# On a Theorem of Iwasawa 

Raymond Ayoub<br>Department of Mathematics, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Communicated by S. Chowla
Received November 29, 1972

## 1. Introduction

In this section we shall give the setting which leads to a formulation of Iwasawa's Theorem [1].

Let $p$ be a prime, $p>3$ and let

$$
\begin{equation*}
t=\frac{p-1}{2} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Chowla [2] proved that the $t$ real numbers $\cot (2 \pi l / p)(l=1,2, \ldots, t)$ are linearly independent over the field $Q$ of rational numbers.

Following Iwasawa's notation, let $Q_{p}$ be the $p$-adic completion of $Q$ and let $\nu_{p}$ be the normalized valuation on $Q_{p}$ such that $\nu_{p}(p)=1$. For $a=1,2, \ldots, p-1$, it is easily seen that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha_{a}=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{p^{n}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

exists in $Q_{v}$, that $\alpha_{a} \equiv a(\bmod p)$, and that $\alpha_{a}$ is a $(p-1)$-st root of unity in $Q_{p}$.

Let $\zeta$ be a primitive $p$ th root of unity in the complex field and let $K=Q(\zeta)$; let $K_{p}=Q_{p}(\lambda)$, where $K_{p}$ is the local cyclotomic field of $p$ th roots of unity over $Q_{p}$.

Let $\rho$ be a primitive ( $p-1$ )-st root of unity in the complex field. There is a natural isomorphism from $Q(\zeta, \rho)$ into $K_{p}$ given by $\rho \rightarrow \alpha_{g}, \zeta \rightarrow \lambda$, where $g$ is a primitive root $\bmod p$. Call this isomorphism $\eta$. The valuation $\nu_{p}$ can be extended to $K_{p}$ and hence can be defined on $Q(\zeta, \rho)$ as follows: If $\beta \in Q(\zeta, \rho)$, then define

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{p}(\beta)=\nu_{p}(\eta(\beta)) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

108

We use the same symbol for the valuation on $Q(\zeta, \rho)$ as no confusion will arise.
Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
\xi_{l}=\frac{\zeta^{l}+\zeta^{-l}}{\zeta^{l}-\frac{\zeta^{-l}}{}}=i \cot \left(\frac{2 \pi l}{p}\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

and let $\gamma$ be the automorphism $\zeta \rightarrow \zeta^{-1}$ of $K=Q(\zeta)$. Let

$$
\begin{align*}
& K^{+}=\{k \in K ; \gamma(k)=k\},  \tag{5}\\
& K^{-}=\{k \in K ; \gamma(k)=-k\} . \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

$K^{-}$is not a subfield of $K$, but both $K^{+}$and $K^{-}$are vector spaces over $Q$ of dimension $t$. Since $\gamma\left(\xi_{l}\right)=-\xi_{l}(l=1,2, \ldots, t)$, it follows that

$$
\xi_{l} \in K^{-}(l=1,2, \ldots, t)
$$

and hence, by Chowla's theorem, $\xi_{l}$ form a basis for $K^{-}$over $Q$. Moreover $\zeta-\zeta^{-1} \in K^{-}$; therefore, there exist $x_{l} \in Q(l=1,2, \ldots, t)$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\zeta-\zeta^{-1}=\sum_{l=1}^{t} x_{l} \xi_{l} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

This may be rewritten as

$$
\begin{equation*}
2 \sin \frac{2 \pi}{p}=\sum_{l=1}^{i} x_{l} \cot \left(\frac{2 \pi}{p} l\right) . \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{p}=\max _{l}\left(-\nu_{p}\left(x_{l}\right)\right) . \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Suppose that $\chi$ is a character $\bmod p$ and consider

$$
u_{\chi}=\frac{2 \chi(2)}{p} \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} m \chi(m) ;
$$

then $u_{x} \in Q(\zeta, \rho)$. If $\chi(-1)=1$ and $\chi$ is nonprincipal, then $u_{x}=0$; otherwise, if $\chi(-1)=-1, u_{x} \neq 0$. Let

$$
e_{x}=v_{p}\left(u_{x}\right) .
$$

Iwasawa proved the following theorem:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{p}=\max _{x}\left(e_{x} ; \chi(-1)=-1\right) . \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

He deduced that (i) in general $\delta_{p} \geqslant 0$, (ii) $\delta_{p}=0$ if and only if the prime $p$ is regular. Let $h=h_{1} h_{2}$, where $h$ is the class number of $K$ and $h_{2}$ the class number of $K^{+}$.

From (10) Iwasawa derived the highly interesting fact that, if $\nu_{p}\left(h_{1}\right)=s$ while $r=$ number of Bernouilli numbers $B_{n}(1 \leqslant n \leqslant(p-3) / 2)$ divisible by $p$, then $s \geqslant r$ and $s=r$ if and only if $\delta_{p} \leqslant 1$.

The object of this note is to give an "explicit" evaluation of the numbers $x_{l}$ and to deduce (10) as a consequence. In the course of the derivation, an alternate proof of Chowla's theorem will appear.

## 2. Evaluation of $x_{l}$

We shall first state the result and later give an indication of how it was arrived at and incidentally give another proof of Chowla's Theorem.

Theorem 2.1. Let $\chi$ be a character $\bmod p$ such that $\chi(-1)=-1$, and let

$$
\begin{equation*}
S(\chi)=\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} m \chi(m) \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

then

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{l}=\frac{2 p}{p-1} \sum_{x} \frac{\bar{\chi}(2 l)}{S(\chi)}, \quad l=1,2, \ldots, t \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the summation is over all characters $\chi$ such that $\chi(-1)=-1$. There are $t$ of these.

Proof. We first remark that the right-hand side is meaningful since $S(\chi)$, being a factor of the first factor of $h$, is different from 0 . Secondly, $x_{l} \in Q$. This fact will emerge in Section 3 but to make Section 2 independent of Section 3, we give a proof.

Let $g$ be a primitive root $\bmod p$ and choose $\chi_{0}$ so that $\chi_{0}(g)=\rho^{-1}$, where $\rho$ is a primitive $(p-1)$-st root of unity. $\chi_{0}$ generates the cyclic group of characters. The characters for which $\chi(-1)=-1$ are determined then by $-1=\chi_{0}{ }^{m}(-1)=\chi_{0}{ }^{m}\left(g^{t}\right)=\rho^{-m t}$. It follows that $m$ must be odd. The automorphisms of $Q(\rho)$ are given by $\mu_{a}: \rho \rightarrow \rho^{a}$ with $(a, p-1)=1$. Thus, if $2 l \equiv g^{b}(\bmod p)$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\chi(2 l) S(\chi)=\sum_{n=0}^{p} \bar{g}^{n} P^{-m(n+b)} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\bar{s} \equiv s(\bmod p)$ and $0 \leqslant \bar{s}<p$ with $\chi=\chi_{0}{ }^{m}$ and $m$ odd. Applying $\mu_{a}$ to (13), we find that

$$
\begin{equation*}
(\chi(2 l) S(\chi))^{\mu_{a}}=\sum_{n=0}^{p-2} \overline{g^{n}} \rho^{-m a(n+b)} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

As $a$ is odd, it follows that $m a \equiv w(\bmod p-1)$ with $w$ odd. That is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\chi_{0}{ }^{m}(2 l) S\left(\chi_{0}{ }^{m}\right)\right)^{L_{a}}=\chi_{0}{ }^{w}(2 l) S\left(\chi_{0}^{w}\right) \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

As $(a, p-1)=1$, it follows that $\mu_{a}$ induces a bijection of the set

$$
\left\{\chi_{0}{ }^{m}(2 l) S\left(\chi_{0}^{m}\right) ; \quad m=1,3, \ldots, p-2\right\} .
$$

Hence, $x_{l}$ is invariant under the automorphisms of $Q(\rho)$ and therefore lies in $Q$.

Assuming Chowla's Theorem, the $x_{l}$ are uniquely determined. We show then that the $x_{l}$ as defined by (12) do, in fact, satisfy (7). The expression

$$
\sum_{x(-1)=-1} \frac{\bar{\chi}(2 l)}{S(\chi)},
$$

is meaningful for any $l=1,2, \ldots, p-1$. Hence, $x_{l}$ is meaningful for $l=1,2, \ldots, p-1$ with the relation, however, that $x_{p-l}=-x_{l}$. Consider then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{l=1}^{p-1} x_{l} \xi_{l}=\sum_{l=1}^{t} x_{l} \xi_{l}+\sum_{l=t+1}^{p-1} x_{l} \xi_{l} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

As $\xi_{\mathcal{p}-l}=-\xi_{l}$ and $x_{p-l}=-x_{l}$, it follows from (16) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{l=1}^{p-1} x_{l} \xi_{l}=2 \sum_{l=1}^{t} x_{l} \xi_{l} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, it is easy to see that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\xi_{l}=1+\frac{2}{p} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} k \xi^{2 l k} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

This being so, we have (bearing in mind that the sums involving characters are over odd characters) from (17) and (18)

$$
\begin{align*}
A & =\sum_{l=1}^{t} x_{l} \xi_{l}=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^{p-1} x_{l} \xi_{l} \\
& =\frac{p \bar{\chi}(2)}{p-1}\left(\sum_{l=1}^{p-1} \sum_{x} \frac{\bar{\chi}(l)}{S(\chi)}\left(1+\frac{2}{p} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} k \zeta^{2 k l}\right)\right) \\
& =\frac{p \bar{\chi}(2)}{p-1} \sum_{x} \frac{1}{S(\chi)} \sum_{l=1}^{p-1} \bar{\chi}(l)+\frac{2}{p-1} \sum_{l=1}^{p-1} \sum_{x} \frac{\bar{\chi}(l)}{S(\chi)} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} k \zeta^{2 k l l} . \tag{19}
\end{align*}
$$

As $\chi$ is not principal, the first term is 0 . In the second sum, we introduce the term $1=\chi(k) \bar{\chi}(k)$ and get from (19)

$$
A=\frac{2}{p-1} \sum_{x} \frac{1}{S(\chi)} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} k \chi(k) \sum_{l=1}^{p-1} \bar{\chi}(2 k l) \zeta^{2 k l}
$$

For a given $k$ we have

$$
\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \bar{\chi}(2 k l) \zeta^{2 k l}=\sum_{n=1}^{p-1} \bar{\chi}(n) \zeta^{n}
$$

and the left sum is therefore independent of $k$. Hence,

$$
\begin{align*}
A & =\frac{2}{p-1} \sum_{x} \sum_{n=1}^{p-1} \bar{\chi}(n) \zeta^{n} \frac{1}{S(\chi)} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} k \chi(k) \\
& =\frac{2}{p-1} \sum_{n=1}^{p-1} \zeta^{n} \sum_{x} \bar{\chi}(n) \tag{20}
\end{align*}
$$

To evaluate the inner sum (which is well known), we note that, if $n \neq 1$ $(\bmod p)$, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
0 & =\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \chi_{0}^{k}(n)=\sum_{m=1}^{t} \chi_{0}^{2 m-1}(n)+\sum_{m=1}^{t} \chi_{0}^{2 m}(n) \\
& =\left(1+\chi_{0}(n)\right) \sum_{m=1}^{t} \chi_{0}^{2 m-1}(n)
\end{aligned}
$$

If $\chi_{0}(n) \neq-1$-i.e., if $n \neq-1(\bmod p)$-then

$$
\sum_{m=1}^{t} \chi_{0}^{2 m-1}(n)=0
$$

It follows that

$$
\sum_{x} \bar{\chi}(n)= \begin{cases}0, & \text { if } n \neq \pm 1(\bmod p)  \tag{21}\\ -t, & \text { if } n \equiv-1(\bmod p) \\ t, & \text { if } n \equiv 1(\bmod p)\end{cases}
$$

Applying (21) to (20), we get

$$
A=\frac{2}{p-1}\left(t \zeta-t \zeta^{-1}\right)=\zeta-\zeta^{-1}
$$

as required.

As a corollary, we derive Iwasawa's Theorem. From (12) we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{p}\left(x_{l}\right) \geqslant \min _{\chi} v_{p}\left(\frac{p}{S(\chi)}\right) \geqslant-\max _{\chi}\left(v_{p}\left(\frac{S(\chi)}{p}\right)\right), \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

the min and max taken over odd characters. Therefore, from (22)

$$
\begin{equation*}
-v_{p}\left(x_{l}\right) \leqslant \max _{\chi} v_{p}\left(\frac{S(\chi)}{p}\right) . \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

As the right-hand side does not depend on $l$, we get from (23),

$$
\delta_{p} \leqslant \max _{x} v_{p}\left(\frac{S(x)}{p}\right) .
$$

To prove the reverse inequality, we write (12) in the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{t}\right]=\left(\frac{p}{S\left(x_{1}\right)}, \ldots, \frac{p}{S\left(x_{t}\right)}\right) M \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $M$ is the matrix $[\bar{\chi}(2 l)], \chi$ is odd, and $l=1,2, \ldots, t$.
The matrix $M$ is nonsingular; in fact, its determinant is prime to $p$. Since $\bar{\chi}=\chi^{-1}$, we can write $M$ as

$$
M=\left[\chi_{0}^{-(2 k-1)}(2 l)\right] .
$$

Hence,

$$
\begin{aligned}
M \bar{M}^{T} & =\left[\chi_{0}^{-(2 k-1)}(2 l)\right]\left[\chi_{0}^{2 r-1}(2 l)\right] \\
& =\left[\sum_{l=1}^{t} \chi_{0}^{2 r-2 l}(2 l)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

If $r=k$, this term of the matrix has value $t$. If $r \neq k$, then $\chi_{0}^{2(r-k)}$ is an even character, not the principal one, and it is easily seen that then the value is 0 . Therefore, $M \bar{M}^{T}=t I$. That is, $M$ is nonsingular and

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(M \bar{M}^{T}\right)=t^{t}
$$

or

$$
|\operatorname{det} M|^{2}=t^{t} .
$$

In other words, $\nu_{p}(\operatorname{det} M)=0$, as is easily seen.
Therefore, from (23)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{p}{S(\chi)}=\frac{1}{\operatorname{det} M} \sum_{l=1}^{t} \alpha_{l} x_{l} \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\alpha_{l} \in Z[\rho]$.

Consequently, from (24)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \nu_{p}\left(\frac{p}{S(\chi)}\right) \geqslant \min \nu_{p}\left(x_{l}\right) \\
& \nu_{p}\left(\frac{S(\chi)}{p}\right) \leqslant \max \left(-\nu_{p}\left(x_{l}\right)\right)=\delta_{p} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, $\max \nu_{p}(S(\chi) / p) \leqslant \delta_{v}$. This completes the proof.

## 3. Derivation of (12) and Alternate Proof of Chowla's Theorem

We begin with the easily proved identity

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{n=1}^{p-1} n \zeta^{n}=\frac{p}{\zeta-1} \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $\zeta$ by $\zeta^{-1}$, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{n=1}^{p} n \zeta^{-n}=\frac{-p \zeta}{\zeta-1} . \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

Subtracting (26) from (25) and replacing $\zeta$ by $\zeta^{2}$, we deduce that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{n=1}^{p-1} n\left(\zeta^{2 n}-\zeta^{-2 n}\right)=p\left(\frac{\zeta+\zeta^{-1}}{\zeta-\zeta^{-1}}\right)=p \xi_{1} \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

Applying the automorphisms $\zeta \rightarrow \zeta^{a}(a=1,2, \ldots, t)$, we infer that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{n=1}^{p-1} n\left(\zeta^{2 a n}-\zeta^{-2 a n}\right)=p \xi_{a} \quad(a=1,2, \ldots, t) \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

The automorphisms $\zeta \rightarrow \zeta^{a}(a=t+1, \ldots, p-1)$ yield nothing new.
We shall cut the summation in (28) to $t$. Let $\bar{x}$ denote the residue of $x$ modulo $p$ with $0 \leqslant \bar{x}<p$. Determine $a$ such that $a n \equiv m(\bmod p)$; i.e., $n \equiv m a^{-1}(\bmod p)$. Then from (28), we get

$$
\begin{align*}
p \xi_{a} & =\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \overline{m a^{-1}}\left(\zeta^{2 m}-\zeta^{-2 m}\right) \\
& =\left(\sum_{m=1}^{t}+\sum_{m=t+1}^{p-1}\right) \overline{\left(m a^{-1}\left(\zeta^{2 m}-\zeta^{-2 m}\right)\right)} \\
& =S_{1}+S_{2} \tag{29}
\end{align*}
$$

In $S_{2}$, put $k=p-m$; then

$$
\begin{align*}
S_{2} & =\sum_{k=1}^{t}\left(\overline{(p-k)\left(a^{-1}\right)}\right)\left(\zeta^{-2 k}-\zeta^{2 k}\right) \\
& =\sum_{k=1}^{t}\left(p-\overline{k a^{-1}}\right)\left(\zeta^{-2 k}-\zeta^{2 k}\right) \tag{30}
\end{align*}
$$

Combining (29) and (30), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
p \xi_{a}=-\sum_{m=1}^{t}\left(2 \overline{m a^{-1}}-p\right)\left(\zeta^{p-2 m}-\zeta^{-(p-2 m)}\right) \quad(a=1,2, \ldots, t) \tag{31}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $\boldsymbol{\xi}=\left[\xi_{1}, \xi_{2}, \ldots, \xi_{t}\right]$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\alpha & =\left[\zeta^{p-2}-\zeta^{-(p-2)}, \zeta^{p-1}-\zeta^{-(p-4)}, \ldots, \zeta-\zeta^{-1}\right] \\
& =\left[\alpha_{t}, \alpha_{t-1}, \ldots, \alpha_{1}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\alpha_{i}=\zeta^{2 i-1}-\zeta^{-(2 i-1)}, i=1,2, \ldots, t$.
From (31), we get the matrix equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
-p \boldsymbol{\xi}=\alpha A \tag{32}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
A=\left[2\left(\overline{m a^{-1}}\right)-p\right] \quad(m=1,2, \ldots, t, a=1,2, \ldots, t) \tag{33}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now, if the $\alpha_{i}$ are linearly independent, then the $\xi_{i}$ are linearly independent if and only if $A$ is nonsingular. We shall show that the $\alpha_{i}$ are linearly independent and we shall show that $A$ is nonsingular-indeed, we shall find its inverse.

To see the first statement, assume that there exist $c_{l} \in Q(l=1,2, \ldots, t)$ such that

$$
\sum_{l=1}^{t} c_{l} \alpha_{l}=0
$$

Define $c_{p-l}=-c_{l}$. Then we can rewrite this equation as

$$
\sum_{l=1}^{t} c_{l} \zeta^{2 l-1}+\sum_{l=1}^{t} c_{p-l} \zeta^{p-(2 l-1)}=0
$$

or

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{p-1} d_{j} \zeta^{j}=0
$$

This contradicts the fact that $\zeta$ has degree $p-1$ unless $d_{j}=0, j=1, \ldots$, $p-1$.

The matrix $A$ has rational coefficients; to find $x_{l}$, it therefore suffices to find $A^{-1}$-in fact; it is enough to find the last column of $A^{-1}$.

Chowla's Theorem will then follow.
We now invert $A$. The argument is based on an idea from a paper of Carlitz and Olson [3].

For any integer $c$ let

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{c\}=2 \bar{c}-p \tag{34}
\end{equation*}
$$

then it follows at once that $\{c\}$ is odd, $|\{c\}| \leqslant p-2$, and that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{-c\}=-\{c\} . \tag{35}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus, as $c$ runs from 1 to $t,\{c\}$ runs through $1,3, \ldots, p-2$ with possible sign changes.

Let $g$ be a primitive root $\bmod p$; then $\left\{g^{k}\right\}(k=0,2, \ldots, t-1)$ are all distinct and coincide with $\{a\}(a=1, \ldots, t)$ except for order and sign. In fact, if $1 \leqslant c \leqslant t$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
c \equiv \epsilon_{c} \overline{g^{i_{c}}} \quad(\bmod p) \tag{36}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $0 \leqslant i_{c}<t$ and

$$
\epsilon_{c}=\left\{\begin{aligned}
1, & \text { if } \overline{g^{i_{c}}}<\frac{p}{2} \\
-1, & \text { if } \overline{g^{i_{c}}}>\frac{p}{2}
\end{aligned}\right.
$$

This follows from the fact that $g^{t} \equiv-1(\bmod p)$. Moreover, if

$$
\{c\}=\epsilon_{d}\left\{g^{i_{c}}\right\},
$$

then $\left\{c^{-1}\right\}=\epsilon_{o}\left\{g^{-i_{0}}\right\}$. There exists therefore a permutation matrix $M$ and a sign change $K$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\left\{1^{-1}\right\},\left\{2^{-1}\right\}, \ldots,\left\{t^{-1}\right\}\right]=\left[\left\{g^{-0}\right\},\left\{g^{-1}\right\}, \ldots,\left\{g^{-(t-1)}\right\}\right] M K ; \tag{37}
\end{equation*}
$$

then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\left\{m 1^{-1}\right\},\left\{m 2^{-1}\right\}, \ldots,\left\{m t^{-1}\right\}\right]=\left[\left\{m g^{-0}\right\},\left\{m g^{-1}\right\}, \ldots,\left\{m g^{-(t-1)}\right\}\right] M K . \tag{38}
\end{equation*}
$$

Putting $M K=P$, we get from (38)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\left\{m a^{-1}\right\}\right]=P^{T}\left[\left\{g^{i-j}\right\}\right] P \tag{39}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $B=\left[\left\{g^{i-j}\right\}\right]$; then (39) becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
A=P^{\top} B P \tag{40}
\end{equation*}
$$

We shall invert $A$ by diagonalizing $B$. Let $\rho$ be a primitive ( $p-1$ )-st root of unity and let

$$
C=\left[\delta_{i j} p^{i}\right] \quad(i, j=0, \ldots, t-1)
$$

Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
C B \bar{C}=\left[\left\{g^{i-j}\right\} \rho^{i-j}\right] . \tag{41}
\end{equation*}
$$

The first row of this matrix is

$$
\left[\left\{g^{-0}\right\} \rho^{-0},\left\{g^{-1}\right\} \rho^{-1}, \ldots,\left\{g^{-(t-1)}\right\} \rho^{-(t-1)}\right] .
$$

Because $g^{t} \equiv-1(\bmod p), \rho^{t}=-1$, we get from (35) that the second row is

$$
\left[\left\{g^{-(t-1)}\right\} \rho^{-(t-1)},\left\{g^{-0}\right\} \rho^{-0}, \ldots,\left\{g^{-(t-2)}\right\} \rho^{-(t-2)}\right],
$$

and so on inductively. Thus, $C B \bar{C}$ is a circular matrix; i.e., the rows are permutations of the first row obtained by powers of the cyclic permutation ( $1,2, \ldots, t$ ). To diagonalize $C B \bar{C}$, let $\lambda$ be a primitive $t$ th root of unity. Then $\lambda=\rho^{2}$, and let

$$
L=\left[\lambda^{i j}\right] \quad(i, j=0, \ldots, t-1) .
$$

Suppose that the first row of $C B \bar{C}$ is denoted by $\left[a_{0}, a_{1}, \ldots, a_{t-1}\right]$ so that the element of the $i$ th row and $j$ th column (counting from 0 ) is given by $a_{t+j-i}$, it being understood that the subscripts are reduced to the least nonnegative residue modulo $t$. Hence,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\bar{L} C B \bar{C} L & =\left[\lambda^{-i j}\right]\left[a_{t-i+j}\right]\left[\lambda^{i j}\right] \\
& \left.=\left[\lambda^{-i j}\right] \mid \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} a_{t-i+k} \lambda^{k j}\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

But

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} a_{t-i+k^{k}} \lambda^{k j} & =\sum_{m=0}^{t-1} a_{m} \lambda^{(m+i) s} \\
& =\lambda^{i j} \sum_{m=0}^{t-1} a_{m} \lambda^{m j}
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore,

$$
\begin{align*}
\bar{L} C B \bar{C} L & =\left[\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \lambda^{-i k} \lambda^{k j} \sum_{m=0}^{t-1} a_{m} \lambda^{m j}\right] \\
& =\left[t \delta_{i j} \sum_{m=0}^{t-1} a_{m} \lambda^{m j}\right] \tag{42}
\end{align*}
$$

On the other hand,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{m=0}^{t-1} a_{m} \lambda^{m j} & =\sum_{m=0}^{t-1}\left\{g^{-m}\right\} \rho^{-m} \rho^{2 m j} \\
& =\sum_{m=0}^{t-1}\left\{g^{-m}\right\} \rho^{m(2 j-1)}
\end{aligned}
$$

Moreover,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{m=0}^{p-2}\left\{g^{-m}\right\} \rho^{m(2 j-1)}=\left(\sum_{m=0}^{t-1}+\sum_{m=t}^{p-2}\right)\left(\left\{g^{-m}\right\} \rho^{m(2 j-1)}\right) . \tag{43}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $m$ by $n+t$ in the second sum and noting that

$$
g^{t} \equiv-1(\bmod p), \quad \rho^{t}=-1, \quad \text { and } \quad\{-c\}=-\{c\}
$$

we get from (43)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{m=0}^{p-2}\left\{g^{-m}\right\} \rho^{m(2 j-1)}=2 \sum_{m=0}^{t-1}\left\{g^{-m}\right\} \rho^{m(2 j-1)} \tag{44}
\end{equation*}
$$

Furthermore,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{m=0}^{p-2}\left\{g^{-m}\right\} \rho^{m(2 j-1)}=2 \sum_{m=0}^{p-2} \overline{g^{-m}} \rho^{m(2 j-1)} . \tag{45}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus from (44) and (45), we get

$$
\begin{align*}
\sum_{m=0}^{t-1}\left\{g^{-m}\right\} \rho^{m(2 j-1)} & =\sum_{m=0}^{p-2} \overline{g^{-m}} \rho^{m(2 j-1)} \\
& =S\left(\chi_{0}^{2 j-1}\right) \tag{46}
\end{align*}
$$

Collecting our results, we find from (40)-(42), and (46),

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[C P^{T} A P \bar{C} L=t\left[\delta_{i j} S\left(\chi_{0}^{2 j-1}\right)\right] \quad(i, j=0, \ldots, t-1)\right. \tag{47}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore,

$$
t^{-1} P^{T} A P=C^{-1} \bar{L}^{-1}\left[\delta_{i j} S\left(\chi_{0}^{2 j-1}\right)\right] L^{-1} \bar{C}^{-1} .
$$

We remarked above that $S\left(\chi_{0}^{2 j-1}\right) \neq 0$; hence,

$$
\begin{aligned}
t P^{-1} A^{-1}\left(P^{T}\right)^{-1} & =\bar{C} L\left[\delta_{i j} S^{-1}\left(\chi_{0}^{2 j-1}\right)\right] \bar{L} C \\
& \left.=\left[\delta_{i j} \rho^{-j}\right]\left[\rho^{2 i j}\right]\left[\delta_{i j} S^{-1} \chi_{0}^{2 j-1}\right)\right]\left[\rho^{-2 i j}\right]\left[\delta_{i j} \rho^{i}\right] \\
& =\left[\rho^{i(2 j-1)}\right]\left[\delta_{i j} S^{-1}\left(\chi_{0}^{2 j-1}\right)\right]\left[\rho^{-(2 i-1) i}\right] \\
& =\left[\rho^{i(2 j-1)} S^{-1}\left(\chi_{0}^{2 j-1}\right)\right]\left[\rho^{-(2 i-1) j}\right] \\
& =\left[\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \rho^{i(2 k-1)} S^{-1}\left(\chi_{0}^{2 k-1}\right) \rho^{-(2 k-1) j}\right] \\
& =\left[\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} S^{-1}\left(\chi_{0}^{2 k-1}\right) \chi_{0}^{-(2 k-1)}\left(\left\{g^{i-j}\right\}\right) \chi_{0}^{2 k-1}(2)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $P^{-1}=P^{T}$, we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
A^{-1} & =t^{-1}\left[\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} S^{-1}\left(\chi_{0}^{2 k-1}\right) \chi_{0}^{-(2 k-1)}\left(\left\{m a^{-1}\right\}\right) \chi_{0}^{2 k-1}(2)\right] \\
& =t^{-1}\left[\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} S^{-1}\left(\chi_{0}^{2 k-1}\right) \chi_{0}^{-(2 k-1)}\left(m a^{-1}\right)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

From (32), we have $\alpha=-p \xi A^{-1}$. Therefore,

$$
\zeta-\zeta^{-1}=\frac{-2 p}{p-1} \sum_{m=1}^{t} \xi_{m}\left(\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} S^{-1}\left(\chi_{0}^{2 k-1}\right) \chi_{0}^{-(2 k-1)}\left(m t^{-1}\right)\right)
$$

But $t^{-1}=((p-1) / 2)^{-1} \equiv-2(\bmod p)$ and, since $\chi(-1)=-1$, we have (replacing $\chi_{0}$ by a generic $\chi$ )

$$
\begin{equation*}
\zeta-\zeta^{-1}=\frac{2 p}{p-1} \sum_{m=1}^{t} \xi_{m}\left(\sum_{x} S^{-1}(\chi) \bar{\chi}^{(2 m)}\right) \tag{48}
\end{equation*}
$$

The summation is over all $\chi$ for which $\chi(-1)=-1$. Furthermore, in general,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\zeta^{a}-\zeta^{-a}=\frac{2 p \chi(a)}{p-1} \sum_{m=1}^{t} \xi_{m}\left(\sum_{\chi} S^{-1}(\chi) \tilde{\chi}(m)\right) \tag{49}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $a=1,2, \ldots, t$.

That is, since $\zeta^{a}-\zeta^{-a} \in K^{-}$, there exist $c_{l} \in Q$ such that

$$
\zeta^{a}-\zeta^{-a}=\sum_{l=1}^{t} c_{l} \xi_{l}
$$

and these $c_{l}$ are given by

$$
c_{l}=\frac{2 p \chi(a)}{p-1} \sum_{x} S^{-1}(\chi) \tilde{\chi}^{(l)},
$$

the summation being over odd characters.

## Acknowledgments

I should like to acknowledge gratefully the helpful suggestions of my colleagues G. Andrews and S. Chowla. Andrews performed some calculations which confirmed a conjecture on the value of a determinant. He also called my attention to the paper of Carlitz and Olson [3].

## References

1. K. Iwasawa, On a theorem of S. Chowla, J. Number Theory 7 (1975), 105-107.
2. S. Chowla, The nonexistence of nontrivial linear relations between the roots of a certain irreducible equation, J. Number Theory 2 (1970), 120-123.
3. L. Carlitz and F. R. Olson, Maillet's Determinant, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 6, 265-269.
