

## Formal Groups of Twisted Multiplicative Groups and $L$ -series

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**ABSTRACT.** Given a quadratic field with associated quadratic character  $\chi$ , Honda attached a formal group  $H_\chi$  to the  $L$ -series  $L(s, \chi)$  and showed that it was strictly integrally isomorphic to the formal group at the origin of a quadratic twist of  $\mathbb{G}_m$ . This provided an elementary proof of quadratic reciprocity. Given any abelian Galois representation  $\rho$ , Honda also defined a formal group  $H_\rho$  attached to the "matrix  $L$ -series" of  $\rho$ . Let  $p$  be an odd prime. We show by an explicit and global method that for a particular  $(p-2)$ -dimensional representation  $\Theta$  of the Galois group of the  $p^{\text{th}}$  cyclotomic field  $K$ , the formal group attached to the matrix  $L$ -series of  $\Theta$  is strictly integrally isomorphic to the formal group at the origin of a twist over  $K$  of  $\mathbb{G}_m^{p-2}$ . As a consequence, we get a proof of a result on the road to Eisenstein reciprocity.

### Introduction

In a seminal paper, Honda [Ho1] attached an integral formal group  $H_\chi$  to the  $L$ -series of the nontrivial Dirichlet character  $\chi$  associated to a quadratic field of discriminant  $D$ . He then proved that  $H_\chi$  was strictly isomorphic over the ring of integers in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  to the formal group  $F_D(X, Y) = X + Y + \sqrt{D}XY$ .

Considering other types of  $L$ -series, Honda also attached an integral formal group  $H_E$  to the  $L$ -series of an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and showed that  $H_E$  was strictly isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Z}$  to the formal group  $\widehat{E}$  at the origin of a minimal model of  $E$ . This gave the first proof of the Atkin-Swinnerton-Dyer congruences. (See [Ho1, Ho2, Hi, C, Ha]; for generalizations to abelian varieties of higher dimension, see for example [D] and [DN].) Honda explained his motivation in [Ho3]. From the isomorphism of

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$H_x$  and  $F_D$  he was able to derive quadratic reciprocity. Thus the isomorphism of  $H_E$  and  $\widehat{E}$  is an analogue of reciprocity for elliptic curves. Indeed, via the isomorphism between  $\widehat{E}$  and  $H_E$ , he established that several elliptic curves were images of modular curves.

In [Hø2], Honda showed how to attach an integral  $n$ -dimensional formal group  $H_\rho$  to the “matrix  $L$ -series” of an  $n$ -dimensional abelian Galois representation  $\rho$ . Also attached to  $\rho$  is the torus  $T_\rho$  whose character group is a representation space for  $\rho$ . Since  $F_D$  is isomorphic to the formal group at the origin of a twist of  $\mathbb{G}_m$  by  $\chi$ , a number of authors have generalized Honda’s theorem by showing that  $H_\rho$  is isomorphic to  $\widehat{T}_\rho$ , the formal group at the origin of  $T_\rho$  (see [I, Y, DN]).

What has not been done is to relate the generalizations of Honda’s results on tori to higher reciprocity laws. Also, although Honda’s local classification theorem of formal groups in terms of the characteristic polynomial of Frobenius was necessary for his work on elliptic curves, he used a global and elementary approach for tori, and this was missing in the subsequent work of [I] and [DN].

A step towards meeting these goals was recently taken by the first author and Stopple [CS]. Let  $\zeta_p$  be a primitive  $p^{\text{th}}$  root of unity,  $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ , and let  $\Theta$  be the representation of  $G$  whose representation space is the complement of the unit representation in the regular representation of  $G$ . They gave a global and explicit proof that  $H_\Theta$  was strictly isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$  to a formal group  $F_\Theta$  whose logarithm was analogous to that of  $F_D$ . What they did not do was to relate  $F_\Theta$  to  $T_\Theta$ .

In this note, we continue to explore the relationship between isomorphisms of formal groups and reciprocity. By writing an explicit model for  $T_\Theta$ , we calculate its formal group at the origin  $\widehat{T}_\Theta$ , and then in Theorem 1 we give a global and elementary proof that  $\widehat{T}_\Theta$  is strictly isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $H_\Theta$ . Such a result would also follow from [I] or [DN], but the model of  $T_\Theta$  we derive is sufficiently nice that we can exploit the isomorphism à la Honda, to give in Theorem 2 a proof of a result on the road to Eisenstein reciprocity.

## 1. Preliminaries

Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with identity 1. For a positive integer  $n$ ,

let  $\vec{x}$  denote the  $n$ -tuple  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $\vec{x}^m$  denote  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1^m \\ \vdots \\ x_n^m \end{bmatrix}$ . We set

$$\vec{\log}(\vec{1} - \vec{x}) = - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\vec{x}^m}{m} = \begin{bmatrix} \log(1-x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \log(1-x_n) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{\exp}(\vec{x}) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\vec{x}^m}{m!} = \begin{bmatrix} \exp(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \exp(x_n) \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\vec{1}$  is the column vector whose entries are all 1.

For two formal power series  $f, g \in A[[\vec{x}]]$ , we write  $f \equiv g \pmod{\deg d}$  if  $f$  and  $g$  coincide in terms of degree less than  $d$ . We typically denote a matrix whose entry in the  $i^{\text{th}}$ -row and  $j^{\text{th}}$ -column is  $m_{ij}$  by  $[m_{ij}]_{ij}$ .

We refer the reader to [Ha] or [CS] for more on formal groups. If  $F$  is an  $n$ -dimensional formal group, we let  $\text{id}_n$  denote the identity homomorphism from  $F$  onto itself. We denote the logarithm of  $F$  by  $\lambda_F$ . The inverse of  $\lambda_F$  is the exponential,  $\varepsilon_F$ . For any  $n$ -tuple of power series  $\alpha(\vec{x}) = (\alpha_1(\vec{x}), \dots, \alpha_n(\vec{x}))$ , we let  $J(\alpha) = [\frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial x_j}(0)]_{ij}$  denote the Jacobian matrix of  $\alpha$ . For any group variety  $V$ , we let  $\hat{V}$  denote its formal group at the origin.

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra.*

(a) *The only homomorphisms over  $A$  from  $\hat{\mathbb{G}}_a^m$  to  $\hat{\mathbb{G}}_a^n$  are homomorphisms of the form  $S_M(\vec{x}) = M\vec{x}$ , for some  $n \times m$  matrix  $M$  with entries in  $A$ .*

(b) *Let  $G$  and  $F$  be two formal groups defined over  $A$ , of dimensions  $m$  and  $n$ , with logarithms  $\lambda_G$  and  $\lambda_F$ , respectively. Suppose that  $\alpha$  is an  $m$ -tuple of power series and that  $\beta$  is an  $n$ -tuple of power series such that  $\beta \circ \alpha = \text{id}_m$ . Then the logarithm of  $G$  is  $S_{J(\beta)} \circ \lambda_F \circ \alpha$ .*

(c) *Let  $F$ ,  $G$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  be as in (b). Then the exponential  $\varepsilon_G$  of  $G$  is given by  $\beta \circ \varepsilon_F \circ S_{J(\alpha)}$ , where  $\varepsilon_F$  denotes the exponential of  $F$ .*

**PROOF.** Part (a) is proved in [Ha]. Part (b) follows from the uniqueness of the logarithm, after noting that the Jacobian of  $S_{J(\beta)} \circ \lambda_F \circ \alpha$  is  $J(\beta)I_n J(\alpha) = I_m = J(\text{id}_m)$ . For part (c) note that  $\lambda_F \circ \alpha \circ \varepsilon_G$  is a homomorphism from  $\hat{\mathbb{G}}_a^m$  to  $\hat{\mathbb{G}}_a^n$ , so by part (a) is of the form  $S_M$  for some matrix  $M$ . Comparing Jacobians shows that  $M = J(\alpha)$ . Hence  $\beta \circ \varepsilon_F \circ S_{J(\alpha)} = \beta \circ \varepsilon_F \circ \lambda_F \circ \alpha \circ \varepsilon_G = \varepsilon_G$ .  $\square$

Recall that a torus  $T$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a (necessarily affine) group variety which is isomorphic over some number field  $K$  to  $\mathbb{G}_m^d$  for some  $d$ . If  $\phi : T \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m^d$  is one such isomorphism, then for every  $\sigma \in G = \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $\phi^\sigma : T \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m^d$  is another, and the map

$$\sigma \rightarrow \phi^\sigma \circ \phi^{-1}$$

gives a representation  $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{G}_m^d)$ . It is a theorem of Ono [O] that the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -isomorphism class of  $T$  is determined by the equivalence class of  $\rho$ , and that to every representation  $\rho$  there is a torus  $T_\rho$  which gives rise to it. If  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}(T_\rho)$  is the coordinate ring of  $T_\rho$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , then there is a  $K$ -isomorphism  $\phi : T_\rho \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m^d$  which gives rise to an isomorphism

$$\phi^* : \Gamma_K(\mathbb{G}_m^d) \rightarrow \Gamma_K(T_\rho).$$

Therefore via  $\phi^*$ ,  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}(T_\rho)$  can be identified with the fixed ring under  $G$  of

$\Gamma_K(\mathbb{G}_m^d)$ , where  $G$  acts naturally on  $K$ , and via  $\rho$  on  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{G}_m^d)$ .

## 2. Theorems

Let  $p$  be an odd prime. For any  $m > 0$ ,  $\zeta_m$  will denote a primitive  $m^{\text{th}}$  root of unity. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$ , and  $G = \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ . Let  $\sigma_m$  denote the element of  $G$  such that  $\sigma_m(\zeta_p) = \zeta_p^m$ .

In [Ho2], Honda attached to any representation

$$\rho : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{G}_m^d)$$

a formal group  $H_\rho$  associated with the matrix  $L$ -series

$$L(s, \rho) = \prod_{q \text{ prime}} (I - \rho(\sigma_q)q^{-s})^{-1} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\rho(\sigma_n)}{n^s}.$$

In particular, a formal group is determined by its logarithm, so we define  $H_\rho$  by specifying its logarithm as

$$\lambda_{H_\rho}(\vec{t}) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\rho(\sigma_n)}{n} \vec{t}^n,$$

for any  $d$ -vector  $\vec{t}$ . Honda showed that  $H_\rho$  is  $d$ -dimensional and defined over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

We now want to consider the representation of  $G$  studied in [CS]. We take  $p-2$  copies of  $\mathbb{G}_m$ , the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy defined by  $X_i Y_i = 1$ , for  $i = 2, \dots, p-1$ . Let  $V$  be the variety defined by  $\prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \eta_i = 1$ . Let  $g$  be a primitive root mod  $p$ . Then the map  $\gamma$  defined by

$$\gamma(\eta_i) = X_{g^{-i}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p-2, \quad \gamma(\eta_{p-1}) = Y_2 \cdots Y_{p-1},$$

is an isomorphism from  $V$  onto  $\mathbb{G}_m^{p-2}$ .

There is an automorphism  $\mu$  of order  $p-1$  on  $V$  defined by

$$\eta_i \xrightarrow{\mu} \eta_{i+1}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p-2, \quad \eta_{p-1} \xrightarrow{\mu} \eta_1.$$

Hence via  $\gamma$ , we get a corresponding element  $\nu$  in  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{G}_m^{p-2})$  of order  $p-1$ . For any integer  $b$ , we get a matrix representative  $[\nu_{ij}^{(b)}]_{ij}$  for  $\nu^b$  (with  $i, j \neq 1 \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ ) by setting  $(d_2, \dots, d_{p-1}) = (c_2, \dots, c_{p-1})[\nu_{ij}^{(b)}]_{ij}$  when  $\nu^b(X_2^{c_2} \cdots X_{p-1}^{c_{p-1}}) = (X_2^{d_2} \cdots X_{p-1}^{d_{p-1}})$ . A calculation shows

$$\nu_{ij}^{(b)} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } i = g^b, \\ 1 & \text{if } j = g^{-b}i, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Now  $\sigma_g$  is a generator of  $G$ , so we get a representation

$$\Theta : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{G}_m^{p-2})$$

by defining  $\Theta(\sigma_g^b) = \nu^b$ ; i.e., if  $a = g^b$ , then

$$\Theta(\sigma_a)_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } i = a, \\ 1 & \text{if } j = a^{-1}i, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We will write  $\Theta(a)$  for  $\Theta(\sigma_a)$ , and  $H$  for  $H_\Theta$ , the formal group whose logarithm is

$$\lambda_H(\vec{t}) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\Theta(n)}{n} \vec{t}^n.$$

We want an explicit model for  $T = T_\Theta$ . We define  $x_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p-1$ , by

$$\eta_i = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \sigma_g^{i-1}(\zeta_p^j) x_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, p-1.$$

We act on  $\Gamma_K(V) = K[\eta_i] / \left( \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \eta_i - 1 \right)$  by letting  $G$  act naturally on  $K$  and via  $\Theta$  on  $\Gamma_Q(V)$ . Since  $\left[ \sigma_g^{i-1}(\zeta_p^j) \right]_{ij}$  is invertible, we see that  $\sigma_g(x_i) = x_i$  for all  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p-1$ , so the coordinate ring of  $T$  is generated by the  $x_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p-1$ .

Hence we get a model for  $T$  by taking the equation

$$1 = \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \sigma_g^{i-1}(\zeta_p^j) x_j \right) \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}].$$

A calculation shows that this model is of the form

$$0 = -x_1 - x_2 - \dots - x_{p-1} + \dots + x_1^{p-1} + \dots + x_{p-1}^{p-1}.$$

So by the implicit function theorem, on  $T$  there is an integral power series  $\kappa$  without linear or constant terms, such that

$$(1) \quad x_1 = -x_2 - \dots - x_{p-1} + \kappa(x_2, \dots, x_{p-1}).$$

Although what we seek is the formal group  $\widehat{T}$  at the origin of  $T$ , it will be easier to resort to Lemma 1 and first compute the formal group  $\widehat{F}$  at the origin of the  $(p-1)$ -dimensional torus  $F$  defined by

$$1 = x_0 \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \sigma_g^{i-1}(\zeta_p^j) x_j \right) \in \mathbb{Z}[x_0, \dots, x_{p-1}].$$

Indeed,  $x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}$  form a set of parameters at the origin of  $F$ . So a formal group law for  $\widehat{F}$  is the set of power series  $F_i(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p-1$ , satisfying

$$(2) \quad 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} F_j(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \zeta_p^j = \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \zeta_p^j x_j \right) \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \zeta_p^j y_j \right).$$

Since the  $F_j$  have rational coefficients, we can expand (2) and equate coefficients of powers of  $\zeta_p^i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p-1$ . If we identify subscripts of  $x$  and  $y$  mod  $p$ , we get

$$F_i(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = x_i + y_i - x_i y_{-i} + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{p-1} x_j (y_{i-j} - y_{-j}).$$

To compute the logarithm  $\lambda_F$  of  $\widehat{F}$ , we follow a procedure described by Honda in [Ho2]. Namely, for  $i, j = 1, \dots, p-1$ , we set

$$DF := \left[ \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} \right]_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 - y_{-i}, & j = i, \\ y_{i-j} - y_{-j}, & j \neq i, \end{cases}$$

so that

$$DF \Big|_{(\vec{0}, \vec{z})} = \begin{cases} 1 - z_{-i}, & j = i, \\ z_{i-j} - z_{-j}, & j \neq i. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\lambda_F$  is the set of power series  $f_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p-1$ , without constant term, such that

$$\left[ \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial z_i} \right]_{ji} = [DF \Big|_{(\vec{0}, \vec{z})}]^{-1}.$$

It is not difficult to invert  $DF \Big|_{(\vec{0}, \vec{z})}$ .

**LEMMA 2.** Let  $\psi_j(k) = \zeta_p^{jk}$ . Then for  $1 \leq i, j \leq p-1$ ,

$$[DF \Big|_{(\vec{0}, \vec{z})}]^{-1} = \left[ \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} \frac{(\psi_\ell(j) - 1)(\psi_\ell(-i))}{\left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} z_k \psi_\ell(-k)\right)} \right]_{ji}.$$

**PROOF.** This follows from orthogonality of the characters  $\psi_j$  on  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$  By Lemma 2, we have that

$$(3) \quad f_j(\vec{z}) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \log \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} z_k \psi_\ell(-k) \right),$$

for  $1 \leq j \leq p-1$ , give the logarithm  $\lambda_F$ .

The exponential map  $\varepsilon_F$  is the inverse of the logarithm (3). To compute it we set

$$(4) \quad w_j = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \log \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} z_k \psi_\ell(-k) \right),$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, p-1$ , and solve for  $z_k$ . In terms of matrices, (4) becomes

$$\vec{w} = \left[ \frac{\psi_\ell(j) - 1}{p} \right]_{j\ell} \log(1 + [\psi_\ell(-k)]_{\ell k} \vec{z}).$$

So by orthogonality, for  $1 \leq j, k, l \leq p-1$ ,

$$\left( \left[ \psi_\ell(-k) \right]_{\ell k} \right)^{-1} = \left[ \frac{\psi_\ell(j) - 1}{p} \right]_{j\ell},$$

and hence

$$\left[ \psi_\ell(-k) \right]_{\ell k} \vec{w} = \vec{1} + \left[ \psi_\ell(-k) \right]_{\ell k} \vec{z}$$

or

$$\vec{\exp} \left( \left[ \psi_\ell(-k) \right]_{\ell k} \vec{w} \right) = \vec{1} + \left[ \psi_\ell(-k) \right]_{\ell k} \vec{z}.$$

Since by orthogonality  $[(\psi_\ell(j) - 1)/p]_{j\ell} \vec{1} = -\vec{1}$ , we see that

$$(5) \quad \vec{1} + \left[ \frac{\psi_\ell(j) - 1}{p} \right]_{j\ell} \vec{\exp} \left( \left[ \psi_\ell(-k) \right]_{\ell k} \vec{w} \right) = \vec{z}$$

gives the exponential.

Now let  $T$  be obtained from  $F$  by setting  $x_0 = 1$ . Then a model for  $\hat{T}$  is obtained from  $\hat{F}$  by setting  $x_0 = 1$ . We can now find  $\hat{T}$  explicitly, as well as its logarithm  $\lambda_T$ , and exponential  $\varepsilon_T$ .

**LEMMA 3.** (a) *The formal group  $\hat{T}$  is defined over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .*

(b) *For  $2 \leq j, k \leq p-1$ ,*

$$f_j(\vec{z}) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \log \left( 1 + \left[ \psi_\ell(-k) - \psi_\ell(-1) \right]_{\ell k} \vec{z} + \psi_\ell(-1)_{\ell 1} \kappa(\vec{z}) \right)$$

give  $\lambda_T(\vec{z})$ , where  $\vec{z}$  is the transpose of  $(z_2, \dots, z_{p-1})$ .

(c) *For  $2 \leq j \leq p-1$ ,*

$$z_j = 1 + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \exp \left( \sum_{k=2}^{p-1} (\psi_\ell(-k) - \psi_\ell(-1)) w_k \right)$$

give  $\varepsilon_T$ .

**PROOF.** (a) Setting  $x_0 = 1$  gives an embedding of  $T$  into  $F$ , and choosing  $x_2, \dots, x_{p-1}$  as a system of parameters at the origin of  $T$  gives a corresponding map on formal groups  $\alpha: \hat{T} \rightarrow \hat{F}$ , given by

$$(6) \quad \alpha \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 - \dots - x_{p-1} + \kappa(x_2, \dots, x_{p-1}) \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{p-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\hat{T}$  is defined by the set of power series

$$T_i(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = F_i(\alpha(\vec{x}), \alpha(\vec{y})),$$

for  $i = 2, \dots, p-1$ . Since the  $F_i$  have integral coefficients, and  $\kappa$  does too, the  $T_i$  do as well.

(b) If we define  $\beta$  by

$$\beta \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{p-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

then  $\beta \circ \alpha = \text{id}_{p-2}$ . So by Lemma 1,  $\lambda_T = S_{J(\beta)} \circ \lambda_F \circ \alpha$ . Since

$$J(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ I_{p-2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

(b) follows immediately from (3) and (6).

(c) By (5),  $\varepsilon_F$  is given by

$$(7) \quad z_j = 1 + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \exp \left( \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \psi_\ell(-k) w_k \right),$$

for  $1 \leq j \leq p-1$ . By Lemma 1,  $\varepsilon_T = \beta \circ \varepsilon_F \circ S_{J(\alpha)}$ . The effect of  $S_{J(\alpha)}$  is to set  $w_1 = -w_2 - \dots - w_{p-1}$ , so plugging this value into (7) and restricting to  $2 \leq j \leq p-1$  gives the result.  $\square$

To analyze  $H$  further, we need to diagonalize  $\Theta$ .

Let  $\{\chi_j \mid j = 2, \dots, p-1\}$  be the  $p-2$  nontrivial characters of  $G \cong (\mathbf{Z}/p\mathbf{Z})^\times$ . Then by orthogonality,

$$\left( \left[ \chi_j(i^{-1}) \right]_{ij} \right)^{-1} = \left[ \frac{\chi_j(k) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{jk},$$

and so with  $2 \leq i, j, k \leq p-1$ ,

$$(8) \quad \Theta(a) = \left[ \chi_j(i^{-1}) \right]_{ij} \text{diag}(\chi_j(a)) \left[ \frac{\chi_j(k) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{jk}.$$

For a Dirichlet character  $\chi$  modulo  $p$ , we let  $\tau_\chi = \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \chi(a) \zeta_p^a$  be the Gauss sum. We also define  $\bar{\chi}(a) = \chi(a^{-1})$ ,  $\bar{\Theta}(a) = \Theta(a^{-1})$ , and a  $(p-2) \times (p-2)$  matrix Gauss sum

$$(9) \quad \tau(\bar{\Theta}) = \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \bar{\Theta}(a) \zeta_p^a = \left[ \chi_j(i^{-1}) \right]_{ij} \text{diag}(\tau_{\chi_j}) \left[ \frac{\chi_j(k) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{jk}.$$

**THEOREM 1.**  $\hat{T}$  and  $H$  are strictly isomorphic over  $\mathbf{Z}$ .

**PROOF.** It suffices to show that the composition of  $\varepsilon_T$  with  $\lambda_H$  is an integral power series. The composite is strict because both  $\varepsilon_T$  and  $\lambda_\mu$  are strict.



As in [CS], if  $\vec{t}$  is the transpose of  $(t_2, \dots, t_{p-1})$ , then we have

$$\lambda_H(\vec{t}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Theta(n)}{n} \vec{t}^n = -\tau(\Theta)^{-1} \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \Theta(a) \log(\vec{1} - \zeta_p^a \vec{t}).$$

Composing for  $2 \leq j, k \leq p-1$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_T \circ \lambda_H(\vec{t})_j &= 1 + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \exp\left(-\left[\psi_\ell(-k) - \psi_\ell(-1)\right]_{1k} \tau(\Theta)^{-1}\right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \Theta(a) \log(\vec{1} - \zeta_p^a \vec{t})\right). \end{aligned}$$

To simplify this we need a lemma.

LEMMA 4. Let  $\delta_{ij}$  be the Kronecker delta. Then for  $2 \leq i, k \leq p-1$ ,  $1 \leq \ell \leq p-1$ ,

$$\left[\psi_\ell(-k) - \psi_\ell(-1)\right]_{1k} \tau(\Theta)^{-1} = \left[\delta_{\ell(-i^{-1})}\right]_{1i}$$

if  $\ell \neq p-1$ , and

$$\left[\psi_{-1}(-k) - \psi_{-1}(-1)\right]_{1k} \tau(\Theta)^{-1} = -{}^t\vec{1},$$

where  ${}^t$  denotes the transpose.

PROOF. By (9), for  $2 \leq i, j, k \leq p-1$ ,

$$\tau(\Theta)^{-1} = \left[\chi_j(k^{-1})\right]_{kj} \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{\tau_{\chi_j}} \right) \left[ \frac{\chi_j(i) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{ji},$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[\psi_\ell(-k) - \psi_\ell(-1)\right]_{1k} \tau(\Theta)^{-1} \\ &= \left[\psi_\ell(-k) - \psi_\ell(-1)\right]_{1k} \left[\chi_j(k^{-1})\right]_{kj} \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{\tau_{\chi_j}} \right) \left[ \frac{\chi_j(i) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{ji} \\ (10) \quad &= \left[\chi_j(-\ell) \tau_{\chi_j}\right]_{1j} \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{\tau_{\chi_j}} \right) \left[ \frac{\chi_j(i) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{ji} \\ &= \left[\chi_j(-\ell)\right]_{1j} \left[ \frac{\chi_j(i) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{ji}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\ell \neq p-1$ , then (10) gives  $\delta_{\ell(-i)^{-1}}$  by orthogonality. If  $\ell = p-1$ , then

$$\left[\chi_j(-\ell)\right]_{1j} = {}^t\vec{1}, \text{ and}$$

$${}^t\vec{1} \left[ \frac{\chi_j(i) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{ji} = -{}^t\vec{1}. \quad \square$$

Using Lemma 4, for  $2 \leq i, j, k \leq p-1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon_T \circ \lambda_H(\vec{t})_j &= 1 + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-2} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \exp \left( - \left[ \delta_{\ell(-i^{-1})} \right]_{1i} \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \Theta(a) \log(\vec{1} - \zeta_p^a \vec{t}) \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{p} (\psi_{-1}(j) - 1) \exp \left( {}^t \vec{1} \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \Theta(a) \log(\vec{1} - \zeta_p^a \vec{t}) \right) \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-2} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \exp \left( - \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} (\Theta(a) \log(\vec{1} - \zeta_p^a \vec{t}))_{-\ell^{-1}} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{p} (\psi_{-1}(j) - 1) \exp \left( \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \left[ \delta_{a,1} - \delta_{k,a} \right]_{1k} \log(\vec{1} - \zeta_p^a \vec{t}) \right) \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-2} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \prod_{a=1}^{p-1} \prod_{k=2}^{p-1} (1 - \zeta_p^a t_k)^{-\Theta(a^{-1})_{-\ell^{-1}k}} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{p} (\psi_{-1}(j) - 1) \prod_{k=2}^{p-1} (1 - \zeta_p t_k) \prod_{a=2}^{p-1} (1 - \zeta_p^a t_a)^{-1} \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-2} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \frac{\prod_{k=2}^{p-1} (1 - \zeta_p^{-\ell} t_k)}{\prod_{a=2}^{p-1} (1 - \zeta_p^{-a\ell} t_a)} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{p} (\psi_{-1}(j) - 1) \frac{\prod_{k=2}^{p-1} (1 - \zeta_p t_k)}{\prod_{a=2}^{p-1} (1 - \zeta_p^a t_a)}.
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$(11) \quad \varepsilon_T \circ \lambda_H(\vec{t})_j = 1 + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} (\psi_\ell(j) - 1) \frac{\prod_{a=2}^{p-1} (1 - \zeta_p^{-\ell} t_a)}{\prod_{a=2}^{p-1} (1 - \zeta_p^{-a\ell} t_a)}.$$

Since (11) is fixed by  $G$ ,

$$\varepsilon_T \circ \lambda_H(\vec{t})_j \in \mathbb{Q}[[t_2, \dots, t_{p-1}]] \cap \frac{1}{p} (1 - \zeta_p) \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p][[t_2, \dots, t_{p-1}]],$$

and hence lies in  $\mathbb{Z}[[t_2, \dots, t_{p-1}]]$ .

REMARK. Composing  $\varepsilon_T$  with  $\tau(\Theta)^{-1} \log(\vec{1} + \tau(\Theta) \vec{t})$ , it is not hard to recover the main theorem of [CS]. (In [CS], the contragredient of  $\Theta$  was used, but the results there apply *mutatis mutandis*).

COROLLARY 1. (a) Let  $\varphi$  be the integral power series such that  $\lambda_H = \lambda_T \circ \varphi$ .

Let  $M$  be the  $(p-2) \times (p-2)$  matrix  $[\chi_j(k)^{-1}]_{kj}$ , and define

$$\begin{aligned} T'(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) &= M^{-1}(T(M\vec{x}, M\vec{y})), \\ H'(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) &= M^{-1}(H(M\vec{x}, M\vec{y})). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $T'$  and  $H'$  are integral over the ring  $R$  obtained by inverting all the primes in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{p-1}]$  that divide  $(p-1)\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{p-1}]$ . If we define  $\xi$  such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{T}' & \xrightarrow{S_M} & \widehat{T} \\ \xi \uparrow & & \varphi \uparrow \\ H' & \xrightarrow{S_M} & H \end{array}$$

(here  $S_M(\vec{x}) = M\vec{x}$ ), then  $\xi$  is a strict isomorphism from  $H'$  to  $\widehat{T}'$  defined over  $R$ .

(b) For  $2 \leq i, j \leq p-1$ ,  $1 \leq \ell \leq p-1$ ,

$$\lambda_{T'}(\vec{z}) = \frac{1}{p} \frac{1}{p-1} \left[ \bar{\chi}_i(\ell) \tau_{\chi_i+p} \right]_{it} \log(\vec{1} + \left[ \chi_j(-\ell) \tau_{\chi_j} \right]_{\ell j} \vec{z} + \left[ \psi_\ell(-1) \right]_{\ell 1} \kappa(M\vec{z})).$$

(c) For  $2 \leq j, k \leq p-1$ ,

$$\lambda_{H'}(\vec{t}) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \text{diag}(\chi_j(n)) \left[ \frac{\chi_j(k) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{jk} \left( \left[ \chi_j(k)^{-1} \right]_{kj} \vec{t} \right)^n.$$

**PROOF.** (a) This follows from Theorem 1 once we note that

$$M^{-1} = \left[ \frac{\chi_i(j) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{ij}$$

has entries in  $R$ .

(b) We apply Lemma 1 to Lemma 3, for  $2 \leq i, j, k \leq p-1$ ,  $1 \leq \ell \leq p-1$ ,

to get

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{T'}(\vec{z}) &= S_{M^{-1}} \circ \lambda_T \circ S_M(\vec{z}) \\
&= \left[ \frac{\chi_i(j) - 1}{p - 1} \right]_{ij} \left[ \frac{\psi_\ell(j) - 1}{p} \right]_{j\ell} \log \left( \vec{1} + \left[ \psi_\ell(-k) - \psi_\ell(-1) \right]_{\ell k} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \cdot \left( \left[ \chi_j(k)^{-1} \right]_{kj} \right) \vec{z} + \left[ \psi_\ell(-1) \right]_{\ell 1} \kappa(M\vec{z}) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{p(p-1)} \left[ \sum_{j=2}^{p-1} (\chi_i(j)\psi_\ell(j) - \psi_\ell(j) - \chi_i(j) + 1) \right]_{it} \\
&\quad \cdot \log \left( \vec{1} + \left[ \sum_{k=2}^{p-1} \psi_\ell(-k)\chi_j(k)^{-1} - \psi_\ell(-1)\chi_j(k)^{-1} \right]_{\ell j} \vec{z} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left[ \psi_\ell(-1) \right]_{\ell 1} \kappa(M\vec{z}) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{p(p-1)} \left[ \bar{\chi}_i(\ell)\tau_{\chi_i} + p \right]_{it} \log \left( \vec{1} + \left[ \chi_j(-\ell)\tau_{\chi_j} \right]_{\ell j} \vec{z} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left[ \psi_\ell(-1) \right]_{\ell 1} \kappa(M\vec{z}) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

(c) This follows by applying Lemma 1 and (8) to  $\lambda_H$ .  $\square$

We are now in a position to prove a partial result in the direction of Eisenstein reciprocity. (The missing ingredients for Eisenstein reciprocity are the Stickelberger relation for Gauss sums and a version of Theorem 2 below which holds for all  $p \neq q$  relatively prime to  $m$ .) The classical proof of Theorem 2 is not difficult — it only involves manipulation of Gauss sums (see e.g. [IR]). We give the (somewhat more involved) demonstration below to show how Theorem 1 can be considered as a “formal analogue” of reciprocity, just as Honda did for quadratic reciprocity in [Ho3].

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $m \geq 2$ , and let  $p, q$  be distinct rational primes with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ ,  $(q, p-1) = 1$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}$  be primes in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_m]$  dividing  $p$  and  $q$ , respectively. For  $\alpha \notin \mathfrak{p}$ , let  $\left(\frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{p}}\right)_m$  denote the  $m^{\text{th}}$  root of unity such that  $\alpha^{\frac{N\mathfrak{p}-1}{m}} \equiv \left(\frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{p}}\right)_m \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$ , where  $N$  denotes the absolute norm. Let*

$$\Phi(\mathfrak{p}) = \left( \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \left( \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right)_m^{-1} \zeta_p^a \right)^m.$$

Then

$$\left( \frac{N\mathfrak{q}}{\mathfrak{p}} \right)_m = \left( \frac{\Phi(\mathfrak{p})}{\mathfrak{q}} \right)_m.$$

**PROOF.** From the corollary, writing  $\vec{z} = \xi(\vec{t})$ , we have for  $2 \leq i, j, k \leq$

$p-1$ ,  $1 \leq \ell \leq p-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \text{diag}(\chi_j(n)) \left[ \frac{\chi_j(k) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{kj} \left( \left[ \chi_j(k)^{-1} \right]_{kj} \vec{t} \right)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \frac{1}{p-1} \left[ \bar{\chi}_i(\ell) \tau_{\chi_i} + p \right]_{it} \overrightarrow{\log} \left( \vec{1} + \left[ \chi_j(-\ell) \tau_{\chi_j} \right]_{\ell j} \xi(\vec{t}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left[ \psi_\ell(-1) \right]_{\ell 1} \kappa(M\xi(\vec{t})) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $Nq = q^f$ , so that  $q^f \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ . Let  $R$  be as in Corollary 1. Then multiplying both sides by  $q^f$ , and taking the result first mod  $\deg(q^f + 1)$ , and then mod  $qRZ[\zeta_{p(p-1)}]$ , we have (using the power series expansion of  $\overrightarrow{\log}$  and that  $\xi$  is a strict isomorphism)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{diag}(\chi_j(q^f)) \left[ \frac{\chi_j(k) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{jk} \left( \left[ \chi_j(k)^{-1} \right]_{kj} \vec{t} \right)^{q^f} \\ & \equiv \frac{1}{p} \frac{1}{p-1} \left[ \bar{\chi}_i(\ell) \tau_{\chi_i} + p \right]_{it} \left( \left[ \chi_j(-\ell) \tau_{\chi_j} \right]_{\ell j} \vec{t} \right)^{q^f}, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\kappa$  is without constant or linear term, and  $q$  is odd. So

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{diag}(\chi_j(q^f)) \left[ \frac{\chi_j(k) - 1}{p-1} \right]_{jk} \left[ \chi_j^{q^f}(k)^{-1} \right]_{kj} \vec{t}^{q^f} \\ (12) \quad & \equiv \frac{1}{p} \frac{1}{p-1} \left[ \bar{\chi}_i(\ell) \tau_{\chi_i} + p \right]_{it} \left[ \chi_j^{q^f}(-\ell) \tau_{\chi_j} \right]_{\ell j} \vec{t}^{q^f} \\ & \pmod{qRZ[\zeta_{p(p-1)}], \deg q^f + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \bar{\chi}_i(\ell) \tau_{\chi_i} + p \right]_{it} \left[ \chi_j^{q^f}(-\ell) \tau_{\chi_j} \right]_{\ell j} &= \left[ \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} \bar{\chi}_i(\ell) \chi_j^{q^f}(-\ell) \tau_{\chi_i} \tau_{\chi_j}^{q^f} + p \chi_j^{q^f}(-\ell) \tau_{\chi_j}^{q^f} \right]_{ij} \\ &= \left[ \chi_j^{q^f}(-1)(p-1) \delta_{\chi_i, \chi_j^{q^f} \tau_{\chi_i} \tau_{\chi_j}^{q^f}} \right]_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

So if  $\chi_j$  is a character of order  $m$ , then  $\chi_j^{q^f} = \chi_j$ , and comparing the coefficient of  $t_j^{q^f}$  in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  entry of (12) gives us

$$\chi_j(q^f) \equiv \frac{1}{p} \chi_j(-1) \tau_{\chi_j} \tau_{\chi_j}^{q^f} \pmod{qZ[\zeta_{p(p-1)}]}.$$

Since  $\tau_{\chi_j} \tau_{\chi_j} = p \chi_j(-1)$ , we have

$$\chi_j(q^f) \equiv \tau_{\chi_j}^{q^f-1} \pmod{qZ[\zeta_{p(p-1)}]}.$$

In particular, if

$$\chi(n) = \binom{n}{p}_m,$$

then  $\chi$  is a Dirichlet character modulo  $p$  of order  $m$ , and  $\Phi(p) = (\tau_p)^m \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{p-1}]$ , so

$$\chi(q^f) \equiv \Phi(p)^{\frac{q^f-1}{m}} \pmod{q\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{p(p-1)}]}$$

so

$$\chi(q^f) \equiv \Phi(p)^{\frac{q^f-1}{m}} \pmod{q\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{p-1}]},$$

or

$$\chi(Nq) = \left( \frac{\Phi(p)}{q} \right)_m,$$

as desired.  $\square$

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