

99. A Note on a Global Version of the Coleman Embedding

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§ 1. Introduction. Let l be an odd prime number and $(\zeta_\nu)_{\nu \geq 1}$ be a fixed system of primitive ν -th root of unity with $\zeta_{\nu+1}^l = \zeta_\nu$. Let Ω_l^- be the “minus part” of the maximum pro- l abelian extension Ω_l over the cyclotomic field $\mathbf{Q}(\mu_{l^\infty})$ unramified outside l , and set $\mathfrak{G} = \text{Gal}(\Omega_l^- / \mathbf{Q}(\mu_{l^\infty}))$. Let \mathfrak{U} be the inertia group of an extension of l in $\Omega_l^- / \mathbf{Q}(\mu_{l^\infty})$, and let \mathfrak{U}' be the projective limit of the principal unit group of $\mathbf{Q}_l(\zeta_\nu)$ w.r.t. the relative norm.

R. Coleman [1] constructed an embedding (w.r.t. the system $(\zeta_\nu)_\nu$) $[\text{Col}]' : \mathfrak{U}' \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_l[[T]]^\times$, which is a basic tool in the theory of cyclotomic fields. By class field theory, $[\text{Col}]'$ induces, naturally, an embedding $[\text{Col}] : \mathfrak{U} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_l[[T]]^\times$. Under the conjecture (C) that $L_l(m, \omega^{1-m}) \neq 0$ for any odd integer $m \geq 3$, we can extend $[\text{Col}]$ to a homomorphism $\mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l[[T]]^\times$ as follows (where ω denotes the Teichmüller character and $L_l(s, \omega^{1-m})$ denotes the l -adic L -function): Note that for $\rho \in \mathfrak{U}$,

$$[\text{Col}](\rho) = \exp \left(\sum_{\substack{m \geq 3 \\ \text{odd}}} \frac{\varphi_m(\rho)}{m!} X^m \right)$$

where φ_m is the Coates-Wiles homomorphism and $X = \log(1+T)$. Let χ_m be the Kummer character w.r.t. the system of the l -units

$$\varepsilon_\nu(m) = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq a \leq l^\nu \\ (a, l) = 1}} (\zeta_\nu^a - 1)^{a^{m-1}},$$

i.e. χ_m is a homomorphism $\mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_l$ such that

$$(\varepsilon_\nu(m)^{1/l^\nu})^{\rho^{-1}} = \zeta_\nu^{\chi_m(\rho)}$$

for any $\nu \geq 1$ and $\rho \in \mathfrak{G}$. This Kummer character is considered in Soulé [8], Deligne [3] and Ihara [5]. See, also, Ichimura-Sakaguchi [4]. By Coleman, $\chi_m | \mathfrak{U} = (1-l^{m-1})L_l(m, \omega^{1-m})\varphi_m$. Therefore, under the conjecture (C), the homomorphism

$$\psi : \mathfrak{G} \ni \rho \mapsto f_\rho(T) = \exp \left(\sum_{\substack{m \geq 3 \\ \text{odd}}} \frac{(1-l^{m-1})^{-1} L_l(m, \omega^{1-m})^{-1} \chi_m(\rho)}{m!} X^m \right) \in \mathbf{Q}_l[[T^\times]]$$

is a global version of $[\text{Col}]$, i.e. $\psi | \mathfrak{U} = [\text{Col}]$.

The purpose of this note is to study some properties of ψ . Clearly, $\psi^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}_l[[T]]^\times) \supset \mathfrak{U} \text{ Ker } \psi$. But since there appear $L_l(m, \omega^{1-m})^{-1}$ in the coefficient of T^m of $f_\rho(T)$, there may be some $\rho \in \mathfrak{G}$ such that $f_\rho(T) \notin \mathbf{Z}_l[[T]]^\times$. The main aim of this note is to show the following

Theorem (Under the conjecture (C)). $\psi^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}_l[[T]]^\times) = \mathfrak{U} \text{ Ker } \psi$.

Further, we prove a proposition on the kernel of ψ .

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