

A functional equation for the zeta
function of a finitely generated free
 $\mathbb{Z}_p[G]$ -module

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Abstract

Let G be a finite group, p a prime number and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Following L. SOLOMON, one can define a zeta-function of the $\mathbb{Z}_p[G]$ -module $\mathbb{Z}_p[G]^n$, counting submodules of finite index in $\mathbb{Z}_p[G]^n$. In this article, we present a functional equation for this zeta function. We modify and extend the proof for $n = 1$ in [1], in order to cover our more general situation.

Definitions and the main theorem

If Λ is any (unitary) ring and N a left Λ -module, we define the *zeta function* of N as

$$\zeta_N(s) := \sum_{U \subseteq N} [N : U]^{-s},$$

the sum extending over all Λ -submodules U of finite index in N . If M is another left Λ -module, the *partial zeta function* of N with respect to M is obtained by restricting the sum to those submodules isomorphic to M (over Λ), i.e.

$$\zeta_N(M; s) := \sum_{\substack{U \subseteq N \\ U \cong M}} [N : U]^{-s}.$$

Analogously, if N and M are right Λ -modules, we can define the zeta functions $\zeta_N^{\text{right}}(s)$ and $\zeta_N^{\text{right}}(M; s)$. In either case we consider these functions for those $s \in \mathbb{C}$ such that the sum converges.

Example. Let $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}$ and n be a positive integer. Then

$$\zeta_{\mathbb{Z}}(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} n^{-s}$$

is the *Riemann zeta function*, and

$$\zeta_{\mathbb{Z}^n}(s) = \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \zeta_{\mathbb{Z}}(s - m),$$

cf. [1, §1]. In particular $\zeta_{\mathbb{Z}^n}(s)$ converges for $\text{Re}(s) > n - 1$.

We now fix a finite group G , a prime number p and some positive integer n throughout this paper. Let $R := \mathbb{Z}_p[G]$ be the group ring of G over the ring of p -adic integers. Then R is a \mathbb{Z}_p -order in $\mathbb{Q}_p[G]$ and hence is contained in some maximal order \tilde{R} of $\mathbb{Q}_p[G]$. We put

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda &:= M_n(R), \\ \tilde{\Lambda} &:= M_n(\tilde{R}), \\ A &:= M_n(\mathbb{Q}_p[G]). \end{aligned}$$

Then A is a finite dimensional semisimple \mathbb{Q}_p -algebra, $\Lambda \subseteq \tilde{\Lambda}$ are \mathbb{Z}_p -orders in A and $\tilde{\Lambda}$ is maximal (cf. [2, Th. 26.25]). We define

$$\delta_\Lambda(s) := \frac{\zeta_\Lambda(s)}{\zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(s)}.$$

Then, according to *Solomon's First Conjecture* proved in [1, Th. 1], $\delta_\Lambda(s)$ is a polynomial in p^{-s} with integer coefficients. We can now state the main result of this paper.

Theorem 1. *The quotient $\delta_\Lambda(s) \in \mathbb{Z}[p^{-s}]$ satisfies the following functional equation:*

$$\delta_\Lambda(s) = [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda]^{1-2s} \delta_\Lambda(1-s).$$

MORITA's Theorem (cf. [3, Sec. 3.12]) induces an isomorphism between the lattice of left ideals of $\Lambda = M_n(R)$ of finite index in $M_n(R)$ and the lattice of submodules of finite index in the left R -module R^n . If $I \subseteq M_n(R)$ and $U \subseteq R^n$ correspond to each other under that isomorphism, the relation

$$[M_n(R) : I] = [R^n : U]^n$$

is easily verified. Thus we get

$$\zeta_{M_n(R)}(s) = \zeta_{R^n}(ns),$$

and in the same way

$$\zeta_{M_n(R)}^{\text{right}}(s) = \zeta_{R^n}^{\text{right}}(ns).$$

But since $M_n(R)$ has a canonical anti-automorphism, given by

$$(a_{ij}) \mapsto (\varphi(a_{ij}))^T,$$

where

$$\varphi : R \rightarrow R, \quad g \mapsto g^{-1} \quad \text{for all } g \in G$$

is an anti-automorphism of R , the left and right zeta functions coincide in the above situation. Hence

$$\zeta_\Lambda(s) = \zeta_{R^n}(ns) = \zeta_{R^n}^{\text{right}}(ns) = \zeta_\Lambda^{\text{right}}(s).$$

A similar argument shows

$$\zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(s) = \zeta_{\tilde{R}^n}(ns) = \zeta_{\tilde{R}^n}^{\text{right}}(ns) = \zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}^{\text{right}}(s);$$

here the left and right zeta functions are again the same, \tilde{R} and $\tilde{\Lambda}$ being maximal orders.

Using these facts we can reformulate the above theorem, leading to a functional equation for the zeta function of the free R -module R^n .

Corollary 2. *Let*

$$\delta_{R^n}(s) := \frac{\zeta_{R^n}(s)}{\zeta_{\tilde{R}^n}(s)}.$$

Then $\delta_{R^n}(s) \in \mathbb{Z}[p^{-s}]$ satisfies the following functional equation:

$$\delta_{R^n}(s) = [\tilde{R} : R]^{n^2 - 2ns} \delta_{R^n}(n - s).$$

Lattices on A

Let $t : \mathbb{Q}_p[G] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p$ be the \mathbb{Q}_p -linear map

$$t \left(\sum_{g \in G} \alpha_g g \right) \mapsto \alpha_1,$$

and define a trace map

$$T : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p, \quad (a_{ij}) \mapsto \sum_{k=1}^n t(a_{kk}).$$

Then the pairing $(x, y) \mapsto T(xy)$ is a symmetric, non-degenerate bilinear form, and we can identify A with its linear dual $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(A, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ via T . Consider the continuous character

$$\chi : \mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*, \quad \alpha \mapsto e^{2\pi i \alpha};$$

this is well-defined, if we choose a decomposition $\alpha = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1$ with $\alpha_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{p}]$, $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ and put $e^{2\pi i \alpha} := e^{2\pi i \alpha_0}$. Letting

$$\theta := \chi \circ T : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*,$$

the pairing $(x, y) \mapsto \theta(xy)$ is again symmetric and non-degenerate, and identifies the locally compact abelian group A with its PONTJAGIN dual \widehat{A} , where

$$\widehat{A} := \text{Hom}^{\text{cont}}(A, S^1)$$

(continuous group homomorphisms), S^1 being the unit circle in \mathbb{C} (cf. [4, Ch. II §5 Th.3]).

Let $M \subseteq A$ be a *left Λ -lattice on A* , i.e. a full \mathbb{Z}_p -lattice on A such that $\Lambda M \subseteq M$. We define

$$M^\perp := \{x \in A \mid \forall y \in M : \theta(yx) = 1\}.$$

The (algebraic and topological) isomorphism $A \rightarrow \widehat{A}$ yields isomorphisms

$$A/M^\perp \cong \widehat{M}$$

and

$$M^\perp \cong \widehat{A/M},$$

so M^\perp is an open subgroup of A by the former and compact by the latter. Hence M^\perp is a full \mathbb{Z}_p -lattice on A , and thus obviously a right Λ -lattice on A .

Lemma 3. *Let M be a left Λ -lattice on A .*

- a) $M^\perp = \{x \in A \mid Mx \subseteq \Lambda\}$.
- b) $M^\perp \cong \text{Hom}_\Lambda(M, \Lambda)$ as right Λ -modules.
- c) $\Lambda^\perp = \Lambda$.

Proof. a) Since $\theta(\Lambda) = \{1\}$, the inclusion \supseteq follows. Now take $x \in M^\perp$ and $y \in M$. Let $e^{(ij)}$ be the matrix in Λ having a 1 at position (i, j) , all other entries being 0. Then $e^{(ij)}y \in M$, and consequently

$$t((yx)_{ij}) = T(e^{(ij)}yx) \in \mathbb{Z}_p$$

for all $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. Replacing $e^{(ij)}$ by $ge^{(ij)}$ for $g \in G$ we get

$$t(g(yx)_{ij}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p \quad (g \in G),$$

and this implies $(yx)_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_p[G] = R$, by the definition of t . Thus $yx \in M_n(R) = \Lambda$.

b) This is clear: Because of $M \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p = \Lambda \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p = A$, every $f \in \text{Hom}_\Lambda(M, \Lambda)$ uniquely extends to a $\tilde{f} \in \text{Hom}_A(A, A)$. Hence f is given by (right) multiplication with some $x \in A$ satisfying $Mx \subseteq \Lambda$.

c) is a direct consequence of a). □

If $N \subseteq M$ are full \mathbb{Z}_p -lattices on A , the index $[M : N]$ is defined and finite. For arbitrary \mathbb{Z}_p -lattices M, N on A , we can define a *generalized group index* by

$$(M : N) := \frac{[M : M \cap N]}{[N : M \cap N]}.$$

Lemma 4. *Let M, N be Λ -lattices on A .*

a) $[M : N] = [N^\perp : M^\perp]$ if $N \subseteq M$.

b) $(M : N) = (N^\perp : M^\perp)$.

c) $M = M^{\perp\perp}$.

Proof. a) We begin by showing that we can identify

$$M^\perp = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(M, \mathbb{Z}_p), \quad (*)$$

where $x \in M^\perp$ corresponds to the map $y \mapsto T(yx)$. Note that $Mx \subseteq \Lambda$ iff $T(Mx) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_p$. Let b_1, \dots, b_r be a \mathbb{Z}_p -basis of M (with $r = n^2|G|$). Then b_1, \dots, b_r is a \mathbb{Q}_p -basis of A . Let c_1, \dots, c_r the dual \mathbb{Q}_p -basis, i.e. such that $T(b_i c_j) = \delta_{ij}$. Then c_1, \dots, c_r is a \mathbb{Z}_p -basis of M^\perp , and (*) follows.

Now choose a \mathbb{Z}_p -basis b_1, \dots, b_r of M such that $\lambda_1 b_1, \dots, \lambda_r b_r$ is a \mathbb{Z}_p -basis of $N \subseteq M$, where $\lambda_i \geq 1$ are integers. Then

$$[M : N] = \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_r.$$

Let d_1, \dots, d_r be the dual basis of N^\perp with respect to $\lambda_1 b_1, \dots, \lambda_r b_r$, i.e.

$$T(\lambda_i b_i d_j) = \delta_{ij}$$

for all i, j . This, however, implies that $\lambda_1 d_1, \dots, \lambda_r d_r$ is dual to b_1, \dots, b_r , hence is a \mathbb{Z}_p -basis of $M^\perp \subseteq N^\perp$. Thus

$$[N^\perp : M^\perp] = \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_r,$$

and the claim is proved.

b) Using $M^\perp \cap N^\perp = (M + N)^\perp$ we get

$$(N^\perp : M^\perp) = \frac{[N^\perp : (M + N)^\perp]}{[M^\perp : (M + N)^\perp]} \stackrel{a)}{=} \frac{[M + N : N]}{[M + N : M]} = \frac{[M : M \cap N]}{[N : M \cap N]} = (M : N).$$

c) We have $M \subseteq M^{\perp\perp}$ and

$$(M : M^\perp) = (M^{\perp\perp} : M^\perp) = (M^{\perp\perp} : M)(M : M^\perp),$$

whence $M = M^{\perp\perp}$. □

Fourier transforms and zeta integrals

Let $\mathfrak{S}(A)$ be the space of SCHWARTZ-BRUHAT functions, i.e. locally constant functions $A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of compact support (cf. [4, VII §2]). Choose a HAAR measure dx on A . Then for any $\Phi \in \mathfrak{S}(A)$, we define the FOURIER transform $\widehat{\Phi} \in \mathfrak{S}(A)$ by

$$\widehat{\Phi}(y) := \int_A \Phi(x)\theta(xy)dx.$$

We require the measure dx to be *self-dual*, i.e. such that the FOURIER inversion formula

$$\widehat{\widehat{\Phi}}(x) = \Phi(-x)$$

holds for all $\Phi \in \mathfrak{S}(A)$, $x \in A$. Equivalently, $\mu(\Lambda) = 1$ (see Lemma 6 below), where

$$\mu(E) := \int_E dx$$

for any measurable set $E \subseteq A$.

Lemma 5. *Let Φ be the characteristic function of a left Λ -lattice M on A . Then $\widehat{\Phi}$ is the characteristic function of M^\perp , multiplied by $\mu(M)$.*

Proof. If $y \in M^\perp$, then $\theta(xy) = 1$ for all $x \in M$. Hence

$$\widehat{\Phi}(y) = \int_M \theta(xy)dx = \int_M dx = \mu(M).$$

On the other hand, if $y \notin M^\perp$, there is an element $x_0 \in M$ with $\theta(x_0y) \neq 1$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\Phi}(y) &= \int_M \theta(xy)dx \\ &= \int_M \theta((x_0 + x)y)dx \\ &= \theta(x_0y) \int_M \theta(xy)dx \\ &= \theta(x_0y) \widehat{\Phi}(y); \end{aligned}$$

therefore $\widehat{\Phi}(y) = 0$ in this case. □

Lemma 6.

- a) $\mu(\Lambda) = 1$.
- b) If M is a left Λ -lattice on A , then $\mu(M) = (M : \Lambda)$.

Proof. Let Φ be the characteristic function of $\Lambda = \Lambda^\perp$. Then $\widehat{\Phi}(x) = \mu(\Lambda)\Phi(x)$. Using FOURIER inversion we infer

$$\Phi(x) = \Phi(-x) = \widehat{\widehat{\Phi}}(x) = \mu(\Lambda)^2\Phi(x),$$

whence $\mu(\Lambda) = 1$. This proves a), and b) follows easily since

$$\mu(M) = \frac{\mu(\Lambda)}{(\Lambda : M)} = (M : \Lambda).$$

□

The units A^* form a locally compact topological group (the topology being the subset topology from A). If $x \in A^*$, we let

$$\|x\| := (Nx : N)$$

for any full \mathbb{Z}_p -lattice N on A (this is independent of the particular N chosen). Note that $\|xy\| = \|x\| \|y\|$ for $x, y \in A^*$. Now

$$d^*x := \frac{dx}{\|x\|}$$

is a (left and right invariant) HAAR measure on A^* . As before, if $E \subseteq A^*$ is a measurable subset, we write

$$\mu^*(E) := \int_E d^*x.$$

Next we define the *zeta integral* for $\Phi \in \mathfrak{S}(A)$ as

$$Z(\Phi; s) := \int_{A^*} \Phi(x) \|x\|^s d^*x.$$

This integral converges certainly for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$, and admits analytic continuation to a meromorphic function on \mathbb{C} (cf. [1, Appendix]).

The main tool towards a proof of Theorem 1 is the following functional equation for the zeta integrals, a special case of which is proven in TATE's thesis.

Theorem 7. *Let $\Phi, \Psi \in \mathfrak{S}(A)$. Then*

$$\frac{Z(\Phi; s)}{Z(\widehat{\Phi}; 1-s)} = \frac{Z(\Psi; s)}{Z(\widehat{\Psi}; 1-s)}.$$

Proof. See [1, Appendix]. Note that a different pairing θ_A (instead of θ) is used there to define the FOURIER transform, and consequently a different Haar measure

$d_A x$ on A is used to obtain self-duality again. But $d_A x = c \cdot dx$ for some constant $c > 0$, and this constant obviously disappears in the above formula. \square

If M is a left Λ -lattice on A , we define

$$M^* := \{x \in A^* \mid Mx = M\}.$$

Then M^* is precisely the group of units of the \mathbb{Z}_p -order $\{x \in A \mid Mx \subseteq M\}$, hence is a compact open subset of A^* having finite and nonzero measure $\mu^*(M^*)$.

Lemma 8. *Let M be a left Λ -lattice on A , and let Φ be the characteristic function of M^\perp . Then*

$$Z(\Phi; s) = \mu^*(M^*) (\Lambda : M)^s \zeta_\Lambda(M; s).$$

Proof. If $N \subseteq \Lambda$ is a full left ideal with $N \cong M$, there exists $x \in A^*$ with $N = Mx$. Since $Mx \subseteq \Lambda$ we have $x \in A^* \cap M^\perp$, and for arbitrary $x, y \in A^*$:

$$Mx = My \iff xy^{-1} \in M^*.$$

Now the partial zeta function $\zeta_\Lambda(M; s)$ can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_\Lambda(M; s) &= \sum_{\overline{y} \in (A^* \cap M^\perp)/M^*} [\Lambda : My]^{-s} \\ &= (\Lambda : M)^{-s} \sum_{\overline{y} \in (A^* \cap M^\perp)/M^*} \|y\|^s. \end{aligned}$$

Further, using FUBINI's theorem, we can decompose the zeta integral as

$$Z(\Phi; s) = \sum_{\overline{y} \in A^*/M^*} \int_{M^*} \Phi(yx) \|yx\|^s d^*x.$$

If $y \notin M^\perp$, then $yx \notin M^\perp$ for all $x \in M^*$, hence $\Phi(yx) = 0$ for all $x \in M^*$, while $y \in M^\perp$ leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{M^*} \Phi(yx) \|yx\|^s d^*x &= \|y\|^s \int_{M^*} \|x\|^s d^*x \\ &= \|y\|^s \mu^*(M^*). \end{aligned}$$

Putting everything together we get

$$\begin{aligned}
Z(\Phi; s) &= \mu^*(M^*) \sum_{\bar{y} \in (A^* \cap M^\perp) / M^*} \|y\|^s \\
&= \mu^*(M^*) (\Lambda : M)^s \zeta_\Lambda(M; s),
\end{aligned}$$

as desired. \square

Lemma 9. *Let Ψ be the characteristic function of the maximal order $\tilde{\Lambda}$. Then*

$$Z(\Psi; s) = \mu^*(\tilde{\Lambda}^*) \zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(s).$$

Proof. The proof of the preceding Lemma yields the formula

$$\begin{aligned}
Z(\Psi; s) &= \mu^*(\tilde{\Lambda}^*) \sum_{\bar{y} \in (A^* \cap \tilde{\Lambda}) / \tilde{\Lambda}^*} \|y\|^s \\
&= \mu^*(\tilde{\Lambda}^*) \sum_{\bar{y} \in (A^* \cap \tilde{\Lambda}) / \tilde{\Lambda}^*} [\tilde{\Lambda} : \tilde{\Lambda}y]^{-s}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\tilde{\Lambda}$ is a maximal order, every left $\tilde{\Lambda}$ -ideal I is isomorphic to $\tilde{\Lambda}$, i.e. there exists $y \in A^*$ such that $I = \tilde{\Lambda}y$ (cf. [2, Prop. 31.2]). Therefore the above sum is simply $\zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(s)$, and the assertion follows. \square

Proof of the main theorem

Let Ψ be the characteristic function of $\tilde{\Lambda}$. By Lemma 5 and Lemma 6 b), $\hat{\Psi}$ is the characteristic function of $\tilde{\Lambda}^\perp$, multiplied by the constant factor $[\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda]$. Since $\tilde{\Lambda}^\perp$ is a full left $\tilde{\Lambda}$ -lattice on A , there exists $\alpha \in A^*$ satisfying $\tilde{\Lambda}^\perp = \tilde{\Lambda}\alpha$. Thus

$$\hat{\Psi}(x) = [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda] \Psi(x\alpha^{-1}).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
Z(\hat{\Psi}; s) &= [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda] \int_{A^*} \Psi(x\alpha^{-1}) \|x\|^s d^*x \\
&= [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda] \int_{A^*} \Psi(x) \|\alpha x\|^s d^*x \\
&= [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda] \|\alpha\|^s Z(\Psi; s) \\
&= [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda] \|\alpha\|^s \mu^*(\tilde{\Lambda}^*) \zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(s),
\end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from Lemma 9. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\alpha\|^{-1} &= (\tilde{\Lambda} : \tilde{\Lambda}\alpha) \\
&= (\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda)(\Lambda : \tilde{\Lambda}\alpha) \\
&= (\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda)(\Lambda^\perp : \tilde{\Lambda}^\perp) \\
&= [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda]^2,
\end{aligned}$$

whence

$$Z(\widehat{\Psi}; s) = [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda]^{1-2s} \mu^*(\tilde{\Lambda}^*) \zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(s).$$

Combining this result with Lemma 9 yields the formula

$$\frac{Z(\Psi; s)}{Z(\widehat{\Psi}; 1-s)} = [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda]^{1-2s} \frac{\zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(s)}{\zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(1-s)}. \quad (**)$$

Next let $M \subseteq \Lambda$ be a full left Λ -ideal and let Φ be the characteristic function of M^\perp . Then $Z(\widehat{\Phi}; s)$ is the characteristic function of $M^{\perp\perp} = M$, multiplied by $\mu(M^\perp) = (M^\perp : \Lambda) = [\Lambda : M]$. Applying Lemma 8 for both M^\perp and M (in the latter case we have to exchange *left* and *right*) we find

$$\begin{aligned}
Z(\Phi; s) &= \mu^*(M^*) [\Lambda : M]^s \zeta_\Lambda(M; s), \\
Z(\widehat{\Phi}; s) &= [\Lambda : M] \mu^*(M^*) (\Lambda : M^\perp)^s \zeta_\Lambda^{\text{right}}(M^\perp; s) \\
&= [\Lambda : M]^{1-s} \mu^*(M^*) \zeta_\Lambda^{\text{right}}(M^\perp; s).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we get the formula

$$\frac{Z(\Phi; s)}{Z(\widehat{\Phi}; 1-s)} = \frac{\zeta_\Lambda(M; s)}{\zeta_\Lambda^{\text{right}}(M^\perp; 1-s)}. \quad (***)$$

Now the proof of the following Theorem follows from Theorem 7 and the formulas (**), (***) .

Theorem 10. *Let $M \subseteq \Lambda$ be a full left Λ -ideal. Then*

$$\frac{\zeta_\Lambda(M; s)}{\zeta_\Lambda^{\text{right}}(M^\perp; 1-s)} = [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda]^{1-2s} \frac{\zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(s)}{\zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(1-s)}.$$

Corollary 11.

$$\frac{\zeta_\Lambda(s)}{\zeta_\Lambda(1-s)} = [\tilde{\Lambda} : \Lambda]^{1-2s} \frac{\zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(s)}{\zeta_{\tilde{\Lambda}}(1-s)}.$$

Proof. By the JORDAN-ZASSENHAUS Theorem (cf. [2, §24]), there are only finitely many isomorphism classes of full left Λ -ideals. Let M_1, \dots, M_k be a set of representatives of these isomorphism classes. Then $M_1^\perp, \dots, M_k^\perp$ clearly form a set of representatives of the isomorphism classes of full right Λ -ideals. Thus the result follows from the formula in the above Theorem by summing over M_1, \dots, M_k , keeping in mind that $\zeta_\Lambda(s) = \zeta_\Lambda^{\text{right}}(s)$. \square

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

Examples

Suppose that G is a finite group of order m with m coprime to p . Then obviously $|G|$ is invertible in \mathbb{Z}_p , whence $R = \tilde{R}$ is a maximal order (cf. [2, Prop. (27.1)]) and $\Lambda = \tilde{\Lambda}$. In this case Theorem 1 is trivial since

$$\delta_\Lambda(s) = \delta_{M_n(\mathbb{Z}_p[G])}(s) = 1.$$

We now consider for the rest of this paper the (more interesting) situation where G is a finite cyclic p -group. Let

$$|G| = p^k,$$

where we fix an integer $k \geq 1$. We first give a formula for the index $[\tilde{R} : R]$.

Lemma 12. *Let $R = \mathbb{Z}_p[G]$ where G is the cyclic group of order p^k . Let $\tilde{R} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}_p[G]$ be the maximal order containing R . Then*

$$[\tilde{R} : R] = p^{1+p+\dots+p^{k-1}}.$$

Proof. This is proved in [5]. \square

Now the functional equation of Corollary 2 reads

$$\delta_{R^n}(s) = p^{(n^2-2ns)(1+p+\dots+p^{k-1})} \delta_{R^n}(n-s).$$

Substituting

$$x := p^{-s}$$

we can define the polynomial $\hat{\delta}_{R^n}(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ by

$$\hat{\delta}_{R^n}(p^{-s}) = \delta_{R^n}(s).$$

Thus we can reformulate the above equation as follows:

$$\hat{\delta}_{R^n}(x) = \left(p^{n^2} x^{2n}\right)^{1+p+\dots+p^{k-1}} \hat{\delta}_{R^n}\left(\frac{1}{p^n x}\right).$$

We conclude this article by giving formulas for the polynomials $\hat{\delta}_{R^n}(x)$ in the cases $k = 1$ and $k = 2$. Proofs of these results can be found in [5].

$k = 1$:

Here G is the cyclic group of order p . We have the following formula:

$$\widehat{\delta}_{R^n}(x) = \sum_{e=0}^n \left(\begin{bmatrix} n \\ e \end{bmatrix}_p p^{n(n-e)} x^{2(n-e)} \prod_{j=0}^{e-1} (1 - p^j x) \right),$$

where $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ e \end{bmatrix}_p$ is the number of e -dimensional subspaces of \mathbb{F}_p^n , i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ e \end{bmatrix}_p = \frac{(p^n - 1)(p^n - p) \dots (p^n - p^{e-1})}{(p^e - 1)(p^e - p) \dots (p^e - p^{e-1})}.$$

The polynomial $\widehat{\delta}_{R^n}(x)$ satisfies the functional equation

$$\widehat{\delta}_{R^n}(x) = p^{n^2} x^{2n} \widehat{\delta}_{R^n} \left(\frac{1}{p^n x} \right).$$

$k = 2$:

Here G is the cyclic group of order p^2 . In this case we do not know of a nice formula in closed form as before, but there is an algorithm (described in [5]) allowing the computation of the polynomial $\widehat{\delta}_{R^n}(x)$ for arbitrary p and n . We present the results for $p \in \{2, 3, 5\}$ and $n \in \{1, 2, 3\}$.

- $p = 2$ and $n = 1$:

$$8x^6 - 8x^5 + 6x^4 + 3x^2 - 2x + 1,$$

- $p = 2$ and $n = 2$:

$$4096x^{12} - 6144x^{11} + 6400x^{10} - 2304x^9 + 2816x^8 - 2304x^7 + 1952x^6 \\ - 576x^5 + 176x^4 - 36x^3 + 25x^2 - 6x + 1,$$

- $p = 2$ and $n = 3$:

$$134217728x^{18} - 234881024x^{17} + 278921216x^{16} - 143654912x^{15} \\ + 136708096x^{14} - 110100480x^{13} + 102023168x^{12} - 43696128x^{11}$$

$$+ 17389568x^{10} - 4376576x^9 + 2173696x^8 - 682752x^7 + 199264x^6 \\ - 26880x^5 + 4172x^4 - 548x^3 + 133x^2 - 14x + 1,$$

- $p = 3$ and $n = 1$:

$$81x^8 - 54x^7 + 36x^6 + 9x^5 + 3x^4 + 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 2x + 1,$$

- $p = 3$ and $n = 2$:

$$21x^{16} - 38263752x^{15} + 30823578x^{14} + 708588x^{13} + 1535274x^{12} \\ + 3385476x^{11} + 2119203x^{10} - 1355940x^9 + 1167129x^8 - 150660x^7 \\ + 26163x^6 + 4644x^5 + 234x^4 + 12x^3 + 58x^2 - 8x + 1,$$

- $p = 3$ and $n = 3$:

$$150094635296999121x^{24} - 144535574730443598x^{23} + 123122896992600102x^{22} \\ - 5467553396735679x^{21} + 6377541363277461x^{20} + 14396280763046013x^{19} \\ + 6581267202259089x^{18} - 4740422864535540x^{17} + 4916296269721980x^{16} \\ - 868287187367289x^{15} + 200488295095218x^{14} + 15476501507688x^{13} \\ + 777744240183x^{12} + 573203759544x^{11} + 275018237442x^{10} \\ - 44113559283x^9 + 9250878780x^8 - 330368220x^7 + 16987401x^6 \\ + 1376271x^5 + 22581x^4 - 717x^3 + 598x^2 - 26x + 1,$$

- $p = 5$ and $n = 1$:

$$15625x^{12} - 6250x^{11} + 3750x^{10} + 1875x^9 + 125x^8 \\ + 375x^7 + 25x^6 + 75x^5 + 5x^4 + 15x^3 + 6x^2 - 2x + 1,$$

- $p = 5$ and $n = 2$:

$$59604644775390625x^{24} - 28610229492187500x^{23} \\ + 18692016601562500x^{22} + 7209777832031250x^{21} \\ + 7629394531250x^{20} + 2210998535156250x^{19} \\ - 56915283203125x^{18} + 450073242187500x^{17}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - 12957763671875x^{16} + 90329589843750x^{15} \\
& + 20233642578125x^{14} - 6640722656250x^{13} \\
& + 5911884765625x^{12} - 265628906250x^{11} \\
& + 32373828125x^{10} + 5781093750x^9 - 33171875x^8 + 46087500x^7 \\
& - 233125x^6 + 362250x^5 + 50x^4 + 1890x^3 + 196x^2 - 12x + 1,
\end{aligned}$$

- $p = 5$ and $n = 3$:

$$\begin{aligned}
& 55511151231257827021181583404541015625x^{36} \\
& - 27533531010703882202506065368652343750x^{35} \\
& + 18282264591107377782464027404785156250x^{34} \\
& + 6658211759713594801723957061767578125x^{33} \\
& - 84406792666413821280002593994140625x^{32} \\
& + 2229149913546280004084110260009765625x^{31} \\
& - 97134670795639976859092712402343750x^{30} \\
& + 456909228887525387108325958251953125x^{29} \\
& - 20771263370988890528678894042968750x^{28} \\
& + 91639080055756494402885437011718750x^{27} \\
& + 17826733196852728724479675292968750x^{26} \\
& - 5804500149097293615341186523437500x^{25} \\
& + 5919211489055305719375610351562500x^{24} \\
& - 326670646662823855876922607421875x^{23} \\
& + 48173992687091231346130371093750x^{22} \\
& + 6197919498234987258911132812500x^{21} \\
& - 47538805550336837768554687500x^{20} \\
& + 65995047889947891235351562500x^{19} - 560464551913738250732421875x^{18} \\
& + 527960383119583129882812500x^{17} - 304248355221557617187500x^{16} \\
& + 3173334783096313476562500x^{15} + 197320674046325683593750x^{14} \\
& - 10704343749847412109375x^{13} + 1551685776586914062500x^{12} \\
& - 12172919096679687500x^{11} + 299082953417968750x^{10} \\
& + 12299589121093750x^9 - 22302974218750x^8 + 3924820390625x^7 - 6675043750x^6 \\
& + 1225488125x^5 - 371225x^4 + 234265x^3 + 5146x^2 - 62x + 1.
\end{aligned}$$

In each case one can verify the functional equation

$$\widehat{\delta}_{R^n}(x) = \left(p^{n^2} x^{2n}\right)^{1+p} \widehat{\delta}_{R^n}\left(\frac{1}{p^n x}\right)$$

predicted by Corollary 2.

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