_3(m_1, \dots, \hat{m}_i, \dots, m_7)$ where (m_1, \dots, m_7) run through all generic configurations of 7 points in P_F^2 . Then $\delta_3 R_3(F) =$

0. Let $B_3(F)$ be the quotient of $\mathbb{Z}[F^*]$ by $R_3(F)$. We get a complex $B_F(3)$

$$B_3(F) \xrightarrow{\delta_3} B_2(F) \otimes F^* \xrightarrow{\delta_2 \wedge id} \Lambda^3 F^*$$

placed in degrees [1,3]. (δ_3, δ_2 were defined in (3), (4)).

According to [S2] $H_n(GL_n(F), \mathbb{Q}) = H_n(GL(F), \mathbb{Q})$. Let

$$K_n^{(i)}(F)_\mathbb{Q} := K_n(F)_\mathbb{Q} \cap \text{Im}\left(H_n(GL_{n-i}(F), \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H_n(GL_n(F), \mathbb{Q})\right)$$

be the rank filtration. Denote by $K_n^{[i]}(F)_\mathbb{Q}$ its graded quotients.

Theorem 0.3. *There are canonical maps $K_{6-i}^{[3-i]}(F)_\mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow H^i(B_F(3) \otimes \mathbb{Q})$*

They should be isomorphisms. This is known for $i = 3$ ([S2]).

4. Classical polylogarithms and motivic complexes. The following single-valued version of $Li_n(z)$ was invented by Zagier [Z1], see also [BD].

$$\mathcal{L}_n(z) := \begin{cases} \text{Re } (n : \text{odd}) & \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \beta_k \log^k |z| \cdot Li_{n-k}(z) \right), \\ \text{Im } (n : \text{even}) & n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

It is continuos on $\mathbb{C}P^1$. Here $\frac{2x}{e^{2x}-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_k x^k$.

Let us define inductively for each $n \geq 1$ a subgroup $\mathcal{R}_n(F) \subset \mathbb{Z}[P_F^1]$, which for $F = \mathbb{C}$ will be the subgroup of all functional equations for $\mathcal{L}_n(z)$.

Put $\mathcal{B}_n(F) := \mathbb{Z}[P_F^1]/\mathcal{R}_n(F)$. Set $\mathcal{R}_1(F) := (\{x\} + \{y\} - \{xy\}; \{0\}; \{\infty\})$. Then $\mathcal{B}_1(F) = F^*$. Let $\{x\}_n$ be the image of $\{x\}$ in $\mathcal{B}_n(F)$. Consider homomorphisms

$$\mathbb{Z}[P_F^1] \xrightarrow{\delta_n} \begin{cases} \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F) \otimes F^* & : n \geq 3 \\ \Lambda^2 F^* & : n = 2 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

$$\delta_n : \{x\} \mapsto \begin{cases} \{x\}_{n-1} \otimes x & : n \geq 3 \\ (1-x) \wedge x & : n = 2 \end{cases} \quad \delta_n : \{\infty\}, \{0\}, \{1\} \mapsto 0 \quad (8)$$

Set $\mathcal{A}_n(F) := \text{Ker } \delta_n$. Any element $\alpha(t) = \sum n_i \{f_i(t)\} \in \mathbb{Z}[P_{F(t)}^1]$ has a specialization $\alpha(t_0) := \sum n_i \{f_i(t_0)\} \in \mathbb{Z}[P_F^1]$ at each point $t_0 \in P_F^1$.

Definition 0.4. $\mathcal{R}_n(F)$ is generated by elements $\{\infty\}, \{0\}$ and $\alpha(0) - \alpha(1)$ where $\alpha(t)$ runs through all elements of $\mathcal{A}_n(F(t))$.

One can show that $\delta_n \mathcal{R}_n(F) = 0$ ([G1], 1.16). So we get homomorphisms

$$\delta_n : \mathcal{B}_n(F) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F) \otimes F^*, \quad n \geq 3; \quad \delta_2 : \mathcal{B}_2(F) \longrightarrow \Lambda^2 F^*$$

and finally the following complex $\Gamma(F, n)$:

$$\mathcal{B}_n \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{B}_{n-1} \otimes F^* \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{B}_{n-2} \otimes \Lambda^2 F^* \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{B}_2 \otimes \Lambda^{n-2} F^* \xrightarrow{\delta} \Lambda^n F^*$$

where $\delta : \{x\}_p \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-p} y_i \rightarrow \delta_p(\{x\}_p) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-p} y_i$ has degree +1 and $\mathcal{B}_n \equiv \mathcal{B}_n(F)$ placed in degree 1. One can prove that $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_n(\mathcal{R}_n(\mathbb{C}))$ (see [G2] theorem 1.13).

Conjecture 0.5. *Let $f(z)$ be a measurable function such that $\tilde{f}(\mathcal{R}_n(\mathbb{C})) = 0$. Then $f(z) = \lambda_0 \mathcal{L}_n(z) + \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_{n-1}(z) \log |z| + \dots + \lambda_{n-2} \mathcal{L}_2(z) \log |z|^{n-2}$, $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$.*

This is true for $n = 2$ ([Bl]) and $n = 3$ (unpublished).

Let γ be the Adams filtration on $K_n(F)_{\mathbb{Q}}$. Hypothetically it is opposite to the rank filtration. For number fields $gr_n^{\gamma} K_m(F)_{\mathbb{Q}} = 0$ if $m \neq 2n - 1$.

Conjecture A a) For any field F $H^i \Gamma(F, n) \otimes \mathbb{Q} = gr_n^{\gamma} K_{2n-i}(F) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$.

b) The composition $gr_n^{\gamma} K_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C})_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow H^1 \Gamma(\mathbb{C}, n)_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a nonzero rational multiple of the Borel regulator.

For number fields the isomorphism $K_{2n-1}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}} = \text{Ker}_{\delta_n}$ was conjectured (slightly differently, without the complexes $\Gamma(F, n)$) by Zagier ([Z1]).

So we get a hypothetical description of Quillen's K-groups by symbols that generalizes Milnor's approach to K-theory ($H^n \Gamma(F, n) = K^M(F)$ by definition):

$$K_m(F)_{\mathbb{Q}} \stackrel{?}{=} \bigoplus_n H^{2n-m}(\Gamma(F, n) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \quad (9)$$

This suggests that $\Gamma(F, n) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ should be the weight n motivic complex conjectured by Beilinson and Lichtenbaum ([B1], [Li]). Another approach see in [Bl2].

For a compact smooth i -dimensional variety X over \mathbb{Q} Beilinson defined a regulator map to Deligne cohomology ([B2]) $r_{Be} : gr_n^{\gamma} K_{2n-i}(X) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}}^i(X/\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}(n))$

A regular model $X_{\mathbb{Z}}$ of X over \mathbb{Z} defines a subgroup $gr_n^{\gamma} K_{2n-i}(X_{\mathbb{Z}}) \subset gr_n^{\gamma} K_{2n-i}(X)$. For $n > i + 1$ they should coincide. Beilinson conjectured that $r_{Be}(gr_n^{\gamma} K_{2n-i}(X_{\mathbb{Z}}))$ is a lattice whose covolume with respect to the natural \mathbb{Q} -structure provided by $H_{\mathcal{D}}^i(X/\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}(n))$ up to a standard factor coincides with the value of L -function $L(h^i(X), s)$ at $s = i$. Unfortunately the definition of the regulator is rather implicit.

Conjecture A together with Beilinson's conjecture should give explicit formulas for special values of the L -functions of varieties over number fields in terms of *classical* polylogarithms. Below two examples are discussed: ζ -functions of number fields and L-functions of elliptic curves.

5. Zagier's conjecture. Conjecture A b) and Borel's theorem [Bo2] lead to

Conjecture 0.6. For any number field F there exists elements $y_1, \dots, y_{d_n} \in \text{Ker}_{\delta_n} \otimes \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathcal{B}_n(F)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ such that

$$\zeta_F(n) = \pi^{d_{n-1} \cdot n} d_F^{-\frac{1}{2}} \det |\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_n(\sigma_j(y_i))|, \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq d_n), \quad (10)$$

It was stated in [Z1]. The case $n = 2$, essentially proved in [Z2], follows from the Borel theorem and the results of Bloch [Bl1] and Suslin [S2] (see s.1); a simpler proof see in s.2 of [G1]. It is not proved for $n > 3$.

Theorem 0.7. For any number field F there is a map $l_n : \text{Ker}_{\delta_n} \otimes \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow K_{2n-1}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ such that for any $\sigma : F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ one has $r_{\mathbb{C}}(n)(\sigma \circ l_n(y)) = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_n(\sigma(y))$.

This was proved by Beilinson-Deligne [BD] and later de Jeu [J]. It can be deduced from the existence of the triangulated category of mixed Tate motives over $\text{Spec}(F)$ constructed by Levine [L] and Voevodsky [V].

6. Motivic complexes for curves. Let K be a field with a discrete valuation v , the residue field k_v and the group of units U . Let $u \rightarrow \bar{u}$ be the projection $U \rightarrow k_v^*$. Choose a uniformizer π . There is a homomorphism $\theta : \Lambda^n F^* \rightarrow \Lambda^{n-1} F_v^*$ uniquely defined by the following properties ($u_i \in U$):

$$\theta(\pi \wedge u_1 \wedge \dots \wedge u_{n-1}) = \bar{u}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{u}_{n-1}; \quad \theta(u_1 \wedge \dots \wedge u_n) = 0$$

It is clearly independent of π . Let us define a homomorphism $s_v : \mathbb{Z}[P_K^1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[P_{k_v}^1]$ setting $s_v\{x\} = \{\bar{x}\}$ if x is a unit and 0 otherwise. It induces a homomorphism $s_v : \mathcal{B}_m(K) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_m(k_v)$. Put

$$\partial_v := s_v \otimes \theta : \mathcal{B}_m(K) \otimes \Lambda^{n-m} K^* \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_m(k_v) \otimes \Lambda^{n-m-1} k_v^*.$$

It defines a morphism of complexes $\partial_v : \Gamma(K, n) \longrightarrow \Gamma(k_v, n-1)[-1]$. Let X be a regular curve over a field F and F_x be the residue field of a point $x \in X$. Let us define the motivic complex $\Gamma(X, n)$ as follows ($\mathcal{B}_n(F(X))$ is in degree 1):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{B}_n(F(X)) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F(X)) \otimes F(X)^* & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \Lambda^n F(X)^* \\ & & \downarrow \coprod_x \partial_x & & & & \downarrow \coprod_x \partial_x \\ & & \coprod_{x \in X^1} \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F_x) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \coprod_{x \in X^1} \Lambda^{n-1} F_x^{(1)} \end{array}$$

Conjecture 0.8. *For a regular curve X one has $H^i(\Gamma(X, n) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) = gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-i}(X)_\mathbb{Q}$.*

7. Explicit formulas for regulators in the case of curves ([G6]). Let me recall that for a curve X over \mathbb{R} and $n > 1$ $H_D^2(X/\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}(n)) = H^2(X, \mathbb{R}(n-1))^+$ where “+” means invariants of the complex conjugation acting both on $X(\mathbb{C})$ and $\mathbb{R}(n-1)$. Beilinson’s regulator for curves over \mathbb{Q} is a homomorphism

$$r_{Be}(n) : K_{2n-2}(X)_\mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow H_D^2(X/\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}(n))$$

Cup product with $\omega \in \Omega^1(\bar{X})$ identifies $H^1(\bar{X}, \mathbb{R}(n-1))$ with $H^0(\bar{X}, \Omega^1)^\vee$. So we will view elements of $H_D^2(\bar{X}/\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}(n))$ as functionals on $H^0(\bar{X}, \Omega^1)^\vee$.

Set $\alpha(f, g) := \log |f| d \log |g| - \log |g| d \log |f|$.

Theorem 0.9. *Let X be a curve over \mathbb{Q} . Then for each element $\gamma_{2n-2} \in K_{2n-2}(X)$, $n = 3, 4$, there are rational functions $f_i, g_i \in \mathbb{Q}(X)^*$ such that $\sum_i \{f_i\}_{n-1} \otimes g_i$ is a 2-cocycle in (11) and for any $\omega \in \Omega^1(X)$ one has ($a_n, b_n \in \mathbb{Q}^*$):*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{X(\mathbb{C})} r_{Be}(n)(\gamma_{2n-2}) \wedge \omega &= a_n \cdot \sum_i \int_{X(\mathbb{C})} \mathcal{L}_{n-1}(f_i) d \log |g_i| \wedge \omega = \\ &= b_n \cdot \sum_i \int_{X(\mathbb{C})} \log |g_i| \log^{n-3} |f_i| \alpha(1 - f_i, f_i) \wedge \omega \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

For $n = 2$ this is the famous symbole modéré of Beilinson and Deligne. Hypothetically (12) should be true for all n .

Example. For $n = 3$ the condition “ $\sum_i \{f_i\}_2 \otimes g_i$ is a 2-cocycle in (11)” means that $\sum_i (1 - f_i) \wedge f_i \wedge f_i = 0$ in $\Lambda^3 \mathbb{Q}(X)^*$ and $\sum_i v_x(g_i) \{f_i(x)\}_2 = 0$ in $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{Q})$ for any $x \in X(\mathbb{Q})$. Here v_x is the valuation defined by a point x .

8. Special values of L-functions of elliptic curves ([G6]). Let E be an elliptic curve $/\mathbb{Q}$ and $\Gamma := H_1(E(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$. A holomorphic 1-form ω defines an embedding $\Gamma \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ together with an isomorphism $E(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}/\Gamma = \Gamma \otimes \mathbb{R}/\Gamma$. The intersection pairing $\Gamma \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}(1)$ provides a pairing $(\cdot, \cdot) : E(\mathbb{C}) \times \Gamma \longrightarrow U(1) \subset \mathbb{C}^*$. If $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}u + \mathbb{Z}v \subset \mathbb{C}$ with $Im(u/v) > 0$ then $(z, \gamma) = \exp A(\Gamma)^{-1}(z\bar{\gamma} - \bar{z}\gamma)$ where $A(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}(\bar{u}v - u\bar{v})$. Consider the generalized Eisenstein-Kronecker series ($\gamma_i \in \Gamma$)

$$K_n(x, y, z) := \sum'_{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_n = 0} \frac{(x, \gamma_1)(y, \gamma_2 + \dots + \gamma_{n-1})(z, \gamma_n)(\bar{\gamma}_n - \bar{\gamma}_{n-1})}{|\gamma_1|^2 |\gamma_2|^2 \dots |\gamma_n|^2}, \quad n \geq 3$$

They are invariant under the shift $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x+t, y+t, z+t)$ and so live actually on $E(\mathbb{C}) \times E(\mathbb{C})$. For $n = 2$ put $K_2(x, y, z) := \sum'_{\gamma} \frac{(x-z, \gamma)}{|\gamma|^2 \gamma}$.

Let $\omega \in H^0(E, \Omega^1_{E/\mathbb{Q}})$ and $\Omega = \int_{E(\mathbb{R})} \omega$ be the real period of E .

Conjecture 0.10. *a) Let E be an elliptic curve / \mathbb{Q} and $n \geq 3$. Then there exist functions $f_i, g_i \in \mathbb{Q}(E)^*$ such that $\sum_i \{f_i\}_{n-1} \otimes g_i$ is a 2-cocycle in (11) and*

$$q \cdot L(E, n) = \left(\frac{2\pi A(\Gamma)}{f_E} \right)^{n-1} \Omega \cdot \sum_i K_n(x_i, y_i, z_i) \quad (13)$$

where x_i, y_i, z_i are divisors of $f_i, g_i, 1 - f_i$ and $q \in \mathbb{Q}^*$.

b) For any $f_i, g_i \in \mathbb{Q}(E)^*$ as above formula (13) holds with (possibly 0) $q \in \mathbb{Q}$.

For $n=2$ (13) is Bloch's conjecture [Bl1] and for $n=3$ it was conjectured (slightly differently, using Massey products) by Deninger [Den]. A conjecture for any elliptic curve over a number field involves determinants with entries $K_n(x, y, z)$.

Theorem 0.11. *Conjecture 0.10 holds for modular elliptic curves over \mathbb{Q} in the cases $n = 3$ and $n = 4$.*

The proof uses theorem 0.3, a similar result in weight 4, theorem 0.9 and weak Beilinson's conjecture for modular curves proved in [B3]. For example for $n = 3$ we get the formula

$$L(E, 3) \sim \left(\frac{2\pi A(\Gamma)}{f_E} \right)^2 \Omega \cdot \sum_i \sum'_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3 = 0} \frac{(x_i, \gamma_1)(y_i, \gamma_2)(z_i, \gamma_3)}{|\gamma_1|^2 |\gamma_2|^2 |\gamma_3|^2}$$

In a similar conjecture about $L(S^n E, n+1)$ appears determinants whose entries are the classical Kronecker-Eisenstein series $\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \frac{(x-y, \gamma)}{\gamma^a \bar{\gamma}^b}$ ($a+b = 2n+1$). Their motivic interpretation was given in [BL]. One should have it also for functions $K_n(x, y, z)$, and, more generally, for functions needed to compute $L(S^n E, m)$.

9. Motivic Lie algebra $L(F)_\bullet$. ([G2]). Beilinson conjectured ([B1], [BD2]) that for any filed F should exist a Tannakian (i.e. abelian, tensor, ...) category $\mathcal{M}_T(F)$ of mixed Tate motives over F . It is generated (as tensor category) by an invertible object $\mathbb{Q}(1)_\mathcal{M}$ (Tate motive). Set $\mathbb{Q}(n)_\mathcal{M} := \mathbb{Q}(1)_\mathcal{M}^{\otimes n}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. The crucial axiom is:

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{M}_T(F)}^i(\mathbb{Q}(0)_\mathcal{M}, \mathbb{Q}(n)_\mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{?} gr_\gamma^n K_{2n-i}(F)_\mathbb{Q} \quad (14)$$

Any object M of this category carries canonical increasing weight filtration $W_\bullet M$ such that $gr_{2k}^W M = \oplus \mathbb{Q}(-k)_\mathcal{M}$ and $gr_{2k-1}^W M = 0$. There is canonical fiber functor ω from $\mathcal{M}_T(F)$ to the category of finite dimensional graded \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces: $\omega(M) := \oplus \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Q}(-k)_\mathcal{M}, gr_{2k}^W M)$. Let $U(F)_\bullet := \text{End}\omega$ be the space of all endomorphisms of the functor ω . It is a graded (pro) Hopf algebra over \mathbb{Q} .

Let $L(F)_\bullet$ be the Lie algebra of all derivations of ω . It is naturally graded: $L(F)_\bullet = \oplus_{n \geq 1} L(F)_{-n}$ and $U(F)_\bullet$ is its universal enveloping algebra. The functor ω is an equivalence of the category $\mathcal{M}_T(F)$ with the category of finite dimensional graded modules over $L(F)_\bullet$.

The degree n part of the cochain complex $(\Lambda^\bullet(L(F)_\bullet^\vee), \partial)$ of the Lie algebra $L(F)_\bullet$ forms a subcomplex (here V^\vee is dual to V , and L_{-n}^\vee is in degree 1):

$$L_{-n}^\vee \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial} L_{-2}^\vee \otimes \Lambda^{n-2} L_{-1}^\vee \xrightarrow{\partial} \Lambda^n L_{-1}^\vee \quad (15)$$

Its cohomology is predicted by formula (14). Moreover it should be quasiisomorphic to the weight n motivic complex for $\text{Spec}(F)$: (14) provides its key property. So conjecture A suggests that it should be quasiisomorphic to our complex $\Gamma(F, n)$.

One should have canonical injective homomorphisms $l_n : \mathcal{B}_n(F) \hookrightarrow L(F)_{-n}^\vee$ (see s.12 below). But already for $n = 4$ in degree 2 of (15) appears $\Lambda^2 L_{-2}^\vee(F) \stackrel{?}{=} \Lambda^2 \mathcal{B}_2(F)$ which is absent in $\Gamma(F, 4)$. So complex (15) is bigger than $\Gamma(F, n)$.

Set $I_\bullet := \bigoplus_{n=2}^\infty L(F)_{-n}$ and let $H_{(n)}^1(I(F)_\bullet)$ be the degree n part of $H^1(I(F)_\bullet)$. Conjecture A is essentially equivalent to the following one about the structure of the Lie algebra $L(F)_\bullet$:

Conjecture B. a) $I(F)_\bullet$ is a free graded pro-Lie algebra.

b) $H_{(n)}^1(I(F)_\bullet) = \mathcal{B}_n(F)_\mathbb{Q}$ for $n \geq 2$, i.e. $I(F)_\bullet$ is generated as a graded pro-Lie algebra by the spaces $\mathcal{B}_n(F)^\vee$ of degree $-n$.

c) The action of $L_\bullet/I_\bullet = F_\mathbb{Q}^{*\vee}$ on $H_1^{(n)}(I(F)_\bullet) = \mathcal{B}_n(F)_\mathbb{Q}^\vee$ coming from the extension $0 \rightarrow H_1(I_\bullet) \rightarrow L_\bullet/[I_\bullet, I_\bullet] \rightarrow L_\bullet/I_\bullet \rightarrow 0$ is described by the homomorphism dual to $\delta_n : \mathcal{B}_n(F)_\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F)_\mathbb{Q} \otimes F^*$.

Assuming conjecture B it is easy to see that the Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence for $H_{(n)}^*(L(F)_\bullet)$ with respect to the ideal I_\bullet reduces exactly to the complex $\Gamma(F, n)$. Indeed thanks to a) and b) we have

$$E_1^{p,q} = C^p(L_\bullet/I_\bullet, H_{(n-p)}^q(I_\bullet)) = \begin{cases} \Lambda^p F_\mathbb{Q}^{*\vee} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-p}(F)_\mathbb{Q} & : q = 1 \\ \Lambda^n F_\mathbb{Q}^{*\vee} & : q = 0, n = p \\ 0 & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and the differentials coincide with the ones in $\Gamma(F, n)$ because of c).

10. Framed mixed Tate motives and $U(F)_\bullet$ ([BMS],[BGSV]). A mixed \mathbb{Q} -Hodge structure H is called a Hodge-Tate structure if all the quotients $gr_\bullet^W H$ are of Hodge type (p, p) . It is an n -framed Hodge-Tate structure if supplied with nonzero vectors $v \in gr_{2n}^W H$ and $f \in (gr_0^W H)^*$.

Consider the coarsest equivalence relation on the set of all n -framed Hodge-Tate structures for which $H_1 \sim H_2$ if there is a morphism of mixed Hodge structures $H_1 \rightarrow H_2$ respecting the frames. Let \mathcal{H}_n be the set of equivalence classes. It has an abelian group structure: $(H; v, f) \oplus (H'; v', f') := (H \oplus H'; (v, v'), f + f')$. Set $\mathcal{H}_0 := \mathbb{Z}$. The tensor product of mixed Hodge structures induces the commutative multiplication $\mu : \mathcal{H}_k \otimes \mathcal{H}_\ell \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{k+\ell}$. A comultiplication $\nu = \bigoplus_k \nu_{k,n-k} : \mathcal{H}_n \rightarrow \bigoplus_k \mathcal{H}_k \otimes \mathcal{H}_{n-k}$ is defined as follows. Let $\{e_j\}$ and $\{e^j\}$ be dual bases in $gr_{2k}^W H_\mathbb{Q}$ and $gr_{2k}^W H_\mathbb{Q}^*$. Set $\nu_{k,n-k}((H; v, f)) := \sum_j (H; v, e^j) \otimes (H; e_j, f)$.

Then $\mathcal{H}_\bullet := \bigoplus \mathcal{H}_n$ is a commutative graded Hopf algebra.

Similary the equivalence classes of n -framed objects in the category $\mathcal{M}_T(F)$ form a commutative graded Hopf algebra \mathcal{M}_\bullet . It maps to $U(F)_\bullet^\vee$: the value of the functional defined by $(\omega(M), v, f)$ on $A \in \text{End}\omega$ is $\langle f, Av \rangle$. This map is an

isomorphism of Hopf algebras. In particular

$$\text{Ker} \left(U(F)_{-n}^{\vee} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \oplus_k U(F)_{-(n-k)}^{\vee} \otimes U(F)_{-k}^{\vee} \right) \xrightarrow{?} \text{gr}_n^{\gamma} K_{2n-1}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}} \quad (16)$$

It seems that any example of variation of framed mixed Tate motives should be of great interest; the corresponding Hodge periods deserve to be called polylogarithms (don't confuse them with the *classical* polylogarithms!). Below I discuss two such examples where periods are volumes of non-euclidian geodesic simplices and hyperlogarithms. Another example see in [BGSV].

10. Hyperbolic geometry ([G4]).

Theorem 0.12. *Let V^5 be a 5-dimensional complete hyperbolic manifold of finite volume. Then there are algebraic numbers $z_i \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}^*$ such that*

$$\sum_i \{z_i\}_2 \otimes z_i = 0 \text{ in } B_2(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \otimes \bar{\mathbb{Q}}^* \quad \text{and} \quad \text{vol}(V^5) = \sum_i \mathcal{L}_3(z_i)$$

Conjecture 0.13. *Let V^{2n-1} be an $(2n-1)$ -dimensional complete hyperbolic manifold of finite volume. Then there are algebraic numbers $z_i \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \subset \mathbb{C}$ such that ($n \geq 3$) $\delta_n(\sum_i \{z_i\}_n) = 0$ and $\text{vol}(V^{2n-1}) = \sum_i \mathcal{L}_n(z_i)$.*

A geodesic simplex M in the hyperbolic space \mathcal{H}^m define a mixed Tate motive. Indeed, in the Klein model \mathcal{H}^m is the interior of a ball in \mathbb{R}^m and geodesics are straight lines. So a geodesic simplex is the usual one inside the absolute: sphere Q .

After complexification and compactification we get \mathbb{CP}^m together with a quadric Q (the absolute) and a collection of hyperplanes $M = (M_1, \dots, M_{m+1})$ ($(n-1)$ -faces of a geodesic simplex). $H(Q, M) := H^m(\mathbb{CP}^m \setminus Q, M)$ is a Hodge-Tate structure.

Let $m = 2n - 1$ and $\tilde{Q}(x) = 0$ be a quadratic equation of Q . Set

$$\omega_Q := \pm \frac{\sqrt{\det \tilde{Q}} \sum_{i=0}^{2n-1} (-1)^i x_i dx_0 \wedge \dots \hat{dx}_i \wedge dx_{2n-1}}{(2\pi i)^n \tilde{Q}(x)^n}$$

The sign depends on the choice of a generator in the primitive part of $H^{n-1}(Q, \mathbb{Z})$. It is provided by an orientation of \mathcal{H}^{2n-1} . The simplex M defines a chain Δ_M representing a generator in $H_{2n-1}(\mathbb{CP}^{2n-1}, M)$. Then $\text{vol}(M) = \int_{\Delta_M} \omega_Q$.

The scissor congruence group $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^m)$ is an abelian group generated by pairs $[M, \alpha]$ where M is an oriented geodesic simplex and α is an orientation of \mathcal{H}^m . The relations are: $[M, \alpha] = [M_1, \alpha] + [M_2, \alpha]$ if $M = M_1 \cup M_2$; $[M, \alpha]$ changes sign if we change orientation of M or α , and $[M, \alpha] = [gM, g\alpha]$ for any $g \in O(m, 1)$. The spherical scissor congruence groups $\mathcal{P}(S^m)$ are defined similarly. $\mathcal{P}(S^{2k}) = 0$.

The volume provides homomorphisms $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^m) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathcal{P}(S^m) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$.

We have a vector $[\omega_Q]$ in $H^{2n-1}(\mathbb{CP}^{2n-1} \setminus Q) = \text{gr}_{2n}^W H(Q, M)$ and a functional $[\Delta_M]$ on $H^{2n-1}(\mathbb{CP}^{2n-1}, M) = \text{gr}_0^W H(Q, M)$. So we get an n -framed Hodge-Tate structure associated with $[M, \alpha]$. This construction defines a homomorphism of groups $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2n-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$ and similarly $\mathcal{P}(S^{2n-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$.

Let us define the Dehn invariant $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2n-1}) \xrightarrow{D_n^h} \oplus_k \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2k-1}) \otimes \mathcal{P}(S^{2(n-k)-1})$. Each $(2k-1)$ -face A of M is a hyperbolic simplex $h(A)$. In the orthogonal plane A^\perp M cuts a spherical simplex

$s(A)$. Choose orientations α_A and β_A of A and A^\perp such that $\alpha_A \otimes \beta_B = \alpha$. Then $D_n^h([M, \alpha]) := \sum_A [h(A), \alpha_A] \otimes [s(A), \beta_A]$.

Theorem 0.14. *The following diagram is commutative:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2n-1}) & \xrightarrow{D_n^h} & \oplus_k \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2k-1}) \otimes \mathcal{P}(S^{2(n-k)-1}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{H}_n & \xrightarrow{\nu} & \oplus_k \mathcal{H}_k \otimes \mathcal{H}_{n-k} \end{array}$$

A similar motivic interpretation has the spherical Dehn invariant $D_n^s : \mathcal{P}(S^{2n-1}) \longrightarrow \oplus_k \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S}^{2k-1}) \otimes \mathcal{P}(S^{2(n-k)-1})$. So (16) leads to

Conjecture 0.15. *There are canonical injective homomorphisms*

$$\text{Ker } D_n^h \otimes \mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow [gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}(n)]^- \quad \text{Ker } D_n^s \otimes \mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow [gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}(n)]^+$$

whose composition with Beilinson's regulator coincide with the volume homomorphisms.

If $n = 2$ they exist and are isomorphisms by the results of [D], [DS], [S1].

Each complete hyperbolic $(2n - 1)$ -manifold can be cut on geodesic simplices and so produces an element in $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2n-1})$. Its Dehn invariant is equal to zero. So conjecture 0.13 follows from conjectures 0.15 and A.

11. Hyperlogarithms ([G5]). They were considered by Kummer ([Ku]), Poincaré, Lappo-Danilevsky, We define them as the following iterated integrals:

$$\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}(a_1, \dots, a_l) := \int_0^1 \underbrace{\frac{dt}{t-a_1}}_{m_1 \text{ times}} \circ \underbrace{\frac{dt}{t}}_{\dots} \circ \dots \circ \underbrace{\frac{dt}{t-a_l}}_{m_l \text{ times}} \circ \underbrace{\frac{dt}{t}}_{\dots} \circ \dots \circ \underbrace{\frac{dt}{t}}_{m_l \text{ times}}$$

This formula means the following. Let $n := m_1 + \dots + m_l$ and

$$\Delta := \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid 0 \leq t_1 - a_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_{m_1} \leq t_{m_1+1} - a_2 \leq t_{m_1+2} \dots \leq t_{m_l}\}$$

Let L be a coordinate simplex in $\mathbb{C}P^n$ related to coordinates $(t_0 : \dots : t_n)$ and $\omega_L := \frac{dt_1}{t_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{dt_n}{t_n}$. Then $\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}(a_1, \dots, a_l) = \int_{\Delta} \omega_L$.

Let M be collection of all the hyperplanes corresponding to codimension 1 faces of Δ . Then $H(L, M) := H^n(\mathbb{C}P^n \setminus L, M)$ is a Hodge-Tate structure. It has canonical n -framing: $[\omega_L]$ is a vector in $H^n(\mathbb{C}P^n \setminus L) = gr_{2n}^W H(L, M)$ and Δ produces a class $[\Delta] \in H_n(\mathbb{C}P^n, M) = gr_0^W H(L, M)$. So we get an element $\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}^H(a_1, \dots, a_l) \in \mathcal{H}_n$. According to the general philosophy *a mixed Hodge structure in the cohomology of a (simplicial) variety is a realisation of a mixed motive*. So we should have an n -framed mixed Tate motive $\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}^M(a_1, \dots, a_l)$.

More generally, if F is a field and $a_i \in F^*$ one should also have an n -framed mixed Tate motive $\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}^M(a_1, \dots, a_l)$ related to $H^n(P_F^n \setminus L, M)$.

There is a remarkable power series expansion of the hyperlogarithms. Namely, consider *multiple polylogarithms*

$$\Phi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}(x_1, \dots, x_l) := (-1)^l \sum_{0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_l} \frac{x_1^{k_1} x_2^{k_2} \dots x_l^{k_l}}{k_1^{m_1} k_2^{m_2} \dots k_l^{m_l}}$$

Theorem 0.16. ([G5]) Suppose $|a_i/a_{i-1}| < 1$. Then

$$\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}(a_1, \dots, a_l) = \Phi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}\left(\frac{a_2}{a_1}, \frac{a_3}{a_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{a_l}\right)$$

In particular $\zeta(m_1, \dots, m_l) := \Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}(1, 1, \dots, 1)$ are the multiple zeta values of Euler [E], rediscovered and studied by Zagier [Z3], see also [Dr] and [Ko].

Conjecture 0.17. . a) Any n -framed mixed Tate motive over F is a sum of hyperlogarithmic ones $\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}^{\mathcal{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_l)$, where $n = m_1 + \dots + m_l$; $a_i \in F^*$.

b) Any n -framed mixed Tate motive over $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$ is a sum of motivic multiple zeta's $\zeta^{\mathcal{M}}(m_1, \dots, m_l)$

The first part of the conjecture is motivated by the following

Proposition 0.18. (Universality of hyperlogarithms) Any iterated integral $F(z) = \int_x^z \omega_1 \circ \dots \circ \omega_n$ of rational 1-forms ω_i on a rational variety X is a sum of hyperlogarithms, i.e. there exist $f_j^{(i)}(z) \in \mathbb{C}(X)^*$ such that

$$F(z) = \sum_i \Psi_{m_1^{(i)}, \dots, m_{l^{(i)}}^{(i)}}(f_1^{(i)}(z), \dots, f_{l^{(i)}}^{(i)}(z)) + C \quad (C \text{ is a constant})$$

12. Motivic interpretation of the "weak" part of conjecture A. For any $a \in F^*$ the n -framed mixed Tate motive $\Psi_n^{\mathcal{M}}(a^{-1})$ (corresponding to $Li_n(a)$) provides a homomorphism $\tilde{l}_n : \mathbb{Z}[F^*] \rightarrow U(F)_{-n}^\vee$. Denote by l_n its composition with the canonical projection $U(F)_{-n}^\vee \rightarrow L(F)_{-n}^\vee$.

One should have $l_n(\mathcal{R}_n(F)) = 0$, so $l_n : \mathcal{B}_n(F) \rightarrow L(F)_{-n}^\vee$. It turns out that $\partial(l_n\{a\}) = l_{n-1}\{a\} \wedge a$ (we identified $L(F)_{-1}^\vee$ with $F_{\mathbb{Q}}^*$). Therefore homomorphisms $\{l_i\}$ provide a canonical homomorphism of the complex $\Gamma(F, n)$ to the complex (15). Using (14) we get canonical maps $H^i(\Gamma(F, n) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-i}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}}$.

13. The quantum dilogarithm ([FK]). Mixed Tate motives give the best explanation all of the different appearances of the dilogarithm discussed above. However recently the dilogarithm appeared in conformal field theory and exactly solvable problems of statistical mechanics. Here is one example.

Let $\Psi(x) := \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - xq^n)$, $|q| < 1$. Then for $q = \exp(\epsilon)$, $Im(\epsilon) < 0$

$$\Psi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}} \exp(Li_2(x)/\epsilon)(1 + O(\epsilon)), \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0$$

Theorem 0.19. ([FK]) Suppose \hat{U} and \hat{V} satisfies $\hat{U}\hat{V} = q\hat{V}\hat{U}$. Then

$$\Psi(\hat{V})\Psi(\hat{U}) = \Psi(\hat{U})\Psi(-\hat{U}\hat{V})\Psi(\hat{V})$$

and in the classical limit we get the 5-term relation for the Rogers dilogarithm.

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