

CONGRUENT ZETA FUNCTIONS. NO.5

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For any projective variety V over a field \mathbb{F}_q , we may define its congruent zeta function $Z(V/\mathbb{F}_q, T)$ likewise for the affine varieties.

We quote the famous Weil conjecture

CONJECTURE 5.1 (Now a theorem ¹). Let X be a projective smooth variety of dimension d . Then:

- (1) (Rationality) There exists polynomials $\{P_i\}$ such that

$$Z(X, T) = \frac{P_1(X, T)P_3(X, T) \dots P_{2d-1}(X, T)}{P_0(X, T)P_2(X, T) \dots P_{2d}(X, T)}.$$

- (2) (Integrality) $P_0(X, T) = 1 - T$, $P_{2d}(X, T) = 1 - q^dT$, and for each r , P_r is a polynomial in $\mathbb{Z}[T]$ which is factorized as

$$P_r(X, T) = \prod (1 - a_{r,i}T)$$

where $a_{r,i}$ are algebraic integers.

- (3) (Functional Equation)

$$Z(X, \frac{1}{q^dT}) = \pm q^{\frac{\chi}{2}} T^\chi Z(t)$$

where $\chi = (\Delta, \Delta)$ is an integer.

- (4) (Riemann Hypothesis) each $a_{r,i}$ and its conjugates have absolute value $q^{r/2}$.

- (5) If X is the specialization of a smooth projective variety X over a number field, then the degree of $P_r(X, T)$ is equal to the r -th Betti number of the complex manifold $X(\mathbb{C})$. (When this is the case, the number χ above is equal to the ‘‘Euler characteristic’’ $\chi = \sum_i (-1)^i b_i$ of $X(\mathbb{C})$.)

It is a profound theorem, relating the number of rational points $X(\mathbb{F}_q)$ of X over finite fields and the topology of $X(\mathbb{C})$.

For a further study we recommend [1, Appendix C],[2], [3].

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¹There are a lot of people who contributed. See the references.