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Dokchitser's Algorithm

consider a motivic L -function

Assume it satisfied $L(s) = \epsilon L^*(w - s)$ where

$$L^*(s) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{N}}{\pi^{d/2}}\right)^s \prod_{i=1}^d \Gamma\left(\frac{s + \lambda_i}{2}\right) L(s)$$

where

$$L(s) = \sum \frac{a_n}{n^s}$$

converges for $\text{Re}(s) \gg 0$.

Assume L^* is meromorphic, and has finitely many poles.

EXAMPLES

	w	d	λ_i	N	ϵ	<u>poles</u>
$\zeta(s)$	1	1	0	1	1	1
$\zetaeta_K(s)$	1	[$K : \mathbf{Q}$]	0, ..., 0, 1, ..., 1	$(r_1, 0$'s and $2r_2, 1$'s)	$ D_F $	1 1
$L(E,s)$	2	2	0, 1	N	± 1	

Why? Can use to compute root number, conductor, etc.

Discussion about poles: The algorithm takes as input the finitely many poles.

Mellin Transforms

Given $f(t) : \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, the mellin transform of $f(t)$ is

$$g(s) = \int_0^\infty f(t)t^s \frac{dt}{t}$$

The inverse Mellin transform is

$$f(t) = \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} g(s)t^{-s} ds$$

for any c with $\text{Re}(c) >$ poles of g .

Let $\gamma(s) = \prod_{j=1}^d \Gamma\left(\frac{s+\lambda_j}{2}\right)$.

Define $\phi(t)$ to be the inverse Mellin transform of $\gamma(s)$, which is

$$\gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty \phi(t)t^s \frac{dt}{t}$$

Let

$$\Theta(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \phi\left(\frac{nt}{A}\right)$$

where $A = \pi^{d/2}$.

We have

$$\int_0^{\infty} \theta(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t} = \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \phi\left(\frac{nt}{A}\right) t^s \frac{dt}{t} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_0^{\infty} \phi(t) \left(\frac{At}{n}\right)^s \frac{dt}{t} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A^s \frac{a_n}{n^s} \int_0^{\infty} \phi(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t} = L^*(s).$$

We have

$$\theta\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) = \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} L^*(s) t^s ds = t^{-w} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \epsilon L^*(w-s) t^{s-w} ds = t^w \epsilon \int_{w-c-i\infty}^{w-c+i\infty} L^*(s) t^{-s} ds = t^w \epsilon \theta(t) - \sum_j r_j t^{P_j}$$

where we sum over the poles p_j with residues r_j .

Now we compute $L^*(s)$ in terms of θ .

$$L^*(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \theta(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t} = \left(\int_0^1 + \int_1^{\infty} \right) \theta(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t} = \int_1^{\infty} \theta(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t} + \int_1^{\infty} \theta\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) t^{-s} \frac{dt}{t} = \int_1^{\infty} \theta(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t} + \int_1^{\infty} t^w \epsilon \theta(t) - \epsilon \sum_j r_j t^{P_j} t^{-s} \frac{dt}{t} = \sum_1^{\infty} \theta(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t}.$$

Let

$$G_s(t) = t^{-s} \int_t^{\infty} \phi(x) x^s \frac{dx}{x}$$

Then with some more similar manipulation we get

$$\int_1^{\infty} \theta(t) t^s \frac{dt}{t} = \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A^s a_n G_s(n/A).$$

So computing L boils down to computing these G -functions.

Computing $G_s(t)$:

Note that $G_s(-)$ is a function of s and the λ_j .

Meier G -function: $\phi(t) = 2G_{0,d}^{d,0}(t^2; \frac{\lambda_j}{2})$.

Using $s\Gamma(s) = \Gamma(s+1)$ we get horrendous recurrence involving 5-level nested sums, etc. Can do explicitly.

For small t , we have $G_s(t) = \frac{\gamma(s)}{t^s} - F_s(t)$, where $F_s(t) \in \mathbf{C}[\log(t)][[t]]$.

Problem with this approach: $F_s(t)$ behaves like the Taylor series of e^{-t} . Horrible cancellation. Have to do things to very high precision. Bad.

$$1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{x^5}{120} + \frac{x^6}{720} - \frac{x^7}{5040} + \frac{x^8}{40320} - \frac{x^9}{362880} + \frac{x^{10}}{3628800} - \frac{x^{11}}{39916800} + \frac{x^{12}}{479001600} - \frac{x^{13}}{6227020800} + \frac{x^{14}}{87178291200} - \frac{x^{15}}{1307674368000}$$

Better idea to compute $G_s(t)$?

$$G_s(t^{d/2}) \sim \frac{(2\pi)^{(d-1)/2}}{\sqrt{d}} e^{-dt} t^{k-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_n(s) t^{-n}$$

and

$$k = (1 - d + \sum \lambda_j)/2.$$

Example. For an elliptic curve E , we have $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 1$, and $\mu_n(s) = \prod_{a=1}^n \frac{(s-a)}{2}$... so in fact the above formula for G_s is a divergent series!!!

The above is an *asymptotic expansion*, so instead of comparing as $n \rightarrow \infty$, compare as $x \rightarrow \infty$ for fixed n :

$$F(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^{-n}$$

if and only if for each n ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(F(x) - \sum_{n=1}^N a_n x^{-n} \right) x^N = 0$$

Given $\sum M_N x^n$ as a formal power series, consider the continued fraction $b_0 + \frac{x^{k_0}}{b_1 + \frac{x^{k_1}}{b_2 + \frac{x^{k_2}}{\dots}}}$.

Let $c_n(x)$ be the truncated continued fraction. Then $c_n(x)$ "converges" "quickly" "to $\Psi_s(t)$ ".