

GENERALIZED RADEMACHER FUNCTIONS AND SOME CONGRUENCE PROPERTIES

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Abstract In §1, we introduce the classical Dedekind sum and the Rademacher function. Then, in §2, certain generalized Rademacher functions are introduced as the Eichler-Shimura type period integrals of Eisenstein series. In §3, we present a version of continued fraction algorithm which computes efficiently the generalized Rademacher functions. In §4, we show a congruence formula connecting values of the generalized Rademacher functions of weight 2 and weight $k > 2$. This formula will be applied in a forthcoming paper [N4].

1. The classical Dedekind sums

The classical Dedekind eta function

$$\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n) \quad (q = e^{2\pi i\tau}, \tau \in \mathfrak{H}) \quad (1.1)$$

on the upper half plane \mathfrak{H} is one of the most beautiful objects in number theory. Since $\Delta(\tau) = (2\pi i)^{12} \eta^{24}(\tau)$ is a cusp form of weight 12 for $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, it is clear that, for any $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, the ratio $\eta(A\tau) / \sqrt{\frac{c\tau+d}{i}} \eta(\tau)$ is a 24-th root of unity. The behavior of this little ratio with respect to $A \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ looks delicate and mysteri-

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ous. R. Dedekind, in his note [D] included in *Gesammelte Mathematische Werke* of B. Riemann, studied the behavior with Riemann's method. Outstanding is that he found an explicit *integer valued* function $\varphi : \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ controlling this ratio in the form

$$\eta(A\tau) = \begin{cases} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{24}\varphi(A)}\eta(\tau), & (c = 0); \\ e^{\frac{2\pi i}{24}\varphi(A)}\sqrt{\frac{c\tau+d}{i}}\eta(\tau), & (c > 0). \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

Dedekind's formula for the function φ (which, by definition, factors through $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$) reads as follows:

$$\varphi(A) = \begin{cases} \frac{b}{d}, & (c = 0), \\ \frac{a+d}{c} - 12s(a, c), & (c > 0). \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

Here $s(a, c)$, called now the Dedekind sum, is defined by

$$s(a, c) = \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} P_1\left(\frac{i}{c}\right)P_1\left(\frac{ai}{c}\right)$$

with $P_1(*)$ the "sawtooth" function:

$$P_1(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & (x \in \mathbb{Z}); \\ x - [x] - \frac{1}{2} & (x \notin \mathbb{Z}). \end{cases}$$

($[x]$: the greatest integer not exceeding $x \in \mathbb{R}$.)

In [R], H. Rademacher intensively studied algebraic properties of the function φ . He derived, for example, the composition formula

$$\varphi(AB) = \varphi(A) + \varphi(B) - 3\mathrm{sgn}(c_A c_B c_{AB}) \quad (A, B \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})), \quad (1.4)$$

where, for any matrix $S \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, c_S denotes the lower left entry of S . Following [KM], we shall call φ the Rademacher (φ -)function.

One of the key ingredients that enabled Dedekind to find the above result was to consider the modular transformation of not only $\eta(\tau)$ but also of $\log \eta(\tau)$. In fact, Dedekind's key formula (for the case $c > 0$) reads:

$$\log \eta(A\tau) - \log \eta(\tau) = -\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{i}{c\tau + d} + \pi i \left(\frac{a+d}{12c} - s(a, c) \right). \quad (1.5)$$

This left hand side may also be written in the form:

$$\log \eta(A\tau) - \log \eta(\tau) = -\pi i \int_{\tau}^{A\tau} E_2(z) dz, \quad (1.6)$$

where

$$E_2(\tau) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \sum'_{m,n} \frac{1}{(m\tau + n)^2}$$

is the Eisenstein series of weight 2 (with specified conditional convergence). In other words, the Rademacher function φ can be viewed almost as the periods of the Eisenstein series. Unfortunately, $E_2(\tau)$ is only a quasi-modular form and not a usual modular form. This causes the need of the adjustment term $\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{i}{c\tau+d}$ of (1.5) which connects $\varphi(A)$ and the period. To gain a more satisfactory viewpoint, we would need a more subtle treatment by using a non-holomorphic modification of E_2 . However, we do not enter this subtlety any more here, because this sort of adjustment is rather exceptional phenomenon occurring in this original case among generalizations of E_2 discussed in the next section.

2. Generalized Rademacher functions

We wish to consider a generalization of the Rademacher function φ introduced in §1 by considering φ as the case of weight 2 and level 1. With regard to the appearance of E_2 in (1.6), we shall begin by introducing the generalized Eisenstein series $E_k^{(x_1, x_2)}$'s ($k \geq 2$, $(x_1, x_2) \in (\frac{1}{N}\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z})^2$) given by

$$\begin{aligned} & E_k^{(x_1, x_2)}(\tau) \\ & := \frac{(k-1)!}{(2\pi i)^k} \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2} e^{2\pi i(x_1 a_2 - x_2 a_1)} \sum'_{\mathbf{m} \equiv \mathbf{a} (N)} \frac{1}{(m_1\tau + m_2)^k} \\ & = -\frac{P_k(x_1)}{k} + \sum_{\substack{s \in x_1 + \mathbb{Z} \\ s > 0}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} s^{k-1} e^{2\pi i l(x_2 + s\tau)} + \sum_{\substack{s \in -x_1 + \mathbb{Z} \\ s > 0}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} s^{k-1} e^{2\pi i l(-x_2 + s\tau)}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where $P_k(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the k -th periodic Bernoulli function (whose definition will be recalled in (3.4)). It is well known that $E_k^{(\mathbf{x})}$ is a holomorphic modular form of level N and weight k , except for the original case $E_2 = E_2^{(0)}$ (cf. [St]).

Let $\Gamma(N) \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ be the principal congruence subgroup of level $N \geq 1$. For any pair of $k \geq 2$ and $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2) \in (\frac{1}{N}\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z})^2$ with

$(k, \mathbf{x}) \neq (2, \mathbf{0})$, we then consider the Eichler integral of $E_k^{(\mathbf{x})}$:

$$F_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(\tau) = -\frac{1}{(k-2)!} \int_{\tau}^{i\infty} \left(E_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(u) + \frac{P_k(x_1)}{k} \right) (\tau - u)^{k-2} du - \frac{P_k(x_1)}{k} \frac{\tau^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}. \tag{2.2}$$

This (indefinite) integral satisfies $(\frac{d}{d\tau})^{k-1} F_k^{(\mathbf{x})} = E_k^{(\mathbf{x})}$. Writing $j(A, \tau) := (c\tau + d)$ for $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma(N)$, we then see that the difference

$$\phi_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(A)(\tau) := j(A, \tau)^{k-2} F_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(A\tau) - F_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(\tau) \tag{2.3}$$

is a polynomial in τ of degree $k-2$. What we wish to look closely at here is its ‘‘real part’’ $Re\phi_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(A)(\tau)$ which is, by definition, the polynomial in the ‘‘complex variable’’ τ whose coefficients consist of the real parts of the corresponding coefficients of $\phi_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(A)(\tau)$. It is known that $Re\phi_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(A)(\tau)$ has only rational coefficients.

The assignment $A \mapsto Re\phi_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(A)(\tau)$ enjoys the 1-cocycle property of the form:

$$Re\phi_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(AB)(\tau) = j(B, \tau)^{k-2} Re\phi_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(A)(B\tau) + Re\phi_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(B)(\tau) \tag{2.4}$$

on $A, B \in \Gamma(N)$.

To switch $Re\phi_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(A)(\tau)$ into the form of 1-cocycle for a left module, let us introduce the space $Sym^{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}^2) = \mathbb{Q}[X, Y]_{deg=k-2}$ of the homogeneous polynomials in X, Y of degree $k-2$ on which $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ acts on the left (written ρ) by

$$\rho \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot \phi(X, Y) := \phi(aX + cY, bX + dY).$$

Definition (2.5). Let $(k, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2} \times (\frac{1}{N}\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z})^2$ with $(k, \mathbf{x}) \neq (2, \mathbf{0})$. We define the generalized Rademacher function

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)} : \Gamma(N) \longrightarrow Sym^{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}^2) = \mathbb{Q}[X, Y]_{deg=k-2} \left(A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \sum_{r=0}^{k-2} \Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(r+1, k-1-r)}(A) X^r Y^{k-2-r} \right)$$

by

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}(A) := (-1)^{k-1} (k-2)! X^{k-2} \cdot Re\phi_k^{(\mathbf{x})}(A^{-1}) \left(-\frac{Y}{X} \right).$$

As expected from the above definition, (2.4) can be converted into the following 1-cocycle property of $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}$:

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}(AB) = \Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}(A) + \rho(A) \cdot \Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}(B) \tag{2.6}$$

on $A, B \in \Gamma(N)$. But one can get a nicer result. In fact, G. Stevens [St] showed how to interpret $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}$ as the periods of a certain real differential form extended to the Borel-Serre compactification $\bar{\mathfrak{H}}$ of the upper half plane \mathfrak{H} . With his method, we can extend $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}$ canonically to a function from $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ (or even from $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q})^+$) to $\mathrm{Sym}^{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}^2)$. Moreover the case of $(k, \mathbf{x}) = (2, \mathbf{0})$ may naturally be included in this unified construction of $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}$ with regarding $\Phi_{\mathbf{0}}^{(2)} = -\varphi(A)/12$. Then, the above properties (1.4) and (2.6) can be generalized to

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}(AB) = \Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}(A) + \rho(A) \cdot \Phi_{\mathbf{x}A}^{(k)}(B) + \frac{1}{4} \delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{k=2} \mathrm{sgn}(c_A c_B c_{AB}). \tag{2.7}$$

Here, $\mathrm{sgn}(\ast) \in \{\pm 1, 0\}$ denotes the signature of \ast , and the Kronecker symbol $\delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{k=2}$ is defined by $\delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{k=2} = 1$ when $(k, \mathbf{x}) = (2, \mathbf{0})$ and $\delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{k=2} = 0$ otherwise.

It will also be nice to have generalizations of the beautiful formula (1.3) to the cases of our generalized Rademacher functions $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}$. Although the author could not find a literature describing the explicit form, by careful calculations one obtains the following formula of $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}$: $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}^2) = \mathbb{Q}[X, Y]_{\mathrm{deg}=k-2}$;

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{(x_1, x_2)}^{(k)} \left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) = & \\ \begin{cases} -\frac{P_k(x_1)}{k} \int_0^{\frac{b}{d}} (tX + Y)^{k-2} dt, & (c = 0); \\ -\frac{P_k(x_1)}{k} \int_0^{\frac{a}{c}} (tX + Y)^{k-2} dt \\ -\frac{P_k(ax_1 + cx_2)}{k} \int_{-\frac{d}{c}}^0 (t(aX + cY) + bX + dY)^{k-2} dt \\ + \sum_{r=0}^{k-2} (-1)^r \binom{k-2}{r} X^r (aX + cY)^{k-2-r} s_{(x_1, x_2)}^{(k-1-r, r+1)}(a, c), & (c > 0). \end{cases} & \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

where the last factor (called the generalized Dedekind sum) is defined by

$$s_{(x_1, x_2)}^{(k-1-r, r+1)}(a, c) = \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} \frac{P_{k-1-r}(\frac{x_1+i}{c}) P_{r+1}(x_2 + a \frac{x_1+i}{c})}{k-1-r} \frac{1}{r+1}. \tag{2.9}$$

The following distribution relation is an important property which connects values of $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}(A)$ of different \mathbf{x} 's:

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}(A) = n^{k-2} \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{x}} \Phi_{\mathbf{y}}^{(k)}(A) \quad (n \geq 1). \tag{2.10}$$

3. Continued fraction algorithm for $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}$

The calculation of $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right)$ by means of (2.8) involve those of generalized Dedekind sums $s_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k-1-r, r+1)}(a, c)$ of (2.9) which need lots of times when c is big. Variants of continued fraction algorithms have been known to improve this sort of inefficiency on computers. We shall exploit a version of it well suited to calculations of our generalized Rademacher functions. The implementation and various numerical tests have been given by Y. Morimoto [Mo] by using PARI-GP and Maple softwares.

Given a matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, choose an expression of a/c by a continued fraction of the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{c} &= k_0 - \frac{1}{k_1 - \frac{1}{k_2 - \dots - \frac{1}{-k_n}}} \\ &= k_0 - \frac{1}{k_1 - \frac{1}{k_2 - \frac{1}{\dots - \frac{1}{k_{n-1} - \frac{1}{k_n}}}}} \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

with an integer sequence (k_0, k_1, \dots, k_n) . This expression may be obtained by first putting $r_0 = a$, $r_1 = c > 0$ and then defining integers $\{k_i\}_i$ with the Euclidean method:

$$\begin{cases} r_0 = k_0 r_1 - r_2, & |r_1| > |r_2| > 0, \\ r_1 = k_1 r_2 - r_3, & |r_2| > |r_3| > 0, \\ \dots & \dots \\ r_{n-1} = k_{n-1} r_n - r_{n+1}, & |r_n| > |r_{n+1}| = 1, \\ r_n = k_n r_{n+1} - 0, & |r_{n+1}| = 1, r_{n+2} = 0, \end{cases} \tag{3.2}$$

where each k_i ($i = 0, \dots, n$) is chosen to be either $[r_i/r_{i+1}]$ (the greatest integer not exceeding r_i/r_{i+1}) or $\lceil r_i/r_{i+1} \rceil$ (the least integer greater than or equal to r_i/r_{i+1}). Let us write $\varepsilon = r_{n+1} \in \{\pm 1\}$.

Define also a sequence of matrices $\{A_i\}_i$ in $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ by

$$A_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} k_0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} k_0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\dots$$

$$A_n = \begin{pmatrix} k_0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} k_n & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

and put

$$A_i = \begin{pmatrix} -p_i & p_{i-1} \\ -q_i & q_{i-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (-1 \leq i \leq n).$$

Then,

Lemma (3.3). *Notations being as above, we have*

- (i) $a = -\varepsilon p_n, c = -\varepsilon q_n$;
- (ii) $\delta := (d - \varepsilon q_{n-1})/c \in \mathbb{Z}$;
- (iii) $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} k_0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} k_n & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

Proof. The Euclidean sequence (3.2) may be rephrased as

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k_0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} k_n & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_{n+1} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The claim (i) follows immediately from this. Both A and εA_n are in $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ and have the same left column. Therefore, there exists $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $A = \varepsilon A_n \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, i.e.,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} -p_n & p_{n-1} \\ -q_n & q_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The claims (ii) and (iii) follow from this simultaneously. □

Definition (3.4). The Bernoulli polynomials $B_k(X)$ ($k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) are defined by the generating function

$$\frac{te^{tX}}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_k(X) \frac{t^k}{k!},$$

and the Bernoulli number B_k is by definition $B_k(1)$. We define the periodic Bernoulli function $P_k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $P_k(x) = B_k(x - [x])$ except

for the case $k = 1$ and $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ where we set $P_1(n) = 0$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$). For $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{Q}^2$ and $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^2$, define

$$\beta_{a,b}(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{P_a(x_1)}{\max\{a, 1\}} \cdot \frac{P_b(x_2)}{\max\{b, 1\}}.$$

Proposition (3.5) (Continued fraction algorithm). *Notations being as above, put $k_{n+1} := \delta$. Then, for $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{Q}^2$ and $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}(A) = & - \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \beta_{j+1, k-1-j}(\mathbf{x}A_i) \binom{k-2}{j} \\ & \times (p_{i-1}X + q_{i-1}Y)^j (p_iX + q_iY)^{k-2-j} \\ & - \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \beta_{k,0}(\mathbf{x}A_{i-1}) \\ & \times \int_0^{k_i} ((-p_{i-1}t + p_{i-2})X + (-q_{i-1}t + q_{i-2})Y)^{k-2} dt \\ & + \frac{\delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{k=2}}{4} (\text{sgn}(q_{-1}q_0) + \text{sgn}(q_0q_1) + \cdots + \text{sgn}(q_{n-1}q_n)). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Applying (2.7) iteratedly to (3.3)(iii), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)} = & \sum_{i=0}^n \rho(A_{i-1}) \cdot \Phi_{\mathbf{x}A_{i-1}}^{(k)} \left(\begin{pmatrix} k_i & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ & + \rho(A_n) \cdot \Phi_{\mathbf{x}A_n}^{(k)} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) + \frac{\delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{k=2}}{4} \sum_{i=0}^n \text{sgn}(q_{i-1}q_i). \end{aligned}$$

Then, the formula (2.8) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mathbf{x}A_n}^{(k)} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) &= -\beta_{k,0}(\mathbf{x}A_n) \int_0^{k_{n+1}} (tX + Y)^{k-2} dt, \\ \Phi_{\mathbf{x}A_{i-1}}^{(k)} \left(\begin{pmatrix} k_i & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) &= -\beta_{k,0}(\mathbf{x}A_{i-1}) \int_0^{k_i} (tX + Y)^{k-2} dt \\ &+ \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (-1)^j \binom{k-2}{j} \\ &\times X^j (k_iX + Y)^{k-2-j} s_{\mathbf{x}A_{i-1}}^{(k-1-j, j+1)}(k_i, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Writing here $(y_i, z_i) := \mathbf{x}A_{i-1}$ ($i = 0, \dots, n$) so that

$$(y_i, z_i) \begin{pmatrix} k_i & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (y_{i+1}, z_{i+1}) \quad (0 \leq i < n),$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} s_{\mathbf{x}A_{i-1}}^{(k-1-j, j+1)}(k_i, 1) &= \frac{P_{k-1-j}(y_i) P_{j+1}(z_i + k_i y_i)}{k-1-j} \frac{1}{j+1} \\ &= (-1)^{k-1-j} \beta_{j+1, k-1-j}(\mathbf{x}A_i). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)} &= - \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \rho(A_{i-1}) \cdot \beta_{k,0}(\mathbf{x}A_{i-1}) \int_0^{k_i} (tX + Y)^{k-2} dt \\ &\quad + (-1)^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \rho(A_{i-1}) \cdot \binom{k-2}{j} \\ &\quad \times X^j (k_i X + Y)^{k-2-j} \beta_{j+1, k-1-j}(\mathbf{x}A_i) \\ &\quad + \frac{\delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{k=2}}{4} \sum_{i=0}^n \operatorname{sgn}(q_{i-1} q_i). \end{aligned}$$

Noticing that $\rho(A_{i-1})$ maps

$$\begin{cases} X & \mapsto -p_{i-1}X - q_{i-1}Y, \\ Y & \mapsto p_{i-2}X + q_{i-2}Y, \\ k_i X + Y & \mapsto -p_i X - q_i Y, \end{cases}$$

we conclude the proof of Proposition (3.5). □

4. Some congruence properties

In this section, we shall present a congruence formula (4.3) which connects N^2 values of $\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)}(A)$ ($\mathbf{x} \in (\frac{1}{N}\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z})^2$) and the coefficients of $\Phi_{\mathbf{0}}^{(k)}(A)$. The congruence formula will be applied to the study of a certain measure function on the congruence kernel of SL_2 which governs the meta-abelian monodromy representation in the fundamental group of the universal elliptic curve minus the origin section ([N1-4]). We refer to the forthcoming paper [N4] as a main reference for details of such an application.

Let $\mathbb{Z}'_N \subset \mathbb{Q}$ denote the ring of fractional numbers with denominators prime to N . For $n \geq 1$, write $B_n^*(X) := B_n(X) - B_n(0)$, and define

d_n (resp. d_n^*) to be the least common multiple of the denominators of coefficients of the polynomial $\frac{1}{n}B_n(X)$ (resp. $\frac{1}{n}B_n^*(X)$). In the proof of Proposition (4.3) below, we shall frequently make use of the following well known properties:

$$\sum_{x=0}^{N-1} x^n = \frac{1}{n+1}B_{n+1}^*(N) \equiv 0 \pmod{\frac{N}{d_{n+1}^*}\mathbb{Z}'_N}, \tag{4.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N^{n-1}}{n} \left(P_n\left(\frac{x}{N} + u\right) - P_n\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) \right) &\equiv x^{n-1} \left(P_1\left(\frac{x}{N} + u\right) - P_1\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) \right) \\ &\pmod{\frac{N}{d_n}\mathbb{Z}'_N} \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, $N \in \mathbb{N}$, $u \in \mathbb{Z}'_N$.

Proof. The formula (4.1) is quite popular, and its proof may be left to readers. To prove (4.2), let $\{t\} := t - [t]$ denote the fractional part of $t \in \mathbb{R}$, and put $v := \{\frac{x}{N} + u\} - \{\frac{x}{N}\}$ so that $\{u\} = \{v\}$. Then, $v \in \mathbb{Z}'_N$ and we compute

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{N^{n-1}}{n} \left(P_n\left(\frac{x}{N} + u\right) - P_n\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) \right) \\ &= \frac{N^{n-1}}{n} \left(B_n\left(\left\{\frac{x}{N}\right\} + v\right) - B_n\left(\left\{\frac{x}{N}\right\}\right) \right) \\ &\equiv \frac{N^{n-1}}{n} \left[\left(\left(\left\{\frac{x}{N}\right\} + v\right)^n - \frac{n}{2}\left(\left\{\frac{x}{N}\right\} + v\right)^{n-1} \right) - \left(\left\{\frac{x}{N}\right\}^n - \frac{n}{2}\left\{\frac{x}{N}\right\}^{n-1} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{N^{n-1}}{n} \left[n\left\{\frac{x}{N}\right\}^{n-1}v + P_{n-2}\left(\left\{\frac{x}{N}\right\}\right) + \frac{n}{2}Q_{n-2}\left(\left\{\frac{x}{N}\right\}\right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Here, the congruence is taken modulo $\frac{N}{d_n}\mathbb{Z}'_N$, and P_{n-2} , Q_{n-2} are polynomials of degree $n - 2$ with coefficients in \mathbb{Z} . Since $\frac{1}{n}B_n(X)$ is a polynomial of the form $\frac{1}{n}x^n - \frac{1}{2}x^{n-1} + \dots$, it follows that d_n is a multiple of $LCM\{2, n\}$. Therefore, the second and third terms of the above last side vanish modulo $\frac{N}{d_n}\mathbb{Z}'_N$. Moreover the integer $x' := \{x/N\}N$ is congruent to $x \pmod{N}$. Thus, the above last side continues to

$$\equiv (x')^{n-1}v \equiv x^{n-1}v = x^{n-1} \left(P_1\left(\frac{x}{N} + u\right) - P_1\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) \right).$$

□

Proposition (4.3). *Let N, r, k be integers satisfying $N \geq 1, k \geq 2$ and $0 \leq r \leq k - 2$, and, for $s = 1, \dots, k - 2$, let e_s be the denominator of $\frac{B_k}{k(k-s)}$. Define $D_{k,r}$ to be the least common multiple of the set*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d_{j+1}d_{k-1-j} \ (r \leq j \leq k - 2), \ e_1, \dots, e_{k-2} \\ d_{r+1}^*d_{k-r}^*, \ d_{r+2}^*d_{k-1-r}^*, \ d_{r+1}^*d_{k-r+1}^*, \ d_{r+2}^*d_{k-r}^*, \ d_{r+3}^*d_{k-1-r}^* \end{array} \right\}.$$

Then, for $A \in \Gamma(N)$, we have the following congruence:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \binom{k-2}{r} x^{k-2-r} (-y)^r \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{N}, \frac{y}{N}\right)}^{(2)}(A) \\
 & \equiv 12\Phi_{\mathbf{0}}^{(r+1, k-1-r)}(A) \pmod{\binom{k-2}{r} \frac{GCD\{6, N\}N}{D_{k,r}} \mathbb{Z}'_N}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This congruence formula was first proved by the author in the special case of $r = 0$. The general case of the formula was then conjectured by Y. Morimoto after numerical computations and evidences [Mo].

(4.4) Proof of Proposition 4.3. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma(N)$. Since $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & gN^3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+cgN^3 & b+dgN^3 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, it is sufficient to prove the formula when $a \gg c > 0$. In what follows, we shall assume this. Applying (2.7) to the equation $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ -a & -b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{(x_1, x_2)}^{(k)}(A) &= -\frac{P_k(x_2)}{k} \int_0^{-\frac{c}{a}} (tY - X)^{k-2} dt \\
 &\quad - \frac{P_k(ax_1 + cx_2)}{k} \int_{-\frac{b}{a}}^0 ((aX + cY)t + bX + dY)^{k-2} dt \\
 &\quad + \sum_{r=0}^{k-2} X^r Y^{k-2-r} \binom{k-2}{r} (-1)^r \frac{P_{k-1-r}(x_1)}{k-1-r} \frac{P_{r+1}(x_2)}{r+1} \\
 &\quad - \sum_{r=0}^{k-2} (aX + cY)^r Y^{k-2-r} \binom{k-2}{r} \\
 &\quad \times (-1)^r \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \frac{P_{k-1-r}(x_1 + c\frac{x_2+i}{a})}{k-1-r} \frac{P_{r+1}(\frac{x_2+i}{a})}{r+1}. \tag{4.4.0}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us first evaluate the left hand side of the congruence formula (4.3). When $k = 2, r = 0$, the above (4.4.0) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)}(A) &= \frac{c}{2a} P_2(x_2) - \frac{b}{2a} P_2(ax_1 + cx_2) \\
 &\quad + \left\{ P_1(x_1)P_1(x_2) - \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} P_1\left(x_1 + c\frac{x_2+i}{a}\right)P_1\left(\frac{x_2+i}{a}\right) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $a \equiv 1, b \equiv c \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$, for any integers $x, y, P_2(\frac{ax+cy}{N}) = P_2(\frac{x}{N})$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \binom{k-2}{r} x^{k-2-r} (-y)^r \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{N}, \frac{y}{N}\right)}^{(2)}(A) \\
 = \binom{k-2}{r} (-1)^r (S_0 + S_1 + S_2), \quad (4.4.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_0 &:= 12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} x^{k-2-r} y^r \left(\frac{c}{2a} P_2\left(\frac{y}{N}\right) - \frac{b}{2a} P_2\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) \right), \\
 S_1 &:= 12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} x^{k-2-r} y^r P_1\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) P_1\left(\frac{y}{N}\right), \\
 S_2 &:= -12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} x^{k-2-r} y^r P_1\left(\frac{x}{N} + c \frac{\frac{y}{N} + i}{a}\right) P_1\left(\frac{\frac{y}{N} + i}{a}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Recalling the notation $B_s^*(X) := B_s(X) - B_s(0)$, by (4.1), we immediately see

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_0 &= \frac{6c}{a} \frac{B_{k-r-1}^*(N)}{k-r-1} \left(\frac{B_{r+3}^*(N)}{N^2(r+3)} - \frac{B_{r+2}^*(N)}{N(r+2)} + \frac{B_{r+1}^*(N)}{6(r+1)} \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{6b}{a} \left(\frac{B_{k-r+1}^*(N)}{N^2(k-r+1)} - \frac{B_{k-r}^*(N)}{N(k-r)} + \frac{B_{k-r-1}^*(N)}{6(k-r-1)} \right) \frac{B_{r+1}^*(N)}{r+1} \\
 &\equiv 0 \pmod{\frac{GCD\{6, N\}N}{D_{k,r}} \mathbb{Z}'_N}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(Note also here that $b \equiv c \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$.) Let us rewrite S_2 . According to the decomposition of $P_1\left(\frac{\frac{y}{N} + i}{a}\right)$ as $\frac{y}{aN} + \left(\frac{i}{a} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$, we may write

$$S_2 = S'_2 + S''_2, \quad (4.4.2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 S'_2 &= -12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} x^{k-2-r} y^r P_1\left(\frac{x}{N} + c \frac{y + Ni}{aN}\right) \left(\frac{y}{aN}\right) \\
 &= -12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} x^{k-2-r} y^r P_1\left(\frac{ax + cy}{N}\right) \left(\frac{y}{aN}\right) \\
 &= -12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} x^{k-2-r} y^r P_1\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) \left(\frac{y}{aN}\right), \\
 S''_2 &= -12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} x^{k-2-r} y^r P_1\left(\frac{x}{N} + c \frac{y + Ni}{aN}\right) \left(\frac{i}{a} - \frac{1}{2}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Noticing that $\frac{i}{a} - \frac{1}{2} \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}'_N$ and that $c \frac{y+Ni}{aN} \in \mathbb{Z}'_N$ as $a \equiv 1, c \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$, we may apply (4.2) to the part “ $x^{k-2-r} P_1(\frac{x}{N} + c \frac{y+Ni}{aN})$ ” of S''_2 to get the congruence

$$S''_2 \equiv T_1 + T_2 \pmod{\frac{12N}{2d_{k-r-1}} \mathbb{Z}'_N} \tag{4.4.3}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_1 &:= -12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \frac{N^{k-2-r}}{k-1-r} \\
 &\quad \times \left(P_{k-1-r}\left(\frac{x}{N} + c \frac{y + Ni}{aN}\right) - P_{k-1-r}\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) \right) y^r \left(\frac{i}{a} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\
 &= -12 \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \frac{1}{k-1-r} \\
 &\quad \times \left(P_{k-1-r}\left(c \frac{y + Ni}{a}\right) - P_{k-1-r}(0) \right) y^r \left(\frac{i}{a} - \frac{1}{2}\right), \\
 T_2 &:= -12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} x^{k-2-r} P_1\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) y^r \left(\frac{i}{a} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\
 &= -12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} x^{k-2-r} P_1\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) y^r \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above S_1, S'_2, T_2 , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 + S'_2 + T_2 &= 12 \left(\sum_x x^{k-2-r} P_1 \left(\frac{x}{N} \right) \right) \cdot \left(\sum_y y^{r+1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{N} - \frac{1}{aN} \right) \\ &= 12 \frac{a-1}{aN} \frac{B_{r+2}^*(N)}{r+2} \left(\frac{B_{k-r}^*(N)}{N(k-r)} - \frac{B_{k-r-1}^*(N)}{2(k-r-1)} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{\frac{6N}{D_{k,r}} \mathbb{Z}'_N}. \end{aligned}$$

Meanwhile, since

$$\begin{aligned} -12 \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \frac{1}{k-1-r} P_{k-1-r} \left(c \frac{y+Ni}{a} \right) y^r \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \\ = \frac{6}{a^{k-r}} \frac{P_{k-1-r}(0)}{k-1-r} \frac{B_{r+1}^*(N)}{r+1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$-12 \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} -\frac{P_{k-1-r}(0)}{k-1-r} y^r \left(\frac{i}{a} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = -6 \frac{P_{k-1-r}(0)}{k-1-r} \frac{B_{r+1}^*(N)}{r+1},$$

it follows that

$$T_1 \equiv -12 \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \frac{1}{k-1-r} P_{k-1-r} \left(c \frac{y+Ni}{a} \right) y^r \frac{i}{a} \pmod{\frac{6N}{D_{k,r}} \mathbb{Z}'_N}.$$

Summing up the above discussions with (4.4.2-3), we may rewrite (4.4.1) as

$$\begin{aligned} 12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \binom{k-2}{r} x^{k-2-r} (-y)^r \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{N}, \frac{y}{N}\right)}^{(2)}(A) \\ \equiv -12 \binom{k-2}{r} (-1)^r \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \frac{1}{k-1-r} P_{k-1-r} \left(c \frac{y+Ni}{a} \right) y^r \frac{i}{a} \quad (4.4.4) \end{aligned}$$

modulo $\binom{k-2}{r} \frac{GCD\{6,N\}N}{D_{k,r}} \mathbb{Z}'_N$. Next, we shall consider the right hand side of the statement formula. Reading the coefficients of $X^r Y^{k-2-r}$ of (4.4.0) for $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$, we get

$$12 \Phi_{\mathbf{0}}^{(r+1, k-1-r)}(A) = U_1 + U_2 + U_3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_1 &= -12 \binom{k-2}{r} \frac{P_k(0)}{k} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \int_0^{-c/a} (-1)^r t^{k-2-r} dt + \int_{-b/a}^0 (at+b)^r (ct+d)^{k-2-r} dt \right\}, \\
 U_2 &= \frac{12 \binom{k-2}{r} (-1)^r}{(k-1-r)(r+1)} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ P_{k-1-r}(0) P_{r+1}(0) - a^r \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} P_{k-1-r}\left(\frac{ci}{a}\right) P_{r+1}\left(\frac{i}{a}\right) \right\}, \\
 U_3 &= -12 \sum_{j=r+1}^{k-2} a^r c^{j-r} \binom{j}{r} \binom{k-2}{j} (-1)^j \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \frac{P_{k-1-j}(ci/a) P_{j+1}(i/a)}{(k-1-j)(j+1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

As $b \equiv c \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$, it is easy to see $U_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{\frac{12 \binom{k-2}{r} N}{LCM\{e_1, \dots, e_{k-2}\}} \mathbb{Z}'_N}$. Moreover, taking the equality $\binom{j}{r} \binom{k-2}{j} = \binom{k-2}{r} \binom{k-2-r}{j-r}$ into accounts, we easily see that U_3 vanishes modulo $\frac{12 \binom{k-2}{r} N}{LCM\{d_{j+1} d_{k-1-j} \mid r+1 \leq j \leq k-2\}} \mathbb{Z}'_N$ (again as $c \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$). Now, comparing the distribution relations

$$\begin{cases} \Phi_{\mathbf{0}}^{(r+1, k-1-r)}(A) = N^{k-2} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{N}, \frac{y}{N}\right)}^{(r+1, k-1-r)}(A), \\ P_k(0) = N^{k-2} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} P_k\left(\frac{y}{N}\right) = N^{k-2} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} P_k\left(\frac{ax+cy}{N}\right), \end{cases}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_2 &= \frac{12 N^{k-2} \binom{k-2}{r} (-1)^r}{(k-1-r)(r+1)} \left\{ \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} P_{k-1-r}\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) P_{r+1}\left(\frac{y}{N}\right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} a^r P_{k-1-r}\left(\frac{x}{N} + \frac{cy}{aN} + \frac{ci}{a}\right) P_{r+1}\left(\frac{i + \frac{y}{N}}{a}\right) \right\} \\
 &= 12 \binom{k-2}{r} (-1)^r \left\{ \frac{P_{k-1-r}(0) P_{r+1}(0)}{k-1-r} \frac{1}{r+1} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} a^r \frac{P_{k-1-r}\left(\frac{cy}{a} + \frac{ciN}{a}\right)}{k-1-r} N^r \frac{P_{r+1}\left(\frac{i + \frac{y}{N}}{a}\right)}{r+1} \right\}. \tag{4.4.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

We shall decompose the second term of the above last side according to

$$\frac{(aN)^r}{r+1} P_{r+1}\left(\frac{y}{aN} + \frac{i}{a}\right) \equiv \frac{(aN)^r}{r+1} P_{r+1}\left(\frac{y}{aN}\right) + y^r \frac{i}{a} \pmod{\frac{N}{d_{r+1}} \mathbb{Z}'_N},$$

which follows from (4.2) and $0 \leq \frac{y}{aN} + \frac{i}{a} < 1$. We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \frac{P_{k-1-r}\left(\frac{y+iN}{a}c\right)}{k-1-r} (aN)^r \frac{P_{r+1}\left(\frac{y}{aN}\right)}{r+1} \\ &= \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} a^{-(k-2-r)} \frac{P_{k-1-r}(0)}{k-1-r} (aN)^r \frac{P_{r+1}\left(\frac{y}{aN}\right)}{r+1} \\ &\equiv a^{-(k-2-r)} \frac{P_{k-1-r}(0)}{(k-1-r)(r+1)} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \left(\frac{y^{r+1}}{aN} - \frac{r+1}{2} y^r\right) \\ &\pmod{\frac{N}{d_{r+1}d_{k-r-1}} \mathbb{Z}'_N}. \end{aligned}$$

Noticing that the coefficient of X in $B_{r+2}(X)$ is $(-1)^{r+1}(r+2)B_{r+1}$ and that $P_{r+1}(0) = 0$ if $r+1$ is odd, the above last side continues to

$$\begin{aligned} &= a^{-(k-2-r)} \frac{P_{k-1-r}(0)}{k-1-r} \left(\frac{B_{r+2}^*(N)}{aN(r+1)(r+2)} - \frac{B_{r+1}^*(N)}{2(r+1)} \right) \\ &\equiv \frac{P_{k-1-r}(0)}{k-1-r} \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{r+1} P_{r+1}(0) \pmod{\frac{N}{2D_{k,r}} \mathbb{Z}'_N} \\ &= \frac{P_{k-1-r}(0)}{k-1-r} \frac{P_{r+1}(0)}{r+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we also used $a \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$. Therefore, we conclude

$$U_2 \equiv -\frac{12 \binom{k-2}{r} (-1)^r}{k-1-r} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} P_{k-1-r}\left(\frac{y+iN}{a}c\right) y^r \frac{i}{a} \pmod{\frac{6 \binom{k-2}{r} N}{D_{k,r}} \mathbb{Z}'_N},$$

which coincides with (4.4.4). This completes the proof of Proposition (4.3). \square

Corollary (4.5). *Let $k \geq 2$. Then, there exists an integer $D(k)$ (depending only on k) such that for every $N \geq 1$,*

$$12 \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} (xY - yX)^{k-2} \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{N}, \frac{y}{N}\right)}^{(2)}(A) \equiv 12 \Phi_{\mathbf{0}}^{(k)}(A) \pmod{\frac{N}{D(k)} \mathbb{Z}'_N}.$$

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of Proposition (4.2). We may take $D(k)$ so that

$$\frac{N}{D(k)}Z'_N = \sum_{r=0}^{k-2} \binom{k-2}{r} \frac{GCD\{6, N\}N}{D_{k,r}}Z'_N \subset \mathbb{Q}.$$

□

Example (4.6). Take a matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 122 & -4961 \\ 363 & -14761 \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma(11^2)$, and let us examine our congruence formula (4.5) for $k = 6$, $N = 11$. In this case, for any $0 \leq r \leq 4$, $\binom{4}{r} \frac{GCD\{6, N\}11}{12D_{6,r}}Z'_{11} = 11Z'_{11}$, hence $\frac{N}{12D(6)}Z'_{11}$ may be taken as $11Z'_{11}$. Computation on RHS shows

$$\begin{aligned} &\Phi_0^{(6)}(A)(X, Y) \\ &= \frac{6157810527168637}{315}X^4 + \frac{117260782677249595}{504}YX^3 \\ &+ \frac{37381997569467617}{36}Y^2X^2 + \frac{5190578682530622937}{2520}Y^3X \\ &+ \frac{1930511018334372017}{1260}Y^4, \end{aligned}$$

while that on LHS shows

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{x,y=0}^{10} (xY - yX)^4 \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{11}, \frac{y}{11}\right)}^{(2)}(A) \\ &= \frac{157339}{6}X^4 + \frac{557102}{3}YX^3 - 102157Y^2X^2 \\ &- \frac{230146}{3}Y^3X + \frac{717205}{6}Y^4. \end{aligned}$$

In both sides, each coefficient except for that of X^2Y^2 is prime to 11. Now, their difference may be computed as:

$$\begin{aligned} &\Phi_0^{(6)}(A)(X, Y) - \sum_{x,y=0}^{10} (xY - yX)^4 \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{11}, \frac{y}{11}\right)}^{(2)}(A) \\ &= \frac{12315621037816679}{630}X^4 + \frac{117260782583656459}{504}YX^3 \\ &+ \frac{37381997573145269}{36}Y^2X^2 + \frac{5190578682723945577}{2520}Y^3X \\ &+ \frac{1930511018183758967}{1260}Y^4 \\ &\equiv 0 \pmod{11Z'_{11}}. \end{aligned}$$

Example (4.7). This example was suggested by Y. Morimoto. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6643 & 56295 \\ 1539 & 13042 \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma(81)$, and consider the case of weight 10. Then, for $0 \leq r \leq 8$, $\binom{8}{r} \frac{GCD\{6,81\}81}{12D_{10,r}} \mathbb{Z}'_3 = 3\mathbb{Z}'_3$. The coefficient $\Phi_0^{(5,5)}(A)$ of X^4Y^4 in $\Phi_0^{(10)}(A)$ is computed as

$$\Phi_0^{(5,5)}(A) = -\frac{1160735419039913093577749564892899519}{8}$$

which is prime to 3, while

$$\sum_{x,y=0}^{80} \binom{8}{4} x^4(-y)^4 \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{81}, \frac{y}{81}\right)}^{(2)}(A) = -8836456074579123550$$

which is also prime to 3. Now the difference of these two values is

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_0^{(5,5)}(A) - \sum_{x,y} \binom{8}{4} x^4(-y)^4 \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{81}, \frac{y}{81}\right)}^{(2)}(A) \\ = -\frac{1160735419039913022886100968259911119}{8} \end{aligned}$$

which is divisible by 3 (but not divisible by 9).

Example (4.8). Let us consider the case of weight 4 for $A = \begin{pmatrix} 385 & 15616 \\ 15744 & 638593 \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma(128)$. Then, $\binom{2}{r} \frac{GCD\{6,128\}128}{12D_{6,r}} \mathbb{Z}'_2$ is $4\mathbb{Z}'_2$ for $r = 0, 2$, and $8\mathbb{Z}'_2$ for $r = 1$. The computation shows

$$\Phi_0^{(4)}(A) = \frac{1236394022}{45} X^2 + \frac{33706991732}{15} XY + \frac{229732849464}{5} Y^2,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x,y=0}^{127} (xY - yX)^2 \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{128}, \frac{y}{128}\right)}^{(2)}(A) \\ = \frac{80854186}{3} X^2 - \frac{10808380}{3} XY - \frac{80165720}{3} Y^2. \end{aligned}$$

Both of them do not belong to $4\mathbb{Z}'_2[X, Y]$ (because of the coefficients of X^2). Now the difference of these two polynomials is computed as

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_0^{(4)}(A) - \sum_{x,y=0}^{127} (xY - yX)^2 \Phi_{\left(\frac{x}{128}, \frac{y}{128}\right)}^{(2)}(A) \\ = \frac{23581232}{45} X^2 + \frac{33761033632}{15} XY + \frac{689599376992}{15} Y^2 \end{aligned}$$

which belongs to $4\mathbb{Z}'_2[X, Y]$ (actually to $16\mathbb{Z}'_2[X, Y]$).

At the time of writing this paper, the author does not have an example assuring whether our estimate of the modulus is best possible with respect to 2-powers.

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