

# CONGRUENT ZETA FUNCTIONS. NO.3

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## 3.1. Definition of congruent Zeta function.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $q$  be a power of a prime. Let  $V = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\}$  be a set of polynomial equations in  $n$ -variables over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . We denote by  $V(\mathbb{F}_{q^s})$  the set of solutions of  $V$  in  $(\mathbb{F}_{q^s})^n$ . That means,

$$V(\mathbb{F}_{q^s}) = \{x \in (\mathbb{F}_{q^s})^n; f_1(x) = 0, f_2(x) = 0, \dots, f_m(x) = 0\}.$$

Then we define

$$Z(V/\mathbb{F}_q, T) = \exp\left(\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{s} \#V(\mathbb{F}_{q^s})T^s\right)\right).$$

EXERCISE 3.1. Compute congruent zeta function for  $V = \{XY\}$  (an equation on two variables).

EXERCISE 3.2. Compute congruent zeta function for  $V = \{X^2 + Y^2 - 1\}$  (an equation on two variables).