

## A $p$ -ADIC ANALOGUE OF THE GAUSS-BONNET THEOREM FOR CERTAIN MUMFORD CURVES

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**ABSTRACT.** If  $K$  is a local field,  $L$  a quadratic extension,  $\Gamma$  a Schottky group co-compact in  $\mathrm{PGL}_2(K)$  then the quotient  $L - K/\Gamma$  corresponds to the  $L$ -points of a Mumford curve. In this paper we calculate  $\int_{L-K/\Gamma} d\mathcal{M}$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  is an  $\mathrm{PGL}_2(K)$  invariant measure on  $L - K$ , in terms of the genus of the corresponding curve.

In this paper we will give a  $p$ -adic analogue of the Gauss-Bonnet theorem in the following case. Let  $X$  be a compact Riemann surface with genus  $g \geq 2$ . Then there is a uniformization of  $X$  by the hyperbolic upper half plane  $\mathcal{H}$ . That is,  $X \approx \mathcal{H}/\Gamma$  where  $\mathcal{H} = \{x + iy \in \mathbf{C} | y > 0\}$  with the usual hyperbolic structure and  $\Gamma$  is a Fuchsian subgroup of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ . The area form  $dx dy/y^2$  is invariant under  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$  and since the curvature of  $\mathcal{H}$  is constant  $-1$  the Gauss-Bonnet formula says:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{X=\mathcal{H}/\Gamma} dx dy/y^2 &= -2\pi\chi(X) \\ &= 2\pi(2g - 2). \end{aligned}$$

### 1. MUMFORD CURVES

(a) *Notation.* Throughout this paper  $K$  will denote a field complete with respect to a discrete valuation  $v: K^* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  with the convention  $v(0) = +\infty$ . We assume that  $\mathrm{char}(K) \neq 2$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathcal{O}$  denote the ring of integers. That is,  $\mathcal{O} = \{x \in K | v(x) \geq 0\}$ . Take  $\pi$  to be a uniformizer in  $\mathcal{O}$ , so  $v(\pi) = 1$ . Then  $\pi$  will generate the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $k = \mathcal{O}/\pi\mathcal{O}$  is the residue field. We assume throughout that  $k$  is finite of order  $q$ . We take the normalized absolute value on  $K$ , i.e.  $|x| = q^{-v(x)}$  for  $x \in K$ .

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As usual  $\mathbf{P}_K^1$  will denote the projective line over  $K$  and the rational points  $\mathbf{P}^1(K) = K \cup \infty$  can be given by homogeneous coordinates so:

$$\mathbf{P}^1(K) = \{[x, y] | x, y \in K\} / [x, y] \sim \lambda[x, y]; \lambda \in K^* \text{ (Identify } a \in K \text{ with } [a, 1].)$$

Let  $G = \text{PGL}_2(K) = \text{GL}_2(K)/K^*$ , where we embed  $K^* \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(K)$  by

$$a \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $G$  acts on  $\mathbf{P}^1(K)$  by linear fractional transformations, i.e. If  $g \in G$  is represented by a matrix  $g \sim \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $x \in \mathbf{P}^1(K)$  then:

$$g(x) = \frac{ax + b}{cx + d}.$$

(b) *Schottky Groups.*

**Definition 1.** A subgroup  $\Gamma \subset G$  is called a Schottky group if 1)  $\Gamma$  is finitely generated and 2) every element  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  is conjugate in  $G$  to a matrix of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $q \in \pi^\mathcal{O}$ .

Any  $\gamma \in G$  which satisfies 2) is called hyperbolic. It is easy to see that any hyperbolic  $\gamma$  has two distinct fixed points in  $\mathbf{P}^1(K)$ . A theorem of Ihara's (See [2] or [8, p. 82]) implies that every Schottky group is free.

**Definition 2.** Given a Schottky group  $\Gamma$  we define  $\Sigma \subset \mathbf{P}^1(K)$  to be the closure of the set of fixed points of elements  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $\gamma \neq \text{id}$ .

The group  $\Gamma$  will then act properly discontinuously on  $\Omega(K)$ , the complement of  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbf{P}^1(K)$ .

**Theorem 1 (Mumford).** *The quotient  $X_\Gamma(K) = \Gamma \backslash \Omega(K)$  has the structure of the  $K$ -rational points of an algebraic curve  $X_\Gamma$  defined over  $K$  with genus  $g(X_\Gamma) = g = \text{rank}(\Gamma)$ .*

(For a proof see Mumford's paper [5] or the survey article [4]. For a proof in the category of rigid analytic spaces see [1].)

Curves that are given by such quotients are called Mumford curves and can be thought of as  $p$ -adic Riemann surfaces.

(c) *The case of co-compact  $\Gamma$ .* In the case  $\Gamma$  is co-compact in  $G$ ,  $\Sigma = \mathbf{P}^1(K)$  (For a proof that co-compactness implies  $\Sigma = \mathbf{P}^1(K)$  see [4, p. 315 Theorem 6.7] and [8, p. 84]) so  $\Omega(K)$  has no points at all. In this case the corresponding Mumford curve is defined over  $K$  but has no  $K$ -rational points. If  $L$  is any finite extension of  $K$ , we can view  $K \subset L$  and  $X_\Gamma(L) = \Gamma \backslash \Omega(L)$  where

$$\Omega(L) = \mathbf{P}^1(L) - \mathbf{P}^1(K) = L - K.$$

So in this case the region of discontinuity of  $\Gamma$  in  $\mathbf{P}^1(L)$  very closely resembles the classical upper half plane. In fact if  $L$  is a quadratic extension of  $K$  so that  $L = K(\delta)$  with  $\delta^2 \in K$  we see that  $\Omega(L) = \{x + y\delta | x, y \in K, y \neq 0\}$ .

For the rest of this paper we will restrict ourselves to the quadratic case and use coordinates for  $\Omega(L)$  as above. Now, if we let  $dx$  and  $dy$  be forms on  $K$  which induce Haar measure normalized so that  $\int_{\mathcal{O}_K} dx = \int_{\mathcal{O}_K} dy = 1$  then we have the form  $dx dy/|y|^2$  on  $\Omega(L)$ . Just as the corresponding form in the classical case is  $\text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})$  invariant on  $\mathcal{H}$ , it is easy to see that  $dx dy/|y|^2$  is  $\text{PGL}_2(K) = G$  invariant on  $\Omega(L)$ .

(d) *The Main Result.* We now can state the main result of this paper as:

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a Schottky group co-compact in  $\text{PGL}_2(K)$  and let  $L$  be a quadratic extension of  $K$ ,  $L = K(\delta) = \{x + y\delta \mid y \neq 0\}$ , then:*

$$\int_{X_\Gamma(L)} dx dy/|y|^2 = \begin{cases} (2g - 2)/q & \text{if } L/K \text{ is unramified,} \\ (q + 1)(g - 1)/q^2 & \text{if } L/K \text{ is ramified.} \end{cases}$$

We will give two proofs of this result, the first depending on some measure theory and a similar result of Serre and the second by actually constructing a fundamental domain for  $\Gamma$  in  $\Omega(L)$  over which this form can be integrated.

### 2. THE FIRST PROOF OF THE THEOREM 2

As noted above this proof will be measure theoretic in nature and will rely strongly on the following:

**Theorem 3 (Serre).** *If  $\mu$  is the unique Haar measure on  $G$  with  $\mu(\text{PGL}_2(\mathcal{O})) = (q - 1)/2$  then  $\mu(\Gamma \backslash G) = g - 1$ .*

*Proof.* [8, p. 82] also see [7], (As cited in the references, this statement is slightly different as it involves the analogous result for  $\text{SL}_2$ .)

The idea now is to express  $\Omega(L)$  as  $G/T$  for some subgroup  $T$ . This is analogous to writing  $\mathcal{H} = \text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{R})/\text{PSO}_2(\mathbf{R})$ .

Let

$$\mathcal{A} \subset \text{GL}_2(K) \text{ be the group of matrices of the form } \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{B} \subset \text{GL}_2(K) \text{ be the group of matrices of the form } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{T} \subset \text{GL}_2(K) \text{ be the group of matrices of the form } \begin{pmatrix} c & dD \\ d & c \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{where } D = \delta^2.$$

Denote by  $A, B, T$  the images of these groups in  $G$ . Notice that  $T$  is the stabilizer of  $\delta$  under the action of  $G$  on  $\Omega(L)$ . Since this action is transitive we identify  $\Omega(L) \approx G/T$ .

**Proposition 1.**  $G = ABT$ .

*Proof.* Notice first that these groups have pairwise intersection equal to the identity. What we have to show is that any element  $g \in G$  can be uniquely represented  $g = abt$ , with  $a \in A, b \in B, t \in T$ . Since we know that

$\Omega(L) = G/T$  it is enough to show that  $\Omega(L) \approx AB$  but this is clear since we can identify  $x + y\delta$  with  $ab$  where;

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x/y \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Notice that  $A \approx K^*$ ,  $B \approx K$  with coordinates  $a, b$  respectively so the forms  $da/|a|$  and  $db$  which give the regular Haar measures on  $K^*$  and  $K$  also give Haar measures on  $A$  and  $B$ . (Recall the usual normalization;  $\int_{\mathcal{O}^*} da = (q - 1)/q$  and  $\int_{\mathcal{O}} db = 1$ .) (Compare this decomposition to that of  $SL_2(\mathbf{R})$  [3].)

**Proposition 2.** *If we identify  $\Omega(L)$  with  $AB$ , with coordinates as above then the form  $dx dy/|y|^2 \longleftrightarrow da db/|a|$ .*

*Proof.* This is just a simple change of coordinates,  $x \leftrightarrow a$  and  $y \leftrightarrow ba$ , so

$$dx dy/|y|^2 = |a| da db/|a|^2 = da db/|a|.$$

**Proposition 3.** *Under appropriate normalization of the measure on  $T$  induced by  $dt$ , we have:*

$$d\mu = da db dt/|a|.$$

*Proof.* Since  $dx dy/|y|^2$  is a  $G$  invariant measure on  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega = G/T$ , then (up to normalization)  $d\mu = (dx dy/|y|^2) dt$ . Now use Proposition 2.

**Proposition 4.** *If  $L/K$  is unramified, then  $T \subset U$ ,  $U = PGL_2(\mathcal{O})$ .*

*Proof.* In the unramified case we can take  $\delta$  to be a unit in  $\mathcal{O}$ . We must show that any element of  $T$  can be represented by a matrix with entries in  $\mathcal{O}$  and determinant in  $\mathcal{O}^*$ . Let  $t \in T$ ; then clearly one can find a matrix representing  $t$  with entries in  $\mathcal{O}$ . In coordinates this amounts to giving  $c, d \in \mathcal{O}$  with

$$\begin{pmatrix} c & dD \\ d & c \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{representing } t.$$

We can also assume that either  $c$  or  $d$  is in  $\mathcal{O}^*$ . To see that  $c^2 - d^2D$  is a unit in  $\mathcal{O}$  notice that this is  $N_{L/K}(c + d\delta)$  but  $c + d\delta$  is a unit in  $\mathcal{O}_L$  since if  $\pi$  is a uniformizer in  $\mathcal{O}$  it is one in  $\mathcal{O}_L$  since  $L/K$  is unramified and  $\pi \nmid c + d\delta$ .

We are now in a position to prove Theorem 2 in the unramified case:

**Theorem 2a.** *If  $L/K$  is unramified then*

$$\int_{X_\Gamma(L)} dx dy/|y|^2 = (2g - 2)/q.$$

*Proof.*  $X_\Gamma(L) = \Gamma \backslash \Omega = \Gamma \backslash G/T$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{X_\Gamma(L)} dx dy/|y|^2 &= \int_{\Gamma \backslash G/T} da db dt/|a| \\ &= \int_{\Gamma \backslash G} d\mu / \int_T dt \\ &= (g - 1) / \int_T dt \quad (\text{By Theorem 3}). \end{aligned}$$

So the theorem will be proved if we can show that  $\int_T dt = q/2$ . To this end we calculate:

$$\int_U d\mu = \int_U da db dt/|a| = (q - 1)/2.$$

It is easy to show that  $U = (A \cap U)(B \cap U)(T \cap U)$  so

$$(q - 1)/2 = \left( \int_{A \cap U} da/|a| \right) \left( \int_{B \cap U} db \right) \left( \int_{T \cap U} dt \right).$$

Recall that the coordinates  $a$  for  $A$  and  $b$  for  $B$  give isomorphisms  $A \approx K^*$ ,  $B \approx K$  and we have  $A \cap U \approx \mathcal{O}^*$  and  $B \cap U \approx \mathcal{O}$ . By the proposition above we see  $T \cap U = T$  so

$$\begin{aligned} (q - 1)/2 &= \left( \int_{\mathcal{O}^*} da/|a| \right) \left( \int_{\mathcal{O}} db \right) \left( \int_T dt \right) \\ &= ((q - 1)/q)(1) \left( \int_T dt \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\int_T dt = q/2$ .

The ramified case is a bit harder since it is no longer true that  $T \subset U$ . First we notice that if  $L/K$  is ramified then  $L = K(\delta)$  where  $D = \delta^2$  is a uniformizer for the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$  so we can assume  $D = \pi$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the subgroup of  $GL_2(\mathcal{O})$  consisting of matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b\pi \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  and let  $I$  be its image in  $U$ . We have:

**Proposition 5.** (a)  $I$  is of index  $q + 1$  in  $U$ .

(b)  $I = (A \cap I)(B \cap I)(T \cap I)$ .

(c)  $I \cap T$  is of index 2 in  $T$ .

*Proof.* For (a) see [8, p. 77]. (b) is easy to check.

(c) Notice that any  $t \in T$  is equivalent either to the identity or  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pi \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $T/I \cap T$ .

Now we can prove

**Theorem 2b.** If  $L/K$  is ramified then

$$\int_{X_r(L)} dx dy/|y|^2 = (q + 1)(g - 1)/q^2.$$

*Proof.* As above we have  $\int_{X_r(L)} dx dy/|y|^2 = (g - 1)/\int_T dt$ . We calculate

$$\int_I d\mu = \left( \int_{I \cap U} da/|a| \right) \left( \int_{I \cap U} db \right) \left( \int_{I \cap U} dt \right).$$

By (a) above we get  $\int_I d\mu = (q - 1)/2(q + 1)$ . Now,  $I \cap A \approx \mathcal{O}^*$  and  $I \cap B \approx \pi\mathcal{O}$  so

$$\begin{aligned} (q - 1)/2(q + 1) &= \left( \int_{\mathcal{O}^*} da/|a| \right) \left( \int_{\pi\mathcal{O}} db \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_T dt \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}((q - 1)/q)(1/q) \left( \int_T dt \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\int_T dt = q^2/(q+1)$  and the theorem follows.

### 3. THE SECOND PROOF OF THEOREM 2

(a) *The tree  $\mathcal{T}_K$ .* The second proof of the main theorem will depend on an explicit construction of a fundamental domain for the action of  $\Gamma$  on  $\Omega(L)$ . In order to do this we need to introduce the tree  $\mathcal{T}_K$  associated to the field  $K$ . (c.f. Serre [8] or Mumford [5]).

We define the graph  $\mathcal{T}_K = \mathcal{T}$  in the following way: The vertices of  $\mathcal{T}$ ,

$$\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}) = \{M \subset K \oplus K \mid M \text{ is a two dimensional } \mathcal{O} - \text{lattice}\} / \sim,$$

where  $M \sim N$  if there exists  $\lambda \in K^*$  such that  $\lambda M = N$ . Given a lattice  $M$  we denote its class by  $[M]$  and the corresponding vertex by  $v_M$ . Two vertices  $v_M$  and  $v_N$  are connected by an edge if there are  $M' \in [M]$  and  $N' \in [N]$  such that  $M' \subset N'$  and  $N'/M' \approx \mathcal{O}/\pi = k$ . We shall list the following facts about  $\mathcal{T}$ , their proofs can be found in [5] or [8].

**Theorem 4.** (1)  $\mathcal{T}$  is a homogeneous tree of degree  $q+1$ .

(2) *The  $q+1$  vertices adjacent to a given vertex can be identified with the points of  $\mathbf{P}^1(k)$ .*

(3) *The 1/2-lines in  $\mathcal{T}$  based at a fixed vertex  $v$  (That is, the collection of infinite paths in  $\mathcal{T}$  based at  $v$ .) correspond to points in  $\mathbf{P}^1(K)$ .*

(4) *The action of  $G$  on  $K \oplus K$  induces an action of  $G$  on  $\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T})$  which is isometric where distance is measured by the number of edges between two vertices. Thus we can think of  $G$  as acting on the tree  $\mathcal{T}$ .*

(5) *The action of  $G$  on  $\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T})$  is transitive and the stabilizer of  $v_{\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}} = v_0$  is  $U = \text{PGL}_2(\mathcal{O})$ . Thus  $\text{Vert} \mathcal{T} = G/U$ .*

(6) *If  $\Gamma$  is a Schottky group then  $\Gamma$  acts freely on  $\mathcal{T}$ , that is it leaves on edges or vertices fixed. If  $\Gamma$  is co-compact in  $G$  then the quotient  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{T}$  is a finite graph.*

By 3 we can think of  $\mathbf{P}^1(K)$  as being the "boundary" of this infinite graph. Choosing a base point for the 1/2-lines corresponds to picking coordinates for the projective line at infinity; in fact if we let  $v_0$  be the vertex of  $\mathcal{T}$  corresponding to  $\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}$  then we can label the vertices distance  $n$  away from  $v_0$  by the following scheme. (Distance is measured without backtracking.)

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{Vertices distance } n \text{ from } v_0\} &\longleftrightarrow \{v_L\} \\ L \in &\left\{ \sum a_i \pi^i, 1 \right\} \mathcal{O} + [\pi^n, 0] \mathcal{O} \text{ or } [0, \pi^n] \mathcal{O} + \left[ 1, \sum a_i \pi^i \right] \mathcal{O}; \\ &a_i \text{ representing cosets of } \mathcal{O}/\pi \end{aligned}$$

(See [6] for a further explanation of the labeling.)

If we notice that any point in  $\mathbf{P}^1(K)$  can be is represented uniquely by a homogeneous coordinate of the form  $[a, 1]$  or  $[1, \pi a]$  with  $a \in \mathcal{O}$  then the above remarks say that we can label vertices distance  $n$  from  $v_0$  by these coordinates “ mod  $\pi^n$ ”.

Now we will assume  $\Gamma$  is a co-compact Schottky group and we have the formula

**Proposition 6.** *If  $h = \#$  vertices of  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{T}$  and  $e = \#$  geometric edges of  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{T}$  then  $g - 1 = e - h$ . (Recall  $g = \text{rank}(\Gamma)$ ).*

*Proof.* Both sides of this equation calculate  $-\chi(\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{T}) = -$  Euler characteristic of this graph.

**Definition 3.** (1) If  $x \in \mathbf{P}^1(K)$  then we denote by  $\mathbf{x}$  the  $1/2$  line in  $\mathcal{T}$  corresponding to  $x$  with base point  $v_0$ .

(2) If  $v \in \text{Vert}(\mathcal{T})$  then

$$R^{-1}(v) = \{x \in \mathbf{P}^1(K) | \mathbf{x} \text{ passes through } v\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $R^{-1}(v)$  is a disc of radius  $q^{-d}$ , where  $d$  is the distance from  $v$  to  $v_0$ , and center at the point whose homogeneous coordinate labels  $v$ .

(b) *Trees under field extensions.* Suppose  $L/K$  is a quadratic extension; then we have the corresponding trees  $\mathcal{T}_K$  and  $\mathcal{T}_L$ . There is an inclusion  $\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_K) \rightarrow \text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_L)$  given by the map  $M \mapsto M \otimes \mathcal{O}_L$  where  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{O}_K$ -lattice.

In the case  $L/K$  is unramified then  $\mathcal{T}_L$  is a homogeneous tree of degree  $q^2 + 1$  and we can identify  $\mathcal{T}_K$  in  $\mathcal{T}_L$  as a subtree. In any case we have  $\text{Im}(\mathcal{T}_K) = \bigcup_{x \in \mathbf{P}^1(K) \subset \mathbf{P}^1(L)} \mathbf{x}$ .

In the ramified case we have  $\mathcal{T}_K \approx \mathcal{T}_L$  and the image of  $\mathcal{T}_K$  is no longer a homogeneous tree but rather looks like  $\mathcal{T}_K$  with each edge subdivided into two.

(c) *Fundamental Domains.* As we stated above, if  $\Gamma$  is a Schottky group co-compact in  $G$  then  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{T}_K$  is a finite graph. Define a subtree  $J$  of  $\mathcal{T}_K$  as follows. Begin with  $v_0$  and an adjacent edge, continue to add edges and vertices so that the result is connected and no edge or vertex is equivalent to any other under the action of  $\Gamma$ . The resulting subtree is  $J$ . It is the lift of a maximal subtree of the quotient  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{T}_K$ .

**Proposition 7.**  *$J$  is a fundamental domain for the action of  $\Gamma$  on  $\mathcal{T}_K$ .*

*Proof.* [8, p. 25].

Now we can describe the fundamental domain for  $\Gamma$  in  $\Omega = L - K$  as follows. We consider the image of  $\mathcal{T}_K$  in  $\mathcal{T}_L$  and let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the image of  $J$  in the tree  $\mathcal{T}_L$ .

**Definition 4.** If  $v$  is any vertex of  $\mathcal{T}_L$  we define  $R^{-1}(v, L) = \{x \in \mathbf{P}^1(L) \mid x \text{ goes through } v \text{ and each vertex further from } v_0 \text{ than } v \text{ in } x \text{ is in } \text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_L) - \text{Im}[\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_K)]\}$ .

In other words, if  $v \in \text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_L) - \text{Im}[\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_K)]$  then  $R^{-1}(v, L) = R^{-1}(v)$  and if  $v \in \text{Im}[\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_K)]$  then  $R^{-1}(v, L)$  is the set of all  $x$  such that the  $1/2$ -line  $x$  when traced from  $v_0$  leaves the subtree  $\text{Im}(\mathcal{T}_K)$  after passing through  $v$ .

**Proposition 8.** *The set  $\Lambda = \bigcup_{v \in \mathcal{F}} R^{-1}(v, L)$  is a fundamental domain for the action of  $\Gamma$  on  $\Omega$ .*

*Proof.* [4, p. 316].

(d) *Volume calculations.*

**Proposition 9.** *Assume  $L/K$  is unramified then for any  $v \in \text{Im}[\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_K)]$  we have*

$$\int_{R^{-1}(v, L)} dx dy / |y|^2 = (q - 1) / q^2.$$

*Proof.* Since  $G$  acts transitively on  $\mathcal{T}_K$ , it is enough to prove this proposition for  $v = v_0$  since the form we are integrating is  $G$  invariant and  $R^{-1}(g(v), L) = g(R^{-1}(v, L))$ . Also notice that  $R^{-1}(v_0, L) = \bigcup R^{-1}(v)$  where the union is taken over those  $v$  adjacent to  $v_0$  and in  $\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_L) - \text{Im}[\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_K)]$ . In terms of our coordinates these are vertices adjacent to  $v_0$  that can be labeled by homogeneous coordinates of the form  $[a + b\delta, 1]$  where  $a, b \in k$  and  $b \neq 0$ .  $R^{-1}(v)$  then is  $\{x + y\delta \mid \text{ord}_\pi[(x + y\delta) - (a + b\delta)] \geq 1\}$ . That is,  $R^{-1}(v)$  is the set of all points congruent to  $a + b\delta \pmod{\pi}$ . Now it is easy to see

$$\int_{R^{-1}(v)} dx dy / |y|^2 = \int_{R^{-1}(v)} dx dy = 1 / q^2.$$

Since this calculation is valid for every vertex adjacent to  $v_0$  and in  $\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_L) - \text{Im}[\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_K)]$  and the corresponding  $R^{-1}(v)$ 's are disjoint we get,

$$\int_{R^{-1}(v_0, L)} dx dy / |y|^2 = \sum \int_{R^{-1}(v)} dx dy = q(q - 1) / q^2 = (q - 1) / q.$$

The second equality following since we are summing over  $(q^2 - 1) - (q - 1) = q(q - 1)$  vertices.

We can now prove our main theorem in the unramified case, for

$$\int_{X_\Gamma(L)} dx dy / |y|^2 = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{F}} \int_{R^{-1}(v, L)} dx dy / |y|^2 = h(q - 1) / q = (2g - 2) / q.$$

$(h(q - 1) = 2g - 2)$  follows from Proposition 6 and  $e = h(q + 1) / 2$ .)

In the ramified case we take the same approach; however things are a bit more complicated as not every vertex in  $\text{Im}(\mathcal{T}_K)$  comes from a vertex of  $\mathcal{T}_K$ . We write  $\mathcal{V} = \text{Vert}[\text{Im}(\mathcal{T}_K)] - \text{Im}[\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_K)]$

**Proposition 10.** *If  $v \in \text{Im}[\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_K)]$  then  $R^{-1}(v, L) = \emptyset$ .*

*If  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  then*

$$\int_{R^{-1}(v, L)} dx dy / |y|^2 = (q - 1) / q^2.$$

*Proof.* First notice that if  $v \in \text{Im}[\text{Vert}(\mathcal{T}_K)]$  then each edge adjacent to  $v$  stays in the subtree  $\text{Im}(\mathcal{T}_K)$ ; thus  $R^{-1}(v, L) = \emptyset$ . Now for  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  we have  $q - 1$  vertices adjacent to  $v$  but not in  $\text{Im}(\mathcal{T}_K)$ . We have,  $R^{-1}(v, L) = \bigcup R^{-1}(v_i)$  where the union is over these vertices. Again we notice that since  $G$  acts transitively on the edges of  $\mathcal{T}_K$  it is sufficient to carry out the calculation of this integral for any vertex in  $\mathcal{V}$ . It is easiest to take  $v$  to be the vertex adjacent to  $v_0$  labeled by  $[0, 1]$ , then  $R^{-1}(v, L) = \bigcup_{v_i \text{ labeled by } [b\delta, 1], b \in k, b \neq 0} R^{-1}(v_i)$  and

$$\int_{R^{-1}(v, L)} dx dy / |y|^2 = \sum_{v_i \text{ labeled by } [b\delta, 1], b \in k, b \neq 0} \int_{R^{-1}(v_i)} dx dy / |y|^2.$$

For each such  $v_i$  we get  $\int_{R^{-1}(v_i)} dx dy / |y|^2 = \int_{R^{-1}(v_i)} dx dy = 1 / q^2$  so

$$\int_{R^{-1}(v, L)} dx dy / |y|^2 = (q - 1) / q^2.$$

Now to complete the proof of the main theorem we calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{X_\Gamma(L)} dx dy / |y|^2 &= \sum_{v \in \mathcal{F}} \int_{R^{-1}(v, L)} dx dy / |y|^2 \\ &= \sum_{v \in \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{V}} \int_{R^{-1}(v, L)} dx dy / |y|^2 \\ &= \sum_{v \in \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{V}} (q - 1) / q^2 \\ &= [h(q + 1) / 2] [(q - 1) / q^2], \end{aligned}$$

since # vertices in  $\mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{V} = \#$  edges of  $\Gamma \setminus \mathcal{T}_K = h(q + 1) / 2$ . Finally we have

$$\int_{X_\Gamma(L)} dx dy / |y|^2 = (g - 1)(q + 1) / q^2.$$

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