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Introduction

In the famous paper [1], A. Beilinson defined the motivic cohomology of arbitrary variety as well as the regulator map from these cohomology to the Deligne-Beilinson cohomology. The natural question is: can we describe the regulator map explicitly? The positive answer to this question was given by A. Goncharov in [9]. It is known [11] that the motivic cohomology can be computed through cubical Bloch's higher Chow group. In *loc.cit.* A. Goncharov gives the explicit construction of the morphism of complexes, from the cubical Bloch's higher Chow group to the complex computing Deligne-Beilinson cohomology, inducing the Beilinson regulator map.

The simplest non-trivial case of this construction is given by so-called Chow dilogarithm — a non-trivial generalisation of classical Bloch-Wigner dilogarithm [13]. Unlike the classical case this function depends an arbitrary smooth projective curve together with three non-zero rational functions on it. A. Goncharov [9] formulated the conjecture about strong Suslin reciprocity law, which, roughly speaking, says that the Chow dilogarithm can be in a canonical way expressed through Bloch Wigner dilogarithm.

The main result of this dissertation is the full proof of this conjecture. Besides, I prove some new results about functional equations for the elliptic dilogarithm.

The thesis consists of three sections. In Section 1, I give some basic definitions. In Section 2, I formulate results connected with the conjecture of A. Goncharov about strong Suslin reciprocity law. This section is based on results of [4, 5]. In the Section 3, I formulate the results about functional equations for the elliptic dilogarithm obtained in [3].

1 Definitions

Let k be an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero. All algebraic varieties are assumed to be smooth and defined over k . Everywhere we work over \mathbb{Q} . So any abelian group is supposed to be tensored by \mathbb{Q} . For example, when we write $\Lambda^2 k^\times$ this actually means $(\Lambda^2 k^\times) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$. All exterior powers and tensor products are over \mathbb{Q} .

The classical polylogarithm function

$$Li_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^n}.$$

was defined by L. Euler. This series converges for $|z| < 1$ and can be analytically continued to many-valued meromorphic function on the whole $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$. The definition of single-valued version \mathcal{L}_n of this function can be found in [13]. This function is continuous real-valued function on $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$.

Let F be an arbitrary field. Define the group $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{P}^1(F)]_n$ as a free abelian group generated by symbols $\{x\}_n$ where $x \in \mathbb{P}^1(F)$. In the case $F = \mathbb{C}$, the polylogarithm \mathcal{L}_n gives a linear map $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_n: \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given by the formula

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_n(\{z\}_n) = \mathcal{L}_n(z).$$

In [7], A. Goncharov defined some subgroup $\mathcal{R}_n(F)$ of the group $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{P}^1(F)]_n$ such that in the case $F = \mathbb{C}$ this group lies in the kernel of the map $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_n$. We can think about the subgroup $\mathcal{R}_n(F)$ as the subgroup describing “universal” functional equations for the function \mathcal{L}_n .

Definition 1.1 (Higher Bloch group). Define the group $\mathcal{B}_n(F)$ as the following quotient group:

$$\mathcal{B}_n(F) := \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{P}^1(F)]_n / \mathcal{R}_n(F).$$

This group is called *the n -th Bloch group*.

Remark 1.2. 1. It is not known whether the definitions of the group $\mathcal{R}_n(F)$ from [8] and [7] are equivalent. While it is believed to be the case, this statement relies on the so-called Suslin rigidity conjecture. In this paper we use the later definition, that is the definition from [7].

2. Everywhere in this paper we can replace the complex $\Gamma(F, n)$ with its canonical truncation $\tau_{\geq n-1}\Gamma(F, n)$. Therefore, only the definition of the group $\mathcal{R}_2(F)$ is relevant for us. As it was noted in Section 4.2 of [7] this group is generated by the following elements:

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 (-1)^i \{c.r.(x_1, \dots, \widehat{x}_i, \dots, x_5)\}_2, \{1\}_2, \{0\}_2, \{\infty\}_2.$$

In this formula x_i are five different points on \mathbb{P}^1 and $c.r.(\cdot)$ is the cross ratio.

Definition 1.3 (Polylogarithmic complex). Define the complex $\Gamma(F, n)$ as follows:

$$\Gamma(F, n): \mathcal{B}_n(F) \xrightarrow{\delta_n} \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(F) \otimes F^\times \xrightarrow{\delta_n} \dots \xrightarrow{\delta_n} \mathcal{B}_2(F) \otimes \Lambda^{n-2} F^\times \xrightarrow{\delta_n} \Lambda^n F^\times.$$

This complex is concentrated in degrees $[1, n]$. The differential is defined as follows: $\delta_n(\{x\}_k \otimes y_{k+1} \wedge \dots \wedge y_n) = \{x\}_{k-1} \otimes x \wedge y_{k+1} \wedge \dots \wedge y_n$ for $k > 2$ and $\delta_n(\{x\}_2 \otimes y_3 \wedge \dots \wedge y_n) = x \wedge (1 - x) \wedge y_3 \wedge \dots \wedge y_n$.

The polylogarithmic complexes was defined by A. Goncharov in [8]. The cohomology of these complexes hypothetically computes motivic cohomology of an arbitrary field.

The proof of the following proposition can be found in [8]:

Proposition 1.4. *Let (F, ν) be a discrete valuation field and $n \geq 3$. There is a unique morphism of complexes $\partial_\nu^{(n)}: \Gamma(F, n) \rightarrow \Gamma(\overline{F}_\nu, n - 1)[-1]$ satisfying the following conditions:*

1. For any uniformiser π and units $u_2, \dots, u_n \in F$ we have $\partial_\nu^{(n)}(\pi \wedge u_2 \wedge \dots \wedge u_n) = \overline{u_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \overline{u_n}$.
2. For any $a \in F \setminus \{0, 1\}$ with $\nu(a) \neq 0$, an integer k satisfying $2 \leq k \leq n$ and any $b \in \Lambda^{n-k} F^\times$ we have $\partial_\nu^{(n)}(\{a\}_k \otimes b) = 0$.
3. For any unit u , an integer k satisfying $2 \leq k \leq n$ and $b \in \Lambda^{n-k} F^\times$ we have $\partial_\nu^{(n)}(\{u\}_k \otimes b) = -\{\overline{u}\}_k \otimes \partial_\nu^{(n-k)}(b)$.

We will call the map $\partial_\nu^{(n)}$ from the previous proposition *the tame symbol map*.

When D is an irreducible divisor on a smooth variety X , we denote by ν_D the corresponding discrete valuation of the field $k(X)$. For any field F denote by $\nu_{\infty, F}$ the discrete valuation of $F(t)$ given by the point $\infty \in \mathbb{P}^1(F)$.

We recall that we have fixed some algebraically closed field k of characteristic zero. Denote by \mathbf{Fields}_d the category of finitely generated extensions of k of transcendence degree d . Any morphism in this category is a finite extension. For $F \in \mathbf{Fields}_d$, denote by $\text{dval}(F)$ the set of discrete valuations given by an irreducible Cartier divisor on some birational model of F . When $F \in \mathbf{Fields}_1$ this set is equal to the set of all 1-dimensional valuations that are trivial on k . In this case, we denote this set simply by $\text{val}(F)$.

Let us define so-called Chow dilogarithm [9]. Let X be a curve over k and f_1, f_2, f_3 be three non-zero rational function on X . Define the following 2-distribution on $X(\mathbb{C})$ (see [9]):

$$r_2(X; f_1, f_2, f_3) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\sigma \in S_3} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \tilde{r}_2(X; f_{\sigma(1)}, f_{\sigma(2)}, f_{\sigma(3)}),$$

$$\tilde{r}_2(X; g_1, g_2, g_3) = \log |g_1| d \log |g_2| \wedge d \log |g_3| - 3 \log |g_1| d \arg(g_2) \wedge d \arg(g_3).$$

The Chow dilogarithm is defined by the formula

$$\mathcal{P}_2(X; f_1, f_2, f_3) = (2\pi i)^{-1} \int_{X(\mathbb{C})} r_2(X; f_1, f_2, f_3).$$

This definition easily implies that Chow dilogarithm vanishes if one of the functions f_i is constant and that for any non-constant map $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$, the following formula holds:

$$\mathcal{P}_2(Y; f_1, f_2, f_3) = (\deg \varphi)^{-1} \mathcal{P}_2(X, \varphi^*(f_1), \varphi^*(f_2), \varphi^*(f_3)).$$

Definition 1.5. Let $F \in \mathbf{Fields}_1$. A *lifted reciprocity map* on the field F is a \mathbb{Q} -linear map $h: \Lambda^3 F^\times \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_2(k)$ satisfying the following conditions:

1. The following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{B}_3(F) & \xrightarrow{\delta_3} & \mathcal{B}_2(F) \otimes F^\times & \xrightarrow{\delta_3} & \Lambda^3 F^\times \\ & & \downarrow \sum_{\nu \in \text{val}(F)} \partial_\nu^{(3)} & \swarrow h & \downarrow \sum_{\nu \in \text{val}(F)} \partial_\nu^{(3)} \\ & & \mathcal{B}_2(k) & \xrightarrow{-\delta_2} & \Lambda^2(k^\times). \end{array} \quad (1)$$

2. The map h vanishes on the image of the multiplication map $\Lambda^2 F^\times \otimes k^\times \rightarrow \Lambda^3 F^\times$.

2 Lifted reciprocity maps and Chow dilogarithm

Motivated by the analytic properties of Chow dilogarithm, A. Goncharov [9] formulated the following conjecture:

Conjecture 2.1. *For any field $F \in \mathbf{Fields}_1$ one can choose a lifted reciprocity map \mathcal{H}_F on the field F such that for any embedding $j: F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ we have $\text{RecMaps}(j)(\mathcal{H}_{F_2}) = \mathcal{H}_{F_1}$. Such a collection of lifted reciprocity maps is unique.*

Some partial results towards the solution of this conjecture was obtained in [12]. The main result of this thesis is the proof of the following conjecture:

Theorem 2.2. *Conjecture 2.1 is true.*

The ideas of the proof of this theorem was published in [4]. The detailed proof will be published in [5].

The proof of Theorem 2.2 has the following corollary interesting by its own:

Corollary 2.3. *Let $L \in \mathbf{Fields}_2$. For any $b \in \Lambda^4 L^\times$ and all but finitely many $\nu \in \text{dval}(L)$ we have $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{L}_\nu} \partial_\nu^{(4)}(b) = 0$. Moreover, the following sum is equal to zero:*

$$\sum_{\nu \in \text{dval}(L)} \mathcal{H}_{\bar{L}_\nu} \partial_\nu^{(4)}(b) = 0. \quad (2)$$

Applying $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_2$ to both sides of (2) we recover the functional equation for Chow dilogarithm proved by A. Goncharov in [9, Section 1.4], see also [6].

3 Elliptic dilogarithm

Let $E = \mathbb{C}/\langle 1, \tau \rangle$ be an elliptic curve over \mathbb{C} . The elliptic dilogarithm was defined by Spencer Bloch ([2], see also [13]). The equivalent representation is given by the following formula:

$$D_\tau(\xi) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} D(e^{2\pi i \xi + 2\pi i \tau n}).$$

Denote by $\mathbb{Z}[E]$ a free abelian group generated by the points of E . For a point $z \in E$ we denote by $[z]$ the corresponding element in the group $\mathbb{Z}[E]$. The elliptic dilogarithm gives a well-defined map $\tilde{D}_\tau: \mathbb{Z}[E] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by the formula $\tilde{D}_\tau([z]) = D_\tau(z)$.

For a rational function g on some smooth algebraic curve, denote by (g) its divisor. Let us formulate the so-called elliptic Bloch relations ([2, Theorem 9.2.1], see also [13]). Let f be a rational function on E of degree n such that

$$(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n ([\alpha_i] - [\gamma_i]), (1-f) = \sum_{i=1}^n ([\beta_i] - [\gamma_i]).$$

Define the element $\eta_f \in \mathbb{Z}[E]$ by the following formula:

$$\eta_f = \sum_{i,j=1}^n ([\alpha_i - \beta_j] + [\beta_i - \gamma_j] + [\gamma_i - \alpha_j]). \quad (3)$$

The following definition is taken from [10]:

Definition 3.1. Define a subgroup $\mathcal{R}(E)$ of the group $\mathbb{Z}[E]$ generated by the following elements:

1. η_f , where $f \in k(E)$,
2. $[z] + [-z]$, where $z \in E$,
3. $2 \cdot (z - \sum_{2z'=z} [z'])$, where $z \in E$.

The elliptic Bloch group $B_3(E)$ is defined as the quotient $\mathbb{Z}[E]/\mathcal{R}(E)$.

According to [10], the map \tilde{D}_τ is zero on $\mathcal{R}(E)$. The main result of [3] is the following theorem:

Theorem 3.2. *Let E be an elliptic curve over \mathbb{C} . For any rational function f on E the element η_f can be represented as a linear combination with integer coefficient of the elements of the form η_f with $\deg f \leq 3$ and $[z] + [-z]$.*

This implies that when we defining the elliptic Bloch group, we can omit the elements η_f with $\deg f > 3$.

This theorem gives a solution of Conjecture 3.30 from [10].

This statement can be easily deduced from the following result interesting in itself:

Theorem 3.3. *Let E be an elliptic curve over algebraically closed field k of characteristic 0. The group $B_2(k(E))$ can be generated by elements of the form $\{f\}_2$, where f is a rational function on E of degree not higher than 3.*

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