

q -Expansion of the Eisenstein Series. Modular forms.

Put $\tilde{\pi} = \sqrt{3}\gamma_2$ and $e(x) = (\varepsilon_1(x) + \tilde{\pi}i)/(\varepsilon_1(x) - \tilde{\pi}i)$. Then $e(0) = 1$ and $e(x)' = 2\tilde{\pi}ie(x)$. Hence the Taylor series of this function at 0 coincides with series for $\exp(2\tilde{\pi}ix)$. Conversely

$$\varepsilon_1(x) = 2\tilde{\pi}i \frac{(e(x) + 1)}{(e(x) - 1)} = \begin{cases} \tilde{\pi}i - 2\tilde{\pi}i \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} e(lx) & \Im x > 0 \\ -\tilde{\pi}i + 2\tilde{\pi}i \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} e(-lx) & \Im x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence for $m > 1$

$$\varepsilon_m(x) = \begin{cases} 2\tilde{\pi}i \frac{(-1)^m}{(m-1)!} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2\tilde{\pi}il)^{m-1} e(lx) & \Im x > 0 \\ 2\tilde{\pi}i \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2\tilde{\pi}il)^{m-1} e(-lx) & \Im x < 0 \end{cases}$$

The Eisenstein series $e_k(\tau) = \sum_{(m,n) \neq (0,0)} (m\tau + n)^{-k}$, $k \geq 4$ can be rewrote as:

$$e_k(\tau) = \sum_{(0,n) \neq (0,0)} (m\tau + n)^{-k} + \sum_{(m,n), m > 0} (m\tau + n)^{-k} + \sum_{(m,n), m < 0} (m\tau + n)^{-k} = \gamma_k + \sum_{m > 0} \varepsilon_k(m\tau) + \sum_{m < 0} \varepsilon_k(m\tau).$$

Denote $e(\tau)$ by q . As $\Im\tau > 0$ for even k we have (for odd k the Eisenstein series evidently vanishes)

$$e_k(\tau) = \gamma_k + 2 \frac{(2\tilde{\pi}i)^k}{(k-1)!} \sum_{m>0} \sum_{l \geq 0} l^{k-1} q^{ml}.$$

This series absolutely converges for $|q| < 1$, we left this as a homework. Hence it is holomorphic function in the unit disc. this motivate the following definition:

Definition

A function $f(\tau)$ on the upper half-plane is called a modular form of the weight k if it is

a) automorphic of the weight k :

$$f\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = (c\tau + d)^k f(\tau) \text{ for } ad - bc = 1,$$

$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$, The expression $(c\tau + d)$ is known as automorphic factor;

b) a Laurent power series in $q = \exp(2\tilde{\pi}i\tau)$:

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n q^n.$$

Informal Remark.

The conditions a) and b) are almost complementary. The common part of these conditions reflects that the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ acts on τ as the shift $\tau \mapsto \tau + 1$ and the automorphic factor is equal to 1, so an automorphic form should depend on τ through q . On the other hand, the expression f as a function of q is not adapted to the automorphy condition and regularity in $q = 0$ is not natural for a function of τ .

The automorphic factor is the subject of so-called cocycle conditions which ensure the compatibility of the automorphy condition with multiplication of matrices:

$$(cA + dC)\tau + (cB + dD) = \left(c \frac{A\tau + B}{C\tau + D} + d \right) (C\tau + D).$$

The Group Theoretical Approach.

The fraction-linear action of $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ on the upper half-plane \mathbb{H} is transitive, indeed $\tau = x + yi = \frac{(x/\sqrt{y})i - \sqrt{y}}{((1/\sqrt{y})i + 0)}$. The stabiliser of the point i equals to

$$SO_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a^2 + b^2 = 1 \right\} = \{z = a - bi \mid |z| = 1\}.$$

So $\mathbb{H} = SL_2(\mathbb{R})/SO_2(\mathbb{R})$. Note that for $SO_2(\mathbb{R})$ the automorphic $(-bi + a)$ factor equals z . Correspond to a function f on the upper Half-plane a function \check{f} on $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ by the rule

$$\check{f} \left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) = (ci + d)^{-k} f \left(\frac{ai + b}{ci + d} \right).$$

According to the cocycle condition for automorphic factor, this function transform under right action of $SO_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{z \mid |z| = 1\}$ by character $z \mapsto z^{-k}$, so it belongs to representation of $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$, induced from this character of $SO_2(\mathbb{R})$. At the other hand, according to the cocycle condition for automorphic factor, the automorphy condition for f is equivalent to invariance of \check{f} with respect to left action of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

The automorphic factor $(c\tau + d)$ is trivial for unipotent subgroup $N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$, hence the average any power of automorphic factor over set of cosets $\Gamma^\infty \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, ($\Gamma^\infty = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \cap N$) is $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant.

Lemma

The set of cosets $\Gamma^\infty \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ is equal to the set of coprime pairs (c, d) .

The map is evident $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto (c, d)$. The Γ^∞ -coset is equal to $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a + jc & b + jd \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid j \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$, so the map is well define on the coset. c and d are coprime as the matrix is unimodular.

Conversely, according to the Euclid algorithm, the grater common divisor of c and d , which is equal to 1, has the linear presentation $1 = xc + yd$, and (c, d) is the image of unimodular matrix

$\begin{pmatrix} y & -x \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ and the map is surjective.

If matrices $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ both are unimodular, $(a' - a)d - (b' - b)c = 0$; c and d are coprime, so $(a' - a)$ is divisible by c , say $a' - a = jc$ then $b' - b = jd$, hence this matrices lie in one coset. We prove that the map is injective. in this way we get the series

$$\sum_{c, d \text{ coprime}} (c\tau + d)^{-k}.$$

Essentially this is the Eisenstein series as for any nonzero pair one have unique decomposition $(m, n) = f(c, d)$, where f is gcd of m and n , so

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{(m,n) \neq (0,0)} (m\tau + n)^{-k} &= \sum_{c, d \text{ coprime}, f > 0} (f(c\tau + d))^{-k} = \\ &= \sum_{f=1}^{\infty} f^{-k} \times \sum_{c, d \text{ coprime}} (c\tau + d)^{-k}. \end{aligned}$$

So, we present the Eisenstein series in Group theoretical approach.