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Abstract

We establish "higher depth" analogues of regularized determinants due to Milnor for the zeros of Hecke *L*-functions. This is an extension of the result of Deninger about the regularized determinant for the zeros of the Riemann zeta function.

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1 Introduction

Let K be an algebraic number field of degree n and of discriminant d_K , \mathcal{O}_K the ring of integers of K, and r_1 and r_2 the number of real and complex places of K, respectively. Let χ be a Hecke grössencharacter with conductor f and

$$L_K(s;\chi) := \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \left(1 - \frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^s} \right)^{-1} = \sum_{\mathfrak{a}} \frac{\chi(\mathfrak{a})}{N(\mathfrak{a})^s} \qquad (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1)$$

be the Hecke L-function associate with χ . Here, \mathfrak{p} runs over all prime ideals of \mathcal{O}_K and \mathfrak{a} over all integral ideals of \mathcal{O}_K (we understand that $\chi(\mathfrak{p}) = 0$ if \mathfrak{p} and \mathfrak{f} are not coprime). It is known that $L_K(s;\chi)$ admits a meromorphic continuation to the whole complex plane \mathbb{C} with a possible simple pole at s = 1 and has a functional equation

$$\Lambda_K(1-s;\overline{\chi}) = W_K(\chi)\Lambda_K(s;\chi),$$

where $\Lambda_K(s;\chi)$ is the entire function defined by

(1.1)
$$\Lambda_K(s;\chi) := \left(\frac{1}{2}s(s-1)\right)^{\varepsilon_{\chi}} \left(\frac{N(\mathfrak{f})|d_K|}{2^{2r_2}\pi^n}\right)^{\frac{s}{2}} L_K(s;\chi) \prod_{v \in S_{\infty}(K)} \Gamma\left(\frac{N_v(s+i\varphi_v) + |m_v|}{2}\right),$$

and $W_K(\chi)$ is a constant with $|W_K(\chi)| = 1$. Here, $S_{\infty}(K)$ is the set of all archimedean places of K, $\varepsilon_{\chi} = 1$ if χ is principal and 0 otherwise. Moreover, for $v \in S_{\infty}(K)$, $N_v = 1$ if v is real and 2 otherwise, and $\varphi_v = \varphi(\chi) \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\sum_{v \in S_{\infty}(K)} N_v \varphi_v = 0$ and $m_v = m(\chi) \in \mathbb{Z}$ are determined by

$$\chi((\alpha)) = \prod_{v \in S_{\infty}(K)} |\alpha_v|^{-iN_v \varphi_v} \left(\frac{\alpha_v}{|\alpha_v|}\right)^{m_v} \quad (\alpha \in O_K \text{ with } \alpha \equiv 1 \mod^{\times} \mathfrak{f}),$$

where mod[×] indicates the multiplicative congruence and α_v is the image of α of the embedding $K \hookrightarrow K_v$ with $K_v = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} . When $\varphi_v = m_v = 0$ for all $v \in S_\infty(K)$, χ is called a class character.

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For T > 0, let $\mathcal{R}_K(T; \chi)$ be the set of non-trivial zeros of $L_K(s; \chi)$ (that is, the zeros whose real part is in (0, 1)) with $|\text{Im}(\rho)| < T$ and $\mathcal{R}_K(\chi) := \lim_{T \to \infty} \mathcal{R}_K(T; \chi)$. In this paper, we study the function

(1.2)
$$\xi_K(s,z;\chi) := \sum_{\rho \in \mathcal{R}_K(\chi)} \left(\frac{z-\rho}{2\pi}\right)^{-s} := \lim_{T \to \infty} \sum_{\rho \in \mathcal{R}_K(T;\chi)} \left(\frac{z-\rho}{2\pi}\right)^{-s}$$

and, for a positive integer r, compute the function

(1.3)
$$\Xi_{K,r}(z;\chi) := \exp\left(-\frac{d}{ds}\xi_K(s,z;\chi)\Big|_{s=1-r}\right).$$

Remark that, when $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 1$, the function $\Xi_{K,r}(z;\chi)$ can be defined because it will be shown that $\xi_K(s,z;\chi)$ admits a meromorphic continuation to \mathbb{C} as a function of s and, in particular, is holomorphic at s = 1 - r for any $r \in \mathbb{N}$ (Proposition 2.2). When r = 1, the right-hand side of (1.3) coincides with the so-called the zeta-regularized product of the sequence $\{(\frac{z-\rho}{2\pi})^{-s}\}_{\rho\in\mathcal{R}_K(\chi)}$ and is denoted by

$$\prod_{\rho \in \mathcal{R}_K(\chi)} \left(\frac{z - \rho}{2\pi} \right) = \exp\left(-\frac{d}{ds} \xi_K(s, z; \chi) \Big|_{s=0} \right).$$

Hence one may call $\Xi_{K,r}(z;\chi)$ a "higher depth (or depth r) determinants (regularized product)" of the sequence $\{(\frac{z-\rho}{2\pi})^{-s}\}_{\rho\in\mathcal{R}_K(\chi)}$. Such a higher depth object was first studied by Milnor in [Mi]. Actually, from the viewpoint of the Kubert identity which plays an important role in the study of Iwasawa theory, he introduced an higher depth gamma function $\Gamma_r(z)$, which we call a "Milnor-gamma function" of depth r, defined by

$$\Gamma_r(z) := \exp\left(\frac{d}{ds}\zeta(s,z)\Big|_{s=1-r}\right)$$

with $\zeta(s,z) := \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+z)^{-s}$ being the Hurwitz zeta function, and studied functional relations among them (see [KOW] for some analytic properties of $\Gamma_r(z)$). Notice that, by the Lerch formula $\frac{d}{ds}\zeta(s,z) = \log \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$, we have $\Gamma_1(z) = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$, whence $\Gamma_r(z)$ indeed gives a generalization of the usual gamma function.

When $K = \mathbb{Q}$ and r = 1, by Deninger [D, Theorem 3.3] (see also [SS, V]), it is shown that, as an entire function,

(1.4)
$$\Xi(z) = \prod_{\rho \in \mathcal{R}} \left(\frac{z - \rho}{2\pi} \right) = 2^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2\pi)^{-2} \pi^{-\frac{z}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{z}{2}\right) \zeta(z) z(z-1) = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{3}{2}} \pi^2} \Lambda(z).$$

Here, when χ is the trivial character 1, we write $L_K(s; 1) = \zeta_K(s)$ (that is, $\zeta_K(s)$ is the Dedekind zeta function of K), $\Lambda_K(s; 1) = \Lambda_K(s)$, $W_K(1) = W_K$, $\mathcal{R}_K(T; 1) = \mathcal{R}_K(T)$ and $\mathcal{R}_K(1) = \mathcal{R}_K$, respectively. Moreover, we omit the symbol K when $K = \mathbb{Q}$ and r when r = 1.

The aim of the present paper is to extend the result (1.4) of Deninger to general r and algebraic number fields. Namely, we calculate the function $\Xi_{K,r}(z;\chi)$ explicitly for any χ and $r \in \mathbb{N}$. To state our main result, let us introduce a "poly-Hecke *L*-function" $L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi)$. Let $Li_r(z) := \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{m^r}$ be the polylogarithm of degree r and $H_r(z) := \exp(-Li_r(z))$. Then, the function $L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi)$ is defined by the following Euler product;

(1.5)
$$L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi) := \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} H_r \left(\frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^s}\right)^{-(\log N(\mathfrak{p}))^{1-r}}$$

Notice that, since $\sum_{\mathfrak{p}} \left| \log(H_r(\frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{N\mathfrak{p}^s})^{-(\log N\mathfrak{p})^{1-r}}) \right| \leq \log \zeta_K(\operatorname{Re}(s))$, the infinite product converges absolutely for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$, whence the right-hand side of (1.5) defines a holomorphic function on the

region. It is obvious to see that this is a poly-analogue of the Hecke *L*-function. Actually, when r = 1, since $Li_1(z) = -\log(1-z)$ and hence $H_1(z) = (1-z)$, we have $L_K^{(1)}(s;\chi) = L_K(s;\chi)$. We study several analytic properties of $L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi)$ in Section 3.

The main theorem of the paper is the following.

Theorem 1.1. For $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 1$, it holds that

(1.6)
$$\Xi_{K,r}(z;\chi) = \left(\frac{z}{2\pi}\right)^{\varepsilon_{\chi}\left(\frac{z}{2\pi}\right)^{r-1}} \left(\frac{z-1}{2\pi}\right)^{\varepsilon_{\chi}\left(\frac{z-1}{2\pi}\right)^{r-1}} L_{K}^{(r)}(z;\chi)^{(-1)^{r-1}(r-1)!(2\pi)^{1-r}} \\ \times \prod_{v \in S_{\infty}(K)} (N_{v}\pi)^{-\frac{(N_{v}\pi)^{1-r}}{r}} B_{r}\left(\frac{N_{v}(z+i\varphi_{v})+|m_{v}|}{2}\right) \Gamma_{r}\left(\frac{N_{v}(z+i\varphi_{v})+|m_{v}|}{2}\right)^{(N_{v}\pi)^{1-r}},$$

where $B_r(z)$ is the rth Bernoulli polynomial.

2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

To prove our main theorem, we employ a refined version of the Weil explicit formula due to Barner [Ba]. For a function F of bounded variation (i.e., $V_{\mathbb{R}}(F) < \infty$ where $V_{\mathbb{R}}(F)$ is the total variation of F on \mathbb{R}), we define the function $\Phi_F(s)$ ($s \in \mathbb{C}$) by

$$\Phi_F(s) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) e^{(s-\frac{1}{2})x} dx.$$

Moreover, for a Hecke character χ and $v \in S_{\infty}(K)$, define

$$F_v(x;\chi) := F(x)e^{-i\varphi_v x}.$$

Lemma 2.1 ([Ba, Theorem 1]). Let χ be a Hecke character and $F : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$ be a function of bounded variation satisfying the following three conditions:

(a) There is a positive constant b such that

$$V_{\mathbb{R}}(F(x)e^{(\frac{1}{2}+b)|x|}) < \infty.$$

(b) F is "normalized", that is,

$$2F(x) = F(x+0) + F(x-0) \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R}).$$

(c) For any $v \in S_{\infty}(K)$, it holds that

$$F_v(x;\chi) + F_v(-x;\chi) = 2F(0) + O(|x|) \quad (|x| \to 0).$$

Then, the following equation holds:

(2.1)
$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \sum_{\rho \in \mathcal{R}_K(T;\chi)} \Phi_F(\rho) = \varepsilon_{\chi} \left(\Phi_F(0) + \Phi_F(1) \right) + F(0) \log \frac{N(\mathfrak{f}) |d_K|}{2^{2r_2} \pi^n} - \sum_{\mathfrak{p}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log N(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^{\frac{l}{2}}} \left(\chi(\mathfrak{p}^l) F(\log N(\mathfrak{p})^l) + \overline{\chi}(\mathfrak{p}^l) F(-\log N(\mathfrak{p})^l) \right) + \sum_{v \in S_{\infty}(K)} W_v(F;\chi),$$

where

$$W_v(F;\chi) := \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{N_v F(0)}{x} - \left(F_v(x;\chi) + F_v(-x;\chi) \right) \frac{e^{\left(\frac{2-|m_v|}{N_v} - \frac{1}{2}\right)x}}{1 - e^{-\frac{2x}{N_v}}} \right) e^{-\frac{2x}{N_v}} dx.$$

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Using the explicit formula (2.1), we first show the following

Proposition 2.2. For $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 1$, we have

(2.2)
$$\xi_K(s,z;\chi) = \varepsilon_{\chi} \left(\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)^s + \left(\frac{2\pi}{z-1}\right)^s \right) + \frac{(2\pi)^s}{2\pi i} \int_{L_-} \frac{L'_K}{L_K} (z-t;\chi) t^{-s} dt$$
$$- \sum_{v \in S_{\infty}(K)} (N_v \pi)^s \zeta \left(s, \frac{N_v (z+i\varphi_v) + |m_v|}{2}\right),$$

where L_{-} is the contour consisting of the lower edge of the cut from $-\infty$ to $-\delta$, the circle $t = \delta e^{i\psi}$ for $-\pi \leq \psi \leq \pi$ and the upper edge of the cut from $-\delta$ to $-\infty$. This gives a meromorphic continuation of $\xi_K(s, z; \chi)$ as a function of s to the whole plane \mathbb{C} with a simple pole at s = 1.

Proof. Suppose $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 1$ and $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$. Then, it is shown that the function

$$F(x) := \begin{cases} x^{s-1}e^{-(z-\frac{1}{2})x} & (x \ge 0), \\ 0 & (x < 0) \end{cases}$$

satisfies the conditions (a), (b) and (c) in Lemma 2.1. Notice that

$$\Phi_F(w) = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{(z-w)^s}, \quad \text{whence} \quad \Phi_F(0) = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{z^s}, \ \Phi_F(1) = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{(z-1)^s},$$

and

$$W_{v}(F;\chi) = -\int_{0}^{\infty} \left(x^{s-1} e^{-(z-\frac{1}{2}+i\varphi_{v})x} \frac{e^{(\frac{2-|m_{v}|}{N_{v}}-\frac{1}{2})x}}{1-e^{-\frac{2x}{N_{v}}}} \right) e^{-\frac{2x}{N_{v}}} dx$$
$$= -\int_{0}^{\infty} x^{s-1} \frac{e^{-(z+i\varphi_{v}+\frac{|m_{v}|}{N_{v}})x}}{1-e^{-\frac{2x}{N_{v}}}} dx$$
$$= -\Gamma(s) \left(\frac{N_{v}}{2}\right)^{s} \zeta\left(s, \frac{N_{v}(z+i\varphi_{v})+|m_{v}|}{2}\right).$$

In the last equality, we have used the formula

$$\Gamma(s)\zeta(s,z) = \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} \frac{e^{-zx}}{1 - e^{-x}} dx \qquad (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1).$$

Therefore the explicit formula (2.1) reads

(2.3)
$$(2\pi)^{-s}\Gamma(s)\xi_K(s,z;\chi) = \varepsilon_{\chi}\Big(\frac{\Gamma(s)}{z^s} + \frac{\Gamma(s)}{(z-1)^s}\Big) - \sum_{\mathfrak{p}}\sum_{l=1}^{\infty}\frac{\log N(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^{lz}}\chi(\mathfrak{p}^l)(\log N(\mathfrak{p})^l)^{s-1} - \Gamma(s)\sum_{v\in S_{\infty}(K)}\Big(\frac{N_v}{2}\Big)^s\zeta\Big(s,\frac{N_v(z+i\varphi_v)+|m_v|}{2}\Big).$$

Moreover, from the formula

(2.4)
$$\frac{L'_K}{L_K}(s;\chi) = -\sum_{\mathfrak{p}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \log N(\mathfrak{p}) \chi(\mathfrak{p}^l) N(\mathfrak{p})^{-ls}$$

together with

$$\frac{a^{s-1}}{\Gamma(s)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{L_{-}} t^{-s} e^{at} dt \qquad (a > 0),$$

a standard manipulation shows

(2.5)
$$-\sum_{\mathfrak{p}}\sum_{l=1}^{\infty}\frac{\log N(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^{lz}}\chi(\mathfrak{p}^{l})(\log N(\mathfrak{p})^{l})^{s-1} = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{2\pi i}\int_{L_{-}}\frac{L'_{K}}{L_{K}}(z-t;\chi)t^{-s}dt$$

By the same argument performed in [D], we see that the integral on the right-hand side converges absolutely for any $s \in \mathbb{C}$, whence it defines an entire function as a function of s. Therefore, substituting the formula (2.5) into (2.3) and multiplying $(2\pi)^s \Gamma(s)^{-1}$ to the both-hand sides of (2.3), we obtain the expression (2.2). Now it is easy to see that (2.2) gives a meromorphic continuation of $\xi_K(s, z; \chi)$ to the whole plane \mathbb{C} with only a simple pole at s = 1. This completes the proof of the proposition.

We now give a proof of our main result.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Let us caluculate the derivative of $\xi_K(s, z; \chi)$ at s = 1 - r for $r \in \mathbb{N}$. Write $\xi_K(s, z; \chi) = A_1(s, z) + A_2(s, z) + A_3(s, z)$ where

$$A_{1}(s,z) := \varepsilon_{\chi} \left(\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)^{s} + \left(\frac{2\pi}{z-1}\right)^{s} \right),$$

$$A_{2}(s,z) := \frac{(2\pi)^{s}}{2\pi i} \int_{L_{-}} \frac{L'_{K}}{L_{K}} (z-t;\chi) t^{-s} dt,$$

$$A_{3}(s,z) := -\sum_{v \in S_{\infty}(K)} (N_{v}\pi)^{s} \zeta \left(s, \frac{N_{v}(z+i\varphi_{v}) + |m_{v}|}{2}\right).$$

At first, it is easy to see that

(2.6)
$$\exp\left(-\frac{d}{ds}A_1(s,z)\Big|_{s=1-r}\right) = \left(\frac{z}{2\pi}\right)^{\varepsilon_{\chi}\left(\frac{z}{2\pi}\right)^{r-1}} \left(\frac{z-1}{2\pi}\right)^{\varepsilon_{\chi}\left(\frac{z-1}{2\pi}\right)^{r-1}}$$

We next calculate the derivative of $A_2(s, z)$ at s = 1 - r by the same way in [D]. It is clear that

$$\frac{d}{ds}A_2(s,z)\Big|_{s=1-r} = -\frac{(2\pi)^{1-r}}{2\pi i}\int_{L_-}\frac{L'_K}{L_K}(z-t;\chi)t^{r-1}\log\frac{t}{2\pi}dt.$$

It holds that

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{L_{-}} \frac{L'_{K}}{L_{K}} (z-t;\chi) t^{r-1} \log \frac{t}{2\pi} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\infty}^{0} \frac{L'_{K}}{L_{K}} (z-xe^{-\pi i};\chi) (xe^{-\pi i})^{r-1} \log \frac{xe^{-\pi i}}{2\pi} e^{-\pi i} dx \\ &+ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{L'_{K}}{L_{K}} (z-xe^{\pi i};\chi) (xe^{\pi i})^{r-1} \log \frac{xe^{\pi i}}{2\pi} e^{\pi i} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{L'_{K}}{L_{K}} (z+x;\chi) (-1)^{r-1} x^{r-1} \left(\log \frac{x}{2\pi} - \pi i\right) dx \\ &- \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{L'_{K}}{L_{K}} (z+x;\chi) (-1)^{r-1} x^{r-1} \left(\log \frac{x}{2\pi} + \pi i\right) dx \\ &= (-1)^{r} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{L'_{K}}{L_{K}} (z+x;\chi) x^{r-1} dx. \end{split}$$

Moreover, using the formula (2.4), we see that the right-hand side above is equal to

$$(-1)^{r-1} \sum_{\mathfrak{p}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \log N(\mathfrak{p}) \cdot \chi(\mathfrak{p}^{l}) \cdot N(\mathfrak{p})^{-lz} \int_{0}^{\infty} x^{r-1} e^{-lx \log N(\mathfrak{p})} dx$$
$$= (-1)^{r-1} \sum_{\mathfrak{p}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \log N(\mathfrak{p}) \cdot \chi(\mathfrak{p})^{l} \cdot N(\mathfrak{p})^{-lz} \frac{\Gamma(r)}{(l \log N(\mathfrak{p}))^{r}}$$
$$= (-1)^{r-1} (r-1)! \sum_{\mathfrak{p}} (\log N(\mathfrak{p}))^{1-r} Li_{r} \left(\frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^{z}}\right)$$
$$= (-1)^{r-1} (r-1)! \log L_{K}^{(r)}(s;\chi).$$

This shows that

$$\frac{d}{ds}A_2(s,z)\Big|_{s=1-r} = (-1)^r (r-1)! (2\pi)^{1-r} \log L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi),$$

whence

(2.7)
$$\exp\left(-\frac{d}{ds}A_2(s,z)\Big|_{s=1-r}\right) = L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi)^{(-1)^{r-1}(r-1)!(2\pi)^{1-r}}$$

Finally, using the fact $\zeta(1-r,z) = -\frac{B_r(z)}{r}$ where $B_r(z)$ is the Bernoulli polynomial, we have

$$\frac{d}{ds}A_3(s,z)\Big|_{s=1-r} = \sum_{v\in S_\infty(K)} (N_v\pi)^{1-r} \left[\frac{\log(N_v\pi)}{r}B_r\left(\frac{N_v(z+i\varphi_v)+|m_v|}{2}\right) - \log\Gamma_r\left(\frac{N_v(z+i\varphi_v)+|m_v|}{2}\right)\right].$$

whence

(2.8)
$$\exp\left(-\frac{d}{ds}A_{3}(s,z)\Big|_{s=1-r}\right) = \prod_{v \in S_{\infty}(K)} (N_{v}\pi)^{-\frac{(N_{v}\pi)^{1-r}}{r}} B_{r}(\frac{N_{v}(z+i\varphi_{v})+|m_{v}|}{2}) \Gamma_{r}\left(\frac{N_{v}(z+i\varphi_{v})+|m_{v}|}{2}\right)^{(N_{v}\pi)^{1-r}}.$$

Combining three equations (2.6), (2.7) and (2.8), we obtain the desired formula (1.6). This completes the proof of the theorem. \Box

Corollary 2.3. We have

(2.9)
$$\prod_{\rho \in \mathcal{R}_K(\chi)} \left(\frac{z-\rho}{2\pi}\right) = \frac{(N(\mathfrak{f})|d_K|)^{-\frac{z}{2}}}{2^{\varepsilon_{\chi} + \frac{1}{2}r_1 + i\varphi_{\mathbb{C}} + \frac{1}{2}m_{\mathbb{C}}\pi^{2\varepsilon_{\chi} + m}}} \Lambda_K(z;\chi),$$

where $\varphi_{\mathbb{C}} := \sum_{v: complex} \varphi_v, m_{\mathbb{C}} := \sum_{v: complex} |m_v|$ and $m := \sum_{v \in S_{\infty}(K)} |m_v|$. In particular, if χ is a class character, then we have

(2.10)
$$\prod_{\rho \in \mathcal{R}_K(\chi)} \left(\frac{z-\rho}{2\pi}\right) = \frac{(N(\mathfrak{f})|d_K|)^{-\frac{2}{2}}}{2^{\varepsilon_{\chi} + \frac{1}{2}r_1}\pi^{2\varepsilon_{\chi}}} \Lambda_K(z;\chi).$$

Proof. Let r = 1 in (1.6). Then, noting that $L_K^{(1)}(z;\chi) = L_K(z;\chi)$, $\Gamma_1(z) = \frac{\Gamma(z)}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ and $B_1(z) = z - \frac{1}{2}$, and recalling the definition (1.1) of $\Lambda_K(z;\chi)$, one easily obtains the expression (2.9). The formula (2.10) immediately follows from (2.9) since $\varphi_{\mathbb{C}} = m_{\mathbb{C}} = m = 0$.

Example 2.4. Let $\chi = 1$. Then, from the equation (2.10), we obtain the regularized determinant expression of the Dedekind zeta function $\zeta_K(z)$;

$$\prod_{\rho \in \mathcal{R}_K} \left(\frac{z - \rho}{2\pi} \right) = \frac{|d_K|^{-\frac{2}{2}}}{2^{\frac{1}{2}r_1 + 1} \pi^2} \Lambda_K(z).$$

This yields the equation (1.4) of Deninger by letting $K = \mathbb{Q}$.

Remark 2.5. As analogues of Theorem 1.1, "higher depth determinants" of the Laplacian on compact Riemann surfaces of genus $g \ge 2$ are investigated in [KWY] (see [Y] for the corresponding results on higher dimensional spheres). We notice that these are defined like (1.3) but we employ the spectral zeta functions for surfaces instead of $\xi_K(s, z; \chi)$, whence the determination of gamma factors is involved.

3 Analytic properties of the Poly-Hecke *L*-function

Let $\Omega_K(\chi)$ be the set of all complex numbers which are not of the form $\rho - \lambda$ for $\rho \in \mathcal{R}_K(\chi)$ and for $\lambda \geq 0$ or, if χ is principal, $1 - \lambda$ for $\lambda \geq 0$ (See Figure 1). We now give an analytic continuation of $L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi)$ to the region $\Omega_K(\chi)$.



Figure 1: The region $\Omega_K(\chi)$ (if χ is principal)

Lemma 3.1. It holds that

(3.1)
$$\frac{d^{r-1}}{ds^{r-1}}\log L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi) = (-1)^{r-1}\log L_K(s;\chi) \qquad (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1).$$

Proof. The case r = 1 is trivial. Assume $r \ge 2$. Then, using the differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dz}Li_r(z) = z^{-1}Li_{r-1}(z)$$

of the polylogarithm, we have

$$\begin{split} \frac{d}{ds} \log L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi) &= \sum_{\mathfrak{p}} (\log N(\mathfrak{p}))^{1-r} \frac{d}{ds} Li_r \left(\frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^s}\right) \\ &= \sum_{\mathfrak{p}} (\log N(\mathfrak{p}))^{1-r} \left(\frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^s}\right)^{-1} Li_{r-1} \left(\frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^s}\right) \frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^s} (-\log N(\mathfrak{p})) \\ &= -\sum_{\mathfrak{p}} (\log N(\mathfrak{p}))^{1-(r-1)} Li_{r-1} \left(\frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^s}\right) \\ &= -\log L_K^{(r-1)}(s;\chi). \end{split}$$

Therefore we inductively obtain the formula (3.1).

Corollary 3.2. Let $\operatorname{Re}(a) > 1$. Then, for $r \geq 2$, we have

(3.2)
$$L_{K}^{(r)}(s;\chi) = Q_{K}^{(r)}(s,a) \exp\left(\underbrace{\int_{a}^{s} \int_{a}^{\xi_{r-1}} \cdots \int_{a}^{\xi_{2}}}_{r-1} \log L_{K}(\xi_{1};\chi) d\xi_{1} \cdots d\xi_{r-1}\right)^{(-1)^{r-1}}$$

Here $Q_K^{(r)}(s,a) := \prod_{k=0}^{r-2} L_K^{(r-k)}(a;\chi)^{\frac{(-1)^k}{k!}(s-a)^k}$ and the path for each integral is contained in $\Omega_K(\chi)$. The expression shows an analytic continuation of $L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi)$ to the region $\Omega_K(\chi)$.

Proof. By induction on r, (3.2) follows from (3.1). Since $\log L_K(s;\chi)$ is a (single-valued) holomorphic function in $\Omega_K(\chi)$, (3.2) in fact gives an analytic continuation of $L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi)$ to $\Omega_K(\chi)$. This proves the corollary.

Remark 3.3. Let $\Delta_K(\chi)$ be the set of all complex numbers which are not of the form $-\frac{|m_v|}{N_v} - i\varphi_v - \lambda$ for $v \in S_{\infty}(K)$ and for $\lambda \geq 0$. Then, since the Milnor-gamma function $\Gamma_r(z)$ is holomorphic in the region $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$, from Corollary 3.2, one sees that the expression (1.6) is valid for all $z \in \Omega_K(\chi) \cap \Delta_K(\chi)$. We notice that $\Omega_K(\chi) \cap \Delta_K(\chi) = \Omega_K(\chi)$ when χ is a class character.

Remark 3.4. Let $\widetilde{L}_{K}^{(r)}(s;\chi) := \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} H_r(\frac{\chi(\mathfrak{p})}{N(\mathfrak{p})^s})^{-1}$ for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$. Then we have also $\widetilde{L}_{K}^{(1)}(s;\chi) = L_K(s;\chi)$. It does not, however, seem to have an analytic continuation to the whole plane \mathbb{C} . In fact, in [KW], it was shown that $\widetilde{\zeta}^{(r)}(s) := \widetilde{L}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(r)}(s;1)$ has an analytic continuation to the region $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$ but has a natural boundary at the imaginary axis $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 0$.

We finally show a relation between $L_K^{(r)}(s;\chi)$ and the extended Riemann hypothesis for $L_K(s;\chi)$. Recall that the extended Riemann hypothesis asserts that $\operatorname{Re}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2}$ for any $\rho \in \mathcal{R}_K(\chi)$.

Corollary 3.5. The extended Riemann hypohesis for $L_K(s; \chi)$ is equivalent to say that the function $(s-1)^{-(s-1)}L_K^{(2)}(s;\chi)$ is a single-valued holomorphic function in $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2}$.

Proof. Let r = 2 in (3.2). Then, from (3.2), we have

(3.3)
$$L_K^{(2)}(s;\chi) = L_K^{(2)}(a;\chi) \exp\left(-\int_a^s \log L_K(\xi;\chi)d\xi\right) \quad (s \in \Omega_K(\chi), \text{ Re }(a) > 1).$$

Here the path is taken in $\Omega_K(\chi)$. Notice that, since

$$\int_{a}^{s} \log \left(\xi - 1\right) d\xi = (s - 1) \log \left(s - 1\right) - s - \left((a - 1) \log \left(a - 1\right) - a\right),$$

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we have

$$e^{s}(s-1)^{-(s-1)} = e^{a}(a-1)^{-(a-1)}\exp\left(-\int_{a}^{s}\log{(\xi-1)d\xi}\right).$$

Hence

$$e^{s}(s-1)^{-(s-1)}L_{K}^{(2)}(s;\chi) = e^{a}(a-1)^{-(a-1)}L_{K}^{(2)}(a;\chi)\exp\left(-\int_{a}^{s}\log\left(\xi-1\right)L_{K}(\xi;\chi)d\xi\right)$$

Now the statement follows immediately from the fact that $(\xi - 1)L_K(\xi; \chi)$ is holomorphic at $\xi = 1$.

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