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The arithmetic of Borcherds' exponents

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1. Introduction and statement of results

Recently, Borcherds [B] provided a striking description for the exponents in the naive infinite product expansion of many modular forms. For example, if $E_k(z)$ denotes the usual normalized weight k Eisenstein series, let $c(n)$ denote the integer exponents one obtains by expressing $E_4(z)$ as an infinite product:

$$E_4(z) = 1 + 240 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{d|n} d^3 q^n$$
$$= (1-q)^{-240}(1-q^2)^{26760} \cdots = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-q^n)^{c(n)} \tag{1.1}$$

($q := e^{2\pi i z}$ throughout). Although one might not suspect that there is a precise description or formula for the exponents $c(n)$, Borcherds provided one. He proved that there is a weight 1/2 meromorphic modular form

$$G(z) = \sum_{n \geq -3} b(n) q^n = q^{-3} + 4 - 240q + 26760q^4 + \cdots - 4096240q^9 + \ldots$$

with the property that $c(n) = b(n^2)$ for every positive integer n.

It is natural to examine other methods for studying such exponents. Here we point out a p-adic method which is based on the fact that the logarithmic derivative of a meromorphic modular form is often a weight two p-adic modular form.

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To illustrate our result, use (1.1) to define the series $C(q)$

$$C(q) = 6\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sum_{d|n} c(d)dq^n$$
$$= -1440q + 319680q^2 - 73733760q^3 + \cdots \tag{1.2}$$

If $\eta(z) = q^{1/24}\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}(1-q^n)$ denotes Dedekind's eta-function, then it turns out that

$$C(q) \equiv q + 9q^2 + 10q^3 + 2q^4 + q^5 + \cdots \equiv \eta^2(z)\eta^2(11z) \pmod{11}.$$

Therefore, if $p \neq 11$ is prime, then $a_E(p) \equiv 1 + 6c(p)p \pmod{11}$, where $a_E(p)$ is the trace of the pth Frobenius endomorphism on $X_0(11)$. This example illustrates our general result.

Let K be a number field and let O_v be the completion of its ring of integers at a finite place v with residue characteristic p. Moreover, let λ be a uniformizer for O_v. Following Serre [S2], we say that a formal power series

$$f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n \in O_v[[q]]$$

is a p-adic modular form of weight k if there is a sequence $f_i \in O_v[[q]]$ of holomorphic modular forms on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, with weights k_i, for which $\mathrm{ord}_\lambda(f_i - f) \to +\infty$ and $\mathrm{ord}_\lambda(k - k_i) \to +\infty$.

Theorem 1. *Let $F(z) = q^h\left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)q^n\right) \in O_K[[q]]$ be a meromorphic modular form on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, where O_K is the ring of integers in a number field K. Moreover, let $c(n)$ denote the numbers defined by the formal infinite product*

$$F(z) = q^h\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}(1-q^n)^{c(n)}.$$

If p is prime and $F(z)$ is good at p (see §3 for the definition), then the formal power series

$$B = h - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sum_{d|n} c(d)dq^n$$

is a weight two p-adic modular form.

Here we present cases where $F(z)$ is good at p. As usual, let $j(z)$ be the modular function

$$j(z) = q^{-1} + 744 + 196884q + 21493760q^2 + \cdots.$$

Let $\mathbb{H}$ be the upper half of the complex plane. We shall refer to any complex number $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$ of the form $\tau = \frac{-b+\sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}$ with $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$

and $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ as a *Heegner point*. Moreover, we let $d_\tau := b^2 - 4ac$ be its discriminant. The values of j at such points are known as *singular moduli*, and it is well known that these values are algebraic integers. A meromorphic modular form $F(z)$ on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ has a *Heegner divisor* if its zeros and poles are supported at the cusp at infinity and Heegner points.

Although we shall emphasize those forms $F(z)$ which have Heegner divisors, we stress that Theorem 1 holds for many forms which do not have a Borcherds product. For example, $E_{p-1}(z)$ is good at p for every prime $p \geq 5$. The next result describes some forms with Heegner divisors which are good at a prime p.

Theorem 2. *Let $F(z) = q^h \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)q^n\right) \in \mathbb{Z}[[q]]$ be a meromorphic modular form on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ with a Heegner divisor whose Heegner points $\tau_1, \tau_2, \ldots, \tau_s \in \mathbb{H}/SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ have fixed discriminant d. The following are true.*

(1) *If $p \geq 5$ is a prime for which $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) \in \{0, -1\}$ and*

$$\prod_{i=1}^{s} j(\tau_i)(j(\tau_i) - 1728) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p},$$

then $F(z)$ is good at p.

(2) *If $s = 1$ and $\tau_1 = (-1 + \sqrt{-3})/2$ (resp. $\tau_1 = i$), then $F(z)$ is good at every prime $p \equiv 2, 3, 5, 11 \pmod{12}$ (resp. $p \equiv 2, 3, 7, 11 \pmod{12}$).*

(3) *If $p = 2$ (resp. $p = 3$) and $|d| \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ (resp. $|d| \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$), then $F(z)$ is good at p.*

(4) *Suppose that $p \geq 5$ is a prime for which $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) \in \{0, -1\}$ and*

$$\prod_{i=1}^{s} j(\tau_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

If $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) \neq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ or $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = -1$, then $F(z)$ is good at p.

(5) *Suppose that $p \geq 5$ is a prime for which $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) \in \{0, -1\}$ and*

$$\prod_{i=1}^{s} (j(\tau_i) - 1728) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

If $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) \neq \mathbb{Q}(i)$ or $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = -1$, then $F(z)$ is good at p.

Remarks. (1) Since $j(i) = 1728$ (resp. $j((-1 + \sqrt{-3})/2) = 0$), Theorem 2 (2) applies to the modular form $j(z) - 1728$ (resp. $j(z)$), as well as the Eisenstein series $E_6(z)$ (resp. $E_4(z)$).

(2) By the theory of complex multiplication, the singular moduli $j(\tau_1), \ldots, j(\tau_s)$, associated to the points in Theorem 2, form a complete set of Galois conjugates over $\mathbb{Q}$, and the multiplicities of each τ_i is fixed in the divisor of $F(z)$.
(3) For fundamental discriminants d, the work of Gross and Zagier [G-Z] provides a simple description of those primes p which do not satisfy the condition in Theorem 2 (1).
(4) Theorem 2 admits a generalization to those forms with algebraic integer coefficients and Heegner divisors. In particular, it can be modified to cover such forms where the multiplicities of the τ_i in the divisor of $F(z)$ are not all equal.

Theorem 2 has interesting consequences regarding class numbers of imaginary quadratic fields. If $0 < D \equiv 0, 3 \pmod 4$, then let $H(-D)$ be the Hurwitz class number for the discriminant $-D$. For each such D there is a unique meromorphic modular form of weight 1/2 on $\Gamma_0(4)$, which is holomorphic on the upper half complex plane, whose Fourier expansion has the form [B, Lemma 14.2]

$$f(D; z) = q^{-D} + \sum_{1 \le n \equiv 0,1 \pmod 4} c_D(n) q^n \in \mathbb{Z}[[q]]. \tag{1.3}$$

Borcherds' theory implies that

$$F(D; z) = q^{-H(-D)} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)^{c_D(n^2)} \tag{1.4}$$

is a weight zero modular function on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ whose divisor is a Heegner divisor consisting of a pole of order $H(-D)$ at $z = \infty$ and a simple zero at each Heegner point with discriminant $-D$. At face value, to compute this correspondence one needs the coefficients of $f(D; z)$ and the class number $H(-D)$. Here we obtain, in many cases, a p-adic class number formula for $H(-D)$ in terms of the coefficients of $f(D; z)$. Therefore, in these cases the correspondence is uniquely determined by the coefficients of $f(D; z)$.

Corollary 3. *If $0 < D \equiv 0, 3 \pmod 4$ and $-D$ is fundamental, then the following are true.*

(1) *If $D \equiv 3 \pmod 8$, then as 2-adic numbers we have*

$$H(-D) = \frac{1}{24} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_D(4^n) 2^n.$$

(2) *If $D \equiv 1 \pmod 3$, then as 3-adic numbers we have*

$$H(-D) = \frac{1}{12} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_D(9^n) 3^n.$$

(3) *If* $D \equiv 0, 2, 3 \pmod 5$*, then as* 5*-adic numbers we have*

$$H(-D) = \frac{1}{6}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_D(25^n)5^n.$$

(4) *If* $D \equiv 0, 1, 2, 4 \pmod 7$*, then as* 7*-adic numbers we have*

$$H(-D) = \frac{1}{4}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_D(49^n)7^n.$$

2. Preliminaries

We recall essential facts regarding meromorphic modular forms on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ and the arithmetic of infinite products. If $F(q) = \sum_{n\geq n_0} a(n)q^n$, then let Θ be the standard differential operator on formal q-series defined by

$$\Theta(F(q)) = \sum_{n\geq n_0} na(n)q^n. \tag{2.1}$$

Throughout, let $F(q)$ be a formal power series of the form

$$F(q) = q^h\left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)q^n\right), \tag{2.2}$$

and let the $c(n)$ be the numbers for which

$$F(q) = q^h\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}(1-q^n)^{c(n)}. \tag{2.3}$$

Proposition 2.1. *If* $F(q)$ *and the numbers* $c(n)$ *are as in (2.2) and (2.3), then*

$$\frac{\Theta(F(q))}{F(q)} = h - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sum_{d|n} c(d)dq^n.$$

Proof. For convenience, let $H(q)$ be the series defined by

$$H(q) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n. \tag{2.4}$$

As formal power series, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\log(F(q)) &= \log(q^h) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)\log(1-q^n) = \log(q^h) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)\sum_{m=1}^{\infty}\frac{q^{mn}}{m}\\ &= \log(q^h) - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty}\frac{H(q^m)}{m}.\end{aligned}$$

By logarithmic differentiation, with respect to q, we obtain

$$\frac{qF'(q)}{F(q)} = \frac{\Theta(F(q))}{F(q)} = h - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} H'(q^m)q^m = h - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)nq^{mn}.$$

□

Following Ramanujan, let $P(z)$ denote the nearly modular Eisenstein series

$$P(z) = 1 - 24\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sum_{d|n} dq^n. \tag{2.5}$$

Lemma 2.2. *Let $F(z) = F(q)$ be a weight k meromorphic modular form on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ satisfying (2.2). If the numbers $c(n)$ are as in (2.3), then there is a weight $k+2$ meromorphic modular form $\tilde{F}(z)$ on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ for which*

$$\frac{1}{12}\left(\frac{\tilde{F}(z)}{F(z)} + kP(z)\right) = h - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sum_{d|n} c(d)dq^n.$$

If $F(z)$ is a holomorphic modular (resp. cusp) form, then $\tilde{F}(z)$ is a holomorphic modular (resp. cusp) form. Moreover, the poles of $\tilde{F}(z)$ are supported at the poles of $F(z)$.

Proof. It is well known [O, p. 17] that the function $\tilde{F}(z)$ defined by

$$\tilde{F}(z) := 12\Theta(F(z)) - kP(z)F(z)$$

is a meromorphic modular form of weight $k+2$ on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Moreover, if $F(z)$ is a holomorphic modular (resp. cusp) form, then $\tilde{F}(z)$ is a holomorphic modular (resp. cusp) form. The result now follows immediately from Proposition 2.1. □

The remaining results in this section are useful for computing explicit examples of Theorem 1, and for proving Theorems 2 and 3. As usual, if $k \geq 4$ is an even integer, then let $E_k(z)$ denote the Eisenstein series

$$E_k(z) := 1 - \frac{2k}{B_k}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sigma_{k-1}(n)q^n. \tag{2.6}$$

Throughout, let ω be the cube root of unity

$$\omega := \frac{-1+\sqrt{-3}}{2}. \tag{2.7}$$

Lemma 2.3. *Suppose that $k \geq 4$ is even.*

(1) *We have $E_k(z) \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$.*
(2) *If $p \geq 5$ is prime and $(p-1) \mid k$, then $E_k(z) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.*

(3) *If* $k \not\equiv 0 \pmod 3$, *then* $E_k(\omega) = 0$.
(4) *If* $k \equiv 2 \pmod 4$, *then* $E_k(i) = 0$.

Proof. Since $z = i$ (resp. $z = \omega$) is fixed by the modular transformation $Sz = -1/z$ (resp. $Az = -(z+1)/z$), the definition of a modular form implies that $E_k(i) = 0$ whenever $k \equiv 2 \pmod 4$, and $E_k(\omega) = 0$ whenever $k \not\equiv 0 \pmod 3$. The claimed congruences follows immediately from (2.6) and the von Staudt-Clausen theorem on the divisibility of denominators of Bernoulli numbers [I-R, p. 233]. □

3. Proofs of the main results

We begin by defining what it means for a modular form to be "good at p".

Definition 3.1. *Let* $F(z) = q^h\left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)q^n\right) \in O_K[[q]]$ *be a meromorphic modular form on* $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ *whose zeros and poles, away from* $z = \infty$, *are at the points* $z_1, z_2, \ldots z_s$. *We say that* $F(z)$ *is good at* p *if there is a holomorphic modular form* $\mathcal{E}(z)$ *with* p*-integral algebraic coefficients for which the following are true:*

(1) *We have the congruence* $\mathcal{E}(z) \equiv 1 \pmod p$.
(2) *For each* $1 \le i \le s$ *we have* $\mathcal{E}(z_i) = 0$.

Proof of Theorem 1. By Lemma 2.2, there is a weight $k+2$ meromorphic modular form $\tilde{F}(z)$ on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, whose poles are supported at the poles of $F(z)$, for which

$$\frac{1}{12}\left(\frac{\tilde{F}(z)}{F(z)} + kP(z)\right) = h - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sum_{d|n} c(d)dq^n.$$

Since Serre [S2] proved that $P(z)$ is a weight two p-adic modular form, it suffices to prove that $\tilde{F}(z)/F(z)$ is a weight 2 p-adic modular form. For every $j \ge 0$, we have

$$\mathcal{E}(z)^{p^j} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{j+1}}. \tag{3.1}$$

Since $\tilde{F}(z)/F(z)$ has weight two, it follows that $\mathcal{E}(z)^{p^j}\tilde{F}(z)/F(z)$, for sufficiently large j, is a holomorphic modular form of weight $p^j b + 2$, where b is the weight of $\mathcal{E}(z)$. If $\mathcal{E}(z)^{p^j}\tilde{F}(z)/F(z)$ does not have algebraic integer coefficients, then multiply it by a suitable integer $t_{j+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{j+1}}$ so that the resulting series does. Therefore by (3.1), the sequence $\mathfrak{F}_{j+1}(z) := t_{j+1}\mathcal{E}(z)^{p^j}\tilde{F}(z)/F(z)$ defines a sequence of holomorphic modular forms which p-adically converges to $\tilde{F}(z)/F(z)$ with weights which converge p-adically to 2. In other words, $\tilde{F}(z)/F(z)$ is a p-adic modular form of weight 2. □

Proof of Theorem 2. In view of Definition 3.1, it suffices to produce a holomorphic modular form $\mathcal{E}(z)$ on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ with algebraic p-integral coefficients for which $\mathcal{E}(\tau_i) = 0$, for each $1 \le i \le s$, which satisfies the congruence

$$\mathcal{E}(z) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

First we prove (1). For each $1 \le i \le s$, let A_i be the elliptic curve

$$A_i : \ y^2 = x^3 - 108j(\tau_i)(j(\tau_i) - 1728)x - 432j(\tau_i)(j(\tau_i) - 1728)^2. \quad (3.2)$$

Each A_i is defined over the number field $\mathbb{Q}(j(\tau_i))$ with j-invariant $j(\tau_i)$. A simple calculation reveals that if $\mathfrak{p}$ is a prime ideal above a prime $p \ge 5$ in the integer ring of $\mathbb{Q}(j(\tau_i))$ for which

$$j(\tau_i)(j(\tau_i) - 1728) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}, \quad (3.3)$$

then A_i has good reduction at $\mathfrak{p}$. Suppose that $p \ge 5$ is a prime which is inert or ramified in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ satisfying (3.3) for every prime ideal $\mathfrak{p}$ above p. By the theory of complex multiplication [L, p. 182], it follows that $j(\tau_i)$ is a supersingular j-invariant in $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$.

A famous observation of Deligne (see, for example [S1], [K-Z, Th. 1]) implies that every supersingular j-invariant in characteristic p is the reduction of $j(Q)$ modulo p for some point Q which is a zero of $E_{p-1}(z)$. Therefore, there are points $Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_s$ in the fundamental domain of the action of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ (not necessarily distinct) for which $E_{p-1}(Q_i) = 0$, for all $1 \le i \le s$, with the additional property that

$$\prod_{i=1}^{s}(X - j(Q_i)) \equiv \prod_{i=1}^{s}(X - j(\tau_i)) \pmod{p} \quad (3.4)$$

in $\mathbb{F}_p[X]$. Now define $\mathcal{E}(z)$ by

$$\mathcal{E}(z) := \prod_{i=1}^{s}\left(E_{p-1}(z) \cdot \frac{j(z) - j(\tau_i)}{j(z) - j(Q_i)}\right). \quad (3.5)$$

By Lemma 2.3 (2), (3.4) and (3.5), it follows that $\mathcal{E}(\tau_i) = 0$ for each $1 \le i \le s$, and also satisfies the congruence $\mathcal{E}(z) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. Moreover, $\mathcal{E}(z)$ is clearly a holomorphic modular form, and so $F(z)$ is good at p. This proves (1).

Since $j(i) = 1728$ (resp. $j(\omega) = 0$), Lemma 2.3 shows that $F(z)$ is good at every prime $p \equiv 2, 3, 7, 11 \pmod{12}$ (resp. $p \equiv 2, 3, 5, 11 \pmod{12}$). This proves (2).

To prove (3), one argues as in the proof of (1) and (2) using Lemma 2.3 (1, 3, 4), and the Gross and Zagier congruences [G-Z, Cor. 2.5]

$$|d| \equiv 3 \pmod{8} \implies j(\tau_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^{15}},$$
$$|d| \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \implies j(\tau_i) \equiv 1728 \pmod{3^6}.$$

In view of (2), to prove (4) and (5) we may assume that

$$\prod_{i=1}^{s} j(\tau_i)(j(\tau_i) - 1728) \neq 0.$$

We use a classical theorem of Deuring on the reduction of differences of singular moduli modulo prime ideals $\mathfrak{p}$. In particular, if $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) \notin \{\mathbb{Q}(i), \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})\}$, then since $\{j(\tau_1), \dots, j(\tau_s)\}$ forms a complete set of Galois conjugates over $\mathbb{Q}$, Deuring's result implies that (see [C, Th. 13.21], [D])

$$\prod_{i=1}^{s} j(\tau_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \implies p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \tag{3.6}$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^{s} (j(\tau_i) - 1728) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \implies p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \tag{3.7}$$

The same conclusion in (3.6) (resp. (3.7)) holds if $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ (resp. $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) = \mathbb{Q}(i)$) provided that $p \nmid d$. A straightforward modification of the proof of (1), using Lemma 2.3 (2, 3, 4), now proves that $F(z)$ is good at p. □

Proof of Corollary 3. Since $-D$ is fundamental, Theorem 2 shows that $F(D; z)$ is good at the primes p as dicated by the statement of Corollary 3. Define integers $A_D(n)$ by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_D(n) q^n := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{d|n} c_D(d^2) d q^n. \tag{3.8}$$

Therefore, by the conclusion of Theorem 1 it follows that

$$-H(-D) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_D(n) q^n \tag{3.9}$$

is a weight two p-adic modular form for the relevant primes $p \leq 7$.

Serre proved [S2, Th. 7], for certain p-adic modular forms, that the constant term of the Fourier expansion is essentially the p-adic limit of its Fourier coefficients at exponents which are p^{th} powers. In these cases we obtain

$$H(-D) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{24} \lim_{n \to +\infty} A_D(2^n) & \text{if } D \equiv 3 \pmod{8}, \\ \frac{1}{12} \lim_{n \to +\infty} A_D(3^n) & \text{if } D \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ \frac{1}{6} \lim_{n \to +\infty} A_D(5^n) & \text{if } D \equiv 0, 2, 3 \pmod{5}, \\ \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \to +\infty} A_D(7^n) & \text{if } D \equiv 0, 1, 2, 4 \pmod{7}. \end{cases}$$

□

4. Some examples

Example 4.1. Let $f(7;z)=\sum_{n=-7}^{\infty} c_7(n)q^n$ be the weight 1/2 modular form on $\Gamma_0(4)$ defined in (1.3). Its q-expansion begins with the terms

$$f(z)=q^{-7}-4119q+8288256q^4-52756480q^5+\cdots.$$

By the Borcherds isomorphism [B, Th. 14.1], there is a modular form of weight 0 on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ with a simple pole at ∞ and a simple zero at $z=(1+\sqrt{-7})/2$ with the Fourier expansion

$$\begin{aligned} F(7;z)&=q^{-1}\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}(1-q^n)^{c_7(n^2)}\\ &=\frac{1}{q}+4119+196884q+21493760q^2+864299970q^3+\cdots \end{aligned}$$

Since $j((1+\sqrt{-7})/2)=-15^3\equiv 0 \pmod 5$, by the proof of Theorem 2 (4), there is a weight 6 holomorphic modular form on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ which is congruent to

$$-1-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sum_{d|n} c_7(d^2)dq^n\equiv 4+4q+2q^2+q^3+\cdots \pmod 5.$$

This is $4E_6(z) \pmod 5$, and so $c_7(n^2)\equiv 1 \pmod 5$ if $n\not\equiv 0 \pmod 5$.

Example 4.2. Here we illustrate the class number formulas stated in Corollary 3. If $D=59$, then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} f(59;z)&=q^{-59}+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{59}(n)q^n\\ &=q^{-59}-30197680312q+4559500440054043557 12q^4+\cdots. \end{aligned}$$

By Corollary 3 (1), we have

$$H(-59)=3=\frac{1}{24}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_D(4^n)2^n.$$

One easily checks that the first two terms satisfy

$$H(-59)=3\equiv\frac{1}{24}(-30197680312+45595004400540435571 2\cdot 2) \pmod{2^9}.$$

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