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§1. Introduction

For a finite group G , its *Frobenius number* h_n^{cyc} is the number of solutions of the equation $x^n = 1$ in G and a *Sylow number* s_n^{cyc} is the number of cyclic subgroups of G of order n . These numbers are named after Frobenius theorem and Sylow's theorem ([Yo 96]). The classical Frobenius theorem states that h_n^{cyc} is divisible by the greatest common divisor of n and $|G|$. The following *transition formula* holds:

$$(1) \quad h_n^{\text{cyc}} = \sum_{r|n} \varphi(r) s_r^{\text{cyc}}, \quad (n \geq 1),$$

where φ denotes the Euler function.

Now define the *zeta functions of Sylow and Frobenius types* by

$$S_G^{\text{cyc}}(z) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(n) s_n^{\text{cyc}}}{n^z} = \sum_{g \in G} |g|^{-z},$$

$$H_G^{\text{cyc}}(z) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^{\text{cyc}}}{n^z}.$$

Then the transition formula can be presented by the *transition identity* between these functions as follows:

$$(2) \quad H_G^{\text{cyc}}(z) = \zeta(z) S_G^{\text{cyc}}(z),$$

where the transition function $\zeta(z)$ is Riemann's zeta function. Another expression of the transition formula (1) is given by the following *cyclic identity*:

$$(3) \quad \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{1-t^n} \right)^{\#\{g \in G \mid |g|=n\}/n} = \exp \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^{\text{cyc}}}{n} t^n \right).$$

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