

# COMPLEX MULTIPLICATION

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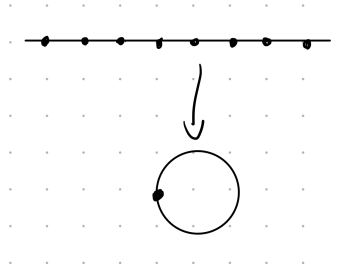
In general,  $\sum'$  means take the sum excluding the obvious elements which are not defined (typically 0's)

## LECTURE 1 (JAN VONK)

We begin, very classically, with a viewpoint due to Eisenstein. Forget everything you know about trigonometric functions!

### 1. CYCLOTOMY

Consider  $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , and think about the quotient  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  which we usually think of as the circle group. We'd like to think of this quotient algebraically.



To do this we shall look at the invariant functions for  $k \geq 2$

$$\alpha_k(z) = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(z - \lambda)^k}.$$

Many polynomial relations exist between these (for example  $\alpha_2^2 = \alpha_4 + \Omega_2 \alpha_2$ ) with coefficients equal to combinations of

$$\Omega_k := \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}'} \frac{1}{\lambda^k}.$$

There are extra terms to add:

- Consider the case  $k = 1$ , and define in pretty much the same way

$$\alpha_1(z) := \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}'} \frac{1}{z - \lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda}.$$

This is absolutely convergent (unlike what we would have had if we hadn't modified for  $k = 1$ ) and is translation invariant. It satisfies the relation

$$(1) \quad \alpha_1^2 = \alpha_2 - 3\Omega_2.$$

- We want a multiplicative lift for

$$d \log / dz : f \mapsto f' / f$$

for our function  $\alpha_1$ . We take

$$\sigma(z) := \pi z \prod_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}'} \left(1 - \frac{z}{\lambda}\right) \exp\left(\frac{z}{\lambda}\right),$$

and note that we can prove formally the following two identities:

$$\begin{aligned} (d \log / dz)(\sigma) &= \sigma'(z) / \sigma(z) = \alpha_1(z) \\ \sigma(z+1) &= -\sigma(z) \end{aligned}$$

**1.1. Periods.** Euler realised that

$$\sigma(z) = \sin(\pi z),$$

so that

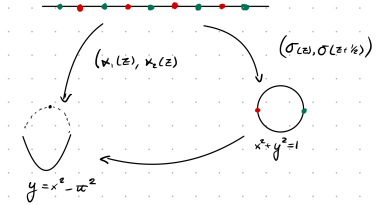
$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1(z) &= \frac{1}{z} - \sum_{k \geq 2} \Omega_k z^{k-1} \\ &= \pi \cot(\pi z) \\ &= -\pi i (e^{2\pi i z} + 1) / (e^{2\pi i z} - 1). \end{aligned}$$

From this we deduce that for  $k \geq 2$

$$\Omega_k = \frac{(2\pi)^k}{k!} |B_k|$$

where  $B_k$  are Bernoulli numbers. This leads us nicely on to special values.

**1.2. Special Values.** Consider the set of values at division points of  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ , i.e.  $z \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ .

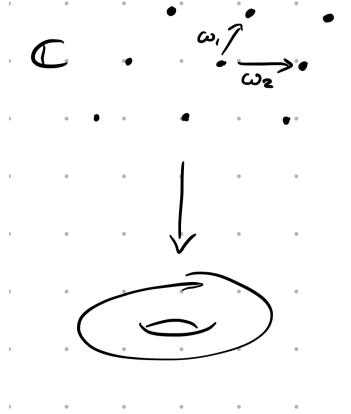


We have the Chebyshev polynomials

$$T_n(\cos(\theta)) = \cos(n\theta),$$

so find that the values of  $\sigma(z)$  at division points are algebraic.

**Example 1.** Consider  $z = 2/17$ , then we get  $\frac{1}{2n}(\zeta_{17} - \zeta_{17}^{-1}) \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{68}) =: K$ . It is half of a 17-unit, i.e. it is half of an element in  $\mathcal{O}_K[1/17]^\times$ .



## 2. ELLIPTIC FUNCTIONS

Consider a rank 2 lattice  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2 \subseteq \mathbb{C}$

Again, we want to find invariant functions. For  $k \geq 3$  we define

$$\alpha_k(\Lambda, z) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \frac{1}{(z - \lambda)^k}.$$

Outside the range of convergence we define as follows.

- for  $k = 2$  we write

$$\alpha_2(\Lambda, z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda'} \left( \frac{1}{(z - \lambda)^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right),$$

which is usually known as the Weierstrass  $\mathfrak{p}$ -function. This is an invariant function.

- For  $k = 1$  we define

$$\alpha_1(\Lambda, z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda'} \left( \frac{1}{(z - \lambda)} + \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{z}{\lambda^2} \right).$$

This is often called the Weierstrass  $\zeta$ -function, but it is **NOT** invariant!

We have a transformation law:

$$\alpha_1(\Lambda, z + \omega_i) = \alpha_1(\Lambda, z) + \eta_i.$$

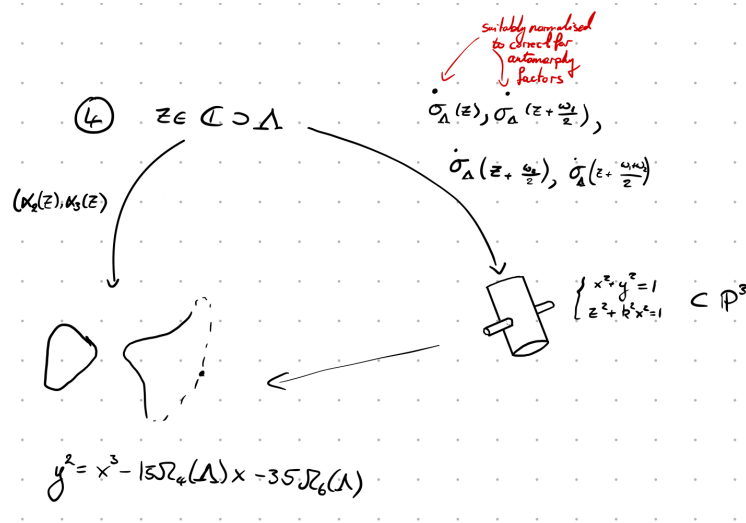
We have multiplicative lifts given by

$$\sigma(\Lambda, z) := z \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda'} \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\lambda} \right) \exp \left( \frac{z}{\lambda} + \frac{z^2}{2\lambda^2} \right),$$

and it satisfies

$$(d \log / dz)(\sigma) = \sigma'(z)/\sigma(z) = \alpha_1(\Lambda, z)$$

$$\sigma(\Lambda, z + \omega_i) = -\exp \left( \eta_i \left( z + \frac{\omega_i}{2} \right) \right) \sigma(\Lambda, z)$$



### 2.1. Special Values. The Values at division points of $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$

We will study values at division points when  $\Lambda$  has complex multiplication, i.e.

$$\{\alpha \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda\} \supsetneq \mathbb{Z}.$$

We will look at:

- (1) singular moduli, e.g. the  $j$ -invariant  $j(\Lambda) = \frac{(60\Omega_4(\Lambda))^3}{(60\Omega_4(\Lambda))^3 - (140\Omega_6(\Lambda))^2}$ ;
- (2) elliptic units, i.e. quotients of  $\sigma$ -functions (Klein forms), for example

$$(\Delta|\gamma)/\Delta$$

for  $\gamma \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\Delta$  the usual Ramanujan modular form.

Some remarks on CM theory:

- Heegner (1952) used CM theory to construct integral points on modular curves  $X_{\text{ns}}(p)$ , solving the class number 1 problem for imaginary quadratic fields.
- Coates–Wiles (1976) used elliptic units to prove the Birch–Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture in the analytic rank 0 case.
- Gross–Zagier (1985) determine factorisation of (differences of) singular moduli to obtain the Birch–Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture in the analytic rank 1 case.

## LECTURE 2 (VONK)

**Today:** Special values at CM lattices  $\Lambda = \alpha \langle 1, \tau \rangle$  of

$$\begin{aligned} j(q) &:= \frac{\left(1 + 240 \sum_{g \geq 1} \frac{n^3 q^n}{1 - q^n}\right)}{q \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - q^n)^{24}} \\ &= \frac{1}{q} + 744 + 196884q + 21493760q^2 + \cdots \in q^{-1}\mathbb{Z}[[q]], \end{aligned}$$

as well as of  $(\Delta|\gamma)/\Delta$  for  $\gamma \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $\det(\gamma) = p$ .

**Notation 2.** Pick coset representatives for

$$\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \setminus \{\gamma \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \det(\gamma) = p\} =: M_p,$$

by setting (for  $j \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_j &:= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & j \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix} \\ \gamma_\infty &:= \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

### 3. SINGULAR MODULI

**Theorem 3.** *There exist  $\Phi_p(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  such that*

$$\Phi_p(x, j(\tau)) = \prod_{\gamma \in M_p} (x - j(\gamma\tau)) = \mathcal{P}(x).$$

*It satisfies  $\Phi_p(x, y) = \Phi_p(y, x)$ , and the leading coefficient  $\Phi_p(x, y) = \pm 1$ .*

*Proof.* Coefficients  $a_i$  of  $\mathcal{P}(x)$  are:

- holomorphic on  $\mathfrak{h} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \Im(z) > 0\}$ ; and
- $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant; and
- meromorphic.

In particular they are in  $\mathbb{C}[j]$ . Note that  $\exp\left(2\pi i \left(\frac{\tau+j}{p}\right)\right) = \zeta_p^j q^{1/p}$  so as  $q$ -series in  $q^{-1}\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p][[q]]$  the coefficients are invariant under  $\mathrm{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ . Thus they are in  $\mathbb{Z}[j]$ .

The leading term of  $j(\tau) - j(\gamma\tau)$  is a root of unity. Thus the leading term of  $\Phi_p(x, x)$  must be an integer root of unity, meaning that it must be  $\pm 1$ .  $\square$

**Example 4** (Very Large). See the webpage of Drew Sutherland for many excellent huge examples. Here is a small-ish one.

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_2(x, x) &= (x - 8000)(x + 3375)^2(x - 1728) \\ \Phi_3(x, x) &= x(x - 2^6 5^3)(x + 2^{15})^2(x - 2^4 3^3 5^3) \\ \Phi_5(x, x) &= (x^2 - 2^7 5^3 79x - 2^{12} 5^3 11^3)(\text{degree 8 factor}) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be an imaginary quadratic order,  $\mathfrak{a} \leq \mathcal{O}$  a proper ideal, and  $p$  be a prime number such that  $p\mathcal{O} = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  with  $\mathfrak{p}$  principal (this is a positive density choice by Chebotarev). Then

$$\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{a}$$

is of index  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $j(\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{a}) = j(\mathfrak{a})$  so  $j(\mathfrak{a})$  is a root of  $\Phi_p(x, x)$ , so is an algebraic integer.

**Example 5.**

$$\begin{aligned} j(\sqrt{-1}) &= 1728 \\ j(\sqrt{-2}) &= 8000 \\ j\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{-7}}{2}\right) &= -3375 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover  $j(\sqrt{-5})$  is a root of  $\Phi_5(x)$ . Here is a riddle:  $j\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{-63}}{2}\right) = -2^{18}3^35^323^329^3 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , which polynomial should give this? The answer is 41, try to see this.

**Theorem 6** (Kronecker's congruence).

$$\Phi_p(x, y) \equiv (x^p - y)(x - y^p) \pmod{p}$$

*Proof.* Note that  $\exp\left(2\pi i \frac{\tau+j}{p}\right) = \zeta_p^j q^{1/p} \equiv q^{1/p} \pmod{\zeta_p - 1}$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_p(x, j) &\equiv (x - j(q^{1/p}))^p (x - j(q^p)) \pmod{(\zeta_p - 1)} \\ &\equiv (x^p - j(q))(x - j(q)^p) \end{aligned}$$

□

For any  $p\mathcal{O} = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  we have

$$(j(\mathfrak{a})^p - j(\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{p}))(j(\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{p})^p - j(\mathfrak{a})) \pmod{p}.$$

**Want:** We want to prove that this first factor is in fact  $\equiv 0 \pmod{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}$ .

#### 4. SOME ELLIPTIC UNITS

**Definition 7.** For all  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_p$ , define

$$h_\gamma := (\Delta|\gamma)/\Delta := \det(\gamma)^{12}(c\tau + d)^{-12} \frac{\Delta(\gamma\tau)}{\delta(\tau)}.$$

**Theorem 8.** *There exists  $\Upsilon_p(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  such that*

$$\Upsilon(x, j(\tau)) = \prod_{\gamma \in M_p} (x - h_\gamma(\tau)).$$

*It satisfies*

$$\Upsilon(0, y) = p^{12}$$

*Proof.* This is in the exercises. □

**Example 9.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon_2(x, y) &= (x + 16)^3 - xy, \\ \Upsilon_3(x, y) &= (x - 9)^3(x - 729) + 72x(x + 21)y - xy^2. \end{aligned}$$

We see that, for  $\mathcal{O}$  an imaginary quadratic order and  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}$  a proper ideal,  $h_\gamma(\mathfrak{a}) \in \bar{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Unfortunately they have no rich prime factorisations, as the next theorem makes precise.

**Theorem 10.** *Suppose  $p\mathcal{O} = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a proper ideal, then*

$$\langle h_{\gamma(\mathfrak{p})}(\mathfrak{a}) \rangle = \bar{\mathfrak{p}}^{12}$$

*and*

$$\langle h_{\gamma(\bar{\mathfrak{p}})}(\mathfrak{a}) \rangle = \mathfrak{p}^{12},$$

*where  $\gamma(\mathfrak{p}) \in M_p$  relates the bases of  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{a}$ , and  $h_\gamma(\mathfrak{a})$  is a unit if  $\gamma \neq \gamma(\mathfrak{p})\gamma(\bar{\mathfrak{p}})$*

Why is this theorem true? We can make it follow from the previous one.

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be such that  $\mathfrak{p}^f = \langle \alpha \rangle$  is principal. Then

$$\left\langle \left( p^{12} \frac{\Delta(\mathfrak{p}^f \mathfrak{a})}{\Delta(\mathfrak{p}^{f-1} \mathfrak{a})} \right) \left( p^{12} \frac{\Delta(\mathfrak{p}^{f-1} \mathfrak{a})}{\Delta(\mathfrak{p}^{f-2} \mathfrak{a})} \right) \cdots \left( p^{12} \frac{\Delta(\mathfrak{p} \mathfrak{a})}{\Delta(\mathfrak{a})} \right) \right\rangle = \langle p^{12f} \alpha^{-12} \rangle = \bar{\mathfrak{p}}^{12f}.$$

Then, writing  $\lambda_i = \left( p^{12} \frac{\Delta(\mathfrak{p}^i \mathfrak{a})}{\Delta(\mathfrak{p}^{i-1} \mathfrak{a})} \right)$ , we have each  $\lambda_i \in \bar{\mathbb{Z}}$  and divides  $\bar{\mathfrak{p}}^{12} + \langle p \rangle^{12} = \bar{\mathfrak{p}}^{12}$ , and  $\langle \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_f \rangle = \bar{\mathfrak{p}}^{12}$ . Thus  $\langle \lambda_i \rangle = \bar{\mathfrak{p}}^{12}$ .

Theorem now follows from

$$h_{\gamma(\mathfrak{p})}(\mathfrak{a}) h_{\gamma(\bar{\mathfrak{p}})}(\mathfrak{a}) \prod_{\gamma \neq \gamma(\mathfrak{p}), \gamma(\bar{\mathfrak{p}})} h_{\gamma}(\mathfrak{a}) \equiv \pm p^{12}$$

□

### LECTURE 3 (VONK)

Last time we defined two different kinds of algebraic integers:

- (1) Singular moduli  $j(\mathfrak{a})$ , for example

$$j\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{-67}}{2}\right) = -2^{15} 3^3 5^3 11^3$$

- (2) (some) Elliptic units  $h_{\gamma}(\mathfrak{a})$ , where  $\gamma \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $\det(\gamma) = p$  a prime.

**Example 11.**  $h_{\gamma}(\sqrt{-14}) = \frac{(\sqrt{2}+1+\sqrt{2\sqrt{2}-1})^{12}}{2^6}$  for  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Theorem 12.** *There exists  $\mathcal{G}_p \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y, z]$  such that*

$$\mathcal{G}_p(x, y, j(\tau)) = \sum_{\gamma \in M_p} (x - j(\gamma\tau)) \prod_{\delta \neq \gamma} (y - h_{\delta}).$$

*It satisfies*

$$\mathcal{G}_p(z^p, y, z) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

*Proof.* Since  $\exp\left(2\pi i \left(\frac{\tau+j}{p}\right)\right) = \zeta_p^j q^{1/p} \cong q^{1/p} \pmod{\zeta_p - 1}$ , we find that

$$j(\gamma_0\tau) \equiv j(\gamma_1\tau) \equiv \cdots \equiv j(\gamma_{p-1}\tau) \pmod{\zeta_p - 1}$$

and

$$h_{\gamma_0} \equiv h_{\gamma_1} \equiv \cdots \equiv h_{\gamma_{p-1}} \pmod{\zeta_p - 1}.$$

So it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_p(x, y, j(\tau)) &\equiv (x - j(q^p))(y - h_{\gamma_0})^p \\ &\quad + p \left( x - j(q^{1/p}) \right) (y - h_{\gamma_{\infty}})(y - h_{\gamma_0})^{p-1} \pmod{\zeta_p - 1} \end{aligned}$$

as required. □

Why did we do this? Because it buys us a refinement of Kroneckers congruence!

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $\mathcal{O} \subset K$  be an imaginary quadratic order,  $p\mathcal{O} = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  proper,  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}$  proper, then*

$$j(\mathfrak{a})^p \equiv j(\mathfrak{a}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}) \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

*Proof.* Substitute  $(x, y, z) = (j(\mathfrak{a})^p, h_{\gamma(\bar{\mathfrak{p}})}(\mathfrak{a}), j(\mathfrak{a}))$  into  $\mathcal{G}_p$  above. This gives

$$(j(\mathfrak{a})^p - j(\mathfrak{a}\bar{\mathfrak{p}})) \prod_{\gamma \neq \gamma(\bar{\mathfrak{p}})} (h_{\gamma(\bar{\mathfrak{p}})}(\mathfrak{a}) - h_{\gamma}(\mathfrak{a})) \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$$

However the product is never 0 mod  $\mathfrak{p}$ , so the leading factor must be 0 mod  $\mathfrak{p}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 14.** *Suppose that  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}$  is a proper ideal in an imaginary quadratic order in the quadratic field  $K$ . Then  $K(j(\mathfrak{a}))$  is the ring class field of  $\mathcal{O}$ .*

*Remark 15.* The ring class field of  $\mathcal{O}$  is the finite abelian extension  $H_{\mathcal{O}}/K$  associated by class field theory to

$$\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{O}) \cong \mathbb{C}^{\times} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}^{\times} \backslash \mathbb{A}_K^{\times} / K^{\times}$$

*Proof.* We will sketch one direction, and leave the other as an exercise. Let  $L = H_{\mathcal{O}}/K$  be the ring class field. Then take any split prime  $p\mathcal{O} = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  coprime to  $\mathrm{disc}(\mathcal{O})$ , such that  $[\mathcal{O}_M : \mathcal{O}_K[j(\mathfrak{a})]]$  where  $M = K(j(\mathfrak{a}))$ .

Then  $p$  splits completely in  $L/\mathbb{Q}$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a principal prime of  $\mathcal{O}$ . In particular,  $j(\mathfrak{a}) = j(\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{a}) \equiv j(\mathfrak{a})^p \pmod{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}$  and similarly if we swap  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Thus  $p$  splits completely in  $K(j(\mathfrak{a})) = M$ . It follows from Chebotaryov that  $M \subset L$ .

*Exercise 16.* Do the following

- (1) Show that also  $L \subset M$  using similar ideas, concluding the proof.
- (2) Show that  $h_{\gamma}(\mathfrak{a}) \in L$ .

$\square$

Specialising to  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_K$  being maximal, we find the following corollary.

**Corollary 17.** *Let  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$  be a proper ideal, then  $\mathfrak{a}^{12}$  becomes principal in the Hilbert class field  $H/K$ .*

*Remark 18.* This is a weaker in comparison to the principal ideal theorem, but it does give an explicit generator!

**Definition 19.** The Dedekind eta function is

$$\eta(q) := q^{1/24} \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - q^n),$$

where, as usual,  $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ .

*Remark 20.* Note that  $\eta^{24}(q) = \Delta(q)$ , and it satisfies

$$\eta(\tau + 1) = \zeta_{24} \zeta(\tau)$$

$$\eta(-1/\tau) = \sqrt{-i\tau} \eta(\tau).$$

where for the square root we are choosing the branch that is 1 on the imaginary axis.

The special values at CM points relate to  $L$ -functions, by the Kronecker limit formula. This formula is given as follows.

**Definition 21.** Consider real Eisenstein series

$$E(\tau, s) := \sum_{m, n \in \mathbb{Z}}' \frac{\Im(\tau)^s}{|m\tau + n|^{2s}}$$

for  $\Re(s) > 1$ .



**Theorem 22** (Kronecker Limit Formula).

$$E(\tau, s) = \frac{\pi}{s-1} + 2\pi \left( c - \log \left( \sqrt{\Im(\tau)} |\eta(\tau)| \right)^2 \right) + O(s-1).$$

*Specialising to CM points, and using our previous results, we find*

$$\zeta_{\mathfrak{a}}(s) = \sum_{\mathfrak{b} \sim \mathfrak{a}} N(\mathfrak{b})^{-s} = \frac{k}{s-1} + c(\mathfrak{a}) + O(s-1),$$

where  $c(\mathfrak{a}_1) - c(\mathfrak{a}_2) = \log(u)$  for  $u \in \mathcal{O}_H^\times$