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Explicit formulas of L -functions of some hyperelliptic curves

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Abstract

Let $\mathbb{F} = GF(p)$ be a prime field of characteristic $p > 2$. Let g be a positive integer. Denote by $P(x)$ a polynomial over \mathbb{F} of the form $P(x) = x^{2g+1} + 1$ where $(2g+1, p) = 1$ or of the form $P(x) = x(x^{2g} + 1)$ where $(2g, p) = 1$ and by $K = \mathbb{F}(x, y)$ a hyperelliptic function field defined by $y^2 = P(x)$ over \mathbb{F} . Assume that, in the case $P(x) = x^{2g+1} + 1$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $p^n \equiv -1 \pmod{4g+2}$ and that, in the case $P(x) = x(x^{2g} + 1)$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $p^n \equiv -1$ or $1 + 2g \pmod{4g}$.

Then, it is shown that the L -function $L(u)$ of K is given by

$$L(u) = \prod_{j=1}^{\alpha} \{1 + (pu^2)^{n_j/2}\}^{b_j}$$

for suitable positive integers α , b_j and even n_j .

The proof is done by calculations of the number of points on the curves in suitable constant field extensions of K and by the Möbius's inversion formula instead of using the techniques of Weil.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathbb{F} = GF(q)$ be a finite field of characteristic $p > 2$. Let K be an algebraic function field of genus $g > 0$ over \mathbb{F} . We will denote by $L(u)$ its L -function, i.e., the numerator of its zeta-function $Z(s)$. Then it is put in the form

$$\begin{aligned} L(u) &= a_0 + a_1 u + a_2 u^2 + \cdots + a_{2g} u^{2g} \\ &= (1 - \omega_1 u) (1 - \omega_2 u) \cdots (1 - \omega_{2g} u) \end{aligned}$$

where $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a_0 = 1$, $a_{2g-i} = q^{g-i} a_i$ ($i = 0, \dots, g$) and $\omega_i \in \mathbb{C}$ ($i = 1, \dots, 2g$).

The so-called Riemann hypothesis means that ω_i can be written as

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$\omega_i = \gamma_i q^{1/2}$, $|\gamma_i| = 1$ ($i=1, 2, \dots, 2g$) (see Eichler [1], Ch. V, §4 and Hasse [2], Ch. IV).

Let us assume that $K = \mathbb{F}(x, y)$ is a hyperelliptic function field defined by $y^2 = P(x)$ where $P(x)$ is a polynomial over \mathbb{F} of the form

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= x^{2g+1} + a \text{ with } (2g+1, p) = 1 \text{ and } a \in \mathbb{F}^\times \text{ or} \\ P(x) &= x(x^{2g} + a) \text{ with } (2g, p) = 1 \text{ and } a \in \mathbb{F}^\times. \end{aligned}$$

Then, in [7], we have proved that all $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{2g}$ are roots of unity if and only if there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $p^n \equiv -1 \pmod{4g+2}$ in the case $P(x) = x^{2g+1} + a$ or satisfying $p^n \equiv -1$ or $1+2g \pmod{4g}$ in the case $P(x) = x(x^{2g} + a)$.

We will study the explicit formulas of the $L(u)$'s for these cases which have a decomposition with integral polynomial factors and are useful to calculate the class number of K . In this paper, we will determine such formulas in the essential case of $q=p$ and $a=1$. These formulas are given by

$$L(u) = \prod_{j=1}^{\alpha} \{1 + (pu^2)^{n_j/2}\}^{b_j}$$

for suitable positive integers α, b_j and even n_j .

In [9], A. Weil has already considered curves of the form $y^e = \gamma x^f + \delta$, where $\gamma, \delta \in GF(p^m)$ satisfying $p \nmid ef$, and shown

$$L(u) = \prod_{a,b} L_{a,b}(u), \quad \text{where } L_{a,b}(u) = 1 + \zeta_j u^d$$

with a root of unity ζ and a Jacobi sum j for suitable integers a, b, d . Our proof is done by calculations of the number of points on the curves in suitable constant field extensions of K and by using the Möbius's inversion formula instead of using the techniques of Weil.

To do so, we will state several notations and some lemmas concerned at them in §2 and prepare some lemmas for the Jacobi sums in §3. The desired results about $L(u)$'s for $P(x) = x^{2g+1} + 1$ and $P(x) = x(x^{2g} + 1)$ will be given in §§ 4 and 5 respectively.

2. Notations and Some Lemmas

In this section we will give some notations and their properties which will be used in §§ 4 and 5. Let g be a positive integer and p a prime number. Put $f=2g+1$ or $f=2g$. Then we assume that there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $p^m \equiv -1 \pmod{2f}$ for $f=2g+1$ or that there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $p^m \equiv -1$ or $1+f \pmod{2f}$ for $f=2g$. Moreover denote by k the minimum of such m 's; thus $2k$ means the order of p modulo $2f$. We write, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\epsilon_n = (p^n - 1, 2f), \quad \delta_n = (p^n - 1, f).$$

It is clear that if $n \equiv m \pmod{2k}$ or $n = (m, 2k)$ then $\epsilon_n = \epsilon_m$ and $\delta_n = \delta_m$. Moreover the equality $\epsilon_n = 2\delta_n$ is equivalent to $\text{ord}_2(p^n - 1) > \text{ord}_2 f$, where $\text{ord}_2 z$ means the number of times 2 dividing z .

Now we set

$$D = \{\delta_n ; n \in \mathbb{N}, \epsilon_n = 2\delta_n > 2\}$$

and $\alpha = \#D$ (the cardinal number of the set D).

Furthermore, for each $d_j \in D$, we denote by n_j the minimum of n 's such that $\epsilon_n = 2\delta_n = 2d_j$. By renumbering, we may assume that

$$n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_\alpha$$

and we put

$$N = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_\alpha\} \text{ and } D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_\alpha\}, \text{ where } d_j = \delta_{n_j} \quad (1 \leq j \leq \alpha).$$

Clearly $n_j \mid 2k$, $d_j \mid f$, $n_\alpha = 2k$ and $d_\alpha = f$. These definitions lead to the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.1. (i) *If $n_j \in N$ then n_j is the minimum of n 's satisfying $p^n \equiv 1 \pmod{2d_j}$.*

(ii) *Let $d_i, d_j \in D$; then $d_i \mid d_j \Leftrightarrow n_i \mid n_j$.*

(iii) *Let $d_j \in D$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$; then $d_j \mid \delta_n \Leftrightarrow n_j \mid n$.*

Since we can easily prove that $n_j \mid 2k$ and $2n_j \nmid 2k$ for $n_j \in N$, we see the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.2. $\text{ord}_2 n_j = \text{ord}_2 2k$ for all $n_j \in N$; especially $2 \mid n_j$.

LEMMA 2.3. (i) *If $p^k \equiv -1 \pmod{2f}$ then $p^{n_j/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{2d_j}$ and $\epsilon_{n_j/2} = 2$ for all $n_j \in N$.*

(ii) *If $f = 2g$ and $p^k \equiv 1 + f \pmod{2f}$ then $p^{n_j/2} \equiv 1 + d_j \pmod{2d_j}$ and $\delta_{n_j/2} = d_j$ for all $n_j \in N$.*

PROOF. Because of $2n_j \nmid 2k$, we can put $2k = 2n_j u + 2v$ ($u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$, $0 < v < n_j$). From $n_j \mid 2k$ we get $n_j \mid 2v$ and so $v = n_j/2$; consequently $p^k \equiv p^{n_j/2} \pmod{2d_j}$.

Case (i) Obviously $p^{n_j/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{2d_j}$. Also, since $n_j/2 \mid k$ and $\epsilon_k = 2$, we have $\epsilon_{n_j/2} = 2$.

Case (ii) Evidently $p^{n_j/2} \equiv 1 + f \pmod{2d_j}$. Since $d_j \mid f$ and n_j is the minimum of n 's such that $p^n \equiv 1 \pmod{2d_j}$ we get $p^{n_j/2} \equiv 1 + d_j \pmod{2d_j}$. Thus we see $d_j \mid \delta_{n_j/2} \mid \delta_{n_j}$ and hence $d_j = \delta_{n_j/2}$.

We will now define the notation $N(n)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by

$$N(n) = \{n_j \in N; n_j \mid n\}.$$

Then the following lemma follows from Lemma 2.1.

LEMMA 2.4. *If $N(n) \neq \emptyset$ and n_j is the largest number contained in $N(n)$ then $d_j = \delta_n$ and $N(n) = N(n_j)$.*

We can regard the set $N = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_\alpha\}$ as a partially ordered set with respect to the divisibility relation and so we can define the Möbius function $\mu(x, y)$ on N , i.e.,

- (i) $\mu(x, x) = 1 \quad (x \in N)$,
- (ii) $\mu(x, y) = 0 \quad (x, y \in N, x \nmid y)$,
- (iii) $\sum_{z \in N: x|z, z|y} \mu(x, z) = 0 \quad (x, y \in N, x \mid y, x \neq y)$.

Then, by making use of the Möbius's inversion formula, we obtain the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.5. *Let $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_\alpha$ be α given real numbers. Then the solution $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_\alpha)$ of a system of linear equations*

$$\sum_{n_i \in N(n_j)} n_i x_i = d_j \quad (j=1, 2, \dots, \alpha)$$

is given by

$$x_j = \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{n_i \in N(n_j)} \mu(n_i, n_j) d_i \quad (j=1, 2, \dots, \alpha)$$

3. Jacobi Sums

In this section we will give some lemmas for the Jacobi sums. Let \mathbb{K} be a finite field. Then a Jacobi sum in \mathbb{K} with respect to multiplicative characters σ and ν of \mathbb{K} is given by

$$J(\sigma, \nu) = \sum_{u+v=1} \sigma(u) \nu(v)$$

with the summation extended over all pairs (u, v) of elements of \mathbb{K} satisfying $u+v=1$.

The general theory of the Jacobi sums may be found in B.C. Berndt and R.J. Evans [1], H. Davenport and H. Hasse[2], K. Ireland and M. Rosen[5] and R. Lidl and H. Niederreiter[8]. In [7], we have known the following results. ([7], p.192 and p.196).

LEMMA 3.1. *Let p be a prime number and n a positive integer. Let $\mathbb{K} = GF(p^{2n})$. Suppose that $d > 1$ is an odd integer satisfying $p^n \equiv -1 \pmod{2d}$. If λ is a multiplicative character of order d of \mathbb{K} then*

$$J(\lambda^j, \lambda^j) = p^n \quad \text{for } j=1, 2, \dots, d-1.$$

LEMMA 3.2. *Let p be a prime number and n a positive integer. Let $\mathbb{K} = GF(p^{2n})$. Suppose that $d > 1$ is an even integer satisfying $p^n \equiv -1$ or $1+d \pmod{2d}$. If λ is*

a multiplicative character of order $2d$ and η is the quadratic character of \mathbb{K} then

$$\lambda^{2j+1}(-1) J(\lambda^{2j+1}, \eta) = p^n \text{ for } j=0, 1, \dots, d-1.$$

4. L -Function for $P(x) = x^f + 1$

Let $\mathbb{F} = GF(p)$ be a prime field of characteristic $p > 2$ and $K = \mathbb{F}(x, y)$ a hyperelliptic function field defined by $y^2 = x^f + 1$ where $f = 2g + 1$ and $(f, p) = 1$. We will denote by $L(u)$ its L -function and put

$$L(u) = (1 - \omega_1 u) (1 - \omega_2 u) \cdots (1 - \omega_{2g} u).$$

Let $L_n(u) = a_0^{(n)} + a_1^{(n)}u + a_2^{(n)}u^2 + \cdots + a_{2g}^{(n)}u^{2g}$ be the L -function of the constant field extension of K of degree n . Then it is well-known that

$$L_n(u) = (1 - \omega_1^n u) (1 - \omega_2^n u) \cdots (1 - \omega_{2g}^n u) \text{ (see [3], [4]).}$$

Now we assume that there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $p^m \equiv -1 \pmod{2f}$ and denote by k the minimum of such m 's.

LEMMA 4.1. *Let notations be same as in § 2 and let $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

(i) *If $N(n) = \emptyset$ then $a_1^{(n)} = 0$.*

(ii) *If $N(n) \neq \emptyset$ then $a_1^{(n)} = (-1)^{n/m-1} (d-1) p^{n/2}$,*

where m is the largest number contained in $N(n)$ and $d = \delta_m$.

PROOF. Put $q = p^n$ and $\mathbb{K} = GF(q)$. Then, as is well known, $a_1^{(n)}$ is given by

$$a_1^{(n)} = \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}} \eta(v^f + 1) = \sum_{j=1}^{d-1} \lambda^j (-4) J(\lambda^j, \lambda^j)$$

where η is the quadratic character of \mathbb{K} and λ is a multiplicative character of \mathbb{K} of order $d = \delta_n$. Clearly, if $N(n) = \emptyset$ then $d = 1$ and so $a_1^{(n)} = 0$.

Suppose that $N(n) \neq \emptyset$. Since Lemma 2.4 leads to $d = \delta_m = \delta_n$ we obtain

$$J(\lambda^j, \lambda^j) = (-1)^{n/m-1} J(\sigma^j, \sigma^j)^{n/m},$$

where σ is a multiplicative character of $GF(p^m)$ of order d such that σ is lifted to λ ; $\lambda = \sigma \circ \text{Norm}$.

Then, from Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, we see $2 \mid m$ and $p^{m/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{2d}$. So it follows from Lemma 3.1 and $\sigma^j(-4) = 1$ that

$$\sigma^j(-4) J(\sigma^j, \sigma^j) = p^{m/2}.$$

Therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^j(-4) J(\lambda^j, \lambda^j) &= (-1)^{n/m-1} \{ \sigma^j(-4) J(\sigma^j, \sigma^j) \}^{n/m} \\ &= (-1)^{n/m-1} p^{n/2} \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$a_1^{(n)} = (-1)^{n/m-1} (d-1) p^{n/2}.$$

THEOREM 1. Let $\mathbb{F} = GF(p)$ be a prime field of characteristic $p > 2$ and $K = \mathbb{F}(x, y)$ a hyperelliptic function field defined by $y^2 = x^f + 1$ where $f = 2g + 1$ and $(f, p) = 1$. Assume that there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $p^m \equiv -1 \pmod{2f}$. Let notations

$$N = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_\alpha\} \text{ and } D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_\alpha\}$$

be same as in § 2. Then the L -function of K is given by

$$L(u) = \prod_{j=1}^{\alpha} \{1 + (pu^2)^{n_j/2}\}^{b_j},$$

$$\text{where } b_j = \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{n_i \in N(n_j)} \mu(n_i, n_j) (d_i - 1) \quad (j=1, 2, \dots, \alpha)$$

PROOF. From Lemma 3.5 and the definition of b_i , we see

$$\sum_{n_i \in N(n_j)} b_i n_i = d_j - 1 \quad (j=1, 2, \dots, \alpha).$$

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we will define c_n by

$$c_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } N(n) = \emptyset, \\ p^{n/2} \sum_{n_i \in N(n)} (-1)^{n/n_i - 1} b_i n_i & \text{if } N(n) \neq \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

In the case $N(n) \neq \emptyset$, if we denote by n_j the largest number contained in $N(n)$, then, from Lemma 2.4, we have $N(n) = N(n_j)$. Since Lemma 2.2 leads to $\text{ord}_2 n_i = \text{ord}_2 n_j$ for $n_i \in N(n_j)$ we get $n/n_i \equiv n/n_j \pmod{2}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= (-1)^{n/n_j - 1} p^{n/2} \sum_{n_i \in N(n_j)} b_i n_i \\ &= (-1)^{n/n_j - 1} (d_j - 1) p^{n/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus Lemma 4.1 shows that $c_n = a_1^{(n)}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \log L(u) &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\omega_1^n + \dots + \omega_{2g}^n) u^n / n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_1^{(n)} u^n / n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n u^n / n \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\alpha} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{s-1} b_j n_j (p^{n_j/2} u^{n_j})^s / s n_j \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\alpha} \log \{1 + (pu^2)^{n_j/2}\}^{b_j}, \end{aligned}$$

and so we have the desired formula.

The notations being as in Theorem 1, the following results follow at once from the straightforward calculations.

Numerical example. Let $g=269$ and $p=61$. Then $f=539$, $k=105$, $\alpha=5$, $N=\{6, 10,$

30, 42, 210}, $D=\emptyset$, $D=\{7, 11, 77, 49, 539\}$, and so

$$L(u) = (1+p^3u^6) (1+p^5u^{10}) (1+p^{15}u^{30})^2 (1+p^{21}u^{42}) (1+p^{105}u^{210})^2.$$

COROLLARY 1. If $k=2^r$ ($r \geq 0$), then $\alpha = 1$, $N = \{2k\}$, $D = \{f\}$, and

$$L(u) = \{1 + (pu^2)^k\}^{s/k}.$$

COROLLARY 2. If f is a prime number satisfying $f \neq p$ and the order of p modulo $2f$ is even, then k is the half order of p modulo $2f$, $\alpha = 1$, $N = \{2k\}$, $D = \{f\}$, and

$$L(u) = \{1 + (pu^2)^k\}^{s/k}.$$

COROLLARY 3. If $f = \ell^r$ (ℓ : odd prime, $r > 0$) and p is a primitive root modulo $2f$, then $k = (\ell - 1)\ell^{r-1}/2$, $\alpha = r$, $N = \{\ell - 1, \dots, (\ell - 1)\ell^{j-1}, \dots, 2k\}$, $D = \{\ell, \dots, \ell^j, \dots, f\}$ and

$$L(u) = \prod_{j=1}^r \{1 + (pu^2)^{n_j/2}\},$$

where $n_j = (\ell - 1)\ell^{j-1}$.

5. L-Function for $P(x) = x(x^f + 1)$

Let $\mathbb{F} = GF(p)$ be a prime field of characteristic $p > 2$ and $K = \mathbb{F}(x, y)$ a hyperelliptic function field defined by $y^2 = x(x^f + 1)$ where $f = 2g$ and $(f, p) = 1$. We will denote by $L(u)$ its L -function.

Let $L_n(u) = a_0^{(n)} + a_1^{(n)}u + a_2^{(n)}u^2 + \dots + a_{2g}^{(n)}u^{2g}$ be the L -function of the constant field extension of K of degree n .

Throughout this section, we assume that there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $p^m \equiv -1$ or $1 + f \pmod{2f}$ and denote by k the minimum of such m 's.

LEMMA 5.1. Let notations be same as in §2 and let $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(i) If $N(n) = \emptyset$ then $a_1^{(n)} = 0$.

(ii) If $N(n) \neq \emptyset$ then $a_1^{(n)} = (-1)^{n/m-1} d p^{n/2}$,

where m is the largest number contained in $N(n)$ and $d = \delta_n$.

PROOF. Put $q = p^n$ and $\mathbb{K} = GF(q)$. Then, as is well known, $a_1^{(n)}$ is given by the Jacobsthal sum

$$a_1^{(n)} = \sum_{v \in \mathbb{K}} \eta(v(v^f + 1))$$

where η is the quadratic character of \mathbb{K} . Thus if $N(n) = \emptyset$ then $a_1^{(n)} = 0$ and if $N(n) \neq \emptyset$ then

$$a_1^{(n)} = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \lambda^{2j+1} (-1) J(\lambda^{2j+1}, \eta).$$

where λ is a multiplicative character of \mathbb{K} of order $2d=2\delta_n$.

In the case $N(n) \neq \emptyset$, Lemma 2.4 gives us $d=\delta_m=\delta_n$ and so we have

$$J(\lambda^{2j+1}, \eta) = (-1)^{n/m-1} J(\sigma^{2j+1}, \nu)^{n/m},$$

where ν is the quadratic character and σ is a multiplicative character of $GF(p^m)$ of order $2d$ such that σ is lifted to λ ; $\lambda = \sigma \circ \text{Norm}$.

Then, from Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, we see $2|m$ and $p^{m/2} \equiv -1$ or $1+d \pmod{2d}$. So Lemma 3.2 leads to

$$\sigma^{2j+1}(-1) J(\sigma^{2j+1}, \nu) = p^{m/2}.$$

Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^{2j+1}(-1) J(\lambda^{2j+1}, \eta) &= (-1)^{n/m-1} \{ \sigma^{2j+1}(-1) J(\sigma^{2j+1}, \nu) \}^{n/m} \\ &= (-1)^{n/m-1} p^{n/2} \end{aligned}$$

and so we get the desired assertion

$$a_1^{(n)} = (-1)^{n/m-1} d p^{n/2}.$$

The proof of the following theorem is same as the proof of Theorem 1 with the exception of replacing Lemma 4.1 by Lemma 5.1.

THEOREM 2. *Let $\mathbb{F} = GF(p)$ be a prime field of characteristic $p > 2$ and $K = \mathbb{F}(x, y)$ a hyperelliptic function field defined by $y^2 = x(x^f + 1)$ where $f = 2g$ and $(f, p) = 1$. Assume that there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such $p^m \equiv -1$ or $1+f \pmod{2f}$. Let the notations*

$$N = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_\alpha\} \text{ and } D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_\alpha\}$$

be same as in § 2. Then the L-function of K is given by

$$L(u) = \prod_{j=1}^{\alpha} \{1 + (pu^2)^{n_j/2}\}^{b_j},$$

where $b_j = \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{n_i \in N(n_j)} \mu(n_i, n_j) d_i$ ($j=1, 2, \dots, \alpha$).

Let the notations be as in Theorem 2. Then we can also get easily the following results.

COROLLARY 1. *If $k=2^r$ ($r \geq 0$), then $\alpha=1$, $N = \{2k\}$, $D = \{f\}$, and*

$$L(u) = \{1 + (pu^2)^k\}^{g/k}.$$

COROLLARY 2. *If $2g = p^{2^r} - 1$, ($r > 0$), then $k=2^r$ and*

$$L(u) = \{1 + (pu^2)^k\}^{g/k}.$$

COROLLARY 3. *If $g=\ell$ (ℓ : odd prime) and $k > 1$ then, $\alpha=2$, $N = \{2, 2k\}$, $D = \{2, f\}$, and*

$$L(u) = (1 + pu^2) \{1 + (pu^2)^k\}^{(g-1)/k}.$$

COROLLARY 4. If $2g = p^{\ell^r} - 1$, (ℓ : odd prime, $r > 0$), then $k = \ell^r$, $\alpha = r + 1$, $N = \{2, 2\ell^i, \dots, 2k\}$, $D = \{p - 1, \dots, p^{\ell^i} - 1, \dots, f\}$, and

$$L(u) = \prod_{i=0}^r \{1 + (pu^2)^{\ell^i}\}^{b_i},$$

where $b_i = (p^{\ell^i} - p^{\ell^{i-1}}) / 2\ell^i$.

Remark. The fact that the numbers b_j ($j=1, 2, \dots, \alpha$) which appear in Theorems 1 and 2 are positive integers follows from the fact that $L(u)$ is a polynomial and from induction on α .

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