

ON  $l$ -ADIC ITERATED INTEGRALS, II  
FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS AND  $l$ -ADIC  
POLYLOGARITHMS

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**Abstract.** We continue to study  $l$ -adic iterated integrals introduced in the first part. We shall show that the  $l$ -adic iterated integrals satisfy essentially the same functional equations as the classical complex iterated integrals. Next we are studying  $l$ -adic analogs of classical polylogarithms.

§9. Introduction to Part II

**9.1.** The classical complex iterated integrals satisfy functional equations (see [W1]). We shall show that  $l$ -adic iterated integrals satisfy the same functional equations as the classical complex iterated integrals.

First we introduce the following notation which we shall use in this paper. Let  $\pi$  (resp.  $L$ ) be a group (resp. a Lie algebra). We denote by  $\{\Gamma^k \pi\}_{k \geq 1}$  (resp.  $\{\Gamma^k L\}_{k \geq 1}$ ) the lower central series of the group  $\pi$  (resp. the Lie algebra  $L$ ).

We set

$$gr_{\Gamma}^k \pi := \Gamma^k \pi / \Gamma^{k+1} \pi \quad (\text{resp. } gr_{\Gamma}^k L := \Gamma^k L / \Gamma^{k+1} L).$$

Before we formulate our main result we make a following remark. Let  $Y = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{b_1, \dots, b_{m+1}\}$ . Then

$$\bigoplus_{k=1}^{\infty} gr_{\Gamma}^k \pi_1(Y(\mathbf{C}); x) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$$

is canonically isomorphic to a free Lie algebra over  $\mathbf{Q}$  on  $m$  generators  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m$ , which we denote by  $\text{Lie}(Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$ . Hence any linear form  $\varphi$  on  $gr_{\Gamma}^k \pi_1(Y(\mathbf{C}); x) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  corresponds to a linear form  $\varphi$  on  $\text{Lie}(Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$ . Now we formulate our main result concerning functional equations.

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**THEOREM D.** *Let  $X = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}\}$  and let  $Y = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{b_1, \dots, b_{m+1}\}$ . Let  $z, v \in \hat{X}(K)$ . Let  $f_i : X \rightarrow Y$  be a smooth morphism and let  $\varphi_i \in \text{Lie}(Y_1, \dots, Y_m)^\diamond$  be a linear form of degree  $q$  defined over  $\mathbf{Q}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Let  $n_1, \dots, n_N$  be rational numbers. If*

$$\sum_{i=1}^N n_i \varphi_i \circ (f_i)_* = 0$$

in  $\text{Hom}(gr_\Gamma^q \pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v); \mathbf{Q})$ , where

$$(f_i)_* : gr_\Gamma^q \pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v) \longrightarrow gr_\Gamma^q \pi_1(Y(\mathbf{C}); f_i(v))$$

is the map induced by  $f_i$  on fundamental groups for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , then we have a functional equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^N n_i \mathcal{L}^{\varphi_i}(f_i(z), f_i(v)) = 0.$$

Next we generalize well known formulas

$$\int_a^b \omega + \int_b^a \omega = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_a^c \omega = \int_a^b \omega + \int_b^c \omega$$

from the elementary calculus ( $\omega$  is a one-form). We show the following result.

**THEOREM E.** *Let  $z, y, v \in \hat{X}(K)$  and let  $\varphi \in \text{Lie}(X_1, \dots, X_n)^\diamond$ . Then we have*

$$\mathcal{L}^\varphi(z, v) + \mathcal{L}^\varphi(v, z) = 0$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}^\varphi(z, v) = \mathcal{L}^\varphi(z, y) + \mathcal{L}^\varphi(y, v).$$

Let  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  be one-forms. The classical complex iterated integrals satisfy the following relations written here for two one-forms (see [Ch]).

- i)  $\int_\gamma \omega_1, \omega_2 + \int_\gamma \omega_2, \omega_1 = \int_\gamma \omega_1 \cdot \int_\gamma \omega_2,$
- ii)  $\int_{\alpha\beta} \omega_1, \omega_2 = \int_\alpha \omega_1, \omega_2 + \int_\alpha \omega_1 \cdot \int_\beta \omega_2 + \int_\beta \omega_1, \omega_2,$
- iii)  $\int_\gamma \omega_1, \omega_2 = (-1)^2 \int_{\gamma^{-1}} \omega_2, \omega_1.$

The analog of the formula i) is satisfied by “ $l$ -adic iterated integrals” (coefficients of the power series  $\Lambda_p(\sigma)$ ) by the very definition because the image of the inclusion map of the fundamental group into the algebra of formal non-commutative power series is of the form  $\exp L(\mathbf{X})$ , where  $L(\mathbf{X})$  is the set of Lie elements in the algebra of formal non-commutative power series.

The formula

$$f_{pq}(\sigma) = q^{-1} \cdot f_p(\sigma) \cdot q \cdot f_q(\sigma)$$

(see Part I Lemma 1.0.6), which after using suitable embeddings implies

$$\Lambda_{pq}(\sigma) = \Lambda_p(\sigma) \cdot \Lambda_q(\sigma)$$

is the analog of the formula ii).

We do not know how to show an analog of the formula iii) for “ $l$ -adic iterated integrals” (coefficients of the power series  $\Lambda_p(\sigma)$ ). To complete the picture we are still missing several  $l$ -adic analogs in the following table.

classical iterated integrals	$l$ -adic iterated integrals
values of Riemann zeta function at positive integers	Soulé classes for $\mathbf{Q}$
multivalued zeta numbers	values of $l$ -adic iterated integrals at 1 and at roots of 1
multivalued zeta functions	?
shuffle relations for multivalued zeta numbers and multivalued zeta functions	?

The classical polylogarithms are the most important examples of iterated integrals. In Section 11 we introduce  $l$ -adic polylogarithms and we study their properties. We prove a theorem saying when a linear combination of  $l$ -adic polylogarithms is a cocycle. The reader can compare our result with Proposition in Section 4.6 of [BD]. In Section 11 we study functional equations of  $l$ -adic polylogarithms. We show that the  $l$ -adic dilogarithm satisfies the distribution relation

$$m \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} l_2(\xi_m^i z) \right) = l_2(z^m)$$

on the Galois group  $G_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)}$  and the Abel five term functional equation on  $G_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_{l^\infty})}$ .

These results are stronger than those in Theorem D in the sense that we get functional equations on the Galois groups  $G_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_n)}$  and  $G_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_\infty)}$ , while the functional equations from Theorem D hold on the subgroup  $\bigcap_{i=1}^N H_q(Y; f_i(z), f_i(v))$  of  $G_K$ .

**§10. Functional equations**

**10.0.** Let  $X = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}\}$  and let  $Y = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{b_1, \dots, b_{m+1}\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a smooth morphism. Let  $z, v \in \hat{X}(K)$ . The morphism  $f$  induces

$$f_* : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \longrightarrow \pi_1(Y_{\bar{K}}; f(v))$$

and

$$f_* : \pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v) \longrightarrow \pi(Y_{\bar{K}}; f(z), f(v)).$$

Let us fix a path  $p$  from  $v$  to  $z$ . We recall that for  $\sigma \in G_K$  we have defined

$$f_p(\sigma) := p^{-1} \cdot \sigma(p).$$

Then we have

$$(10.0.1) \quad f_*(f_p(\sigma)) = f_{f(p)}(\sigma).$$

Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$  (resp.  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_{m+1})$ ) be a sequence of geometric generators of  $\pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v)$  (resp.  $\pi_1(Y(\mathbf{C}); f(v))$ ). We set  $\mathbf{X} := \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  and  $\mathbf{Y} := \{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ . We recall that we have embeddings  $k_x : \pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$  and  $k_y : \pi_1(Y(\mathbf{C}); f(v)) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{Y}\}\}$  associated with a choice of sequences of geometric generators  $x$  of  $\pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v)$  and  $y$  of  $\pi_1(Y(\mathbf{C}); f(v))$ . There is a homomorphism of  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -algebras

$$f_\diamond : \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{Y}\}\}$$

such that

$$(10.0.2) \quad f_\diamond \circ k_x = k_y \circ f_* \quad \text{and} \quad f_\diamond \circ k_{x,p} = k_{y,f(p)} \circ f_*.$$

Let  $\sigma \in G_{K(\mu_\infty)}$ . The equations (10.0.1) and (10.0.2) imply that

$$f_\diamond \circ \sigma_{x,p} = \sigma_{y,f(p)} \circ f_\diamond.$$

Hence we have

$$f_\diamond \circ \log \sigma_{x,p} = \log \sigma_{y,f(p)} \circ f_\diamond$$

and

$$(10.0.3) \quad f_{\diamond}((\log \sigma_{x,p})(1)) = (\log \sigma_{y,f(p)})(1).$$

The map  $f_{\diamond}$  induces a homomorphism of Lie algebras

$$f_{\diamond} : L(\mathbf{X}) \longrightarrow L(\mathbf{Y}).$$

Let

$$f_{\bullet} : \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} gr_{\Gamma}^i L(\mathbf{X}) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} gr_{\Gamma}^i L(\mathbf{Y})$$

be the map induced by  $f_{\diamond}$  on associated graded Lie algebras. The associated graded Lie algebras are canonically isomorphic to  $\text{Lie}(\mathbf{X})$  and  $\text{Lie}(\mathbf{Y})$ . Hence the map  $f_{\diamond}$  induces

$$f_{\bullet} : \text{Lie}(\mathbf{X}) \longrightarrow \text{Lie}(\mathbf{Y}).$$

Let  $\varphi \in \text{Lie}(\mathbf{Y})^{\diamond}$  be a linear form of degree  $q$ . Let us set

$$a_{x,p}^{\varphi \circ f_{\diamond}} := \varphi(f_{\diamond}((\log \sigma_{x,p})(1))).$$

(In Part I we defined coefficients  $a_{x,p}^{\varphi}$  only for homogenous forms, hence we introduce this new definition.) It follows from (10.0.3) that

$$(10.0.4) \quad a_{x,p}^{\varphi \circ f_{\diamond}} = a_{y,f(p)}^{\varphi}.$$

The map  $f_{\diamond}$  is not homogenous. Therefore we have

$$(10.0.5) \quad a_{x,p}^{\varphi \circ f_{\diamond}} = a_{x,p}^{\varphi \circ f_{\bullet}} + \sum_{\deg \chi < q} a_{x,p}^{\chi}.$$

It follows from (10.0.4) and (10.0.5) that

$$(10.0.6) \quad \mathcal{L}^{\varphi \circ f_{\bullet}}(z, v) = \mathcal{L}^{\varphi}(f(z), f(v))$$

on the subgroup  $H_q(X; z, v)$  of  $G_K$ .

Below we shall use fundamental groups of  $X$  or  $Y$  with various base points. Sequences of geometric generators and embeddings into algebras of non-commutative formal power series will be chosen as above.

Let  $v$  and  $v'$  belong to  $\hat{X}(K)$ . If  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$  is a sequence of geometric generators of  $\pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v)$  and  $q$  is a path from  $v'$  to  $v$  then

$q^{-1} \cdot x \cdot q := (q^{-1} \cdot x_1 \cdot q, \dots, q^{-1} \cdot x_{n+1} \cdot q)$  is a sequence of geometric generators of  $\pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v')$ . Then we have embeddings

$$k_x : \pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$$

given by  $k_x(x_i) = e^{X_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and

$$k_{q^{-1} \cdot x \cdot q} : \pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v') \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$$

given by  $k_{q^{-1} \cdot x \cdot q}(q^{-1} \cdot x_i \cdot q) = e^{X_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**THEOREM 10.0.7.** *Let  $f_i : X \rightarrow Y$  be a smooth morphism and let  $\varphi_i \in L(Y_1, \dots, Y_m)^\diamond$  be a linear form of degree  $q$  defined over  $\mathbf{Q}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Let  $z, v \in \hat{X}(K)$ . Let  $n_1, \dots, n_N$  be rational numbers. If*

$$\sum_{i=1}^N n_i \varphi_i \circ (f_i)_* = 0$$

in  $\text{Hom}(gr_\Gamma^q \pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v); \mathbf{Q})$ , where

$$(f_i)_* : gr_\Gamma^q \pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v) \longrightarrow gr_\Gamma^q \pi_1(Y(\mathbf{C}); f_i(v))$$

is the map induced by  $f_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , then we have functional equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^N n_i \mathcal{L}^{\varphi_i}(f_i(z); f_i(v)) = 0$$

on the subgroup  $H_q(X; z, v)$  of  $G_K$  and

$$\sum_{i=1}^N n_i a_{y_i, f_i(p)}^{\varphi_i} = \text{lower degree terms}$$

on  $G_K$ , where “lower degree terms” means a linear combination of  $a_{x,p}^\chi$  with degree of  $\chi$  strictly smaller than  $q$  and  $y_i$  is a sequence of geometric generators of  $\pi_1(Y(\mathbf{C}); f_i(v))$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (10.0.6) that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N n_i \mathcal{L}^{\varphi_i}(f_i(z); f_i(v)) &= \sum_{i=1}^N n_i \mathcal{L}^{\varphi_i \circ (f_i)_\bullet}(z, v) \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{\sum_{i=1}^N n_i \varphi_i \circ (f_i)_\bullet}(z, v) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (10.0.4) and (10.0.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N n_i a_{y_i, f_i(p)}^{\varphi_i} &= \sum_{i=1}^N n_i a_{x, p}^{\varphi_i \circ (f_i) \circ} = \sum_{i=1}^N n_i a_{x, p}^{\varphi_i \circ (f_i) \bullet} + \text{lower degree terms} \\ &= a_{x, p}^{\sum_{i=1}^N n_i \varphi_i \circ (f_i) \bullet} + \text{lower degree terms} = \text{lower degree terms.} \end{aligned}$$

**10.1.** Let  $p$  be a path from  $v$  to  $z$ . Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$  be a sequence of geometric generators of  $\pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); v)$ . Then  $x' := (p \cdot x_1 \cdot p^{-1}, \dots, p \cdot x_{n+1} \cdot p^{-1})$  is a sequence of geometric generators of  $\pi_1(X(\mathbf{C}); z)$ . The action of  $\sigma_{p^{-1}}$  on  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; z)$  can be expressed in the following way by the action of  $\sigma_p$  on  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ . Let  $\omega \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; z)$ . Then  $\sigma_{p^{-1}}(\omega) = p \cdot \sigma(p^{-1} \cdot \omega \cdot p) \cdot \mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)^{-1} \cdot p^{-1}$ . This implies that on  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$  we have

$$(10.1.0) \quad \sigma_{x, p} = L_{\Lambda_p(\sigma)} \circ \sigma_x \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{x', p^{-1}} = R_{\Lambda_p(\sigma)^{-1}} \circ \sigma_x.$$

LEMMA 10.1.1. Let  $D$  be a derivation of the algebra  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$  and let  $\omega \in L(\mathbf{X})$ . Then

$$L_\omega \circ D = L_\zeta + D \quad \text{and} \quad R_{-\omega} \circ D = R_{-\zeta} + D$$

for some  $\zeta \in L(\mathbf{X})$ .

*Proof.* The lemma follows from the identities

$$[L_\omega, D] = L_{-D(\omega)}, \quad [R_{-\omega}, D] = R_{D(\omega)}$$

and

$$[L_\omega, L_{-D(\omega)}] = L_{-[\omega, D(\omega)]}, \quad [R_{-\omega}, R_{D(\omega)}] = R_{[\omega, D(\omega)]}.$$

THEOREM 10.1.2. Let  $z, v \in \hat{X}(K)$  and let  $p$  be a path from  $v$  to  $z$ . Then we have

- i)  $\mathcal{L}^e(z, v) + \mathcal{L}^e(v, z) = 0,$
- ii)  $a_{x, p}^e + a_{pxp^{-1}, p^{-1}}^e = 0.$

*Proof.* It follows from (10.1.0) that

$$(\log \sigma_{x', p^{-1}})(1) = (R_{-\log \Lambda_p(\sigma)} \circ \log \sigma_x)(1).$$

It follows from Lemma 10.1.1 that

$$(R_{-\log \Lambda_p(\sigma)} \circ \log \sigma_x)(1) = -(L_{\log \Lambda_p(\sigma)} \circ \log \sigma_x)(1).$$

Hence we get that

$$(\log \sigma_{x',p^{-1}})(1) = -(\log \sigma_{x,p})(1).$$

Evaluating a linear form on both sides of the equation we get the theorem.

**THEOREM 10.1.3.** *Let  $z, y, v \in \hat{X}(K)$ . Then we have*

$$\mathcal{L}^e(z, v) = \mathcal{L}^e(z, y) + \mathcal{L}^e(y, v).$$

*Proof.* Let  $p$  be a path from  $v$  to  $y$ , let  $r$  be a path from  $y$  to  $z$  and let  $q = r \cdot p$ . We have  $\sigma_p = L_{f_p(\sigma)} \circ \sigma$  and  $\sigma_q = L_{f_q(\sigma)} \circ \sigma$  on  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$  and  $\sigma_r = L_{f_r(\sigma)} \circ \sigma$  on  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; y)$ . It follows from Lemma 1.0.6 that  $\sigma_q = L_{p^{-1}f_r(\sigma)p} \circ \sigma_p$ . Let us choose a sequence  $x$  of geometric generators of  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; y)$ . Then  $x' = p^{-1} \cdot x \cdot p$  is a sequence of geometric generators of  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ . Observe that

$$\sigma_{x',q} = \sigma_{x,r} \circ \sigma_x^{-1} \circ \sigma_{x',p}.$$

Hence we get

$$\log \sigma_{x',q} = \log \sigma_{x,r} \circ \log \sigma_x^{-1} \circ \log \sigma_{x',p}.$$

Let  $\sigma$  belongs to the degree  $m$  step of the filtration defined in Section 3, i.e.,  $\sigma \in \mathcal{K}_m^T(X)$  for some finite subset  $T \subset \hat{X}(K)^2$ . Then

$$(\log \sigma_{x',q})(1) \equiv (\log \sigma_{x,r})(1) + (\log \sigma_{x',p})(1) \pmod{\Gamma^{m+1}L(\mathbf{X})}.$$

Evaluating a linear form of degree  $m$  on both sides of the congruence we get the theorem.

**10.2.** It follows from Proposition 7.1.10 that relations between functions  $\mathcal{L}^e(z, v)$  imply relations between symbols  $\{z, v\}_e$ . Hence we get the following result.

**COROLLARY 10.2.1.** *Assume that Conjectures  $D_n$  are true for all  $n$ . Assume that for all  $n$  the maps realization :  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{M}\mathcal{M}_K}^1(\mathbf{Q}(0), \mathbf{Q}(n)) \otimes \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow H^1(G_K, \mathbf{Q}_l(n))$  are injective. Then we have*

$$\{z, v\}_e + \{v, z\}_e = 0$$

and

$$\{z, v\}_e = \{z, y\}_e + \{y, v\}_e$$

in  $\mathcal{L}^K(X)$ .

*Proof.* The corollary follows from Theorems 10.1.2 and 10.1.3 and Proposition 7.1.10.



**10.3.** Let  $\pi$  be a group. If  $\pi$  is nilpotent then we denote by  $\pi \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  its rationalization. For an arbitrary group  $\pi$ ,  $\pi \otimes \mathbf{Q} := \varprojlim_n ((\pi/\Gamma^n \pi) \otimes \mathbf{Q})$  is a rational completion of  $\pi$ . The group  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$  is equipped with a pro-finite topology. Hence every quotient  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)/\Gamma^n \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$  is equipped with a pro-finite topology. Therefore rationalization  $(\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)/\Gamma^n \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  is a  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -Lie group. Hence  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q} = \varprojlim_n ((\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)/\Gamma^n \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)) \otimes \mathbf{Q})$  is equipped with a topology of the inverse limit of  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -Lie groups. The action of  $G_K$  on  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$  extends uniquely to a continuous action of  $G_K$  on  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ .

Now we shall define a rational completion of  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ -torsor  $\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v)$ . We introduce an equivalence relation on the product  $\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v) \times \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ . We say that a pair  $(p, S)$  is equivalent to a pair  $(q, T)$  and we write  $(p, S) \sim (q, T)$  if  $S = (p^{-1} \cdot q) \cdot T$  in  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ .

We set

$$\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v) \otimes \mathbf{Q} := (\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v) \times \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q})/\sim.$$

The Galois group  $G_K$  acts on the product  $\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v) \times \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  component wise. The group  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  acts on the product  $\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v) \times \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  by the right multiplication on the second factor. Both actions are compatible with the equivalence relation  $\sim$  and continuous. Hence  $G_K$  acts on the set of equivalence classes  $\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ . The action of  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  on the product  $\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v) \times \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  induces a structure of  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ -torsor on the set of equivalence classes  $\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ . Elements of  $\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  have the form  $p \cdot S$ , where  $p$  is in  $\pi(X_{\bar{K}}; z, v)$  and  $S \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ . We shall call them  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -paths.

**LEMMA 10.3.1.** *The embedding  $k_x : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$  extends uniquely to a continuous multiplicative embedding  $\bar{k}_x : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$ .*

*Proof.* The image of  $k_x$  is contained in  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}^*$ . The group  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}^*$  is a pro-unipotent group with exponents in  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ . Hence  $k_x$  extends to  $\bar{k}_x : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$ .

Further we shall denote the embedding  $\bar{k}_x$  by  $k_x$ . One shows that the formulas

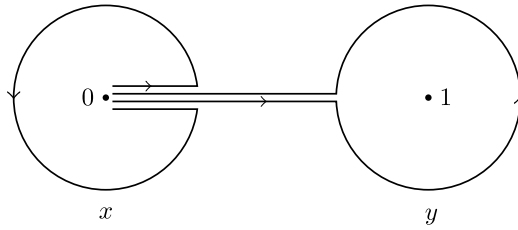
$$\begin{aligned} f_{p \cdot q}(\sigma) &= q^{-1} \cdot f_p(\sigma) \cdot q \cdot f_q(\sigma), \\ \Lambda_{p \cdot q}(\sigma) &= \Lambda_p(\sigma) \cdot \Lambda_q(\sigma), \\ \Lambda_p(\tau \cdot \sigma) &= \Lambda_p(\tau) \cdot \tau(\Lambda_p(\sigma)) \end{aligned}$$

and  $g_*(f_p) = f_{g(p)}$ , where  $g : X_K \rightarrow X_K$  is a regular map, are valid also for  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -paths  $p$  and  $q$ .

**§11.  $l$ -adic polylogarithms**

**11.0.** In this subsection we introduce  $l$ -adic polylogarithms. We give sufficient conditions when a linear combination of  $l$ -adic polylogarithms is a cocycle. Next we are studying a relative version of  $l$ -adic polylogarithms. We also show that  $l$ -adic polylogarithms are special case of  $l$ -adic iterated integrals introduced in Section 5.

Let  $K$  be a number field. Let  $V = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  be standard generators of  $\pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{01})$  – loops around 0 and 1 respectively (see the Picture 1).



Picture 1

Let  $k : \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{01}) \otimes \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}$  be a multiplicative continuous embedding given by  $k(x) = e^X$  and  $k(y) = e^Y$ . We denote by  $\text{Lie}(X, Y)$  a free Lie algebra over  $\mathbf{Q}_l$  on  $X$  and  $Y$  and by  $L(X, Y)$  a completion of  $\text{Lie}(X, Y)$  with respect to the lower central series. We identify  $L(X, Y)$  with the Lie algebra of Lie elements in  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}$ .

Let us set  $E_1 := Y$ ,  $E_{k+1} := [E_k, X]$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a base of  $\text{Lie}(X, Y)$  given by basic Lie elements. We assume that  $E_k \in \mathcal{B}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Let  $z \in \hat{V}(K)$  and let  $p$  be a  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $z$ . We recall that  $f_p(\sigma) = p^{-1} \cdot \sigma(p) \in \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{01}) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  and  $\Lambda_p(\sigma) := k(f_p(\sigma)) \in \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}$  for any  $\sigma \in G_K$ .

If  $e \in \mathcal{B}$  we denote by  $e^*$  the dual linear form to  $e$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

DEFINITION 11.0.1. Let  $\sigma \in G_K$ . We set

$$l_n(z)(\sigma) := E_n^*(\log \Lambda_p(\sigma)) \quad \text{and} \quad l(z)(\sigma) := X^*(\log \Lambda_p(\sigma)).$$

The coefficient  $l_n(z)$  is an  $l$ -adic polylogarithm ( $n$ -th order  $l$ -adic polylogarithm) evaluated at  $z$ . It is a function from  $G_K$  to  $\mathbf{Q}_l(n)$ . It depends on

a choice of  $p$  in  $\pi(V_{\bar{K}}; z, \vec{01}) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ . The coefficient  $l(z)$  is an  $l$ -adic logarithm evaluated at  $z$ . If we are using various paths and it is important to indicate the dependence of  $l_n(z)$  (resp.  $l(z)$ ) on a path  $p$  we shall write  $l_n(z)_p$  (resp.  $l(z)_p$ ).

DEFINITION 11.0.2. We set

$$\mathcal{L}_n(z) := l_n(z)_{|H_n(V; z, \vec{01})}.$$

Observe that  $\mathcal{L}_n(z)$  depends only on  $z$ .

Let us set  $e_1 := y$  and  $e_{k+1} := (e_k, x)$ . Observe that any element  $g \in \pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \vec{01}) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  can be written in the following form

$$g = x^{\alpha^0(g)} \cdot y^{\alpha^1(g)} \cdot e_2^{\alpha^2(g)} \cdot e_3^{\alpha^3(g)} \cdot ((y, x)y)^{\beta(g)} \cdot e_4^{\alpha^4(g)} \cdot f_4 \cdots \cdots e_n^{\alpha^n(g)} \cdot f_n \cdots \cdots ,$$

where the exponents are in  $\mathbf{Q}_l$  and each  $f_n$  is a product of powers of commutators of length  $n$ , which contain  $y$  at least twice.

DEFINITION 11.0.3. Let  $\sigma \in G_K$ . We define functions  $\kappa_z^n : G_K \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l$  by the identity

$$f_p(\sigma) = x^{\kappa_z^0(\sigma)} \cdot y^{\kappa_z^1(\sigma)} \cdot e_2^{\kappa_z^2(\sigma)} \cdot e_3^{\kappa_z^3(\sigma)} \cdot f_3 \cdot e_4^{\kappa_z^4(\sigma)} \cdot f_4 \cdots \cdots e_n^{\kappa_z^n(\sigma)} \cdot f_n \cdots \cdots .$$

Let  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\kappa_z^n$  we view as a function from  $G_K$  to  $\mathbf{Q}_l(n)$ .  $\kappa_z^0$  we view as a function from  $G_K$  to  $\mathbf{Q}_l(1)$ . We shall also use the notation  $\kappa_0(z) := \kappa_z^0$  and  $\kappa_1(z) := \kappa_z^1$ . If we are using various paths and it is important to indicate the dependence of  $\kappa_z^n(\sigma)$  on a path  $p$  we shall write  $\kappa_z^n(\sigma)_p$ .

We shall express  $l$ -adic polylogarithms in terms of functions  $\kappa_z^n$ .

Let  $f \in L(X, Y)$ . We define a derivation  $ad f$  of  $L(X, Y)$  setting  $(ad f)(g) = [f, g]$  for any  $g \in L(X, Y)$ .

Let  $I_k$  be a Lie ideal of  $L(X, Y)$  generated topologically by Lie brackets which contain  $Y$  at least  $k$ -times.

LEMMA 11.0.4. We have

$$\log(k(e_{n+1})) = (-1)^n \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k_1! \cdots k_n!} (ad X)^{k_1 + \cdots + k_n}(Y) \pmod{I_2}.$$

LEMMA 11.0.5. (see [B] chapitre II) *We have*

$$\log(e^X \cdot e^Y) = X + Y + \frac{1}{2}[X, Y] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} B_{2n}(ad X)^{2n}(Y) \pmod{I_2}.$$

PROPOSITION 11.0.6. *Let  $\sigma \in G_K$ . We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \log \Lambda_p(\sigma) &= \kappa_z^0(\sigma)X \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{i-1} \kappa_z^i(\sigma) \left( \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_{i-1}=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k_1! \cdots k_{i-1}!} (ad X)^{k_1 + \dots + k_{i-1}}(Y) \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left[ \kappa_z^0(\sigma)X, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{i-1} \kappa_z^i(\sigma) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left( \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_{i-1}=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k_1! \cdots k_{i-1}!} (ad X)^{k_1 + \dots + k_{i-1}}(Y) \right) \right] \\ &+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa_z^0(\sigma))^{2n}}{(2n)!} B_{2n}(ad X)^{2n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{i-1} \kappa_z^i(\sigma) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left( \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_{i-1}=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k_1! \cdots k_{i-1}!} (ad X)^{k_1 + \dots + k_{i-1}}(Y) \right) \right) \pmod{I_2}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The proposition follows from Lemmas 11.0.4 and 11.0.5.

Using Proposition 11.0.6 we can easily calculate  $l$ -adic polylogarithms in terms of functions  $\kappa_z^n$ . For example in small degrees we get the following result.

COROLLARY 11.0.7. *We have*

$$l(z) = \kappa_z^0, \quad l_1(z) = \kappa_z^1, \quad l_2(z) = \kappa_z^2 - \frac{1}{2} \kappa_z^0 \cdot \kappa_z^1$$

and

$$l_3(z) = \kappa_z^3 - \frac{1}{2} \kappa_z^0 \cdot \kappa_z^2 + \frac{1}{12} (\kappa_z^0)^2 \cdot \kappa_z^1 - \frac{1}{2} \kappa_z^2.$$

PROPOSITION 11.0.8. *Let  $\zeta \in \hat{V}(K)$  and let  $p$  be a  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -path from  $\vec{01}$  to  $\zeta$ . Let  $q$  be the standard path from  $\vec{01}$  to  $\vec{10}$  (an interval  $[0, 1]$ ). Let  $g : V_K \rightarrow V_K$  be given by  $g(z) = 1 - z$ . Then we have*

$$l_1(\zeta)_p = l(1 - \zeta)_{g(p) \cdot q}.$$

*Proof.* It follows from Corollary 11.0.7 that

$$f_p \equiv x^{l(\zeta)_p} \cdot y^{l_1(\zeta)_p} \pmod{\Gamma^2(\pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \overrightarrow{01}) \otimes \mathbf{Q})}.$$

Observe that  $g(p) \cdot q$  is a  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $1 - \zeta$ . Hence we have

$$f_{g(p) \cdot q} \equiv x^{l(1-\zeta)_{g(p) \cdot q}} \cdot y^{l_1(1-\zeta)_{g(p) \cdot q}} \pmod{\Gamma^2(\pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \overrightarrow{01}) \otimes \mathbf{Q})}.$$

On the other side

$$\begin{aligned} f_{g(p) \cdot q} &= q^{-1} \cdot f_{g(p)} \cdot q \cdot f_q = q^{-1} \cdot g_*(f_p) \cdot q \cdot f_q \\ &\equiv x^{l_1(\zeta)_p} \cdot y^{l(\zeta)_p} \pmod{\Gamma^2(\pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \overrightarrow{01}) \otimes \mathbf{Q})} \end{aligned}$$

because  $q^{-1} \cdot g_*(x) \cdot q = y$ ,  $q^{-1} \cdot g_*(y) \cdot q = x$  and  $f_q \equiv 1 \pmod{\Gamma^2(\pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \overrightarrow{01}) \otimes \mathbf{Q})}$ . The proposition follows from the last two congruences.

**THEOREM 11.0.9.** *Let  $z_i \in \hat{V}(K)$ , let  $p_i \in \pi(V_{\bar{Q}}; z_i, \overrightarrow{01}) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  and let  $n_i \in \mathbf{Q}_l$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Let us assume that  $l$ -adic polylogarithms  $l_k(z_i)$  calculated along the  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -paths  $p_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  satisfy the following conditions*

- i)  $\sum_{i=1}^N n_i (l(z_i)(\tau))^\alpha \cdot (l(z_i)(\sigma))^\beta \cdot (l(z_i)(\tau) \cdot l_1(z_i)(\sigma) - l(z_i)(\sigma) \cdot l_1(z_i)(\tau)) = 0$  for any  $\tau, \sigma \in G_K$  and for any  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha + \beta = n - 2$ ,
- ii)  $\sum_{i=1}^N n_i (l(z_i)(\tau))^\alpha \cdot (l(z_i)(\sigma))^\beta \cdot l_k(z_i)(\sigma) = 0$  for any  $\tau, \sigma \in G_K$ , for  $k = 2, \dots, n - 1$  and for any  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha + \beta = n - k$ .

Then  $\sum_{i=1}^N n_i l_n(z_i)$  is a cocycle on  $G_K$  with values in  $\mathbf{Q}_l(n)$ .

*Proof.* The equality  $\Lambda_p(\tau\sigma) = \Lambda_p(\tau) \cdot \tau(\Lambda_p(\sigma))$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} \log \Lambda_p(\tau\sigma) &= \log \Lambda_p(\tau) + \log \tau(\Lambda_p(\sigma)) + \frac{1}{2} [\log \Lambda_p(\tau), \log(\tau(\Lambda_p(\sigma)))] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{12} [[\log \Lambda_p(\tau), \log(\tau(\Lambda_p(\sigma))], \log \Lambda_p(\tau)] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{12} [[\log \Lambda_p(\tau), \log(\tau(\Lambda_p(\sigma))], \log(\tau(\Lambda_p(\sigma)))] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{24} [[[\log \Lambda_p(\tau), \log(\tau(\Lambda_p(\sigma))], \log(\tau(\Lambda_p(\sigma))], \log \Lambda_p(\tau)] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients at  $E_n$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_n(z)(\tau\sigma) &= l_n(z)(\tau) + \chi(\tau)^n l_n(z)(\sigma) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2}(l_{n-1}(z)(\tau)\chi(\tau)l(z)(\sigma) - \chi(\tau)^{n-1}l_{n-1}(z)(\sigma)l(z)(\tau)) \\
 &- \frac{1}{12}(l_{n-2}(z)(\tau)\chi(\tau)l(z)(\tau)l(z)(\sigma) - \chi(\tau)^{n-2}l_{n-2}(z)(\sigma)(l(z)(\tau))^2) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{12}(l_{n-2}(z)(\tau)\chi(\tau)^2(l(z)(\sigma))^2 - \chi(\tau)^{n-1}l_{n-2}(z)(\sigma)l(z)(\tau)l(z)(\sigma)) \\
 &- \frac{1}{24}(l_{n-3}(z)(\tau)\chi(\tau)^2l(z)(\tau)(l(z)(\sigma))^2 \\
 &\quad - \chi(\tau)^{n-2}l_{n-3}(z)(\sigma)(l(z)(\tau))^2l(z)(\sigma)) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

The assumptions of the theorem imply that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N n_i l_n(z_i)(\tau\sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^N n_i l_n(z_i)(\tau) + \chi(\tau)^n \sum_{i=1}^N n_i l_n(z_i)(\sigma).$$

The  $l$ -adic polylogarithm  $l_n(z)_p$  depends on a choice of a  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -path from  $\vec{0}\vec{1}$  to  $z$ . We have the following elementary result.

LEMMA 11.0.10. *Let  $p$  be a  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -path from  $\vec{0}\vec{1}$  to  $z$  and let  $S \in \pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}, \vec{0}\vec{1}) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ . If  $S \equiv x^\alpha \cdot y^\beta \pmod{\Gamma^2(\pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \vec{0}\vec{1}) \otimes \mathbf{Q})}$  then  $l(z)_{pS} = l(z)_p + \alpha(\chi - 1)$  and  $l_1(z)_{pS} = l_1(z)_p + \beta(\chi - 1)$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $f_{pS}(\sigma) = S^{-1} \cdot f_p(\sigma) \cdot \sigma(S)$ . Hence  $\Lambda_{pS}(\sigma) = k(S)^{-1} \cdot \Lambda_p(\sigma) \cdot k(\sigma(S))$ . Let  $S = x^\alpha \cdot y^\beta \cdot e_2^{\beta_2} \cdot e_3^{\beta_3} \cdot f_3 \cdot e_4^{\beta_4} \dots$ . Therefore  $\log \Lambda_{pS}(\sigma) = (-\log(e^{\alpha X} \cdot e^{\beta Y} \cdot (e^X \cdot e^Y \cdot e^{-X} \cdot e^{-Y})^{\beta_2} \dots)) \circ \log \Lambda_p(\sigma) \circ \log(e^{\alpha\chi(\sigma)X} \cdot e^{\beta\chi(\sigma)Y} \cdot (e^{\chi(\sigma)X} \cdot e^{\chi(\sigma)Y} \cdot e^{-\chi(\sigma)X} \cdot e^{-\chi(\sigma)Y})^{\beta_2} \dots) \equiv -\alpha X - \beta Y + l(z)_p(\sigma)X + l_1(z)_p(\sigma)Y + \alpha\chi(\sigma)X + \beta\chi(\sigma)Y \pmod{\Gamma^2 L(X, Y)}$ . The lemma follows from the congruence.

THEOREM 11.0.11. *Let  $z_i \in V(K)$ , let  $p_i \in \pi(V_{\bar{K}}; z_i, \vec{0}\vec{1}) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  and let  $n_i \in \mathbf{Q}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a subgroup of  $K^* \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  generated by  $z_i$  and  $1 - z_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Assume that*

- i) *the map  $\varphi : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow Z^1(G_K; \mathbf{Q}_l(1))$  given by  $\varphi(z_i) = l(z_i)_{p_i}$  and  $\varphi(1 - z_i) = l_1(z_i)_{p_i}$  is well defined and it is a homomorphism;*
- ii)  $\sum_{i=1}^N n_i \nu_1(z_i) \cdots \nu_{n-2}(z_i)(z_i) \wedge (1 - z_i) = 0$  *in  $(\mathcal{S} \wedge \mathcal{S}) \otimes \mathbf{Q}_l$  for any homomorphisms  $\nu_1, \dots, \nu_{n-2}$  from  $\mathcal{S}$  to  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ ;*

- iii)  $\sum_{i=1}^N n_i \cdot \nu_1(z_i)^\alpha \cdot \nu_2(z_i)^\beta \cdot l_k(z_i)(\sigma) = 0$  for any homomorphisms  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  from  $\mathcal{S}$  to  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ , for any  $\sigma \in G_K$ , for  $k = 2, \dots, n - 1$  and for any  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha + \beta = n - k$ .

Then  $\sum_{i=1}^N n_i l_n(z_i)_{p_i}$  is a cocycle on  $G_K$  with values in  $\mathbf{Q}_l(n)$ .

*Proof.* Let us fix  $\tau \in G_K$ . The map  $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l(1)$  given by  $s \rightarrow \varphi(s)(\tau)$  ( $z_i \rightarrow l(z_i)(\tau)$ ) is a homomorphism. Let us fix  $\tau, \sigma \in G_K$ . The map  $\mathcal{S} \otimes \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l(2)$ ,  $x \otimes y \rightarrow \varphi(x)(\tau) \cdot \varphi(y)(\sigma) - \varphi(x)(\sigma) \cdot \varphi(y)(\tau)$  ( $z_i \otimes (1 - z_i) \rightarrow l(z_i)(\tau) \cdot l_1(z_i)(\sigma) - l(z_i)(\sigma) \cdot l_1(z_i)(\tau)$ ) factors through  $\mathcal{S} \wedge \mathcal{S}$ . Hence the theorem follows from Theorem 11.0.9.

**COROLLARY 11.0.12.** *Let  $\xi_m$  be a  $m$ -th root of 1 different from 1. There is a  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -path  $p$  from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $\xi_m$  such that  $l_n(\xi_m)_p$  is a cocycle on  $G_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)}$ . If  $l$  does not divide  $m$  then one can choose the path  $p$  in  $\pi(V_{\overline{\mathbf{Q}}}; \xi_m, \overrightarrow{01})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $m = l^{k_0} \cdot r$ , where  $l$  does not divide  $r$ . Let  $q$  be a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $\xi_m$ . There are  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_l$  such that  $(\xi_{l^{k_0+n}}^\alpha \cdot \xi_r^{\beta/l^n} \cdot \xi_{l^n}^\gamma)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  is a compatible family of  $l^n$ -th roots of  $\xi_m$  determined by the path  $q$ . Hence  $l(\xi_m)_q = (\frac{\alpha}{l^{k_0}} + \gamma)(\chi - 1)$ . Lemma 11.0.10 implies that there is a  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -path  $p$  from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $\xi_m$  such that  $l(\xi_m)_p = 0$ . Theorem 11.0.9 implies that  $l_n(\xi_m)_p$  is a cocycle. Observe that if  $k_0 = 0$  then one can choose  $p$  in  $\pi(V_{\overline{\mathbf{Q}}}; \xi_m, \overrightarrow{01})$ .

The classical polylogarithms are iterated integrals defined by  $\int_0^z \frac{dz}{1-z}, \frac{dz}{z}, \dots, \frac{dz}{z}$ . The iterated integral  $\int_a^b \frac{dz}{1-z}, \frac{dz}{z}, \dots, \frac{dz}{z}$  can be express by classical polylogarithms. Now we shall define a normalized analog of the iterated integral  $\int_a^b \frac{dz}{1-z}, \frac{dz}{z}, \dots, \frac{dz}{z}$ .

Let  $z, v \in \hat{V}(K)$ . Let  $q$  be a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $v$  and let  $p$  be a path from  $v$  to  $z$ . We shall define relative polylogarithms  $l_n(z, v)$ . Let us set  $x_1 := q \cdot x \cdot q^{-1}$ ,  $y_1 := q \cdot y \cdot q^{-1}$ . Observe that  $x_1, y_1$  are generators of  $\pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; v)$ . Let  $G_{n+1} \subset \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{01})$  (resp.  $G'_{n+1} \subset \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; v)$ ) be a closed normal subgroup generated by  $\Gamma^{n+1}\pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{01})$  (resp.  $\Gamma^{n+1}\pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; v)$ ) and all commutators which contain  $y$  (resp.  $y_1$ ) at least twice. Let  $\pi := \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{01})/G_{n+1}$  and  $\pi' := \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; v)/G'_{n+1}$ .

It follows from Proposition 2.2.1 that the action of  $G_K$  on  $\pi'$  is given by

$$\sigma(x_1) = (q \cdot f_q(\sigma) \cdot q^{-1}) \cdot x_1^{\chi(\sigma)} \cdot (q \cdot (f_q(\sigma))^{-1} \cdot q^{-1}) \pmod{G'_{m+1}}$$

and

$$\sigma(y_1) = (q \cdot f_q(\sigma) \cdot q^{-1}) \cdot y_1^{\chi(\sigma)} \cdot (q \cdot (f_q(\sigma))^{-1} \cdot q^{-1}) \pmod{G'_{m+1}}.$$

LEMMA 11.0.13. *The action of  $G_K$  on  $\pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; v)$  induced from the action on the torsor  $\pi(V_{\bar{Q}}; z, v)$  by the isomorphism  $t_p$  (see Part I Section 1) is given by*

$$\sigma_p(w) = (q \cdot f_{pq}(\sigma) \cdot q^{-1}) \cdot \bar{\sigma}(w) \cdot (q \cdot (f_q(\sigma))^{-1} \cdot q^{-1}) \pmod{G'_{n+1}},$$

where  $\bar{\sigma}(x_1) = x_1^{\chi(\sigma)}$ ,  $\bar{\sigma}(y_1) = y_1^{\chi(\sigma)}$  and  $\bar{\sigma}$  is continuous and multiplicative.

*Proof.* The formula for  $\sigma_p(w)$  follows from Lemma 1.0.2 and Lemma 1.0.6.

Let  $I$  be the augmentation ideal of  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}$  and let  $J_{n+1}$  be a closed ideal of  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}$  generated by  $I^{n+1}$  and all monomials which contain  $Y$  at least twice. We define two maps

$$\begin{aligned} k &: \pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \vec{01}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}/J_{n+1} \quad \text{and} \\ k' &: \pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; v) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}/J_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

by  $k(x) = e^X$ ,  $k(y) = e^Y$  and  $k'(x_1) = e^X$ ,  $k'(y_1) = e^Y$ .

Let  $(\ )_p : G_K \rightarrow GL(\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}/J_{n+1})$  be the action of  $G_K$  induced from the action of  $G_K$  on the torsor  $\pi(V_{\bar{Q}}; z, v)$  by the isomorphism  $t_p$  and the embedding  $k'$ .

Let us set

$$\psi_p(\sigma) := \sigma_p \circ \rho(\chi(\sigma)^{-1}).$$

We recall that  $E_1 := Y$  and  $E_{k+1} := [E_k, X]$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n - 1$ . Then any Lie element of  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}/J_{n+1}$  is a linear combination with  $\mathbf{Q}_l$  coefficients of  $X, E_1, \dots, E_n$ . If  $g \in \pi'$  then  $\log k'(g)$  is a Lie element of  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}/J_{n+1}$ .

DEFINITION 11.0.14. Let  $\sigma \in G_K$ . We set

$$(\log \psi_p(\sigma))(1) = l(z, v)_p(\sigma)X + \sum_{k=1}^n l_k(z, v)_p(\sigma)E_k.$$

PROPOSITION 11.0.15. *We have*

$$l_n(z, v)_p = l_n(z)_{pq} - l_n(v)_q.$$



*Proof.* Observe that  $k'(q \cdot \mathfrak{f}_{pq}(\sigma) \cdot q^{-1}) = k(\mathfrak{f}_{pq}(\sigma)) = \Lambda_{pq}(\sigma)$  and  $k'(q \cdot (\mathfrak{f}_q(\sigma))^{-1} \cdot q^{-1}) = k((\mathfrak{f}_q(\sigma))^{-1}) = (\Lambda_q(\sigma))^{-1}$ . Let  $\sigma \in G_K$ . It follows from Lemma 11.0.13 that

$$\psi_p(\sigma) = L_{\Lambda_{pq}(\sigma)} \circ R_{(\Lambda_q(\sigma))^{-1}}.$$

This implies that

$$\log \psi_p(\sigma) = L_{\log \Lambda_{pq}(\sigma)} \circ R_{-\log \Lambda_q(\sigma)}.$$

The operators  $L_{\log \Lambda_{pq}(\sigma)}$  and  $R_{-\log \Lambda_q(\sigma)}$  commute. Hence  $\log \psi_p(\sigma) = L_{\log \Lambda_{pq}(\sigma)} + R_{-\log \Lambda_q(\sigma)}$ . This implies the proposition.

**COROLLARY 11.0.16.** *We have*

$$l_n(z, \vec{01})_p = l_n(z)_p.$$

*Proof.* It follows from Proposition 11.0.15 that  $l_n(z, \vec{01})_p = l_n(z)_p - l_n(\vec{01})_c$ , where  $c$  is a constant path. For such a path  $l_n(\vec{01})_c = 0$ .

*Remark.* The relative polylogarithm  $l_n(z, v)$  is the function  $a_p^{E_n}$  from Section 5. Hence the  $l$ -adic polylogarithm  $l_n(z)_p$  is also a special case of  $l$ -adic iterated integrals defined in Section 5.

We finish this subsection with a result expressing coefficients of  $\mathfrak{f}_p$  in degree one for an arbitrary  $X$  by  $l$ -adic logarithms.

**PROPOSITION 11.0.17.** *Let  $X = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_n, \infty\}$ , let  $z, v \in \hat{X}(K)$  and let  $p$  be a path from  $v$  to  $z$ . Let  $g_i : X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, \infty\}$  be given by  $g_i(z) = z - a_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then*

$$\mathfrak{f}_p \equiv x_1^{l(z-a_1)_{g_1(p) \cdot q_1} - l(v-a_1)_{q_1}} \dots x_n^{l(z-a_n)_{g_n(p) \cdot q_n} - l(v-a_n)_{q_n}} \pmod{\Gamma^2 \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)},$$

where  $q_i$  is any path from  $\vec{01}$  to  $v - a_i$  on  $\mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, \infty\}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality we can suppose that  $X = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{a, \infty\}$  and  $g : X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, \infty\}$  is given by  $g(z) = z - a$ . Let  $p$  be a path from  $v$  to  $z$  on  $X_{\bar{K}}$ . Then  $g(p)$  is a path from  $v - a$  to  $z - a$  on  $\mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, \infty\}$ . Let  $q$  be any path from  $\vec{01}$  to  $v - a$  on  $\mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, \infty\}$ . We have

$$\mathfrak{f}_{g(p) \cdot q} = q^{-1} \cdot \mathfrak{f}_{g(p)} \cdot q \cdot \mathfrak{f}_q = q^{-1} \cdot g_*(\mathfrak{f}_p) \cdot q \cdot \mathfrak{f}_q.$$

It follows from Corollary 11.0.7 that

$$x^{l(z-a)_{g(p) \cdot q}} = q^{-1} \cdot g_*(\mathfrak{f}_p) \cdot q \cdot x^{l(v-a)_q},$$

where  $x$  is a loop around 0. Hence we get that  $\mathfrak{f}_p = x_a^{l(z-a)_{g(p) \cdot q} - l(v-a)_q}$ , where  $g_*(x_a) = q \cdot x \cdot q^{-1}$ .

**11.1.** In this subsection we shall study functional equations of  $l$ -adic polylogarithms. We shall prove the distribution relation and the Abel five term equation for  $l$ -adic dilogarithms. We shall show that  $l$ -adic dilogarithms satisfy these functional equations without lower degree terms.

We start with the discussion of the  $l$ -adic analog of the functional equation

$$\log(x \cdot y) = \log x + \log y$$

of the classical logarithm.

**PROPOSITION 11.1.0.** *Let  $\zeta, y \in \mathbf{P}^1(K) \setminus \{0, \infty\}$ . Then there exist paths  $\gamma$  from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $\zeta$ ,  $\delta$  from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $y$  and  $\varphi$  from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $y \cdot \zeta$  such that*

$$l(y \cdot \zeta)_\varphi = l(y)_\delta + l(\zeta)_\gamma$$

on  $G_K$ .

*Proof.* Let  $g : \mathbf{P}^1_K \setminus \{0, \infty\} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1_K \setminus \{0, \infty\}$  be given by  $g(z) = y \cdot z$ . Let  $p$  be a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $\zeta$ . Then  $g(p)$  is a path from  $\overrightarrow{0y}$  to  $y \cdot \zeta$ . We recall that  $x$  is a standard generator of  $\pi_1(\mathbf{P}^1_K \setminus \{0, \infty\}, \overrightarrow{01})$ . Let us fix a path  $q$  from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $\overrightarrow{0y}$ . Let us set  $x' = q \cdot x \cdot q^{-1}$ . Then  $x'$  is a generator of  $\pi_1(\mathbf{P}^1_K \setminus \{0, \infty\}, \overrightarrow{0y})$ . Observe that  $g_*(x) = x'$ . It follows from Corollary 11.0.7 that

$$f_p(\sigma) = x^{l(\zeta)_p(\sigma)} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{g(p) \cdot q}(\sigma) = x^{l(y \cdot \zeta)_{g(p) \cdot q}(\sigma)}.$$

On the other side we have

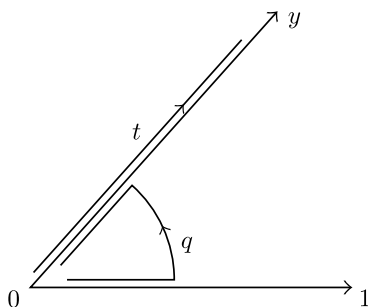
$$\begin{aligned} f_{g(p) \cdot q}(\sigma) &= q^{-1} \cdot f_{g(p)}(\sigma) \cdot q \cdot f_q(\sigma) = q^{-1} \cdot g_*(f_p(\sigma)) \cdot q \cdot f_q(\sigma) \\ &= x^{l(\zeta)_p(\sigma)} \cdot x^{l(\overrightarrow{0y})_q(\sigma)} = x^{l(\zeta)_p(\sigma) + l(\overrightarrow{0y})_q(\sigma)}. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing exponents we get

$$l(y \cdot \zeta)_{g(p) \cdot q} = l(\zeta)_p + l(\overrightarrow{0y})_q.$$

Let  $t$  be the canonical path from  $\overrightarrow{0y}$  to  $y$ . Then  $t \cdot q$  is a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $y$  (see Picture 2).

We have  $x^{l(y)_{t \cdot q}(\sigma)} = f_{t \cdot q}(\sigma) = q^{-1} \cdot f_t(\sigma) \cdot q \cdot f_q(\sigma) = q^{-1} \cdot f_t(\sigma) \cdot q \cdot x^{l(\overrightarrow{0y})_q(\sigma)}$ . It rests to calculate  $f_t(\sigma)$ . Without loss of generality we can suppose that  $y = 1$  and  $t$  is the canonical path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $1$ . Then it is clear that  $f_t(\sigma) = 1$ . Hence  $l(\overrightarrow{0y})_q = l(y)_{t \cdot q}$ . This finishes the proof of the proposition.

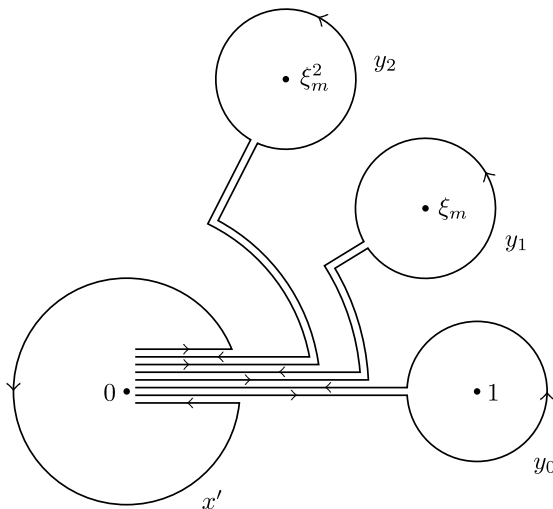


Picture 2

Now we shall discuss the  $l$ -adic analog of the functional equation

$$Li_2(z^m) = m \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} Li_2(\xi_m^i z) \right)$$

of the classical dilogarithm. Let  $Y = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)}^1 \setminus \{0, \mu_m, \infty\}$  and  $V = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$ . We choose generators  $x', y_0, \dots, y_{m-1}$  of  $\pi_1(Y_{\mathbf{Q}}, \vec{01})$  as on the picture.



Picture 3

Let  $f : Y \rightarrow V$  be given by  $f(z) = z^m$ . We have  $f_*(x') = x^m$ ,  $f_*(y_0) = y$  and  $f_*(y_i) = x^{-i} \cdot y \cdot x^i$ . Let  $z \in \hat{Y}(\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m))$  and let  $p$  be a path from  $\vec{01}$

to  $z$ . We define functions  $\lambda(z), \mu_0(z), \dots, \mu_{m-1}(z), \nu_0(z), \dots, \nu_{m-1}(z)$  from  $G_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)}$  to  $\mathbf{Z}_l$  by the following congruence

$$(11.1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} f_p \equiv & x'^{\lambda(z)} \cdot y_0^{\mu_0(z)} \cdot y_1^{\mu_1(z)} \cdot \dots \cdot y_{m-1}^{\mu_{m-1}(z)} \\ & \cdot (y_0, x')^{\nu_0(z)} \cdot \dots \cdot (y_{m-1}, x')^{\nu_{m-1}(z)} \\ & \cdot \prod_{i < j} (y_i, y_j)^{\alpha_{ij}(z)} \pmod{\Gamma^3 \pi_1(Y_{\bar{\mathbf{Q}}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $f(p)$  is a path from  $\overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}}$  to  $z^m$ . Hence we have

$$f_{f(p)} \equiv x^{\kappa_{z^m}^0} \cdot y^{\kappa_{z^m}^1} \cdot (y, x)^{\kappa_{z^m}^2} \pmod{\Gamma^3 \pi_1(V_{\bar{\mathbf{Q}}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})},$$

(see Definition 11.0.3).

LEMMA 11.1.2. *We have  $\kappa_{z^m}^0 = m\lambda(z)$ ,  $\kappa_{z^m}^1 = \mu_0(z) + \mu_1(z) + \dots + \mu_{m-1}(z)$  and  $\kappa_{z^m}^2 = m(\nu_0(z) + \dots + \nu_{m-1}(z)) + \mu_1(z) + \dots + i\mu_i(z) + \dots + (m-1)\mu_{m-1}(z)$ .*

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} f_* f_p \equiv & x^{m\lambda(z)} \cdot y^{\mu_0(z)} \cdot x^{-1} \cdot y^{\mu_1(z)} \cdot x \cdot \dots \\ & \cdot x^{-(m-1)} \cdot y^{\mu_{m-1}(z)} \cdot x^{m-1} \cdot (y, x)^{m(\nu_0(z) + \dots + \nu_{m-1}(z))} \\ \equiv & x^{m\lambda(z)} \cdot y^{\mu_0(z) + \dots + \mu_{m-1}(z)} \cdot (y, x)^{m(\nu_0(z) + \dots + \nu_{m-1}(z)) + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} i\mu_i(z)} \\ & \pmod{\Gamma^3 \pi_1(V_{\bar{\mathbf{Q}}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})}. \end{aligned}$$

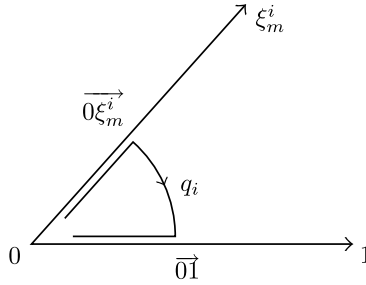
Observe that  $f_* f_p = f_{f(p)}$ . Comparing exponents of  $f_* f_p$  and  $f_{f(p)}$  we get the equalities of the lemma.

Let  $q_i$  be a path from  $\overrightarrow{0\xi_m^i}$  to  $\overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}}$  as on Picture 4.

Let us set  $x_i := q_i^{-1} \cdot x' \cdot q_i$  and  $y_k^{(i)} := q_i^{-1} \cdot y_k \cdot q_i$ . Let  $f_i : Y \rightarrow V$  be given by  $f_i(z) = \xi_m^{-i} \cdot z$ . Observe that  $(f_i)_* \overrightarrow{0\xi_m^i} = \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}}$ ,  $(f_i)_*(x_i) = x$ ,  $(f_i)_*(y_i^{(i)}) = y$  and  $(f_i)_*(y_k^{(i)}) = 1$  for  $k \neq i$ .

LEMMA 11.1.3. *We have*

$$\kappa_{\xi_m^{-i} z}^0 = \lambda(z) + \frac{i}{m}(1 - \chi), \quad \kappa_{\xi_m^{-i} z}^1 = \mu_i(z) \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_{\xi_m^{-i} z}^2 = \nu_i(z) + \frac{i}{m}(1 - \chi)\mu_i(z).$$



Picture 4

*Proof.*  $f_i(pq_i)$  is a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $\xi_m^{-i}z$ . Hence we have

$$\int_{f_i(pq_i)} \equiv x^{\kappa_m^0 z} \cdot y^{\kappa_m^1 z} \cdot (y, x)^{\kappa_m^2 z} \pmod{\Gamma^3 \pi_1(V_{\mathbf{Q}}; \overrightarrow{01})},$$

by the Definition 11.0.3. On the other side

$$(f_i)_* \int_{pq_i} = (f_i)_*(q_i^{-1} \cdot \int_p \cdot q_i) \cdot (f_i)_*(\int_{q_i}).$$

Hence it follows from (11.1.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} (f_i)_* \int_{pq_i} &\equiv x^{\lambda(z)} \cdot y^{\mu_i(z)} \cdot (y, x)^{\nu_i(z)} \cdot x^{\frac{i}{m}(1-\chi)} \\ &\equiv x^{\lambda(z) + \frac{i}{m}(1-\chi)} \cdot y^{\mu_i(z)} \cdot (y, x)^{\nu_i(z) + \frac{i}{m}(1-\chi)\mu_i(z)} \pmod{\Gamma^3 \pi_1(V_{\mathbf{Q}}; \overrightarrow{01})}. \end{aligned}$$

We have the identity

$$(f_i)_* \int_{pq_i} = \int_{f_i(pq_i)}.$$

Hence comparing exponents of  $(f_i)_* \int_{pq_i}$  and  $\int_{f_i(pq_i)}$  we get the equalities of the lemma.

**PROPOSITION 11.1.4.** *Let  $l_2(z^m)$  be calculated along the path  $f(p)$  and let  $l_2(\xi_m^{-i}z)$  be calculated along the  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -path  $f_i(pq_i) \cdot x^{\frac{i}{m}}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$ . Then we have*

$$l_2(z^m) = m \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} l_2(\xi_m^{-i}z) \right).$$

*Proof.* It follows from Corollary 11.0.7 that

$$l_2(z)_p(\sigma) = \kappa_z^2(\sigma)_p - \frac{1}{2} \kappa_z^0(\sigma)_p \cdot \kappa_z^1(\sigma)_p.$$

Hence it follows from Lemma 11.1.2 that

$$l_2(z^m)_{f(p)} = m \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \nu_i(z) \right) + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} i \mu_i(z) - \frac{1}{2} m \lambda(z) \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \mu_i(z) \right).$$

Let us calculate  $l_2(\xi_m^{-i} z)_{f_i(pq_i) \cdot x^{\frac{i}{m}}}$ . We have

$$f_{f_i(pq_i) \cdot x^{\frac{i}{m}}}(\sigma) = x^{-\frac{i}{m}} \cdot f_{f_i(pq_i)}(\sigma) \cdot x^{\frac{i}{m} \chi(\sigma)}.$$

Hence it follows from Lemma 11.1.3 that

$$l_2(\xi_m^{-i} z)_{f_i(pq_i) \cdot x^{\frac{i}{m}}} = \nu_i(z) + \frac{i}{m} \mu_i(z) - \frac{1}{2} \lambda(z) \mu_i(z).$$

Comparing formulas for  $l_2(z^m)_{f(p)}$  and  $l_2(\xi_m^{-i} z)_{f_i(pq_i) \cdot x^{\frac{i}{m}}}$  we get

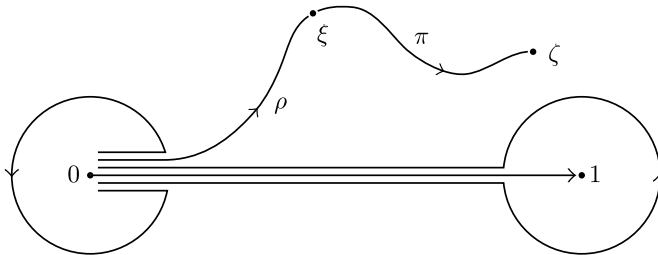
$$l_2(z^m)_{f(p)} = m \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} l_2(\xi_m^{-i} z)_{f_i(pq_i) \cdot x^{\frac{i}{m}}} \right).$$

The classical dilogarithm satisfy the functional equation

$$\begin{aligned} Li_2\left(\frac{(1-y)z}{z-1}\right) - Li_2(yz) + Li_2\left(\frac{(z-1)y}{1-y}\right) - Li_2\left(\frac{y}{y-1}\right) + Li_2(z) \\ = \text{lower degree terms.} \end{aligned}$$

We shall prove its  $l$ -adic analog.

Let  $V = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$  and let  $Y = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \frac{1}{y}, \infty\}$ , where  $y \in K \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $\xi, \zeta \in \hat{V}(K)$  and let  $\pi$  be a path from  $\xi$  to  $\zeta$  and let  $\rho$  be a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $\xi$  (see Picture 5).



Picture 5

Let us set

$$x' = \rho \cdot x \cdot \rho^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad y' = \rho \cdot y \cdot \rho^{-1}$$

where  $x, y$  are generators of  $\pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \vec{0}\vec{1})$  as in 11.0. We define functions  $\mathfrak{k}(\pi)$ ,  $\mathfrak{k}_1(\pi)$  and  $\mathfrak{k}_2(\pi)$  from  $G_K$  to  $\mathbf{Z}_l$  by the following congruence

$$\mathfrak{f}_\pi \equiv x'^{\mathfrak{k}(\pi)} \cdot y'^{\mathfrak{k}_1(\pi)} \cdot (y', x')^{\mathfrak{k}_2(\pi)} \pmod{\Gamma^3 \pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \xi)}.$$

LEMMA 11.1.5.    i) *We have*

$$l_2(\zeta)_{\pi\rho} - l_2(\xi)_\rho = \mathfrak{k}_2(\pi) - \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{k}(\pi)\mathfrak{k}_1(\pi) - \frac{1}{2}\kappa_\zeta^0\kappa_\xi^1 + \frac{1}{2}\kappa_\xi^0\kappa_\zeta^1.$$

ii) *If we replace  $\rho$  by  $\rho_1 = \rho \cdot x^a$  then in terms of new generators  $x'' = \rho_1 \cdot x \cdot \rho_1^{-1}$ ,  $y'' = \rho_1 \cdot y \cdot \rho_1^{-1}$  the triple  $\mathfrak{k}(\pi)$ ,  $\mathfrak{k}_1(\pi)$ ,  $\mathfrak{k}_2(\pi)$  is replaced by the triple  $\mathfrak{k}(\pi)$ ,  $\mathfrak{k}_1(\pi)$ ,  $\mathfrak{k}_2(\pi) + a\mathfrak{k}_1(\pi)$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from the formula  $\mathfrak{f}_{\pi\rho} = \rho^{-1}\mathfrak{f}_\pi\rho \cdot \mathfrak{f}_\rho$  (see Lemma 1.0.6) that  $\Lambda_{\pi\rho}(\sigma) = \Lambda_\pi(\sigma) \cdot \Lambda_\rho(\sigma)$ , where  $\Lambda_\pi(\sigma)$  is the image of  $\mathfrak{f}_\pi$  by the embedding of  $\pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \xi)$  into  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{X, Y\}\}$  sending  $x'$  to  $e^X$  and  $y'$  to  $e^Y$ . Applying logarithm we get

$$\log \Lambda_{\pi\rho}(\sigma) \circ (-\log \Lambda_\rho(\sigma)) = \log \Lambda_\pi(\sigma).$$

Comparing coefficient at  $[Y, X]$  we get

$$l_2(\zeta)_{\pi\rho} - l_2(\xi)_\rho = \mathfrak{k}_2(\pi) - \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{k}(\pi)\mathfrak{k}_1(\pi) - \frac{1}{2}\kappa_\zeta^0\kappa_\xi^1 + \frac{1}{2}\kappa_\xi^0\kappa_\zeta^1.$$

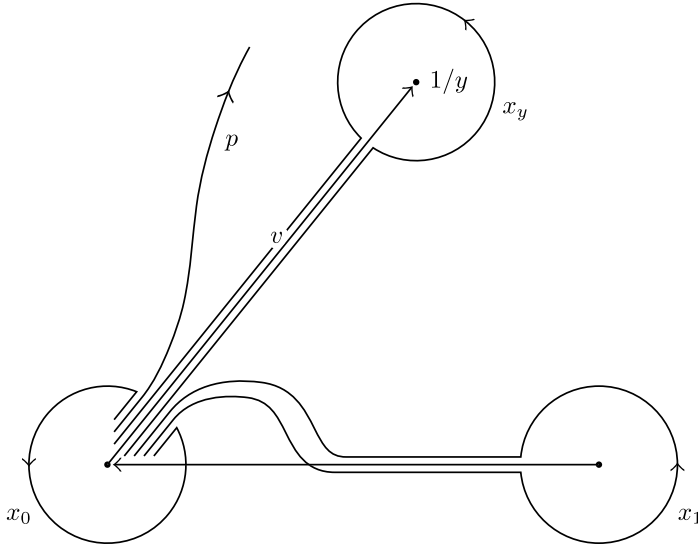
The second part of the lemma follows from the congruence  $y'' = x'^a \cdot y' \cdot x'^{-a} \equiv y' \cdot (y', x')^{-a} \pmod{\Gamma^3 \pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}; \xi)}$ .

DEFINITION 11.1.6. Let us set

$$K(\zeta, \xi) := -\kappa_\zeta^0\kappa_\xi^1 + \kappa_\xi^0\kappa_\zeta^1.$$

Observe that  $K(\zeta, \xi)$  is a function from  $G_K$  to  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ . After the restriction to  $G_{K(\mu_l^\infty)}$  the function  $K(\zeta, \xi)$  does not depend on a choice of paths from  $\vec{0}\vec{1}$  to  $\xi$  and  $\zeta$ .

Now we start to look for  $l$ -adic analog of the 5-term functional equation of the classical dilogarithm. Let  $f(z) = \frac{(1-y)z}{z-1}$ ,  $g(z) = yz$ ,  $h(z) = \frac{(z-1)y}{1-y}$  and  $k(z) = z$ . Observe that  $f, g, h$  and  $k$  define regular maps from  $Y$  to  $\bar{V}$ .



Picture 6

Let  $v$  be a tangential base point at 0 corresponding to the local parameter  $yz$  at 0. Let  $x_0, x_1, x_y, x_\infty$  be geometric generators of  $\pi_1(Y_{\mathbb{Q}}; v)$  – loops around 0, 1,  $\frac{1}{y}$  and  $\infty$  respectively (see Picture 6).

We assume that

$$x_\infty \cdot x_y \cdot x_1 \cdot x_0 = 1.$$

Let  $z \in \hat{Y}(K)$  and let  $p \in \pi(Y_{\bar{K}}; z, v)$ . We introduce functions  $\lambda(z), \mu(z), \nu(z), \alpha(z), \beta(z)$  and  $\gamma(z)$  from  $G_K$  to  $\mathbf{Z}_l$  by the following congruence

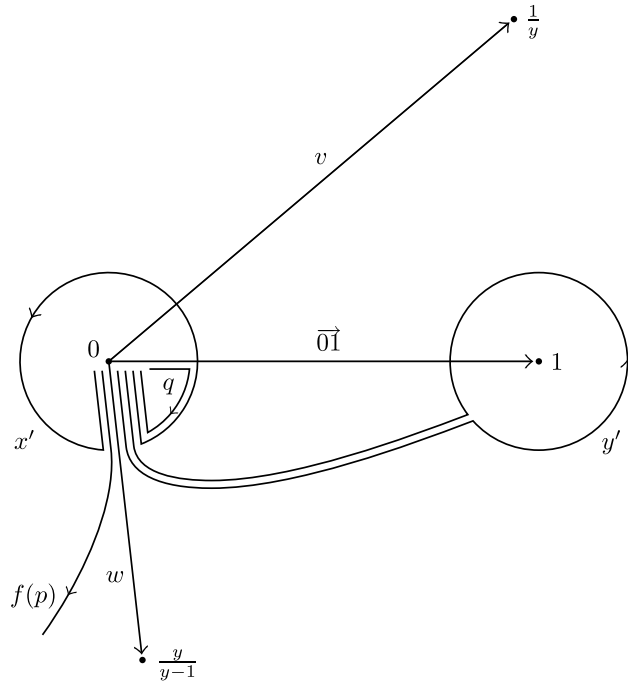
$$(11.1.7) \quad \mathfrak{f}_p \equiv x_0^{\lambda(z)} \cdot x_1^{\mu(z)} \cdot x_y^{\nu(z)} \cdot (x_1, x_0)^{\alpha(z)} \cdot (x_y, x_0)^{\beta(z)} \cdot (x_y, x_1)^{\gamma(z)} \pmod{\Gamma^3 \pi_1(Y_{\bar{K}}; v)}.$$

We recall that  $f : Y \rightarrow V$  is given by  $f(z) = \frac{(1-y)z}{z-1}$ . Observe that  $f_*(v) = w$ , where  $w$  is a tangential base point at 0 corresponding to the local parameter  $\frac{y}{y-1} \cdot z$  at 0. Let us set  $x' := f_*(x_0)$  and  $y' := f_*(x_y)$ . Observe that  $f(\infty) = 1 - y$ . This implies that  $f_*(x_\infty) = 1$ . Therefore  $f_*(x_1) = y'^{-1} \cdot x'^{-1}$ . Let  $q$  be a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $f_*(v)$  such that  $q \cdot x \cdot q^{-1} = x'$  and  $q \cdot y \cdot q^{-1} = y'$  (see Picture 7).

By the definition of functions  $\mathfrak{k}$  and  $\mathfrak{k}_i$  we have

$$\mathfrak{f}_{f(p)} \equiv x'^{\mathfrak{k}(f(p))} \cdot y'^{\mathfrak{k}_1(f(p))} \cdot (y', x')^{\mathfrak{k}_2(f(p))} \pmod{\Gamma^3 \pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}, f_*(v))}.$$





Picture 7

Applying  $f_*$  to (11.1.7) we get

$$f_*\mathfrak{f}_p \equiv x'^{\lambda(z)-\mu(z)} \cdot y'^{\nu(z)-\mu(z)} \cdot (y', x')^{-\alpha(z)+\beta(z)-\gamma(z)+\frac{1}{2}\mu(z)^2+\frac{1}{2}\mu(z)} \pmod{\Gamma^3\pi_1(V_{\bar{K}}, f_*(v))}.$$

The equality  $f_*\mathfrak{f}_p = \mathfrak{f}_{f(p)}$  implies

$$(11.1.8) \quad \mathfrak{k}(f(p)) = \lambda(z) - \mu(z), \quad \mathfrak{k}_1(f(p)) = \nu(z) - \mu(z)$$

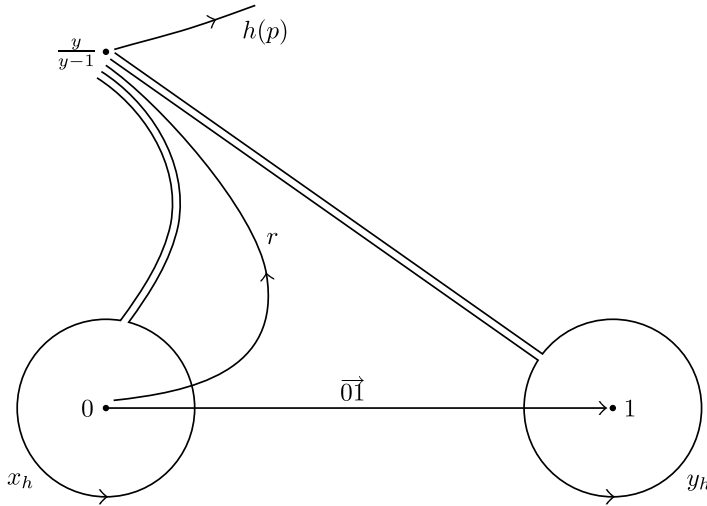
and

$$(11.1.8) \quad \mathfrak{k}_2(f(p)) = -\alpha(z) + \beta(z) - \gamma(z) + \frac{1}{2}\mu(z)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\mu(z).$$

We recall that  $g : Y \rightarrow V$  is given by  $g(z) = yz$ . Observe that  $g_*(v) = \vec{01}$ ,  $g_*(x_0) = x$ ,  $g_*(x_1) = 1$  and  $g_*(x_y) = y$ . Comparing coefficients of  $\mathfrak{f}_{g(p)}$  and  $g_*\mathfrak{f}_p$  we get

$$(11.1.9) \quad \mathfrak{k}(g(p)) = \lambda(z), \quad \mathfrak{k}_1(g(p)) = \nu(z), \quad \mathfrak{k}_2(g(p)) = \beta(z).$$

We recall that  $h : Y \rightarrow V$  is given by  $h(z) = \frac{(z-1)y}{1-y}$ . Observe that  $h_*(v) = \frac{y}{y-1}$ . Let us set  $x_h := h_*(x_1)$  and  $y_h := h_*(x_y)$ . Notice that  $h_*(x_0) = 1$ . Let  $r$  be a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $\frac{y}{y-1}$  such that  $r \cdot x \cdot r^{-1} = x_h$  and  $r \cdot y \cdot r^{-1} = y_h$  (see Picture 8).



Picture 8

Comparing coefficients of  $f_{h(p)}$  and  $h_*f_p$  we get

$$(11.1.10) \quad \mathfrak{k}(h(p)) = \mu(z), \quad \mathfrak{k}_1(h(p)) = \nu(z), \quad \mathfrak{k}_2(h(p)) = \gamma(z).$$

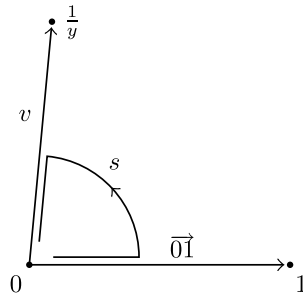
We recall that  $k : Y \rightarrow V$  is given by  $k(z) = z$ . Observe that  $k_*(v) = v$ . Let us set  $x_k := k_*(x_0)$  and  $y_k := k_*(x_1)$ . We have  $k_*(x_y) = 1$ . Let  $s$  be a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $v$  such that

$$s \cdot x \cdot s^{-1} = x_k \quad \text{and} \quad s \cdot y \cdot s^{-1} = y_k$$

(see Picture 9).

Comparing coefficients of  $f_{k(p)}$  and  $k_*f_p$  we get

$$(11.1.11) \quad \mathfrak{k}(k(p)) = \lambda(z), \quad \mathfrak{k}_1(k(p)) = \mu(z), \quad \mathfrak{k}_2(k(p)) = \alpha(z).$$



Picture 9

It follows from the equalities (11.1.8)–(11.1.11) that

$$(11.1.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{k}_2(f(p)) - \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{k}(f(p))\mathfrak{k}_1(f(p)) - \mathfrak{k}_2(g(p)) + \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{k}(g(p))\mathfrak{k}_1(g(p)) \\ & + \mathfrak{k}_2(h(p)) - \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{k}(h(p))\mathfrak{k}_1(h(p)) + \mathfrak{k}_2(k(p)) - \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{k}(k(p))\mathfrak{k}_1(k(p)) = \frac{1}{2}\mu(z). \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 11.1.13. *On  $G_{K(\mu_l^\infty)}$  we have the following equality*

$$K(f(z), f_*(v)) - K(g(z), g_*(v)) + K(h(z), h_*(v)) + K(k(z), k_*(v)) = 0.$$

*Proof.* We recall that  $\kappa_0(z) = \kappa_z^0$  and  $\kappa_1(z) = \kappa_z^1$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} & K(f(z), f_*(v)) - K(g(z), g_*(v)) + K(h(z), h_*(v)) + K(k(z), k_*(v)) \\ & = K(f(z), w) - K(g(z), \vec{0\mathbf{1}}) + K\left(h(z), \frac{y}{y-1}\right) + K(k(z), v) \\ & = -\kappa_0\left(\frac{(1-y)z}{z-1}\right)\kappa_1(w) + \kappa_0(w)\kappa_1\left(\frac{(1-y)z}{z-1}\right) + \kappa_0(yz)\kappa_1(\vec{0\mathbf{1}}) \\ & \quad - \kappa_0(\vec{0\mathbf{1}})\kappa_1(yz) - \kappa_0\left(\frac{(z-1)y}{1-y}\right)\kappa_1\left(\frac{y}{y-1}\right) \\ & \quad + \kappa_0\left(\frac{y}{y-1}\right)\kappa_1\left(\frac{(z-1)y}{1-y}\right) - \kappa_0(z)\kappa_1(v) + \kappa_0(v)\kappa_1(z). \end{aligned}$$

One checks that  $\kappa_0(\vec{0a}) = \kappa_0(a)$  and  $\kappa_1(\vec{0a}) = 0$ . The lemma follows from the fact that  $\kappa_0(x \cdot y) = \kappa_0(x) + \kappa_0(y)$  and  $\kappa_1(z) = \kappa_0(1 - z)$  on  $G_{K(\mu_l^\infty)}$ .

**THEOREM 11.1.14.** *There are paths ( $\mathbf{Q}_2$ -paths if  $l = 2$ ) from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to points  $\frac{(1-y)z}{z-1}$ ,  $yz$ ,  $\frac{(z-1)y}{1-y}$ ,  $\frac{y}{y-1}$  and  $z$  such that on  $G_{K(\mu_l^\infty)}$  for  $l$ -adic dilogarithms calculated along these paths we have*

$$l_2\left(\frac{(1-y)z}{z-1}\right) - l_2(yz) + l_2\left(\frac{(z-1)y}{1-y}\right) - l_2\left(\frac{y}{y-1}\right) + l_2(z) = 0.$$

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 11.1.5, the equality (11.1.12) and Lemma 11.1.13 that

$$\begin{aligned} & l_2(f(z)) - l_2(f_*(v)) - l_2(g(z)) + l_2(g_*(v)) \\ & + l_2(h(z)) - l_2(h_*(v)) + l_2(k(z)) - l_2(k_*(v)) = \frac{1}{2}\mu(z). \end{aligned}$$

To eliminate  $\frac{1}{2}\mu(z)$  we replace the path  $s$  by  $s' = s \cdot x^{-1/2}$ . Then  $x'_k = s' \cdot x \cdot s'^{-1} = x_k$  and  $y'_k = (s \cdot x^{-1/2}) \cdot y \cdot (s \cdot x^{-1/2})^{-1} = s \cdot y \cdot (y, x)^{1/2} \cdot s^{-1} = y_k \cdot (y_k, x_k)^{1/2}$ . In terms of generators  $x'_k$  and  $y'_k$  of  $\pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; v)$  we have

$$\mathfrak{k}_2(k(p)) = \alpha(z) - \frac{1}{2}\mu(z).$$

Observe that  $l_2(\overrightarrow{0a}) = 0$ . Hence we get

$$l_2\left(\frac{(1-y)z}{z-1}\right) - l_2(yz) + l_2\left(\frac{(z-1)y}{1-y}\right) - l_2\left(\frac{y}{y-1}\right) + l_2(z) = 0$$

for  $l$ -adic dilogarithms calculated along the paths  $f(p) \cdot q$ ,  $g(p)$ ,  $h(r) \cdot r$ ,  $r$  and  $k(p) \cdot s \cdot x^{-1/2}$  respectively.

It would be interesting to choose paths in such a way that we get the Abel equation on  $G_K$  without lower degree terms.

**11.2.** Now we shall discuss functional equations of arbitrary  $l$ -adic polylogarithms. The next result is a corollary of Theorem 10.0.7. We recall that a subgroup  $G_{n+1}$  of  $\pi_1(V_{\overline{\mathbf{Q}}}; \overrightarrow{01})$  was defined at the end of Subsection 11.0.

We are not able to show that after a suitable choice of paths  $l$ -adic polylogarithms satisfy functional equations without lower degree terms. We have only the following result.

**THEOREM 11.2.1.** *Let  $K$  be a number field and let  $V = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$ . Let  $a_1, \dots, a_{m+1}$  be  $K$ -points of  $\mathbf{P}_K^1$  and let  $Y = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_{m+1}\}$ . Let*

$n_i \in \mathbf{Z}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  and let  $f_i : Y \rightarrow V$  be regular maps defined over  $K$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Let  $z, v \in \hat{Y}(K)$ . Let us assume that  $\sum_{i=1}^N n_i (f_i)_* = 0$  in

$$\text{Hom}(\Gamma^n \pi_1(Y_{\bar{K}}; v) / \Gamma^{n+1} \pi_1(Y_{\bar{K}}; v); \Gamma^n \pi_1(V_{\bar{\mathbf{Q}}}; \vec{01}) / G_{n+1}).$$

Then we have a functional equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^N n_i (\mathcal{L}_n(f_i(z)) - \mathcal{L}_n(f_i(v))) = 0$$

on the subgroup  $H_n(Y; z, v)$  of  $G_K$ .

*Proof.* The theorem follows from Theorem 10.0.7 and Proposition 11.0.15.

**COROLLARY 11.2.2.** *Let  $\xi_m$  be a primitive  $m$ -th root of 1. Then we have*

$$m^{n-1} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \mathcal{L}_n(\xi_m^k z) \right) = \mathcal{L}_n(z^m)$$

on the subgroup  $H_n(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)}^1 \setminus \{0, \mu_m, \infty\}; z, \vec{01})$  of  $G_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)}$ .

In Part III we shall need a special case of the equality from Corollary 11.2.2.

**COROLLARY 11.2.3.** *Let  $\xi_m$  be a primitive  $m$ -th root of 1. Then we have*

$$m^{n-1} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \mathcal{L}_n(\xi_m^k) \right) = \mathcal{L}_n(1)$$

on the subgroup  $H_n(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)} \setminus \{0, \mu_m, \infty\}; \vec{10}, \vec{01})$  of  $G_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_n(1) := \mathcal{L}_n(\vec{10})$ .

Both corollaries follow immediately from Theorem 11.2.1. We give however a detailed proof of Corollary 11.2.3 because of its importance in Part III.

*Proof of Corollary 11.2.3.* We shall use the notation of Subsection 11.1, where we discussed the  $l$ -adic analog of the functional equation  $Li_2(z^m) = m(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} Li_2(\xi_m^i z))$ . We shall use also the following notation. If  $a$  and  $b$  are

elements of a group then  $(a, b^1) := (a, b) = a \cdot b \cdot a^{-1} \cdot b^{-1}$  and  $(a, b^n) := ((a, b^{n-1}), b)$  for  $n > 1$ .

We recall that  $Y = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)}^1 \setminus \{0, \mu_m, \infty\}$  and  $f : Y \rightarrow V$  is given by  $f(z) = z^m$ . Let  $p$  be a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $\overrightarrow{10}$ , the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $\sigma \in H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{10}, \overrightarrow{01})$ . Then we have

$$f_p(\sigma) \equiv (y_0, x^{m-1})\nu_0^n(\overrightarrow{10})(\sigma) \dots (y_{m-1}, x^{m-1})\nu_{m-1}^n(\overrightarrow{10})(\sigma)$$

modulo a subgroup generated by  $\Gamma^{n+1}\pi_1(Y_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{01})$  and commutators which contain at least two  $y$ 's. Observe that  $f(p)$  is a path from  $\overrightarrow{01}$  to  $m \cdot \overrightarrow{10}$ . Then for any  $\sigma \in H_n(V; \overrightarrow{10}, \overrightarrow{01})$ , and therefore also for any  $\sigma \in H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{10}, \overrightarrow{01})$  we have

$$f_{f(p)}(\sigma) \equiv (y, x^{n-1})\kappa_{\overrightarrow{10}}^n(\sigma) \pmod{G_{n+1}}.$$

It follows from the equality  $f_*f_p = f_{f(p)}$  that

$$(11.2.4) \quad m^{n-1}(\nu_0^n(\overrightarrow{10}) + \dots + \nu_{m-1}^n(\overrightarrow{10})) = \kappa_{\overrightarrow{10}}^n$$

on  $H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{10}, \overrightarrow{01})$ . We recall that  $f_i : Y \rightarrow V$  is given by  $f_i(z) = \xi_m^{-i} \cdot z$ . Observe that  $(f_i)_*f_{pq_i}(\sigma) \equiv (y, x^{n-1})\nu_i(\overrightarrow{10})(\sigma) \pmod{G_{n+1}}$  for  $\sigma \in H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{10}, \overrightarrow{0\xi_m^i}) = H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{10}, \overrightarrow{01})$  and  $f_{f_i(pq_i)}(\sigma) \equiv (y, x^{n-1})\kappa_{\xi_m^{-i}}^n(\sigma) \pmod{G_{n+1}}$  for  $\sigma \in H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{\xi_n^{-i}0}, \overrightarrow{01}) = H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{10}, \overrightarrow{01})$ , where  $q_i$  is a path from  $0\xi_m^i$  to  $\overrightarrow{01}$  as on Picture 4. Hence we get

$$(11.2.5) \quad \nu_i^n(\overrightarrow{10}) = \kappa_{\xi_m^{-i}}^n$$

on  $H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{\xi_n^{-i}0}, \overrightarrow{01}) = H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{10}, \overrightarrow{01})$ . It follows from (11.2.4) and (11.2.5) that

$$m^{n-1} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \kappa_{\xi_m^{-i}}^n \right) = \kappa_{\overrightarrow{10}}^n$$

on  $H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{\xi_n^{-i}0}, \overrightarrow{01}) = H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{10}, \overrightarrow{01})$ . For  $\sigma \in H_n(Y; \overrightarrow{10}, \overrightarrow{01})$  we have  $\kappa_{\xi_m^{-i}}^n(\sigma) = \mathcal{L}_n(\xi_m^{-i})(\sigma)$  and  $\kappa_{\overrightarrow{10}}^n(\sigma) = \mathcal{L}_n(\overrightarrow{10})(\sigma)$ . This finishes the proof of Corollary 11.2.3.

One of the most useful functional equations of classical polylogarithms is the relation between  $Li_n(z)$  and  $Li_n(\frac{1}{z})$ . For  $l$ -adic polylogarithms we have the following result.

COROLLARY 11.2.6. For any  $z \in V(K)$ , we have

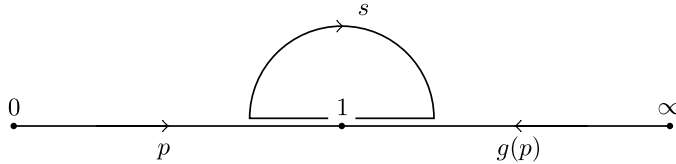
$$\mathcal{L}_n(z) + (-1)^n \mathcal{L}_n\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = 0$$

on the subgroup  $H_n(V_{\overline{\mathbf{Q}}}; z, \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 11.2.1 that

$$\mathcal{L}_n(z) - \mathcal{L}_n(\overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}}) + (-1)^n \left( \mathcal{L}_n\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) - \mathcal{L}_n(\overrightarrow{\infty\mathbf{1}}) \right) = 0.$$

$\mathcal{L}_n(\overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})$  vanishes. Hence we have to calculate  $\mathcal{L}_n(\overrightarrow{\infty\mathbf{1}})$ . Let  $p$  a path from  $\overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}}$  to  $\overrightarrow{1\mathbf{0}}$  and let  $s$  a path from  $\overrightarrow{1\mathbf{0}}$  to  $\overrightarrow{1\infty}$  as on the picture.



Picture 10

Let  $g : V \rightarrow V$  be given by  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z}$ . Let us set  $q := g(p)^{-1} \cdot s \cdot p$ . We denote by  $\pi''$  the subgroup  $[\Gamma^2 \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}}), \Gamma^2 \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})]$  of  $\pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})$ . Let  $(\Gamma^{n+1} \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}}), \pi'')$  be a normal subgroup of  $\pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})$  generated by  $\Gamma^{n+1} \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})$  and  $\pi''$ .

Let  $\sigma \in H_n(V_{\overline{\mathbf{Q}}}; z, \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})$ . Then we have

$$(11.2.7) \quad \mathfrak{f}_q(\sigma) = \prod_{i+j=n, i \geq 1, j \geq 1} ((y, x)x^{i-1})y^{j-1})^{\kappa_{i,j}(\overrightarrow{\infty\mathbf{1}})(\sigma)} \pmod{(\Gamma^{n+1} \pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}}), \pi'')}.$$

for some  $\kappa_{i,j}(\overrightarrow{\infty\mathbf{1}})(\sigma) \in \mathbf{Z}_l$ . It follows from Lemma 1.0.6 and from equality (10.0.1) that

$$(11.2.8) \quad \mathfrak{f}_q = q^{-1} \cdot g_*(\mathfrak{f}_p)^{-1} \cdot q \cdot p^{-1} \cdot \mathfrak{f}_s \cdot p \cdot \mathfrak{f}_p.$$

Observe that

$$(11.2.9) \quad q^{-1} \cdot g_*(y) \cdot q = y \quad \text{and} \quad q^{-1} \cdot g_*(x) \cdot q = x^{-1} \cdot y^{-1}.$$

Let  $\sigma \in H_n(V_{\mathbf{Q}}; z, \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})$ . Then we have

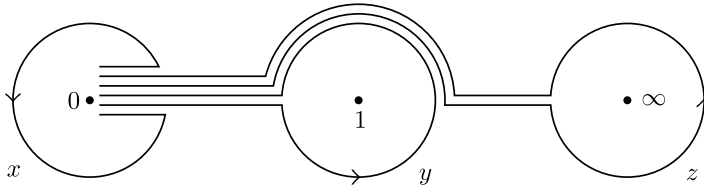
$$(11.2.10) \quad \mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma) = \prod_{i+j=n, i \geq 1, j \geq 1} ((y, x)x^{i-1})y^{j-1})^{\kappa_{i,j}(\overrightarrow{1\mathbf{0}})(\sigma)} \pmod{(\Gamma^{n+1}\pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}, \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}}), \pi'')$$

for some  $\kappa_{i,j}(\overrightarrow{1\mathbf{0}})(\sigma) \in \mathbf{Z}_l$ . It follows from (11.2.7)–(11.2.10) that

$$\kappa_{n-1,1}(\overrightarrow{\infty\mathbf{1}}) = (-1)^n \kappa_{n-1,1}(\overrightarrow{1\mathbf{0}})(\sigma) + \kappa_{n-1,1}(\overrightarrow{1\mathbf{0}})(\sigma).$$

Hence  $\kappa_{n-1,1}(\overrightarrow{\infty\mathbf{1}}) = 0$  if  $n$  is odd.

We shall show that  $\kappa_{n-1,1}(\overrightarrow{1\mathbf{0}})$  vanishes for  $n$  even. Let  $x, y$  and  $z$  be generators of  $\pi_1(V_{\overline{K}}; \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})$  as on the picture.



Picture 11

Then we have  $z \cdot y \cdot x = 1$ . It follows from Proposition 2.2.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{f}_q(\sigma)(x, y))^{-1} \cdot z^{\chi(\sigma)} \cdot (\mathfrak{f}_q(\sigma)(x, y)) \cdot (\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)(x, y))^{-1} \cdot y^{\chi(\sigma)} \\ \cdot (\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)(x, y)) \cdot x^{\chi(\sigma)} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\sigma \in H_n(V_{\overline{K}}; z, \overrightarrow{0\mathbf{1}})$ . It follows from (11.2.8) and (11.2.9) that

$$\mathfrak{f}_q(\sigma)(x, y) = (\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)(x^{-1}y^{-1}, y))^{-1} \cdot (\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)(x, y)).$$

Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)(x, y))^{-1} \cdot (\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)(x^{-1}y^{-1}, y)) \cdot x^{-1} \cdot y^{-1} \cdot (\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)(x^{-1}y^{-1}, y))^{-1} \\ \cdot (\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)(x, y)) \cdot (\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)(x, y))^{-1} \cdot y \cdot (\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)(x, y)) \cdot x = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing exponents at  $(y, x^n)$  we get  $(1 + (-1)^n)\kappa_{n-1,1}(\overrightarrow{1\mathbf{0}}) = 0$ . Hence  $\kappa_{n-1,1}(\overrightarrow{1\mathbf{0}}) = 0$  for  $n$  even (see also [I1], [I2] and [D], where the element  $\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma)$  is studied). Therefore  $\kappa_{n-1,1}(\overrightarrow{\infty\mathbf{1}}) = 0$  for any  $n$ . The equality  $\kappa_{n-1,1}(\overrightarrow{\infty\mathbf{1}}) = \mathcal{L}_n(\overrightarrow{\infty\mathbf{1}})$  implies the corollary.



The fact that  $\kappa_{n-1,1}(\vec{10})$  vanishes for  $n$  even implies the following well known result.

COROLLARY 11.2.11.

$$\mathcal{L}_{2n}(\vec{10}) = 0.$$

**§12. Monodromy of  $l$ -adic iterated integrals and  $l$ -adic polylogarithms**

**12.0.** We shall show here that suitably defined  $l$ -adic polylogarithms form a local system with the similar shape of the monodromy representation as the local system of classical polylogarithms given in [BD]. We start with the discussion of the monodromy of arbitrary  $l$ -adic iterated integrals. The notation is the same as in Section 10.

Let  $p$  be a path from  $v$  to  $z$  on  $X_{\bar{K}}$  and let  $S \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ . Then we have

$$(12.0.0) \quad \mathfrak{f}_{pS}(\sigma) = S^{-1} \cdot \mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma) \cdot S \cdot \mathfrak{f}_S(\sigma).$$

Let  $\text{Map}(G_K; \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v))$  be the set of all maps from  $G_K$  to  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ . We define a map

$$r_{z,v;p} : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}_{\text{set}}(\text{Map}(G_K; \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)))$$

setting

$$r_{z,v;p}(S)(w)(\sigma) := S^{-1} \cdot w(\sigma) \cdot S \cdot \mathfrak{f}_S(\sigma),$$

for  $S \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ ,  $w \in \text{Map}(G_K; \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v))$  and  $\sigma \in G_K$ .

Further we drop the indices  $z,v;p$  to simplify the notation.

LEMMA 12.0.1. *The map  $r_{z,v;p}$  is a representation of  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S, T \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ . We have  $r(T)(r(S)w)(\sigma) = T^{-1}(S^{-1} \cdot w(\sigma) \cdot S \cdot \mathfrak{f}_S(\sigma)) \cdot T \cdot \mathfrak{f}_T(\sigma) = (S \cdot T)^{-1} \cdot w(\sigma) \cdot (S \cdot T) \cdot (T^{-1} \cdot \mathfrak{f}_S(\sigma) \cdot T \cdot \mathfrak{f}_T(\sigma)) = (S \cdot T)^{-1} \cdot w(\sigma) \cdot (S \cdot T) \cdot \mathfrak{f}_{ST}(\sigma) = r(S \cdot T)(w)(\sigma)$ . We recall that in our notation  $S \cdot T$  means that first we go along  $T$  and then along  $S$ . Therefore  $r$  is a representation of  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ .

We recall that  $k_x : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$  is a continuous multiplicative embedding given by  $k_x(x_i) = e^{X_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and that for a path  $p$  from  $v$  to  $z$  we set  $\Lambda_p(\sigma) := k_x(\mathfrak{f}_p(\sigma))$ .

Let  $\text{Map}(G_K; \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\})$  be the set of all maps from  $G_K$  to  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$ . Observe that  $\text{Map}(G_K; \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\})$  is a vector space over  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ . We denote by  $GL(\text{Map}(G_K; \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}))$  the group of linear automorphisms of the vector space  $\text{Map}(G_K; \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\})$ .

Let us define a map

$$R_{z,v;p} : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \longrightarrow GL(\text{Map}(G_K; \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}))$$

setting

$$R_{z,v;p}(S)(W)(\sigma) := k_x(S)^{-1} \cdot W(\sigma) \cdot k_x(S) \cdot \Lambda_S(\sigma).$$

PROPOSITION 12.0.2. *The map  $R_{z,v;p}$  is a representation of  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ .*

*Proof.* To simplify the notation let us set  $R = R_{z,v;p}$ . Let  $S, T \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ . We have  $R(T)(R(S)(W))(\sigma) = k_x(T)^{-1} \cdot (R(S)(W)(\sigma)) \cdot k_x(T) \cdot \Lambda_T(\sigma) = k_x(T)^{-1} \cdot (k_x(S)^{-1} \cdot W(\sigma) \cdot k_x(S) \cdot \Lambda_S(\sigma)) \cdot k_x(T) \cdot \Lambda_T(\sigma) = k_x(S \cdot T)^{-1} \cdot W(\sigma) \cdot k_x(S \cdot T) \cdot k_x(T)^{-1} \cdot \Lambda_S(\sigma) \cdot k_x(T) \cdot \Lambda_T(\sigma) = R(S \cdot T)(W)(\sigma)$ .

It follows from Lemma 10.3.1 that the embedding  $k_x : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$  extends uniquely to a continuous multiplicative embedding  $\bar{k}_x : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$ .

PROPOSITION 12.0.3. *The representation  $R_{z,v;p}$  extends to the representation*

$$\bar{R}_{z,v;p} : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q} \longrightarrow GL(\text{Map}(G_K; \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\})).$$

Let  $S \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ . Then we have

$$\bar{R}_{z,v;p}(S)(W)(\sigma) = \bar{k}_x(S)^{-1} \cdot W(\sigma) \cdot \bar{k}_x(S) \cdot \bar{R}_{z,v;p}(S)(1)(\sigma).$$

*Proof.* We define an increasing filtration  $\{\mathcal{W}_{-i}\}_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  of the  $\mathbf{Q}_l$ -vector space  $\text{Map}(G_K; \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\})$  setting

$$\mathcal{W}_{-2k} = \mathcal{W}_{-2k-1} \text{ to be a set of all maps from } G_K \text{ to } I^k,$$

where  $I^k$  is a  $k$ -th power of the augmentation ideal of  $\mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\}$ . Let  $S \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$  and let  $W \in \mathcal{W}_{-2k}$ . Then we have

$$R_{z,v;p}(S)(W) \equiv W \pmod{\mathcal{W}_{-2(k+1)}}.$$

Hence the image of  $R_{z,v;p}$  is in the subgroup of pro-unipotent automorphisms of the vector space  $\text{Map}(G_K; \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\})$ . This implies that the representation  $R_{z,v;p}$  extends to the representation

$$\bar{R}_{z,v;p} : \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow GL(\text{Map}(G_K; \mathbf{Q}_l\{\{\mathbf{X}\}\})).$$

Let  $S \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  be such that  $S^{lm} \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$ . Then we have

$$R_{z,v;p}(S^{lm})(W)(\sigma) = k_x(S^{lm})^{-1} \cdot W(\sigma) \cdot k_x(S^{lm}) \cdot \Lambda_{S^{lm}}(\sigma),$$

where  $\Lambda_{S^{lm}}(\sigma) = R_{z,v;p}(S^{lm})(1)(\sigma)$ . This implies that

$$\bar{R}_{z,v;p}(S)(W)(\sigma) = \bar{k}_x(S)^{-1} \cdot W(\sigma) \cdot \bar{k}_x(S) \cdot \bar{R}_{z,v;p}(S)(1)(\sigma).$$

The elements  $S \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  such that  $S^{lm} \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v)$  for some  $m$  are dense in  $\pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  hence the last formula holds for any  $S \in \pi_1(X_{\bar{K}}; v) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ . This finishes the proof of the proposition.

**12.1.** Now we shall study monodromy of  $l$ -adic polylogarithms, more exactly, we shall study monodromy of coefficients at  $X^{n-1}Y$  of the power series  $\Lambda_p(\sigma)$ . Let  $V = \mathbf{P}_K^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$  and let  $p$  be a path from  $\overline{01}$  to  $z$ . From now on the notation is the same as in Subsection 11.0.

We define functions  $\lambda_i(z)_p$ ,  $\mu_j(z)_p$  and  $\nu_{i,j}(z)_p$  from  $G_K$  to  $\mathbf{Q}_l$  by the congruence

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_p(\sigma) \equiv & 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(l(z)_p(\sigma))^k}{k!} X^k + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i(z)_p(\sigma) X^{i-1} Y \\ & + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \mu_j(z)_p(\sigma) Y X^{j-1} + \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \nu_{i,j}(z)_p(\sigma) X^i Y X^j \end{aligned}$$

modulo the ideal generated by monomials with at least two  $Y$ 's.

The function  $\lambda_1(z)_p = l_1(z)_p$  and the  $l$ -adic polylogarithms  $l_k(z)_p$  can be expressed by the function  $\lambda_k(z)_p$  and the functions  $l(z)_p$  and  $\lambda_i(z)_p$  with  $i < k$ .

**PROPOSITION 12.1.1.** *The monodromy transformation of functions  $l(z)_p$  and  $\lambda_n(z)_p$  is as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} x : l(z)_p & \longrightarrow l(z)_p + (\chi - 1), & \lambda_n(z)_p & \longrightarrow \lambda_n(z)_p + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-i}}{(n-i)!} \lambda_i(z)_p, \\ \mu_n(z)_p & \longrightarrow \mu_n(z)_p + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \frac{\chi^{n-i}}{(n-i)!} \mu_i(z)_p + \frac{\chi^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \lambda_1(z)_p \end{aligned}$$

and

$$y : l(z)_p \longrightarrow l(z)_p, \quad \lambda_1(z)_p \longrightarrow \lambda_1(z)_p + (\chi - 1),$$

$$\lambda_n(z)_p \longrightarrow \lambda_n(z)_p + \chi \frac{(l(z)_p)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

for  $n > 1$  and  $\mu_n(z)_p \rightarrow \mu_n(z)_p - \frac{(l(z)_p)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$ .

*Proof.* The proposition follows from the formula

$$\Lambda_{p,S}(\sigma) = k(S)^{-1} \cdot \Lambda_p(\sigma) \cdot k(S) \cdot \Lambda_S(\sigma),$$

which for  $S = x$  gives

$$\Lambda_{p,x}(\sigma) = e^{-X} \cdot \Lambda_p(\sigma) \cdot e^{\chi(\sigma)X}.$$

For  $S = y$  the formula is more complicated, however when we restrict our attention to coefficients with only one  $Y$  then the formula have the same simple form.

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