

# Modular forms (Math 7280), Spring 2004. First example sheet

- Review basic results in the theory of complex functions: (Next week we will quickly go over this in class, but it would be a good idea to look this over in advance.)

For a subset  $U \subset \mathbb{C}$ , a function  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is *analytic* or *holomorphic* on  $U$  if

1. The complex derivative of  $f$  exists at all points in  $U$
2.  $\iff f$  satisfies the Cauchy Riemann relations
3.  $\iff f$  has a Taylor series expansion at all points of  $U$ , i.e., in a neighbourhood of  $a \in U$ ,

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} f^{(n)}(a)(z-a)^n$$

Facts: holomorphic functions are infinitely differentiable; composition of holomorphic functions is holomorphic.

Exercise: verify that the choice of *branch* of  $\sqrt{z}$ , defined by  $\sqrt{z} = \sqrt{r} \exp(i\theta/2)$ , where  $z = r \exp(i\theta)$ , with  $r \in \mathbb{R}^+ := \{x : x \in \mathbb{R} | x \geq 0\}$  and  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}^+$ .

Reference: See, e.g., *Complex Analysis*, Newman and Bak, sections 3.1 and 6.1.

- Have a go with the program “pari” to see examples of modular forms: The Dedekind eta function is a multivalued function on  $\mathfrak{H}$  given by

$$\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n),$$

where  $q = \exp(2\pi i\tau)$ . This is not a modular form, but many modular forms, such as  $\Delta = \eta^{24}$  are given in terms of  $\eta$ . Pari leaves out the  $q^{1/24}$ , so we have to add it back in.

To start pari, type “gp”. For help, type “?”. Lines starting with “?” are input, and lines starting with “%” are output.

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? \ps40
  seriesprecision = 40 significant terms
? D=q*eta(q)^24
%2 = q - 24*q^2 + 252*q^3 - 1472*q^4 + 4830*q^5 - 6048*q^6 - 16744*q^7 + 84480*q^8 - 113643*q^9
- 115920*q^10 + 534612*q^11 - 370944*q^12 - 577738*q^13 + 401856*q^14 + 1217160*q^15 + 987136*q^16
- 6905934*q^17 + 2727432*q^18 + 10661420*q^19 - 7109760*q^20 + 0(q^21)
?
? \ps200
  seriesprecision = 200 significant terms
? eta(q)
%5 = 1 - q - q^2 + q^5 + q^7 - q^12 - q^15 + q^22 + q^26 - q^35 - q^40 + q^51 + q^57 - q^70
- q^77 + q^92 + q^100 - q^117 - q^126 + q^145 + q^155 - q^176 - q^187 + 0(q^200)
?
? \ps15
  seriesprecision = 15 significant terms
? ellj(q)
%3 = q^-1 + 744 + 196884*q + 21493760*q^2 + 864299970*q^3 + 20245856256*q^4
+ 333202640600*q^5 + 4252023300096*q^6 + 44656994071935*q^7 + 401490886656000*q^8
+ 3176440229784420*q^9 + 22567393309593600*q^10
+ 146211911499519294*q^11 + 874313719685775360*q^12 + 0(q^13)
?
? \p40
  realprecision = 48 significant digits (40 digits displayed)
? exp(Pi*sqrt(163))
%9 = 262537412640768743.999999999992500725972
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