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§ 1. Introduction and Notation.

Let  $p$  be a fixed prime number,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  the field of  $p$ -adic numbers and  $\mathbb{C}_p$  the  $p$ -adic completion of the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . The absolute value in  $\mathbb{C}_p$  is normalized so that  $|p| = p^{-1}$ . We use the notion  $v(z)$  for the additive valuation on  $\mathbb{C}_p$  which extends  $\text{ord}_p$ . Let  $\Delta_0$  be an integer to  $p$  and let

$$q = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } p = 2 \\ p & \text{otherwise} . \end{cases}$$

We set  $\Delta_0 q = \Delta$  and denote

$$\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^* = \varprojlim (\mathbb{Z}/\Delta p^m \mathbb{Z})^* .$$

The group of  $p$ -adic characters is the group of continuous holomorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*$  into  $\mathbb{C}_p^*$ :

$$X(\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*) = \text{Hom}_{\text{cont}}(\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*, \mathbb{C}_p^*) .$$

Each Dirichlet character  $\chi$  of conductor  $\Delta p^n$  is an element of the group  $\text{Hom}((\mathbb{Z}/\Delta p^m \mathbb{Z})^*, \mathbb{C}_p)$  for each  $m \geq n$ , and is prolonged to an unique element of the group  $X(\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*)$  which is again denoted by  $\chi$ .

We set

$$U = 1 + q\mathbb{Z}_p = \{z \in \mathbb{Z}_p, v(z-1) \geq v(q)\}.$$

Then, for every  $g \in U$  such that  $v(g-1) = v(q)$ , the map  $z \longmapsto g^z$  is an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  onto  $U$ . We call  $g$  a topological generator of the group  $U$ .

For each generator  $g$  of the group  $U$  the map

$$X(U) = \text{Hom}_{\text{cont}}(U, \mathbb{C}_p^*) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_p^*$$

transforming a continuous character  $\chi$  of the group  $U$  into a point  $\chi(g) - 1$  defines an isomorphism between  $X(U)$  and the unit disk of  $\mathbb{C}_p$ :

$$D = \{z \in \mathbb{C}_p, |z|_p < 1\}.$$

Also we have isomorphisms:

$$\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^* \cong (\mathbb{Z}/\Delta_0 \mathbb{Z})^* \times \mathbb{Z}_p^*; \quad \mathbb{Z}_p^* \cong (\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^* \times U. \quad (1.1)$$

From isomorphisms (1.1) it follows that  $X(\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*)$  is a product of a finite group and  $X(U)$ , while the last is isomorphic to  $D$ . Since  $D$  is an open disk of  $\mathbb{C}_p$ , this isomorphism makes  $X(\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*)$  into an analytic manifold. For this analytic structure

$X(\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*)$  is an analytic group. A function  $f(\chi)$  is called an analytic function on the analytic group  $X(\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*)$  if its restriction on each component isomorphic to  $D$  is an analytic function. This means that for each character  $\chi_0$  of modulo  $\Delta$  there exists a convergent series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(\chi_0)z^n$  in  $D$  such that for every character  $\chi = \chi_0 \cdot \chi_1$ , where  $\chi_1 \in X(U)$ , we have

$$f(\chi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(\chi_0) [\chi_1(g) - 1]^n .$$

Now let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*$ , i.e.  $\mu$  is a continuous linear functional with values in  $\mathbb{C}_p$  on the space of continuous functions in  $\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*$ . Then the restriction of  $\mu$  on the analytic group  $X(\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*)$  gives an analytic function

$$L(\mu, \chi) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*} \chi d\mu . \tag{1.2}$$

The function  $L(\mu, \chi)$  is called the  $p$ -adic Mellin-Mazur transform of the measure  $\mu$ .

In this paper we give an inverse formula for the transform (1.2) and some applications to the study of  $p$ -adic functions. In particular we obtain the Mellin-Mazur transform for Morita's  $p$ -adic  $\Gamma$ -function .

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§ 2. The inverse formula.

In [2] and [7] D. Barsky and M. Vishik prove that each Krasner analytic function in  $\mathbb{C}_p - \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  subject to some growth conditions is the Cauchy transform of a measure on  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and they give an inverse formula for the p-adic Cauchy transform. Here we consider a similar problem for a large class of Mellin–Mazur transform.

Definition 2.1. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two analytic functions in the unit disk  $D$ . We say  $f$  is of class  $o(g)$  if

$$\sup_{|z| \leq r} |f(z)| = o(\sup_{|z| \leq r} |g(z)|)$$

when  $r \rightarrow 1 - 0$ .

If  $f, g$  are analytic functions on the group  $X(U)$ , we consider them as functions on  $D$  in view of the isomorphism (1.1).

Definition 2.2. A  $h$ -admissible measure on  $\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*$  is a linear functional on the space of functions on  $\mathbb{Z}_\Delta^*$  which are locally polynomials of degrees less than  $h$  and satisfy the following condition:

$$|\mu \{(z - a)^k \psi_{a,m}\}| = o(p^{(h-k)m}), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, h - 1,$$

where  $\psi_{a,m}$  is the characteristic function of the set  $a + U_m$ .

It is proved in [7] that a  $h$ -admissible measure is prolonged to a continuous linear functional on the space of  $(h - 1)$  – differentiable functions whose derivatives of order  $h - 1$  satisfy the Lipschitz condition. The restriction of such a functional on the group  $X(U)$  is an analytic function of class  $o(\log^h)$  and is called the Mellin–Mazur transform of the measure  $\mu$ . The class of such measures contains, for example, the measures associated to modular forms (see [5], [7]).

We will show that every analytic function on  $D$  of class  $o(\log^h)$  is a Mellin–Mazur transform of some  $h$ -admissible measure on  $U$ .

Theorem 1. Let  $F(\chi)$  be a function of class  $o(\log^h)$  on  $X(U)$ . Then the following formula defines a  $h$ -admissible measure:

$$\mu(z^k \psi_{a,m}) = \frac{1}{p^m - p^{m-1}} \sum_{\chi} \chi^{-1}(a) F(z^k \chi), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, h - 1, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\psi_{a,m}$  is the characteristic function of the set  $a + U_m$  and  $\chi$  runs on the set of Dirichlet characters of modulo  $p^m$ . Furthermore we have

$$F(\chi) = \int_U \chi d\mu. \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. We first show formula (2.1) correctly defines a linear functional  $\mu$  on the space of functions on  $U$  that are locally polynomials of degrees less than  $h$ . In fact, we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \mu \left\{ z^k \psi_{a+kp^m, m+1} \right\} = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{1}{p^{m+1} - p^m} \sum_{\chi} \chi^{-1}(a + kp^m) F(z^k \chi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{p^{m+1} - p^m} \sum_{\chi} F(z^k \chi) \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \chi^{-1}(a + kp^m),$$

$k = 0, \dots, h-1$ , where  $\chi$  runs on the set of Dirichlet characters of modulo  $p^{m+1}$ . We note first

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \chi^{-1}(a + kp^m) = \begin{cases} p\chi^{-1}(a) & \text{if } \chi \text{ mod } p^m \\ 0 & \text{if } \chi \text{ is of conductor } p^{m+1} \end{cases}.$$

From this we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \mu \left[ z^k \psi_{a+kp^m, m+1} \right] &= \frac{1}{p^m - p^{m+1}} \sum_{\chi \text{ mod } p^m} \chi^{-1}(a) F(z^k \chi) = \\ &= \mu \{ z^k \psi_{a, m} \}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, h-1. \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove  $\mu$  satisfies the conditions of  $h$ -admissibility. In regard to isomorphism (1.1) we may consider  $F(\chi)$  as a function on the unit disk  $D$ :  $F(\chi) = F\{\chi(g) - 1\} = F(z)$ , where  $g$  is a topological generator of the group  $U$ .

For each analytic function  $f(z)$  on  $D$  and each  $t_0 > 0$  we set

$$\|f\|_{t_0} = \sup_{v(z)=t_0} |f(z)|.$$

Then we obtain:

$$\|\log^h(1+z)\|_{t_m} = p^{mh},$$

where  $t_m = 1/p^m - p^{m-1}$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$  ( $|\log^h(1+z)|$  is calculated by the Newton polygon (see [4]). From the hypothesis we have

$$\|F(z)\|_{t_m} = o(p^{mh}) \quad (m \rightarrow \infty).$$

Let  $u$  be the sequence  $\{g^i\xi - 1\}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, h-1$ , where  $\{\xi\}$  is the sequence of primitive roots of unity of order  $p^m$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Since the function  $F(z)$  is of class  $o(\log^h)$ , one infers  $u$  is an interpolating sequence of  $F(z)$  (see [3], [4]). We denote  $\{S_m(z)\}$  the sequence of Lagrange's interpolation polynomials for the function  $F(z)$  and the sequence  $u$ . Then  $S_m(z)$  is defined by the following conditions:

$$\deg S_m(z) \leq hp^m - 1$$

$$S_m(g^i\xi - 1) = F(g^i\xi - 1), \quad i = 0, \dots, h-1.$$

By a Lazard's lemma ([6]) we may represent  $F(z)$  in the form

$$F(z) = \varphi(z) \prod_{\substack{\gamma \in E_m \\ i=0, \dots, h-1}} (1 - z/g^i\xi - 1) + Q_m(z), \quad (2.3)$$

where  $E_m$  is the set of primitive roots of unity of order  $p^m$ ,  $Q_m(z)$  are polynomials of order  $hp^m$  satisfying the condition:



$$\|Q_m\|_{t_m} \leq \|F\|_{t_m}.$$

Since the representation (2.3) is unique, we have  $S_m(z) \equiv Q_m(z)$ , and hence that

$$\|S_m\|_{t_m} \leq \|F\|_{t_m}.$$

From this it follows

$$\|S_m\|_{t_m} = o(p^{mh}). \quad (2.4)$$

Supposing  $S_m(z)$  is written in the form

$$S_m(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{h_p^m-1} b_\ell^{(m)} z^\ell$$

we have then

$$\|S_m\|_{t_m} = \max_{0 \leq \ell \leq h_p^m-1} \{|b_\ell^{(m)} z^\ell|_{t_m}\} =$$

$$\max_{\ell} \{|b_\ell^{(m)}| p^{-1/(p^m-p^{m-1})}\} > p^{-hp/(p-1)} \max_{\ell} \{|b_\ell^{(m)}|\}.$$

Thus we have  $\max_{\ell} |b_\ell^{(m)}| = o(p^{mh})$  ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ). Note that if we write

$$S_m(z-1) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{hp^{m-1}} a_\ell^{(m)} z^\ell$$

then we obtain also  $\max_{\ell} |a_\ell^{(m)}| = o(p^{mh})$ . By definition of the measure  $\mu$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\{(z-a)^k \psi_{a,m}\} &= \sum_{j=0}^k (-a)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} \frac{1}{p^{m-p^{m-1}}} \sum_{\chi} \chi^{-1}(a) F(z^j \chi) = \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k (-a)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} \frac{1}{p^{m-p^{m-1}}} \sum_{\chi} \chi^{-1}(a) F(g^j \chi(g) - 1) = \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k (-a)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} \frac{1}{p^{m-p^{m-1}}} \sum_{\chi} \chi^{-1}(a) S_m(g^j \chi(g) - 1) = \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k (-a)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} \frac{1}{p^{m-p^{m-1}}} \sum_{\chi} \chi^{-1}(a) \sum_{\ell=0}^{hp^{m-1}} a_\ell^{(m)} g^{j\ell} \chi^\ell(g) = \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k (-a)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{hp^{m-1}} a_\ell^{(m)} g^{j\ell} \frac{1}{p^{m-p^{m-1}}} \sum_{\chi} \chi(a^{-1} g^\ell) = \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k (-a)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ g^\ell \equiv a \pmod{qp^m}}}^{hp^{m-1}} a_\ell^{(m)} g^{j\ell} = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ g^\ell \equiv a \pmod{qp^m}}}^{hp^{m-1}} a_\ell^{(m)} (g^\ell - a)^k.$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_a |\mu\{(z-a)^k \psi_{a,m}\}| &= \sup_a \left| \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ g^\ell \equiv a \pmod{qp^m}}}^{hp^{m-1}} a_\ell^{(m)} (g^\ell - a)^k \right| = \\ &= o(p^{m(h-k)}), \quad k = 0, \dots, h-1, \end{aligned}$$

because  $\max_\ell |a_\ell^{(m)}| = o(p^{mh})$ ,  $|g^\ell - a| \leq p^{-m}$ . It remains to prove that the given function  $F(\chi)$  is the Mellin–Mazur transform of the measure  $\mu$ . For this we note that the Mellin–Mazur transform of the measure  $\mu$  is an analytic function of class  $o(\log^h)$  (see [7]). Consequently, the function  $f(\chi) = F(\chi) - \int_U \chi d\mu$  is of class  $o(\log^h)$ . Hence, the sequence  $\{g^k \xi - 1\}$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, h-1$ ,  $\xi \in E_m$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$  is an interpolating sequence of the function  $f(\chi)$  (see [5]). It suffices to show for this sequence the function  $f(\chi)$  vanishes identically. In fact, for every Dirichlet character of modulo  $p^m$  we have

$$\int_U z^k \chi d\mu = \sum_{a \pmod{p^m}} \chi(a) \mu\{z^k \psi_{a,m}\} = 0$$

$$= \sum_{a \bmod p^m} \chi(a) \sum_{\bar{\chi}} \frac{1}{p^m - p^{m-1}} \chi^{-1}(a) F(z^k \bar{\chi}) = F(z^k \chi).$$

Theorem 1 is proved.

### § 3. Integral representation of p-adic analytic functions

We now use the inverse formula for the Mellin-Mazur transform (Theorem 1) to find the integral representation of p-adic analytic functions of class  $o(\log^h)$  on  $D$  before applying these results to Morita's p-adic  $\Gamma$ -function.

Let  $f(z)$  be an analytic function of class  $o(\log^h)$  on  $D$ . We then regard  $f(z)$  as function on the analytic group  $X(U)$  and obtain

$$f(z) = f(\chi_z(\mathfrak{g}) - 1) = F(\chi_z), \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\chi_z$  is the character of the group  $X(U)$  defined by the condition  $\chi_z(1 + p) = 1 + z$ .

For each  $x \in U$  we have  $x = (1 + p)^{\log x / \log(1+p)}$  and hence that

$$\chi_z(x) = (1 + z)^{\log x / \log(1+p)}.$$

By Theorem 1 we obtain the integral representation of the function  $F(\chi_z)$ :

$$F(\chi_z) = \int_U \chi_z d\mu, \quad (3.2)$$

where the measure  $\mu$  is defined by the formula:

$$\mu\{x^k \psi_{a,m}\} = \frac{1}{p^m - p^{m-1}} \sum_{\chi \bmod p^m} \chi^{-1}(a) F(x^k \chi), \quad (3.3)$$

where  $\chi$  runs on the set of Dirichlet characters of modulo  $p^m$ . We note that by isomorphism (1.1) a character  $\chi$  corresponds to a point  $\xi - 1$  where  $\xi$  is a root of order  $p^m$  of unity. Hence formula (3.3) takes the form:

$$\mu\{x^k \psi_{a,m}\} = \frac{1}{p^m - p^{m-1}} \sum_{\xi^{p^m} = 1, \xi \neq 1} \xi^{-a} f\{(1+p)^k \xi - 1\}, \quad (3.4)$$

$$k = 0, 1, \dots, h-1.$$

Thus, we obtain an integral representation of the function  $f(z)$  in the form:

$$f(z) = \int_U (1+z)^{\log x / \log(1+p)} d\mu, \quad (3.5)$$

where the measure  $\mu$  is defined by formula (3.4). By the isomorphism  $U \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p : (1+p)^x \longmapsto x$  we may write formula (3.5) in the form:

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+z)^x d\mu(x). \quad (3.6)$$

We now turn to consider  $p$ -adic bounded analytic functions on  $D$ . By using an argument similar to that showing Theorem 1 we obtain the following inverse formula for the bounded Mellin-Mazur transform.

Theorem 2. Let  $f(x)$  be a bounded analytic function on  $X(U)$ . Then the following formula defines a bounded measure on  $X(U)$ :

$$\mu\{a + U_m\} = \frac{1}{p^m - p^{m-1}} \sum_{\chi} \chi^{-1}(a) F(\chi) \quad (3.7)$$

where  $\chi$  runs on the set of Dirichlet characters of modulo  $p^m$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ .  
Furthermore we have

$$F(\chi) = \int_U \chi \, d\mu.$$

Using Theorem 2 we may obtain integral representations of bounded analytic functions on  $D$  as follows. Let  $f(z)$  be a bounded analytic function. As in the case concerning functions of class  $o(\log^h)$  we have

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+z)^x \, d\mu(x)$$

where the measure  $\mu$  is defined by the formula

$$\mu(a + U_m) = \frac{1}{p^m - p^{m-1}} \sum_{\xi^p = 1, \xi \neq 1} \xi^{-a} f(\xi - 1).$$

We now apply this representation to Morita's p-adic  $\Gamma$ -function . In [1] it is proved that we may consider the function  $\Gamma_p(x)$  as the restriction on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  of a locally analytic function  $\Gamma_p(z)$  on  $D$  of local analyticity ratio  $p = p^{-1/p - 1/p-1}$  . This means for each point  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  there exists  $\rho_x$  such that on  $D(x, \rho_x) \cap \mathbb{Z}_p$  the function  $\Gamma_p(x)$  is the restriction of  $f(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n(z-x)^n$  which is analytic on  $D(x, \rho_x)$  . The local analyticity ratio, by definition, is the number

$$\rho = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_p} \rho_x > 0 .$$

Thus, on the disk  $D(0, p^{-1/p - 1/p-1})$  the function  $\Gamma_p(z)$  is represented by a convergent power series. We set

$$f(z) = \Gamma_p(p^{-1/p - 1/p-1} z) ,$$

then  $f(z)$  is a bounded analytic function on the unit disk  $D$  . We have an integral representation of the function  $f(z)$  :

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1 + z)^x d\mu \tag{3.8}$$

where the measure  $\mu$  is defined by the following formula:

$$\mu\{a + U_m\} = \frac{1}{p^m - p^{m-1}} \sum_{\xi^{p^m} = 1, \xi \neq 0} \xi^{-a} f(\xi - 1). \quad (3.9)$$

Hence, for Morita's  $p$ -adic  $\Gamma$ -function we have the following integral representation

$$\Gamma_p(p^{1/p} - 1/p^{-1}z) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+z)^x d\mu,$$

where the measure  $\mu$  is defined by the formula:

$$\mu\{a + U_m\} = \frac{1}{p^m - p^{m-1}} \sum_{\xi^{p^m} = 1, \xi \neq 1} \xi^{-a} \Gamma_p(p^{1/p} - 1/p^{-1}(\xi - 1)).$$

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