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Preface

The theory of modular forms is an important subject of number theory. Also it has very important applications to other areas of number theory such as elliptic curves, quadratic forms, etc. Its contents is vast. So any book on it must necessarily make a rather limited selection from the fascinating array of possible topics. Our focus is on topics which deal with the fundamental theory of modular forms of one variable with integral and half-integral weight. Even for such a selection we have to make further limitations on the themes discussed in this book. The leading theme of the book is the development of the theory of Eisenstein series.

A fundamental problem is the construction of a basis of the space of modular forms. It is well known that, for any weight $\geqslant 2$ and the weight 1, the orthogonal complement of the space of cusp forms is spanned by Eisenstein series. Does this conclusion hold for the half-integral weight < 2? The problem for weight $1/2$ was solved by J.P.Serre and H.M.Stark. Then one of the authors of this book, Dingyi Pei, proved that the conclusion holds for weight $3/2$ by constructing explicitly a basis of the orthogonal complement of the space of cusp forms. To introduce this result and some of its applications is our motivation for writing this book, which is a large extension version of the book "Modular forms and ternary quadratic forms" (in Chinese) written by Dingyi Pei.

Chapter 1 can be viewed as an introduction to the themes discussed in the book. Starting from the problem of representing integers by quadratic forms we introduce the concept of modular forms. In Chapter 2, we discuss the analytic continuation of Eisenstein series with integral and half-integral weight, which prepares the construction of Eisenstein series in Chapter 7.

In Chapters 3-5, some fundamental concepts, notations and results about modular forms are introduced which are necessary for understanding later chapters. More specifically, we introduce in Chapter 3 the modular group and its congruence subgroups and the Riemannian surface associated with a discrete subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$. Furthermore, the concept of cusp points for a congruence subgroup is presented. In Chapter 4, we define modular forms with integral and half-integral weight, calculate the dimension of the space of modular forms using the theorem of Riemann-Roch. Chapter 5 is dedicated to define Hecke rings and discuss some of their fundamental properties. Also in this chapter the Zeta function of a modular form with integral or half-integral weight is described. In particular, we deduce the functional equation of the Zeta function of a modular form, and discuss Weil's Theorem.

In Chapter 6, the definitions of new forms and old forms with integral and half-integral weight are given. In particular the Atkin-Lehner's theory and the Kohnen's theory, with respect to new forms for integral and half-integral weight, are discussed at length respectively.

In Chapter 7, we construct Eisenstein series. The first objective is to construct Eisenstein series with half-integral weight $\geqslant 5/2$. The second objective is the construction of Eisenstein series with weight $1/2$ according to Serre and Stark. Then the method of the construction for Eisenstein series of weight $3/2$ is introduced, followed by the construction of Cohen-Eisenstein series. For completeness, the construction of Eisenstein series with integral weight, which is due to Hecke, is also given in the last section of the chapter.

The Shimura lifting is the main objective of Chapter 8 where we follow the way depicted by Shintani. Weil representation is introduced first and some elementary properties of Weil representation are discussed. Then the Shimura lifting from cusp forms with half-integral weight to ones with integral weight is constructed. Also the Shimura lifting for Eisenstein spaces is deduced in this chapter.

In Chapter 9, we discuss the Eichler-Selberg trace formula for the space of modular forms with integral and half-integral weight. The simplest case of the Eichler-Selberg trace formula on $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ is deduced in terms of Zagier's method. Then the trace formula on a Fuchsian group is obtained by Selberg's method. Finally the Niwa's and Koknen's trace formulae are obtained for the space of modular forms with half-integral weight and the group $\Gamma_0(N)$.

In Chapter 10, some applications of modular forms and Eisenstein series to the arithmetic of quadratic forms are described. We first present the Schulze-Pillot's proof of Siegel theorem. Then some results of representation of integers by ternary quadratic forms are explained. We also give an upper bound of the minimal positive integer represented by a positive definite even quadratic form with level 1 or 2.

Although many modern results on modular forms with half-integral weight are contained in this book, it is written as elementarily as possible and it's content is self-contained. We hope it can be used as a reference book for researchers and as a textbook for graduate students.

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Chapter 1

Theta Functions and Their Transformation Formulae

In this chapter, we introduce theta functions of positive definite quadratic forms and study their transformation properties under the action of the modular group.

Let a, b, c and n be positive integers with $(a, b, c) = 1$. Denote by $N(a, b, c; n)$ the number of integral solutions $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ of the following equation:

$$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = n.$$

Define the theta function by

$$\theta(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i n^2 z}, \quad z \in \mathbb{H},$$

where $\mathbb{H}$ is the upper half of the complex plane, i.e., $\mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} | \mathrm{Im}(z) > 0\}$. It is clear that $\theta(z)$ is holomorphic on $\mathbb{H}$. Put

$$f(z) = \theta(az)\theta(bz)\theta(cz),$$

then

$$f(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N(a, b, c; n) e^{2\pi i n z}.$$

Hence the number $N(a, b, c; n)$ is the n-th Fourier coefficient of the function. This shows that we know the number $N(a, b, c; n)$ if the Fourier coefficients of f can be computed explicitly. It is clear that there is a close relationship between $f(z)$ and the θ function. We shall see later that $f(z)$ is a modular form of weight $3/2$ from the transformation properties of θ under the action of linear fractional transformations. After having studied some properties of modular forms, we shall resume this topic later. Firstly, we shall consider some more general problems.

Now let t be a positive real number, put

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi t (n+x)^2}.$$

The series satisfies $\varphi(x+1)=\varphi(x)$. Hence it has the following Fourier expansion:

$$\varphi(x)=\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} c_m \mathrm{e}^{2\pi \mathrm{i} m x},$$

where

$$c_m=\int_0^1 \varphi(x)\mathrm{e}^{-2\pi \mathrm{i} m x}\mathrm{d}x=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{e}^{-\pi t x^2-2\pi \mathrm{i} m x}\mathrm{d}x=t^{-1/2}\mathrm{e}^{-\pi m^2/t}.$$

Hence

$$\varphi(x)=t^{-1/2}\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{e}^{-\pi m^2+2\pi \mathrm{i} m x}. \tag{1.1}$$

Taking $x=0$ in equation (1.1) we get

$$\tilde{\theta}(\mathrm{i}t)=t^{-1/2}\tilde{\theta}(-1/(\mathrm{i}t)),$$

where $\tilde{\theta}(z)=\theta(z/2)$. Because $\tilde{\theta}(z)$ is a holomorphic function on the upper half plane, we have that

$$\tilde{\theta}(-1/z)=(-\mathrm{i}z)^{1/2}\tilde{\theta}(z), \quad \forall z\in\mathbb{H}. \tag{1.2}$$

For the multi-valued function $z^{1/2}$, we choose $\arg(z^{1/2})$ such that $-\pi/2<\arg(z^{1/2})\leqslant \pi/2$. In general, we have that $(z_1z_2)^{1/2}=\pm z_1^{1/2}z_2^{1/2}$ where we take "−" if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

(1) $\mathrm{Im}(z_1)<0$, $\mathrm{Im}(z_2)<0$, $\mathrm{Im}(z_1z_2)>0$;

(2) $\mathrm{Im}(z_1)<0$, $\mathrm{Im}(z_2)>0$, $\mathrm{Im}(z_1z_2)<0$;

(3) z_1 and z_2 are both negative, or one of them is negative and the imaginary of the other one is positive.

Otherwise we take "+".

Let $f(x_1,\cdots,x_k)$ be an integral positive definite quadratic form in k variables. Define the matrix

$$A=\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}\right).$$

Then A is a positive definite symmetric integral matrix with even entries on the diagonal. It is clear that

$$f(x_1,\cdots,x_k)=\frac{1}{2}xAx^{\mathrm{T}},$$

where $x=(x_1,\cdots,x_k)\in\mathbb{Z}^k$ is a row vector, x^{T} is the transposal of x. We now define the θ function of f as

$$\theta_f(z)=\sum_{x\in\mathbb{Z}^k}\mathrm{e}^{2\pi \mathrm{i} f(x) z} \quad \text{for all } z\in\mathbb{H}.$$

It is clear that

$$\theta_f(z) = \sum_{x\in\mathbb{Z}^k} \mathrm{e}^{\pi i x A x^{\mathrm{T}} z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r(f,n)\mathrm{e}^{2\pi i n z},$$

where $r(f,n)$ is the number of the solutions of $f(x) = n$ with $x \in \mathbb{Z}^k$. $\theta_f(z)$ is absolutely and uniformly convergent in any bounded domain of $\mathbb{H}$, so it is holomorphic on the whole of $\mathbb{H}$.

Let N be the least positive integer such that all the entries of the matrix NA^{-1} are integers and the entries on the diagonal are even. This implies that $\det A$ is a divisor of N^k. Hence the prime divisors of $\det A$ are also prime divisors of N. But it is clear that $N|2\det A$. So all the odd prime divisors of N are certainly prime divisors of $\det A$.

If we consider A as a matrix on the ring $\mathbb{Z}_2$ of 2-adic integers, it can be proved that there exists an inverse matrix S on $\mathbb{Z}_2$ such that

$$SAS^{\mathrm{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & A_r \end{pmatrix},$$

where A_i is either an integer of $2\mathbb{Z}_2$ or a symmetric matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 2a & b \\ b & 2c \end{pmatrix}$ with $a,b,c \in \mathbb{Z}_2$.

It is clear that there is at least one A_i which is a 1×1 matrix if k is odd. So we get the following

Lemma 1.1 *If k is odd, then $2|\det A$ and $4|N$; if k is even, then $N|\det A$. If $4|k$, then $\det A \equiv 0$ or $1 \mod 4$; if $k \equiv 2 \mod 4$, then $\det A \equiv 0$ or $3 \mod 4$. Hence $(-1)^{k/2}\det A$ is always 1 or 0 modulo by 4 if k is even.*

Let h be a vector in $\mathbb{Z}^k$ such that $hA \in N\mathbb{Z}^k$ and define a function on $\mathbb{H}$ as follows

$$\theta(z;h,A,N) = \sum_{m\equiv h(N)} e\Big(\frac{zmAm^{\mathrm{T}}}{2N^2}\Big),$$

where $e(z) = \mathrm{e}^{2\pi i z}$.

Proposition 1.1 *We have the following transformation formula*

$$\theta(-1/z;h,A,N) = (\det A)^{-1/2}(-iz)^{k/2} \sum_{k \bmod N,\ kA\equiv 0(N)} e(hAk^{\mathrm{T}}/N^2)\theta(z;k,A,N).$$

Proof Let v be a positive real number, $x = (x_1,\cdots,x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$, and

$$g(x) = \sum_{m\in\mathbb{Z}^k} e(iv(x+m)A(x+m)^{\mathrm{T}}/2).$$

Then $g(x)$ has Fourier expansion

$$g(x) = \sum_{m\in\mathbb{Z}^k} a_m e(x\cdot m^{\mathrm{T}}), \tag{1.3}$$

where

$$a_m = \int\cdots\int_{0\leqslant x_j<1} g(x)e(-x\cdot m^{\mathrm{T}})\mathrm{d}x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\cdots\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e(\mathrm{i}vxAx^{\mathrm{T}}/2 - x\cdot m^{\mathrm{T}})\mathrm{d}x.$$

There exists a real orthogonal matrix S such that SAS^{T} is a diagonal matrix $\mathrm{diag}\{\alpha_1,\cdots,\alpha_k\}$ with $\alpha_i>0\,(1\leqslant i\leqslant k)$. We make a variable change $x=yS$ in the above integral and denote $Sm^{\mathrm{T}}=(u_1,\cdots,u_k)^{\mathrm{T}}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
a_m &= \prod_{j=1}^{k}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{e}^{-\pi v\alpha_j y^2 - 2\pi\mathrm{i}u_j y}\mathrm{d}y\\
&= \prod_{j=1}^{k}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{e}^{-\pi v\alpha_j\left(y+\frac{\mathrm{i}u_j}{v\alpha_j}\right)^2 - \frac{\pi u_j^2}{v\alpha_j}}\mathrm{d}y\\
&= v^{-k/2}\prod_{j=1}^{k}\alpha_j^{-1/2}\mathrm{e}^{-\frac{\pi u_j^2}{v\alpha_j}}\\
&= v^{-k/2}(\det A)^{-1/2}\mathrm{e}^{-\pi mA^{-1}m^{\mathrm{T}}/v}.
\end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

For any $m\in\mathbb{Z}^k$, let $k\equiv mNA^{-1} \pmod N$. Then $kA\equiv 0 \pmod N$ and m can be written as $(Nu+k)A/N(u\in\mathbb{Z}^k)$. Inserting (1.4) into (1.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
g(x) &= v^{-k/2}(\det A)^{-1/2}\sum_{\substack{k \bmod N,\\ kA\equiv 0(N)}} e(xAk^{\mathrm{T}}/N)\\
&\quad\cdot\sum_{u} e(xAu^{\mathrm{T}} + \mathrm{i}(Nu+k)A(Nu+k)^{\mathrm{T}}/(2vN^2)).
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\theta(\mathrm{i}v;h,A,N)=g(h/N)$, we get by the above equality

$$\theta(\mathrm{i}v;h,A,N) = v^{-k/2}(\det A)^{-1/2}\sum_{\substack{k \bmod N,\\ kA\equiv 0(N)}} e(hAk^{\mathrm{T}}/N^2)\theta\left(-\frac{1}{\mathrm{i}v};k,A,N\right),$$

which shows that Proposition 1.1 holds for $z=-1/\mathrm{i}v$. This implies that the proposition holds because $\theta(z;h,A,N)$ is holomorphic on the whole of $\mathbb{H}$. □

Now we define the full modular group of order 2 as follows

$$SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{\begin{pmatrix} a & b\\ c & d\end{pmatrix}\middle| a,b,c,d\in\mathbb{Z}, ad-bc=1\right\}.$$

Let

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}).$$

We want to find the transformation formula of $\theta(z;\, h,\, A,\, N)$ under the transformation $z \mapsto \gamma(z) = (az+b)/(cz+d)$. We first assume that $c > 0$, then we get by Proposition 1.1 that

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta(\gamma(z); h, A, N) &= \sum_{m\equiv h(N)} e\left(mAm^{\mathrm{T}}\left(a - \frac{1}{cz+d}\right)/(2cN^2)\right) \\
&= \sum_{\substack{g \bmod (cN),\\ g\equiv h(N)}} e(agAg^{\mathrm{T}}/(2cN^2)) \\
&\quad \cdot \sum_{m\equiv g \bmod (cN)} e(-cmAm^{\mathrm{T}}/[2(cz+d)(cN)^2]) \\
&= (\det A)^{-1/2} c^{-k/2} (-\mathrm{i}(cz+d))^{k/2} \\
&\quad \cdot \sum_{\substack{k \bmod (cN),\\ kA\equiv 0(N)}} \Phi(h,k)\theta(cz; k, cA, cN), \qquad (1.5)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Phi(h,k) = \sum_{\substack{g \bmod (cN),\\ g\equiv h(N)}} e([agAg^{\mathrm{T}} + 2kAg^{\mathrm{T}} + dkAk^{\mathrm{T}}]/(2cN^2))$$

and we also used the fact that mAm^{T} is even for any $m \in \mathbb{Z}^k$. Since $ad = bc + 1$, it follows

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(h,k) &= \sum_{\substack{g \bmod (cN),\\ g\equiv h(N)}} e\big(a(g+dk)A(g+dk)^{\mathrm{T}}/(2cN^2)\big)e\big(-b[2gAk^{\mathrm{T}} + dkAk^{\mathrm{T}}]/(2N^2)\big) \\
&= e\big(-b[2hAk^{\mathrm{T}} + dkAk^{\mathrm{T}}]/(2N^2)\big)\,\Phi(h+dk, 0),
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that $\Phi(h,k)$ is only dependent on k mod N. By equality (1.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\theta(\gamma(z); h, A, N)(\det A)^{1/2} c^{k/2} (-\mathrm{i}(cz+d))^{-k/2} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{k \bmod (N),\\ kA\equiv 0(N)}} \Phi(h,k) \sum_{\substack{g \bmod (cN),\\ g\equiv k(N)}} \theta(cz; g, cA, cN) \\
&= \sum_{\substack{k \bmod (N),\\ kA\equiv 0(N)}} \Phi(h,k)\theta(z; k, A, N).
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting z by $-1/z$, we get by Proposition 1.1

$$\theta\left(\frac{bz-a}{dz-c}; h, A, N\right) \det Ac^{k/2}\big(-\mathrm{i}(d-c/z)\big)^{-k/2}(-\mathrm{i}z)^{-k/2}$$
$$= \sum_{\substack{l \mod N,\\ lA\equiv 0(N)}} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{k \mod N,\\ kA\equiv 0(N)}} e(lAk^{\mathrm{T}}/N^2)\,\Phi(h,k) \right\} \theta(z; l, A, N). \tag{1.6}$$

Now suppose that $d \equiv 0(N)$. Since NA^{-1} is an integral matrix with even entries on the diagonal,

$$kAk^{\mathrm{T}}/(2N) = (N^{-1}kA \cdot NA^{-1} \cdot N^{-1}Ak^{\mathrm{T}})/2$$

is an integer. Hence

$$\Phi(h,k) = e(-bhAk^{\mathrm{T}}/N^2)\,\Phi(h,0)$$

and the right hand of (1.6) becomes

$$\Phi(h,0) \sum_{\substack{l \mod N,\\ lA\equiv 0(N)}} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{k \mod N,\\ kA\equiv 0(N)}} e((l-bh)Ak^{\mathrm{T}}/N^2) \right\} \theta(z; l, A, N).$$

We now compute the inner summation of the formula above. There exist modular matrices P, Q, such that $PAQ = \operatorname{diag}\{\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_k\}$. Since NA^{-1} is an integral matrix, then $\alpha_i | N (1 \leqslant i \leqslant k)$. Since

$$kA \equiv (l-bh)A \equiv 0(N),$$

a direct computation shows that

$$\sum_{\substack{k\mathrm{mod}(N),\\ kA\equiv 0(N)}} e((l-bh)Ak^{\mathrm{T}}/N^2) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 1 \not\equiv bh(N), \\ \det A, & \text{if } 1 \equiv bh(N). \end{cases}$$

Now substituting $\begin{pmatrix} b & -a \\ d & -c \end{pmatrix}$ by $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, we assume that $c \equiv 0(N), d < 0$. Then we have that

$$\theta((az+b)/(cz+d); h, A, N) = (-\mathrm{i}(c+d/z))^{k/2}(-\mathrm{i}z)^{k/2} W \theta(z; ah, A, N), \tag{1.7}$$

where

$$W = |d|^{-k/2} \sum_{\substack{g\mathrm{mod}(|d|N),\\ g\equiv h(N)}} e\big(-bgAg^{\mathrm{T}}/(2|d|N^2)\big).$$

Since $\mathrm{Im}(-\mathrm{i}) < 0$, $\mathrm{Im}(c + d/z) > 0$, then $(-\mathrm{i}(c + d/z))^{k/2} = (-\mathrm{i})^{k/2}(c + d/z)^{k/2}$. Similarly, since $\mathrm{Im}(-\mathrm{i}) < 0$, $\mathrm{Im}(z) > 0$, we get $(-\mathrm{i}z)^{k/2} = (-\mathrm{i})^{k/2}z^{k/2}$. Again since $\mathrm{Im}(cz + d) = c\mathrm{Im}(z)$, it follows

$$z^{k/2}(c + d/z)^{k/2} = \mathrm{sgn}(c)^k(cz + d)^{k/2},$$

where

$$\mathrm{sgn}(c) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } c \geqslant 0, \\ -1, & \text{if } c < 0. \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$(-\mathrm{i}(c + d/z))^{k/2}(-\mathrm{i}z)^{k/2} = (-\mathrm{i}\mathrm{sgn}(c))^k(cz + d)^{k/2}. \tag{1.8}$$

Since $ad \equiv 1(N)$, we can express g in W as $adh + Nu$ with $u \in (\mathbb{Z}/|d|\mathbb{Z})^k$. Then

$$W = e(abhAh^{\mathrm{T}}/(2N^2))w(b, |d|), \tag{1.9}$$

where

$$w(b, |d|) = |d|^{-k/2} \sum_{u \bmod |d|} e(-buAu^{\mathrm{T}}/(2|d|)).$$

If $c = 0$ or $b = 0$, then $d = -1$ and hence $w(b, |d|) = 1$. Now suppose that $bc \neq 0$ and d is an odd. We substitute z by $z + 8m(m \in \mathbb{Z})$ in (1.7) such that $d + 8mc < 0$. By (1.8) and (1.9) we know that

$$w(b, |d|) = w(b + 8ma, |d + 8mc|).$$

Because d and $8c$ are co-prime, we can find an integer m such that $-d - 8mc$ is an odd prime which will be denoted by p. Let $\beta = -(b + 8ma)$. Then

$$w(b, |d|) = w(-\beta, p) = p^{-k/2} \sum_{u \bmod p} e(\beta uAu^{\mathrm{T}}/(2p)).$$

Suppose that $\beta \equiv 2\beta'(p)$. Since $c \equiv 0(N)$, d and c are co-prime, then p and N are co-prime, and hence p and $\det A$ are co-prime. There exists an integral matrix S such that $\det S$ is prime to p and SAS^t is congruent to $\mathrm{diag}\{q_1, \cdots, q_k\}$ modulo p. By Gauss sum, we have that

$$w(b, |d|) = p^{-k/2} \prod_{i=1}^{k} \left(\sum_{x=1}^{k} e(\beta' q_i x^2/p) \right) = \varepsilon_p^k \left(\frac{(\beta')^k \det A}{p} \right),$$

where $\left(\dfrac{q}{p}\right)$ is the Legendre symbol

$$\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } q \text{ is a quadratic residue modulo } p, \\ -1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The symbol ε_n is defined for all odd integers:

$$\varepsilon_n = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 1(4), \\ \mathrm{i}, & \text{if } n \equiv 3(4). \end{cases}$$

It is clear that $\varepsilon_p = \varepsilon_{-d} = \mathrm{i}\varepsilon_d^{-1}$. Since all prime divisors of $\det A$ are divisors of N, $p \equiv -d(8N)$,

$$\left(\frac{\det A}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{\det A}{-d}\right).$$

Since $\begin{pmatrix} a & -\beta \\ c & -p \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, i.e., $\beta c - ap = 1$, we get $2\beta' c \equiv 1(p)$. Hence

$$\left(\frac{\beta'}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{2c}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{2c}{-d}\right).$$

Let a be an integer, $b \neq 0$ be an odd. We define a new quadratic residue symbol $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$ satisfying the following properties:

(1) $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = 0$ if $(a, b) \neq 1$;

(2) $\left(\frac{0}{\pm 1}\right) = 1$;

(3) If $b > 0$, then $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$ is the Jacobi symbol, i.e., if $b = \prod p^r$, then $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \prod \left(\frac{a}{p}\right)^r$;

(4) If $b < 0$, then $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \mathrm{sgn}(a) \left(\frac{a}{|b|}\right)$.

Hereafter, the symbol $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$ will be defined as above. Then we have

$$w(b, |d|) = \varepsilon_d^{-k} (\mathrm{sgn}(c)\mathrm{i})^k \left(\frac{2c \det A}{d}\right) \tag{1.10}$$

and (1.10) holds for $c = 0$ or $c \neq 0$.

Define a subgroup of the full modular group as follows

$$\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \,\middle|\, c \equiv 0(N) \right\}.$$

Proposition 1.2 *Let* $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N)$. *If k is odd, then we have*

$$\theta(\gamma(z); h, A, N) = e\big(abhAh^{\mathrm{T}}/(2N^2)\big) \left(\frac{\det A}{d}\right) \left(\frac{2c}{d}\right)^k \varepsilon_d^{-k} (cz+d)^{k/2} \theta(z; ah, A, N), \tag{1.11}$$

If k is even, then we have

$$\theta\big(\gamma(z);h,A,N\big)=e\big(abhAh^{\mathrm{T}}/(2N^2)\big)\Big(\frac{(-1)^{k/2}\det A}{d}\Big)(cz+d)^{k/2}\theta(z;ah,A,N), \tag{1.12}$$

Proof First assuming that k is odd. By Lemma 1.1, $N\equiv 0(4)$. Hence d is odd. For $d<0$, inserting (1.8), (1.9) and (1.10) into (1.7), we can get (1.11) immediately. For $d>0$, substituting γ by $-\gamma$ and noting that $(-\gamma)(z)=\gamma(z)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\theta(\gamma(z);h,A,N)=e(abhAh^{\mathrm{T}}/(2N^2))\left(\frac{\det A}{d}\right)\left(\frac{-2c}{-d}\right)^k\\ \times\varepsilon_{-d}^{-k}(-cz-d)^{k/2}\theta(z;-ah,A,N).\end{aligned}$$

It is clear that $\theta(z;-ah,A,N)=\theta(z;ah,A,N)$. If $c=0$, then $d=1$ and

$$\left(\frac{-2c}{-d}\right)^k\varepsilon_{-d}^{-k}(-cz-d)^{k/2}=\mathrm{i}^{-k}(-1)^{k/2}=1.$$

If $c\neq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{-2c}{-d}\right)^k\varepsilon_{-d}^{-k}(-cz-d)^{k/2}&=(-\mathrm{sgn}(c))^k\left(\frac{-2c}{d}\right)^k\mathrm{i}^{-k}\varepsilon_d^{-k}(-\mathrm{isgn}(c))^k(cz+d)^{k/2}\\ &=\varepsilon_d^{-k}\left(\frac{2c}{d}\right)^k(cz+d)^{k/2}.\end{aligned}$$

This shows that (1.12) holds also for $d>0$. Now assuming that k is even. If d is odd, we can get (1.12) by proceeding similarly as above. If d is even, then c is odd, and N is also odd. By the result for the case d odd, we have

$$\begin{aligned}&\theta\left(\frac{az+aN+b}{cz+cN+d};h,A,N\right)\\ =&e\Big(\frac{abhAh^{\mathrm{T}}}{2N^2}\Big)\left(\frac{(-1)^{k/2}\det A}{cN+d}\right)(cz+cN+d)^{k/2}\theta(z;ah,A,N),\end{aligned}\tag{1.13}$$

where we used the fact that $hAh^{\mathrm{T}}/(2N)$ is an integer. By Lemma 1.1 and Lemma 1.2 which will be proved later, we have

$$\left(\frac{(-1)^{k/2}\det A}{cN+d}\right)=\left(\frac{(-1)^{k/2}\det A}{d}\right),$$

where d is even. So the right hand side of above is equal to $\left(\frac{(-1)^{k/2}\det A}{\det A+d}\right)$. Substituting z by $z-N$ in (1.13) we get (1.12). □