## A GEOMETRIC ANALOGUE OF THE BIRCH AND SWINNERTON-DYER CONJECTURE OVER THE COMPLEX NUMBER FIELD

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#### Abstract

We will define a Ruelle–Selberg type zeta function for a certain lomathcal system over a Riemann surface whose genus is greater than or equal to three. Also, we will investigate its property, especially their special values. As an application, we will show that a geometric analogue of BSD conjecture is true for a family of abelian varieties which has only semi-stable reductions defined over the complex number field.

## 1. Introduction

Suppose we are given an abelian variety A defined over a number field K. Then, it is associated to an L-function  $L_{A/K}(s)$  which absolutely converges on Re s > (3/2). It is conjectured that  $L_{A/K}(s)$  can be analytically continued to an entire function throughout the s-plane. Moreover, the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture predicts that its order of zero at s = 1 is equal to the rank of the Mordell-Weil group of A over K [2], [3]. In the following, we will abbreviate the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture to the BSD conjecture.

Artin and Tate considered a geometric analogue of the BSD conjecture over a finite field [15], [16]. Let X be a smooth projective surface over a finite field which has an elliptic fibration  $X \xrightarrow{f} S$  on a complete smooth curve S. Suppose that the moduli of  $X \xrightarrow{f} S$  is not a constant. Using the Frobenius action on  $H^1(\bar{X}_s, \mathbf{Q}_l)$ , they associate to it an L-function  $L_{X/S}(s)$ , which is an analogue of  $L_{A/K}(s)$ . Here,  $X_s$  is a special fibre at  $s \in S$  and  $\bar{X}_s$  is the base extension of  $X_s$  to the separable closure  $k(s)^{\text{sep}}$  of the residue field k(s). Artin and Tate conjectured that its order of zero at s = 1 is equal to the rank of the Mordell–Weil group of X/S. Moreover, Tate has shown their conjecture is equivalent to the

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statement that the *l*-primary part Br(X)(l) of the Brauer group of X is finite [16].

We want to consider a geometric analogue of the BSD conjecture over **C**.

Let

$$X \stackrel{f}{\longrightarrow} S$$

be a commutative group scheme defined over a smooth projective curve whose generic fiber is an abelian variety of dimension d. Moreover, we assume the fibration satisfies all of the following conditions:

#### Condition 1.1.

- (1) Let  $\Sigma$  be a subset of S where the fibration degenerates. The fibration is the Neron's model of the generic fibre which has a semi-stable reduction at each point of  $\Sigma$ .
- (2) We set

$$S_0 = S \setminus \Sigma$$
.

Then the Euler-Poincaré characteristic of  $S_0$  is negative.

- (3) There is a discrete subgroup  $\Gamma$  in  $SL_2(\mathbf{R})$  such that  $-1_2 \notin \Gamma$  and  $S_0 = \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}$ . Let us fix a base point  $x_0$  of  $S_0$  and we will identify  $\pi_1(S_0, x_0)$  and  $\Gamma$ .
- (4) We have a monodromy representation

$$\Gamma \simeq \pi_1(S_0, x_0) \xrightarrow{\rho_X} \operatorname{Aut}(V), \quad V = H^1(f^{-1}(x_0), \mathbf{R}).$$

Then, there is a positive constant  $\alpha$  and C such that

$$|\text{Tr}\rho_X(\gamma)| \le Ce^{\alpha l(\gamma)}$$

is satisfied for any hyperbolic  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

(1) The moduli of the fibration is not a constant. More precisely, it satisfies

$$H^0(S, R^1 f_* \mathcal{O}_X) = 0.$$

By the monodromy theorem [11], (1) implies  $\Gamma$  has no elliptic element. The Conditions (3) and (4) are not so restrictive. For example, if necessary taking a subgroup of finite index, the Condition (3) will be always satisfied. Also, it is easy to see that the Condition (4) is satisfied if the monodromy representation is a restriction of an algebraic group homomorphism from  $SL_2(\mathbf{R})$  to  $GL_{2d}(\mathbf{R})$  to  $\Gamma$ .

In order to define the Selberg and the Ruelle zeta functions of the fibration, we fix our notations.

Let  $\Gamma_{\text{conj}}^*$  be the set of non-trivial conjugacy classes of  $\Gamma$  and let  $\Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*$  be its subset consisting of hyperbolic conjugacy classes. There is a natural bijection between  $\Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*$  and the set of non-trivial closed geodesics

 $\pi(M)^*$ , and we will identify them. Then,  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*$  is uniquely written as

$$\gamma = \gamma_0^{\mu(\gamma)},$$

where  $\gamma_0$  is a primitive closed geodesic and  $\mu(\gamma)$  is a positive integer, which will be called the multiplicity of  $\gamma$ . The subset of  $\Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*$  consisting of primitive closed geodesics will be denoted by  $\Gamma_{\text{pr,conj}}^*$ . The length  $l(\gamma)$  of  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*$  is defined to be the length of the corresponding closed geodesic. Finally, we set

$$D(\gamma) = e^{\frac{1}{2}l(\gamma)} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}l(\gamma)}.$$

Now the Selberg zeta function  $\zeta_{S,f}(s)$  of the fibration is defined to be

$$\zeta_{S,f}(s) = \exp\left(-\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*} \frac{2\text{Tr}\rho_X(\gamma)}{D(\gamma)\mu(\gamma)} e^{-sl(\gamma)}\right)$$

and we define the Ruelle zeta function  $\zeta_{R,f}(s)$  to be

$$\zeta_{R,f}(s) = \frac{\zeta_{S,f}(s - \frac{1}{2})}{\zeta_{S,f}(s + \frac{1}{2})}.$$

It is easy to see that  $\zeta_{S,f}(s)$  absolutely converges on  $\{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re} s > (1/2) + \alpha\}$  and we will show it can be meromorphically continued throughout the whole plane. Also, it will be shown that  $\zeta_{S,f}(s)$  (resp.  $\zeta_{R,f}(s)$ ) is regular at s = 0 (resp. s = 1/2). Our interest is  $\operatorname{ord}_{s=0}\zeta_{S,f}(s)$  and  $\operatorname{ord}_{s=(1/2)}\zeta_{R,f}(s)$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** Let X(S) be the Mordell-Weil group of the fibration. Then we have

$$2\dim_{\mathbf{Q}} X(S) \otimes \mathbf{Q} \leq \operatorname{ord}_{s=0} \zeta_{S,f}(s) = \operatorname{ord}_{s=\frac{1}{2}} \zeta_{R,f}(s).$$

Moreover, suppose  $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ . Then, we have equality in the above formula.

We will show that the Ruelle zeta function has an Euler product:

$$\zeta_{R,f}(s) = c_0 \prod_{\gamma_0 \in \Gamma_{\mathrm{pr,conj}}^*} (\det[1_{2d} - \rho_X(\gamma_0)e^{-sl(\gamma_0)}])^2,$$

where  $c_0$  is a certain constant and  $1_{2d}$  be the  $2d \times 2d$  identity matrix. Let f be a meromorphic function on a domain and let m be a positive integer. We will say that f has a virtual zero (resp. a virtual pole) at  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  of order m if its logarithmic derivative is meromorphically continued throughout the plane and has a simple pole of residue m (resp. -m) at a. Now, Theorem 1.2 implies the following:

**Theorem 1.3.** (A geometric analogue of the BSD conjecture over **C**) The Euler product

$$L_{X\backslash S}(s) = \prod_{\gamma_0 \in \Gamma_{\text{pr,conj}}^*} \det[1_{2d} - \rho_X(\gamma_0)e^{-sl(\gamma_0)}]$$

virtually has a zero at s=1/2 whose order is greater than or equal to the rank of the Mordell-Weil group. Moreover, if  $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ , then they are equal.

We will show that the condition  $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$  corresponds to the finiteness of l-part of the Brauer group of Artin's theorem.

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#### 2. A formula for the Laplacian

To begin with, we will fix our notations. Let G be  $SL_2(\mathbf{R})$  and let  $\mathbf{g}$  be its Lie algebra. We set

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad L = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ -i & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad H = \frac{1}{i} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$X_0 = \frac{1}{2}H, \qquad X_1 = \frac{1}{2i}(R-L), \qquad X_2 = \frac{1}{2}(R+L).$$

They satisfy relations

(1) 
$$[H,R] = 2R, [H,L] = -2L, [R,L] = H$$

and

$$[X_1, X_2] = \frac{1}{i}X_0, \qquad X_1^2 + X_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}(RL + LR).$$

Note that  $\{iH, X_1, X_2\}$  forms an orthogonal basis of **g** with respect to the Killing form. For reals x,  $\theta$  and for a positive y, we set

$$n(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad k(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad a(y) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{y} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{y}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

According to the Iwasawa decomposition G = NAK, any element g of G is uniquely written as

$$q = n(x(q))a(y(q))k(\theta(q)),$$

where  $x(g) \in \mathbf{R}$ , y(g) > 0, and  $\theta(g) \in [0, 2\pi)$ . We consider G endowed with a coordinate by this parametrization and we normalize our Haar measure dg of G to be

$$dg = \frac{dx \, dy}{y^2} d\theta,$$

which is used in [4] and [8]. For an element X of  $\mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{C}} = \mathbf{g} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{C}$ , we define its (right) Lie derivation r(X) on  $C^{\infty}(G)$  by

$$(r(X)f)(g) = \frac{d}{dt}f(g\exp(tX))|_{t=0}, \quad f \in C^{\infty}(G).$$

For example, we have

$$r(X_0) = \frac{1}{2i} \frac{d}{d\theta}.$$

Let  $\Omega$  be the Casimir element of **g**:

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{4}(H^2 + 2RL + 2LR) = X_0^2 + X_1^2 + X_2^2.$$

It is known that the center of the universal enveloping algebra  $u(\mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{C}})$  of  $\mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{C}}$  is generated by  $\Omega$ . Let  $\mathbf{k}$  be the Lie subalgebra of  $\mathbf{g}$  corresponding to the maximal compact subgroup K(=U(1)) of G and let

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{k} \oplus \mathbf{p}$$

be the Cartan decomposition. Then,  $\mathbf{p}$  is identified with the tangent plane of the Poincaré upper half plane  $\mathcal{H}$  at i and  $\{X_1, X_2\}$  forms an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbf{p}$ . Here, we always consider  $\mathcal{H}$  is given the metric of the constant curvature  $\equiv -1$ . Let  $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$  be its dual basis.

For an integer m, let  $\mathbf{C}(m)$  be a unitary representation of the maximal compact subgroup K = U(1) of G whose action is given by

$$\rho_m(k(\theta))\mathbf{1}_m = e^{im\theta}\mathbf{1}_m,$$

where  $\mathbf{1}_m$  is a base of  $\mathbf{C}(m)$ . Note that K acts on  $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}} = \mathbf{p} \otimes \mathbf{C}$  and its dual space  $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^*$  by the adjoint action and they have an irreducible decomposition as a K-module,

(2) 
$$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}} \simeq \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^* \simeq \mathbf{C}(-2) \oplus \mathbf{C}(2).$$

Note that  $\rho_m$  induces a homogeneous complex line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_m$  over  $\mathcal{H}$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_m = G \times_{(K,\rho_m)} \mathbf{C}(m).$$

Then, the space of smooth sections of  $\mathcal{L}_m$  (resp.  $\mathcal{L}_m \otimes_{\mathbf{C}} (T^*\mathcal{H})_{\mathbf{C}}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_m \otimes_{\mathbf{C}} \wedge^2 (T^*\mathcal{H})_{\mathbf{C}}$ , where  $\cdot_{\mathbf{C}}$  denotes the complexification) is naturally identified with the K-invariant part  $(C^{\infty}(G) \otimes \mathbf{C}(m))^K$  of  $C^{\infty}(G) \otimes \mathbf{C}(m)$  (resp.  $(C^{\infty}(G) \otimes \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^* \otimes \mathbf{C}(m))^K$ ,  $(C^{\infty}(G) \otimes \wedge^2 \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^* \otimes \mathbf{C}(m))^K$ ). By this identification, the negative Hodge Laplacian

$$\Delta = -(d\delta + \delta d)$$

acts on the latter spaces, where  $\delta$  is the formal adjoint of d. In order to write down this action, we need some notations.

By definition, we have

$$R = X_2 + iX_1, \qquad L = X_2 - iX_1.$$

Hence,  $\{R_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}R, L_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}L\}$  forms a unitary basis of  $\mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{C}}$ . Note that they satisfy

$$X_1^2 + X_2^2 = R_0 L_0 + L_0 R_0.$$

Let  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2\}$  be its dual basis. According to (1), we have

(3) 
$$\operatorname{Ad}(k(\theta))\xi_1 = e^{-2i\theta}, \quad \operatorname{Ad}(k(\theta))\xi_2 = e^{2i\theta}.$$

Hence, (2) is nothing but the obvious identity

$$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^* = \mathbf{C}\xi_1 \oplus \mathbf{C}\xi_2.$$

Now, taking account of identities

$$X_1 \cdot \mathbf{1}_m = X_2 \cdot \mathbf{1}_m = 0,$$

the following proposition will be obtained by a simple computation.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $F_1, F_2$  and f be smooth functions on G. Suppose each  $\alpha = f \otimes \mathbf{1}_m$ ,  $\beta = F_1 \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes \xi_1 + F_2 \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes \xi_2$  and  $\gamma = f \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes (\xi_1 \wedge \xi_2)$  is K-invariant. Then, we have

(1)

$$\Delta(\alpha) = \left(r(\Omega) - \frac{m^2}{4}\right) f \otimes \mathbf{1}_m.$$

(2)

$$\Delta(\beta) = \left(r(\Omega) - \left(1 - \frac{m}{2}\right)^2 + \left(1 - \frac{m}{2}\right)\right) F_1 \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes \xi_1 + \left(r(\Omega) - \left(1 + \frac{m}{2}\right)^2 + \left(1 + \frac{m}{2}\right)\right) F_2 \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes \xi_2.$$

(3) 
$$\Delta(\gamma) = \left(r(\Omega) - \frac{m^2}{4}\right) f \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes (\xi_1 \wedge \xi_2).$$

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  be the same as above. Suppose that  $m = \pm 1$ . Then, we have

(1)

$$\Delta(\alpha) = \left(r(\Omega) - \frac{1}{4}\right) f \otimes \mathbf{1}_m, \quad m = \pm 1.$$

(2) (a

$$\Delta(\beta) = \left(r(\Omega) + \frac{1}{4}\right) F_1 \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes \xi_1 + \left(r(\Omega) - \frac{3}{4}\right) F_2 \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes \xi_2, \quad m = 1.$$

(b)
$$\Delta(\beta) = \left(r(\Omega) - \frac{3}{4}\right) F_1 \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes \xi_1 + \left(r(\Omega) + \frac{1}{4}\right) F_2 \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes \xi_2, \quad m = -1.$$
(3)
$$\Delta(\gamma) = \left(r(\Omega) - \frac{1}{4}\right) f \otimes \mathbf{1}_m \otimes (\xi_1 \wedge \xi_2), \quad m = \pm 1.$$

# 3. Hodge decomposition of locally homogeneous vector bundles

Let  $\Gamma$  be a discrete subgroup of G such that the volume of  $M = \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}$  is finite and that the Euler-Poincaré characteristic  $\chi(M)$  is negative. We always assume that  $\Gamma$  has no elliptic element and  $-1_2 \notin \Gamma$ . It is known that every hyperbolic element  $\gamma \in G$  is conjugate to an element of a form

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{array}\right)^{m(\gamma)} \left(\begin{array}{cc} \sqrt{y_{\gamma}} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{y_{\gamma}}^{-1} \end{array}\right),$$

in G, where  $m(\gamma) \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $y_{\gamma}$  is a positive. We will determine  $m(\gamma)$  for  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{h,conj}^*$  after Fried [6]. Note that

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{array}\right)^{m(\gamma)}$$

is the holonomy when one parallel transports a normal vector around the closed geodesic corresponding to  $\gamma$ . But since M is oriented,  $m(\gamma)$  should be equal to 0.

Let V be a 2d dimensional vector space over  $\mathbf{R}$  such that  $V_{\mathbf{C}} = V \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{C}$  has a decomposition as a K-module

$$V_{\mathbf{C}} = V_{\mathbf{C}}^{1,0} \oplus V_{\mathbf{C}}^{0,1}, \qquad V_{\mathbf{C}}^{1,0} = \mathbf{C}(1)^{\oplus d}, \qquad V_{\mathbf{C}}^{0,1} = \mathbf{C}(-1)^{\oplus d}.$$

Suppose V has a  $\Gamma$ -action  $\rho$ . Then, the complexification  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{C}}$  of the vector bundle

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{H} \times_{(\Gamma,\rho)} V$$

on M and its tensor product with the cotangent bundle  $(T^*M \otimes \mathcal{V})_{\mathbf{C}}$  or the vector bundle of two forms  $(\wedge^2 T^*M \otimes \mathcal{V})_{\mathbf{C}}$  have a Hodge decomposition in Zucker's sense, which we will recall [20].

Since the cotangent bundle  $T^*\mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  is equal to  $G \times_{(K, \mathrm{Ad})} \mathbf{p}^*$ , its complexification has a decomposition

$$(T^*\mathcal{H})_{\mathbf{C}} = G \times_K \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^{1,0} \oplus G \times_K \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^{0,1},$$

by (2), where  $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^{1,0} = \mathbf{C}(2)$  and  $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^{0,1} = \mathbf{C}(-2)$ .  $G \times_K \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^{1,0}$  (resp.  $G \times_K \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^{0,1}$ ) will be denoted by  $(T^*\mathcal{H})_{\mathbf{C}}^{1,0}$  (resp.  $(T^*\mathcal{H})_{\mathbf{C}}^{0,1}$ ) and they are pushed

down to subbundles  $(T^*M)^{1.0}_{\mathbf{C}}$  and  $(T^*M)^{0.1}_{\mathbf{C}}$  of  $(T^*M)_{\mathbf{C}}$  respectively. On the other hand, a homogeneous vector bundle on  $\mathcal{H}$ 

$$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathbf{C}} = G \times_K V_{\mathbf{C}}$$

descends to  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{C}}$  and the image of

$$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathbf{C}}^{1.0} = G \times_K V_{\mathbf{C}}^{1.0}, \qquad \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathbf{C}}^{0.1} = G \times_K V_{\mathbf{C}}^{0.1}$$

will be denoted by  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{C}}^{1.0}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{C}}^{0.1}$ , respectively. Now, the (p,q)-part  $(T^*M\otimes\mathcal{V})_{\mathbf{C}}^{p,q}$  of  $(T^*M\otimes\mathcal{V})_{\mathbf{C}}$  is defined to be

$$(T^*M \otimes \mathcal{V})^{p,q}_{\mathbf{C}} = \bigoplus_{a+c=p,b+d=q} (T^*M)^{a,b}_{\mathbf{C}} \otimes \mathcal{V}^{c,d}_{\mathbf{C}}.$$

Note that this is nothing but the descent of

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}^{p,q} = G \times_K W^{p,q}, \quad W^{p,q} = \bigoplus_{a+c=p,b+d=q} (\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}^{a,b} \otimes V_{\mathbf{C}}^{c,d}).$$

Since d-copies of  $\{\mathbf{1}_1 \otimes \xi_1, \mathbf{1}_{-1} \otimes \xi_2\}$  (resp.  $\{\mathbf{1}_1 \otimes \xi_2, \mathbf{1}_{-1} \otimes \xi_1\}$ ) forms a basis of  $W^{1.1}$  (resp.  $W^{2.0} \oplus W^{0.2}$ ), Example 2.2 implies the following formulae.

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $f \otimes w \in (C^{\infty} \otimes W^{p,q})^K$ .

(1) If (p.q) = (1.1),

$$\Delta(f \otimes w) = \left(\left(r(\Omega) + \frac{1}{4}\right)f\right) \otimes w.$$

(2) If (p.q) = (2.0), or (0.2),

$$\Delta(f \otimes w) = \left(\left(r(\Omega) - \frac{3}{4}\right)f\right) \otimes w.$$

**Proposition 3.2.** (1) If  $f \otimes v \in (C^{\infty} \otimes V_{\mathbf{C}})^K$ ,

$$\Delta(f\otimes v) = \left(\left(r(\Omega) - \frac{1}{4}\right)f\right)\otimes v.$$

(2) If  $f \otimes v \in (C^{\infty} \otimes V_{\mathbf{C}} \otimes \wedge^2 T^*(M))^K$ ,

$$\Delta(f \otimes v \otimes (\xi_1 \wedge \xi_1)) = \left(\left(r(\Omega) - \frac{1}{4}\right)f\right) \otimes v \otimes (\xi_1 \wedge \xi_1).$$

### 4. The heat kernel of the positive Hodge Laplacian

In the sequel to the paper, we shall only treat the vector bundle  $(T^*M \otimes \mathcal{V})^{1.1}_{\mathbf{C}}$ . Let  $\mu$  be the action of K on  $W^{1.1} \simeq (\mathbf{C}(1) \oplus \mathbf{C}(-1))^{\oplus d}$ . As we have seen in the previous section, this is the descent of the homogeneous vector bundle

$$\tilde{\mathcal{W}}^{1.1} = G \times_{(K,\mu)} W^{1.1}$$

on  $\mathcal{H}$  to M. After Barbasch and Moscovici [1], we will regard  $C^{\infty}(G) \otimes \operatorname{End}(W^{1,1})$  as  $K \times K$ -module via the action

$$(\rho(k_1, k_2)f \otimes A)(g) = f(k_1gk_2) \otimes \mu(k_1)^{-1}A\mu(k_2)^{-1},$$

where  $k_i(\text{resp. } g)$  is an element of K(resp. G) and  $f \otimes A \in C^{\infty}(G) \otimes \text{End}(W^{1,1})$ . So,  $h \in C^{\infty}(G) \otimes \text{End}(W^{1,1})$  is  $K \times K$ -invariant if and only if it satisfies the covariance property

(4) 
$$h(k_1gk_2) = \mu(k_1)h(g)\mu(k_2).$$

Let  $\Delta_H = -\Delta$  be the positive Hodge Laplacian and let  $\Delta_G$  be the Laplacian of G

$$\Delta_G = -r(\Omega) + 2r(X_0)^2.$$

It is known that the heat kernel  $p_t$  of G is contained in  $C^{\infty}(G) \cap L^1 \cap L^2$  and that it satisfies

$$(e^{-t\Delta_G}u)(x) = \int_G p_t(x^{-1}y)u(y)dy, \quad u \in L^2(G)$$

for any t > 0 [1]. We want to construct the heat kernel of  $\Delta_H$ . Let R be the right regular representation of G and we set

$$Q_R = \int_K R(k) \otimes \mu(k) dk.$$

Then,  $Q_R$  is a projection from  $C^{\infty}(G) \otimes W^{1.1}$  to its K-invariant part  $(C^{\infty}(G) \otimes W^{1.1})^K$ . By Proposition 3.1(1),  $\Delta_H$  satisfies

$$\Delta_H = Q_R \circ (\Delta_G \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{W^{1,1}}) \circ Q_R - \frac{3}{4},$$

and the kernel function  $h_t^H(t>0)$  of  $e^{-t\Delta_H}$  is given by

$$h_t^H(x) = e^{\frac{3}{4}t} \int_K dk_1 \mu(k_1)^{-1} \int_K p_t(k_1 x k_2) \mu(k_2)^{-1} dk_2.$$

Note that  $h_t^H$  is contained in  $[(C^{\infty}(G) \cap L^1 \cap L^2) \otimes \text{End}(\mathbf{W}^{1.1})]^{K \times K}$  and since K is commutative, it satisfies

(5) 
$$\mu(k)h_t^H(x) = h_t^H(x)\mu(k), \quad x \in G, k \in K.$$

The following lemma is an immediate consequence of Proposition 3.1.

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $\pi$  be an irreducible unitary representation of G and let  $\mathcal{H}(\pi)$  be its representation space. Then

$$\pi(h_t^H) = e^{t(\pi(\Omega) + \frac{1}{4})} \operatorname{Id}$$

on  $(\mathcal{H}(\pi) \otimes W^{1.1})^K$ .

Let  $\pi$  be an irreducible unitary representation of G. By the Frobenius reciprocity law [10], [18], we have  $\pi(h_t^H) = [\pi|_K:\mu]e^{t(\pi(\Omega)+(1/4))}\mathrm{Id}_{W^{1.1}}$ .

For example, let us take  $\pi$  to be the principal series  $\pi_{\nu,1}$  of a parameter  $(s,\epsilon)=((1/2)+i\nu,1)$  [4]. Using the explicit description of  $\pi_{\nu,1}$ , one obtains  $[\pi_{\nu,1}|_K:\mu]=1$  and  $\pi_{\nu,1}(\Omega)=-((1/4)+\nu^2)$ . Therefore, we have

(6) 
$$\pi_{\nu,1}(h_t^H) = e^{-t\nu^2} \mathrm{Id}_{W^{1,1}}.$$

For p > 0, let  $C^p(G)$  be the Harish–Chandra's  $C^p$ -space of G. Since it is known  $h_t^H(t > 0)$  is contained in  $C^p(G) \otimes \operatorname{End}(W^{1.1})$  [1], [7], we may apply it the Selberg trace formula. This will be the main object of the following sections.

## 5. The Selberg trace formula

For brevity, we set  $W^{p,q} = (T^*M \otimes \mathcal{V})^{p,q}_{\mathbf{C}}$  and let  $L^2(M, W^{p,q})$  be the space of square integrable sections with respect to the Poincaré metric. We will only treat the case of (p,q) = (1.1).

There is an orthogonal decomposition

$$L^2(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1}) = L^2(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})_{\text{disc}} \oplus L^2(\mathcal{W}^{1.1})_{\text{cont}},$$

according to the type of spectra of  $\Delta_H$ . The trace

$$\operatorname{Tr}[e^{-t\Delta_H}|L^2(M,\mathcal{W}^{1.1})_{\operatorname{disc}}]$$

can be computed by the Selberg trace formula and consists of three main terms [1], [7], [8], [13],

$$\text{Tr}[e^{-t\Delta_H}|L^2(M,\mathcal{W}^{1.1})_{\text{disc}}] = I(t) + G(t) + P(t).$$

I(t) (resp. G(t)) is the orbital integral over  $1_2$  (resp. hyperbolic orbits). P(t) is the orbital integral on parabolic orbits minus a contribution of continuous spectra. Also, G(t) will be concerned with the Ruelle and Selberg zeta functions. Each term will be explicitly computed in the later sections.

If 0 is a spectrum of  $\Delta_H$ , it is known that it is a discrete one and  $\ker[\Delta_H|L^2(M,\mathcal{W}^{1,1})]$  is a subspace of  $L^2(M,\mathcal{W}^{1,1})_{\mathrm{disc}}[\mathbf{12}][\mathbf{20}]$ . We set

$$b = \dim_{\mathbf{C}} \ker[\Delta_H | L^2(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})]$$

and let

$$0 = \lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_b < \lambda_{b+1} \le \lambda_{b+2} \le \dots,$$

be the discrete spectra of  $\Delta_H$ . The following proposition is a consequence of an easy computation.

Proposition 5.1. The integral

$$2s \int_0^\infty e^{-s^2 t} \text{Tr}[e^{-t\Delta_H} | L^2(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})_{\text{disc}}] dt$$

exists for  $-\frac{\pi}{4} < \arg s < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and it can be meromorphically continued throughout the s-plane as

$$\frac{2b}{s} + \sum_{n=b+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{s + \sqrt{\lambda_n}i} + \frac{1}{s - \sqrt{\lambda_n}i} \right).$$

## 6. Ruelle and Selberg zeta functions

Taking account of  $m(\gamma) = 0$  for  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*$  (cf. Section 3) and using the identity (6), the orbital integral G(t) of  $h_t^H$  on hyperbolic orbits (cf. Section 5) can be computed in the same way as [6], [10], [19]:

$$G(t) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*} \frac{l(\gamma_0) \text{Tr} \rho(\gamma)}{\pi D(\gamma)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t\nu^2 - il(\gamma)\nu} d\nu.$$

(Also, we have used the fact that the centralizer of

$$A = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cc} a & 0\\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{array} \right) \mid a > 0 \right\}$$

in K is  $\{\pm 1\}$ .) Here,  $D(\gamma)$  is defined to be

$$D(\gamma) = e^{\frac{1}{2}l(\gamma)} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}l(\gamma)}.$$

Inserting the formula

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t\nu^2 - il(\gamma)\nu} d\nu = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} e^{-\frac{l(\gamma)^2}{4t}},$$

to the above identity, we get the following proposition.

#### Proposition 6.1.

$$G(t) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{h \text{ conj}}^*} \frac{l(\gamma_0) \text{Tr} \rho(\gamma)}{\sqrt{\pi t} D(\gamma)} e^{-\frac{l(\gamma)^2}{4t}}, \quad t > 0.$$

Now, we define our Selberg zeta function.

**Definition 6.2.** The Selberg zeta function  $\zeta_S(s)$  is defined to be

$$\zeta_S(s) = \exp\left(-\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{h,\text{coni}}^*} \frac{2\text{Tr}\rho(\gamma)}{D(\gamma)\mu(\gamma)} e^{-sl(\gamma)}\right).$$

Let  $Z_S(s)$  be its logarithmic derivative,

$$Z_S(s) = \frac{\zeta_S'(s)}{\zeta_S(s)}.$$

For the sake of convergence of the Selberg zeta function, we always assume  $\rho$  satisfies the following technical condition.

Condition 6.3. There exists positive constants C and  $\alpha$  such that

$$|\text{Tr}\rho(\gamma)| \le Ce^{\alpha l(\gamma)}$$

is satisfied for any hyperbolic  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

Under the condition, it is easy to see  $\zeta_S(s)$  absolutely converges for Re  $s > \alpha + (1/2)$  [9]. Note that  $Z_S(s)$  has a form

$$Z_S(s) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*} \frac{2l(\gamma_0) \text{Tr} \rho(\gamma)}{D(\gamma)} e^{-sl(\gamma)}.$$

There is an intimate relation between G(t) and  $Z_S(s)$ .

**Proposition 6.4.** For  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  with  $-\frac{\pi}{4} < \arg s < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $\operatorname{Re} s$  is sufficiently large, we have the identity

$$2s \int_0^\infty e^{-s^2 t} G(t) dt = Z_S(s).$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see the integral converges for such s. Since both sides are analytic functions with respect to s, it is sufficient to check the identity for s > 0. Applying a change of variables

$$x = s\sqrt{t}$$

to the formula

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-(x^2 + \frac{a^2}{x^2})} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} e^{2a}, \quad \text{Re } a^2 > 0,$$

we get

$$\frac{1}{2}e^{-sl(\gamma)} = s \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-s^2 t - \frac{l(\gamma)^2}{4t}} dt.$$

Combining this with Proposition 6.1, the assertion will be proved. q.e.d.

**Definition 6.5.** The Ruelle zeta function  $\zeta_R(s)$  is defined to be

$$\zeta_R(s) = \frac{\zeta_S(s - \frac{1}{2})}{\zeta_S(s + \frac{1}{2})}.$$

In the later sections, we will show that both Selberg and Ruelle zeta functions can be meromorphically continued throughout the s-plane. Also,  $\zeta_R(s)$  has an Euler product.

**Proposition 6.6.** We have an identity

$$\zeta_R(s) = c_0 \prod_{\gamma_0 \in \Gamma_{\text{pr,conj}}^*} (\det[1_{2d} - \rho(\gamma_0)e^{-sl(\gamma_0)}])^2.$$

*Proof.* We will compare both sides taking their logarithmic derivatives. The logarithmic derivative of  $\zeta_R(s)$  is

$$\frac{\zeta_R'(s)}{\zeta_R(s)} = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*} \frac{2l(\gamma_0) \operatorname{Tr} \rho(\gamma)}{D(\gamma)} \left( e^{-(s - \frac{1}{2})l(\gamma)} - e^{-(s + \frac{1}{2})l(\gamma)} \right)$$

$$= 2 \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{h,\text{conj}}^*} l(\gamma_0) \operatorname{Tr} \rho(\gamma) e^{-sl(\gamma)}$$

$$= 2 \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{\text{pr,conj}}^*} l(\gamma_0) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{Tr} \rho(\gamma_0^k) e^{-skl(\gamma_0)}.$$

Note that the last equation is just the logarithmic derivative of the RHS of the required identity. q.e.d.

### 7. Orbital integrals

First of all, we will fix our notations. According to the Iwasawa decomposition

$$G = NAK$$
,

every element g of G may be uniquely written to be

$$q = n(q)a(q)k(q), \quad n(q) \in N, \quad a(q) \in A, \quad k(q) \in K.$$

We give a coordinate on A by

$$\mathbf{R}_{>0} = \{ x \in \mathbf{R} \mid x > 0 \} \simeq A, \quad y \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{y} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{y}^{-1}, \end{pmatrix}$$

and we set

$$z(g) = n(g)a(g).$$

By the map

$$G \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathcal{H}, \quad \rho(g) = g \cdot i,$$

z(g) may be considered as a point of  $\mathcal{H}$ . For example, z(n(x)a(y)) is identified with z=x+iy. For  $s\in \mathbf{C}$  and an irreducible representation  $\mu$  of K, a smooth function  $y^s_{\mu}$  on G is defined to be

$$y^s_{\mu}(nak) = \mu(k)y^s(a).$$

Note that  $y^s_{\mu}$  satisfies

$$y_{\mu}^{s}(gk) = \mu(k)y_{\mu}^{s}(g), \quad k \in K, \quad g \in G.$$

Every irreducible representation of K is parametrized by an integer (i.e., its weight), we will sometimes identify them. Let  $\Sigma$  be the parameter space of irreducible unitary representations of G:

• 
$$\Sigma_{\mathrm{pr}} = \{\frac{1}{2} + i\nu \mid \nu \in \mathbf{R}\},\$$

- $\Sigma_{\text{comp}} = \{ s \in \mathbf{R} \mid 0 < s < 1 \},$
- For an irreducible representation  $\mu$  of G, we set

$$\Sigma_{\mathrm{disc}}^{\mu} = \left\{ \frac{k}{2} \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}, k \geq 1, k \equiv \mu \, (\mathrm{mod} \, 2) \right\},\,$$

•  $\Sigma_{\mu} = \Sigma_{\text{pr}} \cup \Sigma_{\text{comp}} \cup \Sigma_{disc}^{\mu}$ .

Suppose we are given a  $(\mathbf{g}, K)$ -module whose K-type is  $\mu$ . Then, we may choose its basis from  $\{y_{\mu}^s\}_{s\in\Sigma_{\mu}}$ . Let  $p_t^h$  be the heat kernel of the positive hyperbolic Laplacian

$$\Delta = -y^2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y^2} \right).$$

By the formula

(7) 
$$\Delta y^s = s(1-s)y^s$$

we have

$$(e^{-ts(1-s)}y^s)(z) = (e^{-t\Delta}y^s)(z) = \int_{\mathcal{H}} p_t^h(z, z')y^s(z')dz'.$$

Here, the integral is taken with respect to the Poincaré metric. Under the isomorphism as K-modules,

$$W^{1.1} \simeq \mathbf{C}(1)^{\oplus d} \oplus \mathbf{C}(-1)^{\oplus d},$$

a smooth function

$$Y_{\alpha}^{s}(g) = (\alpha_{-1}y_{-1}^{s}(g), \alpha_{1}y_{1}^{s}(g)), \quad \alpha = (\alpha_{-1}, \alpha_{1}), \quad \alpha_{\pm 1} \in \mathbf{C}^{\oplus d}$$

may be considered as an element of  $(C^{\infty}(G) \otimes W^{1.1})^K$ . Using Example 2.2, Lemma 7.1 is easily seen by a simple computation.

#### Lemma 7.1.

(1)  $Y_{\alpha}^{s}$  is an eigenfunction of  $\Delta_{H}$  whose eigenvalue is

$$\lambda = s(1-s) - \frac{1}{4}.$$

(2) For t > 0, we define a smooth function  $h_t$  on  $G \times G$  as

$$h_t(g,g') = e^{\frac{t}{4}} p_t^h(z(g), z(g')) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{-1}(k(g))\mu_{-1}(k(g'))^{-1} 1_d & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_1(k(g))\mu_1(k(g'))^{-1} 1_d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, we have

$$\int_{G} h_t(g, g') Y_{\alpha}^s(g') dg' = e^{-t\lambda} Y_{\alpha}^s(g).$$

Corollary 7.2.  $h_t$  is the kernel function of  $e^{-t\Delta_H}$ .

Now, we will compute

$$2s\int_0^\infty e^{-s^2t}I(t)dt,$$

where I(t) is the orbital integral of the identity element:

$$I(t) = \text{vol}(M) \text{Tr } h_t(1_2, 1_2).$$

The Corollary 7.2 and Mckean's computation [9] show I(t) is given by

$$I(t) = \frac{2d\text{vol}(M)}{(4\pi t)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \frac{\nu e^{-\frac{\nu^2}{4t}}}{\sinh \frac{\nu}{2}} d\nu.$$

Also, he has shown

$$\int_0^\infty dt \frac{e^{-(\sigma(\sigma-1) + \frac{1}{4})t}}{(4\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \frac{\nu e^{-\frac{\nu^2}{4t}}}{\sinh \frac{\nu}{2}} d\nu = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{1}{\sigma + n}, \quad \sigma \in \mathbf{C}.$$

Now, by the change of variables

$$s + \frac{1}{2} = \sigma,$$

and by the generalized Gauss–Bonnet formula [17]:

$$\operatorname{vol}(M) = -2\pi\chi(M),$$

we have

Theorem 7.3.

$$2s \int_0^\infty e^{-s^2 t} I(t) dt = -2s d\chi(M) \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{2} + n}.$$

Note that the poles of the integral are located on

$$\left\{-\frac{1}{2}-n\right\}_{n\in\mathbf{Z},n\geq0},$$

and the residue at s = -(1/2) - n is equal to  $d(1 + 2n)\chi(M)$ . In particular, they are all integers.

Next, we will compute the orbital integral over parabolic orbits. Let  $\gamma$  be a parabolic element which conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . The orbital integral associated to the conjugacy class of  $\gamma$  is defined to be  $[\mathbf{14}]$ 

$$P_t(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{AK} \text{Tr} \, h_t(g, \, \gamma g) da \, dk.$$

Since  $\gamma$  is parabolic,  $k(\gamma g) = k(g)$ . Therefore, we have

$$h_t(g, \gamma g) = e^{\frac{t}{4}} p_t^h(z(g), z(\gamma g)) 1_{2d},$$

and in particular,

$$\operatorname{Tr} h_t(g, \gamma g) = 2de^{\frac{t}{4}} p_t^h(z(g), z(\gamma g)).$$

It is known that  $p_t^h$  can be expressed by a smooth function  $k_t$  on  $\mathbf{R}_{>0}$  [8]:

$$p_t^h(z, z') = k_t \left( \frac{|z - z'|^2}{yy'} \right), \quad z = x + iy, \quad z' = x' + iy'.$$

So, we have

$$P_t(\gamma) = 2de^{\frac{t}{4}} \int_0^\infty k_t \left(\frac{m^2}{y^2}\right) \frac{dy}{y^2}.$$

For Y > 0, we set

$$P_t(\gamma)_Y = 2de^{\frac{t}{4}} \int_0^Y k_t \left(\frac{m^2}{y^2}\right) \frac{dy}{y^2}.$$

The formula

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t\nu^2} d\nu = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}}$$

and Kubota's computation [8] imply the following proposition.

**Proposition 7.4.** Let h be the number of cusps for  $\Gamma$ . Then, we obtain

$$\sum_{\gamma} P_t(\gamma)_Y$$

$$= dh \left( \frac{\log Y}{\sqrt{\pi t}} - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t\nu^2} \frac{\Gamma'(1+i\nu)}{\Gamma(1+i\nu)} d\nu - \frac{\log 2}{\sqrt{\pi t}} + \frac{e^{\frac{t}{4}}}{2} \right) + o_Y(1),$$

where  $\gamma$  runs through conjugacy classes of parabolic elements and  $\lim_{Y\to\infty} o_Y(1) = 0$ .

Next, we will compute a contribution from the continuous spectra. Each of  $L^2(M, \mathbf{C})$  and  $L^2(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})$  is a G-module by the right regular representation. For an irreducible representation  $\pi$  of G, the isotypical component of  $L^2(M, \mathbf{C})$  (resp.  $L^2(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})$ ) will be denoted by  $L^2(M, \mathbf{C})(\pi)$  (resp.  $L^2(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})(\pi)$ ). It is known  $L^2(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})_{\text{cont}}$  is the direct integral over principal series  $\pi_{\nu} = \pi_{\nu,1}$  [12]:

$$L^{2}(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})_{\text{cont}} = \int_{\mathbf{R}}^{\oplus} L^{2}(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})(\pi_{\nu}) d\nu.$$

Let  $k_t^{\nu}$  be the kernel function of  $e^{-t\Delta} \mid_{L^2(M,\mathbf{C})(\pi_{\nu})}$ . Since we know

$$e^{-t\Delta} \mid_{L^2(M,\mathbf{C})(\pi_{\nu})} = e^{-t(\frac{1}{4}+\nu^2)} \mathrm{Id},$$

by (8), the equation (6) implies the kernel function of  $e^{-t\Delta_H}|_{L^2(M,\mathcal{W}^{1.1})(\pi_{\nu})}$  is equal to  $e^{\frac{t}{4}}k_t^{\nu}(z,z')1_{2d}$ . Hence, we get

$$\operatorname{Tr}[e^{-t\Delta_H} \mid_{L^2(M,\mathcal{W}^{1,1})_{\operatorname{cont}}}] = 2de^{\frac{t}{4}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \int_{D_{\Gamma}} k_t^{\nu}(z, z) dz,$$

where  $D_{\Gamma}$  is the fundamental domain for  $\Gamma$ . Let  $\{\kappa_1, \ldots, \kappa_h\}$  be the cusps for  $\Gamma$  and let  $E_j(z, s)$  be the Eisenstein series corresponding to  $\kappa_j$ . Since it is known that

$$k_t^{\nu}(z, z') = \frac{e^{-(\frac{1}{4}+\nu^2)t}}{4\pi} \sum_{j=1}^h E_j\left(z, \frac{1}{2}+i\nu\right) \overline{E_j\left(z', \frac{1}{2}+i\nu\right)},$$

we have

$$\operatorname{Tr}[e^{-t\Delta_H}|_{L^2(M,\mathcal{W}^{1.1})_{\operatorname{cont}}}]$$

$$=\frac{d}{2\pi}\sum_{j=1}^{h}\int_{D_{\Gamma}}dz\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}e^{-t\nu^{2}}E_{j}\left(z,\frac{1}{2}+i\nu\right)\overline{E_{j}\left(z,\frac{1}{2}+i\nu\right)}d\nu.$$

For Y > 0, we set

$$D_{\Gamma}(Y) = \{ z \in D_{\Gamma} \mid \operatorname{Im} z \le Y \}.$$

The following identity is proved in [8] Appendix:

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{j=1}^{h} \int_{D_{\Gamma}(Y)} dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t(\frac{1}{4} + \nu^{2})} E_{j}\left(z, \frac{1}{2} + i\nu\right) \overline{E_{j}\left(z, \frac{1}{2} + i\nu\right)} d\nu$$

$$= \frac{he^{\frac{-t}{4}}}{2\sqrt{\pi t}} \log Y - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t(\frac{1}{4} + \nu^{2})} \frac{\Psi'(\frac{1}{2} + i\nu)}{\Psi(\frac{1}{2} + i\nu)} d\nu + \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + o_{Y}(1).$$

We will explain the terminologies.

The constant term  $a_{ij,0} = a_{ij,0}(y,s)$  of the Fourier expansion of  $E_i(z,s)$  at  $\kappa_j$  can be written as

$$a_{ij,0} = \delta_{ij}y^s + \varphi_{ij,0}(s)y^{1-s},$$

where  $\varphi_{ii,0}(s)$  is a meromorphic function on C. We set

$$\varphi_{ij}(s) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(s - \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(s)}\varphi_{ij,0}(s).$$

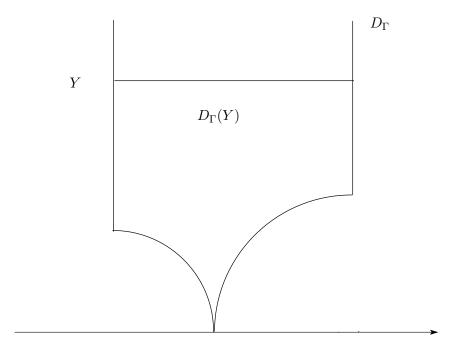


Figure 1.

and the matrix valued function  $\Phi(s)$  is defined as

$$\Phi(s) = (\varphi_{ij}(s))_{1 \le i, j \le h}.$$

It is known that  $\Phi(s)$  satisfies

$$\Phi(s)\Phi(1-s) = 1_h$$

and that  $\Phi(s)$  is a unitary matrix for  $s \in (1/2) + i\mathbf{R}$  [8]. In particular,  $\Phi(1/2)$  is conjugate to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \epsilon_h \end{pmatrix}, \quad \epsilon_i \in \{\pm 1\}.$$

Let  $\nu_1$  (resp.  $\nu_{-1}$ ) be the cardinal of  $\{\epsilon_i \mid \epsilon_i = 1\}$  (resp.  $\{\epsilon_i \mid \epsilon_i = -1\}$ ). Then, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\left(h - \operatorname{Tr}\Phi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) = \nu_{-1}.$$

 $\Psi(s)$  is defined to be the determinant of  $\Phi(s)$ . It is known that  $\Psi(1/2) + \nu$  ( $\nu \in \mathbf{R}$ ) satisfies the following properties [7].

# Fact 7.5.

(1)  $\Psi(\frac{1}{2} + \nu)\Psi(\frac{1}{2} - \nu) = 1$ . (2)  $\Psi(\frac{1}{2} + \nu)$  is a ratio of entire functions p and q of finite order,

$$\Psi\left(\frac{1}{2} + \nu\right) = \frac{p(\nu)}{q(\nu)}.$$

(3) We have

$$\frac{|\Psi'(\frac{1}{2}+\nu)|}{|\Psi(\frac{1}{2}+\nu)|} \le \operatorname{Const} \cdot (\log|\nu|)^2.$$

for  $|\nu| \geq 2$ .

(4) There exists an entire function  $r(\nu)$  such that

$$p(\nu) = q(-\nu)e^{r(\nu)}.$$

(5)  $\frac{\Psi'(\frac{1}{2}+\nu)}{\Psi(\frac{1}{2}+\nu)}$  is regular on the imaginary axis and its poles are located on  $\{\pm q_k\}_k (\text{Re } q_k > 0)$ . Moreover, their residues satisfy

$$b_k = \operatorname{Res}_{\nu = q_k} \frac{\Psi'(\frac{1}{2} + \nu)}{\Psi(\frac{1}{2} + \nu)} = -\operatorname{Res}_{\nu = -q_k} \frac{\Psi'(\frac{1}{2} + \nu)}{\Psi(\frac{1}{2} + \nu)}.$$

Now, P(t) is defined to be

$$P(t) = \lim_{Y \to \infty} \left\{ \sum_{\gamma} P_t(\gamma)_Y - \frac{d}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^h \int_{D_{\Gamma}(Y)} dz \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t\nu^2} E_j\left(z, \frac{1}{2} + i\nu\right) \overline{E_j\left(z, \frac{1}{2} + i\nu\right)} d\nu \right\},$$

which may be considered as

$$\sum_{\gamma} P_t(\gamma) - \text{Tr}[e^{-t\Delta_H} \mid_{L^2(M, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})_{\text{cont}}}].$$

Putting altogether, we have

#### Theorem 7.6.

$$P(t) = d \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t\nu^2} \frac{\Psi'(\frac{1}{2} + i\nu)}{\Psi(\frac{1}{2} + i\nu)} d\nu - \frac{h}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t\nu^2} \frac{\Gamma'(1 + i\nu)}{\Gamma(1 + i\nu)} d\nu - \frac{h}{\sqrt{\pi t}} \log 2 + \nu_{-1} e^{\frac{t}{4}} \right).$$

Next, we will compute

$$2s\int_0^\infty e^{-s^2t}P(t)dt$$

for suitable  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ . First of all, the integral

$$2s \int_0^\infty e^{-(s^2 - \frac{1}{4})t} dt$$

absolutely converges for Re  $s^2>\frac{1}{4}$  and can be meromorphically continued throughout the whole plane as

$$\frac{1}{s+\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{s-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

On the other hand, since we have

$$s \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-s^2t}}{\sqrt{t}} dt = \sqrt{\pi}$$

for s > 0, LHS may be continued over the whole plane as the constant function  $\sqrt{\pi}$ .

**Proposition 7.7.** For  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $-\frac{\pi}{4} < \arg s < \frac{\pi}{4}$ , we have

(1)  $\frac{s}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dt \, e^{-s^2 t} \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-t\nu^2} \frac{\Gamma'(1+i\nu)}{\Gamma(1+i\nu)} d\nu = \frac{\Gamma'(1+s)}{\Gamma(1+s)},$ 

(2)  $\frac{s}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-s^{2}t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t\nu^{2}} \frac{\Psi'(\frac{1}{2} + i\nu)}{\Psi(\frac{1}{2} + i\nu)} d\nu$  $= \frac{\Psi'(\frac{1}{2} - s)}{\Psi(\frac{1}{2} - s)} - \sum_{k} b_{k} \left(\frac{1}{s + q_{k}} + \frac{1}{s - q_{k}}\right).$ 

*Proof.*  $\frac{\Gamma'(z)}{\Gamma(z)}$  has poles on non-positive integers and we obtain an estimate

$$\frac{|\Gamma'(1+i\nu)|}{|\Gamma(1+i\nu)|} \le \operatorname{Const} \cdot \log |\nu|, \quad |\nu| \ge 2.$$

For  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  with  $-\frac{\pi}{4} < \arg s < \frac{\pi}{4}$ , a simple computation shows

$$s \int_{0}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-s^{2}t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t\nu^{2}} \frac{\Gamma'(1+i\nu)}{\Gamma(1+i\nu)} d\nu = s \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\nu^{2}+s^{2}} \frac{\Gamma'(1+i\nu)}{\Gamma(1+i\nu)} d\nu.$$

Note that the poles of  $\frac{\Gamma'(1+i\nu)}{\Gamma(1+i\nu)}$  are  $\nu=i,2i,3i,\ldots$  Using the estimate above, one may apply the residue theorem for the contour in Figure 2. Then, one will find

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{s}{\nu^2 + s^2} \frac{\Gamma'(1+i\nu)}{\Gamma(1+i\nu)} d\nu = \pi \frac{\Gamma'(1+s)}{\Gamma(1+s)}.$$

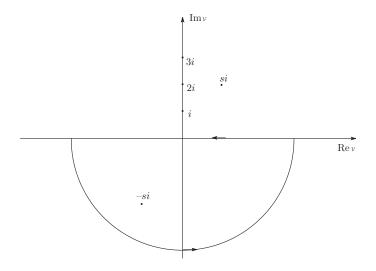


Figure 2.

Thus, (1) is proved. Taking account of Fact 7.5 (3) and (5), (2) will be proved by the same way.

q.e.d.

We set

$$F(s) = \frac{\Psi'(\frac{1}{2} - s)}{\Psi(\frac{1}{2} - s)} - \sum_{k} b_k \left( \frac{1}{s + q_k} + \frac{1}{s - q_k} \right).$$

Then, Fact 7.5(5) implies the poles of F(s) are located on  $\{\pm q_k\}_k$  and each of them is simple. Moreover, we have

$$\operatorname{Res}_{s=q_k} F(s) = 0, \qquad \operatorname{Res}_{s=-q_k} F(s) = -2b_k.$$

Hence, F(s) is regular on  $\{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re} s \geq 0\}$ . Combining altogether, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 7.8.** The integral  $2s \int_0^\infty e^{-s^2t} P(t) dt$  can be meromorphically continued to the whole plane as

$$2s \int_0^\infty e^{-s^2 t} P(t) dt = d \left( \frac{\Psi'(\frac{1}{2} - s)}{\Psi(\frac{1}{2} - s)} - \sum_k b_k \left( \frac{1}{s + q_k} + \frac{1}{s - q_k} \right) + \nu_{-1} \left( \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{s - \frac{1}{2}} \right) - 2h \frac{\Gamma'(1 + s)}{\Gamma(1 + s)} - 2h \log 2 \right).$$

It has only simple poles whose residues are integers. Moreover, it is regular at s = 0.

Now, the analytic continuation of  $Z_S(s)$  is proved.

**Theorem 7.9.**  $Z_S(s)$  can be meromorphically continued throughout the s-plane as

$$Z_{S}(s) = \frac{2b}{s} + \sum_{n=b+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{s + \sqrt{\lambda_{n}}i} + \frac{1}{s - \sqrt{\lambda_{n}}i} \right)$$

$$+ 2sd\chi(M) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{2} + n} - d\left( \frac{\Psi'(\frac{1}{2} - s)}{\Psi(\frac{1}{2} - s)} \right)$$

$$- \sum_{k} b_{k} \left( \frac{1}{s + q_{k}} + \frac{1}{s - q_{k}} \right) + \nu_{-1} \left( \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{s - \frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

$$+ 2dh \left( \frac{\Gamma'(1 + s)}{\Gamma(1 + s)} + \log 2 \right).$$

RHS has only simple poles and every residue is an integer. Its poles are located in  $\{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Re } s \leq 0\}$  except for s = 1/2. Moreover, we have

$$\operatorname{Res}_{s=0} Z_S(s) = 2b.$$

Since  $Z_S(s)$  is the logarithmic derivative of  $\zeta_S(s)$ , Theorem 7.9 implies

**Theorem 7.10.**  $\zeta_S(s)$  can be meromorphically continued to the whole plane. Also, it satisfies

$$\operatorname{ord}_{s=0}\zeta_S(s)=2b.$$

By definition, the logarithmic derivative of  $\zeta_R(s)$  is

$$\frac{\zeta_R'(s)}{\zeta_R(s)} = Z_S\left(s - \frac{1}{2}\right) - Z_S\left(s + \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

and Theorem 7.9 tells us that

$$\operatorname{Res}_{s=\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\zeta_R'(s)}{\zeta_R(s)} = 2b.$$

**Theorem 7.11.** The Ruelle zeta function  $\zeta_R(s)$  can be meromorphically continued throughout the s-plane and it has a zero at s = 1/2 of order 2b.

Taking account of Proposition 6.6, this implies the *logarithmic derivative* of the "Euler product"

$$\prod_{\gamma_0 \in \Gamma_{\text{pr,conj}}^*} \det[1_{2d} - \rho(\gamma_0)e^{-sl(\gamma_0)}]$$

can be meromophically continued throughout the whole plane and its residue at s = 1/2 is equal to b.

## 8. A geometric application

Let X be a smooth quasi-projective variety with a fibration

$$X \stackrel{f}{\longrightarrow} S$$

as in the introduction. We will use the notation of the Condition 1.1.

Let  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{C}}$  be the flat vector bundle over  $S_0$  which associates to the locally constant sheaf  $R^1 f_* \mathbf{C}$ .  $V_{\mathbf{C}} = V \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{C}$  has a direct decomposition

$$V_{\mathbf{C}} = (\mathbf{C}(1) \oplus \mathbf{C}(-1))^{\oplus d}$$

as a K-module and we may form a homogeneous vector bundle on  $\mathcal H$ 

$$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathbf{C}} = G \times_K V_{\mathbf{C}}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{C}}$  is the descent of  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathbf{C}}$  using the monodromy representation. Let  $\mathcal{W}^{p,q}$  be the same as in Section 5. The Condition 1.1 (5) implies the rational Mordell–Weil group  $X(S) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  is of finite dimension and by the cycle map it may be considered as a subspace of  $H^1(S_0, R^1 f_* \mathbf{Q})$ . Note that the Hodge–Lefshetz theorem implies

$$X(S) \otimes \mathbf{Q} = H^1(S_0, R^1 f_* \mathbf{Q}) \cap \operatorname{Ker}[\Delta_H \mid L^2(S_0, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})].$$

Moreover, we have

$$H^1(S_0, R^1f_*\mathbf{Q}) \cap \text{Ker}[\Delta_H \mid L^2(S_0, \mathcal{W}^{2.0} \oplus \mathcal{W}^{0.2})] \subset H^{2.0}(X) \oplus H^{0.2}(X)$$

by the compatibility of the Hodge decomposition and the Leray spectral sequence [5], [20]. Thus, we obtain

**Theorem 8.1.** The rank of the Mordell-Weil group is less than or equal to the dimension of  $\operatorname{Ker}[\Delta_H \mid L^2(S_0, \mathcal{W}^{1.1})]$ . Moreover, if  $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ , they are equal.

We define the Selberg zeta function  $\zeta_{S,f}(s)$  (resp. Ruelle zeta function  $\zeta_{R,f}(s)$ ) of the fibration f to be one associated to  $\rho_X$ . Theorems 7.10, 7.11 and 8.1 imply a solution of geometric analogue of the BSD conjecture.

Theorem 8.2. We have

$$2\dim_{\mathbf{Q}} X(S) \otimes \mathbf{Q} \leq \operatorname{ord}_{s=0} \zeta_{S,f}(s) = \operatorname{ord}_{s=\frac{1}{2}} \zeta_{R,f}(s).$$

Moreover, if  $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ , we have the equality in the above formula.

The Proposition 6.6 and the above theorem imply the following:

**Theorem 8.3** (A geometric analogue of the BSD conjecture over  ${\bf C}$ ). The Euler product

$$L_{X \setminus S}(s) = \prod_{\gamma_0 \in \Gamma_{\text{pr,conj}}^*} \det[1_{2d} - \rho_X(\gamma_0)e^{-sl(\gamma_0)}]$$

has a virtual zero at s = 1/2 whose order is greater than or equal to the rank of the Mordell-Weil group. Moreover, if  $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ , they are equal.

Let us define the topological Brauer group  $Br_{top}(X)$  of X as

$$Br_{\text{top}}(X) = H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X^*),$$

where the cohomology is taken with respect to the classical topology.

**Proposition 8.4.** The topological Brauer group of X is finitely generated if and only if  $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  vanishes.

*Proof.* The exponential sequence

$$0 \to \mathbf{Z} \to \mathcal{O}_X \to \mathcal{O}_Y^* \to 0$$
,

implies an exact sequence

$$H^2(X, \mathbf{Z}) \to H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \to Br_{\mathrm{top}}(X) \to H^3(X, \mathbf{Z}).$$

Since X is quasi-projective, both  $H^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$  and  $H^3(X, \mathbf{Z})$  are finitely generated and our assertion is clear. q.e.d.

Thus, we know that the condition  $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$  corresponds to finiteness of l-part of the Brauer group of Artin's theorem.

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