

ON IGUSA ZETA FUNCTIONS OF MONOMIAL IDEALS

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ABSTRACT. We show that the real parts of the poles of the Igusa zeta function of a monomial ideal can be computed from the torus-invariant divisors on the normalized blow-up of the affine space along the ideal. Moreover, we show that every such number is a root of the Bernstein-Sato polynomial associated to the monomial ideal.

1. INTRODUCTION

If f is a nonconstant polynomial in $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ and p is a fixed prime, then the Igusa zeta function of f is defined by

$$(1) \quad Z_f(s) = \int_{(\mathbb{Z}_p)^n} |f(y)|_p^s |dy|,$$

for every $s \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$. Here \mathbb{Z}_p denotes the ring of p -adic integers, endowed with the discrete valuation ord_p and with the p -adic absolute value defined by

$$|a|_p = \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\operatorname{ord}_p(a)}.$$

The measure μ on $(\mathbb{Z}_p)^n$ that is used in the above integral is the Haar measure characterized by

$$\mu\left(\prod_{i=1}^n p^{m_i} \mathbb{Z}_p\right) = \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\sum_i m_i}.$$

As defined, Z_f is a holomorphic function on the half plane $\{s \mid \operatorname{Re}(s) > 0\}$, and one can show that it admits a meromorphic extension to \mathbb{C} . In fact, Z_f is a rational function of $\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^s$. A proof of rationality that also gives information on the real parts of the possible poles of Z_f proceeds as follows. Let $\pi: Y \rightarrow X = \mathbb{A}^n$ be an embedded resolution of singularities of f defined over \mathbb{Q} . This means that π is proper and birational, Y is smooth, and the union of $\pi^*(\operatorname{div}(f))$ and of the exceptional locus of π is a divisor with simple normal crossings. For every prime divisor E in this union, denote by $a_E(f)$ the order of E in $\pi^*(\operatorname{div}(f))$ and by k_E the order of E in the relative canonical class $K_{Y/X}$ (this is the divisor locally defined by $\det(\operatorname{Jac}(\pi))$). Using the Change of Variable formula for p -adic integrals to express

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Z_f as an integral over $Y(\mathbb{Z}_p)$, Igusa obtained the rationality of Z_f as a function of $\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^s$ and the fact that if s is a pole of Z_f , then $\operatorname{Re}(s) = -\frac{k_E+1}{a_E(f)}$ for some divisor E as above. Our main reference for Igusa zeta functions is Igusa's book [Ig] (see also Denef's Bourbaki report [De]).

While every divisor on a log resolution of f gives a candidate for the real part of a pole of Z_f , examples show that most of these numbers do not come actually from poles of Z_f . In fact an outstanding open problem in the field is the following conjecture of Igusa, relating the poles to one of the basic invariants of the singularities of f , its Bernstein-Sato polynomial.

Conjecture 1.1. *Let f be a nonconstant polynomial in $\mathbb{Z}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$. For almost all primes p the following holds: if s is a pole of Z_f , then the real part of s is a root of the Bernstein-Sato polynomial b_f of f .*

We recall that the Bernstein-Sato polynomial of f is a polynomial in one variable introduced independently in [Be] and [SS]. It is a subtle but very fundamental invariant of the singularities of f . We do not give its definition as we will not need it, but we mention that its roots are related to the eigenvalues of the monodromy of the hypersurface $f^{-1}(0)$. There is, in fact, a weaker version of the above conjecture that is stated in terms of these eigenvalues and that is known as the Monodromy Conjecture (see [De] for more on these conjectures and also [Ve] for some recent work in this direction).

Our goal in this note is to prove the analogue of Conjecture 1.1 when we replace f by a monomial ideal. Though less studied, Igusa zeta functions for nonnecessarily principal ideals in $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ can be defined in a very similar way with (1). More precisely, if I is a nonzero proper ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ and if we put for $y \in (\mathbb{Z}_p)^n$

$$\operatorname{ord}_p I(y) = \min\{\operatorname{ord}_p(f(y)) \mid f \in I\},$$

then we have

$$(2) \quad Z_I(s) = \int_{(\mathbb{Z}_p)^n} \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\operatorname{ord}_p I(y)} |dy|.$$

The above-mentioned results in the case of one polynomial extend in a straightforward way to the case of an arbitrary ideal. Note that in order to prove rationality, we need to consider a log resolution of I : this is a morphism $\pi: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$ as before, such that $\pi^{-1}(V(I))$ is a Cartier divisor and its union with the exceptional locus of π is a divisor with simple normal crossings. If E is a prime divisor on Y contained in this union, then $a_E(I)$ is by definition the coefficient of E in $\pi^{-1}(V(I))$. As in the case of a principal ideal, one can show that given a log resolution π , for every pole s of Z_I there is a divisor E on Y such that $\operatorname{Re}(s) = -\frac{k_E+1}{a_E(I)}$.

On the other hand, the definition of the Bernstein-Sato polynomial has been extended in [BMS3] from the case of one polynomial to that of an arbitrary ideal. This is again a polynomial in one variable, and therefore the analogue of Conjecture 1.1 makes sense in this case. We will prove the monomial case, i.e. when I is generated by monomials.

Theorem 1.2. *If I is a nonzero proper monomial ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, then for every prime p and every pole s of Z_I , the real part of s is a root of the Bernstein-Sato polynomial of I .*

The key ingredient in the proof of the above theorem is a result on the poles of Igusa-type zeta functions associated to cones. Suppose that $N \simeq \mathbb{Z}^n$ is a lattice and that σ is a pointed, rational, polyhedral cone in $N_{\mathbb{R}} = N \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$. We denote by σ° the relative interior of the cone σ . If σ^\vee is the dual cone in $M_{\mathbb{R}}$, where $M = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(N, \mathbb{Z})$, and if ℓ_1, ℓ_2 are elements in $\sigma^\vee \cap M$ such that $\sigma \cap \{v \mid \ell_2(v) = 0\} = \{0\}$, then we put

$$(3) \quad Z_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}(s) := \sum_{v \in \sigma^\circ \cap N} \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\ell_1(v)s + \ell_2(v)}.$$

It is easy to see (and it will follow from our computations) that this is well-defined and holomorphic in $\{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Re}(s) > 0\}$. We prove the following

Theorem 1.3. *For every σ , ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 as above, $Z_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}$ is a rational function of $\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^s$, and therefore can be meromorphically extended to \mathbb{C} . Moreover, for every pole s of $Z_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}$ there is a primitive generator v of a ray of σ such that $\text{Re}(s) = -\frac{\ell_2(v)}{\ell_1(v)}$.*

Given a monomial ideal I , we give in the next section a formula for Z_I in terms of suitable zeta functions for the cones in the normal fan to the Newton polyhedron of I (we refer for the relevant definition and for the precise formula to that section). Let us just mention that this fan defines the toric variety that is the normalized blowing-up of \mathbb{A}^n along the ideal I . Using this formula and Theorem 1.3, we will show in §3 that the real part of every pole of Z_I corresponds to a torus-invariant divisor in the normalized blow-up of \mathbb{A}^n along I (despite the fact that the normalized blowing-up is *not* a log resolution of I).

Theorem 1.4. *Let I be a nonzero proper monomial ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. For every pole s of Z_I , there is a torus-invariant divisor E on the normalized blowing-up of \mathbb{A}^n along I such that*

$$\text{Re}(s) = -\frac{k_E + 1}{a_E(I)}.$$

On the other hand, explicit descriptions of the roots of the Bernstein-Sato polynomial of a monomial ideal have been obtained in [BMS1] and [BMS2]. We use the description in [BMS2] and Theorem 1.4 to prove Theorem 1.2 in the last section.

We mention that a description for the Igusa zeta function of a monomial ideal has also been obtained by Zúñiga-Galindo in [Zu]. Moreover, similar results appear in the work of Denef and Hoornert [DH], in which one describes the poles of the Igusa zeta functions for nondegenerate hypersurfaces with respect to their Newton polyhedron. It is shown in *loc. cit.* that for such f the real part of essentially any pole corresponds to a facet of the Newton polyhedron of f , as above. Moreover, Loeser [Lo] showed that under some mild extra assumptions these numbers are roots of the Bernstein-Sato polynomial of f , thus proving Conjecture 1.1 for such nondegenerate hypersurfaces. On the other hand, note that the relations between the respective Igusa zeta functions and between the Bernstein-Sato polynomials of f and of the corresponding monomial ideal are not clear in general.

2. IGUSA ZETA FUNCTIONS OF MONOMIAL IDEALS

Let I be a nonzero proper ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ generated by monomials. If $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$, we denote by x^u the corresponding monomial $x_1^{u_1} \dots x_n^{u_n}$.

The Newton polyhedron P_I of I is the convex hull of those u in \mathbb{N}^n such that x^u is in I .

If $N = \mathbb{Z}^n$ and $N_{\mathbb{R}} = N \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$, we think of P_I as lying in $M_{\mathbb{R}}$, where $M = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(N, \mathbb{Z})$. We denote by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ the canonical pairing between M and N . If we consider in $N_{\mathbb{R}}$ the cone generated by the elements of the standard basis e_1, \dots, e_n , then the corresponding toric variety is the affine space \mathbb{A}^n and the subscheme $V(I)$ is invariant under the torus action (we refer to [Fu] for the basic notions on toric varieties). Hence the normalized blowing-up of \mathbb{A}^n along I is again a toric variety, and therefore it corresponds to a fan subdividing the above cone. This is the normal fan to the polyhedron P_I , that we will denote by Δ_I . It is defined as follows: to each face Q of P_I one associates the cone

$$\sigma_Q := \{v \in N_{\mathbb{R}} \mid \langle u, v \rangle \leq \langle u', v \rangle \text{ for every } u \in Q \text{ and } u' \in P_I\}.$$

The fan Δ_I consists of the cones σ_Q , when Q varies over the faces of P_I . Note that $\dim(\sigma_Q) = n - \dim(Q)$, so the rays of Δ_I correspond to the facets of P_I , and the maximal cones of Δ_I correspond to the vertices of P_I .

Let p be a fixed prime. We now proceed to the computation of Z_I . For every $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ we consider the set $C_a = \prod_{i=1}^n (p^{a_i} \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus p^{a_i+1} \mathbb{Z}_p)$. Since each $p^{a_i} \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus p^{a_i+1} \mathbb{Z}_p$ is a disjoint union of $(p - 1)$ translates of $p^{a_i+1} \mathbb{Z}_p$, we see that

$$\mu(C_a) = (p - 1)^n \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{n + \sum_i a_i}.$$

We denote by e the vector $(1, \dots, 1)$, so $\langle e, a \rangle = \sum_i a_i$.

The function $\text{ord}_p I$ is constant on C_a with value

$$\nu(a) := \min\{\langle u, a \rangle \mid x^u \in I\} = \min\{\langle u, a \rangle \mid u \in P_I\}.$$

Since the sets C_a are disjoint and the complement of their union has measure zero, we deduce

$$(4) \quad Z_I(s) = \sum_{a \in \mathbb{N}^n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^n \cdot \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\langle e, a \rangle + s\nu(a)}.$$

Note that ν is a linear function on each of the cones in Δ_I . Indeed, if w is a vertex of P_I , then $\nu(a) = \langle w, a \rangle$ whenever a is in σ_w .

If σ is a cone in Δ_I , choose a vertex w of P_I such that σ is contained in σ_w and put $\ell_{\sigma} := w$. By letting the a in (4) vary inside the relative interior of each cone in Δ_I , and using the definition in the Introduction, we get the following

Proposition 2.1. *With the above notation, we have*

$$(5) \quad Z_I(s) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^n \cdot \sum_{\sigma \in \Delta_I} Z_{\sigma, \ell_{\sigma}, e}(s).$$

3. IGUSA ZETA FUNCTIONS FOR CONES

Our goal in this section is to discuss Igusa-type zeta functions associated to cones and prove Theorem 1.3. Let N be a lattice, M its dual, and σ a pointed, rational polyhedral cone in $N_{\mathbb{R}}$. We consider ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 in $\sigma^{\vee} \cap M$, where σ^{\vee} is the dual cone of σ , such that $\sigma \cap \{v \mid \ell_2(v) = 0\} = \{0\}$. We want to study the function $Z_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}$ and its poles.

The definition of $Z_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}$ was motivated by the formula in Proposition 2.1, but sometimes it is more natural to consider a version of this function in which we sum over all the integer points in σ :

$$(6) \quad \bar{Z}_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}(s) := \sum_{v \in \sigma \cap N} \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\ell_1(v)s + \ell_2(v)}.$$

Again, this is well-defined if $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ and we have $\bar{Z}_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2} = \sum_{\tau} Z_{\tau, \ell_1, \ell_2}$, where the sum is over all faces τ of σ . Moreover, it follows from this formula that $Z_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}$ can be computed in terms of the functions $\bar{Z}_{\tau, \ell_1, \ell_2}$, where τ varies over the faces of σ .

We start with the following

Lemma 3.1. *Let v_1, \dots, v_r in N be linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} . If w is in N and ℓ_1, ℓ_2 are elements in M , with ℓ_1 nonnegative and ℓ_2 positive on all the v_i , then we put*

$$A(s) := \sum_{v \in S} \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\ell_1(v)s + \ell_2(v)},$$

where $S = \{w + a_1v_1 + \dots + a_rv_r \mid a = (a_i) \in \mathbb{N}^r\}$. The function A is well-defined and holomorphic for $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ and it is a rational function in $\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^s$, so it has a meromorphic continuation to \mathbb{C} . Moreover, if s is a pole of A , then there is i such that $\text{Re}(s) = -\frac{\ell_2(v_i)}{\ell_1(v_i)}$.

Proof. If $\text{Re}(s) > -\frac{\ell_2(v_i)}{\ell_1(v_i)}$ for all i such that $\ell_1(v_i)$ is nonzero, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(s) &= \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\ell_1(w)s + \ell_2(w)} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{a_i \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{a_i(\ell_1(v_i)s + \ell_2(v_i))} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\ell_1(w)s + \ell_2(w)} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\ell_1(v_i)s + \ell_2(v_i)}}. \end{aligned}$$

The assertions in the lemma are direct consequences of this formula. □

We can now give the proof of our result on Igusa-type zeta functions associated to cones.

Proof of Theorem 1.3. Arguing by induction on the dimension of σ , we may assume that the theorem holds for all cones of smaller dimension than $\dim(\sigma)$ (the case when $\dim(\sigma)$ is zero being trivial). In this case, we see that proving the assertions in the theorem for $Z_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}$ is equivalent with proving them for $\bar{Z}_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}$.

We first show that it is enough to prove the theorem when σ is a simplicial cone. Indeed, it is well-known that one can always find a fan Γ refining the cone σ such that every cone in Γ is simplicial and the one-dimensional cones in Γ are precisely the rays of σ . Since

$$\bar{Z}_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2} = \sum_{\tau \in \Gamma} Z_{\tau, \ell_1, \ell_2},$$

and since each ray of a cone in Γ is a ray of σ , we see that it is enough to prove the theorem for each (maximal) cone in Γ .

Therefore we may assume that σ is simplicial and our goal is to show that $\overline{Z}_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}$ satisfies the assertions in the theorem. Let v_1, \dots, v_r be the primitive generators of the rays of σ . Since σ is simplicial, the v_i are linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} . The semigroup $\sigma \cap N$ is finitely generated, so we may choose generators w_1, \dots, w_s . The v_i span σ over \mathbb{Q} , hence we can find a positive integer m such that every mw_j is in the semigroup generated by the v_i . It follows that after replacing $\{w_1, \dots, w_s\}$ by $\{q_1 w_1 + \dots + q_s w_s \mid 0 \leq q_j \leq m - 1\}$, we may assume that

$$(7) \quad \sigma \cap N = \bigcup_{j=1}^s (w_j + S),$$

where S is the semigroup generated by the v_i .

If $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, s\}$, let us put

$$A_I(s) := \sum_v \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{\ell_1(v)s + \ell_2(v)},$$

where the sum is over v in $\bigcap_{j \in I} (w_j + S)$. We claim that $\bigcap_{j \in I} (w_j + S)$ is either empty or it is equal to $w + S$ for a suitable w in N . Indeed, by an obvious induction on $|I|$ it is enough to show this when I has two elements, say j and k . The intersection of $w_j + S$ and $w_k + S$ is nonempty if and only if $w_j - w_k$ lies in the lattice generated by the v_i . If this is the case, let us write $w_j - w_k = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i v_i$ for suitable integers a_1, \dots, a_r . If we put $w = w_j + \sum_{i=1}^r \max\{0, -a_i\} v_i$, then it is easy to check that $(w_j + S) \cap (w_k + S) = w + S$, which proves our claim.

It follows from our claim and Lemma 3.1 that each A_I is a rational function of $\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^s$. Moreover, if s is a pole of A_I , then there is i such that $\text{Re}(s) = -\frac{\ell_2(v_i)}{\ell_1(v_i)}$. On the other hand, it follows from (7) that

$$(8) \quad \overline{Z}_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2} = \sum_I (-1)^{|I|-1} A_I(s),$$

where the sum is over all nonempty subsets I of $\{1, \dots, s\}$. Therefore $\overline{Z}_{\sigma, \ell_1, \ell_2}$ satisfies the assertions of the theorem, which completes the proof. \square

Putting together Theorem 1.3 and the description of the Igusa zeta function of a monomial ideal from the previous section, we can relate the poles of this zeta function with the torus-invariant divisors in the blowing-up along the ideal.

Proof of Theorem 1.4. It follows from Proposition 2.1 and Theorem 1.3 that if s is a pole of Z_I , then there is a primitive generator v of a ray of the normal fan Δ_I to the Newton polyhedron P_I such that

$$\text{Re}(s) = -\frac{\langle e, v \rangle}{\langle w, v \rangle}.$$

Here w is a vertex of P_I such that v is contained in the maximal cone σ_w of Δ_I corresponding to w .

On the other hand, recall that the torus-invariant divisors on the toric variety defined by Δ_I correspond precisely to the rays of Δ_I . Moreover, if E is the divisor corresponding to the ray through v , then $k_E = \langle e, v \rangle - 1$. Since we also have

$$a_E(I) = \min\{\langle u, v \rangle \mid x^u \in I\} = \langle w, v \rangle,$$

as v lies in σ_w , we deduce the assertion in the theorem. \square

4. POLES AND ROOTS OF THE BERNSTEIN-SATO POLYNOMIAL

We now show that the real part of any pole of Z_I is a root of the Bernstein-Sato polynomial b_I associated to I . In fact, we prove the following stronger statement that together with Theorem 1.4 implies Theorem 1.2.

Proposition 4.1. *If I is a nonzero proper monomial ideal and if E is a prime divisor in the normalized blowing-up of the affine space along I such that $a_E(I)$ is nonzero, then $-\frac{k_E+1}{a_E(I)}$ is a root of the Bernstein-Sato polynomial b_I .*

Proof. The divisor E corresponds to a ray in the normal fan Δ_I to P_I . Let v be a primitive generator of this ray. If w is a vertex of P_I such that the corresponding maximal cone σ_w of Δ_I contains v , then we have seen in the proof of Theorem 1.4 that $k_E + 1 = \langle e, v \rangle$ and $a_E(I) = \langle w, v \rangle$. Note that since $\langle w, v \rangle \neq 0$, the facet Q of P_I corresponding to v is not contained in a coordinate hyperplane: if, for example, Q is contained in the hyperplane $(x_i = 0)$, then $v = e_i$, and since w lies in Q we get $\langle w, v \rangle = 0$, a contradiction.

In order to show that $(k_E + 1)/a_E(I)$ is a root of the Bernstein-Sato polynomial b_I associated to I , we use the description of the roots of b_I from [BMS2] (in fact, the ones that we need for the theorem are “the most straightforward” of the roots of b_I). Since Q is a facet of P_I that is not contained in a coordinate hyperplane, there is a unique linear function L_Q on $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ such that $Q = P_I \cap L_Q^{-1}(1)$. With this notation, it is shown in [BMS2] (see Remark 4.6) that $-L_Q(e)$ is a root of b_I .

On the other hand, since the ray through v corresponds to the facet Q and since w is in Q , we have

$$Q = \{u \in P_I \mid \langle u, v \rangle = \langle w, v \rangle\}.$$

Therefore L_Q is given by $\frac{1}{\langle w, v \rangle} \cdot v$, and since $-L_Q(e)$ is a root of b_I , we see that $(k_E + 1)/a_E(I)$ is, indeed, a root of b_I . □

Remark 4.2. We do not know whether the analogue of Proposition 4.1 holds for a nonnecessarily monomial ideal I . Note that if $I = (f)$ is principal, then the assertion is trivial: the divisor E is one of the irreducible components of the divisor H defined by f , $k_E = 0$, and $a_E(I)$ is the multiplicity of E in H . The fact that $-\frac{1}{a_E(f)}$ is a root of b_f then follows by restricting to an open subset where E is smooth and $H = a_E(f) \cdot E$.

Remark 4.3. The arguments in the previous two sections can also be used to analyze the orders of the possible poles of the Igusa zeta function Z_I . Indeed, it follows from Proposition 2.1 and from the proof of Theorem 1.3 that if s is a pole of order r of Z_I , then $r \leq n$ and there are r invariant divisors E_1, \dots, E_r on the normalized blowing-up along I such that $E_1 \cap \dots \cap E_r \neq \emptyset$ and $\text{Re}(s) = -(k_{E_i} + 1)/a_{E_i}(I)$ for every i . We would like to deduce that in this case $\text{Re}(s)$ is a root of order r of b_I , but unfortunately, we do not understand well enough the multiplicities of the roots of b_I .

Remark 4.4. While Proposition 2.1 gives in principle a formula for the Igusa zeta function of a monomial ideal, and Theorem 1.4 gives an estimate on the denominator of this function (written as a rational function of $1/p^s$), getting a general explicit formula for the denominator is rather difficult. A *Maple* code for computing p -adic and motivic zeta functions of monomial ideals via resolution of singularities is available, upon request, from the first author.

Remark 4.5. Using motivic integration, Denef and Loeser defined in [DL] a motivic analogue of the Igusa zeta function. For concreteness, we preferred to work with p -adic integrals. However, as the reader familiar with this topic will certainly notice, all the above results have analogues in the motivic setting, “replacing p by \mathbb{L} ”. For example, if σ , ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 are as in Theorem 1.3, then the series

$$(9) \quad \sum_{v \in \sigma \cap N} \mathbb{L}^{-(\ell_1(v)s + \ell_2(v))}$$

can be written as a sum of fractions with numerator in $K[\mathbb{L}^{-s}]$ and denominator of the form

$$(10) \quad \prod_{i=1}^r \left(1 - \mathbb{L}^{-(\ell_1(v_i)s + \ell_2(v_i))} \right),$$

where $r \leq \dim(\sigma)$ and v_1, \dots, v_r are primitive generators of the rays of σ . Here K is the ring obtained from the Grothendieck ring of varieties over a base field k by inverting $\mathbb{L} = [\mathbb{A}_k^1]$. Similarly, if I is a monomial ideal, then the motivic zeta function of I

$$(11) \quad \int_{(\mathbb{A}^n)_\infty} \mathbb{L}^{-s \cdot \text{ord}_t I}$$

can be written as a sum of fractions with numerator in $K[\mathbb{L}^{-s}]$ and denominator of the form

$$\prod_{i=1}^r \left(1 - \mathbb{L}^{-(a_{E_i}(I)s + k_{E_i} + 1)} \right),$$

where $r \leq n$ and E_1, \dots, E_r are divisors on the normalized blowing-up of \mathbb{A}^n along I such that $E_1 \cap \dots \cap E_r$ is nonempty.

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