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THE PERIODS OF ABELIAN VARIETIES WITH COMPLEX
 MULTIPLICATION AND THE SPECIAL VALUES
 OF CERTAIN ZETA FUNCTIONS

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Let K be a CM-field of degree $2n$ and I_K the free \mathbb{Z} -module generated by all embeddings of K into \mathbb{C} . Given a CM-type $\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^n \tau_i$ of K , take a $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ -rational abelian variety of type (K, φ) and a $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ -rational holomorphic 1-form ω_i on A such that $\omega_i \cdot a = a^{\tau_i} \omega_i$ for all $a \in K$. As shown in [2, p.383], there is a non-zero complex number $p_K(\tau_i, \varphi)$ depending only on K, φ , and τ_i such that

$$[\pi \cdot p_K(\tau_i, \varphi)]^{-1} \int_c \omega_i \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}$$

for every $c \in H_1(A, \mathbb{Z})$. The quantity $p_K(\tau_i, \varphi)$ can actually be chosen to be a positive real number; it is also given as the value of a certain $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ -rational (meromorphic) Hilbert modular form at a CM-point (see [2]). Now denote by ρ the complex conjugation, and put $\Gamma_K(\tau_i, \rho, \varphi) = p_K(\tau_i, \varphi)^{-1}$. Then we have

Theorem 1 : If $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_m$ are CM-types of K and τ is an embedding of K into \mathbb{C} , the product $\prod_{i=1}^m p_K(\tau, \varphi_i)^{s_i}$ with $s_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, up to algebraic factors, depends only on τ and $\sum_{i=1}^m s_i \varphi_i$. Moreover, if L is a CM-field containing K and ψ is a CM-type of L whose restriction to K is $\sum_{i=1}^m s_i \varphi_i$, then the above product equals, up to algebraic factors, to $\prod_{\sigma} p_L(\sigma, \psi)$, where σ runs over all embeddings of L into \mathbb{C} , which coincide with τ on K .

The proof is given in [3]. To express this theorem in a different way, we consider two linear maps

$$\text{Res}_{L/K} : I_L \longrightarrow I_K, \quad \text{Inf}_{L/K} : I_K \longrightarrow I_L.$$

Here $\text{Res}_{L/K}(\sigma)$ is the sum of all restrictions of σ to K ; $\text{Inf}_{L/K}(\tau)$ is the sum of all extensions of τ to L .

Theorem 2 : The above p_K can be extended to a bilinear map of $I_K \times I_K$ into $\mathbb{C}^\times / \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$ with the following properties :

- 1) $p_K(\alpha\beta, \beta) = p_K(\alpha, \beta\beta) = p_K(\alpha, \beta)^{-1}$ for $\alpha, \beta \in I_K$;
- 2) $p_K(\alpha, \text{Res}_{L/K}\beta) = p_L(\text{Inf}_{L/K}\alpha, \beta)$, $p_K(\text{Res}_{L/K}\beta, \alpha) = p_L(\beta, \text{Inf}_{L/K}\alpha)$ for $\alpha \in I_K$, $\beta \in I_L$, and $K \subset L$;
- 3) $p_M(\gamma\alpha, \gamma\beta) = p_K(\alpha, \beta)$ if γ is an isomorphism of M onto K .

Theorem 3 : If (L, ψ) is the reflex of (K, φ) , we have $p_K(\sigma, \varphi) = p_L(\psi\sigma, \text{id}_L)$ for every embedding σ of K into \mathbb{C} .

These theorems imply various algebraic relations among the periods. For example, we have :

Theorem 4 : For $\alpha \in I_K$, let $t(\alpha)$ denote the rank of the module $\sum_{\gamma \in G} \mathbb{Z}\alpha\gamma$,

where G is the Galois group over \mathbb{Q} of the Galois closure of K . If $\sum_{i=1}^n \tau_i$ is a CM-type of K , then for every $\beta \in I_K$, the module

$$\{(e_1, \dots, e_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid \prod_{i=1}^n p_K(\tau_i, \beta)^{e_i} = 1\}$$

has rank at least $n - t(\beta - \beta\rho)$.

If β is a CM-type, we have $t(\beta - \beta\rho) = t(\beta) - 1$. Theorems 2, 3 and 4 will be proved in [4].

The quantities p_K occur as the values of an L-function of a CM-field with an algebraic valued Hecke character of infinite order (see [1, Theorem 2]). As a new example of a zeta function whose values are given by p_K , we consider

$$D(s) = \sum_{0 \neq x \in a(\Lambda)} \mu(\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(yxx^\rho)) x^\phi (x^\tau)^{-k} |x^\tau|^{-2s} \quad (s \in \mathbb{C}).$$

Here Λ is a lattice in K and $a \in K$; $0 < k \in \mathbb{Z}$; τ is an embedding of K into \mathbb{C} ; μ denotes the Fourier coefficients of an elliptic modular form $g(z) = \sum \mu(b) e^{2\pi i b z}$; y is a real element of K such that y^τ is its only positive conjugate; ϕ is an element of I_K with non-negative coefficients.

Theorem 5 : The series D is convergent for sufficiently large $\text{Re}(s)$ and can be continued to a meromorphic function on the whole plane.

Theorem 6 : Suppose that g is a cusp form of weight ℓ , $\mu(b)$ are all algebraic, and τ and $\tau\rho$ occur in ϕ with the same multiplicity, say q . Let m be an integer such that

$$(2n - 1 - k + \ell + \deg(\phi))/2 < m \leq q.$$

Then $D(m)$ is $\pi^k p_K(k\tau - \phi, 2\tau)$ times an algebraic number.

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A more general result holds for a series of a similar type with a Hilbert modular form (which is not necessarily a cusp form) in place of g . The details will be given in [4].

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