

## ALGEBRAIC NUMBERS, TRANSCENDENTAL NUMBERS AND ELLIPTIC CURVES DERIVED FROM INFINITE PRODUCTS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $k$  be an imaginary quadratic field,  $\mathfrak{h}$  the complex upper half plane, and let  $\tau \in \mathfrak{h} \cap k$ ,  $p = e^{\pi i \tau}$ . In this article, using the infinite product formulas for  $g_2$  and  $g_3$ , we prove that values of certain infinite products are transcendental whenever  $\tau$  are imaginary quadratic. And we derive analogous results of Berndt-Chan-Zhang ([4]). Also we find the values of  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1-p^{2n-1}}{1+p^{2n-1}})^8$  and  $p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^{12}$  when we know  $j(\tau)$ . And we construct an elliptic curve  $E : y^2 = x^3 + 3x^2 + (3 - \frac{j}{256})x + 1$  with  $j = j(\tau) \neq 0$  and  $P = (16^2 p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^{24}, 0) \in E$ .

### §1. Introduction

The elliptic modular function  $j(\tau)$  is transcendental for algebraic number  $\tau$  in the upper half plane which is not an imaginary quadratic irrationality. On the other hand, it is known from the theory of complex multiplication that  $j(\tau)$  is algebraic for any imaginary quadratic  $\tau$  ([16], [21]).

Ramanujan [19] introduced the following functions:

$$P(z) = 1 - 24 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_1(n) z^n,$$
$$Q(z) = 1 + 240 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_3(n) z^n,$$

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$$R(z) = 1 - 504 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_5(n) z^n,$$

with  $\sigma_k(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^k$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

In 1967 Mahler conjectured that  $J(z) = \frac{1728Q(z)^3}{Q(z)^3 - R(z)^2}$  is transcendental for any algebraic value of  $z$ ,  $0 < |z| < 1$ . It was proved by Barré-Sirieix, Diaz, Gramain, Philibert ([1]). The algebraic independence of the numbers  $J(z)$ ,  $J'(z)$ ,  $J''(z)$  was shown in [18]. The result is a consequence of the main result in [18] on numbers  $z$ ,  $P(z)$ ,  $Q(z)$ ,  $R(z)$ .

Meanwhile in [13], [14] and [15], we dealt with certain algebraic integers as values of elliptic functions constructed from Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function by using infinite products.

In this article, by means of infinite product formulas of the Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function we prove that  $\eta(\tau)^4 \frac{Q(p^2)}{R(p^2)}$  and  $\frac{J'(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^4}$  are algebraic numbers (Theorem 10) with  $\eta(\tau)$  the Dedekind eta-function, and we consider the zeros of the Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function and infinite products (Theorem 2). In [13] we derived analogous results of Berndt-Chan-Zhang ([4]), which would be a generalization in the case  $m$  even. Here we derive similar results (Theorem 9) of [13]. Furthermore, we prove that certain values of infinite product are algebraic integers (Corollary 5, Theorem 8).

Also, we justify that  $[\mathbb{Q}(\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1-p^{2n-1}}{1+p^{2n-1}})^8) : \mathbb{Q}(j(\tau))] \leq 6$  (resp.  $[\mathbb{Q}(p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^{24}) : \mathbb{Q}(j(\tau))] \leq 3$ ), and we get the polynomials

$$M(x) = x^6 - 3x^5 + \left(6 - \frac{j}{256}\right)x^4 + \left(-7 + \frac{j}{128}\right)x^3 + \left(6 - \frac{j}{256}\right)x^2 - 3x + 1$$

and

$$N(z) = z^3 + 3z^2 + \left(3 - \frac{j}{256}\right)z + 1$$

satisfying  $M(\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1-p^{2n-1}}{1+p^{2n-1}})^8) = 0$  and  $N(16^2 p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^{24}) = 0$  when  $\tau \in \mathfrak{h} \cap k$  and  $j = j(\tau) \neq 0$ . From this we construct an elliptic curve

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + 3x^2 + \left(3 - \frac{j}{256}\right)x + 1$$

with a point  $P = (16^2 p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^{24}, 0) \in E$  (Theorem 11).

Finally, we consider the equations of Fricke functions (Theorem 12). Throughout the article we adopt the following notations:

- $k$  an imaginary quadratic field
- $\mathfrak{h}$  the complex upper half plane
- $\tau \in \mathfrak{h} \cap k$
- $\Lambda_\tau = \mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z}$
- $p = e^{\pi i \tau}$
- $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  the set of all algebraic numbers in  $\mathbb{C}$
- $\wp(z) := \wp(z, \Lambda_\tau) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda_\tau - \{0\}} \left( \frac{1}{(z-\omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right)$ , a Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function (relative to  $\Lambda_\tau$ )
- $G_k(\Lambda_\tau) := G_k(\tau) = \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda_\tau - \{0\}} \frac{1}{\omega^k}$ , the Eisenstein series with weight  $k$
- $g_2(\tau) = 60G_4(\tau)$
- $g_3(\tau) = 140G_6(\tau)$
- $\Delta(\tau) = g_2(\tau)^3 - 27g_3(\tau)^2 = (2\pi)^{12}\eta(\tau)^{24}$
- $j(\tau) = 1728 \frac{g_2(\tau)^3}{\Delta(\tau)}$
- $E$  an elliptic curve
- $\rho = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1-p^{2n-1}}{1+p^{2n-1}} \right)^8$
- $\kappa = 16^2 p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^{24}$ .

## §2. Values of infinite products

PROPOSITION 1. ([8, p.86], [13], [17, p.140]) *Let  $\tau \in k \cap \mathfrak{h}$ .*

- (a)  $\wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi^2}{3} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p^{2n})^4 \left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n-1})^8 + 16p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^8 \right)$ .
- (b)  $\wp\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi^2}{3} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p^{2n})^4 \left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n-1})^8 - 32p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^8 \right]$ .
- (c)  $\wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p^{2n})^4 \left( 2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n-1})^8 - 16p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^8 \right)$ .
- (d)  $g_2(\tau) = \frac{4\pi^4}{3} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p^{2n})^8 \left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n-1})^{16} - 16p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^n)^8 + 256p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^{16} \right]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(e) } g_3(\tau) &= \frac{8\pi^6}{27} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^{12} \left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{24} \right. \\
 &\quad - 24p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} (1 + p^{2n})^8 \\
 &\quad - 384p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 (1 + p^{2n})^{16} \\
 &\quad \left. + 4096p^3 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^{24} \right). \\
 \text{(f) } j(\tau) &= \frac{1}{p^2} \left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} - 16p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^n)^8 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 256p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^{16} \right]^3.
 \end{aligned}$$

Jacobi ([23, p.470]) showed that

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 - \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 = 16p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^8.$$

By the Jacobi relation, we derive from Proposition 1 that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) \\
 \text{(1) } &= \frac{\pi^2}{3} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^4 \left( -2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\wp\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right) \\
 \text{(2) } &= \frac{\pi^2}{3} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^4 \left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 - 2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\
 \text{(3) } &= \frac{\pi^2}{3} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^4 \left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &g_2(\tau) \\
 \text{(4) } &= \frac{4\pi^4}{3} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^8 \left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5) \quad g_3(\tau) &= \frac{4\pi^6}{27} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^{12} \left( -2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{24} \right. \\
 &+ 3 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \\
 &\left. + 3 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} - 2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{24} \right), \\
 j(\tau) &= \frac{1}{p^2} \left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right]^3, \\
 \wp''\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) &= 6\wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2}g_2(\tau) \quad ([2, \text{p.332}]) \\
 &= 2\pi^4 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^8 (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 \\
 (6) \quad &\times \left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 - \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right), \\
 \wp''\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right) &= 2\pi^4 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^8 (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \\
 &\times \left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 - \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 \right), \\
 \wp''\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 2\pi^4 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^8 (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 (1 + p^{2n-1})^8.
 \end{aligned}$$

By using different expressions of these infinite products, Borcherds studied the denominator functions of generalized Kac-Moody algebra ([5], [6]).

Since  $\Delta(\tau)$  is nonzero and  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})(1 - p^{2n-1})(1 + p^{2n-1}) = 1$ , we see that  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})$ ,  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})$ ,  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})$ ,  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})$  are nonzero. So, by (1)-(6), we end up with the following:

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $\tau \in k \cap \mathfrak{h}$ .*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) = 0 &\iff \rho = 2 \iff \wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\wp\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right) \\
 &= \pi^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^4 (1 + p^{2n-1})^8.
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $\wp\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right) = 0 \iff \rho = \frac{1}{2} \iff \wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)$   
 $= \pi^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p^{2n})^4 (1-p^{2n-1})^8.$
- (c)  $\wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \iff \rho = -1 \iff \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) = -\wp\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right)$   
 $= \pi^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p^{2n})^4 (1-p^{2n-1})^8.$
- (d)  $g_2(\tau) = j(\tau) = 0 \iff \rho^3 = -1$  with  $\rho \neq -1.$
- (e)  $g_3(\tau) = 0 \iff \rho = \frac{1}{2}, -1$  or  $2.$
- (f)  $\wp''\left(\frac{1}{2}\right), \wp''\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)$  and  $\wp''\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right)$  are all nonzero and distinct.

Here we refer to [21, p.63] for (f).

Note that Eichler and Zagier [11] found the values of  $z$  which are zeros of  $\wp(z, \tau)$  ( $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ), i.e., the zeros of  $\wp(z, \tau)$  ( $\tau \in \mathfrak{h}, z \in \mathbb{C}$ ) are given by

$$z = m + \frac{1}{2} + n\tau \pm \left( \frac{\log(5 + 2\sqrt{6})}{2\pi i} + 144\pi i\sqrt{6} \int_{\tau}^{i\infty} (t - \tau) \frac{\Delta(t)}{E_6(t)^{3/2}} dt \right)$$

( $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ), where  $E_6(t)$  and  $\Delta(t)$  ( $t \in \mathfrak{h}$ ) denote the normalized Eisenstein series of weight 6 and unique normalized cusp form of weight 12 on  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , respectively, and the integral is to be taken over the line  $t = \tau + i\mathbb{R}_+$  in  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

### §3. Algebraic and transcendental numbers

Let  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$  with  $b \pmod d$  and  $|\alpha|$  be the determinant of  $\alpha$ , and let

$$(7) \quad \phi_{\alpha}(\tau) := |\alpha|^{12} \frac{\Delta\left(\alpha\left(\frac{\tau}{1}\right)\right)}{\Delta\left(\frac{\tau}{1}\right)} = |\alpha|^{12} d^{-12} \frac{\Delta(\alpha\tau)}{\Delta(\tau)}.$$

Then we recall the following fact.

PROPOSITION 3. ([16]) *For any  $\tau \in k \cap \mathfrak{h}$ , the value  $\phi_{\alpha}(\tau)$  is an algebraic integer, which divides  $|\alpha|^{12}$ .*

First, we consider

$$\frac{\Delta(\tau)}{\Delta\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)} = \frac{(2\pi)^{12} p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p^{2n})^{24}}{(2\pi)^{12} p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p^n)^{24}} = p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^n)^{24}$$

and

$$\frac{\Delta(\frac{\tau}{2})}{\Delta(\tau)} = \frac{(2\pi)^{12} p \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^n)^{24}}{(2\pi)^{12} p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n})^{24}} = p^{-1} \frac{1}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^n)^{24}}.$$

Put  $\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

By (7) we get

$$(8) \quad \phi_{\alpha_1}\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) = 2^{12} \frac{\Delta(\tau)}{\Delta(\frac{\tau}{2})} \left( = 2^{12} \frac{\eta(\tau)^{24}}{\eta(\frac{\tau}{2})^{24}} \right),$$

from which and Proposition 3 we see that  $\sqrt{2}p^{\frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^n)$  is an algebraic integer.

Using Proposition 3, we get that both

$$(9) \quad \sqrt{a} \frac{\eta(\frac{a\tau+b}{d})}{\eta(\tau)} \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{d} \frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(\frac{a\tau+b}{d})}$$

are algebraic integers.

Similarly, we get the following properties.

PROPOSITION 4. ([13]) *Let  $\tau \in k \cap \mathfrak{h}$ . Then the following assertions hold:*

- (a)  $\sqrt{2}p^{\frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^n), p^{-\frac{1}{24}} \frac{1}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^n)}, p^{-\frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1}), \sqrt{2} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^n)(1 - p^{2n-1}), p^{-\frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})$  and  $\sqrt{2} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^n)(1 + p^{2n-1})$  are algebraic integers.
- (b)  $\frac{3}{\pi^2} \frac{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})}{\eta(\tau)^4}, \frac{3}{\pi^2} \frac{\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2})}{\eta(\tau)^4}, \frac{3}{\pi^2} \frac{\wp(\frac{1}{2})}{\eta(\tau)^4}, \frac{3}{4\pi^4} \frac{g_2(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^8}, \frac{27}{\pi^6} \frac{g_3(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^{12}}, \frac{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2}) - \wp(\frac{1}{2})}{\pi^2 \eta(\tau)^4}, \frac{\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2}) - \wp(\frac{1}{2})}{\pi^2 \eta(\tau)^4}$  and  $\frac{\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2}) - \wp(\frac{\tau}{2})}{\pi^2 \eta(\tau)^4}$  are algebraic integers.

In general, set  $\alpha_t = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\alpha_l = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$  with  $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then we get again by (7) that

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi_{\alpha_t}\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^{1/24} &= \sqrt{a} p^{\frac{1}{24}(a-1)} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{a-1} p^{mn} \right), \\ \phi_{\alpha_l}\left(\frac{a\tau}{2}\right)^{1/24} &= p^{-\frac{1}{24}(a-1)} \frac{1}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{a-1} p^{mn} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

are algebraic integers.

In 1949, Gelfond and Schneider independently solved the Hilbert 7-th problem concerning the transcendence of  $2^{\sqrt{2}}$ . They actually proved the following strong transcendence criterion. For  $\alpha, \beta \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  with  $\alpha \neq 0, 1$  and  $\beta \notin \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\alpha^\beta$  is transcendental ([20], [22]). Thus, for  $\tau \in k \cap \mathfrak{h}$ , the Gelfond-Schneider theorem yields that  $e^{\pi\alpha} = (-1)^{-i\alpha}$  is transcendental whenever  $i\alpha$  is algebraic of degree at least 2 over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . This leads us to the fact that

$$(11) \quad p = e^{\pi i\tau} \text{ is a transcendental number.}$$

COROLLARY 5. *Let  $\tau \in k \cap \mathfrak{h}$ .*

- (a) *If  $a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-\frac{1}{24}\}$  then  $p^{-a} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^n)$ ,  $p^a \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})$  and  $p^a \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})$  are transcendental numbers.*
- (b) *If  $a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{0\}$  then  $p^a \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^n)(1 + p^{2n-1})$  and  $p^a \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^n)(1 - p^{2n-1})$  are transcendental numbers.*
- (c) *If  $b \in \mathbb{Q} - \{\frac{1}{24}(a - 1)\}$  then  $p^b \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sum_{m=0}^{a-1} p^{mn})$  is a transcendental number with  $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .*
- (d) *Assume that  $g_2(\tau)$  and  $g_3(\tau)$  are nonzero. If  $\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})$  is transcendental, so are  $\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2})$ ,  $\wp(\frac{1}{2})$ ,  $g_2(\tau)$ ,  $g_3(\tau)$  and  $\Delta(\tau)$ . And if  $\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})$  is algebraic then so are  $\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2})$ ,  $\wp(\frac{1}{2})$ ,  $g_2(\tau)$ ,  $g_3(\tau)$  and  $\Delta(\tau)$ .*

*If  $f(\tau), g(\tau) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(\wp(\frac{\tau}{2}), \wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2}), \wp(\frac{1}{2}), g_2(\tau), g_3(\tau), \Delta(\tau))$  and these are of the same even weight, then  $\frac{f(\tau)}{g(\tau)}$  is an algebraic number.*

*Proof.* (a), (b), (c) Immediate from Proposition 4, (10) and (11).

(d) Since  $g_3(\tau)$  is nonzero, we see by (a), (b), (c), and (e) of Theorem 2 that  $\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2})$ ,  $\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})$  and  $\wp(\frac{1}{2})$  are nonzero. By (1), (2), (3) and Proposition 4, we derive that

$$(1') \quad \frac{\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2})}{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})} = \frac{2\rho - 1}{2 - \rho}, \quad \frac{\wp(\frac{1}{2})}{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})} = \frac{1 + \rho}{-2 + \rho}$$

are algebraic numbers, and so is  $\frac{\wp(\frac{1}{2})}{\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2})}$ . By the assumption, (4), (5)



and (1'), we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & g_2(\tau) \\
 &= -4 \left[ \wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) + \wp\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right) \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) + \wp\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \wp\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right) \right] \\
 &= -4 \left[ \frac{1+\rho}{-2+\rho} \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{2\rho-1}{2-\rho} \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{2\rho-1}{2-\rho} \cdot \frac{1+\rho}{-2+\rho} \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^2 \right] \\
 &= 12 \frac{\rho^2 - \rho + 1}{(\rho - 2)^2} \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^2, \\
 & g_3(\tau) \\
 &= -4 \frac{(2\rho-1)(\rho+1)}{(\rho-2)^2} \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^3, \\
 & \Delta(\tau) \\
 &= \frac{432}{(\rho-2)^6} \{4(\rho^2 - \rho + 1)^3 - (\rho-2)^2(2\rho-1)^2(\rho+1)^2\} \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^6 \\
 &= 2^4 \cdot 3^6 \frac{(\rho-1)^2 \rho^2}{(\rho-2)^6} \wp\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right)^6.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the above relation, we can readily check the final statement.  $\square$

Let

$$\phi(\tau) := \phi(e^{\pi i \tau}) = \frac{\eta\left(\frac{\tau+1}{2}\right)^2}{\eta(\tau+1)} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^2 (1 - p^{2n}) = \theta_3(0, \tau).$$

Here we refer to [8, p.86] for the last equality. Berndt, Chan and Zhang showed in [4] the following proposition by using three of Ramanujan's modular equations, values for certain class invariants of Ramanujan, representations for quotients of values of  $\phi$  in terms of class invariants and the theta-transformation formula.

**PROPOSITION 6.** ([4]) *Let  $m$  and  $n$  be positive integers. Then  $\phi(mni)/\phi(ni)$  is algebraic. Furthermore, if  $m$  is odd, then  $\sqrt{2m}\phi(mni)/\phi(ni)$  is an algebraic integer dividing  $2\sqrt{m}$ , while if  $m$  is even, then  $2\sqrt{m}\phi(mni)/\phi(ni)$  is an algebraic integer dividing  $4\sqrt{m}$ .*

In [13] we derived certain analogues of these results purely in terms of infinite products, which would be a generalization in case  $m$  even.

PROPOSITION 7. ([13]) Let  $\tau$  be any imaginary quadratic and  $r, s, u, v$  be positive integers such that  $(r, s) = (u, v) = 1$ . Then  $4\sqrt{rv} \frac{\phi(\frac{r}{s}\tau)}{\phi(\frac{u}{v}\tau)}$  is an algebraic integer. Furthermore,  $2\sqrt{r} \frac{\phi(\frac{r}{s} \cdot \frac{u}{v}\tau)}{\phi(\frac{u}{v}\tau)}$  and  $2\sqrt{v} \frac{\phi(\frac{r}{s}\tau)}{\phi(\frac{u}{v} \cdot \frac{r}{s}\tau)}$  are algebraic integers.

The same argument used in [13] to prove that  $4\sqrt{rv} \frac{\phi(\frac{r}{s}\tau)}{\phi(\frac{u}{v}\tau)}$  is an algebraic integer can be applied to the following theorem.

THEOREM 8. Let  $\tau \in k \cap \mathfrak{h}$ .

(a) Let  $\theta, \theta_2, \theta_3$  be the Jacobi theta functions ([8], [9]). Then  $\theta_3(\tau) = \alpha\eta(\tau), \theta(\tau) = \alpha'\eta(\tau), \theta_2(\tau) = \eta(2\tau)\alpha'' = \frac{\eta(\tau)}{\sqrt{2}}\alpha'''$ , where  $\alpha, \alpha', \alpha'', \alpha'''$  are algebraic integers. Furthermore, we see that  $a\sqrt{d} \frac{\theta(\frac{a\tau+b}{d})}{\theta(\tau)}, \sqrt{a'd'} \frac{\theta(\tau)}{\theta(\frac{a'\tau+b'}{d'})}, ad'\sqrt{a'd} \frac{\theta(\frac{a\tau+b}{d})}{\theta(\frac{a'\tau+b'}{d'})}, ad'\sqrt{a'd} \frac{\theta_2(\frac{a\tau+b}{d})}{\theta_2(\frac{a'\tau+b'}{d'})}$  are algebraic integers for  $a, a', d, d'$  positive integers and  $b, b'$  integers.

(b) Let us define

$$a(\tau) := a(p^2) = \sum_{n,m=-\infty}^{\infty} p^{2(n^2+nm+m^2)},$$

$$b(\tau) := b(p^2) = \sum_{n,m=-\infty}^{\infty} \omega^{n-m} p^{2(n^2+nm+m^2)},$$

$$c(\tau) := c(p^2) = \sum_{n,m=-\infty}^{\infty} p^{2((n+\frac{1}{3})^2+(n+\frac{1}{3})(m+\frac{1}{3})+(m+\frac{1}{3})^2)},$$

where  $\omega := e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}$ .

Then  $a(\tau) = \frac{\beta}{9}b(\tau), c(\tau) = \frac{\beta'}{9}b(\tau), a(\tau) = \beta''c(\tau)$  and  $b(\tau) = \beta'''c(\tau)$ , where  $\beta, \beta', \beta'', \beta'''$  are algebraic integers. Furthermore,  $m\sqrt{md} \frac{b(\frac{m\tau+n}{d})}{b(\tau)}, d'\sqrt{m'd'} \frac{b(\tau)}{b(\frac{m'\tau+n'}{d'})}, md'\sqrt{mm'dd'} \frac{b(\frac{m\tau+n}{d})}{b(\frac{m'\tau+n'}{d'})}, md'\sqrt{mm'dd'} \frac{c(\frac{m\tau+n}{d})}{c(\frac{m'\tau+n'}{d'})}$  are algebraic integers with  $m, m', d, d'$  positive integers and  $n, n'$  integers.

*Proof.* (a) We know from [8] that  $\theta_3(\tau) := \theta_3(p^2) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^2 (1 - p^{2n}) = \frac{\eta(\frac{\tau+1}{2})^2}{\eta(\tau+1)}$ . Since

$$\frac{\theta_3(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + p^{2n-1})^2 (1 - p^{2n})}{p^{1/12} (1 - p^{2n})} = p^{-\frac{1}{12}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^2,$$

we get that there exists an algebraic integer  $\alpha$  satisfying  $\theta_3(\tau) = \alpha\eta(\tau)$ .

By [9], we have the identities

$$(12) \quad \theta(\tau) := \theta(p^2) = \frac{\eta(\tau)^2}{\eta(2\tau)} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_2(\tau) := \theta_2(p^2) = \frac{2\eta(4\tau)^2}{\eta(2\tau)}.$$

And we deduce from (9) and (12) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\theta(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)} &= \frac{\eta(\tau)^2}{\eta(2\tau)\eta(\tau)} = \frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(2\tau)}, \\ \frac{\theta_2(\tau)}{\eta(2\tau)} &= 2 \frac{\eta(4\tau)^2}{\eta(2\tau)^2} = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}\eta(4\tau)}{\eta(2\tau)} \right)^2, \\ \sqrt{2} \frac{\theta_2(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)} &= 2\sqrt{2} \frac{\eta(4\tau)^2}{\eta(\tau)\eta(2\tau)} = \left( 2 \frac{\eta(4\tau)}{\eta(\tau)} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}\eta(4\tau)}{\eta(2\tau)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

are algebraic integers. Also, it follows from (12) that

$$\begin{aligned} a\sqrt{d} \frac{\theta(\frac{a\tau+b}{d})}{\theta(\tau)} &= \left( \left| \begin{matrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{matrix} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} d^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\eta\left(\left(\begin{matrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{matrix}\right)\tau\right)}{\eta(\tau)} \right)^2 \\ &\quad \cdot \left( \left| \begin{matrix} d & -2b \\ 0 & a \end{matrix} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} a^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\eta\left(\left(\begin{matrix} d & -2b \\ 0 & a \end{matrix}\right)\tau\right)}{\eta(\frac{2a\tau+2b}{d})} \right), \\ \sqrt{a'd'} \frac{\theta(\tau)}{\theta(\frac{a'\tau+b'}{d'})} &= \left( \left| \begin{matrix} a' & 2b' \\ 0 & d' \end{matrix} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} d'^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\eta(\frac{a'\tau+2b'}{d'})}{\eta(2\tau)} \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left( \left| \begin{matrix} d' & -b' \\ 0 & a' \end{matrix} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} a'^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(\frac{a'\tau+b'}{d'})} \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

$ad' \sqrt{a'd} \frac{\theta(\frac{a\tau+b}{d})}{\theta(\frac{a'\tau+b'}{d'})}$  are algebraic integers.

Similarly, we conclude that  $ad' \sqrt{a'd} \frac{\theta_2(\frac{a\tau+b}{d})}{\theta_2(\frac{a'\tau+b'}{d'})}$  is an algebraic integer.

(b) J. Borwein, P. Borwein and Garvan showed in [7] that  $b(\tau) = \frac{\eta^3(\tau)}{\eta(3\tau)}$ ,  $c(\tau) = \frac{\eta^3(3\tau)}{\eta(\tau)}$  and  $a(\tau)^3 = b(\tau)^3 + c(\tau)^3$ . Thus we get

$$\frac{b(\tau)}{c(\tau)} = \left( \frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(3\tau)} \right)^4 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{c(\tau)}{b(\tau)} = \frac{1}{9} \left( \sqrt{3} \frac{\eta(3\tau)}{\eta(\tau)} \right)^4.$$

Put  $\alpha_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\alpha_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . By using (7), we obtain that  $\frac{b(\tau)}{c(\tau)}$  and  $\frac{9c(\tau)}{b(\tau)}$  are algebraic integers. Since  $a(p^2)^3 = b(p^2)^3 + c(p^2)^3$ , we conclude that  $\frac{a(\tau)}{c(\tau)}$  and  $\frac{9a(\tau)}{b(\tau)}$  are algebraic integers. Also, we get that

$$m\sqrt{md} \frac{b(\frac{m\tau+n}{d})}{b(\tau)} = \left( \sqrt{m} \frac{\eta(\frac{m\tau+n}{d})}{\eta(\tau)} \right)^3 \cdot \left( \sqrt{d} \frac{\eta(3\tau)}{\eta(\frac{3m\tau+3n}{d})} \right),$$

$d' \sqrt{m'd'} \frac{b(\tau)}{b(\frac{m'\tau+n'}{d'})}$ ,  $md' \sqrt{mm'dd'} \frac{b(\frac{m\tau+n}{d})}{b(\frac{m'\tau+n'}{d'})}$ ,  $md' \sqrt{mm'dd'} \frac{c(\frac{m\tau+n}{d})}{c(\frac{m'\tau+n'}{d'})}$  are algebraic integers. □

Duverney, Ke. Nishioka, Ku. Nishioka, and Shiokawa proved in [10] that the Rogers-Ramanujan continued fraction  $RR(z)$  is transcendental for any algebraic number  $z$  with  $0 < |z| < 1$ . Meanwhile, we consider in Theorem 9 some examples of the Rogers-Ramanujan continued fraction for the case of transcendental numbers  $z$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(p^2) &:= \frac{p^{\frac{2}{5}}}{1} + \frac{p^2}{1} + \frac{p^4}{1} + \frac{p^6}{1} + \cdots, \\ F_2(p^2) &:= \frac{1}{1} + \frac{p^2}{1+p^2} + \frac{p^4}{1+p^4} + \frac{p^6}{1+p^6} + \cdots, \\ F_3(p^2) &:= \frac{p}{1+p^2} + \frac{p^4}{1+p^6} + \frac{p^8}{1+p^{10}} + \frac{p^{12}}{1+p^{14}} + \cdots, \\ F_4(p^2) &:= \frac{1}{1} + \frac{p^2+p^4}{1} + \frac{p^4+p^8}{1} + \frac{p^6+p^{12}}{1} + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

be the continued fractions as in [10].

**THEOREM 9.** *If  $l_1 \neq -\frac{4}{5}$ ,  $l_2 \neq \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $l_3 \neq 0$ ,  $l_4 \neq \frac{2}{3}$  are rational numbers then  $p^{l_1} \left( \frac{1}{F_1(p^2)} - F_1(p^2) - 1 \right)$ ,  $p^{l_2} F_2(p^2)$ ,  $p^{l_3} \left( \frac{1}{F_3(p^2)} + F_3(p^2) \right)$ ,  $p^{l_4} F_4(p^2)$  are transcendental numbers.*

Furthermore,

$$p^{-\frac{4}{5}} \left( \frac{1}{F_1(p^2)} - F_1(p^2) - 1 \right), 2p^{\frac{1}{4}} F_2(p^2), 2 \left( \frac{1}{F_3(p^2)} + F_3(p^2) \right)$$

and  $2\sqrt{2}p^{\frac{2}{3}} F_4(p^2)$  are algebraic integers.

*Proof.* First, we consider the value of continued fraction  $F_1(p^2)$ . It follows from [3] and [10] that  $\frac{1}{F_1(p^2)} - F_1(p^2) - 1 = p^{\frac{4}{5}} \frac{\eta(\frac{1}{5}\tau)}{\eta(5\tau)}$ .

Set  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 25 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then we obtain by (9) that

$$(13) \quad p^{-\frac{4}{5}} \left( \frac{1}{F_1(p^2)} - F_1(p^2) - 1 \right) = \frac{\eta(\frac{1}{5}\tau)}{\eta(5\tau)}$$

is an algebraic integer. By (11) and (13) we are led to the fact that

$$p^{l_1} \left( \frac{1}{F_1(p^2)} - F_1(p^2) - 1 \right)$$

is a transcendental number except for the case  $l_1 = -\frac{4}{5}$ .

Secondly, it follows from [3, p.221], [8], [9], [10], [12, p.186] that

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} F_2(p^2) &= \frac{\theta_2(p)}{2p^{\frac{1}{4}}\theta_3(p^2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2p^{\frac{1}{4}}} \frac{2\eta(2\tau)^2}{\eta(\tau)} \frac{\eta(4\tau)^2\eta(\tau)^2}{\eta(2\tau)^5} \\ &= \frac{1}{p^{\frac{1}{4}}} \frac{\eta(4\tau)^2\eta(\tau)}{\eta(2\tau)^3} \\ &= \frac{1}{2p^{\frac{1}{4}}} \left( \sqrt{2} \frac{\eta(4\tau)}{\eta(2\tau)} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(2\tau)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (11) and (14) we derive that  $2p^{\frac{1}{4}} F_2(p^2)$  is an algebraic integer and  $p^{l_2} F_2(p^2)$  is a transcendental number provided that  $l_2 \neq \frac{1}{4}$ .

In a similar way we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{F_3(p^2)} + F_3(p^2) &= \frac{2\theta_3(p^2)}{\theta_2(p^4)} \quad ([3, \text{p.221}], [10]) \\ &= \frac{2\theta_3(p^2)}{\theta_2(p^4)} \\ &= \frac{2\eta(2\tau)^5}{\eta(4\tau)^2\eta(\tau)^2} \frac{\eta(4\tau)}{2\eta(8\tau)^2} \\ &= \frac{\eta(2\tau)^5}{\eta(4\tau)\eta(\tau)^2\eta(8\tau)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\eta(2\tau)}{\eta(4\tau)} \right) \left( \sqrt{2} \frac{\eta(2\tau)}{\eta(\tau)} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\eta(2\tau)}{\eta(8\tau)} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

So  $2 \left( \frac{1}{F_3(p^2)} + F_3(p^2) \right)$  is an algebraic integer; hence  $p^{l_3} \left( \frac{1}{F_3(p^2)} + F_3(p^2) \right)$  is a transcendental number unless  $l_3 = 0$ .

Finally, we deduce from [3, p.345] and [10] that

$$F_4(p^2) = \frac{\eta(\tau)\eta(6\tau)^3}{p^{\frac{2}{3}}\eta(2\tau)\eta(3\tau)^3} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}p^{\frac{2}{3}}} \left( \frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(2\tau)} \right) \left( \sqrt{2} \frac{\eta(6\tau)}{\eta(3\tau)} \right)^3.$$

Hence we conclude by (9) and (11) that  $2\sqrt{2}p^{\frac{2}{3}}F_4(p^2)$  is an algebraic integer and  $p^{l_4}F_4(p^2)$  is a transcendental number when  $l_4 \neq \frac{2}{3}$ .  $\square$

Since  $j(\tau)$  is an algebraic integers

$$(15) \quad \frac{1}{27} - \frac{64}{j(\tau)} = \frac{g_3(\tau)^2}{g_2(\tau)^3}$$

is an algebraic number.

**THEOREM 10.** Let “ $\nu$ ” denote the derivation  $z \frac{d}{dz}$  and  $J(p^2) =: J(\tau)$ . Assume that  $g_2(\tau)$  and  $g_3(\tau)$  are nonzero. Then  $\eta(\tau)^4 \frac{Q(p^2)}{R(p^2)}$  and  $\frac{J'(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^4}$  are algebraic numbers.

*Proof.* By Proposition 4, we note that

$$\frac{Q(p^2)}{R(p^2)} = \frac{1}{\eta(\tau)^4} \frac{\frac{3}{4\pi^4} \frac{g_2(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^8}}{\frac{27g_3(\tau)}{8\pi^6\eta(\tau)^{12}}}.$$

Since  $\frac{3}{4\pi^4} \frac{g_2(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^8}$  and  $\frac{27g_3(\tau)}{8\pi^6\eta(\tau)^{12}}$  are algebraic numbers,  $\eta(\tau)^4 \frac{Q(p^2)}{R(p^2)}$  is an algebraic number. We see from [9] that  $\frac{J'(\tau)}{J(\tau)} = -\frac{R(p^2)}{Q(p^2)}$ . By the above, we get that

$$\frac{J'(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^4} = - \left( \eta(\tau)^4 \frac{Q(p^2)}{R(p^2)} \right)^{-1} J(\tau)$$

is an algebraic number. □

#### §4. Elliptic curves and infinite products

In this section, we assume that  $j = j(\tau) \neq 0$  and  $R(p^2) \neq 0$ . It follows from (4), (5) and the definition of  $j(\tau)$  that there exists a polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} M(x) = & x^6 - 3x^5 + \left(6 - \frac{j}{256}\right)x^4 + \left(-7 + \frac{j}{128}\right)x^3 \\ (16) \quad & + \left(6 - \frac{j}{256}\right)x^2 - 3x + 1, \end{aligned}$$

with  $j = j(\tau)$  such that  $M\left(\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1-p^{2n-1}}{1+p^{2n-1}}\right)^8\right) = 0$ . We then derive by (16) that

$$[\mathbb{Q}\left(\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1-p^{2n-1}}{1+p^{2n-1}}\right)^8\right) : \mathbb{Q}(j(\tau))] \leq 6.$$

Since

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1-p^{2n-1}}{1+p^{2n-1}}\right) = \frac{\theta_4^4(0, \tau)}{\theta_3^4(0, \tau)}$$

([2, p.362]), we have  $[\mathbb{Q}\left(\frac{\theta_4^{32}(0, \tau)}{\theta_3^{32}(0, \tau)}\right) : \mathbb{Q}(j(\tau))] \leq 6$ .

Put  $\delta = \rho + \frac{1}{\rho}$ . Then we obtain

$$M(\rho) = \rho^3 \left( \delta^3 - 3\delta^2 + \left(3 - \frac{j}{256}\right)\delta - 1 + \frac{j}{128} \right) = 0.$$

From the Jacobi's relation we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} \\ &= 16^2 p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^{16} + \frac{2}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^8} \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & 16^2 p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^{24} \\ &= \left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} \right) \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^8 - 2 \\ &= \frac{(\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16}) \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^8}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^8} - 2 \\ &= \left(\rho + \frac{1}{\rho}\right) - 2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\kappa = 16^2 p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^{24}$ .

Since  $M(\rho) = 0$ , there exists a polynomial

$$N(z) = z^3 + 3z^2 + \left(3 - \frac{j}{256}\right)z + 1$$

with  $j = j(\tau)$  satisfying  $N(\kappa) = 0$ . This implies that

$$[\mathbb{Q}(p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^{24}) : \mathbb{Q}(j)] \leq 3.$$

Hence we can construct an elliptic curve

$$(16') \quad E : y^2 = x^3 + 3x^2 + \left(3 - \frac{j}{256}\right)x + 1$$

with  $j = j(\tau)$  satisfying  $P = (16^2 p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^{24}, 0) \in E$ . Here, the discriminant of  $E$  is

$$\Delta(E) = \frac{j^2(-1728 + j)}{262144} \quad \text{and} \quad j(E) = \frac{1728j}{-1728 + j}.$$

We summarize the above as follows.



THEOREM 11. Let  $R(p^2) \neq 0$ .

- (a)  $[\mathbb{Q}(\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1-p^{2n-1}}{1+p^{2n-1}}\right)^8) : \mathbb{Q}(j(\tau))] \leq 6$  and  $[\mathbb{Q}(p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^{24}) : \mathbb{Q}(j)] \leq 3$ .
- (b) Let  $E : y^2 = x^3 + 3x^2 + (3 - \frac{j}{256})x + 1$  be an elliptic curve. Then  $P = (16^2 p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n})^{24}, 0) \in E$ ,  $\Delta(E) = \frac{j^2(-1728+j)}{262144}$  and  $j(E) = \frac{1728j}{-1728+j}$  with  $j = j(\tau)$ .

**§5. Other examples with infinite products**

In general, by (16) we find the values of  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1-p^{2n-1}}{1+p^{2n-1}})^8$  when  $j(\tau)$  is known.

Put  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1-p^{2n-1}}{1+p^{2n-1}})^8 = \rho$ . By (1'), it follows that

$$\frac{\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2})}{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})} = \frac{2\rho - 1}{2 - \rho} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\wp(\frac{1}{2})}{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})} = \frac{1 + \rho}{-2 + \rho}.$$

Let

$$f_0(z; \tau) = -2^7 3^5 \frac{g_2(\tau)g_3(\tau)}{\Delta(\tau)} \wp(z, \Lambda_\tau)$$

be the *first Weber function* for  $\tau \in \mathfrak{h}$  and  $z \in k$ . For a fixed integer  $N > 1$  and  $r, s$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  not both divisible by  $N$ , let

$$f_{r,s}(\tau) = f_0(\frac{r\tau + s}{N}; \tau)$$

be the *Fricke function*.

By (1), (4) and (5) we obtain the identity for  $f_{1,0}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{1,0} \\ &= f_0(\frac{\tau}{2}; \tau) \\ &= -2^7 3^5 \frac{g_2(\tau)g_3(\tau)}{\Delta(\tau)} \wp(\frac{\tau}{2}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2p^2} \left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n-1})^{16} + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p^{2n-1})^{16} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n-1})^8 (1-p^{2n-1})^8 \right] \\ &\quad \cdot \left\{ -2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+p^{2n-1})^{24} - 2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-p^{2n-1})^{24} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ 3 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \\
 &+ 3 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} \} \\
 &\cdot \left\{ -2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right\} \Big].
 \end{aligned}$$

By the Jacobi relation, we derive that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{p^2} = &16^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^{16} / \left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} \right. \\
 &\left. - 2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})(1 - p^{2n-1})(1 + p^{2n}) = 1$ , we end up with the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &f_{1,0} \\
 = &- 2^7 \left[ \left\{ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} \right. \right. \\
 &\left. \left. - \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right\} \right. \\
 &\cdot \left\{ -2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{24} - 2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{24} \right. \\
 &+ 3 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \\
 &+ 3 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} \} \\
 &\cdot \left. \left\{ -2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right\} \right] / \\
 &\left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} \left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 \right. \right. \\
 &\left. \left. - \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right)^2 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

We are also able to express  $j(\tau)$  as

$$j(\tau) = 2^8 \left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} + \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} - \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right]^3 / \left[ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^{16} (1 - p^{2n-1})^{16} \cdot \left\{ \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8 - \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8 \right\}^2 \right].$$

We can apply (1), (4), and (5) to  $\frac{f_{1,0}}{j} = -2 \cdot 3^2 \frac{g_3}{g_2} \wp(\frac{\tau}{2})$ . Then we can use

$$\frac{f_{1,0}}{f_{0,1}} = \frac{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})}{\wp(\frac{1}{2})}, \quad \frac{f_{1,0}}{f_{1,1}} = \frac{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})}{\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2})}.$$

Thus we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{1,0} &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(-2 + 3\rho + 3\rho^2 - 2\rho^3)(-2 + \rho)}{(1 - \rho + \rho^2)^2} \cdot j, \\ f_{0,1} &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(-2 + 3\rho + 3\rho^2 - 2\rho^3)(1 + \rho)}{(1 - \rho + \rho^2)^2} \cdot j, \\ f_{1,1} &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(-2 + 3\rho + 3\rho^2 - 2\rho^3)(1 - 2\rho)}{(1 - \rho + \rho^2)^2} \cdot j. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $\mathbb{F}_{N,\mathbb{C}}$  the field of modular functions of level  $N$ . As is known([16]),

$$\mathbb{F}_{1,\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C}(j) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{F}_{N,\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{F}_{1,\mathbb{C}}(f_{r,s})_{\text{all } r,s} = \mathbb{C}(j, f_{r,s})_{\text{all } r,s}.$$

From the identities of  $j(\tau)$ ,  $f_{1,0}$ ,  $f_{0,1}$  and  $f_{1,1}$  we see that

$$\mathbb{F}_{2,\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C}(p^{-\frac{1}{3}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8, p^{-\frac{1}{3}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8).$$

We summarize the above in the following theorem.

**THEOREM 12.** (a)  $\frac{f_{1,1}}{f_{1,0}} = \frac{\wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2})}{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})} = \frac{2\rho - 1}{2 - \rho},$   
 $\frac{f_{0,1}}{f_{1,0}} = \frac{\wp(\frac{1}{2})}{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2})} = \frac{1 + \rho}{-2 + \rho}.$

(b)

$$f_{1,0} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(-2 + 3\rho + 3\rho^2 - 2\rho^3)(-2 + \rho)}{(1 - \rho + \rho^2)^2} \cdot j,$$

$$f_{0,1} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(-2 + 3\rho + 3\rho^2 - 2\rho^3)(1 + \rho)}{(1 - \rho + \rho^2)^2} \cdot j,$$

$$f_{1,1} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(-2 + 3\rho + 3\rho^2 - 2\rho^3)(1 - 2\rho)}{(1 - \rho + \rho^2)^2} \cdot j.$$

(c)  $\mathbb{F}_{2,\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C}(p^{-\frac{1}{3}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n-1})^8, p^{-\frac{1}{3}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - p^{2n-1})^8).$

EXAMPLE 13. We consider the cases of complex multiplication. We know from [21] all elliptic curves defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with complex multiplication by an order  $R = \mathbb{Z} + fR_k$  of conductor  $f$  in a quadratic imaginary field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$  of discriminant  $-D$ . By using (15), (16) and (16'), we get the following:

Case  $D = 7, f = 1$ :  $j(E) = -3^3 5^3, M(x) = x^6 - 3x^5 + \frac{4911}{256}x^4 - \frac{4271}{128}x^3 + \frac{4911}{256}x^2 - 3x + 1, E : y^2 = x^3 + 3x^2 + \frac{4143}{256}x + 1.$

By using Mathematica 4.0, we write the value of  $16^2 p^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + p^{2n})^{24}$  with  $p = e^{\pi\sqrt{-1}(\frac{1+\sqrt{-7}}{2})}$  as follows:  $-\frac{1}{16}$  or  $\frac{1}{32}(-47 - 45\sqrt{-7})$  or  $\frac{1}{32}(-47 + 45\sqrt{-7}).$

And by using Theorem 12, we get the following:

$D$	$f$	$j(E)$	$\rho$	$f_{1,0}$	$f_{0,1}$	$f_{1,1}$
7	1	$-3^3 5^3$	$\frac{1-3\sqrt{-7}}{32}$	8505	$\frac{-8505+1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$	$\frac{-8505-1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$
			$\frac{1-3\sqrt{-7}}{2}$	$\frac{-8505+1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$	$\frac{-8505-1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$	8505
			$\frac{31-3\sqrt{-7}}{32}$	$\frac{-8505-1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$	8505	$\frac{-8505+1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$
			$\frac{1+3\sqrt{-7}}{32}$	8505	$\frac{-8505-1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$	$\frac{-8505+1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$
			$\frac{1+3\sqrt{-7}}{2}$	$\frac{-8505-1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$	$\frac{-8505+1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$	8505
			$\frac{31+3\sqrt{-7}}{32}$	$\frac{-8505+1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$	8505	$\frac{-8505-1215\sqrt{-7}}{2}$

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