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# A characterization of modified mock theta functions

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## Abstract

We give a characterization of modified (in the sense of Zwegers) mock theta functions, parallel to that of ordinary theta functions. Namely, modified mock theta functions are characterized by their analyticity properties, elliptic transformation properties, and by being annihilated by certain second order differential operators.

## 0 Introduction

The mock theta functions (also called Appell's functions [Ap], [KW2]; or Lerch sums in [Z]) of degree  $m$  are defined by the following series:

$$(0.1) \quad \Phi^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) = e^{2\pi i m t} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (\pm 1)^n \frac{q^{mn^2 + ns} e^{2\pi i (mn(z_1 + z_2) + sz_1)}}{1 - e^{2\pi i z_1} q^n},$$

where  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $m \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $s \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ ) in case of + (resp. -). These series converge to meromorphic functions in the domain  $X = \{(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) \in \mathbb{C}^4 \mid \text{Im } \tau > 0\}$ .

These kind of functions first appeared in Appell's study of elliptic functions of the third kind in the 1890's [Ap]. A number of identities for various specializations of these functions have been discovered in the attempts to understand Ramanujan's mock theta functions (hence the name for the functions  $\Phi^{\pm[m,s]}$ ). On the other hand, it has been understood that the numerators of the normalized supercharacters of the lowest rank affine Lie superalgebras (of positive defect)  $\widehat{sl}_{2|1}$  and  $\widehat{osp}_{3|2}$  can be expressed in terms of the functions  $\Phi^{\pm[m,s]}$ , see [KW2]–[KW4]. (For the higher rank affine Lie superalgebras one needs higher rank mock theta functions, see [KW1]–[KW5] and [GK], which are not considered in this paper.)

Consider in more detail the example of the simple Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g} = sl_{2|1}$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  with the invariant bilinear form  $(a|b) = \text{str } ab$ . Choose its Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$ , consisting of supertraceless diagonal matrices. The associated affine Lie superalgebra is the infinite-dimensional

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Lie superalgebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  :

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}[t, t^{-1}] \oplus \mathbb{C}K \oplus \mathbb{C}d,$$

with the following commutation relations ( $a, b \in \mathfrak{g}, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) :

$$[at^m, bt^n] = [a, b]t^{m+n} + m\delta_{m,-n}(a|b)K, \quad [d, at^m] = mat^m, \quad [K, \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}] = 0.$$

Let  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}} = \mathbb{C}d + \mathfrak{h} + \mathbb{C}K$  be the Cartan subalgebra of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  with the following coordinates for  $h \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$  :

$$h = 2\pi i(-\tau d + z_1(E_{22} + E_{33}) - z_2(E_{11} + E_{33}) + tK), \text{ where } \tau, z_1, z_2, t \in \mathbb{C}.$$

For each  $m > 0$  the Lie superalgebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  has a unique irreducible module  $V_m$ , such that  $K = mI_{V_m}$  and there exists a non-zero vector  $v_m \in V_m$  for which  $(\mathfrak{g}[t] + \mathbb{C}d)v_m = 0$ . We showed in [KW2] that the (normalized) supercharacter of  $V_1$  is given by the following formula ( $h \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ ):

$$\text{str}_{V_1} e^h = e^{2\pi i t} \eta(\tau)^3 \vartheta_{11}(\tau, z_1) \vartheta_{11}(\tau, z_2) \mu(\tau, z_1, z_2),$$

where

$$\mu(\tau, z_1, z_2) = \vartheta_{11}(\tau, z_2)^{-1} \Phi^{-[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]}(\tau, z_1, 2z_2 - z_1).$$

The function  $\mu(\tau, z_1, z_2)$  is the prototype for a mock theta function in the sense that specializing the complex variables  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  to torsion points (i.e. elements of  $\mathbb{Q} + \mathbb{Q}\tau$ ), one gets mock  $\vartheta$ -functions in the sense of Ramanujan, see [Z], [Za].

An important discovery of Zwegers is the real analytic, but not meromorphic, function  $R(\tau, u)$ ,  $\tau, u \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$ , such that the modified function

$$\widetilde{\mu}(\tau, z_1, z_2) = \mu(\tau, z_1, z_2) + \frac{i}{2}R(\tau, z_1 - z_2)$$

is a modular invariant function with nice elliptic transformation properties ([Z], Theorem 1.11). Furthermore, Zwegers introduces real analytic functions  $R_{m,\ell}(\tau, u)$ , similar to  $R(\tau, u)$  (in fact,  $R(\tau, u) = R_{2,1}(\tau, u/2) - R_{2,-1}(\tau, u/2)$ ), such that, adding to a rank 1 mock theta function of degree  $m$  a suitable linear combination of rank 1 Jacobi forms  $\Theta_{m,\ell}$  as coefficients, he obtains a modular invariant real analytic function [Z], Proposition 3.5 (see (2.10), (2.11) for our version of this construction). The latter functions are used in the study of Ramanujan's mock theta functions ([Z], Chapter 4).

In our paper [KW3], Section 5, we used the functions  $R_{m+1,\ell}$  of Zwegers (see (2.9) for our version of these functions) in order to modify the (normalized) supercharacter of the  $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2|_1$ -module  $V_m$ , where  $m$  is a positive integer. The normalized supercharacter is given in this case by the following formula:

$$\widehat{R}^A(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) \text{str}_{V_m} e^h = \Phi^{+[m+1,0]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) - \Phi^{+[m+1,0]}(\tau, -z_2, -z_1, t),$$

where  $\widehat{R}^A$  is the affine superdenominator (see (2.21) for its expression).

Following Zwegers' ideas, we introduced in [KW3] the real analytic modified numerator

$$\widetilde{\Phi}^{+[m+1,0]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) - \widetilde{\Phi}^{+[m+1,0]}(\tau, -z_2, -z_1),$$

where

$$\widetilde{\Phi}^{+[m+1,0]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) = \Phi^{+[m+1,0]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) - \frac{1}{2}\Phi_{\text{add}}^{+[m+1,0]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t),$$

and  $\Phi_{\text{add}}^{+[m+1,0]}$  is a real analytic function (defined by (2.9)–(2.11) of the present paper), and proved its modular and elliptic transformation properties. This establishes modular invariance of the modified (normalized) supercharacter

$$\left( \widehat{\Phi}^{+[m+1,0]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) - \widehat{\Phi}^{+[m+1,0]}(\tau, -z_2, -z_1, t) \right) / \widehat{R}^A(\tau, z_1, z_2, t)$$

of  $V_m$ .

In [KW4] and [KW5] we study, in a similar fashion, the supercharacters of more general integrable  $\widehat{sl}_{2|1}$  (resp.  $\widehat{osp}_{3|2}$ )-modules, which use the functions  $\Phi^{+[m,s]}$  (resp.  $\Phi^{-[m,s]}$ ).

In the earlier paper [KP] close connections of character theory of integrable modules over affine Lie algebras  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  and the theory of theta functions have been displayed. The key role in this theory was played by the fact that the translations subgroup (of finite index) of the Weyl group of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  consists of transformations  $t_\alpha \in \text{End } \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ , given by formula (1.7), where  $\alpha$  runs over the coroot lattice of the simple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . This has led to a simple characterization of theta functions (recalled in Definition 1.2).

In the present paper we propose a similar characterization of the modified mock theta functions

$$\widetilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t) := \widetilde{\Phi}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, v - u, -v - u, t).$$

Note that, like in the theta function case, one can construct higher rank mock theta functions (see (2.3), (2.4)). Moreover, in [KW5] we construct an inductive modification of these functions and use them to construct modular invariant families of modified normalized supercharacters for affine Lie superalgebras  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a basic simple Lie superalgebra, different from  $psl_{n|n}$ . However, we do not know of any characterization of these higher rank modified mock theta functions, similar to that of theta functions.

The contents of this paper are as follows. In Section 1 we recall the axiomatic definition of the spaces of degree  $m$  theta function  $\text{Th}_m^\pm$  (see Definitions 1.2 and 1.4) and their modular transformation properties, following [KP] and [K2] (in the case of +). We discuss in detail the rank 1 theta functions (= Jacobi forms)  $\Theta_{j,m}$  and, in particular, the four Jacobi forms  $\vartheta_{ab}$ ,  $a, b = 0$  or  $1$ .

In Section 2 we introduce degree  $m$  mock theta functions  $\Theta_{\lambda;B}^\pm$  of arbitrary rank (which are theta functions if  $B = \emptyset$ ), following [KW3–KW5]. Following [Z] and [KW3–KW5] we construct the modification  $\widetilde{\Phi}^{\pm[m,s]}$  of rank 1 mock theta functions  $\Phi^{\pm[m,s]}$ . Furthermore, we introduce axiomatically the spaces of functions  $\mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$ , where  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $s, s' \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ , and state our main Theorems 2.2 and 2.3. Theorem 2.2 states that for  $m > 1$  and for  $m = 1$ ,  $(s, s') \notin \mathbb{Z}^2$ , the space  $\mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$  is spanned (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ) by the modified mock theta functions  $\widetilde{\varphi}^{+[m,s]}$  (resp.  $\widetilde{\varphi}^{-[m,s]}$ ) if  $s' \in \mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $\in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ ). Theorem 2.3 covers the remaining cases; in particular it states that in these cases  $\mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$  is the span of  $\widetilde{\varphi}^{+[m,s]}$  (resp.  $\widetilde{\varphi}^{-[m,s]}$ ) if  $s' \in \mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $\in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ ) and a holomorphic affine superdenominator.

In Section 3 we give proofs of the main theorems, based on Lemmas 3.1–3.3, and in Section 4 we prove these lemmas.

## 1 A brief theory of theta functions

Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be an  $\ell$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ , endowed with a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form  $(\cdot | \cdot)$ . Let  $m$  be a positive real number and let  $L$  be a lattice (i.e. a free abelian

subgroup) in  $\mathfrak{h}$ , such that

$$\boxed{\text{e1.01}} \quad (1.1) \quad m(\alpha|\beta) \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } \alpha, \beta \in L.$$

This condition means that  $mL \subset L^*$ , where  $L^* = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}L \mid (\lambda|L) \subset \mathbb{Z}\}$  is the dual lattice.

Let  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}K \oplus \mathbb{C}d$  be the  $\ell+2$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  with the (non-degenerate) symmetric bilinear form  $(\cdot|\cdot)$ , extended from  $\mathfrak{h}$  by letting

$$\boxed{\text{e1.02}} \quad (1.2) \quad (\mathfrak{h}|\mathbb{C}K + \mathbb{C}d) = 0, \quad (K|K) = 0 = (d|d), \quad (K|d) = 1.$$

We will identify  $\mathfrak{h}$  with  $\mathfrak{h}^*$  and  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$  with  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*$  using this form. Given  $\lambda \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ , we denote by  $\bar{\lambda}$  its orthogonal projection on  $\mathfrak{h}$ . Let

$$\boxed{\text{e1.03}} \quad (1.3) \quad X = \{h \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}} \mid \text{Re}(K|h) > 0\}.$$

For a function  $F$  on  $X$  we will say that it has *degree*  $m$  if

$$\boxed{\text{e1.04}} \quad (1.4) \quad F(h + aK) = e^{ma}F(h) \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{C}.$$

We shall use the following coordinates on  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ :

$$\boxed{\text{e1.05}} \quad (1.5) \quad h = 2\pi i(-\tau d + z + tK) =: (\tau, z, t), \text{ where } \tau, t \in \mathbb{C}, z \in \mathfrak{h}.$$

Then  $X = \{(\tau, z, t) \mid \text{Im } \tau > 0\}$ , and  $q := e^{2\pi i\tau} = e^{-K}$ .

$\boxed{\text{r1.01}}$  *Remark 1.1.* One has an obvious bijection between functions on  $X_0 = \{(\tau, z) \mid \text{Im } \tau > 0, z \in \mathfrak{h}\}$  and functions of degree  $m$  on  $X$ :

$$F(\tau, z) \mapsto F(\tau, z, t) = e^{2\pi imt} F(\tau, z),$$

the converse map being  $F(\tau, z, t) \mapsto F(\tau, z, 0)$ . Adding the factor  $e^{2\pi imt}$  simplifies the transformation formulae. Given a function  $F(\tau, z, t)$  of degree  $m$ , we will let  $F(\tau, z) = F(\tau, z, 0)$  throughout the paper.

For  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{h}$  define the shift  $p_\alpha$  of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$  by

$$\boxed{\text{e1.06a}} \quad (1.6) \quad p_\alpha(h) = h + 2\pi i\alpha, \quad h \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}.$$

Define the following representation of the additive group of the vector space  $\mathfrak{h}$  on the vector space  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ :

$$\boxed{\text{e1.06}} \quad (1.7) \quad t_\alpha(h) = h + (K|h)\alpha - \left( (\alpha|h) + \frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}(K|h) \right) K, \quad \alpha \in \mathfrak{h}, h \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}.$$

(We use throughout the shorthand  $|\alpha|^2$  for  $(\alpha|\alpha)$ .) This action leaves the bilinear form  $(\cdot|\cdot)$  on  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$  invariant and fixes  $K$ , hence leaves the domain  $X$  invariant. Let  $D$  be the Laplace operator on  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ , associated to the bilinear form  $(\cdot|\cdot)$ , i.e.  $De^h = |h|^2 e^h$ ,  $h \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ . In the coordinates (1.5) we have:

$$\boxed{\text{e1.07}} \quad (1.8) \quad D = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left( 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \right)^2 \right),$$

where  $z_1, \dots, z_\ell$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

**d1.02** **Definition 1.2.** Assume that  $L$  is a lattice of rank  $\ell$  (i.e.  $\mathbb{C}L = \mathfrak{h}$ ) and that the restriction of the form  $(\cdot | \cdot)$  to  $L$  is positive definite. For  $m > 0$ , such that (1.1) holds, a theta function of degree  $m$  is a holomorphic function  $F$  in the domain  $X$  of degree  $m$ , such that the following properties hold:

(i)  $F(p_\alpha(h)) = F(h)$  for all  $\alpha \in L$ ;

(ii)  $F(t_\alpha(h)) = F(h)$  for all  $\alpha \in L$ ;

(iii)  $DF = 0$ .

**r1.03** *Remark 1.3.* Due to (1.4) and (1.7), property (ii) of a function  $F$  of degree  $m$  is equivalent to the property

(ii)'  $F(p_{\tau\alpha}(h)) = e^{-\pi im\tau|\alpha|^2 - m(\alpha|h)} F(h)$  for all  $\alpha \in L$ .

**d1.04** **Definition 1.4.** A signed theta function is defined by the same axioms as in Definition 1.2, except that (i) and (ii) are replaced by their signed versions:

(i)<sub>-</sub>  $F(p_\alpha(h)) = (-1)^{m|\alpha|^2} F(h)$  for all  $\alpha \in L$ ,

(ii)<sub>-</sub>  $F(t_\alpha(h)) = (-1)^{m|\alpha|^2} F(h)$  for all  $\alpha \in L$ .

(Then (ii)' is replaced by (ii)<sub>-</sub>' with the sign  $(-1)^{m|\alpha|^2}$  inserted in the RHS.)

In order to construct theta functions and signed theta functions, let

$$L_{\text{even}} = \{\alpha \in L \mid m|\alpha|^2 \in \mathbb{Z}_{\text{even}}\}, \quad L_{\text{odd}} = \{\alpha \in L \mid m|\alpha|^2 \in \mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}}\},$$

and let

$$P_m^+ = \{\lambda \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^* \mid (\lambda|K) = m, (\lambda|L) \subset \mathbb{Z}\},$$

$$P_m^- = \{\lambda \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^* \mid (\lambda|K) = m, (\lambda|L_{\text{even}}) \subset \mathbb{Z}, (\lambda|L_{\text{odd}}) \subset \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Note that, for  $\lambda \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ , such that  $(\lambda|K) = m$ , among the vectors  $\{\lambda - aK \mid a \in \mathbb{C}\}$  there is a unique isotropic one, for  $a = \frac{|\lambda|^2}{2m}$ . Hence, in view of axioms (ii) (resp. (ii)<sub>-</sub>) and (iii), we construct, for  $\lambda \in P_m^+$  (resp.  $\lambda \in P_m^-$ ) the theta function  $\Theta_\lambda^+$  (resp. signed theta function  $\Theta_\lambda^-$ ) by

**e1.08** (1.9) 
$$\Theta_\lambda^\pm = e^{-\frac{|\lambda|^2}{2m}K} \sum_{\alpha \in L} (\pm 1)^{m|\alpha|^2} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda)}.$$

The series (1.9) converges to a holomorphic function in the domain  $X$  and obviously satisfies the axioms (i), (ii), (resp. (i)<sub>-</sub>, (ii)<sub>-</sub>), and (iii). Note that

**e1.09** (1.10) 
$$\Theta_{\lambda+m\gamma+aK}^\pm = (\pm 1)^{m|\gamma|^2} \Theta_\lambda^\pm \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{C}, \gamma \in L.$$

In coordinates (1.5) we have the usual formula, where  $\lambda \in P_m^\pm$ :

**e1.10** (1.11) 
$$\Theta_\lambda^\pm(\tau, z, t) = e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{\alpha \in L} (\pm 1)^{m|\alpha|^2} q^{\frac{m}{2}|\alpha + \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{m}|^2} e^{2\pi im(\alpha + \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{m}|z)}.$$

Recall the action of the group  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  on the domain  $X$  in coordinates (1.5):

$$\boxed{\text{e1.11}} \quad (1.12) \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot (\tau, z, t) = \left( \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, \frac{z}{c\tau + d}, t - \frac{c(z|z)}{2(c\tau + d)} \right).$$

This action induces the right action of weight  $w \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$  of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  on functions in  $X$ :

$$\boxed{\text{e1.12}} \quad (1.13) \quad F \Big|_{\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}}^w (\tau, z, t) = (c\tau + d)^{-w} F \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot (\tau, z, t) \right)$$

(Actually, this is an action of the double cover of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  if  $w \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ .) The square root of a complex number  $a = re^{i\theta}$ , where  $r \geq 0$ ,  $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$ , is, as usual, chosen to be  $a^{\frac{1}{2}} = r^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{\frac{i\theta}{2}}$ . As usual, we will discuss the action of its subgroup  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , which is generated by the elements

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Denote by  $\text{Th}_m^+$  (resp.  $\text{Th}_m^-$ ) the space of holomorphic functions on  $X$  of degree  $m$  satisfying properties (i), (ii) (resp. (i)<sub>-</sub>, (ii)<sub>-</sub>), and (iii).

**t1.05** **Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $L$  be a positive definite lattice of rank  $\ell$  and let  $m$  be a positive real number such that (1.1) holds. Then*

- (a) *The set of theta functions  $\{\Theta_\lambda^+ \mid \lambda \in P_m^+ \bmod (mL + \mathbb{C}K)\}$  is a basis of the space  $\text{Th}_m^+$ .*
- (b) *One has the following modular transformation formulas for  $\lambda \in P_m^+$ :*

$$\Theta_\lambda^+ \Big|_S^{\ell/2} = e^{-\frac{\pi i \ell}{4} |L^*/mL|^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{\mu \in P_m^+ \bmod (mL + \mathbb{C}K)} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{m} (\bar{\lambda}|\bar{\mu})} \Theta_\mu^+.$$

- (c) *Provided that  $m(\alpha|\alpha) \in 2\mathbb{Z}$  for all  $\alpha \in L$ , one has*

$$\Theta_\lambda^+ \Big|_T^{\ell/2} = e^{\frac{\pi i |\bar{\lambda}|^2}{m}} \Theta_\lambda^+,$$

*hence the space  $\text{Th}_m^+$  is  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant.*

*Proof.* The key formula for the proof is

$$\boxed{\text{e1.13}} \quad (1.14) \quad (DF) \Big|_A^w = (c\tau + d)^2 D(F \Big|_A^w), \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{R}), \text{ if } w = \frac{\ell}{2}.$$

See [KP] or [K2], Proposition 13.3, Lemma 13.2, and Theorem 13.5, for details. □

**t1.06** **Theorem 1.6.** *Let  $L$  and  $m$  be as in Theorem 1.5, and assume that  $L_{\text{odd}} \neq \emptyset$ . Then*

(a) The set  $\{\Theta_\lambda^- \mid \lambda \in P_m^- \bmod (mL + \mathbb{C}K)\}$  is a basis of the space  $\text{Th}_m^-$ .

(b) One has for  $\lambda \in P_m^-$  the same modular transformation formulas for  $\Theta_\lambda^-, \lambda \in P_m^-$ , where  $P_m^+$  is replaced by  $P_m^-$ ,

hence the space  $\text{Th}_m^-$  is  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant.

*Proof.* Uses reduction to Theorem 1.5, see [KW4], Proposition A3.  $\square$

**r1.07** Remark 1.7. In view of (1.11) one sometimes uses a slightly different notation  $\Theta_{\lambda,m}^\pm$  for (1.9).

**x1.08** Example 1.8. Let  $L = \mathbb{Z}$  with the bilinear form  $(a|b) = 2ab$ , so that  $L^* = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ . Then for a positive integer  $m$  we have the following basis of  $\text{Th}_m^+$  ( $\tau, z, t \in \mathbb{C}, \text{Im } \tau > 0$ ):

$$\Theta_{j,m}^+(\tau, z, t) = e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{m(n + \frac{j}{2m})^2} e^{2\pi im(n + \frac{j}{2m})z}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, 2m-1.$$

The modular transformation formulae are:

$$\Theta_{j,m}^+\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}, \frac{z}{\tau}, t - \frac{z^2}{2\tau}\right) = \left(\frac{-i\tau}{2m}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j'=0}^{2m-1} e^{-\frac{\pi i j j'}{m}} \Theta_{j',m}^+(\tau, z, t),$$

$$\Theta_{j,m}^+(\tau + 1, z, t) = e^{\frac{\pi i j^2}{2m}} \Theta_{j,m}^+(\tau, z, t).$$

**x1.09** Example 1.9. Let  $L$  and  $(\cdot|\cdot)$  be the same as in Example 1.8. Then for  $m \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  we have the following basis of  $\text{Th}_m^-$ :

$$\Theta_{j+\frac{1}{2},m}^-(\tau, z, t) = e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n q^{m(n + \frac{2j+1}{4m})^2} e^{4\pi im(n + \frac{2j+1}{4m})z}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, 2m-1.$$

The modular transformation formulae are ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, 2m-1$ ):

$$\Theta_{j+\frac{1}{2},m}^-\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}, \frac{z}{\tau}, t - \frac{z^2}{2\tau}\right) = \left(\frac{-i\tau}{m}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j'=0}^{2m-1} e^{-\frac{\pi i}{m}(j+\frac{1}{2})(j'+\frac{1}{2})} \Theta_{j'+\frac{1}{2},m}^-(\tau, z, t),$$

$$\Theta_{j+\frac{1}{2},m}^-(\tau + 1, z, t) = e^{\frac{\pi i}{2m}(j+\frac{1}{2})^2} \Theta_{j+\frac{1}{2},m}^-(\tau, z, t).$$

Note that  $\text{Th}_{\frac{1}{2}}^-$  is 1-dimensional, and is spanned by  $\Theta_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}}^-(\tau, z, t) = -ie^{\pi it} \vartheta_{11}(\tau, 2z)$ .

One has the following elliptic transformation formulas:

**e1.15** (1.15)

$$\Theta_{j,m}^\pm(\tau, z + a, t) = e^{\pi i j a} \Theta_{j,m}^\pm(\tau, z, t) \text{ if } am \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$\Theta_{j,m}^\pm\left(\tau, z + \frac{\tau}{m}, t\right) = q^{-\frac{1}{4m}} e^{-\pi iz} \Theta_{j+1,m}^\pm(\tau, z, t).$$

**r1.10** Remark 1.10. For each  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , all the function  $\Theta_{j,m}^\pm$ ,  $j \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ , span a finite dimensional  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant space, whose modular and elliptic transformation properties follow from [KW4], Proposition A3. Especially important are the four Jacobi forms

$$\vartheta_{00}(\tau, z) = \Theta_{0,\frac{1}{2}}^+(\tau, 2z, 0), \quad \vartheta_{01}(\tau, z) = \Theta_{0,\frac{1}{2}}^-(\tau, 2z, 0),$$

$$\vartheta_{10}(\tau, z) = \Theta_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}}^+(\tau, 2z, 0), \quad \vartheta_{11}(\tau, z) = i\Theta_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}}^-(\tau, 2z, 0),$$

which span an  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant subspace of functions, holomorphic in  $X_0$  (see [M], p 36, or [KW3], Proposition A7 for the modular transformation formulas).



**r1.11** *Remark 1.11.* For an arbitrary  $w \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$  one should add the following term in the RHS of (1.14):

$$2c\left(\frac{\ell}{2} - w\right)(c\tau + d)^{-1} \left. \frac{dF}{d\tau} \right|_A^w.$$

## 2 Mock theta functions.

In this Section we keep notation and assumptions of Section 1, except for the assumption that  $\mathbb{C}L = \mathfrak{h}$  in Definition 1.2 (resp. 1.4) of a theta (resp. signed theta) function.

Let  $B \subset \mathfrak{h}$  be a linearly independent set of vectors, such that the following two properties hold:

**e2.01** (2.1)  $(B|B) = 0$  and  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C}L \oplus \mathbb{C}B$ .

Let

**e2.02** (2.2)  $P_{m;B}^{\pm} = \{\lambda \in P_m^{\pm} \mid (\lambda|B) = 0\}$

For  $\lambda \in P_{m;B}^{\pm}$  we construct the degree  $m$  *mock theta function*  $\Theta_{\lambda;B}^{+}$  and signed *mock theta function*  $\Theta_{\lambda;B}^{-}$  as follows [KW3–5], cf. (1.9):

**e2.03** (2.3) 
$$\Theta_{\lambda;B}^{\pm} = e^{-\frac{|\lambda|^2}{2m}} \sum_{\alpha \in L} (\pm 1)^{m|\alpha|^2} t_{\alpha} \frac{e^{\lambda}}{\prod_{\beta \in B} (1 - e^{-\beta})}.$$

This series converges to a meromorphic function in the domain  $X$ , and in the coordinates (1.5) it looks as follows:

**e2.04** (2.4) 
$$\Theta_{\lambda;B}^{\pm}(\tau, z, t) = e^{2\pi i m t} \sum_{\alpha \in L} (\pm 1)^{m|\alpha|^2} \frac{q^{\frac{m}{2}|\alpha + \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{m}|^2} e^{2\pi i m(\alpha + \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{m}|z)}}{\prod_{\beta \in B} (1 - q^{-(\alpha + \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{m}|\beta)} e^{-2\pi i(\beta|z)})}.$$

Note that for mock theta functions we have an analogue of (1.10):

**e2.05** (2.5)  $\Theta_{\lambda+m\gamma+aK;B}^{\pm} = (\pm 1)^{m|\gamma|^2} \Theta_{\lambda;B}^{\pm}$  for  $a \in \mathbb{C}, \gamma \in L$ .

Moreover, these functions satisfy all axioms (i), (ii) (resp. (i)<sub>-</sub>, (ii)<sub>-</sub>) and (iii) for + (resp. -) of Definition 1.2 (resp. 1.4). However, not being holomorphic, they are not members of  $\text{Th}_m^{+}$  (resp.  $\text{Th}_m^{-}$ )

**x2.01** *Example 2.1.* Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be a 2-dimensional vector space with basis  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  and the symmetric bilinear form  $(\cdot | \cdot)$ , given by

$$|\alpha_i|^2 = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (\alpha_1 | \alpha_2) = 1.$$

Let  $\theta = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ , so that  $|\theta|^2 = 2$ , let  $L = \mathbb{Z}\theta$  and  $B = \{\beta = \alpha_1\}$ . Let  $m$  be a positive integer. Then

$$P_{m;B}^{+} = \{\lambda_{m,s}^{+} = md + s\alpha_1 \mid s \in \mathbb{Z}\} + \mathbb{C}K,$$

and in coordinates

**e2.06** (2.6)  $h = 2\pi i(-\tau d - z_1\alpha_2 - z_2\alpha_1 + tK) =: (\tau, z_1, z_2, t)$

we have:

$$\Theta_{\lambda_{m,s}^+;B}^+ = \Phi^{+[m,s]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t),$$

where

$$\boxed{\text{e2.07}} \quad (2.7) \quad \Phi^{+[m,s]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) = e^{2\pi i m t} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{q^{mn^2 + ns} e^{2\pi i (mn(z_1 + z_2) + s z_1)}}{1 - e^{2\pi i z_1} q^n}.$$

Now, let  $m \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . Then

$$P_{m;B}^- = \{\lambda_{m,s}^- = md + s\alpha_1 \mid s \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}\} + \mathbb{C}K,$$

and in coordinates (2.6) we have

$$\Theta_{\lambda_{m,s}^-;B}^- = \Phi^{-[m,s]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t),$$

where

$$\boxed{\text{e2.08}} \quad (2.8) \quad \Phi^{-[m,s]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) = e^{2\pi i m t} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \frac{q^{mn^2 + ns} e^{2\pi i (mn(z_1 + z_2) + s z_1)}}{1 - e^{2\pi i z_1} q^n}.$$

Unlike the (signed) theta functions  $\Theta_{\lambda}^{\pm}$ , the (signed) mock theta functions  $\Theta_{\lambda;B}^{\pm}$  with  $B \neq \emptyset$ , have neither good elliptic transformation properties analogous to (i) and (ii) (resp. (i)<sub>-</sub> and (ii)<sub>-</sub>) of Definition 1.2 (resp. 1.4), nor good modular transformation properties, given by Theorem 1.5 (resp. 1.6). It was S. Zwegers, who showed in Chapter 1 (resp. 3) of his beautiful paper [Z] that, upon adding (in our notation) to  $\Phi^{-[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]}$  (resp.  $\Phi^{+[m,0]}$ ) a real analytic, but not holomorphic, “modifier”, the modified function does satisfy beautiful elliptic and modular transformation properties. His results were extended to all functions  $\Phi^{\pm[m,s]}$ , described in Example 2.1, in [KW3] and [KW4].

Moreover, we showed in [KW5] that, under some assumptions on  $L$  and  $B$ , the modified mock theta function  $\tilde{\Theta}_{\lambda;B}^{\pm}$ , by making use of the function  $\tilde{\Phi}^{\pm[m,s]}$ , satisfy nice elliptic and modular transformation properties as well. We used this in [KW5] to show that the character of “tame integrable” modules over affine Lie superalgebras have nice modular transformation properties.

Let us recall the construction of the modified mock theta function  $\tilde{\Phi}^{\pm[m,s]}$  and their transformation properties from [Z], [KW3], [KW4].

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t, z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$ ,  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , and  $n \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$  let

$$E(x) = 2 \int_0^x e^{-\pi u^2} du, \text{ and } \psi_{m,n}(\tau, z) = \left( n - 2m \frac{\text{Im } z}{\text{Im } \tau} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\text{Im } \tau}{m}}.$$

For  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $j \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$  let

$$\boxed{\text{e2.09}} \quad (2.9) \quad R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, z) = \sum_{\substack{n \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z} \\ n \equiv j \pmod{2m}}} (\pm 1)^{\frac{n-j}{2m}} \left( \text{sign}(n - \frac{1}{2} - j + 2m) - E(\psi_{m,n}(\tau, z)) \right) e^{-\frac{\pi i n^2}{2m} \tau + 2\pi i n z},$$

and define the *modifier*

$$\boxed{\text{e2.10}} \quad (2.10) \quad \Phi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t) = e^{2\pi i m t} \sum_{\substack{j \in s + \mathbb{Z} \\ s \leq j < s + 2m}} R_{j,m}^{\pm} \left( \tau, \frac{z_1 - z_2}{2} \right) \Theta_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, z_1 + z_2).$$

For  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and  $s \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$  define the *modified mock theta function*

$$\boxed{\text{e2.11}} \quad (2.11) \quad \tilde{\Phi}^{\pm[m,s]} = \Phi^{\pm[m,s]} - \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}.$$

It is proved in [KW4], Corollary 1.6(a), that  $\tilde{\Phi}^{\pm[m,s]}$  remains unchanged if we add to  $s$  an integer.

As in [KW3–5], consider the following change of coordinates:

$$\boxed{\text{e2.12}} \quad (2.12) \quad z_1 = v - u, \quad z_2 = -v - u, \quad \text{i.e. } u = -\frac{z_1 + z_2}{2}, \quad v = \frac{z_1 - z_2}{2},$$

and let

$$\boxed{\text{e2.13}} \quad (2.13) \quad \varphi^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t) = \Phi^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t), \quad \tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t) = \tilde{\Phi}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t).$$

The action (1.12), (1.13) of  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  for  $w = 1$  on functions on  $X$  in the coordinates  $(\tau, u, v, t)$  looks as follows:

$$\boxed{\text{e2.14}} \quad (2.14) \quad \varphi \mid \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} (\tau, u, v, t) = (c\tau + d)^{-1} \varphi \left( \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, \frac{u}{c\tau + d}, \frac{v}{c\tau + d}, t - \frac{c(u^2 - v^2)}{c\tau + d} \right).$$

Here and further on we skip  $w$  from notation (1.13) if  $w = 1$ .

We will use two coordinate systems of the vector space  $\mathbb{C}\tau + \mathbb{C}v$ , viewed as a 4-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$\boxed{\text{e2.15}} \quad (2.15) \quad \tau, \bar{\tau}, v, \bar{v}$$

and

$$\boxed{\text{e2.16}} \quad (2.16) \quad \tau = x + iy, \quad \bar{\tau} = x - iy, \quad a, b, \quad \text{where } v = a\tau - b.$$

We have:

$$\boxed{\text{e2.17}} \quad (2.17) \quad 2x = \tau + \bar{\tau}, \quad 2iy = \tau - \bar{\tau}, \quad 2iya = v - \bar{v}, \quad 2iyb = \bar{\tau}v - \tau\bar{v}.$$

Hence

$$\boxed{\text{e2.18}} \quad (2.18) \quad \nabla := \frac{\partial}{\partial a} + \tau \frac{\partial}{\partial b} = -2iy \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}}.$$

When writing  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}}, \frac{\partial}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}}$  (resp.  $D_{\tau}, D_{\bar{\tau}}, \frac{\partial}{\partial a}, \frac{\partial}{\partial b}$ ), we mean partial derivatives with respect to coordinates (2.15) (resp. (2.16)). As in [Z] and [KW4], coordinates (2.16) play an important role in what follows.

Introduce the following differential operators:

$$\boxed{\text{e2.19}} \quad (2.19) \quad D = 4 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \right)^2, \quad \bar{D} = 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} D_{\bar{\tau}} + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \right)^2, \quad \Delta = 2a \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}}.$$

Note that, up to a constant factor,  $D$  is the Laplace operator, associated to the bilinear form of Example 2.1. We have formulas, similar to (1.14), for  $A \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  :

$$\boxed{\text{e2.20}} \quad (2.20) \quad (\bar{D}F)|_A = (c\bar{\tau} + d)^2 \bar{D}(F|_A), \quad (\Delta F)|_A = |c\tau + d|^2 \Delta(F|_A).$$

Let  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and  $s, s' \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$  be the space of functions  $F$  on the domain  $X$ , i.e. functions in  $\tau, u, v, t \in \mathbb{C}^4$ , such that  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$ , satisfying the following five conditions:

(F1)  $F(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{2\pi i m t} F(\tau, u, v, 0)$ , i.e.  $F$  is a function of degree  $m$ ;

(F2)  $\vartheta_{11}(\tau, v-u)\vartheta_{11}(\tau, v+u)F(\tau, u, v, t)$  is a holomorphic function in  $u$  and real analytic in  $\tau$  and  $v$ ;  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{v}}(\tau, u, v, t)$  is a real analytic function in all variables;

(F3) for all  $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  one has:

$$(i) \quad F(\tau, u + j, v + k, t) = e^{2\pi i s(j+k)} F(\tau, u, v, t),$$

$$(ii) \quad F(\tau, u + j\tau, v + k\tau, t) = e^{2\pi i (s'(j+k) + 2m(kv - ju))} q^{m(k^2 - j^2)} F(\tau, u, v, t);$$

(F4) for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  one has:

$$(i) \quad F\left(\tau, u + \frac{k}{2m}, v + \frac{k}{2m}, t\right) = F(\tau, u, v, t),$$

$$(ii) \quad F\left(\tau, u + \frac{k\tau}{2m}, v + \frac{k\tau}{2m}, t\right) = e^{2\pi i k(v-u)} F(\tau, u, v, t).$$

(F5)  $DF = 0, \bar{D}F = 0, \Delta F = 0$ .

The main results of the paper are the following three theorems.

$\boxed{\text{t2.2}}$  **Theorem 2.2.** *Provided that  $m > \frac{1}{2}$ , and either  $s$  or  $s'$  is not an integer if  $m = 1$ , one has*

$$\mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']} = \mathbb{C}\tilde{\varphi}^{+[m,s]} \text{ (resp. } = \mathbb{C}\tilde{\varphi}^{-[m,s]}) \text{ if } s' \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (resp. } s' \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}).$$

$\boxed{\text{t2.3}}$  **Theorem 2.3.** (a) *If  $m = 1$  and  $s, s' \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then*

$$\mathcal{F}^{[1;s,s']} = \mathbb{C}\tilde{\varphi}^{+[1,0]} \oplus \mathbb{C}\widehat{R}^A,$$

where

$$\boxed{\text{e2.21}} \quad (2.21) \quad \widehat{R}^A(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{2\pi i t} \frac{\eta(\tau)^3 \vartheta_{11}(\tau, 2u)}{\vartheta_{11}(\tau, v-u)\vartheta_{11}(\tau, v+u)}.$$

(b) *If  $m = \frac{1}{2}$ , then*

$$\mathcal{F}^{[\frac{1}{2};s,s']} = \mathbb{C}\tilde{\varphi}^{+[\frac{1}{2},s]} \oplus \mathbb{C}\widehat{R}_{2s \bmod 2\mathbb{Z},0}^B \text{ if } s' \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and

$$\mathcal{F}^{[\frac{1}{2};s,s']} = \mathbb{C}\tilde{\varphi}^{-[\frac{1}{2},s]} \oplus \mathbb{C}\widehat{R}_{2s \bmod 2\mathbb{Z},1}^B \text{ if } s' \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z},$$

where

$$\boxed{\text{e2.22}} \quad (2.22) \quad \widehat{R}_{ab}^B(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{\pi i t} \widehat{R}^A(\tau, u, v, 0) \frac{\vartheta_{ab}(\tau, v)}{\vartheta_{ab}(\tau, u)}, \quad a, b = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

**t2.4** **Theorem 2.4.** If  $F \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$ , then

$$F|_S \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s',s]}, \text{ and } F|_T \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s+s'+m]}$$

with respect to the action (2.14). Consequently  $\mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$  is  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant, provided that  $m \equiv s \equiv s' \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

**r2.5** *Remark 2.5.* The function  $\widehat{R}^A$  is the superdenominator for the affine Lie superalgebra  $\widehat{sl}_{2|1}$ , and the functions  $\widehat{R}_{ab}^B$  are the untwisted and twisted denominator and superdenominator for  $\widehat{osp}_{3|2}$ , see [KW4]. Since, by the product decompositions of the function  $\vartheta_{ab}$  (see e.g. [M] or [KW4]), one has

$$\prod_{a,b=0,1} \vartheta_{ab}(\tau, u) = \eta(\tau)^3 \vartheta_{11}(\tau, 2u),$$

the functions  $\widehat{R}_{ab}^B$  satisfy condition (F2).

**r2.6** *Remark 2.6.* Property (F3) is equivalent to the following two properties:

$$F(p_\alpha(h)) = (-1)^{s|\alpha|^2} F(h) \text{ and } F(t_\alpha(h)) = (-1)^{s'|\alpha|^2} F(h) \text{ for all } \alpha = n_1\alpha_1 + n_2\alpha_2,$$

where  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are as in Example 2.1, cf. Remark 1.3. Also, property (F4) is equivalent to the following:

$$F(p_\alpha(h)) = F(h) \text{ and } F(t_\alpha(h)) = F(h) \text{ for all } \alpha = \frac{n}{m}\alpha_1, n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Thus, the modified mock theta functions have more symmetries than the mock theta functions.

**r2.7** *Remark 2.7.* It follows from Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 that if  $f \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$  is a real analytic function in  $\tau, u, v$ , then  $f = 0$ . Indeed the functions  $\widetilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t)$  (resp.  $\widehat{R}^A(\tau, u, v, t)$  and  $\widehat{R}_{ab}^B(\tau, u, v, t)$ ) have singularities at the points  $v - u \in \mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $v \pm u \in \mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z}$ ). It follows that if  $\varphi(\tau, u, v, t)$  is a function of degree  $m$  and  $f_i \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , are such that  $f_i - \varphi$  are real analytic functions, then  $f_1 = f_2$ .

**r2.8** *Remark 2.8.* In Definition 3.2 of [Z], Zwegers introduces function  $f_v(u; \tau)$  and in Definition 3.4 their modifications  $\widetilde{f}_v(u; \tau)$ . One has:

$$e^{2\pi imt} f_v(u; \tau) = -\varphi^{+[m,1]}(\tau, u, v, t).$$

Furthermore, it follows from Remark 2.7 that

$$e^{2\pi imt} \widetilde{f}_v(u; \tau) = -\widetilde{\varphi}^{+[m,1]}(\tau, u, v, t) (= -\widetilde{\varphi}^{+[m,0]}(\tau, u, v, t)).$$

**r2.9** *Remark 2.9.* If we replace condition (F2) by a stronger condition

(F2)'  $\vartheta_{11}(\tau, v - u)F(\tau, u, v, t)$  is holomorphic in  $u$  and real analytic in  $\tau$  and  $v$ , and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial v}$  is a real analytic function in all variables,

then the corresponding space of functions  $\mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$  is spanned by  $\widetilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t)$ , where  $+$  (resp.  $-$ ) corresponds to  $s' \in \mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $\in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ ).

**r2.10** *Remark 2.10.* The operator  $D_{\bar{\tau}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}} + a \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}}$  satisfies the following commutation relations (recall that  $a = \frac{v-\bar{v}}{\tau-\bar{\tau}}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ D_{\bar{\tau}}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right] &= \frac{a}{\tau - \bar{\tau}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}}, & \left[ D_{\bar{\tau}}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}} \right] &= -\frac{a}{\tau - \bar{\tau}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}}, & \left[ D_{\bar{\tau}}, \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right)^2 \right] &= \frac{-2}{\tau - \bar{\tau}} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}}, \\ \left[ D_{\bar{\tau}}, \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \right)^2 \right] &= \frac{2}{\tau - \bar{\tau}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \right)^2, & \left[ D_{\bar{\tau}}, \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \right] &= \frac{1}{\tau - \bar{\tau}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

From these formulas we obtain the following commutation relations on the space of functions of degree  $m$  :

$$[\bar{D}, D] = \frac{16\pi im}{\tau - \bar{\tau}} \Delta, \quad [\Delta, D] = \frac{8\pi im}{\tau - \bar{\tau}} \Delta, \quad [\Delta, \bar{D}] = -\frac{8\pi im}{\tau - \bar{\tau}} \Delta.$$

It follows that condition (F5) can be replaced by

$$(F5)' \quad DF = 0, \quad \bar{D}F = 0.$$

While the proof of Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 is rather involved, and will be given in the next sections, the proof of Theorem 2.4 is straightforward from the definition of the spaces  $\mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$ , and it is given here.

*Proof of Theorem 2.4.* By equation (2.14) we have for  $F$  of degree  $m$  :

$$\mathbf{e2.23} \quad (2.23) \quad F|_S(\tau, u, v, t) = \frac{1}{\tau} e^{\frac{2\pi im}{\tau}(v^2 - u^2)} F\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}, \frac{u}{\tau}, \frac{v}{\tau}, t\right)$$

Using this, condition (F3)(i) gives

$$\mathbf{e2.24} \quad (2.24) \quad F|_S(\tau, u + j\tau, v + k\tau, t) = e^{2\pi is(j+k)} e^{4\pi im(kv - ju)} q^{m(k^2 - j^2)} F|_S(\tau, u, v, t)$$

Next, replacing  $j, k$  by  $-j, -k$  and  $(\tau, u, v)$  by  $(-\frac{1}{\tau}, \frac{u}{\tau}, \frac{v}{\tau})$  in (F3)(ii), we obtain:

$$\mathbf{e2.25} \quad (2.25) \quad F|_S(\tau, u + j, v + k, t) = e^{2\pi is'(j+k)} F|_S(\tau, u, v, t).$$

Formulas (2.24) and (2.25) mean that if  $F$  satisfies conditions (F1) and (F3), then  $F|_S$  satisfies (F3) for  $\mathcal{F}^{[m;s',s]}$ .

Similarly one shows that if  $F$  satisfies conditions (F1) and (F4), then  $F|_S$  satisfies condition (F4). Also, by (1.14) and (2.20),  $F|_S$  satisfies condition (F5) if  $F$  does, proving the first part of the theorem.

In order to prove the second part, it suffices to show that if  $F(\tau, u, v, t)$  of degree  $m$  satisfies condition (F3)(ii), then  $F(\tau + 1, u, v, t)$  satisfies that condition with  $s'$  replaced by  $s + s' + m$ . This is straightforward.  $\square$

### 3 Proof of Theorems 2.2 and 2.3.

In order to prove Theorem 2.2 and 2.3, consider the space  $\mathcal{G}^{[m;s,s']}$  of functions  $G(\tau, u, v, t)$ , satisfying the following conditions:

(G1)  $G(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{2\pi imt} G(\tau, u, v, 0)$ ;

(G2)  $G(\tau, u, v, 0)$  is a holomorphic function in  $u$  and  $\bar{v}$ , and real analytic in  $\tau$ ,  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$ ;

(G3) for all  $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  one has

(i)  $G(\tau, u + j, v + k, t) = e^{2\pi is(j+k)} G(\tau, u, v, t)$ ,

(ii)  $G(\tau, u + j\tau, v + k\tau, t) = e^{2\pi i(s'(j+k)+2m(k\bar{v}-ju))} e^{2\pi im(k^2\bar{\tau}-j^2\tau)} G(\tau, u, v, t)$ ;

(G4) for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  one has:

(i)  $G\left(\tau, u + \frac{k}{2m}, v + \frac{k}{2m}, t\right) = G(\tau, u, v, t)$ ,

(ii)  $G\left(\tau, u + \frac{k\tau}{2m}, v + \frac{k\tau}{2m}, t\right) = e^{2\pi ik(\bar{v}-u)} e^{\frac{\pi ik^2}{2m}(\bar{\tau}-\tau)} G(\tau, u, v, t)$ .

(G5)  $DG = 0$ ,  $\left(4\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}}\right)^2\right) G = 0$ .

Next, we construct a linear map  $F \mapsto \theta_F$  from the space  $\mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$  to the space  $\mathcal{G}^{[m;s,s']}$ , show that  $\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}$  lies in  $\mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$ , where  $+$  (resp.  $-$ ) corresponds to  $s' \in \mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $\in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ ), and that the image of this function spans  $\mathcal{G}^{[m;s,s']}$ . The last step of the proof is the study of the kernel of this map.

Given a differentiable in  $\bar{v}$  function  $F = F(\tau, u, v, t)$  of degree  $m$  in the domain  $X$  (i.e.  $\tau, u, v, t \in \mathbb{C}, \text{Im } \tau > 0$ ), let

$$\boxed{\text{e3.1}} \quad (3.1) \quad \theta_F(\tau, u, v, t) = y^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \nabla F = -2iy^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{v}},$$

where  $\nabla$  is the operator, defined in (2.18). We shall prove that

$$\boxed{\text{e3.2}} \quad (3.2) \quad \theta_{\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}} = -2\sqrt{m} \theta^{\pm[m,s]},$$

where

$$\boxed{\text{e3.3}} \quad (3.3) \quad \theta^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{j \in s + \mathbb{Z} \bmod 2m\mathbb{Z}} \Theta_{j,m}^{\pm}(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) \Theta_{-j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, 2u).$$

Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 follow easily from the following lemmas, where  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $s, s' \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ .

$\boxed{\text{L3.1}}$  **Lemma 3.1.** For  $F \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$  we have:  $\theta_F \in \mathcal{G}^{[m;s,s']}$ .

$\boxed{\text{L3.2}}$  **Lemma 3.2.** (a)  $\mathcal{G}^{[m;s,s']}$  =  $\mathbb{C}\theta^{+[m,s]}$  (resp. =  $\mathbb{C}\theta^{-[m,s]}$ ) if  $s' \in \mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $\in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ ),

(b)  $\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]} \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$ , where  $+$  (resp.  $-$ ) corresponds to  $s' \in \mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $s' \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ ).

(c) Formula (3.2) holds.

**L3.3** **Lemma 3.3.** Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$  be such that  $\theta_F = 0$ .

(a) If  $m > 1$ , or  $m = 1$  and  $(s, s') \notin \mathbb{Z}^2$ , then  $F = 0$ .

(b) If  $m = 1$  and  $s, s' \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $F \in \mathbb{C}\widehat{R}^A$ .

(c) If  $m = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $F \in \mathbb{C}\widehat{R}_{2s \bmod 2\mathbb{Z}, 2s' \bmod 2\mathbb{Z}}^B$ .

Now we give proofs of Theorems 2.2 and 2.3, using these three lemmas. Proofs of the latter will be given in Section 4.

*Proof of Theorem 2.2.* Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$ , then  $\theta_F \in \mathcal{G}^{[m;s,s']}$  by Lemma 3.1. Hence by Lemma 3.2 (a),

$$\theta_F = c_+\theta^{+[m,s]} \text{ (resp. } c_-\theta^{-[m,s]}) \text{ if } s' \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (resp. } \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}), \text{ where } c_{\pm} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Hence, by Lemma 3.2 (b), (c),

$$\theta_{F + \frac{c_{\pm}}{2\sqrt{m}}\widetilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}} = 0,$$

and therefore, by Lemma 3.3(a),

$$F + \frac{c_{\pm}}{2\sqrt{m}}\widetilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]} = 0,$$

proving Theorem 2.2. □

*Proof of Theorem 2.3.* Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$ . Then, by (3.3) and Lemma 3.3 (b) and (c) we have:

**e3.4**

$$(3.4) \quad F + \frac{c_{\pm}}{2\sqrt{m}}\widetilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]} \in \mathbb{C}\widehat{R}^A \text{ if } m = 1 \text{ and } s, s' \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (resp. } \in \mathbb{C}\widehat{R}_{2s \bmod 2\mathbb{Z}, 2s' \bmod 2\mathbb{Z}}^B \text{ if } m = \frac{1}{2}).$$

It remains to check that the functions  $\widehat{R}^A$  (resp.  $\widehat{R}_{ab}^B$ ), given by (2.21) (resp. (2.22)) lie in  $\mathcal{F}^{[1;0,0]}$  (resp. in  $\mathcal{F}^{[\frac{1}{2};s,s']}$  if  $a \equiv 2s \bmod 2\mathbb{Z}, b \equiv 2s' \bmod 2\mathbb{Z}$ ). Property (F2) is obvious for  $\widehat{R}^A$  and it follows from Remark 2.5 for  $\widehat{R}^B$ . Properties (F3) and (F4) of these functions follow from the elliptic transformation properties of  $\vartheta_{ab}$ ,  $a, b = 0$  or  $1$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , which can be easily derived from [M], page 19:

**e3.5**

$$(3.5) \quad \vartheta_{ab}(\tau, z + \frac{n}{2}) = (-1)^{abn + \frac{an(1-n)}{2}} \vartheta_{a,b+n \bmod 2\mathbb{Z}}(\tau, z),$$

**e3.6**

$$(3.6) \quad \vartheta_{ab}(\tau, z + \frac{n}{2}\tau) = (-i)^{bn} q^{-\frac{n^2}{8}} e^{-\pi inz} \vartheta_{a+n \bmod 2\mathbb{Z}, b}(\tau, z).$$

Finally, the functions  $\widehat{R}^A$  and  $\widehat{R}_{ab}^B$  being mock theta functions, due to the denominator identities (cf. [KW1], [G], [GK]), lie in the kernel of  $D$ , and trivially they lie in the kernels of  $\bar{D}$  and  $\Delta$ , hence satisfy (F5). □



## 4 Proof of Lemmas 3.1 – 3.3

First, we prove the following lemma, which gives one of the inclusions of Lemma 3.2(a). Its proof is along the same lines as the proof of Proposition 13.3 in [K2].

**L4.1** **Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and  $s \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ , let  $s' = 0$  (resp.  $= \frac{1}{2}$ ), which corresponds to + (resp. -) case below.*

(a) *If  $g(\tau, u, v, t)$  is a function, satisfying conditions (G1)–(G3), then*

$$g(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{n, n' \in s + \mathbb{Z} \bmod 2m\mathbb{Z}} c_{n, n'}(\tau) e^{\frac{\pi is'}{m}(n+n')} \Theta_{n, m}^{\pm}(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) \Theta_{n', m}^{\pm}(\tau, 2u)$$

*for some real analytic functions  $c_{n, n'}(\tau)$  in  $\tau$ ,  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$ .*

(b) *If, in addition,  $g(\tau, u, v, t)$  satisfies condition (G5), then*

$$g(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{n, n' \in s + \mathbb{Z} \bmod 2m\mathbb{Z}} c_{n, n'} e^{\frac{\pi is'}{m}(n+n')} \Theta_{n, m}^{\pm}(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) \Theta_{n', m}^{\pm}(\tau, 2u)$$

*for some  $c_{n, n'} \in \mathbb{C}$ .*

(c) *If  $g(\tau, u, v, t)$  satisfies all the conditons (G1)–(G5), then*

$$g(\tau, u, v, t) = c \theta^{\pm[m, s]}(\tau, u, v, t),$$

*where  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\theta^{\pm[m, s]}$  is given by (3.3). Consequently  $\mathcal{G}^{[m; s, s']} \subset \mathbb{C}\theta^{\pm[m, s]}$ .*

*Proof.* First we prove (a) in the case  $s' = 0$ . Since, by (G2),  $g(\tau, u, v, t)$  is a holomorphic function in  $u$ , and it satisfies (G1) and (G3) (i) for  $k = 0$ , we have its Fourier series decomposition in  $u$  :

$$\text{e4.01} \quad (4.1) \quad g(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_n(\tau, v) e^{2\pi i(n+s)u}.$$

Hence we have:

$$\text{e4.02} \quad (4.2) \quad g(\tau, u + j\tau, v, t) = e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_n(\tau, v) e^{2\pi i(n+s)u} q^{(n+s)j},$$

$$\text{e4.03} \quad (4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} e^{-4\pi imju} q^{-mj^2} g(\tau, u, v, t) &= e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_n(\tau, v) q^{-mj^2} e^{2\pi i(n-2mj+s)u}, \\ &= e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_{n+2mj}(\tau, v) q^{-mj^2} e^{2\pi i(n+s)u}. \end{aligned}$$

Due to (G3)(iii) for  $k = 0$ , comparing the coefficients of  $e^{2\pi i(n+s)u}$  in the RHS of (4.2) and (4.3), we obtain:

$$A_n(\tau, v) q^{(n+s)j} = A_{n+2mj}(\tau, v) q^{-mj^2}.$$

Hence we have:

$$\text{e4.04} \quad (4.4) \quad B_n = B_{n+2mj}, \text{ where } B_n = A_n q^{-\frac{(n+s)^2}{4m}}.$$

Substituting this in (4.1), we obtain:

$$\boxed{\text{e4.05}} \quad (4.5) \quad g(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{2\pi i m t} \sum_{p \in \mathbb{Z} \bmod 2m\mathbb{Z}} B_p(\tau, v) \Theta_{p+s, m}^+(\tau, 2u).$$

Next, we compute the coefficients  $B_p(\tau, v), p \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since, by (G2),  $B_p(\tau, v)$  is holomorphic in  $\bar{v}$ , by (G3)(i) with  $j = 0$ , we have its decomposition in the following Fourier series:

$$\boxed{\text{e4.06}} \quad (4.6) \quad B_p(\tau, v) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_n^{(p)}(\tau) e^{2\pi i(n+s)\bar{v}}.$$

Arguing as above and using (G3)(ii) for  $j = 0$ , we obtain

$$\boxed{\text{e4.07}} \quad (4.7) \quad c_n^{(p)}(\tau) = c_{n-2mk}^{(p)}(\tau), \text{ where } c_n^{(p)}(\tau) = \alpha_n^{(p)}(\tau) e^{\frac{\pi i \bar{\tau}}{2m}(n+s)^2}.$$

Substituting this in (4.6), we obtain:

$$\boxed{\text{e4.08}} \quad (4.8) \quad B_p(\tau, v) = \sum_{p' \in \mathbb{Z} \bmod 2m\mathbb{Z}} c_{p'}^{(p)}(\tau) \Theta_{p'+s, m}^+(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}),$$

which completes the proof in this case. The proof in case  $s' = \frac{1}{2}$  is similar.

In order to prove (b), we apply  $D$  to both sides of the formula in (a) to obtain, using (G5):

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 8\pi i m e^{2\pi i m t} \sum_{n, n' \in s + \mathbb{Z} \bmod 2m\mathbb{Z}} \frac{\partial c_{n, n'}(\tau)}{\partial \tau} \Theta_{n, m}^\pm(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) \Theta_{n', m}^\pm(\tau, 2u) \\ &+ e^{2\pi i m t} \sum_{n, n' \in s + \mathbb{Z} \bmod 2m\mathbb{Z}} c_{n, n'}(\tau) \Theta_{n, m}^\pm(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) \left( 8\pi i m \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \right)^2 \right) \Theta_{n', m}^\pm(\tau, 2u). \end{aligned}$$

Since one has

$$\boxed{\text{e4.09}} \quad (4.9) \quad \left( 8\pi i m \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \right)^2 \right) \Theta_{n, m}^\pm(\tau, 2u) = 0,$$

we deduce that  $\frac{\partial c_{n, n'}(\tau)}{\partial \tau} = 0$ .

Similarly, applying  $4 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}} + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \right)^2$ , we deduce that  $\frac{\partial c_{n, n'}(\tau)}{\partial \bar{\tau}} = 0$ , proving (b).

In order to prove (c), introduce the following functions, for  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $j, k \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ :

$$h_{j, k}^\pm(\tau, u, v) = \Theta_{j, m}^\pm(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) \Theta_{-k, m}^\pm(\tau, 2u).$$

These functions have the following elliptic transformation properties, which follow from (1.15).

$$\boxed{\text{e4.10}} \quad (4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} h_{j, k}^\pm \left( \tau, u + \frac{p}{2m}, v + \frac{p}{2m} \right) &= e^{\frac{\pi i(j-k)p}{m}} h_{j, k}^\pm(\tau, u, v), \quad p \in \mathbb{Z}; \\ h_{j, k}^\pm \left( \tau, u + \frac{\tau}{2m}, v + \frac{\tau}{2m} \right) &= e^{\frac{\pi i}{2m}(\bar{\tau} - \tau)} e^{2\pi i(\bar{v} - u)} h_{j-1, k-1}^\pm(\tau, u, v). \end{aligned}$$

By (b) we have:

$$g(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{2\pi i m t} \sum_{n, n' \in s + \mathbb{Z} \bmod 2m\mathbb{Z}} c_{n, -n'} e^{\frac{\pi i s'}{m}(n-n')} h_{n, n'}^\pm(\tau, u, v),$$

where  $c_{n,-n'} \in \mathbb{C}$ . Using (4.10), and condition (G4)(i), we obtain that  $c_{n,-n'} \neq 0$  only if  $n - n' \in 2m\mathbb{Z}$ , hence

$$g(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{2\pi imt} \sum_{n \in s + \mathbb{Z} \bmod 2m\mathbb{Z}} c_n h_{n,n}^{\pm}(\tau, u, v).$$

Using (4.10) and condition (G4) (ii), we deduce that all the  $c_n$ 's are equal, proving (c).  $\square$

**L4.2** **Lemma 4.2.** *The functions  $\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t)$  satisfy the elliptic transformation properties (F3).*

*Proof.* It follows from [KW5], Theorem 1.5(c).  $\square$

**L4.3** **Lemma 4.3.**  *$D\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t) = 0$ , where  $D$  is defined in (2.19).*

*Proof.* Letting

$$f_m(\tau, v) = \left(\frac{m}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-4\pi mya^2},$$

and using (2.17), we observe that

$$\text{e4.11} \quad (4.11) \quad \left(8\pi im \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial v}\right)^2\right) f_m(\tau, v) = 0.$$

We claim that

$$\text{e4.12} \quad (4.12) \quad D \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]} \right) = 0,$$

where  $\varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t)$  is obtained from  $\Phi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, z_1, z_2, t)$  given by (2.10), by the change of variables (2.12).

Indeed, by Lemma 1.7(1) from [KW4] and using (2.18), we obtain:

$$\text{e4.13} \quad (4.13) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v) = 2i f_m(\tau, v) \Theta_{j,m}^{\pm}(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}).$$

Hence

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t) = -ie^{2\pi imt} \sum_{\substack{j \in s + \mathbb{Z} \\ s \leq j < s + 2m}} f_m(\tau, v) \Theta_{j,m}^{\pm}(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) \Theta_{-j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, 2u).$$

Applying  $D$  to both sides of this equation, we obtain

$$D \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]} \right) = \left( 8\pi im \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial v}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u}\right)^2 \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]} = 0,$$

using (4.9) and (4.11). Hence (4.12) is proved.

Next,  $D\varphi^{\pm[m,s]} = 0$ , since  $\varphi^{\pm[m,s]}$  is a mock theta function. Hence  $D\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]} = D\varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}$  is a real analytic function, since  $\varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}$  is. On the other hand,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} D\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} D\varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]} = D \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]} = 0$$

by (4.12). Hence, being real analytic, the function  $D\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}$  is holomorphic in  $v$ .

Since  $D$  commutes with the transformations  $p_\alpha$  and  $t_\alpha$  (defined by (1.6) and (1.7)), it follows from Lemma 4.2 that  $D\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}$  satisfies (F3) as well. Hence, letting  $\tilde{\psi} = D\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}$  for short, we have, in particular:

$$\boxed{\text{e4.14}} \quad (4.14) \quad \tilde{\psi}(\tau, u, v+2, t) = \tilde{\psi}(\tau, u, v, t) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\psi}(\tau, u, v-2\tau, t) = e^{8\pi im(\tau-v)} \tilde{\psi}(\tau, u, v, t).$$

Now, by (3.5) and (3.6), we have:

$$\boxed{\text{e4.15}} \quad (4.15) \quad \vartheta_{11}(\tau, v+2) = \vartheta_{11}(\tau, v), \quad \vartheta_{11}(\tau, v-2\tau) = e^{4\pi i(v-\tau)} \vartheta_{11}(\tau, v).$$

Letting  $f(v) = \tilde{\psi}(\tau, u, v, t) \vartheta_{11}(\tau, v)^{2m}$ , we have by (4.14) and (4.15):

$$f(v+2) = f(v), \quad f(v-2\tau) = f(v),$$

and since  $\tilde{\psi}$  is holomorphic in  $v$ ,  $f(v)$  is holomorphic in  $v$  as well. Thus  $f(v)$  is a bounded holomorphic function in  $v \in \mathbb{C}$ , hence  $f(v)$  is constant in  $v$ . Since  $\vartheta_{11}(\tau, 0) = 0$ , we deduce that  $f(v) = 0$ , hence  $\tilde{\psi} = 0$ , proving the lemma.  $\square$

$\boxed{\text{L4.4}}$  **Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $f = f(\tau, u, v, t)$  be a real analytic function of degree  $m$  on the domain  $X$ . Then*

(a) *The function  $\theta_f$  (defined by (3.1)) is holomorphic in  $\bar{v}$  if and only if  $\Delta f = 0$ .*

(b)  $\left(8\pi im \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}}\right)^2\right) \theta_f = \theta_{\bar{D}f}$ .

(c) *If  $\Delta f = 0$ , then  $D\theta_f = \theta_{Df}$  (see (2.19) for the definition of  $D, \bar{D}$ , and  $\Delta$ ).*

*Proof.* Let, for simplicity of notation,  $g = \frac{i}{2}\theta_f$ . Then, by (3.1),

$$\boxed{\text{e4.16}} \quad (4.16) \quad g = y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{v}}.$$

In order to perform the computations of partial derivatives, we will need the following formulas, which are immediate by (2.17):

$$\boxed{\text{e4.17}} \quad (4.17) \quad \frac{\partial a}{\partial v} = \frac{1}{2iy}, \quad \frac{\partial a}{\partial \bar{v}} = -\frac{1}{2iy}, \quad \frac{\partial a}{\partial \tau} = \frac{ia}{2y}, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{2i}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}} = D_{\bar{\tau}} - a \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}}.$$

Using the first of these formulas and (4.16), we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial v} = -y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \Delta f,$$

proving (a).

Using (4.16) and (4.17), we obtain:

$$\boxed{\text{e4.18}} \quad (4.18) \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial \bar{\tau}} = \frac{1}{4i} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{v}} - 2\pi im y^{\frac{1}{2}} a^2 e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{v}} - y^{\frac{1}{2}} a e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \bar{v}^2} + y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} D_{\bar{\tau}} f,$$

$$\boxed{\text{e4.19}} \quad (4.19) \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{4i} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{v}} + 2\pi im y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{v}} + y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi ma^2 y} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \bar{v} \partial \tau},$$

**e4.20**

$$(4.20) \quad \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial \bar{v}^2} = -2\pi m y^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{v}} - (4\pi m)^2 y^{\frac{1}{2}} a^2 e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{v}} + 8\pi m i y^{\frac{1}{2}} a e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \bar{v}^2} + y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial \bar{v}^3}.$$

Multiplying (4.18) by  $8\pi i m$  and adding to it (4.20), we obtain (b).

Similarly, we find

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial v^2} = -2\pi m y^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} - (4\pi m)^2 y^{\frac{1}{2}} a^2 e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} - 8\pi i m y^{\frac{1}{2}} a e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial v \partial \bar{v}} + y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial v^2 \partial \bar{v}}.$$

If  $\Delta f = 0$ , we can replace in this formula  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial v \partial \bar{v}}$  by  $4\pi i m a \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{v}}$ , hence we have

**e4.21**

$$(4.21) \quad \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial v^2} = -2\pi m y^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} + (4\pi m)^2 y^{\frac{1}{2}} a^2 e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} + y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial v^2 \partial \bar{v}},$$

provided that  $\Delta f = 0$ . Multiplying (4.19) by  $8\pi i m$  and adding to it (4.21), we obtain:

**e4.22**

$$(4.22) \quad \left(8\pi i m \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2}\right) g = y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \left(8\pi i m \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2}\right) f,$$

provided that  $\Delta f = 0$ . Subtracting from (4.22) the equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial u^2} = y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2} f,$$

we obtain

$$Dg = y^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} Df,$$

provided that  $\Delta f = 0$ , proving (c). □

**L4.5**

**Lemma 4.5.** *Let  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $s \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $f = f(\tau, u, v, t)$  be a function of degree  $m$  on the domain  $X$ , which is real analytic in  $\bar{v}$ . Let  $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then*

(a)  $f(\tau, u + j, v + k, t) = e^{2\pi i s(j+k)} f(\tau, u, v, t)$  implies that

$$\theta_f(\tau, u + j, v + k, t) = e^{2\pi i s(j+k)} \theta_f(\tau, u, v, t).$$

(b)  $f(\tau, u + j\tau, v + k\tau, t) = (\pm 1)^{j+k} e^{4\pi i m(kv - ju)} q^{m(k^2 - j^2)} f(\tau, u, v, t)$  implies that

$$\theta_f(\tau, u + j\tau, v + k\tau, t) = (\pm 1)^{j+k} e^{4\pi i m(k\bar{v} - ju)} e^{2\pi i m(k^2\bar{\tau} - j^2\tau)} \theta_f(\tau, u, v, t).$$

(c)  $f\left(\tau, u + \frac{k}{2m}, v + \frac{k}{2m}, t\right) = f(\tau, u, v, t)$  implies that

$$\theta_f\left(\tau, u + \frac{k}{2m}, v + \frac{k}{2m}, t\right) = \theta_f(\tau, u, v, t).$$

(d)  $f\left(\tau, u + \frac{k\tau}{2m}, v + \frac{k\tau}{2m}, t\right) = e^{2\pi i k(v-u)} f(\tau, u, v, t)$  implies that

$$\theta_f\left(\tau, u + \frac{k\tau}{2m}, v + \frac{k\tau}{2m}, t\right) = e^{2\pi i k(\bar{v}-u)} e^{\frac{\pi i k^2}{2m}(\bar{\tau}-\tau)} \theta_f(\tau, u, v, t).$$

*Proof.* (a) is obvious. In order to perform calculations, it is convenient to rewrite the definition (3.1) of  $\theta_f$ , using (2.17) and (2.18), as follows:

$$\boxed{\text{e4.23}} \quad (4.23) \quad \theta_f(\tau, u, v, t) = -(2i)^{\frac{1}{2}}(\tau - \bar{\tau})^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-2\pi im \frac{(v-\bar{v})^2}{\tau-\bar{\tau}}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{v}}.$$

It is clear that it suffices to prove (b) for  $j = 0$ . By the assumption on  $f$ , we have, using (4.23):

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta_f(\tau, u, v + k\tau, t) \\ &= -(2i)^{\frac{1}{2}}(\tau - \bar{\tau})^{\frac{1}{2}} (\pm 1)^k e^{-2\pi im \left( \frac{(v-\bar{v})^2}{\tau-\bar{\tau}} + 2k(v-\bar{v}) + k^2(\tau-\bar{\tau}) \right)} e^{4\pi imkv} e^{2\pi imk^2\tau} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{v}}(\tau, u, v, t) \\ &= (\pm 1)^k e^{4\pi imk\bar{v}} e^{2\pi imk^2\bar{\tau}} \theta_f(\tau, u, v, t), \end{aligned}$$

proving (b). The proof of (c) and (d) is similar.  $\square$

$\boxed{\text{L4.6}}$  **Lemma 4.6.**

$$\bar{D}R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v) = 0.$$

*Proof.* First, we compute  $D_{\bar{\tau}}R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v)$ , using that  $D_{\bar{\tau}}y = \frac{i}{2}$ :

$$D_{\bar{\tau}}R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v) = -\frac{iy^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{2\sqrt{m}} e^{-4\pi ma^2y} \sum_{n \equiv j \pmod{2m\mathbb{Z}}} (\pm 1)^{\frac{n-j}{2m}} (n - 2ma) e^{-\frac{\pi in^2\bar{\tau}}{2m}} e^{2\pi in\bar{v}}.$$

Letting  $n = j + 2mk$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , in this equation, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\bar{\tau}}R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v) &= \frac{-iy^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{2\sqrt{m}} e^{-4\pi ma^2y} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\pm 1)^k (j + 2mk) e^{-2\pi i\bar{\tau}m(k + \frac{j}{2m})^2} e^{2\pi im(k + \frac{j}{2m})2\bar{v}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2ma \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\pm 1)^k e^{-2\pi i\bar{\tau}m(k + \frac{j}{2m})^2} e^{2\pi im(k + \frac{j}{2m})2\bar{v}} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{m}} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-4\pi ma^2y} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \Theta_{j,m}^{\pm}(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) - 4\pi ima \Theta_{j,m}^{\pm}(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{m}} \left( y^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-4\pi ma^2y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \Theta_{j,m}^{\pm}(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) - 4\pi imay^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-4\pi ma^2y} \Theta_{j,m}^{\pm}(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using that  $\frac{\partial a}{\partial \bar{v}} = \frac{i}{2y}$ , we deduce that

$$D_{\bar{\tau}}R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{m}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \left( y^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-4\pi ma^2y} \Theta_{j,m}^{\pm}(-\bar{\tau}, 2\bar{v}) \right).$$

Hence, using formula (4.13), we obtain

$$D_{\bar{\tau}}R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v) = \frac{-1}{8\pi im} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{v}^2} R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v),$$

proving the lemma.  $\square$

**L4.7** **Lemma 4.7.** Let  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $s \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$  be such that  $am \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$(a) R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v + \frac{a}{2}) = e^{\pi i j a} R_{j,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v).$$

$$(b) \varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u + \frac{a}{2}, v + \frac{a}{2}, t) = \varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}(\tau, u, v, t).$$

*Proof.* (a) is Lemma 1.6 from [KW4]. (b) follows from the proof of Theorem 1.11(2) from [KW4].  $\square$

**Proof of Lemma 3.1.** Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}^{[m;s,s']}$ . Then property (F1) of  $F$  obviously implies property (G1) of  $\theta_F$ . By Lemma 4.4a, properties (F2) and the third one of (F5) imply property (G2) of  $\theta_F$ . By Lemma 4.5, properties (F3) and (F4) of  $F$  imply properties (G3) and (G4) of  $\theta_F$ . Finally, by Lemma 4.4 (b), (c), the first two properties in (F5) of  $F$  imply property (G5) of  $\theta_F$ .  $\square$

**Proof of Lemma 3.2.** By Lemma 4.1(c), in order to prove (a), it suffices to show that  $\theta^{+[m,s]}$  (resp.  $\theta^{-[m,s]}$ ) is contained in  $\mathcal{G}^{[m;s,s']}$  if  $s' \in \mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $\in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ ). This holds by claim (c). In order to prove claim (c), note that, since  $\frac{\partial \varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}}{\partial \bar{v}} = 0$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}} &= -2iy^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} \frac{\partial \varphi_{\text{add}}^{\pm[m,s]}}{\partial \bar{v}} \\ &= iy^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{4\pi m a^2 y} e^{2\pi i m t} \sum_{\substack{k \in s + \mathbb{Z} \\ s \leq k < s + 2m}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} R_{k,m}^{\pm}(\tau, v) \Theta_{-k,m}^{\pm}(\tau, 2u). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (4.13) in this formula completes the proof.

It remains to prove claim (b). For this we use Lemma 4.2, Lemma 4.3, and it remains to check (F4) and (F5).

It is straightforward to check that the function  $\varphi^{\pm[m,s]}$  satisfies property (F4)(i). It follows by Lemma 4.7 that the function  $\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}$  satisfies this property too. Then, using  $S$ -invariance of the function  $\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}$ , given by Corollary 1.6 from [KW5], property (F4)(ii) of  $\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}$  holds as well.

The function  $\tilde{\varphi}^{\pm[m,s]}$  is annihilated by  $D$ ,  $\bar{D}$  and  $\Delta$  by Lemmas 4.3, 4.6, and 4.4(a) respectively, which proves that it satisfies property (F5).  $\square$

**Proof of Lemma 3.3(a).** Let

$$(4.24) \quad \tilde{\vartheta}(\tau, u, v) = \vartheta_{11}(\tau, v - u) \vartheta_{11}(\tau, v + u), \quad F_1(\tau, u, v, t) = \tilde{\vartheta}(\tau, u, v) F(\tau, u, v, t).$$

Since  $\nabla F = 0$ , we have  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} F = 0$ , and hence  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} F_1 = 0$ . Due to condition (F2) on  $F$  we deduce that the function  $F_1(\tau, u, v, t)$  is holomorphic in  $v$ . By conditions (F3) on  $F$  we obtain

$$F(\tau, u, v + 2, t) = F(\tau, u, v, t), \quad F(\tau, u, v - 2\tau, t) = e^{8\pi i m(\tau - v)} F(\tau, u, v, t).$$

From this, and (3.5) and (3.6) we obtain:

$$(4.25) \quad F_1(\tau, u, v + 2) = F_1(\tau, u, v), \quad F_1(\tau, u, v - 2\tau) = e^{8\pi i(m-1)(\tau - v)} F_1(\tau, u, v).$$

Letting  $h(v) = \vartheta_{11}(\tau, v)^{2m-2} F_1(\tau, u, v, t)$ , we deduce from (3.5), (3.6) and (4.25):

$$h(v+2) = h(v), \quad h(v-2\tau) = h(v).$$

Thus, the function  $h(v)$  is a bounded holomorphic function if  $m \geq 1$ , and  $h(0) = 0$  if  $m > 1$  (since  $\vartheta_{11}(\tau, 0) = 0$ ). This completes the proof in the case  $m > 1$ .

In the case  $m = 1$  we obtain that  $F_1(\tau, u, v, t)$  is independent of  $v$ . Letting  $j = 0$  and  $k = 1$  in (F3)i (resp in (F3)ii), and using (3.5) and (3.6), we obtain

$$\boxed{\text{e4.26}} \quad (4.26) \quad F_1(\tau, u, v+1, t) = e^{2\pi i s} F_1(\tau, u, v, t) \text{ and } F_1(\tau, u, v+\tau, t) = e^{2\pi i s'} F_1(\tau, u, v, t).$$

Hence  $F_1 = 0$  if either  $s$  or  $s'$  is not an integer.  $\square$

In order to prove Lemma 3.3(b) and (c), we need the following lemma. We omit its proof, which is along the same lines as the proof of Proposition 13.3 in [K2], and Lemma 4.1.

$\boxed{\text{L4.8}}$  **Lemma 4.8.** *Let  $m \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $j \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $\alpha$  be a non-zero real number. Let  $f(\tau, z)$  be a function, which is real analytic in  $\tau$ ,  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$ , and holomorphic in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Suppose that*

$$f\left(\tau, z + \frac{2}{\alpha}\tau\right) = \pm q^{-m} e^{-2\pi i m \alpha z} f(\tau, z) \text{ and } f\left(\tau, z + \frac{2}{\alpha}\right) = e^{2\pi i j} f(\tau, z).$$

Then there exist real analytic functions  $c_n(\tau)$ ,  $n \in j + \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq n < 2m$ , such that

$$f(\tau, z) = \sum_{\substack{n \in j + \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 \leq n < 2m}} c_n(\tau) \Theta_{n,m}^{\pm}(\tau, \alpha z).$$

$\square$

**Proof of Lemma 3.3(b).** By (4.26), the function  $F_1 = \vartheta_{11}(\tau, v-u)\vartheta_{11}(\tau, v+u)F(\tau, u, v, t)$  is independent on  $v$ , and by the condition on  $F$ , it is independent on  $\bar{v}$ . Hence the function  $f(\tau, u) := e^{-2\pi i t} F_1(\tau, u, v, t)$  is a function, which is real analytic in  $\tau$ ,  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$ , and holomorphic in  $u \in \mathbb{C}$ . This function satisfies all conditions of Lemma 4.8 with  $m = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $j = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\alpha = 4$ , due to conditions (F3) on  $F$  and (3.5), (3.6). Hence we have (cf. Example 1.9):

$$f(\tau, u) = c_{\frac{1}{2}}(\tau) \Theta_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}^{-}(\tau, 4u, 0) = -i c_{\frac{1}{2}}(\tau) \vartheta_{11}(\tau, 2u),$$

where  $c_{\frac{1}{2}}(\tau)$  is a real analytic function in  $\tau$ ,  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$ .

Thus, by (2.21) we have:

$$F(\tau, u, v, t) = \frac{c_{\frac{1}{2}}(\tau)}{i \eta(\tau)^3} \widehat{R}^A(\tau, u, v, t).$$

Since  $F$  is annihilated by  $D$  and  $\bar{D}$  by (F5), we obtain that  $\frac{c_{\frac{1}{2}}(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^3}$  is annihilated by  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}}$  respectively. Hence  $\frac{c_{\frac{1}{2}}(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^3}$  is a constant, completing the proof.  $\square$

In order to prove Lemma 3.3(c), we need the following lemma.



**L4.9** **Lemma 4.9.** Let  $f(\tau, u, v, t) = \widehat{R}_{ab}^B(\tau, u, v, t)g(\tau, u)$ , where  $g(\tau, u)$  is a real analytic function in  $\tau, \text{Im } \tau > 0$ , and a meromorphic function in  $u \in \mathbb{C}$ . Suppose that  $Df = 0$  and  $\bar{D}f = 0$ . Then  $g$  is a constant.

*Proof.* Recall that  $D\widehat{R}_{ab}^B = 0$  (see the end of the proof of Theorem 2.3). Hence, we have, by the assumption on  $f$ :

$$0 = Df = \widehat{R}_{ab}^B \left( 4\pi i \frac{\partial g}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial u^2} \right) - 2 \frac{\partial \widehat{R}_{ab}^B}{\partial u} \frac{\partial g}{\partial u}.$$

Dividing both sides by  $\widehat{R}_{ab}^B$ , we obtain:

**e4.27** (4.27) 
$$\left( 4\pi i \frac{\partial g}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial u^2} \right) - 2 \frac{\partial \log \widehat{R}_{ab}^B}{\partial u} \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} = 0.$$

Since  $g$  is independent of  $v$ , applying  $\frac{\partial}{\partial v}$  to both sides of (4.27), we obtain:

$$-2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left( \frac{\partial \log \widehat{R}_{ab}^B}{\partial u} \right) \right) \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} = 0.$$

It follows that  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial u} = 0$ . Hence, by (4.27), we obtain that  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial \tau} = 0$ .

Next, we have

$$0 = \bar{D}f = \left( 4\pi i \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}} + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \right)^2 \right) f = 4\pi i \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{\tau}},$$

since  $f$  is meromorphic in  $u$ . Hence

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}} (\widehat{R}_{ab}^B g) = \widehat{R}_{ab}^B \frac{\partial g}{\partial \bar{\tau}} = 0,$$

and  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial \bar{\tau}} = 0$ , proving the lemma. □

**Proof of Lemma 3.3(c).** Letting  $j = 0, k = 1$  in (F3), we have

$$F(\tau, u, v + 1, t) = e^{2\pi i s} F(\tau, u, v, t), \quad F(\tau, u, v + \tau, t) = e^{2\pi i s'} q^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{2\pi i v} F(\tau, u, v, t).$$

Hence, by (3.5) and (3.6), the function  $F_1$ , defined by (4.24), satisfies

**e4.28** (4.28) 
$$F_1(\tau, u, v + 1, t) = e^{2\pi i s} F_1(\tau, u, v, t), \quad F_1(\tau, u, v + \tau, t) = e^{2\pi i s'} q^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-2\pi i v} F_1(\tau, u, v, t).$$

Since  $\mathcal{F}^{[m; s, s']}$  depends only on  $s, s' \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$ , we may assume that  $s, s'$  are equal to 0 or  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Applying Lemma 4.8 for  $m = \frac{1}{2}, j = s, \alpha = 2$ , we deduce from (4.28):

**e4.29** (4.29) 
$$F_1(\tau, u, v, t) = e^{\pi i t} c_s^\pm(\tau, u) \Theta_{s, \frac{1}{2}}^\pm(\tau, 2v),$$

where  $+$  (resp.  $-$ ) corresponds to  $s' = 0$  (resp.  $= \frac{1}{2}$ ), and  $c_s^\pm(\tau, u)$  is a function, real analytic in  $\tau, \text{Im } \tau > 0$ , and holomorphic in  $u \in \mathbb{C}$ .

But we have (cf. Remark 1.10):

$$\Theta_{s, \frac{1}{2}}^\pm(\tau, 2v) = (-i)^{4ss'} \vartheta_{2s, 2s'}(\tau, v).$$

Substituting this in (4.29), and dividing both sides of (4.29) by  $\vartheta(\tau, v - u)\vartheta(\tau, v + u)$ , we obtain:

$$\boxed{\text{e4.30}} \quad (4.30) \quad F(\tau, u, v, t) = \widehat{R}_{2s, 2s'}^B(\tau, u, v, t) A(\tau, u),$$

where  $A(\tau, u)$  is a real analytic function in  $\tau$ ,  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$ , and meromorphic in  $u$ , and  $\widehat{R}_{ab}^B$  is given by (2.22).

Since, by condition (F5),  $DF = 0$  and  $\bar{D}F = 0$ , we conclude, by Lemma 4.9, that  $A(\tau, u)$  is a constant. This completes the proof.  $\square$

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