

# CONGRUENT ZETA FUNCTIONS. NO.11

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Let  $f$  be a self map  $f : M \rightarrow M$  of a set  $M$ . It defines a (discrete) **dynamical system**  $(M, f)$ .

To explain the basic idea, we first examine the case where  $M$  is a finite set.

We put  $A = C(M, \mathbb{C})$ , the set of  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued functions on  $M$ .

$f$  defines a pull-back of functions:

$$f^*(a)(x) = a(f(x)) \quad (a \in A)$$

and push-forward:

$$f_*(a)(x) = \sum_{f(y)=x} a(y) \quad (a \in A).$$

(It might be better to treat the push-forward as above as a push-forward of measures.)

We note also that any element of  $A$  admits an integration

$$\int_M a = \sum_{x \in M} a(x) \quad (a \in A)$$

(which is a integration with respect to the counting measure.)

PROPOSITION 11.1. *We have*

$$\int_M (f^* a) b = \int_M a (f_* b)$$

*In other words,  $f_*$  is the adjoint of  $f^*$ .*

PROPOSITION 11.2. *Let us put  $M = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be the indicators of elements of  $M$ . Then  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  forms a basis of  $A$ .  $f^*$  is represented by a matrix  $P_f = (\delta_{f(i)j})$ .  $f_*$  is represented by a matrix  ${}^t P_f = (\delta_{if(j)})$ .*

DEFINITION 11.3. We define the set  $\text{Fix}(f)$  as the set of fixed points of  $f$ . Namely,

$$\text{Fix}(f) = \{x \in M; f(x) = x\}.$$

PROPOSITION 11.4.  $\text{tr}(f^*) = \text{tr}(f_*) = \# \text{Fix}(f)$ .

It should be noted that  $\text{tr}((f^k)^*)$  may be comuted using a “path-integral”-like formula.

$$\text{tr}((f^k)^*) = \sum_{\alpha \in M^k} P_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} P_{\alpha_2 \alpha_3} \cdots P_{\alpha_{k-1} \alpha_k} P_{\alpha_k \alpha_1}$$

DEFINITION 11.5. We define the Artin-Mazur zeta function of a dynamical system  $(M, f)$  as

$$Z((M, f), T) = \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\# \text{Fix}(f^j) T^j}{j}\right)$$

PROPOSITION 11.6.

$$Z((M, f), T) = \frac{1}{\det(1 - T f^*)}$$

11.1. **Congruent zeta as a zeta of a dynamical system.** The definition of Artin Mazur zeta function is valid without assuming the number of the base space  $M$  to be a finite set.

DEFINITION 11.7. Let  $M$  be a set. Let  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be a map such that  $\# \text{Fix}(f^n)$  is finite for any  $n > 0$ . We define the Artin-Mazur zeta function of a dynamical system  $(M, f)$  as

$$Z((M, f), T) = \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\# \text{Fix}(f^j) T^j}{j}\right)$$

Let  $q$  be a power of a prime  $p$ . We may consider an automorphism  $\text{Frob}_q$  of  $\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  by

$$\text{Frob}_q(x) = x^q$$

PROPOSITION 11.8.  $\text{Frob}_q : \mathbb{F}_{q^r} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{q^r}$  is an automorphism of order  $r$ . It is a generator of the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{q^r}/\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

For any projective variety  $X$  defined over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , we may define a Frobenius action  $\text{Frob}_q$  on  $X(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q)$ :

$$\text{Frob}_q([x_0 : x_1 : \dots : x_N]) = ([x_0^q : x_1^q : \dots : x_N^q]).$$

For any  $\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q$ -valued point  $x \in X(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q)$ , We have

$$\text{Frob}_q^r(x) = x \iff x \in X(\mathbb{F}_{q^r}).$$

PROPOSITION 11.9. The Artin Mazur zeta function of the dynamical system  $(X(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q), \text{Frob}_q)$  coincides with the congruent zeta function  $Z(X/\mathbb{F}_q, t)$ .