

A REMARK OF EISENSTEIN SERIES AND THETA SERIES

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ABSTRACT. As a by-product of [5], we produce algebraic integers of certain values of quotients of Eisenstein series. And we consider the relation of $\theta_3(0, \tau)$ and $\theta_3(0, \tau^n)$. That is, we show that $|\theta_3(0, \tau^n)| = |\theta_3(0, \tau)|$, $\Delta(0, \tau) = \Delta(0, \tau^n)$ and $J(\tau) = J(\tau^n)$ for some $\tau \in \mathfrak{h}$.

1. Introduction

Let k be an imaginary quadratic field, \mathfrak{h} the complex upper half plane, $\tau \in \mathfrak{h} \cap k$, $p = e^{\pi i \tau}$ and $\Delta(\tau)$ the modular discriminant. The *Weierstrass \wp -function* (relative to a lattice Λ_τ) is defined by the series

$$\wp(z) = \wp(z; \Lambda_\tau) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\substack{\omega \in \Lambda_\tau \\ \omega \neq 0}} \left\{ \frac{1}{(z - \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right\} \quad ([10]).$$

In [5], [6], [7] and [8], we dealt with certain algebraic integers as values of elliptic functions constructed from Weierstrass \wp -function by using infinite products.

Kim [9] has obtained the leading finite-size corrections to the spectra of the asymmetric XXZ chain and the related six-vertex model in statistical physics. He established this at zero vertical field, and at zero horizontal field. The results are related by a 90° rotation. Kim's results are related to theta series. Baxter [1] had a direct proof of Kim's identities.

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In [4], we dealt with certain algebraic integers as values of theta functions and derived analogues of Burndt-Chan-Zhang’s results ([2]), which would be a generalization for the case of m even.

In Section 2, we shall consider the following problem:

PROBLEM. Find $\tau \in \mathfrak{h}$ which satisfies $|\theta_3(0, z^n)| = |\theta_3(0, z)|$.

We also consider the same problem for the modular discriminant $\Delta(z)$ and $J(z)$ -invariant. Using these relations, we find the algebraic integers derived from infinite products.

Throughout the article we adopt the following notations:

- $\Lambda_\tau = \mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z}$
- $\theta_3(0, \tau) := \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})(1 + p^{2n-1})^2$
- $G_k(\Lambda_\tau) := G_k(\tau) = \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda_\tau - \{0\}} \frac{1}{\omega^k}$ Eisenstein series with weight k
- $g_2(\tau) = 60G_4(\tau)$
- $g_3(\tau) = 140G_6(\tau)$
- $\Delta(\tau) = g_2(\tau)^3 - 27g_3(\tau)^2 = (2\pi)^{12}\eta(\tau)^{24}$
- $j(\tau) = 1728 \frac{g_2(\tau)^3}{\Delta(\tau)}$

2. Some relations of modular functions

We know from [3] and [4] that

$$\begin{aligned} \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) - \wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= -\pi^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^4 (1 + p^{(2n-1)})^8, \\ \wp\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right) - \wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= -\pi^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^4 (1 - p^{(2n-1)})^8, \\ \wp\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right) - \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) &= 16\pi^2 p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^4 (1 + p^{2n})^8. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$(K - 1) \quad \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) - \wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\pi^2 \theta_3(0, \tau)^4.$$

Let $f(X) = X^2 + uX + v \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$. If $\tau \in \mathfrak{h}$ and $\tau^2 + u\tau + v = 0$, then $\tau = \frac{-u + \sqrt{u^2 - 4v}}{2} = r(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)$ where $r = \sqrt{v}$, $\cos \alpha = \frac{-u}{2\sqrt{v}}$, and $\sin \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{4v - u^2}}{2\sqrt{v}}$.

THEOREM 2.1. *If $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{n}$ and u is odd, then the followings are satisfied:*

(1) *If v is even then*

$$\theta_3(0, \tau)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau^k)^4,$$

where $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

In particular, if $|\tau| = 1$ then there does not exist $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfying $\theta_3(0, \tau)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau^2)^4$.

(2) *If v is odd then*

$$\begin{cases} \theta_3(0, \tau^2)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^4 & \text{if } n \geq 2, \\ \theta_3(0, \tau^4)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau)^4 & \text{if } n \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

In particular, if $|\tau| = 1$ then $\tau = \frac{1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}$, $u = -1$, and $v = 1$.

Proof. Since the Weierstrass \wp -function is an even elliptic function, $\wp(\tau) = \wp(-\tau)$ and $\wp(\tau + 1) = \wp(\tau)$. By $(K - 1)$,

$$\begin{aligned} -\pi^2 \theta_3(0, \tau^2)^4 &= \wp\left(\frac{\tau^2}{2}\right) - \wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \wp\left(\frac{-u\tau - v}{2}\right) - \wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \wp\left(\frac{\tau + \epsilon(v)}{2}\right) - \wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= -\pi^2 \theta_3(0, \tau + \epsilon(v))^4, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\epsilon(v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v \text{ is even,} \\ 1 & \text{if } v \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Thus we consider the following two cases.

- (1) Since $\tau^2 = -u\tau - v = u_2\tau + v_2$, $\tau^3 = \tau\tau^2 = \tau(u_2\tau + v_2) = u_2\tau^2 + v_2\tau = u_2(u_2\tau + v_2) + v_2\tau = (u_2^2 + v_2)\tau + u_2v_2 = u_3\tau + v_3$, $\tau^4 = \tau\tau^3 = \tau(-u_3\tau - v_3) = u_4\tau + v_4, \dots$, and $\tau^n = \tau\tau^{n-1} = \tau(-u_{n-1}\tau - v_{n-1}) = u_n\tau + v_n$ where u_i is odd and v_i even with $i = 2, \dots, n$, we obtain $\theta_3(0, \tau)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau^2)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau^3)^4 = \dots = \theta_3(0, \tau^n)^4$.
- (2) Since $\tau^2 = -u\tau - v$ and $\tau^4 = (-u\tau - v)^2 = u'\tau + v'$ where u, v, u' are odd and v' even, we derive $\theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau^2)^4$ and $\theta_3(0, \tau^4)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau)^4$.

Furthermore, if $\tau^2 + u\tau + v = 0$ and $\tau = \frac{-u \pm \sqrt{u^2 - 4v}}{2}$ then $1 = |\tau| = \frac{u^2 + 4v - u^2}{4} = v$. Thus case (2) is possible, while case (1) is impossible. Since $u^2 - 4v < 0$ and $\tau^2 \in \mathfrak{h}$, we get $u = -1$. Consequently, $\tau = \frac{1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}$. We have the theorem. \square

For an example of Theorem 2.1, we let

$$S_v = \{\tau \in \mathfrak{h} : \theta_3(0, \tau^2)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau)^4, |\tau|^2 = v, \tau^2 + u\tau + v = 0 \\ \text{with } u \text{ odd, } v \text{ even}\},$$

$$S'_v = \{\tau \in \mathfrak{h} : \theta_3(0, \tau^2)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^4, |\tau|^2 = v, \tau^2 + u\tau + v = 0 \\ \text{with } u, v \text{ odd}\}.$$

By Theorem 2.1, we have:

$$S_1 = S_{2v+1} = \emptyset \text{ for all } v \in \mathbb{Z}^+,$$

$$S_2 = \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-7}}{2} \right\},$$

$$S_4 = \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-15}}{2}, \frac{3 + \sqrt{-7}}{2} \right\},$$

$$S_6 = \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-23}}{2}, \frac{3 + \sqrt{-19}}{2} \right\},$$

$$S_8 = \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-31}}{2}, \frac{3 + \sqrt{-23}}{2}, \frac{5 + \sqrt{-7}}{2} \right\},$$

$$S_{10} = \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-39}}{2}, \frac{3 + \sqrt{-31}}{2}, \frac{5 + \sqrt{-15}}{2} \right\},$$

$$S_{12} = \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-47}}{2}, \frac{3 + \sqrt{-39}}{2}, \frac{5 + \sqrt{-23}}{2} \right\}, \dots,$$

$$S_{54} = \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-215}}{2}, \frac{3 + \sqrt{-207}}{2}, \frac{5 + \sqrt{-191}}{2}, \frac{7 + \sqrt{-167}}{2}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{9 + \sqrt{-135}}{2}, \frac{11 + \sqrt{-95}}{2}, \frac{13 + \sqrt{-47}}{2} \right\}, \dots,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S'_1 &= \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right\}, \\
 S'_2 &= S'_{2v} = \emptyset \text{ for all } v \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \\
 S'_3 &= \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-11}}{2}, \frac{3 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right\}, \\
 S'_5 &= \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-19}}{2}, \frac{3 + \sqrt{-11}}{2} \right\}, \\
 S'_7 &= \left\{ \frac{1 + 3\sqrt{-3}}{2}, \frac{3 + \sqrt{-19}}{2}, \frac{5 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right\}, \\
 S'_9 &= \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-35}}{2}, \frac{3 + 5i}{2}, \frac{5 + \sqrt{-11}}{2} \right\}, \\
 S'_{11} &= \left\{ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-43}}{2}, \frac{3 + \sqrt{-35}}{2}, \frac{5 + \sqrt{-19}}{2} \right\}, \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.1.(1), we get the pair (u, v) of the coefficients of the polynomial $f_1(X) = X^2 + uX + v$ with $f_1(\tau) = 0$ and τ, u, v as in Theorem 2.1.(1). If k is a positive integer less than or equal to n then $\theta_3(0, \tau^k)^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau)^4$.

In this way, we put $\tau^{2k} = u_k\tau + v_k$. Then, (u_k, v_k) is the pair of the coefficients of the polynomial $f_k(X) = X^k - u_kX - v_k$ with $f_k(\tau) = 0$ and τ as in Theorem 2.1.(1). If we choose (u_2, v_2) with $\tau \in S_n$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{n}$, then we can find (u_k, v_k) by the following relations

$$\begin{aligned}
 (u_2, v_2) &= (-u, -v), \\
 (u_k, v_k) &= (u_2u_{k-1} + v_{k-1}, u_{k-1}v_2) \text{ for } 3 \leq k \leq n.
 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 2.2. If $u_1 = -5, v_1 = 8, \tau = \frac{5 + \sqrt{-7}}{2}$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (u_1, v_1) &= (-5, 8), \\
 (u_2, v_2) &= (5, -8), \\
 (u_3, v_3) &= (17, -40), \\
 (u_4, v_4) &= (45, -136), \\
 (u_5, v_5) &= (361, -360), \\
 (u_6, v_6) &= (1445, -2888), \\
 (u_7, v_7) &= (10125, -34696), \\
 (u_8, v_8) &= (15929, -81000).
 \end{aligned}$$

From Theorem 2.1, we get the following corollary.

COROLLARY 2.3. If $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $u\tau^2 + v\tau + 1 = 0$ where u, v integer, then the followings hold.

- (1) If u is odd and v even, then $\theta_3(0, \frac{-1}{\tau})^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau)^4$.
- (2) If u is odd and v odd, then $\theta_3(0, \frac{-1}{\tau})^4 = \theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^4$.

Proof. Note that $\theta_3(0, \frac{-1}{\tau})^4 = \theta_3(0, \frac{u\tau^2+v\tau}{\tau})^4 = \theta_3(0, u\tau + v)^4$. By Theorem 2.1, the conclusion is immediate. \square

THEOREM 2.4. Let u be an odd integer and v any integer. If $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{n}$ and $\tau^n + u\tau + v = 0$ where n is an integer ($\neq 0, 1$), then

$$\Delta(\tau^n) = \Delta(\tau).$$

In particular, if $n = 2$, then there does not exist $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $|\tau| = 1$.

Proof. It follows from [3, p. 69] that
($K - 2$)

$$\Delta(\tau) = 16\pi^{12}\theta_3(0, \tau)^8\theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^8 (\theta_3(0, \tau)^4 - \theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^4)^2.$$

Let v be even. By ($K - 2$) and Theorem 2.1, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\tau^n) &= 16\pi^{12}\theta_3(0, \tau^n)^8\theta_3(0, \tau^n + 1)^8 (\theta_3(0, \tau^n)^4 - \theta_3(0, \tau^n + 1)^4)^2 \\ &= 16\pi^{12}\theta_3(0, \tau)^8\theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^8 (\theta_3(0, \tau)^4 - \theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^4)^2 \\ &= \Delta(\tau). \end{aligned}$$

When v is odd,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\tau^n) &= 16\pi^{12}\theta_3(0, \tau^n)^8\theta_3(0, \tau^n + 1)^8 (\theta_3(0, \tau^n)^4 - \theta_3(0, \tau^n + 1)^4)^2 \\ &= 16\pi^{12}\theta_3(0, \tau^n)^8\theta_3(0, \tau)^8 (\theta_3(0, \tau^n)^4 - \theta_3(0, \tau)^4)^2 \\ &= 16\pi^{12}\theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^8\theta_3(0, \tau)^8 (\theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^4 - \theta_3(0, \tau)^4)^2 \\ &= \Delta(\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if $n = 2$ and $|\tau| = 1$, then we check the following two cases.

Case 1. If v is odd then $\theta_3(0, \tau^2) = \theta_3(0, \tau)$. By Theorem 2.1, it cannot happen.

Case 2. If v is even then $\theta_3(0, \tau^2 + 1) = \theta_3(0, \tau)$. We see by Theorem 2.1 that it is impossible.

Consequently, if $\tau^2 + u\tau + v = 0$ and $|\tau| = 1$, then $\Delta(\tau^2) \neq \Delta(\tau)$. \square

COROLLARY 2.5. *Let a, u be odd integers and b, v be any integers. If $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{\max\{n^l, m^t\}}$ and $\tau^{n^l} + u\tau + v = \tau^{m^t} + a\tau + b = 0$, where $n, m \neq 0, 1$ integers then $\Delta(\tau^{n^l}) = \Delta(\tau^{m^t}) = \Delta(\tau)$. That is,*

$$e^{2\pi i \tau^{n^l}} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - e^{2\pi i k \tau^{n^l}})^{24} = e^{2\pi i \tau} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - e^{2\pi i k \tau})^{24}.$$

Proof. It is clear from Theorem 2.4. □

COROLLARY 2.6. *Let u be odd integer and v be any integer. If $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{n}$ and $\tau^n + u\tau + v = 0$ where $(n \neq 0, 1)$ is an integer, then*

$$J(\tau^n) = J(\tau).$$

In particular, if $n = 2$, then there does not exist $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $|\tau| = 1$.

Proof. We see from [3] that

$$J(\tau) = \frac{1}{54} \frac{\left(\theta_3(0, \tau)^8 + \theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^8 + (\theta_3(0, \tau)^4 - \theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^4)^2 \right)^3}{\theta_3(0, \tau)^8 \theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^8 (\theta_3(0, \tau)^4 - \theta_3(0, \tau + 1)^4)^2}.$$

Then, in a similar way as in Theorem 2.4, we have the conclusion. □

In like manner, we also obtain analogous formulae for Eisenstein series.

COROLLARY 2.7. *Let u be odd integer and v be any integer. If $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{n}$ and $\tau^n + u\tau + v = 0$ where $(n \neq 0, 1)$ is an integer, then*

$$g_2(\tau^n) = g_2(\tau) \text{ and } g_3(\tau^n) = g_3(\tau).$$

3. Eisenstein series

We adopt the following notation

$$M_{2k} = \{ \text{modular forms of weight } 2k \text{ for } \Gamma(1) \},$$

which is a \mathbb{C} -vector space([11, 12]). As is well known [11], the set $\{G_4^b G_6^c : b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, 2b + 3c = k\}$ constitutes a basis for M_{2k} .

LEMMA 3.1. For $k \geq 2$, $G_{2k} = \sum_{i=1}^t a_i G_4^{b_i} G_6^{c_i}$ where $t = \dim M_{2k}$, $a_i \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $2b_i + 3c_i = k$.

Proof. We see from [11, 12] that

$$(K - 3) \quad G_{2k}(\tau) = 2\zeta(2k) + 2 \frac{(2\pi i)^{2k}}{(2k - 1)!} \sum_{n \geq 1} \sigma_{2k-1}(n) p^n,$$

where $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^s}$ and $\sigma_k(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^k$ are the Riemann ζ -function and k^{th} -power divisor function, respectively.

We know from [11, 12] that $\zeta(2k)$ is a rational multiple of π^{2k} .

Since $G_{2k} \in M_{2k}$, we have

$$(K - 4) \quad G_{2k}(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^t a_i G_4^{b_i} G_6^{c_i}$$

with $t = \dim M_{2k}$ and $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$.

From (K - 3) and (K - 4), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} (\pi)^{2k} (d_1 + d_2 p + d_3 p^2 + \dots) &= (\pi)^{2k} \{ a_1 (e_{11} + e_{12} p + e_{13} p^2 + \dots) \\ &\quad + a_2 (e_{21} + e_{22} p + e_{23} p^2 + \dots) \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &\quad + a_t (e_{t1} + e_{t2} p + e_{t3} p^2 + \dots) \}, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_{11} & e_{12} & \dots & e_{1t} \\ e_{21} & e_{22} & \dots & e_{2t} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ e_{t1} & e_{t2} & \dots & e_{tt} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \cdot \\ a_t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ \cdot \\ d_t \end{pmatrix}$$

with $d_i, e_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Q}$. Since $\{G_4^b G_6^c : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, 2b + 3c = k\}$ is a basis for the space M_{2k} , a_1, \dots, a_t are uniquely determined in \mathbb{C} . Therefore $a_1, \dots, a_t \in \mathbb{Q}$. □

Using Corollary 2.7 and Lemma 3.1, we get the following.

COROLLARY 3.2. Let u be odd integer and v be any integer. If $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{n}$ and $\tau^n + u\tau + v = 0$ where $(n \neq 0, 1)$ is an integer, then

$$G_{2k}(\tau^n) = G_{2k}(\tau)$$

with $k \geq 2$.

PROPOSITION 3.3. ([5]) If $k \geq 2$, $\frac{G_{2k}(\tau)}{(\pi)^{2k}\eta(\tau)^{4k}}$ is an algebraic number. And if $k \geq 2$ and $G_{2k}(\tau) \neq 0$, then $\frac{G_{2k}(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^{4k}}$ is a transcendental number.

Using Corollary 3.2 and Proposition 3.3, we derive

COROLLARY 3.4. Let u be odd integer and v be any integer, and let $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{n}$ and $\tau^n + u\tau + v = 0$ where $(n \neq 0, 1)$ is an integer. If $k \geq 2$, $\frac{G_{2k}(\tau^n)}{(\pi)^{2k}\eta(\tau^n)^{4k}}$ is an algebraic number. And if $k \geq 2$ and $G_{2k}(\tau^n) \neq 0$, then $\frac{G_{2k}(\tau^n)}{\eta(\tau^n)^{4k}}$ is a transcendental number.

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