

### 63. Gamma Factors and Plancherel Measures

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We explicitly calculate gamma factors of Selberg zeta functions and give a neat formula to the associated Plancherel measures. This report supplements the previous one [7]. The details are described in [8] and will be published elsewhere.

**§ 1. Selberg zeta functions.** We fix the notation for Selberg zeta functions following mainly Selberg[13], Gangolli [5], Fried [4] ( $\kappa = 1$ ), and Wakayama [15]. Let  $M = \Gamma \backslash G/K$  be a compact locally symmetric space of rank one. We denote by  $Z_M(s)$  the Selberg zeta function:

$$Z_M(s) = \prod_{p \in \text{Prim}(M)} \prod_{\lambda \geq 0} (1 - N(p)^{-s-\lambda})$$

where  $\text{Prim}(M)$  is the set of prime geodesics of  $M$  with the norm function  $N(p) = \exp(\text{length}(p))$  and  $\lambda$  runs over a certain semi-lattice. We recall the following fact:  $Z_M(s)$  has an analytic continuation to all  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  as a meromorphic function of order  $\dim M$  and has the following functional equation

$$Z_M(2\rho_0 - s) = Z_M(s) \exp\left(\text{vol}(M) \int_0^{s-\rho_0} \mu_M(it) dt\right).$$

Here,  $\rho_0 > 0$  and the Plancherel measure  $\mu_M(t)$  calculated by Miatello [12] are given as follows (we use renormalized  $\rho_0$ ,  $\mu_M(t)$  and  $\text{vol}(M)$  to simplify the constants):

$$(0) \quad G = \text{SO}(1, 2n - 1) (\Leftrightarrow \dim M : \text{odd})$$

$$\rho_0 = n - 1, \mu_M(it) : \text{polynomial}$$

$$(1) \quad G = \text{SO}(1, 2n), \rho_0 = n - 1/2, \dim M = 2n,$$

$$\mu_M(it) = (-1)^n P_M(t) \pi \tan(\pi t),$$

$$P_M(t) = \frac{2}{(2n-1)!} t \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(t^2 - \left(k - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right)$$

$$(2) \quad G = \text{SU}(1, 2n - 1), \rho_0 = n - 1/2, \dim M = 4n - 2,$$

$$\mu_M(it) = -P_M(t) \pi \tan(\pi t),$$

$$P_M(t) = \frac{2}{(2n-1)!(2n-2)!} t \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(t^2 - \left(k - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right)^2$$

$$(3) \quad G = \text{SU}(1, 2n), \rho_0 = n, \dim M = 4n,$$

$$\mu_M(it) = -P_M(t) \pi \cot(\pi t),$$

$$P_M(t) = \frac{2}{(2n)!(2n-1)!} t^3 \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (t^2 - k^2)^2$$

$$(4) \quad G = \text{Sp}(1, n), \rho_0 = n + 1/2, \dim M = 4n,$$

$$\mu_M(it) = P_M(t) \pi \tan(\pi t),$$

$$P_M(t) = \frac{2}{(2n+1)!(2n-1)!} t \left(t^2 - \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right) \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(t^2 - \left(k - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right)^2$$

(5)  $G = F_4, \rho_0 = 11/2, \dim M = 16,$   
 $\mu_M(it) = P_M(t) \pi \tan(\pi t),$   
 $P_M(t) = \frac{2}{11!4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} t \left(t^2 - \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \left(t^2 - \frac{9}{4}\right)^2 \left(t^2 - \frac{25}{4}\right) \left(t^2 - \frac{49}{4}\right) \left(t^2 - \frac{81}{4}\right).$

We omit the case (0) since the gamma factor is “trivial” corresponding to the non-existence of discrete series. In cases (1)–(5) the gamma factor is non-trivial and described by the multiple gamma function of order  $\dim M$ ; we notice that  $\deg P_M = \dim M - 1$ .

**§ 2. Multiple gamma functions and multiple sine functions.** We define the multiple gamma function  $\Gamma_r(z)$  by

$$\Gamma_r(z) = \exp\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta_r(s, z) \Big|_{s=0}\right)$$

where

$$\zeta_r(s, z) = \sum_{n_1, \dots, n_r \geq 0} (n_1 + \dots + n_r + z)^{-s} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(n + z)^{-s}$$

is the multiple Hurwitz zeta function. Next we define the multiple sine function  $S_r(z)$  by  $S_r(z) = \Gamma_r(z)^{-1} \Gamma_r(r - z)^{(-1)^r}$ . Among many properties of  $S_r(z)$  similar to the usual sine function, the following one is fundamental in this paper.

**Theorem 1.** *The multiple sine function  $S_r(z)$  satisfies the following differential equations:*

(1)  $\frac{S'_r}{S_r}(z) = (-1)^{r-1} \left(\frac{z-1}{r-1}\right) \pi \cot(\pi z).$

(2) an algebraic differential equation of degree two:

$$S''_r(z) = (1 - P(z)^{-1}) S'_r(z)^2 S_r(z)^{-1} + P'(z) P(z)^{-1} S'_r(z) - \pi^2 P(z) S_r(z)$$

where  $P(z) = (-1)^{r-1} \left(\frac{z-1}{r-1}\right).$

When  $r = 1$ , we see that  $S_1(z) = 2 \sin(\pi z)$  since  $\Gamma_1(z) = (2\pi)^{-1/2} \Gamma(z)$ , so (1)(2) are well-known differential equations for the usual sine function. It should be remarked that the multiple gamma function  $\Gamma_r(z)$  does not satisfy any algebraic differential equation according to Hölder ( $r = 1$ ) and Barnes [1] ( $r \geq 2$ ).

**§ 3. Gamma factors. Theorem 2.** *Let  $M = \Gamma \backslash G / K$  be an even dimensional compact locally symmetric space of rank one. Define the gamma factor  $\Gamma_M(s)$  of  $M$  by*

$$\Gamma_M(s) = \det(\sqrt{\Delta_{M'}} + \rho_0^2 + s - \rho_0)^{\text{vol}(M) (-1)^{\dim M/2}}$$

using the zeta regularized determinant, where  $M' = G' / K$  is the compact dual symmetric space. Then:

(1) 
$$\Gamma_M(s) = \begin{cases} (\Gamma_{2n}(s) \Gamma_{2n}(s+1))^{\text{vol}(M) (-1)^{\dim M/2-1}} \dots G = \text{SO}(1, 2n), \\ (\prod_{k=0}^n \Gamma_{2n}(s+k) \binom{n}{k}^2)^{\text{vol}(M) (-1)^{\dim M/2-1}} \dots G = \text{SU}(1, n), \\ (\prod_{k=0}^{2n-1} \Gamma_{4n}(s+k) \frac{1}{2n} \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2n}{k+1})^{-\text{vol}(M)} \dots G = \text{Sp}(1, n), \\ (\Gamma_{16}(s) \Gamma_{16}(s+1)^{10} \Gamma_{16}(s+2)^{28} \Gamma_{16}(s+3)^{28} \Gamma_{16}(s+4)^{10} \Gamma_{16}(s+5))^{-\text{vol}(M)} \dots G = F_4. \end{cases}$$

(2) The completed zeta function  $\hat{Z}_M(s) = \Gamma_M(s)Z_M(s)$  satisfies the symmetric functional equation:  $\hat{Z}_M(s) = \hat{Z}_M(2\rho_0 - s)$ . Moreover  $\hat{Z}_M(s)$  is essentially equal to  $\det((\Delta_M - \rho_0^2) + (s - \rho_0)^2)$ .

We notice that when  $M$  is a compact Riemann surface of genus  $g$  ( $G = \text{SO}(1,2)$ ) our normalization of the double gamma function  $\Gamma_2(z)$  gives the following neat result:

$$\Gamma_M(s) = \det\left(\sqrt{\Delta_{S^2} + \frac{1}{4}} + s - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2-2g} = (\Gamma_2(s) \Gamma_2(s + 1))^{2g-2}$$

and

$$\hat{Z}_M(s) = \det(\Delta_M - s(1 - s)) \exp\left((2g - 2)\left(s - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right).$$

**§ 4. Plancherel measures.** We have the following new expression of the Plancherel measures, which suggests the Betti type interpretation for the coefficients.

**Theorem 3.**

$$P_M(t + \rho_0) = \begin{cases} {}_{2n}H_t + {}_{2n}H_{t-1} & \cdots G = \text{SO}(1,2n), \\ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 {}_{2n}H_{t-k} & \cdots G = \text{SU}(1,n), \\ \sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} \frac{1}{2n} \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2n}{k+1} {}_{4n}H_{t-k} & \cdots G = \text{Sp}(1,n), \\ {}_{16}H_t + 10 {}_{16}H_{t-1} + 28 {}_{16}H_{t-2} + 28 {}_{16}H_{t-3} + 10 {}_{16}H_{t-4} \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad + {}_{16}H_{t-5} & \cdots G = F_4. \end{cases}$$

**§ 5. Proofs.** We use the following combinatorial result:

**Theorem 4.** For integers  $n$  and  $m$  we have:

- (1)  ${}_{2n}H_m + {}_{2n}H_{m-1} = \frac{(2m + 2n - 1)(m + 1)\cdots(m + 2n - 2)}{(2n - 1)!}$   
 $= \text{mult}(m(m + 2n - 1), \Delta_{S^{2n}}).$
- (2)  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 {}_{2n}H_{m-k} = \frac{(2m + n)(m + 1)^2 \cdots (m + n - 1)^2}{n!(n - 1)!}$   
 $= \text{mult}(m(m + n), \Delta_{P_C^n}).$
- (3)  $\sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} \frac{1}{2n} \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2n}{k+1} {}_{4n}H_{m-k}$   
 $= \frac{(2m + 2n + 1)(m + 1)((m + 2)\cdots(m + 2n - 1))^2(m + 2n)}{(2n + 1)!(2n - 1)!}$   
 $= \text{mult}(m(m + 2n + 1), \Delta_{P_H^{2n}}).$
- (4)  ${}_{16}H_m + 10 {}_{16}H_{m-1} + 28 {}_{16}H_{m-2} + 28 {}_{16}H_{m-3} + 10 {}_{16}H_{m-4} + {}_{16}H_{m-5}$   
 $= \frac{(2m + 1)(m + 1)(m + 2)(m + 3)(m + 4)^2(m + 5)^2(m + 6)^2(m + 7)^2(m + 8)(m + 9)(m + 10)}{11! \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7}$   
 $= \text{mult}(m(m + 11), \Delta_{P_2^8}).$

The former identities follow from Saalschütz (1890) type identities generalizing Vandermond convolution to three products. The latter identities are due to Cartan [3]((1)(2)) and Cahn-Wolf [2] (general), which are considered as real analytic version of the Hirzebruch proportionality principle since the middle terms are  $P_M(m + \rho_0)$ . Hence we obtain Theorem 3.

Let

$\zeta(s, z - \rho_0, \sqrt{\Delta_{M'} + \rho_0^2}) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \text{mult}(m(m + 2\rho_0), \Delta_{M'}) (m + z)^{-s}$   
 then Theorem 4 gives (in the same four cases)

$$\zeta(s, z - \rho_0, \sqrt{\Delta_{M'} + \rho_0^2}) = \begin{cases} \zeta_{2n}(s, z) + \zeta_{2n}(s, z + 1), \\ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \zeta_{2n}(s, z + k), \\ \sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} \frac{1}{2n} \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2n}{k+1} \zeta_{4n}(s, z + k), \\ \zeta_{16}(s, z) + 10 \zeta_{16}(s, z + 1) + 28 \zeta_{16}(s, z + 2) \\ + 28 \zeta_{16}(s, z + 3) + 10 \zeta_{16}(s, z + 4) \\ + \zeta_{16}(s, z + 5). \end{cases}$$

Thus we get (1) of Theorem 2. Now, Theorem 3 gives

$$\exp\left(\int_0^{s-\rho_0} \mu_M(it) dt\right)^{(-1)^{\dim M/2}} = \begin{cases} S_{2n}(s) S_{2n}(s + 1), \\ \prod_{k=0}^n S_{2n}(s + k)^{\binom{n}{k}^2}, \\ \prod_{k=0}^{2n-1} S_{4n}(s + k)^{\frac{1}{2n} \binom{2n}{k} \binom{2n}{k+1}}, \\ S_{16}(s) S_{16}(s + 1)^{10} S_{16}(s + 2)^{28} S_{16}(s + 3)^{28} \cdot \\ S_{16}(s + 4)^{10} S_{16}(s + 5) \end{cases}$$

by logarithmic differentiation using Theorem 1 and remarking that both sides are 1 at  $s = \rho_0$ . So, we get (2) of Theorem 2.

**§ 6. Generalized sine functions.** The double sine function was firstly studied by Hölder [6] in 1886. Then, after the almost centennial blank, Shintani [14] in 1977 used it to construct class fields over real quadratic fields. Unfortunately Hölder and Shintani used the notation  $F(z)$  and did not name it; the name first appeared in [7]–[9]. We may formulate a version of Kronecker’s Jugendtraum as follows: for an integral domain  $A$  with the quotient field  $K$ ,  $K^{ab} = K(S_A(K))$  where  $S_A(x) = \prod_{a \in A} (a - x)$  is the sine function of  $A$ . We refer to [10] (Appendix 1 “A variation of the Kronecker limit formula” 1991 May) concerning established examples of  $S_A(x)$  for  $A = \mathbf{Z}$  (Kronecker), an imaginary quadratic integer ring (Takagi), and an integer ring of positive characteristic (Carlitz-Drinfeld). General calculations using multiple sine functions  $S_r(z; (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_r))$  with parameters satisfying  $S_r(z; (1, \dots, 1)) = S_r(z)$  were written in [8] containing the partially known real quadratic case due to Shintani [14]. There  $q$ -analogues of multiple sine functions were used also.

Multiple sine functions are considered as concrete examples of multiple zeta functions formulated in [9]. We refer to Manin [11] for the excellent exposition from the view point of absolute motives.

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