

48. A Certain Formal Power Series Attached to Local Densities of Quadratic Forms. II

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In this note, we announce some further results we have obtained as continuation of our previous papers [3], [4] on the formal power series attached to local densities of quadratic forms over the p -adic field. The power series we are treating now are not the same as those considered in [3], [4]. But the main results of [3], [4] can be deduced from the results of the present paper as explained in Remark 1 below. Concerning the matrices S and T of the quadratic forms, we suppose now only that S is even integral unimodular and T is diagonal with diagonal components satisfying certain conditions on ord_p . (Notations S , T and others are explained below.) This is a special case, but important special case of our present problem. Details will appear elsewhere.

Let p be an arbitrary prime number. For non-degenerate symmetric matrices S and T of degree m and n , respectively, with entries in the ring \mathbf{Z}_p of p -adic integers, we define the local density $\alpha_p(T, S)$ and the primitive local density $\beta_p(T, S)$ by

$$\alpha_p(T, S) = \lim_{e \rightarrow \infty} p^{(-mn+n(n+1)/2)e} \# \mathcal{A}_e(T, S),$$

and

$$\beta_p(T, S) = \lim_{e \rightarrow \infty} p^{(-mn+n(n+1)/2)e} \# \mathcal{B}_e(T, S),$$

respectively, where

$$\mathcal{A}_e(T, S) = \{\bar{X} \in M_{m,n}(\mathbf{Z}_p) / p^e M_{m,n}(\mathbf{Z}_p) ; {}^t X S X \equiv T \pmod{p^e}\},$$

and

$$\mathcal{B}_e(T, S) = \{\bar{X} \in \mathcal{A}_e(T, S) ; X \text{ is primitive}\}.$$

Let A be an even integral unimodular matrix with entries in \mathbf{Z}_p . That is, A is a symmetric unimodular matrix with entries in \mathbf{Z}_p whose diagonal components belong to $2\mathbf{Z}_p$. Then there exists a non-negative integer r such that A is equivalent, over \mathbf{Z}_p , to

$$\text{diag}(\overbrace{H, \dots, H}^r, U),$$

where we write $\text{diag}(X, Y) = \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & Y \end{pmatrix}$ for two square matrices X, Y , and

$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, and U is an anisotropic even integral unimodular matrix of degree not greater than 2. Here we make the convention that $\text{diag}(H, \dots, H, U) = U$ or $= \text{diag}(H, \dots, H)$ according as $r = 0$ or $\deg U = 0$. We note that r is the Witt index of A , which will be denoted by $r(A)$. Then we define

a matrix $A^{(k)}$ by

$$A^{(k)} = \text{diag}(\overbrace{H, \dots, H}^{r-k}, U).$$

This $A^{(k)}$ is uniquely determined only by A up to equivalence over \mathbf{Z}_p . Further for each integers i, j, k such that $1 \leq k \leq i$, put

$$\gamma(i, j, k) = (-1)^k \sum_{0 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq i-1} p^{(i-i_1)(j+i_1)} \dots p^{(i-i_k)(j+i_k)}.$$

Then our main result is

Theorem 1. *Let the notation and the assumptions be as above. Put $e_p = 1$ or 0 according as $p = 2$ or not, and $m_0 = \min(t - 1, r(A))$. Let $B_1 = \text{diag}(b_1, \dots, b_t)$ and $B_2 = \text{diag}(b_{t+1}, \dots, b_n)$ with $b_i \in \mathbf{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$, and e be an integer such that $e \geq \text{ord}_p(b_j)/2 - \text{ord}_p(b_k)/2 + m_0 + 1 + e_p$ for $j = t + 1, \dots, n$, $k = 1, \dots, t$. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_p(\text{diag}(p^{2e} B_1, B_2), A) &= - \sum_{i=1}^{m_0} \gamma(t, -m+n+1, i) \alpha_p(\text{diag}(p^{2(e-i)} B_1, B_2), A) \\ &+ \left(\prod_{i=0}^{m_0} \frac{1 - p^{(t-i)(-m+n+i+1)}}{1 - p^{-m+n+i+1}} \right) \beta_p(O_{m_0+1}, A) \alpha_p(B_2, A^{(m_0+1)}), \end{aligned}$$

where O_{m_0+1} is the zero matrix of $m_0 + 1$. Here we make the convention that the second term on the right-hand side of the above equation is 0 if $r(A) = m_0$, and that we have $\alpha_p(B_2, A^{(m_0+1)}) = 1$ if $n = t$.

Now for non-degenerate symmetric matrices B_1, \dots, B_s , and A with entries in \mathbf{Z}_p we define a formal power series $R((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} R((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s) &= \sum_{e_1 \geq \dots \geq e_s \geq 0} \alpha_p(\text{diag}(p^{e_1} B_1, \dots, p^{e_s} B_s), A) x_1^{e_1} \dots x_s^{e_s}. \end{aligned}$$

Then by Theorem 1 we obtain easily

Theorem 2. *Let A be as in Theorem 1, and $B_i = \text{diag}(b_{n_1+\dots+n_{i-1}+1}, \dots, b_{n_1+\dots+n_i})$ ($i = 1, \dots, s$) with $b_j \in \mathbf{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$. For $k = 1, \dots, s$ put $m_k = \min(n_1 + \dots + n_k - 1, r(A))$. Assume that $[\text{ord}_p(b_j)/2] \geq [\text{ord}_p(b_{j'})/2]$ for any $j' \geq n_1 + 1$ and $j \leq n_1$. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} &\prod_{i=0}^{m_1} (1 - p^{(n_1-i)(-m+n+i+1)} x_1^2) R((B_1, B_2, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m_1+e_p} x_1^{2i} \sum_{j=0}^i \gamma(n_1, -m+n+1, i-j) R((\text{diag}(p^{2j} B_1, B_2), B_3, \dots, B_s), \\ &\hspace{15em} A; x_1 x_2, x_3, \dots, x_s) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m_1+e_p} x_1^{2i+1} \sum_{j=0}^i \gamma(n_1, -m+n+1, i-j) R((\text{diag}(p^{2j+1} B_1, B_2), \\ &\hspace{15em} B_3, \dots, B_s), A; x_1 x_2, x_3, \dots, x_s) \\ &+ \left(\prod_{i=0}^{m_1} \frac{1 - p^{(n_1-i)(-m+n+i+1)}}{1 - p^{-m+n+i+1}} \right) \beta_p(O_{m_1+1}, A) \frac{x_1^{2m_1+2+2e_p}}{1 - x_1} R((B_2, \dots, B_s), \\ &\hspace{15em} A^{(m_1+1)}; x_1 x_2, x_3, \dots, x_s). \end{aligned}$$

Here we make the convention that $R((\text{diag}(p^k B_1, B_2), B_3, \dots, B_s), A; x_1 x_2, x_3, \dots, x_s) = \alpha_p(p^k B_1, A)$ and $R((B_2, \dots, B_s), A^{(m_1+1)}; x_1 x_2, \dots, x_s) = 1$ if $s = 1$.

Using Theorem 2, we can prove the following theorem by induction on s .

Theorem 3. Assume that $[\text{ord}_p(b_j)/2] \geq [\text{ord}_p(b_{j'})/2]$ for any $j' \geq n_1 + \dots + n_i + 1$ and $j \leq n_1 + \dots + n_i$ and $i = 1, \dots, s - 1$. Then $R((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s)$ is a rational function of x_1, \dots, x_s over the field \mathbf{Q} of rational numbers. Further its denominator is

$$\prod_{k=1}^s \prod_{i=0}^{m_k} (1 - p^{(n_1+\dots+n_k-i)(-m+n+i+1)} (x_1 \dots x_k)^2) \prod_{k=1}^s (1 - x_1 \dots x_k)^{m'_k},$$

where $m'_k = 1$ or $= 0$ according as $r(A) \geq n_1 + \dots + n_k$ or not. In particular if $m \geq 2n + 2$, the denominator of the above power series is

$$\prod_{k=1}^s \prod_{i=0}^{n_1+\dots+n_k-1} (1 - p^{(n_1+\dots+n_k-i)(-m+n+i+1)} (x_1 \dots x_k)^2) \prod_{k=1}^s (1 - x_1 \dots x_k).$$

Remark 1. In [1], for non-degenerate symmetric matrices B_1, \dots, B_s , and A with entries in \mathbf{Z}_p , Böcherer and Sato defined a formal power series $Q((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s)$ by

$$Q((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s) = \sum_{e_1, \dots, e_s=0}^{\infty} \alpha_p(\text{diag}(p^{e_1} B_1, \dots, p^{e_s} B_s), A) x_1^{e_1} \dots x_s^{e_s},$$

and showed that it is a rational function of x_1, \dots, x_s over \mathbf{Q} . On the other hand, we define a formal power series $P((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s)$ by

$$P((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s) = \sum_{e_1, \dots, e_s=0}^{\infty} \alpha_p(\text{diag}(p^{2e_1} B_1, \dots, p^{2e_s} B_s), A) x_1^{e_1} \dots x_s^{e_s},$$

which is a special case of the one defined in [3]. As stated in [3] and [4], the above two types of power series are related with each other. In [4], we obtained an explicit form of the denominator of $P((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s)$, and therefore, of $Q((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s)$ when $n_1 = \dots = n_s = 1$ and $p \neq 2$. On the other hand, as easily seen, $Q((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s)$ can be expressed as a $\mathbf{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_s]$ -linear combination of several power series defined in this note. For example, if $b_1, b_2 \in \mathbf{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$, we have

$$Q((b_1, b_2), A; x_1, x_2) = R((b_1, b_2), A; x_1, x_2) + R((b_2, b_1), A; x_1, x_2) - R(\text{diag}(b_1, b_2), A; x_1 x_2).$$

Thus, by Theorem 3, we can also obtain an explicit form of the denominator of $Q((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s)$, and therefore of $P((B_1, \dots, B_s), A; x_1, \dots, x_s)$ when A is even integral unimodular and B_1, \dots, B_s are diagonal, which will appear elsewhere.

Remark 2. By the above theorem we see that the denominator of $R(B, A; x)$ is

$$\prod_{i=0}^{\min(n-1, r(A))} (1 - p^{(n-i)(-m+n+i+1)} x^2) (1 - x)^{m'},$$

where $m' = 1$ or $= 0$ according as $r(A) \geq n$ or not. This is a refinement of the result of [2], [6].

Remark 3. Theorem 3 can be generalized to the case where A is an arbitrary non-degenerate matrix if $p \neq 2$.

Remark 4. In the above results, the condition that B_i are diagonal is not necessary if $p \neq 2$.

Now we show that our result on the denominator of the above power series is best possible by giving a simple example. Let $p \neq 2$, $m = 3$, $n = 2$,

and $n_1 = n_2 = 1$. Let A be a unimodular symmetric matrix of degree 3 with entries in \mathbf{Z}_p and b_1, b_2 be elements of the group \mathbf{Z}_p^* of p -adic units. We assume that $\chi(b_1 \det A) = 1$ and $\chi(-b_2 \det A) = -1$, where χ is the quadratic residue symbol defined modulo p . Then by [5] we have

$$R((b_1, b_2), A; x_1, x_2) = \frac{(1 - p^{-2})(1 + 2x_1^2x_2 + x_1^2x_2^2)}{(1 - x_1^2)(1 - x_1^2x_2^2)(1 - px_1^2x_2^2)}.$$

Thus the reduced denominator of $R((b_1, b_2), A; x_1, x_2)$ is $(1 - x_1^2)(1 - x_1^2x_2^2)(1 - px_1^2x_2^2)$. We note that $r(A) = 1$, and therefore $m_1 = 0$ and $m_2 = 1$. Thus Theorem 3 is best possible.

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