# Transformation Formulas of *p*-adic Hypergeometric Functions

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Let  $s \ge 1$  be an integer.

For a s-tuple  $\underline{a} = (a_1,...,a_s) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^s$  of p-adic integers, let

$$F_{\underline{a}}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_k}{k!} \cdots \frac{(a_s)_k}{k!} t^k$$

be the *p*-adic hypergeometric power series where

$$(\alpha)_k = \alpha(\alpha+1)\cdots(\alpha+k-1)$$
 when  $k \ge 1$  and  $(\alpha)_0 = 1$ .

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Let p = 5. We have

$$1' = 1, \ (\frac{1}{2})' = \frac{\frac{1}{2} + 2}{5} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } (\frac{1}{3})' = \frac{\frac{1}{3} + 3}{5} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Similarly, the *i*-th Dwork prime  $a^{(i)}$  is defined by  $a^{(i)} = (a^{(i-1)})'$  and  $a^{(0)} = a$ .

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### Dwork's *p*-adic hypergeometric functions satisfy congruence relations.

Theorem (Dwork)

We have

$$\mathscr{F}^{D_W}_{\underline{a}}(t) \equiv rac{F_{\underline{a}}(t)_{< p^n}}{[F_{\underline{a'}}(t^p)]_{< p^n}} \mod p^n \mathbb{Z}_p[[t]]$$

where  $f(t)_{\leq m} := \sum_{n \leq m} A_n t^n$  is the truncated polynomial for a power series  $f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n t^n$ .

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From Dwork's congruence relation, we have

$$\mathscr{F}_{\underline{a}}^{\mathrm{Dw}}(t) \in \mathbb{Z}_{p}\langle t, f(t)^{-1} \rangle := \varprojlim_{n} (\mathbb{Z}_{p}/p^{n}\mathbb{Z}_{p}[t, f(t)^{-1}])$$

where

$$f(t) := \prod_{i=0}^{N} F_{a_{1}^{(i)}, \cdots, a_{s}^{(i)}}(t)_{$$

and N is an integer such that  $\underline{a}^{(N)} = \underline{a}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{C}_p = \widehat{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_p} := \{|x|_p \leq 1\}$  the valuation ring and  $m := \{|x|_p < 1\}$  the maximal ideal.

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For  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_p}$  satisfying

$$F_{\underline{a}'}(\alpha)_{$$

the special value  $\mathscr{F}_a^{\mathrm{Dw}}(\alpha)$  is defined to be

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\Big(\frac{F_{\underline{a}}(t)_{$$

Dwork showed a geometric aspect of his p-adic hypergeometric functions by his unit root formula.

### Theorem (unit root formula)

For a smooth ordinary elliptic curve

$$E_{\alpha}: y^2 = x(1-x)(1-\alpha x)$$

over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , the unit root  $\epsilon_p$  of  $E_\alpha$  satisfies

$$\epsilon_{\boldsymbol{\rho}} = (-1)^{\frac{\boldsymbol{\rho}-1}{2}} \mathscr{F}_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}}^{\boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{w}}(\widehat{\alpha})$$

where  $\widehat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}$  is the Teichmüller lift of  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p^{\times}$ .

Unit root is the root of  $x^2 - a_p x + p$  which is unit  $(a_p := \#E(\mathbb{F}_p) - p - 1)$ .

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Let  $W = W(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$  denote the Witt ring, and  $K = \operatorname{Frac} W$  its fractional field. Let  $\sigma : W[[t]] \to W[[t]]$  be a *p*-th Frobenius given by  $\sigma(t) = ct^p$  with  $c \in 1 + pW$ :

$$\left(\sum_{i}a_{i}t^{i}\right)^{\sigma}=\sum_{i}a_{i}^{F}c^{i}t^{iF}$$

where  $F: W \to W$  is the Frobenius on W.

Define *p*-adic digamma function

$$\psi_{p}(z) := -\gamma_{p} + \lim_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}, n \to z} \sum_{1 \le k < n, p \nmid k} \frac{1}{k}$$

where  $\gamma_p$  is

$$-\lim_{s \to \infty} rac{1}{p^s} \sum_{0 \le j < p^s, p \nmid j} \log(j), \quad (\log = \text{Iwasawa log})$$

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Here we think  $\int_0^t (-) \frac{dt}{t}$  to be a operator such that

$$\int_0^t t^\alpha \frac{dt}{t} = \frac{t^\alpha}{\alpha}, \quad \alpha \neq 0.$$

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These *p*-adic hypergeometric functions of logarithmic type also satisfy congruence relations.

### Theorem (M. Asakura)

Suppose that  $a_i \notin \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}$  for all i. If  $c \in 1 + 2pW$ , then for all  $n \geq 1$ 

$$\mathscr{F}^{(\sigma)}_{\underline{a}}(t) \equiv rac{G_{\underline{a}}(t)_{< p^n}}{F_{\underline{a}}(t)_{< p^n}} \mod p^n W[[t]].$$

If p = 2 and  $c \in 1 + 2W$ , then the above formula holds for modulo  $p^{n-1}$ .

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# Geometric aspect of $\mathscr{F}^{(\sigma)}_{a_1,\cdots,a_s}(t)$

### Theorem (Asakura)

Suppose that p > 2 is prime to NM. Let  $F : z^N + w^M = 1$  be the Fermat curve over W. Let

$$\operatorname{reg}_{\operatorname{syn}}: K_2(F) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \to H^2_{\operatorname{syn}}(F, \mathbb{Q}_p(2)) \cong H^1_{\operatorname{dR}}(F/K)$$

be the syntomic regulator map and let  $A(i,j) \in K$  be defined by

$$\operatorname{reg}_{\operatorname{syn}}(\{1-z,1-w\}) = \sum_{(i,j)\in I} A^{(i,j)} M^{-1} z^{i-1} w^{j-M} dz.$$

Suppose that  $(i,j) \in I$  satisfies  $(i)\frac{i}{N} + \frac{j}{M} < 1$ ,  $(ii)F_{\frac{i}{N},\frac{j}{M}}(1)_{<p^n} \equiv 0$ mod  $p, \forall n \ge 1$ . Then we have

$$A^{(i,j)} = \mathscr{F}^{(\sigma)}_{rac{i}{\mathcal{N}},rac{j}{\mathcal{M}}}(1) \quad \textit{where} \quad \sigma(t) = t^p.$$

For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , we write

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$$e:=l'-\lfloor\frac{l'}{p}\rfloor.$$

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Theorem (Wang)

Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}$  and suppose  $c \in 1 + qW$ . Then

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for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

### Corollary

If  $a^{(r)} = a$  for some r > 0 where  $a^{(r)}$  is the r-th Dwork's prime  $a^{(r)} = (a^{(r-1)})'$  and  $a^{(0)} = a$ . Then

$$\widehat{\mathscr{F}}_{a,\ldots,a}^{(\sigma)}(t) \in W\langle t,t^{-1},h(t)^{-1}\rangle, \quad h(t) := \prod_{i=0}^{r-1} F_{a^{(i)},\ldots,a^{(i)}}(t)_{< p}$$

is a convergent function, where

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### Remark

There is an involution

$$\omega: W\langle t, t^{-1}, h(t)^{-1} \rangle \longrightarrow W\langle t, t^{-1}, h(t)^{-1} \rangle, \quad \omega(f(t)) = f(t^{-1}).$$

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So it suffices to show that

$$\sum_{\substack{i+j=m\\0\leq i,j\leq p^n-1}} B_i A_{p^n-j-1} + \widehat{B}_{p^n-j-1} A_i \equiv 0 \mod p^n.$$

for any m with  $0 \le m \le 2(p^n - 1)$ .

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Let I is the unique integer in  $\{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$  such that  $a + I \equiv 0 \mod p$ . Then for odd prime p, we have

$$\mathscr{F}^{\mathrm{Dw}}_{a,\cdots,a}(t) = ((-1)^{s}t)^{\prime} \mathscr{F}^{\mathrm{Dw}}_{a,\cdots,a}(t^{-1}).$$

For p = 2, we have

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### Lemma

Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}$ , then we have

$$\beta_{\lambda} + \widehat{\beta}_{-\lambda-a} = 0.$$

#### Lemma

Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $m, k, d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  with  $0 \le m \le p^n - 1$  and  $0 \le d \le n$ .

If the transformation formula of Dwork p-adic hypergeometric function is true, then we have

$$\sum_{\substack{i \equiv k \mod p^{n-d} \\ 0 \leq i \leq m \\ i+j \equiv m}} A_i A_{p^n-j-1} - \sum_{\substack{p^n - j' - 1 \equiv -k-a \\ 0 \leq j' \leq m \\ i'+j' = m}} \operatorname{mod} p^{n-d} A_{i'} A_{p^n-j'-1} \equiv 0$$

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Basic idea :

- Hypergeometric curves give *p*-adic hypergeometric functions.
- Automorphisms of hypergeometric curves give transformtation formulas of *p*-adic hypergeometric functions.

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