

## Sheet 2

1. Let  $q$  denote the function from  $\mathbb{H}$  to the punctured open unit ball defined by  $q(z) := e^{2\pi iz}$ .

The function  $\Delta : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that sends  $z \in \mathbb{H}$  to  $\Delta(z) := (2\pi)^{12} q(z) \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q(z)^n)^{24}$  is called the *discriminant function*.

Moreover, the function  $\tau : \mathbb{N}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  defined through the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tau(n) q^n := q \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)^{24} = q - 24q^2 + 252q^3 + O(q^4) \in \mathbb{Z}[[q]]$$

is called the *Ramanujan  $\tau$ -function*.

- a) Show that  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{d}{dz} \log \Delta(z) = E_2(z)$  and conclude that  $\Delta \in S_{12}$ .
- b) Show that  $\Delta = \frac{(2\pi)^{12}}{1728} (E_4^3 - E_6^2)$  and derive relations expressing  $\tau$  in terms of  $\sigma_3$  and  $\sigma_5$ .
- c) Show that  $E_{12} - E_6^2 = c\Delta$  with  $c = (2\pi)^{-12} 2^6 3^5 7^2 \frac{1}{691}$  and derive relations expressing  $\tau$  in terms of  $\sigma_{11}$  and  $\sigma_5$ . Use this to prove Ramanujan's famous congruence relation

$$\tau(n) \equiv \sigma_{11}(n) \pmod{691}$$

for any  $n \geq 1$ .

2. a) Show that  $E_4^2 = E_8$  and  $E_4 E_6 = E_{10}$  and  $E_6 E_8 = E_{14}$  and derive relations expressing
  - $\sigma_7$  in terms of  $\sigma_3$
  - $\sigma_9$  in terms of  $\sigma_3$  and  $\sigma_5$
  - $\sigma_{13}$  in terms of  $\sigma_5$  and  $\sigma_7$ .

b) Let  $f \in M_k$  and set

$$g(z) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{d}{dz} f(z) - \frac{k}{12} E_2(z) f(z)$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{H}$ . Show that this defines a modular form  $g \in M_{k+2}$  and that  $g \in S_{k+2}$  if and only if  $f \in S_k$ .

- c) Compute  $g$  explicitly for the cases where  $f$  is  $\Delta$  or  $E_4$  or  $f = E_6$  and derive relations expressing
  - $\sigma_5$  in terms of  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3$

- $\sigma_7$  in terms of  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_5$ .

3. We set  $\Gamma_\infty := \left\{ \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . This is the stabilizer of infinity in any congruence subgroup of the form  $\Gamma_0(N)$  and  $\Gamma_1(N)$ , where  $N \geq 1$ .

a) Find a system of representatives for  $\Gamma_\infty \backslash \Gamma_0(N)$  for any  $N \geq 1$ .

b) Let  $k \geq 4$  be an even integer and  $N \geq 1$ . For any  $z \in \mathbb{H}$  we set

$$E_{k,N}(z) := \sum_{[\gamma] \in \Gamma_\infty \backslash \Gamma_0(N)} 1|[\gamma]_k(z) = \sum_{[\gamma] \in \Gamma_\infty \backslash \Gamma_0(N)} j(\gamma, z)^{-k} \text{ and}$$

$$G_{k,N}(z) := \frac{1}{2} \sum'_{m,n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(Nmz + n)^k}.$$

Show that this defines modular forms in  $M_k(\Gamma_0(N))$  with  $G_{k,N} = \zeta(k)E_{k,N}$ .

The modular form  $E_{k,N}$  is called the (*normalised*) *Eisenstein series* of weight  $k$  and level  $N$ .

c) Let  $k \geq 0$ . For any positive integers  $N$  and  $M$  such that  $N$  divides  $M$  we consider the *trace operator*

$$tr_N^M : M_k(\Gamma_0(M)) \rightarrow M_k(\Gamma_0(N))$$

defined by

$$tr_N^M(f) := \sum_{[\gamma] \in \Gamma_0(M) \backslash \Gamma_0(N)} f|[\gamma]_k$$

for any  $f \in M_k(\Gamma_0(M))$ .

Check that it is indeed well-defined and maps  $S_k(\Gamma_0(M))$  to  $S_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ .

Show moreover that  $tr_N^M(G_{k,M}) = G_{k,N}$  and in particular, that  $tr_1^M(G_{k,M}) = G_k$ .

4. a) Prove that

$$\frac{\sin(z)}{z} = \prod_{n \geq 1} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2\pi^2}\right)$$

for any  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

*Hint:* Use that

$$\frac{\sin(z)}{z} = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2iz} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n(z),$$

where

$$p_n(z) := \frac{(1 + \frac{iz}{n})^n - (1 - \frac{iz}{n})^n}{2iz}$$

and show that

$$p_n(z) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq p} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2} \left(\frac{1 + \cos(\frac{2k\pi}{n})}{1 - \cos(\frac{2k\pi}{n})}\right)\right)$$

whenever  $n = 2p + 1$  for some integer  $p$ .

b) Use logarithmic differentiation in order to deduce Euler's identity

$$\pi \cot(\pi z) = \frac{1}{z} + 2z \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{z^2 - n^2}.$$

c) Compare the power series expansions of  $z\pi \cot(\pi z)$  and of  $\frac{z}{e^z - 1} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{B_k z^k}{k!}$  in order to prove Euler's formula

$$\zeta(2k) = \frac{(-1)^{k-1} 2^{2k-1} B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \pi^{2k}$$

for the value of the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta$  at any positive even integer  $2k$ .

Conclude that  $\frac{\zeta(2k)}{\pi^{2k}}$  is rational.