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A topological L-function for a threefold

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1 Introduction

In recent days, analogies between the number theory and the theory of threefolds are discussed by many mathematicians([1][6][7]). It will be Mazur who first pointed out analogies between primes and knots in the standard three-dimensional sphere. Morishita([7]) has investigated a similarity between the absolute Galois of Q and a link group. (A link group is defined to be the fundamental group of a complement of a link in the standard three sphere.) Moreover he has interpreted various symbols (eg. Hilbert, Rédei) from a topological point of view. For an example, he has shown one may consider the Hilbert symbol of two primes as their “linking number”.

In this report, we will study a similarity between the number theory and the theory of topological threefold from a viewpoint of a representation theory. Namely an L-function associated to a topological threefold will be discussed. Since our definition of an L-function will be based on one of a local system on a curve defined over a finite field (i.e. the Hasse-Weil’s congruent L-function), we will recall the definition the L-function in the arithmetic case.

2 A brief review of the Hasse-Weil’s congruent L-function

In what follows, for an object Z over a finite field F_q, its base extension to $\overline{F}_q$ will be denoted by $\overline{Z}$. We fix a rational prime l which is prime to q.

Let $C$ be a smooth curve over a finite field $F_q$ and let $C \to \overline{C}^{*}$ be its compactification. Suppose we are given a $\mathbb{Q}_l$-smooth sheaf $\mathcal{F}$ on $C$. Then the $q$-th Frobenius $\phi_q$ acts on $H^1(\overline{C^{*}}, j_{*}\mathcal{F})$ and the Hasse-Weil L-function is defined to be

$\displaystyle L(C, \mathcal{F}, T) = \det[1 - \phi_q^{*}T|H^1(\overline{C^{*}}, j_{*}\mathcal{F})].$

It has

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• an functional equation,
• an Euler product.

Suppose $\mathcal{F}$ is deduced from an abelian fibration. Namely let $A \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} C$ be an abelian fibration whose moduli is not a constant. We set $\mathcal{F} = R^1f_*\mathbb{Q}_l$ and

$$L(A, s) = L(C, \mathcal{F}, q^{-s}).$$

Then $L(A, s)$ is an entire function and Artin and Tate ([11]) have given a detailed conjecture for a special value of $L$-function, which is a geometric analogue of the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture. Their conjecture predicts that the order of $L(A, s)$ at $s = 1$ should be equal to the rank of the Mordell-Weil group of the fibration. They have shown this is equivalent to the finiteness of $l$-primary part of the Brauer group of $A$.

3 A definition of an L-function of a topological threefold

3.1 The definition

Let $X$ be the complement of a knot $K$ in the standard three dimensional sphere. By the Alexander duality, we know $H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$ and therefore it admits a infinite cyclic covering

$$Y \xrightarrow{\pi} X.$$  

Let $S$ be a minimal Seifert surface of $K$. Then its inverse image $\pi^{-1}(S)$ is a disjoint union $\sqcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} S_n$ of copies of $S$ indexed by integers. We assume that the genus of $S$ is greater than or equal to two and that the fundamental groups of $S_0 = S$ and $Y$ are isomorphic. Let $\mathcal{L}_X$ be a polarized local system on $X$ and let $\mathcal{L}_S$ be its restriction to $S$. The deck transformation of the covering may be considered as a diffeomorphism of $S$ and it is easy to see it lifts to an isomorphism $\hat{\phi}$ of the local system $\mathcal{L}_S$.

Let us compare our situation to the arithmetic one. The covering $Y \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ corresponds to $\bar{C} \rightarrow C$ and the local system $\mathcal{L}_X$ is an analogy of $\mathcal{F}$. Let $\rho_X$ be the representation of $\pi_1(X)$ associated to $\mathcal{L}_X$. Since $\pi^*\mathcal{L}_X$ is the local system for the restriction of $\rho_X$ to $\pi_1(Y) \simeq \pi_1(S)$, we may identify it with $\mathcal{L}_S$. Hence $\mathcal{L}_S$ is an analogy of $\mathcal{F}$ and $\hat{\phi}$ corresponds to the Frobenius.

According to the observation above, we will make the following set up.

Let $\bar{X}$ be a compact smooth threefold which may have smooth boundaries. Suppose it has an infinite cyclic covering

$$\bar{Y} \xrightarrow{\pi} \bar{X}$$

which satisfies the following properties.
1. There is a smoothly embedded connected surface
\[ \overline{S} \hookrightarrow \overline{X} \]
whose genus is greater than or equal to 2 and the boundaries are contained in \( \partial \overline{X} \) via \( i \).

2. Let \( \overline{T} \) be the inverse image of \( \overline{S} \) by \( \pi \), which is a disjoint union of copies of \( \overline{S} \) indexed by integers:
\[ \overline{T} = \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \overline{S}_n, \quad \overline{S}_n \cong \overline{S}. \]

Then the map \( i_0 \) induces an isomorphism
\[ \pi_1(\overline{S}, s_0) \cong \pi_1(Y, i_0(s_0)). \]

We will refer such an infinite cyclic covering to be of a surface type. The following notations will be used.

**Notations 3.1.**
1. \( X \) (resp. \( S, Y \)) is the interior of \( \overline{X} \) (resp. \( \overline{S}, \overline{Y} \)).

2. \( \Pi_S \) (resp. \( \Pi_Y, \Pi_X \)) is the fundamental group of \( S \) (resp. \( Y, X \)) with respect to the base point \( s_0 \) (resp. \( i_0(s_0), \pi(i_0(s_0)) \)).

3. \( \Pi_{Y/X} \) is the covering transformation group of \( Y \to X \).

Let \( \Phi \) be a deck transformation generating \( \Pi_{Y/X} \). Identifying \( S \) with \( S_0 \) (resp. \( S_1 \)) via \( i_0 \) (resp. \( i_1 \)), \( \Phi \) induces a diffeomorphism \( \phi \) on \( S \) by restriction. Since the genus of \( S \) is greater than or equal to 2, it is diffeomorphic to a quotient of the Poincaré upper half plane \( \mathbb{H}^2 \) by a discrete subgroup \( \Gamma \) of \( PSL_2(\mathbb{R}) \). Adding cusps \( \Sigma \) to the quotient, we get compactification \( S^* \). We will sometimes identify \( S \) with \( S^* \setminus \Sigma \).

**Remark 3.1.** Note that there is an exact sequence
\[ 1 \to \Pi_S \to \Pi_X \to \mathbb{Z} \to 1. \]

This is a geometric counterpart of the following situation in arithmetic geometry. Let \( C \) be a smooth curve defined over \( \mathbb{F}_q \) and let \( \overline{C} \) be its base extension to \( \overline{\mathbb{F}}_q \). Then their fundamental groups fit in the exact sequence
\[ 1 \to \pi_1(\overline{C}) \to \pi_1(C) \to \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \to 1. \]

Let \( F \) be a field of characteristic 0 and let \( L \) be a vector space over \( F \) of dimension \( 2g \) with a skew-symmetric nondegenerate pairing \( \alpha \). Suppose we are given a representation
\[ \Pi_X \to \text{Aut}(L, \alpha) \]
such that
\[ L^{\Pi_S} = 0, \quad (1) \]
Let $\rho_S$ be the restriction of $\rho_X$ to $\Pi_S$ and the local system associated to $\rho_X$ (resp. $\rho_S$) will be denoted by $\mathcal{L}_X$ (resp. $\mathcal{L}_S$). Then the diffeomorphism $\phi$ induces an isomorphism of a polarized local system:

$$
\mathcal{L}_S \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathcal{L}_S
$$

$$
\mathcal{L}_S \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}_S
$$

$S \xrightarrow{\phi} S$

**Fig. 2.2**

Let $j$ be the open immersion of $S$ into $S^*$ and let $i$ be the inclusion of $\Sigma$ into $S^*$. Then $\hat{\phi}$ acts on $H^1(S^*, j_* \mathcal{L}_S)$, which is a geometric analogue of the Frobenius action. For a point $P$ in $\Sigma$, let $\Delta_P$ be a small disc centered at $P$ and we set $\Delta^*_P = \Delta_P \setminus \{P\}$. The parabolic cohomology $H^1_P$ is defined to be

$$
H^1_P(S, \mathcal{L}_S) = \text{Ker}[H^1(S, \mathcal{L}_S) \to \bigoplus_{P \in \Sigma} H^1(\Delta^*_P, \mathcal{L}_S)].
$$

One can easily see that $H^1_P(S, \mathcal{L}_S)$ admits an action of $\hat{\phi}$ and it is isomorphic to $H^1(S^*, j_* \mathcal{L}_S)$ as a $F[\hat{\phi}]$-module. Also the nondegenerate skew-symmetric pairing $\alpha$ and the Poincaré duality induce a perfect pairing on $H^1_P(S, \mathcal{L}_S)$, which is invariant under the action of $\hat{\phi}$. Hence $H^1_P(S, \mathcal{L}_S)$ is a semisimple $F[\hat{\phi}]$-module and it is isomorphic to its dual as a $F[\hat{\phi}]$-module.

Now we define the topological $L$-function $L(X, \mathcal{L}_X)$ for the local system $\mathcal{L}_X$ to be

$$
L(X, \mathcal{L}_X) = \det[1 - \hat{\phi}^* T | H^1_P(S, \mathcal{L}_S)].
$$

Here $T$ is an indeterminate.

Let $M_\phi(S)$ be the mapping torus of $\phi$ and let $M_\phi(\mathcal{L}_S)$ be the local system on $X$ which is obtained by the same way as "mapping torus" from the isomorphism $\hat{\phi} \cong \mathcal{L}_S$. Note that by the definition we have

$$
L(X, \mathcal{L}_X) = L(M_\phi(S), M_\phi(\mathcal{L}_S)).
$$

### 3.2 Examples

Let $K$ be a knot embedded in the standard three dimensional sphere $S^3$ and let $N_K$ be its tubular neighborhood. Let $\bar{X}$ be the closure of the complement of
$N_K$ in $S^3$. Then $H_1(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Z})$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}$ by the Alexander duality and $\bar{X}$ admits an infinite cyclic covering

$$\bar{Y} \overset{\beta}{\to} \bar{X}.$$ 

Let $X$ (resp. $Y$) be the interior of $\bar{X}$ (resp. $\bar{Y}$) (cf. Notations 3.1). Then the map induces an exact sequence

$$1 \to \Pi_Y \to \Pi_X \to \mathbb{Z} \to 1.$$ \hfill (2)

Let $\bar{S}$ be a minimal Seifert surface of $K$ and we set

$$\bar{S} = \bar{S} \cap \bar{X}.$$ 

It is known if $\Pi_Y$ is finitely generated, $\bar{S} \overset{\imath}{\to} \bar{Y}$ induces an isomorphism ([5])

$$\Pi_{\bar{S}} \simeq \Pi_Y.$$ 

Moreover Murasugi has shown if the absolute value of the Alexander polynomial $\Delta_K(t)$ of $K$ at $t = 0$ is equal to 1, then $\Pi_Y$ is finitely generated.

Fact 3.1. ([4/IV. Proposition 5]) Suppose every closed incompressible surface in $X$ is boundary parallel. Then either

1. $X$ is Seifert fibred,

or

2. $X$ is hyperbolic. Namely there is the maximal order $O_F$ of an algebraic number field $F$ and a torsion free subgroup $\Gamma \subset PSL_2(O_F)$ such that $X$ is diffeomorphic to $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3$. Here after fixing an embedding $F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\Gamma$ is regarded to be a subgroup of $PSL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

Now we assume that the infinite cyclic covering satisfies the following conditions.

Condition 3.1. 1. $\Pi_Y$ is finitely generated.

2. Either

(a) $X$ is Seifert fibred,

or

(b) there is the maximal order $O_F$ of an algebraic number field $F$ and a torsion free subgroup $\Gamma \subset SL_2(O_F)$ which freely acts on $\mathbb{H}^3$ so that $X$ is diffeomorphic to $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3$. As before after fixing an embedding $F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\Gamma$ is regarded to be a subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

Remark 3.2. Professor Fujii kindly informed us that if $X$ is hypebolic, then the Condition 3.1. 2 (b) is always satisfied.
Suppose $X$ satisfies 1 and 2(b) of Condition 3.1. Then we have the canonical representation
\[ \Pi_X \simeq \Gamma^\rho_X \ SL_2(\mathbb{C}). \]
We set
\[ L = \mathbb{C}^{\oplus 2}, \]
and let $\alpha$ be the standard symplectic form on $L$. Namely for elements $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$ of $L$, $\alpha(x, y)$ is defined as
\[ \alpha(x, y) = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \end{pmatrix}. \]
This invariant under the action of $\Pi_X$. The result of Neuwirth([5]) implies
\[ \Pi_S \simeq \Pi_Y \pi_1(i_0), \]
and it is easy to see
\[ L^{\Pi_S} = 0. \]
Hence the conditions in §3.1 are satisfied.

Next suppose that $X$ satisfies 1 and 2(a) of Condition 3.1. Then under a mild condition, one can check its fundamental group has a linear representation
\[ \Pi_X \overset{\rho_X}{\longrightarrow} SL_2(\mathbb{C}) \]
such that
\[ L^{\Pi_S} = 0. \]
Details will be found in [9].

**Remark 3.3.** Even if we take the trivial representation, we can define an $L$-function for a knot complement. Note that this is nothing but the Alexander polynomial, which corresponds to the congruent zeta function of a curve. But contrary to the arithmetic case, as we have seen, we have a priori a two dimensional irreducible linear representation of $\pi_1(X)$. This is one of the main reasons to consider the $L$-function.

## 4 Properties of a topological L-function

In the present section, we will list up basic properties of our topological L-function. Proofs of the statements will be found in [9].
4.1 A functional equation
Let $b(\mathcal{L}_S)$ be the dimension of $H^1_p(S, \mathcal{L}_S)$.

**Theorem 4.1.** (The functional equation)

$$L(X, \mathcal{L}_X)(T) = (-T)^{b(\mathcal{L}_S)}L(X, \mathcal{L}_X)(T^{-1}).$$

**Corollary 4.1.** Suppose $b(\mathcal{L}_S)$ is odd. Then $L(X, \mathcal{L}_X)(1)$ vanishes and in particular the dimension of $H^1_p(S, \mathcal{L}_S)\hat{\phi}$ is positive.

4.2 A geometric analogue of Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture

In the present section, we will work with the holomorphic category.

Let $A^*$ be a smooth projective variety with a morphism

$$A^* \overset{\mu}{\rightarrow} S^*$$

such that its restriction to $S$

$$A \overset{\mu}{\rightarrow} S$$

is a smooth fibration whose fibres are abelian varieties of dimension $g$. Moreover we assume $\mu$ satisfies the following conditions.

**Condition 4.1.**

1. $A^*/S^*$ is the Neron model of $A/S$ and has a semistable reduction at each point $s \in \Sigma$.

2. $R^1\mu_*\mathbb{Q}$ is isomorphic to the local system $\mathcal{L}_S$.

3. $H^0(S^*, R^1\overline{\mu}_{*}\mathcal{O}_{A^*}) = 0$.

Suppose there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A^* & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & A^* \\
\mu \downarrow & \cong & \mu \\
S^* & \xrightarrow{\phi} & S^* \\
\end{array}$$

Fig. 4.1
such that $\phi(\Sigma) = \Sigma$. Since $L_S = R^1\mu_*Q$, this induces the diagram as Fig. 2.2. We define the Mordell-Weil group $MW_X(A)$ to be

$$MW_X(A) = A(S)^\phi$$

and its rank will be denoted by $r_X(A)$. Since the cycle map induces an imbedding

$$A(S) \otimes Q \hookrightarrow H^1_p(S, L_S),$$

$r_X(A)$ is less than or equal to the order of the topological $L$-function $L(X, L_X)$ at $T = 1$.

**Theorem 4.2.** Suppose $H^2(A^*, O_{A^*}) = 0$. Then $r_X(A)$ is equal to the order of the topological $L$-function $L(X, L_X)$ at $T = 1$.

We define the topological Brauer group $Br_{top}(A^*)$ to be

$$Br_{top}(A^*) = H^2(A^*, O_{A^*}^x).$$

Then the exponential sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow O_{A^*} \rightarrow O_{A^*}^x \rightarrow 0$$

implies the exact sequence

$$H^2(A^*, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(A^*, O_{A^*}) \rightarrow Br_{top}(A^*) \rightarrow H^3(A^*, \mathbb{Z}).$$

Since $A^*$ is compact, both $H^2(A^*, \mathbb{Z})$ and $H^3(A^*, \mathbb{Z})$ are finitely generated abelian groups. Hence $Br_{top}(A^*)$ is finitely generated if and only if $H^2(A^*, O_{A^*})$ vanish since the latter is a complex vector space.

**Corollary 4.2.** Suppose $Br_{top}(A^*)$ is finitely generated. Then the rank of the Mordell-Weil group $r_X(A)$ is equal to the order of the topological $L$-function $L(X, L_X)$ at $T = 1$.

Note that the corollary above is a geometric analogue of the theorem of Artin and Tate. ([10][11])

4.3 An Euler product and an Euler system

Suppose the map $\phi$ in Fig. 2.2 satisfies the following condition.

**Condition 4.2.** There exists a diffeomorphism $\phi_0$ of $S$ such that

1. $\phi_0$ is homotopic to $\phi$,

and

2. every fixed point of $\phi_0^n$ is non-degenerate and is isolated for any positive integer $n$. 

Because of Condition 4.2(1), Fig. 2.2 may be replaced by:

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{L}_S & \xrightarrow{\phi_0} & \mathcal{L}_S \\
\downarrow & \Downarrow & \downarrow \\
S & \xrightarrow{\phi_0} & S
\end{array}
\]

Fig. 7.1

We prepare some notations. Let us fix a positive integer \( n \). The set of fixed points of \( \phi_0^n \) will be denoted by \( S^{\phi_0^n} \). We define \( \Phi_0(n) \) to be the orbit space of the action of \( \phi_0 \) on

\[
\{ s \in S | \phi_0^n(s) = s \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_0^m(s) \neq s \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq m \leq n-1 \}
\]

and we set

\[
\Phi_0 = \bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Phi_0(n).
\]

For an element \( \gamma \) of \( \Phi_0(n) \), we call the integer \( n \) its length and we will denote it by \( l(\gamma) \). Let \( x \in S^{\phi_0^{l(\gamma)}} \) be a representative of \( \gamma \in \Phi_0 \). Then \( \phi_0^{l(\gamma)} \) defines an automorphism of the fibre of \( \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q} \) at \( x \) and the polynomial

\[
\det[1 - \phi_0^{l(\gamma)} T | (\mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})_x]
\]

is independent of the choice of \( x \), which will be written as \( P_\gamma(T) \).

Let \( V^P \) be the invariant subspace of \( L \otimes \mathbb{Q} \) under the action of \( \pi_1(\Delta_P^*) \). It is easy to see \( \oplus_{P \in \Sigma} V^P \) has an action of \( \hat{\phi} \). Now the Grothendieck-Lefshetz trace formula implies the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3.** (Euler product formula) Suppose the map \( \phi \) in Fig. 2.2 satisfies the Condition 4.2. Then

\[
L(X, \mathcal{L}_X) = (\det [1 - \hat{\phi}^* T | \oplus_{P \in \Sigma} V^P])^{-1} \prod_{\gamma \in \Phi_0} P_\gamma(T^{l(\gamma)})^{-1}.
\]

Our L-function has a Euler system, which has been considered by Kolyvagin in the Iwasawa theory of an elliptic curve ([8]). Let \( \phi_0 \) be a diffeomorphism
of $S$ satisfying the Condition 4.2 and let us fix a generator $t$ of $\Pi_{Y/X} \simeq \mathbb{Z}$. Then $\mathbb{Q}[\Pi_{Y/X}]$ may be identified with $P = \mathbb{Q}[t, t^{-1}]$ and defining the action of $t$ by $(\phi^*_0)^{-1}$, the compact supported cohomology group $H^1_c(S, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})$ may be regarded as a $P$-module. In general, the Fitting ideal of a finitely generated $P$-module $M$ will be denoted by $\text{Fitt}_P(M)$. The following lemma directly follows from the definition of our $L$ function.

**Lemma 4.1.**

$$\text{Fitt}_P(H^1_c(S, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})) = (L_c(X, \mathcal{L}_X)), $$

where $L_c(X, \mathcal{L}_X)$ is defined to be

$$L_c(X, \mathcal{L}_X) = \det [1 - \delta^*t|H^1_c(S, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})].$$

For $\gamma \in \Phi_0(n)$, let $O_\gamma \subset S$ be the corresponding orbit of $\phi_0$ and let $S_\gamma$ be its complement. The *corestriction map*

$$H^1_c(S_\gamma, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \overset{\text{Core}}{\rightarrow} H^1_c(S, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})$$

is defined to be the Poincaré dual of the restriction map

$$H^1(S, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \overset{\text{Res}}{\rightarrow} H^1(S_\gamma, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q}).$$

Observe that both of them are homomorphism of $P$-modules. The Thom-Gysin exact sequence implies

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(S, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \overset{\text{Res}}{\rightarrow} H^1(S_\gamma, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in O_\gamma} (\mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})_x \rightarrow 0,$$

and let

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in O_\gamma} (\mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})_x \rightarrow H^1_c(S_\gamma, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \overset{\text{Core}}{\rightarrow} H^1_c(S, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow 0 \quad (3)$$

be its dual sequence. The following lemma follows from the observation:

$$\text{Fitt}_P(\bigoplus_{x \in O_\gamma} (\mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})_x) = (P_\gamma(t^{l(\gamma)})).$$

**Lemma 4.2.**

$$\text{Fitt}_P(H^1_c(S_\gamma, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})) = (L_c(X, \mathcal{L}_X) \cdot P_\gamma(t^{l(\gamma)})).$$

In general for an $N$-tuples of distinct elements $\{\gamma_1, \cdots, \gamma_N\}$ of $\Phi_0$, we set

$$S_\gamma = S \setminus (O_{\gamma_1} \cup \cdots \cup O_{\gamma_N}). \quad (4)$$

The induction on $N$ shows the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.1.**

$$\text{Fitt}_P(H^1_c(S_\gamma, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})) = (L_c(X, \mathcal{L}_X) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{N} P_\gamma(t^{l(\gamma_i)})).$$
Definition 4.1. (An Euler system of a topological L-function) Let $\gamma$ be the empty set or an $N$-tuples of distinct elements of $\Phi_0$. Suppose a finitely generated $P$-modules $V_\gamma$ is given for such $\gamma$. If $\{V_\gamma\}$ satisfy the following conditions, they will be referred as Euler system of the topological $L$-function.

1. 

\[ \text{Fitt}_P(V_\phi) = (L_c(X, L_X)). \]

2. Suppose  

\[ \gamma' = \gamma \cup \{\gamma_{N+1}\}, \quad \gamma_{N+1} \notin \gamma. \]

Then there is a surjection as $P$-modules  

\[ V_{\gamma'} \rightarrow V_{\gamma} \]

and their Fitting ideals satisfy the relation  

\[ \text{Fitt}_P(V_{\gamma'}) = \text{Fitt}_P(V_{\gamma}) \cdot (P_{\gamma_{N+1}}(t^{l(\gamma_{N+1})})). \]

We set  

\[ V_\phi = H_c^1(S, L_S \otimes Q) \]

and for an $N$-tuples of distinct elements $\gamma$ of $\Phi_0$ we define  

\[ V_{\gamma} = H_c^1(S_\gamma, L_S \otimes Q). \]

Then $\{V_\gamma\}_\gamma$ is an Euler system by Proposition 4.1.

Next we will show how Kolyvagin’s Euler system appears in our geometric situation. We assume any two of $\{P_\gamma(t^{l(\gamma)})\}_{\gamma \in \Phi_0}$ are relatively prime. Let $\gamma$ and $\gamma'$ be as 2. of Definition 4.1. The same arguments of to obtain (3) shows  

\[ 0 \rightarrow \oplus_{x \in O_{\gamma_{N+1}}} (L_S \otimes Q)_x \rightarrow H_c^1(S_{\gamma'}, L_S \otimes Q) \xrightarrow{Cor} H_c^1(S_\gamma, L_S \otimes Q) \rightarrow 0. \]

Note that $P_{\gamma_{N+1}}(t^{l(\gamma_{N+1})})$ annihilates $\oplus_{x \in O_{\gamma_{N+1}}} (L_S \otimes Q)_x$ and by the assumption its multiplication on $H_c^1(S_\gamma, L_S \otimes Q)$ is an isomorphism. These observations imply the following lemma.

Lemma 4.3. Let us fix $x_\gamma \in H_c^1(S_\gamma, L_S \otimes Q)$. If we take $y_{\gamma'} \in H^1_c(S_{\gamma'}, L_S \otimes Q)$ so that  

\[ Cor(y_{\gamma'}) = x_\gamma. \]

Then we have  

\[ Cor(P_{\gamma_{N+1}}(t^{l(\gamma_{N+1})})y_{\gamma'}) = P_{\gamma_{N+1}}(t^{l(\gamma_{N+1})})x_\gamma. \]

Moreover $P_{\gamma_{N+1}}(t^{l(\gamma_{N+1})})y_{\gamma'}$ is independent of the choice of $y_{\gamma'}$.  

Now we fix a non-zero element $c_f$ of $H^1_c(S, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})$. For an $N$-tuples of distinct elements $\gamma$ of $\Phi_0$ we will inductively define an element $c_{\gamma}$ of $H^1_c(S_\gamma, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})$. Let $\gamma' = \gamma \cup \{\gamma_{N+1}\}$ be as before. We take any $d_{\gamma'} \in H^1_c(S_{\gamma'}, \mathcal{L}_S \otimes \mathbb{Q})$ to be

$$\text{Cor}(d_{\gamma'}) = c_{\gamma},$$

and we set

$$c_{\gamma'} = P_{\gamma_{N+1}}(t^{l(\gamma_{N+1})})d_{\gamma'}.$$  

Then the system $\{c_{\gamma}\}_\gamma$ is well-defined by Lemma 4.3 and they satisfy

$$\text{Cor}(c_{\gamma'}) = P_{\gamma_{N+1}}(t^{l(\gamma_{N+1})})c_{\gamma},$$

which is the same relation as Kolyvagin's Euler system ([8]). One may realize an Euler system is an another appearence of Euler product.

### 4.4 The Franz-Reidemeister torsion and a special value

We will briefly recall the theory of densities and the Franz-Reidemeister torsion ([2] [3] [9]). Throughout the subsection, let $F$ be equal to $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$. Let $V$ be a vector space over $F$ of dimension $r > 0$ and let $\{v_1, \cdots, v_r\}$ be its basis. We set

$$(\Lambda^r V)^x = \{a \cdot v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_r | a \in F^x\}$$

and

$$|\wedge^r V| = (\Lambda^r V)^x/\{\pm 1\}.$$  

Then $|\Lambda^r V|$ is isomorphic to $F^x/\{\pm 1\}$ and will be mentioned as the space of densities on $V$. Let

$$(\Lambda^r V)^x \xrightarrow{\pi} |\Lambda^r V|$$

be the canonical projection and the image $\pi(f)$ of $f \in (\Lambda^r V)^x$ will be denoted by $|f|$. For the 0 dimensional vector space $0$, we define

$$\Lambda^0 0 = F, \quad (\Lambda^0 0)^x = F^x$$

and

$$|\Lambda^0 0| = F^x/\{\pm 1\}.$$  

Moreover for $f \in \Lambda^0 0 = F^x$, its image in $|\Lambda^0 0| = F^x/\{\pm 1\}$ will be denoted by $|f|$. If $F$ is $\mathbb{R}$, the canonical projection

$$(\Lambda^0 0)^x \xrightarrow{\pi} |\Lambda^0 0| \simeq \mathbb{R}_{>0}$$

is nothing but the map of taking absolute value. In the followings, we always assume the 0 dimensional vector space 0 has the density $1 \in |\Lambda^0 0| = F^x/\{\pm 1\}$. Also we always assume every complex is bounded and consists of finite dimensional vector spaces over $F$. 

Definition 4.2. If a complex 

\[ C' = [C^0 \to \cdots \to C^n] \]

has a density on each \( C^i \) and \( H^i \), we say the complex \( C' \) is given a density.

Remark 4.1. When \( C^i = H^i \), we assume \( H^i \) is given the same density as \( C^i \).

For a complex with a density 

\[ C' = [C^0 \to \cdots \to C^n], \]

we can associate an element \( \tau_{FR}(C') \) of \( F^\times/\{\pm 1\} \), which is called as the Franz-Reidemeister torsion (the FR-torsion for simplicity). Let \( |C^i| \) (resp. \( |H^i| \)) be the density on \( C^i \) (resp. \( H^i \)). Then one may intuitively think of \( \tau_{FR}(C') \) as

\[
\tau_{FR}(C') = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{|C^i|}{|H^i|} \right)^{(-1)^i}.
\]

Let us take a finite triangulation of \( S \) which is preserved by \( \phi \). Then by a parallel transformation of the symplectic form \( \alpha \), we obtain a complex with a density \( C_{\phi}' \) such that its cohomology groups are isomorphic to \( H^i(M_{\phi}(S), M_{\phi}(\mathcal{L}_S)) \). Using the previous observation:

\[
L(X, \mathcal{L}_X) = L(M_{\phi}(S), M_{\phi}(\mathcal{L}_S)),
\]

we can show the following theorem.

Theorem 4.4. Suppose \( \hat{\phi}^* - 1 \) is isomorphic on \( H^1_{\hat{\phi}}(S, \mathcal{L}_S) \). Then we have

\[
|L(X, \mathcal{L}_X)(1)| = \tau_{FR}(C_{\phi}).
\]

Remark 4.2. In general, we can show the following statement:

Let \( r \) be the dimension of \( \text{Ker} [\hat{\phi}^* - 1|H^1_{\hat{\phi}}] \). Then we have

\[
\lim_{T \to 1} |(T - 1)^{-r}L(X, \mathcal{L}_X)(T)| = R((H^1_{\hat{\phi}})^*) \cdot \tau_{FR}(C_{\phi}).
\]

Here \( R((H^1_{\hat{\phi}})^*) \) is the regulator of the local system. Note that this is quite similar to the formula which is predicted by the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture.

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