Multiple Dirichlet Series for affine Weyl groups

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- Motivation: Moments of central values of quadratic Dirichlet L-functions
- Chinta-Gunnels MDS attached to Weyl-Coxeter groups
- Affine Coxeter groups
 - Residues of MDS for \widetilde{A}_r
 - Macdonald's formula
 - Extra functional equation

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Known for r = 1, 2 (Jutila 1981) and r = 3 (Soundararajan 2000 and Diaconu-Goldfeld-Hoffstein 2001).

Diaconu-Goldfeld-Hoffstein used multiple Dirichlet series, and conjectured the existence of another term in the asymptotics for the third moment, of order $x^{3/4}$. The existence of this lower order term was recently established:

Theorem (Diaconu-Whitehead 2019)

Let $W: (0,\infty) \to (0,1)$ be a "nice" function with Mellin transform \widehat{W} . Then

$$\sum_{d} L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \chi_{2d}\right)^{3} W\left(\frac{d}{x}\right) = xQ_{W}(\log x) + R\widehat{W}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)x^{\frac{3}{4}} + O\left(x^{\frac{2}{3}+\epsilon}\right)$$

where Q_W is a polynomial of degree 6, R = -0.0034..., and the sum is over square-free odd d.

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• Over $\mathbb{F}_q(T)$ asymptotics for the 3rd and 4th moments were proven by A. Florea (2017).

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The term in the summation for d not square-free has to be adjusted by suitable correction factors, so that Z_{arithm} has a large group of functional equations. The correction factors are unique for r = 1, 2, 3, but not so for $r \ge 4$. The most general construction of Z_{arithm} is due to Diaconu-Paşol (2018), who give a set of axioms that determine uniquely the correction factors for every r (using some of the geometric machinery used by Deligne in the proof of the Weil conjectures).

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Remark: When $r \leq 3$, the functional equations form a finite group and give meromorphic continuation to \mathbb{C}^{r+1} by means of Böchner's theorem, but for $r \geq 4$ the group is infinite, and there is a natural boundary of singularities.

From now on assume the function field setting. The functional equations

$$L(s,\chi_d)\mapsto |d|^{1/2-s}L(1-s,\chi_d)$$

imply that $Z_{\rm arithm}$ has a group of functional equations under the transformations :

$$\sigma_i:(s_1,\ldots,s_i,\ldots,s_{r+1})\mapsto(s_1,\ldots,1-s_i,\ldots,s_{r+1}+s_i-1/2)$$
 for $i=1,\ldots,r$ and

 $\sigma_{r+1}: (s_1, \ldots, s_{r+1}) \mapsto (s_1 + s_{r+1} - 1/2, s_2 + s_{r+1} - 1/2, \ldots, 1 - s_{r+1})$

(for this latter equation one needs the correction factors in definition of Z_{arithm}).

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Remark: The case r = 4 is special in that the Weyl group is *affine*. The corresponding root system is denoted \widetilde{D}_4 .

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Setting

We consider simply laced Coxeter root systems (all the roots have the same length), which are of **affine** type. The irreducible ones are \widetilde{A}_r , \widetilde{D}_r and those associated with the finite exceptional root systems of type E_r , $6 \leq r \leq 8$.



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 $\Phi=\Phi^+\cup\Phi^-,$ into positive and negative roots.

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$$t\alpha_i = \alpha_i + n_i\delta, \quad n_i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

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For $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{r+1})$, and $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} k_i \alpha_i$ in the root lattice:

$$\mathbf{x}^{lpha} := \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} x_i^{k_i}.$$

The Weyl group W acts on variables \mathbf{x} by

$$(w\mathbf{x})_i = \mathbf{x}^{w^{-1}\alpha_i}$$

The action of generators σ_i correspond precisely to the functional equations of the MDS for $x_i = q^{1/2-s_i}$.

Also define the sign function on multivariables \mathbf{x} :

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Chinta-Gunnels action (2006): for a rational function $f(\mathbf{x})$

$$f|\sigma_i(\mathbf{x}) = f(\sigma_i \mathbf{x}) J(x_i, 0) + f(\varepsilon_i \sigma_i \mathbf{x}) J(x_i, 1)$$

 $J(x, \delta) = \frac{x}{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{q} - x}{1 - \sqrt{q}x} - (-1)^{\delta} \right),$

and the action extends to W by $f|w_1|w_2=f|w_1w_2$.

Form the zeta function (Chinta-Gunnels average)

$$Z(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{w \in W} 1 | w(\mathbf{x}) |$$

In the affine case, we want to:

- compute its residues at poles;
- relate it to Z_{arithm} that encodes moments.



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Set $u = \sqrt{q}$. The zeta function has poles at $x_i = 1/\sqrt{u}$ and it is completely determined by its functional equations, plus knowledge of the iterated residue:

$$R(\mathbf{x}_{J}; u) = \prod_{i \in I} \frac{1 - ux_i}{1 - x_i^2} Z(\mathbf{x}) \bigg|_{\mathbf{x}_i = 1/u, i \in I}$$

A conjecture

Let $P = \prod_{j \in J} x_j / u^{|I|}$ (specialization of \mathbf{x}^{δ} for $x_i = 1/u$, $i \in I$).

Conjecture (Diaconu-Pașol-P.)

For \widetilde{A}_r , we have

$$R(\mathbf{x}_J; u) = f(P; u) \cdot R_0(\mathbf{x}_J; u)$$

where f(P; u) is an explicit power series in P, and R_0 is an explicit residue, common to all zeta functions satisfying the same group of functional equations. Both R_0 and P are products of Pochhammer symbols.

Denote by $(a; b)_{\infty} = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - ab^k)$, the *b*-Pochhammer symbol.

Theorem (Diaconu-Pașol-P.)

The conjecture holds for $\widetilde{A}_2, \widetilde{A}_3$. For example, for \widetilde{A}_2 we have

$$R(x_1, x_2; u) = (P^2; P^2)_{\infty} (P^2/u^2; P^2)_{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^2 (x_i^2/u^2; P^2)_{\infty}$$

where $P = x_1 x_2 / u$ (recall $u = \sqrt{q}$).

Remarks

$$R(\mathbf{x}_J; u) = f(P; u) \cdot R_0(\mathbf{x}_J; u)$$

- We expect a similar result to hold in all affine cases. We proved it for \widetilde{D}_4 .
- The factor R₀ is computed using the functional equations of Z under translations in affine Weyl group.
- The determination of the "diagonal factor" f(P; u) is more subtle, and it requires a new type of functional equation.
- The multiple residue of Z_{arithm} for A_r, in the same variables, was computed by Whitehead (2014). Both Z and Z_{arithm} satisfy the same affine Weyl group of functional equations, and proving the conjecture would also determine the proportionality factor between the two.

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Key fact: For q = 1, the residue conjecture specializes to *Macdonald's formula* for $F_{MD}(-\mathbf{x})$ in the case \widetilde{A}_r (specialized at $x_i = 1$ for $i \in I$). It can be regarded as a *q*-deformation of it.

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Ideea of proof: both sides have the same functional equations under suitable Weyl group elements, and they agree when variables are appropriately specialized. Assume Φ is of type \widetilde{A}_2 , \widetilde{A}_3 or \widetilde{D}_4 . For a function $F(\mathbf{x})$ we denote

$$\overrightarrow{F}(\mathbf{x}) := egin{pmatrix} F(\mathbf{x}) \ F(arepsilon_{r+1}\mathbf{x}) \ F(arepsilon_{r+1}\mathbf{x}) \ F(arepsilon_{r+1}\mathbf{x}) \ F(arepsilon_{r+1}\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}$$

and we consider a matrix valued cocycle $M_w(\mathbf{x})$ such that

$$\overrightarrow{F|w}(\mathbf{x}) = M_w(\mathbf{x})\overrightarrow{F}(w\mathbf{x}).$$

The function M_w is defined initially on the generators of W, and then extended to the whole group by the cocycle relation

$$M_{w'w}(\mathbf{x}) = M_w(\mathbf{x})M_{w'}(w\mathbf{x}), \quad \text{ for } w, w' \in W.$$

For the zeta function $Z = \sum_{w \in W} 1 | w$, we have

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The cocycle relation for M_w implies the functional equations

$$M_w(\mathbf{x})\vec{Z}(w\mathbf{x}) = \vec{Z}(\mathbf{x})$$

(when $x = q^{1/2-s_i}$ these are of the same type as before in s_i).

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Theorem (Diaconu-Pașol-P.)

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