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## Preface

The content of this book is taken from my manuscripts ‘On the global theory of Shintani zeta functions I–V’ which were originally intended for publication in ordinary journals. However, because of its length and the lack of a book on prehomogeneous vector spaces, it has been suggested to publish them together in book form.

It has been more than 25 years since the theory of prehomogeneous vector spaces began. Much work has been done on both the global theory and the local theory of zeta functions. However, we concentrate on the global theory in this book. I feel that another book should be written on the local theory of zeta functions in the future.

The purpose of this book is to introduce an approach based on geometric invariant theory to the global theory of zeta functions for prehomogeneous vector spaces.

This book consists of four parts. In Part I, we introduce a general formulation based on geometric invariant theory to the global theory of zeta functions for prehomogeneous vector spaces. In Part II, we apply the methods in Part I and determine the principal part of the zeta function for Siegel’s case, i.e. the space of quadratic forms. In Part III, we handle relatively easy cases which are required to handle the case in Part IV. In Part IV, we use the results in Parts I–III to determine the principal part of the zeta function for the space of pairs of ternary quadratic forms.

We expanded the introduction of the original manuscripts to help non-experts to have a general idea of the subject. What we try to discuss in the introduction is the history of the subject, and what is required to prove the existence of densities of arithmetic objects we are looking for. Even though the theory of prehomogeneous vector spaces involves many topics, we concentrate on two aspects of the theory, i.e. the global theory and the local theory, in the introduction.

Parts I–III of this book correspond to Parts I–III of the above manuscripts, and Part IV of this book corresponds to Parts IV and V of the above manuscripts. Since the manuscripts were originally intended for publication in ordinary journals, certain changes were made to make this book more comprehensible and self-contained.

However, it is impossible to make this book completely self-contained, and we have to require a reasonable background in adelic language, basic group theory, and geometric invariant theory. For this, we assume that the reader is familiar with the following four books and two papers

- [1] A. Borel, Some finiteness properties of adèle groups over number fields,
- [2] A. Borel, *Linear algebraic groups*,
- [28] G. Kempf, Instability in invariant theory,
- [35] F. Kirwan, *Cohomology of quotients in symplectic and algebraic geometry*,
- [46] D. Mumford and J. Fogarty, *Geometric invariant theory*,
- [79] A. Weil, *Basic number theory*.

Weil’s book [79] is a standard place to learn basic materials on adelic language. Since we do not depend on class field theory, it is enough for the reader to be familiar with the first several chapters of Weil’s book. Borel’s paper [1] is a place to learn properties of Siegel domains. We need two facts in geometric invariant theory. One is the Hilbert–Mumford criterion of stability, and the other is the rationality of the equivariant Morse stratification. Mumford–Fogarty [46] and Kirwan [35] are the



standard books to learn geometric invariant theory and equivariant Morse theory. The rationality of the equivariant Morse stratification was proved by G. Kempf in his paper [28]. However, even though the proofs of the above two facts are technically involved, the statements of these facts are fairly comprehensible and do not require a special background to understand. Therefore, if the reader is unfamiliar with these subjects, I recommend the reader not to worry about the proofs of the statements in this book which we quote from geometric invariant theory and look at the above documents later if necessary.

We have three original results in this book. One is a generalization of ‘Shintani’s lemma’ to  $GL(n)$  concerning estimates of the smoothed Eisenstein series. Shintani proved this lemma for  $GL(2)$  in [64]. The statement of the result is Theorem (3.4.31). The second result is the determination of the principal part of the zeta function for the space of quadratic forms. The statement of the result is Theorem (4.0.1). Shintani himself studied this case and determined the poles of the associated Dirichlet series for quadratic forms which are positive definite in [65]. The last and the main result of this book is the determination of the principal part of the zeta function for the space of pairs of ternary quadratic forms. The statement of the result is Theorem (13.2.2). We discuss the relevance of these results in the introduction.

D. Wright contributed to this book in many places. He suggested the use of ‘Wright’s principle’ in §3.7 after he read the first manuscript of my paper [86]. Also §0.5 is largely from his note. He also found the reference concerning Omar Khayyam when we wrote our paper [84], and helped me to find some references in this book. I would like to give a hearty thanks to him. As I mentioned above, this book is based on geometric invariant theory. For this, I owe a great deal to D. Mumford for teaching me geometric invariant theory and equivariant Morse theory. I was staying at Institute for Advanced Study during the academic year 1989–1990, and at Sonderforschungsbereich 170 Göttingen during the academic year 1990–1991 while I was writing the manuscript of this book. I would like to thank them for their support of this project. This work was partially supported by NSF Grants DMS-8803085, DMS-9101091.

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## Notation

For a finite set  $A$ , the cardinality of  $A$  is denoted by  $\#A$ . If  $f, g$  are functions on a set  $X$  and  $|f(x)| \leq Cg(x)$  for some constant  $C$  independent of  $x \in X$ , we denote  $f(x) \ll g(x)$ . If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , we also use the classical notation  $x \ll y$  if  $y$  is a much larger number than  $x$ . Since we use this classical notation only for numbers, and not for functions, we hope the meaning of this notation will be clear from the context.

Suppose that  $G$  is a locally compact group and  $\Gamma$  is a discrete subgroup of  $G$  contained in the maximal unimodular subgroup of  $G$ . For any left invariant measure  $dg$  on  $G$ , we choose a left invariant measure  $dg$  (we use the same notation, but the meaning will be clear from the context) on  $X = G/\Gamma$  so that

$$\int_G f(g)dg = \int_X \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} f(g\gamma)dg.$$

We denote the fields of rational, real, and complex numbers by  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  respectively. We denote the ring of rational integers by  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The set of positive real numbers is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . For any ring  $R$ ,  $R^\times$  is the set of invertible elements of  $R$ . Let  $k$  be a number field, and  $o_k$  its integer ring. Let  $\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{M}_\infty, \mathfrak{M}_\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{M}_\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{M}_f$  be the set of all the places, all the infinite, real, imaginary, finite places of  $k$  respectively. Let  $\mathbb{A}_f$  (resp.  $\mathbb{A}_f^\times$ ) be the restricted product of the  $k_v$ 's (resp.  $k_v^\times$ 's) over  $v \in \mathfrak{M}_f$ . Let  $k_\infty$  (resp.  $k_\infty^\times$ ) be the product of the  $k_v$ 's (resp.  $k_v^\times$ 's) over  $v \in \mathfrak{M}_\infty$ . Then  $\mathbb{A} = k_\infty \times \mathbb{A}_f$ ,  $\mathbb{A}^\times = k_\infty^\times \times \mathbb{A}_f^\times$ . If  $x \in \mathbb{A}$  or  $\mathbb{A}^\times$ , we denote the finite (resp. infinite) part of  $x$  by  $x_f$  (resp.  $x_\infty$ ). If  $V$  is a vector space over  $k$ , we define  $V_\mathbb{A}, V_\infty, V_f$  similarly. Let  $\mathcal{S}(V_\mathbb{A}), \mathcal{S}(V_\infty), \mathcal{S}(V_f)$  be the spaces of Schwartz–Bruhat functions.

For any place  $v$ ,  $k_v$  is the completion at  $v$ . If  $v \in \mathfrak{M}_f$ ,  $o_v \subset k_v$  is, by definition, the integer ring of  $k_v$ . Let  $|\cdot|$  be the adelic absolute value. The absolute value of  $k_v$  is denoted by  $|\cdot|_v$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{A}^\times$ , we denote the product of the  $|x|_v$ 's over all  $v \in \mathfrak{M}_f$  (resp.  $v \in \mathfrak{M}_\infty$ ) by  $|x|_f$  (resp.  $|x|_\infty$ ). For  $v \in \mathfrak{M}_f$ , let  $\pi_v$  be the prime element, and  $|\pi_v|_v = q_v^{-1}$ . Note that if  $v$  is imaginary and  $|x|$  is the usual absolute value,  $|x|_v = |x|^2$ .

Let  $r_1, r_2$  be the numbers of real and imaginary places respectively. Let  $h, R$ , and  $e$  be the class number, regulator, and the number of roots of unity of  $k$  respectively. Let  $\Delta_k$  be the discriminant of  $k$ . Let  $\mathfrak{C}_k = 2^{r_1} (2\pi)^{r_2} h R e^{-1}$ . We choose a Haar measure  $dx$  on  $\mathbb{A}$  so that  $\int_{\mathbb{A}/k} dx = 1$ . For any finite place  $v$ , we choose a Haar measure  $dx_v$  on  $k_v$  so that  $\int_{o_v} dx_v = 1$ . We use the ordinary Lebesgue measure  $dx_v$  for  $v$  real, and  $dx_v \wedge \bar{d}x_v$  for  $v$  imaginary. Then  $dx = |\Delta_k|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \prod_v dx_v$  (see [79, p. 91]).

For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , let  $\underline{\lambda}$  be the idele whose component at  $v$  is  $\lambda^{|\frac{1}{k^* \mathbb{Q}}|}$  if  $v \in \mathfrak{M}_\infty$  and 1 if  $v \in \mathfrak{M}_f$ . Clearly,  $|\underline{\lambda}| = \lambda$ . We identify  $\mathbb{R}_+$  with a subgroup of  $\mathbb{A}^\times$  by the map  $\lambda \rightarrow \underline{\lambda}$ . Let  $\mathbb{A}^1 = \{x \in \mathbb{A}^\times \mid |x| = 1\}$ . Then  $\mathbb{A}^\times \cong \mathbb{A}^1/k^\times \times \mathbb{R}_+$ , and  $\mathbb{A}^1/k^\times$  is compact. We choose a Haar measure  $d^\times t^1$  on  $\mathbb{A}^1$  so that  $\int_{\mathbb{A}^1/k^\times} d^\times t^1 = 1$ . Using this measure, we choose a Haar measure  $d^\times t$  on  $\mathbb{A}^\times$  so that

$$\int_{\mathbb{A}^\times} f(t)d^\times t = \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{A}^1} f(\underline{\lambda}t^1)d^\times \lambda d^\times t^1,$$

where  $d^\times \lambda = \lambda^{-1} d\lambda$ . For any finite place  $v$ , we choose a Haar measure  $d^\times t_v$  on  $k_v^\times$  so that  $\int_{\mathcal{O}_v^\times} d^\times t_v = 1$ . Let  $d^\times t_v(x) = |x|_v^{-1} dx$  if  $v$  is real, and  $d^\times t_v(x) = |x|_v^{-1} dx \wedge d\bar{x}$  if  $v$  is imaginary. Then  $d^\times t = \mathfrak{C}_k^{-1} \prod_v d^\times t_v$  (see [79, p. 95]).

Let  $\langle \rangle = \prod_v \langle \rangle_v$  be a character of  $\mathbb{A}/k$ . Let  $v$  be a finite place. Suppose that  $\langle \rangle_v$  is trivial on  $\pi_v^{-c_v} \mathcal{O}_v$  and non-trivial on  $\pi_v^{-c_v-1} \mathcal{O}_v$ . Then we define  $a_v = \pi_v^{c_v}$ . Let  $e(x) = e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}$ . If  $v$  is a real place, there exists  $a_v \in k_v^\times$  such that  $\langle x \rangle_v = e(a_v x)$ , and if  $v$  is an imaginary place, there exists  $a_v \in k_v^\times$  such that  $\langle x \rangle_v = e(a_v x + \overline{a_v x})$ . For almost all  $v$ ,  $c_v = 0$ . Let  $\mathfrak{a} = (a_v)_v \in \mathbb{A}^\times$ . Then  $|\mathfrak{a}| = |\Delta_k|^{-1}$  (see [79, p. 113]). The idele  $\mathfrak{a}$  is called the difference idele of  $k$ .

Let  $\zeta_k(s)$  be the Dedekind zeta function. As in [79], we define

$$Z_k(s) = |\Delta_k|^{\frac{s}{2}} \left( \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \right)^{r_1} ((2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s))^{r_2} \zeta_k(s).$$

We define  $\mathfrak{R}_k = \text{Res}_{s=1} Z_k(s)$ .

For a character  $\omega$  of  $\mathbb{A}^\times/k^\times$ , we define  $\delta(\omega) = 1$  if  $\omega$  is trivial, and  $\delta(\omega) = 0$  otherwise.