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Factorization Lemma

Let $\mathfrak{h}_g := \{ Z \in \mathbb{C}^{g \times g} : \text{Im } Z > 0 \}$ be the Siegel upper half space of genus g and let

$$Sp_{2g}(\mathbb{R}) := \{ M \in \mathbb{R}^{2g \times 2g} : {}^t M J M = J \},$$

for any commutative ring with identity R , where

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_g \\ -I_g & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

As it is well known, $Sp_{2g}(\mathbb{R})$ acts on \mathfrak{h}_g via

$$Z \mapsto M \cdot Z := (AZ + B)(CZ + D)^{-1}$$

where $M \in Sp_{2g}(\mathbb{R})$ is given by $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$ in block form.

Consider the standard theta series

$$\theta^{(g)}(u, Z) = \theta(u, Z) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^g} e^{\pi i {}^t n Z n} e^{2\pi i {}^t n \cdot u}$$

vectors considered as column vectors

for $u \in \mathbb{C}^g$, $Z \in \mathfrak{h}_g$.

It is known that it transforms as a modular form under the action of the group

$$\Gamma^{(g)} = \Gamma_\theta := \left\{ M \in Sp_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}) : \begin{array}{l} M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \text{ diagonals} \\ \text{of } {}^t AC \text{ and } {}^t BD \text{ are even} \end{array} \right\}$$

of finite index in $\Gamma^{(g)} = \Gamma := \text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$

Explicitly, for $M \in \Gamma_\theta$, $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$ we have

$$\theta \left({}^t(CZ+D)^{-1} \cdot u, (AZ+B)(CZ+D)^{-1} \right) \\ = J_M \cdot \det(CZ+D)^{1/2} \cdot e^{\pi i ({}^t u \cdot (CZ+D)^{-1} C \cdot u)} \theta(u, Z)$$

where $J_M^g = 1$ and depends only on M once we fix a branch for the square root for $CZ+D$.
We will drop the superindices (g) if there is no risk of confusion.

We now specialize the above to the following.

Given $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \mathbb{H}_1$, consider

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{H}_2$$

and

$$M = \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \in \Gamma_\theta^{(2)} \quad \checkmark$$

We find

$$AZ+B = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$CZ+D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ \tau_1 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

So $M \cdot Z = \xi \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \tau_2 & \tau_1 \\ \tau_1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$${}^t(CZ+D)^{-1} = \xi \begin{pmatrix} \tau_2 & -\tau_1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(CZ+D)^{-1} C = \xi \begin{pmatrix} \tau_2 & 1 \\ -\tau_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \xi \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where, for convenience, we put $\xi = (\tau_1 + \tau_2)^{-1}$. -3-

Plugging all of this into the transformation formula for $\theta^{(2)}$ we get

$$\theta^{(2)} \left(u_1 \xi \begin{pmatrix} \tau_2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + u_2 \xi \begin{pmatrix} -\tau_1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \xi \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 \tau_2 \tau_1 \\ \tau_1 - 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) =$$

$$= \xi_M \cdot \xi^{-1/2} \cdot e^{\pi i \xi (u_1 + u_2)^2} \theta^{(1)}(u_1, \tau_1) \theta^{(1)}(u_2, \tau_2)$$

(It is clear that $\theta^{(2)} \left(\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$ factors into $\theta^{(1)}(u_1, \tau_1) \theta^{(1)}(u_2, \tau_2)$).

Notice now that if

$$u_1 = t \tau_1 + s$$

$$u_2 = t \tau_2 - s$$

with $s, t \in \mathbb{C}$, then

$${}^t(CZ + D)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\xi \begin{pmatrix} \tau_2 - \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 - 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 1 \\ 1 & \tau_2 - 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ s \end{pmatrix} = \xi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \tau_1 + \tau_2 \\ \tau_1 + \tau_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \end{pmatrix}$$

So replacing in the equality above u_1 by $u_1 + t \tau_1 + s$ and u_2 by $u_2 + t \tau_2 - s$ we get

$$\theta^{(2)}\left(u, \xi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \tau_2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right) + u_2 \xi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} -\tau_1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right) + \left(\begin{smallmatrix} s \\ t \end{smallmatrix}\right), \xi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \tau_1 \tau_2 \tau_1 \\ \tau_1 -1 \end{smallmatrix}\right)\right) =$$

$$= \zeta_M \cdot \xi^{-1/2} \cdot e^{\pi i \xi (u_1 + u_2 + t/\xi)^2} \cdot \theta^{(1)}(u_1 + t\tau_1 + s, \tau_1) \theta^{(1)}(u_2 + t\tau_2 - s, \tau_2)$$

Finally we rearrange the exponential factor to get

Main Factorization formula

$$e^{-2\pi i \xi u_1 u_2} \theta^{(2)}\left(u, \xi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \tau_2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right) + u_2 \xi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} -\tau_1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right) + \left(\begin{smallmatrix} s \\ t \end{smallmatrix}\right), \xi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \tau_1 \tau_2 \tau_1 \\ \tau_1 -1 \end{smallmatrix}\right)\right) =$$

$$= \zeta_M \xi^{-1/2} \cdot e^{\pi i t^2 / \xi} \cdot \left[e^{\pi i \xi u_1^2} e^{2\pi i t u_1} \theta^{(1)}(u_1 + t\tau_1 + s, \tau_1) \right]$$

$$\cdot \left[e^{\pi i \xi u_2^2} e^{2\pi i t u_2} \theta^{(1)}(u_2 + t\tau_2 - s, \tau_2) \right]$$

We want now to expand both sides in a Taylor series in u_1, u_2 and equate ^{the} coefficients to find the identities we are looking for.

Let us start with the left hand side. The terms involving u_1 or u_2 in the series defining

$$\theta^{(2)}\left(u, \xi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \tau_2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right) + u_2 \xi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} -\tau_1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right) + \left(\begin{smallmatrix} s \\ t \end{smallmatrix}\right), \xi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \tau_1 \tau_2 \tau_1 \\ \tau_1 -1 \end{smallmatrix}\right)\right)$$

are of the form

$$e^{2\pi i \xi (n_1 \tau_2 + n_2) u_1} \cdot e^{2\pi i \xi (-n_1 \tau_1 + n_2) u_2}$$

where $(n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$.

We hence need an expansion for

$$e^{-2\pi i \xi u_1 u_2} e^{2\pi i \xi (n_1 \tau_2 + n_2) u_1} e^{2\pi i \xi (-n_1 \tau_1 + n_2) u_2}$$

using the expansion for the exponential we get

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(-2\pi i \xi u_1 u_2)^n}{n!} \sum_{m_1 \geq 0} \frac{(2\pi i \xi (n_1 \tau_2 + n_2) u_1)^{m_1}}{m_1!} \sum_{m_2 \geq 0} \frac{(2\pi i \xi (-n_1 \tau_1 + n_2) u_2)^{m_2}}{m_2!}$$

Keeping only the terms $u_1^k u_2^j$ with $k=j$ we get

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(-2\pi i \xi u_1 u_2)^n}{n!} \cdot \sum_{m \geq 0} \frac{((2\pi i \xi)^2 (n_1 \tau_2 + n_2)(-n_1 \tau_1 + n_2))^m}{(m!)^2} \cdot (u_1 u_2)^m$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(-1)^{n-j} [(n_1 \tau_2 + n_2)(-n_1 \tau_1 + n_2) 2\pi i \xi]^j}{(n-j)! (j!)^2} \right) (2\pi i \xi u_1 u_2)^n$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^j \binom{n}{j} \frac{[(n_1 \tau_2 + n_2)(-n_1 \tau_1 + n_2) 2\pi i \xi]^j}{j!} \right) (-1)^n \frac{(2\pi i \xi u_1 u_2)^n}{n!}$$

Recall the definition of the Laguerre polynomials

$$L_n^\alpha(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(-x)^j}{j!(n-j)!} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(j+\alpha+1)}$$

so that

$$L_n(x) = L_n^0(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(-x)^j}{j!} \binom{n}{j}$$

So in terms of L_n we get

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} L_n \left(2\pi i \xi (n, \tau_2 + n_2)(-n, \tau_1 + n_2) \right) \cdot (-1)^n \frac{(2\pi i \xi u_1 u_2)^n}{n!}$$

let now turn to the right hand side; both of its factors are similar so it will suffice to look at one, say the one involving u_1 . Again the terms involving u_1 are

$$e^{\pi i \xi u_1^2} e^{2\pi i t u_1} e^{2\pi i \eta_1 u_1}$$

$$= e^{\pi i \xi u_1^2} e^{2\pi i (t + \eta_1) u_1}$$

To expand this we use the identity.

$$e^{2xy - y^2} = \sum_{n \geq 0} H_n(x) \frac{y^n}{n!}$$

where

$$H_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^k n!}{k! (n-2k)!} (2x)^{n-2k}$$

are the Hermite polynomials.

We need

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sqrt{-\pi i \xi} u_1 \\ x &= \sqrt{-\pi i / \xi} \cdot (t + n_1) \end{aligned}$$

then

$$e^{\pi i \xi u_1^2} e^{2\pi i (t+n_1) u_1} = \sum_{n \geq 0} H_n \left(\sqrt{-\pi i / \xi} \cdot (t+n_1) \right) \frac{(\sqrt{-\pi i \xi} u_1)^n}{n!}$$

Putting the other factor and writing only the diagonal terms $(u_1, u_2)^n$ we get

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} H_n \left(\sqrt{-\frac{\pi i}{\xi}} \cdot (t+n_1) \right) \cdot H_n \left(\sqrt{-\frac{\pi i}{\xi}} (t+n_2) \right) \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n n!} \frac{(2\pi i \xi u_1 u_2)^n}{n!}$$

Performing the sum over $(n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ and equating coefficients of $(u_1, u_2)^n$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} e^{2\pi i (s n_1 + t n_2)} L_n(2\pi i \xi (n_1 \tau_2 + n_2) (-n_1 \tau_1 + n_2)) \cdot \\
& \quad \cdot e^{\pi i \xi (\tau_1 \tau_2 n_1^2 + 2\tau_1 n_1 n_2 - n_2^2)} \\
& = \frac{\xi_M \cdot \xi^{-1/2}}{2^m m!} \sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i s m_1} \cdot H_m\left(\sqrt{\frac{-\pi i}{\xi}} \cdot (t + n_1)\right) e^{\pi i (t + n_1)^2 \tau_1} \cdot \\
& \quad \sum_{n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-2\pi i s m_2} H_m\left(\sqrt{\frac{-\pi i}{\xi}} (t + n_2)\right) e^{\pi i (t + n_2)^2 \tau_2}
\end{aligned}$$

We will now simplify these formulas somewhat according to whether n is odd or even.

$$\xi = \frac{1}{2iy}$$

$$\xi^{-1} = 2iy$$

n even

From the definition of H_{2n} we see that

$$H_{2n}(x) = h_{2n}((2x)^2)$$

where

$$h_{2n}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k (2n)!}{k! (2n-2k)!} x^{n-k}$$

So we can rewrite the first factor above as

$$\sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i s n_1} h_{2m} \left(-\frac{4\pi i}{5} (t+n_1)^2 \right) e^{\pi i (t+n_1)^2 \tau_1}$$

and similarly the second one.

n odd

Now

$$H_{2n+1}(x) = h_{2n+1}((2x)^2) \cdot 2x$$

where

$$h_{2n+1}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k (2n+1)!}{k! (2n-2k+1)!} \cdot x^{n-k}$$

So the first factor becomes

$$2\sqrt{\frac{-\pi i}{5}} \cdot \sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i s n_1} h_{2n+1} \left(-\frac{4\pi i}{5} (t+n_1)^2 \right) \cdot (t+n_1) \cdot e^{\pi i (t+n_1)^2 \tau_1}$$

and similarly the second one.

We specialize further by taking $t = \frac{1}{2}$ and $s = 0$ or $\frac{1}{2}$.

In the case $s = 0$ only the terms with even n survive and if $s = \frac{1}{2}$ the odd ones. We get the following then.

$$\underline{t = 1/2, s = 0}$$

even terms

$$\sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} (-1)^{n_2} L_{2m} (2\pi i \xi (n_1 \tau_2 + n_2) (-n_1 \tau_1 + n_2)) \cdot e^{\pi i \xi (\tau_1 \tau_2 n_1^2 + 2 \tau_1 n_1 n_2 - n_2^2)}$$

$$= \frac{S_M \cdot \xi^{-1/2}}{2^{2(n-1)} (2m)!} \sum_{n_1 \geq 0} h_{2m} \left(-\frac{\pi i}{\xi} (2n_1 + 1)^2 \right) \cdot e^{\pi i (n_1 + 1/2)^2 \tau_1}$$

$$\sum_{n_2 \geq 0} h_{2m} \left(-\frac{\pi i}{\xi} (2n_2 + 1)^2 \right) e^{\pi i (n_2 + 1/2)^2 \tau_2}$$

$$\underline{t = 1/2, s = 1/2}$$

odd terms

$$\sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} (-1)^{n_1 + n_2} L_{2m+1} (2\pi i \xi (n_1 \tau_2 + n_2) (-n_1 \tau_1 + n_2)) e^{\pi i \xi (\tau_1 \tau_2 n_1^2 + 2 \tau_1 n_1 n_2 - n_2^2)}$$

$$= \frac{S_M \cdot (-\pi i) \cdot \xi^{-3/2}}{2^{2n-1} \cdot (2m+1)!} \sum_{n_1 \geq 0} (-1)^{n_1} h_{2m+1} \left(-\frac{\pi i}{\xi} (2n_1 + 1)^2 \right) \cdot (2n_1 + 1) e^{\pi i (n_1 + 1/2)^2 \tau_1}$$

$$\sum_{n_2 \geq 0} (-1)^{n_2} h_{2m+1} \left(-\frac{\pi i}{\xi} (2n_2 + 1)^2 \right) \cdot (2n_2 + 1) \cdot e^{\pi i (n_2 + 1/2)^2 \tau_2}$$

Example

Take $d=7$ $\tau_1 = \frac{-1+\sqrt{-7}}{2}$ $\tau_2 = \frac{1+\sqrt{-7}}{2}$
 $t=1/2$ $s=0$ so odd terms are zero.

$$\tau_1 \tau_2 = -2$$

$$\xi = (\tau_1 + \tau_2)^{-1} = 1/\sqrt{-7}$$

$$(n_1 \tau_2 + n_2)(-n_1 \tau_1 + n_2) = 2n_1^2 + n_1 n_2 + n_2^2$$

$$\xi (\tau_1 \tau_2 n_1^2 + 2\tau_1 n_1 n_2 - n_2^2) = -(2n_1^2 + n_1 n_2 + n_2^2)/\sqrt{-7} + n_1 n_2$$

$$\text{So } (-1)^{n_2} e^{\pi i \xi (\tau_1 \tau_2 n_1^2 + 2\tau_1 n_1 n_2 - n_2^2)} = (-1)^{n_2 + n_1 n_2} e^{-\pi (2n_1^2 + n_1 n_2 + n_2^2)/\sqrt{-7}}$$

$$= e^{2\pi i (2n_1^2 + n_1 n_2 + n_2^2) \left(\frac{-7+\sqrt{-7}}{2 \times 7} \right)}$$

So the l.h.s. gives

$$\sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} L_{2n} \left(\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{-7}} (2n_1^2 + n_1 n_2 + n_2^2) \right) \cdot e^{2\pi i (2n_1^2 + n_1 n_2 + n_2^2) \cdot \left(\frac{-7+\sqrt{-7}}{2 \times 7} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\pi} \cdot L(\psi^{4n+1}, 2n+1)$$

(according to calculation with Zagier)

On the r.h.s. we get

$$\frac{J_M \cdot \sqrt[4]{-7} e^{\frac{\pi i}{4}}}{2^{2(n-1)} (2n)!} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{n_1 \geq 0} h_{2n} \left(\pi \sqrt{7} (2n_1+1)^2 \right) e^{\pi i (n_1 + \frac{1}{2})^2 \left(\frac{-1+\sqrt{7}}{2} \right)^2} \right)^2}_{l_{2n}}$$

so let

$$L_{2n} := L(\tau^{4n+1}, 2n+1)$$

then

$$L_{2n} = \frac{J_M \cdot \pi \sqrt[4]{-7} e^{\frac{\pi i}{4}}}{2^{2(n-1)} (2n)! \sqrt{7}} \cdot l_{2n}^2$$

Putting all the normalizing factors we get-

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{L_{2n} (2n)!}{\Omega^{4n+1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2\pi} \right)^{2n}} &= J \frac{\pi \sqrt[4]{7} l_{2n}^2}{\sqrt{7} 2^{2n-1} \Omega^{4n+1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2\pi} \right)^{2n}} \\ &= \frac{J 2^4 \sqrt{7} l_{2n}^2}{\Omega^{4n+1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\pi} \right)^{2n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$; J = 1$$

$$z = \frac{-1+\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

$$y = \text{Im}(z) = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

$$4\pi y = 2\sqrt{7}\pi$$

$$b_{2n+1} = \left(\frac{5^{1/2} \sqrt{2} \sqrt[4]{7} l_{2n}}{\Omega^{2n+1/2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\pi} \right)^{n+1/2}} \right)^2$$

(we're off by a $\frac{1}{2}$!?)

$$\frac{2^4 \sqrt{7} \pi^{2n+1}}{\Omega^{4n+1} \sqrt{7}^{2n+1}} = \frac{2^4 \sqrt{7} \pi^{2n+1}}{1^2 2^{4n+1} \pi^{4n+1} \sqrt{7}^{2n+1}} = \frac{2^4 \sqrt{7} \pi^{2n+1}}{2^{4n+1} \pi^{4n+1} \sqrt{7}^{2n+1}}$$

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The factors we are expanding in the rhs of the main formula

$$e^{\pi i \xi u_1^2} \sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i (t+n_1) u_1} e^{2\pi i n_1 s} e^{\pi i (t+n_1)^2 \tau_1}$$

and

$$e^{\pi i \xi u_2^2} \sum_{n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i (t+n_2) u_2} e^{-2\pi i n_2 s} e^{\pi i (t+n_2)^2 \tau_2}$$

The coefficient $\int u_1^n$ (in the first factor) is

$$\sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} H_n \left(\sqrt{\frac{-\pi i}{\xi}} (t+n_1) \right) e^{2\pi i n_1 s} e^{\pi i (t+n_1)^2 \tau_1} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{-\pi i \xi})^n}{n!}$$

As in Jordan p. 415 we replace u_1 by $\frac{u_1}{\Omega_0}$

we get

n even

$$\left(\sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} h_{2n} \left(-\frac{4\pi i}{\xi} (t+n_1)^2 \right) e^{2\pi i s n_1} e^{\pi i (t+n_1)^2 \tau_1} \right) \cdot \frac{(-\pi i \xi)^n}{\Omega_0^{2n} (2n)!}$$

n odd

$$\left(\sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} (t+n_1) h_{2n+1} \left(-\frac{4\pi i}{\xi} (t+n_1)^2 \right) e^{2\pi i s n_1} e^{\pi i (t+n_1)^2 \tau_1} \right) \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (-\pi i \xi)^n}{\xi \cdot \Omega_0^{2n+1} (2n+1)!}$$