

Sujets spéciaux en théorie des nombres - formes modulaires/ Special Topics in Number Theory - Modular Forms.

MAT 6684w

Homework 3. Due October 30, 2017

To get full credit solve **3** of the following problems (you are welcome to do them all). The answers may be submitted in English or French.

1. Show that the cusps of  $\Gamma_1(4)$ , viewed as  $\Gamma_1(4)$ -orbits in  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})$ , are represented by the elements  $0$ ,  $1/2$  and  $\infty$  of  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})$ . For each of these cusps  $\mathfrak{c}$ , determine whether  $\mathfrak{c}$  is regular or irregular, and compute its width  $h_\Gamma(\mathfrak{c})$ .
2. Let  $p$  be an odd prime number. Determine a set of representatives for the  $\Gamma_1(p)$ -orbits in  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})$ . For each of the corresponding cusps  $\mathfrak{c}$  of  $\Gamma_1(p)$ , compute its width  $h_\Gamma(\mathfrak{c})$ .
3. (a) Let  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo  $N$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \chi(j) = \begin{cases} \phi(N) & \chi = \mathbf{1}_N, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\phi$  denotes Euler's totient function.

(b) Let  $j$  be an integer. Prove that

$$\sum_{\chi \pmod N} \chi(j) = \begin{cases} \phi(N) & j \equiv 1 \pmod N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where the sum is over all Dirichlet characters modulo  $N$ .

4. For integers  $k > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ , write

$$r_k(n) = \#\{(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{Z}^k \mid x_1^2 + \dots + x_k^2 = n\}.$$

Let  $\chi$  be the unique non-trivial Dirichlet character modulo 4. Assume without proof that there exist modular forms  $E_1^{1,\chi} \in M_1(\Gamma_1(4))$ , and  $E_3^{1,\chi}, E_3^{\chi,1} \in M_3(\Gamma_1(4))$  with  $q$ -expansions

$$\begin{aligned} E_1^{1,\chi} &= \frac{1}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{d|n} \chi(d) \right) q^n, \\ E_3^{1,\chi} &= -\frac{1}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{d|n} \chi(d) d^2 \right) q^n, \\ E_3^{\chi,1} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{d|n} \chi(n/d) d^2 \right) q^n. \end{aligned}$$

(a) Prove that

$$r_2(n) = 4 \sum_{d|n} \chi(d) \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

(b) Prove that

$$r_6(n) = \sum_{d|n} (16\chi(n/d) - 4\chi(d))d^2 \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

5. Let  $\chi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a Dirichlet character modulo  $N$ . The  $L$ -function of  $\chi$  is the holomorphic function  $L(\chi, s)$  (of the variable  $s$ ) defined by

$$L(\chi, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s}$$

(a) Prove that the sum converges absolutely and uniformly on every right half-plane of the form  $\{s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re} s \geq \sigma\}$  with  $\sigma > 1$ .

(b) Prove the identity

$$L(\chi, s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \quad \operatorname{Re} s > 1$$

(Hint: expand each factor in a power series...)

Note: The functions  $L(\chi, s)$  were introduced by Dirichlet in the proof of his famous theorem on primes in arithmetic progressions: Let  $N$  and  $a$  be coprime positive integers. Then there exist infinitely many prime numbers  $p$  with  $p \equiv a \pmod{N}$ .

6. Let  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character modulo  $N$ . We consider the function  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  sending an integer  $m$  to the complex number

$$\tau(\chi, m) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \chi(n) \exp(2\pi i m n / N)$$

(This can be viewed as a discrete Fourier transform of  $\chi$ .) The case  $m = 1$  is known as the Gauss sum attached to  $\chi$ .

$$\tau(\chi) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \chi(n) \exp(2\pi i n / N)$$

(a) Compute  $\tau(\chi)$  for all non-trivial Dirichlet characters  $\chi$  modulo 4 and modulo 5, respectively.

(b) Suppose that  $\chi$  is primitive. Prove that for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have

$$\tau(\chi, m) = \bar{\chi}(m) \tau(\chi)$$

(Hint: writing  $d = (m, N)$ , distinguish the cases  $d = 1$  and  $d > 1$ . If  $N_1 = N/d$ , prove There is an integer  $c$  such that  $c \equiv 1 \pmod{N_1}$ ,  $(c, N) = 1$ , and  $\chi(c) \neq 1$ .)

(c) Deduce that if  $\chi$  is primitive, we have

$$\tau(\chi)\tau(\bar{\chi}) = \chi(-1)N$$

and

$$\tau(\chi)\overline{\tau(\chi)} = N.$$

The goal of the following questions is to construct Eisenstein series with character. In each question you may use the results of all preceding questions.

*For the problems 7 and 9, I only have partial solutions written. The computations may be long. Please think of the following problems as “just for fun”.*

7. Let  $\chi$  be a primitive Dirichlet character modulo  $N$ . The generalized Bernoulli numbers attached to  $\chi$  are the complex numbers  $B_k(\chi)$  for  $k \geq 0$  defined by the identity

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_k(\chi)}{k!} t^k = \frac{t}{\exp(Nt) - 1} \sum_{j=1}^N \chi(j) \exp(jt)$$

in the ring  $\mathbb{C}[[t]]$  of formal power series in  $t$ .

(a) Let  $\omega_N$  be a primitive  $N$ -th root of unity in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Prove that if  $\chi$  is non-trivial (i.e.  $N > 1$ ), then we have

$$\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \chi(j) \frac{x + \omega_N^j}{x - \omega_N^j} = \frac{2N}{\tau(\bar{\chi})(x^N - 1)} \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \bar{\chi}(m) x^m$$

in the field  $\mathbb{C}(x)$  of rational functions in the variable  $x$ . (Hint: compute residues.)

(b) Prove that for every integer  $k \geq 2$  such that  $(-1)^k = \chi(-1)$ , the special value of the Dirichlet  $L$ -function of  $\chi$  at  $k$  is

$$L(\chi, k) = -\frac{(2\pi i)^k B_k(\bar{\chi})}{2\tau(\bar{\chi})N^{k-1}k!}.$$

8. Let  $k \geq 3$ , and let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be Dirichlet characters modulo  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. For all  $k \geq 3$ , we define a function  $G_k^{\alpha, \beta} : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$G_k^{\alpha, \beta}(z) = \sum_{\substack{m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (m, n) \neq (0, 0)}} \frac{\alpha(m)\bar{\beta}(n)}{(mz + n)^k}.$$

(a) Prove that the function  $G_k^{\alpha, \beta}$  is weakly modular of weight  $k$  for the congruence subgroup

$$\Gamma_1(M, N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid a \equiv d \equiv 1 \pmod{[M, N]}, c \equiv 0 \pmod{M}, b \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \right\}.$$

- (b) Show that  $G_k^{\alpha,\beta}$  is the zero function unless  $\alpha(-1)\beta(-1) = (-1)^k$ .  
(c) Prove the identity

$$G_k^{\alpha,\beta}(z) = 2\alpha(0) \sum_{n>0} \frac{\bar{\beta}(n)}{n^k} + 2 \sum_{m>0} \alpha(m) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\bar{\beta}(n)}{(mz+n)^k}.$$

9. Keeping the notation of the previous question, assume in addition that  $\alpha(-1)\beta(-1) = (-1)^k$  and that the character  $\beta$  is primitive.  
(a) Prove that for all  $w \in \mathbb{H}$  we have

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\bar{\beta}(n)}{(w+n)^k} = \frac{(-2\pi i)^k \tau(\bar{\beta})}{N^k (k-1)!} \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \beta(d) d^{k-1} \exp(2\pi i d w / N)$$

- (b) Deduce the formula

$$G_k^{\alpha,\beta}(z) = -\alpha(0) \frac{(2\pi i)^k B_k(\beta)}{\tau(\beta) N^{k-1} k!} + \frac{2(-2\pi i)^k \tau(\bar{\beta})}{N^k (k-1)!} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{d|n} \alpha(n/d) \beta(d) d^{k-1} \right) \exp(2\pi i n z / N)$$

- (c) Let  $E_k^{\alpha,\beta}(z)$  be the unique scalar multiple of  $G_k^{\alpha,\beta}(Nz)$  such that the coefficient of  $q$  in the  $q$ -expansion of  $E_k^{\alpha,\beta}$  equals 1. Prove the identity

$$E_k^{\alpha,\beta}(z) = -\alpha(0) \frac{B_k(\beta)}{2k} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{d|n} \alpha(n/d) \beta(d) d^{k-1} \right) q^n.$$

- (d) Prove that  $E_k^{\alpha,\beta}(z)$  is a modular form of weight  $k$  for  $\Gamma_1(MN)$ .