



On Complex Explicit Formulae Connected with the Möbius Function of an Elliptic Curve

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Abstract. We study analytic properties function $\bar{m}(z, E)$, which is defined on the upper half-plane as an integral from the shifted L -function of an elliptic curve. We show that $m(z, E)$ analytically continues to a meromorphic function on the whole complex plane and satisfies certain functional equation. Moreover, we give explicit formula for $m(z, E)$ in the strip $|\Im z| < 2\pi$.

1 Introduction

For a complex number z from the upper half-plane let

$$m(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{e^{sz}}{\zeta(s)} ds,$$

where $\zeta(s)$ denotes the classical Riemann zeta function, and the path of integration consists of the half-line $s = -\frac{1}{2} + it, \infty > t \geq 0$, the line segment $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}]$ and the half-line $s = \frac{3}{2} + it, 0 \leq t < \infty$. This function was considered in [1] and [5] where the following theorems were proved.

Theorem 1.1 (Bartz [1]) *The function $m(z)$ can be analytically continued to a meromorphic function on the whole complex plane and satisfies the following functional equation*

$$m(z) + \overline{m(\bar{z})} = -2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{n} e^{-z}\right).$$

The only singularities of $m(z)$ are simple poles at the points $z = \log n$, where n is a square-free natural number. The corresponding residues are

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=\log n} m(z) = -\frac{\mu(n)}{2\pi i}.$$

J. Kaczorowski in [5] simplified the proof of this result and gave an explicit formula for $m(z)$ in the strip $|\Im z| < \pi$.

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Theorem 1.2 (Kaczorowski [5]) For $|\Im z| < \pi, z \neq \log n, \mu(n) \neq 0$ we have

$$m(z) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} e\left(-\frac{1}{ne^z}\right) - \frac{e^z}{2\pi i} m_0(z) - \frac{1}{2i} (m_1(z) + \overline{m_1}(z)) + \frac{1}{2i} (F_m(z) + \overline{F_m}(z)),$$

where

$$m_0(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \frac{1}{z - \log n}$$

is meromorphic on \mathbb{C} and

$$m_1(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \left(\tan \frac{\pi s}{2} - i\right) \frac{e^{sz}}{\zeta(z)} ds,$$

$$F_m(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_1^{1+i\infty} \left(\tan \frac{\pi s}{2} - i\right) \frac{e^{sz}}{\zeta(z)} ds$$

are holomorphic in the half-plane $\Re z > -\pi$.

In this paper we prove analogous results for the Möbius function of an elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} defined by the Weierstrass equation

$$E/\mathbb{Q} : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

Let $L(s, E)$ denote the L -function of E (see for instance [4, pp. 365–366]). For $\sigma = \Re s > 3/2$ we have

$$(1.1) \quad L(s, E) = \prod_{p|N} (1 - a_p p^{-s})^{-1} \prod_{p \nmid N} (1 - a_p p^{-s} + p^{1-2s})^{-1},$$

where N is the conductor of E . It is well-known that coefficients a_p are real and for $p \nmid N$ one has

$$a_p = p + 1 - \#E(\mathbb{F}_p),$$

where $\#E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ denotes the number of points on E modulo p including the point at infinity, and $a_p \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$, when $p|N$ (for details see [4, p. 365]). The Möbius function of E is defined as the sequence of the Dirichlet coefficients of the inverse of the shifted $L(s, E)$:

$$\frac{1}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n^s}, \quad \sigma > 1.$$

Using (1.1) and the well-known Hasse inequality (see [4, p. 366, (14.32)]) we easily show that μ_E is a multiplicative function satisfying Ramanujan’s condition ($\mu_E(n) \ll n^\epsilon$ for every $\epsilon > 0$), and moreover

$$\mu_E(p^k) = \begin{cases} -\frac{a_p}{\sqrt{p}} & \text{if } k = 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } k = 2 \text{ and } p \nmid \Delta, \\ 0 & \text{if } k \geq 3 \text{ or } k = 2 \text{ and } p \mid \Delta, \end{cases}$$

for every prime p and positive integer k .

Furthermore, C. Breuil, B. Conrad, F. Diamond and R. Taylor, using the method pioneered by A. Wiles, proved in [3] that every L -function of an elliptic curve analytically continues to an entire function and satisfies the following functional equation

$$(1.2) \quad \left(\frac{\sqrt{N}}{2\pi}\right)^s \Gamma(s)L(s, E) = \eta \left(\frac{\sqrt{N}}{2\pi}\right)^{2-s} \Gamma(2-s)L(2-s, E),$$

where $\eta = \pm 1$ is called the root number.

In analogy to $m(z)$ we define $m(z, E)$ by

$$m(z, E) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{1}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} e^{sz} ds,$$

where the path of integration consists of the half-line $s = -\frac{1}{4} + it, \infty > t \geq 0$, the simple and smooth curve l (which is parametrized by $\tau: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $\tau(0) = -\frac{1}{4}, \tau(1) = \frac{3}{2}, \Im\tau(t) > 0$ for $t \in (0, 1)$ and $F(s)$ has no zeros on l and between l and the real axis), and the half-line $s = \frac{3}{2} + it, 0 \leq t < \infty$.

Using (1.2) and Stirling’s formula (see [4, p. 151, (5.112)]) it is easy to see that $m(z, E)$ is holomorphic on the upper half-plane.

Our main goal in this paper is to prove the following results, which are extensions of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2.

Theorem 1.3 *The function $m(z, E)$ can be continued analytically to a meromorphic function on the whole complex plane and satisfies the following functional equation*

$$m(z, E) + \bar{m}(z, E) = -\frac{2\pi}{\eta\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n} J_1\left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{N}n} e^{-\frac{z}{2}}\right) - R(z),$$

where $R(z) = \sum \text{Res}_{s=\beta} \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s+\frac{1}{2}, E)}$ (summation is over real zeros of $L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)$ in $(0, 1)$, if there are any) and $J_1(z)$ denotes the Bessel function of the first kind:

$$J_1(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (z/2)^{2k+1}}{k! \Gamma(k+2)}.$$

The only singularities of $m(z, E)$ are simple poles at the points $z = \log n, \mu_E(n) \neq 0$ with the corresponding residues

$$\text{Res}_{z=\log n} m(z, E) = -\frac{\mu_E(n)}{2\pi i}.$$

Let $Y_1(z)$ be the Bessel function of the second kind and let

$$H_1^{(2)}(z) = J_1(z) - iY_1(z)$$

denote the classical Hankel function (see [2, p. 4]). Moreover, let

$$R^*(z) = \text{Res}_{s=\frac{1}{2}} \left(\tan \pi s \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} \right) + \sum \text{Res} \left(\tan \pi s \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} \right),$$

summation is over real zeros of $L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)$ in $(0, 1) \setminus \{\frac{1}{2}\}$ (if there are any),

$$\begin{aligned} m_0(z, E) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{1}{z - \log n}, \\ m_1(z, E) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C (\tan \pi s - i) \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds, \\ H(z, E) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\frac{3}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2} + i\infty} (\tan \pi s - i) \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that $R(z)$ and $R^*(z)$ are entire functions, $m_0(z, E)$ is meromorphic on the whole plane, whereas $m_1(z, E)$ and $H(z, E)$ are holomorphic for $\Im z > -2\pi$. With this notation we have the following result.

Theorem 1.4 For $z = x + iy$, $|y| < 2\pi$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $z \neq \log n$, and $\mu_E(n) \neq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1.3) \quad m(z, E) &= \frac{-\pi}{\eta\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n} \left(H_1^{(2)} \left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}} e^{-\frac{z}{2}} \right) - \frac{2}{\pi} i \left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}} e^{-\frac{z}{2}} \right)^{-1} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} (R(z) - iR^*(z)) + \frac{1}{2i} (H(z, E) + \overline{H}(z, E)) - \frac{e^{\frac{3}{2}z}}{2\pi i} m_0(z, E) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i} (m_1(z, E) + \overline{m}_1(z, E)). \end{aligned}$$

2 An Auxiliary Lemma

We need the following technical lemma.

Lemma 2.1 Let $z = x + iy$, $y > 0$, $s = Re^{i\theta}$, $R \sin \theta \geq 1$, $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \pi$. Then for $R \geq R(x, y)$ we have

$$\left| \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} \right| \leq e^{-y\frac{R}{2}}.$$

Proof Using (1.2), the Stirling’s formula and estimate

$$\log L(\sigma + it, E) \ll \log(|t| + 2), \quad |\sigma| \geq \frac{3}{2}, \quad |t| \geq 1$$

(see [7, p. 304]) we obtain

$$(2.1) \quad \log \left| \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} \right| = \Re \log \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} = 2R \log R \cos \theta + Rf(\theta, x, y) + O(\log R),$$

where $f(\theta, x, y) = \left(x + 2 \log \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2\pi} - 2\right) \cos \theta - (y + 2\theta - \pi) \sin \theta$.

For $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\log R}}$ we have

$$f(\theta, x, y) = -(y + 2\theta - \pi) + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\log R}}\right)$$

and hence

$$\log \left| \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} \right| \leq -\frac{yR}{2}.$$

For $\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\log R}} \leq \theta \leq \pi$ we have

$$|\cos \theta| \gg \frac{1}{\sqrt{\log R}}$$

and consequently

$$\log \left| \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} \right| = -2|\cos \theta|R \log R + O(R) \leq -yR \leq -\frac{yR}{2}$$

for sufficiently large R , and the lemma easily follows. ■

3 Proof of Theorem 1.3

We shall first prove that $m(z, E)$ has meromorphic continuation to the whole complex plane.

Let us write

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi im(z, E) &= \int_{-\frac{1}{4}+i\infty}^{-\frac{1}{4}} \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds + \int_1 \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds + \int_{\frac{3}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}+i\infty} \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds \\ &= n_1(z) + n_2(z) + n_3(z), \end{aligned}$$

say.

Notice that $n_2(z)$ is an entire function.

We compute $n_3(z)$ explicitly. Term by term integration gives

$$n_3(z) = -e^{\frac{3}{2}z} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}(z - \log n)}.$$

This shows that $n_3(z)$ is meromorphic on the whole complex plane and has simple poles at the points $z = \log n, \mu_E(n) \neq 0$, with residues

$$\text{Res}_{z=\log n} n_3(z) = -\mu_E(n).$$

Let us now consider $n_1(z)$. Let C_1 consist of the half-line $s = \sigma + i, -\infty < \sigma \leq -\frac{1}{4}$ and the line segment $[-\frac{1}{4} + i, -\frac{1}{4}]$. Using Lemma 2.1, we can write

$$n_1(z) = \int_{C_1} \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds.$$

Putting $s = \sigma + i, \sigma \leq 0$ in (2.1) we obtain

$$\left| \frac{e^{(\sigma+i)z}}{L(\frac{1}{2} + \sigma + i, E)} \right| \ll e^{-c_0|\sigma| \log(|\sigma|+2)},$$

hence $n_1(z)$ is an entire function.

Then for $z \in \mathbb{C}, z \neq \log n$, and $\mu_E(n) \neq 0$, we have

$$m(z, E) + \bar{m}(z, E) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\bar{C}_1 \cup (-C_1)} \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds - R(z)$$

where minus before a contour denotes the opposite direction.

Using the equality (1.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\bar{C}_1 \cup (-C_1)} \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\eta\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\bar{C}_1 \cup (-C_1)} \frac{\Gamma(s + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2} - s)} \left(\frac{Nne^z}{(2\pi)^2} \right)^s ds. \end{aligned}$$

The last integrand has simple poles at $s = -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}, \dots$. Computing residues we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\bar{C}_1 \cup (-C_1)} \frac{\Gamma(s + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2} - s)} \left(\frac{Nne^z}{(2\pi)^2} \right)^s ds = J_1 \left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}} e^{-\frac{z}{2}} \right).$$

4 Proof of Theorem 1.4

Let us now consider the function

$$m^*(z, E) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \tan(\pi s) \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds.$$

Using Lemma 2.1 we can write

$$m^*(z, E) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left(\int_{C_1 \cup I} + \int_{\frac{3}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2} + i\infty} \right) \tan \pi s \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds = m_a^*(z, E) + m_b^*(z, E).$$

Using again estimation

$$\left| \frac{e^{(\sigma+i)z}}{L(\frac{1}{2} + \sigma + i, E)} \right| \ll e^{-\alpha|\sigma| \log(|\sigma|+2)}, \quad \sigma \leq 0$$

and $\tan(\pi(\sigma + i)) \ll 1$ it is easy to see that $m_a^*(z, E)$ is an entire function.

Moreover

$$m_b^*(z, E) = H(z, E) - \frac{e^{\frac{3}{2}z}}{2\pi} m_0(z, E).$$

This gives the meromorphic continuation of $m^*(z, E)$ to the half-plane $\Im z > -2\pi$ and $m^*(z, E)$ has poles at the points $\log n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \mu_E(n) \neq 0$, with residues

$$\text{Res}_{s=\log n} m^*(z, E) = -\frac{\mu_E(n)}{2\pi}.$$

Now we consider the function $\overline{m^*}(z, E)$. Changing s to \bar{s} we get

$$\overline{m^*}(z, E) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\bar{C}} \tan \pi s \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds, \quad \Im z < 2\pi.$$

Further we have

$$\overline{m^*}(z, E) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-(\bar{C}_1 \cup \bar{i})} \tan \pi s \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds + \overline{H}(z, E) - \frac{e^{\frac{3}{2}z}}{2\pi} m_0(z, E).$$

Then for $|\Im(z)| < 2\pi$ we have

$$m^*(z, E) + \overline{m^*}(z, E) = -J(z, E) - \frac{e^{\frac{3}{2}z}}{\pi} m_0(z, E) + H(z, E) + \overline{H}(z, E) - R^*(z),$$

where

$$J(z, E) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\bar{C}_1 \cup (-C_1)} \tan \pi s \frac{e^{sz}}{L(s + \frac{1}{2}, E)} ds.$$

Using functional equation (1.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} J(z, E) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\bar{C}_1 \cup (-C_1)} \tan(\pi s) \frac{e^{sz} \Gamma(s + \frac{1}{2})}{\eta \Gamma(\frac{3}{2} - s) L(\frac{3}{2} - s)} \left(\frac{\sqrt{N}}{2\pi}\right)^{2s-1} ds \\ &= \frac{-2\pi}{\eta \sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\bar{C}_1 \cup (-C_1)} \frac{\Gamma(s + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(s - \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(s) \Gamma(1 - s)} \left(\frac{e^z N n}{4\pi^2}\right)^s ds \right). \end{aligned}$$

We can compute the last integral using inverse Mellin transform (see [6, p. 407])

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\bar{C}_1 \cup (-C_1)} \frac{\Gamma(s + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(s - \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(s) \Gamma(1 - s)} \left(\frac{e^z N n}{4\pi^2}\right)^s ds \\ &= -Y_1 \left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}} e^{-\frac{z}{2}} \right) - \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}} e^{-\frac{z}{2}} \right)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$J(z, E) = \frac{2\pi}{\eta\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n} \left(-Y_1\left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}}e^{-\frac{z}{2}}\right) - \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}}e^{-\frac{z}{2}}\right)^{-1} \right).$$

For $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \neq \log n$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re(m^*(x, E)) &= \frac{\pi}{\eta\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n} \left(-Y_1\left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}}e^{-\frac{x}{2}}\right) - \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}}e^{-\frac{x}{2}}\right)^{-1} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{e^{\frac{3}{2}x}}{2\pi} m_0(x, E) + \frac{1}{2} (H(x, E) + \overline{H}(x, E)) - \frac{1}{2} R^*(x). \end{aligned}$$

Obviously

$$m^*(z, E) = im(z, E) + m_1(z, E),$$

therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned} (4.1) \quad \Im(m(x, E)) &= -\frac{\pi}{\eta\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n} \left(-Y_1\left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}}e^{-\frac{x}{2}}\right) - \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{e^{\frac{x}{2}}\sqrt{Nn}}{2\pi} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{e^{(\frac{3}{2}x)}}{2\pi} m_0(x, E) - \frac{1}{2} (H(x, E) + \overline{H}(x, E)) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (m_1(x, E) + \overline{m}_1(x, E)) + \frac{1}{2} R^*(x). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$(4.2) \quad \Re(m(x, E)) = -\frac{\pi}{\eta\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_E(n)}{n} J_1\left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{Nn}}e^{-\frac{x}{2}}\right) - \frac{1}{2} R(x).$$

The equations (4.1) and (4.2) imply the formula for $z \in \mathbb{R}$, $z \neq \log n$, and $\mu_E(n) \neq 0$, and by the analytic continuation, formula (1.3) is valid in the strip $|\Im z| < 2\pi$.

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