

# POLYLOGARITHMS IN ARITHMETIC AND GEOMETRY

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The classical polylogarithms were invented in correspondence of Leibniz with Joh.Bernoulli in 1696 ( [Lei]). They are defined by the series

$$Li_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^n} \quad |z| < 1$$

and continued analytically to a covering of  $\mathbb{C}P^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$ :

$$Li_n(z) := \int_0^z Li_{n-1}(t) \frac{dt}{t}, \quad Li_1(z) = -\log(1-z)$$

**1. The dilogarithm.** It was studied by Spence, Abel, Kummer, Lobachevsky, ..., Rogers,Ramanujan, ([L]). The main discovery was that the dilogarithm satisfies many functional equations. For example Rogers' version of the dilogarithm  $L_2(x) := Li_2(x) + \frac{1}{2} \log(x) \log(1-x) - \frac{\pi^2}{6}$  for  $1 > x > y > 0$  satisfies the relation

$$L_2(x) - L_2(y) + L_2(y/x) - L_2\left(\frac{1-x^{-1}}{1-y^{-1}}\right) + L_2\left(\frac{1-x}{1-y}\right) = 0 \quad (1)$$

After a century of neglect the dilogarithm appeared twenty years ago in works of Gabrielov-Gelfand-Losik [GGL] on a combinatorial formula for the first Pontryagin class, Bloch on K-theory and regulators [Bl1] and Wigner on Lie groups.

The dilogarithm has a single-valued cousin : the Bloch - Wigner function

$$\mathcal{L}_2(z) := \text{Im}Li_2(z) + \arg(1-z) \log|z|.$$

Let  $r(x_1, \dots, x_4)$  be the cross-ratio of 4 distinct points on  $\mathbb{C}P^1$ . Then

$$\sum_{i=0}^4 (-1)^i \mathcal{L}_2(r(z_0, \dots, \hat{z}_i, \dots, z_4)) = 0 \quad z_i \in \mathbb{C}P^1 \quad (2)$$

If  $(z_1, \dots, z_5) = (\infty, 0, 1, x, y)$  the arguments here are the same as in (1).

Choose  $x \in \mathbb{C}P^1$ . Then (2) just means that the function  $c_3(g_0, \dots, g_3) := \mathcal{L}_2(r(g_0x, \dots, g_3x))$ , where  $g_i \in GL_2(\mathbb{C})$  and  $g_ix \neq g_jx$ , is a *measurable* 3-cocycle on  $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ . (Wigner).

The function  $\log|x|$  is characterized by its functional equation  $\log|xy| = \log|x| + \log|y|$ . The 5-term equation plays a similar role for the dilogarithm: any measurable function  $f(z), z \in \mathbb{C}$  satisfying (2) is proportional to  $\mathcal{L}_2(z)$  ([Bl1]). Moreover, any functional equation for  $\mathcal{L}_2(z)$  is a formal consequence of (2).

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For a set  $X$  denote by  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  the free abelian group generated by symbols  $\{x\}$ ,  $x \in X$ . Let  $F$  be a field. Consider the homomorphism ([Bl1])

$$\tilde{\delta}_2 : \mathbb{Z}[F^* \setminus 1] \longrightarrow \Lambda^2 F^*, \quad \{x\} \longmapsto (1-x) \wedge x$$

By Matsumoto theorem  $\text{Coker} \tilde{\delta}_2 = K_2(F)$ .

Let  $R_2(F)$  be the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}[F^* \setminus 1]$  generated by the elements  $\sum (-1)^i \{r(z_0, \dots, \hat{z}_i, \dots, z_4)\}$  where  $z_i \neq z_j \in P_F^1$ . One can check that  $\tilde{\delta}_2(R_2(F)) = 0$ . So setting  $B_2(F) := \mathbb{Z}[F^* \setminus 1]/R_2(F)$  we get the Bloch complex ([DS], [S1])

$$B_2(F) \xrightarrow{\delta_2} \Lambda^2 F^*, \quad \{x\} \mapsto (1-x) \wedge x \quad (3)$$

For an abelian group  $A$  put  $A_{\mathbb{Q}} := A \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ . Suslin proved that  $\text{Ker} \delta_2 \otimes \mathbb{Q} = K_3^{\text{ind}}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  ([S1]). Here  $K_3^{\text{ind}}(F)$  is the cokernel of the multiplication  $K_1(F)^{\otimes 3} \rightarrow K_3(F)$ .

If  $F = \mathbb{C}$  any real-valued function  $f(z)$  defines a homomorphism  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{C}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\{z\} \mapsto f(z)$ . Thanks to (2) we have a homomorphism  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_2 : B_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Combined with the above homomorphism  $K_3(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \text{Ker} \delta_2$  it gives an explicit formula for the Borel regulator  $K_3(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and hence ([Bo2]) a formula for  $\zeta_F(2)$  for any number field  $F$  (see s.5 below).

Let  $\mathcal{H}^3$  be the 3-dimensional hyperbolic space. Denote by  $I(z_0, \dots, z_3)$  the ideal geodesic simplex with vertices at points  $z_0, \dots, z_3$  of the absolute  $\partial \mathcal{H}^3 = \mathbb{C}P^1$ . Then  $\text{vol} I(z_0, \dots, z_3) = 3/2 \mathcal{L}_2(r(z_0, \dots, z_3))$  (Lobachevsky).

Any complete hyperbolic 3-fold of finite volume  $V^3$  can be represented as a formal sum of ideal geodesic simplices. So  $\text{vol} V^3 = 3/2 \sum \mathcal{L}_2(x_i)$ . It turns out the condition " $V^3$  is a manifold" implies  $\delta_2 \sum \{x_i\} = 0$ . (Thurston, [DS], [NZ]).

At first glance many features of this picture seem special for the dilogarithm. For example the classical n-logarithms are functions of just 1 variable, but for  $n > 2$   $GL_n$  does not act on  $P^1$ ,  $\partial \mathcal{H}^n$  is no longer a complex manifold and so on. In this lecture I will explain how most of these facts about the dilogarithm are generalized to the trilogarithm and outline what should happen in general.

**2. The trilogarithm and  $\zeta_F(3)$  ([G2]).** A single-valued version of  $Li_3(z)$  is

$$\mathcal{L}_3(z) := \text{Re} \left( Li_3(z) - Li_2(z) \cdot \log |z| + \frac{1}{3} Li_1(z) \cdot \log^2 |z| \right)$$

Denote by  $\{x\}_2$  the image of  $\{x\}$  in  $B_2(F)$ . Set

$$\mathbb{Z}[F^*] \xrightarrow{\delta_3} B_2(F) \otimes F^*, \quad \delta_3 : \{x\} \mapsto \{x\}_2 \otimes x, \quad \{1\} \mapsto 0 \quad (4)$$

Let  $F$  be a number field with  $r_1$  real and  $r_2$  complex places,  $\{\sigma_j\}$  be the set of all possible embeddings  $F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  numbered so that  $\sigma_{r_1+k} = \overline{\sigma_{r_1+r_2+k}}$  and  $d_F$  be the discriminant of  $F$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{Z}[F^*]$  one get numbers  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_3(\sigma_j(x))$  defined via the composition  $\mathbb{Z}[F^*] \xrightarrow{\sigma_j} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{C}^*] \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_3} \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 0.1.** *For any number field  $F$  there exist elements  $y_1, \dots, y_{r_1+r_2} \in \text{Ker} \delta_3 \otimes \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}[F^*]$  such that*

$$\zeta_F(3) = \pi^{3r_2} d_F^{-\frac{1}{2}} \det |\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_3(\sigma_j(y_i))|, \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq r_1 + r_2). \quad (5)$$

It was conjectured by Zagier, who gave many numerical examples ([Z1]). Here is one them:

$$\zeta_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})}(3) = \frac{24}{25\sqrt{5}} \cdot \mathcal{L}_3(1) \cdot \left( \mathcal{L}_3\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) - \mathcal{L}_3\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \right)$$

If  $\alpha := \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $\bar{\alpha} := \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$  then  $\alpha \cdot \bar{\alpha} = -1, \alpha + \bar{\alpha} = 1$ , so  $\{\alpha\}_2 \otimes \alpha - \{\bar{\alpha}\}_2 \otimes \bar{\alpha} = (\{\alpha\}_2 + \{1-\alpha\}_2) \otimes \alpha = 0$  modulo torsion because  $6 \cdot (\{x\}_2 + \{1-x\}_2) \in R_2(F)$ .

Let  $\Delta : G \rightarrow G \times G$  be the diagonal map. An element  $x \in H_n(G)$  is called primitive if  $\Delta_*(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$ . For any field  $F$  one can define  $K_n(F)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  as the subspace of primitive elements in  $H_n(GL(F), \mathbb{Q})$ .

Let  $H_c^*(G, \mathbb{R})$  be continuous cohomology of a Lie group  $G$ . It is known that  $H_c^*(GL(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{R}) = \Lambda_{\mathbb{R}}^*(c_1, c_3, \dots)$  where  $c_{2n-1} \in H_c^{2n-1}(GL(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{R})$  are certain classes. For example  $c_1(g_1, g_2) = \log |\det g_1^{-1} g_2|$ . Considered as a functional on homology  $c_{2n-1}$  induces a map  $r_{\mathbb{C}}(n) : K_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C})_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . It is called the Borel regulator [Bo]. Let  $F$  be a number field. Then the image of the composition

$$r(n) : K_{2n-1}(F) \longrightarrow \oplus_{Hom(F, \mathbb{C})} K_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C})_{\mathbb{Q}} \xrightarrow{r_{\mathbb{C}}(n) \otimes \mathbb{R}^{(n-1)}} \mathbb{Z}^{Hom(F, \mathbb{C})} \otimes \mathbb{R}(n-1)$$

is invariant under the complex conjugation. So we get a regulator map  $r(n) : K_{2n-1}(F) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}(n-1)^{d_n}$ . Here  $d_n = r_1 + r_2$  for odd  $n$  and  $r_2$  for even. We will use notation  $a \sim b$  if  $a/b \in \mathbb{Q}^*$ . Borel proved that  $r(n)(K_{2n-1}(F))$  is a lattice with covolume  $\sim d_F^{1/2} \zeta_F(n) (\pi i)^{-nd_{n-1}}$ .

The proof of our theorem is based on an explicit description of the regulator  $K_5(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by means of the trilogarithm  $\mathcal{L}_3$ . The key step is a formula for a measurable 5-cocycle of  $GL(\mathbb{C})$  representing the class  $c_5$ . For  $GL_3(\mathbb{C})$  it looks as follows.

Let  $V^3$  be a 3-dimensional vector space over  $F$ . Choose a volume form  $\omega \in \wedge^3(V^3)^*$ . For 6 vectors  $l_1, \dots, l_6$  in generic position in  $V^3$  set  $\Delta(l_i, l_j, l_k) := \langle \omega, l_i \wedge l_j \wedge l_k \rangle \in F^*$ . Let  $\text{Alt}_6 f(l_1, \dots, l_6) := \sum_{\sigma \in S_6} (-1)^{|\sigma|} f(l_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, l_{\sigma(6)})$ . Set

$$r_3(l_1, \dots, l_6) := \text{Alt}_6 \left\{ \frac{\Delta(l_1, l_2, l_4) \Delta(l_2, l_3, l_5) \Delta(l_3, l_1, l_6)}{\Delta(l_1, l_2, l_5) \Delta(l_2, l_3, l_6) \Delta(l_3, l_1, l_4)} \right\} \in \mathbb{Z}[F^*] \quad (6)$$

$r_3(l_1, \dots, l_6)$  clearly does not depend on the lengths of vectors  $l_i$  and so is a generalized cross-ratio of 6 points on the projective plane.

**Theorem 0.2.** *a) For any 7 points  $(m_1, \dots, m_7)$  in generic position in  $\mathbb{C}P^2$*

$$\sum_{i=1}^7 (-1)^i \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_3(r_3(m_1, \dots, \hat{m}_i, \dots, m_7)) = 0$$

*b) Choose  $x \in \mathbb{C}P^2$ . Then the function  $c_5(g_0, \dots, g_5) := \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_3(r_3(g_0x, \dots, g_5x))$  defined for  $g_i \in GL_3(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $(g_0x, \dots, g_5x)$  is in general position, is a measurable 5-cocycle representing a nontrivial cohomology class of the group  $GL_3(\mathbb{C})$ .*

**3. Trilogarithm and algebraic K-theory.** Let  $R_3(F)$  be the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}[F^*]$  generated by  $\{x\} + \{x^{-1}\}$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^7 (-1)^i r_3(m_1, \dots, \hat{m}_i, \dots, m_7)$  where  $(m_1, \dots, m_7)$  run through all generic configurations of 7 points in  $P_F^2$ . Then  $\delta_3 R_3(F) =$

0. Let  $B_3(F)$  be the quotient of  $\mathbb{Z}[F^*]$  by  $R_3(F)$ . We get a complex  $B_F(3)$

$$B_3(F) \xrightarrow{\delta_3} B_2(F) \otimes F^* \xrightarrow{\delta_2 \wedge id} \Lambda^3 F^*$$

placed in degrees  $[1,3]$ . ( $\delta_3, \delta_2$  were defined in (3), (4)).

According to [S2]  $H_n(GL_n(F), \mathbb{Q}) = H_n(GL(F), \mathbb{Q})$ . Let

$$K_n^{(i)}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}} := K_n(F)_{\mathbb{Q}} \cap \text{Im} \left( H_n(GL_{n-i}(F), \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H_n(GL_n(F), \mathbb{Q}) \right)$$

be the rank filtration. Denote by  $K_n^{[i]}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  its graded quotients.

**Theorem 0.3.** *There are canonical maps  $K_{6-i}^{[3-i]}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow H^i(B_F(3) \otimes \mathbb{Q})$*

They should be isomorphisms. This is known for  $i = 3$  ([S2]).

**4. Classical polylogarithms and motivic complexes.** The following single-valued version of  $Li_n(z)$  was invented by Zagier [Z1], see also [BD].

$$\mathcal{L}_n(z) := \begin{array}{l} \text{Re} \\ \text{Im} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} (n : \text{odd}) \\ (n : \text{even}) \end{array} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \beta_k \log^k |z| \cdot Li_{n-k}(z) \right), \quad n \geq 2$$

It is continuous on  $\mathbb{C}P^1$ . Here  $\frac{2x}{e^{2x}-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_k x^k$ .

Let us define inductively for each  $n \geq 1$  a subgroup  $\mathcal{R}_n(F) \subset \mathbb{Z}[P_F^1]$ , which for  $F = \mathbb{C}$  will be the subgroup of *all* functional equations for  $\mathcal{L}_n(z)$ .

Put  $\mathcal{B}_n(F) := \mathbb{Z}[P_F^1]/\mathcal{R}_n(F)$ . Set  $\mathcal{R}_1(F) := (\{x\} + \{y\} - \{xy\}; \{0\}; \{\infty\})$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}_1(F) = F^*$ . Let  $\{x\}_n$  be the image of  $\{x\}$  in  $\mathcal{B}_n(F)$ . Consider homomorphisms

$$\mathbb{Z}[P_F^1] \xrightarrow{\delta_n} \begin{cases} \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F) \otimes F^* & : n \geq 3 \\ \Lambda^2 F^* & : n = 2 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

$$\delta_n : \{x\} \mapsto \begin{cases} \{x\}_{n-1} \otimes x & : n \geq 3 \\ (1-x) \wedge x & : n = 2 \end{cases} \quad \delta_n : \{\infty\}, \{0\}, \{1\} \mapsto 0 \quad (8)$$

Set  $\mathcal{A}_n(F) := \text{Ker } \delta_n$ . Any element  $\alpha(t) = \sum n_i \{f_i(t)\} \in \mathbb{Z}[P_{F(t)}^1]$  has a specialization  $\alpha(t_0) := \sum n_i \{f_i(t_0)\} \in \mathbb{Z}[P_F^1]$  at each point  $t_0 \in P_F^1$ .

**Definition 0.4.**  $\mathcal{R}_n(F)$  is generated by elements  $\{\infty\}, \{0\}$  and  $\alpha(0) - \alpha(1)$  where  $\alpha(t)$  runs through all elements of  $\mathcal{A}_n(F(t))$ .

One can show that  $\delta_n \mathcal{R}_n(F) = 0$  ([G1], 1.16). So we get homomorphisms

$$\delta_n : \mathcal{B}_n(F) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F) \otimes F^*, \quad n \geq 3; \quad \delta_2 : \mathcal{B}_2(F) \rightarrow \Lambda^2 F^*$$

and finally the following complex  $\Gamma(F, n)$ :

$$\mathcal{B}_n \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{B}_{n-1} \otimes F^* \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{B}_{n-2} \otimes \Lambda^2 F^* \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{B}_2 \otimes \Lambda^{n-2} F^* \xrightarrow{\delta} \Lambda^n F^*$$

where  $\delta : \{x\}_p \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-p} y_i \rightarrow \delta_p(\{x\}_p) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-p} y_i$  has degree  $+1$  and  $\mathcal{B}_n \equiv \mathcal{B}_n(F)$  placed in degree 1. One can prove that  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_n(\mathcal{R}_n(\mathbb{C}))$  (see [G2] theorem 1.13).

**Conjecture 0.5.** *Let  $f(z)$  be a measurable function such that  $\tilde{f}(\mathcal{R}_n(\mathbb{C})) = 0$ . Then  $f(z) = \lambda_0 \mathcal{L}_n(z) + \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_{n-1}(z) \log |z| + \dots + \lambda_{n-2} \mathcal{L}_2(z) \log |z|^{n-2}$ ,  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$ .*

This is true for  $n = 2$  ([Bl]) and  $n = 3$  (unpublished).

Let  $\gamma$  be the Adams filtration on  $K_n(F)_\mathbb{Q}$ . Hypothetically it is opposite to the rank filtration. For number fields  $gr_n^\gamma K_m(F)_\mathbb{Q} = 0$  if  $m \neq 2n - 1$ .

**Conjecture A** a) For any field  $F$   $H^i\Gamma(F, n) \otimes \mathbb{Q} = gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-i}(F) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ .

b) The composition  $gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C})_\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow H^1\Gamma(\mathbb{C}, n)_\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a nonzero rational multiple of the Borel regulator.

For number fields the isomorphism  $K_{2n-1}(F)_\mathbb{Q} = Ker\delta_n$  was conjectured (slightly differently, without the complexes  $\Gamma(F, n)$ ) by Zagier [[Z1]].

So we get a hypothetical description of Quillen's K-groups by symbols that generalizes Milnor's approach to K-theory ( $H^n\Gamma(F, n) = K^M(F)$  by definition):

$$K_m(F)_\mathbb{Q} \stackrel{?}{=} \oplus_n H^{2n-m}(\Gamma(F, n) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \quad (9)$$

This suggests that  $\Gamma(F, n) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  should be the weight  $n$  motivic complex conjectured by Beilinson and Lichtenbaum ([B1], [Li]). Another approach see in [Bl2].

For a compact smooth  $i$ -dimensional variety  $X$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  Beilinson defined a regulator map to Deligne cohomology ([B2])  $r_{Be} : gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-i}(X) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}}^i(X/\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}(n))$

A regular model  $X_{\mathbb{Z}}$  of  $X$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  defines a subgroup  $gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-i}(X_{\mathbb{Z}}) \subset gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-i}(X)$ . For  $n > i + 1$  they should coincide. Beilinson conjectured that  $r_{Be}(gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-i}(X_{\mathbb{Z}}))$  is a lattice whose covolume with respect to the natural  $\mathbb{Q}$ -structure provided by  $H_{\mathcal{D}}^i(X/\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}(n))$  up to a standard factor coincides with the value of  $L$ -function  $L(h^i(X), s)$  at  $s = i$ . Unfortunately the definition of the regulator is rather implicit.

Conjecture A together with Beilinson's conjecture should give explicit formulas for special values of the  $L$ -functions of varieties over number fields in terms of classical polylogarithms. Below two examples are discussed:  $\zeta$ -functions of number fields and  $L$ -functions of elliptic curves.

**5. Zagier's conjecture.** Conjecture A b) and Borel's theorem [Bo2] lead to

**Conjecture 0.6.** For any number field  $F$  there exists elements  $y_1, \dots, y_{d_n} \in Ker\delta_n \otimes \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathcal{B}_n(F)_\mathbb{Q}$  such that

$$\zeta_F(n) = \pi^{d_{n-1} \cdot n} d_F^{-\frac{1}{2}} \det |\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_n(\sigma_j(y_i))|, \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq d_n), \quad (10)$$

It was stated in [Z1]. The case  $n = 2$ , essentially proved in [Z2], follows from the Borel theorem and the results of Bloch [Bl1] and Suslin [S2] (see s.1); a simpler proof see in s.2 of [G1]. It is not proved for  $n > 3$ .

**Theorem 0.7.** For any number field  $F$  there is a map  $l_n : Ker\delta_n \otimes \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow K_{2n-1}(F)_\mathbb{Q}$  such that for any  $\sigma : F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  one has  $r_{\mathbb{C}}(n)(\sigma \circ l_n(y)) = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_n(\sigma(y))$ .

This was proved by Beilinson-Deligne [BD] and later de Jeu [J]. It can be deduced from the existence of the triangulated category of mixed Tate motives over  $Spec(F)$  constructed by Levine [L] and Voevodsky [V].

**6. Motivic complexes for curves.** Let  $K$  be a field with a discrete valuation  $v$ , the residue field  $k_v$  and the group of units  $U$ . Let  $u \rightarrow \bar{u}$  be the projection  $U \rightarrow k_v^*$ . Choose a uniformizer  $\pi$ . There is a homomorphism  $\theta : \Lambda^n F^* \rightarrow \Lambda^{n-1} F_v^*$  uniquely defined by the following properties ( $u_i \in U$ ):

$$\theta(\pi \wedge u_1 \wedge \dots \wedge u_{n-1}) = \bar{u}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{u}_{n-1}; \quad \theta(u_1 \wedge \dots \wedge u_n) = 0$$

It is clearly independent of  $\pi$ . Let us define a homomorphism  $s_v : \mathbb{Z}[P_K^1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[P_{k_v}^1]$  setting  $s_v\{x\} = \{\bar{x}\}$  if  $x$  is a unit and 0 otherwise. It induces a homomorphism  $s_v : \mathcal{B}_m(K) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_m(k_v)$ . Put

$$\partial_v := s_v \otimes \theta : \mathcal{B}_m(K) \otimes \Lambda^{n-m} K^* \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_m(k_v) \otimes \Lambda^{n-m-1} k_v^*.$$

It defines a morphism of complexes  $\partial_v : \Gamma(K, n) \longrightarrow \Gamma(k_v, n-1)[-1]$ . Let  $X$  be a regular curve over a field  $F$  and  $F_x$  be the residue field of a point  $x \in X$ . Let us define the motivic complex  $\Gamma(X, n)$  as follows ( $\mathcal{B}_n(F(X))$  is in degree 1):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{B}_n(F(X)) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F(X)) \otimes F(X)^* & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \Lambda^n F(X)^* \\ & & \downarrow \coprod_x \partial_x & & & & \downarrow \coprod_x \partial_x \\ & & \coprod_{x \in X^1} \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F_x) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \coprod_{x \in X^1} \Lambda^{n-1} F_x^* \end{array} \quad (11)$$

**Conjecture 0.8.** *For a regular curve  $X$  one has  $H^i(\Gamma(X, n) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) = gr^\gamma K_{2n-i}(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ .*

**7. Explicit formulas for regulators in the case of curves ([G6]).** Let me recall that for a curve  $X$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $n > 1$   $H_{\mathcal{D}}^2(X/\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}(n)) = H^2(X, \mathbb{R}(n-1))^+$  where “+” means invariants of the complex conjugation acting both on  $X(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\mathbb{R}(n-1)$ . Beilinson’s regulator for curves over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a homomorphism

$$r_{Be}(n) : K_{2n-2}(X)_{\mathbb{Q}} \longrightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}}^2(X/\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}(n))$$

Cup product with  $\omega \in \Omega^1(\bar{X})$  identifies  $H^1(\bar{X}, \mathbb{R}(n-1))$  with  $H^0(\bar{X}, \Omega^1)^{\vee}$ . So we will view elements of  $H_{\mathcal{D}}^2(\bar{X}/\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}(n))$  as functionals on  $H^0(\bar{X}, \Omega^1)^{\vee}$ .

Set  $\alpha(f, g) := \log |f| d \log |g| - \log |g| d \log |f|$ .

**Theorem 0.9.** *Let  $X$  be a curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then for each element  $\gamma_{2n-2} \in K_{2n-2}(X)$ ,  $n = 3, 4$ , there are rational functions  $f_i, g_i \in \mathbb{Q}(X)^*$  such that  $\sum_i \{f_i\}_{n-1} \otimes g_i$  is a 2-cocycle in (11) and for any  $\omega \in \Omega^1(X)$  one has  $(a_n, b_n \in \mathbb{Q}^*)$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{X(\mathbb{C})} r_{Be}(n)(\gamma_{2n-2}) \wedge \omega &= a_n \cdot \sum_i \int_{X(\mathbb{C})} \mathcal{L}_{n-1}(f_i) d \log |g_i| \wedge \omega = \\ & b_n \cdot \sum_i \int_{X(\mathbb{C})} \log |g_i| \log^{n-3} |f_i| \alpha(1 - f_i, f_i) \wedge \omega \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

For  $n = 2$  this is the famous symbole modéré of Beilinson and Deligne. Hypothetically (12) should be true for all  $n$ .

**Example.** For  $n = 3$  the condition “ $\sum_i \{f_i\}_2 \otimes g_i$  is a 2-cocycle in (11)” means that  $\sum_i (1 - f_i) \wedge f_i \wedge f_i = 0$  in  $\Lambda^3 \mathbb{Q}(X)^*$  and  $\sum_i v_x(g_i) \{f_i(x)\}_2 = 0$  in  $\mathcal{B}_2(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})$  for any  $x \in X(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})$ . Here  $v_x$  is the valuation defined by a point  $x$ .

**8. Special values of  $L$ -functions of elliptic curves ([G6]).** Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve  $/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\Gamma := H_1(E(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$ . A holomorphic 1-form  $\omega$  defines an embedding  $\Gamma \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  together with an isomorphism  $E(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}/\Gamma = \Gamma \otimes \mathbb{R}/\Gamma$ . The intersection pairing  $\Gamma \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}(1)$  provides a pairing  $(\cdot, \cdot) : E(\mathbb{C}) \times \Gamma \longrightarrow U(1) \subset \mathbb{C}^*$ . If  $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}u + \mathbb{Z}v \subset \mathbb{C}$  with  $Im(u/v) > 0$  then  $(z, \gamma) = \exp A(\Gamma)^{-1}(z\bar{\gamma} - \bar{z}\gamma)$  where  $A(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}(\bar{u}v - u\bar{v})$ . Consider the generalized Eisenstein-Kronecker series ( $\gamma_i \in \Gamma$ )

$$K_n(x, y, z) := \sum_{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_n = 0} \frac{(x, \gamma_1)(y, \gamma_2 + \dots + \gamma_{n-1})(z, \gamma_n)(\bar{\gamma}_n - \bar{\gamma}_{n-1})}{|\gamma_1|^2 |\gamma_2|^2 \dots |\gamma_n|^2}, \quad n \geq 3$$

They are invariant under the shift  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x+t, y+t, z+t)$  and so live actually on  $E(\mathbb{C}) \times E(\mathbb{C})$ . For  $n = 2$  put  $K_2(x, y, z) := \sum_{\gamma}' \frac{(x-z, \gamma)}{|\gamma|^{2\gamma}}$ .

Let  $\omega \in H^0(E, \Omega_{E/\mathbb{Q}}^1)$  and  $\Omega = \int_{E(\mathbb{R})} \omega$  be the real period of  $E$ .

**Conjecture 0.10.** *a) Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve /  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $n \geq 3$ . Then there exist functions  $f_i, g_i \in \mathbb{Q}(E)^*$  such that  $\sum_i \{f_i\}_{n-1} \otimes g_i$  is a 2-cocycle in (11) and*

$$q \cdot L(E, n) = \left( \frac{2\pi A(\Gamma)}{f_E} \right)^{n-1} \Omega \cdot \sum_i K_n(x_i, y_i, z_i) \quad (13)$$

where  $x_i, y_i, z_i$  are divisors of  $f_i, g_i, 1 - f_i$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Q}^*$ .

*b) For any  $f_i, g_i \in \mathbb{Q}(E)^*$  as above formula (13) holds with (possibly 0)  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ .*

For  $n=2$  (13) is Bloch's conjecture [B11] and for  $n=3$  it was conjectured (slightly differently, using Massey products) by Deninger [Den]. A conjecture for any elliptic curve over a number field involves determinants with entries  $K_n(x, y, z)$ .

**Theorem 0.11.** *Conjecture 0.10 holds for modular elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{Q}$  in the cases  $n = 3$  and  $n = 4$ .*

The proof uses theorem 0.3, a similar result in weight 4, theorem 0.9 and weak Beilinson's conjecture for modular curves proved in [B3]. For example for  $n = 3$  we get the formula

$$L(E, 3) \sim \left( \frac{2\pi A(\Gamma)}{f_E} \right)^2 \Omega \cdot \sum_i \sum_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3 = 0}' \frac{(x_i, \gamma_1)(y_i, \gamma_2)(z_i, \gamma_3)}{|\gamma_1|^2 |\gamma_2|^2 |\gamma_3|^2}$$

In a similar conjecture about  $L(S^n E, n + 1)$  appears determinants whose entries are the classical Kronecker-Eisenstein series  $\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \frac{(x-y, \gamma)}{\gamma^a \bar{\gamma}^b}$  ( $a+b = 2n+1$ ). Their motivic interpretation was given in [BL]. One should have it also for functions  $K_n(x, y, z)$ , and, more generally, for functions needed to compute  $L(S^n E, m)$ .

**9. Motivic Lie algebra  $L(F)_\bullet$  ([G2]).** Beilinson conjectured ([B1], [BD2]) that for any fixed  $F$  should exist a Tannakian (i.e. abelian, tensor, ...) category  $\mathcal{M}_T(F)$  of mixed Tate motives over  $F$ . It is generated (as tensor category) by an invertible object  $\mathbb{Q}(1)_{\mathcal{M}}$  (Tate motive). Set  $\mathbb{Q}(n)_{\mathcal{M}} := \mathbb{Q}(1)_{\mathcal{M}}^{\otimes n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The crucial axiom is:

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{M}_T(F)}^i(\mathbb{Q}(0)_{\mathcal{M}}, \mathbb{Q}(n)_{\mathcal{M}}) \stackrel{?}{\cong} gr_{\gamma}^n K_{2n-i}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}} \quad (14)$$

Any object  $M$  of this category carries canonical increasing weight filtration  $W_{\bullet} M$  such that  $gr_{2k}^W M = \oplus \mathbb{Q}(-k)_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $gr_{2k-1}^W M = 0$ . There is canonical fiber functor  $\omega$  from  $\mathcal{M}_T(F)$  to the category of finite dimensional graded  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces:  $\omega(M) := \oplus \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Q}(-k)_{\mathcal{M}}, gr_{2k}^W M)$ . Let  $U(F)_\bullet := \text{End} \omega$  be the space of all endomorphisms of the functor  $\omega$ . It is a graded (pro) Hopf algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Let  $L(F)_\bullet$  be the Lie algebra of all derivations of  $\omega$ . It is naturally graded:  $L(F)_\bullet = \oplus_{n \geq 1} L(F)_{-n}$  and  $U(F)_\bullet$  is its universal enveloping algebra. The functor  $\omega$  is an equivalence of the category  $\mathcal{M}_T(F)$  with the category of finite dimensional graded modules over  $L(F)_\bullet$ .

The degree  $n$  part of the cochain complex  $(\Lambda^\bullet(L(F)^\vee), \partial)$  of the Lie algebra  $L(F)_\bullet$  forms a subcomplex (here  $V^\vee$  is dual to  $V$ , and  $L_{-n}^\vee$  is in degree 1):

$$L_{-n}^\vee \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial} L_{-2}^\vee \otimes \Lambda^{n-2} L_{-1}^\vee \xrightarrow{\partial} \Lambda^n L_{-1}^\vee \quad (15)$$

Its cohomology is predicted by formula (14). Moreover it should be quasiisomorphic to the weight  $n$  motivic complex for  $Spec(F)$ : (14) provides its key property. So conjecture A suggests that it should be quasiisomorphic to our complex  $\Gamma(F, n)$ .

One should have canonical injective homomorphisms  $l_n : \mathcal{B}_n(F) \hookrightarrow L(F)_{-n}^\vee$  (see s.12 below). But already for  $n = 4$  in degree 2 of (15) appears  $\Lambda^2 L_{-2}^\vee(F) \stackrel{?}{=} \Lambda^2 \mathcal{B}_2(F)$  which is absent in  $\Gamma(F, 4)$ . So complex (15) is bigger than  $\Gamma(F, n)$ .

Set  $I_\bullet := \bigoplus_{n=2}^\infty L(F)_{-n}$  and let  $H_{(n)}^1(I(F)_\bullet)$  be the degree  $n$  part of  $H^1(I(F)_\bullet)$ . Conjecture A is essentially equivalent to the following one about the structure of the Lie algebra  $L(F)_\bullet$ :

**Conjecture B.** a)  $I(F)_\bullet$  is a free graded pro-Lie algebra.

b)  $H_{(n)}^1(I(F)_\bullet) = \mathcal{B}_n(F)_\mathbb{Q}$  for  $n \geq 2$ , i.e.  $I(F)_\bullet$  is generated as a graded pro-Lie algebra by the spaces  $\mathcal{B}_n(F)^\vee$  of degree  $-n$ .

c) The action of  $L_\bullet/I_\bullet = F_\mathbb{Q}^{\ast\vee}$  on  $H_{(n)}^1(I(F)_\bullet) = \mathcal{B}_n(F)_\mathbb{Q}^\vee$  coming from the extension  $0 \rightarrow H_1(I_\bullet) \rightarrow L_\bullet/[I_\bullet, I_\bullet] \rightarrow L_\bullet/I_\bullet \rightarrow 0$  is described by the homomorphism dual to  $\delta_n : \mathcal{B}_n(F)_\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F)_\mathbb{Q} \otimes F^*$ .

Assuming conjecture B it is easy to see that the Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence for  $H_{(n)}^*(L(F)_\bullet)$  with respect to the ideal  $I_\bullet$  reduces exactly to the complex  $\Gamma(F, n)$ . Indeed thanks to a) and b) we have

$$E_1^{p,q} = C^p(L_\bullet/I_\bullet, H_{(n-p)}^q(I_\bullet)) = \begin{cases} \Lambda^p F_\mathbb{Q}^* \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-p}(F)_\mathbb{Q} & : q = 1 \\ \Lambda^n F_\mathbb{Q}^* & : q = 0, n = p \\ 0 & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and the differentials coincide with the ones in  $\Gamma(F, n)$  because of c) .

**10. Framed mixed Tate motives and  $U(F)_\bullet$ .** ([BMS],[BGSV]). A mixed  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Hodge structure  $H$  is called a Hodge-Tate structure if all the quotients  $gr_\bullet^W H$  are of Hodge type  $(p, p)$ . It is an  $n$ -framed Hodge-Tate structure if supplied with nonzero vectors  $v \in gr_{2n}^W H$  and  $f \in (gr_0^W H)^*$ .

Consider the coarsest equivalence relation on the set of all  $n$ -framed Hodge-Tate structures for which  $H_1 \sim H_2$  if there is a morphism of mixed Hodge structures  $H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  respecting the frames. Let  $\mathcal{H}_n$  be the set of equivalence classes. It has an abelian group structure:  $(H; v, f) \oplus (H'; v', f') := (H \oplus H'; (v, v'), f + f')$ . Set  $\mathcal{H}_0 := \mathbb{Z}$ . The tensor product of mixed Hodge structures induces the commutative multiplication  $\mu : \mathcal{H}_k \otimes \mathcal{H}_\ell \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{k+\ell}$ . A comultiplication  $\nu = \bigoplus_k \nu_{k, n-k} : \mathcal{H}_n \rightarrow \bigoplus_k \mathcal{H}_k \otimes \mathcal{H}_{n-k}$  is defined as follows. Let  $\{e_j\}$  and  $\{e^j\}$  be dual bases in  $gr_{2k}^W H_\mathbb{Q}$  and  $gr_{2k}^W H_\mathbb{Q}^*$ . Set  $\nu_{k, n-k}((H; v, f)) := \sum_j (H; v, e^j) \otimes (H; e_j, f)$ .

Then  $\mathcal{H}_\bullet := \bigoplus \mathcal{H}_n$  is a commutative graded Hopf algebra.

Similarily the equivalence classes of  $n$ -framed objects in the category  $\mathcal{M}_T(F)$  form a commutative graded Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{M}_\bullet$ . It maps to  $U(F)_\bullet^\vee$ : the value of the functional defined by  $(\omega(M), v, f)$  on  $A \in End \omega$  is  $\langle f, Av \rangle$ . This map is an



isomorphism of Hopf algebras. In particular

$$\text{Ker}\left(U(F)_{-n}^{\vee} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \oplus_k U(F)_{-(n-k)}^{\vee} \otimes U(F)_{-k}^{\vee}\right) \stackrel{?}{\cong} gr_n^{\gamma} K_{2n-1}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}} \quad (16)$$

It seems that any example of variation of framed mixed Tate motives should be of great interest; the corresponding Hodge periods deserve to be called polylogarithms (don't confuse them with the *classical* polylogarithms!). Below I discuss two such examples where periods are volumes of non-euclidian geodesic simplices and hyperlogarithms. Another example see in [BGSV].

### 10. Hyperbolic geometry ([G4]).

**Theorem 0.12.** *Let  $V^5$  be a 5-dimensional complete hyperbolic manifold of finite volume. Then there are algebraic numbers  $z_i \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}^*$  such that*

$$\sum_i \{z_i\}_2 \otimes z_i = 0 \text{ in } B_2(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \otimes \bar{\mathbb{Q}}^* \quad \text{and} \quad \text{vol}(V^5) = \sum_i \mathcal{L}_3(z_i)$$

**Conjecture 0.13.** *Let  $V^{2n-1}$  be an  $(2n-1)$ -dimensional complete hyperbolic manifold of finite volume. Then there are algebraic numbers  $z_i \in \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{C}$  such that ( $n \geq 3$ )  $\delta_n(\sum_i \{z_i\}_n) = 0$  and  $\text{vol}(V^{2n-1}) = \sum_i \mathcal{L}_n(z_i)$ .*

A geodesic simplex  $M$  in the hyperbolic space  $\mathcal{H}^m$  define a mixed Tate motive. Indeed, in the Klein model  $\mathcal{H}^m$  is the interior of a ball in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and geodesics are straight lines. So a geodesic simplex is the usual one inside the absolute: sphere  $Q$ .

After complexification and compactification we get  $\mathbb{C}P^m$  together with a quadric  $Q$  (the absolute) and a collection of hyperplanes  $M = (M_1, \dots, M_{m+1})$  ( $(n-1)$ -faces of a geodesic simplex).  $H(Q, M) := H^m(\mathbb{C}P^m \setminus Q, M)$  is a Hodge-Tate structure.

Let  $m = 2n - 1$  and  $\tilde{Q}(x) = 0$  be a quadratic equation of  $Q$ . Set

$$\omega_Q := \pm \frac{\sqrt{\det \tilde{Q}} \sum_{i=0}^{2n-1} (-1)^i x_i dx_0 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dx}_i \wedge dx_{2n-1}}{(2\pi i)^n \tilde{Q}(x)^n}$$

The sign depends on the choice of a generator in the primitive part of  $H^{n-1}(Q, \mathbb{Z})$ . It is provided by an orientation of  $\mathcal{H}^{2n-1}$ . The simplex  $M$  defines a chain  $\Delta_M$  representing a generator in  $H_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C}P^{2n-1}, M)$ . Then  $\text{vol}(M) = \int_{\Delta_M} \omega_Q$ .

The scissor congruence group  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^m)$  is an abelian group generated by pairs  $[M, \alpha]$  where  $M$  is an oriented geodesic simplex and  $\alpha$  is an orientation of  $\mathcal{H}^m$ . The relations are:  $[M, \alpha] = [M_1, \alpha] + [M_2, \alpha]$  if  $M = M_1 \cup M_2$ ;  $[M, \alpha]$  changes sign if we change orientation of  $M$  or  $\alpha$ , and  $[M, \alpha] = [gM, g\alpha]$  for any  $g \in O(m, 1)$ . The spherical scissor congruence groups  $\mathcal{P}(S^m)$  are defined similarly.  $\mathcal{P}(S^{2k}) = 0$ .

The volume provides homomorphisms  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^m) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathcal{P}(S^m) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ .

We have a vector  $[\omega_Q]$  in  $H^{2n-1}(\mathbb{C}P^{2n-1} \setminus Q) = gr_{2n}^W H(Q, M)$  and a functional  $[\Delta_M]$  on  $H^{2n-1}(\mathbb{C}P^{2n-1}, M) = gr_0^W H(Q, M)$ . So we get an  $n$ -framed Hodge-Tate structure associated with  $[M, \alpha]$ . This construction defines a homomorphism of groups  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2n-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$  and similarly  $\mathcal{P}(S^{2n-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$ .

Let us define the Dehn invariant  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2n-1}) \xrightarrow{D_n^h} \oplus_k \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2k-1}) \otimes \mathcal{P}(S^{2(n-k)-1})$ . Each  $(2k-1)$ -face  $A$  of  $M$  is a hyperbolic simplex  $h(A)$ . In the orthogonal plane  $A^\perp$   $M$  cuts a spherical simplex

$s(A)$ . Choose orientations  $\alpha_A$  and  $\beta_A$  of  $A$  and  $A^\perp$  such that  $\alpha_A \otimes \beta_B = \alpha$ . Then  $D_n^h([M, \alpha]) := \sum_A [h(A), \alpha_A] \otimes [s(A), \beta_A]$ .

**Theorem 0.14.** *The following diagram is commutative:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2n-1}) & \xrightarrow{D_n^h} & \oplus_k \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2k-1}) \otimes \mathcal{P}(S^{2(n-k)-1}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{H}_n & \xrightarrow{\nu} & \oplus_k \mathcal{H}_k \otimes \mathcal{H}_{n-k} \end{array}$$

A similar motivic interpretation has the spherical Dehn invariant  $D_n^s : \mathcal{P}(S^{2n-1}) \rightarrow \oplus_k \mathcal{P}(S^{2k-1}) \otimes \mathcal{P}(S^{2(n-k)-1})$ . So (16) leads to

**Conjecture 0.15.** *There are canonical injective homomorphisms*

$$\text{Ker} D_n^h \otimes \mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow [gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}(n)]^- \quad \text{Ker} D_n^s \otimes \mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow [gr_n^\gamma K_{2n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}(n)]^+$$

whose composition with Beilinson's regulator coincide with the volume homomorphisms.

If  $n = 2$  they exist and are isomorphisms by the results of [D], [DS], [S1].

Each complete hyperbolic  $(2n - 1)$ -manifold can be cuted on geodesic simplices and so produces an element in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}^{2n-1})$ . Its Dehn invariant is equal to zero. So conjecture 0.13 follows from conjectures 0.15 and A.

**11. Hyperlogarithms ([G5]).** They were considered by Kummer ([Ku]), Poincare, Lappo-Danilevsky, .... We define them as the following iterated integrals:

$$\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}(a_1, \dots, a_l) := \int_0^1 \underbrace{\frac{dt}{t-a_1} \circ \frac{dt}{t} \circ \dots \circ \frac{dt}{t}}_{m_1 \text{ times}} \circ \dots \circ \underbrace{\frac{dt}{t-a_l} \circ \frac{dt}{t} \circ \dots \circ \frac{dt}{t}}_{m_l \text{ times}}$$

This formula means the following. Let  $n := m_1 + \dots + m_l$  and

$$\Delta := \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid 0 \leq t_1 - a_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_{m_1} \leq t_{m_1+1} - a_2 \leq t_{m_1+2} \dots \leq t_{m_l}\}$$

Let  $L$  be a coordinate simplex in  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  related to coordinates  $(t_0 : \dots : t_n)$  and  $\omega_L := \frac{dt_1}{t_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{dt_n}{t_n}$ . Then  $\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}(a_1, \dots, a_l) = \int_\Delta \omega_L$ .

Let  $M$  be collection of all the hyperplanes corresponding to codimension 1 faces of  $\Delta$ . Then  $H(L, M) := H^n(\mathbb{C}P^n \setminus L, M)$  is a Hodge-Tate structure. It has canonical  $n$ -framing:  $[\omega_L]$  is a vector in  $H^n(\mathbb{C}P^n \setminus L) = gr_{2n}^W H(L, M)$  and  $\Delta$  produces a class  $[\Delta] \in H_n(\mathbb{C}P^n, M) = gr_0^W H(L, M)$ . So we get an element  $\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}^{\mathcal{H}}(a_1, \dots, a_l) \in \mathcal{H}_n$ . According to the general philosophy *a mixed Hodge structure in the cohomology of a (simplicial) variety is a realisation of a mixed motive*. So we should have an  $n$ -framed mixed Tate motive  $\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}^{\mathcal{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_l)$ .

More generally, if  $F$  is a field and  $a_i \in F^*$  one should also have an  $n$ -framed mixed Tate motive  $\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}^{\mathcal{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_l)$  related to  $H^n(P_F^n \setminus L, M)$ .

There is a remarkable power series expansion of the hyperlogarithms. Namely, consider *multiple* polylogarithms

$$\Phi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}(x_1, \dots, x_l) := (-1)^l \sum_{0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_l} \frac{x_1^{k_1} x_2^{k_2} \dots x_l^{k_l}}{k_1^{m_1} k_2^{m_2} \dots k_l^{m_l}}$$

**Theorem 0.16.** (*[G5]*) Suppose  $|a_i/a_{i-1}| < 1$ . Then

$$\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}(a_1, \dots, a_l) = \Phi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}\left(\frac{a_2}{a_1}, \frac{a_3}{a_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{a_l}\right)$$

In particular  $\zeta(m_1, \dots, m_l) := \Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}(1, 1, \dots, 1)$  are the multiple zeta values of Euler [E], rediscovered and studied by Zagier [Z3], see also [Dr] and [Ko].

**Conjecture 0.17.** . a) Any  $n$ -framed mixed Tate motive over  $F$  is a sum of hyperlogarithmic ones  $\Psi_{m_1, \dots, m_l}^{\mathcal{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_l)$ , where  $n = m_1 + \dots + m_l$ ;  $a_i \in F^*$ .

b) Any  $n$ -framed mixed Tate motive over  $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$  is a sum of motivic multiple zeta's  $\zeta^{\mathcal{M}}(m_1, \dots, m_l)$

The first part of the conjecture is motivated by the following

**Proposition 0.18. (Universality of hyperlogarithms)** Any iterated integral  $F(z) = \int_x^z \omega_1 \circ \dots \circ \omega_n$  of rational 1-forms  $\omega_i$  on a rational variety  $X$  is a sum of hyperlogarithms, i.e. there exist  $f_j^{(i)}(z) \in \mathbb{C}(X)^*$  such that

$$F(z) = \sum_i \Psi_{m_1^{(i)}, \dots, m_l^{(i)}}(f_1^{(i)}(z), \dots, f_l^{(i)}(z)) + C \quad (C \text{ is a constant})$$

**12. Motivic interpretation of the "weak" part of conjecture A.** For any  $a \in F^*$  the  $n$ -framed mixed Tate motive  $\Psi_n^{\mathcal{M}}(a^{-1})$  (corresponding to  $Li_n(a)$ ) provides a homomorphism  $\tilde{l}_n : \mathbb{Z}[F^*] \rightarrow U(F)_{-n}^{\vee}$ . Denote by  $l_n$  its composition with the canonical projection  $U(F)_{-n}^{\vee} \rightarrow L(F)_{-n}^{\vee}$ .

One should have  $l_n(\mathcal{R}_n(F)) = 0$ , so  $l_n : \mathcal{B}_n(F) \rightarrow L(F)_{-n}^{\vee}$ . It turns out that  $\partial(l_n\{a\}) = l_{n-1}\{a\} \wedge a$  (we identified  $L(F)_{-1}^{\vee}$  with  $F_{\mathbb{Q}}^*$ ), Therefore homomorphisms  $\{l_i\}$  provide a canonical homomorphism of the complex  $\Gamma(F, n)$  to the complex (15). Using (14) we get canonical maps  $H^i(\Gamma(F, n) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow gr_n^{\gamma} K_{2n-i}(F)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ .

**13. The quantum dilogarithm ([FK]).** Mixed Tate motives give the best explanation *all* of the different appearances of the dilogarithm discussed above. However recently the dilogarithm appeared in conformal field theory and exactly solvable problems of statistical mechanics. Here is one example.

Let  $\Psi(x) := \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - xq^n)$ ,  $|q| < 1$ . Then for  $q = \exp(\epsilon)$ ,  $Im(\epsilon) < 0$

$$\Psi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}} \exp(Li_2(x)/\epsilon)(1 + O(\epsilon)), \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0$$

**Theorem 0.19.** (*[FK]*) Suppose  $\hat{U}$  and  $\hat{V}$  satisfies  $\hat{U}\hat{V} = q\hat{V}\hat{U}$ . Then

$$\Psi(\hat{V})\Psi(\hat{U}) = \Psi(\hat{U})\Psi(-\hat{U}\hat{V})\Psi(\hat{V})$$

and in the classical limit we get the 5-term relation for the Rogers dilogarithm.

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