

Parse the sum is over $v \in \mathbb{Z}$ and n runs through a subset of rational numbers, but with bounded denominators. Note that the crucial point is the condition " $v^2 - 4mn \leq 0$ ". The φ_m above obviously satisfy this condition and this serves here as model for the general case. However, there are other reasons why this condition is natural, as we shall see later.

An easy but important lemma about these Fourier expansions is

Lemma Let $\phi = \sum c(n, v) q^n g^v \in \mathcal{J}_{k, m} (= \mathcal{J}_{k, m}(SL_2(\mathbb{Z})))$. Then $c(n, v) = c(n', v')$ for $v \equiv v' \pmod{2m}$ and $v^2 - 4mn = v'^2 - 4m'n'$.

There is also a corresponding statement for $\Gamma \subseteq SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, but we do not need it. The lemma follows easily from the transformation law of ϕ with respect to $\mathbb{Z}^2 \in \Gamma$. Then the Fourier expansion of ϕ can also be written as

$$\phi = \sum_{\substack{\Delta, v \in \mathbb{Z}, \Delta < 0 \\ \Delta \equiv v^2(4m)}} C_\phi(\Delta, v) q^{\frac{v^2 \Delta}{4m}} g^v,$$

with $C(\Delta, v)$ depending only on v modulo $2m$, Δ being a discriminant.

2nd example: elliptic functions

Any elliptic curve over \mathbb{C} is isomorphic to $\mathbb{C}/\tau\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}$ for some $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$. Every elliptic function on $\mathbb{C}/\tau\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}$ is determined (up to multiplication by a constant) by its Divisor. More ^{generally} precisely one has an exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{trivial data} \\ \text{functions on } \mathbb{C}/\tau\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z} \\ z \mapsto e^{2\pi i z / \tau} \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{these functions} \\ \text{on } \mathbb{C}/\tau\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z} \\ (\log f)' = \text{elliptic} \\ \text{on } \tau\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right) \times \rightarrow \text{Divisors on } \mathbb{C}/\tau\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1.$$

Now give for any $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$ a Divisor D_τ on $\mathbb{C}/\tau\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}$ and consider the elliptic function $f(\tau, z) = f(\tau, z)$ corresponding to this divisor. If D_τ varies nicely with τ the $f(\tau, z)$ will be, or at least will behave like a Jacobi form. For an example let $D_\tau = N(\frac{1}{N}) - N(0)$, $f(z) = f(\tau, z)$ (and that f is elliptic) and $f(\tau) = D_\tau$ and $f = \frac{1}{z^N} + O(\frac{1}{z^{N-1}})$. Then it is easily checked, immediately from the definition of f that

$$f(\tau, z) = z \prod_{c \neq d} \left(\frac{c\tau + d}{c\tau + d} \right) (c\tau + d)^{-N}$$