

Thus  $I'(a) \leq 0$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} C \int_0^{1/a} t^s (1 + \log(at)^{s-1}) \frac{dt}{t} &= C \frac{a^{-s}}{s^2} \\ &\geq - \int_0^{1/a} f(t) t^s (1 + \log(at)^{s-1}) \frac{dt}{t} \\ &\geq - \int_0^\infty f(t) t^s (1 + \log(at)^{s-1}) \frac{dt}{t} \\ &= \underbrace{-(1 + (s-1) \log a) Z(s) - (s-1) Z'(s)}_{\text{if } Z(s)} \end{aligned}$$

Taking

$$\log a = -\frac{d}{ds} \log s(s-1) Z(s) = -\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{Z'(s)}{Z(s)}$$

gives the desired inequality.  $\square$

A variant of the last lemma may be applied to the kissing number problem on replacing the exponential function in the definition of the theta series by a suitable Bessel function. More precisely, one has

$$t \sum_{x \in L} F(t^{1/n}) = C \sum_{x \in L^*} \max(0, (1 - t^{-2/n} x^2)^p),$$

$$(F(t) = J_{q-1}(2\pi t)/t^{q-1}, q = \frac{n}{2} + p + 1)$$

with a suitable constant  $C$ . Here the Mellin transform of the left hand side is of the form

$$\frac{\Gamma(q) \Gamma(\frac{ns}{2})}{\Gamma(q - \frac{ns}{2})} \sum_{\substack{x \in L \\ c \neq 0}} (x^2)^{-s}.$$

Applying the last lemma (which, however cannot be applied literally, since  $f(t)$  is not always nonnegative) gives that

**Theorem.**

$$1.359^{n(1+o(1))}.$$

### Co-volumes

The following theorem is known:

*simply conn. Lie group*

**Theorem.** (Kajdan-Margoulis) Let  $G$  be a locally compact group without compact factors, and let  $\mu$  be a Haar measure on  $G$ . Then there is a constant  $c_\mu$  such that

$$\mu(G/\Gamma) \geq c_\mu$$

for all discrete subgroups  $\Gamma$  of  $G$ .