

## Chapter 11

**Ex. 11.1** Suppose that we may write the power series  $1 + a_1u + a_2u^2 + \cdots$  as the quotient of two polynomials  $P(u)/Q(u)$ . Show that we may assume that  $P(0) = Q(0) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Here  $f(u) = 1 + a_1u + a_2u^2 + \cdots \in \mathbb{C}[[u]]$  is a formal series in the variable  $u$ .

We suppose that  $f(u) = P(u)/Q(u)$ , where we may assume, after simplification, that the two polynomials are relatively prime. Then  $P(1)/Q(1) = 1$ . Write  $c = P(1) = Q(1) \in F$ .

If  $c = 0$ , then  $u \mid P(u)$  and  $u \mid Q(u)$ . This is impossible since  $P \wedge Q = 1$ . So  $c \neq 0$ .

Define  $P_1(u) = (1/c)P(u)$ ,  $Q_1(u) = (1/c)Q(u)$ . Then  $f(u) = P_1(u)/Q_1(u)$  and  $P_1(0) = Q_1(0) = 1$ . If we replace  $P, Q$  by  $P_1, Q_1$ , then the pair  $(P_1, Q_1)$  has the required properties.  $\square$

**Ex. 11.2** Prove the converse to Proposition 11.1.1.

*Proof.* If  $N_s = \sum_{j=1}^e \beta_j^s - \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i^s$ , where  $\alpha_i, \beta_j$  are complex numbers, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{N_s u^s}{s} &= \sum_{j=1}^e \left( \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta_j u)^s}{s} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^d \left( \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_i u)^s}{s} \right) \\ &= - \sum_{j=1}^e \ln(1 - \beta_j u) + \sum_{i=1}^d \ln(1 - \alpha_i u). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $u$  is a variable, and both members are formal polynomials in  $\mathbb{C}[[u]]$ , so we don't study convergence. Nevertheless, the left member has a radius of convergence at least  $q^{-n}$ , and the right member  $\min_{i,j} (1/|\beta_j|, 1/|\alpha_i|)$ .

Therefore,

$$Z_f(u) = \exp \left( \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{N_s u^s}{s} \right) = \prod_{j=1}^e (1 - \beta_j u)^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^d (1 - \alpha_i u) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^d (1 - \alpha_i u)}{\prod_{j=1}^e (1 - \beta_j u)}$$

is a rational fraction.  $\square$

**Ex. 11.3** Give the details of the proof that  $N_s$  is independent of the field  $F_s$  (see the concluding paragraph to section 1).

*Proof.* Suppose that  $E$  and  $E'$  are two fields containing  $F$  both with  $q^s$  elements. We first show that there is a isomorphism  $\sigma : E \rightarrow E'$  which fixes the elements of  $F$ , by showing that both  $E$  and  $E'$  are isomorphic over  $F$  to  $F[x]/(f(x))$  for some irreducible polynomial  $f(x) \in F(x)$ .

There is a primitive element  $\alpha' \in E'$ , i.e. such that  $E' = F(\alpha')$ . For example, take  $\alpha'$  to be a primitive  $q^s - 1$  root of unity : since  $\alpha$  is a generator of  $E'^*$ , every element  $\gamma \in E'^*$  is equal to  $\alpha'^k$  for some integer  $k$ , thus  $\gamma \in F(\alpha')$  (and  $0 \in F(\alpha')$ ). This proves  $E' \subset F(\alpha')$ , and since  $\alpha' \in E'$  and  $F \subset E'$ ,  $F(\alpha') \subset E'$ , so  $E' = F(\alpha')$ .

Let  $f(x) \in F[x]$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha'$  over  $F$ . Then

$$E' = F(\alpha') \simeq F(x)/(f(x)),$$

where the isomorphism  $\sigma_1 : F(\alpha') \rightarrow F(x)/(f(x))$  maps  $\alpha'$  to  $\bar{x} = x + (f(x))$ , and maps  $a \in F$  on  $\bar{a} = a + (f(x))$ . Since  $\alpha'$  is a root of  $x^{q^s} - x$ ,  $f(x) \mid x^{q^s} - x$ .

$E$  is a field with  $q^s$  elements, so we have  $x^{q^s} - x = \prod_{\alpha \in E} (x - \alpha)$ . Thus  $f(x) \mid \prod_{\alpha \in E} (x - \alpha)$ , where  $\deg(f(x)) = s \geq 1$ , so  $f(\alpha) = 0$  for some  $\alpha \in E$ . The polynomial  $f$  being irreducible over  $F$ ,  $f$  is the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $F$ , thus  $F(\alpha) \simeq F[x]/(f(x))$  is a field with  $q^s$  elements. Since  $F(\alpha) \subset E$ , and  $|F(\alpha)| = |E|$ , we conclude  $E = F(\alpha)$ , therefore

$$E = F(\alpha) \simeq F(x)/(f(x)),$$

where the isomorphism  $\sigma_2 : F(\alpha) \rightarrow F(x)/(f(x))$  maps  $\alpha$  to  $\bar{x} = x + (f(x))$ , and maps  $a \in F$  on  $\bar{a} = a + (f(x))$ .

Then  $\sigma = \sigma_1^{-1} \circ \sigma_2 : E \rightarrow E'$  is an isomorphism, and  $\sigma(a) = a$  for all  $a \in F$ .

We can now use the isomorphism  $\sigma$  to induce a map

$$\bar{\sigma} \begin{cases} P^n(E) & \rightarrow P^n(E') \\ [\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n] & \mapsto [\sigma(\alpha_0), \dots, \sigma(\alpha_n)]. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\bar{\sigma}$  is injective: if  $[\sigma(\alpha_0), \dots, \sigma(\alpha_n)] = [\sigma(\beta_0), \dots, \sigma(\beta_n)]$ , then there is  $\lambda \in F^*$  such that  $\beta_i = \lambda \sigma(\alpha_i) = \sigma(\lambda) \sigma(\alpha_i) = \sigma(\lambda \alpha_i)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n$ , thus  $\beta_i = \lambda \alpha_i$ , which proves  $[\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n] = [\beta_0, \dots, \beta_n]$ .

If  $[\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_n]$  is any projective point of  $P^n(E')$ , then

$$[\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_n] = \bar{\sigma}([\sigma^{-1}(\gamma_0), \dots, \sigma^{-1}(\gamma_n)]).$$

This proves that  $\bar{\sigma}$  is surjective. So  $\bar{\sigma}$  is a bijection.

Now take  $f(y_0, \dots, y_n) \in F[y_0, \dots, y_n]$  an homogeneous polynomial,  $\bar{H}_f(E)$  the corresponding projective hypersurface in  $P^n(E)$ , and  $\bar{H}_f(E')$  the corresponding projective hypersurface in  $P^n(E')$ . We show that  $\bar{\sigma}(\bar{H}_f(E)) = \bar{H}_f(E')$ .

Since  $\sigma$  is a  $F$ -isomorphism,  $\sigma(f(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n)) = f(\sigma(\alpha_0), \dots, \sigma(\alpha_n))$  ( $\alpha_i \in E$ ), and similarly  $\sigma^{-1}(f(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_n)) = f(\sigma^{-1}(\beta_0), \dots, \sigma^{-1}(\beta_n))$  ( $\beta_i \in E'$ ), thus

$$\begin{aligned} [\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n] \in \bar{H}_f(E) &\Rightarrow f(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sigma(f(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n)) = \sigma(0) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow f(\sigma(\alpha_0), \dots, \sigma(\alpha_n)) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \bar{\sigma}([\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n]) = [\sigma(\alpha_0), \dots, \sigma(\alpha_n)] \in \bar{H}_f(E'). \end{aligned}$$

This shows  $\bar{\sigma}(\bar{H}_f(E)) \subset \bar{H}_f(E')$ .

Conversely,

$$\begin{aligned} [\beta_0, \dots, \beta_n] \in \bar{H}_f(E') &\Rightarrow f(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_n) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sigma^{-1}(f(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_n)) = \sigma^{-1}(0) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow f(\sigma^{-1}(\beta_0), \dots, \sigma^{-1}(\beta_n)) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \bar{\sigma}^{-1}([\beta_0, \dots, \beta_n]) = [\sigma^{-1}(\beta_0), \dots, \sigma^{-1}(\beta_n)] \in \bar{H}_f(E). \end{aligned}$$

If we define  $\alpha_i = \sigma^{-1}(\beta_i)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n$ , then  $[\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n] \in \bar{H}_f(E)$ , and  $[\beta_0, \dots, \beta_n] = \bar{\sigma}([\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n]) \in \bar{\sigma}(\bar{H}_f(E))$ . This shows  $\bar{H}_f(E') \subset \bar{\sigma}(\bar{H}_f(E))$ , and so

$$\bar{\sigma}(\bar{H}_f(E)) = \bar{H}_f(E').$$

Since  $\bar{\sigma}$  is a bijection,

$$N_s = |\bar{H}_f(E)| = |\bar{H}_f(E')| = N'_s.$$

So  $N_s$  is independent of the choice of the extension  $F_s = \mathbb{F}_{q^s}$  of  $F = \mathbb{F}_q$ . □

**Ex. 11.4** Calculate the zeta function of  $x_0x_1 - x_2x_3 = 0$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

*Proof.* Here  $F = \mathbb{F}_p$ , and  $F_s = \mathbb{F}_{p^s}$ .

To calculate  $N_s$ , we calculate the number of points at infinity (such that  $x_0 = 0$ ), and the numbers of affine points of the curve  $\overline{H}_f(\mathbb{F}_{p^s})$  associate to

$$f(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_0x_1 - x_2x_3.$$

- To estimate the number of points at infinity, we calculate first the cardinality of the set

$$U = \{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \in F_s^4 \mid \alpha_0\alpha_1 - \alpha_2\alpha_3 = 0, \alpha_0 = 0\}.$$

Then  $\alpha_1$  takes an arbitrary value  $a \in F_s$ . Write

$$U_a = \{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \in U \mid \alpha_1 = a\}.$$

Then  $U_a = \{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \in F_s^4 \mid \alpha_0 = 0, \alpha_1 = a, \alpha_2\alpha_3 = 0\}$ , thus  $U_a = A \cup B$ , where

$$A = \{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \in U_a \mid \alpha_2 = 0\},$$

$$B = \{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \in U_a \mid \alpha_3 = 0\}.$$

Since  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_3$  are fixed in  $A$ , the map  $A \rightarrow F_s$  defined by  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \mapsto \alpha_2$  is a bijection, therefore  $|A| = p^s$ , and similarly  $|B| = p^s$ . But  $A \cap B = \{(0, 0, 0, 0)\}$ , thus

$$|U_a| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| = 2p^s - 1.$$

Since  $U$  is the disjoint union of the  $U_a$ , thus

$$|U| = \sum_{a \in F_s} |U_a| = \sum_{a \in F_s} (2p^s - 1) = 2p^{2s} - p^s.$$

Therefore the number of projective points  $[\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3] \in P^3(F_s)$  at infinity (such that  $\alpha_0 = 0$ ) is

$$N_\infty = \frac{|U| - 1}{p^s - 1} = \frac{2p^{2s} - p^s - 1}{p^s - 1} = 2p^s + 1.$$

- Now we calculate the number of points of the affine surface  $H_f(\mathbb{F}_s)$  associate to the equation  $y_1 = y_2y_3$  (where  $y_i = x_i/x_0$ ).

The maps

$$u \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} F_s^2 & \rightarrow & H_f(F_s) \\ (\beta, \gamma) & \mapsto & (\beta\gamma, \beta, \gamma) \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} H_f(F_s) & \rightarrow & F_s^2 \\ (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) & \mapsto & (\beta, \gamma) \end{array} \right.$$

satisfy  $u \circ v = \text{id}, v \circ u = \text{id}$ , so  $u$  is a bijection. With more informal words, the arbitrary choice of  $\beta, \gamma \in F_s$  gives the affine point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , where  $\alpha = \beta\gamma$ .

This gives  $|H_f(F_s)| = p^{2s}$ .

Therefore

$$N_s = |\overline{H}_f(F_s)| = p^{2s} + 2p^s + 1.$$

We obtain in  $\mathbb{C}[[u]]$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{N_s u^s}{s} &= \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{(p^2 u)^s}{s} + 2 \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{(pu)^s}{s} + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{u^s}{s} \\ &= -\ln(1 - p^2 u) - 2 \ln(1 - pu) - \ln(1 - u).\end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$Z_f(u) = (1 - p^2 u)^{-1} (1 - pu)^{-2} (1 - u)^{-1}.$$

Note: The result for  $N_s$  is verified with the naive and very slow following code in Sage:

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def N(p,s):
    Fs = GF(p^s)
    counter = 0
    for x in Fs:
        for y in Fs:
            for z in Fs:
                for t in Fs:
                    if x*y == z*t:
                        counter += 1
    return (counter - 1)/(p^s - 1)

p, s = 5, 3
print N(p,s), p^(2*s) + 2*p^s + 1
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There is a misprint in the “Selected Hints for the Exercises” in Ireland-Rosen p.371.  $\square$

**Ex. 11.5** Calculate as explicitly as possible the zeta function of  $a_0 x_0^2 + a_1 x_1^2 + \cdots + a_n x_n^2$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $q$  is odd. The answer will depend on whether  $n$  is odd or even and whether  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  or  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $q$  is odd, there is a unique character  $\chi$  of order 2 over  $F = \mathbb{F}_q$ , and a unique character of order 2 over  $F_s = \mathbb{F}_{q^s}$ . We first compute the number in  $\mathbb{F}_q^{n+1}$  of solutions of the equation  $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 0$ , where  $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = a_0 x_0^2 + \cdots + a_n x_n^2 \in F[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}N(a_0 x_0^2 + \cdots + a_n x_n^2 = 0) &= \sum_{a_0 u_0 + \cdots + a_n u_n = 0} N(x_0^2 = u_0) \cdots N(x_n^2 = u_n) \\ &= \sum_{a_0 u_0 + \cdots + a_n u_n = 0} (1 + \chi(u_0)) \cdots (1 + \chi(u_n)) \\ &= \sum_{v_0 + \cdots + v_n = 0} (1 + \chi(a_0)^{-1} \chi(v_0)) \cdots (1 + \chi(a_n^{-1}) \chi(v_n)) \quad (v_i = a_i u_i) \\ &= q^n + \chi(a_0^{-1}) \cdots \chi(a_n^{-1}) J_0(\chi, \chi, \dots, \chi),\end{aligned}$$

Indeed  $J_0(\varepsilon, \dots, \varepsilon) = q^{l-1}$ , and  $J_0(\chi_0, \dots, \chi_n) = 0$  if some but not all of the  $\chi_i$  are trivial (generalization of Proposition 8.5.1).

We estimate  $J_0(\chi, \dots, \chi)$ , where there are  $n + 1$  entries of  $\chi$ .

- If  $n$  is even, then  $\chi^{n+1} = \chi \neq \varepsilon$ , thus  $J_0(\chi, \dots, \chi) = 0$  (Proposition 8.5.1(d)), and so

$$N(a_0x_0^2 + \dots + a_nx_n^2 = 0) = q^n,$$

and the number of projective points on the hypersurface is given by

$$N_1 = \frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1} = q^{n-1} + \dots + q + 1.$$

- If  $n$  is odd, then  $\chi^{n+1} = \varepsilon$ , thus  $J_0(\chi, \dots, \chi) = \chi(-1)(q-1)J(\chi, \dots, \chi)$ , with  $n$  entries of  $\chi$  (same Proposition).

By Theorem 3 of chapter 8,

$$J(\chi, \dots, \chi) = \frac{g(\chi)^n}{g(\chi)} = g(\chi)^{n-1}.$$

Since  $g(\chi)^2 = g(\chi)g(\chi)^{-1} = \chi(-1)q$  (Exercise 10.22),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{q-1} J_0(\chi, \dots, \chi) &= \chi(-1)g(\chi)^{n-1} \\ &= \chi(-1)g(\chi)^{n-1} \\ &= \frac{\chi(-1)g(\chi)^{n+1}}{g(\chi)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{q} g(\chi)^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$N(a_0x_0^2 + \dots + a_nx_n^2 = 0) = q^n + \chi(a_0)^{-1} \dots \chi(a_n)^{-1} \frac{q-1}{q} g(\chi)^{n_1},$$

and

$$N_1 = q^{n-1} + \dots + q + 1 + \frac{1}{q} \chi(a_0)^{-1} \dots \chi(a_n)^{-1} g(\chi)^{n+1}.$$

To conclude this first part,

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= q^{n-1} + \dots + q + 1 && \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ N_1 &= q^{n-1} + \dots + q + 1 + \frac{1}{q} \chi(a_0)^{-1} \dots \chi(a_n)^{-1} g(\chi)^{n+1} && \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{aligned}$$

To compute  $N_s$ , we must replace  $q$  by  $q^s$  and  $\chi$  by  $\chi_s$ , the character of order 2 on  $F_s$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} N_s &= q^{s(n-1)} + \dots + q^s + 1 && \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ N_s &= q^{s(n-1)} + \dots + q^s + 1 + \frac{1}{q^s} \chi_s(a_0)^{-1} \dots \chi_s(a_n)^{-1} g(\chi_s)^{n+1} && \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{aligned}$$

(These two results can also be obtained by using the equations (1) and (2) in Theorem 2 of Chapter 10.)

It remains to study  $\chi_s$  in the odd case.

Since  $\chi_s^2 = \varepsilon$ , for all  $\alpha \in F_s$ ,  $\chi_s(\alpha)^{-1} = \chi_s(\alpha)$ , and  $\chi_s(\alpha) = -1 \in \mathbb{C}$  if  $\alpha^{\frac{q^s-1}{2}} = -1 \in F_s$ ,  $\chi_s(\alpha) = 1$  otherwise.

If  $a \in F$ ,  $a^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = \pm 1 = \varepsilon$ . Since  $q$  is odd,  $1 + q + \cdots + q^{s-1} \equiv s \pmod{2}$ , thus

$$a^{\frac{q^s-1}{2}} = a^{\frac{q-1}{2}(1+q+\cdots+q^{s-1})} = \varepsilon^{1+q+\cdots+q^{s-1}} = \varepsilon^s,$$

so

$$\chi_s(a) = \chi(a)^s \quad (a \in F).$$

We know that  $g(\chi_s)^2 = \chi_s(-1)q^s$  (Ex. 10.22), thus, as  $n$  is odd,

$$\begin{aligned} g(\chi_s)^{n+1} &= [g(\chi_s)^2]^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \\ &= \chi_s(-1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} q^{s\frac{n+1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $(-1)^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = 1$ , so  $-1$  is a square in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . In this case,  $-1$  is a square in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^s}$ , and  $\chi_s(-1) = 1$  for all  $s \geq 1$ . In this case, using  $a_i \in F$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} N_s &= q^{s(n-1)} + \cdots + q^s + 1 + \chi_s(a_0) \cdots \chi_s(a_n) q^{s\frac{n-1}{2}} \\ &= q^{s(n-1)} + \cdots + q^s + 1 + [\chi(a_0) \cdots \chi(a_n)]^s q^{s\frac{n-1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

If  $q \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\chi(-1) = (-1)^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = -1$ , and

$$\chi_s(-1) = \chi(-1)^s = (-1)^s,$$

thus

$$\frac{1}{q^s} g(\chi_s)^{n+1} = (-1)^{s\frac{n+1}{2}} q^{s\frac{n-1}{2}}.$$

This gives for odd integers  $n$ , and  $q \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} N_s &= q^{s(n-1)} + \cdots + q^s + 1 + (-1)^{s\frac{n+1}{2}} \chi_s(a_0) \cdots \chi_s(a_n) q^{s\frac{n-1}{2}} \\ &= q^{s(n-1)} + \cdots + q^s + 1 + [(-1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \chi(a_0) \cdots \chi(a_n)]^s q^{s\frac{n-1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

To collect all these cases, we have proved

$$\begin{aligned} N_s &= q^{s(n-1)} + \cdots + q^s + 1 && \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \\ N_s &= q^{s(n-1)} + \cdots + q^s + 1 + [\chi(a_0) \cdots \chi(a_n)]^s q^{s\frac{n-1}{2}} && \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, q \equiv +1 \pmod{4}, \\ N_s &= q^{s(n-1)} + \cdots + q^s + 1 + [(-1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \chi(a_0) \cdots \chi(a_n)]^s q^{s\frac{n-1}{2}} && \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, q \equiv -1 \pmod{4}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

If  $n$  is even this gives, as in paragraph 1,

$$Z_f(u) = (1 - q^{n-1}u)^{-1} \cdots (1 - qu)^{-1} (1 - u)^{-1}.$$

In the case  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, q \equiv +1 \pmod{4}$ , we write for simplicity  $\varepsilon = \chi(a_0) \cdots \chi(a_n) = \pm 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{N_s u^s}{s} &= \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q^m u)^s}{s} \right) + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\varepsilon q^{\frac{n-1}{2}} u)^s}{s} \\ &= - \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \ln(1 - q^m u) - \ln(1 - \varepsilon q^{\frac{n-1}{2}} u). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$Z_f(u) = \left[ \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} (1 - q^m u)^{-1} \right] (1 - \chi(a_0) \cdots \chi(a_n) q^{\frac{n-1}{2}} u)^{-1}.$$

(Same calculation in the last case, with  $\varepsilon = (-1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \chi(a_0) \cdots \chi(a_n)$ .)

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Z_f(u) &= P(u) && \text{if } n \equiv 0 \quad (2), \\ Z_f(u) &= P(u)(1 - \chi(a_0) \cdots \chi(a_n) q^{\frac{n-1}{2}} u)^{-1} && \text{if } n \equiv 1 \quad (2), q \equiv +1 \quad (4), \\ Z_f(u) &= P(u)(1 - (-1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \chi(a_0) \cdots \chi(a_n) q^{\frac{n-1}{2}} u)^{-1} && \text{if } n \equiv 1 \quad (2), q \equiv -1 \quad (4), \end{aligned}$$

where  $P(u) = (1 - q^{n-1}u)^{-1} \cdots (1 - qu)^{-1} (1 - u)^{-1}$ .

(These results are consistent with the example  $N_s = q^{2s} + q^s + 1 + \chi_s(-1)q^s$  given in paragraph 1 for the surface defined by  $-y_0^2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 = 0$ , where  $n = 3$  is odd.

$$\begin{aligned} Z_f(u) &= (1 - q^2u)^{-1} (1 - qu)^{-1} (1 - u)^{-1} (1 - \chi(-1)qu)^{-1} \\ &= \begin{cases} (1 - q^2u)^{-1} (1 - qu)^{-2} (1 - u)^{-1} & \text{if } q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ (1 - q^2u)^{-1} (1 - qu)^{-1} (1 - u)^{-1} (1 + qu)^{-1} & \text{if } q \equiv -1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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