

Venkatachaliengar's proof of the transformation formula for the eta-function, and some extensions.

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Development of Elliptic Functions according to Ramanujan

K. Venkatachaliengar, 1988(?)

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The eta-function

- Definition

$$\eta(\tau) = e^{i\pi\tau/12} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - e^{2\pi i j \tau}) = q^{1/24} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^j),$$

$\text{Im}(\tau) > 0$ and $q = \exp(2\pi i \tau)$, so $|q| < 1$.

- Transformation formula

$$\eta(\tau) = \sqrt{\frac{i}{\tau}} \eta\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right).$$

- Equivalent transformation formula

$$q^{1/24} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^j) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{t}} q_1^{1/24} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - q_1^j),$$

$$q = e^{-2\pi t}, \quad q_1 = e^{-2\pi/t}$$

$$\tau = it, \quad \text{Re}(t) > 0.$$

Venkatachaliengar's proof [pp. 33–35]

Suppose $\text{Im}(\tau) > 0$, $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$ and define

$$\phi(z|\tau) = \frac{1}{4} \cot \frac{z}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^j}{1 - q^j} \sin jz.$$

- $\phi(z|\tau)$ is an odd function of z
- $\phi(z|\tau)$ analytic except for simple poles at $z = 2\pi m + 2\pi n\tau$, $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

The residue at each pole is $1/2$.

- $\phi(z + 2\pi|\tau) = \phi(z|\tau)$

$$\phi(z + 2\pi\tau|\tau) = \phi(z|\tau) - \frac{i}{2}.$$

Transformation formula

- The functions $\phi(z|\tau)$ and $\frac{1}{\tau}\phi\left(\frac{z}{\tau}\middle|-\frac{1}{\tau}\right)$ have the same poles and residues.

- The difference $f(z) = \phi(z|\tau) - \frac{1}{\tau}\phi\left(\frac{z}{\tau}\middle|-\frac{1}{\tau}\right)$

is entire and has the properties

$$f(z + 2\pi) = f(z) + \frac{1}{2i\tau},$$

$$f(z + 2\pi\tau) = f(z) + \frac{1}{2i}.$$

- The function $\phi(z|\tau) - \frac{1}{\tau}\phi\left(\frac{z}{\tau}\middle|-\frac{1}{\tau}\right) - \frac{1}{4\pi i\tau}z$

is odd, entire and doubly periodic.

By Liouville's theorem it is identically zero.

Series expansion

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(z|\tau) &= \frac{1}{4} \cot \frac{z}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^j}{1 - q^j} \sin jz \\ &= \frac{1}{2z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n-1)!} S_{2n-1}(\tau) z^{2n-1}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$S_{2n-1}(\tau) = -\frac{B_{2n}}{4n} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j^{2n-1} q^j}{1 - q^j}$$

and B_{2n} are the Bernoulli numbers defined by

$$\frac{t}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} t^n.$$

In particular,

$$S_1(\tau) = -\frac{1}{24} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j q^j}{1 - q^j}.$$

A transformation formula

Substitute the series expansion for $\phi(z|\tau)$ into the transformation formula and equate coefficients of z :

$$S_1(\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau^2} S_1\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right) - \frac{1}{4\pi i \tau},$$

$$S_{2n-1}(\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau^{2n}} S_{2n-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right), \quad n \geq 2.$$

The result for S_1 may be written in the form

$$1 - 24 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j e^{-2\pi j t}}{1 - e^{-2\pi j t}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{t^2} \left(1 - 24 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j e^{-2\pi j/t}}{1 - e^{-2\pi j/t}} \right) - \frac{6}{\pi t}.$$

The value $t = 1$ solves a problem posed by Ramanujan as Q. 387 in the Journal of the Indian Mathematical Society:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j}{e^{2\pi j} - 1} = \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{8\pi}.$$

Venkatachaliengar's proof: conclusion

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1 - 24 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j e^{-2\pi j t}}{1 - e^{-2\pi j t}} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{t^2} \left(1 - 24 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j e^{-2\pi j/t}}{1 - e^{-2\pi j/t}} \right) - \frac{6}{\pi t}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Integrate, then exponentiate:

$$q^{1/12} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^j)^2 = \frac{A}{t} q_1^{1/12} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - q_1^j)^2,$$

$$q = e^{-2\pi t}, \quad q_1 = e^{-2\pi/t}, \quad t > 0$$

and A is a constant, independent of t .

- Set $t = 1$ to get $A = 1$.
- Proved for $t > 0$. It holds for $\operatorname{Re}(t) > 0$ by analytic continuation.

Exercise

Integrate with respect to z :

$$\phi(z|\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau} \phi\left(\frac{z}{\tau} \middle| -\frac{1}{\tau}\right) + \frac{1}{4\pi i \tau} z$$

to deduce the transformation formula for the Jacobian theta function $\theta_1(z|\tau)$.

Part 2: Ramanujan's function k

- $R(q) = q^{1/5} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^{5j-4})(1 - q^{5j-1})}{(1 - q^{5j-3})(1 - q^{5j-2})}$
Rogers-Ramanujan continued fraction.

- $k = R(q)R^2(q^2) = q \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^j)^{-c(j)}$

$$c(j) = (-1)^j \binom{j}{5}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \equiv 3, 4, 6, 7 \pmod{10}, \\ -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 1, 2, 8, 9 \pmod{10}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Properties of k given by Ramanujan in the lost notebook have been analyzed by S. S. Rangachari and S. Raghavan, S.-Y. Kang, G. E. Andrews and B. C. Berndt, and C. Gugg.

Extending Ramanujan's results for k

- $k = q \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^j)^{-c(j)}$
- $z = q \frac{d}{dq} \log k = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{j}{5} \frac{j q^j}{1 - q^j}$
- Theorem: Each of z , $\frac{1}{k} - k$, $\frac{1}{k} + 1 - k$ and $\frac{1}{k} - 4 - k$ have simple expressions in terms of eta-quotients.
- Equivalently, each of $\eta^{24}(\tau)$, $\eta^{24}(2\tau)$, $\eta^{24}(5\tau)$ and $\eta^{24}(10\tau)$ is expressible as $z^6 \times$ rational function of k .

k and eta-quotients

Let

$$\eta_n = \eta(n\tau) = q^{n/24} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{nj}).$$

$$\eta_1^{24} = z^6 \frac{k(1 - 4k - k^2)^4}{(1 - k^2)^4(1 + k - k^2)},$$

$$\eta_2^{24} = z^6 \frac{k^2(1 + k - k^2)^4}{(1 - k^2)^5(1 - 4k - k^2)},$$

$$\eta_5^{24} = z^6 \frac{k^5(1 - k^2)^4}{(1 + k - k^2)^5(1 - 4k - k^2)^4},$$

$$\eta_{10}^{24} = z^6 \frac{k^{10}}{(1 - k^2)(1 + k - k^2)^4(1 - 4k - k^2)^5}.$$

Ramanujan's Eisenstein series

- Let

$$P(q) = 1 - 24 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j q^j}{1 - q^j},$$

$$Q(q) = 1 + 240 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j^3 q^j}{1 - q^j},$$

$$R(q) = 1 - 504 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j^5 q^j}{1 - q^j}.$$

These are the first three coefficients in the expansion of $\phi(z|\tau)$ in Venkatachaliengar's proof.

- Note: $q \frac{d}{dq} \log \eta^{24}(\tau) = P(q)$.

Ramanujan's Eisenstein series $P(q)$

- Theorem:

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_5 \\ P_{10} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & -4 & 6 \\ \frac{5}{2} & -2 & \frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ -\frac{4}{5} & 1 & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{1}{10} & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(1+k^2)}{(1-k^2)}z \\ \frac{(1+k^2)}{(1+k-k^2)}z \\ \frac{(1+k^2)}{(1-4k-k^2)}z \\ k \frac{dz}{dk} \end{pmatrix}.$$

where $P_n = P(q^n)$.

- Proof: Apply logarithmic differentiation to the corresponding results for η_1 , η_2 , η_5 and η_{10} .

Ramanujan's Eisenstein series

- Each of $P(q)$, $P(q^2)$, $P(q^5)$ and $P(q^{10})$ may be expressed in the form

$$z \times \text{rational function of } k + \text{const} \times k \frac{dz}{dk}.$$

- Each of $Q(q)$, $Q(q^2)$, $Q(q^5)$ and $Q(q^{10})$ may be expressed in the form

$$z^2 \times \text{rational function of } k.$$

- Each of $R(q)$, $R(q^2)$, $R(q^5)$ and $R(q^{10})$ may be expressed in the form

$$z^3 \times \text{rational function of } k.$$

- Analogue of a catalogue for classical theta functions given by Ramanujan in Chapter 17 of his second notebook.

Chapter 19 of Ramanujan's 2nd notebook

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{j}{5} \frac{j q^j}{1 - q^j} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \varphi(-q) \varphi(-q^5) \left(5 \varphi^2(-q^5) - \varphi^2(-q) \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{j}{5} \frac{j q^j}{1 - q^{2j}} \\
 &= q \psi(q) \psi(q^5) \left(\psi^2(q) - 5q \psi^2(q^5) \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\varphi(q) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{j^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(q) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{j(j+1)/2}.$$

Each factor on the right hand sides of these identities may be written as an eta-quotient.

Connection with k and z

$$\bullet 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{j}{5} \frac{jq^j}{1 - q^j} = z,$$

$$\bullet \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{j}{5} \frac{jq^j}{1 - q^{2j}} = \frac{zk}{1 - k^2},$$

$$\bullet \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{j-1} \frac{jq^j(1 - q^j)(1 - q^{2j})}{1 - q^{5j}} = \frac{zk}{1 + k - k^2},$$

$$\bullet \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{jq^j(1 - q^{2j})(1 - q^{6j})}{1 - q^{10j}} = \frac{zk}{1 - 4k - k^2}.$$

Part 3: Elliptic functions

This section is based on joint work with
Heung Yeung Lam (preprint).

Generalized Eisenstein series

For any positive integer n , define

$$F_1(2n|\tau) = \frac{B_{2n,10}}{4n} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{j}{5} \frac{j^{2n-1} q^j}{1 - q^j},$$

$$F_2(2n|\tau) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{j}{5} \frac{j^{2n-1} q^j}{1 - q^{2j}},$$

$$F_5(2n|\tau) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{j-1} \frac{j^{2n-1} q^j (1 - q^j)(1 - q^{2j})}{1 - q^{5j}},$$

$$F_{10}(2n|\tau) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j^{2n-1} q^j (1 - q^{2j})(1 - q^{6j})}{1 - q^{10j}}.$$

- $B_{2n,10}$ are generalized Bernoulli numbers, defined by

$$x \left(\frac{e^{4x} + e^{3x} - e^{2x} - e^x}{e^{5x} + 1} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,10} \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

- $B_{0,10} = 0$, $B_{2,10} = 4$, $B_{4,10} = -8 \times 17$, $B_{6,10} = 12 \times 871$, and $B_{8,10} = -16 \times 92777$.

Elliptic functions

$$F_2(2n|\tau) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{j}{5} \frac{j^{2n-1} q^j}{1 - q^{2j}}.$$

$$M_2(z|\tau)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F_2(2n|\tau) \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (2z)^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{j}{5} \frac{q^j}{1 - q^{2j}} \sin 2jz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\begin{pmatrix} q^{2j-1} e^{2iz} - q^{4j-2} e^{4iz} \\ -q^{6j-3} e^{6iz} + q^{8j-4} e^{8iz} \end{pmatrix}}{1 - q^{10j-5} e^{10iz}}$$

$$= \frac{\eta(2\tau)\eta(5\tau)}{2\eta(\tau)} \times \frac{\theta(z|\tau)\theta(2z|2\tau)\theta(5z|10\tau)}{\theta(z|2\tau)\theta(5z|5\tau)}.$$

Periods and irreducible sets of zeros and poles

Function	Periods (ω_1, ω_2)	Poles
$M_1(z \tau)$	$(\pi, \pi\tau)$	$\frac{j\omega_1}{10}, j \in \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$
$M_2(z \tau)$	$(\pi, 2\pi\tau)$	$\frac{j\omega_1}{5} + \frac{\omega_2}{2}, j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
$M_5(z \tau)$	$(\pi, 5\pi\tau)$	$\frac{\omega_1}{2} + \frac{j\omega_2}{5}, j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
$M_{10}(z \tau)$	$(\pi, 10\pi\tau)$	$\frac{j\omega_2}{10}, j \in \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$

Each function has zeros at $0, \omega_1/2, \omega_2/2$ and $(\omega_1 + \omega_2)/2$.

The order of each elliptic function is 4.

Pole sets

Let $u, v \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\text{Im}(v/u) > 0$. Let

$$\begin{aligned}P_1(u, v) &= \left\{ \left(m + \frac{r}{10} \right) u + nv \right\} \\P_2(u, v) &= \left\{ \left(m + \frac{s}{5} \right) u + \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) v \right\} \\P_5(u, v) &= \left\{ \left(m + \frac{1}{2} \right) u + \left(n + \frac{s}{5} \right) v \right\} \\P_{10}(u, v) &= \left\{ mu + \left(n + \frac{r}{10} \right) v \right\}\end{aligned}$$

where

$m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $r \in \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$ and $s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Thus $P_k(u, v)$ is the sets of poles of the function $M_k \left(\frac{\pi z}{u} \mid \frac{v}{ku} \right)$, $k \in \{1, 2, 5, 10\}$.

Intra-relations

- Let $u, v \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\text{Im}(v/u) > 0$.
- Suppose $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$
- Let $V = av + bu, U = cv + du$.
- $c \equiv 0 \pmod{10} \Rightarrow P_1(u, v) = P_1(U, V)$.
- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ c \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow P_2(u, v) = P_2(U, V)$.
- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \\ c \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow P_5(u, v) = P_5(U, V)$.
- $b \equiv 0 \pmod{10} \Rightarrow P_{10}(u, v) = P_{10}(U, V)$.

Intra-relations: example

- Suppose $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$,
 $b \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ and $c \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$.
- Let $u, v \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\mathrm{Im}(v/u) > 0$.
Let $V = av + bu$, $U = cv + du$.
- $\frac{1}{U} M_2 \left(\frac{\pi z}{U} \middle| \frac{V}{2U} \right) = \left(\frac{d}{5} \right) \frac{1}{u} M_2 \left(\frac{\pi z}{u} \middle| \frac{v}{2u} \right)$.
- Proof: $M_2 \left(\frac{\pi z}{U} \middle| \frac{V}{2U} \right)$ and $M_2 \left(\frac{\pi z}{u} \middle| \frac{v}{2u} \right)$ are elliptic functions with the same periods, zeros and poles. Their quotient is therefore a constant, which can be determined by examining the behavior at the pole

$$z = \frac{U}{5} + \frac{V}{2} = \frac{du}{5} + \frac{av}{2}.$$

Intra-relations: conclusion

- Suppose $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$, $c \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$.
- For $k \in \{1, 2, 5, 10\}$, the elliptic functions satisfy

$$M_k \left(z \left| \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \right. \right) = \left(\frac{d}{5} \right) (c\tau + d) M_k ((c\tau + d)z | \tau)$$

and the Eisenstein series satisfy

$$F_k \left(2n \left| \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \right. \right) = \left(\frac{d}{5} \right) (c\tau + d)^{2n} F_k (2n | \tau).$$

- Example:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{j}{5} \frac{j q^j}{1 - q^{2j}} = \left(\frac{d}{5} \right) (c\tau + d)^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j q_1^j}{1 - q_1^j},$$

$$q = \exp(2\pi i \tau), \quad q_1 = \exp \left(2\pi i \left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \right) \right).$$

Inter-relations

- Let $u_1, v_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\text{Im}(v_1/u_1) > 0$.

- $$\begin{pmatrix} v_2 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ u_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

- $$\begin{pmatrix} v_5 \\ u_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ u_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

- $$\begin{pmatrix} v_{10} \\ u_{10} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ u_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- $$P_1(u_1 v_1) = P_2(u_2, v_2)$$

$$= P_5(u_5, v_5) = P_{10}(u_{10}, v_{10}).$$

Inter-relations among elliptic functions

$$\begin{aligned} M_1(z|\tau) &= \frac{-1}{(5\tau - 2)} M_2 \left(\frac{z}{5\tau - 2} \middle| \frac{2\tau - 1}{2(5\tau - 2)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}(4\tau + 1)} M_5 \left(\frac{z}{4\tau + 1} \middle| \frac{5\tau + 1}{5(4\tau + 1)} \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}\tau} M_{10} \left(\frac{z}{\tau} \middle| \frac{-1}{10\tau} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Atkin-Lehner involutions

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(2n|\tau) &= \frac{-1}{(5\tau - 2)^{2n}} F_2 \left(2n \middle| \frac{2\tau - 1}{2(5\tau - 2)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}(4\tau + 1)^{2n}} F_5 \left(2n \middle| \frac{5\tau + 1}{5(4\tau + 1)} \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}\tau^{2n}} F_{10} \left(2n \middle| \frac{-1}{10\tau} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Inter-relations: example

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{j}{5} \frac{j q_1^j}{1 - q_1^j} \\ = \frac{-1}{(5\tau - 2)^2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{j}{5} \frac{j q_2^j}{1 - q_2^{2j}} \end{aligned}$$

$$q_1 = \exp(2\pi i\tau),$$

$$q_2 = \exp\left(2\pi i \frac{(2\tau - 1)}{2(5\tau - 2)}\right).$$

Atkin-Lehner relations

$$q_1 = \exp(2\pi i\tau), \quad q_2 = \exp\left(2\pi i \frac{(2\tau - 1)}{2(5\tau - 2)}\right).$$

$$k_1 = k(q_1), \quad k_2 = k(q_2),$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{k_1}{1+k_1^2} \\ \frac{1-k_1^2}{1+k_1^2} \\ \frac{1+k_1-k_1^2}{1+k_1^2} \\ \frac{1-4k_1-k_1^2}{1+k_1^2} \end{pmatrix} = A_r \begin{pmatrix} \frac{k_2}{1+k_2^2} \\ \frac{1-k_2^2}{1+k_2^2} \\ \frac{1+k_2-k_2^2}{1+k_2^2} \\ \frac{1-4k_2-k_2^2}{1+k_2^2} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

Part 4. Other extensions: $\Gamma_0(p)$

- Let p be an odd prime.
- $\Gamma_0(p) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \mid c \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \right\}$
- Let $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(p)$.
- Let $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\mathrm{Im}(w_2/w_1) > 0$.
- Let $w_4 = aw_2 + bw_1$ and $w_3 = cw_2 + dw_1$.
- Let $\tau = \frac{w_2}{w_1}$.
- Then $\frac{w_4}{w_3} = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$ and $\frac{w_3}{w_1} = c\tau + d$.

Lattice subsets

- $\Lambda^{\pm}(w_1, w_2) = \left\{ mw_1 + nw_2 : \begin{pmatrix} n \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \pm 1 \right\},$

- $\Omega^{\pm}(w_1, w_2) = \left\{ \frac{m}{p}w_1 + w_2 : \begin{pmatrix} m \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \pm 1 \right\}.$

- Intra-relationships:

$$\Lambda^{\pm}(w_1, w_2) = \Lambda^{\pm\left(\frac{d}{p}\right)}(w_3, w_4)$$

$$\Omega^{\pm}(w_1, w_2) = \Omega^{\pm\left(\frac{d}{p}\right)}(w_3, w_4)$$

- Inter-relationship:

$$\Lambda^{\pm}(w_1, w_2) = \Omega^{\pm\left(\frac{d}{p}\right)}(pw_2, -w_1)$$

Modular relations for $\Gamma_0(p)$

Idea:

- Cook up an elliptic function with zero set given by $\Lambda^+(w_1, w_2)$ and pole set given by $\Lambda^-(w_1, w_2)$, and another one with zero set $\Omega^+(w_1, w_2)$ and pole set $\Omega^-(w_1, w_2)$.
- Exploit the intra-relationships.
- Exploit the inter-relationships.

Construction of elliptic functions

$$R = \left\{ r : 1 \leq r \leq p-1, \left(\frac{r}{p} \right) = 1 \right\}$$

$$NR = \left\{ r : 1 \leq r \leq p-1, \left(\frac{r}{p} \right) = -1 \right\}$$

$$\theta(z|\tau) = 2q^{1/8} \sin z$$

$$\times \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n e^{2iz})(1 - q^n e^{-2iz})(1 - q^n).$$

$$F(z; \omega_1, \omega_2)$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{r \in R} \exp\left(\frac{-2\pi i r z}{p\omega_1}\right) \theta_1\left(\frac{\pi}{\omega_1}(z - r\omega_2) \middle| \frac{p\omega_2}{\omega_1}\right)}{\prod_{r \in NR} \exp\left(\frac{-2\pi i r z}{p\omega_1}\right) \theta_1\left(\frac{\pi}{\omega_1}(z - r\omega_2) \middle| \frac{p\omega_2}{\omega_1}\right)},$$

$$G(z; \omega_1, \omega_2) = \frac{\prod_{r \in R} \theta_1\left(\pi \left(\frac{z}{\omega_1} - \frac{r}{p}\right) \middle| \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}\right)}{\prod_{r \in NR} \theta_1\left(\pi \left(\frac{z}{\omega_1} - \frac{r}{p}\right) \middle| \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}\right)}.$$

Transformation formulas

- Intra-relationships:

$$\frac{F(z; \omega_1, \omega_2)}{F(0; \omega_1, \omega_2)} = \left(\frac{F(z; \omega_3, \omega_4)}{F(0; \omega_3, \omega_4)} \right)^{\left(\frac{d}{p}\right)},$$

$$\frac{G(z; \omega_1, \omega_2)}{G(0; \omega_1, \omega_2)} = \left(\frac{G(z; \omega_3, \omega_4)}{G(0; \omega_3, \omega_4)} \right)^{\left(\frac{d}{p}\right)},$$

- Inter-relationship:

$$\frac{F(z; \omega_1, \omega_2)}{F(0; \omega_1, \omega_2)} = \frac{G(z; p\omega_2, -\omega_1)}{G(0; p\omega_2, -\omega_1)}.$$

- These follow immediately from the lattice subset properties.
- The “ $F(0; \dots, \dots)$ ” and “ $G(0; \dots, \dots)$ ” can be removed by logarithmic differentiation. Then expand in powers of z and equate coefficients...

Generalized Eisenstein series

- $$\frac{x}{e^{px} - 1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \binom{k}{p} e^{kx} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$
- $$E_n^0(\tau; \chi_p) = -\frac{B_{1,p}}{2} \delta_{n,1} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j^{n-1}}{1 - q^{pj}} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \binom{k}{p} q^{jk}$$
- $$E_n^\infty(\tau; \chi_p) = -\frac{B_{n,p}}{2n} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{j}{p} \frac{j^{n-1} q^j}{1 - q^j}$$
- $$\delta_{m,n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m = n, \\ 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \end{cases}$$

Generalized Eisenstein series

Suppose p is an odd prime, $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(p)$,
 $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $n \equiv (p-1)/2 \pmod{2}$. Then:

$$E_n^0\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}; \chi_p\right) = \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) (c\tau + d)^n E_n^0(\tau; \chi_p),$$

$$E_n^\infty\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}; \chi_p\right) = \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) (c\tau + d)^n E_n^\infty(\tau; \chi_p),$$

$$E_n^\infty\left(\frac{-1}{p\tau}; \chi_p\right) = \frac{1}{c_p \sqrt{p}} (p\tau)^n E_n^0(\tau; \chi_p),$$

$$E_n^0\left(\frac{-1}{p\tau}; \chi_p\right) = \frac{\sqrt{p}}{c_p} \tau^n E_n^\infty(\tau; \chi_p).$$

Remark

We could try and begin with

$$G_n^0(\tau; \chi_p) = \sum \sum' \frac{\binom{k}{p}}{(j + k\tau)^n}$$

and

$$G_n^\infty(\tau; \chi_p) = \sum \sum' \frac{\binom{j}{p}}{(j + pk\tau)^n}.$$

This requires $n > 2$ for convergence.

The method outlined in this talk yields results for $n = 1$ and $n = 2$ as well.

Part 5: Concluding remarks

- Venkatachaliengar's proof of the transformation formula for the eta-function is elementary and self-contained.
- It uses Liouville's theorem, but not the Jacobi triple product identity, or any other facts about theta functions.
- Venkatachaliengar's book contains many other elegant proofs. For example, the addition formula and differential equations for the Weierstrass and Jacobian elliptic functions are derived by simple (but clever) manipulations of series.
- Venkatachaliengar's question: can topics in the book be extended to finite fields?