

An ordinary cyclotomic function field

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1 Introduction

Let \mathbb{F}_q be the field with q elements of characteristic p . Let $k = \mathbb{F}_q(T)$ be the rational function field over \mathbb{F}_q , and $A = \mathbb{F}_q[T]$ the associated polynomial ring. Let $m \in A$ be a monic polynomial. Let K_m, K_m^+ be the m -th cyclotomic function field, and its maximal real subfield (see subsection 2.1). The aim of this paper is to study the structure of the Jacobians of K_m, K_m^+ .

For a global function field K over \mathbb{F}_q , we denote by J_K the Jacobian of $K\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q$, where $\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q$ is an algebraic closure of \mathbb{F}_q . For a prime l , it is well-known that the l -primary subgroup $J_K(l)$ of J_K is isomorphic to the following group

$$J_K(l) \simeq \begin{cases} \bigoplus_{i=1}^{2g_K} \mathbb{Q}_l/\mathbb{Z}_l & \text{if } l \neq p, \\ \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\lambda_K} \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p & \text{if } l = p, \end{cases}$$

where g_K is the genus of K , and λ_K is called the Hasse-Witt invariant of K . In general, λ_K satisfies with $0 \leq \lambda_K \leq g_K$. In particular, we shall call K supersingular if $\lambda_K = 0$, and ordinary if $\lambda_K = g_K$. For more details of the Jacobian, see [Ro1], [Mi].

Let g_m, g_m^+ be the genera of K_m, K_m^+ , respectively. Kida-Murabayashi gave explicit formulas for g_m, g_m^+ for all monic polynomial m (cf. [K-M]). Hence we obtain the l -ranks ($l \neq p$) of J_{K_m} , and $J_{K_m^+}$.

On the other hand, it is more difficult problem to construct an explicit formula for Hasse-Witt invariants. Let λ_m, λ_m^+ be the Hasse-Witt invariants of K_m, K_m^+ , respectively. In the previous paper [Sh2], the author completely determined $m \in A$ satisfying $\lambda_m = 0$ (and $\lambda_m^+ = 0$).

In this paper, we shall consider the ordinary case. Assume that $m \in A$ is a monic irreducible polynomial of degree d . We set

$$s_i(n) = \sum_{a \in A(i)} a^n,$$

where $A(i)$ is the set of monic polynomials of degree i . For $1 \leq n \leq q^d - 2$, we define $B_n(u)$ as follows

$$B_n(u) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^{d-2} \left(\sum_{j=0}^i s_j(n) \right) u^i & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}, \\ \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i(n) u^i & \text{if } n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Let $\mathcal{R}_m = A/mA$, and $\bar{f}(u) \in \mathcal{R}_m[u]$ be the reduction of $f(u) \in A[u]$ modulo m . Now we state our main result in this paper.

Theorem 1.1. *Let $m \in A$ be a monic irreducible polynomial of degree d . Then we have the following results.*

1. K_m is ordinary if and only if

$$\deg \bar{B}_n(u) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right\rfloor - 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}, \\ \left\lfloor \frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right\rfloor & \text{if } n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

for all $1 \leq n \leq q^d - 2$.

2. K_m^+ is ordinary if and only if

$$\deg \bar{B}_n(u) = \left\lfloor \frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right\rfloor - 1 \quad (3)$$

for all $1 \leq n \leq q^d - 2$ ($n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$).

Here $[x]$ is the maximal integer satisfying $[x] \leq x$, and $l(n) = a_0 + a_1 + \cdots + a_{d-1}$ if $n = a_0 + a_1q + \cdots + a_{d-1}q^{d-1}$ ($0 \leq a_i \leq q-1$).

Assume that $q \neq p$. By using Theorem 1.1, we will completely determine a monic irreducible polynomial m such that K_m is ordinary (see Corollary 3.1). On the other hand, in the case $q = p$, it is more difficult problem to determine such m . In section 4, we shall give some examples of ordinary cyclotomic function fields.

Remark 1.1. The above polynomial $B_n(u)$ is closely related to characteristic p zeta function (cf. [Go1]).

2 Preparations

2.1 Cyclotomic function fields

In this subsection, we shall provide basic facts about cyclotomic function fields. For details, see [Ha], [Ro1], [Go1].

Let \bar{k} be an algebraic closure of k . For $x \in \bar{k}$ and $m \in A$, we define the following action

$$m * x = m(\varphi + \mu)(x),$$

where φ, μ are \mathbb{F}_q -linear isomorphisms of \bar{k} defined by $\varphi : x \mapsto x^q$, and $\mu : x \mapsto Tx$, respectively. By this action, \bar{k} becomes A -module. This A -module is called the Carlitz module. For a monic polynomial $m \in A$, we set

$$\Lambda_m = \{x \in \bar{k} : m * x = 0\}.$$

Let $K_m = k(\Lambda_m)$, which is called the m -th cyclotomic function field. One shows that K_m/k is a Galois extension, and have the group isomorphism

$$\text{Gal}(K_m/k) \simeq (A/mA)^\times, \quad (4)$$

where $\text{Gal}(K_m/k)$ is the Galois group of K_m/k . We regard $\mathbb{F}_q^\times \subseteq (A/mA)^\times$, and let K_m^+ be the intermediate field of K_m/k corresponding to \mathbb{F}_q^\times . The field K_m^+ is called the maximal real subfield of K_m . Let P_∞ be the prime of k with the valuation ord_∞ satisfying $\text{ord}_\infty(1/T) = 1$. Then P_∞ splits completely in K_m^+/k , and any prime of K_m^+ over P_∞ is totally ramified in K_m/K_m^+ . Hence we have

$$K_m^+ = k_\infty \cap K_m,$$

where k_∞ is the associated completion of k by P_∞ .

2.2 Zeta functions

In this subsection, we shall study the zeta function of cyclotomic function fields. For more references, see [G-R], [Ro1].

For a global function field K over \mathbb{F}_q , we define the zeta function of K by

$$\zeta(s, K) = \prod_{\mathcal{P}:\text{prime}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}\mathcal{P}^s}\right)^{-1},$$

where \mathcal{P} runs through all primes of K , and $\mathcal{N}\mathcal{P}$ is the number of elements of the reduce class field of \mathcal{P} . Then $\zeta(s, K)$ converges absolutely for $\text{Re}(s) > 1$.

Theorem 2.1. *Let g_K be the genus of K . Then there is a polynomial $Z_K(u) \in \mathbb{Z}[u]$ of degree $2g_K$ satisfying*

$$\zeta(s, K) = \frac{Z_K(q^{-s})}{(1 - q^{-s})(1 - q^{1-s})}.$$

Now we focus on the cyclotomic function field case. Let $m \in A$ be a monic polynomial of degree d . Let $\zeta(s, K_m)$, $\zeta(s, K_m^+)$ be zeta functions of K_m , and K_m^+ , respectively. By Theorem 2.1, there are polynomials $Z_m(u)$, and $Z_m^{(+)}(u)$ such that

$$\zeta(s, K_m) = \frac{Z_m(q^{-s})}{(1 - q^{-s})(1 - q^{1-s})}, \quad (5)$$

$$\zeta(s, K_m^+) = \frac{Z_m^{(+)}(q^{-s})}{(1 - q^{-s})(1 - q^{1-s})}. \quad (6)$$

Let X_m be the group of primitive Dirichlet characters modulo m , and X_m^+ is the subgroup of X_m defined by

$$X_m^+ = \{\chi \in X_m : \chi(a) = 1 \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times\}.$$

By the same arguments in subsection 2.2 in [Sh1], we have

$$\zeta(s, K_m) = \left\{ \prod_{\chi \in X_m} L(s, \chi) \right\} (1 - q^{-s})^{-[K_m^+ : k]}, \quad (7)$$

$$\zeta(s, K_m^+) = \left\{ \prod_{\chi \in X_m^+} L(s, \chi) \right\} (1 - q^{-s})^{-[K_m^+ : k]}. \quad (8)$$

Here an L -function $L(s, \chi)$ is defined by

$$L(s, \chi) = \sum_{a:\text{monic}} \frac{\chi(a)}{N(a)^s},$$

where a runs through all monic polynomials of A , and $N(a) = q^{\deg a}$. Let χ_0 be the trivial character. We can check that

$$L(s, \chi) = \begin{cases} 1/(1 - q^{1-s}) & \text{if } \chi = \chi_0, \\ \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i(\chi) q^{-si} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $s_i(\chi) = \sum_{\substack{a:\text{monic} \\ \deg(a)=i}} \chi(a)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$. We set

$$\Phi_\chi(u) = \begin{cases} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i(\chi) u^i \right) / (1-u) & \text{if } \chi \in X_m^+ \setminus \{\chi_0\}, \\ \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i(\chi) u^i & \text{if } \chi \in X_m^-, \end{cases}$$

where $X_m^- = X_m \setminus X_m^+$. From equations (5) (6) (7) (8), we obtain the following result.

Proposition 2.1.

$$(1) \quad Z_m(u) = \prod_{\substack{\chi \in X_m \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \Phi_\chi(u), \quad (9)$$

$$(2) \quad Z_m^{(+)}(u) = \prod_{\substack{\chi \in X_m^+ \\ \chi \neq \chi_0}} \Phi_\chi(u). \quad (10)$$

Remark 2.1. Assume that $\chi \in X_m^+ \setminus \{\chi_0\}$. Noting that $\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i(\chi) = 0$, we have

$$\Phi_\chi(u) = \sum_{i=0}^{d-2} \left(\sum_{j=0}^i s_j(\chi) \right) u^i. \quad (11)$$

In particular, $\Phi_\chi(u)$ is a polynomial.

2.3 The Hasse-Witt invarinat

Our goal in this subsection is to express λ_m and λ_m^+ in terms of $B_n(u)$. To do this, we will study a relation between $B_n(u)$ and $Z_m(u)$ (and $Z_m^{(+)}(u)$). For more information, see chapter 8 of [Go1].

Let $m \in A$ be a monic irreducible polynomial of degree d . We denote the p -adic field by \mathbb{Q}_p . Fix an algebraic closure $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ of \mathbb{Q} , an algebraic closure $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ of \mathbb{Q}_p , and an embedding $\sigma : \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p$. By this embedding, we regard $\bar{\mathbb{Q}} \subseteq \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p$. Let ord_p the p -adic valuation of $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ with $\text{ord}_p(p) = 1$. We set

$$M = \mathbb{Q}_p(W),$$

where W is the group of $(p^{de} - 1)$ -th roots of unity (we assume $q = p^e$). Let \mathcal{O}_M be the valuation ring of M . Since M/\mathbb{Q}_p is unramified, the residue class field $\mathcal{F}_M = \mathcal{O}_M/p\mathcal{O}_M$ consists of p^{de} elements. We notice that the image of $\chi \in X_m$ is contained in \mathcal{O}_M . Hence we see that

$$\Phi_\chi(u) \in \mathcal{O}_M[u] \quad (\text{for } \chi \in X_m \setminus \{\chi_0\}).$$

Notice that \mathcal{R}_m and \mathcal{F}_M are finite fields with same cardinality. Hence \mathcal{R}_m is isomorphic to \mathcal{F}_M , and fix an isomorphism $\phi : \mathcal{R}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_M$. This map derives the group isomorphism $\phi_0 : (A/mA)^\times \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_M^\times$, and the ring isomorphism $\phi_* : \mathcal{R}_m[u] \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_M[u]$. Since p is prime to $\#W$ ($=$ the cardinality of W), we have the following isomorphism

$$\psi : W \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_M^\times \quad (\zeta \rightarrow \zeta \pmod{p\mathcal{O}_M}).$$

Put $\omega = \psi^{-1} \circ \phi_0$. Then ω is a generator of X_m . Hence we have

$$X_m = \{\omega^n \mid n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q^d - 2\}.$$

We see that $\omega^n \in X_m^+$ if $n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$, and $\omega^n \in X_m^-$ if $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$. We notice that

$$\phi(a^n \pmod{mA}) \equiv \omega^n(a \pmod{mA}) \pmod{p\mathcal{O}_p}$$

for $a \in A$ ($0 \leq \deg(a) < d$), and $n = 0, 1, \dots, q^d - 2$. Hence, by the definition of $B_n(u)$, we obtain

$$\phi_*(\bar{B}_n(u)) = \bar{\Phi}_{\omega^n}(u),$$

where $\bar{\Phi}_\chi(u)$ is the reduction of $\Phi_\chi(u)$ modulo $p\mathcal{O}_M$. From Proposition 2.1, we obtain the following results.

Proposition 2.2.

$$(1) \quad \phi_* \left(\prod_{n=1}^{q^d-2} \bar{B}_n(u) \right) = \bar{Z}_m(u), \quad (12)$$

$$(2) \quad \phi_* \left(\prod_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}}}^{q^d-2} \bar{B}_n(u) \right) = \bar{Z}_m^{(+)}(u). \quad (13)$$

Proposition 2.2 leads the following relation between λ_m (or λ_m^+) and $B_n(u)$.

Corollary 2.1.

$$(1) \lambda_m = \sum_{n=1}^{q^d-2} \deg \bar{B}_n(u), \quad (14)$$

$$(2) \lambda_m^+ = \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ t \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}}}^{q^d-2} \deg \bar{B}_n(u). \quad (15)$$

Proof. By Proposition 11.20 in [Ro1], we have

$$\lambda_m = \deg \bar{Z}_m(u), \quad \lambda_m^+ = \deg \bar{Z}_m^{(+)}(u).$$

Hence we obtain Corollary 2.1 from Proposition 2.2. \square

2.4 Degrees of $B_n(u)$

In this subsection, we shall study the degree of $B_n(u)$. To see this, we review some results of Gekeler [Ge].

Fix an integer $d \geq 0$. For $n = a_0 + a_1q + \cdots + a_{d-1}q^{d-1}$ ($0 \leq a_i \leq q-1$), we define e_i ($1 \leq i \leq l(n)$) as follows:

$$n = \sum_{i=1}^{l(n)} q^{e_i} \quad (0 \leq e_i \leq e_{i+1}, e_i < e_{i+q-1}).$$

(Recall that $l(n) = a_0 + a_1 + \cdots + a_d$). We set

$$\rho(n) = \begin{cases} -\infty & \text{if } l(n) < q-1, \\ n - \sum_{i=1}^{q-1} q^{e_i} & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Moreover $\rho(-\infty) = -\infty$, $\rho^{(0)}(n) = n$, and $\rho^{(i)} = \rho^{(i-1)} \circ \rho$. We also put $\deg 0 = -\infty$. Then Gekeler showed the following result.

Proposition 2.3. (*cf. Proposition 2.11 in [Ge]*)

$$\deg(s_i(n)) \leq \rho^{(1)}(n) + \rho^{(2)}(n) \cdots + \rho^{(i)}(n).$$

Moreover, the equality holds if $q=p$ (:prime).

In particular, we have the following results.

Corollary 2.2. *If $l(n)/(q-1) < i$, then $s_i(n) = 0$. Assume that $q = p$. Then $l(n)/(p-1) < i$ if and only if $s_i(n) = 0$.*

Next we set

$$C_n(u) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} s_i(n)u^i.$$

From Corollary 2.2, we see that $C_n(u) \in A[u]$. Moreover, we have the following result.

Lemma 2.1. $\deg C_n(u) \leq \left\lceil \frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right\rceil$. *The equality holds if $q = p$.*

Proof. This follows from Corollary 2.2. □

Lemma 2.2. *If $1 \leq n \leq q^d - 2$ ($n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$), then $C_n(1) = 0$.*

Proof. This follows from Lemma 6.1 in [Ge] □

From Lemma 2.2, we obtain

$$B_n(u) = \begin{cases} C_n(u)/(1-u) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}, \\ C_n(u) & \text{if } n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

for $1 \leq n \leq q^d - 2$. From equation (16), we see that $B_n(u)$ is only depend on n (independent on the choice of d).

Proposition 2.4.

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad \deg B_n(u) &\leq \left\lceil \frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right\rceil - 1 && \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}, \\ (2) \quad \deg B_n(u) &\leq \left\lceil \frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right\rceil && \text{if } n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

In particular, equalities hold if $q = p$.

Proof. This follows from Lemma 2.1 . □

3 A proof of Theorem 1.1

Our goal in this section is to prove Theorem 1.1. To do this, we first show the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1. *For a positive integer d , we have*

$$(1) \quad \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}}}^{q^d-2} \left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] = \frac{d}{2} \left(\frac{q^d-1}{q-1} - 1 \right), \quad (18)$$

$$(2) \quad \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}}}^{q^d-2} \left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] = \frac{(d-1)(q-2)(q^d-1)}{2(q-1)}. \quad (19)$$

Proof. We can check that

$$l(n) + l(q^d - 1 - n) = (q-1)d$$

for $1 \leq n \leq q^d - 2$. Assume that $n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$. Since $l(n) \equiv l(q^d - 1 - n) \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$, we have

$$\left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] + \left[\frac{l(q^d - 1 - n)}{q-1} \right] = d.$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}}}^{q^d-2} \left\{ \left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] + \left[\frac{l(q^d - 1 - n)}{q-1} \right] \right\} = d \left(\frac{q^d - 1}{q-1} - 1 \right).$$

This leads equation (18). Next we assume that $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$. Then

$$\left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] + \left[\frac{l(q^d - 1 - n)}{q-1} \right] = d - 1.$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}}}^{q^d-2} \left\{ \left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] + \left[\frac{l(q^d - 1 - n)}{q-1} \right] \right\} = \frac{(d-1)(q-2)(q^d-1)}{(q-1)}.$$

Hence we obtain equation (19). □

Now we give the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Proof. One shows that g_m, g_m^+ can be calculated as follows

$$2g_m = (dq - d - q) \left(\frac{q^d - 1}{q - 1} \right) - (d - 2), \quad (20)$$

$$2g_m^+ = (d - 2) \left(\frac{q^d - 1}{q - 1} - 1 \right) \quad (21)$$

(cf. [K-M]). By comparing with Lemma 3.1, we obtain

$$g_m = \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}}}^{q^d-2} \left(\left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] - 1 \right) + \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}}}^{q^d-2} \left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right], \quad (22)$$

$$g_m^+ = \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}}}^{q^2-2} \left(\left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] - 1 \right). \quad (23)$$

First we assume that $\lambda_m = g_m$. Then, by Corollary 2.1 and Proposition 2.4, and equation (22), we see that equation (2) holds. Conversely, we assume that equation (2) holds. Then, by Corollary 2.1 and equation (22), we obtain $\lambda_m = g_m$. This complete the proof of the part 1 of Theorem 1.1.

By the same arguments, we can prove the part 2 of Theorem 1.1. \square

Remark 3.1. From the proof of Theorem 1.1, we have the following results.

1. If K_m is ordinary, then

$$\deg \bar{B}_n(u) = \deg B_n(u) = \begin{cases} \left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] - 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}, \\ \left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] & \text{if } n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q-1} \end{cases}$$

for all $1 \leq n \leq q^d - 2$.

2. If K_m^+ is ordinary, then

$$\deg \bar{B}_n(u) = \deg B_n(u) = \left[\frac{l(n)}{q-1} \right] - 1$$

for all $1 \leq n \leq q^d - 2$ ($n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$).

By using Theorem 1.1, we determine all ordinary cyclotomic function field in the case of $q \neq p$.

Corollary 3.1. *We assume that $q \neq p$. Let m be a monic irreducible polynomial. Then we have the following results.*

1. K_m is ordinary if and only if $\deg m = 1$.
2. K_m^+ is ordinary if and only if $\deg m \leq 2$.

Proof. First we show the assertion 1. Assume that $\deg m = 1$. Then we obtain $g_m = 0$ by equation (20). Hence K_m is ordinary. Next, we put $n = (q - p) + pq$. Then $l(n) = q \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q - 1}$. By Corollary 3.14 in [Ge], we have

$$s_1(n) = - \binom{p}{p-1} (T^p - T) = 0.$$

Hence $B_n(u) = 1$. Notice that $\deg B_n(u) < [\frac{l(n)}{q-1}]$. It follows that K_m is not ordinary if $\deg m \geq 2$. This leads the assertion 1 of Corollary 3.1.

Secondly, we will show the assertion 2 of Corollary 3.1. By equation (21), we see that K_m^+ is ordinary if $\deg m \leq 2$. Next, we put $n = p + (q - p)q + (q - 2)q^2$, and $n_0 = n/p = 1 + (q - q/p - 1)q + (q/p - 1)q^2$. Then we have $l(n) = 2(q - 1)$, and $l(n_0) = q - 1$. By Proposition 2.4, we have $1 + s_1(n_0) = 0$. Noting that

$$1 + s_1(n) = (1 + s_1(n_0))^p = 0,$$

we have $B_n(u) = 1$. Hence $\deg B_n(u) < [\frac{l(n)}{q-1}] - 1$. It follows that K_m^+ is not ordinary if $\deg m \geq 3$. This leads the assertion 2 of Corollary 3.1. \square

The above corollary is not true in the case $q = p$. We will see this in the next section.

4 Some examples of ordinary cyclotomic function field

In this section, we assume $q = p$. As an application of Theorem 1.1, we shall construct some examples of ordinary cyclotomic function fields.

Proposition 4.1. *Assume $m \in A$ is a monic irreducible polynomial of degree two. Then K_m^+ , and K_m are ordinary.*

Proof. From equation (20), we have $g_m^+ = 0$. Hence K_m^+ is ordinary.

Next we will show that K_m is ordinary. To see this, we shall see that equation (2) holds. We first consider the case $l(n) \leq p - 1$. By Proposition 2.4, we have $B_n(u) = 1$. Hence equation (2) holds in this case.

Secondly, we consider the case $p \leq l(n) < 2(p - 1)$. Noting that $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p - 1}$, we obtain

$$B_n(u) = 1 + s_1(n)u.$$

Here we put $n = a + bp$ ($0 \leq a, b \leq p - 1$). Then Gekeler showed

$$s_1(n) = - \binom{b}{p - 1 - a} (T^p - T)^{a+b-(p-1)}$$

(cf. Corollary 3.14 in [Ge]). Hence $s_1(n) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m}$. Therefore equation (2) holds in this case. This complete the proof of Proposition 4.1. \square

Proposition 4.2. *Assume that $m \in A$ is a monic irreducible polynomial of degree three. Then K_m^+ is ordinary.*

Proof. Fix an integer n such that $1 \leq n \leq p^3 - 2$ ($n \equiv 0 \pmod{p - 1}$). Then we have

$$B_n(u) = 1 + f_n(T)u,$$

where $f_n(T)$ is defined by

$$f_n(T) = 1 + s_1(n) = 1 + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q} (T + \alpha)^n.$$

We notice that $l(n) = p - 1$ or $2(p - 1)$. First, we assume that $l(n) = p - 1$. Then, by Proposition 2.4, we have $B_n(u) = 1$. Hence equation (3) holds in this case.

Secondly, we consider the case $l(n) = 2(p - 1)$. From Proposition 2.4, we see that $f_n(T) \neq 0$. Assume that $f_n(T) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$. Let ω be a root of m . Then ω is also a root of $f_n(T)$. We put

$$W_1 = \left\{ a + \frac{b}{\omega + c} : a, c \in \mathbb{F}_q, b \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times \right\},$$

$$W_2 = \left\{ a + b\omega : a, b \in \mathbb{F}_q \right\}.$$

We can easily check that (i) $f_n(T + \alpha) = f_n(T)$ ($\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q$), (ii) $f_n(\alpha T) = f_n(T)$ ($\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$), (iii) $T^n f_n(1/T) = f_n(T)$. Hence each element of $W_1 \cup W_2$ is also a root of $f_n(T)$. Notice that ω is a root of irreducible polynomial of degree 3. Hence

$$W_1 \cap W_2 = \phi, \quad \#W_1 = p^3 - p^2, \quad \#W_2 = p^2.$$

Therefore $f_n(T)$ has distinct p^3 roots. However $\deg f_n(T) \leq n \leq p^3 - 2$. This is a contradiction. Therefore $f_n(T) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m}$. Hence equation (3) holds in this case. \square

Remark 4.1. The above result is not true for K_m . In fact, we consider the case $p = 3$ and $m = T^3 + 2T + 1$. Then $g_m = 19$, and $\lambda_m = 18$.

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