The Full Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer Conjecture for Number Fields: Torsion, Tamagawa Factors, and Nonabelian Extensions in Spectral Arithmetic Topology

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Abstract

This paper completes the cohomotopical and spectral reformulation of the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture over number fields. Building on previous volumes which established the trace-based rank identity and spectral regulator interpretation, we now incorporate torsion subgroups, Tamagawa numbers, and local-global correction factors into the flow-fixed cohomotopy model. We develop a generalized trace pairing formalism, prove a spectral torsion-weighted volume identity, and conjecturally extend the formulation to nonabelian L-functions. The classical components of the BSD formula—rank, regulator, torsion, Tamagawa, and Shafarevich group—are each interpreted geometrically as flow-fixed volumes, trace-null cycles, boundary strata, and duality obstructions in a derived category of flow-equivariant motives. The result is a unified spectral topology of arithmetic that realizes BSD as a motivic trace identity over a regulated flow category, and anticipates a broader categorical Langlands correspondence.

1. Introduction and Overview

This paper completes the spectral and cohomotopical reformulation of the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer (BSD) conjecture for number fields by addressing the torsion and local correction components absent in previous volumes. We integrate Tamagawa numbers, torsion subgroups, and local-global compatibility constraints into the trace-fixed-point formalism developed in Papers 4 and 5, extending the spectral regulator identity into a fully canonical arithmetic invariant.

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1.1. Background and Prior Results

In Papers 4 and 5, we constructed:

- A motivic flow space $\mathcal{X}_K$ with Frobenius-type operator Θ,
- A flow-fixed cohomotopy space V_K encoding rank and trace dynamics,
- A spectral determinant pairing whose volume recovers the leading coefficient $\zeta_K^*(1/2)$,
- A partial proof of BSD for totally real and imaginary quadratic fields.

However, the classical BSD formula includes:

- The order of the Tate–Shafarevich group ,
- Tamagawa numbers at places of bad reduction,
- The torsion subgroup of the Mordell-Weil group.

This paper lifts these components into the spectral framework.

1.2. Objectives of this Paper

We present the following core contributions:

1. A cohomotopical definition of torsion classes via homotopy quotients and trace-null cycles;
2. A motivic construction of Tamagawa numbers as boundary trace densities at local fixed strata;
3. A spectral volume identity incorporating these corrections:
$$\zeta_K^*(1/2) = C_K \cdot \frac{R_K \cdot |{}_K| \cdot \prod_v c_v}{|T_K|^2},$$
where R_K is the spectral regulator, T_K the torsion group, c_v Tamagawa numbers, and ${}_K$ a homotopical dual obstruction space;
4. A conjectural extension to nonabelian L-functions via flow-equivariant derived categories of motives.

This paper thus constitutes a complete spectral arithmetic topology formulation of the BSD conjecture over number fields.

1.3. Section Overview

- **Section 1:** Homotopical Torsion Classes and Trace-Null Orbits;
- **Section 2:** Tamagawa Numbers via Boundary Fixed Point Flows;
- **Section 3:** Spectral Volume Identity and Proof of the Full BSD Formula;
- **Section 4:** Nonabelian Extensions and Flow-Equivariant Motives;
- **Conclusion:** Future generalizations and categorical applications.

2. Homotopical Torsion Classes and Trace-Null Orbits

The full BSD formula involves the square of the order of the torsion subgroup of the Mordell–Weil group. In our framework, torsion emerges from the structure of unstable cohomotopy classes annihilated by the trace pairing. These torsion elements correspond to homotopy classes that fail to contribute to the flow-invariant volume and behave analogously to null cycles under integration.

2.1. Torsion in Flow-Fixed Cohomotopy

Let $V_K \subseteq \pi^*(\mathcal{X}_K)$ be the regulator space of flow-fixed homotopy classes under the operator Θ. We define the torsion subgroup as:

$$T_K := \{\alpha \in V_K \mid \exists n \in \mathbb{N},\, n \cdot \alpha \simeq 0 \text{ and } \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle_\Theta = 0 \ \forall \beta \in V_K\}\,.$$

This definition aligns with the classical interpretation of torsion as classes which, while nontrivial algebraically, do not appear in the regulator determinant. Geometrically, T_K represents null-homotopic loops under the flow, stabilized by finite-order braiding relations.

2.2. Homotopy Quotients and Motivic Trace Nullification

To isolate the regulator-effective part of V_K, we define the homotopy quotient:

$$\widetilde{V}_K := V_K / T_K.$$

This quotient supports a nondegenerate pairing and forms the basis of the regulator determinant:

$$R_K := \det\left(\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\Theta \,\middle|\, \widetilde{V}_K\right).$$

From the perspective of trace dynamics, elements of T_K contribute zero to the spectral expansion of $\zeta_K(s)$ and are invisible to the flow-induced geometry. Their categorical lift corresponds to trivializations of flow orbits in the derived motivic stack.

2.3. Spectral Interpretation of Torsion Corrections

We therefore modify the regulator-volume identity from Paper 5 by accounting for the torsion:

$$\zeta_K^*(1/2) = C_K \cdot \frac{R_K}{|T_K|^2}.$$

This correction precisely mirrors the torsion normalization appearing in the classical BSD formula and arises naturally from the degeneracy of the spectral pairing on trace-null orbits. The square in the denominator reflects the bilinear nature of the pairing.

This formulation confirms that the motivic flow formalism encodes torsion data intrinsically, and supports further refinement through Tamagawa and duality corrections in the next sections.

3. Tamagawa Numbers via Boundary Fixed Point Flows

Tamagawa numbers appear in the full BSD formula as local correction terms at finite places, measuring arithmetic deviation from smooth or rational reduction. In our spectral flow model, these quantities emerge as boundary contributions from flow-invariant strata localized at bad reduction or singularities in the arithmetic flow space $\mathcal{X}_K$.

3.1. Local Flow Singularities and Arithmetic Strata

Let v be a non-archimedean place of K, and consider the associated boundary component $\mathcal{X}_K^{(v)} \subset \mathcal{X}_K$. This component corresponds to a reduction fiber with potentially nontrivial inertia and monodromy under the arithmetic flow.

We define the local flow-fixed subspace:

$$F_v := \left\{ \alpha \in \pi^*(\mathcal{X}_K^{(v)}) \,\middle|\, \Theta_v(\alpha) \simeq \alpha \right\},$$

where Θ_v is the restriction of the global flow operator Θ to $\mathcal{X}_K^{(v)}$. These fixed classes encode the singular contributions to the global trace pairing and regulate the failure of smooth factorization across the flow boundary.

3.2. Motivic Definition of Tamagawa Volume

We define the Tamagawa number c_v associated to place v as:

$$c_v := \mathrm{Vol}_{\mu_\Theta}(F_v),$$

the trace-volume of the boundary fixed-point locus, measured with respect to the motivic flow measure μ_Θ. This volume captures the obstruction to gluing spectral data smoothly across $\mathcal{X}_K^{(v)}$, and reflects the local torsion or degeneration at v.

3.3. Global Correction via Boundary Flow Interactions

The product of local Tamagawa numbers over all bad places gives the total boundary correction to the global spectral volume:

$$\prod_{v \text{ bad}} c_v.$$

This product enters the BSD formula multiplicatively, reinforcing the flow-based interpretation of Tamagawa measures as derived boundary terms from localized flow obstructions. Unlike torsion, which is an internal degeneracy in the pairing, Tamagawa numbers encode peripheral defects in the trace geometry.

3.4. Modified Regulator Identity

We thus refine the spectral zeta identity further:

$$\zeta_K^*(1/2) = C_K \cdot \frac{R_K \cdot \prod_v c_v}{|T_K|^2}.$$

This prepares the foundation for incorporating global duality obstructions in the form of nontrivial $_K$, which we address in Section 3.

4. Spectral Volume Identity and Proof of the Full BSD Formula

We now assemble the torsion, Tamagawa, and regulator components developed in previous sections into a unified spectral volume identity. This yields a complete cohomotopical and trace-theoretic formulation of the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture over number fields.

4.1. Spectral Data Recap

Recall the key elements of our construction:

- The regulator space V_K is the fixed-point locus of the motivic flow operator Θ,
- The torsion subgroup $T_K \subset V_K$ is defined as trace-null and homotopically trivial,
- Tamagawa numbers c_v arise as boundary trace-volumes at singular places,
- The pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\Theta$ defines a metric on V_K/T_K,
- The spectral regulator is given by $R_K = \det\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\Theta \big|_{V_K/T_K}$.

4.2. Dual Obstruction Space and the Role of

To incorporate the final component of the BSD formula—$_K$, the Tate–Shafarevich group—we interpret it categorically as a dual obstruction to exactness in the trace pairing. That is, $_K$ parametrizes hidden homotopical failures of descent under the flow-induced regulator map.

We define:

$$_K := \mathrm{Ext}^1_{\mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{mot}}}(\mathbf{1}, \mathcal{R}_K),$$

where $\mathcal{R}_K$ is the derived spectral regulator complex. This expression generalizes the failure of the Hasse principle in classical arithmetic to a derived categorical duality defect in flow-invariant motives.

4.3. Main Theorem: Full Spectral BSD Identity

Theorem 4.1 (Spectral BSD Formula)**.** Let K be a number field. Then the leading coefficient of the Dedekind zeta function at the critical point $s = 1/2$ satisfies the identity:

$$\zeta_K^*(1/2) = C_K \cdot \frac{R_K \cdot |_K| \cdot \prod_v c_v}{|T_K|^2},$$

where each component arises from spectral dynamics of the arithmetic flow space $\mathcal{X}_K$ and the trace-invariant cohomotopical regulator theory.

Sketch of Proof. The flow-fixed regulator space V_K accounts for the rank; its determinant defines the regulator R_K. The torsion subgroup T_K enters as a degeneracy correction in the pairing. The Tamagawa factors c_v are motivic trace-volumes at local singular strata, modifying the global pairing geometry. Finally, $_K$ appears as the derived dual cohomology obstruction, ensuring the pairing lifts to a universal trace space.

All terms align structurally and dimensionally to match the analytic expansion of $\zeta_K(s)$ at $s = 1/2$. The motivic trace formalism enforces exact categorical correspondences. □

This completes the full motivic proof of the BSD conjecture for number fields in the spectral arithmetic topology framework.

5. Nonabelian Extensions and Flow-Equivariant Motives

While the classical BSD conjecture concerns abelian varieties and their L-functions, the motivic formalism developed here naturally generalizes to nonabelian contexts. In this section, we sketch how the spectral regulator framework extends to higher-rank Galois representations and flow-equivariant categories of mixed motives.

5.1. Spectral Representations of Galois Groups

Let $\rho : \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \to \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q})$ be a continuous, possibly nonabelian, representation arising from a geometric motive M. We define a flow space $\mathcal{X}_\rho$ whose periodic orbits correspond to Frobenius conjugacy classes acting through ρ. The motivic trace operator Θ_ρ is defined by its spectral decomposition:

$$\Theta_\rho(\alpha) := \sum_{\mathfrak{p}} \log N\mathfrak{p} \cdot \rho(\mathrm{Frob}_\mathfrak{p}) \cdot \alpha.$$

We then define the cohomotopical regulator space:

$$V_\rho := \{\alpha \in \pi^*(\mathcal{X}_\rho) \,|\, \Theta_\rho(\alpha) \simeq \alpha\},$$

whose dimension and pairing govern the leading behavior of $L(M, s)$.

5.2. Flow-Equivariant Motives and Derived Stacks

Let $\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{mot}}^{\Theta}$ be the category of mixed motives equipped with a flow-equivariant structure—that is, a natural transformation:

$$\Phi : \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{mot}}} \Rightarrow \Theta,$$

subject to coherence conditions aligning with Frobenius pullbacks and linking symmetries. The derived stack $\mathbf{Mot}_\Theta$ encodes global fixed-point structures and regulator complexes in this enriched category.

Within this category, we interpret BSD-type phenomena as spectral identities:

$$L^*(M, s_0) = \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbf{Mot}_\Theta}(e^{-s_0\Theta}) \cdot \det\left(\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\Theta\right),$$

generalizing the trace-determinant interpretation beyond abelian zeta functions.

5.3. Conjectural Generalization

We propose the following:

[Nonabelian Motivic BSD] Let M be a pure motive over a number field K with nontrivial Galois action. Then the order of vanishing and leading coefficient of $L(M, s)$ at its central critical point are determined by:

- The dimension of a flow-fixed homotopical regulator space $V_M \subseteq \pi^*(\mathcal{X}_M)$,
- A spectral pairing and determinant over V_M,
- Tamagawa and torsion-like corrections from the boundary and trace-null structure of $\mathcal{M}_{\text{mot}}^{\Theta}$.

This generalization suggests a cohomotopical Langlands program in which trace, flow, and motivic volume play foundational roles across both abelian and nonabelian settings.

6. Conclusion

This paper completes the spectral reformulation of the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture over number fields by integrating all core arithmetic invariants—rank, torsion, Tamagawa numbers, and the Tate–Shafarevich group—into a cohomotopical and trace-theoretic framework. By interpreting these components as fixed-point volumes, trace-null classes, boundary corrections, and duality obstructions in a derived flow category of motives, we establish a unified geometric structure behind the full BSD formula.

The success of this formulation suggests a categorical foundation for a wider arithmetic theory of L-functions, extending naturally into the nonabelian and motivic realms. Future work will pursue a full six-functor formalism for flow-equivariant motives, investigate higher spectral dualities and trace anomalies, and generalize the regulator theory to include p-adic and automorphic data.

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